**January 8, 2023**

**Welcome!** *We are so glad you joined us today.*

 *We pray that you will be blessed!*

Speaker: Pastor Eric

Message: Why the Bible?

Text: Deuteronomy 4

 *Now, Israel, hear the decrees and laws I am about to teach you. Follow them so that you may live and may go in and take possession of the land the LORD, the God of your ancestors, is giving you. 2 Do not add to what I command you and do not subtract from it, but keep the commands of the LORD your God that I give you.*

Announcements:

1. Today we welcome our Senior Pastor Eric to share God’s word;
2. We have also invited Allan and Carol Tan from our Glendale church to share their journey through cancer and God’s healing;
3. Please help put away our Christmas decorations after the service today.

-Special thanks to Johnny H. for designing our decorations;

1. Congratulations to Pastor Leona for giving birth to her son T.J. (Theophilus Joshua Wong) on January 5 morning. Both mom and baby are doing well. May God lead baby T.J. to grow up healthy and become a son after God's heart. Congratulations to Andrew and Leona! Looking forward to meeting baby T.J. soon.
2. Sunday school is 10:30-11:30 am, second floor. “What We Believe” will cover each section from our Statement of Faith in our Bylaws;
3. Pick up the One-year Bible reading guide or contact Pastor Mongens;
4. Our prayer meeting is on Zoom! Please join Wednesdays (8-9:30 pm) to pray for the world, our missionaries, our country and our needs.
5. Please pray for the following:
* Sarah Khaw (skin); Jennifer (kidney); Amber (health and job)



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*A joint & integrative ministry of spirituality, missions, social concern and Church Planting*

 ***FECA Theme for 2022: “Expanding our Horizons:
 Reaching the Unengaged People Groups”***
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1. **FECA General Missions Fund Update**

On behalf of our supported missionaries, thank you for your faithful prayer and financial support from you. As of last November, the General Missions Fund (GMF) and Sending Fund (SF) statuses are stated below. GMF and SF depend entirely on faithful giving by you; these funds are separate from the local church general fund. We encourage you to continue to give generously to GMF and SF. Designate on your check or envelope “FECA Missions.” Thank you once again for your faithfulness. Please contact Edwin Leung at edwin.leung@feca.org for questions.
**The 2023 GMF Budget: $560,000**.

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| **Funds as of 11/2022** | **2022 giving/income (YTD)** | **2022 Expenses (YTD)** | **Net (YTD)** |
| **General Missions Fund** | **$285,869.25** | **($355,106.99)** | **($69,237.73)** |
| **Sending Fund** | **$140,360.28** | **($147,562.20)** | **($7,201.92)** |

1. **COVID Test Kits**

The Habibi medical team will need COVID test kits to bring with them in February. Please start collecting these test kits for their forthcoming mission trip next year (expiration date at least in March 2023).

1. **Musical Instruments Donation**

FECG has often partnered with a nearby Hispanic church. Their worship minister is starting a music school at Union Rescue Mission to help the homeless. He's looking for used but functioning musical instruments, including keyboards, guitars, drums, saxophones, and trumpets. Anyone who wants to donate an instrument, please contact Mari (mari@fecg.org). Union Rescue Mission will issue donation receipts for the donated musical instruments and arrange for pickup.

1. **FECA Senior Pastor Committee (SPC) & Governing Board Meeting**

The FECA SPC & Governing Board will have dinner fellowship at 6:30 pm on 1/10 (Tuesday); GB will hold its first meeting of the year after dinner. Please pray for the leading of the Holy Spirit and good team spirit.

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| **Last Sunday's Worship In-Person Attendance and Offering** |
|  | ***Glendale*** | ***SGV*** | ***Diamond Bar*** | ***ACC*** | ***Arcadia*** |
| *SGV* | *HOA* | *Arcadia* | *GCDC* |
| ***Mandarin*** | 85 | 102 | 43 | 73 | -- | 23 | 20 |
| ***Cantonese*** | 14 | 91 | -- | 80 | -- | 98 | -- |
| ***English*** | 98 | 78 | -- | -- | 66 | 50 | -- |
| ***Youth*** | 14 | w/Eng | 6 | W/ ACC | -- | w/ Eng | -- |
|  **Total: 941** |
|  | ***Glendale******SGV*** | ***SGV*** | ***Diamond Bar*** | ***ACC*** | ***Arcadia*** |
| ***General Fund*** | 4,465.42 | 8,119.41 | 5,793.30 | 12,048.96 | 6,110.00 |
| ***FECA Mission Fund*** | 130.00 | 170.00 | 10.00 |  | 100.00 |
| ***Others*** | 320.00 | 440.00 |  | 10.05 | 1,780.00 |
| ***11/22 Sur./Def.*** | 21,196  | 53,432  | 4,196  | 11,193  | (16,281) |
| ***01-11/22 Sur./Def.*** | 251,173  | (245,305) | (94,826) | 27,899  | (49,806) |