



PASTORAL NEWSLETTER

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

In Matthew 5:21-48, Jesus shows us that following God isn't just about checking off a list of rules, it's about what's happening in our hearts. He takes familiar laws about murder, anger, adultery, divorce, oaths, retaliation, and loving our neighbors and takes them deeper. Jesus teaches that it's not enough to simply avoid hurting someone; we need to deal with the anger and resentment in our hearts. It's not enough to keep our promises; our words should be trustworthy without needing to say, "I swear to God," "I promise," or "I give you my word."

Most challenging of all would be that Jesus calls us to love our enemies and pray for those who hurt us. In other words, Jesus fulfills the law by showing us that love is at the heart of what God desires for us.

Following Jesus means letting that love shape how we speak, how we treat people, how we handle conflict, and even how we respond to those we disagree with. It's a love that goes beyond what is expected and reflects the love that God has already shown us.



Warmly,
Pastor Steve

Evangelical Chinese Church of Seattle - Seattle English

8/23/2026

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
“Treasures in Heaven”
Matthew 6:19-24

	TODAY	NEXT WEEK
SPEAKER	Christopher Hui	Solomon Liu
MODERATOR	Ling Hong	TBA
WORSHIP	Keziah Liu	Amanda Shu
A/V TECH	Ray Li, Andy Yang	Hannah Ng, Andrew Chen
LIVESTREAM	Hannah Cho, Edison Leung Liam Phan	Marcela Cho, David Li Kylie Cheung
DOOR ROTATION	King Lam	Kevin Yi

Pray for Our ECC Community

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

SEATTLE MANDARIN CONGREGATION

- Praise the Lord for sending His servants, Pastor and Mrs. Caleb Huang, to our church last weekend (August 15–16). Their ministry through God's Word and grace brought us tremendous blessings!
- Thank God for the smooth execution of the Mandarin Summer Conference! May the Lord remember and bless the faithful service of all the co-workers.
- Praise the Lord for the Seattle Mandarin summer joint Sunday school series, "Growing in Prayer." Many brothers and sisters shared their prayer lives and growth experiences, encouraging even more members in their daily walk.
- Pray for the upcoming preaching series and the new five-year plan starting in September. May God use this new series to shape our spiritual lives and help us walk according to His will.
- Pray for the newlyweds and couples preparing for upcoming weddings this year. May the Lord bless their marriages and use them to spread His grace!
- Pray for healing. Several brothers and sisters, along with elders and young people in the families among us, are currently facing illnesses and undergoing medical treatment. May God's healing power rest upon them—not only to relieve their pain and restore their health, but also to comfort their hearts and grant them faith and courage.

PRAY FOR THE MISSIONARIES

For more than 13 years, Duane and Jodi Decker serve to bring the gospel to Chinese students and scholars at Portland State University and Oregon Health & Sciences University. They recently attended the annual staff conference and felt encouraged and renewed. On the way, they visited their daughter-in-law and old friends. Please pray for a young believer's next stop on the tennis circuit as he's elected to transfer to a school located in Louisiana.

- Pray for two men meeting with Duane who graduated in mid-June.
- Praise God their staff account reached the approved 2026 budget.
- Pray for the six new believers since fall 2025 to continue growing in faith.
- Pray for wisdom in finalizing the 2026 FOCUS summer picnic hosts and venues.
- Pray for Lynelle, Dan, and their first child as they adjust to life together.

PRAY FOR THE WORLD

- Please continue to pray for central Africa as it continues to battle a deadly Ebola outbreak. May the Lord protect medical staff as they care for the infected, grant wisdom to the epidemiologists and community workers in their efforts to stem the spread, and be gracious to strengthen the immunity of those infected that they may heal and recover.
- Please pray for the radio and television ministries in the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) such as SAT-7. Though many regions are closed to missionaries, these broadcasts are highly effective in reaching closed populations. Pray that the Lord will raise sufficient workers to man the airwaves and develop effective programming that will touch the hearts of those who need to hear the gospel of hope.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SUPPORTING OUR GROWING CHURCH

Over the past two years, ECC's pastors and elders have prayerfully examined our governance structure to ensure it can support faithful ministry as God continues to grow our church across multiple campuses.

As part of this process, two governance refinements are moving forward.

The first requires a vote at our September congregational meeting. We are proposing to right-size the Church Board (ECC's legal and financial governing body) from more than 80 members to 9, with a different structured selection process to ensure balanced representation from all three campuses. This change is about faithful stewardship. A smaller, clearly-defined board can fulfill its legal and operational responsibilities more effectively.

The second refinement is already in place: Campus Spiritual Leadership Teams have been established at each campus, bringing spiritual leadership, shepherding, and pastoral care closer to each local congregation.

While these refinements strengthen how we govern and care for our church, ECC's doctrine, mission, and shared identity remain unchanged.

Thank you to everyone who attended the information meetings in July and August. If you have additional questions, we'd love to talk with you. Please feel free to speak with Elders Steve Hsiao, Sam Wan, Elton Lee, or Paul Eng, or Pastor Jeff Ting.

2026 ENGLISH RETREAT REGISTRATION

9/12-9/13 (SAT-SUN) | BLACK DIAMOND CAMP, AUBURN

All are welcome to join us for a weekend of spiritual renewal, fellowship, and growth! RED-E Youth Minister **Sam Kui** will be our speaker, concluding our Sermon on the Mount series, "Living the Kingdom Life."

Registration link: <https://bit.ly/4xIRqyO>

Registration Cost - submit payment (credit & debit cards only):

- Early Bird - \$125 (By 8/23)
- Regular - \$145 (After 8/23)
- Age 4 thru College - \$65 (Kids under 4 - Free)
- Commuting Adult only - \$75
- Activity Pass - \$15

Scholarships available upon request

Questions? Contact: Sam Perng (samuel.perng@gmail.com)



8/23 WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

SEATTLE - ENGLISH

Andrew Chen, Calvin Au, Megan Cheung

