

JEC's 43rd Anniversary

by Devin Wong, *Elder*

Journey is 43 years old this month. What follows are paraphrased recollections from one of our founding family members: Pearl Choy.

Who had the idea to plant a church, and when did they have it? We met together as a small group in home bible studies for many years. I don't remember who first suggested it to us; maybe someone from our church, True Light Presbyterian.

What made you commit to planting a church? It was a lot of distance driving to True Light for all of us. God made things happen, so it was confirmation. When we were ready, we looked into lots of places to hold service. God provided a school where the principal was a Christian. We asked Wayland to be our pastor and he answered the call.

When did Pastor Wayland get involved? We always specifically had him in mind to be our pastor. He was on the mission field in Hong Kong when we called him.

How did you grow the church? We identified Asians in our neighborhoods and went door-to-door to talk to them. We would follow up with visitors through phone calls to show interest in them and have them interested in the church. We would pray all the time; lots and lots of constant prayer. We and Pastor Wayland would do a great deal of visitations. We prayed all the time—before services and visitations. Thinking about and praying about the church was a 24/7 all-consuming passion.

What were some initial challenges? It was a lot of physical labor to set up and tear down chairs, tables, bibles, hymnals, and sound system each week. We had to be neat and respectful of the rooms for the school teachers.

What was one of the greatest joys? We formed as an independent church in 1980, then joined the Presbyterian denomination in 1988.

What encouragement or lesson do you want today's generation to know? Get everybody involved in God's work. The elderly generation is no longer able to do the same things as before. Reach out to people and talk with them. Find out their physical needs and prayer needs. Show them that you know they are there and that you are concerned about them.

Welcome to **Journey!**

EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Journey Founding Members at last year's celebration



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Order of Service

September 17th, 2023

Welcome & Call To Worship.....Rick
Worship.....Ted & Congregation
Sermon..... **Disciple, Discipler & Difference Maker**..... Ewin
Song of Response.....Ted & Congregation
Benediction.....Christian
GO Partners Sharing.....GO Team



Thank you Audrey for being YA Retreat's Master Chef! Photo credit: Alan

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, Chinese, 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—Administrator
Ewin Grace—Pastor of Small Groups
Christian Lissner—Assistant Minister
Amy Mu—Office & Ministry Assistant

Disciple, Discipler & Difference Maker

Ewin Grace • Phil. 3:8-10

Definition: "Counter-culture"—A culture within a larger culture that deliberately challenges or rejects the dominant culture's behaviors, beliefs, lifestyles, norms, and values.

1. I became a **disciple** by crowning Jesus as my _____ and counting all else as _____, Phil. 3:8
2. I have become a **discipler** by putting on His righteousness and passing on _____ to others, Phil. 3:9
3. I will become a **difference-maker** by _____ and His _____ power, sharing in His _____
And becoming like Him in His _____, Phil. 3:10

What is My Response and Commitment Today?

- What kind of disciple of Jesus Christ are you, active (actual) or passive (nominal)?
- What do you do, or have you done, to become more Christlike and share His love with someone who doesn't know Him? What steps do you take to "pass it on?"
- How might you give yourself to something greater than yourself and make a substantial difference for Christ by your life?

Ways to get involved at Journey:

Today: Two **GO Partners** couples are sharing after service. Light lunch provided.

9/20: Young Couples Ministry (every other Wednesday, 7-8:30pm). All young married and dating couples are invited to a time of fellowship. Email christian@journeyec.org for details.

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

Update: For the next few months on Sunday mornings you may notice a roaming security guard (in addition to our JEC volunteers). The elders have arranged for a security firm to assess our campus and provide recommendations on future measures to enhance the safety of our campus. Make sure you provide a warm smile and greeting when you see them!

Facilities: 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.