

### Pastor Appreciation Month

The month of October has been associated with crisp autumn leaves and pumpkin spice; it has also long been recognized worldwide as Pastor Appreciation Month or Clergy Appreciation Month. I had always thought this month had the makings of a Hallmark holiday. You know, where Hallmark, the card company, made up a holiday to sell greeting cards. However, as I researched more into this month, I discovered that it is rooted in a profound biblical principle.

In his first letter to his young protege Timothy, the aging apostle Paul provides insights into the roles and responsibilities of church leaders. In 1 Timothy 5:17, “Let the elders who rule well be considered worthy of double honor, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching.” In this verse, the apostle Paul highlights the importance of honoring elders, especially those who labor in preaching and teaching. This verse helps to illustrate the nature of the pastoral calling and the immense value of their contributions to the spiritual health of the church.

Pastors are more than just religious leaders; they are spiritual mentors, counselors, and community builders. They dedicate countless hours to studying God's Word, preparing sermons, and offering pastoral care to their congregations. This can be seen in the many pastors across all three campuses from the English, Mandarin, and Cantonese congregations at ECC. The apostle Paul wrote 1 Thesalonians 5:12-13 to remind the church to acknowledge those “who work hard among you, who care for you in the Lord and who admonish you,” holding these spiritual leaders “in the highest regard in love because of their work.”

The different small groups at ECC do a wonderful job of celebrating the selfless, arduous work of the pastors. They shower the pastors with baked goods, plants to decorate their offices, meals, encouraging words, and thank you cards. However, I think the greatest gift is probably the gift of prayer. Raising regular prayers for the pastors will allow God to empower the pastors in their ministries. Do not forget to pray for your pastors and not just during Pastor Appreciation Month.



## REDMOND CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 11/17/2024

Worship through Praise  
 Congregational Prayer & the Lord's Prayer  
 Worship through the Word  
 Worship in Response  
 Doxology & Benediction  
 Welcome and Announcements

*Offering is a part of our worship to God.  
 Free-will offering box is located on the Welcome Table by the Worship Hall doors.  
 Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>*

Message from Elder Elton Lee  
*"Be Ready! - The Heart of Giving"*  
 1 Corinthians 16:1-4  
 2 Corinthians 8-9

*Missed a sermon or want to share it? Listen to it at  
[www.eccseattle.org/media/sermons](http://www.eccseattle.org/media/sermons)*

SUNDAY SCHOOL	TOPIC	LOCATION
CHILDREN	Elementary Worship and Sunday School Message	9:30 AM Room 106
	Preschool	9:30 AM Rooms 114-116
YF (JUNIOR HIGH)	What Was I Made For #3 (Room M101)	
YSF (SENIOR HIGH)	Christian Spiritual Practices: Baptism (Room M106)	
ADULT/COLLEGE	Joint Sunday School — The After Party (English Worship Hall)	
SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Elton Lee	Steven MacDonald
WORSHIP	Jordan Ott	Sing Wee
MODERATOR	Paul Yau	Koby Leung
DOOR ROTATION	Sing Wee	

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## **PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

### ***EDS YOUTH & YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY***

- God has brought growth in our program with a number of new middle school students as well as college students.
- We're grateful for the 5 youth counselors God has given us.
- The new space at the Edmonds campus is working well for us.
- We are looking for a few more young adult counselors for our middle schoolers.
- We are trying to figure out how to work with a new group of middle school students. We have always combined them into the larger high school and college group, but would like to give them their own class and activities.
- Pray for increased openness and honesty within our group. As we have grown, we have a number of new students, and we need to grow familiar and comfortable with one another.

### **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

Alex, Kristi, and their team have served in a sports ministry in Taiwan and other parts of Asia for 33 years. They've relocated to central TX to be closer to their three kids and five grandkids, and they see min-

istering to them as a part of their job. Over the summer, Alex was in the Philippines for a sports ministry training. Many leaders traveled long hours by boat, hoping from island to island to get there. Alex was initially discouraged by the smaller turnout, but collectively, they sweated, shared, and cried, and looked to God to guide them in their ministry plans. May the Lord follow these leaders back to their homes and their communities, and do more than they can hope for or imagine, through Him, in sports.

### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

- Please pray for the upcoming elections in Germany. On the eastern edge of Europe, please pray for a government that can mediate between Russia and the West in the midst of the Russo-Ukrainian war. May the Lord continue His work to revitalize German churches.
- Please continue to pray for order to be restored in Haiti. May the Lord protect the Kenyan peacekeepers and raise up leaders who can bring an end to the gang violence in the nation. May the Lord unite churches to be a beacon of hope amidst the lawlessness.

The Redmond library will be giving away some books in the next few Sundays. If you are interested, please come to the table near the church entrance to check out these books.



# REDMOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## MONTHLY EVENING PRAYER MEETING

11/22 (FRI) | 7 PM | ENGLISH WORSHIP HALL (*Side door will be opened at 6:45pm.*)

Come for a time of prayer and encouragement.

Questions? Contact James Fan ([james.i.fan@gmail.com](mailto:james.i.fan@gmail.com))

## RED-E WORSHIP MUSIC AND AUDIO/VISUAL TEAM MEETING

12/7 (SAT) | 9:15AM—1:00 PM | ENGLISH WORSHIP HALL (**LUNCH INCLUDED**)

WHO: EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH (AND INTERESTED IN) THE WORSHIP MUSIC & AUDIO/  
VISUAL MINISTRIES AT RED-E

RSVP (FOR FOOD) BY 12/1 : <https://forms.gle/dsHEKqNDQ25DkBY8>

Interested in (or already helping with) the Worship Ministry (Worship Team/Audio Arts/Visual Arts/Creatives Ministry) at RED-E? Join us for our annual worship get-together! We'll celebrate the year and talk about the different ministry areas for those interested in participating.

## A KINDRED FAMILY CHRISTMAS

SIGN-UP LINK: [HTTPS://BIT.LY/KINDREDCHRISTMAS-EN](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 SEA campus (foyer of the gym), at the RED campus entrance, or at the EDS Campus by the sanctuary by 12/8/24, or drop them off directly at UPC on 12/5 (Thursday) from 1-8pm.

### **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, 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.

## 2024 THAILAND SHORT TERM MISSIONS TESTIMONY SHARING MEETING

(WITH ENGLISH INTERPRETATION)

12/8 (SUN) | 12:30PM | RED CHILDREN'S WORSHIP HALL (ROOM W106)

Please reserve a lunch box at: <https://bit.ly/Lunch-NOV>

## PERSPECTIVES CLASS

ECC Redmond English is hosting a 15-week Perspectives class, starting Tuesday, January 28, 2025. Perspectives is an awe-inspiring comprehensive course that has profoundly impacted hundreds of thousands of students during the past 45+ years. From Genesis to the prophets, Jesus to the early Church, and St. Augustine to the present, students learn how God moves, how the global Church responds, and the remaining task of world evangelization.

Visit <https://bit.ly/3YDndg5> for details and to register. Contact: Esther Chan ([estherc11@gmail.com](mailto:estherc11@gmail.com)) or Patrick Lee ([pat.k.lee@gmail.com](mailto:pat.k.lee@gmail.com)).