



Our Church History

January 2023

CrossLife Community Church (CLCC) was established as a church plant of the First Chinese Baptist Church, Walnut, CA, (FCBCW).

This vision was first conceived by a small group of seven core families sponsored by FCBCW who had a burden to reach out to the lost in the San Gabriel Valley. In January of 2008, Living Water Community Fellowship (LWCF) emerged hosting fellowship events, short talks in homes and Gospel outreaches in the area. Soon they began holding Friday evening worship services at a church building in Monterey Park, with an emphasis on making disciples and reaching the lost in the area, praying that the Lord would bring a pastor to lead and shepherd this flock and allow this ministry to have Sunday worship services.

In May of 2010, the Lord called Pastor Jojo Ma out of Evergreen SGV Church to pastor LWCF. With a passion and vision centered around the life-changing power of the Gospel, CrossLife Community Church was established and planted. Pastor Jojo began shepherding the core families and worshipping together on Friday nights with other attendees.

In October of 2010, the Lord sovereignly and graciously launched CrossLife Community Church worship services on Sunday 10-10-10 at Hugo Reid Elementary School in Arcadia. In the Summer of 2011 God providentially moved CrossLife to our current location at the Lodge in Sierra Madre in the Summer of 2011.

In 2012, Pastor Jojo received his ordination as a minister of the Gospel through our sponsoring church FCBCW. God has graciously chosen to bless CrossLife both spiritually and numerically. We have also grown in our desire to be cross-generational, cross-ethnic, and cross-centered, as believers from various age and ethnic groups have become a part of the life of our church.

At CrossLife, the Word of God is central to all we do. We have completed expositional sermon series from many Old Testament and New Testament books. We have offered various classes on Biblical Manhood and Womanhood, Gospel-centered Marriage and Parenting, Theology, and Apologetics.

God has been gracious also in our Children's Sunday School Ministries -- Crosslings and Crosswalk (infant to 6th grade). We also have seen God's blessing in our Crossway Ministry for junior high / high school ages and our Crossroads Ministry for our college

and young adults. Our Titus 2 Women's Ministry serves and encourages the women of our church, and our Men's Advance Ministry serves and encourages the men of our church.

CrossLife continued to grow over the years, moving forward with the goal of becoming a fully independent biblically ordered local church. By God's grace that goal was realized on October 8, 2017 with the unanimous support of our membership. At the same time, CrossLife adopted a church polity of Elder Governance, and selected four new Elders, bringing the number to six Elders to jointly oversee the church. On October 15, 2017 a second staff Elder and four non-staff Elders were ordained. As of this time we currently have three ordained Elders. Pastor Jojo Ma is our founding staff Elder and primary preaching pastor ("first among equals"), Pastor Alex Chen is a staff Elder, and Pastor Jerry Tom is a non-staff Elder. By God's grace, we will continue to add Elders at CrossLife to shepherd the flock.

In May of 2019 the Elders of CrossLife ordained six men to the office of Deacon. Our six Deacons are: Deacon Ronald Yuan, Deacon Miron Hom, Deacon Brad Young, Deacon Eric Liu, Deacon David Podley, and Deacon Ryan Kwa.

We continue to emphasize the exposition of God's Word, preaching the Gospel, commitment to the local church in formal church membership, discipleship and the building up of one another in the faith. CrossLife desires to be a church where biblical truth is taught and Christian love is experienced.

At CrossLife, we look forward with anticipation, excited about how the Lord will use this church to make disciples of Jesus. Our vision as a local church is to see people of all ages and all ethnicities glorifying our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We are truly together for the Gospel. To God be the glory alone!