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Introduction (Peter Hwang)

Welcome to the June 2025 edition of our youth newsletter!

I'm honestly pretty nervous to write this introduction. It marks the start of a new chapter at CCIC Cupertino, and I feel pretty bittersweet about it. I've served alongside Elanor Lin for 10+ years in our youth ministry, and known her even longer as we grew up together at CCIC South Valley back in middle school. I have grown accustomed to her creativity, thoughtfulness, teaching, and willingness to support crazy and wonderful ideas. I have especially enjoyed sharing with Elanor a deep love for your youth, your families, and our church.



At first, an anxious thought rested on my shiny, bald head: *How are you going to approach and serve these youth (now that you don't have another minister partnering alongside you)?* However, God quickly reminded me how easily I can forget His goodness, faithfulness, mightiness, and most importantly...love!

Similar to how Moses had to remind the Israelites of God's faithfulness and good, "watch out! Be careful never to forget what you yourselves have seen. Do not let these memories escape from your mind as long as you live!" (Deut. 4:9 NLT).

My original anxious thought came and went away like vapor! Instead, the reality of what has been so wonderful and so good (over the many many years alongside Elanor) rested under my feet, steadied my steps, and encouraged me to look forward with eyes focused on God and what He will be doing in this ministry in the years to come.

How do I feel now? Well, I feel grounded, planted, confident in what God has planned for our youth ministry. I know that I will make mistakes, wobble at the knees from time to time (figuratively, and literally), and take risks that don't always end up working. But I know that God is faithful, His plans are greater than mine, and His ways more wonderful than I can comprehend.

As the apostle Paul wrote, "Now may the God of peace make you holy in every way, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. God will make this happen, for he who calls you is faithful" (1 Thess. 5:23-24).

I am excited to serve these youth alongside all of you at CCIC Cupertino. I am trusting in God to guide our steps together, help us discern what is best, and enable us to move forward in love and grace so that we can live in faith everyday.

Onwards and Upwards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Peter Hwang', with a stylized flourish at the end.

Peter Hwang

Summer Teaching Series

FRIDAY NIGHT FELLOWSHIP “BE ENCOURAGED”

Starting this Fri (6 June 2025), we will kick off a summer series called, **“Be Encouraged.”**

We aim to encourage our youth to stay grounded and rooted in their faith by having more mature Christians share how they continued to abide in Christ, despite facing difficult challenges and experiences in their own life. These people will range from collegians and young adults to parents and pastors.

Our inspiration for this series came from the apostle Paul who wrote letters to encourage young churches and Christians to stand firm and be strengthened by grace in Christ (2 Tim. 2:1-3). He also modeled how to live for Christ, saying, “Be imitators of me, as I am of Christ” (1 Cor. 11:1).



“...stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near” (Heb. 10:24-25 ESV).

SUNDAY SCHOOL “INTERACTING WITH GOD” + “WEIRD STUFF”

HIGH SCHOOL (Room 142)
“Interacting with God”

For **High School** students, Fred Gilham will talk about reading the Bible and praying from a relational perspective. Jeremiah 7 points to how God wants to be heard, and wants to interact with humanity through prayer. The series will survey different passages of how God speaks to people, and encourage people to “pray without ceasing” (1 Thess. 5:17 ESV).

For **Middle School** students, Peter Hwang will deep dive into weird stuff in the Bible such as giants, Nephilim, assassin bears, and more!! The Bible is filled with weird stories in both the Old and the New Testaments, and we hope to see how all this weirdness ultimately points back to God and the much-needed redemption found in Jesus Christ.

MIDDLE SCHOOL (Room 108)
“Weird Stuff in the Bible”

Events + Summer Retreat

JUNE 2025 YOUTH EVENTS

MEXICO TEAM PRAYER HIKE (SAT 7 June 2025, 2:30-5:30 PM)

Our Mexico team will hike Rancho San Antonio on Saturday afternoon. Friends, family, and pets are invited to join us for the ~2.7 mile loop to the Vista Point. We leave lower parking area **promptly** at 2:45 PM! Bring water(!), a hat, and snacks to share.



PARK DAYS (SUN 8 + 29 June 2025, 2-4 PM)

Due to popular demand, we will continue park days in June! We hosted one last week, and will have two more on Sun 8 June 2025 & Sun 29 June 2025 (2-4 PM)! Have fun in the sun, and bring water!

GAME NIGHT (FRI 20 June 2025 7:30-9:30 PM)

Our summer interns will host a large game night while many others will be on Mexico missions. Join us for a night of games and bonding!



MEXICO SHARING NIGHT (FRI 27 June 2025, 7:30-9:30 PM)

After the Mexico Missions team returns, they will host a sharing night on Friday 27 June 2025. Come hear about our youths' experiences in Ensenada, Mexico! Get a glimpse of what they learned, how they grew in faith, and how God has worked powerfully in their lives!

SUMMER RETREAT (25-28 JULY 2025)

Registration is open: ccicyouth.com/

Join our annual retreat with all the CCIC sister churches! ~300 students will gather at a retreat site to fellowship and worship God.

This year, we've invited Pastor Tim Lo (CBC of San Diego) to speak, and our retreat will be located at Redwood Christian Park (i.e., the Noah's Ark one) in Boulder Creek, CA.

To register, visit <https://ccicyouth.com/>, complete the release form, and submit the online registration! Then, email Peter H (peter.hwang@cciccu.org) the release form, and hand him your payment for retreat!



EARLY BIRD DISCOUNT: Sign up by 1 July 2025 to get a \$25 off the retreat fees.



Prayer Requests

Baptism of Chee & Nicole!

Praise God for the baptism of Chee (young adult) and Nicole (8th grade) this past Friday (31 May 2025)! Pray they continue to share openly about their newness of life with God, and that people would be encouraged by their testimonies!

Injury Recovery

Pray for Sophia Xu (8th grader) and Pastor Owen as they rehab and recover from injuries sustained in the past months. Pray for patience, relief, and successful and full recovery from their injuries!

Mexico Missions Team

Praise God for the generosity of friends and family who have helped our team raise ~88% of the fundraising goal (\$43.5K)! The team will leave for Mexico on Tue 17 June 2025, and stay there for one week. Pray for safe and smooth travels, especially across the border. Pray for team unity, flexibility, and boldness as our students look to share God's love through words and actions in Ensenada, Mexico. Pray for safety as our team constructs a house. Pray for the family that receives it, that they would experience God powerfully through this new and wonderful gift!

Finals and Graduations!

Pray for all our students as they finish up at school. Pray that they finish well and celebrate how God has brought us through another school year!

Children's Summer Program

Pray that these summer programs will help get new families involved in our church with opportunities to learn more about God! Pray for the youth volunteers that they will serve our children joyfully, and learn more about God's love through their experiences. Pray especially for the music program that it will help families bond as they prepare and work towards the performance at the end of summer.

Gospel Cafe Night

Impact Christian Fellowship will host a Gospel Cafe Night at the end of summer (Fri 22 Aug 2025) to invite non-believing friends for a night of skits, music, food, drinks so that they can hear about the good news of Jesus Christ. Pray for our youth and young adults as they collaborate and serve together, and pray for those who will come and join the event, that God will prepare them with open ears and an open heart to receive the good news of Jesus!

Summer Interns & Youth Counselors

Pray for our leaders as we head into a new summer season with plenty of events and activities! Pray that God will provide opportunities for them to grow in their faith, while also encouraging our youth to get to know God more! Pray for opportunities to have meaningful conversation, discipleship, and maturation in faith this summer.

Peter Stepping Up

Pray for Peter as he takes the lead of the youth group starting in June! Pray for wisdom and energy, and that God would ground him fully so that he can lead spiritually and exercise his gifts in wholeness and truth.