

FULLERTON ENGLISH

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- 2024 FECC Summer Conference, Friday – Sunday, June 28-30:** you can now register (<https://fecc.churchcenter.com/registrations/events/2279703>) for the Summer Conference. Early bird registration (by June 2) is \$200/person and \$750/family of 4 or more. We hope that you can join us. Our featured speakers are Pastor Jason Ko (English), Professor Daisy Tsai (Mandarin), and Pastor Fred Eng (Cantonese). The conference will take place on the campus of the University of Redlands. For more information, please see Pastor David.
- Top of the World Hike, Saturday, May 4, 8:00AM:** we invite you to join us as we spend a day enjoying God's creation hiking. The trail is located in Laguna Beach. The hike is 7.5 miles long (~3.5 hours), with 890ft of total climb, reaching a maximum elevation of 1,020ft. For more information, please see Brother Guang Chao or Pastor David.
- FECC Membership Class, Sunday, May 5, 2:00PM:** Are you considering becoming a member of FECC? If so, plan to attend the class, which will cover the history, structure and mission/vision of our church. The class is available in English, Mandarin and Cantonese. For more information, please see Pastor David.
- Love Armenia Mission, June 2-13:** please pray for and support the mission team of 7 from Cerritos campus (Wes, Lilian, Yisan, Wendy, Jasmine, Nitta, PE) who will serve a group of nearly 100 youths at a youth camp and different ministries of Ararat Mission Center (<https://baekstephen.wixsite.com/armeniamission>). We need to raise \$6,000 to support the youth camp. If you wish to give financially, please give to "FECC" and write "Armenia Mission" on the memo.
- Upcoming Events:** National Day of Prayer (5/2) Top of the World Trail (Laguna Beach) Hike (5/4); Membership Class (5/5); Mother's Day Celebration (5/12); World Vision's 6K for Water (5/18).
- Prayer Requests:** (1) for wisdom and discernment for our Directors as they meet today to discuss church matters; (2) for us to continue to reach out to our community with God's love and grace; (3) for a speedy and full recovery for those who are dealing with illness or COVID-19; **For Our World:** (a) for the **Democratic Republic of the Congo** as violence persists, with various armed groups battling for control of resources; (b) for the people of **Sudan** after a full year of war, with the risk of famine increasing daily; (c) for peaceful and safe protests over the **Israel-Gaza** conflict across college campuses throughout the United States; (d) for a commitment and efforts to keep our planet healthy even as we celebrated **Earth Day** on 4/22; (e) for peace and resolution to the ongoing **Russia-Ukraine war**. For all who need to be able to receive relief help; (f) for the people across **East Africa** as the region braces for more rain. Resulting severe floods have displaced hundreds of thousands of people being displaced. Over 60 people have died in Kenya, with an additional 155 in neighboring Tanzania.



Worship Service

April 28, 2024 11:00 A.M.

Worship in Song	Congregation
Worship in Prayer	Pastor David Tsai
Worship in Fellowship	Welcome and Announcement
Worship in Giving	Congregation
Worship in Word	Pastor David Tsai

"Recognizing Spiritual Attacks"

Ephesians 6:10-24

Communion	Pastor David Tsai
Benediction	Pastor David Tsai

FECC FAMILY NEWS

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5. Attendance for April 20-21, 2024

	Cerritos	Fullerton	Oakland	E. Lansing
Mandarin	138	48	39	12
Cantonese	76			
English	37	47		
Kairos/Youth	65		10	10
Children	37	4	6	1

6. Financial Update: Thank you for your faithful giving!

	As of 12/31/2023 (preliminary)				
	Actual Receipt	Budget	Variance	Actual Disbursed	+/-
Gen, Fund	\$1,736,186	\$1,900,000	-\$163,814	\$1,804,194	-\$68,008

*Not including reimbursements and fees from church facilities use, which is not recorded in General Fund.

Oakland Campus News

- Beloved Children's Academy is now accepting students! The preschool Academy is open to children from 2.5 to 5 years old. With our newly renovated learning environment, large activity space, and rich and diverse curriculum, we welcome families with children in the community to register! For registration and fee details, please contact the Academy Director, Lisi Yu, at (248)635-0722.

East Lansing Campus News

- Fundraising for the Duckwater STM starts soon. Pray and support our team brothers and sisters Shirley, Hannah, Ben, Lucas, Louis. Contact Jessie or Shirley for more information.

English News

- Saturday Breakfast Club: First and third Saturdays from 7:00 am-8:00 am in the DTC chapel. Breakfast Club is for all brothers and sisters who want to commune with God through worship, Word, and prayer, and then dine together to fellowship and grow in their relationship with Christ.
- Sunday School: the following classes meet from 11:30 am-12:30 pm Women's Study in room D109, PE's One to One Discipleship in room D107, and Brother Stan's study on Tactics-How to Defend Christian Faith in D103.

Youth (Poimea) News

- We have resumed in-person fellowship. Weekly activities:
 - Friday: 8:00 pm – Fellowship
 - Sunday: 10:00 am - Sunday School
 - Wednesday: 4:00 pm – Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

Kairos News

- Fellowship groups have resumed! Contact Pastor Len if you are interested in attending one of the groups.

Mandarin News

- Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His face for our nation, our church, and our families. Come join us on Wednesday nights, at 7:30 pm, for prayer meeting. For more details, please email txu@fecc.us.

Cantonese News

- Any Cantonese-speaking person who would like to join our fellowships or worship service, please contact Pastor Godwin Ngai at gngai@fecc.us.



NOW THAT YOU'VE GOT ON GOD'S ARMOR, HOW DO YOU FIGHT?

EPHESIANS 6:18-20

Pastor David Tsai

In one of Mark's grad school seminars, the group carefully studied Ephesians 6:10-20. The professor, a brilliant, world-renowned scholar, believed that this passage commends a purely passive approach to spiritual warfare. He argued that all of the armor in 6:10-20 is defensive, even the sword. *"What do we do when we put on the armor?"* he asked one day in class. *"Nothing! We just stand there. Standing firm is what we do. That's how we fight."*

At this point Mark raised his hand nervously. *"I have to disagree,"* he said. *"There is something more for us to do here, something vital. Verse 18, as you know, is not separate from the armor passage. It is all part of the same argument, the same sentence beginning in verse 17. So, when we have put on the armor, we don't just stand there passively. We do something active. We pray. We pray with all kinds of prayer, all the time, for all people. Prayer is how we fight."*

When he finished his comment, the room was quiet, filled with tension because he had so plainly disagreed with the professor. He looked at Mark intensely and stroked his chin thoughtfully. *"You may be right,"* he said finally. *"I haven't seen that before."* On the outside Mark appeared to take his positive response in stride. Inwardly, he was cheering. He had not made a fool of himself. He might even have helped his professor to see Ephesians 6 in a new way.

Most translations of Ephesians make it difficult for anyone to see the necessary connection between God's armor and prayer. English translations begin a new sentence with verse 18 (. . . *which is the word of God. And pray in the Spirit . . .*). Most, like the NIV, even start a new paragraph with verse 18. But the original Greek of this passage reads quite differently. A more literal translation would be, *"Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit . . . praying in the Spirit at all times."* The Greek participle meaning *"praying"* is dependent grammatically on the imperative *"take."* In other words, once you've put on the armor of God, here's what you do: Pray! You pray often. You pray in all sorts of ways. That's how you fight the battle when wearing God's armor.

In the next few Sundays, we'll examine in detail exactly what Jesus teaches us about prayer. We learn more about how exactly we're to fight in God's battle. For now, I simply want to underscore the truth of this passage – a truth often ignored. Once we have put on the armor of God, we have a clear

battle strategy. We have our marching orders. We are to pray. And pray. And pray.

Gracious God, well, now I'm fighting! At least that's the implication of what I have learned from Ephesians. I take seriously what Ephesians teaches. Help me to learn to see prayer more truthfully and fully. And, dear Lord, help me to pray. Teach me to pray! Amen.