

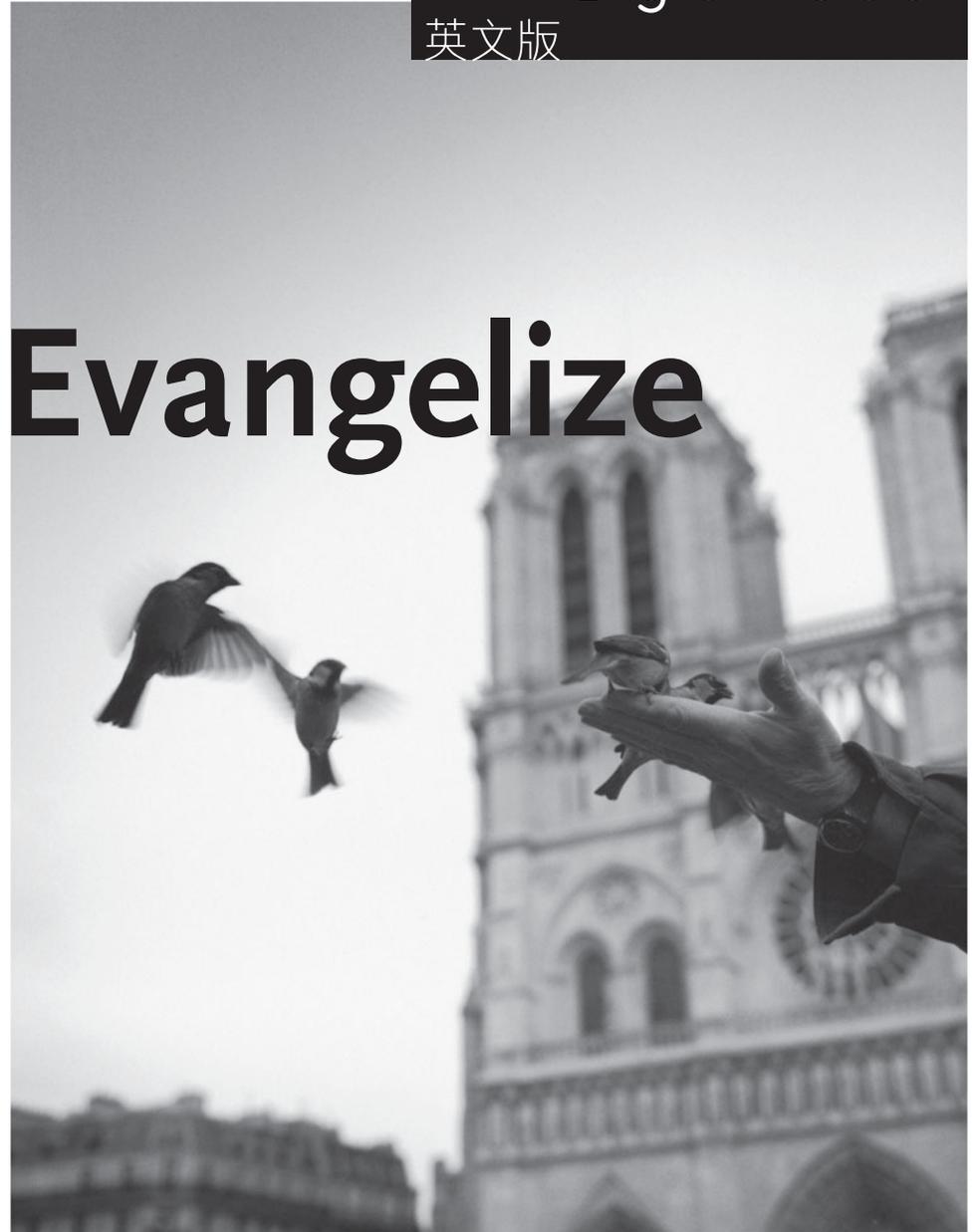
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Mobilize to Evangelize

Proclaim the message;
persist in it whether convenient or not;

2 Timothy 4:2 (HCSB)



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Mission Statement

The Boston Chinese Evangelical Church is a Bible-believing, non-denominational, local body of believers whose purpose is to glorify God through worshipping God, edifying believers, and sharing Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior by word and deed to the Greater Boston Chinese community and the world, as guided by the Bible and the Holy Spirit.

Vision

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 worshipping in two locations:
Chinatown Campus: 249 Harrison Avenue, Boston, MA 02111
Newton Campus: 218 Walnut Street, Newtonville, MA 02460

INTRODUCTION

2014-2015 Annual Report

Words from the Chair of the Board of Elders

Pastor Steven Chin

The Board of Elders (BOE) is the highest ruling body in BCEC. It is “responsible for carrying out the purpose of BCEC by overseeing the spiritual growth of BCEC through articulating and teaching Biblical doctrines; providing discipleship training and discipline; developing vision, philosophy of ministry, and strategic long-term plans for the ministry of BCEC; and determining the staffing needs.”

The BOE is currently comprised of 10 members: 6 elders who are pastors and 4 lay elders. The pastors are Pastors Steven Chin, Daniel Chan, Thomas Lee, Kenneth Kwong, Enoch Liao, and Andy Su. The lay elders are Brian Hui, Chuk-lam Yuen, Jack Lee, and Bak Fun Wong.

The BOE spent considerable time this past year dealing with a number of issues, including the following:

- Theology, which included stewardship and same-sex marriage
- Personnel, which included code of conduct for staff, a study of staff time utilization, ordination decision, and hiring decisions
- Ministry planning, which included annual church wide theme, reviewing ministry plans for all seven congregations, and improving intra-campus communication
- Expansion, especially related to planning for renovations of 120 Shawmut Ave. and responding to developments by our neighbors
- Membership in updating members’ status to achieve quorum for congregational meetings
- Rental decision at Newton Campus regarding Auburndale Community Nursery School



Board of Elders

Back: Jack Lee, Bak Fun Wong, Brian Hui, Andy Su, Chuk-Lam Yuen
Front: Kenneth Kwong, Daniel Chan, Steven Chin, Thomas Lee, Enoch Liao

Please continue to pray for the Board of Elders. Pray for wisdom and discernment to know the Lord’s leading for our church into the future, especially as our church grows in complexity. Pray for continued unity in making decisions for the church.

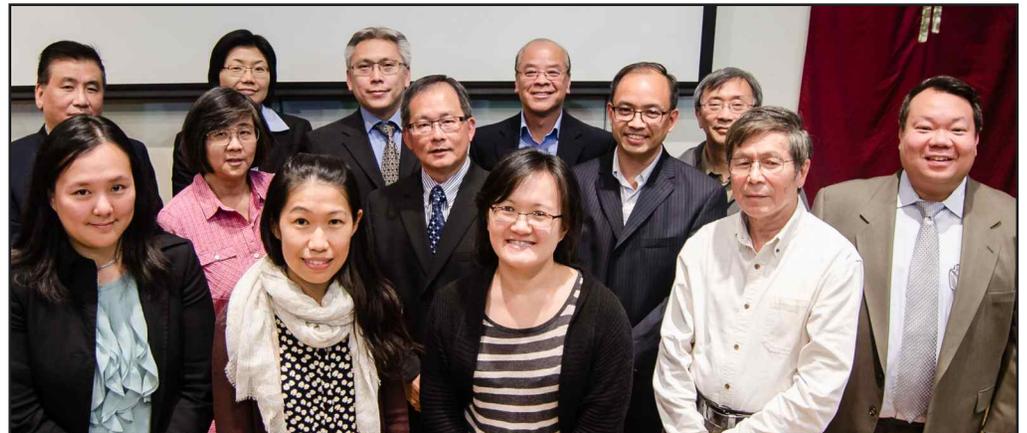
Words from the Chair of the Board of Deacons

Robert Huie

God has been faithful to BCEC and the BOD for another year. I thank God for all the diligent board members who have not only been serving in the daily operations of our church, but who continue trying to discern the will of God for the future of BCEC.

After having taken possession of 120 Shawmut Ave. and beginning renovations, we continue to work with the BOE to define how to use and manage all that God has given us. Even now, new opportunities arise, which require prayerful discernment and candid discussions.

We also thank God this year for a fruitful and hopeful Leadership Retreat where staff, deacons, and elders were able to gain valuable skills to be more efficient in our leadership. Please pray for each BOD member, as they work daily for His glory and also continue in their many other responsibilities. Also, pray that the BOD will jointly and joyfully work with the BOE as we work towards a vision of BCEC's role in the growth of His kingdom here in Boston and beyond.



2014-15 Board of Deacons:

Back row (left to right): Andy Lui, Terri Mock, Anthony Lai, Raymond Wong, Nelson Wong

Middle row: Jenny Choi, Jason Cheung, Billy Ng, Rob Huie

Front row: Joyce Lin, Phyllis Wong, Charlotte Lai, Stephen Mak



As we approach the 55th anniversary of our church next year, we continue to give praise and thanks for His guidance and provision over all these years and in this past year in particular. We appreciate all of you who prayed, gave, and served so faithfully for His glory.

In terms of the society in which we live, we are certainly in darker days than those in the past. The legalization of gay marriage in the United States by the Supreme Court in the past year marks a major milestone in our society's departure from the teachings of the Bible. We must not allow the shift in society to change our confidence and obedience in God's Word. Nor should we allow this shift intimidate us from the task of sharing the Good News. Instead we should shine even brighter in the midst of the darkness with God's help. In the past few years, we have focused on discipleship and building up our spiritual lives. Now we turn our attention more to outreach. Our church-wide theme for this year is "Mobilize to Evangelize." We want to prepare ourselves to share the life changing gospel through prayer, planning, training, and practice. As we see new people moving in to downtown and to the suburbs, we have great opportunities to introduce people to Jesus Christ. Do we know why it is important to share the Gospel? Do we know how to share the Gospel if they are interested? Do we know how to answer their questions? We want all our church members to be mobilized to evangelize.

In terms of expansion, I reported in last year's annual report how, after we had acquired 120 Shawmut Ave., we were not able to acquire Holy Trinity Church next door. I wrote, "Though we did not acquire HTC, we trust that the Lord knows what He is doing and is guiding us." In the past few months, the building next door on the other side of 120 Shawmut Ave. was sold. The owner has initiated discussions about working together on a joint project. We are not sure where this will lead but it is certainly an unexpected and rare opportunity. We must continue to pray to ask the Lord to lead us and provide the space we need for ministry in Chinatown.

In terms of our staff, we will miss Frances Lau, our office manager, who went to be with the Lord after illness. We are grateful for all her faithful service for the Lord. We hope she enjoys her reward in Heaven. In addition, soon we hope to be ordaining Barry Lam who served capably for many years in our Newton Cantonese congregation. Pastor Kenneth Kwong is on a well-deserved 6-month sabbatical this year. We are pleased to add Helena Fong as the Office Administrator and Kwok Wah Wong as Maintenance Technician in this past year.

In terms of attendance, the overall worship average weekly attendance for our seven worship services is down slightly from 1131 to 1124 or less than 1%. Considering the declining spiritual climate and that this past winter was the snowiest winter on record, we are remaining steady. We commend many of you who braved the snow and cold and transit delays or parking conditions to come to worship. The overall English worship attendance actually increased from 381 to 390 in the past year, helped by a boost in the Chinatown English attendance. However, the overall attendance numbers have declined slightly for the past three years, so we should not become complacent. Thus, in this coming year, we want to mobilize to evangelize. We do not want to just retain the people we have, but we want to do our part in sharing the Good News. As we do our part, the Lord will give us growth (1 Cor. 3:6, 7) as He wishes. Let us all be faithful to the Great Commission.



We started an AWANA children program in October 2014. It meets at Newton Campus at 7:30PM every Friday. Its purpose is to help children to know more about God and the Bible while building good character. In the past months, forty children from the age of 3 to 12 consistently attended the program. They loved the activities and we observed spiritual growth in them. I want to express my appreciation for the teachers and helpers. They came from English service, Cantonese service and Mandarin service. Some go to Newton Campus and some go to Chinatown Campus. They worked hard together for the spiritual well-being of the children.

In terms of the Chinese Pastoral Team, Minister Peter Wong was well-liked by those who worked with him. After a year of faithful service, he was commissioned during the last annual membership meeting. Pastor Kenneth Kwong started his sabbatical on July 1, 2015. He plans to do some reading, take educational courses, and go for a short-term mission during the 6-month leave. Over the past summer, Mr. Frank Ma, a second-year seminarian from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary, served as our Mandarin intern. He was a big help to Pastor Andy Su with the Chinatown Mandarin ministry. The other team members are all ministering faithfully and reliably. I want to thank them for their diligent work for the Lord.

To enhance momentum and continuity of our Sunday sermons, beginning in July 2015, we experimented with having the same speaker preach four Sundays in a row in the same congregation. Initial feedback has been good. We will evaluate whether to continue this pattern in 2016.

In the past years, we have added quite a few Chinese fellowships, but the Joshua Youth (high school) Fellowship has recently stopped meeting because almost all current members were leaving for college. We cherish the days when Joshua 3 and Joshua 4 members filled the basement of the 249 Building. We need to re-evaluate our Chinatown Cantonese high school ministry. We hope to revive this ministry soon.

The common theme for both Chinese and English congregations next year is "Mobilize to Evangelize." For the Chinese congregations, this involves strengthening the Local Evangelism Department (LED) and coordinating outreach programs for all five Chinese congregations. We hope to recruit more members into LED, so that we can effectively improve our training, visitation, and evangelistic meeting activities.

Overall, total attendance has decreased by 20 people. This is the second negative growth I have seen since I joined the BCEC pastoral staff in 1991 (The first one was in 2008, where the total decreased from 691 to 687). This accentuates the importance of stepping up evangelism.

The number of people from the Chinese congregations who received baptism last year is 29. This number is the same as that of the year before.

Below is a chart showing the average attendance for the five Chinese congregations over the past three years:

	8/1/2014 to 7/31/2015	8/1/2013 to 7/31/2014	8/1/2012 to 7/31/2013
Chinatown 2nd	257	266	271
Chinatown 3rd	158	162	160
Chinatown Mandarin	144	154	158
Newton Cantonese	123	125	145
Newton Mandarin	50	45	-
Total	732	752	734

Staff List



Chinese Ministry Staff

Back: Kenneth Kwong, Daniel Chan, Andy Su
 Front: Peter Wong, Vivian Cheung, Dora Lam, Barry Lam



English Ministry Staff

Back: Calvin Chu, Thomas Lee, Lorraine Ho
 Front: Steve Liu, Steven Chin, Enoch Liao

Senior Pastor: Steven Chin

Chinese Ministry Staff:

Daniel Chan Associate Pastor
 Kenneth Kwong Assistant Pastor
 Andy Su Assistant Pastor
 Barry Lam Assistant to the Pastor
 Dora Lam Assistant to the Pastor
 Peter Wong Assistant to the Pastor
 Vivian Cheung Director of Discipleship Training
 Jacob Fung Pastor Emeritus

Support Staff:

Dennis Chin Operations Manager
 Helena Fong Office Manager
 Connie Ho Secretary (Chinatown Campus)
 See Yee Morante Secretary (Newton Campus)
 Lillian Te Secretary (Newton Campus)
 Kwok Wah Wong Maintenance Technician

English Ministry Staff:

Steven Chin Senior Pastor
 Thomas Lee Assistant Pastor
 Enoch Liao Assistant Pastor
 Calvin Chu Student Ministries Director
 Lorraine Ho Children's Ministries Director
 Steve Liu Director of Project Destiny Ministries



Pastor Emeritus
 Jacob Fung



Support Staff

Dennis Chin, Lillian Te, See Yee Morante, Kwok Wah Wong

Baptisms

October 2014 to September 2015



December 7, 2014

Carina Li, Alex Yang, Paul Chan, Andrew Schult, Janelle Kwon, Stephanie Lam, Tracy Wong, Richard Xu



April 5, 2015 (English)

Angel Zhao, Andrew Fai, Ethan Fong, Jenny Tsui, Kok Win Chu, Marisa Lee, Stormy Leung, Calvin Chan, Calvin He, Jack Lee, Timothy Lok



April 5, 2015 (Cantonese/Mandarin)

Youdong Chen, Hai Sheng Sun, Sharon Xie, Sophia Peng, Jifeng Liu, Xue Mei Xu, Liming Lin, Joanna Wong, Cindy Chow Yu, Kun Xiu Wang, Guo You Liu, Po Ting Cheung, Yoyo Wong, Sarah Situ

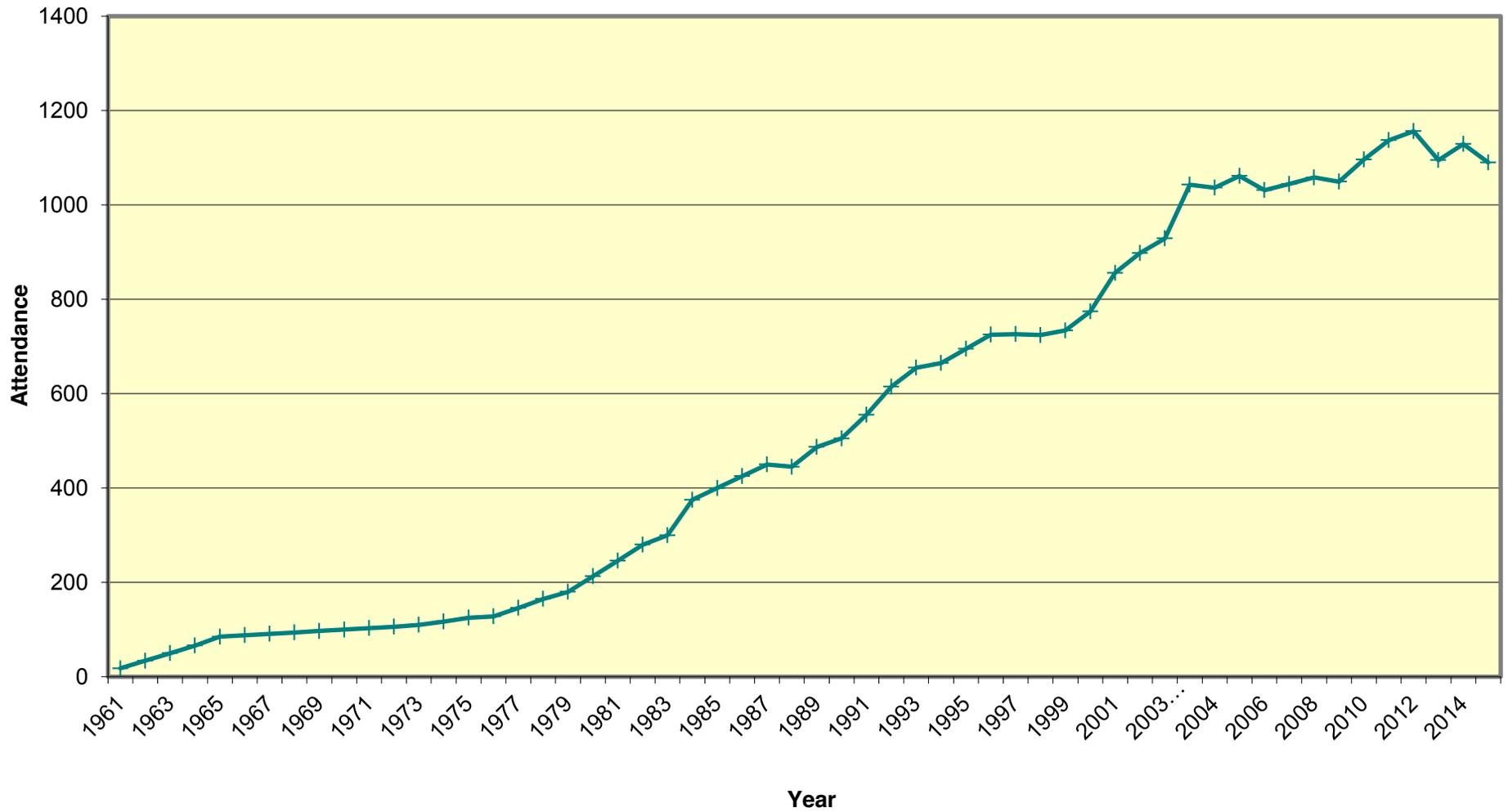


September 13, 2015

Hao Sheng Sun, Guo Xian Mei, Li Tong Wu, Yuewen Tian, Tracy Li, Renata Yang, Jahui Feng, Victor Kong, Ping Lo, Siming Li, Daniel Szeto, Diana Lee, Alan Yu, Michael Yip, Kevin Lin, Lesley Cheung, Timothy Mok

Worship Attendance

1961-2015 (as of 9/20/15)



CONGREGATIONAL REPORTS

2014-2015 Annual Report

Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Service

Pastor Daniel Chan

The record snowfall last winter is still burning in our memories. Besides damaging many roofs, it prevented people from going about their regular activities. The elderlies in the Second Service were particularly affected. But when the snow finally melted, they began arriving early again on Sundays, waiting for worship service to start.

Musical offering by the Choir has been a salient feature of the Second Service. For decades, the Choir represented the congregation in offering praises to the Lord. But a lack of new members in recent years made it difficult to maintain its size. Many longtime members are aging or otherwise need rest, so the Choir will only be singing two times a month beginning this October. If there is no breakthrough by October 2016, the Choir will go into hibernation for a while. It will definitely take time to get used to a choir-less liturgy in the Second Service, but we will continue to enrich the service through other meaningful elements.

Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service

Pastor Kenneth Kwong

Praise be to God! As the size of the congregation of the Chinatown Cantonese 3rd Service has become stable, God also brought gifted brothers and sisters to join us. This allowed us to further develop our ministry, which included establishing the third music team and adding new instruments to enrich our musical worship. We would like to express our appreciation for all the brothers and sisters serving in each Sunday service. This includes the welcome team, ushers, audiovisual and projection operation team, logistics, and nursery. Thank you for your dedication and commitment in serving the Lord and the church, taking time out of your busy schedule to ensure the smooth running of our services. Although you have been working quietly behind the scenes and may have not been noticed by many, we believe that our Lord remembers, and He will reward you abundantly. May you continue to grow in Spirit, and hold onto the hope in receiving the reward of the inheritance from the Lord.

Last year, the greatest change in our Sunday service is moving the time of announcement forward to between offertory collection and Scripture reading. The announcement is combined with common prayer and is led by the service chairperson. The aim is to cultivate recognition for the announcement among the congregation, to consider interceding such as through prayers for the ministries as a way to serve (even if they may not be of direct relevance to themselves). We hope for this to improve brothers and sisters' understanding and sensitivity to the life of the church. This had been in the considerations and prayers of the 3rd Service Committee for over a year.



This change only went ahead after it was decided to be feasible and would bring benefits to the congregation. We pray that God would hear the congregation's intercessory prayers, bless His ministries to be acknowledged appropriately, and may His name be glorified.

We have also started the 3rd Service lunch gathering that happens once a month. Although there were technical problems that the quantity and quality of food were not as good as they could have been, we would surely continue to make improvements. We hope that this lunch gathering ministry would not only provide a time of fellowship, but also be a place for welcoming newcomers and making new friends. In the upcoming year, we will be hands-on in revamping the welcoming ministry. We will inject new ideas in the hope of bringing more welcoming energy into the congregation. We would like to ask everyone to intercede for your families and friends continually and be persistent in inviting them to the church. May the salvation of our Lord come upon each and every one of our families.



The 3rd Service Committee will continue to work hard on leading the development of our congregation's worship ministry, so that we will become a congregation of vitality to realize our vision of "Worshiping in Truth, Renewing in Life." We hope that brothers and sisters would strive with us together. Let us be a fragrant offering to Him for His name to be praised.

Current 3rd Service Committee members:
Tommy Choy, Jeff Liu, Brenda Situ, Phyllis Wong, Pastor Kenneth Kwong





Fall Retreat. Our annual retreat that draws mostly young adults was held on September 19-21, 2014 at Brookwoods Christian Conference Center.



Dedication to Mission. Guest speaker Dr. George Murray challenged our congregation during the annual Missions Conference. On this Sunday, November 16, Dr. Murray invited people to make a commitment to the lordship of Christ to follow him anytime, anywhere, and for anything. Hundreds of people responded to dedicate or rededicate their lives to Jesus' mission.

The Marriage Thing. We held our first internal marriage conference on Saturday, October 11, 2014. Most couples who attended came from Chinatown English Congregation, but also had couples from other congregations.

Deeper Roots

I find it challenging to capture a year's worth of church life in a specific theme. But for the Chinatown English Congregation, the phrase that comes to my mind as I reflect upon this past year is the phrase "deeper roots." Using that theme, I will share highlights from this past year, vision and goals for the coming year, and wrap up with some prayer requests.

Looking Back

For many people and ministries, I sensed that God has been establishing our co-workers, our leaders, and our ministries deeper into each other and our community. God has been kind to enable us to grow deeper roots as we seek to develop our ministries to the wide range of adults in our congregation. God allowed us to start The Marriage Thing, our first internal marriage conference for our congregation. God allowed our Adult Small Groups and Adult Large Group to become more established in the life of our people. Moreover, we saw people become a part of BCEC and join the family of God through those ministries.

Looking back, God allowed us to have deeper roots in terms of welcoming and outreach. God enabled us to begin having Newcomer Luncheons to connect people more deeply into our church family. We also saw the development of our BCEC Membership Seminar. In terms of our pastoral staff, I'm grateful for the continued depth of our children's ministry led by Lorraine Ho. In addition, both Calvin Chu and Steve Liu have completed their second years as full-time ministers of our church. This amazing team is indeed experiencing deeper roots into one another, as well as our church. Although we did not find and hire a Director of Discipleship as we had hoped, we trust God will lead us into greater depth in the future.





Prayer Meeting. We hold a monthly meeting for Prayer-Vision-Planning among many of our ministry co-workers. We meet usually on the first Saturday of the month at Newton Campus. Going forward, we may meet in 120 Shawmut Ave.



Sunday worship service in the Quincy Elementary School auditorium.



Good Friday Service. We held a Good Friday Service that joined the English congregations from both Newton and Chinatown Campuses on Friday, April 3, 2015.

Looking Forward

There's so much I hope to see God do in our church and congregation in the future. I'll share just a few goals for our congregation here. I hope to see us develop deeper roots into a BCEC-developed discipleship paradigm and program for our members. Although we don't have a full-time discipleship director, this is nevertheless a priority for me. As we journey and wrestle with what it means to be an English-speaking congregation of a Chinese heritage church here in the Boston area, we want to develop tools that will equip and encourage our members to grow and share their faith.

I hope to see our congregation grow deeper roots into our neighborhood here in Chinatown, and especially into the South End. With the blessing of having facilities at 120 Shawmut Ave, may God show us how to go deeper into the fabric of that fast-changing neighborhood across the turnpike.

In terms of staff, we're blessed to take on two interns for the upcoming ministry year: Rockey Chan and Ryan So. May their service enrich them both as they continue to serve God. And may they be a blessing to our church. I'm especially hoping that their addition will allow me to give more attention to developing discipleship materials for our congregation.

Another way we want to go deeper is to allow our student ministries to get more attention. For the next year or so, Calvin Chu will focus more on the youth ministries. We hope that by spending more time there, Calvin's ministry will continue to grow and the youth enriched in their walks with God. We also encouraged Steve Liu to take on the college ministry for the coming year or so. May God use both these dedicated servants to deepen the discipleship and spiritual roots of our students.

Prayer Requests

I always struggle to boil down all our hopes and dreams into a few key prayer requests. But here are some items we can pray for as we head into the next ministry year.

- Pray for the Holy Spirit to work in our members, leaders, and ministries that we would all grow deeper into discipleship.
- Pray practically for our development of discipleship materials and programs that are tailored for BCEC and our congregation.
- Pray for increased heart to make disciples, both here in Boston and around the world.
- Pray for greater clarity on how we as an English-speaking congregation at BCEC can flourish in our church and contribute to the Kingdom.



Visiting the seniors who were unable to come on Sundays



Cooking for the homeless

It was a year to wait for our Lord quietly! His timing and way was totally beyond our imagination.

We had a discipleship vision sharing, “Grace to City at Boston,” back in January 2015. We were all amazed at how God built up China City churches at first to third tiers cities not only by quantity but also by quality. Pasto Tim Keller calls us back to Gospel, which is solo grace, solo Scripture, and solo faith in reformation stage. All were touched and sensed the hunger and thirst to renewal through the Gospel. We also rediscovered the Gospel through an eight-month Sunday School class to know the deep idols in our hearts. We saw how idols and our very own righteousness replaced God in our hearts and how the righteousness of Christ leads us into repentance, so that we can truly turn to Him and live a graceful life.

It is much more difficult than we understand. We revert back to the old path of self-righteousness many times. Therefore, we need to be reminded and overcome by the Gospel from time to time. It is a battle unto the second coming of Christ. But whenever the idol is a breakthrough by the Gospel, the victory in Christ is an everlasting joy. We pray that God would sink the joy into the hearts of brothers and sisters step-by-step. It could reignite the first love and transform us back to light in the community we live. We will be joyful at the corner where no one sees, but only our Heavenly Father knows.

This year we did have any major events. However, we did see how God changed us at the barely visible corners of our lives. Some cooked for the homeless. Some visited or cared for the seniors who were unable to come to Sunday worship service. Some prayed for the sick with tears. Some helped with moving for the needy. Some shared the signs and stories of His grace. Some brought the cancer patients to hospitals. Some persuaded the unhappy kid to stand up. Some posted a warm message on WeChat or Facebook. Some smiled gently for the suffering. We dedicate all these graceful hearts and acts to be sweetest gifts, which are acceptable and pleasing to the God we love the most.



Thanks be to God! Once again, the Newton Cantonese Congregation experienced His faithfulness and abundance grace in the year of 2015. This year, we set three major goals: 1) building relationships within the body of Christ; 2) reorganizing leadership structure and enhancing communication between departments; and 3) setting up an outreach platform for brothers and sisters to participate in. To achieve these three goals, we made attempts from several different aspects.

Building Relationships within the Body of Christ:

We hosted two congregational events to create opportunities for brothers and sisters to get to know each other. On 2/22, we hosted a Poon Choi banquet named, "Gather around the stove to share and praise His grace." The response was great with 132 participants. During the night, we got to know each other better through games and sharing, along with enjoying a lot of delicious food. On 8/15, we organized the first outing for the Newton Cantonese Congregation at the Auburndale Cove Park. 100 participants enjoyed a beautiful morning together. Apart from building relationships within the body of Christ, we are also here to help newcomers settle into this big family. The Welcoming Team of the Newton Cantonese Congregation made new arrangements for the year and gained new members, which will allow us to be more proactive in engaging with and caring for newcomers.

Reorganizing Leadership Structure and Enhancing Communication between Departments:

Formerly, different departments within the Newton Cantonese Congregations were running their ministries individually, and lacking communication. This year, we set up a Congregational Administration Group within the Newton Cantonese Congregation. We hope that through this platform, communication between leaders of different departments would improve and the ministries

of the Newton Cantonese Congregation would develop more cooperatively. Another important development is for the pastoral workers and leaders of the Newton Cantonese, English, and Mandarin congregations to seek the Lord together in developing ministries at Newton campus. We discovered that although our languages and cultures are different, the differences give us the human and material resources for the development of outreach, teens and children's ministries. For the first time, the Newton campus held tri-lingual prayer meetings on the first Tuesday evening of each month, for a consecutive three months. We are seeking God's presence and guidance together through prayer.

Setting Up an Outreach Platform for Brothers and Sisters to Participate in:

The Newton Cantonese Congregation Outreach Department organized visiting teams to visit neighboring elderly homes three times this year. The visiting team has around 10 members who planned games, presented hymns, gifts, dramas, and short talks to let the elderly experience God's love and joy. On top of that, we invited preacher Mr. Leung from the New York Christian Short-Term Mission Training Centre, Inc., to give brothers and sisters training on how to do evangelical visitations. There were 30 participants and we organized a visitation after the training for them to practice what we learned. We all experienced the joy of telling the gospel, spreading the good news. To create a bigger platform for brothers and sisters to partake in the outreach ministry, we organized an Outreach Sunday on 8/23 named, "What's the next step in my life?" and invited short-term missionary Dr. Charles Yu to be the event speaker. Praise the Lord that He awakened many believers and non-believers to get to know Him deeper.

Even though these three goals were off to a good start, we need to make continual efforts. To support the Church's theme for next year, "Mobilize to Evangelize," we will work as a team and walk into the world, bringing hope to mankind with the good news of Jesus' resurrection.

Newton English Congregation BCEC New Community

Pastor Thomas Lee



Vacation Bible School 2015 at Newton Campus



VBS 2015 helpers

Our Discipleship/Mobilizing theme was and is “Beloved to Love.” BCEC New Community coordinated with the Chinatown English Congregation to preach on Esther, Jonah, Luke 1-2, Heaven & Hell, and then focused on Mentoring and Ephesians. We had some wonderful Sunday events with Newton Campus baby dedications, Mother’s and Father’s Day celebrations, baptismal testimonies, missions send-offs with even our youth leading worship, and guest preachers from our own congregation, including Larry Cheng, Sam Ng, Peter Sun.

We experienced God’s loving us through our home bible study groups and our women’s prayer groups and women’s tea, plus our Community Bible Times. We also help mobilize the entire campus for children’s outreach this year in the Annual Children’s Christmas Party — Miracle of Jesus and Vacation Bible School — Everest. We also had our first New Community Picnic at Auburndale Park in Newton. We missed our youth and children’s director, Randall, but we were blessed with having Sam Ng as our part-time intern. We look forward to working more closely with other Newton Campus congregations and in seeing how God will continue to bless us as his “beloved” sons and daughters, so that we might join him in “loving” our family, friends, neighbors, and nations.



Newton English New Community Picnic 2015 at Auburndale Park.



Baby dedication ceremony



Annual Children Christmas Party - Miracle of Jesus

Newton Mandarin Congregation

Peter Wong

As I write this annual report for the Newton Mandarin Congregation (NMC), I strongly feel the abundant grace our Lord has shown in this little group throughout the year. To God be the Glory!

The NMC is just like a two-year-old baby in the big BCEC family. With the mercy and grace from our Heavenly Father and the support from other congregations, we have gradually grown in size and scope of ministries. I would like to share the goals we set for the year and what God has done in and through us with some reflections of your prayers.

NMC ministry goals and the status

1. Growth of Sunday Service members number from 45 last year to 60 this past year. As of 8/16, our yearly average Sunday Service attendance number has been just above 50. We recently reached 57 attendees and hopefully, after the summer, more members will come back to worship our Lord at church. Please pray for us, so that our brothers and sisters can grow spiritually and set a higher priority in worshipping our God on Sunday.

2. Follow up with 10 new believers for basic Christian life growth

We followed up with 7 new believers for basic Christian life growth. The goal is to have all new believers go through a follow-up process.

3. Discipleship training for 2 members

We have had 1 Christian undergoing discipleship training while God moves the hearts of a group of brothers to go through some kind of spiritual nurturing path every week in church.

Our Lord's Great Commission commands us to make disciples of all nations. Please pray for wisdom and strength of our leaders, so that all of our members can be our Lord's disciples and live a Biblical life on a daily basis.

4. Leading 10 newcomers to be Christians with 5 baptized at BCEC

During this year of ministry, there have been 10 Gospel friends who accepted Christ in the Greater Boston area with an additional 9 becoming believers in North East Country. 8 Christians in our congregation were baptized at BCEC.

We thank God for the opportunities to serve our fellow Gospel friends and send many visiting scholars from mainland China to seek His Truth. It has been stunning to see that almost every Friday evening, we have more than 10 seekers joining us to share about their faith. We pray that God will continue His works in those visitors' life and one day, all of them will accept Christ as their personal Savior and Lord.

5. Solidified 80 members (Elders, Adults, Teens and Children) in the Friday Fellowship.

We thank God that our church started the Awana program in Fall 2014. With this dedicated children's program, we have seen many parents sending their kids to our Friday Fellowship. The Friday Fellowship has become a bigger family with an average attendance of 90. That signifies a 50% increase in participants while compared with the average number one year ago.

6. Establishing the missionary ministry in non-USA country (with a ministry plan in that area).

Missions for God's Kingdom in the world is always in His heart, and so it should be in the hearts of every church. We pray that God will use us to do some missionary work beyond the territory that we can easily reach.

Our congregation participated in missions through a short-term missions team or sending individuals to North East Country and Nepal. By God's grace, both teams contributed to the ministry development of those countries and also brought Gospel friends to Christ.

In addition, the disciples we trained here were sent back to their home towns as "missionaries" of our church. Thank God that two of them are now actively ministering for His Kingdom.

7. Two mid Evangelical Meetings for outreaching to newcomers.

We held one meeting in the spring with one person who accepted Christ. We plan to have the next one on 10/2 and 10/3.

Please pray for the Evangelistic meetings, which God will use to outreach to more seekers in the Greater Newton area.

As a new congregation, we definitely need a lot of prayers and support from our BCEC family. Please pray for us, so that more disciples will be built up. Please pray for strength and wisdom of the congregational leadership team to nurture a healthy church development of this congregation, so that His Name will be glorified now and in years to come!

EDIFICATION & FELLOWSHIPS (CHINESE)

2014-2015 Annual Report

Caleb Fellowship

Life stage: The most senior group of brothers and sisters
Attendance: ~40 people



Caleb members catching up with one another while enjoying refreshments



Working together to play a game



Singing the fellowship theme song together



Vivian Cheung gave a workshop on "the Joy of Bible Reading"

Caleb Fellowship is the most senior fellowship in BCEC. They meet every first Thursday in the afternoon from May to November.



Enoch Fellowship

Life stage: Adult, 55+ years old
Attendance: ~20 people



Picnic on 8/16 at Auburndale Cove Park



Quarterly birthday celebration



Song offering at Newton Cantonese Service on Easter Sunday



Home visit with Mr. & Mrs. Lester Fong

Women's Fellowship

Life stage: Senior adults
Attendance: 70-80 people



Playing a dress-up game



Song Offering at Chinatown Cantonese 2nd service



Women's fellowship getting ready to help at the Chinatown Main Street Fair



Exercise at an outdoor gathering

Ruth Fellowship

Life stage: Women, 35-60 years old
Attendance: ~45-55 people



Annual Thanksgiving dinner to count the blessings of the Lord.



Celebrating the baptism of sister He Su Yue.



Enjoying some outdoor fun at a summer outing. In addition to Bible studies, discussion and sharing, Ruth fellowship also met outside of church during the summer.



Ruth sisters attended the BCEC Cantonese Family Retreat.

Song of Songs Couples' Fellowship

Life stage: Couples middle-ages and up
Attendance: ~60 people (Registered members: 77)



Outing



Potluck dinner before meeting



Our goal is to learn to know and love one another better through our monthly gatherings. Our activities include Bible studies, workshops and outings. Photo shows our 25th anniversary fellowship meeting.



Music Offering

Joshua Couples Fellowship (JCF)

Life stage: Middled-age married couples
Attendance: ~19 people



Sharing from brother Francis Lok & sister Suk Han Lok



Workshop on healthy diet



Question & answer time at the healthy diet workshop



Outing

Elim Fellowship

Life stage: Families
Attendance: 30-40 people including kids (~10 families)



We start our monthly fellowship meeting with a time of worship and praise.



Elim Fellowship holds monthly Bible study and this year we focused on the teachings from the book of Proverbs.



Elim Fellowship holds a monthly Bible study. This year we focused on teachings from the book of Proverbs.



We are grateful for God's provision. A wonderful team of helpers from the Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) comes every month to help with our children's program.

Joshua 1 Fellowship

Life stage: Adults, 24-40 years old
Attendance: 30 people



Vitamin Small Group having an outing at Orange's place, making sticky rice balls and dumplings. This is an after clean up group photo. We did a good job cleaning up.



Brothers and sisters of SPF28+ Small Group were happy to receive their gifts at their Christmas Yankee Swap outing.



Synchronize Small Group having a hotpot outing and celebrating Kenneth's birthday at Wendy and Kenneth's house.



Group photo with brothers and sisters at J1 Minicamp 2015 with speaker Peter Wong in Singing Hills, NH. Our theme this year was "Let God Ignite My Heart." Obviously, we all were having a lot of fun. Praise the Lord for a wonderful fellowship time.

Joshua 2 Fellowship

Life stage: Young adults, 18-23 years old
Attendance: 25-30 people



On June 7, J2 visited an elderly home in Chinatown where we played games, worshipped, performed a skit, and chatted with the elderly.



On February 22, J2 members helped out at church to shovel and clear the snow at 120 Shawmut Avenue.



J2 went to ECC, a campsite in Ashford, Connecticut, for their annual minicamp. It was a time of bonding and learning more about God together.

Joshua Youth Fellowship

Life stage: Middle School and High School
Average attendance: 15-20 people



Joshua Youth Fellowship Spring Camp 2015 in April at Camp Bera.



Students working in teams to accomplish a word search task.



Students participating in a game to explore the theme of the Spring Camp - Our Family



Students playing active outdoor games at a joint outing with Joshua 2 Fellowship.

Daniel Fellowship

Life stage: Adults from 18 to 55 years of age
Attendance: 25 people



Daniel Fellowship Group Photo: Daniel Fellowship welcomes you to join us! As we celebrate our 11th anniversary this year, we are beginning to have more children (as many as 7 children) coming with the adults. We ask them to play among each other peacefully. This is a faith-required step and with God's grace, the children are all behaving very well, having fun, and learning self-control! More importantly, they are developing godly fellowship among themselves! We may name it Daniel Jr. Fellowship soon.



Daniel Fellowship Game Night: Brothers and sisters, including the children, playing various physically challenging games on Game Night; we are also kind enough to only display pictures from the brothers!

Daniel Fellowship helping to repaint the front area of 120 Shawmut Avenue.



We pray that members will continue to grow spiritually as we study God's Word and pray for one another in the coming year. What a joyous experience to study the Bible and share our life experiences with brothers and sisters with vast backgrounds and aaes!

Peter Fellowship

Life stage: Men, 35+ years old
Attendance: 18-22 people

Our goal is to encourage brothers to grow deeper friendships in Christ through open and honest sharing. We hope to grow together as Christians by caring, encouraging, and praying for one another. We meet every 4th Wednesday at Newton Campus with dinner at 6:15pm, followed by a program at 7pm. We also have Bible studies every other month on 2nd Wednesdays. The theme for this year is "Practice in Faith."



Baptism: We take part in these joyful occasions to celebrate and welcome our brothers to the family of Jesus.



In addition to our monthly fellowship meetings, we also hold an Annual Sunrise Worship (Saturday 6am). The 2015 Sunrise Worship was at Houghton's Pond in Milton with Minister Barry Lam as our speaker.



Our Annual Retreat helps us to improve our relationship with our Lord and enrich our friendships. Minister Peter Wong was our speaker at the 2015 Retreat in Charlton, MA (Friday evening to Saturday 4pm).



We served with thankful hearts at the Soup Kitchen of Pine Street Inn.

Chinatown Mandarin Fellowships

Berea Fellowship: Senior adults; Emmanuel Fellowship: Young adults; Moses Fellowship: Mixed ages; Paul Fellowship: Family Timothy Fellowship: Mixed ages



Thanksgiving Celebration



Moses & Berea Fellowships Thanksgiving Celebration



Paul Fellowship Thanksgiving Celebration



Timothy Fellowship serving the homeless



Timothy Fellowship serving BCEC staff



Timothy Fellowship went on a deep sea fishing trip



Emmanuel and Paul Fellowships Game Night



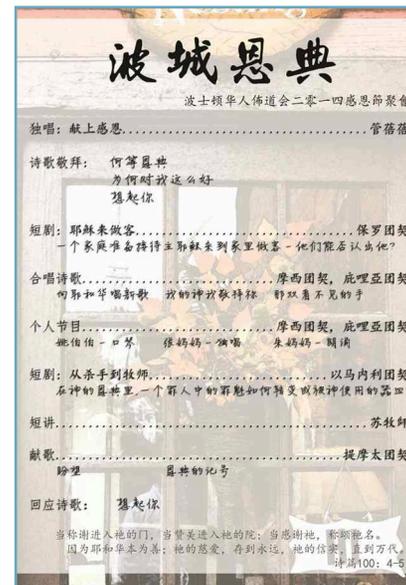
Emmanuel and Paul Fellowships Game Night



Emmanuel and Paul Fellowships Praise & Dance Night



Grace to City at Boston



Thanksgiving Program bulletin



Timothy Fellowship went on a deep sea fishing trip

Chinatown Cantonese 2nd Worship Service Choir

Attendance: 26 people

The Cantonese 2nd Worship Service Choir in Chinatown campus was established over 30 years ago in 1983, when the English and Cantonese congregations started holding separate worship services in their own language. The Choir represents the congregation in offering our voices to sing hymns to praise and worship our Lord. Adrian Man (Conductor) and some 10+ members have served our Lord faithfully in the choir for more than 20 years. Praise the Lord!



Last August, the Choir and their family members got together to celebrate Pastor Fung's birthday.



Last December, the Choir and their family members hosted a Christmas dinner to celebrate Jesus' birthday. We also celebrated the birthdays of Pastor Daniel, Conductor Adrian Man, and choir members Sam Wong and Raymond Wong.



In December 2014, a combined Chinese worship service was held on Christmas Eve at Newton campus. The Choir presented the hymn song "Christmas Medley" to praise our God.



In April 2015, a combined Chinese worship service was held on Good Friday at Newton campus. The Choir sang "His Love" in remembrance of Jesus who died for us.

Joint Cantonese Retreat

Target group: Brothers and sisters from all Cantonese fellowships
Attendance: 213 attendees including some from other local churches



2015 Joint Cantonese Retreat group photo. The retreat was held on June 27-28 at Gordon College. The theme was "Turning left, turning right - the story of Jonah."

The Retreat Committee is deeply appreciative of the brothers and sisters who helped at the nursery and Vacation Bible School. Their faithful and selfless service allowed the parents to focus on the Word of God



We were thankful to have Rev. Peter Yip of the Canadian Alliance Church as the retreat speaker. Through the book of Jonah, Pastor Yip led us to recount the many chances that God has given us to repent and turn back. He also led us to reflect on choices made in Eden, by Jonah, by today's churches, by us, as well as the choices our Holy Trinity God wished for us to make - to humbly obey Him and to glorify Him. In addition, Rev. Yip's story about the papaya garden and many other accounts of witnesses made a deep impression on all of us.



We were thankful for the music team in leading us to praise God.

Chinatown Adult Cantonese Sunday School

Attendance: 60-80 people

Our students are edified through teachings in various spiritual aspects. The Sunday School offers introductory and advanced-level courses, as well as training courses. We also offer elderly classes for seniors.

We would like to thank the following teachers for their faithful teaching this year:

Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Barry Lam, Peter Wong, Dora Lam, Elder Brian Hui, Elder Chuk Lam Yuen, Elder Bak Fun Wong, Mei Kei Wong, Francis Lok, Suk Han Lok, Siu Kuen Kan Wong, Tsz Ming Yu, Jeff Liu, Sandra Chan, Ben Wong, Cora Chong, Mabel So, Ivy Mar, Ai Ping Lieu, Yvonne Au-Chan, Anna Fan, and Wallace Hui.



Students participating in Sunday School classes to enhance their biblical knowledge.



Elder Bak Fun Wong teaching a leadership training class for brothers and sisters.



Group photo of teachers and committee members.

Newton Adult Cantonese Sunday School

The Newton Adult Cantonese Sunday School offers basic and advanced-level classes, as well as a gospel class for seekers. Attendance: ~45 people



Gospel class for friends seeking the Truth



Gospel class for friends seeking the Truth



Gospel class for friends seeking the Truth



Sister Anna Fan was teaching Summer Sunday School in Newton Campus

Caring Ministry (Cantonese 2nd Service)

Target group: All BCEC members
Ministry includes: District prayer groups, prayer network, welcome team, Stephen Ministry, and Health Support Group (a monthly support group for female cancer patients and their families.)



Caring Ministry Committee



Stephen Ministry provides one-on-one support for members who are going through difficult times. Photo shows members from the Stephen Ministry.



Members are divided into 8 districts, each with leaders who are responsible for communicating with their district members and helping with their needs. Monthly prayer meetings are held in each district where members pray for one another and for the church. Photo shows South District I Thanksgiving gathering



At Christmas, the team and members from the Caleb Fellowship visited some BCEC members who reside at the South Cove Manor.

Prayer Network: Prayer requests are shared through emails and phone chains. Photo shows the Prayer Network coordinators: May Li and Benjamin Tang.



EDIFICATION & FELLOWSHIPS (ENGLISH)

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Children's Ministry at Chinatown Campus



9:15am JQES Nursery: Sandy Moy (left) has been an integral part of our nursery program for over 30 years. We are very thankful for her faithful service.



Children Sunday School hosted the 2014 Christmas Party, an outreach event for children and their families.



Children put on adorable costumes and performed a Christmas skit at the 2014 Christmas Party.



Preschool Kids Worship: More and more of the children joining our Kids Worship program at 9:15am are from Chinese speaking families. We would love to have more volunteers who speak Mandarin and Cantonese.



At VBS, kids exercised their imagination as they experimented with science gizmo.



2015 Everest Vacation Bible School (VBS) at Chinatown Campus



This is Teacher Josh's 7th-grade Youth Sunday School class. They are enthusiastic to learn about what it means to be standout Christians who glorify and serve God faithfully and humbly.



This is Teacher Josh's 8th-grade Youth Sunday School class. They are enthusiastic to learn about what it means to be standout Christians who glorify and serve God faithfully and humbly.



Chinatown English Youth Sunday School students participated in the Boston Hope Ebola Caregivers Kit service event which was held at 120 Shawmut Avenue, on Sunday, May 17. It was encouraging to see our students' eagerness to use their time to serve and bless others in need.

Teens with a Reason Fellowship (TWR)

Life stage: Middle school students (6th-8th grades)
Attendance: 30-40 people



TWR girls hanging out at Skyzone, a trampoline park, during Small Group Night.



TWR Camping Trip at Myles Standish State Forest



TWR boys building a tent at our TWR Camping Trip



TWR fellowship on a regular Friday night

Teens Fellowship

Life stage: High school students
Attendance: 40 people



A Small Group Night in March 2015 spent fellowshipping over pizza, Bananagrams, and Just Dance.



Teen guys at Winter Teen Conference in February 2015. The theme was living "In Plain Sight" for Christ.



A student initiating a water fight with counselor Phil Wang at Summer Teen Conference 2014 at Camp Cedarbrook in Alfred, Maine.



Students and counselors at Winter Teen Conference 2015 at Camp Brookwoods in Alton, New Hampshire.



Fenway area TWIGS group photo



Being silly @ College Retreat 2015



Calvin Chu & retreat speaker Matt Chin playing a boba game



Boston University TWIGS hot pot

Chinatown English Adult Large Group

Life stage: Adults
Attendance: 50-60 people



Adult Large Group meets once a month for 8 months of the year. Our purpose is to connect people at BCEC with each other in more intentional communities such as Adult Small Groups. We meet for a time of musical worship, discussion, teaching, and fellowship.



The Fall Adult Retreat takes place in September of each year. This past year our guest speaker was Greg Jao. The theme was "On Purpose: Living Intentionally to God's Plan."

Chinatown English Adult Small Groups

Life stage: Adults
Attendance: 5 groups, with total average attendance of 80



Small group leaders from the 5 Adult Small Groups, plus other group leaders from our congregation gathered to receive encouragement and training. We offered training on serving as shepherds and group leaders over different weekends.



ASG Leaders took a Saturday morning in February 2014 to reflect upon and pray about their small groups. This was our first mid-year retreat in a number of years to help encourage and equip our leaders.



This past year, leaders from multiple ministry teams gathered for monthly Prayer-Vision-Planning meetings. This was a time for corporate prayer, vision-casting, and planning. This coming year, we plan to divide up our meetings to help individual team leaders go deeper in discipleship with their teams.

Chinatown English Family Fellowship

Life stage: Married adults and/or adults raising kids
Attendance: 15-25 people, plus children



The Family Fellowship gathers adults who are married and/or raising kids. We meet monthly from September to June for a time of family musical worship, discussion, teaching, fellowship, and dinner.



This past year we held our first BCEC sponsored one-day marriage enrichment retreat called "The Marriage Thing." Our guest speaker was Greg Jao and he spoke on marital communication. Families from both campuses joined us for this event.

Web of Women

Life stage: Women in the Chinatown English Congregation
Attendance: Large group events: 40-45, Smaller gatherings: 8-15



WoW large group event, "Women as Shepherding Leaders". We gathered women for a time of teaching and small group discussion. Jeanette Yep spoke to the women on the topic.



Shepherd leader breakfast: Women leaders discussed the topic "Who do you shepherd? Who should you shepherd?" over breakfast. We shared about the areas in which we serve and the types of relationships and ministries that have been life-giving.



Shepherd leader breakfast: Women leaders discussed the topic "Who has God made you to be? What kind of shepherd does that make you?" We reflected on the unique backgrounds, experiences, and abilities God has given us. Knowing this, we discussed how these sovereign foundations shape how we minister to others.



WoW leader event: "Shepherd Leadership Rooted in Teaching the Bible" Toni Kim, Minister of Membership at Park Street Church, spoke to women leaders on the importance of teaching the Bible in a group or one-on-one.



Done with this toy! Time for another one! Oh Boy! Too many choices!!



Peek a Boo! I see you!



Look! We are all ready for snack time!



That looks really fun, teacher Rhonda! Can I play too?

Newton Children's Sunday School

Life stage: Children from age 2 to 6th grade
 Attendance: 95 people in 6 classes



2015 Class Photos: We pray that the teachers will continue to grow spiritually as they teach God's Word to the new generations. We also pray for fruitful relationships between the teachers, children, parents, and God in the upcoming year.

Grade	Members	Visitors
PS2	7	0
PS3-4	17	7
K-G1	19	8
G2-3	21	8
G4	16	4
G5-6	15	7
Total	95	34



13 dedicated teachers provided their godly love, patience, and time in 6 classes. We are also thankful for the 8 teachers who served during the summer.



Two Sunday School graduates giving their commencement address



Sunday School students decorating appreciation gifts for the teachers

Newton Campus Junior Worship

Life stage: Preschool through Grade 6 (ages 2-12)
Average attendance: 30-40 people



Children posting God sightings to show their loyalty to God just like Daniel in the Bible.



Preschool children and Teacher Linda Shen pretending to rebuild the wall of Jerusalem.



Children making a mosaic cross on Easter Sunday

Together in One Bucket (TIOB)

Life stage: Teens in Grades 7-12
Attendance: 30-40 people



TIOB's key mission is to foster an environment that helps students to get to know God and each other better. Photo shows TIOB teens serving our community through NewtonServes.



Fun and games at the TIOB Retreat



Celebrating Christmas at the Newton Christmas Party



Photo shows TIOB Retreat at Pinebrook. In addition to our weekly meetings where we have been studying the New Testament, we have an afterschool fellowship for some of the local students, monthly student leadership team ("Bucketeers") meetings, student worship team practices, an overnight sleepover at church, and our annual retreat.

New Community – Women’s Ministry

Life stage: Women
Attendance: 25 people



Women’s Tea in November: Painting God’s amazing creation and sharing the peace He provides. Wow - we have talent! Thank you, Jenny Lam, for showing all 27 of us how to paint!



Women’s Tea in March: Wendy Lin led 26 attendees in making beaded bracelets, as we focused on experiencing the love of God.



Women’s Tea in March: Participants packaged their bracelets with a note of encouragement, and each attendee randomly selected a gift bag to serve as a tangible reminder of God’s love.



Women of Faith conference in Hartford, CT in November 2014. It was an uplifting weekend as we worshipped and listened to encouraging messages with a couple of thousand other women. The event provided us another opportunity to laugh together and bear one another’s burdens.

OUTREACH

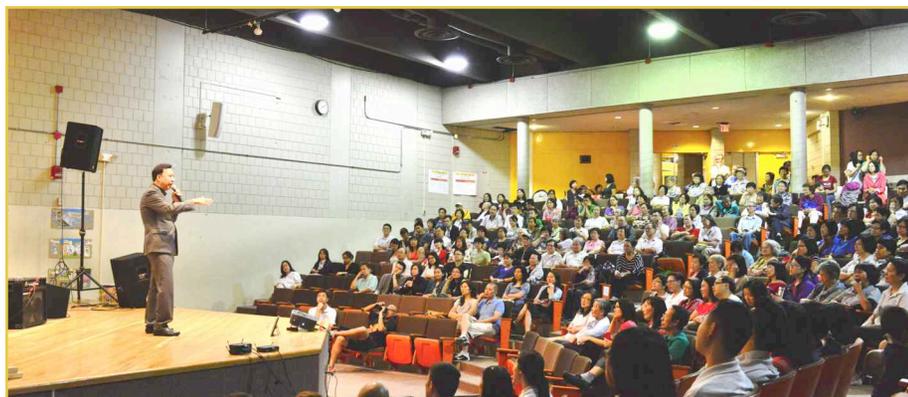
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Annual Chinatown August Moon Festival on August 9, 2015. It was a beautiful, sunny day. We set up our booths and provided several games for kids to play. The children especially loved receiving one of our colorful balloons. Besides passing out information about our church and spreading the gospel, this year we focused on the outreach highlight event, where we partnered with Boston Local Short-Term Missions and Children EQ and Family Workshops, which were held on August 18-20 & 22



Children EQ and Family Workshops - Speakers - Renowned Hong Kong's Father of EQ - Dr. Charles Yu and his team, total of 7 people. Together they represented Children EQ and Family Workshops in Chinatown, Quincy, and Malden. From left to right: Wai Lok Tse (EQ counselor), Minister Barry Lam, Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Dr. Charles Yu, Michael (friend of Dr. Yu), Si Ling Tse (EQ counselor), Alice Ng, Pikki Szeto, Tommy Choy (Alice, Pikki, and Tommy are representatives of Boston Local Short-Term Missions, as well as BCEC members).



August 22, 2015 Family Workshops at JQES auditorium - around 300 attendees including our guests and helpers. More than 10 people accepted Jesus as their Lord and Savior on that night, and many more expressed an interest to learn more about Jesus and our faith. Please pray for these people's heart to know God more personally.



August 22, 2015 Family Workshops at JQES auditorium - God blessed us with a wonderful music team and many helpers serving on the front and back stage, He is the One Who calls us to work. The night was filled with His grace and mercy to our guests and also among the believers.



Children's Program on 8/18-20, 22 - God blessed us with a team of devoted volunteers to help with the Children's Program during the Children EQ and Family Workshops. Look at these kids! "We are lost sheep, but God found us!"

Social Responsibility Committee

Committee members: Jocelyn Chu, Jay Leung, Kim Szeto, John Wong, Sharon Yip
Pastoral Staff: Pastor Thomas Lee, Pastor Kenneth Kwong, Steve Liu



BCEC hosting Boston Hope at 120 Shawmut Ave building to prepare Ebola Caregiver Kits for communities in Sierra Leone



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Volunteers providing meals to the homeless at Boston Rescue Mission

Missions Committee

Chairman: Rev. Enoch Liao General Secretary: Michael Ho
Pastoral Staff: Rev. Daniel Chan, Peter Wong
Members: Moses Lam, Lorraine Ho, Martin Chiu, Margaret Lam, Louisa Poon



This year we sent out five overseas short-term mission teams, serving in the Philippines, Panama, Dominican Republic, Sweden and East Asia. Picture shows Dominican Republic Team members.



Bcec 37th Annual Missions Conference was held on November 14-16, 2014. English speaker was Dr. George Murray, Cantonese speaker Rev. Calvin Chu, Mandarin Speaker Rev. Peter Wu. Picture shows Rev. Calvin Chu.



Mandarin speaker Rev. Peter Wu preaching during Missions Conference

Project Destiny Summer Camp

Target group: Community Youth Outreach
Attendance: 35 campers, 20 staff



Each camper was part of a small group led by a counselor that met together every morning at the end of Charting (morning chapel) and at the end of the day. The small groups discussed, ate, travelled, worked together, and grew new friendships by the end of camp.



Every morning, after signing in, campers participated in a camp tradition of singing, watching gospel-related skits performed by counselors, and learning from the Bible. The campers were introduced to the stories of David, and Jesus's crucifixion on the cross.



Campers participated in many classes (Labs, ProjX, Creating). This particular one was a 3D Printing Design and Creation Lab where students learned to make their own three dimensional designs to print out.



One of the field trips Project Destiny went on was the New England Aquarium Whale Watch. Students were able to learn many things and to gain many experiences from the field trips.

Project Destiny Autumn to Spring

Target group: Community Youth Outreach
Attendance: 40 students weekly average, 17 staff



Counselor providing homework help to high school students



In one of PDAS's lab, students learned about the function of each computer component and ways to design and build a computer within a budget.



The girls HomeBase groups (PDAS small groups) came together for a sushi making activity



The students and their families came together at the end of the school year for Family Night. The students, families, and counselors met and played various interactive games.

ESL / Citizenship Classes

Target group: To teach immigrants survival English and help those who want to become US citizens prepare for the naturalization interview.
Attendance: About 160 students enrolled in 12 ESL classes and 2 Citizenship classes.



(CEC Teachers) Our team of dedicated teachers who served in the spring semester 2015.



The summer Basic Phonics Class has always been popular. About 65 students attended the class on 5 Saturdays in July and August.



Promotion of the Community English Classes ministry at the August Moon Festival in Chinatown on 8/9.



With the availability of the 120 Shawmut building, 6 classes were held there in the spring semester. We would like to move all the current 14 classes there in the fall. The additional space there will allow us to add more classes as needed to serve more people in the community.

Chinatown Campus Library

Target group: All people attending Chinatown English and Chinese services and the pastoral staff.
Size of ministry: 10 library staff serving all 4 Chinatown congregations.



Library staff Lesi Yu on duty with patron James Young



Library committee members: Chiu Yung Leung, Yu Fee Chin, Fenice Tu, Alec Li.



Library staff on duty, Blenda Lau.



Library staff lunch meeting with Pastor Daniel Chan.
In picture from right to left: Steven Choi, Yu Fee Chin, Lucia Lee , Alec Li, Lesi Yu, Fenice Tu, Pastor Daniel Chan, Mei Mei Cheung, Chiu Yung Leung, Blenda Lau, Linda Loo.

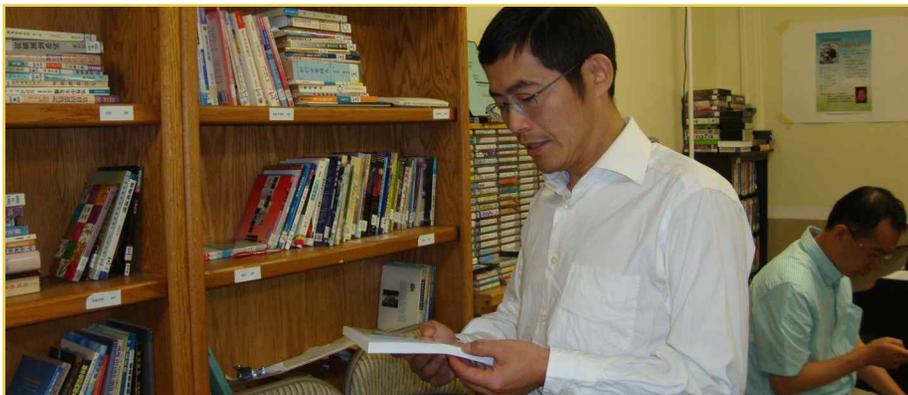
Newton Campus Library



Sister Alice Lau is one of the church library committee members



The library cart is brought out every Sunday during refreshment period at the Fellowship Hall. Brothers and sisters are free to look at or borrow the materials from the cart.



Brother Chaomin Li was reading at the library which was located in Room 208



The Newton Campus Library offers Chinese books, music CDs, and DVDs, and serves brothers and sisters from both Cantonese and Mandarin services.

AWANA Children's Ministry

Target group: Children from 3 years to 6th Grade
Size of Ministry: Over 40 students and 15 teachers



BCEC AWANA

Cubbies (3 to PreK)

Sparks (K to G2)

Truth & Training (G2 to G6)

A family-styled fellowship, With Structured faithful teachings, For our children.

The AWANA children program at BCEC meets on Friday nights, from 7:30 pm to 9:30 pm.

A typical AWANA night for each club is divided into three sections:
Game, Large Group Lesson, Handbook.

Our mission is to help all children and youth to know, love, and serve Lord Jesus Christ.

During the quiet summer, I reflected on my first year of experience with AWANA. Time flew by with the refreshing air and the dazzling colors of autumn, falling snowflakes that blanketed the ground in the winter, and the budding, and subsequently, blooming flowers and leaves in the spring and summer. Every Friday night during these seasons, after dinner, adults and children met at BCEC's Newton Campus. I think of the smiling faces of AWANA clubbers and their full-hearted laughter, people who had come and gone. All of these were embedded in my memory. A beautiful song rang in my ears, This Is My Father's World.

Faith and our salvation are gifts from God, and we can experience living in faith as a blessing from God while we are still on earth. The attractions, distractions, and seductions of the world, and their detrimental effect on our body and soul, are certainly not far from us. That is why we need to live in faith and enjoy the gifts that our Lord Jesus gives us. One of these gifts is having a regular Friday night fellowship, and through it, we can develop a Christ-like lifestyle. Through attending fellowship, we can receive and make good use of gifts from God and also help each other fight against the world.

I also recollect the coworkers at the AWANA ministry. Who are they? They are insignificant people called by God to serve the children. If believers, even spiritual leaders, were willing to serve the insignificant and the children, satisfied with saving souls one at a time, then this world, now full of ridiculous things that upset Christians, would cease to exist. In its place would be a world where every soul sings joyfully This Is My Father's World. I have also thought about the insignificant people in other ministries. May God remember you—those who manifest faith in deeds, the true believers who glorify God through acts, the real Christian leaders who lead by serving, and my dear coworkers who have helped me grow spiritually!

May all glory be to you, Lord Jesus, Amen!



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