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Vision of BCEC

Because God has blessed us, we strive to be a blessing to the Chinatown community, the Chinese-Asian community, and our neighbors, by sharing the love of God and the Gospel of Jesus Christ.

We are compelled by a passion for God and a compassion for people, all for the glory of God.

One Church, Two Campuses

We are the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church community located in two places:

Chinatown Campus
249 Harrison Avenue
Boston, MA 02111

Newton Campus
218 Walnut Street
Newtonville, MA 02460

INTRODUCTION

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Words from Chairs of BOE and BOD

By Pastor Steven Chin and Gary Chu

2011 has been a milestone in the history of the Boston Chinese Evangelical Church. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary and witnessed how God has used our church to advance His kingdom from Boston to the USA and to the ends of the earth. We desire to continue this journey to fulfill the Great Commission by being a church that prepares its members to minister locally and abroad.

The Board of Elders and the Board of Deacons have known for quite a while that we are no longer a small church and realize that we need to do things differently so that we can operate efficiently and minister effectively. We are a different kind of church compared to many mainstream monolingual churches. In fact, we are one church with 2 campuses, 6 congregations, 3 different languages, and at least 4 generations. With this diversity in cultures and ministries and an impending expansion project, we are embarking on a journey of introspection to assess how we operate as a church.

As you may know, the Deacons are responsible for over 2 million dollars in our 4 budgets (general fund, missions fund, charity fund, and expansion fund) and the Elders are responsible for the spiritual direction of 6 congregations. How do we, as a church, steward these responsibilities God has given us? How do we function more effectively and remain united as a church? We are in a transitional period of time and the Deacons and Elders want to meet these challenges to create a church where our pastoral staff and members use the spiritual gifts God has given to minister and advance His kingdom.

Right now, we have more questions than answers. But we ask for your prayers so that God would grant us wisdom, grace, and courage to confront these issues head on because we desire for God to continue to use BCEC so no generations will be lost to the Gospel of Jesus Christ.



Board of Elders (BOE)

Back Row: Elder Kai Yee Hui, Elder Bak Fun Wong, Elder Jack Lee, Elder Chuk Lam Yuen
Front Row: Pastor Enoch Liao, Pastor Thomas Lee, Pastor Steven Chin, Pastor Daniel Chan, Pastor Kenneth Kwong



Board of Deacons (BOD)

Back: Wai Chin Ng, Tierry Tzau, Gary Chu, Peter Sun, Andy Te, Anthony Lai, Moses Lam
Front Row: Scarlett Lam, Anna Fan, Bobo Tang, Lili Mei, Annie Lo, Sandra Chan

Words from the Senior Pastor

By Pastor Steven Chin

This year we celebrated the 50th anniversary of our church. The Lord started the church in 1961 with 18 people meeting in a home. Today, fifty years later, the Lord blessed us to have over 1100 adults attending our church on a typical Sunday in six different services in three different languages and at three different locations.

The theme for our 50th anniversary is “Rejoice, Repent, Rededicate.” Of course, there is much to rejoice about. God has been so faithful in providing for the needs of our church. Whether there is a need for leaders or teachers, or a need of more space, or a need of more financial resources, the Lord has always provided for our needs and above and beyond our needs. We appreciate all the people God has used in the past 50 years for their love and sacrifice to the church. We give thanks for over 1000 people who have been baptized at BCEC. We praise Him for the many people He has called to go into vocational Christian work as ministers, teachers, counselors, and missionaries.

After Easter this past year, the entire church studied, through sermons and small group studies, Jesus’ messages to the seven churches in Revelations 2 and 3. Jesus Christ, the Head of the Church, evaluated these real churches in the first century. Studying what Jesus says to these churches helped us to understand what Jesus expects from our church – what pleases Him and what displeases Him. As we look to be a church that would be pleasing to the Lord, we must consider what is written here seriously and repent of things we are doing wrong or are neglecting to do.

On Sunday night June 10, the church celebrated the 50th anniversary with a banquet, filling the Empire Garden Restaurant with 700 people. While enjoying the delicious food and warm fellowship, the history of our church was reviewed in a slideshow. Musical offerings in different languages were shared. The founders were honored. Pastor Emeritus Jacob Fung and



Esther Tan, Pastor and Mrs. James Tan’s daughter, shared their reflections.

On June 17, the church held a church-wide prayer meeting. We wanted to give thanks to God for His blessings on our church and to pray for the future of our church. It was also a reminder to our congregation of the importance of prayer for our church.

On Sunday, June 19, the church combined all its six services into one joint service to worship the Lord together. Over 1500 people, young and old, worshipped the Lord together using three different languages. Rev. Morley Lee, the General Secretary of Chinese Coordinating Center of World Evangelization, challenged our church to rededicate itself to the Lord using Isaiah 6. It was a great time to renew our commitment to the Lord and to His church.

In addition to the celebrating our 50th anniversary, BCEC was

blessed with continued growth this past year. Though the national trend for church attendance is going down, we rejoice that our church has grown in number from the previous year. The average total attendance at our six worship services was up from 1072 to 1135. The number of people who were baptized was 63, up from 52 the previous year. We hope our people will continue to be bold to share the gospel.

Our leadership is still struggling with being a large and complex church. How do we organize ourselves for future growth? How do we make wise decisions in a timely manner? How do we maintain unity, yet allow for diversity of viewpoints and ways of doing things? Our church needs to constantly evaluate how we do things, so we can continue to grow. Of course, we must never change the message of the gospel, nor change our core beliefs. But we need to pray for wisdom from the Lord to improve our effectiveness in overseeing a church with many different types of people.

In terms of physical expansion, it was evident from last year's Annual Meeting that there are differences of opinion among some of our members regarding strategy. We pray the Lord will continue to help us to maintain our unity and to discern God's will together. We give thanks for people's generous fulfillment of the Expansion Fund pledges, while maintaining their giving to the other funds despite a continually poor economy. We pray the Lord will put us in a position to expand in Chinatown in God's timing, as He opens the door.

In my role as Pastor of the English-speaking ministries, I am glad to report that the overall English ministries are growing in number. The average worship attendance in Chinatown and Newton grew from 375 to 418. The Chinatown English service is now the largest of our six services averaging about 302 people each week. We hope to exceed the capacity of the Quincy Elementary auditorium in the near future as God blesses. We are excited to see Chinese as well as non-Chinese coming to our church. Baptisms in the two English-speaking congregations have grown to 15, up from 7 in the past year. Project Destiny and Project Destiny Autumn to Spring have been instrumental in

helping to introduce Christ to many young people.

As we reviewed our church history this past year we can see the blessings of the Lord despite many difficulties and challenges. Ultimately, it was God's grace that enabled our church to come to this point. So even as we face many challenges as a larger church now, it is the same faithful God that we can rely upon for His grace into the future. The Lord called 18 people to start a church to reach more people with the gospel. Fifty years later, He calls us to continue and expand that work for His glory and honor.



Words from the Associate Pastor

By Pastor Daniel Chan

The theme of the four Chinese congregations for 2011 is "Rediscovering God's Way and Renewing Our Unity." We divided the year into six 2-month units and assigned subtopics to each of them. Specifically, our sermon series were as follows:

January to February: Renewal of faith
March to April: Renewal of love
May to June: The seven churches in Revelation
July to August: Renewal of hope
September to October: Renewal of unity
November to December: Renewal of submission

We hope to help our members to seek spiritual renewal through these topics. Beginning from September, we shall also use a commitment card to encourage members to make commitments and concrete actions in the spiritual disciplines of unity and submission.

We started a Newton Mandarin Bible study group in October 2010. Now it is attended by about 20 adults and an equal number of children and youth. Since we do not have a Mandarin service at Newton campus, only three or four families from this group, who can understand English, come on Sundays. But the Cantonese members have started to sing some Mandarin songs and provided earphone translation during Communion Sundays, as a gesture of welcoming the group. Further plans to establish a Mandarin ministry at Newton campus is still under the drawing board.

We have a fairly stable Chinese pastoral staff. Our six staff members have been serving at BCEC for an average of 10.6 years. They are Pastor Daniel (20 years), Pastor Kenneth (16 years), Dora Lam (11 years), Andy Su (8 years), Vivian Cheung (6 years), and Barry Lam (3 years).

In the past winter, we had two snowy Sundays, which significantly



reduced our attendance. Yet as a whole, attendance at Chinese congregations still reported a net gain. The attendance records are as follows:

Service	The past year (8/1/2010 to 7/31/2011)	The year before
Chinatown Cantonese 2nd	274	297
Chinatown Cantonese 3rd	155	154
Chinatown Mandarin	144	116
Newton Cantonese	144	130
Total	717	697

The Chinese congregation baptized a total of 48 people last year. This compares with 45 people the year before.

Ministerial Staff



Chinese Ministry Staff

Christian Education Director - Vivian Cheung
Assistant Pastor - Kenneth Kwong
Pastor Assistant - Dora Lam
Pastor Assistant - Andy Su
Associate Pastor - Daniel Chan
Pastor Assistant - Barry Lam

(top left to right)



English Ministry Staff

Pastor Assistant - Enoch Liao
Pastor Assistant - Thomas Lee
Children Ministry Director - Lorraine Ho
Senior Pastor - Steven Chin
Adult Ministry Director - Philip Chew

(top left to right)

Support Staff

Newton Support Staff (left to right)
Office Administrator - Frances Lau, English Secretary - Lillian Te
Chinese Secretary - See Yee Morante, Operations Manager - Dennis Chin



Chinatown Support Staff (left to right)
Operations Manager - Dennis Chan, Chinese Secretary - Connie Ho
Office Administrator - Frances Lau, Student Ministries Assistant- Emily Liu

Pastor Emeritus



Pastor Emeritus - Jacob Fung

Baptism

December 5, 2010 Baptism



September 11, 2011 Baptism



April 24, 2011 Baptism

Expansion Committee

By Anthony Lai

Dear brothers and sisters, on behalf of the Expansion Committee, I would like to express our appreciation for your faithful prayer support and your patience towards the slow and long process.

In the past year, there were some personnel changes in the Expansion Committee. In December 2010, Elder Brian resigned as Co-Chairman, and redirected his focus back to the Board of Elders. He would like to spend more time planning the long-term strategy for BCEC. In January 2011, Bobo Tang and Anna Fan joined the Expansion Committee as prayer team co-leaders. Their goal is to help engage and promote the importance of prayer throughout our expansion project. Here is the new committee:



Top right: Bill Mock, Terrance Yip

Back Row: Gerard Fong, Anthony Lai, Jack Lee, James Chan

Front Row: Jason Cheung, Lindsey Chu, Bobo Tang, Anna Fan, Pastor Steven Chu

Co-Chairman:	Anthony Lai (former Vice Chairman)
Co-Chairman:	Pastor Steven Chin
Vice Chairman:	Gerard Fong (former Legal team leader)
Advisor:	Elder Jack Lee
Secretary:	Lindsey Chu
Building:	James Chan
Finance Team:	Terrance Yip
Fundraising:	Bill Mock
Communication:	Jason Cheung
Prayer:	Bobo Tang, Anna Fan

In pursuing the final designation of Parcel A, this year the Expansion Committee focused on the predevelopment feasibility study and preliminary due diligence for our expansion project. Our goal is to validate the information and assumptions we have drawn from the past 10+ years; we will try to identify any significant issues upfront and mitigate potential risk to avoid major surprise after we committed to the development project.

In the beginning of the year, our Building team spent a lot of efforts to research a plethora of construction documentation from the surrounding neighbors. It helped us to perform preliminary environmental assessment and foundation analysis. In late August, we have engaged Cornerstone Advisory Services, LLC to lead us for a four-month long feasibility study. They coordinated all the preliminary due diligence activities such as Title & Zoning review, Geotechnical & Environmental review and Site Survey, etc. All these studies and reports can be used as official supporting documents, which are required by the bank, Boston Redevelopment Authority (BRA) and other agencies when we begin our project. By January 2012, we expect to have a detailed project plan based on all the findings and will share with our congregations.

Financially, we want to thank God for all the generous offerings from our faithful brothers and sisters. As of September, 2011, we received about \$4.4 million since the stewardship campaign began in June 2009. Including the ~\$600,000 savings in the expansion fund, we have a total of ~\$5 million in the fund. In FY 2011, we have received \$1.97 million, and we are about \$4 million from our target \$8.4 million pledges. In the coming year, we are entering into a very important phase of the expansion project. We need to secure enough funding and additional pledges from the second fundraising campaign in order to prepare for tentative construction start date in 2013. This will be one of the focuses for the Expansion Committee in FY 2012.

Besides the due diligence activities, fundraising and preliminary project plan, the Expansion Committee is committed to improve our communication to our congregations. In FY 2012, we will begin to have a bimonthly gathering to create a regular two-way communication among congregations regarding the expansion ministry. More importantly, through this opportunity, we can spend more time to pray together as a family.

Prayer Request:

- Spiritual revival in BCEC, and grant us faith to follow God's lead.
- Brothers and sisters can experience God through participating in the expansion project.
- Unity among brothers and sisters in all six congregations.
- Wisdom for Expansion Committee to lead our efforts to pursue the expansion project.



WORSHIP

Six Congregations

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Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service

By Pastor Daniel Chan

Besides the choir, Cantonese 2nd Service has another unique feature: singspiration before service starts. Most attendees of the



worship service arrive on time. About fifteen minutes before 11 a.m., many of them are already sitting in the sanctuary. Therefore, we

started a hymnody time a while ago. This serves to prepare our hearts to worship, as well as to give us opportunities to learn new songs.

The average age of Cantonese 2nd Service is by far the oldest at BCEC. In the past few years, demand for nursery service has been gradually decreasing. But surprisingly, babies are coming back during last year. We now have to recruit more workers to care for these babies. This is a positive trend. We hope more young families will attend the 2nd Service in the coming years.



Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service

By Pastor Kenneth Kwong

“Come and go in peace” nicely summarizes what is happening in the Third service right now. There are departures and new arrivals.

There is the arrival of new guests who come from diverse backgrounds. Many single young people have come to Boston for short-term training or graduate studies. The number of people who stay in Boston for long-term after their degrees or due to work has decreased, which is probably due to the current economic climate. Guests from other age groups are mostly family or relatives of our existing members. There are also old BCEC members who have returned to Boston after studying or working elsewhere. The Third service welcomes all newcomers and those returning.

There are also many newborns! During the last few years, many young Christian couples got married, and a considerable number of them are now parents. Some of them are even considering a second child already. We praise the Lord that many young Christian couples are taking up the responsibility of rearing children.

Among the congregation, a number of graduates have left us. They followed God’s guidance to pursue their career in different parts of the world, and serve the Lord in a different capacity. Some of them returned to their home country to be with their family, while others went to another place to start a new chapter in their lives. A number of those who left us were very active when they attended our church, and contributed substantially to our fellowship life. They had a deep desire to seek God. We believe their experience in BCEC has grown their spiritual lives. On the other hand, a number of people quietly left the church,



which is very sad. They did not receive the amount of attention and care that they expected, lost interest in church life, or lost faith. None of us wanted to see this happen – but it did happen.

In the current situation where people come and go in such a short time, it is particularly important to evangelize and disciple the young Christians. It is not easy to meet one another. Since God has provided this opportunity for us to meet, we should cherish this temporary encounter to spread the gospel to those who have not heard the gospel before or to disciple the new believers so they can grow in faith. This is the challenge that we currently face. Evangelism needs to be quick and targeted, and discipleship needs to be strong in both quantity and quality. Although the wave of Hong Kong immigrants passed, God is still giving us many opportunities to be in touch with non-believers. This is God's blessing, and also His way of telling us to complete the work he entrusted us. We would like to take this opportunity to thank the brothers and sisters of the Third service for their active participation and service. We hope that they will be revitalized before God, and serve our Lord with renewed energy and dedication. God will give us strength. May God's will and work be done among us!

Cantonese 3rd Service Committee members:
Jeff Lin, Jeff Liu, Brenda Situ, Christine Wong, Pastor Kenneth Kwong



Chinatown English Congregation

By Pastor Enoch Liao

In preparing to write the Annual Report (AR) article, I wonder if people look back at previous AR articles for context or inspiration. I do. What I read makes me shake my head in wonder at God's wonderful plan and providence.

If I could describe God's work this past year in our congregation, it would be "raising up." God has been raising up His people, His ministries, and His glory in our midst.



As I look out on a Sunday morning, or a Friday evening, or visit a Sunday School class or weekday small group, I see amazing men and women who serve faithfully, skillfully, and wholeheartedly. Our church and congregation is blessed to see God raising up brothers and sisters to serve in positions that they may not have previously considered. It's amazing to see faithful people serve in a ministry for an extended period. Many of our department heads

have done just that. But it's also very encouraging to see new people rise up to serve as leaders, teachers, workers, and counselors. If you have taken on new responsibilities this past year, thank you for that! If you have been faithfully serving for multiple years, thank you for being a part of God raising up new volunteers!

God is also raising up new believers from those who have no Christian background. So many of our younger people come from families who are not Christian. Indeed, many of them may be the first in their families to give their lives to Christ.

God also raises up ministries to the next level. Last year was our first year with alignment in all our weekly small group ministries from youth up through college and up to young adult. May God continue to raise up those ministries to serve Christians and non-Christians alike. One ministry in particular stands out: Project Destiny Autumn to Spring. This ministry, formerly called Project Destiny After-School, began in fall 2007. In the first few years PDAS averaged about 5 students per day. But God was teaching us many lessons from those first years. By God's grace, we received some additional funding and got permission from our church leadership to continue this year with some changes. I am grateful to report that PDAS has averaged over 20 students a day, sometimes getting up to 30 students dropping in on a single afternoon. This has contributed to a strong summer for Project Destiny Summer Camp, and over 140 students registered for our annual Summer Teen Conference. This is just one ministry.

I could go on about God raising up and developing further adult small groups, ministry teams, and student conferences. And, of course, our congregation has struggled through trying times amidst health issues, family relationships, and employment situations. Some of our ministries are in the "valley" part of "raising up." Yet I believe God is doing something in our church. I am



excited for what this next year will bring.

Besides raising up His people and His ministries, I believe God is raising up His name and His glory. As BCEC celebrated 50 years of God's faithfulness in Boston and now in Newton, we can affirm with King David when he wrote, "Sing to the LORD, all the earth! Tell of his salvation from day to day. Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" (1 Chronicles 16:23-24 – ESV). That last statement refers to God raising up His name among different cultures and peoples. I am excited to see God using BCEC to not only reach more Chinese, but reach more than Chinese. It's encouraging to see a small, but developing ethnic diverse worship in our Sunday service.

This year was a special year for me personally, as I have completed my tenth year as a part of the BCEC family and pastoral

team. What a privilege it has been! Ten years ago my wife and I left southern California. We moved to a new state, new city, and new coast where we barely knew anyone. Yet in those years, I am grateful to God for allowing me to serve first as the Youth Director, then as the College Minister, and currently as a congregational pastor. I have learned much in my time at BCEC. I also see how far I still need to go. I'm grateful for the grace and patience given to me amidst my numerous shortcomings and mistakes as a person and pastor. As I prepare for my first six-month sabbatical later this year, I am grateful for the capable leadership of the church staff, the wonderful lay leaders, and the dear brothers and sisters in our BCEC church family.



Mandarin Ministry

By Minister Andy Su

God has been really gracious to the Mandarin congregation in the past few years. We experienced a painful exodus of believers to a neighboring church in the past two years. God is strengthening and calling His own sheep in His way and in His time. In the past two years, we also saw that God was sending two major younger generations into the Mandarin congregation – the working class from the restaurant and service industries (ages 25–35) and the professional/graduate students (ages 22–35). This contributed to the growth of the Mandarin congregation from 120 to 150. God is shaping a predominately elderly congregation, now to include young adults from service industries, as well as professional and graduate students.

The first major younger generation of the working class resulted in the forming of Sucai Fellowship on Tuesdays. This fellowship is a mixed age group of young adults, young to mid-aged couples with children and seniors. It's a warm and big family. They have a simple heart to care for, support, and encourage each other to walk with our Heavenly Father. We can foresee that this fellowship will blossom in His timing and outreach to a major community group of the service industry around the Boston neighborhoods.

The second major younger generation of professional and graduate students makes up the Emmanuel Fellowship, which meets on Fridays. God's work of sanctification is at work in this younger generation through the word of God, exhortation and accountability. God is calling this younger generation of professionals and graduate students to build up a culture of support and sharing during fellowship. The many talents of our brothers and sisters, such as vocal and music, caring, teaching, and counseling have

enriched the joyful atmosphere of a loving fellowship. Mentoring and accountability groups also help to cultivate and nurture their relationships with Christ.



We pray that the Sucai and Emmanuel Fellowships will lay the solid foundation to become the leaders for the future of the Mandarin Chinatown congregation.

With the joys of growth, there are also challenges in the body of Christ. We're praying that God will guide us through them. Some of these challenges are as follows:

First is the College Student Ministry: Most came from a spoiled single-child culture from China. These children who come to the US for college lose motivation quickly thus, they barely survive their college years. They are distracted by trivial matters, thus, finding means to escape daily reality. They have a distorted understanding of love and are in great need of it. This makes it



tough to cultivate them into mature Christians. We need God's renewal and wisdom to reach and shepherd the college students from Mainland China to Christ.

Second is Family Ministry: In the past year, Paul Family Fellowship had 5 couples who moved away. Most are intellectuals; thus, it is normal for working families to migrate. We are considering combining intellectuals and other backgrounds to form a family fellowship with more long-term coworkers staying to build up the foundation of family ministry.



Third is Senior Ministry: The senior Berea Fellowship is very devoted to Bible study. They still need to encourage more seniors to devote more time to Bible study, creating the momentum to pass the passion for the Word of God to other seniors.



Fourth is Sunday School: Attendance dropped from 50-60 to 45-50 at this year. We need to train more potential teachers to cultivate the passion to be equipped. We need to encourage more students to learn Biblical foundations.



To serve a diverse congregation, we pray that God will equip coworkers to be flexible, humble, and be effective in applying the

gospel into different cultural backgrounds without losing its core value. We know this is challenging and beyond all of us, and yet God still leads us as unworthy servants to further His Great Commission.



Newton Chinese Service

By Minister Barry Lam

This past year can be best described by the phrase “building up,” as we witnessed how God has been working to build up our team spirit through various ministries and challenges. Even though we desired more people to serve in Sunday prayer meetings, worship teams and the Alpha Course, God still used and molded the congregation. God provided again. The faith that they needed was built up again, as I was also personally encouraged.

We have many things to be thankful for, one of which being the Alpha Course that we mentioned in the Winter 2010-2011 issue of BCEC Connections, our church’s quarterly newsletter. Although this program did not guarantee evangelistic success, it did result in people coming to Christ and getting baptized, which was exciting. However, what was even more satisfying was watching our brothers and sisters share their love and growth in dependence on the Holy Spirit.

With new believers came the challenge of mentoring and shepherding them, a task that was not yet one of the strengths of the Newton Chinese congregation. In order to do well in this area, the leaders and mentors need to be well trained. We are working on improving in the area of leadership training, so that we will grow in the number of believers as well as those who are disciples of Christ.

Another praise item for 2011 was the reorganization of the Children’s Sunday School committee after much prayer. We have a group of brothers and sisters who love the Lord and are enthusiastic in children’s ministry. About one third of the many



well-qualified teachers are brothers, breaking the stereotype that Children's Sunday School teaching is for women. We know that male teachers play an important role in children's spiritual development.

Thank you to all who continually support the church. Your attendance, participation, and love for the church are most encouraging to a pastor. Let us keep working hard together to build up this family of God in Newton. May God bless you!

Newton English Congregation

By Pastor Thomas Lee

Looking back, I see a number of bright spots from God for our congregation in 2010-2011. We were very thankful for our annual fall retreat where our members were able to experience afresh God's love and a glimpse of God's kingdom come down on earth through the ministry of our speaker Mark Fee and his team. Being together worshipping the Lord provided us with a sense of being an outpost of heaven together. We also benefitted from starting the year off with a strong sermon series on Romans, being challenged by the messages from our annual Missions and Social Responsibility Conferences, and being convicted of wanting to do more outreach. As usual, we have also been blessed by the faithfulness of many coworkers.

Our youth had a vibrant year with an expanded group of counselors, examinations into fundamental theological issues, their own music worship team, and ramped up group activities. Once again, we were also able to minister to a local church in Mexico, and witness our youth being on fire for the Lord.

And, of course, we, young and old, were charged up by the excitement of the churchwide 50th-anniversary celebrations.

2010-2011, however, was not without its challenges, which included an ongoing search for a full-time children's and youth ministries director, Pastor Tom's sabbatical, and the departure of some key worship leaders. Yet, we take these as lessons for us to deepen our dependence on God.

As we move ahead, my sense is God is calling us to deepen our dependence on Him, His grace, and His power in the midst of our weaknesses. God says, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in (your) weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9 – ESV).

Deepening our treasuring of Christ, who is our true treasure, in our jars of clay in order to show the surpassing power belongs to God and not to us. We may be “afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair; persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be manifested in our bodies.” (2 Corinthians 4:8-10 – ESV) “For the sake of Christ, then I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.” (2 Corinthians 12:10 – ESV)

I pray that we will deepen our dependence upon His presence, His grace, and His power in four areas: deeper intimacy of worship

(personal and corporate), deeper discipleship (radical simplicity, obedience, and Bible intake), deeper fellowship (in and beyond small groups & family), deeper ambassadorship (loving & reaching out to friends, colleagues, and community). I pray that we realize that this is done not by our own human power, or human might, but by the power of the Holy Spirit of God, and that His Kingdom would come and that His will be done on earth and in our hearts, homes, and communities as it is in heaven. In Mexico, our youth learned that abiding in Christ means the following: “Practicing His Presence, Constantly Connected, Desperately Dependent, and Moment by Moment.” I pray this is what “Deeper Dependence” will mean to each of us this coming year.



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English Ministry by Life Stage

Chinatown Ministries

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(Junior and Senior High)

New Community Adult Fellowship

Children's Ministry

We recognize the importance of reaching children, as they are the future leaders of the church and the world. Our volunteers work hard to instruct and inspire the children and rely on the Spirit to work in their hearts and the message of Jesus to have lasting impact in their lives. We have abundant opportunities to plant seeds, lead them to Christ, nurture and disciple them into His likeness.

We are thankful for the dedicated volunteers who served this past year. We are especially thankful for the faithfulness and consistent service of some volunteers for decades. They are the backbone of the ministry. As we look forward, we desire to raise up a new generation of teachers and volunteers to meet the demands of our existing church family and reach out to the constant flow of immigrants and beyond.

Nursery in Chinatown

We strive to provide a safe and nurturing environment for infants and toddlers so their parents can focus on worshipping God in the adult service. On an average Sunday, we serve over a dozen newborns to two year olds in four nurseries for families worshipping in the English, Mandarin, and two Cantonese services in two locations. The church is experiencing a baby boom and expecting the number of babies to increase in all the nurseries.

Chinatown Kids Worship (9:15 a.m.-10:30 a.m.)

The Kids Worship team nurtures the faith of children ages two to fifth grade by leading them to know and worship God. Through praise songs, prayer, scripture reading, sermon messages, puppet story times, crafts, and games, children learn Biblical stories, as well as the importance of worship, praying, serving, and giving. Our hope is to prepare them for the adult English worship service after they graduate from 5th grade.

In the elementary division, we journeyed through the Bible chronologically from Genesis, Exodus, through the tumultuous period of the kings, exile, the coming of the Messiah, early church history, and the Fruit of the Spirit.

Although recruiting new teachers from the Cantonese services continues to be challenging, we thank God for providing personnel for the Kids Worship ministry. Our average attendance was forty-five in the preschool and elementary divisions this past year.

Chinatown Children's Sunday School (11:00 a.m.-12:30 p.m.)

The Sunday School department strives to be a welcoming place for children to know God's Word, apply His teachings, and learn to live out their faith. Children, grouped by their grades, are disciplined by loving teachers and assistants from the English service.

This summer, Jesus' parables came alive through fun skits performed by volunteers from the English college and adult ministries. The focus of each parable is brought out through summaries, discussions, games, and activities. The average attendance is 110 in preschool and elementary divisions.

Other Children's Ministry events and programs this year:

- Sunday School children brought joy and the great messages of Christmas and Easter to the elderly at South Cove Nursing Home;
- 50th Anniversary Service children's choir;
- Missions Conference Children's program with emphasis on the Philippines with our missionaries David and Norma Nhan as our special guest speakers.

The Volunteers:

Nursery Coordinators:

Winnie Wong (9:15 a.m., JQES),
Qiaoling Zheng (9:15 a.m., 249 Harrison),
Bet Har Chan (11:00 a.m., 249 Harrison)
Wendy Yee (11:15 a.m., JQES)

JQES Nursery Setup/Cleanup:

Jason Chu, Virginia Chin, Sandy Moy, Terry Szeto



Nursery volunteers and toy cleaners:

Bet Har Chan, Regina Chang, Mei Kun Cheung, Lily Chow, Virginia Chin, Rita Fong, Wai Fong Lai, Wanda Lam, Chiu Ngor Lee, Lisa Li, Meng Li, Noel Li, Karen Liao, Xiu Lin, Pearl Lui, Sandy Moy, Alice Ng, Amabel Ng, Grace Ng, Wai Oi Ng, Winnie Ng, Alan Situ, Stella Situ, Glory Song, Jing Wang, Lois Wang, Eva Wong, King Sang Wong, Winnie Wong, Chuck Yee, Jeremy Yeung, Joanna Yi, Tsu-Pu Zhao, Meiyong Zheng, Qiaoling Zheng

Mandarin Nursery helper's English names:

Meng Li	Jing Wang
Lisa Li	Tsu-Pu Zhao
Glory Song	Qiaoling Zheng
Lois Wang	Meiyong Zheng

Kids Worship Committee:

Lorraine Ho, Esther Lee, Lee Ho, Angela Yuen, Wanda Lam

Teachers:

Ally Chan, Pauline Chui, Christine Diep, Stella Goon, Connie Ho, Lee Ho, Lorraine Ho, Ming Ho, Anna Huang, Karen Hui, Wanda Lam, Caroline Lee, Esther Lee, Lindsay Lo, Linda Loo, Lana Liu, Julia Lui, Joanne Ma, Suki Mok, Lesi Song, Pik Ting Szeto, Emily Weng, Angela Yuen

AV Setup Crew:

Kam Ho Lau, Bosco Ngan, Sam Su

Children Sunday School Preschool Division

Department Head: Mei Ching Ng

Teachers, assistants, and singspiration leaders:

Rani Chan, Faye Chin, Stella Fong, Peggy Ho, Kathryn Hui, Nancy Kho, Karen Lam, Dorcas Lee, Poi Wah Lee, Pui Ching Lee, Stevie Lee, Amabel Ng, Mei Ching Ng, Vicky Sin, Michael Veno, Karen Wong, Yony Wong, Vivian Yee

Children Sunday School Elementary Division

Department Head: Angela Tse

Teachers, assistants, and singspiration leaders during the school

year: Connie Chu, Adrian Hebard, Priscilla Kwong, Allen Lau, Frances Lau, Jack Lee, Dominique Lieu, Tony Ng, Sam Ng, Mable Su, Annie Tran, Jim Wong, Siu Yu, Susanna Yu, Helen Yung

Audio Visual setup crew:

Rich Su, Charles Yee, Siu Yu

Summer teachers, assistants and singspiration leader:

Henry Choy, Connie Chu, Adrian Hebard, Lynn Hsu, Jared Lui, Sam Ng, Annie Tran, Angela Tse, Joanna Yi, Ivan Yu



Teens With a Reason - TWR (Junior High)

Average attendance: 40

Life stage: English-speaking youth in Grades 6-8

Purpose: "The mission of BCEC Youth Ministry is to glorify God by ministering to teens: for teens to worship God, to edify teens into fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ, to outreach to those who are lost and do not know Jesus."

TWR met regularly on Friday evenings for worship, games, sermon, and small group discussions. Although we are still without a Youth Director, God has continued to provide for the teaching of His Word through church staff and lay teachers. This year, TWR heard sermons on Hell, a series called Your Life Matters to God, and a series about Different Kings in the Bible.

We have been blessed to see many new students come on Fridays. We have students brought by their parents, students from Project Destiny, and more recently from the after-school ministry PDAS.

Other activities included small group and large group activities such as hiking, candlepin bowling, sleepover, and a picnic at Maudslay State Park in Newburyport, MA. We also had our first ever Winter Teen Conference for only middle schoolers.

Parents and students can check the TWR blog for updates at: <http://bcec-twr.blogspot.com>.

Thank you for your continued prayers and support of this ministry.



Teen Fellowship (Senior High)

Average attendance: 60

Life stage: English-speaking youth in Grades 9-12

Purpose: "The mission of BCEC Youth Ministry is to glorify God by ministering to teens: for teens to worship God, to edify teens into fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ, to outreach to those who are lost and do not know Jesus."

In retrospect, God has grown Teen Fellowship in incredible ways over this past academic year. It has been a year of transition, particularly with Teen counselors. Since the last annual report, after faithful service, five teen counselors felt God calling them on and blessedly, over the same period three new counselors joined Teen Fellowship. God has transitioned traditional programming elements as well. Annually, Teens attend two retreats – Winter and Summer Teen Conference (WTC/STC). This past year, WTC transitioned from a combined, single middle school/high school conference into two conferences, one targeted specifically at students in high school and the other at students in middle school.

Through these changes, Christ has remained the foundation of the fellowship and attendance has grown. At a recent outreach event, over eighty teens attended, up from sixty on a typical Friday night. Teens went through three sermon series: a series titled Your Whole Life Matters to God, a series on Hell, and a series on Kings.

Please continue to pray for the fellowship, that counselors continue to grow in love for the Lord and that students continue to be stretched in their understanding of Him.



English Youth Sunday School

Average attendance: 60

Life stages: Ages 11-18

Purpose: "To teach and equip BCEC youth with Biblical truths and increase their faith in Christ."

Youth Sunday School had another joyous and meaningful year. For the first time starting in January 2011, the four Youth Sunday School teachers decided to use the FaithWeaver curriculum to maintain consistency among the four classes. To grow closer to Christ and discern His will, some of our youth have taken on the challenge of using ACTS in their daily prayers to God. We are also encouraged to see several of our youth strive to fulfill the Great Commission by sacrificing part of their summers to be short-term missionaries, as well as serving the children in our church's annual Vacation Bible School.

Moreover, we would like to express our appreciation for Susan Yee's many years of faithful and dedicated service to this ministry as both the department head and one of the Sunday School teachers. Susan is taking a well-deserved break from serving, and Joshua Chin began serving as the new department head in September 2011.

The following is our ministry's core staff: Joshua Chin, Nancy Chin, Susan Yee, Moses Lam, and Gerard Fong (fall quarter only). Let us unite to equip and support our youth in putting Christ first in their lives.



Trellis & Twigs (College Ministry)

Average attendance of Trellis is around 50-60 folks.

Short purpose statement of college ministry:

The mission of BCEC College Ministry is to glorify God by ministering to college-aged young adults: for them to worship God, to edify them into fully devoted disciples of Jesus Christ, to outreach to those who are lost and do not know Jesus.

Looking back, it's been a busy year! By God's grace, we've been able to expand our mid-week small groups (TWIGS) to five different campuses this year, adding a presence at Wellesley and Harvard while continuing to serve college students in the Fenway, Boston University, and Tufts areas. Our college retreat this past winter focused on areas of particular interest for most college folk--our theme was "Calling, Career, Companionship and Christ". Our "guest" speaker, Pastor Enoch Liao, spoke on how we can pursue our life's calling, our innate desire for meaningful and satisfying work, and our desire for companionship in view of Christ's sacrifice on the cross.

Meanwhile, in Sunday School (Trellis), we've been studying a number of books, starting last fall with Packer's Knowing God, followed by Bonhoeffer's Life Together and currently, C.S. Lewis' Screwtape Letters.

While each specific ministry has had its share of challenges, I'm always amazed at the ways God has been blessing both the students and post-graduate College Staff in terms of friendship, fellowship, and individual growth through God's Word. Please continue praying for us as Calvin Chu begins his second full year as lead counselor and as we explore the vision for College Ministry for the coming year.



CrossRoad Adult Fellowship

CrossRoad's Purpose Statement: Engage Proclaim

Big changes happened this year in CrossRoad. We went from a gathering of weekly small group Bible studies that all met on Wednesday nights at church to multiple small groups that met on different nights of the week in different places around the metro-Boston area. We transitioned to this format to make our small groups more accessible to the young adults of the English congregation. This way there was bound to be a small group meeting at a time or location that they could attend. Even with this big change in format we continued to have about seventy people attend the various small groups.

The highlights of the year have been when all the groups have gotten together for events like our annual Thanksgiving Potluck, Chinese New Year Hot Pot, and Memorial Day Softball BBQ. Other

highlights include celebrating a member's baptism, wedding, birth of a child, and other life events.

Please continue to pray for the small groups that they would become more established in the coming year, that we would raise up more leaders to form more groups, and that these small groups would be places of personal evangelism and corporate discipleship.

Chinatown English Family Ministry

This past year the Chinatown English Family Fellowship changed its format from a monthly meeting to occasional events during the year as a transitional stage to developing a format that better fits our families.



Newton English Nursery

Team Members: Bob Lee, Lily Yu, Victoria Wong, Alison Yen

On Sundays, from 9:15-10:30 a.m., the Newton English Nursery cares for children up to age 2. Praise the Lord for our dedicated helpers who faithfully serve every week! On any given Sunday, we have about 8-9 children. They enjoy playing together; their favorite activities being the “play kitchen” and the “play toolbench.” We also read books and listen to Bible songs. Over the year, we enjoyed watching the children grow, as they learned to talk and their personalities emerged. It reminds us of God’s faithful hand upon these precious children. Our numbers continue to increase as new babies are born and new families come to BCEC. As we look ahead another year, we would love to have more nursery helpers- baptized believers with a heart to serve BCEC’s youngest members and their parents are welcome to apply.



Newton Junior Worship

Average attendance: 50-60 (combined preschool and elementary)
Life stage: Ages 2-12 (Preschool – Grade 6)

This past year, the Preschool (ages 2 through kindergarten) class has doubled in number: averaged about 25-30 kids and the Elementary class (Grades 1-6) averaged about the same. We are thankful for another great year of ministry in Junior Worship. This year, we started a new curriculum called Kids Own Worship (KOW). KOW teaches simple Biblical principles through different activities. The children enjoyed worshipping God with their hands and other body language. They gave body worship musical offerings to God during Mother’s Day at Newton Campus and the 50th-anniversary celebration at Chinatown. It was a joy to see them worshipping God with their voices and bodily expressions.



In addition, our children learned how to care and give to the needy world. In December, we collected special offerings for Gifts of Hope. One girl donated all the money in her piggy bank: \$264.70! What sacrificial giving to bring hope to others!

She (and many others) have learned well what it means to be “little Christ” to the world.

This summer, David and Norma Ngan did most of the teaching so the regular staff could take a break. As we will lose two key staff members this next year, including our coordinator, please pray that God will provide enough workers for Junior Worship and fill the staff position for a Newton Children/Youth Minister. Lastly, pray that God will continue to refresh and renew us, as we serve Him in bringing His love to these children.

Together In One Bucket (TIOB)

Average attendance: 40

Life stage: Ages 11-18

Purpose: The two tenets of TIOB: "To love God and to love our neighbors."

At the beginning of each year, we try to assess what would help our students know and grow closer to God more. We concluded that while most of our students have grown up at church and know many Bible stories, we should now help them put everything together into an organized systematic theological framework. For 2010-2011, we explored topics such as the inerrancy of the Bible, the divinity of Jesus, the power of the Holy Spirit, the existence of angels and demons, the different views of creation, and the end times. To balance these times together, we dedicated Sundays for small group events and large group activities. We even divided TIOB into four different color teams and competed through these teams in field events, dumpling making, and pumpkin and fruit carving contests. These events fostered deeper fellowship among the students across the different grades. This year we also had a regular student music worship team, who were even called to lead worship at the English service at Newton!

Looking ahead, our counselors (John de Jesus, Cindy Lam, Vince Lau, Rachel Lee, and Andy Te) rejoice in how God has blessed this ministry and are dedicated to finding innovative ways to shepherd our students' spiritual growth.

New Community Adult Fellowship

Average attendance: 12-15

Purpose: "Adult Fellowship seeks to provide a format and venue for congregants to get to know each other more through interactive, thought-provoking topics and discussions."

This past year, the Adult Fellowship at New Community met twice a month on the first and third Friday evenings. Our theme for the first half of the year was "Walking by Faith" (different topics were chosen for the second half of the year). We were excited and happy to see some new attendees be able to become more plugged into the church as a result of the fellowship on Friday nights.

[Pictures are from our Hot Pot Night on March 4, 2011.]



Newton Children's Sunday School

Average attendance: 50-60

Life stage: Ages 2-11

Curriculum used: David C. Cook for all Children's Sunday School classes

Praise the Lord! The Newton Children's Sunday School (CSS) Committee was formed in 2011 to serve the 80 children we have at the Newton campus. The CSS committee includes Macrin Tai, Eurica Lee, Judy Lee, Kitty Lok, and Peter Kwok. The number of children is about the same as last year, and we observed an increase in Mandarin-speaking children joining CSS in 2011.

Children's Sunday School had a graduation ceremony on May 29th with about 50 students attending, and we also had a graduation party afterwards. Congratulation to the 6th-graders who will be moving to TIOB (Together In One Bucket) in the fall!

We give sincere thanks to Judy Chang, David Chang, Louisa Poon, Kitty Lok, Tierry Tzau, Tony Ip, Macrin Tai, Mandy Yu, Gary Lee, and Martin Chiu for being wonderful teachers this past year; we also give sincere thanks to Agnes Man, Czarina Tse, Alison Tse, Ellyses Kuan, Renee Wong, Alice Lau, Susanna Tzau, Teresa Yu, Judy Lee, Eurica Lee, John Lee, Anthony Tse, John Chow, Bernie Guen, Yim Guen, Lucia Cheung, Catherine Tsui, Ronnie Liu, Chris Lok, Sharon Yip, and Amy Mak for being wonderful teachers and helpers this summer.

(Pictures from top left to right)

Newton Children SS PS2

Newton Children SS PS3-4

Newton Children SS K1

Newton Children SS Grade 2-3

Newton Children SS Grade 4-5

Newton Children SS Grade 6



EDIFICATION AND FELLOWSHIP

Chinese Ministry by Life Stage

Chinatown Ministries

Joshua Youth Fellowship - JYF
(Junior and Senior High)

Joshua 2 Fellowship - J2
(Cantonese College)

Joshua 1 Fellowship - J1

Ruth Fellowship (Women)

Elim Fellowship (Family)

Joshua Couple Fellowship

Song of Songs Fellowship (Couples)

Chinese Women's Fellowship

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Newton Ministries

Daniel Fellowship for Adults

Newton Adult Sunday School

Peter Fellowship (Men)

Enoch Fellowship (Seniors)



Joshua Youth Fellowship (JYF)

Average attendance: 20

Life stage: We welcome all youth who understand Cantonese to attend.

Activities: Singspiration, games, field trips, workshops, Bible study, discipleship, etc.

Motto of JYF: "Let no one despise you for your youth, but set the believers an example in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith, in purity." (1 Timothy 4:12 — ESV)

Some JYF members are immigrants from Guangzhou or Hong Kong, some are second-generation immigrants who understand Cantonese, and some are international students whose parents live in Hong Kong.

This year, the theme of our Spring Camp was "Jesus' Friends." In her message, Minister Vivian Cheung used Proverbs 16:25 to help us understand that having the Lord in our lives and walking with Him are the only ways to experience God's grace. Otherwise, what we think is the right way could end up as a way to death.

The JYF ministry emphasizes discipleship, which demands committed involvement from the counselors, such as meeting with the youths for training every week. Even though a lot of effort has to be put into this ministry, the rewards from the Lord are even bigger. By the grace of God, we have witnessed different JYF members being baptized in the past year! Now, our Bible study is on the Sermon on the Mount. The fellowship is presently in need of counselors, and we would appreciate if brothers and sisters can pray for us.

JYF counselors and assistants: Heidi Deng, Chak Him Chow, Kam Ho Lau, Chun Wing Tse, Pastor Kenneth Kwong



Joshua 2 Fellowship (J2)

Average attendance: 30-35

Life stage: Ages 18-24

Theme: "Jesus So Fun"

As a way to make our fellowship friendly and welcoming, Joshua 2 Fellowship started the year with opportunities for members to get to know themselves and each other through learning about human interactions and how people show and accept love and care.

Being true to the theme, some of our meetings were quite lighthearted. Besides the standard Bible studies, group discussions and workshops, we had games and barbeques and



went on a ski trip, a mini winter conference, and a bicycling activity. We also took part in a homeless shelter service project and the Boston AIDS Africa community service event. It was our hope that in addition to studying God's Word, brothers and sisters in Christ may experience the joy of teamwork and recreation. Since this was also the year of BCEC's 50th anniversary, we actively participated in the celebrations and events organized by the church, such as the 50th anniversary banquet, the Praise & Prayer Night, the joint outdoor worship service, and the Cantonese joint retreat.

With a year of learning behind us, we anticipate that the sweetness of fellowship and the joys of the Christian life will continue into the next year!

Committee Members: Alex Chen, Jason Yung, Kam Ho Lau, Karen Man, Kenneth To, Terry Szeto



Joshua 1 Fellowship (J1)

Average attendance: 35-40 people
Life stage: Singles between 24-40

This year, the theme of Joshua 1 Fellowship is "Trust and Obedience." We learned to live according to God's will by understanding the reasons, principles, standards and consequences of obedience, as well as how to obey God under different circumstances. To arouse the interests of members and inspire their thinking, we had many programs including panel discussion, games, skits, regular Bible studies, small groups, and workshops. In the program "Amazing Journey," we were able to feel for what God had to face, and at the same time, learn to pray about aspects of our daily lives.

In the program "Choose to be blessed," we performed a skit to allow us to put ourselves in the main character's shoes and try to make decisions in response to God's will. Through sharing our struggles, we learned more about the obstacles we encounter in obeying God.

Now, not only do we understand that obedience is about our actions, but we also understand the importance of following Him in our hearts and minds, and let Him be the Lord of our life. This year we memorized, "Trust and obey, for there's no other way. To be happy in Jesus, but to trust and obey."

Joshua 1 Committee members:

Chairperson : Andre Kwong
Vice Chairperson/Spiritual : Heidi Deng
Treasurer : Karen Lo
Small Group Coordinator: Brenda Situ
General Manager: Suki Mok



Ruth Fellowship

Average attendance: 45

Life stage: Ladies from 35-60 years old are welcome.

Purpose: Our programs include Bible studies, seminars, sharing, outings, and workshops, which help us to understand God's Word and know one another better.

Highlight of last year was the celebration of our 10th anniversary of the Fellowship in October. The Fellowship was started by five sisters from the Mothers' Group under the leadership of Peggy Chow. During the celebration, a delicious dinner was provided by our sisters with love. We also had a slideshow, and we reminisced on our past ten years, our joys and tears in serving God together, with one heart and support for one another. On top of all these, we had the exhortation and encouragement from Pastor Daniel. Each one of us experienced the abundant grace of God once more.

Counselor: Dora Lam

Chairperson: Ai-Ping Lieu

Vice Chairperson (Spiritual Affairs/Accountant): Cora Chong

General Affairs (Secretary): Stella Goon

Caring (Treasurer): Mei-Yin Lo

Caring: Jennifer Lo



Elim Fellowship

Average attendance: 50

Life stage: Newly weds and first-time parents

Theme: Evaluate Christians' principles through studying the book of Samuel

Praise the Lord! More new couples joined our fellowship in recent years. We have a good turnout in each gathering; one-third of our members are children and babies.



Therefore, the committee decided to change the fellowship time. Each cell group is picking up the babysitting service for each month. Carmen Kwong, wife of Pastor Kwong, prepared crafts and programs, so that the kids can learn about the Bible at an early age.



Joshua Couples Fellowship (JCF)

Average Attendance: 35-45

Age group: JCF is open to Cantonese-speaking married couples between ages 30-60.

Our Purposes: Support for practicing Christian values through genuine sharing/reminders/ encouragement; further Biblical understanding and spiritual growth; contribute to overall BCEC vitality by providing "a home within home" to church families with similar profiles.

Thank God for his continued guidance and provision. This year's committee has seven members – all new members with one returning member.

Last year, we asked people to provide ideas in order to help program planning. The majority responded with more Bible studies and increased sharing among fellowship families. With these goals in mind, we had the following activities this year:

- Invite one or two families to introduce themselves in our monthly meeting;
- Families to share thankful experience;
- A potluck dinner;
- A series of workshops on resolving pitfalls when communicating to spouse;
- Break-out sessions where couples can practice the skills learned in workshops;
- Bible studies based on sermon series, the Book of Revelation.

We welcomed six new families during the year. Praise God for bringing these "new blood" to JCF.

Committee members: Billy Fu, Sunny Leung, Christina Lee, Gary Lee, Siu Kin Chan, Nancy Tran, Brain Tong



Song of Songs Fellowship (Couples)

Average attendance: 63

Life stage: We welcome middle-aged Christian couples to attend

Purpose: "To promote Christian relationship of couples and Christian family life. Through monthly meetings and activities, SOS Couple Fellowship provides means and opportunities for middle-aged Christian couples to build good relationships and to share the Lord's blessings."

In February, we had a special monthly meeting in which Rev. Daniel Chan conducted a renewal of a marriage vow and a lifelong commitment ceremony for 26 couples. The ceremony consisted of prayer, hymn singing, an encouragement from the pastor, and a slideshow of fond memories. Including family members, a total of 80 people attended this special occasion. After the ceremony, we enjoyed a banquet dinner at our favorite restaurant. Our members are now looking forward to the picnic in September, Thanksgiving sharing in November, and Christmas party in December.

Chaplain: Rev. Daniel Chan

Chairperson: Su Yu & Fook Po Ko

Vice Chairperson and Bookkeeper: Nelson & Teresa Wong

Secretary and Treasurer: Michael & Emily Lam

Activities Coordinator: Eric & Mei Mei Cheng



Chinatown Women's Fellowship

Average attendance: 110

Age group: 40-95

Purpose: Our fellowship aims to promote mutual caring, love, and service, with an emphasis on the application of God's Word in all areas of our lives.

Praise the Lord for leading us to enter the 50th year of our church! The Women's Fellowship has been following the overall theme of the church for this year, which is "Return to God's Word, Revive, and Reunite." We have invited our pastors, elders, and other Christian experts to give us spiritual nourishment, as well as speak on topics related to physical and mental health. We also enjoyed presenting a lively Christmas play, watching a movie, and having a fun day of recreation. Through these talks and activities, we enabled brothers and sisters in Christ, whether they were giving or receiving, to experience God's love and presence, grow in the Lord, and give glory to our loving Heavenly Father.

Chairperson: Jane Lee

Vice Chairperson: Elinor Wong

Secretary: Margaret Lau

General Affairs: Shirley Tse, Wing Oi Ma

Devotion: Angie Wong, Helen Leong

Caring: Ivy Ng, Elinor Wong

Treasurer: Xiu Ying Mui, Tammy Chin



Caleb Fellowship

Average attendance: 40
Life stage: 70 years old (average age)
Purpose: Faith, Hope, and Love

The theme for this year centers on faith, hope, and love. Our purpose is to help more than 40 senior citizens depend on God with faith, believe the hope of eternal life, encourage and love each other, have spiritual growth, learn to be good Christians, serve God, and glorify Him. We wish at least half of the members can communicate with each other by telephone as a tool. After each workshop, we serve refreshments, so that members can fellowship with each other through God's love and joy. We also engage in activities such as singing, Bible study, doing exercise, planning visits to elderly homes, and preaching the gospel to the elderly during Christmas.

Pastoral Staff: Dora Lam
Music: Susana Lee
Chairperson and Devotion: Susie Ma
Vice Chairperson and Devotion: Su Mei Chin
General Affairs: Mei Ping Au
Networking: Wei Hing Lo
Treasurer: Pui Lan Wong
Accountant: Kam Yuk Sin
Secretary: Siu Kan



Chinatown Adult Sunday School

Target Group: Adults from Cantonese 2nd and 3rd Services
Average Attendance: About 120 students per semester

Over the past year, the Cantonese Sunday School ministry in the Chinatown Campus can be summarized as follows: "Give thanks, give thanks, give thanks!" First of all, the two-year "Foundation Course" initiated by the Cantonese Sunday School Department is going to have the very first graduation at the end of this year. We are thankful that many new believers were edified through the series of classes. In addition, we have observed that God has moved more and more younger brothers and sisters to consistently attend Sunday School. Moreover, God has provided us with many faithful Sunday School teachers. In addition to those who have been teaching many years in the past, God has also provided us with several new Sunday School teachers. Together, they broadened the breadth of spiritual knowledge and experience that is being shared during the Sunday School classes. In the upcoming year, the Cantonese Sunday School Department will be offering classes on even more diverse topics. We hope that brothers and sisters will participate in Sunday School with enthusiasm, so as to learn God's Word together.

Sunday School Teachers:

Pastor Daniel Chan	Bobo Tang	Siu Kuen Kan
Pastor Kenneth Kwong	Christina Ho	Suk-Han Lok
Vivian Cheung	Francis Lok	Wendy Liu
Dora Lam	Gina Tsui	
Elder Chuk-Lam Yuen	Joshua Ho	
Elder Brian Hui	Kent Chow	

Sunday School Staff:

Kent Chow	Wallace Hui	Pik Ki Szeto
Frances Ma	Edward Lau	



Chinatown Caring Committee

The caring department in the Chinatown campus was formed based on the commandment from our Lord Jesus that we should “love one another”. Currently, the following ministries are carried out by the department:

- 1) Region-based gatherings: Brothers and sisters are divided into 8 groups according to where they live, with an assigned group leader in each group. Prayer meetings or visitations are held every month. Sometimes we would get together to take care of brothers and sisters who are in need. Also, there are annual gatherings where we share joyful moments together.
- 2) Prayer net: There are currently about 220 prayer warriors on the praying list now. They pray and give thanks for brothers and sisters who are in need.
- 3) “Walking together” Cancer support group: This group consists of cancer patients, survivors, their family members, as well as volunteers. We support and encourage one another through different activities, such as sharing our blessings from God.
- 4) Welcome team: We proactively get in touch with the newcomers, in order to help them adapt to their spiritual life in BCEC.
- 5) “Stephen” ministry: We are in the process of planning for a new ministry to help out those who are needy.



Daniel Fellowship (Adults)

Average Attendance: 15
Age Group: 18-55 years old

Committee Members: Louisa Poon, Alice Tewksbury, Eva Kwok

The main theme for Daniel Fellowship in 2010-2011 is "Each Man for Society, Society for Each Man." This year we focused on building good relationships between our brothers and sisters. Thus, we invited Elder Bak Fun "Peter" Wong to speak about the importance of team-spirit, and how we can apply it to our lives.

At the end of each fellowship meeting, we break up into small groups for sharing, and we pray for each other in spiritual and physical needs, especially for those who are sick among us. This year we also tried for the first time a visit to the elderly, to bring God's love into the community.

For next year, may God continue to use Daniel Fellowship to bring love and caring to other brothers and sisters and to our community as well. May all the glory and praise be with God our Father in Heaven forever!



Newton Adult Sunday School

This year's Sunday School mainly focused on the Chinese Congregation's annual theme: "Reseek God's way, Renew, and Reunite." We sincerely hope that brothers and sisters can seriously seek God's word, grow deep in roots, and live out the teachings of the Bible.



Our Sunday school attendances have decreased this year, averaging around 30 students. The Newton Sunday School Department is doing everything we can to deal with the situation. We need to pray more and work closer with God. May God open our spiritual eyes, help us understand our priorities, and give us a desire for His word, so that our spirit can be lifted, and

our lives can be changes.

In addition, we praise God for providing new teachers this year. We will continue to pray, and also ask brothers and sisters to pray for God to provide more teachers and students who thirst for God's word.



Peter Fellowship

Average Attendance: 18 to 20 brothers dividing into 3 cell groups.

Age Group: 35 or above

Purpose: To know, encourage and affirm one another in God's word in order to foster an active relationship with God, produce healthier family relationships, and serve with a purpose in church ministry.

Are you wondering what a bunch of men can achieve by sitting around and talking to each other? We are much more than that. Do you want someone to stand by you and understand a man's stress or concern, but are afraid someone will know your weakness? We have a channel for that. Do you want a brother to be your genuine friend? You can find one in the Peter Fellowship.

Our theme for 2010-2011:

"Raise the Bar," meaning:

- a) be more spiritually sensitive – to ministries, to serving
- b) back to our basic belief in the Bible, pray for each other
- c) be more spiritually united– affirm each other's spiritual gift

This theme helped us focus as we prepared our programs and took bold steps out of our comfort zone to reach out to each other and to engage with fellowship members in relationship building and interactions, so that we can grow with each other spiritually and personally. We pray and share with one another, and have Bible studies, workshops, coffee gatherings, community service, fun activities (such as ping pong and eating out), and retreats.

Web site: <https://sites.google.com/site/bceccantoneseomensgroup/>

Contact: Billy Ng, email: billyandgrace@comcast.net

Fellowship Counselor: Pastor Daniel Chan

Committee Members:

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| 1. Billy Ng | 5. Gary Lee |
| 2. James Lam | 6. Gilbert Lui |
| 3. Terry Yip | 7. Allen Lau |
| 4. Nee-Ben Gee | |



Enoch Fellowship

Average attendance: 25

Life stage: 55+ years old

Purpose: "To encourage fellowship among brothers and sisters over the age of 55, to share the blessings of the Lord, to practice spiritual disciplines, and to build love and care for each other."

Minister Vivian Cheung came to lead a "Bible Question & Answer" game last July. At the end of the program, she complimented everyone on their enthusiastic participation. Most of the brothers and sisters are elderly, yet they still have a good memory and know the Bible quite well. In 2011, the monthly programs of Enoch Fellowship reflect the members' keen interest in keeping their cheerful and upbeat spirit.

Even though the brothers and sisters in Enoch Fellowship have had very broad life experiences and have believed in Christ for a long time, they strive to live humbly every minute, following

the motto of the fellowship, "Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths." (Proverbs 3:5-6, ESV).

Besides the annual picnics, we have programs such as seminars on elderly health and welfare, general knowledge from the Bible, thanksgiving sharing, and holiday celebrations. We also celebrate together the birthdays of brothers and sisters quarterly.

Pastoral Staff: Barry Lam

Chairperson: Lois Hou

Vice-chairperson: Oi Lan Poon

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Chinatown Christmas Party Outreach

Koko the Clown came into town on a December Saturday morning to entertain and share the gospel with preschool and elementary children, as well as their parents. The children and adults alike were mesmerized by how he seamlessly weaved the Christmas story into the magic and juggling acts. The second hour of fun continued with crafts and storybook making, while the parents' outreach program took place under the care of Women's Fellowship and the Local Evangelism team.



Chinatown Campus Library

Praise the Lord for leading our library ministry! I would like to take this opportunity to thank all the library staff and committee members who have been faithfully serving in the library. With their dedicated service, we were able to keep the library open every Sunday for everyone to use. The church library is a place for learning and spiritual growth. We encourage everyone to visit the library on the first floor of the 237 building and make the best use of our library resources.

Praise God that we saw a significant increase in the usage of the library materials this year! Chinese book borrowing has increase 69% while Chinese DVD/VCD borrowing increased 57%. We also see some improvement in the usage of English books, children's books, and children's DVDs. We pray that God will continue to use the library to help and minister people.

2010-2011 Committee members for the Chinatown library: Yu Fee Chin, Chiu Yung Leung, Alec Li, and Jennie Kao.
Other library co-workers: Johnny Chan, Mei Mei Cheung, Lucia Lee, Pearl Liu, Fencie Tu, and Lesi Yu.

Library opening hours: Sunday 10:30-11:00 a.m., 12:15-2:00 p.m.

	English	Juv.	English	Juv.	English	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Chinese	Total
	Books	Books	DVD/ Videos	DVD/ Videos	CD	Books	Videos	Cassettes	DVD/ VCD	CD MP3	
Circulation	65	46	38	35	2	394	6	4	356	209	1155
New Items Added	5	10	2	22	0	53	0	0	39	35	166



Community English Class

Praise God for another fruitful year of ministry through the faithfulness and dedication of our teachers! It is the love of God and the lost that compels us to care and serve our community. Our desire is to share the love of God through our deeds and words, as well as be good witnesses to our students.

Our church has been renting classroom space from the Quincy Upper School for many years. With the rising rental cost and the recent decrease of student enrollment, it has become unaffordable. The American Chinese Christian Educational and Social Services (ACCESS) has graciously allowed us to use their classrooms on Saturday morning since March 2011. We thank God for their partnership in this community outreach.

We continue to work with the Local Evangelism Department to reach out to our students through various activities. They include the monthly luncheon, BBQ at Houghton's Pond and Mini Golf in Dedham for the students of the upper level classes. Minister Barry Lam, Mei-Kee Wong, and Elder Chuk-Lam Yuen were invited to share evangelistic messages with all our students.

I thank the Lord for the following teachers who served during this past church year:

- ◆ ESL teachers: Rani Chan, Judy Fong, Winnie Gee, Joshua Ho, Heng-Lian Huang, Christine Kong, Grace Kwan, Isabella Lau, Lung Lau, Derek Lee, Stephen Mak, T. Y. Wang, Elinor Wong, Annie Woo, Kalok Woo;
- ◆ Citizenship class teachers: Tony Chen, Matt Seto, Mandy Yeung, Siu Yu;
- ◆ Substitute teachers: Mark Fiorillo, Lee Ho, Suki Mok;
- ◆ Tutors: Ann Lau, Fun-Yee Lau, William Sum

May God reward these faithful servants and their families for their labor of love in a special way!



Local Evangelism Department (LED)

Currently, the ministries in LED include a weekday fellowship for restaurant workers, Follow-Up and Visitation team, Discipleship Ministry (where new believers go through an eight-lesson course to learn about the basic principles of Christianity), and ESL lunch.

Last December, LED participated in the Children's Christmas Party and adult gospel gatherings, which had games, singspiration, a message about Christmas, and refreshments.

In June, LED participated in the Main Street Festivals for the third consecutive year. This year, the theme of the booth was "Ambassador of Love". Our goal was two-fold: internally, we hoped to provide brothers and sisters with the opportunity to serve in outreach and sharing the gospel. Externally, we tried to introduce the gospel and our church to the community by playing different games, giving out brochures about BCEC, and spreading the gospel to interested individuals.

In July, the Follow-Up and Visitation Team, along with the ESL ministry, organized a barbecue for the ESL students, so that we could develop friendships with them.

In August, we held an evangelical meeting called "A world that is not the same," where we invited Rev. James Hung, the director of Vancouver Chinese Christian Short-Term Mission Training Center, to be the speaker speak about spreading the gospel.

LED Committee members:

Pastoral staff representative: Pastor Daniel Chan

Chairperson: Karen Lo, Ying Pui Cheung

Secretary: Isa Chen

Treasurer: Kevin Ng

Representative from Weekday Fellowship for Restaurant Workers: Jeff Liu

Follow-Up & Visitation representative: Ying Pui Cheung

Joi Pui Ministry: Pamela Chan, Kevin Ng, Ying Pui Cheung

ESL lunch: Emily Lam-Chan, Wai Yee Law



Missions Committee

Chairman: Rev. Enoch Liao
Pastoral Staff: Rev. Daniel Chan
General Secretary: Michael Ho
Committee Members: Chik Ching Law, Moses Lam, Lorraine Ho, Martin Chiu

Purpose Statement: BCEC Missions Committee exists to mobilize our congregation on global mission involvement and to support our long-term missionaries."

This year the Missions Committee accepted one of our church members Jordan and Lois Wang family to be our new missionary. Currently, we are supporting a total of twenty-nine missionaries and their families.

The Missions Committee has also accepted two new seminary students, Aaron Cheung and Wayne Lee. In order to financially support seminary students who are actively serving in our church, the Committee has established apprenticeship funding two years ago, so that seminary students can obtain ministry experience during their studies.

This year our church sent out three short-term mission teams to Sweden, Mexico, and Hong Kong. Through the short-term mission trips, participants can have a chance to see God's work in His global Kingdom.



Project Destiny (PD)

Praise God for a great summer of Project Destiny! This is our 18th season of ministry. We have seen God's work and growth at PD throughout the years. This summer, the camp ran from July 5 to August 7, with 53 middle-school youths (ages 11-14) campers. During the five weeks of camp, they had charting, a time where the gospel was presented to them through sermons and skits as well as counselor-led small group discussion. They had elective classes, such as Basketball, Engineering, and Piano. Each week, they went on three field trips, and memories such as milking a goat at the farm, going on whale watching were a few of the favorites that the campers all agree on. Most significantly, throughout camp, these urban youths were witnessed to and cared for by 18 counselors whose purpose was to model Christ's love to the campers. At the end of the summer, 39 of the campers chose to join the regular English Congregation youths on their summer retreat, Summer Teen Conference. We pray that many of those will continue attending the weekly youth groups in Chinatown as well as our year round after school program, Project Destiny Autumn to Spring (PDAS). We pray that relationship with the campers formed this summer will continue to grow.

Our staff consists of Christians who enjoyed building relationship with the campers and one another. The staff had two weeks of intensive training in topics such as understanding and teaching middle-schoolers, conflict management and team dynamics, sharing gospel as well as outreach vision and strategies. For the 7 weeks, they spent all their time together in morning devotions, full work days, daily meetings, and meals. At the end of camp, they spend three days debriefing and looking forward to how the lessons of the summer would apply to their lives as most of them heading back to school life. Lord willing, these counselors and interns will return to their regular fellowships and ministries to bless those around them by bringing with them a summer's worth of training, discipleship, and experience.

Senior Counselors: Alex Yip, Blair Wong, Charles Lai, Collin Lee,

Crystal Tzau, Evangeline Wong, Jevon Yu, Jie Wen Lei, Macklin Lee, Stanley Tran

Junior Counselors: Brian Tse, Chris Lui, Diana Yang, Helen Szeto, Jason Yung, Jordan Yu, Kristen Li, Nana Wen

Interns: Jonathan Wong, Maple Kuo, Winnie Wang

Planning Team: Brandon Lee, Caleb Wong, Pastor Enoch Liao, Emily Wu, Kam Ho Lau, Kirklin Lee, Steve Liu, Vernon Cheung





Project Destiny Autumn to Spring (PDAS)

PDAS is BCEC's weekday ministry for Chinatown-area youths (ages 11-18). This year, we underwent a big change: instead of a fee-based after-school program, we became a free drop-in center. We wanted to reach more students. The vision was for a place where lots of community youth — both church and unchurched alike — could experience fellowship, while getting help with their homework, 5 days a week.

God answered our prayers in a big way, sending a total of 50 regular attendees who attended at least once a week, and over 100 occasional drop-in students. Fourteen dedicated counselors and helpers tutored, formed mentoring relationships, and prayed for them. Throughout the year, we learned worship songs, studied Mark, and took field trips. Often, we partnered with our local school teachers, administrators, or parents to help at-risk students. During the summer, we continued to serve students daily under PDAS+, directed by Tim Te while Steve Liu led the PD Summer Camp.

Praise God that many PDAS students attended both Summer and Winter Teen Conferences and that several made decisions to believe in Christ! We are also grateful for continued support under the Black Ministerial Alliance as a Victory Generation Affiliate Site.

Counselors/ helpers: Sam Cheng, Lulu Hu, Charles Lai, Susanna Lau, Brandon Lee, Deborah Lee, Kirklin Lee, Pastor Enoch Liao, Emily Liu, Steve Liu, Bella Lo, Stanley Tran, Phil Wang, Matt Wong
Additional PDAS+ volunteers: Jeff Chan, Jason Chu, Bonnie Ho, Kam Ho Lau, Veronica Lau, Katarina Ng, Josh Te, Tim Te, Mofei Xu



Service Industry Worker Ministry

Average attendance: 10 people

Target group: Service industry people who need to work on Sunday and are unable to participate in Sunday worship regularly

Vision statement: "In service industry, there are many Christians who are unable to attend Sunday worship. They are in dire need of care."

Monday morning worship service has been founded for four years! We can experience God's love with His grace.

Since the first year, four members continue to attend the worship service consistently. Another three members joined, and thus formed a strong team of seven steady attending members. Other members who attend sporadically are the ones who need more care and prayers. This year, they bring new friends and three of them are actively pursuing God's Word. Please join us in prayer to ask our Lord for His mercy.

In June, Christine Wong joined this ministry and helped with counseling. We have Pastor James Lee who preaches once a month. Vivian Cheung also assists in discipleship and helps the whole group grow spiritually.

Susana Lee served as the pianist for more than a year and a half, but she retired in July. Thanks Susana Lee and Angela Yuen for their determination to serve, so that the worship service has a wonderful singspiration time. Meanwhile God has prepared Manny Leung to take over in September, and she can serve with Angela Yuen by rotation.

If the Lord allows, in early 2012 we intend to start small-group leadership training. Please keep us in your prayers for the growth of this small group. Also, thank you Lord for Samuel Wong's

health. May the Lord continue to use him. May the Lord receive all the glory!

Christine Wong
Rev. James Lee
Vivian Cheung
Susana Lee
Angela Yuen
Manny Leung
Samuel Wong

Ministry Counselor
Preaching Pastor
Discipleship
Pianist
Pianist
Pianist
Coordinator



Social Responsibility Committee (SRC)

The vision of the Social Responsibility Committee (SRC) is to see BCEC, as a body of believers, actively share the love, justice, and mercy of God, as exemplified by Jesus Christ, to all persons in our church, the local community and in the world. We have been encouraged to see the church contribute to the needs of our neighbors, both locally and beyond. Brothers and sisters at BCEC have continued to serve meals at Boston Rescue Mission every other month. Fellowship and Bible study groups from various congregations who volunteer report receiving more than they give in this ministry to the homeless in Boston.

With administrative oversight of the charity fund, the SRC has been reviewing the organizations that this fund supports. One new organization that we are supporting is the Boston Education Collaborative (BEC) at the Emmanuel Gospel Center in Boston. Directed by Ruth Wong (Newton English) BEC works with churches, schools, and nonprofits to empower underserved urban students with the education they need for transformation in their lives and in their communities. We are always interested in how society intersects with faith and welcome more suggestions of ways to direct support from the charity fund.

The reach of Christ's love to the poor and needy crosses borders and boundaries. This year marked the eighth year that BCEC is supporting the village of Viloma in Bolivia, through World Vision's child sponsorship program. BCEC's sponsorship of over 200 children has provided education and health services for the children, as well as economic development in Viloma. 2011 is a special year for Viloma. After 15 years of being a World Vision "area development project," Viloma is due to reach self-sufficiency this fall. Concurrently, the committee has been discussing other child sponsorship options, which will be shared with the congregation this fall.



Whether it is sponsorship of a child in Bolivia, or responding to a relief effort, God has been moving BCEC to give generously and sacrificially. While the church was gearing up to raise support for caregiver kits for the “Boston AIDS Africa” event in March, the world turned its attention to the devastation as a result of the tsunami that hit Japan. BCEC was able to raise over \$46,000 to support both efforts. Over 200 BCEC members joined the Boston AIDS Africa in event in April to assemble over 10,000 kits that were shipped directly to Zambia to provide volunteers with basic necessities to care for their friends/neighbors living with HIV/AIDS. Praise God for His generosity upon us - that we might in turn give freely!

This year’s conference theme was “Our Father’s World: Engaging the Church in Creation Stewardship.” Many gathered to listen to our speakers, Rev. Ed Brown and Dr Ming Zheng speak about the gospel in relation to the environmental crisis. As believers we were challenged to reflect on our stewardship of God’s creation and as a church, we are beginning to consider more environmentally friendly options. Replacing Styrofoam cups with paper ones and initiating recycling in the Chinatown campus are currently underway. Although these initiatives may be “politically correct,” more importantly, they demonstrate to the world the church’s love and responsibility for God’s creation. The committee is drafting up a “Green Campaign” and is excited to launch this in the coming year.

It has been a joy to serve with such active and activated members from both the Chinese and English congregations. SRC members include: Pastor Thomas Lee, Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Amos Tsai, Joshua Ho, Christian Tiu, Kim Szeto, Sam and Amanda Tsoi, Candy Liang, Pauline Huie, Jocelyn and Gary Chu.

Vacation Bible School

At PandaMania Vacation Bible School, 74 children from the Chinatown community and beyond experienced God’s love for them. The majority of the children we served do not attend church regularly and belong to families that are waiting to be touched by the gospel of Jesus Christ. More than half of them have never been to our VBS. During our five-day full-day program, children learned Bible truths through interactive Bible drama, small group times, crafts, games, journaling, and snacks. To go along with this year’s theme, we added Chinese cultural activities in the afternoon where our volunteers showcased wonderful musical and dance performances, played Chinese games and sports, and learned calligraphy, painting, and crafts.



Volunteering at VBS is a great intergenerational and cross-congregational experience. 50 full and part-time volunteers from pre-teens to folks in their 60's from various congregations sacrificed their time and energy to serve the children who were

eager to learn and form relationships with us. Thank you for sharing the love of Jesus in a meaningful and fun-filled way.



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