

WELCOME! Thank you for joining our worship service this afternoon. We hope that our church can become your spiritual home. Please remember to fill out a *Connection Card* and leave it at the Welcome table on your way out. Please enjoy some refreshments with us in Room 7 after the service. We would love to get to know you more!

Announcements

- 1) **Congratulations to Carrie Ng, Terrence Huang and Enosh Gan** who joined the church by baptism or statement last Sunday. We rejoice with them. May God bless them and help them to grow throughout the years!
- 2) **Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions.** We are part of the task to fulfill the Great Commission. As a Southern Baptist church, we do this through praying for missionaries and giving to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions. Use the Prayer Guide & Offering Envelope inserted in your bulletin 2 weeks ago and be a part of supporting the work of our International Mission Board missionaries.
- 3) **Life Groups Gatherings Cancelled on Sundays, 12/15 and 12/22:** Due to a special Chinese evangelistic service on 12/15 and all-church Christmas celebration on 12/22, we will not have Life Groups after our English services.
- 4) **Christmas Caroling and Party (Saturday, 12/21):** Be a blessing to the lovely seniors by singing Christmas carols to them at different convalescent homes in SGV. Please meet at the chapel at 12:00 p.m. and be picked up at 7:00 p.m. at Min. Ben Wu's residence. Be sure to bring a wrapped gift (no more than \$10 worth) for our annual white elephant gift exchange.
- 5) **No Youth Group on Fridays, 12/20 and 12/27:** Due to Christmas caroling and Christmas holidays, we will not have youth group on these two Fridays. Merry Christmas!

**2013 BIBLE
TOUR
CHALLENGE**

The books of **1, 2, 3 John** were letters written by the Apostle John near the end of the first century A.D. The focus of 1 John is to encourage believers to live according to the true doctrine, live obediently and have fervent devotion. 2 John is a letter to an elderly lady and the focus is living in the love of God in accordance with the truth of Jesus. And 3 John is a letter to Gaius and the focus is living faithfully in the face of opposition.

Day	Passage	Reflection Questions
Mon	1 John 1	What sins do you need to confess to the Lord and ask for forgiveness today?
Tue	1 John 2	What or who in this world do you love more than God?
Wed	1 John 3	How can you practically and tangibly show love to someone today?
Thu	1 John 4	How can we tell whether the teaching or belief is from the world or from the Spirit? What helps us to differentiate that?
Fri	1 John 5	Even though we face temptations every day, how does Jesus give us hope so we can overcome them?
Sat	2 John	Why is it so important that we live according to the commandments of God?
Sun	3 John	What and who are you "imitating" (v.11) in your life these days? How are you being a testimony for God before others?

First Chinese Baptist Church San Gabriel Valley

*"Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the LORD our
Maker"*

Psalm 95:6

Location

Hope Christian Fellowship
6116 N. San Gabriel Blvd.
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(Basement Chapel)

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Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Songs of Praise

Offering

Prayer

Sermon

Minister Ben Wu

Welcome and Announcements

Benediction

Sermon Notes

The Purpose of Christmas: It's Time for Celebration!

1. It is a time for celebration because God _____ you.

2. It is a time for celebration because God _____ you.

3. It is a time for celebration because God _____ you.

Upcoming Sermon Series:

The Purpose of Christmas

Christmas comes around every year. It is one of the most stressful times of the year. We are busy with shopping for gifts, decorating our homes, writing cards, planning Christmas parties, etc. But what is the real purpose of Christmas? Yes... Jesus Christ was born. But what does that matter to you and your loved ones?

We invite you to come and learn the real purpose of Christmas. We hope that you will be refreshed by the joy and love that this special season brings. While you are at it, bring a friend or two with you!

