**Dec 15, 2024**

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

 *We pray that you will be blessed!*

Speaker: Pastor Dennis Wenceslao

Message: A Family To Belong To

Text: Luke 2:22-40

22 When the time came for the purification rites required by the Law of Moses, Joseph and Mary took him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord 23 (as it is written in the Law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male is to be consecrated to the Lord”), 24 and to offer a sacrifice in keeping with what is said in the Law of the Lord: “a pair of doves or two young pigeons.”

39 When Joseph and Mary had done everything required by the Law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee to their own town of Nazareth. 40 And the child grew and became strong; he was filled with wisdom, and the grace of God was on him..

Announcements:

1. Christmas Joint Worship: 12/22 is a joint worship service for the whole church, starting at 10:00 in the morning. Six brothers and sisters will be baptized that day (Cantonese: 4; Mandarin: 1; Youth: 1). Please invite new friends to come and let us celebrate the birth of Christ together.
2. Christmas Eve Worship (12/24 Tue):This is a first joint worship service on Christmas Eve in recent years. Jesus Christ is the reason for the season. Let's worship Him together as a church. A musical choir has been formed with 30+ participants, and more are welcome to join this choir. Please contact Pastor Fenfen for more details.
3. Young Adults and Youth Year-Ender on Dec 29 after the worship service. Lunch will be provided. Please reserve the date and encourage one another to join.
4. The CEF Good News Club (GNC) hosted at our church will cancel the meeting in December. Starting in 2025, the monthly meeting will change to be on the first Saturday. The next meeting date is January 4 at 4:30 - 6:00 p.m. Welcome children ages 5-12 to join. More GNC information is available on the church website.

**First Evangelical Church Association**

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

1. **2024 FECA Delegates Convention Volting Result**

Many thanks to the delegates who attended the FECA Delegates Convention last Sunday. Special thanks to the FEC Diamond Bar’s co-workers for their help. The delegates approved the meeting minutes of the 2023 Delegates Convention and the 2025 general fund budget of $443,530.00. New 2025 Governing Board members were also elected: 3 clergy members – Rev. Tracia Wong (FECSGV), Pastor Joseph Lo (FECDB), and Pastor Dennis Wenceslao (FEC Arcadia), one lay member — Scott Yeh (FECDB).

2.  **Remembering our Missionaries**

As we prepare to celebrate Christmas in the coming weeks, let us also remember our missionaries.  Many of them are far from their families and friends. May we find ways to send our greetings to them. Please submit them to your Local Missions Committee members.

3. **WILL Music Ministry's Short-Term Mission to Malaysia and Taiwan**

WILL Music Ministry will travel to Malaysia from 12/19 to 12/26 to conduct Christmas sermon concerts at various churches, orphanages, senior centers, and community centers and participate in local church visitation ministries. From 12/26 to 1/4, they will hold music sermon concerts in Taiwan at churches, juvenile rehabilitation centers, drug rehabilitation centers, and prisons in Hualien, Taichung, and Kaohsiung. We earnestly ask for your prayers for WILL’s short-term mission: may God protect the team, be with them, manifest the power of the Gospel, lead many to Christ, and may all glory be to the Lord!

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| **Last Sunday's Worship In-Person Attendance and Offering** |
|  | ***Glendale*** | ***SGV*** | ***Diamond Bar*** | ***ACC*** | ***Arcadia*** |
| ***SGV*** | ***HOA*** | ***Arcadia*** | ***GCDC*** |
| ***Mandarin*** | 100 | 285 | 70 | 109 | -- | 44 | 14 |
| ***Cantonese*** | 17 | 120 | -- | 88 | -- | 131 | -- |
| ***English*** | 134 | 87 | -- | -- | 116 | 57 | -- |
| ***Youth*** | w/English | w/English | 3 | 10 | -- | 8 | -- |
|  **Total: 1,393** |
|  | ***Glendale******SGV*** | ***SGV*** | ***Diamond Bar*** | ***ACC*** | ***Arcadia*** |
| ***General Fund*** | 22,210.36 | 25,655.00 | 21,714.33 | 10,649.26 | 29,997.00 |
| ***FECA Mission Fund*** | 900.00 | 191.00 | 2,150.00 |  -- | 500.00 |
| ***Thanksgiving*** | 900.00 | 1,531.00 | 1,350.00 |  -- | 6,725.00 |
| ***Others*** | 12,207.42 | 15,698.00 | 1,100.00 | 10.05 | 28,213.62 |
| ***11/24 Sur./Def.*** | 49,054  | 19,479  | 21,751  | 1,613  | (6,282) |
| ***01-11/24 Sur./Def.*** | 111,670  | 121,336  | (91,598) | 50,236  | (48,799) |