

First Chinese Baptist Church April 27th, 2025

Welcome and Announcements

Children's Time

"At the Cross" "Better Word"

Tithes & Offerings

Doxology Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; 贊美真神萬福之根 Praise Him, all creatures here below; 世上萬民贊美主恩 Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; 天使天軍贊美主名 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen 贊美聖父聖子聖靈 阿門

"Christ is Risen"

"The Harvest is Plentiful"

"O Come to the Altar"

Benediction

God be with You

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Dr. Gerhard Stuebben

Praise Team

Pastor Steve Thurman

Jack Patton

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He had *compassion* on them, for they were *harassed and helpless*.

Like *sheep* without a *shepherd*.



The harvest is *plentiful*, but the workers are *few*.

Therefore *pray* to the lord of the harvest, that he might send out workers into *his* field.

Hello First Chinese Baptist Church,

My name is Gerhard Stuebben. I was born in San Antonio, Texas and I have lived in Central Texas for most of my life. I am immediately coming from Waco, where I have taught introductory courses on the Bible and history of Christianity at Baylor University for three years. I have been married to Kim Stuebben for the past eight years and we have a three year-old daughter, Rozalia Noël. Roza loves doggies and pretending to be a doggy.

I committed myself to serving God through vocational ministry at sixteen, unsure where that would ultimately lead me. In the years since then I have been preparing for and serving in ministry. I have worked and volunteered in many areas of church ministry, but am especially passionate about working to advance God's Kingdom of justice and peace through domestic and international missions. I believe that we can be equipped for this mission by rooting ourselves in Scripture like trees planted along a riverside, which produce their fruit for the Kingdom in due season.

In my academic life I am a historian of Christianity, having finished my PhD in the discipline of World Christianity in 2023. World Christianity explores those aspects of Christian history typically ignored in Eurocentric retellings of the story. My current primary area of research is the first Christian mission to China, the 景教 (*jingjiao*) church that was planted by missionaries from a Syriac (Aramaic) speaking Central Asian church. The mission was approved by 唐太宗 (*Tang Taizong*) in 638 and was active in China until at least 1006 AD.

My family and I are thrilled to finally be with you in Fresno. I pray that this week you will see the great harvest that God is preparing in the world, and that you would join me in praying that the lord of the harvest would continually send more workers into his field. Grace and peace to y'all from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

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