

# CHURCH<sub>update</sub>

## Reflecting and Refocusing

A personal joy studying and preaching through the letters to the Philippians - Pastor Dan

What an amazing gift joy is for anyone living in a sad and hopeless world. If it depended upon our circumstances alone, joy would indeed be such a fleeting thing. But it does not. It depends instead on our relationship with Jesus Christ and the power of the Holy Spirit living in us. The journey of the Christian life is a journey of joy for anyone who will choose to live such a life, and nothing can keep that from us. God promised it.

With Great Joy

APRIL 2017



### Easter

Baptism is what connects believers to Good Friday and to Easter. Christ's death is our death, and His resurrection ours. Celebrating with the ones being baptized.

Because He lives



I can face Tomorrow

## New Staff Report

### Pastor Kai Yuen on Cantonese Congregation Ministry

Since I joined CBC staff in Sept. 2016, we've come to learn that all brothers and sisters of the Cantonese congregation are very supportive and hardworking; I never have to ask twice for help. Currently, we have Sunday attendance of about 100 people in the worship service and 70 people in the Sunday school classes. We have 7 small groups or fellowship groups which meet mostly once a month; several of them do meet twice a month either at church or in members' homes.

### Happenings

- Joint Quarterly Fellowship - to foster fellowship between the smaller communities and those who are not yet a part of any community. First Joint Fellowship for 2017 happened on Jan. 28th, along with the mandarin congregation. With 150 attendance, everyone came hungry and left happy. Our next joined fellowship will be in May, with an outing in Sugar Land Memorial park; A Gospel movie is planned for October.
- Visitation Team - a team of 7 brothers and sisters was formed to visit CBC seniors once a month on Tuesday mornings. The team enjoyed the

visitations and the seniors were comforted.

- Marriage Enrichment Retreat - 8 Couples attended the Marriage Enrichment Retreat in March. We continue to pray these couples will bless the rest of the congregation in many ways through their enriched experiences.
- Visionary Mission Trip - Josephine and I, along with 4 other church members will go to China in July, to collaborate with the missionaries in that region and learn the needs in that particular field, and to learn ways how CBC can join in the effort in reaching the locals for Christ.

### Geraldine on Children & Family Ministry

*"I will instruct you and teach you in the way you should go; I will counsel you with my loving eye on you." - Psalm 32:8*

Riding a whirlwind that landed us at CBC in November 2016, we continued on a fast track as ministry opportunities presented itself to each member of the family. The Lord's calling turned out to be bigger than what we had expected and envisioned... it's God-sized ministry. We can only humbly accept the challenges and lean hard on His grace and provision.

### Absorbing

- Encouraged and inspired by many faithful ones, quietly laboring and carrying on the ministry of CBC kids without any need for recognition.
- Learning the names, faces, relationships, church culture, and complexity of CBC operational structure.
- Praying and seeing the future of Children and Family Ministry that's bigger and brighter, yet much more challenging than what we can imagine.

- Developing the blueprint of Children's Ministry within the context of family; started construction by digging the foundation (you may just see a large hole on the ground); formulating operational structure, preparing leadership, creating suitable ministry space, improving communication channels, asking the



Under Construction

Lord of the harvest to send more workers for the harvest. Our focused mission field is the "4/14 Window," to raise up a new generation to transform the world. (The concept of "4/14 Window" refers to the children and teenagers between the age of 4 to 14, the largest unreached people group.)

### Highlights

With many brothers and sisters sacrificial efforts...

- Created teacher's lounge and resource room.
- Reconstructed Children's Worship and implemented new curriculum.
- Forming Children's Worship teaching and support team...
- Children's Center is under construction!

From one Generation to Another



Cantonese Congregation

# Show & Tell GOSPEL



**Chinese New Year Banquet**

## Local Outreach: Life in Motion

Sharing the love of Christ is a vital part of our own spiritual growth. Out of the abundance we've been given, we are also called to connect and bless our neighbors creatively through our annual Chinese New Year Banquet, weekly ESL program, the new Soccer camp for young kids, and our annual July 4th Picnic.



**VBS Week**

## VBS Week: July 10-14

CBC is gearing up for a large scale, high energy, activity-filled program to impact all participants to discover strength in God. Psalm 34:14b, "Do good! Seek peace and go after it!"

Together, we anticipate God to move in a mighty way to revive our strength in Him for the building up and the expansion of His Kingdom whether we hold babies, play on the floor with toddlers, tell the old, old, story, or cook up a storm to serve the volunteers!

## Mandarin Congregation

CBC is refocusing on her mission to "Connect people to God, Grow together, and Serve the Lord through serving others."

Investing to assist and strengthen our Mandarin speaking leadership and congregation, we are grateful to God for allowing Pastor Jonathan Cheng - a seasoned missionary, experienced pastor, and formal director of TEAM Radio Taiwan - to be their consultant pastor starting in late May. ➡



**Youth in Costa Rica**

## Regional Mission: Youth in Costa Rica

A team of youth spent their Spring Break serving on missions in Costa Rica, serving the nearby community as well as building relationships with the students and families they encountered. The staff team and upperclassmen students also had the opportunity to lead a training for the youth leaders of nearby churches. The team of youth had the opportunity to share the gospel and the resources to the local church to help them further the work that the team was able to accomplish. This idea of global church partnership serves as a picture of CBC's mission to see the Kingdom of God reaching the ends of the earth.



**Men's Easter Breakfast**

## Men's Fellowship

*Proverbs 27:17, "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another."*

CBC Men's Ministry is on a mission to impact men with the love of Jesus Christ, allowing them to live victorious lives which in turn enable them to impact their families, their church and their world.

Brothers in Christ gather periodically in large groups and smaller settings for encouragement and fellowship, for accountability as disciples of Christ, also for joyful service to impact the Kingdom of God

Mandarin speaking fellowship meets on Friday evenings from 6:45pm to 9:30pm in rooms #159 and #163. They start with a shared meal together, followed by praise worship, Bible study, and prayer time.



**Women's Conference in Kiev**

## Global Missions: Ukraine and China

Thank you to the many CBC friends and family who prayed for the recent ministry in Ukraine. Barb was blessed to be part of organizing and speaking at a women's conference, along with Pastor Dan, as part of a team of 5 for a short trip to Kiev, Ukraine in early April. It was a joy for them to be among the 140 women from 8 different cities and churches in Ukraine coming together for a time of worship, fellowship and teaching.

The all-day conference: "living a fulfilled life", included musical worship, testimonies, teaching, lunch, and special gift drawings.

Along with a blessed day, one of our American team members had churches in America donate new beautiful scarves for every lady that attended.

Thank you for the countless prayers that were lifted for the conference and for Barb. God truly answered.



**Mandarin Fellowship**

Pastor Kai Yuen and Josephine will lead a team of 6 for China in mid-July. Not only to share the love of God with the locals through professional skills (dental hygiene as one example) by means of worship, the team may be able to share the gospel at a personal level through such relationship and trust.

The China Mission Team needs your prayer for appropriate preparation and for their detailed planning.