### **Announcements**

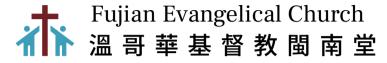
- 1. Welcome & thank you for joining our Sunday Worship Service. We would like to thank Dr. Sean Ho for sharing God's word with us today. Please join us for refreshment in the Fellowship Hall after the worship service.
- 2. Join us on Wednesday as we come together to pray for one another and our church, 8 PM via ZOOM. Please contact Pastor Bernard for the Link. If you have prayer requests for the prayer meeting, please email to bernardli12345@gmail.com
- 3. BSF Young Adults Class is grateful for being able to use FEC as a venue for the past almost 20 years. We are now studying "Exile and Return: A Time to Build." It's about the history of Israel during her exile and the return to rebuild Jerusalem and the Temple with prophetic contents. All young adults are welcome to join from ages 18-35 years old. We also have Men's and Women's groups at the Richmond Baptist Church on Blundell and everyone is welcome to join and can even bring their children to the School program. Both classes start on September 8 (Mondays), 2025 at 7 pm and end on May 11, 2026 at their respective host church.
- 4. Join us Sunday, Sept 7 right after the 10:45 service at the gym for our annual Back to School BBQ. Get 10 items for \$10, a perfect way to kick off the school year. Enjoy the food and connect with your FEC family. Don't miss it. Tickets are now available at the fellowship hall. 5. As part of the action plan after our 2025 Summer Conference, the children's program at the conference would like to solicit your help in a dried /canned goods drive for the food Bank. Please bring pasta/ canned goods /dried ramen etc. and leave it in the sailboat at the Sanctuary foyer till August 24th. Thank you!
- 6. Whether you're serving a floater or jump serve, FEC Open Volleyball is for you. Come join us for fun and fellowship from 2 pm to 4 pm every Sunday for the month of August. You can drop in any Sunday. For inquiries e-mail bernardli12345@gmail.com 7. Come join us for pickle ball on Tuesdays and Saturdays. FEC MEMBERS AND THEIR CHILDREN can sign up by downloading the ReClub app. https://reclub.co/clubs/@fec-pickle-ball. Please use your membership full name and upload a picture so we can properly identify you. Tuesday and Saturday's schedule will be posted on the ReClub app. All levels whether beginners or experienced players
- 8. Pastor Sandy is on vacation till Aug. 29. If you are looking for pastoral assistance, please contact P. Bernard.

are welcome to join.



Week of: August 18 - 24, 2025		
18 (Mon)		
19 (Tue)		
20 (Wed)	Prayer Meeting : 8:00pm	
21 (Thu)		
22 (Fri)	Kairos (Grades 7-12) : BREAK Handbell Choir : BREAK	
23 (Sat)	Children's Choir : BREAK resume Sept. 6 Cherubim Choir : 4:00-5:30pm BREAK	
24 (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	57	
Chinese 10:45am Service	53	
English 9:00am Service	36	
English 10:45am Service	117	
Children/Youth Sunday School - Teachers/Assistants 10:45am	26 13	





English Worship Service

**Order of Service** 

ORDER OF SERVICE Sunday Worship Service August 17th, 2025 (9:00AM) • 10:45AM\*

Prelude

\*Jana, Jhan

(My Jesus I Love Thee)

**Praise and Worship** 

Praise Team

Who You Say I Am God of Wonders Change my Heart O God

**Congregational Prayer** 

Pastor Bernard Li

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

**Welcome and Announcements** 

Pastor Bernard Li

**Scripture Reading** 

Adrian

Romans 9:19-24

Message

Dr. Sean Ho

"Vessels of Mercy"

**Response Song** 

Praise Team

Canvas and Clay

**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, Allen, \*Jana, Jhan, Sophie

**Audio-Visual / Technical Team** 

Nathanael, Ricardo

Ushers for the month

(Ed, Mimi) \*Roby, \*Carl

**Deacon on Duty** Helen Lim

https://vessels.seanho.com/

## Scripture Verses & Notes August 17th, 2025

### "Vessels of Mercy"

Romans 9:19-24

19 One of you will say to me: "Then why does God still blame us? For who is able to resist his will?" 20 But who are you, a human being, to talk back to God? "Shall what is formed say to the one who formed it, 'Why did you make me like this?" 21 Does not the potter have the right to make out of the same lump of clay some pottery for special purposes and some for common use? 22 What if God, although choosing to show his wrath and make his power known, bore with great patience the objects of his wrath—prepared for destruction? 23 What if he did this to make the riches of his glory known to the objects of his mercy, whom he prepared in advance for glory—24 even us, whom he also called, not only from the Jews but also from the Gentiles?

#### **Notes**

1. God's Election: Jacob / Esau (v11–13)

2. God's Justice: Pharaoh (v14-18)

3. God's Mercy: Clay Pot (v19-24)

Q1: Why has God shown mercy to me? Q2: Why does God allow evil to flourish?

Q3: Can I choose my own purpose and destiny?

# 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 <u>SAVIOR AND LORD</u>; 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 <u>THROUGH FAITH</u> "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 <u>PERSONAL INVITATION</u> (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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