

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- We welcome everyone especially new friends who are worshipping with us this morning. May God bless those who attend today's service.
- * Next Sunday (1/19) our English service starts at 9:15 AM and Chinese service starts at 10:45 AM. Live stream is also available. Please join us. Adults (Chinese) Sunday school starts at 9:30 AM, English adults and youth Sunday school will start at 10:45 AM, Please take note of the start time.
- * This week prayer meeting will be on ZOOM on Wednesday evening (1/15) starts at 7:30 PM. Please join us in prayer.
- * After lunch today, we will need helpers to bring down the Christmas decoration and put up Chinese New Year decoration. Please stay to help if you can and contact sister Kelly. Thank you!
- * On 1/17(Friday) night, we will have special fellowship with our Chinese pastor candidate brother Long Jiang and his wife. We encourage all the Chinese congregation to attend this event. On Sunday 1/19 after lunch, brothers and sisters are invited to stay for the question-and-answer session with Chinese pastor candidate brother Long Jiang and his wife.
- * Our Chinese New Year Lantern celebration will be held on 2/8, and we invite cell groups, brothers and sisters to participate with programs. Please let brother Jingyi know by 2/1.
- * English Conversation Class - Our 2nd 8-week session will begin today 1/12. It will continue from the 1st session. We will also be learning about idioms. The session will be January 12th – April 6th each Sunday from 1:00 – 2:15 p.m.
- * The 4C Bible Reading class spring semester will start today (1/12) at 1:45 PM, and we are going to read the book of Joshua to 2nd Chronicles. We welcome everyone to join and please contact brother Sugin, sister Elaine or Alice Du for more information.

PRAYER

- * Pray for the Pastoral Search Committee. We will be hosting Brother Long Jian and his wife Jan. 17-19. Pray as we get to know them and seek the Lord's will together.
- * Pray for 2025 church theme: "Equipping believers in God-centered Life."
- * Pray for the 2025 Deacon board members. May God provide willing brothers to serve in this capacity.
- * Please pray for our church's children and youth ministry and ask God to provide us brothers or sisters to lead and serve in this ministry.
- * Remember Sister Susan Kao in her battle with cancer. Pray for courage, strength, and God's healing.
- * Paula's daughter, Lily, returned to China. Please pray for her as she settles in. Pray for her future visa to be able to stay with her family.
- * Continue to pray for God's comfort on Sister Junmei following the loss of her father. Her husband, Jack, is now back in China. Pray for them in their long-distance relationship. Pray for Phoenix as she grows in Christ.
- * Pray that our brothers and sisters involved church bible reading plan.
- * Pray for our teens who received an excellent year-long devotional book that they will enjoy the daily habit of seeking the Lord.

The Tulsa Chinese Christian Church **Welcomes You!**



Gen. 32 Jacob's Wrestling with God - **Facing our Fears or Resisting Inner Change?**

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RECAP:

When Facing our Fears – REMEMBER, GOD’S HELP IS WITH YOU!
32:1-2 – *Mahanaim*

Heb. 1:14 Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?
Psalm 34:7 The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Application: Face trials, fears, challenges, crises, even personal struggles with the knowledge that because you belong to Jesus who NEVER leaves us nor forsakes us, that even in dark places, we are in God’s camp! He is present. He can command his angels to come and help us!

Facing our Fears: PRAY STRONGLY UPON GOD’S PROMISES

O God of my father Abraham and God of my father Isaac, O LORD who said to me, ‘Return to your country and to your kindred, that I may do you good,’¹⁰ I am not worthy of the least of all the deeds of steadfast love and all the faithfulness that you have shown to your servant, for with only my staff I crossed this Jordan, and now I have become two camps.¹¹ Please deliver me from the hand of my brother, from the hand of Esau, for I fear him, that he may come and attack me, the mothers with the children.¹² But you said, ‘I will surely do you good, and make your offspring as the sand of the sea, which cannot be numbered for multitude.

PRAYER INCLUDES: Approaching God in Help _____

R_____ God’s faithfulness in your life!

R_____ God’s blessings
NOT thinking that we DESERVE anything.
Being reminded of the DEEDS of God’s Will brings us BOLDNESS in prayer

Asking for God’s DEEDS - I _____
NOT PRAYING before God – admitting your fears, needs, struggles

STAND on God’s word/promises – what He’s said and will do.
John 15:7 Matt. 7:8 as examples

When facing our fears – COME UP WITH A PLAN – VV. 13-23

DON’T LEAN ON YOUR OWN UNDERSTANDING OF GOD BUT TRUST IN HIM! Wrestle and Hang on – Vv. 24-32

APPLICATION – Needed WRESTLING work

How have you been addressing fear in your life?

What has God used to bring change in your life?

Are you remembering the lessons He has taught you? Still applying them?

What changes might He be working on?

What presses in on you – what are you wrestling with? Doubt, fear, anxiety, unmet desire, _____

What challenging circumstances do you face that drive you to prayer, to God?

What changes in your life, character, habits might you be avoiding?

If the LORD changed your name, what would He call you after His work in you? What would your future be looking like?
Do you have the sense that God is fighting for you or against you?