

Pastoral Newsletter

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

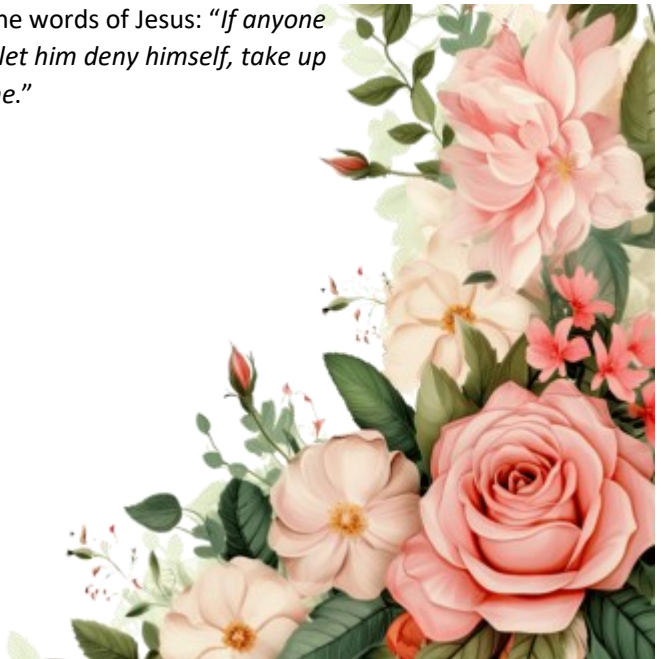
In 1 Corinthians 1:18–31, Paul uses strong and even offensive words to describe how the world sees the Gospel. He says that Christ crucified is a “stumbling block”—from the Greek *skandalon*, where we get *scandal*—and “foolishness”—from *moria*, where we get *moron*. Paul wants us to see that the message of the cross will never fit the world’s values.

This reminds us that God’s kingdom operates on a completely different value system. What the world calls weak, God calls powerful. What the world calls foolish, God calls wise. And even though the Gospel may seem scandalous or foolish to many, it is the very power of God that gives us **righteousness, holiness, and redemption**.

If the cross is scandalous and foolish to the world, then a cross-shaped life will be as well. May we never trade God’s power for human approval. May we never lose the wonder of Christ crucified for our sins. And may we live as citizens of the upside-down kingdom, where weakness becomes strength, humility becomes greatness, and the cross becomes our glory.

And let us remember the words of Jesus: *“If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me.”*

Warmly,
Pastor Sol



Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

4/19/2026

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

Offering is a part of our worship to God.

Free-will offering boxes are located at the sanctuary entrance and exits.

Online Offering: <https://eccseattle.org/en/give/>

Message from Minister Christopher Hui
"The Power to Send"
Acts 13:1-12

*Missed a sermon or want to share it? Listen to it at
www.eccseattle.org/en/sermons*

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Christopher Hui	Steven MacDonald
MODERATOR	Grant Kwong	Ling Hong
WORSHIP	Faith Hui	Julia Law
A/V TECH	Titus Goh, Andy Yang	Jessica Xiong, Sean Liu Benjamin Hoang
LIVESTREAM	Hannah Cho, Edison Leung	Kylie Cheung
DOOR ROTATION	Geoffrey Wong	King Lam

Prayers for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

EDMONDS MANDARIN CONGREGATION

- We thank God for a solemn and meaningful Good Friday at the Edmonds campus, remembering Christ's sacrificial death through worship and Communion. May His love draw us nearer to Him.
- We thank God for a united Ministry Council serving in love and harmony. May He continue to strengthen and build His church.
- We praise God for renewing the Mandarin congregation's vision to love God, love others, serve faithfully, and pass on the faith. May He guide every ministry and help the gospel bear fruit.
- Adult Sunday school has resumed in person with subsequent Bible reading and sharing. Pray for faithful participation and for God to use the teachers to strengthen the congregation.
- Pray for wisdom and unity as plans are made for the Mandarin and English congregations to stagger sanctuary use for Sunday worship. May the Lord guide every detail of the preparations.
- Pray for families facing illness and relational challenges. May the Lord bring healing, restoration, and peace.

PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES

Originally from Hong Kong, Wendy Wong has been a missionary in Chiang Rai, Thailand, for 14 years. Along with her husband, Anawin, and two children, they serve the Akha people and spread the gospel through the local church, Chinese

schools, and a children's home for broken families and orphans. Praise the Lord for extending Wendy's visa so their ministry can continue. Please pray for:

1. Peace, stability, and sufficient gas to sustain outreach trips.
2. Sponsors for students' living and tuition costs.
3. Funds to finish electrical work and upgrade the breaker box for safety.
4. Resources for refugee work permits for a teammate's family.
5. Encouragement and psychological strength for Anawin.
6. Mercy for students enduring heat without enough electricity and water.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please pray for Micronesia in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Sinlaku. May the Lord help first responders as they rescue people from the storm damage, provide them with the necessary humanitarian aid for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods, and comfort those who have suffered loss.
- Please pray for churches and campus ministries like Intervarsity, AACF, and Cru in the coming months as millions of students prepare to graduate. May the Lord grant wisdom to the ministry workers as they prepare graduates for their next phase of life and may the Holy Spirit lead the students to connect with new church communities after graduation.



ANNOUNCEMENTS

REDMOND CAMPUS YOUTH MINISTER SEARCH UPDATE

A new candidate, Sam Kui, will be visiting our church. Please join us for a Q&A session to hear about his passion for the ministry.

YOUTH PARENT MEETING

5/3 (SUN) | 12:30 PM - 2:00 PM | REDMOND CAMPUS MANDARIN WORSHIP HALL

GENERAL MEETING

5/10 (SUN) | 11:15 PM - 12:15 PM | REDMOND CAMPUS ENGLISH WORSHIP HALL

2027–2029 DEACON NOMINATIONS (DUE SUN, MAY 3)

Deacon nomination forms for the 2027–2029 term are now available.

Please obtain the forms from the church office or email Grace Lee

(gracelee@eccseattle.org).

Candidates must be ECC members and be recommended by three other ECC members. Please submit the completed forms to your ministry council chair no later than Sunday, May 3.

ALPHA CLASS: APOLOGETICS DISCUSSION

THURSDAYS (4/23 - 5/21) | 7 PM | HYBRID (ZOOM OR IN PERSON AT BETHEL HOUSE)

Alpha is a space to explore life and the Christian faith in a friendly, supportive environment. This spring quarter, we're shifting to a discussion-focused apologetics series covering topics such as: 1) Explaining Jesus' life, death, and resurrection to scientifically-minded thinkers, 2) Why God allows spiritual warfare, 3) Christian perspectives on social justice, 4) Differences between how God is portrayed in the Old and New Testaments, 5) The order of Melchizedek and its connection to Jesus. Please register with Benjamin Yang (yngbnjmn@gmail.com) or Bruce Chang (brucechang@gmail.com).

HOST PINGLIN STUDENTS - HOST FAMILY & VOLUNTEER INFO MEETING

4/26 (Sun) | 12:30-1:00 PM | Redmond Worship Center W106

4/26 (Sun) | 4:00-5:00 PM | ZOOM: <https://bit.ly/2026TWHost>

Meeting ID: 853 3811 8811 | Passcode: 520093

2026 Taiwan Missions will host 14 students and 3 teachers from Pinglin from July 31–August 16. We are seeking host families and volunteers to support this two-week program.

If you have any questions, please contact Joseph Wang (ccw25426@yahoo.com).

OPEN POSITION - ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT (REDMOND CAMPUS)

ECC is seeking a detail-oriented bilingual (Chinese/English) Administrative Assistant to support the administrative functions of our church. This is an on-site position during office hours from 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM, Monday-Friday. Please visit our website (<https://eccseattle.org/en/open-positions/>) for a detailed job description and submit your CV to resume@eccseattle.org.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RAINFOREST FALLS VBS

We're excited to begin planning for Vacation Bible School this summer (RED: 6/22-26, SEA: 7/13-17 from 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM) and we need your help to make it a meaningful and fun experience for our children! Sign up to volunteer here: <https://bit.ly/2026ECCVBS>

