

CCIC LIFE Newsletter



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CCIC LIFE Calendar

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Speaker: Pastor Owen	2	3	4 Music Practice 7:30-9pm	5	6 Advent: Speaker - Fred Gilham	7
8 Speaker: Pastor Owen	9	10	11 Music Practice 7:30-9pm	12	13 Christmas Party	14
15 Speaker: Pastor Owen	16	17	18 No Music Practice	19	20 No Youth Group: Christmas Holiday	21
22 Speaker: Pastor Owen	23	24	25 No Music Practice	26	27 No Youth Group: Christmas Holiday	28
29 Speaker: Dennis Low	30	31	1/1 New Year 2025	1/2	1/3 Kickoff: Mark Book Study	1/4
1/5 Speaker: Pastor Owen	Important Reminders					

Sunday School Winter Quarter

8TH-12TH GRADE: BOOK STUDY - JOHN Dec - Feb, Room 142

Teachers: Fred Gilham, Peter Hwang

This winter the high schoolers are continuing their book study through the Gospel of John. Fred and Peter will continue to provide guided discussion, as the students work towards reading the Bible independently, growing in their knowledge of how to approach a passage by making observations and following the author's train of thought to grasp the coherent meaning of the whole.

It's been great to see an increased number of students participating in discussion. Some of the quieter students who haven't always opened up in previous classes have had the chance to voice their ideas and questions, so we're excited to see how the class continues to grow.

They ended the fall quarter with a viewing of an episode of *The Chosen*, the Netflix series walking through the life of Jesus. The students were able to see one of the passages they read and the artistic interpretation of the film makers.

We're excited for them to continue the study through February.



6TH & 7TH GRADE: STORY OF SALVATION Dec - Feb, Room 142



Teacher: Elanor Lin

Middle School Sunday School has made it from Genesis through the book of 1 Kings, all in the space of 3 months. We've been studying highlights from the Story of Salvation, and the students have been memorizing the events in

order, working hard week by week to do matching exercises, memory games, and even crossword puzzles.

This winter we'll start with the story of Solomon and continue all the way through the rest of the Bible, and then they will see the WHOLE big picture, from the beginning of history all the way to the end when Jesus returns.

December Events

CHRISTMAS PARTY- BRING A WRAPPED GIFT Fri 12/13

****Gift Exchange**** - Please bring one wrapped present costing no more than \$10 to participate! We will end the year with a celebration, and it's our tradition to do a White Elephant gift exchange. The youth have lots of fun opening gifts and it's a relaxing night where we can be together as a church family.



CHRISTMAS BREAK NO YOUTH GROUP Fri 12/20 and Fri 12/27



We will break on Fridays for Christmas and New Years, but Sunday service and Sunday school will continue as usual!

SAVE THE DATE - FEB RETREAT! *BEAUTIFUL* Fri 2/14-Mon 2/17

February Retreat has a NON-traditional format this year. Instead of our usual message format, we'll have a series of interactive stations to coincide with the retreat's theme, "Beautiful." Youth will be able to interact with God in new ways and take more ownership of their spiritual growth.

We have a team of youth who have volunteered to help plan stations, and we'll be splitting our time between high-energy games and reflective engagement. More information to come! Stay tuned, and get ready to register!



SPRING TEACHING SERIES: WALKING WITH JESUS Friday Nights Jan - May



Starting in January we'll move into a Book Study on the Gospel of Mark. We'll be asking the question: Why did Jesus walk the road to the cross? And why does He invite US to walk that road with Him? Youth will have chances to encounter Jesus and hear about the way He turned the world upside-down.



Prayer Requests

Praise: Middle School Sunday School

Praise God, we're so thankful that MS Sunday School has been going well the past few months. With the rising 6th graders entering back in August, the Sunday school dynamic has shifted, and even though there are still occasional breaches of respect among the students, the overall atmosphere is really positive and conducive to learning. I (Elanor) am so thankful that the students' interest in the Bible seems to be growing.

Spring Teaching Series: Walking with Jesus

Pray for the new teaching series! The youth are in an exciting place spiritually. So many of them have a true belief in Jesus, and we're excited to see them come in contact with the message of the Cross in a new way. Jesus invites us to a radically different way of life than the world teaches ("He who tries to save his life will lose it"), and we pray that those who are ready will hear that invitation and respond to it with their whole hearts.

Planning for February Retreat

It might seem early, but we're already looking ahead to planning the February Youth Retreat. We're bringing in youth and counselors to all work together to help create an interactive retreat experience for the group. Please pray for our team as we're brainstorming, praying, and hearing from God about how we can help the youth experience God in a memorable way.

Finals Season

Pray for the youth as finals are approaching. This can be such a stressful time, and we pray that it can also be an opportunity for them to rely on God and draw closer to Him.

Johanna & Shin

Pray for Johanna, our 11th grade counselor, and her fiance Shin. Shin injured his back during a rock climbing accident, and Johanna has flown out to Georgia where he lives to help his recovery. Please pray for God to heal Shin's back and get him back to 100% as soon as possible!

Family Vacations

Pray for our families as the schools take a break! Pray for safe travels for those who go out of town, and for all, pray that God would be working in the time spent together, that they would build bonds, work through conflict, and show love to one another.