



1. PARENTING

Miranda Fung from Toronto will be the speaker of our Parenting Workshop on January 14, 2021 at 11 am via Zoom (Meeting ID: 882 2346 3073. Passcode: 171441). The title is 絕處逢生--兒女染上毒品或其他, 還有出路嗎? (Surviving in Desperate Situations: Is there a way out for children who are affected by drugs and other issues?) She is a registered nurse and recognized speaker on the subject of parenting for Cantonese and Mandarin speakers. She used to live in Edmonton and has taught many Prenatal classes. To register for this parenting workshop, please contact Pastor Hanna Ng (780-720-7297) and send questions you would like her to answer, prior to the workshop.

2. JOINT WORSHIP SERVICE

The Children's Ministry is coordinating a Joint Worship Service to be held on January 31, 2021 at 10 am. During this occasion we will have an installation service for the 2021 Servant Leaders of ECBC and a farewell for Rev. Brian Lum. Many thanks to Grace Chan and the Cantonese worship team for their joint effort in planning this event.

3. CHRISTMAS

We have had a very busy Christmas, offering various Christmas programs through Zoom.

a) Movie on December 19

We found out that we couldn't show a movie on Zoom due to the licencing regulation. However, Katherine Wong, Lydia Nie and Sylvana Au Yang quickly came up with an alternative program for that day. Their quick response made a huge difference. With their supportive and cooperative spirit, we were able to offer wonderful virtual Christian games.

b) Teachers' Appreciation on December 23

A big round of applause for Helena and Kezia Wong's slides that show the teachers how much they are appreciated. Helena Wong, Cindy Li and Pastor Hanna Ng took time to say a few words of appreciation on behalf of the Children's Ministry of ECBC. Although words can't express our total appreciation, we prayed that the Lord will bless all those who have sacrificed their time, effort, and talents for Him. We wouldn't be able to do much without the collaboration of our brothers and sisters. The appreciation was concluded with a touching song, "Thank You for Giving to the Lord."

Our immense gratitude to the 2020 Children's Servant Leaders and praise to God for their contributions toward a successful ministry for the children. I was honored to carry out a spiritual role with all servant leaders, caring team, parents, and children. Their efforts remind us of our Lord's great commission and promise as recorded in Matthew 28: 19-20: "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." May we be faithful to what He has entrusted to us.

To all the children and parents, we are privileged to be part of your family and honored that you are part of our church's family. Thank you for joining us online every Sunday. We are grateful and we look forward to serving alongside you and your loved ones. Together with God we commit to train our future leaders and followers of Christ.

c) Concert for Jesus on December 23

After Teachers' Appreciation, we proceeded to our "Concert for Jesus." Many of the teachers, children, teens, and parents attended this joyful celebration of Christ's birth. Katherine Wai designed the slides and worked with Cristy Lam to lead and organize this awesome ceremony. Many thanks to Kezia Wong and Lydia Nie for assisting with running the slides, and to Esther Wang, Elijah Nie and Chris Lau for editing the videos. It was so beautiful to witness our talented children, teachers, and teenagers participating by sending their innovative videos and offering their talents to the Lord Jesus. They played musical instruments, sang, read and, incorporated their other talents into this rich program. I really appreciate the support we have received from the parents and all the teachers. With scripture reading, Bible story, carol singing, praying, and presentation, we truly had a meaningful celebration focusing on the birth of our Savior. You will be able to watch a glimpse of the "Concert" on our website.

d) Cooking with Karine on December 22 & 29

Children had a blast making Meatloaf Cups, Yogurt Pesto dip, Raisin Banana Bread Pudding, and Smoothies under Karine Chan's leadership. The children, their parents, teachers, and teenagers enjoyed cooking together. I have received photos of the children that were taken during and after this wonderful learning process. Thank you to all the proud parents. It was so rewarding to receive photos of their happy and fulfilling faces.

e) Baking with Ivana on December 22

Ivana led a great session baking Sugar cookies that was enjoyed by the children, parents, and teens. Parents also sent us photos of their children, capturing their memorable and merry Christmas.

f) Crafts with Yivana Au Yang on December 24 and 30

The children enjoyed the craft time and spiritual insights with Yivana Au Yang. She was so patient with them. It was wonderful to see how much the children enjoyed Christmas by participating in different activities.

g) Christmas Dance with Lydia Nie on December 29 and 31

Lydia led some of the children in a dance on two different occasions. We danced to Christian songs that allowed us to exercise our bodies and to meditate on God's truth. What an inspiring time!

h) Karaoke and Reading on January 2

We concluded with a sing along of Christian Karaoke songs on January 2. The children chose their favorite Christian Karaoke, listened to the stories behind the songs, and prayed for each other. It has been a meaningful Christmas remembering God's great love for us.

4. 2021 CHILDREN'S SERVANT LEADERS

Praise God for calling Cindy Li to be the Children's Department leader to represent us in the council and Miao Ling Tan to serve as Children's Servant Leaders. Katherine Wai and Cristy Lam would like to assist the ministry without title. Many thanks to the caring group members for continuing to care for the children's families in 2021. I am grateful for Cindy Li, Miao Ling Tan, Katherine Wai, Cristy

Lam, Alice Ma, Josephine Fung, Helen Mah, Helena Wong, and Hetta Chau serving in the caring group. Together we are building ECBC and caring for His people.

5. PARENTS OF PRESCHOOLERS

Since November, we have held a Preschoolers' Parents Time after Preschooler's Worship every Sunday while the children are doing fitness exercises. It has been a blessing to have Alice Ma, Cindy Li, and Mrs. Fung facilitated this chat and shared their experiences. More preschoolers' parents are welcome to join us for this relaxing time of supporting one another.

6. ESL

We have started an ESL program for adults on November 23, 2020. Praise God for calling Heidi Wong, an excellent teacher, to lead the ESL class on Zoom on Mondays from 12 – 1 pm. We hope to expand to another beginner ESL program so the class can be divided into 2 groups in order to meet the needs of the adult students.

In Christ,

Hanna Ng
Children's Pastor