

CERRITOS ENGLISH

Prayer Requests:

- For healing of sister Margie's growth in breast to be cleared, for a successful surgery in near future.
- For senior pastor search and wisdom for Pastor David as he serves FECC as the interim senior pastor.
- For us to trust the Lord to fulfill Romans 8:28 through present trial at church, and that we would have the mind and heart of Christ in settling disputes.

Announcements:

- Be encouraged to join **Saturday morning prayer gathering** at 7AM in DTC Chapel.
- Join **Wednesday Prayer Gathering** via zoom at 8pm to pray for missionaries, for our church and for one another.
- **Register for Family Life Weekend to Remember Marriage Conference!** Let's go together and enrich our marriage, our family and our church.
Date: March 8 to 10 at Hyatt Regency Orange County
Price: \$87.50 per person (conference only)
- **Extraordinary Women's Conference from 9/20-21** at West Lake Village Calvary Chapel will be the sisters' retreat.
Go to <https://www.ewomen.net/westlake-village-ca-2024/> and register ASAP before March 31. Seats are running out fast!

Sunday Worship Service

January 28, 2024 9:45 A.M.

Worship Leader: Nitta Song

Praise & Worship

Worship leader

Tithes & Offerings

Prayer for Offering & Intercession

Henry Lee

Confession of Faith

Congregation

Message

Pastor Edward Song

*God's Glory in Reconciliation
Ephesians 2:11-22*

Communion

Congregation

Announcements

Pastor Edward Song

Benediction

Pastor Edward Song

Following this worship service at 11:30 AM, you are invited to attend the Sunday school class to help nurture your spiritual growth.

FECC FAMILY NEWS

January 24, 2024

- Welcome to FECC!** We are honored that you have joined us for worship this morning. We invited us to join our family of faith as we gather before God, our Father, in worship and gratitude for all that He has done through the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. This morning, through the Epistle of Ephesians, we look at God's glory reflected in the reconciliation that the cross of Jesus brings to us. This morning, we also invite all baptized believers to join us for **Holy Communion** as we remember our Lord Jesus Christ and His sacrifice for us. If you have any prayer requests or concerns, please let your Congregational Pastor know.
- Tax Preparation Service, Saturdays, February 17 and 24:** we invite you to join in this ministry. We are looking for: (1) tax preparers, (2) hosts and (3) foods and snacks. There is an orientation today at 1:00PM in the DTC Conference Room in Cerritos. If you are interested, you can contact Pastor Len, ltan@fecc.us.
- 2024 Preteen Winter Camp, February 23-25 (Fri-Sun):** this year's theme is "Amazing" (Luke 5:26). It is for 3rd through 6th graders. The camp is hosted by Angeles Crest Christian Camp in Palmdale, CA. The registration cost is \$219 and scholarships are available. For more information, please contact Pastor Tracy at ttam@fecc.us.
- Pray for: (1)** our "Declare His Glory to the World Before Us and Beyond" Missions Conference and our speaker, Matt Whitlock; **(2)** for the "dividing wall of hostility" to be destroyed in our lives and church.
- Attendance for January 20-21, 2024**

	Cerritos	Fullerton	Oakland	E. Lansing
Mandarin	123	45	46	19
Cantonese	66			
English	34	51		
Kairos/Youth	75		9	
Children	39		8	

- Financial Update:** Thank you for your faithful giving!

	As of 10/31/2023 (preliminary)				
	Actual Receipt	Budget	Variance	Actual Disbursed	+/-
Gen, Fund	\$1,256,352	\$ 1,571,154	-\$314,802	\$1,369,933	-\$113,581

*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

- In-person services have resumed on Saturday mornings at 10 am at Faith Church! Come join us for a time of worship and fellowship! All safety and health precautions will continue to be observed. Services will continue to be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

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 (Poima) 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.



LIVE YOUR CALLING

Pastor David Tsai

As a prisoner for the Lord, then, I urge you to live a life worthy of the calling you have received.
(Ephesians 4:1)

There is an unusual and remarkable use of the word “*calling*” in Ephesians 4:1. The Apostle Paul, imprisoned because of his missionary work, writing to the Ephesians, doubles down on the use of “*calling*” in this verse. The letter’s recipients are to “*live a life* [literally, “*walk*”] *worthy of the calling to which* [they] *have been called.*”

We want to ask the obvious question: “*So, what is the calling to which we have been called?*” The answer to this question is not quite as obvious as the question itself. Paul spoke in Ephesians 1:18 of “*the hope to which He has called you.*” I talked about this last week. This hope, according to Ephesians, certainly includes our personal salvation by grace through faith (Eph. 2:8). But our hope is much more than that. Because of what God has done in Christ, we have the confident hope that, one day, God will bring “*all things under Christ*” (Eph. 1:10). God will mend this broken world, unifying that which has been divided by sin.

We, who are called to this hope, should not just wait for God to fix everything. We are to be participants in God’s work of salvation and restoration. When we accept God’s grace through faith, we are “*created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do*” (Eph. 2:10). We are not just observers of God’s work in the world, but partners in that work. The phrase in Ephesians 2:10 translated as “*good works . . . to be our way of life*” reads more literally “*good works . . . that we should walk in them.*” Notice how similar this is to the language of 4:1: “*live a life* [“*walk*” in Greek] *worthy of the calling to which you have been called.*” We walk worthy of our calling by walking in the good works God has prepared for us.

Our calling emerges from the grand story of what God has done and is doing in Christ, the story that fills Ephesians 1-3. This calling is shared by all who belong to Christ by grace through faith. It is not our specific calling to a particular work or life situation. Instead, it is

the calling to embrace and to share in God’s saving, healing, renewing, life-giving work. When we say “*Yes*” to God’s invitation to faith, we also say “*Yes*” to God’s summons to live our lives in light of all He has done and will do through Christ.

Help us, Lord, to walk worthy of the calling You have given to us.