



*God  
so  
loved  
the  
world*

that he gave his only Son,  
so that everyone who  
believes in him won't perish  
but will have eternal life.

• John 3:16 •

**First Chinese Baptist Church**  
**March 31<sup>st</sup>, 2024**

Welcome and Announcements

MaryAnne Lai

"Because He Lives"

David Abejo

"Christ the Lord Is Risen Today"

212 Hymnal

"Celebrate Jesus"

121 Chorus Book

Children's Time

Patti Kunkel

"Jesus Loves Me/Give Me Oil in My Lamp"

Freya Cai

"In Christ Alone"

Praise Song

Special Music

Lao Baptist Choir

Offertory Prayer

Rev. Jeannie Gong

Offering & Doxology

"Was It a Morning Like This?"

Irene Pawig

"He Is Going Ahead of You into Galilee"

Pastor Steve Thurman

"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.'"

Mark 16:6-7

"Christ Arose"

210 Hymnal

Benediction

"God be with You"

# The Death of Death

By Scott Cairns

Put fear aside.  
Now that He has entered  
into death on our behalf,  
all who live  
no longer die  
as men once died.

That ephemeral occasion  
has met its utter end.  
As seeds cast to the earth,  
we will not perish,  
but like those seeds  
shall rise again—the shroud  
of death itself having been  
burst to tatters  
by love's immensity.



# START *the* PARTY

**VBS July 22-26**  
**5:30-8:30 pm**

We'll have Dinner together every night followed by  
Music, Bible Stories, Crafts, Cooking, Games  
and so much more.

We can't wait to celebrate with you!

Registration is open now through May 27th  
\$25 for 1st child \$20 for each additional sibling  
Cost includes dinner, snacks & VBS shirt



Celebrate the Good News





ABHMS invites you to **Space for Grace & Spiritual Caregivers Conference 2024**, April 9-11, 2024, in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania.

The theme for this national event—**“Engaging Intergenerational Faith, Listen. Learn. Live.”**—speaks to the need in these times for transformational ministry in and beyond the local church and across generations. Its biblical foundation comes from 3 Colossians:

*“Let the message about Christ completely fill your lives, while you use all your wisdom to teach and instruct each other. With thankful hearts, sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.”*—Colossians 3:16 [CEV]

**“Engaging Intergenerational Faith”** will be a rare opportunity for faith leaders to exchange reflections on innovative approaches to nurturing lifelong faith formation and putting faith into action. This cross-generational gathering will enable a rich conversation about divergent interpretations and practices among Christians of all ages, challenges of institutional Christian life, and more effective ways to bring Christ into believers’ lives.

Just like ABHMS’ previous biennial Space for Grace celebrations, **“Engaging Intergenerational Faith, Listen. Learn. Live.”** will provide opportunities to connect with passionate speakers, network with workshop leaders and fellow participants, and offer periods of reflection and repose.

Sessions		
April 9, 2024		
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM		*Being a Church Across Generations
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM		*Tuesday Evening Plenary
April 10, 2024		
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM		*Tips for Self Care in Troubled Times
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM		*Wednesday Evening Plenary
April 11, 2024		
11:00 AM - 12:30 PM		*Simon Says
4:00 PM - 5:30 PM		*Closing Plenary

Rev. Gong will be hosting the watch party at church for these sessions. Everyone is welcome to join the engaging conversation of intergenerational faith formation. If there are any questions regarding the event, please contact her.

### Upcoming Events

March 31	Easter	
	Breakfast	8:00 am
	Egg Hunt	10:00 am
	Church Photo	10:45 am
	Service	11:00 am
April 7	BYF	6:30 pm
April 9	Deacons mtg.	7:00 pm
April 9-11	Space for Grace Online Conference	
May 5	BYF	6:30 pm

### Weekly Events

Saturdays	Pickleball	9:15 am
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Please let Liz know of any activities that should be on our church calendar

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