

END OF THE YEAR UPDATE

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2019 Is Here!

We are in the new year and we hope that it has been a good wrap up from 2018. As we enter into 2019, our church is embarking upon the theme of "Showing Others the Goodness of Jesus"

Gingerbread Houses

We had a great time making gingerbread houses and even inviting friends to come. It was a wonderful time of fun and sweet deliciousness!



Christmas Party

In celebration of the birth of our Savior and Lord Jesus, we had some time of fellowship with a white elephant gift exchange and some other fun activities!



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Winter Retreat

We praise God for all of the work done at this year's Winter Retreat with our theme Step-by-Step. Learning to walk with the Lord every step of our lives and in the daily struggle has been a challenge, and we are glad that the youth and the helpers have all been blessed by the experience. Our speaker John challenged us to "get off the merry-go-round" when we seem to be going in circles and not moving forward, we were encouraged to get off and see what's next in life. Please continue praying for the youth into the new year as we keep encouraging them to take their faith deeper with God and walk with Him every day! A special thank you to the parents who served our youth by lovingly preparing meals for us at the retreat! You are appreciated!



For more pictures, check out our FECC youth page <http://cerritos.fecc.us/youth.html>

New Year

We are striving to implement new approaches that will help the kids continue to go deeper through discipleship classes on Sunday afternoons. This will be every other week for an hour (max) after lunch/service to give the kids an opportunity to grow with a mentor or an adult who will pour into their spiritual needs more regularly. We are also hoping to see music worship developing within the youth as well with more interaction with our Kairos congregation. We thank God for their hearts in training up our youth to be equipped in serving with worship as well!

Prayer List

-The continual follow-up after retreat for those who have been asking questions about Jesus to have more opportunities to hear

-Starting the discipleship time on Sundays, for faithful commitment and students who want to learn, and mentors willing to invest in them

-Worship practice for the youth to have more opportunities to serve

-For our Sunday school teachers who are investing a lot of time to prepare and teach the youth every week

Retreat Testimonies

"I prayed 'God, give me an opportunity to share the testimonies I have.'"

"My small group was amazing, and we could all share openly and honestly about our spiritual life"

"I learned that God will always love me no matter what"

"I felt God's presence through other people and their actions and conversations"

Calendar Schedule

January

- 11 *Movie Night*
- 18 *Small Group Games*
- 25 *Conversation Corner*