Youth Update

Christian Lissner, Assistant Minister

This summer was an eventful time for the youth ministry. Many of our seniors graduated from high school and are preparing to enter universities around the United States. On June 11th, we celebrated their accomplishments with a graduation banquet in the MPR. We enjoyed a time of sweet fellowship and prayed for each of them as they transition to their respective colleges.

From July 2-7, 13 youth and 4 counselors attended Forest Home. Besides the fun competitions, activities, and all-nighters, many of our students recommitted their lives to the Lord during our speaker's gospel presentation. We're also thankful for God's provision for the Yee family after Cayden's unfortunate accident. He recently and successfully completed a second surgery! Please keep the Yee family in your prayers as Cayden recovers.

We started a teaching series for Friday nights titled *Core Elements of the Christian Faith*. We discuss different attributes and practices that characterize a devoted follower of Jesus Christ. We are covering topics such as producing the spiritual fruit of self-control, building a lasting faith, making disciples through evangelism, dealing with persecution, and putting our hope in Jesus. We're also thankful for the parents of youth that host life groups each month. During life groups, students connect with their youth leaders one-on-one and receive prayer.

In the Fall, we will have a beach day, attend the Stand to Reason Conference, and celebrate the holidays (Trunk or Treat, Friendsgiving, Christmas party). Thank you all for your support of the youth ministry at Journey. I pray that Proverbs 22:6 will embody the youth ministry team's leadership. "Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it not turn from it."



Welcome to Journey!



2023 Graduates



Order of Service

September 3rd, 2023

Welcome & Call To Worship	Phil
Worship	Christian & Congregation
Sermon Conformity and Transformation Sunroot Liu	
The Lord's Supper	Ewin
Song of Response	Christian & Congregation
Benediction	Christian



Young Adults deep into an inductive Bible study in Ephesians

Deacons **Elders**

Allie Wong Cliff Char—Young Adults, Worship Music Anne Chou Devin Wong-GO Team, Website

Dave McLendon Hiro Kono-Cong. Dev., Pastoral Care, Women's Ministry

Peter Leung—Children, Welcome Joshua Cain

Phil Jen Kin-Facilities, Chinese, Security, Personnel Pat Leung Paulah Wong Rick Chou—Nominations, Multimedia, Small Groups Teresa Jue Ron Jue-Growth & Legacy, Deacons Liaison, CLT Chair

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

Staff

Roger Yee—Administrator Ted Kau-Senior Pastor **Ewin Grace**—Pastor of Small Groups Paul Eng-Chinese Pastor Christian Lissner—Assistant Minister Peter Leung-Children Director Amy Mu-Office & Ministry Assistant

Conformity and Transformation Sunroot Liu • "Christ Transforms Culture"

I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. 2 Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect—Romans 12:1-2

Paul's Appeal

Godly Posture Godly Belonging Godly Purpose

The Calling to Conform

Worldly Posture Worldly Belonging Worldly Purpose

Christ Transforms Culture

Transformation and Renewal Testing By the Mercy of God

Discussion Questions, Applications

- Where in my life have I conformed to worldly posture, belonging and/or purpose?
- What needs am I trying to meet through that conformity?
- What would it look like to seek transformation/renewal from God in that area instead?
- What topic/area can I explore scripture about?

Ways to get involved at Journey:

Today: Basketball Ministry (1-3pm, Gym). Email wes@journeyec.org for details.

9/7: Women's Bible Study. The Book of Job by Frances Chan (6:45pm, 8 sessions online, 1st & 3rd Thurs.). Join us as we learn how Job responded faithfully to difficult trials. Contact Trudee, WomensMinistry@JourneyEC.org for details.

9/10: Adult Bible Class (9-10am, 2nd & 4th Sun.). Email MoonHoanglee@gmail.com for details.

9/16: ESL Ministry Rewarding job on Saturdays (9:30am-11:30am, 9/16–12/23) teaching English to immigrants, plus good pay and benefits! Contact MoonHoangLee@gmail.com.

9/16: Youth Beach Day (1-5pm, Hunt. Beach). Email christian@journeyec.org for details.

9/17: GO Partners from Turkey and North Africa are sharing after church. Light lunch provided.

9/22–23: Stand to Reason Conference (Biola). Scholarships available for students.

Update: We will repave the parking lot, remodel the foyer, and construct a new parent lounge. We await permits to dispose trailers. If you are led to joyfully give, please make an offering to Journey EC with "Building Fund" in memo.