

Kairos and Poiema

1. Join the **youth prayer meetings** on Discord! We are meeting on Wednesdays at 9pm, please come out and join us for prayer!
2. **Senior Banquet** is coming soon for **youth**. On June 7th from 7-10pm, please RSVP in the survey from our social media outlets if you haven't yet.
 - College // Fridays, 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.
4. Kairos and the youth group are on **Instagram!** Follow us @fecckairos and @feccpoiema.

Worship Service

April 28, 2024 11:30 AM

Call to Worship

Julian Hsu

Offering

News and Announcements

Prayer

God's Glory in Love – Ephesians 6:21-24

Leonard Tan

Communion

Worship

Julian Hsu

Closing Prayer

FECC FAMILY NEWS

April 28, 2024

- Welcome to FECC!** We are glad that you have joined us as we gather as a family of faith in worship and thanksgiving for all that God, our Father, has done for us. This morning, we invite all baptized believers to join us at the Lord's Table as we remember our Lord Jesus Christ and respond appropriately by examining how we are living our lives in response to His love and sacrifice. If you have any prayer requests or concerns, please see your Congregational Pastor.
- 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 your Congregational Pastor.
- 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.
- FECC Membership Class, Sunday, May 5:** 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 your Congregational Pastor.



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 (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.



PRAY CONTINUALLY

Pastor Adam Tai

The apostle Paul encouraged believers to “Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus” (1 Thessalonians 5:16-18). I used to wonder how one can “pray continually” upon reading this scripture. Perhaps only saints who dedicate themselves to praying throughout the night and develop calluses on their knees could achieve such continuous prayer. However, Philip Yancey’s “*Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?*” gave me some inspiration. He recorded how a spiritual teacher “prays”,

A conversation with someone can be a prayer. The Samaritan woman at the well talked to Jesus about mountains, water, and Jerusalem. Isn't that a prayer? I like to think of my conversations with others as prayers. I was talking to Jesus in that person.

I began to practice this kind of prayer. When I talked to someone, I told myself that I was talking to Jesus in that person. I found that when I do this, I listen more intently (which has always been a problem for me) because Jesus in that person is speaking to me. I am also able to control my tongue better, say fewer words of criticism and blame and more words of thankfulness and praise because I am speaking to Jesus in that person. And I found that I see people in a different way because I see Jesus in others.

This spiritual teacher not only regards dialogue with people as prayer with God, but also regards daily life as communication and prayer with God:

I ask the Lord Jesus: Lord, may this lunch, or tea, whatever it is, be a prayer. I read the Bible and also pray. Instead of reading Psalm 73, I pray Psalm 73. I am willing to submit my actions to God; if I do this, they become a prayer.

Brother Lawrence in seventeenth-century France also used a similar method. Lawrence’s secret to being with God is “constant fellowship with God.” He rejoices being with God in his daily life and at work. Lawrence emphasized:

Our sanctification does not depend on the work we do, but on whether we work for God. What God loves is not the size of things, but what is done out of love for Him. In daily work, the purpose should not be to please others, but only to love God. Our approach to God should be absolutely the same when we do things and when we pray.

We can bring Jesus into every aspect of our lives. Our prayers and daily life are integrated and no longer separate. We can pray while doing anything. Our actions become our prayer. We ask God to remind us that we are doing it for God, the love of God, and the glory of God.

"Pray continually" helps us get closer to God and leads us to change from a self-centered perspective to a Jesus-centered perspective to life. Let us practice "praying continually." In our everyday lives, no matter what we say or do, we should constantly fellowship with God and enjoy the joyfulness of being with God.