

Thursday, May 23, 2013

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Dear Brothers, Sisters and Friends,

This Monday, a severe tornado hit Moore, Oklahoma. As many as 13,000 homes were damaged or destroyed, and 33,000 people have been affected, and 24 people died in this disaster. When disasters like this one happen, people always ask "why?"

In ancient times, Israel faced an unprecedented disaster. Swarms of locusts devoured the land, shredded the trees, consumed the vines, and ravaged the wheat fields. Livestock starved, and famine threatened the people.

In that day, as the prophet Joel received the word of the Lord, he knew this disaster was sent as a punishment of Israelites. They had neglected their worship of God, preferring their own ways to God's way. But that doesn't mean all disasters are direct punishments from God. Some people interpret natural disasters that way today, but that is not faithful to God's Word. Jesus, God's Word in the flesh ([John 1:14](#)), taught that not every tragedy can be traced to personal disobedience (see [Luke 13:5](#); [John 9:1-3](#)). We must remember we live in a world broken because of sin. Sin has corrupted every part of God's good creation, and natural disasters are a result of that corruption.

But the curse of sin—which affects us and all nature—will not last forever ([Romans 8:19-21](#)). God sent his Son, Jesus, to pay the price of human sin, and he saves all who repent and believe in him. As Joel declares, the compassionate, loving God promises to restore and bless us, along with his world!

You're cordially welcomed to join us for the following activities at CCCFW this weekend and our 9th anniversary on June 8 4:30-8pm.

Friday (05/24): The Friday Bible studies will be skipped

Sunday (05/26): The worship starts at 10:45 am. Brother Frank Yang will give us a sermon titled "Invitations to a Barbecue" based on Hebrews 10:1-4. Brother Zesheng will lead the singspiration. Sisters Guanglan and Rong will serve as the usher and sister Christy 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 weekend. Don't forget to have the date of June 8 4:30-8pm on your calendar to join us to celebrate our 9th anniversary.

Chinese Christian Church of Fort Wayne

Room 37A/B at First Assembly of God Christian Center (through gate #15)

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