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Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace --1 Peter 4:10

Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

I remember when I was invited to my first potluck dinner back in Baptist Chinese Students Fellowship in Norman, Oklahoma. At first I didn't understand what it was all about. I learned that every family had to bring a dish to share with the rest of the guests. It could be any kind of food — from the main course to salads, soup. Joined together, our dishes made for a delicious dinner, and we said that that could be the best Chinese dinner in town—not to mention a wonderful fellowship time.

In today's verses Peter calls us to serve others with whatever gifts we have. In some sense our service is like our contributions to a potluck dinner. Is your specialty favorite Chinese steamed buns? Or perhaps your signature dish is Chinese beef noodle? At a potluck, everyone is encouraged to bring their best. Similarly, when it comes to the ministry of the church, everyone has a special talent. Some are called to preach the Word; others are called to teach or to lead social ministries—or to use their gifts in other ways. By doing all these things, we are extending God's grace "in its various forms." We are also praising our heavenly Father.

What are your gifts? Are you using them for God's glory?

You are cordially invited to a potluck dinner - a gourmet sharing event this Saturday 5:30pm at CCCFW. Bring a dish to share and fellowship with each other (no alcohol please). If you have a favorite recipe, bring it, put them in powerpoint.

Friday (5/19): Our Bible study and fellowship will be skipped due to Saturday event.

Sunday (5/21): The worship starts at 10:45 am. Pastor Lee from Far East Broadcasting Company will give us a sermon and introduce their ministry. Sister Gloria will lead the singspiration. Sisters Ningning & Su Zhang will serve as the usher and brother Dong will be the sermon interpreter. Children can attend the age appropriate programs at the First Assembly of God.

We look forward to seeing you this Saturday and Sunday.

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