



**CCIC - San Jose  
English  
Congregation  
Newsletter  
January 17, 2018**

## One A Day

Here is our Bible reading for this week:

Thursday, [2 Samuel 22](#)

Friday, [2 Samuel 23](#)

Saturday, [2 Samuel 24](#)

Sunday, [1 Kings 1](#)

Monday, [1 Kings 2](#)

Tuesday, [1 Kings 3](#)

Wednesday, [1 Kings 4](#)

**MOVE THE SCRIPTURES INTO YOUR LIFE** (share your thoughts with your small group or others)

1. David's song of deliverance in 2 Samuel 22 sounds like which Psalm? (hint: Psalm 22)
2. Why did King David refuse Araunah's gift of the threshing floor so David could put an altar there (2 Samuel 24:24)? What does this tell you about David's integrity?
3. Why was King Solomon so blessed by God? (1 Kings 3:9-14)

## Up and Coming

### **8:30 Sunday Morning Prayer Meeting**

You are welcome to join us. We meet on Sundays at 8:30 AM in the church library. If you cannot attend, please send your praises and prayer requests to [David Yu](#).

### **9:15 Worship Service**

*Speaker:* Eric Sung  
*Scripture:* Mark 4:35-41  
*Message:* "Having Faith in Jesus, the Master of the Storm"

### **11:00 Sunday School**

*Teacher:* Eric Sung  
*Scripture:* Mark 5:1-20  
*Topic:* The healing of the man with the legion of demons

## Follow-Up to Last Sunday's Message

Dear English Congregation:

This is a follow-up on last Sunday's message "The Pharisee and the Publican" based on Luke 18:9-14.

Our response to the message was to:

- **Come clean with God** through confession of our sins
- **Be merciful to others** when their sins and failings affect us
- **Let God and others show us who we really are** through listening and considering what they are saying about us

We have three very specific applications. We might not be able to do them all in just one week, but we can do one each week for three weeks!

- **Spend 30 minutes in confession to God** so there is no guilt burdening us and nothing unconfessed to God
- **Be specifically and intentionally merciful to someone** when that person does something that upsets us. If we have not shown mercy to someone in the past, perhaps we can confess that and ask for that person for forgiveness
- **Ask someone for an honest perspective** on how he or she honestly sees us. Ask God how we might be able to use that feedback to intentionally make an effort toward positive change and growth.

May the Lord bless us all as we apply what we have learned from His word in daily living and practice!

David Yu

## Hear Ye, Hear Ye !

### **Co-Pastor Candidate**

On January 21, our English Co-Pastor Candidate, Eric Sung, will come to our church. He will spend a very full day with us:

- 9:15-10:30 - preach in the English worship
- 11:00-12:00 - teach an English adult Sunday School class

- 12:00-1:00 - have lunch and Q&A with the English congregation
- 5:30-?? - dinner and meet with Abound

Eric is an American citizen who has lived in Singapore for the past 15 years. He is headed back to the US in 2018. Eric was formerly the Acting English Congregation Pastor at Thomson Road Baptist Church, Singapore's oldest Baptist church. In total, he has more than 7 years of fulltime Christian ministry experience. He has also preached and taught at various churches and Christian organizations in Singapore. Topics covered include both expository and topical preaching; evangelistic sermons, marriage, parenting, training church leaders etc.

He is currently enrolled in Gateway Seminary's online Master of Divinity program.

He and his wife Angeline have 2 boys: 7 year old Nathan and 4 year old Benjamin. His passions include family, meeting with friends, mentoring, history, college football, exercising and eating! They are currently still worshiping at Thomson Road Baptist Church. This church has been wonderful to them and helping them in their transition to America.

Pray that God would reveal His will to all of us during the course of this visit.

### **Life Journey Seminar**

Come on Saturday, February 10 and listen to the sharing of our guest speakers on their life journey of how they view life as Christians and responded to God's call as disciples of Christ as professionals like many of us at CCIC-SJ.

[Click here](#) to see more details. And please RSVP to the evite that will be send out later to help planning and headcount for breakfast.

### **Work As Worship Retreat**

Attend a great one day retreat on Friday, Feb. 23, simulcast in four churches in the South Bay. Speakers include top executives of Interstate Batteries, Auntie Anne's, SeaWorld and NatureSweet Tomatoes. All this for only \$25!

For further details, go to <https://www.workasworshipretreat.org/>.

### **Chinese New Year Potluck**

Come and enjoy an evening of food, fun and fellowship on Saturday, February 24 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm at 3rd floor Fellowship Hall.

Take a trip down memory lane and bring your favorite childhood comfort food or cook your special dish to share with the rest of our CCIC church members. Wear your Chinese New Year clothes for family photos. Red packets will be distributed to all singles.

Watch out for the evite and please RSVP so we can plan accordingly.

### **Give the Gift of Reading**

A missionary is starting a mobile library to bring books to the children living in some poor areas of the Philippines. If you have some new or gently used children's books (preschool thru 5th grade level), please donate them to this worthy cause. Books can be dropped off with [Jason Liang](#). We will be shipping the books by sea so weight is not a concern. Financial donations to buy books and to cover the cost of shipping are also accepted. The 1st shipment will be on February 10.



### **Put This Prayer Walk in Your Calendar**

The Values Advocacy Council is sponsoring their first Annual Silicon Valley Prayer Walk 2018 on Saturday morning, April 21. Since so many of us like to walk anyway, then let's walk with a purpose! [Click here](#) to read more and to register to walk (required for city permit purposes).

### **Help Needed for the World Help Children of the World Choir**

Our church has the opportunity to host a performance on Sunday evening, May 6 ([click here](#) to learn more about the choir). In order for them to come, we need a Coordinator, whose responsibilities include:

- Be the liaison between World Help and CCIC.
- Promote the event (World Help will provide materials).
- Arrange for a meal for the choir on Sunday evening.
- Arrange for 7 host families to take in the 14 children and 2 chaperones on Sunday and Monday nights (they will head out early Tuesday morning). During the day on Monday the kids could be either with the host families, or at the church.
- Arrange for a hotel room for their 2 sound techs for Sunday and Monday nights.
- Arrange for tables to display their materials, parking for their RV, etc.

If you (or your group) can coordinate this event, please contact [Pastor Bruce](#) as soon as possible so we can finalize the schedule with the choir. Otherwise, we will release the choir to go to other churches.

### **Share Your Thoughts**

Have you read any good devotionals lately? Perhaps you have written some? Bless others by sharing them in the newsletter. They should be anywhere from a couple lines to a couple paragraphs. If you send us a quote, please cite your source.

Please send them to [Pastor Bruce](#).

### **Food for Thought**

"What Christians in the US Can Learn from Immigrant Pastors" - from Christianity Today  
For those who met Christ elsewhere, Americanized Christianity can look a bit strange. [Click here](#) to read the article.

### **Do You Have Everything About You?**

We have an assortment of water bottles, Bibles, and other items left behind over the past year. Please check the Lost and Found area by the rest rooms in the first floor Fellowship Hall. We traditionally donate or dispose of all items by the end of January.

### **Sunday Ministries Changes**

We encourage everyone in the church family to be a part of blessing and helping one another. Starting this month:

- Home Groups that need extra help are encouraged to ask others outside of their group to serve alongside them, including those not currently in any Home Group.
- Home Groups that set up the lunch will provide a coordinator to oversee the cleanup by those who stay for the meal.
- Persons (or groups) that wish to coordinate, oversee or focus on a particular Sunday ministry, please contact [Jill Lo](#).

### **2018 Family Lunches**

These special times are popular for all ages, not just the youth. These are also great opportunities for you and your small group, your buddies, and even you teaming up with others to bless others.

We welcome and appreciate your partnership! Contact [Lisa Wong](#) or [Carol Yu](#) if you could help on any of these dates (coordinate, plan, buy, prep, serve, clean, whatever!):

January 28	July 22
February 4	August 5
March 18	August 19
April 1	September 9
April 29	September 16
May 13	October 14
May 27	October 28
June 3	November 4
June 17	December 2

July 1	December 23
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**Let's All Pitch In**

A healthy church family depends upon its members serving together. Here are some areas that we can use some more help in:

<b>Ministry</b>	<b>Contact</b>
Audio operators	<a href="#">Don Vu</a>
Community Service	<a href="#">Bruce Wong</a>
Family Lunch	<a href="#">Lisa Wong</a> or <a href="#">Carol Yu</a>
Video operators	<a href="#">Don Vu</a>
Welcome Ministry	<a href="#">Irene Ng</a> or <a href="#">Sally Chung</a>
Worship Team: vocalists, accompanists, and team leaders	<a href="#">Fred Cheng</a> or <a href="#">Ted Tedijanto</a>
Other areas	<a href="#">Jill Lo</a>

**Coming Up**

**English Congregation Events**

January 28	11:00 Quarterly Congregational Meeting 12:00 Family Lunch 12:30 Mission Prayer Meeting
February 4	9:15 Joint Youth/Adult Worship & Sunday School 12:00 Family Lunch 12:30 Monthly EMD Meeting
February 10	8:10 "Life journey - Live a life that really matters" seminar
February 11	12:30 Quarterly HG Leaders' Meeting
February 18	11:00 Quarterly Congregational Prayer
February 24	6:00 Chinese New Year Potluck
February 25	12:30 Mission Prayer Meeting

**Sunday Ministries Calendar**

[Click here](#) to see the Guidelines for your respective ministry.

Ministry	January	February
Shuttle (9:00-1:00 shifts)	-	Seasons (2/4)
Usher (8:45-10:30)	Seasons	Theophilus
Nursery (9:00-10:30)	OAK	Transformers
Snacks and Lunch (9:00, 11:30, 12:30)	Salt	HG2

REMINDER: the group that sets up for lunch also needs to provide a coordinator to oversee the lunch clean up. Instructions are posted on the kitchen wall.