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+CENTER

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# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## March 7, 2020

Welcome

Call To Worship: Jeremiah 1:5

Worship through Song

Worship through Offering  
[cccnc.org/give](http://cccnc.org/give)

Worship through Prayer

Scripture Reading: Exodus 6:14-7:7

Worship through Preaching  
Exodus: The Story of God's Redemption  
"What Can God Do?"

Communion

Song of Response

Announcements

Benediction

# CONNECT WITH US

Find community where you can be known, loved, and stay committed to God's call in your life. It's being together that we can wrestle with the story of God and be shaped by His love. Furthermore, we'll discover how we can join God in His work within the communities we are a part of.

### JOY (Middle & HS Students)

Wednesday Night Bible Study at 8:30PM

Sundays at 11AM

Contact: Wayne Lee ([wayne.lee@cccnc.org](mailto:wayne.lee@cccnc.org))

### Living Water (College)

Fridays at 8:30PM

Contact: Wayne Lee ([wayne.lee@cccnc.org](mailto:wayne.lee@cccnc.org))

### Aspire (MEN)

First Saturday of the Month at 10AM

Contact: Tim Hui ([thui1439@gmail.com](mailto:thui1439@gmail.com))

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## HAPPENINGS

### ASPIRE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

SAT • MAR 13 • 10 AM • ZOOM

The brothers will gather for fellowship. Come join us!

#### Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86881872953?pwd=RkNzNUlZRjViemlISW9sVIU0QTlrQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 8187 2953

Passcode: 616692

### LADIES NIGHT IN

TUES • APR 13 • 10 AM • ZOOM

### SHORT-TERM MISSIONS – A NEW WORLD OF POSSIBILITIES!

Do you have a desire to spread the good news of Jesus Christ? Do you want to reach out to others doing good works? Please join the short-term mission "Think Tank". We're looking for church members to explore what short-term missions can do to reach out to others. Please contact Helen Hui at [hchuhui@gmail.com](mailto:hchuhui@gmail.com)

## ESM COVID CUISINE COOKBOOK

It's almost been a year in quarantine! There has been more meals cooked & eaten at home, maybe more mouths you had to feed, or you had tried new recipes because you had more time.. in any case, thought it would be a good bonding experience to share recipes of a dish or two you've been "perfecting" this year, or maybe it's a comfort food that you make because it's...comforting. To contribute, please [click here](#).

Contributions accepted until March 21st. We will put it together as a pdf and send it out when compiled. So join us in connecting our ESM community in celebrating a year of covid cuisines.

Can't wait to see what creative culinary delights you share. It might just be the next dish we cook!

## CCCNC.ORG/GIVE

In this unprecedented time, it's important to remember that God is still at work. We encourage you to continue giving and tithing during this time as an act of your personal worship. Just as He has been generous with us, we are reminded to reflect generous His nature in our offerings and tithes. As you are able, consider giving to join God in His work here at CCCNC and help us respond to those in need both near and far.

### Here are some giving options:

#### 1. Digital Giving (preferred during this time)

Visit <https://cccncorg.churchcenter.com/giving>

You may select the usage of donation and can add more than one designated giving. ACH Bank transfer is preferred, as credit card payment will deduct roughly 2.5% from your contribution.

Please review the following instructions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NBxfSTsuc78>

#### 2. Bank Payment

Instruct online payment via bank, same as paying a bill.

Billor Payee: Chinese Christian Church & Center

Address: 225 N. 10th St, Philadelphia, PA 19107

Payment Amount: Your offering amount. This could be set up as one time or recurring payments.

Memo: Please specify desired use of donation, if other than General Fund (default)

#### 3. Mail Checks (DON'T mail cash; its illegal)

Place your check in your regular offering envelope, fill out the donation amount and usage, and then in another envelope and mail to:

Chinese Christian Church & Center

Attention: GO2020

225 N.10th St

## SPECIAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

It will be held starting TODAY. Due to the pandemic, the Church will accept Church members online vote 3/7-14. Instructions will be sent through your communication groups.

## STAY CONNECTED

Fill out this form for the best way to be connected with everything happening at C4



## Dear Church,

I recently came across the story of Jonah in my scripture reading and thought that there were some parallels to how we may feel as quarantine drags on.

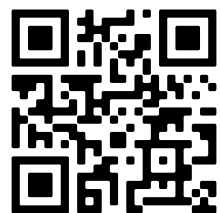
Jonah is known as the prophet who was running away from God and ended up getting swallowed up by a big fish. I'm fascinated by where Jonah was choosing to run away to, Tarshish, a far off and more ideal place than the land of Nineveh where God wanted him to go. Tarshish was like sunshine and palm trees while Nineveh was a dark place known for its violence. Jonah could have lived comfortably in Tarshish, continuing to do what he always had done religiously without ever having to deal with God or reality. I can't say I blame Jonah, I'd much rather be comfortable and simply not care about certain people. If we're honest, most of us prefer Tarshish over Nineveh and we can run away from God and his purposes for us. It is not until storms enter in our lives and we find ourselves at a loss of control over our lives and destinies when we begin to wrestle with God. Perhaps, we may need to get away from the life we know with all of its activity and entanglements and the lies and pressures that constantly confront us in order to find a foothold in Christ so that we live the life that God desires for us to have.

Either way, our greatest challenge is finding our breath and life in Christ especially in our efforts to serve God or when things are less than ideal. The reality is that we reside in places like Nineveh or we've substituted a relationship with God with the comforts of Tarshish — we need a savior. Our hearts are dark and still in need of rescuing everyday. God dwells with us wherever we are. While we may want to escape from the discomfort, loss, pain, and grief that is very real in our lives especially during Covid, God is calling us to communion with him with all honesty about where we are. I know many of us want to run away, we want change, we want relief. I do too.

We have seen through recent chapters in our journey through Exodus that it is better to turn to God than turn from him. Some of our Community Groups are studying the New Testament letter of James and we can see that the gospel is found in turning to him in humility rather than to ourselves in pride. The season of Lent reminds us that spring is upon us and new life is ready to emerge. The hope of the resurrection on Easter Sunday reminds us that one day, that new life will be made complete. Until then, his spirit dwells in us by faith working powerfully to transform us. God may be trying to get our attention right now so that he can do his best work in us and through us. It may take a storm. It may feel like we're trapped in the belly of a big fish. It's there we realize, where can we go from his spirit? Where can we run from his presence? This season of Lent in this lockdown invites us to see that we can only do so much and we're not as great as we think we are. We still need rescuing and refuge in Christ. Therefore, deepen and establish what may be shallow roots right now in his unrelenting love for you daily. Jesus tells us that it is when we abide in him, especially in all of the chaos, disappointments and failures of a season like this, that new life is breaking through. It's happening.

I pray that all the resources that are available, our time in the book of Exodus, gathering together in community groups and other times would encourage you towards a more honest and spiritually rich Lenten Season.

Love,  
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**JOIN US IN THE ZOOM  
LOUNGE + SECOND HOUR**  
Meeting ID: 840 8299 0655  
Password: 140880



#movememondays

**5PM EVERY MONDAY**  
**PUSH PAUSE + PRAY FOR OUR CHURCH FAMILY**



SHARE YOUR EXPERIENCE WITH US  
ON FACEBOOK OR TWITTER/CCCNC



## From Our Family

**Have you met Ray Zhang?**  
Hear his story of joining C4 during a pandemic  
Ray will become a member this Easter

I started regularly attending C4 towards the beginning of the pandemic, and since then one of the lessons God has been showing me is that there is a significant difference between just attending a virtual church and getting connected to a church virtually. We are fortunate to have the technology so that every church can have their own pre-recorded or virtual service, but as the ease of accessing church services grows, so does the tendency to have church in a "have it your way" approach. With a click of a button I can choose to listen to the worship songs from one church, the sermons from another, attend Sunday school from a third...while this approach may create a high-quality church experience on a technical level, it only serves to highlight the fact that church is not about doing certain things on a weekly basis. The Church is the body of Christ, and as such is not designed to be aligned with our personal likes or dislikes. Instead, we are challenged to grow beyond our own preferences to help raise up the body of Christ together. I am glad that even though most of my time at C4 has been virtual, I have connected with a community of brothers and sisters that I know will always encourage and edify one another, even in the most challenging of circumstances.

## CENTER UPDATE

Hey Friends,

It's been a year since the Covid pandemic has changed our "normal." Here's a recap of the efforts to bring shalom into the community through our Center.

The Playground was renovated April-November 2020  
In November we hosted the Presidential Elections polling station and had about 270 vote, as most voters sent in their ballots. Carol Gung led a team to administer 84 flu shots to the community.

We served at On Lok Community Center to distribute 100 blankets (12/22) and New Years Goodie bags (2/11).  
We picked up 100,000 donated masks to be distributed to local organizations (2/26)

Thank you for your prayer and support over this past year!  
Please consider serving in the upcoming community outreach opportunities.

-Harry

## OPPORTUNITIES TO SERVE

### Learn Support Program (at McCall School) IMMEDIATE NEED FOR VOLUNTEERS

We have coordinated with Chinatown's public elementary school to provide classrooms with tutors. Currently 10 teachers have requested tutors and we have only 6 people committed to help at least 1 hour a week with reading, writing and arithmetic. We have opportunity for at least 4 more volunteers to assist the teachers. This program begins March 8 and continues through Memorial Day. Security clearances and waivers need to be completed.

### PUMP Summer Camp Staff

Application starts March 15 (Deadline April 15)  
JOIN OUR STAFF! The PUMP Summer Camp outreaches to our Chinatown community by providing affordable and encouraging day-camp for grades 1<sup>st</sup>–High school. Through the 5 weeks, Tuesday-Friday 10 (June 29- July 30) we teach and seek to live out the Gospel. In addition, we provide education enrichment, weekly trips, daily recreation and a snack. Camp registration begins for students from 2020.  
Monday, May 3  
Camp registration for those who didn't attend in 2020.  
Monday, May 10

### Philly City-wide Clean-up, Saturday, April 10<sup>th</sup> 9am-noon

Sign up at <http://www.psc.levlanedev.net/6/volunteerProject> or with Harry.

Summer Sports programs: Evening Ping Pong, Youth Sports, Summer Basketball League, Youth Evening Program  
For more information, contact: [harry.leong@cccnc.org](mailto:harry.leong@cccnc.org)