



A Celebration
of the Life of
Tami Fisk

July 11, 1965 to March 4, 2005

• Atlanta, Georgia
Saturday, March 19, 2005 • 2:00 p.m.

Brief Messages

Pastor Tim Welty
Dr. James Hudson Taylor, III (video)

Congregational Song

“O Love That Will Not Let Me Go”

Worship Team

O Love that will not let me go
I rest my weary soul in Thee
I give Thee back the life I owe
That in Thine ocean depths its flow
May richer fuller be.

O Joy that seekest me through pain
I can not close my heart to Thee
I trace the rainbow through the rain
And feel the promise is not vain,
That morn shall tearless be.

O Light that followst all my way,
I yield my flickering torch to thee;
My heart restores its borrowed ray,
That in they sunshine’s blaze its day
May brighter, fairer be.

O Cross that liftest up my head,
I dare not ask to fly from thee;
I lay in dust life’s glory dead,
And from the ground there blossoms red
Life that shall endless be.

Scripture Reading

Psalms 66:8-12; Psalm 49:15

English - Colleen Kraft
Chinese - Li Jin Feng

Benediction and Closing Prayer

Romans 15:13

Bob Culter
English - Dave Sawchuck
Chinese - Wanli Sawchuck

Postlude

“Be Thou Our Vision”

Jackie Swedberg

*Thank you for being with us today.
The family wishes to invite you to join them
for a reception following the service.
Tami’s scrapbooks and albums will be displayed.*

Memorial contributions in honor of Tami Fisk may be made to:

- *MSI Professional Services (formerly Medical Services International, the organization Tami worked with in China). Designate the gift in Tami’s memory and send to: MSI Professional Services 10 W. Dry Creek Circle • Littleton, CO, 80120-4413*
- *Emory University School of Medicine Please note in the memo line “Tami Fisk Global Health Fund” and send to: Mr. Jason Chandler – Emory University School of Medicine 1440 Clifton Road NE - Suite 116 • Atlanta, GA 30322-4510*



Special thanks to:

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- *Michael and Katie Roberts and Ryan Powell for their Video/Audio presentations*

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Reflections From Tami

Tami’s Life Verse:

“ ‘For I know the plans I have for you’, declares the Lord,
‘plans to prosper you (give you Shalom/peace),
and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.’ ”
Jeremiah 29:11

“What type of joy is this? What is this cheerfulness that dares to wink at adversity? What is this bird that sings when it is still dark? What is the source of this peace that defies pain?

“I call it sacred delight. It is sacred because it is not of this life. What is sacred is God’s. And this joy is God’s. It is delight because delight can both satisfy and surprise.

“Delight is Mary watching God sleep in a feed trough. Delight is the look on Andrew’s face at the lunch pail that never came up empty. Delight is a leper seeing a finger where there had been only a nub . . . a (mother) hosting a party with food (originally) made for a funeral . . . a paraplegic doing somersaults.

“Sacred delight (is) what you’d always dreamed but never expected. It is too-good-to-be-true coming true.”

(The Applause of Heaven, Max Lucado)

“Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead myself. Is everything sad going to come untrue?”

(Sam in The Lord of the Rings: The Return of the King, J.R.R. Tolkien)

“I have come home at last! This is my real country! I belong here. This is the land I have been looking for all my life, though I never knew it till now.”

(Jewel the Unicorn on arriving in the Aslan’s country, Heaven, in The Chronicles of Narnia, The Last Battle, C.S. Lewis)

“Most people, if they had really learned to look into their own hearts, would know that they do want, and want acutely, something that cannot be had in this world. There are all sorts of things in this world that offer to give it to you, but they never quite keep their promise . . . If I find in myself a desire which no experience in this world can satisfy, the most probable explanation is that I was made for another world.”
(Mere Christianity, C.S. Lewis)

(On our arrival in heaven): “You’ll see faces waiting for you. You’ll hear your name spoken by those who love you. And . . . the One who would rather die than live without you will remove his pierced hands from his heavenly robe . . . and applaud.”
(The Applause of Heaven, Max Lucado)

Service

Prelude

David Meece

“I’ll Be Waiting for You” from There I Go Again

It’s a dark night, clouds hide the stars, and the moon has lost its shine
But you’re safe, child, where the cold cannot reach, so rest your heart in mine
I will not leave you – I’ll stay by your side, guarding you all through the night

Chorus:

I’ll be waiting for you, when you open your eyes and the light fills the skies
I’ll be waiting for you, when the day’s fresh and new
I’ll be reaching my arms out to you
I’ll be waiting for you

Go to sleep now, dream of bright new horizons and things you’ve never done
Let your heart rise with the wings of an eagle to lands you’ve never known
Leave all your cares and troubles behind, somewhere beyond space and time

You can rest here, there is nothing to fear, angels are watching above you
There is no dragon that I wouldn’t fight to defend you
Leave all your cares and troubles behind, somewhere beyond space and time

I’ll be waiting for you.

Welcome and Opening Prayer

Pastor Scot Sherman

Congregational Song

“Do Not Fear” (Isaiah 43)

When you pass through waters, I will be with you
And the waves will not overcome you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, you are mine.

Chorus:

Men: For I am the Lord your God Women: I am the Lord your God
Men: I am the Lord your God
Unison: I am the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.
Men: For I am the Lord your God Women: I am the Lord your God
Men: I am the Lord your God
Unison: I am the Holy One of Israel, Your Savior.
Men: I am the Lord Women: Do not fear *Repeat*

When you walk through the fire, you’ll not be burned.
And the flames will not consume you.
Do not fear. For I have redeemed you.
I have called you by name, your are mine.

Congregational Song

“The Lord Your God Is With You” (Zephaniah 3:17)

Verse:

The Lord our God is with you, He is
mighty to save;
The Lord will take great delight in you.
He will quiet you with His love.
(Repeat twice)

Chorus:

He will rejoice over you, He will rejoice
over you;
If you could only hear His voice, you
would hear the Lord rejoice,
Rejoicing over you with singing.

Scripture Reading

John 3:16-17

English - Debbie Guger

Chinese - Ma Yu Xian

Scripture Reading

I Corinthians 15: 13, 14, 20

English - Sherri Williams

Chinese - Ma Hin Hui

Response

Scot: Christ is Risen

Congregational response: He is Risen Indeed

Pastor Scot Sherman

Sharing

Sri Nori

Coleen Kraft

Marshall Williams

Nicole Mares (video)

Paula and Greg Helms (audio)

Gao Feng Xiang

“A Heart for China”

(This song will be sung in Chinese by the Emory Chinese Fellowship.)

As waters from many distant mountains join and flow into the same stream,
So we, though separated by continents, join our hearts in one heart for China.
Our hearts beat with the same thoughts and feelings,
And with one heart we work together, enthusiastic for the Good News.
God loves China and loves us deeply too;
From near and far he has gathered our flock together.
Every moment of every day, without ceasing,
The gospel flame burns in our hearts.
With urgent steps we start out on a journey,
With moonlight as our cape and a multitude of stars gleaming above us,
In every home dark with hopelessness, we want to light a new lamp,
And carry Peace to each of China’s peoples.*
We have a sincere heart for China,
So we love China’s peoples, love all our Chinese brothers and sisters, and love
everyone on earth.

* refers to the 56 ethnic peoples of mainland China, including the Han Chinese and 55 culturally distinct minority groups. Tami worked with the Yi minority.