



BECAUSE

I live,
YOU WILL LIVE TOO.

JOHN 14:19 (CEB)

First Chinese Baptist Church

April 20th, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Jack Patton

“Christ the Lord is Risen Today”

“Celebrate Jesus”

Children’s Time

Patti Kunkel

“You Are Crowned with Many Crowns”

Tithes & Offerings

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;

讚美真神萬福之根

Praise Him, all creatures here below;

世上萬民讚美主恩

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;

天使天軍讚美主名

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

讚美聖父聖子聖靈 阿門

“O Blessed Dawn of Easter’s Day”

Women’s Ensemble

“CSI: Jerusalem”

Pastor Steve Thurman

“Christ Arose”

Benediction

God be with You

After the Sabbath, at dawn on the first day of the week, Mary Magdalene and the other Mary went to look at the tomb.

There was a violent earthquake, for an angel of the Lord came down from heaven and, going to the tomb, rolled back the stone and sat on it. His appearance was like lightning, and his clothes were white as snow. The guards were so afraid of him that they shook and became like dead men.

Matthew 28:1-4

When the Sabbath was over, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome bought spices so that they might go to anoint Jesus' body. Very early on the first day of the week, just after sunrise, they were on their way to the tomb and they asked each other, "Who will roll the stone away from the entrance of the tomb?"

But when they looked up, they saw that the stone, which was very large, had been rolled away. As they entered the tomb, they saw a young man dressed in a white robe sitting on the right side, and they were alarmed.

"Don't be alarmed," he said. "You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, who was crucified. He has risen! He is not here. See the place where they laid him. But go, tell his disciples and Peter, 'He is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him, just as he told you.'"

Trembling and bewildered, the women went out and fled from the tomb. They said nothing to anyone, because they were afraid. Mark 16:1-8

On the first day of the week, very early in the morning, the women took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. While they were wondering about this, suddenly two men in clothes that gleamed like lightning stood beside them. In their fright the women bowed down with their faces to the ground, but the men said to them, "Why do you look for the living among the dead? He is not here; he has risen! Remember how he told you, while he was still with you in Galilee: 'The Son of Man must be delivered over to the hands of sinners, be crucified and on the third day be raised again.' " Then they remembered his words. Luke 24:1-8

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene went to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the entrance. So she came running to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one Jesus loved, and said, "They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don't know where they have put him!" John 20:1-2

Gerhard Stuebben

FCBC Senior Pastor Candidate

April 26-27, 2025



A Note from the Pastoral Search Committee

Thank you, all, for your patience and prayers for our committee as we have been working the past year and a half. We also extend our gratitude to the diaconate board for approving Dr. Stuebben as a viable candidate to present to the congregation. We welcome your ongoing prayers and discernment as you engage in the candidating weekend activities.

Our current candidate for senior pastor, Dr. Gerhard Stuebben, will be visiting Fresno on the weekend of April 26-27, along with his family. Below are the opportunities open to the whole community to get to know them and discern the future direction of FCBC.

Opportunities for Engagement:

- **Saturday, April 26**
 - **9:00am** - FCBC families are welcomed to meet the Stuebbens at the Chaffee Zoo for fun family time.
 - **2:00-3:30pm** - Open Meet & Greet will take place at the church as a casual time for the FCBC community to get better acquainted with Dr. Stuebben.
- **Sunday, April 27**
 - **11:00am** - Come to worship service to hear Dr. Stuebben preach.
 - **12:00-1:30pm** - Follow worship service, the church is hosting a light reception for more casual time to get to know the Stuebben family better.

Dr. Stuebben's resume and cover letter will be made available during the candidating weekend. **A deciding vote will take place after worship service on Sunday, May 4 via secret ballot for church members, though all are welcomed to attend the meeting.** If you are not able to be in attendance for the vote, please email your comments or questions to be considered to:

pastoralsearch@fbcfresno.org



Save the Date

FCBC's VBS
July 28-August 1
6:00 pm-8:30 pm

Registration is \$25 per student
till June 1st

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