



陈祖发在与肺癌顽强抗争 6 年后，于 2024 年 1 月 9 日晚安详离世，终年 58 岁。

祖发于 1965 年 10 月 18 日出生于中国武汉。他是兄弟姐妹中最小的一个，从小受到家人的宠爱。他聪明、有主见，也很执着。从武汉大学毕业两年后，他于 1989 年去了深圳。在那里，他经历了一系列奇迹，最终接受耶稣为主——这在当时的中国非常罕见，也因此改变了他的整个人生轨迹。1995 年，他来到美国留学，并于 2001 年在亚特兰大成功创业。

祖发心地善良、为人祥和、工作勤奋、热爱家庭。他喜欢旅游、摄影和唱歌。他曾在华人教会的唱诗班服事多年，还获得过奖项。几十年来，他一直支持慈善事业，捐款资助儿童研究医院。他热衷于让更多人信主得救，经常在家里举办聚会，分享福音。

随着祖发不断用福音的精髓更新心思意念，特别是在他生命的最后一年，他在主里重新获得了信心和力量，经历了许多神迹，并勇敢地参加了我们教会前往伯利兹的宣教之旅。就连他最亲近的家人也被他身上惊人的转变所震撼。他靠着从主而来的勇气和喜乐与病魔坚强抗争，甚至无畏地面对死亡。他确实打了那美好的仗，跑完了路程，并将信心坚持到底。他的家人、朋友和所有有幸认识他的人都会深深地怀念他。

祖发留下了贤惠的妻子和三个可爱年幼的孩子。因着主的恩典，仅在他去与主同在的两个多月前、他小女儿生日时，祖发极其欣慰喜乐地看着妻子和三个孩子都接受了洗礼，同归主名下。

A
CELEBRATION

OF THE LIFE OF

Zufa (Joseph) Chen

October 18, 1965 – January 9, 2024



11:00 a.m.

January 18, 2024

Cecil B. Day Chapel of Perimeter Church

The LORD [is] my strength and my shield;
My heart trusted in Him, and I am helped;
Therefore my heart greatly rejoices,
And with my song I will praise Him.

Psalm 28:7 (NKJV)

Zufa Chen, 58, passed away peacefully on the night of January 9, 2024, after his tenacious battle with lung cancer for 6 years.

Zufa was born on October 18, 1965 in Wuhan, China. The youngest among his siblings, he was favored by his family since childhood. He was smart, opinionated, and perseverant. A couple of years after graduating from Wuhan University, he went to Shenzhen in 1989. There he encountered a series of miraculous events which eventually led him to accept Jesus as his Lord, which was rare at that time in China, and changed the whole course of his life. In 1995, he came to study in the U.S. and started his successful business in Atlanta in 2001.

Zufa was a kind-hearted, peaceful man who worked hard and loved his family. He enjoyed traveling, photography and singing. He had served in choir in a Chinese church in Atlanta for many years and had even won awards. He supported charity and made donations to children's research hospital for decades. Being passionate to see more people turn to Jesus, he often hosted parties at his home to share the Gospel.

As Zufa continued renewing his mind with the essence of the Gospel, especially during the last year of his life, he gained renewed faith and strength in the Lord, experienced numerous miracles, and bravely joined our church's mission trip to Belize. Even his closest family was struck by the amazing transformation in him. He battled the sickness and even faced death with courage and joy from the Lord. He truly had fought the good fight, finished his race, and kept the faith to the end. He will be dearly missed by his family, friends and all who were blessed to know him.

Zufa is survived by his lovely wife and three beautiful young children, who by the grace of God were all baptized on his youngest daughter's birthday, just two months before he went to be with the Lord.

A Note of Thanks

The Chen family would like to thank each of you for being with us today as we celebrate the life of Zufa. We are comforted and encouraged by your prayers, your attendance, and your kind support. We ask that you continue to pray His mercy, peace and strength for us through this most difficult time.
With our sincere gratitude and appreciation, Jenny.



ORDER OF SERVICE

Prelude	
Welcome and Prayer	Bob Yang
Congregational Song 宝贵十架 (“Precious Cross”)	Gaobin Bao
Congregational Song 靠着耶稣得胜 (“Victory through Jesus”)	Gaobin Bao
Scripture Psalm 27:1-6, 14 (NKJV)	Deborah Yang
Pastoral Message	Manny Rodriguez Deborah Yang, Interpreter
Tributes	Zuxin Chen Zhuwei Yan Deborah Yang
Congregational Song 有一件礼物 (“There is a Gift”)	Deborah Yang
Pastoral Prayer	Manny Rodriguez Deborah Yang, Interpreter
Benediction	Manny Rodriguez Deborah Yang, Interpreter
Family Recessional “Amazing Grace”	