**December 31, 2023**

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

 *We pray that you will be blessed!*

Speaker: Pastor Mongens

Message: An End and a New Beginning

Text: Acts 1

*12 Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the Mount of Olives, a distance of half a mile.*

*14 They all met together and were constantly united in prayer, along with Mary the mother of Jesus, several other women, and the brothers of Jesus.*

Announcements:

1. Today we celebrate our December birthdays and anniversaries. Please stay after service for cake fellowship;
2. After 23 years of faithful full-time service, Pastor Mongens is going to retire after 2/29. May the Lord bless him and Abigail abundantly in His ways. After months of waiting and prayers, Pastor Dennis Wenceslao will officially join us as the next English Pastor on 2/1. Please welcome him and Katrynn to the FEC Arcadia family.
3. Financial deficit: Due to the increase in ministry expenses, the church's financial deficit as of the end of November is $75,000 (Arcadia: $35,000; GCDC: $40,000). Please remember the needs of God's family in prayer and financial support.
4. Our annual Thanksgiving offering continues through the end of the year. We thank everyone for helping our church with your special offering. You can also designate “building mortgage” to help pay off the remaining church mortgage;
5. Adult Sunday school will begin next Sunday on Malachi;
6. We need volunteers next Sunday to take down the Christmas decorations after the service;
7. 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:

Meeting ID: 865 2394 9892 Passcode: PRAY

1. Please pray for: Shirley, Lilibeth’s father, Joy’s brother, Glenn Yee’s surgery January 4.



**First Evangelical Church Association**

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

 ***FECA Theme for 2023: “Rekindling the Passion for Outreach***

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1. **FECA General Relief Fund**

In times of need, unity is our greatest strength. FECA is launching a vital fundraising campaign to bolster our General Relief Fund, ensuring we can continue supporting those facing hardship. FECA has received requests for help from our ministry partner, Missions Himalaya in India. In October, heavy rains burst its banks, causing major flooding that affected the lives of 22,000 people in Sikkim and North Bengal. Missions Himalaya has many programs in that area and has concrete plans to conduct relief work in the next few months. They will provide basic needs and supplies to support the rebuilding of the affected area.

Your generosity has always been the driving force behind our ability to make a positive impact. With your help, we can reach even more individuals and communities in need. Whether disaster relief, medical assistance, or addressing other urgent needs, every contribution makes a significant difference.

**Here's how you can contribute:**

**Donate Online: Visit our website,** [**https://www.feca.org/donation**](https://www.feca.org/donation)**, to donate online.**

**Write Check: Make checks payable to FECA. Memo line: “General Relief Fund.”** You may put your check in your church’s offering box or mail to FECA office at 2617 W. Beverly Blvd. Montebello, CA 90640

Your support means the world to us and, more importantly, those we serve. Together, let's make a lasting impact on the lives of individuals and communities in need.

Thank you for being a beacon of hope.

1. **WILL Music Ministry’s Malaysia and Taiwan Short-term Mission**

Please pray for WILL Music Ministry’s short-term mission. May God be greatly glorified! ***Pray also for God’s protection against all sickness and spiritual attacks on the team members.***

1. **FECA Office Will Be Closed**

The FECA Office will be closed on Monday (1/1/2024) to celebrate the New Year.

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| **Last Sunday's Worship In-Person Attendance and Offering** |
|  | ***Glendale*** | ***SGV*** | ***Diamond Bar*** | ***ACC*** | ***Arcadia*** |
| ***SGV*** | ***HOA*** | ***Arcadia*** | ***GCDC*** |
| ***Mandarin*** | 310 | 277 | 73 | 198 |  | 210 |
| ***Cantonese*** | Whole Church Combined | 151 |  | 154 |  | Whole Church Combined |
| ***English*** | 98 |  |  | 84 |
| ***Youth*** | w/English | 12 | w/ACC |  |
|  **Total: 1,567** |
|  | ***Glendale******SGV*** | ***SGV*** | ***Diamond Bar*** | ***ACC*** | ***Arcadia*** |
| ***General Fund*** | 50,794.36 | 33,852.35 | 30,023.55 | 4,814.56 | 24,812.00 |
| ***FECA Mission Fund*** | 6,057.00 | 2,250.00 |  | 10.05 | 960.00 |
| ***Thanksgiving*** |  | 4,400.00 | 320.00 |  | 600.00 |
| ***Others*** | 1,545.00 | 5,352.00 |  |  | 10,110.00 |
| ***11/23 Sur./Def.*** | 12,966  | 76,030  | 16,964  | 9,083  | (14,417) |
| ***01-11/23 Sur./Def.*** | 5,854  | 39,232  | (63,611) | 97,034  | (75,294) |