

April 19, 2020 Announcements

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering (AAEO): In this difficult time of COVID-19, our missionaries and church plants in North America need our prayer and financial support more than ever: <https://www.anniearmstrong.com/resource/mojic-munkho-baldandorj/> **Our church goal is \$10,000** (\$3,686.50 received as of 4/15). As you prayerfully consider giving over and above your normal offering, please designate it as AAEO or Annie.

Worship through Giving: Our church continues to exist to fulfil our 5 purposes: worship, discipleship, evangelism, ministry and fellowship, albeit virtually. Thanks to those who have been faithfully giving. Please prayerfully consider giving to meet our church needs and as an act of gratitude and worship. Please go to our Giving website for details on methods of giving: <http://www.fcbcphx.org/giving/>

Reflections on Easter weekend: We were truly blessed by our FCBC Good Friday and Easter Sunday worship services, even though we were not able to be physically together. We thank God for Christ's resurrection and our hope in Him, especially in times of pain and uncertainty. Another Easter message that was especially relevant to what we are experiencing with COVID-19 and other real life issues was Pastor Rick Warren's sermon (starts at 18:40):

"Expecting a Resurrection When Life Falls Apart"

- Answers to the questions below are found in the days of Christ's crucifixion and resurrection:
 1. What do I do when I experience fear and pain?
 2. How do I get through confusion and grief?
 3. How do I get to freedom and joy?
- **Friday (Crucifixion): Fear and Pain experienced by Jesus**
 1. Need to reach out to friends. Jesus brought disciples with Him to the Garden of Gethsemane ([Matthew 26:36-39](#))
 2. Need to reach out to God in prayer ([Mark 14:35-36](#)): Affirm God's power, Express our desire, and Offer our trust.
- **Saturday: Confusion and Grief experienced by the disciples**
 3. Need to remember the promises of God ([John 16:16, 20-22](#)): Realize God sees, God cares, and God loves.
 - a. [Isaiah 43:2-3](#) God is with us in all our troubles
 - b. [Isaiah 61:3](#) God turns mourning into gladness
- **Sunday (Resurrection): Freedom and Joy experienced by believers**
 4. Need to rely on the power of Jesus. After His resurrection, eyewitnesses experienced Jesus for 40 days on earth, thus the growth of Christianity to 100K believers in a short time.
 - a. [John 11:25-26](#) Jesus is the resurrection and the life
 - b. [Ephesians 1:19-20](#) Power of God is available to believers
 - c. [Philippians 3:10](#) Know the power of His resurrection

Prayer Requests

- Mr. Ying Tang went to be with the Lord, pray that God would comfort his family during this time of bereavement.
- Bro. Simon Tsoi – continue to pray for him at Arcadia Grove. Also, pray for Mrs. Tsoi, Sampson and Nathan.
- Hispanic Congregation is doing well, meeting in small groups, and praying for us. Please pray for them as well.

COVID-19 Prayer Requests: Let us continue to trust and depend on our faithful and sovereign God.

- Pray for our federal, state and local government officials and health care leaders. Pray that they make wise assessments and decisions especially as they decide on the delicate balance between restarting our economy and preserving the health/safety of people.
- Pray for those who are impacted by the virus: the sick and suffering (for healing) and those who have lost jobs/businesses (for provision of needs).
- Pray for health care workers and first responders who tirelessly and sacrificially care for the sick during this pandemic. Pray for their safety, physical and mental strength, and their families.

Warning: Scammers are using COVID-19 or the Relief Check Program to defraud individuals, so remember to always be vigilant to protect against scams. Never click on unsolicited links in text messages or emails, especially those asking for cash, gift cards or wire donations to charities. Visit www.ftc.gov/scams for more informational. Also, Bank of America has a nice website: [Stop Scams Now](#). Please caution your family, especially senior adults.