**Dec 8, 2024**

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

*We pray that you will be blessed!*

Speaker: Pastor Dennis Wenceslao

Message: A Companion Sent

Text: Luke 1:26-45, 56

39 At that time Mary got ready and hurried to a town in the hill country of Judea, 40 where she entered Zechariah’s home and greeted Elizabeth. 41 When Elizabeth heard Mary’s greeting, the baby leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. 42 In a loud voice she exclaimed: “Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the child you will bear! 43 But why am I so favored, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? 44 As soon as the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby in my womb leaped for joy. 45 Blessed is she who has believed that the Lord would fulfill his promises to her!”

56 Mary stayed with Elizabeth for about three months and then returned home.

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. **Today’s 2024 FECA Delegates Convention**

The 2024 FECA Delegates Convention will be held in person today, 12/8 at 2:30 p.m. at FEC Diamond Bar (20504 Earlgate St., Walnut, CA 91789). We request that the **2024 Delegates** from all member churches reserve time to attend this important annual event. **A quorum of 50% or more of the delegates attending should be met to start the meeting. Therefore, each delegate’s participation is essential.**

1. **Handel's Messiah at Glendale Church**

The FECA combined Choir will perform Handel's Messiah at Glendale Church on 12/14 at 4:00 p.m. followed by dinner.  Many singers from different FEC churches have joined this combined choir. We warmly invite you to bring your family and friends to celebrate this Christmas with us.

1. **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.

1. **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*** | 93 | 255 | 55 | | 107 | | -- | | 35 | | 17 |
| ***Cantonese*** | 18 | 107 | -- | | 86 | | -- | | 104 | | -- |
| ***English*** | 135 | 65 | -- | | -- | | 136 | | 73 | | -- |
| ***Youth*** | 16 | w/English | 6 | | w/ACC | | -- | | w/English | | -- |
| **Total: 1,308** | | | | | | | | | | | |
|  | | ***Glendale***  ***SGV*** | | ***SGV*** | | ***Diamond Bar*** | | ***ACC*** | | ***Arcadia*** | |
| ***General Fund*** | | 111,992.36 | | 19,391.40 | | 16,370.80 | | 6,981.30 | | 8,453.10 | |
| ***FECA Mission Fund*** | | 1,130.00 | | 1,571.00 | | 70.00 | | -- | | 470.00 | |
| ***Thanksgiving*** | | 2,080.00 | | 1,461.00 | | 1,650.00 | | -- | | 150.00 | |
| ***Others*** | | 635.00 | | 3,049.00 | | 1,300.00 | | 161.46 | | 620.00 | |
| ***10/24 Sur./Def.*** | | 3,447 | | (13,891) | | (8,121) | | (2,415) | | (3,621) | |