

O Happy Day Congrats!

Congratulations to 14 of our youth who got baptized on Fri 5 Dec 2025. You are all such an encouragement! Praise God!

- Bella Zhu
 - Bryan Zhang
 - Derek Jin
 - Erica Lu
 - Esther Zhang
 - Eugene Chen
 - Johnny Zhang
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“God’s Perspective of Me: Baptism Testimony” by Bella Zhu (8th)

Hello, I’m Bella, and I’ve been alive for 14 years now. However, I only started to value my relationship with Christ recently. I was blind for so long to what God was doing, but now I have someone to thank for the good in my life, and for making the future less daunting, no matter how scary or uncertain it might appear.

Looking back, the first significant memory I have with Jesus was in kindergarten. My family didn’t talk much about religion, so it was hard to familiarize myself with Christianity. I definitely attended different churches before CCIC-CU, but here at the AWANA was the first time I actually knew that I was, in fact, attending a church.

Around the same time, my mom gave me a cross necklace, and I remember that interaction very vividly. She told me, “If anyone asks why you wear this necklace, just tell them that you are a Christian.” At the time, I don’t think I truly understood why or the meaning behind it. All I knew was that I liked the necklace, and it was small (so like, yay, extra points for that, I guess).

I was not someone you would call a typical “good Christian.” For the longest time, all I did was go to church and maybe pray before sleeping, but I didn’t go out of my way to read the Bible or truly get to know God. Even as a child, I was such a mess. My emotions were everywhere. I would constantly bother everyone and was generally a “brat” to my brother. So when I actually started to mature and got introspective, I really hated myself. If you asked me to describe myself in one word, I would confidently choose the word “pathetic” every time.

It was really in the past two years that I started listening to God and became more open to what He had to say. There was just something about Elanor, Fred, and Peter’s teaching that made me think more about my relationship with God and what I wanted that to look like. It wasn’t until I attended Sunday School did I finally realized how much I truly wanted to know God. I wanted to understand why I felt so comforted when praying to him, how the church could be such a united community, and what made the act of worship so joyful.

Worship music actually played the most significant part in my journey. The simple act of listening to the music and singing along brought warmth and comfort. It didn't matter if I was alone or having a bad day. The music reminded me that God was working in our everyday lives. Our lack of ability to see it didn't change the fact that He was working, He is working, and He continues to work.

I felt so much joy in hearing God's Word because GOD WILL ALWAYS LOVE YOU, no matter what your "supposed value" is. When I started truly pursuing Jesus Christ, I had peace. God gave me a purpose in life: to embrace and praise Jesus in the way I lived by learning and following His Word. I want people to find the same joy that God has given me. Jesus Christ saved me. Even when I turned my back or acted selfishly, He saved me. He gave me His grace.

If you ask me that question again now (i.e., describe myself in one word), I would still answer the same. I'm still pathetic, but now the difference is that it's not my perspective that matters; it's God's. In Matthew 19:26, Jesus said, "With man [salvation] is impossible, but with God all things are possible." God loves me, God sent Jesus Christ to save me, and through my faith in Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior, I now have eternal life. I am now a daughter of God. I am a Christian, and I will follow him to the ends of the earth. --

"Christian-ish to Christian: Baptism Testimony" by Derek Jin (7th)

I grew up in a Christian household, in a family that would regularly attend church in Tucson, Arizona, years before I was even born. In 2013, my family moved to San Jose, California, and we started to attend a church called CCIC-Cupertino. For most of my childhood, I went to church only because my parents made me go, and also because my friends were there. I never really took my faith seriously until middle school.

When I became a sixth grader, I joined the youth programs at church. I started to try paying more attention to the sermons and would interact with students and leaders who had devoted their life to serve God.

That very same year, Pastor Owen taught a "Christian-ish" series on Sunday mornings. It helped me reflect on the true meaning of being a Christian. I learned that being Christian didn't just mean reading the Bible and praying to God, but also having faith and believing that God had sent Jesus to die for my sins.

This has inspired me to try taking my faith more seriously and pursue a life with Christ. I believe that Jesus is always faithful to me, even when I am not very faithful, and that Jesus not only has the power to save me, but to guide me in an amazing plan for my life. --

"Faith, Grace, and Healing" by Erica Lu (7th)

Life as a Christian is all about Jesus. We should praise him, study his Word, and look up to him. There's also so much to be grateful about. (I know Thanksgiving has passed, but we must be thankful 24/7, for things like food on the table, family members, and the fact that Jesus lived to die for us.) Even if it's something that you're unhappy about, you probably still get some joy and gratitude out of it. For example, failing your test can motivate you to improve on future tests.

Thanksgiving to God improved my relationship with him. Thanking him for what he has done for me on that cross helped me reflect the pain and suffering he has gone through for us.

If you ever feel down from events in life (and you did actually fail your test), remember that God is watching. He's watching the tears that are rolling down your cheeks. He sees the disappointment in your heart. He wants you to know he's there. He can heal you if you just ask.

Faith is difficult to have when you doubt. Personally, I doubt his power sometimes. I also occasionally doubt his existence. If you really think about it, the existence of God is pretty unbelievable, and there are so many unbelievable things in the Bible, like a flood that wiped out the entire world, Jesus's miracles, and extremely long lives of people in the book of Genesis! Noah, for example, is said to have lived to be 950 years, while humans today are expected to die at around 70-80 years old. To me, it sounds crazy, but when you have faith, everything is possible (Matt. 19:26).

When I fall short before God, I feel convicted of my guilt, and I immediately pray. I kept sinning, I kept apologizing, and I kept thinking, how does God forgive me so many times when I keep failing him (Col. 1:13-14)? I can doubt his grace and forgiveness, but God's love is so abundant, and his mercies are new every morning (Lam. 3:22-23).

To conclude, I want to wish everyone a Merry Christmas and to remember it as Jesus' birthday. --

"Thoughts About Counselors" by Peter Hwang (Youth Staff)

First of all, if you have not already, please join me in encouraging and praying for our youth group counselors. They have been incredibly faithful towards our youth and their well-being and growth in knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior.

Second, as a quick reminder, their primary role is to serve as Christian role models for the youth, specifically for their respective grades (aka, small groups. They help lead small groups, bonding events, and occasionally help with our youth programming (e.g., music, A/V, retreat, missions). Counselors also meet monthly to review teaching content, check-in on our students, and plan future activities together.

Counselors help provide our youth with adults (other than their parents) who they can confide, trust, and share openly with, and who can guide them towards a life with Christ. Continue to pray that God will protect and honor their hearts in serving our youth! –

LIFE Event Photos (Nov 2025)

In November 2025, the entire CCIC-Cupertino church went to Missions Springs for a three day retreat. Our youth group participated in the English ministry retreat with the Connect Young Adults, and we learned about God's active presence and working in our lives through the book of Ruth. Our church youth volleyball teams also went to the playoffs in the Santa Clara First Baptist volleyball league, and won the championship for their division! Congratulations, CCIC-CU (Chen) team!

December 2025 Events

ALL-CHURCH BAPTISM (FRI 5 Dec 2025, 7:30 PM)

Starting on Sunday 2 Nov 2025, we hosted baptism classes for students who are interested in better understanding baptism, what is the significance of baptism, and what life looks like after baptism. We had 14 students commit to getting baptized. For future baptism classes, please contact Peter H (peter.hwang@cciccu.org).

Servant Team MEETING (WED 17 DEC 2025, 7:00 PM)

@Youth: Join us for our monthly Servant Team Meeting (Room 104) to talk through ministry opportunities and updates, kick off projects for each ministry, and to read the Bible and pray together! See you all there! :)

CHRISTMAS PARTY (FRI 19 Dec 2025, 7:30 PM)

For our last youth group of the year, we will be celebrating Christmas through our annual White Elephant Gift Exchange! **@Youth:** Please bring a wrapped gift (< \$10) to the gift exchange, and we will celebrate the coming of the birth of our Lord. If you forget to bring a gift, we will have some extra prepared!

Servant Team MTG #2: WED 19 NOV 2025, 7 PM

Youth: Join our second servant team meeting (Room 104) to talk through ministry updates, work on 2025 projects for each ministry, and to read the Bible and pray together! See you all there! :)

NEW YEAR'S SLEEPOVER (Wed 31 Dec 2025, 9:30 PM)

REGISTER using the QR code. We will host a joint sleepover at CCIC-SJ for three (3) youth groups! Festivities include snacks, Nerf gun war, games and breakfast, all for FREE! Students are welcome to bring games and snacks to share, and sleeping essentials. More info in the QR code above!



NO YOUTH GROUP (2X): FRI 26 Dec 2025; Fri 2 Jan 2026

Fri 19 Dec 2025 is our last youth group of the year, as the follow two weeks (26 Dec 2025, 2 Jan 2026) are cancelled. We do have a New Year's sleepover (see below). Enjoy the break! :)

IMPORTANT DATES

- 31 Dec 2025 to 1 Jan 2026: Joint New Year's Sleepover (CCIC-San Jose)
 - 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

- **High School Seniors:** Pray for endurance and persistence as they finish up their college applications and school semesters. Typically, second semester is way lighter and easier, and we can't wait for all of them to have more time to spend with each other and with our youth group! Pray for strength, rest, and peace!
- **Female Youth Staff:** Pray that our church finds 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 church staff, volunteers and parents. Pray that this person is like David, someone after God's own heart (1 Sam. 13:14).

- **Praise God for Baptism:** Praise God for the baptism of fourteen of our youth (including two more at their local church)! Praise God for an incredibly encouraging night of baptism, testimony sharing, and celebration for the newness of life in the Spirit given to those who put their faith and trust in Jesus as their Lord and Savior!
- **New Years Sleepover (12/31 to 1/1):** Pray for the preparations for the upcoming sleepover event at CCIC San Jose. Pray for volunteers who are willing to help stay up and prepare food and snacks, and pray for the students that those who attend will have a memorable night in fellowship with brothers and sisters across multiple CCIC churches (Cupertino, San Jose, and Central San Jose).
- **Youth Leaders and Volunteers:** Continue to pray for our youth leaders and adult/parent volunteers that they continue to recognize that their service demonstrates God's love to our youth and to the world, for Jesus said, Just as I have loved you, you also are to love one another. By this all people will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:34-35 ESV).
- **Physical Healing:** Pray for those who are dealing with physical ailments and injuries that they would get clarity on the issues at hand, resolution to the issue, and time to recover and heal. Pray that they continue to trust in God's timing, Pray also for those who are caring for them, that they felt seen, recognized, and loved by God and others.
- **Youth Servant Team Ministry:** Continue to pray for the faithful service of our students who have volunteered to serve others and follow the example of Jesus Christ, our Servant King. Pray for flexibility and willingness to learn as we make changes to our A/V setup, focus on our Senior students, and plan for the upcoming year (2026).
- **From 2025 to 2026:** Pray that our community finishes the year well – in love, peace and gratitude. Pray that all of us demonstrate the fruit of the Spirit (Gal. 5:22-23), and live out our new life in Christ by going first in love. For 2026, pray that we plan thoughtfully and carefully for our youth ministry, and that everything we do reflects Jesus Christ!

O Happy Day 恭喜！

恭喜我们 14 位青少年于 2025 年 12 月 5 日(星期五)受洗！你们所有人都是极大的鼓励！感谢赞美主！

受洗同学：

Bella Zhu
Bryan Zhang
Derek Jin
Erica Lu
Esther Zhang
Eugene Chen
Johnny Zhang
Joshua Sheng
Kate Zhao
Matthew Hung
Melody Tang
Naomi Chen
Ryan Tseng
Terence He

《从神的眼光看我：受洗见证》—— Bella Zhu(8 年级)

大家好，我是Bella，今年 14 岁，但直到最近，我才真正开始重视我与基督的关系。过去很长一段时间，我对神在我生命中所做的一切视而不见；但如今，我终于知道生命中所有的美好来自祂，也知道即使前方看似可怕或未知，我的未来因祂而不再令人恐惧。

回想起来，我与耶稣的第一个重要记忆是在幼儿园时期。由于我家里平常不太谈论宗教，我很难熟悉基督信仰。虽然我之前也去过不同的教会，但直到来到 CCIC-CU 的 AWANA，我才真正知道我是在进入教会。

差不多在那个时候，我妈妈送了我一条十字架项链，我至今仍记得那一刻。她对我说：“如果有人问你为什么戴这条项链，就告诉他们你是基督徒。”当时的我并不真正理解那句话的意义，我只知道我喜欢那条项链，而且它很小巧（所以...算是个加分点吧）。

我并不是所谓典型的“好基督徒”。很长一段时间，我来教会、睡前偶尔祷告，但我从未主动去读圣经，也没有真正想要认识神。就算在小的时候，我也情绪混乱，经常惹人烦，对哥哥也很“难相处”。所以当我开始长大、开始反思时，我非常讨厌自己。如果你要我用一个词形容自己，我一定会毫不犹豫说“可悲”。

直到过去两年，我才开始真正聆听神的声音，并愿意敞开心去接受祂的带领。Elanor、Fred 和 Peter 的教导让我开始思考我与神的关系，以及我盼望它成为怎样的关系。直到上主日学时，我才真正意识到，我多么渴望认识神。我想知道为什么向祂祷告能让我如此得安慰，为什么教会能如此合一，以及为什么敬拜能带来如此大的喜乐。

敬拜诗歌其实是带领我走近神最重要的一环。聆听音乐、跟着唱就能带给我温暖与安慰——无论我一个人，或我正在经历糟糕的一天。诗歌提醒我：神一直在我们的日常生活中动工。即使我们看不见，祂过去在做、现在在做、将来也会继续做。

我从神的话语中得到极大的喜乐，因为 ****神永远爱你****——与你“自认为的价值”无关。当我开始真心寻求耶稣基督，我得着了平安。神赐给我生命的目的：就是透过学习并遵行祂的话语，在生活中拥抱并赞美基督。我希望别人也能找到神赐给我的同样喜乐。耶稣基督拯救了我。即使我曾背离祂、任性自私，祂仍然救我，把恩典赐给我。

如果你现在再问我那个问题（用一个字形容自己），我的答案仍然一样。我仍然“可悲”，但现在不同的是：决定价值的不是我的眼光，而是神的。耶稣在**马太福音 19:26** 说：“在人这是不能的，在神凡事都能。”神爱我，神差遣耶稣基督救我；因着我相信耶稣基督为我的主和救主，我如今拥有永生。我是神的女儿。我是基督徒，我愿跟随祂直到地极。——

《从“像基督徒”到真正基督徒：受洗见证》--- Derek Jin (7 年级)

我成长于一个基督徒家庭，父母在我出生前就已在亚利桑那州Tucson的教会固定聚会。2013 年，我们全家搬到加州圣荷西，并开始来到 CCIC-Cupertino。我的童年时期，大多是因为父母要我来教会，加上朋友也在这里，所以我就来了，但我从未认真看待自己的信仰，直到进入中学。

六年级时，我加入了青少年团契。我开始努力专注听讲道，也开始与那些委身服事神的学生和辅导互动。

同一年，Owen 牧师在主日早上讲了一系列“Christian-ish”的课程，让我反思什么是真正的基督徒。我明白：做基督徒不只是读圣经、祷告，更是要有信心，相信神差遣耶稣为我的罪而死。

这激励我更认真地看待信仰，开始追求与基督同行的生命。我相信耶稣总是信实，即使我不够信实；我也相信耶稣不仅能救我，更能带领我进入祂为我预备的美好计划。——

《信心、恩典与医治》—— Erica Lu (7 年级)

基督徒的生活就是以耶稣为中心：赞美祂、研读祂的话语、仰望祂。而且我们有太多值得感恩的事。（虽然感恩节已经过了，但我们应当每天24小时常常感恩，包括餐桌上的食物、家人、以及耶稣为我们而生、为我们而死。）即便是让你不开心的事，也可能让你在其中仍找到感恩。例如，考试失败可能激励你下次做得更好。

感谢神让我与祂的关系更深。当我感谢祂在十字架上为我所成就的一切时，我被提醒祂为我们承受的痛苦与牺牲。

如果你因生活中的挫折感到难过（比如你真的考试失败了），记得神正在看顾你。祂看见你流下的眼泪，祂看见你心中的失落。祂要你知道祂与您同在。只要你祈求，祂能医治你。

怀疑时信心就变得困难。我有时会怀疑祂的能力，也会偶尔怀疑祂是否存在。如果认真想想，神的存在的确实让人难以想象；圣经里也有许多超乎我们想象的事情，例如大洪水灭绝全世界、耶稣行神迹、创世纪中那些极长寿命的人物。像挪亚据说活了 950 岁，而今天人类平均寿命约 70-80 岁。这听起来的确很“疯狂”，但正如**马太福音 19:26** 所说：“在神凡事都能。”

当我在神面前失败时，我感到深深的亏欠，立刻向祂祷告。我不断犯罪、不断道歉、不断思考：我一直失败，神怎么还能一次又一次地饶恕我（西 1:13-14）？我有时怀疑祂的恩典，但神的爱极其丰盛，祂的怜悯每天都是新的（哀 3:22-23）。

最后，祝大家圣诞快乐，并记得圣诞是耶稣的生日。——

《关于辅导员的一些想法》—— Peter Hwang (青少年同工)

首先，如果你还没有这样做，请与我一起鼓励并为我们的青少年辅导员祷告。他们对青少年的属灵生命、身心健康，以及他们认识耶稣基督为主和救主的成长，展现出极大信心与委身。

其次，提醒大家：辅导员的首要角色是成为青少年在信仰上的榜样，尤其是各自年级的小组。他们协助带领小组、举办团契活动，并在需要时协助青少年事工的节目（如敬拜、影音、退修会、短宣等）。辅导员也会定期聚会，一同查经、关怀学生，并规划未来事工。

辅导员为青少年提供可信赖的成人榜样（除父母之外），让孩子们可以倾诉、信任、敞开分享，并被引导走向与基督同行的生命。请继续祷告，求神保守他们服事的心志！——

LIFE 活动照片 (2025 年 11 月)

2025 年 11 月，CCIC-Cupertino 全教会前往 Missions Springs 举行三天退修会。我们青少年参与了英文堂与 Young Adults Connect 的联合营会，并透过《路得记》学习神在我们生命中的主动作为。我们教会的青少年排球队也进入 Santa Clara First Baptist 联赛的季后赛，并赢得组别冠军！恭喜 CCIC-CU (Chen 队)！

2025 年 12 月活动

全教会受洗礼 (12 月 5 日 周五 7:30 PM)

从 11 月 2 日起，我们为想要更深入了解受洗与受洗意义的学生举办了受洗班。本次共有 14 位学生决定受洗。未来受洗班请联络 Peter H (peter.hwang@cciccu.org)。

同工团队会议 (12 月 17 日 周三 7:00 PM)

@青少年们：欢迎参加每月同工团队会议 (104 室)。我们将分享事工更新、展开各项事工计划，并一起读经与祷告！

圣诞派对 (12 月 19 日 周五 7:30 PM)

今年最后一次青少年聚会，我们将举办年度白象礼物交换！@青少年们：请带一份包装好的礼物（\$10 以下）。若忘记带，我们也有准备额外礼物！

同工团队会议 #2：11 月 19 日（周三）7:00 PM

@青少年们：第二次同工会议（104 室），讨论事工更新、2025 年各个事工的项目，并一起读经祷告！

跨年留宿（12 月 31 日 周三 9:30 PM）

扫描二维码报名。我们将在 CCIC-SJ 与三个青少年团契联合举办过夜迎新活动！有点心、Nerf 枪对战、游戏与早餐，全免费！欢迎带游戏、点心与睡眠用品。



12 月 26 日与 1 月 2 日（两次）暂停聚会

12 月 19 日为本年度最后一次聚会。接下来两周暂停。另有跨年留宿活动，欢迎参加！

重要日期

2025/12/31-2026/1/1：跨年留宿（CCIC-San Jose）

2026/2/13-2/16：雪地退修会（Camp Chiquapin）

2026/6/16-6/23：墨西哥短宣（Ensenada, MX with YWAM San Diego / Baja）

2026/7/31-8/3：全 CCIC 青少年夏令营（Mount Gilead）

代祷事项

高中毕业班学生

为他们在申请大学和学期末的冲刺祷告。通常下学期会轻松许多，我们盼望他们能有更多时间彼此相处并参与团契。求神赐下力量、休息与平安。

招募女性青少年同工

求神为教会预备一位合适的女性同工来牧养青少年姊妹，能与教会同工、义工、家长良好配搭，并像大卫一样，成为“合神心意的人”（撒上 13:14）。

为受洗感谢神

感谢神带领十四位青少年受洗（另有两位在其当地教会受洗）！感谢主赐下如此令人深受鼓舞的浸礼之夜，让我们一同聆听见证，同心庆祝 - 为那些将信心与信靠放在耶稣基督，以他为救主的人所领受的圣灵中的新生命而欢喜！

跨年留宿活动

请为即将在 CCIC 圣荷西举行的跨年留宿活动的各项预备祷告。求主预备愿意通宵协助、准备食物与点心的义工，也为参加的学生祷告，愿他们在与多个 CCIC 教会（Cupertino、San Jose、Central San Jose）的弟兄姐妹相交中，度过一个难忘而蒙福的夜晚。。

青少年领袖与义工

请继续为我们的青少年领袖及成人／家长义工祷告，求主使他们不断看见，他们的服事正在向青少年与世界彰显神的爱。正如主耶稣所说：“我怎样爱你们，你们也要怎样相爱。你们若有彼此相爱的心，众人因此就认出你们是我的门徒了。”（约翰福音 13:34-35）

身体软弱者

请为那些正在面对身体病痛与伤害的弟兄姊妹祷告，求主赐下对当前状况的清晰明白、合宜的解决方式，以及足够的时间来恢复与痊愈。也求主帮助他们继续信靠神的时间与安排。

同时，也请为照顾他们的人祷告，愿他们在服事中感到被看见、被重视，并被神与他人所爱。

青少年同工团队事工

请继续为我们那些甘心服事、以行动跟随我们仆人君王耶稣基督榜样的学生们祷告。求主赐给他们在服事中的忠心、柔软的心，以及学习与成长的意愿。

也请为我们在调整影音设备、关怀高中毕业班学生、并预备来年（2026年）事工方向时，能够有智慧、灵活度与合一的心而祷告。。

从 2025 到 2026

请为我们的群体在年底能以爱、平安与感恩来圆满收尾而祷告。求主帮助我们每一个人都结出圣灵的果子（加拉太书 5:22-23），并以爱为先，活出在基督里的新生命。

也请为 2026 年的青少年事工代祷，求主带领我们在各项计划上有深思熟虑的预备，使我们所做的一切都能反映耶稣基督的心意与荣耀！