#### Announcements:

- \* We welcome everyone especially new friends who are worshipping with us this morning. May God bless them and those who attend today's service.
- \* Next Sunday (4/20) we will have combined Easter Sunday service starting at 10:45 AM. Live stream is also available. Please join us. Adults Sunday school and youth Sunday school start at 9:30 AM, Children Sunday School will start at 10:45 AM, Pleas take note of the start time.
- \* This week prayer meeting will on ZOOM Wednesday evening (4/16) starts at 7:30 PM. Please join us in prayer.
- \* Today at 1PM in the sanctuary, we will have a Congregational meeting to update everyone. Please join us.
- \* This Friday evening at 7:30 PM, we will have Good Friday service. Welcome everyone to join us in remembrance of Jesus's suffering for the sinners. You are welcome to bring lily flowers to the service and we will observe communion.
- \* We are planning for a baptism on Easter Sunday (4/20). If you are interested, please contact an elder or Pastor Martin ASAP!
- \* This year's church picnic will be held on April 26th (Saturday) in collaboration with the Arkansas Grace Chinese Christian Church, at Natural Falls State Park. The lunch will be a potluck, and everyone is welcome to set aside time and invite friends to participate. Specific event details will be provided later.

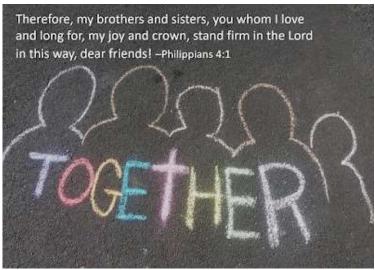
#### Prayer & Praise Items:

- \* Pray for the Pastor Search Committee as they continue the search. Pray for unity in our church family and pray for the right Chinese pastor that send by God.
- \* Please pray for our church's children and youth ministry and ask God to provide us with brothers or sisters to lead and serve in this ministry. Pray for our new children's Sunday School curriculum that it will be very useful in teaching God's word.
- \* Remember Sister Susan Gao in her battle with cancer. Pray for courage, strength, and God's healing.
- \* Please continue to pray for elderly parents of the brothers and sisters. Tim Liu's mom, Sugin's dad & mom, Ling's mom. Pray for Dr. Li as he has some more health challenges ahead. Pray for strength & wisdom for Kathryn and Jennifer.
- \* Sister Barbara made it through her first week of chemotherapy. Thank you for your love and care for her!
- \* Praise the Lord that Brother John Liang is back from Houston after treatment there and is doing well.
- \* Sister Paula is now back at the Rehab facility and is gaining strength and energy! Continue to pray for her restoration.
- \* Pray for our All-Church retreat Committee as we work on the program. Pray for the Lord's leading, good ideas, and good planning.
- \* Pray for our restaurant workers cell group who will begin a study on Mark's gospel soon. Pray that they can all know the Lord better.
- \* Praise the Lord for Yu Yan's successful surgery! Pray for a full restoration of health.

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## **Equipping believers in God-centered Life**



### Joyful Living for Christ: Philippians 4:1-3 Resolving Conflict in the Church April 13, 2025

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Therefore, my brothers and sisters, you whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, dear friends!

<sup>2</sup>I plead with Euodia and I plead with Syntyche to be of the same mind in the Lord. <sup>3</sup>Yes, and I ask you, my true companion, help these women since they have contended at my side in the cause of the gospel, along with Clement and the rest of my co-workers, whose names are in the book of life.

#### 1. WE MUST TAKE A F S IN THE LORD TO DO HIS W

Titus 3:10-11 Warn a divisive person once, and then warn him a second time. After that, have nothing to do with him...

1 Cor. 1:10 I appeal to you, brothers, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another so that there may be NO divisions among you and that you may be perfectly united in mind and thought.

Rom. 16:17 I urge you, brothers, to watch out for those who cause divisions...Keep away from them.

Phil. 1:27 Just one thing: live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or am absent, I will hear about you that you are STANDING FIRM in one spirit, with one mind, working side by side for the faith of the gospel.

Matt. 18:15-17 "If your brother sins against you, go and show him his fault, just between the two of you. If he listens to you, you have won your brother over. But if he will not listen, take one or two others along, so that `every matter may be established by the testimony of two or three witnesses.' If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church; and if he refuses to listen even to the church, treat him as you would a pagan or a tax collector."

Eph. 4:3 Make **EVERY** effort to keep the unity of the Spirit through the bond of peace.

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Sources of Conflict:

Romans 15:7 Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

1 Peter 1:22 Now that you have purified yourselves by obeying the truth so that you have sincere love for your brothers, love one another deeply, from the heart.

#### 3. LEADERS WITHIN THE CHURCH ARE TO ADDRESS C

#### The 7 A's of Confession (Peacemaker Ministries)

- Address everyone involved (Prov. 28:13; 1 John 1:8-9)
- Avoid *if*, *but*, and *maybe* (don't make excuses; Luke 15:11-24)
- Admit specifically (both attitudes and actions)
- Apologize (express sorrow for the way you affected someone)
- Accept the consequences (Luke 19:1-9)
- Alter your behavior (commit to changing harmful habits; Eph. 4:22-32)
- Ask for forgiveness

#### Imitate God's forgiveness

- \*I will not dwell on this incident.
- \*I will not bring this incident up and use it against you.
- \*I will not talk to others about this incident.
- \*I will not allow this incident to stand between us or hinder our personal relationship.