

## Operation Christmas Child (OCC)

**History:** In the summer of 1993, Franklin Graham was asked if he'd be willing to fill shoeboxes with gifts for children in war-torn Bosnia. Franklin agreed. The Calvary Church of Charlotte donated 11,000 shoeboxes with gifts and personal letters. Samaritan's Purse sent 28,000 shoebox gifts to children in the Balkans that Christmas, communicating to children and their families about Jesus' birth: *"I bring you good news of great joy that will be for all the people"*.

Every year since, Samaritan's Purse has collected shoebox gifts for children around the world. More than 209 million children in over 170 countries and territories have received an OCC shoebox. The project delivers not only gifts (for many kids, their first Christmas gift), but also the Gospel.

**The Gospel.** OCC has trained over 1.7 million volunteers at local churches to teach The Greatest Journey, a follow-up discipleship course for shoebox recipients. Since 2009, 35.4 million children have enrolled in this 12-lesson program to learn how to follow Christ and share Him with others. More than 17.4 million of these boys and girls have made a decision to accept Jesus as their Savior during the course. As a result of this ever-expanding witness, new churches are starting and communities are being transformed!

More than 9,000 year-round volunteers also get the word out about the Samaritan's Purse project across the U.S., with another 80,000 short-term volunteers serving in more than 4,000 drop-off locations open across the country every year during National Collection Week, the third week in November. Each shoebox collected then travels to one of our processing centers to be inspected and prepared for international shipment by 90,000 volunteers. All of this is supported by the 30,000 volunteers in our prayer network. Millions of Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts are collected each year from locations in North America and throughout the world, including Australia, Austria, Finland, Germany, New Zealand, South Korea, Spain, Switzerland, and the United Kingdom. Together we are working to see "a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb" (Rev. 7:9-10).

**Volunteer:** come help process shoeboxes on 11/24, 1–6pm! We will be searching for contraband, packaging, sorting, sealing, and praying over shoeboxes. It's a fun assembly line. Please save the date, signups soon.

# Welcome to Journey!

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Young Adult Retreat



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## Order of Service

October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Welcome & Call To Worship.....Peter  
Worship.....Kyle & Congregation  
Sermon..... **Unity & Diversity** ..... Sunroot  
Song of Response.....Kyle & Congregation  
Benediction .....Ted



## Ways to get involved at Journey:

**10/11: Young Couples Ministry.** Join us at 7pm as we study *The Crazy Cycle in Marriage* by Eggerichs. Email [christian@journeyec.org](mailto:christian@journeyec.org) for details.

**10/22: Staff Appreciation Lunch.** A lunch will be provided after service for our pastoral staff and the congregation to celebrate Pastor Appreciation Month.

**10/27: Trunk or Treat.** Join us for a time of family friendly fun from 7-9pm! All are welcome to attend and volunteer. Email [christian@journeyec.org](mailto:christian@journeyec.org) for details.

**11/12: Operation Christmas Child (OCC).** Start prepping shoeboxes of small toys, school supplies, and/or hygiene items to give to children in poverty.

**11/24: OCC Processing Volunteers.** We have 20 slots reserved to help process shoeboxes from 1–6pm. Save the date!

**ESL Ministry** (Sat, 9:30-10:30am): WANTED: Tutors for beginning students.

**Qualifications:** Speak & read English and a heart to teach immigrants in our community. **Contact:** [MoonHoangLee@gmail.com](mailto:MoonHoangLee@gmail.com)

## Unity & Diversity

Romans 12:3–8 • Sunroot Liu

### Sizing Yourself Up

In Relation to Others: Not Thinking More Highly Than We Ought

In Relation to Yourself: Sober Judgment

In Relation to God: According to the Measure of Faith

### One Body, Many Members

Different Functions

Though Many, One In Christ

One of Another

### Using the Gifts

Doing It

What You're Doing

How You Do it

### Discussion Questions/Application

- Is there an area in your life where you've become arrogant and think more highly of yourself than you ought to?
- Is there a mindset that is keeping you from being sober-minded?
- Is there a person/group that you deemed unnecessary to you? What is the essential function that God might be providing to you through them?
- What are some of your gifts? Where have you been using them? Where might you need to explore using them?

### Deacons

Allie Wong

Anne Chou

Dave McLendon

Joshua Cain

Pat Leung

Paulah Wong

Teresa Jue

Wesley Lin

### Elders

Cliff Char—Young Adults, Worship Music

Devin Wong—GO Team, Website

Hiro Kono—Cong. Dev, Pastoral Care, Women's Ministry

Peter Leung—Children, Welcome

Phil Jen Kin—Facilities, Cantonese, Security, Personnel

Rick Chou—Nominations, Multimedia, Small Groups

Ron Jue—Growth & Legacy, Deacons Liaison, CLT Chair

Victor Wong—Campus, Finance, Hospitality, SERVE, Vietnamese

### Staff

Ted Kau—Senior Pastor

Paul Eng—Chinese Pastor

Peter Leung—Children's Director

Roger Yee—Business Administrator

Ewin Grace—Connections Pastor

Christian Lissner—Assistant Minister

Amy Mu—Office & Ministry Assistant