



# CCBC EXPRESS

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## WORDS FROM THE PASTOR

*“You shall not hate your fellow countryman in your heart; you may surely reprove your neighbor, but shall not incur sin because of him. You shall not take vengeance, nor bear any grudge against the sons of your people, but you shall love your neighbor as yourself; I am the LORD.” (Leviticus 19:17-18)*

I am sure most of us are greatly disturbed by the ever-growing protests happening in our country. They are triggered by yet another death of a black man caused by policy brutality. However, what we can see is just the tip of the iceberg. What lay underneath are the injustices at many levels over centuries! We surely have different takes on this because of our backgrounds, personalities, and experiences. But as Christians, we need to look to the Bible for pointers and guidelines.

Many mistakenly think that “love your neighbor” is a teaching only in the New Testament. But in fact, it appears also in the Old. Leviticus 19:17-18 is a good example. And I think this text has a timely teaching.

We should not hate others. One way to achieve this is to “reprove”. If someone makes a mistake, or even offended us, yet due to various reasons, we do not address the problem, we may then plant hatred in our hearts. We only delay the problem. This reminds me of Proverbs 27:5, “Better is open rebuke than love that is concealed.”

The text gives us two warning. Firstly, we may risk “incur sin” if we don’t reprove. As Martin Luther King once said, the great problem of our society is not the evil done by bad people, but the silence of the good ones. Secondly, we shall not take vengeance. Vengeance is God’s and He will repay. Human anger will not establish His righteousness.

“I am the LORD” concludes the text. Our LORD loves us with the everlasting love, taking all the offenses against Him. May we manifest His love and trust in His power & final judgement!

Pastor Isaac



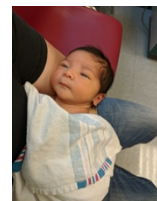
## MEETINGS SCHEDULE

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|------------------------|---|
| Chinese Worship        | 11AM Sunday <a href="https://bit.ly/2y4GI7T">https://bit.ly/2y4GI7T</a> |
| Chinese Bible Study    | 8PM Thursday  |
| Love Fellowship        | 8:30PM Friday   |
| Chinese Prayer Meeting | 9:30PM Wed 515-604-9094 Code 631 509 396                                |
| English Worship        | 1PM Sunday <a href="https://bit.ly/2Ym8BCR">https://bit.ly/2Ym8BCR</a>  |
| English Prayer Meeting | 9PM Tuesday   |
| English Bible Study    | 6PM Thursday  |

Food pantry with ReThink Food: 11AM (Monday thru Friday)

## Special News

*Congratulations to Manveen and Joseph Chiang (son of Ellen and James Chiang) for the birth of their second child. Elijah Aaron Chiang was born on 5/30.*



*In order to better prepare us for the reopening, please complete the questionnaire as soon as possible. Feel free to contact any leader if you have suggestions and questions.*

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## Prayer Items

- ✓ Racial harmony in our country. Pray that Christians can be peace-makers.
- ✓ Protection for NYC as we re-open step by step
- ✓ Hong Kong: Political development, church unity
- ✓ Campus ministries: workers & new modes of ministry
- ✓ Essentials workers including medical, police, postal...etc.
- ✓ Seniors, especially those living alone
- ✓ Preparation for our Annual Congregational Meeting

## 2020 Bible Reading Plan

|     |                 |      |                 |
|-----|-----------------|------|-----------------|
| 6/1 | John 12 : 1-19  | 6/8  | John 16 : 16-33 |
| 6/2 | John 12 : 20-50 | 6/9  | John 17 : 1-26  |
| 6/3 | John 13 : 1-17  | 6/10 | John 18 : 1-23  |
| 6/4 | John 13 : 18-38 | 6/11 | John 18 : 24-40 |
| 6/5 | John 14 : 1-31  | 6/12 | John 19 : 1-22  |
| 6/6 | John 15 : 1-27  | 6/13 | John 19 : 23-42 |
| 6/7 | John 16 : 1-15  | 6/14 | John 20 : 1-31  |

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