

Kairos and Poiema

1. **Youth** core applications are out, if you are interested, please reach out to Jeff, they are due today!
2. **Youth** will be breaking from fellowship this coming Friday. Please take the time to rest and spend time with family over the weekend.
3. Our **tax preparation service** will be on February 17 and 24. If you would like to serve at this service, please email Len. Training will be held on January 28 at 1:00pm.
4. Join the **youth prayer meetings** on Discord! We are meeting on Wednesdays at 9pm, please come out and join us for prayer!
5. Join a **Kairos fellowship** for community and mutual encouragement!
 - College // Friday, 8:00 pm // Meets at church.
 - Phileo // First and third Thursdays of the month, 7:30 pm // Meets at the Tan residence.
 - Ohana // First and third Fridays of the month, 7:30 pm // Meets at church.
6. Kairos and the youth group are on **Instagram**! Follow us @fecckairos and @feccpoiema.

Worship Service

January 21, 2024 11:30 AM

Call to Worship

Julian Hsu

Offering

News and Announcements

Prayer

God's Glory in Salvation – Eph. 2:1-10

Jeff Chan

Worship

Julian Hsu

Closing Prayer

FECC FAMILY NEWS

January 21, 2024

- Welcome!** We are so glad you have joined us for worship today. We gather as sisters and brothers in God's family to worship and thank God for who He has called us to be: His people to display His kindness and mercy to the world around us. This morning, we continue our series on Ephesians, and look at God's glory displayed through His people. 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 will be an orientation on Sunday, January 28 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.
- Prayer Requests: (1)** for a heart of unity and cooperation for our deacons, directors and pastors as they serve and lead our church into 2024; **(2)** for our pastors as they lead us spiritually into all God has for us in 2024.
- Attendance for January 13-14, 2024**

	Cerritos	Fullerton	Oakland	E. Lansing
Mandarin	123	44	31	*Inclement Weather
Cantonese	70			
English	37	42		
Kairos/Youth	78		8	
Children	40		8	

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

	As of 09/30/2023 (preliminary)				
	Actual Receipt	Budget	Variance	Actual Disbursed	+/-
Gen, Fund	\$997,703			\$1,207,274	-\$209,571

*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 (Poiema) 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.



CALLED TO HOPE

Pastor David Tsai

I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know Him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which He has called you, what are the riches of His glorious inheritance among the saints. (Ephesians 1:17-18)

God calls us to many things: to be His special people, into fellowship with Christ and His people, to believe the good news of salvation through Christ (see 1 Cor. 1:2, 9, 22-24). We are called to peace in our relationships (1 Cor. 7:15), to belong to Christ (Rom. 1:5-7), and to unexpected freedom (Gal. 5:13). In Ephesians, Paul prays for another dimension of God's calling: that "you may know what is the hope to which He has called you" (Eph. 1:18).

The Greek reads more literally, "that you may know what is the hope of His calling." God's calling is primarily God summoning us into relationship with God through Jesus Christ. God invites us to be His special people, live in His love and walk in the good works He has designed for us (Eph. 2:10). Paul says, earlier in Ephesians, that God's mission for the cosmos will be culminated in the future when God "gather[s] up all things in [Christ], things in heaven and things on earth" (Eph. 1:10). The universe, shattered by sin, will be put back together through Christ. God's peace, permeated by righteousness, justice, and blessing, will fill the whole creation. So, when God calls us through the Gospel, we are called to a compelling vision of the future. We are called to hope.

In today's culture, hope is wishing for something, longing, even anticipating that we might get it. Hope sounds like, "Oh, I hope the Lakers will win the championship. Oh, I hope I get that promotion. Oh, I hope the economy will recover." You can even hope for things that are quite unlikely: "Oh, I hope we won't have any fires in California this year." Hope is long-ing, wishing, and desiring, whether what you hope for will happen or not.

Biblical hope is different. Far beyond wishful thinking, it is deep confidence. It is a conviction about the future. Christian hope is knowing that what God has begun in Christ, God will complete

when the time is just right. We are called, not just to any old hope, but to confident hope.

This kind of hope isn't something we conjure up through our own efforts. It is something to which we are called, given to us as a gift of God's Spirit. Paul did not tell the Ephesians to be more hopeful. Rather, he prayed that God would help them to know of the hope of His calling. Hope comes from God's work in us through the Spirit. When we embrace the hope of the Gospel, not only do we look forward to God's future, but also we are empowered to live boldly and courageously every day.

Lord, may the confident hope of Your calling help me to live fully and fruitfully today.