

After working through logistical details, First Baptist voted to extend an invitation to the Mayflower Church. The Mayflower Church's Sunday worship services started there on Feb.4, 2024 and "ran most of the day", and members shared a meal together. A leader at First Baptist said, "We're not the only church helping. Other congregations have helped provide housing, transportation and food for Mayflower Church families. Members of First Baptist are "humbled" and "inspired" by the courage the Mayflower Church members demonstrated in leaving their homeland to escape religious persecution and practice their faith freely," he noted.

Looking long-term: After they receive work permits, fully settle in the area and become self-sustaining, Christians in the area will help the Chinese church find a permanent place where they can worship. For now, members of First Baptist and of the Mayflower Church acknowledge differences in culture, language and denomination, but they also recognize what unites them. The First Baptist leader pointed to the heavenly vision recorded in Revelation 4 and 5.

"You don't see denominational barriers there," he said.



*Pastor Pan
with his family
in Texas*

At the moment, Mayflower Church members are working hard learning English, securing employment, and watching their children start school.

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Welcome to The Quarry Gospel Church Sunday 14th July

A very warm welcome to worship this morning
Please join us afterwards for some refreshments.

Week Beginning 15.7.24:

Tuesday - 7.30pm

Bible Study (Refreshments 7pm)

(No Friday Prayer Meeting
this week)

Next Sunday:

- 10.00am Prayer Meeting
- 10.30am Morning Worship



This week's Scripture:

Isaiah 26:13 —

"O Lord our God, other lords
besides you have ruled over us,
but we honour only Your name."

Prayer Points for the week ahead:

GIVE THANKS:

- for the fellowship enjoyed by many of us as we travelled by boat from Malpas to Falmouth and back yesterday.

PLEASE PRAY:

- that the love we show to one another would be a witness to God's love;
- that as a fellowship we would be of one heart and mind, that of Christ, as we seek to serve God in this church;
- for those Christians, who, for variety of reasons, do not have access to Christian fellowship, that God would be their strength and comfort.
- Please pray for the work undertaken by Christians in prisons, that they may see fruit for their labours and many would come to know Christ as their Saviour and Lord.

**"Sing to him, sing praises to him;
tell of all his wondrous works!"**

WE FALL DOWN

We lay our crowns
At the feet of Jesus.
The greatness of mercy and love
At the feet of Jesus.
And we cry "Holy, Holy, Holy",
And we cry "Holy, Holy, Holy",
And we cry "Holy, Holy, Holy
Is the Lamb."

COME, NOW IS THE TIME TO WORSHIP.

Come, now is the time to give your heart.
Come, just as you are to worship.
Come, just as you are before your God.
Come.

Come now is the time....(etc.)

One day ev-'ry tongue will confess
You are God.
One day ev-'ry knee will bow.
Still the greatest treasure
remains for those
Who gladly choose You now

Willingly we choose

to surrender our lives.
Willingly our knees will bow.
With all our heart, soul, mind and strength
We gladly choose You now.

Come now is the time....(etc.)

I WILL SING THE WONDROUS STORY

Of the Christ Who died for me;
How He left His home in glory
For the cross of Calvary.
I was lost, but Jesus found me,
Found the sheep that went astray;
Threw His loving arms around me,
Drew me back into His way.

I was bruised, but Jesus healed me,
Faint was I from many a fall;
Sight was gone and fears possessed me,
But He freed me from them all.
Days of darkness still come o'er me;
Sorrow's paths I often tread,
But the Saviour still is with me,
by His hand I'm safely led.

He will keep me 'til the river
Rolls its waters at my feet;
Then He'll bear me safely over,
All my joys in Him complete.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
Of the Christ Who died for me,
Sing it with the saints in glory,
Gathered by the crystal sea.

Reading:
1 Corinthians 11:17-30

PURIFY MY HEART,

Let me be as gold
and precious silver.
Purify my heart,
Let me be as gold, pure gold.

**Refiner's fire,
My heart's one desire
Is to be... holy;
Set apart for You, Lord.
I choose to be... holy;
Set apart for You, my Master,
Ready to do Your will.**

Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from within
And make me holy.
Purify my heart,
Cleanse me from my sin,
deep within.

Refiner's fire,....(etc.)

Reading: 1 Samuel 2:12-26

IT IS TO YOU I GIVE THE GLORY.

It is to You I give the praise.
Because You have done so much for me,
I will magnify Your name.
It is to You, holy Father,
No one else but You,
And I will praise Your name,
Praise Your name,
And I will praise Your name forevermore.

KING OF KINGS, MAJESTY,

God of heaven living in me.
Gentle Saviour, closest Friend,
Strong Deliverer, Beginning and End:
All within me falls at Your throne.

**Your majesty, I can but bow;
I lay my all before You now.
In royal robes I don't deserve,
I live to serve Your majesty.**

Earth and heaven worship You,
Love eternal, faithful and true,
Who bought the nations,
ransomed souls,
Brought this sinner
near to Your throne:
All within me cries out in praise.

Your majesty,....(etc.)

JESUS SHALL TAKE the highest honour
Jesus shall take the highest praise
Let all earth join heaven in exalting
The Name which is above all other names
Let's bow the knee in humble adoration
For at His name every knee must bow
Let every tongue confess
He is Christ, God's only Son
Sovereign Lord, we give You glory now

For all honour and blessing and power
Belongs to You, belongs to You
All honour and blessing and power
Belongs to You, belongs to You
Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God

MAYFLOWER CHURCH UPDATE

Having started their flight from
persecution in China in 2019, on
May 26, 2023, the last remaining
Mayflower family arrived in Dallas,
Texas.

In early autumn 2023, Bob Fu—
founder of Midland-based China
Aid—was travelling with Pastor Pan
as his translator. He learned some
Christians in the Midland-Odessa
area were willing to make available
a 300-acre ranch where many fami-
lies from the Mayflower Church
could live. An Odessa church agreed
to secure housing for the remaining
church members.

After the Mayflower Church
relocated to the Permian Basin soon
after Christmas, Fu and Pastor Pan
began seeking a facility where
members of the relocated church
could worship. So, they contacted
leaders at First Baptist in Midland.
"Our youth centre was not being
used on Sundays," one leader said.
He showed the available space to
some of the Mayflower Church.
"When they saw it, they broke
down and cried. They said they had
never had a building to worship in
before," he recalled. "They had
always been a house church."