True Jesus Church Cerritos



Newsletter

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Bible Reading, Nov.

Romans, Philemon, Exodus

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Service Schedule

| Date | Beg | End | Services | Remark |
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| Tue | 7:30pm | 9:00pm | https://www.youtube.com/user/ tjccerritos/ | Tuesday , On Line |
| Thur. | 7:30pm | 8:30pm | http://www.uberconference.com/ room/tjccerritos | Or, Tel 562-4448177 (Family Service) |
| Fri. | 7:30pm | 9:00pm | https://tjc.org/usa/swr | SWR Online |
| | 10:20am | 12 noon | At Church or On line | https://www.youtube.com/user/ tjccerritos/ |
| Sat. | 1:30pm | 2:45pm | Registration before Wed. for attending Church service | https:// forms.gle/8zBGCwqqByeg6uQs6 |
| | 11:00am | 12 noon | Class (K) | Classroom K (Sat.) |
| RE | 11:00am | 12 noon | Class (E1) | Classroom E1 (Sat.) |
| | 1:30pm | 3:00pm | Class (E2) | Classroom E2 (Sat.) |
| | 1:30pm | 3:00pm | Classes (J1 & J2) | Classroom(Chapel 2F)(Sat.) |
| Oth- ers | At Church | All Events | Choir, Truth seekers class, Fellowships,,, . | Please follow the Health Guidelines (See ** below) |
| | Before Church | Bring Your own | bible, Hymn book, Face Mask | No COVID Symptoms |
| ** | In Re- stroom | Keep door open | Max Capacity 2, wait outside when it reaching the capacity | Use paper towel to turn off faucet after each use. |
| | In Chapel | Open door | Temperature will be checked. Wear masks at all time. | Group for each family, Group Distance 2M+ |
| | In Love Hall | | Social Distance, Sit with your family, Clean after each use | Outdoor seating available, Get your own chair |
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Garden of Prayer

- Pray for those who are affected by COVID- 19, may the Lord's mercy, and the protection be with them.
- Various preaching and pastoral work of the church.
- Pray for God to help the church grow in faith, hope, and love.
- Pray for Sister I-mei Tsai, Pastor Meishi Tsai's wife. She is faced with some urgent health challenges

Events Calendar, November

- 11/1 11/5 USGA Minister Workshop (GG)
- 11/6 11/7 NCC 2021 (Irvine)
 - 11/15 11/21 NATS (Irvine)
- 11/20 RE Prayer
- USGA Theological Seminar

Construction Project Report

- Chapel construction was completed.
- Additional projects ::
 - ⇒ Roof cover for the cooridor

 - Construction Funds Status (9/7/21)

SWR Young Adults SC

- 11/12/21 (Online) 11/13-11/14/21 (inperson) at Cerritos
- Registration: events.tjc.org before 10/23/21. All youths are welcome.

Bible Verses Sharing bro. KC Chen But as for me, I would seek God, And to God I would commit my cause (Job 5:8)

- Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. (Proverbs 3:5)
- He shall be like a tree Planted by the rivers of water, That brings forth its fruit in its season, Whose leaf also shall not wither; And whatever he does shall prosper. (Psalm 1:3)
- Just like Joseph. Joseph spent his entire life in pain and suffering, and he looked up and trusted God. How could I be this evil God of sin(Genesis 39:9). He was a fruitful branch by the spring, and his branch protruded outside the wall (Genesis 39:9). 49): 22). Joseph Pepsi successfully created the world 39:2) Everything is prosperous.
- Water is a type *Holy Spirit* (Ezekiel 47:1-5) To look to God is to pray for the Holy Spirit and fill it with the Holy Spirit.
- We will learn ,encourage and cultivate from each other. Amen!

⇒ 10/25 - 11/19 Elder Chou ⇒ 11/25 - 12/13 Pastor Hou

⇒ Kitchen cabinets & Playground

⇒ Total Construction cost: \$2,948,088 ⇒ Contribution pledged Bal. \$ 90,000

⇒ Loan from Irvine Church \$ 200,000

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Catch the Little Foxes that Spoil the Vineyard (4)

According to the Scripture: "Catch us the foxes, the little foxes that spoil the vines, for our vines have tender grapes" (Song 2:15)

The third step: "Crucifixion"

Paul said, "Those who are Christ's have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires" (Gal 5:24). The cross is a symbol of suffering and a tool against sins and lustful desires. Although our sins are redeemed through baptism, we may still retain our own sinful desires. "But each one is tempted when he is drawn away by his own desires and enticed. Then, when desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, brings forth death" (Js 1:14-15). This is a unique and profound truth in the book of James. We sin because we leave a foothold for the devil. When temptations take over our own selfish desires, it suppresses our spirituality so we will disregard the warning from the truth. As we resist the rebuke from the Holy Spirit, it leaves us; as a result, we give place to the devil and become a sinner who "do what we shall not to do." Eve had a desire to eat the forbidden fruit from the tree. When the devil tempted her and she ate, she sinned willfully. Thus, the lust of the flesh is the reason that we sin, and it must be eradicated from our hearts. As our Lord Jesus nailed onto the cross, sin was put to death through the power of the Holy Spirit. Therefore, the Bible says, "For if you live according to the flesh you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live" (Rom 8:13). Thus, if we could not put our fleshly desires to death, we have not relied on the power of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit does not only allow us to speak in tongue, but it also gives us the power to put our lustful desires and wickedness to death and help us to bear the fruit of the Holy Spirit (Gal 5:22-23). According to Paul, "What you sow is not made alive unless it dies" (1 Cor 15:36). If we did not put our lustful desires to death, we could not bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit. In contrast, we may be in hypocrisy and bear things that are not of the Spirit. "For Satan himself transforms himself into the angel of light" (2 Cor 11:14). Thus, there might be hypocrites in the church who dress in the sheep' s skin but in fact are greedy wolves. They use false kindness to win people's hearts in order to fulfill their own secret ambitions and seek for their own profits. We cannot regard that as the fruits of the Holy Spirit while the real fruits are

formed inside of us without worldly desire, partiality, and hypocrisy (Js 3:17-18). If we want to put to death the evil passions and desires, we must constantly rely on the power of the Holy Spirit, the light of truth, and watchful prayers. In this way, when the devil cannot conquer our hearts, we can overcome many temptations. Moreover, we must eradicate our filth and wickedness so to present clean and gentle hearts. In this manner, our spiritual lives can be cultivated inwardly without hindrance to the hundredfold, which lead us to honorable virtue and spiritual character of true believers.

7. Conclusion

The above quoted the parable of the vineyard and the prefiguration of the little foxes from the Song of Songs by pointing out a few things that are happening in the churches. The worst of all these is the fleshly desire. If believers do not abstain from it and let it grow, the church will be affected. In the past, there were a few little foxes that have caused disturbance to the churches, deliberately sabotaged ministering works, and led the churches to fall short of the glory of God. Such people should repent to God and humbly obey the guidance of the Holy Spirit. We must know that cursing and blessing spring out of our hearts. Being the spirituals, especially serving as church board members and ministers who have a great influence on the churches, we must imitate the virtue of Paul – to discipline our body and bring it into subjection. We must rely on the power of the Holy Spirit to manage our corrupted bodies as blooming and fragrant vine tree that cannot be destroyed, be fruitful, and be prepared in the time to come, "let my beloved come this garden, and eat its pleasant fruits" (Song 4:16). Thus, there is a profound meaning of "catch the little foxes." It symbolizes the spiritual cultivation of a person and the guidance to safeguard the churches.

(Adapted from "The Album of Elder Guo Ziyan" by Guo Ziyan: published in September 1983 by Taiwan GA)

