

SERVANT TEAM MINISTRY

The start to the year has been exciting and challenging for me! I am especially excited to see what God has in store for these youth, and I am also looking for more support from volunteers, students, and parents when it comes to serving our youth group.

Recently, God has answered many of my prayers, as some adults have reached out to serve as youth volunteers, parent reps, and even substitute Sunday School teachers. Praise the Lord!

At the end of September, we also hosted our annual Fall Fair, an event to encourage students to join different ministries to partner with me and others in sharing the good news of Jesus (Phil. 1:3-6). Some of these serving opportunities included helping with music, audio/visual, outreach: evangelism and volunteering, in-reach: art, care and skit opportunities, and even communications. All of these will form the foundation of our Servant Team ministry.

QUESTION: What is Servant Team ministry?

Starting this month, I am planning to start our Servant Team ministry. This will be based on the volunteer sign-ups from our Fall Fair. I hope to get together at least once a month to plan and work on various ways the youth can serve one another by encouraging people in their faith, caring for recent grads, putting together creative and meaningful skits, practicing for music ministry, learning new skills, organizing outreach events, and more!

KICK-OFF MEETING: Wed 22 Oct 2025 at 7:00 PM, Social Hall (by the kitchen)

- The kick-off meeting will be Wed (8 Oct 2025, 7 PM). We will host each Servant Team meeting on the third or fourth Wednesday each month (since we usually have an event or small group bonding the upcoming Friday).
- All students are welcome to join, even those that did not sign up to help with any specific ministries at the Fall Fair.
- For music ministry team, they will continue to meet regularly on all subsequent Wednesdays to practice for the upcoming Friday night fellowship songs.

If you have any questions or concerns, let me know! (408) 728-3352; peter.hwang@cciccu.org

Onwards and Upwards,
Peter Hwang

"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ" (Philippians 1:3-6 ESV)

CHURCH VOLLEYBALL PHOTOS

On Sunday evenings, our youth participate in a church volleyball league hosted by Santa Clara First Baptist alongside 40+ churches. We begin the night with prayer, enjoy light-hearted competition, and then end it with a teammate's devotion about Jesus Christ. Check out some photos by Johnny (10th)!

OCTOBER 2025 EVENTS

MIDDLE SCHOOL BONDING (SAT 18 Oct 2025, 6:00 PM)

Our youth ministry would like to invite middle school youth and families to get together with each other and middle school youth counselors to get to know each other more through food, music, games and discussion! Please reach out to your middle school parent rep for more information!

SERVANT TEAM MEETING (WED 22 Oct 2025, 7:00 PM)

We will kick off our newly formed Servant Team ministry with our youth students the fourth Wed of the month. Invite your youth to join us to discuss and plan for how we can all partner together in the gospel through different ministries at church!

MISSIONS CONFERENCE (FRI 24 Oct 2025, 7:30 PM)

This month, our English ministry is hosting a missions conference with guest speaker Steven Weemes. This conference aims to highlight the importance of sharing the good news of Jesus to others so that be born of God, and overcome the world.

TRUCK OR TREAT (FRI 31 Oct 2025, 6:00 PM)

Partner with our children's ministry to host a fall event on Halloween for families to enjoy fun games, delicious food and hot drinks in a family-friendly atmosphere! Join us, invite their friends, and volunteer during this truck or treat event!

WINTER RETREAT (7-9 NOV 2025)

CCIC Cupertino is hosting a church-wide retreat at Mission Springs Camps and Conference Center in Scotts Valley, CA. Both Chinese and English ministries (Impact Christian Fellowship) will attend and host their respective retreat activities. Learn more by checking out bit.ly/ccic-cu-retreat, and we hope to see you all there! :)

IMPORTANT DATES

- 7-9 Nov 2025: All-Church Retreat (Mission Springs)
 - 13-16 Feb 2026: Snow Retreat (Camp Chinquapin)
 - 16-23 Jun 2026: Mexico Missions (Ensenada, MX with YWAM San Diego / Baja)
 - 31 Jul to 3 Aug 2026: All-CCIC Summer Youth Retreat (Mount Gilead)
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PRAYER REQUESTS

- **FOR FEMALE YOUTH STAFF:** Pray that we find a female youth staff that can support and minister to the young women in our youth group. Pray that we would find someone that works well alongside our staff and counselors, and is a person after God's own heart.
- **JOY IN THE MIDST OF SUFFERING:** Continue to lift up those who are dealing with and recovering from physical ailments. Pray that they can learn to trust God in the midst of a difficult situation, that they can find ways to rejoice in the midst of suffering. The apostle Paul said that by our faith, we have peace with God through Jesus Christ. "Not only that, but we rejoice in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces, hope, and hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit who has been given to us" (Rom. 5:3-5 ESV).
- **HEART TO LEARN ABOUT JESUS:** Pray that our students would continue to have open hearts and minds to learn about Jesus over the next couple months. Pray that this enables them to experience true freedom and joy in the midst of their daily activities, so that they can go forth in faith every day. Pray that they find rest, comfort, purpose, comfort, and newness of life in their daily life with Jesus as their Lord and Savior.
- **SENIORS WORKING ON COLLEGE APPS:** Pray for our 12th graders who are focused on creating applications for college admissions. Pray that they know that God is with them in their application process. Pray for support from their family, friends, and church.
- **FOR PETER TO ABIDE IN JESUS:** Pray for Peter's preparation for the upcoming Fall quarter. Pray for the plans for Servant Team ministry, that students would be willing to help and contribute what they can during this school year. Pray for Peter to focus on how to partner with students in sharing the good news of Jesus Christ to their classmates, their schools, and their personal community and context. Pray for opportunities for Peter to deny himself, take up his cross, and follow Jesus as his Lord and Savior.
- **PREPARATION FOR UPCOMING EVENTS:** Pray for the preparation for upcoming events like the Missions Conference, and Winter Retreat . Pray that God allows the leaders to focus on goals that can help people better understand their freedom in Christ, and to do this in the context of the community of believers (e.g., as a body of Christ). Pray for wisdom, protection, and gospel-centered planning for the leaders.