

# Pastoral Newsletter



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

At the dawn of creation, when nothing existed but God Himself, Scripture tells us He said, “Let US make man in OUR image.” In that single sentence, we see the divine community of the Trinity: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. God doesn’t just appreciate community; in His very nature, He *is* community.

And because we were created by Him and in His image, that same longing for connection is built into who we are. So when we feel lonely or find ourselves craving deep, meaningful relationships, it doesn’t mean something is wrong with us — it simply reminds us that we are communal beings, shaped by a God who is community.

As we begin this 40 Days of Community journey, let’s be intentional. Let’s resist the pull toward isolation and the cultural pressure to stand alone. Instead, let’s pursue the kind of biblical community that God intended.

May our prayer echo the words Jesus prayed to the Father in John 17:11: “Father, make them one, as You and I are one.” May we experience the oneness that Jesus shares with the Father.

Warmly,  
Pastor Sol



Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

2/1/2026

Call to Worship  
Worship through Praise  
Congregational Prayer & the Lord’s Prayer  
Worship through the Word  
Worship in Response  
Holy Communion  
Welcome and Announcements

*Offering is a part of our worship to God.  
Free-will offering boxes are located at the sanctuary entrance and exits.*

Message from Minister Ryan Summers  
“Reaching Out Together”  
Philippians 1:27

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

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Ryan Summers	Solomon Liu
MODERATOR	Victor Lee	Lydia Perng
WORSHIP	Faye Wu	Faye Wu
A/V TECH	Benjamin Hoang, Christabel Lo	Ray Li, Titus Goh
LIVESTREAM	Hannah Cho	Evan Leung, Edison Leung
DOOR ROTATION	SEA-English	

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## PRAISES AND PRAYERS

### SEATTLE MANDARIN CONGREGATION

- Following the baptism of seven brothers and sisters during the summer, we give thanks to God that five more were baptized during the Christmas season! Praise the Lord for using the brothers and sisters of the Seattle Mandarin Congregation to bear witness for Him and to proclaim the gospel widely. May all glory be to God!
- Praise God for the Christmas Eve Candlelight Music Service and the special Christmas Sunday worship. May the Lord remember the dedicated preparations of Sister Lydia Huang and the Mandarin Choir. Through them, God granted special comfort, encouragement, and blessings.
- We thank God for the successful theological seminar held in January on the theme “Exploring the Charismatic Movement.” In response to the many questions and differing perspectives among the congregation regarding the Charismatic Movement, the Mandarin elders decided to equip the congregation through a theological seminar—grounded in biblical principles and the doctrine of the Holy Spirit—so that believers may develop a balanced, God-pleasing perspective and live out the power of the Holy Spirit.
- After seven consecutive years of service, two of our elders began their sabbatical this month; at the same time, two additional brothers have been selected as new ruling elders. The chairmanship of the Ministry Council has also recently transitioned, and another brother has become a new deacon. May the Lord keep these leadership transitions smooth and use this current team to lead the Mandarin Congregation well.
- Please pray for the various fellowships as they prepare special Lunar New Year gatherings. May the Lord use these celebrations to unite the body in love and, through inviting new friends, spread the gospel.
- Please also pray for families who have

lost loved ones, for brothers and sisters who are physically weak or undergoing medical treatment, and for those who are seeking employment. May God grant comfort, healing, provision, and sufficient grace for each one.

### PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Rev. Low (Boonprasert Vijitrakul) and Boon Har are local Thai missionaries and active church planters in Northern Thailand. Their community outreach programs include drug rehabilitation, a boarding school for displaced or orphaned children, and a community outreach center. In Nov, they celebrated 53 baptisms across five locations! After attending a conference in Singapore, they were encouraged by the 5,000-member church with an average age of 23! This church has managed to stay young and strong for the past 20+ years, and their church has been picked, amongst three in Chiangmai, to receive guidance on building a young and strong church. In their 60's and 70's, they're starting something new. They ask for prayers for the following: May those baptized experience God's power and love, and for them to be a channel of blessing to their community. May the Lord bring more workers, establish more churches in more districts, and use English lessons in their community to reach young people.

### PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for those who have been impacted by the winter storm throughout much of the US this week. May the Lord protect those who must work in the frigid cold and be gracious to those most vulnerable, that they may find warm shelter.
- Please pray for the Lord to strengthen the emerging churches in the Middle East and Central Asia. May the Lord protect the two million-plus Christians in Iran and empower the small congregations in Central Asia to persevere and continue to be a witness to their neighbors.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **CONGREGATIONAL MEETING RESULTS**

Praise the Lord that all items from the 1/18/26 Congregational Meeting were approved. May the Lord bless our ministries and leaders. Please contact the church office at [info@eccseattle.org](mailto:info@eccseattle.org) for specific voting results.

## **ECC REDMOND CANTONESE CONGREGATION – PASTOR/MINISTER OPENING**

ECC is looking for a full-time **Cantonese pastor/minister** to shepherd the ECC Redmond Cantonese congregation. The ideal candidate will be spiritually mature with at least 5 years of church-related ministry experience, a seminary graduate with a Master of Divinity degree or equivalent, and familiar with both Chinese and North American cultures. To apply, please send a completed Employment Application Form and a CV to [resume@eccseattle.org](mailto:resume@eccseattle.org).

## **2025 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS**

The 2025 Contribution Statements were mailed out to you on 1/30/2026. Questions or concerns? Please contact [finance@eccseattle.org](mailto:finance@eccseattle.org). Thank God for brothers' and sisters' monetary offerings in 2025. May He grant abundant blessings to you.

## **2026 SHORT-TERM MISSIONS (STM) INFO MEETING**

FEB 15 (SUN) | 8 - 9 PM | ZOOM LINK: <https://bit.ly/2026STMINFO>

MEETING ID: 844 1938 0004    PASSCODE: 228303

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 (highly recommended for first-timers).

Meeting objectives: to communicate information about STM policies, guidelines, criteria, expectations, required training, and church support.



## **CAMBODIA SHORT-TERM MISSIONS SHARING (IN ENGLISH)**

2/15 (SUN) | 1:00 PM | EDMONDS GYM

2/22 (SUN) | 1:00 PM | REDMOND CANTONESE WORSHIP HALL

Come and see how God's love is at work in Cambodia. You're invited to join our Cambodia STM sharing and hear how God opened hearts in powerful and unexpected ways as we served 500+ children and youth at the Pleroma primary and secondary schools, Home for Girls, and community center.



## **SAVE THE DATE: 2026 VBS (SEATTLE CAMPUS)**

This year's Summer Vacation Bible School (VBS) at the Seattle campus ("Rainforest Falls: Exploring the Nature of God") will be held in the mornings from July 13–17. We encourage parents to reserve these dates so their children can enjoy a joyful and welcoming environment while learning God's word.

## **STAY HEALTHY DURING COLD + FLU SEASON**

Friendly Reminder: We care about your health and safety and the safety of others. If anyone is not feeling well (cough, runny nose, fever, diarrhea, etc.), please STAY HOME, even if you do not have COVID-19. This includes both adults and children. Thank you!