

## Spiritual Gifts and Love

In the past, we often viewed 1 Corinthians 13 as a chapter solely about love. However, during our recent study of Chapters 12 to 14 at the pulpit and in Sunday school, we discovered that these three chapters actually address the issue of spiritual gifts. Paul states in chapter 12, “But eagerly desire the greatest gifts. And now I will show you the most excellent way” (1 Corinthians 12:31). Then, at the end of chapter 13, he emphasizes, “And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love” (1 Corinthians 13:13). At the beginning of Chapter 14, he mentions, “Follow the way of love and eagerly desire spiritual gifts ...” This reveals the deep connections between spiritual gifts and love. Paul’s primary concern for the Corinthian church was not the quantity of their gifts, but whether their gifts were guided by the love of the Lord in rendering their service.

I thank the Lord that in the past few weeks, we have witnessed the commitment of many brothers and sisters to serve as deacons through the membership meeting. I especially want to encourage them to serve with the love of Christ. If our service is driven solely by personal passion or talent, we will soon lose motivation. But if our service is empowered by God’s love and His given gifts, we will experience His abundant blessings.

We also know that spiritual gifts are distributed by the Holy Spirit to each person as He wills (1 Corinthians 12:11) for the purpose of equipping the saints to build up the body of Christ (Ephesians 4:12). Paul mentions in his epistle that the ultimate goal of all service is to glorify God: “Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God’s grace in its various forms. If anyone speaks, he should do it as one speaking the very words of God. If anyone serves, he should do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ” (1 Peter 4:10-11).

I have been a part of ECC for forty years. God has given me numerous opportunities to serve Him in various church ministries. Now, I see God raising up a new generation to serve Him, and I am very grateful to witness the church’s commitment to follow the Lord’s will: to spread the Gospel widely, bless all nations, and pass it on from generation to generation.

(translation by Mabel and Chet)

**EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE**

**10/13/2024 AT 11:15 AM**

Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer  
Worship through the Word

**Pastor Steven MacDonald**  
**"Childish or Childishness"**  
**1 Corinthians 14:20-25**

Worship in Response  
Doxology & Benediction  
Welcome and Announcements

*Offering is a part of our worship to God.*  
*Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>*

<b>SERVANT TEAM</b>	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
<b>SPEAKER</b>	Pastor Steven MacDonald	Pastor Solomon Liu
<b>MODERATOR</b>	Minister Ryan Summers	Minister Ryan Summers
<b>WORSHIP</b>	Joyful Noise	Minister Ryan Summers
<b>PA TECH</b>	Wendy Wang	Jonathan Chu
<b>USHER</b>	Milky Chen	Davy Ouk
<b>DOOR ROTATION</b>	Lawrence Tung	

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## **PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

### **ECC CHURCH BOARD**

- We are thankful for concluding this summer with several congregational retreats in August and September. These retreats provided our brothers and sisters with a chance to step away from their daily routines, rest both physically and spiritually, draw closer to our Lord, reflect on their life journey, and reconnect with one another. May these reflections fortify our faith and help us remain faithful to Him.
- We are thankful for the Fall congregational meeting where we elected (or renewed for a 2nd term) 15 brothers and sisters to serve on the church board. We appreciate their willingness and love for our Lord. May God bless their ministry and their families.
- As we move into Fall, many fellowships and small groups are resuming their meetings. Children's programs like AWANA and Kidz Klub will also restart on Fridays and Saturdays. We are grateful for all the coordinators, teachers, and volunteers who are stepping up and sacrificing their time to serve our children. May God continue to use these brothers and sisters as a blessing to the next generation.
- Fall marks the start of a new ministry year, with the preaching theme centered on "Practicing Faith, Hope, and Love" (操練信、望、愛) based on 1 Corinthians 13-16. We pray that our brothers and sisters will delve deeper into practicing these virtues.
- Fall is the season when the church board begins planning and budgeting for 2025. As they organize and plan the ministries and church direction, we pray for God to grant wisdom to these board members. May He be pleased with their work and strengthen their efforts.
- Please pray for our brothers and sis-

ters who are facing physical challenges, seeking new employment after layoffs, or adjusting to new environments. In these times of constant change and turmoil, may God's grace and peace be with them, providing comfort during these difficult moments.

### **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

In his role as the Associate National Director of Arts Ministry with Inter-Varsity Christian Fellowship, Calvin is covering some art schools in addition to the music schools in New York. He recently visited Eastman's IV chapter where multiple new students have shared their surprise and joy at finding a Christian fellowship on campus. Without this fellowship, one student felt like he was the only believer on campus. Pray that God will accomplish His great plan through these chapters on campuses.

### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

- Please pray for those recovering from the impact of Hurricane Milton in Florida. Hit twice with devastating impact, may the Lord bring comfort to those affected and enable them to experience His gracious presence. May the Lord help churches and pastors know how to respond appropriately to the questions they are asking about Him and be sources to communicate God's love with acts of mercy and kindness.
- Please continue to pray for the de-escalation of the conflict in the Middle East. May the Holy Spirit move world leaders to unity in finding a pathway to bring an end to the hostilities and hope for those trapped in the midst of the violence.

# Announcements

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## Missions Fest Seattle 2024

10/18-19 | Fri-Sat | Highlands Community Church, Renton

Register Here: <https://bit.ly/2024MissionsFest> (Free)

Join us at Missions Fest Seattle's free conference, "*People Must Know*," inspired by the message of evangelism in *The Shepherd* (<https://bit.ly/Theshepherd>). This year's conference features speakers, seminars, and workshops focused on sharing the gospel locally and globally in places like the 10/40 Window. For more information, please visit <https://missionsfestseattle.org/>.

## Olive Ministry from Chinese Christian Mission:

### Jewish Ministry and Culture Seminar

10/19 (Sat) | 3-5 pm | Redmond Cantonese Worship Hall (in Mandarin)

10/20 (Sun) | 1:30-3:30 pm | Seattle Gym (in English)

Join us in exploring Jewish culture, learning about the different sects within Judaism, and hearing about experiences of sharing the Gospel with Jewish communities. Discover opportunities for involvement and action as we delve into these important topics. Contact: William Chui ([wccchui@gmail.com](mailto:wccchui@gmail.com))

## 2025 ECC Church-Wide Tent Camping

Fri-Sun | July 18-20 | Deception Pass State Park, WA

Reservations: <https://bit.ly/2025ECCAMPING>

ECC has chosen Deception Pass State Park for our church-wide camping in 2025. Registration starts Thursday, 10/18/24.

Due to its extreme popularity, please reserve your site as soon as possible as they fill up rapidly.

Questions? Please contact Jacob Che at [jacob.chexin@gmail.com](mailto:jacob.chexin@gmail.com).



## Care Ministry Grants for Hurricane Helene and Other Relief Needs

The Care Ministry has recently approved Good Samaritan Fund grants to help meet the following needs:

World Vision: \$10,000 for Hurricane Helene relief, Kin On Health Care Center: \$12,000 for heating system upgrades, and W.I.N.D. Guatemala: \$20,000 for weekday lunches and ongoing school building construction. Thank you for your continued support of the Good Samaritan Fund. May you be encouraged and blessed.

## EDS Nursery Room: Donations Needed

The EDS Children's Ministry nursery room is in need of:

- 1) new or gently-used large book of Bible stories for toddlers
- 2) any size of unexpired diapers (for emergency use)

We appreciate any contributions you can make to support our nursery and help provide a nurturing environment for our little ones.

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**Seeking a Dedicated Facilities Management Coordinator (FMC)**

ECC is seeking a dedicated Facilities Management Coordinator (FMC) who will be responsible for the overall management, maintenance, and operation of ECC’s multiple facilities to ensure the functionality, safety, comfort, and sustainability of these spaces.



Please visit <https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/> for details.

**Parking Policy Reminder for Church Safety**

For the safety of the congregation and the church, please do not leave your car in the church parking lot when you are not at the church. Thank you for your cooperation.

<b>Small Group</b>	<b>MEETING TIME</b>	<b>CONTACTS</b>	<b>EMAIL</b>
Breaking Bread	1st SAT, 6-9PM	David Woodbury	dwoodbury@hotmail.com
Youth Fellowship	Every Sunday 12:30pm	Ryan Summers	rms147@hotmail.com

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