

More Than a Song

Every year, I take some time off work to attend the two-day Northwest Christian Musician Summit.

Over the years, my goals and expectations of the conference have changed. What started as a way to learn some instrument tips and tricks turned into learning more about Audio/Visual technology and more recently, a focus on worship leadership.

This year, Brian Doerksen, writer of many well-known songs from my youth (such as “Refiner’s Fire” or “Faithful One”) was one of the contributors and gave the last teaching session.

He spoke about the importance of music in our lives and how “What we sing, we remember.” I’ve seen the truth of this firsthand with my own two children, who surprised me by memorizing the books of the Bible through Awana songs when they attended that ministry. The tunes weren’t particularly special (as I recall), but the songs served their purpose. Thank you Awana volunteers!

For those of you who grew up in church, if I were to hum, “Jesus loves me, this I know...”, you’d probably be able to sing the rest of the sentence, if not the rest of the song, with very little effort.

Brian likened singing songs to filling a backup hard drive in our minds. Much later in life, we’re able to recollect those songs. And when we suffer, we have a treasure trove we can turn to.

He referenced the 2014 documentary “Alive Inside” (now free on YouTube), which tells the stories of several people with Alzheimer’s and dementia. Although they’ve lost the ability to communicate with their families or even remember who they are, they can still sing and dance to the songs of their youth. Listening to familiar music had an almost instantaneous ability to modify the behavior and alertness of the documentary subjects. There is something about music that impacts us in a special way.

Sadly, many amazing sermons from the pulpit don’t stick with us as long as they should... but songs do.

If you participate in the worship music ministry – whether writing songs, playing instruments, singing, making audio audible in the room or online, know that you are contributing to people’s God-given backup hard drives in their minds, and your service has a longer-lasting impact than you might imagine. Thank you.

What are you filling the backup hard drive of **your** mind with? Hopefully with songs of joy and hope, with lyrics that remind you of God’s love and goodness that will encourage you long after you’ve forgotten you ever laid eyes on this reflection.

EDMONDS CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE

12/1/2024 AT 11:15 AM

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

Pastor Solomon Liu

"He Remembers"

Luke 1:5-7; 11-13; 18-23

Worship in Response
Doxology & Benediction
Welcome and Announcements

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

SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Pastor Solomon Liu	Pastor Jeff Ting
MODERATOR	Man Foon Chu	Ryan Summers
WORSHIP	Wow Praise	Joyful Noise
PA TECH	Julia Woodbury Janet Dong, Yuyu Ao	George Chiu Dean Matsen Wendy Wang
USHER	Davy Ouk	Milky Chen
FLOWER	Helen Zhao	—
DOOR ROTATION	Lawrence Tung	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRaises AND PRAYERS

SEATTLE YOUTH MINISTRY

- The youth ministry enjoyed a time of fellowship during separate Thanksgiving celebrations, one for the YF and one for YSF. The parents provided more than enough food for the events.
- YF and YSF have been joining together in worship prior to their fellowship meetings. We hope this will help to spur them to want to join each other in activities.
- For Sunday school, YF has been learning about the Sermon on the Mount and will have a series on Advent leading up to Christmas. YSF has been learning about the different aspects of the worship service: "Why Do We Do What We Do?"
- Please pray for the upcoming joint youth activities with the RED youth. Pray that both groups will continue to grow with each other.
- Keep in your prayers for the youth to make connections with their counselors and that they will be open to being mentored or disciplined.
- Pray for the approval of the guest speaker for YSF retreat in February.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

For the past 13 years, Duane and Jodi Decker serve to bring the gospel to

Chinese students and scholars at Portland State University and Oregon Health & Science University through China Outreach Ministries and FOCUS. They were so grateful to God because on 9/22, nearly 30 new students attended the first Chinese Gathering of the year after the pandemic. Pray that they can build good relationships with the students and bring the gospel to them. Also pray that Duane and Jodi can easily get the visa for their trip to China from 12/27/24 to 01/26/25. Also pray that they can encourage the returnees in their faith or help them on their journey to know God further.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for the Israel-Hezbollah cease-fire to hold. May the Lord comfort those who have suffered loss and help the Lebanese government to have the will to maintain the peace and help their nation rebuild once again after this latest conflict.
- Please pray for the uncertain situation in Pakistan. May the Lord keep the country from spiraling into anarchy, but may God intervene to preserve social order to protect its citizens and to allow the work of the gospel to continue.

Announcements

A Kindred Family Christmas

SIGN-UP LINK: <https://bit.ly/kindredchristmas-en> (Deadline: 12/1)



Be an Adopting Angel this holiday season! Join us in supporting families from the Seattle Public Schools at our in-person Christmas "shopping" event on 12/13 (Friday) for an evening of shopping, food, and fun. Please sign up online, select the number of family members you'd like to support, and you'll receive a confirmation email with shopping details. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Kindred Family Box Drop-Off Date and Location:

After signing up, you can start bringing in your items in a box or a bag (please do not wrap the gifts) and drop them off at the EDS Campus by the sanctuary by 12/8/24.

Volunteers Needed | 12/5-12/13 | UPC

We need volunteers to help with receiving gifts on 12/5, the gift box distribution on 12/13 and 12/14, as well as to help decorate, set up props, distribute drinks and cookies, and assist with the photo booth. We encourage families to sign up to volunteer together.

CONGRATULATIONS: BAPTISMS TODAY

ECC Redmond

English

Derek Dao



Mandarin

Angela Ge, Eric Guan, Eva Cheng,
Hongfang Pan, Jinchuan Geng, Joan Ouyang,
Lucy Cheng, Minggao Wang, Shirley Shen,
Sophia Cheng, Xin Chen, Yao Pu, Yue Miao,
Weiran Hu, Yimin Pi, Baohua Sun

Cantonese

Clarence Lo, Tsui Hoi Ki, Yuen Fai Lo

2024 — 2025 ECC CALENDAR*(For the yearly calendar, please check www.eccseattle.org)*

12/13 (Fri)	Kindred Family Christmas (UPC)
12/22 (Sun)	Christmas Sunday (ECC)
1/26 (Sun)	40 Days of Prayer Campaign (EDS-English)
2/14 (Fri)	YSF Retreat (Lakeview Retreat)

Small Group	MEETING TIME	CONTACTS	EMAIL
Breaking Bread	1st SAT, 6-9PM	Milky Chen	milkychen82@gmail.com
Youth Fellowship	Every Sunday 12:30PM	Ryan Summers	rms147@hotmail.com

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