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Why go to church

Pastor Henry Mak

Many people are willing to believe in Christ, but unwilling to go to church, do not care to attend church gatherings. This is, in essence, an issue of commitment.

The church is a community formed by Christ, a place where the children of God receive provisions and protection and grow in maturity. This is also where God reveals His glory, not just to the world, but also to spiritual leaders. The church is also the body of Christ, the utensil for carrying on the work of God on earth, to proclaim His saving grace through the Holy Spirit and the word of God.

Let us not forget that the most prominent event in human history is the calling, redemption and perfection of His people by God. God is building the church of Jesus Christ. The rest of human history is the theater for displaying God's plan of salvation. Through the ages, God never stops calling sinners to repent, trust in Jesus and join the church. God will equip His children for His work; transform them to reflect His holiness.

Therefore, God has not granted us a choice, whether to accept or reject the church of Christ. Whoever loves Jesus must also love the church. Followers of Christ should all become a member of the church. God calls us to be Christians and to join the congregation in the church of Christ.

Why attend a church?

It is not God's plan for Christians to live a lonely life. Therefore, God prepares a church for us, essentially for every believer. Why should we attend a church?

1. Attending a church reflects your status as a saved believer. Attending a church per se does not prove or give you salvation. Acceptance into church membership does not save you. However, attending church reflects the saving grace of Christ on us. We have to know Christ and follow Him. Joining the congregation is a testimony, attesting to our trust and obedience to Christ, a demonstration of our love and respect for Him.
2. The church provides us a home of support and encouragement. Joining the church represents the establishment of relationship with brothers and sisters in the Lord. These brothers and sisters will help you in your walk with Christ. We should give up the life of lonely Christian, but bless and encourage each other, and at the same time receive blessing and encouragement.
3. The church enables us to proclaim the saving grace of God to the world. Lord Jesus commissioned His disciples to proclaim the gospel to the ends of the earth (Matthew 28:19-20). How can a believer single handedly accomplish such a high calling? We need to join forces, unite into one body, starting from our neighborhood and work our way to the ends of the earth; preaching the gospel effectively through witnessing, prayer, offering and partnership.



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4. The church provides a way to glorify God.

Lord Jesus called us to live a life that glorifies God (Matthew 5:16). Becoming a member of church is one of the means. Committing to the church reveals the love and mercy of God, bears witness to the God's greatness and worthiness of adoration.

5. Attending church is following the example of the Lord.

Jesus Christ wanted to build up, love and sacrifice His life for the church and sanctify the church. He is the head and fully committed to the church. We should glorify and respect Christ by making the same commitment to the church.

What does it mean by attending a church?

Attending a church means dedication to a responsibility. It is the will of Lord Jesus for us to become an active member of a church. What are the responsibilities of a church member?

a) Regularly attend Sunday worship service and not giving up meeting together (Hebrew 10:25). We must faithfully worship with other believers; listen to the word of God with a receptive heart.

b) Minister to each other diligently. God gave every believer different spiritual gifts. We should use these gifts to benefit and strengthen the church (1 Corinthians 12). Every believer should find his/her position in church ministry.

c) Be faithful in offering (Malachi 3:10; Luke 6:38). We glorify God through offering, an expression of gratitude for God. Offering is a means to support church ministry, the work of God and accomplish God's great commission for the church.

d) Serve other believers. As a member of the church, we should bless and encourage brothers and sisters in Christ, take practical steps to edify believers.

e) Fervent supplication for the church (Ephesians 1:15-16). Prayer is the privilege and responsibility of believers. This is especially true in the intercession for brothers and sisters. We need to intercede for each other, answering to God individually. Attending a church requires mutual commitment in supplication. This is the best way to bless and encourage brothers and sisters, the only sure means to prosper the church.

Intercede for the church:

- Make us the light and salt of the world, lead the stray sheep home, and exert righteous influence on the world.

- Have wisdom in our interaction and conversation with others; be good and holy; respond to unbelievers with intelligence.

- Believers grow in spiritual maturity, be kept from stumbling, be bold in witnessing and bringing people to Christ.

- Ask God to revive us and be always filled with Holy Spirit.



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Happy Happy BBQ

Nancy Wong

Jacob Fellowship had a BBQ outing on the 9th of June. Praise our Lord! The weather that day was sunny and temperate. It made everyone felt very excited. Our brothers and sisters in Christ have prepared lots of delicious food. We had home-made roast pork, pork chops, fish balls, beef on skewers, chicken wings, sautéed eggs, fresh pineapples, salads, vegetables, pastries, desserts, etc.

First of all, we set up the place, tables, and long chairs, picnic grill and trash can. Placing the food, the beverages, the utensils, and setting up the grill. At the beginning, we enjoyed grilling in the Hong Kong style, but it took about thirty minutes to cook one chicken wing. And everyone was very hungry by then. There was a wise sister who suggested may be we could use aluminum foil to cover the grill so we could cook faster. God is amazing! Our sister Aisleena had some in her car. Hallelujah! Therefore, we quickly laid some on the grill to speed up the cooking. Soon we had cooked lots of food to eat. We were able to admire God's wonderful creation, while enjoying the delectable food and the wonderful fellowship of one another. Some of our brothers and sisters in Christ had to come after the Church Council meeting. I thank God for our loving brothers and sisters who diligently prepared and saved lots of food for our bodies of Christ who came at a later time.

Our youths played various games like throwing balls, man-hunt, and enjoyed hang out by the waterfront. At last, we roasted some sweet potatoes and made smores. All you need were marshmallows, chocolate, and graham crackers to make a smore. First, we put a marshmallow on the BBQ fork to roast slightly and put it in between the chocolate and 2 pieces of graham crackers. Your yummy smores had been created! We also took some memorable pictures! Amen!



Church picnic at Cochituate State Park

Irene Ho

On June 30, 2012, a sunny but hot Saturday, we have our annual church pick at Cochituate state park. Apart from picturesque scenery, this park is also well maintained and equipped, including facilities for water sports with life guards on duty. This is a very popular spot, often flooded by throngs of vacationers. Once the park is deemed full, there will be no more admittance. Therefore, we advocate a timely set out to avoid the frustration of being turned away.

Sam, Kathy and I are the vanguards as usual, setting out real early to pick a suitable site for our gathering. Worrying about the place being heavily occupied by early comers, we arrived at 9 AM in the morning. At the entrance booth, when a \$5 fee was exacted, Sam Leung indicated that being older than 60, he should be eligible for senior fee exemption (I do not have permission to disclose Sam's exact age). The attendant immediately granted



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his request without checking identity documents, gave him a senior advantage card accepted in all the state parks in Massachusetts. Even Kathy received the same benefit card.

Thanks to God for giving us a spacious lawn with ample tables and seats in shaded areas under the trees, close proximity to washrooms, very suitable for our church gathering. Without delay, we posted the church banner to pronounce our official occupation of this area. There was constant inflow of visitors. If we had not arrived early and claimed this place for our congregation, we would certainly miss this spacious comfortable spot for our big church crowd. The abundant grace of God is far beyond what we could think and pray for. Under the competent arrangement of Deacon Edward, the rest of our church group gradually arrived at the right moment to join us.

For the benefits of our congregation, Sam Leung stationed himself at the entrance under scorching sunlight to inform everyone to take advantage of the senior benefits. It really pays to have a senior passenger in your car. Anyway, this action out of Sam's love filled heart is truly remarkable.

Before long, it was 10 AM. All our brothers and sisters have arrived. We started the occasion with prayer and hymns to express our gratitude and praise for God's splendid creation. We are embraced by the greatness and love of God, totally indulged in the beauty of nature, every flower and grass, the trees and the water.

It was no easy task to gather close to 70 attendees of all ages for a group photo in this scenic location. Uncle Tony then led some games for the young people. Middle age and senior people like us could only watch and cheer them along, while at the same time, seek to rest under the shade. We sat down to rest and chat, enjoyed the pleasant breeze. It was so relaxing that some people actually fell asleep. Women's fellowship spontaneously moved into their proficient 18 steps dance, winning much appreciation. Many other sisters were also attracted to dance with them. They had a great time. If their teachers George and Nancy were here, they should be very proud of them. Of course, the climax of the event was "time to eat". Each family brought in a dish, contributing to the extravagant menu, including appetizer, main entrée, dessert and fruits. After this happy meal, it was free time for activity. Young people went swimming at the beach. Our group of aged people elected to stay under the trees, enjoy great conversation and admire the natural beauty. This brought up memories of the times when our departed brothers and sisters used to join us in the church picnics. Those were the days. We all felt a sense of loss due to the fact that they could no longer be with us.

Entering deep into the afternoon, the weather was getting even hotter. Blazing sunlight penetrated through the trees and leaves and shone directly on us. We could no longer hide in the shade. People were then free to leave. Adults would stay behind while their precious children were having fun at the beach. The other brothers and sisters headed home to rest or strode comfortably in air conditioned shopping mall.



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If you miss the church picnic this year, hope you could reserve the time to participate in this cherishable occasion to socialize with each other. I take this opportunity to encourage everyone to actively participate in church activities. This would improve the understanding of each other, grow our relationship. Through these meeting times, we can know about and care more about our brothers and sisters, so that we can intercede for each other more effectively. The benefits are endless.

Wish that we could really build up our spiritual extended family.



Manchester United in Crosswalk 2012

Babington Yung

From July 9 to 14, 2012, God has blessed our youth group with an exciting Crosswalk camp in Gordon College. We enjoyed great weather with no rain, and even some cool breeze in the evening. For boys, we enjoyed the dormitory with air conditioning. However, some of our boys struggled with the thermostat, getting too cold when the air conditioner was on, but too hot when it was completely switched off.

It was an eye-opening experience, living among more than 480 young boys and girls from 45 churches, more than 500 participants including staff members. Being comfortable to greet anybody I don't know is a wonderful feeling. No matter how dangerous or outrageous they look, chances are, they are

all fellow Christ believers. All the fear and intimidation vanish with a friendly smile and warm enthusiastic hand shake. This is in sharp contrast to the hostile paranoid outside world.

For the kids, it was non-stop physical and hopefully spiritual exercise all week long. For old guys like me, this was a real life version of TV game show "Wipe Out". Getting up around 7 AM, I could not get to sleep until way after 11:30 PM. Going for the first time, I did not bring pillow or blanket. Anyway, I was completely comatose within minutes in bed and did not even care about sleeping conditions. Most impressively, many other church groups have much more extended debriefing sessions deep into the night. On Thursday night, I saw a candle light gathering where young people lighted up their candles and poured their hearts out, with prayers and confessions in tears. This was what I had decades ago in summer retreats at Hong Kong, how mesmerizing.

Totally unprepared to join in the vigorous blood and flesh fights in the afternoon, I was on dress pants and loose walking shoes. To my surprise, though as a chaperone, I was still enlisted in a soccer group on Tuesday. Seeing that my side has only 7 members, including two really young boys while the other team has 10 big adults or grown up kids, I really could not get myself to abandon my teammates. One of my boys was later on replaced by a girl. We fought a good fight and scored really early, have a legitimate goal disallowed for no good reason. The referee even joined forces with my opponents. It was then 7 guys and one gal verses 11 big guys including the referee. We ran and chased like crazy because everywhere we went, we



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were swarmed by opposing team players. Well, we had a second goal and managed to hang on to victory after the 45 minutes soccer match, which seemed like hours to me. One of my teammates repeatedly told me that he was proud of my play. Well, during the last tackle before the final whistle, I crushed my big toe against someone's hard boot and it was badly bruised. As such, I joined the injured disabled list and limped through the rest of the camp.

An amazing thing happened. On my way to the gym, I found some papers in the middle of the road, which turned out to be two \$20 bills! I figured, these would certainly be lost if picked up by people not as honest as me. With a thankful heart, I put the dollar bills into my wallet. Dragging my painful feet, I chased after the women and man ahead of me on the way to recreation center. They all denied having dropped money on the road. During my workout at the weight stations, I have a little accident when the bar handle slipped and sliced off a piece of skin from my thumb. So I have this bleeding thumb to go along with my aching tooth and bruised big toe. In desperation, I called Allyson Clark, the camp organizer to find the owner of the money. She told me that a Brazilian boy had dropped his wallet earlier at that site. He found the wallet, but not the dollar bills, not holding out hope to get them back. Well, God really gave him back the money through me. The Brazilian "boy" who was taller than me caught up with me and thanked me for returning his money. Well, there goes my reward in heaven.

The second amazing thing is that our boys quickly bonded with the boys and girls of First Baptist Church in Manchester, Connecticut, the

mother church of Katelyn Saylor. They have great chemistry and enjoyed playing Frisbee and basketball games together. They sat on the swing and chatted. Our boys abandoned me to join the Manchester youth group at lunch and dinner. This is really the remarkable story of "Manchester united" with Chinese Baptist Church of Greater Boston. You can feel their newly found fellowship in Christ by this picture.



Our camp pastor was really an eloquent charismatic preacher. Facing a young audience with limited attention, he still preached solid solemn sermons, very engaging and edifying for both adults and youth alike. The response to altar calls was overwhelming. Throngs of boys and girls came out in repentance, lined up patiently, awaiting prayer with pastors and youth ministers. Thanks be to God, Gary Lok was one of them last year.

In conclusion, this yearly Crosswalk camp is really a worthwhile endeavor, reaping great spiritual, physical and social benefits for our boys and girls. With appropriate



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precautions and better self-control than me, chaperones of all ages will also receive great blessing through this activity, and of course, without the physical injuries.



Crosswalk 2012

Peng Cheng Li

Have you ever been to Crosswalk? Crosswalk a great camp where everyone is nice to each other not only you will have fun but you will also learn so many things from the camp. Not only is it jam packed with learning about the Bible and God's way, it also incorporates fun activities.

There are many things I like about Crosswalk. I like how everything was in routine. Every day we would have Bible Study, quiet time, worship and etc. I think that it's really important that there are things that we would do consistently so it could eventually become a habit. During the Bible Study we were grouped with other people that are around the same age each other. This makes us closer with each other because we often were in the same situation as one another. Everyone got along nicely. It is a great place to learn about God and making new friends.

The different activities in this camp are another thing I like about Crosswalk and that makes it unique from other camps. Almost all the outdoor activities are located at the Quad. The

Quad is a big grass field that many people spend their free time on whether it's having quiet time or playing sports with your friends. There are so many varieties of activities to do such as: competitive sports, fun and games, and quest. If we don't like any of those activities Crosswalk also offers free time. During this time you can do whatever you want such as, read the Bible or play Ultimate Frisbee with your friends and/or other people you met at the camp.

The Spirit Stick was also a very interesting thing about Crosswalk. Whichever group that had the most spirit, meaning cheering for other groups and your own group wins the Spirit Stick. All the teams came up with their own cheers. My team didn't get the Spirit Stick until the very last day after the Mega Relay. When the announcer said that Sezela won the Spirit Stick, our team was really happy that we made such a great accomplishment.

Crosswalk taught me many things about God and Christianity. The theme this year is Road Trip. It tells us that God is going to help us navigate through our lives. Pastor Robert was also really into what he was saying about how following Christ is such a good thing. He also said that, "To live is Christ, to die is gain" Philippians 1:21 and how we need to kill the flesh to be closer with our spiritual side. I also learned that we need to let go of our luggage to get to heaven. Pastor Robert did such an amazing job on the sermons every night. I also learned that God is always faithful through the story of Joseph. Even though Joseph did have his bad moments when he was down in the dumps, we call it "the pit". God was always



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there to bring him up and make all his sufferings worth it. This shows that God is always going to stand by me for the rest of my life.

Although this was my first year at Crosswalk, I had a great time. In the end I really missed the camp and all the people that I met there. At the end of Crosswalk, we got a little key chain compass as a reminder that God is our GPS and that he will guide us through our thick and thins. Meeting new people, having Bible Studies, and learning about God, Crosswalk is a camp that you must go. I will definitely go there again next year.



Crosswalk 2012

Amenda Wong

There were many fascinating people that I was fortunate enough to meet. It seemed that everyone made new friends at crosswalk and the people were so nice there. I had some touching moments including when some people ran to me and almost knocked me to the ground when they hugged me but it was still so touching. One of the things I noticed was how God blessed us all with different talents and personalities; how he made us all special in our own way. This realization makes me appreciate all the more what I've been given.

This camp made me think about myself and how I could improve with my relationship with God. The theme was letting God be your GPS in life. The sermons were very good. At

the camp I heard of many wonderful experiences from people who have been on Quest; a mission trip to countries outside of the US. I feel that this camp has brought the youth group closer together and made us more of a family. During meals, unfortunately, many times they ran out of the best things when I got there but that's just my luck. Overall, the food was alright.

In Bible study, I learned that we all go through tough times in our lives but that doesn't mean we're alone. Sometimes we think that we are the most unfortunate person in the world, but these experiences can open our eyes and help us improve our relationship with God. I learned that even though Joseph was in a really bad situation, he still served having God with him and did his duty without complaining about his current position.

The games we played during recreation were awesome. There weren't a lot of bugs except for on the Quad; a beautiful field with lush soft grass (where we played the games). Most teams were cheering until their throats were sore but ah, the sweet sound of enthusiasm...

The goal of cheering was to win the spirit stick which was literally a stick but it looked like a giant match. I guess you could use it to light a bonfire or something. How to get the spirit stick? Pretty self-explanatory: whoever has the most spirit. I was really excited when my team won. Port Au Prince!!

I brought home a lot of fun memories from crosswalk and would love to go next year.



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Review Crosswalk 2012

Gary Lok

In this year's Crosswalk camp, Gary enjoyed playing ultimate Frisbee and the bible studies most. In general, he likes this activity and does not have anything to complain about. Even though this is a Christian gathering, he has no less fun activity than any other regular camps without religious theme. The main thing Gary learns was not to follow the fleshy desires.

Gary appreciates the opportunity of having bible studies led by different teachers. One thing they could have improved is to make the morning celebration session more entertaining.

In summary, Gary had a great time at Crosswalk, enjoyed a lot and learned a lot of new things. He already misses the camp and will definitely join the Crosswalk camp next year.



Recollection of the Mid- Autumn Festival Booth Activity

May Li

Participation in outreach ministry of the church always brings firsthand experience of

God's grace and guidance, a profound sense of God's presence. Serving in the Mid-Autumn festival celebration church booth on August 19 this year is no exception. We've been concerned about the location of our booth and the weather, with rain in the forecast, the amount of gifts contributed by congregation etc. God has opened all doors for us, provided us with generous amount of small gifts within a short time and a shady booth in an optimal location. The weather was great, with no rain or scorching heat. Such grace of God greatly energized brothers and sisters to preach the gospel, joining the team promptly after the worship service had concluded. There was a great throng of people coming through this year. Within two to three hours, all 400 pamphlets, gifts we brought have been given out and the two helium tanks had been exhausted. We were so excited that nobody felt tired.

Success of the booth activity is credited to collaborated effort of co-workers in the evangelical outreach department, contributed well-planned activities. They included Deaconess Donna who designed the game of Olympic rings; the hanging riddles of fruit prepared by Sister Yvonne; the Helium tanks to make balloons provided by Sister Nancy. They greatly enriched booth activity.

I am very grateful for the participating brothers and sisters, especially Brothers Edward and David, Sisters Yvonne and Jennifer in the early shift. Rev. Frank Chan and his daughter Hannah have never left their position, not even for lunch break. I especially appreciate Sister Jennifer who joined our rank promptly upon return from Hong Kong.



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Thanks be to every brothers and sisters who supplicated and zealously contributed the little gifts, in particular Mr. and Mrs. Wong, the parents of Brother Tony, who gave us bag after bag of gifts. Looking at the gentle loving faces of this elderly couple, I cannot help but praise the Lord, Hallelujah!

Wish all of us be charged up and join forces in advancing the gospel, spread the good news to every corners of the world.



Twenty, the Number Counted by God

Pastor Henry Mak

In the Old Testament, the number “20” was a number used by God to define the age at which a man is eligible to fight in wars, or minister to God. As for us at the 20th church anniversary, this number is especially meaningful.

The 20th anniversary is a grateful and memorable day. Personally, this is my 5th year as pastor of the church, 2 years since my ordination. For the past more than four years, my ministry always starts with the strengthening by the Lord and His grace every day. In particular, since June, I have to pick up the Mandarin worship service. There were times that I felt incapable of handling this assignment. Yet when I call upon God, He once again encourages and lifts me up, shows

me the way, resolves the issues and empowers me to accomplish the task.

Apart from giving thanks to God, I am also grateful for the encouragement of brothers and sisters, the collaborative effort of co-workers in Christ. I thank God for the deacons and church council. Through your unified service, partnership in Christ and discernment, the challenge and crises of the church were resolved. There may be times of heated conversations, but we always reach consensus at the end, in total compliance with the teaching in the book of Ephesians:

“Until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ. Then we will no longer be infants, tossed back and forth by the waves, and blown here and there by every wind of teaching and by the cunning and craftiness of people in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will grow to become in every respect the mature body of him who is the head, that is, Christ. From him the whole body, joined and held together by every supporting ligament, grows and builds itself up in love, as each part does its work.” (Ephesians 4:13-16)

The 20th church anniversary bears witness to the faithfulness of God, growing this church from a few families to a congregation of more than a hundred people. We have progressed from renting to owning our church premises; from a single worship service to the current three worship services each Sunday. We all experienced the abundant provision of God. For we are building a church in the name of God, under the leadership of Jesus Christ.



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God will certainly establish His own church and we are His inheritance.
“Blessed is the nation whose God is the LORD, the people he chose for his inheritance.” (Psalm 33:12)

The theme for this year’s ministry is “Extend our territories to all nations”. We are not emphasizing on building a larger church, purchase a bigger lot, but let God use us to bring more people to Him, to know Christ, repent and turn to the true God, and receive eternal life. Through fellowship and church outreach activities, such as day of acquaintance with neighbor, distributing gospel tracts, evangelical meeting...etc, we want to enlarge our territories. In addition, we ask God for opportunities to witness, boldness and courage, the talent of speech to bring friends and family to Christ so that they could receive the saving grace of God. We must break through our limitations, equip ourselves to be an evangelist, to follow and edify new converts, and always be ready to be sent by the Lord.

I thank God for the faithfully serving brothers and sisters and for the church building offerings. You have been offering beyond your comfort zone, out of your faith in God. May God generously reward you for your sacrificial contribution, not just through materialistic blessing, but also in spiritual blessings from above.

“The LORD will guide you always; he will satisfy your needs in a sun-scorched land and will strengthen your frame. You will be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail.” (Isaiah 58:11)

The purpose of God’s blessing is to bless others through us. May our church be like a well-watered garden, like a spring whose waters never fail, be God’s instrument of grace.



Sunday Service Attendance

(Weekly average attendance)

	Jul	Aug	Sep
Cantonee Sunday Service	85	75	92
Mandarin Sunday Service	32	30	30
English Sunday Service	23	16	25
Combined Service	104	96	104
Children Service	7	5	5
Sunday School	61	53	65



Finance

July

Income	Expense	Surplus
18,189	15,132	3,057

August

Income	Expense	Deficit
17,709	13,251	4,458

September

Income	Expense	Surplus
16,869	13,751	3,118



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Church News

Third quarter church events:

1. We have a very enjoyable annual church picnic on June 30 at Cochituate State Park at Natick.
2. From July 9 to 14, 13 youth group members enjoyed the annual Crosswalk camp at Gordon College and returned home safely.
3. We have a very successful Vacation Bible School from July 23 to 27, the second year in this new church premise.
4. On August 19, at the Mid-Autumn Festival booth, we distributed all the prepared church pamphlets, balloons and gifts.
5. The 20th church anniversary celebration including September 14 revival meeting, September 15 Mandarin evangelical meeting and September 16 afternoon tea party were successfully held.

Upcoming church events:

1. We have started the new school year for Sunday school in September.
2. With great excitement, candidates are nominated for the 2013 church council positions.

3. Preparations are made for the Christmas festivities.

Keep up with the mission of supplication:

1. The main theme of the church for the year 2012 is "Extend the blessings of God to all nations". Let us encourage each other in spiritual growth.
2. The goal of church building fund raising for 2012 is \$50,000. Ask God to motivate brothers and sisters to make generous offerings.
3. Fervently lift up the Mandarin ministry in prayer. Intercede for the Mandarin ministry committee, as they persevere in their effort to sustain Mandarin worship, Sunday school, prayer meeting and fellowship.
4. Pray for God's motivation and selection of children of His choice to serve in the church council for the upcoming year.
5. Supplicate for the youth group and English ministry, the serious of national youth meetings participated by our teenagers. Ask God to fulfill our dream of having a Sunday school class for working young adults, college students and high school seniors. Pray that our college boys and girls will maintain their attendance at their mother church and inspire the younger members.



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Prayer Requests

1. Ask God to motivate brothers and sisters in keeping up with daily Bible reading and prayers, fervently pursue spiritual growth.
2. Intercede for Reverend Henry Mak. Ask God to fill him with the Holy Spirit, empower him to lead brothers and sisters in unity to build up the congregation and spread the gospel.
3. Pray that the love of the Lord compels brothers and sisters to keep on offering for church building, to enable timely paying off of church debts and mortgage.
4. Pray for God's continuous provision of suitable preachers in the English worship service, to enable our youth group to worship in unison. Remember Katelyn Saylor, our youth instructor in your prayer. Ask the Lord to equip her with love, wisdom and patience to lead the youth fellowship, to edify their spiritual life.
5. Intercede for the Mandarin ministry. Ask God to provide us with suitable Mandarin pastors or ministers, to help out with preaching in the Mandarin worship service. Pray that God will guard the mind of our Mandarin congregation, to remain thirsty to know the Lord, caring for each other, build up the love and faith in the Lord, and have spiritual growth.
6. Lift up the brothers and sisters attending the baptismal class in your prayer. Ask God to

strengthen their resolve, be willing to witness the love of Christ through baptism.

7. Ask God to use the adult elementary English class to draw more people to the church and learn about Christ.
8. Intercede for our church members:
 - i. Intercede for Deaconess Irene Chow Kan Chan, currently residing in the South Cove Manor Nursing Home, so that she could maintain or gain mobility and strength.
 - ii. Pray that the arthritic pain of Sister Koon Wan Chow Wong will not progress.
 - iii. Pray that God will stabilize Sister Suk Yee Chan's symptoms of Parkinson's disease and obviate any progression of illness.
 - iv. Intercede for painful back condition of Sister Wai Wah Chan Wong (mother of Brother Tony). Pray for God's healing.