

## 12/2/2018 English Announcement

- 1.\*We **welcome** everyone at this Church Gathering, especially those that are new. We pray that you will experience the hope, faith & love of Jesus Christ. **Communication Cards** can be dropped in the offering bag or in the back corner of the MPR on the way out in the silver box.
- 2.\***CANTATA SCHEDULE:** There will be 2 Cantatas this year to bless one another and reach out to our neighbors. The first Cantata will be on Friday, December 7th at 7:30pm and the second Cantata will be Sunday, December 9th at 11:15pm. Invite your friends! There will be refreshments following both Cantatas to enjoy together. (Note: On December 9th, both the Cantonese and Mandarin Services will be as normally scheduled at 9:30am.)
- 3.\***Operation Christmas Child**

Thank you so much for helping us to reach our goal for Operation Christmas Child this year. Praise the Lord that were able to make and send 439 boxes this year!

Please use the following prayer requests for pray for the ministry of Operation Christmas Child:

  - Ask God to prepare the hearts of the children who receive the shoebox gifts to respond to the message of Christ's love.
  - Pray that each gift will not only touch a child, but his/her entire family and community, transforming them by the power of the Gospel.
4. **Baptism Class and Baptism**

If you have accepted Jesus as your Lord and Savior and would like to show your love and obedience to Him and His command to be baptized, contact Pastor Jerry as soon as possible so you can go through the baptism class. Baptism will be on Sunday, December 16 between services at 10:45am.
- 5.Since our new building is not finished yet, and the parking spaces around the new building are not very close to our present meeting venues, we received several requests to set up more reserved parking spaces onsite. Under these circumstances, please offer the first row of our parking lot (previously the reserved parking during church expansion) to seniors and people in need. The church will also use signs in front of the entrance for a reminder. Thank you!
- 6.Christmas Love Offering to Pastoral Staff 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 Gary and Pastor Jerry) to include Pastor Liang. 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. **GIFTS ARE NON-TAX DEDUCTIBLE PER IRS REGULATIONS.** The last Sunday that you can contribute is Sunday, December 16. The gifts will be presented on Sunday, December 23, 2018. 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. Thank you for remembering the staff during this holiday season. In addition to your generosity, the church will be providing a gift as well.
- 7.Daytime Badminton will resume on Thursday mornings, 10:30 AM to noon in the multipurpose room (MPR), starting on 11/29, Please join us and don't forget to bring your own rackets and birdies. For questions, email CJ at [cjchiang@bellsouth.net](mailto:cjchiang@bellsouth.net).
8. The church plans to clean up the "lost and fund" Bin. Please claim your things before 12/9. After that date, all remaining items will be donated to Goodwill. Thanks!

9. Brother Francis Dzau passed away at 6:30 pm on 11/29 at home. There will be a visitation at Capital Funeral Home ( 2205 E. Millbrook Rd, Raleigh) on Thursday evening, 12/6, from 6:30 until 8:00 pm and a Memorial Service at church on Saturday, 12/8 at 2:00 pm.
10. Donation to the Winnie Lin Memorial Fund will be accepted through Dec 31, 2018.

## **Youth Announcement**

### **1. November and December Friday Youth Group Schedule**

December 7 - No Youth Group - Because of the Christmas Cantata at 7:30 p.m.

December 14 - "Ultimate Authority - Finding Freedom Under God"

December 21 - Youth Christmas Celebration

December 28 - No Friday Youth Group - Because of the Christmas holiday

### **2. Join the Advent Conspiracy**

During the season of Advent from December 2-December 24, you are encouraged to Worship Jesus Passionately, Spend Less on Yourself, Give More of Yourself and All that the Lord has Blessed You with, and to Love Everyone in the same way the Lord Jesus loves us. For more info, visit [www.adventconspiracy.org](http://www.adventconspiracy.org)

## **Children Announcement**

1. 2018-2019 AWANA started already. Registration is still open. Please ask Eva Cheng for details. Also, ask our brothers and sisters to pray for the new year of AWANA ministry.

## **Upcoming Sermons**

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Pastor Gary