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# REVELATION



## *The Pastor's Desk*

Pastor Louis Lee

*Be All That You Can Be! (in Jesus!)*

What is the goal of the Christian life? God tells us that one of the main goals He has for us as Christians is "to be conformed to the likeness of his Son (Romans 8:29)." We become Christians by trusting in Jesus Christ as our personal Lord and Savior. We come to understand and trust that Jesus is God's Son, that He died for our sin, and that Jesus rose from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-5).

But becoming a Christian is not the end. It is just the beginning. It's the start of a life long process where God is conforming us to the likeness of Jesus Christ His Son. But what does this mean?

To be like Jesus is both the absence of evil and sin as well as the presence of God's grace and love manifest in all our relationships and experiences of life. Some Christians only focus on living a holy life in the sense of not doing "bad things." This certainly has value but is woefully incomplete.

Christians who merely seek to avoid doing evil are only focusing on one half of sin, that is the commission of acts, attitudes, and thoughts contrary to God's will. But the other half of sin involves the omission of doing good, of

sharing God's love and grace in each and every situation of life. In other words, it is the failure to be as Jesus would be in that specific situation. To see someone in need and not to respond, to not speak the word of grace and encouragement to someone who needs to hear it, etc.

"Anyone, then, who knows the good he ought to do and doesn't do it, sins."

(James 4:17)

"for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God." (Romans 3:23)

We all fall short of God's glory, that is, the perfection of God. God's perfection, His holiness, includes both the absence of evil as well as the presence of the infinite goodness, grace, and love of God.

Those of us who have a personal relationship with God through faith in Jesus Christ are being conformed day by day to become more and more like Jesus. We will all have set backs and times of failure. We experience sin by commission or omission every day of our lives.

But in general there should be progress. We learn to confess our sin, to depend more and more on God's Holy Spirit to guide and lead us. Year after year we continue to grow more like Jesus. There is a greater consistency to live out the life and character of Jesus in all our relationships and experiences of life. And others will be drawn closer to God as they experience

God's love and grace through us. To God be the glory!

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me."  
(Galatians 2:20)

## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS!**

**26<sup>th</sup> Annual Fellowship and Food Festival**  
Saturday, October 17, 2009. 11AM- 7PM

## **CHURCH NEWS**

***Check out our Website!***

***See What's New!*** [www.ccsac.net](http://www.ccsac.net)

Our website is continuously being updated with more content with a goal to be more useful, interactive and user friendly. We also hope this can be a place to share how God is working in our church as well as a way to encourage one another.

**Sermons are now available on-line!** Thanks to Ted and Matt, the sermons are being recorded and uploaded to our church website. You can now click on the **Sermons tab** on the **Home Page** to select the message you would like to hear. After listening, you can add your comment on how God spoke to you through the message by clicking the **Comments link** next to the **Sermon link**.

**New Blogs!** Pastor Louis has been blogging more frequently and Keith Fong, who has started his freshman year at Cal, has recently started a

blog. Please visit these and others by clicking on the **Blog Postings tab** to see the latest entries and find out how God is working and what you can be praying for. All are invited to make comments on the blogs as well as start your own.

We know there is web traffic as evidenced by the number of views Pastor Louis' sermon entries on our Forums page are looked at. At the time this article was written, Pastor Louis' sermon on *The Wisest Investment* had 5 replies and 597 views. His message entitled, *So What's New?* had 1 reply and 364 views. Clearly, those web entries that have **replies generate more traffic**. We hope each viewing somehow touches you and reminds you about God's Word and His personal message to you throughout the week.

We encourage all to **get more involved** in our website. To do so, you must first obtain a login and password. As an incentive to participate in our website, we are conducting raffles for **Mikuni gift cards** and other great prizes. To enter our raffle, simply let Pastor Louis or any Consistory member know about any response you post to a blog or a forum. Each web entry is good for an entry into our raffle.

Again, we hope your increased involvement will be a blessing to you and others.

Serving Him,  
*Your Consistory*

## Church Directory Coming Soon!

Many have asked, "When are we going to get our directories?" Olan Mills has been working on cleaning up our ministry pages and finalizing the layout for CCC's first pictorial directory. We expect to have the proofs any day now. Once all is approved, it will be several weeks for our directory to make it to print and in our hands, ready for distribution.

Again, thank you to all who took the time to take pictures for our directory and to all who helped contribute ministry pages. Thank you, too, for your continued patience during this time.

*Your Consistory*

## Help CCC Go Green! Get your Revelation electronically!

Did you know 570 Revelations are sent out with each publication? So far 188 families/individuals or approximately one third of our mailing list has elected to receive their Revelation via e-mail. This electronic conversion is decreasing the time our members spend folding and addressing the Revelation as well as decreasing costs associated with mailing. If you have not yet done so and are interested in helping our church be better stewards of these resources by taking yourself off the Revelation, please contact the church office, 916-424-8900 or



[ccc95822@yahoo.com](mailto:ccc95822@yahoo.com). Also, know the Revelation is also available to all on the church website, [www.cccsac.net](http://www.cccsac.net).

Thanks from,  
*Your Consistory*

## CCC Hosts the Classis of Central California Meeting!

Chinese Community Church had the privilege of hosting the Central California Classis meeting September 26<sup>th</sup>. Our church was selected as the Stated Session meeting site in recognition of our 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary which will officially celebrate on November 14<sup>th</sup>. The morning started off with an amazing time of **Worship, Praise and Celebration** led by our Worship Team. We then heard a compelling message on being missional in our churches delivered by one of the Classis' newest pastors and church planter Rev. Dave Moorhead of New Hope in Shafter. He reminded, in the words of Jake Elwood from the Blues Brother's, "We're on a mission from God." This was followed by an **Ordination Transfer** of two pastors and **Commissioning Service** for one. This was then followed a time of sharing of praises and prayer in small groups. CCC was grouped with Sequoia Community and Church of the Chimes from San Jose. This culminated in the taking of communion served by Karl Overbeek and Don Werkhoven.

The **General Session** followed with the Classis Minister Report, an overview of the Belhar Confession, and reports from the Leadership Development Commission, the New Church

Development Commission, the New Church Development Commission, and the congregational Development and Renewal Commission. On the surface, this may sound really dry, but it was quite the contrary. It was **awesome** to hear how God is actively working in and through all these groups. Even more exciting was seeing how this entire meeting was truly **bathed in prayer**. After each report was given, each presenter and their ministry was prayed for by a Classis leader. One thing we witnessed first hand is how all ministries of the Classis are buoyed by the **power of prayer**.

As with any event of this scale, this was made possible through the help of many who gave of their time and energy. Many thanks to the **Youth** who helped set up the fellowship hall carpet and tables, the **Worship Team** (Dan Fong, Joe Fong, Matt Fong, Todd Fong, Joe Jamalosa, and Larry Lee) who led an inspired time of worship and praise, and the **Women** led by Karen Chan, Debbie Seid and Lorrie Kimura who helped arrange for the snacks and catered luncheon, Matt Fong who managed the sounds system, and your **Consistory** who served as hosts and your representatives for this event.

Again, it was a privilege to host this meeting and a blessing to be able to see how God's work is being done through so many faithful leaders in our Classis. Special thanks to all who helped make this possible.

*Your Consistory*

## Church Staffing Committee Update: Eddie Silva Made Interim Youth Worker

In order to move one step closer to finding a permanent part-time youth worker, we developed a youth specific survey that has recently been completed by our youth and their parents. These surveys are currently being tabulated and we will make these results available to all soon.

In the meantime, the youth met through the summer as well as the 2nd and 4th Fridays since school resumed under the leadership of Pastor Louis and Eddie Silva. Pastor Louis led each of the messages while Eddie has done essentially everything else, taking the lead in sending out E-vites to remind all about the up-and-coming meetings, organizing all the activities, coordinating refreshments, and maintaining good communication with all the youth and parents. Eddie committed to helping through the end of this current school year. In recognition of this commitment and his assistance of Pastor Louis with the youth already, the Consistory and the Church Staffing Committee formally made Eddie our Interim Part-time Youth Worker.

Please continue to pray for Pastor Louis, Eddie and our youth program as well as the Church Staffing Committee as we seek to find our youth a Permanent Youth Worker.

With much appreciation,  
*Your Church Staffing Committee*

## 2009-2010 BASKETBALL SEASON



Roundball Time! Welcome to all new and returning players. League play begins on December 5-6. Practice schedules will be out in October, and game schedules should be out in November. Check the CCC website, as the schedules will be posted.

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### TEAM PARENTS

Thank you for being an integral part of our program. If you aren't certain what duties are entailed as a Team Parent, check the CCC website, as a document of duties is located on the Basketball page.

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### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Remember, Church attendance is required 60% (25 Sundays) of the time during the school year (CCC Sunday School starts on September 6<sup>th</sup>). Maintaining regular church attendance will keep players eligible for league play.

For parents of players attending Chinese Community Church, please attend at least two special services this season: Christmas service and Easter service. Pastor Louis Lee highly encourages your attendance, and promises an enjoyable time of sharing. Dates and Times of the Christmas service will be posted in the next issue of Revelation.

For players not attending CCC, an attendance form, confirmed and signed by the other church teacher/pastor, must be submitted to CCC monthly.

*Attendance forms can be dropped in the Basketball Board mailbox in the hallway next to the Church Office.*

The attendance form can also be downloaded at the CCC Basketball website.

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### CCC BASKETBALL BOARD

We are always on the lookout for folks to get involved with the CCC Basketball program. It's simple to do...just let anyone on the board know of your interest. We'll fill you in on the details. Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month and we welcome your support.



## RUMMAGE SALE EVENT

Decent weather, four tables plus a rack of clothing, three boxes of shoes, two tables of stuffed animals and books, two tables of miscellaneous items resulted in a successful Rummage/Flea Market event for our church. All items were available on our parking lot on August 1, 2009.

This event also afforded the community the opportunity to dispose of all their obsolete electronic equipment (E-Waste). Arrangements were made with the State of California approved California Electronic Asset Recovery Agency to provide a dumpster for all those outdated PC's, monitors, TV's, VCR's, stereo equipment, speakers, keyboards, etc. The E-Waste Collection netted the church an additional \$161 for our Compassion Ministry partnership with the Cabrillo Elementary School.

We want to thank all of you for your donations to this event. A big THANK YOU to the workers who helped set up the tables/worked the event, and the people who took all the unsold items to the Goodwill stores at the close of this event. A special thanks to Jimi and Joyce Lee for their generous monetary donation to this worthy event.

## CHINESE NEW YEAR FOOD BOXES- CCC AWARD

On August 27, the Chinese Community Church (CCC) was honored by the Chinese Community Service Center at their annual August Moon Festival. Our church was recognized for our annual contribution of the Chinese New Year's Food Boxes to the needy Asian community. Those attending the presentation of the award were: Pastor Louis Lee, Maybelle Whang, Elaine Tom, Davida Leong, Lorrie Kimura, Mae Wong and Michael Wong. A crystal plaque was presented to CCC with the following inscription:

*In honor of your commitment to service, dedication to the Sacramento Community and more than twelve years of partnership with the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center.*

*Your compassion for the community and unwavering generosity is profoundly appreciated by all the lives you have touched.*

The plaque is on display in our church's foyer.

CCC has been providing Chinese New Year Food Boxes for over ten years. This project was started by Maybelle Whang and Mae Wong. Every year, members of our church fill the boxes with rice, tea, candy, canned meat, lop chong, noodles, oranges, soy sauce/oyster sauce and other items. Many of the boxes are donated by the membership and the other are filled with the goods purchased from Frank's Quality Meats with the monetary donations. This year, we

contributed over 135 boxes to the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center.

The next time you see Maybelle Whang, Dianne Louie, Mae Wong, and Elaine Tom; THANK THEM for coordinating this worthy project.

**14<sup>th</sup> Annual Chinese Community**



**Golf Tournament**

Thirty-six golfers teed off at the Bing Maloney Golf Course Sunday September 20<sup>th</sup>. It was HOT- but all managed to finish with high spirit. Results of the tournament:

1<sup>st</sup> Place: Mikuni's Restaurant

Dave Low, Susie Low, Peter Crone, Laura Crone

2<sup>nd</sup> Place: Louie's Restaurant

Donna Chun, Tom Fong, Ryan Leong, Grant Fong

3<sup>rd</sup> Place: L&L Hawaiian BBQ

Holly Pon, Steve Pon, John Yu, Vincent Lee

4<sup>th</sup> Place: La Bou

Todd Fong, Dan Fong, Jean Chong, Joe Jamilosa

5<sup>th</sup> Place: Starbucks

Bob Parker, Mollie Chow-Parker, Clifford Chow, Carol Tanaka

Closest to Pin #3: Gordon Wong and Holly Pon

Closest to Pin #13: Clifford Chow and Holly Pon

Many thanks to Pastor Louis Lee, Michael Anderson, Bob and Mollie Chow-Parker for their generous donations. Ditto to Jimmy Yee for his signature golf balls, Jenny Chin for all those angel food cakes, Mark Himashida of L & L Hawaiian BBQ for those gift certificates, Jean Chong for those special "Tee Bags" and to Todd

Fong for those Mikuni donations. The awards dinner was held at the church Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Dan Chin and Danny Lee for the table-chair set up. To Debbie Seid, the chef and Joel Lee, her side kick for those delicious tri-tip sandwiches. The dinner was super! Gals in the kitchen are Bernice Ng, Mary Fong, Lila Low, Betty Yee, Mary Yee, Kim and Jeff and Benny Fong, the BBQ chef. It was a great day- See everyone at our 15<sup>th</sup> annual CC Golf Tournament.

*Jean Chong, Todd Fong, Kevin Lee and Mollie Chow- Parker*

**CCC PHOTOS**

CCC facilitates fellowship in fun and creative ways, such as sharing a delicious sushi buffet dinner at the Elk Grove Mikuni restaurant.



**Chinese Community Church**

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*Chinese Community Church seeks to help transform people in our community into fully committed followers of Christ.*

**2009 Consistory Members**

ELDER TODD FONG    ELDER MATT FONG    ELDER DAVIDA LEONG    ELDER MICHAEL WONG

DEACON DONNA CHUN    DEACON KAREN CHAN    DEACON STEVE CHAN

Please feel free to speak to any Consistory Member about any specific joys, praises, concerns or questions.

**PASTOR LOUIS LEE**

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**OFFICE ASSISTANT HOURS:**

MONDAY 10:00AM – 1:00PM, FRIDAY 4:00PM – 6:00PM

OFFICE ASSISTANT.....Erin Chow  
SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR.....Mei Fong  
WORSHIP .....Ted Fong and Dan Fong  
COLLEGE AND CAREER FELLOWSHIP .....Pastor Louis Lee  
YOUTH .....Pastor Louis Lee and Eddie Silva  
GROUNDSKEEPER & MAINT.....Matt Fong

**Weekly Meetings**

Worship & Sunday School – 10:00 AM

Adult Bible Study – Sun. 8:45 AM and Mon 7PM-8PM, classes are taught by Stan Spencer.

Youth Activity Night (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of month) 7-10PM.

College/Career Fellowship -Meetings will be Announced

Monday Bible Study – Education Building – 7:00 PM

2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month Women's Guild meets for an activity in the Ed. Bldg. At 1:00 PM.

**PEOPLE TO CONTACT:** *Announcements for the weekly bulletin and information regarding church family please contact Erin at 424-8900 or at [ccc95822@yahoo.com](mailto:ccc95822@yahoo.com).*