

12/17/2023 - Pastor Rob
Advent: Songs of the Savior— Zechariah
Luke 1: 68-79
12/17/2023 Announcements

1. **We welcome everyone to our Church Gathering, and especially new visitors.** Please use our online welcome form (QR Code) to fill in your information and prayer requests, OR just speak with one of our church leaders. Then drop by the Welcome Room after service to pick up a newcomer gift bag and get connected. 
2. **Operation Christmas Child Online Shoebox Goal and Donations** - Please help us to reach our goal of making 150 online shoe boxes by December 31. You can make a shoebox online at (<https://sampur.se/46eTc7j>) for a donation of \$25 (\$10 for shipping, \$15 for gifts). Building your shoebox online through our RCCC Operation Christmas Child link will help us keep track of the online shoeboxes that we are making. Thank the Lord that **81 online shoeboxes** have already been made so far. Also, you can help with the shipping costs of the "in-person" shoeboxes, by placing your donation (payable to Samaritan's Purse) in the Operation Christmas Child Offering Box located on the Youth Table in the lobby.
3. **This is the season to show our appreciation to our pastoral staff.** If you wish to show your appreciation, you may contribute to a pool of collections that will be distributed to the staff (Pastor Liang, Pastor Chau, Pastor Rob, Pastor Jerry, Minister Harry, Minister Pai-Lien and Minister Raymond). You may contribute to (1) an undesignated pool that will be distributed proportionately to the staff and/or (2) give to a specific staff member by designating your gift to that person. Please note that Gifts ARE NON-TAX DEDUCTIBLE PER IRS REGULATIONS. Please contribute to the love offering by writing a separate check from your regular tithes and offering. Write on the memo line of the check "Christmas offering" or Christmas offering for (name of staff)" and the amount if more than one person. The date for Christmas love giving is 11/26 - 12/17. Thank you for remembering the staff during this holiday season. You can also donate Via by Realm.
4. **Please submit your church expenses by Dec 31, 2023.**
5. **The FPO budget for this year is \$53,830 and the offering received up to date (12/12) is \$41,851.92.** If your Sunday offering is designated to FPO, please specify "FPO" in your Check. Please pray for Global Missionaries and the FPO ministry.
6. Are you interested in finding out what Christianity is all about? **A new Sunday School class named "New Beginnings" will go through a 11-week curriculum to help you gain a better understanding.** This is a Women only class for the winter and spring SS quarters. Please reach out to Anne Johnson or Laura Poon if you are interested. **The class is at 9:30-10:45 AM in Room A134.**
7. **The Sojourners will take a pause for the next two weeks and resume on January 3, 2024.**
8. **The "Growing" Sunday school will take a pause for the next two weeks and resume on January 7, 2024.**
9. The church has restarted **the ESL classes.** Interested students and teachers, please contact Rachel Yan at yanrachel393@gmail.com. Or 919-637-6198
10. **Bridge Fellowship will take a pause** in December and resume next January with Women's Group meeting on 1/13/24 and Men's group meeting on 1/27/24. Contact Irene Chao with any questions.
11. Please join us in **celebrating the lives of Rou-Hang and Joyce Liu at 10:00am on Dec 30 at church.** We would also be honored if you would make time after the memorial service to have lunch with the family at a local restaurant. (We expect the service to end around 11 AM and for lunch to be completed by 1 PM.) In lieu of flowers, please consider a gift to Raleigh Chinese Christian Church at www.raleighccc.org/main/giving/. In addition, please feel free to forward this invitation to any other friends of Rou-Hang or Joyce who may be interested in attending. Finally, we invite you to share your memories of Rou-Hang and Joyce at the following websites: bit.ly/RouLiu and bit.ly/JoyceLiu.

YOUTH ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **Celebrate Jesus During the Advent/Christmas Season**—Let's celebrate Advent and the Christmas Season differently this year. Join us as we Worship Jesus Fully, Spend Less on Ourselves, Give More to Causes that Count, and Love Others Like Jesus Loves Us!
2. **Friday Youth Group - Two Week Christmas Break** – We will not be having Youth Group on Friday, December 22, and Friday, December 29, because of the Christmas Holiday. Join us for our next Youth Group on Friday, January 5, at 7:30 p.m.
3. **Youth Sunday School - One Week Christmas Break** – We will not have Youth Sunday School on Christmas Eve - Sunday, December 24. Join us again for Youth Sunday School on Sunday, December 31, from 9:30-10:45 a.m. for our in-person classes.
4. **Youth QT Plan - Two Week Christmas Break** – We will be taking a two week break because of the Christmas Holiday. Join us for next QT plan, starting on January 1.
5. **Wednesday Youth Prayer** - Two Week Christmas Break – We will not have Prayer on Wednesday, December 20, and Wednesday, December 27. Join us again for Prayer on Wednesday, January 3, from 7:00-7:40 p.m. through Zoom.
6. **M-Fuge Youth Mission Trip - Virginia Beach, VA (Regent University) - July 1-5, 2024** – See Pastor Jerry for the registration form and church waiver form. A non-refundable \$75 deposit check is required at the time that you submit your registration form and church waiver form. This deposit will secure your spot on this trip. The total cost for this camp is \$433.54, which includes the \$75 non-refundable deposit. The deadline to register for this camp is Sunday, January 28. We have spaces for 30 students to participate in next summer's mission trip.
7. **Youth Sunday School Teachers, Friday Youth Counselors, and Disciple-Makers Needed**—If you feel called to be a Youth Sunday School Teacher, a Friday Youth Counselor, or a Disciple-Maker for our Youth, please contact Pastor Jerry or our Youth Deacon, Ed Lam, for further info on how you can get involved.

Children Info. (Nursery – 5th Grade)

1. The children's department provides in-person Sunday classes from Preschool to Grade 5. Online teaching stopped. Looking forward to seeing your children . The location is in the old building, and the courses are as follows:
 In-Person Children's Sunday School: 9:30-10:45am
 In-Person Children's Sunday Worship: 11:15am – 12:30pm
 AWANA class Friday 7:30 pm-9:30pm
2. AWANA registration is now open. Please register by use the QR code. Please email mikeianliu@gmail.com if you have any questions regarding AWANA at RCCC.



UPCOMING SERVICE

12/24

Pastor Rob

12/17/2023 華語堂陳煌輝傳道

證道題目

到教會去，我就歡喜

詩篇 122 : 1-9

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3. 主日「福音」饗宴。11:15am 在粵語崇拜堂舉行。今天江小寧弟兄主講：「浪子幾時歸」。12/24 蘇發其弟兄主講：「父親喜悅什麼？」邀請朋友來聽福音。(上網則用 Zoom: 831-4510-6230, PSW: 24680)。
4. 冬季華語成人主日學課程(11:15am-12:30pm)已開始，課程如下：
 - (1) 天路歷程(下) 教室: A 206 URL: <https://bit.ly/3MyXJUl>
 - (2) 成聖之旅- 出埃及記(下) 教室: A122 URL: <https://bit.ly/42y21rj>
 - (3) 路加福音 教室: A 213 URL: <https://bit.ly/3pQL4Kj>
5. 在這感恩的季節，教會將為教牧同工(梁牧師,周牧師, Rob 牧師, Jerry 牧師, 陳煌輝傳道, 陳百鍊傳道和丁少文傳道) 準備禮物，以表謝意，也邀請您共襄盛舉。奉獻的方式有二：
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8. 一些英/粵語堂的會眾希望學習中文。有興趣作老師的請參加 Mandarin as a Second Language (MSL) 的老師培訓，請聯繫郭震威弟兄 (jkuo@nc.rr.com) 和教會秘書 (secretary.rccc9266@gmail.com)
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4. 青少年靈修計劃—由於聖誕假期青少年靈修計劃暫停兩週，1/1 重新開始。請與 Jerry 牧師聯絡加入此計劃。
5. 週三青少年禱告會 —12/20, 12/27 青少年禱告會暫停。歡迎參加 1/3/2024 週三 7:00PM 經由 Zoom 舉行的青少年禱告會。
6. M-Fuge 青少年宣教之旅—Virginia Beach, VA (Regent University) - 2024 年 7/1-5 日—請聯繫 Jerry 牧師領取報名表和教會責任豁免表。預留名額有 \$75 的 non-refundable 費用，支票抬頭請寫 RCCC。所有費用 \$ 433.54 (包括註冊費 \$75)，截止日期是 1/28 /2024 主日。今年名額僅限 30 名學生。
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12/17/2023 粵語堂洪善丰弟兄

證道題目

苦海慈航

馬可福音 4:35-41

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