



## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY REPORT

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Have a blessed and peaceful New Year! Let us enter this new year with a shout for joy to the Lord and give thanks to Him and praise His name. For the Lord is good and His love endures forever, his faithfulness continues through all generations (Psalm 100). He is always with us and unfolds great possibilities. His love gives us confidence to embrace a great new year.

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### Upcoming or recently ongoing items to praise God for ....

#### 1. **Preschool Parenting on Sunday**

It has been a blessing to have Alice Ma, Cindy Li, and Josephine Fung facilitating Preschool Parenting on Sunday after the Preschool Virtual Worship. We welcome young parents to join us for this relaxing time of supporting one another and strengthening our parental skills.

#### 2. **“Parenting in Two Cultures”**

Another Virtual Parenting Workshop conducted by Miranda Fung (a community nurse and well known Cantonese speaker) will be held on **March 23 at 11 am**. She will speak on how to raise our children in both Chinese and Western cultures, how to understand the struggles and concerns of children, and how to cultivate family harmony. Contact Pastor Hanna Ng for the Zoom Meeting ID.

#### 3. **“Sex, Marijuana & Other Drugs” youth virtual talk**

Sex, Marijuana and other Drugs is not a talk for parents, but for teens in grades 7-12. This workshop will be conducted by Gavin Lam (a social worker) and Cecilia Chan (a counseling therapist) on **March 27 at 1 pm**. The first 30-40 minutes of this 1½-hour-long workshop will be for both boys and girls on Marijuana and a general overview about street drugs pre-teens should be made aware of. After the general talk, the attendees will be divided into different breakout rooms of boys and girls for individual workshops about sex for another 30-40 minutes. At the end of the different gender session, we will have 5-10 minutes of questions and answers with the facilitator. In the last 15 minutes we will get together as a group for any questions for both facilitators or from a male and female perspective depending on the question. Contact Pastor Hanna by **March 12 to register** for this free Zoom talk.

#### 4. **Adolescence Day Camp (Grades 7-12)**

Please pray for the Adolescence Day Camp (for grades 7-12) to be held during Spring Break from **March 29 to April 2, 2021** from **10 am to 4:30 pm**. Whether online or in person, and whether a field trip will be included, will be based on the Government of Alberta's COVID-19 restrictions. Topics include: Avoiding Feelings of Inferiority, Handling Peer Pressure, Nutrition, Drug Abuse, Sexual Development, Dating, Overcoming Discouragement, Handling Emotions, Decision Making, Handling Independence, Self-identity, etc. To register online: [https://ecbc.formstack.com/forms/adolescence\\_spring\\_session](https://ecbc.formstack.com/forms/adolescence_spring_session)

#### 5. **Christian Children's Books Ministry**

Praise God for the Christian children's books project organized by Katherine Wong. This ministry has been a great tool to reach some of our young families. We welcome donations of any Christian Children's books that are in good condition. Another pick-up of the books we have lent to the children and delivery of Easter packages at the same time will be arranged. If you would like to be part of this delivery team, please contact us.

#### 6. **Children's Virtual Worship and Sunday School**

Praise God for the faithfulness of our youth Yivana Au Yang and Lydia Nie in preparing the lesson plan and teaching our children every Sunday. Their love for the children and passion in serving the Lord are commendable. Together with other youth such as Kezia Wong, Obadiah Nie, Elijah Nie, Brian Lin, Jedan Lin, Michael Mah and Michelle Mah operating the slides, we have a rehearsal every Saturday evening to prepare for the children's ministry. Other youth who are interested are welcome to join.

## **7. Tutoring ministry**

Would you like to serve through tutoring? Please contact us if you can assist students from elementary to senior high in any school subjects such as Chemistry, Physics, Biology, Math, English or other languages, etc. Time is flexible; maybe only once a week. Please contact us. It is wonderful when we can help one another in God's family with our gifts.

## **Completed events** (between January 5 and February 12) **we want to praise God for...**

### **1. Lunar New Year**

Praise the Lord for doing great work through you and our church. Did you know that together we delivered New Year packages to 99 children + 28 youth (total of 65 families) during the pandemic? With Katherine's hard work, talents, and passion over 3 weeks of preparation, we made this Chinese New Year outreach possible. Thanks to Steven Ma for helping to organize the routes for 9 drivers to distribute the packages to the families. Many thanks to Bryan and Katherine Wai, Steven and Alice Ma, Joseph and Cindy Li, Miao Ling Tan, Josephine Fung, Carly Poon, Chris Lau, and Isabella Wong for bringing joy to the families on the weekend of February 5-6. Some of the families to whom we sent the gifts have never been to our church. Praise God for bringing these 6 new families through Miao Ling and many thanks to the brothers and sisters' willingness to reach out to these families and extend God's blessings to them. We had a virtual Chinese Celebration on February 7 where children were taught to make 3 different kinds of Chinese New Year crafts using the materials that we delivered and shared Biblical truth with them through crafts.

### **2. Joint worship service on January 31, 2021**

Praise God for the worship service organized by Grace Chan on January 31, 2021. A big thank you to those who have made this possible, including the Worship Team (Grace Chan, Lydia Nie and Michelle Mah), pianist (Katherine Wai), IT (Bryan Wai, Chris Or and Patrick Wong), translator (Priscilla Or), video editor (Chris Lau edited the Installation Service) and all the pastors for preaching the mission and visions of the church based on the church acronym ECBC:

**E** - Evangelism; Spreading the Gospel,

**C** - Conversion and baptism; baptizing people in name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit

**B** - Biblical authority; teaching others to obey God's Word

**C** - Commission; going forth on making Christ's disciples

### **3. Parenting Workshop on January 14, 2021**

The parenting workshop 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?) presented by Miranda Fung was a huge success and well received by many. Praise the Lord for over 40 cameras online. Miranda is a registered nurse and recognized speaker. She was requested to return for another talk.

### **4. Children's ministry Meeting on January 16, 2021**

We had a children's ministry meeting on January 16 to evaluate, update and plan for the coming ministry.