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# REVELATION



## The Pastor's Desk

Pastor Louis Lee

### *Born To Die That We Might Live!*

Two major holidays revolve around the Person of Jesus Christ. Christmas marks His birth. Easter marks the death and resurrection of Jesus.

Jesus was born to die. When John saw Jesus coming toward him he said, "Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" (John 1:29) All the animals that were sacrificed by the Jews in the Old Testament served as symbols pointing forward to the ultimate sacrifice for sin, the Lamb of God, Jesus Himself.

But why was such a great sacrifice required? Even though God loves us, God is a holy and righteous God. Our sin separates us from God (Isaiah 59:2). All of us have sin which is anything that falls short of God's perfection in our attitudes, thoughts, and actions (Romans 3:23). And the wages of

our sin is death, eternal separation from God's love and grace (Romans 6:23).

"But God demonstrates His love for us in this, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us (Romans 5:8)." "For God so loved the world that He gave His One and Only Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life (John 3:16)."

The problem of our sin and separation from God was met by God's incredible provision, the sacrifice of His Son. Jesus died to pay the penalty for all our sin and was raised from the dead.

But this great gift from God must be personally received. We must make a personal decision to receive this gift by simple faith and trust. To simply believe that Jesus Christ is God's Son, that He died for our sin, and that He was raised from the dead (1 Corinthians 15:1-5). The word "gospel" simply means "good news." This is the good news that can forever change our lives and can bring us new life. Jesus Christ was born to die, that we might live. May all of us experience this new life in Jesus this year!

Pastor Louis Lee

## CHURCH NEWS



### MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Joong Sunday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>

Worship service will be held at 1:00PM

### A Message From Your Pastoral Search Committee

God has blessed us with 6 members who have answered His call to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee. Your representatives include **Steve Chan, Adele Din, Tom Fong, Lorrie Kimura, Maybelle Whang,** and **Michael Wong**. We also have **Pastor Louis**, who brings his experience gained while assisting 9 other churches as Interim Pastor.

You may ask, "Why do we need a Pastoral Search Committee? We have Pastor Louis, don't we?" Over the past 3 months, the Consistory and Pastoral Search Committee has heard many positive comments from you about Pastor Louis and his contributions to our church during this relatively short period. At the same time, for the first time in ten positions as Interim Pastor, he has also expressed a willingness to consider a permanent position at our church.

Thus, we and the Consistory are happy to announce that **Pastor Louis** will no longer be serving as an Interim (or temporary) Pastor, but will now be serving as **Permanent Pastor** on a part time basis, approximately a 3/4 time arrangement.

As a result of Pastor Louis' new role as the permanent part time pastor, the Consistory has renamed the Pastoral Search Committee to

the "Church Staff Committee" (CSC). Its focus and purpose for the rest of 2009 will be to secure a part time **Youth Worker** and to help evaluate the overall pastoral ministry needs of CCC. This will include determining if a full time pastor is needed or if a pastor serving on a 3/4 basis is sufficient.

To assist us in achieving these goals, we are preparing a **Congregational Survey** to be distributed to and completed by members and non-members alike. Printed surveys will be made available to you during Sunday service and office hours. An electronic version of the survey will also be made available on-line at our website, [www.cccsac.net](http://www.cccsac.net).

Please pray for us as we begin this process and faithfully seek to represent and serve you.

*Your Church Staff Committee*

### Check out our Website!

[www.cccsac.net](http://www.cccsac.net)

It is continuously being updated with more content with a goal to be more user friendly and interactive. We also hope this can be a site for sharing how God is working in our church and an opportunity for encouraging one another.

On our **Home Page**, you can keep up with the latest activities and find Pastor Louis' office hours by browsing through the **Announcements** section. You can also find links to pictures from recent events such as the Chinese New Year Dinner. You can also find out what is going on in each of our ministry **Programs** by clicking links to the Sunday School,



Youth Group, Worship Team, Basketball, Missions, College & Career. As an extension of our Joys & Concerns shared during church service, you can visit members' **Prayer Pages**. By clicking on the link, you can send a message to David Lau, Michael Wong, the Mary Yee Prayer Group, and the College & Career Group, letting them know you are praying for them. We hope this will allow for better communication between our church membership and those desiring prayer. We also hope it will deepen relationships between members and help make CCC a house of prayer. If you would like prayer, you can set up your own prayer page by simply clicking on the link **Create a Prayer Page** under **Site Help** and follow the directions.

One area of our website we are working on developing takes **Your Input**. Our Youth Group recently had a meeting where they created their first Forum. In it, they were asked, "What did you like about tonight's Youth Group?" After Pastor Louis gave his message entitled "The Wisest Investment," we started a forum inquiring, "How did God speak to you through Pastor Louis' sermon? To find out what people thought, click on the links under **Recent Forum Postings**. Our hope is these forums will build a closer sense of community while providing opportunities to reflect on your experiences and those of others. Ultimately we hope people who missed Sunday service can read about how others were touched by the message and download an audio file for their own listening. You can even start your own **Blog** by following the link and directions under **Start a Blog**. We trust all that is shared in these pages is edifying to God.

*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*



## God is Working! The Classis of Central California is Growing!

*Classis Update by Elder Michael Wong and Elder Davida Leong*

We recently had the privilege of representing the church at our Classis meeting held at Cornerstone Community Church in Chowchilla, CA. It is a sizeable church with both a traditional and contemporary feel led by several pastors (lead, associate, Christian education, worship) and a Consistory of 7 elders and 7 deacons. The morning started off with a time of **Worship, Praise and Celebration** led by the Cornerstone Community Church Praise Team. We then heard a compelling message entitled

"Obedience to the Point of Risk" delivered by one of the Classis' newest pastors and church planter Joshua Lickter. This was followed by a special **Commissioning Service** for 6 of the Classis' newest pastors, many leaders of our Classis' newest church plants. As much of the growth in our Classis is occurring within Spanish speaking churches and church plants, the service was conducted seamlessly in both Spanish and English using the aids of on-screen and staggered translation. Instead of being cumbersome, the two languages enriched the commissioning service, emphasizing how our God is Lord over all peoples from all backgrounds. As always, the laying on of hands and praying for all the newly commissioned pastors was very touching.

The **General Session** followed with a message from our General Synod President, and reports from our Classis Minister, the Regional Synod, the New Church Development Commission, the Congregational Development & Renewal Commission, and the Leadership Development 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**.

One of the most amazing things we learned is our denomination, the Reformed Church in America, is the only mainstream

denomination experiencing any church growth. Our Classis is a prime example of this. Our Classis is composed of 14 established churches spanning from the greater Sacramento area and the Bay area in the North to as far south as Tulare (past Fresno). Out of this group of churches, there are currently 17 church plants in various stages of growth. We had the pleasure of meeting **Eddy Aleman**, a church planter whom our church supports, who has helped plant five churches within our Classis (Iglesia Emmanuel in Chowchilla, Iglesia Christiana Emmanuel in Sacramento and River Bank, Iglesia de la Cruz in Modesto, and Iglesia Maranatha in Merced) since moving to California. Next time he is in Sacramento, we hope to have him come and share with us.

Again, it was a blessing to be able to see how God's work is being done through so many faithful leaders in our Classis. Thank you for the opportunity to represent our church at this meeting.

## Sunday School News

In February, the younger Sunday School classes made various craft items which were used to decorate the tables at the Chinese New Year dinner. The students enjoyed making the crafts and seeing them put to good use. Thanks to teachers Karri Yee and Holly Pon for making it happen! By the way, I would like to mention that we are having a consistently well-attended pre-school class. Praise the Lord! The consistently high parents' participation and the fact that teachers Holly Pon and Lorrie Kimura have made it a fun time in learning God's word



have resulted in a pre-school class that is warm, active, and inviting.

During March, the Junior and Senior High students had a chance to combine classes with a changed format. We may continue to use this big group format for celebrations since it seemed to work out well. For the most part, the Junior Highers (teacher Joe Yee's class) will be having their regular class for the rest of the school year. For those who may not know, teacher Joe Yee was injured recently. We praise God that he has had a good recovery! We are fortunate to have a dedicated teaching staff. Please remember all of the teaching staff in your prayers for God's protection of physical and spiritual health.

*Mei Fong*

## SCOUT SUNDAY RECAP



Our first Scout Sunday was held on March 1<sup>st</sup>. Girl scouts, cub scouts and boy scouts, dressed in their respective uniforms, processed into the church to be recognized. Jordan Chan (Eagle Scout) spoke about his scouting experience. Joycelin Leong ('01 gold award) led the girl scouts in the Girl Scout Promise. The cub scouts and boy scouts also recited their Cub Scout Promise and Boy Scout Oath. A commonality among each oath is a promise of

duty and service to God. The scouts were applauded for their service and commitment.

### EAGLE SCOUTS SERVICE PROJECTS:

CCC acknowledges and recognizes three scouts who earned Boy Scouts highest rank of Eagle Scout. To achieve this, requirements include earning at least 21 merit badges, demonstrating Scout Spirit, service, and leadership, and completing an extensive service project that the Scout plans, organizes, leads, and manages. Two of the scout projects led by Jordan Chan and Kevin Leong, benefited our Chinese Community Church. The third project by Alexander Fong benefited the Asian Community Center. CCC thanks Jordan, Alexander, and Kevin for their devoted labors of love and service. We are all proud of them.

#### Jordan Chan



Jordan sanded, primed and painted the retaining wall and posts in the breezeway. He learned much about using professional equipment and being responsible for the safety of the fellow scouts that helped him accomplish the project.

Jordan is the son of Steve and Cindy Chan

#### Alexander Fong



Alexander built three bookcases for the Asian Community Center. His Eagle project included drawing the building plans, purchasing and cutting the oak wood to the specific measurements. Each bookcase included three moveable shelves and one

stationary shelf on the very bottom that included two spring hinge doors that you can press to open for storage.

Alexander is the son of David and Jane Fong

#### Kevin Leong



Kevin's project was to plan, organize, and install the irrigation system and landscaping in different areas around the newly remodeled Chinese Community Church facilities. Irrigation included digging trenches, laying down pipes and connecting these to the main water supply. Landscaping included installing pavers, preparing the soil, and selecting and planting the plants.

Kevin is the son of Richard and Davida Leong.

## THANK YOU'S

### Food for Families 2009

*Boxes, pink flyers, and sign-up sheets in the foyer, Oh, my!*

The Outreach and Mission Project for Chinese New Year 2009 was welcomed by our Chinese Community Church members. With generous donations and boxes filled with wonderful food for families, we were able to donate 105 boxes of non-perishable food to the Sacramento Chinese Community Service Center (SCCSC). Each box included 10 pounds of rice, noodles and/or fun see, soy sauce or oyster sauce, package of lop cheung, canned or dried food, a box of tea, candy, and freshly picked oranges/tangerines for needy Asian families in the Sacramento area. Many thanks for all your prayers, compassion, and support. We praise God for His love and guidance! Anyone

interested in helping for the year 2010, please let Maybelle Whang, Dianne Louie, or Elaine Tom know. Blessings!

### Chinese New Year's Dinner

Over 140 church members/families and friends gathered on March 1, 2009 at our Fellowship Center to celebrate the year of the Ox, Lunar Year 4707. They enjoyed their dinner of: chicken, roast pork, cha sui, vegetables, sai fun and lumpias.

Our thanks to Mary Yee and Maylene Wong for chairing the event; Mae Wong, Chris Fong, Bernice Ng, Fern Wong for helping out in the kitchen; Mary Fong for overseeing the decoration; Maybelle Whang for making the necessary arrangements to have dinners delivered to our church members who were unable to physically be at our dinner and the Youth Group for serving the wonderful meal; Maylene Wong, Dee Din, Betty Yee, Mary Yee, Nora Hue, Lorrie Kimura, Mitzi Ishisaka for preparing the lumpias and Lorrie for frying the lumpia and coordinating the Entertainment Program.

This event included entertainment provided by Carol Ng on the harp; songs by Sharon Chan and Esther Yang; and Lawrence and Wayne Tom introduced their book on the Marysville's Chinatown and their plans on writing a book on the Sacramento's Chinatown.

Bob Fong took pictures and you can view the event on our website: [www.ccsac.net](http://www.ccsac.net).

## CCC BASKETBALL



### COACHES Appreciation Dinner

Don't forget the 2009 Coaches Appreciation Dinner this month! The date is Sunday, April 26, 2009 at Holiday Villa Restaurant, 7007 South Land Park Dr. Team parents: Checks should have been sent in by April 4<sup>th</sup>, along with a list of attendees. If there any questions, you may email:

[basketball@cccsac.net](mailto:basketball@cccsac.net)

Team uniforms will need to be turned in at the dinner.

### CCC Joong Session

The weekend of May 2, 2009 has been designated for the 2009 Joong making session. CCC Basketball players/parents are an integral part of the success of this annual event. Thank you, in advance, for your enthusiastic participation in our cultural event.

### THANK YOU MARK!

For the past several years, Mark Shijo has co-chaired the president's position for the CCC Basketball program. During this time, Mark has enthusiastically led the Board, players, coaches and parents through adjustments and improvements to the program. He brought his personable and positive Christian attitude wherever he went and represented CCC Basketball with the highest integrity. Mark has

decided, this year, to step down from the program to pursue other interests. Everyone involved with CCC Basketball wishes you well, Mark. Thanks for all you've contributed to the program!

### CHURCH ATTENDANCE

Remember, Church attendance is required 60% (25 Sundays) of the time during the school year (CCC Sunday School starts on September 7<sup>th</sup>). Maintaining regular church attendance will keep players eligible for league play.

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 be downloaded at the CCC Basketball website.

### CCC BASKETBALL BOARD

Do you enjoy how well the CCC Basketball program is run? Do you have improvement ideas? Perhaps you just want to plain participate.

If so, we welcome you to join the Board, and help drive the program that has provided much enjoyment for our youth since 1990. Just mention your interest to any Board member, and you'll be welcomed to our next meeting. Meetings are generally held on the 2nd Tuesday of each month.



### 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 9:00AM – 12:00PM, FRIDAY 1:00PM – 3:00PM

OFFICE ASSISTANT.....Erin Chow  
SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR.....Mei Fong  
WORSHIP .....Ted Fong and Dan Fong  
COLLEGE AND CAREER FELLOWSHIP .....Landa Lew  
YOUTH .....Dan Fong  
GROUNDSKEEPER & MAINT.....Matt Fong

### Weekly Meetings

Worship & Sunday School – 10:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study – Sun. 8:45 AM - The class is taught by Stan Spencer.  
Youth Activity Night (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of month) 7-10PM.  
College/Career Fellowship (2<sup>nd</sup> Friday of each month) 7:30-9PM  
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).*