

A Few Thoughts for the New Year

Happy New Year

In the blink of an eye, another year has passed. At the start of a new year, we are all used to wishing each other a "Happy New Year." But is the New Year really a happy year? Not necessarily! Looking back on the past year, there were still many disappointing, sorrowful, and catastrophic events. Political situations remain chaotic and unstable. On the international stage, "nation rises against nation, and people against people," and "revenge is repaid without end." Beneath the surface prosperity of the Greater Seattle area, many unresolved issues persist. As we face the new year, may Nehemiah's words to a group of people willing to follow God be our encouragement: "Do not grieve, for the joy of the Lord is your strength." (Nehemiah 8:10) In the new year, let us renew our lives, live out the testimony of life, and truly experience a joyful new year.

A Message for the New Year

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." (Lamentations 3:22-23) Thank God! He gives us the hope of a fresh start every day. May we embrace a lively new hope in the new year because of God's abundant love.

Starting Anew from the Heart

In mid-November, a powerful bomb cyclone struck Seattle, toppling countless tree branches of all sizes and scattering them across gardens and rooftops. Even now, the cleanup remains incomplete. I look forward to the arrival of the New Year, not only because the garden can be tidied up again, but also so God will get rid of any distracting thoughts in my heart that are not in line with His will. "Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me." (Psalm 51:10)

Trying a New Perspective

- Face the sun, and your shadow will fall behind you; continually look to the Lord, and human shadows will disappear.
- Instead of "looking out over" and being disappointed, "look up" and have hope. (Excerpted from "Voice of God and Men," Issue 258, p.5)

The Crown of Years

Thank God! "You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." (Psalm 65:11) May the Lord's grace be with you always! Blessings for a prosperous new year!

(Translated by the Translation Team)

More reflections: <https://eccseattle.org/en/weekly-reflections/>



REDMOND CAMPUS WORSHIP SERVICE | 1/12/2025

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 Minister Christopher Hui
"The Welcoming Church"
Hebrews 2:10-18

*Missed a sermon or want to share it? Listen to it at
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)	Happily Ever After #1 (Room M101)	
YSF (SENIOR HIGH)	Christian Spiritual Practices: Everyday Spiritual Formation (Room M106)	
ADULT/COLLEGE	No Sunday School	
SERVANT TEAM	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Christopher Hui	Steven MacDonald
WORSHIP	Sing Wee	Angela Liao
MODERATOR	Elton Lee	Koby Leung
DOOR ROTATION	Redmond Mandarin Lunch Ministry	

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

ECC CHURCH BOARD

- We are deeply thankful for the dedication of every church board member (deacons, elders, and pastoral staff). They have gone above and beyond in serving the brothers and sisters of ECC, and ultimately, our Lord. Their sacrifice of precious time to build up the community enables ECC to fulfill God’s Great Commission. “May the kindness of the Lord our God be upon us; And confirm for us the work of our hands; Yes, confirm the work of our hands.” Psalm 90:17
- Over the past three months, the church board has worked tirelessly to complete the overall budget for 2025. Each budget item has been thoroughly discussed and vetted during this process. The 2025 budget allows us to move forward with our ministries in the coming year. May we all be good stewards of the resources He has bestowed upon us.
- We are thankful for all the ECC ministries conducted in 2024. There have been ups and downs, and moments of exceeding expectations and disappointments, smooth sailing, and stalled progress. As we wrap up 2024, we want to leave them to God and thank Him for guiding us through each step and every corner. May we continue to walk alongside Him.
- We pray for the upcoming annual congregational meeting on January 19, 2025. During this meeting, we will adopt our 2025 budget and confirm two returning ruling Elders. May His will be revealed to all ECC members throughout the voting process, and may His name be glorified during the meeting.
- For all the new ministries planned for 2025 and the ongoing ministries started beforehand, we pray that God watches over the ministries conducted for His sake. As we serve Him, may our brothers and sisters lean on Him and experience His faithfulness throughout the year.

- We pray for our 2025 Church Board. May God grant each member the wisdom to effectively serve not only our ECC members and neighbors but ultimately our God. We also pray for our newly-elected first-time-serving deacons. May God grant them the wisdom to balance family, ministry, and work.

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 ministering to them as a part of their job. They wrote about Jesus being God’s legacy, and how God has invited them in the legacy of sports ministry in Taiwan and Asia. They expressed a desire to expand sports ministries, especially amongst partnering churches, and to raise up new ministry supporters. Please for new partners and opportunities to pass on their legacy. May God also grant Alex safe travels in Jan and Feb, to Taiwan and Manila for camps and leadership training.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for those impacted by the earthquake in Tibet. May the Lord strengthen first responders as they work to rescue those trapped and speed the delivery of humanitarian aid to the region. May the Lord be gracious to those who have been injured and comfort those who have suffered loss by revealing His presence in their lives.
- Please pray for the millions who will be traveling for the Lunar New Year in the coming weeks. May the Lord grant them traveling mercy and bless their time with family and friends. May the Lord also provide opportunities for the gatherings to experience God’s love and presence through His disciples.

2024 ECC CALENDAR <i>(For the yearly calendar, please check www.eccseattle.org)</i>	
1/19 (SUN) 11:30AM -12:30PM	Congregational Meeting
2/14-16 (FRI-SUN)	YSF Retreat at Lake Retreat

REDMOND ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIFT (LADIES IN FAITH TOGETHER) MEETING

TODAY | 11:15 AM - 12:15 PM | M212, MINISTRY CENTER

LIFT (Ladies in Faith Together) is meeting today. We will continue with our study of "Go and Do Likewise." Please join us for prayer, refreshments, and fellowship.

2025 CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

We will have our annual Congregational Meeting for all members next Sunday, January 19, immediately following the Sunday Worship services at all three campuses. Your attendance is essential!

SUNDAY SCHOOL: GETTING TO KNOW ISLAM

1/26-3/16 (SUN) | 11:15 AM | ENGLISH WORSHIP HALL

We worship right next to a Mosque, but how much do you actually know about Islam? How comfortable are you talking to your Muslim neighbors about your faith? In this Sunday school series, we will learn from the Al-Ma'idah Initiative, a local Christian organization that specializes in reaching Muslims.

If you have any specific questions, please fill out the questionnaire at

<https://forms.gle/N72FsExX5so87NR8A>.

2025 MEXICO MISSIONS INFORMATIONAL MEETING

1/26 | 1:00 PM | M105, REDMOND CAMPUS

Interested in going on a short-term missions trip this Summer? From July 12-19, a team will be headed to Mexico. This is open to all congregations. Please come join us to learn more about this ministry opportunity. Questions? Please contact Minister Steve (stevemoy@eccseattle.org). A light lunch will be provided.

SHORT-TERM MISSIONS (STM) INFO MEETING

1/26 (SUN) | 7:30 pm | Zoom Link: <https://bit.ly/STMInfo2025>

If you are interested in taking part in any of our short-term missions trips this year, mark your calendars to attend an info session via Zoom. Meeting objectives: to communicate information about STM policies, guidelines, criteria, expectations, required training, and church support.

Meeting ID: 894 1256 0706 Passcode: 278857

THAILAND LISU MISSIONS TRIP FUNDRAISER - THAILAND NIGHT MARKET

2/7 (FRI) | 6:00 - 7:30 PM | REDMOND CAMPUS EAST LOBBY

Join us for a vibrant and flavorful Thailand Night Market Fundraiser in support of our upcoming Thailand Lisu Missions Trip! Enjoy delicious food, great company, and a fun cultural experience—all while learning more about the RED-E Young Adult Missions Trip; our partner ministry, Church of the Messiah, in Thailand and Myanmar; and how you can support us. For more information, contact Minister Chris Hui (chrishui@eccseattle.org).

PASTORAL SEARCH FOR ECC-EDMONDS MANDARIN CONGREGATION

ECC is currently looking for a full-time Mandarin pastor to shepherd the ECC Edmonds Mandarin congregation. If you know of someone who may be interested, please refer them to the church website:

<https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/> for the job description and application form. Any questions, please email eds-m-pscommittee@eccseattle.org.