



English Sunday Service August 6, 2023

Call to Worship

Scripture Passage: 2 Corinthians 1:3-5

Scripture Reader: Robert Kong

Prayer: Priscilla Kwong

Message: Christian Care: Sympathy

Speaker: Pastor Josiah Tse

Thunder Bay STM Team Commissioning: Rev. Lee

Doxology

Announcements: Alvin Lee

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THROUGH THE HOLY SPIRIT***

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. Our church has fully transitioned into in-person worship, and we invite all to join us at our church location. For those who still cannot attend in-person worship, we still offer in-sync Zoom online, as well as a YouTube recording for viewing afterwards.
2. ECB flash news (August 1):
 - A. The deadline to submit the 2024 budget to the Finance Department is on August 27, 2023.
 - B. Wenbo Zhu (朱文波) from Mandarin Congregation has submitted a membership application. If you have any comments, please contact Rev. Luke Xie before August 20, 2023.
3. The church office will be closed tomorrow, Aug 7th (Civic Holiday). Pastoral staff will have their replacement holiday on Tuesday.
4. Children ministry: The Jr. High Day Camp has successfully completed! Thank you to the interns for the volunteers for all of their hard work.
5. Thunder Bay STM: The Thunder Bay team will be leaving on August 13th (next Sunday) and return on August 20th. They will be assisting NorthWind Family Ministries once again in their outreach ministries to the First Nations community, families and all those in need in the city and streets of Thunder Bay. Pray for the team's travel safety, team unity, and for God's power and strength to move through them to share the compassion and grace of Christ. Team members (Total 22 members) as below:
Adults (11): Pastor Josiah Tse, Charlotte Leck, Henry Jing; Shelley Jing, Yang Jin, Clover Qi, Christian Wen, Michelle Li, Alvin Lee, Emily Chung (Cornerstone Church), Lucas Chang (Cornerstone Church)
Youth (11): Yuxin Chen, Lanxin Chen, Sophia Jiang, Jason Sun, Amy Liu, Cindy Liu, Jacob Dong, Tanya Dong, Maria Wu, Evan Cook (Cornerstone Church), Lee Cook (Cornerstone Church)
6. **Drivers for Thunder Bay STM Team:** The Thunder Bay STM team will need some volunteer drivers to transport them from Milliken to Billy Bishop Airport (downtown) on August 13th, and also pick up on August 20th evening. If you are able to offer a ride, please contact Pastor Josiah or Henry Jing.

7. Missions Corner

Colin McCartney from Connect Ministries helped serve throughout the city of Toronto to develop a mission movement of Jesus followers. Connect Ministries' goal is to encourage and build micro-churches who worship, grow and care for one another.

This summer, the camps are registered beyond full capacity as many children and youths are displaced from the one of the refugee shelters that Connect Ministries serve. Many are suffering from trauma. Please pray for the missionaries to share the gospel of peace with them, and for the healing that Jesus can bring to them. If you are interested in seeing their work, please contact Stanley stanleyhum2007@gmail.com .

8. English Welcome Team: Are you interested in learning and developing more social skills? Do you want to use your gifts of hospitality and care to serve the congregation? Come join our English Welcome Team! The team will usher and welcome our friends, brothers and sisters and newcomers on Sunday mornings and help to follow up in any caring needs that are required in the congregation. Please contact Pastor Josiah if you're interested or have any questions. mccc.josiaht@gmail.com (647)-327-2175

9. ACEM mission department (Special announcement)

Our ACEM Missions Fund is used to support many missionaries, several mission organizations, subsidize seminary students' tuition and pastoral internships in ACEM churches, as well as sending short term mission teams that minister all over the world. As COVID started in 2020, almost all of our field visitation (short term mission) ministries came to a halt, as countries closed their doors to control the epidemic. This has also affected our mission giving. The 2022 mission donation has reduced across a majority of ACEM churches, when compared to the pre-COVID (2018) giving. In 2023, we gladly see a resurgence of field visitation ministries in every ACEM church. However, if the missions donation trend of ACEM churches in 2023 remains similar to 2022, we will foresee a 20%-25% shortfall of funds by this Fall. Up to the end of June, our cash cushion has reduced to less than 1 month (our practice is to keep a 2 month cash cushion). ACEM Missions is committed to continue the support for our missionaries, mission organizations, and other

mission related ministries. We would like to ask our brothers and sisters to pray for all of our missions work, and to pray for the financial situation of ACEM Missions.

10. For instructions on how to set up an online offering donation, please visit our website www.mccc.on.ca .

Prayer

A: World & Mission

- 1/ Continue to pray for peace between Ukraine and Russia and for the safety of civilians.

B: Neighboring Community

- 1/ Continue to pray for a decrease in violence and crime across the city following a shooting that left two teenage boys injured in Hamilton and a shooting involving police and suspect in Scarborough this past week. Pray for God's justice over the city and protection for the vulnerable.

C: Church Community

- 1/ Our congregations:

- Pray for our missionaries, Pastor Henry & Wendy who are in Taiwan continuing their missionary work.
- Pray for the church's continued fellowships in-person and usage of online resources. Pray that we will grow together in faith and love for the glory of God.
- Pray for our missionaries whom our church has adopted:

Rev. Tan Yone & Susan Cha (Myanmar), Doris Lui-yee (East Asia), Rev. Colin McCartney (Toronto), Pastor Peter & Elaine Yoon (Indonesia), Pastor Gilman Ho (AFC), Pastor Louis & Felain Lam (Germany), Rev. C.Y. Yan (Ontario), Rev. John & Karen Loh (Mexico), and Rev. Derek & Chantal Chen (New Guinea), NEXT project (Power to Change), Alliance Global Serve Canada, Hudson Taylor Centre (Tyndale Seminary), Xiao Dan Gang (CBM), Sam & Linda Ling (Interserv)

2/ English Ministry Needs:

- Continue to pray for the search of a full-time Youth Pastor and for our current Youth ministries to continue to grow and provide a space for our youth to encounter Christ.
- Pray for the Thunder Bay STM Team as they are away from August 13th to the 20th. Pray for their safety and the effectiveness of their
- Continue to pray for the health and spiritual growth of all of our families with young children.

<u>Fellowship/ Ministry Activity</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Information</u>
Youth 144 (Grade 6-12)	TBA	Summer Break!
Adelphoi (Uni/College + Young Career)	August 13 th @ 9:30am	Praise and Prayer Session
Elijah (Career and Young Families)	August Gathering @ Vince and Vivian's House	Refer to WhatsApp group to vote on poll
Emmanuel (Families)	August Gathering	TBA
Thursday Night Prayer Meeting	Thursday nights @ 7:30pm	Contact Pastor Josiah for Zoom Link.

ACEM:

1. Recruitment: ACEM Executive Director

The candidate will oversee the daily operation & management of the Association. Possess a university degree or above with seasoned experience in organization & project management is critical to this role. A degree in theology and pastoral experience is an asset. Committed to serve ACEM Council and willing to work with all ACEM churches. Fluent in English, Cantonese and Mandarin is an asset and must be a member of ACEM church. Applicant please submit resume to Hiring@acem.ca before August 30, 2023.

2. The 45th ACEM Missions Conference – Save the Date!

After three years, the ACEM Missions Conference is back to in-person meeting on October 28 (Sat)! There will be a Cantonese message in the afternoon and a Mandarin message in the evening by Rev. James Lai of CNEC. A “Missions Expo” will showcase recent field visitation teams in both Chinese and English during the day. Come with your church members and re-connect with other ACEM friends whom you haven’t met since Covid! Venue and other details will be announced shortly.

2023 MCCC offering Y-T-D

Offering	YTD (July 31)	YTD to Budget (July 31)	% (Actual Vs Budget)	Annual Budget
General Fund	382,080.22	563,758.98	68%	977,182.23
Building Fund	19,715.44	28,846.15	68%	50,000.00
Mission Fund	42,495.00	-	-	-
Benevolent	2,633.00	-	-	-
Total	446,923.66	592,605.13	-	1,027,182.23

2023 MCCC offering July 1- 31

	General	Building	Mission	Benevolent	Thanksgiving	Other offering
Cantonese	10,610.00	800.00	1,880.00	10.00	1,070.00	-
Mandarin	8,895.00	280.00	2,640.00	10.00	1,740.00	-
English	620.00	-	800.00	-	-	-
CanadaHelps	-	-	-	-	-	-
Online banking	28,953.24	1,598.24	3,546.00	-	3,454.00	-

OUR PASTORAL TEAM

Founding Pastor: Rev. John Kao	
English Pastor: Pastor Josiah Tse mccc.josiaht@gmail.com	Children Ministry: Rev. Timothy Yuen mccc.timy@gmail.com
Cantonese Lead Pastor: Rev. Vincent Lee mccc.vincentl@gmail.com Cantonese Pastor Sam Wong (Part-time) Samwong13712@gmail.com	Mandarin Lead Pastor: Rev. Luke Xie mccc.lukex@gmail.com <i>Mandarin Pastor Katherine Chi</i> mccc.kkchi@gmail.com

The Schedule of a hybrid in-person and live stream services:

Cantonese Service: 9:15 am (In-person and YouTube/ Zoom)

Mandarin Service: 11:15 am (In-person and YouTube/ Zoom)

English Service: 11:15 am (In-person and YouTube/ Zoom)

Children / Youth Sunday school: 9:15 am (In-person only)

11:15 am (In-person and Zoom)

Cantonese Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87262410460?pwd=SDRrKzZrV1U2R3FtcFRWRnZvUFFlQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 6241 0460

Passcode: 123456

Mandarin Congregation Sunday Service Zoom:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86869313460?pwd=RE05bEorTTJlcmZjS2ZFkc0pMTE1EQT09>

Meeting ID: 868 6931 3460

Passcode: 100100

English Congregation Sunday Service Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88621732238?pwd=Zk1aOWtxdJxbGFRd1pGb1dXTE5jZz09>

Meeting ID: 886 2173 2238

Passcode: 111222

Children Sunday School Zoom Link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88021996139?pwd=OEVnbVdVSVRsay9TcGV3WEtIM1Q4dz09>

Meeting ID: 880 2199 6139

Passcode: 111222

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