

# Pastoral Newsletter



Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Acts 8 marks a turning point in the spread of the Gospel. Scripture tells us, “A great persecution broke out against the church in Jerusalem, and all except the apostles were scattered throughout Judea and Samaria.” (Acts 8:1)

What began as severe persecution, even the death of Stephen, became the very means God used to move His people beyond Jerusalem and toward the ends of the earth. What felt like tremendous loss and pain was actually part of God’s greater purpose.

Those early believers must have wrestled with fear, grief, and confusion as they lost homes, belongings, security, and even loved ones. Yet God was at work, using their scattering to carry His Gospel farther than they ever imagined.

This challenges us to examine what drives our own lives. Is it comfort and convenience, or is it God’s will? The Book of Acts reminds us that we were made for Him, and our story is meant to be part of His story.

May the Lord comfort those of us who are suffering. May He give us peace and remind us that He is working, even using our suffering for His glory. May we come to Him and gain His heavenly perspective in the midst of our earthly living.

Warmly,  
Pastor Sol



## CONGRATULATIONS!

Sam Chan & Rana Nabali’s Wedding on 4/19!  
Petros & Sophia Yeung welcomed their newborn  
baby girl Aria Ruiya Yeung on 4/25!  
Matthew Wu & Jessica Wong’s Wedding on 4/25!

# Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle – Seattle English

5/3/2026

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 Elder Daniel Wu  
*"Grace that Transforms"*  
1 Cor. 6:9-12 and Titus 2:11-14



*Sermon Notes from Elder Dan*

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

	<b>TODAY</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK</b>
SPEAKER	Daniel Wu	Solomon Liu
MODERATOR	Sharon Wu	Victor Lee
WORSHIP	Faye Wu	Amanda Shu
A/V TECH	Edison Hao Hannah Ng	Jessica Xiong Ray Li, Titus Goh
LIVESTREAM	David Li, Michael Lee	Evan Leung, Ellen Liu Liam Phan
DOOR ROTATION	SEA-Cantonese	

# Prayers for Our ECC Community

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## **PRAISES AND PRAYERS**

### **REDMOND YOUNG ADULT MINISTRY**

- Praise God for a powerful, fruitful Living Water Retreat! Praise Him for how He moved in the hearts and lives of our young adults during the retreat.
- Praise God for our study on 2 Timothy and how we are learning and being changed by His Word.
- Praise God for the new folks who are checking out or have joined Living Water.
- Pray that the takeaways and lessons from the Living Water Retreat would take root in our young adults and lead to life transformation.
- Pray for us to step out in faith and boldness to love, witness, and bring God's healing to those around us.
- Pray for the Lord to give us wisdom as we consider how to better disciple Living Water members.

### **PRAY FOR OUR MISSIONARIES**

As a part of Prisoners for Christ (PFC) Outreach Ministries, Greg and Rhonda Von Tobel are dedicated to taking the Gospel of Jesus Christ into jails, prisons, and juvenile detention facilities throughout the Pacific Northwest and internationally. They shared in their February letter a deep sense of gratitude. They gave thanks for the new shipment of PFC Study Bibles made possible through the giving of other churches, for prisoners in differ-

ent countries being equipped, and for many of them becoming frontline disciple-makers. In Ethiopia, someone came to Christ during the January graduation ceremony. In Tanzania, God provided extra funds last Christmas so the children could receive gifts and enjoy a Christmas dinner. Pray that God will continue to provide for their needs, draw more volunteers to join the fight for souls, and bless the equipping of more disciples whose lives will be transformed.

### **PRAY FOR THE WORLD**

- Please pray for India and other parts of South Asia facing a devastating heatwave, some areas nearing 115° F. May the Lord be gracious to those most vulnerable who have no access to air conditioning, to find respite and be merciful to speed a change in weather patterns.
- Please pray for church unity in central Africa, from the Central African Republic to the Congo. As failed states that have suffered exploitation by colonial powers, churches remain the sole reliable authority in many communities. Pray for effective discipleship among the 90-plus percent of the population who are Christian, that they take their faith seriously and can transform their nations through loving each other in unity.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

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## **ELDER ORDINATION SERVICE (TODAY)**

5/3 (SUN) | 1:30-2:30 PM | ECC-SEA SANCTUARY

All are welcome to attend and witness the ordination ceremony of brother Albert Ang and brother Xiang Yuan Liu this afternoon. Light refreshments will be served afterward as we celebrate together in God's grace.

## **MEXICO MISSIONS FUNDRAISING**

The Mexico Missions team will be fundraising for the short-term missions trip (7/9 - 7/17) by offering our services to ECC congregants. If you have any yard work at your home that needs to be done, please contact Michael Liu to set up a time ([mmichaeliu@gmail.com](mailto:mmichaeliu@gmail.com)).

## **BOARDGAME NIGHT WITH BIG**

5/9 (SAT) | 6:00-10:00 PM | REDMOND MINISTRY CENTER M101

Boardgame Interchurch Group (BIG) is a coalition of many churches in the Seattle area. Come join us for dinner, board games, and meeting new young adult friends from other churches.

Please RSVP for dinner using <https://forms.gle/emuik3aAZwpYjGa8A> so we can get an accurate headcount. You can also join the Discord server here: <https://discord.gg/35tsT486vs>. If you have any questions, please contact Henry Wang ([wanghenry1998@gmail.com](mailto:wanghenry1998@gmail.com)).

## **VBS PARTICIPANT REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

JULY 13-17 (M-F) | 9:30 AM - 12:30 PM | SEATTLE CAMPUS

Join us this summer at Vacation Bible School (for kids aged 4 by 8/31/26 through current 5th graders) as we learn what it means to be rooted in relationship with God and explore God's creation in nature at *Rainforest Falls*! Scan the QR code to register.



Any questions, please contact Patrick Tseng ([patricktseng@outlook.com](mailto:patricktseng@outlook.com)) or Melissa Yao ([melissayao@comcast.net](mailto:melissayao@comcast.net)).

## **2027-2029 DEACON NOMINATIONS (DUE TODAY!)**

Deacon nomination forms for the 2027-2029 term are still available.

Please obtain the forms from the church office or email Grace Lee ([gracelee@eccseattle.org](mailto: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 TODAY, Sunday, May 3.

## **2026 TAIWAN MISSIONS - NIGHT MARKET FUNDRAISING**

5/15 (FRI) | 6-7:30 PM | REDMOND WORSHIP CENTER WEST LOBBY

Come experience a Taiwanese Night Market as we raise awareness and funding for our missions trip this summer, and enjoy some good food, fun games, and fellowship! Questions? Contact Joseph Wang ([ccw25426@yahoo.com](mailto:ccw25426@yahoo.com)).