

REVELATION



The Pastor's Desk

Pastor Louis Lee

Have We Read The Best Selling Book Of All Time?

Bestselling books come and go. But one special book continues to out sell any other book every year. It is the Bible, God's Holy Word.

It's unfortunate that some view the Bible as an old, outdated book that is archaic and irrelevant. In reality, the Word of God is timeless. God conveys His infinite love and grace to us, His guidance, and His principles for life. The Bible is the greatest love letter ever written.

"For the word of God is living and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword, it penetrates even to dividing soul and spirit, joints and marrow; it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart." (Hebrews 4:12)

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path." (Psalm 119:105)

"And how from infancy you have known the holy Scriptures, which are able to make you wise for salvation through faith in Christ Jesus. (16) All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, (17) so that the man of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work." (2 Timothy 3:15-17)

I grew up in a family that had no particular belief in God or the Bible. But when I was 12 years old, my parents sent my brother and me to a Christian summer camp, mainly just to get us out of the house for a week!

As God's Word was shared and lived out in the lives of the camp counselors and staff, I was personally drawn to God's love and grace. By the end of the week I trusted in Jesus Christ as my personal Lord and Savior. However, my brother to this day, has not become a believer. We had the same family background and the same opportunities. But each of us as individuals must make our own decisions about God, Jesus, the Bible, and experiencing God's love and grace for ourselves.

If we are willing to read the Bible, here are some suggestions that may help. First, start with the gospel of John in the New Testament. Focus on verses that talk about God's love for us and also what Jesus was like, the things He said and did.

Second, focus on verses we understand. Try not to get hung up on verses that seem confusing. We might jot down questions to ask later (feel free to email or call me and I will try to answer your questions).

Third, try to read a smaller portion on a more consistent basis versus reading a big chunk once a month. It's kind of like physical eating. Better to eat a few smaller meals each day than one huge meal once a week!

And finally, remember we need both a good diet and regular exercise. The Word of God is like spiritual food for our souls. But we need to put it into practice. Examine daily the Word of God. Exercise our faith and obedience. Experience more of the abundant life Jesus came to give us!

"Do not merely listen to the word, and so deceive yourselves. Do what it says." (James 1:22)

"Blessed are they who keep his statutes and seek him with all their heart." (Psalm 119:2)



CHURCH NEWS

What's New On Our Website!

www.cccsac.net

Our website continues to be updated making it easier to use and more personal.

Haiti is in the news and is in need of assistance. Our Home page now has a banner with links to various ways for you to help out. Members of our worship team are looking towards the future and have put together an instructional curriculum (**Worship Band 101**) to train our future worship team leaders. Click the link on our Homepage to learn more.

See the latest blog by Pastor Louis sharing about the new Church Lounge/Meeting Room as well as Keith Fong's most recent experience with a homeless person. 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! 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. The more people who add replies, the more views these entries get, and the more our members and others pause and think about issues closer to the heart of God. Pastor Louis’ sermon on “The Wisest Investment” has had 6 replies to this sermon and 765 views. One of our Youth Group forums had 11 replies and 1515 views.

Finally, brothers, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. - Philippians 4:8 (New International Version)

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

Serving Him,
Your Consistory

CCC goes Green with the e-Revelation!



As announced at our last Congregational meeting, in a continued effort to be better stewards of our resources, our mailed paper Revelation circulation has been significantly decreased and replaced with the **e-Revelation**. The electronic conversion has decreased the time our members spend folding and addressing our newsletter as well as decreased costs associated with mailing.

All those families we have e-mail addresses for are now receiving their newsletter 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 **paper copy** of the Revelation Or if you would like additional family members to receive their own **e-Revelation**, please notify the church office (916-424-8900 or ccc95822@yahoo.com) of each e-mail address you would like it sent to.

Again, know the Revelation is always available to all through the church website, www.cccsac.net.

Thanks from,
Your Consistory

Consistory

Along with the start of a new year came a beginning for new consistory members. On January 10th Mary Yee was ordained and installed as deacon, Tom Fong and Karen Chan were installed as elder and deacon respectively. They are joined by continuing members Steve Chan (deacon) and Michael Wong and Davida Leong (elders) to form this year’s consistory.

A leader’s retreat held on Jan 30th led by Pastor Louis included a time of sharing blessings and concerns as well as discussion topics on how to make our basketball program more of a ministry of CCC and ways to become more effective spiritual leaders.

The consistory looks forward to serving the Lord and welcomes any praises, questions or concerns.

Baby Care Kits for Haiti



We all have seen the devastation in Haiti and many have generously given money for their aid. I was on the Reformed Church in America’s website (CCC’s denomination) and noticed a request for Baby Care Kits from Church World Services. This organization has been making these kits to help young mothers care for their newborn babies.

I felt the call that I too could do this and so have started collecting items for these kits. This is something I am committed to do for at least a couple of years because the need it so great. Someone once told me to “Do what you can, with what you’ve got, where you’re at.” Also, remembering the woman in the Bible who anointed Jesus, “she did all that she could”.

The kits contain all new items:

- 6 cloth diapers
- 2 t-shirts or undershirts (no onesies)
- 2 washcloths
- 2 gowns or sleepers
- 2 diaper pins
- 1 sweater or sweatshirt (can be hand-knitted or crocheted)
- 2 receiving blankets (1 can be a hand-knitted or crocheted baby blanket)

If anyone would like to help me with this, please let me know.

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Thank you.



2009-2010 BASKETBALL SEASON

As the season is well in progress, we hope our teams are enjoying the spirit of friendly completion. While the regular season ends in February, most teams will be playing in at least 2 of the 3 local tournaments held in March.

The first weekend of March, Betsuin has their tournament, and the second and third weekend in March, SJUMC runs their tournament. CCC Basketball teams will be playing these tournaments. Look to coaches and team parents for particulars. Good Luck and Good Fun!

CCC BASKETBALL and the SACRAMENTO KINGS

On February 1st and 2nd, the CCC Basketball program earned 4 hours of playing time on the Sacramento Kings basketball court. A good time was had by all participants. Look to the CCC website for links to pictures taken during the event.

Thank you's go out to Yvonne Fong for coordinating the opportunity with Arco Arena, to Pastor Louis for diligently working as a ticket agent on behalf of CCC and the

Basketball program, and to everyone who purchased tickets for the three Kings games.

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 are 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 6th). 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 Easter service will be Sunday, April 4, 2010.**

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.

Women's Guild

What fun was had by the thirteen ladies/child/junior/granddaughter at the first Women's Guild Get Together for 2010. We learned how to make Baked Cha Sui Bows and Fried Dumplings (Gai Loang) and discussed some projects for this year.

Our thanks to Chris Fong for preparing/showing how/frying all those delicious gai loangs; Mary Yee for baking the cha sui (BBQ pork)/Lorrie Kimura for preparing the filling and Renna Dong for showing us to make those baked bows.

The Women's Guild is excited about getting involved with the Baby Care Kits for the Church World Services. Some of the ladies will start (1) knitting/crocheting blankets (2) sewing up receiving blankets; (3) purchasing washcloths and undershirts. If you are interested in helping with this project, please contact Karen Chan at (916) 391-5042. who will be coordinating this project.

Plans are to have more cooking classes, fellowship, or maybe some card games in the future. We will attempt to have our Women's Guild Get Together on the second Saturday of each month. If there are any conflicts with the day, it will be announced in the Revelation or in the Sunday's Bulletin. Also, we appreciate any comments/suggestions for our meetings.

Lorrie Kimura

Youth Group

The Youth Group started a Concession Stand at the basketball games held at CCC on January 17, 2010 and will continue until February 21, 2010. Some of the items on the Food Menu are: Candies, Chips, Nachos, Cup of Noodles, Fruits, Gatorade and Water. Proceeds from the Concession Stand will go toward the Youth's Outreach Program and Outings. Coordinators for the Concession Stand are Eddie Silva and Lorrie Kimura

Chinese New Year Dinner

The Chinese Community Church will be celebrating the **Year of the Tiger** on March 7, 2010, at 5:00 pm in the Fellowship Center. This year we will NOT have our usual pot luck. Dinner will be cooked by our church members and a \$5 donation is requested for those over the age of seven wishing to attend the dinner. The \$5 donation will be used to purchase the ingredients for the dinner. The deadline for the sign up for the dinner is February 28, 2010.

If you are interested in attending our Chinese New Year's Dinner, please contact Lorrie Kimura at (916) 392-7875 or see her at CCC.

2010 Chili Cook Off

DON LEE is CCC's 2010 Chili Cook Off King. He competed with four other wonderful cooks vying for this title. JAN BOWMAN came in second and ERROL QUOCK came in third. We want to thank the others (KAREN CHAN and RANDY FONG) for participating in this year's cook off.

A special thanks to DEE DIN for preparing the cornbread and HOLLY PON for bringing the condiments (cheese, sour cream, onions, cilantro, etc.) and all those who helped in the kitchen by putting all the sample cups together.

We all look forward to another delicious and fun Super Bowl Chili Cook Off event next year.

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

2010 Consistory Members

ELDER TOM FONG

ELDER DAVIDA LEONG

ELDER MICHAEL WONG

DEACON MARY YEE

DEACON KAREN CHAN

DEACON STEVE CHAN

Please feel free to speak to any Consistory Member about any specific joys, praises, concerns or questions.

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OFFICE ASSISTANT HOURS:

MONDAY 10:00AM – 1:00PM, THURSDAY 6PM-8PM (E-MAIL ONLY), FRIDAY 5:00PM – 7:00PM

OFFICE ASSISTANT.....Erin Chow

SUNDAY SCHOOL COORDINATOR.....Mei Fong

WORSHIPTed Fong and Dan Fong

COLLEGE AND CAREER FELLOWSHIPPastor Louis Lee

YOUTHPastor 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 (2nd & 4th Fridays of month) 7-10PM.

College/Career Fellowship -Meetings will be Announced

Monday Bible Study – Education Building – 7:00 PM

2nd 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.*