

# REVELATION



## The Pastor's Desk

Pastor Louis Lee

### Whose Birthday Are We Celebrating?

Excitement fills the air. The guests are arriving at the biggest birthday party of the year each with bundles of gifts. Lots of laughter, good food, and fun games. Everyone is having a wonderful time.

Anticipation builds as the time approaches to open the gifts. But instead of presenting their gifts to the birthday person, all the guests begin to exchange their gifts with one another! Where is the guest of honor?

The guest of honor had drifted to a corner as the guests ignored him. At first he was glad to see all the guests arriving. But his joy slowly turned to sadness as everyone seemed to forget the original purpose of this party, to celebrate his birthday.

This strange party happens in December every year. It's easy for all of us to be consumed by all the hustle and bustle of shopping and gift giving that we too easily forget whose birthday we are celebrating each Christmas.

It is the birthday of Jesus Christ. "Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is Christ the Lord." (Luke 2:11) God offers us the greatest gift we could ever receive. "For the wages of sin is death, but the gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 6:23) To receive this great gift, all we need to do is trust in Jesus Christ, God's Son, who died for our sin and rose from the dead.

This Christmas season let's enjoy our parties and gift exchanges. But let's remember whose birthday we are celebrating. Let's prepare and present our very best gifts for the ultimate Guest of Honor, the Lord Jesus Christ. "Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise - the fruit of lips that confess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." (Hebrews 13:15-16)

Let's present our gifts of praise to Jesus by participating in a worship service (Chinese Community Church Sunday worship service at 10am). Special Christmas service on Sunday, December 20, 10am with special gift bags for all our guests. Let's present our sacrifices of doing good and sharing with others in need. Share the gift of our time,

treasure, and talent to help the needy in some way this December.

Have a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

- Pastor Louis Lee



## CHURCH NEWS

See What's New With Our Website!

[www.ccsac.net](http://www.ccsac.net)

Our website continues to be updated making it more useful, interactive and user friendly. It is also becoming more personal with the addition of new blogs by our church members.

**New Blogs!** Pastor Louis and Keith Fong have new entries and Mario Fong has recently started a blog. Please visit these and others by clicking on the **Blog Postings tab** to see the latest entries and find out how God is working in our church and what you can be praying for. All are invited to make comments on the blogs as well as start your own.

### **Sermons are now available on-line!**

Thanks to Ted and Matt, the sermons are being recorded and uploaded to our church website. You can now click on the **Sermons tab** on the **Home Page** to select the message you would like to hear. After listening, you can add your comment on how God spoke to you through the message by clicking the

**Comments link** next to the **Sermon link**. More recently, sermon program inserts are available under the **Forum Section** as well. Another way to navigate to this area is to click on **General Topics** under the **Forum Section**. The "fill-in's" have been added as well.

Again, we encourage all to **get more involved** in our website. To do so, you must first obtain a login and password. As an incentive to participate in our website, we are conducting raffles for **Mikuni gift cards** and other great prizes. To enter our raffle, simply let Pastor Louis or any Consistory member know about any response you post to a blog or a forum. Each web entry is good for an entry into our raffle.

Again, we hope your increased involvement will be a blessing to you and others.

Serving Him,  
*Your Consistory*

### Church Directory Coming Soon!

Many have asked, "When are we going to get our directories?" Final proofs have been approved and Olan Mills is working on printing our directories. This process takes approximately 5 weeks. Once the directories arrive, complimentary directories will be distributed to all families who had pictures taken and to those who contributed photos for the directory.

Again, thank you to all who took the time to take pictures for our directory and to all who

helped contribute ministry pages. Thank you, too, for your continued patience during this time.

*Your Consistory*

**Get your e-Revelation!**  
**CCC is Going Green!**

As announced at our last Congregational meeting, in a continued effort to be better stewards of our resources, we seek to increase the proportion of Revelations sent electronically. Of the approximately 570 October Revelations distributed, two-thirds were mailed and one-third were sent electronically. The electronic conversion has decreased the time our members spend folding and addressing the Revelation as well as decreased costs associated with mailing.



Beginning with this issue, we will further increase the proportion of those receiving their Revelation electronically by sending the Revelation to all those families we have e-mail addresses for. Every family currently receiving the Revelation who has an e-mail address in our most recent directory will now receive their Revelation electronically.

You will continue to receive a mailed copy of the Revelation if we do not have an e-mail address or you may specifically request a mailed copy of the Revelation. If you would like a mailed copy of the Revelation, please contact the church office, 916-424-8900 or [ccc95822@yahoo.com](mailto:ccc95822@yahoo.com).

Again, know the Revelation is also available to all through the church website, [www.cccsac.net](http://www.cccsac.net).

Thanks from,  
*Your Consistory*

**Church Office Assistant**  
**Position Open August 2010**

We have been blessed with an amazing office assistant in Erin Chow. Come summer of 2010, she will be graduating, thus making this position available August 1, 2010.

We are beginning our search for someone who is organized, motivated, reliable, responsible, able to work independently, and is proficient with computers, including Microsoft Word and Excel. This person must have good writing and editing skills, and be able to respond to tasks via e-mail. This person should get along well with others, be flexible, and should have a car to drive to West Sacramento for bulk mailings. This person's primary responsibilities include compiling the weekly church bulletin, the bimonthly Revelation, and posting content onto our church website.

If you or someone you know is interested in this position, please send your resume to [ccc95822@yahoo.com](mailto:ccc95822@yahoo.com) with "Attention Church Staffing Committee" in the subject line.

With much appreciation,  
*Your Church Staffing Committee*

**Congregational Meeting**

Our annual congregation meeting was held on Sunday, November 1<sup>st</sup>. Following the opening prayer, adoption of agenda and approval of minutes, elections were held for our new elder and deacons. The budget for the new fiscal year was presented and approved. Reports were given from Pastor Louis (Pastor's Report), Mei Fong (Christian Education), Matt Fong (facility), and Davida Leong (consistory).

We reflected on God's many blessings during this past year of transition, grateful for His provision of bringing Pastor Louis to CCC. It has been a year of new activities, a year of involvement from new persons coming forward to serve, a year of continued faithfulness from many of our ongoing leaders.

Welcome to new consistory members for 2010!

Elder Tom Fong  
Deacon Mary Yee

Many thanks and blessings to our outgoing consistory members:

Elder Matt Fong  
Elder Todd Fong  
Deacon Donna Chun  
Deacon Karen Chan

**Church Staff Committee**

The Church Staffing Committee (CSC) circulated a Youth Surveys in October 2009 to our youth and parents to determine what they would like to see in a Youth Director.

Steve Chan tallied up the survey and the results are posted on the Bulletin Board outside the Church Office. If you have any questions on the results, please see any members of the CSC.

We currently have an Interim Youth Director, Eddie Silva. Eddie's been assisting Pastor Louis with many of the duties required of a Youth Director at the Youth Meetings every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays since school resumed. Eddie has committed to helping at least through the end of this current school year (June 2010).

**Sunday School**

We have added eight copies of THE BEGINNER'S BIBLE to the Pre-School Library. These copies were purchased from donations received at our Won Ton Luncheon held earlier this year. We thank you for supporting the Sunday School Program with the funds to purchase the bestselling children's Bible storybook for our pre-schoolers.

**THANK YOU'S**

**Fall Fellowship and Food Festival**

What do we consider a successful Fall Fellowship and Food Festival (FFFF)? Beautiful weather, excellent food, entertainment, fellowship, and hundreds of people. That's what we had for our 2009 Festival.

4 For those who were not able to attend, we offered the following food items: BBQ

chicken, Combination Plate (BBQ chicken, fried rice, cole slaw and fortune cookie); Chicken Curry Over Rice; Tri-Tip Sandwiches; Fried Won Ton; Lumpia; Fried Rice and Chow Mein. We also had two tableful of baked good items. A big THANK YOU to all of our workers who spent many hours preparing and cooking the food and baking all those delicious cookies and cakes.

A special thank you to all the volunteers from the following outreach programs: Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation, Warlord Basketball, Asian Community Center, PACE and McClatchy High School.

Our church members, friends, families, festival supporters and visitors were entertained by the following: Dr. May Tucker and Randy Chinn – vocalists/pianists; William and Lucy Tsang and their students showing the different Tai Chi exercises; the Shriners Clowns with their creative balloons, Chris Fong demonstrating her joong making talent; Bill Wong playing his harmonica; Vicki Camblin and her Line Dancers; Eric and Bradley doing break dancing; hula dancing by the Hula Gals; music and songs by the CCC's Worship Team and Kung Fu demonstration by the students from the USA International Wushi Kung Fu Academy.

Again, our thanks to General Produce for providing the refrigerated truck for all our perishable, Frank's Quality Meats and Calvada for most of our food items and Marie's and C&H Donuts for all those yummy donuts.

The following agencies were present to share information on their organization: CCC Chinese American Council of Sacramento, US Census and the Asian Community Center.

THANK YOU Debbie Seid, Steve Chan and Lorrie Kimura for overseeing this year's event.

If you would like to see pictures of our FFFF, please go to our website: cccsac.net. The article and pictures taken by Linda Pohl of the Land Park News of this event are posted on the bulletin board outside the office.

**CCC 85<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
By Merrily Fong Wong

On Saturday, November 14, 2009, the Chinese Community Church, RCA celebrated its 85<sup>th</sup> anniversary. It was an evening filled with nostalgia and remembrances of years gone by. It was also a day to rejoice over the progress that we have made and to look forward to what the future holds for our church.

Two of our former pastors returned to take part in our celebration to the delight of all. With us were **REV. WARREN BOVENKERK** and his wife, **ARVELLA**, and **REV. BRADLEY VAN SANT** and his wife **NANCY**, all of whom were welcomed with appreciation for their importance in the life of our church. Also joining us were Classis Minister **REV. KARL OVERBEEK** and his wife, **RUTH ANN**, as well as Stated Clerk of the Central California Classis **DON WERKHOVEN** and his wife **JOAN**. Don presented the church with a resolution from classis recognizing the great work

that God has done in our church over the past 85 years.

This was an extraordinary event, and many need to be thanked for their efforts in making it so memorable:

- The responsible, resourceful and dedicated **Event Committee - JAN and TERRY BOWMAN, DAN CHIN, BOB and CHRIS FONG, TED FONG, PASTOR LOUIS LEE, MAYBELLE WHANG, PHYLLIS WON and MICHAEL WONG.**
- **JOEY and DON LEE** and their stellar team of volunteers from the Sacramento Asian Sports Foundation for catering the event. Not only was their food delicious and beautifully presented, but they also catered it at a significantly reduced rate.
- **TERRY and JAN BOWMAN, KEITH FONG, MEI FONG and DAVID LAU** for their touching testimonies which gave witness to how God has moved in their lives.
- The **WORSHIP TEAM** for enhancing the event with their splendid music.
- And the **UNCOUNTABLE OTHERS OF YOU** who gave so freely of your expertise, time, and commitment to make this grand occasion one to remember.

It was a lovely evening of reflection, reunion, celebration, and praise for the past, present, and future of our church. Surely, our Founding Fathers would have been very pleased that the church that they established 85 years ago still continues its ministry today. Generations of families, members, pastors, and friends have built

upon and nurtured what was begun so many decades ago. Ours is a wonderful legacy which God has blessed abundantly. As we begin a new chapter in the life of the Chinese Community Church, may all that we do bring glory and honor to our Lord.

**Special Thanks to...**

A big THANK YOU to Jan and Terry Bowman for their generous donation of four (4) chafing pans for our kitchen. We will put the pans to good use at our upcoming celebrations/events.

*"My continued appreciation for all your expressions of kindness. You are a wonderful church family."*

-personal note from Vida Payne to the CCC family after recovering from surgery

**2009-2010 BASKETBALL SEASON**



As the start of the league play fast approaches, we would like to take time to wish everyone Happy Holidays, This is also a perfect time to remind players who attend Chinese Community Church, and their parents, to set aside Sunday, December 20th to attend CCC's special Christmas program. Your attendance is expected as participants in our Basketball Program. The playing schedules are out, so enjoy yourselves, and remember you represent our

fine church.

**CCC BASKETBALL and the SACRAMENTO KINGS**

CCC Basketball program, in conjunction with the Sacramento Kings, are engaged in a promotion that may earn CCC Basketball teams court time to play at Arco Arena. If CCC can generate the sales of 100 tickets, one hour of court time will be earned. For 200 ticket sales, two hours of court time will be earned.

There are two games where tickets can be purchased directly from a special website and for the cost of the ticket...no handling fees. The \$25.50 seats are being sold for \$19.50 and the \$40.50 seats are being sold for \$25.50. The first game is 12/6/2009, Kings vs. Miami Heat, and the second game is 1/9/2009, Kings vs. Denver Nuggets.

Tickets need to be purchased 10 days prior to game date, and can be purchased from this website:

<http://groupshavemorefun.com/chinesecommunitychurch>

If you are unable to purchase tickets via the web, contact Kings representative, Erika Hampton at 916-928-3684

**CCC BASKETBALL SPAGHETTI FEED**

This season's spaghetti feed will be held on Saturday, January 16, 2010. CCC Teams will be advanced job assignments soon.

**TEAM PARENTS**

Thank you for being an integral part of our program. If you aren't certain what duties are entailed as a Team Parent, check the CCC website, as a document of duties is located on the Basketball page.

**CHURCH ATTENDANCE**

Remember, Church attendance is required 60% (25 Sundays) of the time during the school year (CCC Sunday School starts on September 6<sup>th</sup>). Maintaining regular church attendance will keep players eligible for league play.

For parents of players attending Chinese Community Church, please attend at least two special services this season: Christmas service and Easter service. Pastor Louis Lee highly encourages your attendance, and promises an enjoyable time of sharing. The Christmas service will be Sunday, December 20, 2009.

For players not attending CCC, an attendance form, confirmed and signed by the other church teacher/pastor, must be submitted to CCC monthly.

Attendance forms can be dropped in the Basketball Board mailbox in the hallway next to the Church Office.

The attendance form can also be downloaded at the CCC Basketball website.

**Chinese Community Church**

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*Chinese Community Church seeks to help transform people in our community into fully committed followers of Christ.*

**2009 Consistory Members**

ELDER TODD FONG    ELDER MATT FONG    ELDER DAVIDA LEONG    ELDER MICHAEL WONG  
DEACON DONNA CHUN    DEACON KAREN CHAN    DEACON STEVE CHAN  
Please feel free to speak to any Consistory Member about any specific joys, praises, concerns or questions.

**PASTOR LOUIS LEE**

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**OFFICE ASSISTANT HOURS:**

MONDAY 10:00AM – 1:00PM, FRIDAY 4:00PM – 6:00PM

OFFICE ASSISTANT.....Erin Chow  
SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR.....Mei Fong  
WORSHIP .....Ted Fong and Dan Fong  
COLLEGE AND CAREER FELLOWSHIP .....Pastor Louis Lee  
YOUTH .....Pastor Louis Lee and Eddie Silva  
GROUNDSKEEPER & MAINT.....Matt Fong

**Weekly Meetings**

Worship & Sunday School – 10:00 AM  
Adult Bible Study – Sun. 8:45 AM and Mon 7PM-8PM, classes are taught by Stan Spencer.  
Youth Activity Night (2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Fridays of month) 7-10PM.  
College/Career Fellowship -Meetings will be Announced  
Monday Bible Study – Education Building – 7:00 PM  
2<sup>nd</sup> Saturday each month Women's Guild meets for an activity in the Ed. Bldg. At 1:00 PM.

**PEOPLE TO CONTACT:** *Announcements for the weekly bulletin and information regarding church family please contact Erin at 424-8900 or at [ccc95822@yahoo.com](mailto:ccc95822@yahoo.com).*