



Events & Sunday School

By Charles Yue

Sunday School

Pre K & K-

8/3: Elijah and helping other people

8/10: knowing each other

8/17: God creating heaven and earth

1st & 2nd Grade-

8/3: listen and obey God

8/10: Samuel

8/17: Saul disobeys God

3rd & 4th Grade-

8/3: love

8/10: Job and the fruit of the Spirit

8/17: love

5th & 6th Grade-

8/3: class was with the Youth Group

8/10: weaknesses

8/17: best friends can be helpful

Events

8/ 31- Graduation Party. 1:00- 2:00 P.M

9/ 7- Kids move up to a different class

9/7- New Children Leaders are

appointed, Congrats Connie and Jonathan!

9/20- Mid- Autumn Festival @ 6:30

Birthdays

By Charles Yue

Claudia Shen- August 3rd

Alice Xu- August 8th

Sheng Ming- August 8th

Timothy- August 15th

Joshua- August 23rd

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Verse of the Month-

"Train a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not turn away from it."

Proverbs 22:6

As you all know, the youth group uses the room across the hallway from the elementary children. If you ever been in that room, you would know that that room is a piece of art, well compared to the other rooms that is. The room contains many instruments and equipments, "...more than enough equipments..." said

Uncle Stony. Although the room is truly unique, we are all very happy to have the new building dedicated to the youth group.

Over the years, the youth group began to develop and now plays a very important role in the church. But with the new school year coming up and summer crashing to an end, many people

will be going away to attend college, and the youth group will decline in numbers. But even so, I feel that the youth group will be fine. "... come to church with a heart that wants to worship God..." said Uncle Stony, "We should invite more people to the youth..."

Interview with Uncle Sheng Ming

By Jed Lee

The newsletter gives a great opportunity for people in the church to know what their fellow Christians feel toward a subject. Jed, our interviewer, got to talk to Uncle Sheng Ming about what he thinks about the children worship.

1. Q.- What do you feel about the new group?

SM- I am looking forward to seeing the new group of kid and I feel that their view points are going to be great. I expect the more experienced leaders to help the new leaders. Connie and Jonathan are great kids and I think they will make great leaders.

2. Q.- What do you feel that changed in us (children leaders)?

SM- I see a lot of improvement in two aspects, 1. speaking with confidence. Some people are born with it, but not all and I see more confidence rising in your speech, and the second aspect is teamwork. Your teamwork has definitely improved and I am really honored to work with you guys.

3. Q.- What do you feel in the kids during worship?

SM- I can tell the kids are very excited and enjoy the worship very much. I think it's great when you mix the kids around so that they can meet a variety of different minds.

4. Q.- What do you feel about the new building?

SM- It will really help, since the space

right now is limited and with the new building we will have more space in the church to organize things and make the church more like a home.

5. Q.- How should we improve on our activities and skits?

SM- Some activities and skits are really awesome and the kids really love the skits. I can really see the effort you guys put into it by alternating the Bible verse and changing the activity every week, but it may be a good idea to save the activities on some file so that the leaders after us can use them.

Thanks Uncle Sheng Ming!

The New Building

Written by Julie Ding

Info. By Jed Lee

Looking out the window, you see a sea of dirt, rocks, and pebbles where the playscape used to be. Trenches cover the ground next to the playground. It is hard to believe that, eventually, that land will become a building.

For the past year or so, our church has been collecting money to build a new building, and now

we finally raised enough money. The actually building part started in sometime June / July and we are still laying in the foundation. "The building is a one million dollar project, but worth it..." said Uncle Stony.

The new building means a lot to everyone. A new vision for the church as Uncle Stony puts it,

"The new building brings a new vision that God gave this church that we need to find a way to fill the church..." said Uncle Stony.

The building should be finished by November and we plan to use it for the winter retreat. We are all very happy and excited for the finishing of the building.

“For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith- and this is not from yourselves, it is a gift of God - not by works, so that no one can boast.” Ephesians 2:8 -

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According to the bible, our faith is what brings us closer to God, but no matter how much faith we may have, no matter how much we can rely on God, we can never be able to free ourselves, because we do not have the power God has. But, because of the Lord’s compassion, he has set us free. He gifted us, because he loved us so much. And, as sinners, we should never boast and brag, because we did nothing to deserve it in the first place. The significance of this verse is its

deep explanation of God’s compassionate works. We did not do anything to deserve the glory of God, nor were we the one who worked to achieve it.

This verse truly amazes me, because I just can’t imagine the Lord’s indescribable love for us. I mean, we have all had amazing gifts from many special occasions, but this gift is, without a doubt, the greatest gift ever given, and ever to

be received. No gift can compare to the Lord’s gift. From this verse I have learned three things. Firstly, only by having strong

faith in God, and knowing his presence is with you, will set you free, because the Lord will be the one that strengthens you. To reach the other side, you will have to set everything before the Lord, and completely rely on him to deliver you there. Secondly, this is a gift from God, so always be

thankful for such an opportunity, and even in desperate times, God will be on your side. Thirdly, because it is a gift from God, we take no credit for being saved. It was, and always will be the love of God that can save us. Only his power has the ability of doing the impossible.

Ephesians 2:8 – 9 is a very inspirational verse, and it does, both: keep us on our feet to always trust God, and provide us with the knowledge of how much God must love us to save us all. And the first step is always to put all your trust to God, let him be the leader, and after that follow his way, obey him. Then, you will embrace a feeling so great, your life will be drastically different.

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I'd like to thank everyone who helped us make this newsletter possible.

- Uncle Stony, interview
- Uncle Sheng Ming, interview
- Aunt Haiyan, birthdays
- Auntie Clara, events

~!Thank You Everyone!~

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THE TEAM

- Julie, the editor of this issue
- Judy, in charge of advice and ?'s
- Jed, our interviewer
- David, in charge of the devotions
- Charles, in charge of the events and Sunday School stuff

20 Q's and Advice

By Judy Chu

Questions and Answers

1.Q. How do u keep your faith when everything is against you? A. Just pray to God and remember God's promise to us, for God will never forget us and will help us and love us,

2.Q. Why is it hard to accept that God uses us when we are weak? A. Because when he does, we fall down complaining about the hardships.

3.Q. When it comes to serving, why do our weaknesses matter very little? A. He uses our weaknesses to help us do great things in Christ.

4.Q. Why should you give to those whom you may not like or want to help? A. Because God will bless

5.Q. How can you encourage your friends to follow God? A. Tell them about God's love and set a good example.

Questions to Ponder On

Who has God's place in your life to whom you can show your hospitality?

What are some reasons for hurting your best friend?

Did you ever have to give someone difficult news?

How can you help a friend who has never helped you before?

Have you ever asked God to help you in a difficult situation?

Advice

1. Everyday, in the morning wake up 40- 45 min. prior to your event , this way you can have good morning and properly start a day of glorifying the LORD.

2. In the morning, avoid snack bars and store brought muffins; instead eat fresh fruit (but not banana, not good for an empty stomach) and milk. If you have a healthy start, you will be happy and joyful.

3. The way you start a day is vital for the rest of your day, for example, if you wake up after a few swipes at the snooze bar and is 15 min. behind schedule, you will tend to rush the morning and maybe skip breakfast causing your body to be tired and unresponsive. So after following the first two advices, you should also reserve 5 min. to pray to God to help you throughout the day and read a bible verse.

4. Save 5 min. of your 40- 45 min. schedule to go outside and do stretches . You can breathe in the fresh morning air to help wake your body up and it helps circulate the lungs. Fresh air in the morning helps you feel fresh and awake so you are less likely to be moody and sleepy in the morning.

5. Always be thankful, a thankful and satisfied you can help you be happy.