Announcements

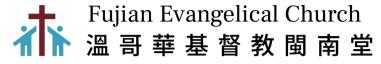
- 1. Welcome & thank you for joining our Sunday Worship Service. We would like to thank Randy Fulton for sharing God's word with us today. Please join us for refreshment in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.
- 2. We would like to thank all the volunteers who were involved in preparing, decorating, setting up/ taking down, teaching, food serving, character acting, kids caring, Audio Visual, media recording, security monitoring, housekeeping and all other works in our 2025 VBS last week. Their faithful hearts, effort and time made this event a success! May the Lord bless a hundred fold. To God be the glory!
- 3. If you know Jesus Christ as your personal Savior and Lord and would like to publicly declare your faith through baptism or public profession of faith (for those baptized as an infant who are at least 12 years old); or if you have been worshiping with us for at least three months and would like to transfer your membership to this church from your former church, this Thanksgiving Sunday (October 12th 2025), you have an opportunity to do so. There will be preparation classes, please contact our pastors or elders o register if you are interested.
- 4. In partnership with ICRC, we want to invite you to join us for our lament worship event called "Intercede"! This will be held in the Sanctuary @ FEC on Saturday, July 19 @ 7:30PM. This event is open to all with youth and young adults being highly encouraged! "Intercede" will be a night for us to come together and pour our hearts out in grief and prayers to God. It will be a time of worship, prayer and reflection so that we may be reminded of God's presence and grace in every aspect in our lives and how we can intercede for others through communal prayer. More information can be found on the posters put up around the church or at the UP Fellowship table in the fellowship hall. Please use the QR code to sign up so that we can provide enough refreshments for everyone at the event! We hope to see you there!
- 5. Reminder to sign up for the FEC annual basketball league, as the last day for sign-ups will be July 20th. You can sign up at the booth in the fellowship hall and admission will be \$30. See you there!
- 6. We would like to thank Victor Newman for his donation of \$10,000 to FEC in memory of his late mother, Rosa Tan's (Tan Kiok Hua) 10th year death anniversary.
- 7. FEC would like to thank Elder Sufi Hung and family for the donation of \$10,000 in memory of her husband Hung Fa.

Prayer Items

- ♣ Give thanks to the Lord for our completed VBS last week.
- Pray for the preparation of our In- House Summer Conference
- ♣ Pray for our pastors, church staff, and Church council for wisdom as they serve the Lord in their capacity.
- ♣ Pray for those with physical and spiritual needs; May they experience the Lord's presence.

Week of: July 14-20, 2025		
14 (Mon)		
15 (Tue)		
16 (Wed)	Prayer Meeting : 8:00pm BREAK	
17 (Thu)		
18 (Fri)	Kairos (Grades 7-12) : BREAK Handbell Choir : BREAK	
19 (Sat)	Children's Choir : BREAK resume Sept. 6 Cherubim Choir : 4:00-5:30pm	
20 (Sun)	Sunday Worship Service : 9:00am & 10:45am CYA Life Group Sunday School : BREAK Children/Youth Sunday School : 10:45am	
To join a small group: Please contact Rebecca Lim (beclim@yahoo.com)		

Attendance Last Sunday		
Chinese 9;00am Service	58	
Chinese 10:45am Service	51	
English 9:00am Service	30	
English 10:45am Service	130	
Children/Youth Sunday School - Teachers/Assistants 10:45am	22 -	





English Worship Service

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Sunday Worship Service July 13th, 2025 (9:00AM) • 10:45AM*

Prelude Hannah

Praise and Worship Praise Team

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Desert Song Multiply Your Love

Congregational Prayer Pastor Bernard Li

(Passing of Peace)

Commissioning of the Thailand STM Team 2025

Pastor Sandy Hung

*2025 VBS Presentation

Video, Kids & Volunteers

*[Students K to Grade 7 dismissed to SS classes Grades 8 to 12 remain in Sanctuary]

Welcome and Announcements Pastor Bernard Li

Scripture Reading Daphne

Matthew 13:1-23

Message Randy Fulton

"The Parable of the Sower and the Kingdom of God"

Response Song Praise Team

Lord I Need You

Tithes and Offering Pastor Bernard Li

We Give Thee But Thine Own

Doxology and Benediction Pastor Bernard Li

Three-Fold Amen

Praise & Worship Team / Musicians Aaron, Adrian, Daphne,

Hannah, Jana, Michael, Michelle

Audio-Visual / Technical Team Nathanael, (Ricardo), *Tony

Ushers for the month (David, Loida) *Pauline, *Peter

Elder on Duty Kenneth Tiu

"The Parable of the Sower and the Kingdom of God"

Matthew 13:1-23

1 That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. 2 Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. 3 Then he told them many things in parables, saying: "A farmer went out to sow his seed. 4 As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. 5 Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. 6 But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. 7 Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. 8 Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. 9 Whoever has ears, let them hear."10 The disciples came to him and asked, "Why do you speak to the people in parables?"11 He replied, "Because the knowledge of the secrets of the kingdom of heaven has been given to you, but not to them. 12 Whoever has will be given more, and they will have an abundance. Whoever does not have, even what they have will be taken from them. 13 This is why I speak to them in parables: "Though seeing, they do not see; though hearing, they do not hear or understand. 14 In them is fulfilled the prophecy of Isaiah: "You will be ever hearing but never understanding; you will be ever seeing but never perceiving. 15 For this people's heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.' 16 But blessed are your eyes because they see, and your ears because they hear. 17 For truly I tell you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see but did not see it, and to hear what you hear but did not hear it. 18 "Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: 19 When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path. 20 The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. 21 But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away. 22 The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful. 23 But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.'

Do you know why we should receive Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior? And how to?

What the Bible says:

GOD LOVES YOU and offer a wonderful plan for your life "For God so love the world that He gave His only Son, that **whosoever believes in Him** shall not perish, but have eternal life" (John 3:16); (Jesus said) "I came that they might have life, and might have it abundantly" (John 10:10)

SIN HAS SEPARATED US from God! "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of GOD" (Romans 3:23); "For the wages of sin is death" (Romans 6:23)

JESUS CHRIST is GOD'S Only PROVISION FOR MAN'S SIN; HE DIED IN YOUR PLACE. "But God demonstrates His own love towards us, in that while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8); HE ROSE FROM THE DEAD. "Christ died for our sins...He was buried...He was raised on the third day, according to the Scriptures...He appeared to Peter, then to the TWELVE. After that He appeared to more than five hundred..." (1 Corinthians 15:3-6);

JESUS is the ONLY WAY to GOD!

"Jesus said to him, 'I am the way the truth and the life; no one comes to the father, but through Me" (John 14:6)

WE MUST INDIVIDUALLY RECEIVE JESUS CHRIST AS SAVIOR AND LORD; then we can know and experience GOD's love and plan for our lives. WE MUST RECEIVE CHRIST "But as many as received Him, to them He gave the right to become children of God, even to those who believe in His name" (John1:12) WE RECEIVE CHRIST THROUGH FAITH "For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Ephesians 2:8,9) WE RECEIVE CHRIST BY PERSONAL INVITATION (Jesus said) "Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him" (Revelation 3:20):

YOU CAN RECEIVE CHRIST RIGHT NOW BY FAITH THROUGH PRAYER.

The following is a suggested prayer: Lord Jesus, I need you. Thank you for dying on the cross for my sins. I open the door of my life and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Thank you for forgiving my sins and giving me eternal life. Take control of the throne of my life and make me the kind of person You want me to be" Amen

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