

Message From Pastor Gary

Greetings, FBC!!!

I Thessalonians 5:18 says, "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."

Key word: ALL. It is God's will for us to give thanks in ALL circumstances. As I reflect over the past few weeks, there is an ABUNDANCE of things for which I am incredibly thankful. Here's a partial list:

- God brought together a full and wonderful pastoral staff just in time for this crisis. Thank you, God, for Aaron, Shih Wei, Adolfo, Sunjay, Carol, Soraya, Maria, Lin, Meiling, Nancy, Minnie and Angus!
- Prior to this crisis, we launched a Church App (<https://tithely.app.link/first-baptist-church-of-flushing>) and a new phone system!
- God has opened our eyes to the wonderful world of technology!
- On Sundays, the Gospel of Jesus Christ is being broadcast far beyond the "walls" of FBC.
- Discipleship groups, Life Groups, Prayer Meetings, Leadership Meetings, Grief Share, Young Adults, Adult Sunday School, Fellowships, and our Youth Group are all meeting through ZOOM and other platforms. In the words of Harry Washington, "ZOOM is awesome!"
- Even though we are not together physically, we can still give to the work of the Lord through our APP and our website (https://tithe.ly/give_new/www/#/tithely/give-one-time/837711).
- The glass for our new building arrived from China before everything closed down!
- The brothers and sisters are one another-ing like never before - caring for one another, praying for one another, encouraging one another, loving one another, and calling one another!
- The pandemic has forced us to strengthen and enlarge our ministry in new and wonderful ways!
- God is showing us that life is fragile and we need to number our days and make the best use of our time.

- God has given us a new and deeper appreciation for the church!
- God has opened many doors to love our neighbors and to share our hope in Christ
- God is reviving His church and rousing a deaf world.

Romans 8:28 is true: And we know that in ALL THINGS God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. In the words of our beloved Trustee Chairman, Alex Chang, “God is paving the road for us.” So be encouraged and give thanks to our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ!!!

We have wonderful worship services planned for this Sunday, March 29. Don’t forget to tune in with your family and to share the Facebook Live link with family and friends in other places.

A. Spanish Service (9:00 AM) “The Purpose of Trials” Psalm 57 Pastor Adolfo Ocampo

Watch Live at www.facebook.com/Primera-Iglesia-Bautista-de-Flushing-NYC-Ministerio-Hispano-103654884345775/

B. Chinese Service (11:00 AM) “Who Shall Separate Us from the Love of Christ?” Rom 8:28-39; 5:6-8

Deacon Hing-Tack Chen Watch Live at www.facebook.com/fbcflushingchinese/

C. English Service (11:00 AM) “Mad man, Bad man, or God-Man” Mark 3:20-30 Pastor Gary Domiano

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Choosing Faith over Fear,

Pastor Gary Domiano

Mark 4:40