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Unity in Discipleship

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God has truly been faithful and loving to His children in Fairfield.

When the camp committee commenced planning and preparation a year ago prior to the church camp, God had brought to mind and placed in our hearts a very simple yet powerful reminder of our faith and the reason for the existence of the church of Christ as a common body. This was found in Ephesians 4:4-6 which reads, "4 There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; 5 one Lord, one faith, one baptism; 6 one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all."

The challenge was to be able to help bring across to all members of the Fairfield family this simple truth, helping them align their priorities with Fairfield's theme for 2014, "Unity in discipleship". And once we are united in the common theme, the church can move forward together in unity.

God had provided Rev Tan Kay Kiong, Senior Pastor of Covenant Evangelical Free Church to be our church camp speaker. He is the brother of our church member and local missionary worker, Wilson Tan, currently Executive Director of Youth Guidance Outreach Services ("YGOS").

Some of the key points which Rev Kay Kiong shared brought fresh insight though they were from familiar bible stories with simple biblical truths. The verses which spoke to me personally included:

- (1) 1 John 1:15. God is light, in Him there is no darkness at all. God is the definitive and decisive standard for all measure of goodness and truth. This is the key foundation to biblical unity, having God as the true measure of our faith.





A Word from the Pastor's Office

Rev Lilian Ang

Unity In Discipleship

What has unity got to do with making disciples?

Unity is at the heart of making disciples because it is rooted in the nature of God. Jesus came to earth to introduce the kingdom of God through demonstrating the unity he had with his own father. He said "Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, 'Show us the Father'? Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me?" (John 14:9-10). Jesus also worked for three years to cultivate unity among his followers knowing that their relationship with one another would be a picture of the gospel to the world. He confronted anything that could cause disunity (eg arguing among themselves who was the greatest, Mark 9:33-34) and encouraged anything that would build unity. ("Love one another as I have loved you." John 13:34-35)

Christian unity is often hard to come by. However, it is a must in the disciple making church. A local church that is making a difference for the cause of Christ and making disciples is one that is united around the core fundamentals of the faith. It is one that focuses on scripture and on what matters most and does not divide itself over things that are not essential. It is because of such unity that we are able to work together for the cause of Christ despite our differences of opinion.

Paul says in Philippians 2:1-2 - So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind." (ESV).

Clearly, one big component of discipleship in the local church is unity. In Acts 2: 42-46, the believers came together as one family and shared in meeting each other's needs. This was a church that was 'together', they were united.

2. In order for Fairfield to be a disciple making church, there must be unity.

There are several things about unity that we see throughout scripture. I will highlight three for our attention.

Firstly, our unity is a proclamation of the gospel. Jesus prayed for his disciples that "they would be brought to complete unity to let the world know that you sent me" (John 17:23). Our unity and love for one another as followers of Jesus is a proof to the world that the heavenly Father sent Jesus to earth. When the world sees our unity, it resonates with their innermost being because man was created not to live a detached existence, but rather to belong. Our unity may even make the world uncomfortable as it exposes their disconnection with others and with God.

Secondly, our unity pleases God. Psalm 133:1 declares "Behold how good and pleasant it is when brothers dwell in unity! (ESV). Indeed, God is pleased when His children are united. Jesus prayed that we would be one just as He and the Father are one. There is a perfect unity in the Godhead. It is at the heart of God for His people to share in such unity. When the church is divided, God is not pleased.

Thirdly, unity happens when believers share in each other's burdens and joys. Paul gave us some instructions on how we are to live in relation to one another. The emphasis given in Romans 12:9-21 is on love. We are to love one another with a genuine love. This genuine love is revealed as we care for one another and seek the best for one another. As we grow in love, we will then 'rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep.' We will share in each other's joys and sufferings. As our love for one another grows, we become more and more forgiving and gracious. When someone wrongs us, we leave vengeance up to God and we do not repay evil with more evil.

In summary, when believers are together in unity, the love of God is expressed in amazing ways. As we are united, we are then able to truly live out the Christian life. No longer will we just be Christian in name only, but we will 'be' Christian in our actions and love toward one another.

3. How can we express unity in discipleship?

One of the unique things about the church is that we are all different. God has given each of us different personalities and gifts that can contribute to the church in unique and special ways. Every part of the body has something to contribute in order that the church may be strengthened in love. A disciple making church is one that understands that everyone has something to contribute to the body, no matter how new they are to the Christian faith.

Making disciples should be done in a community as Jesus demonstrated both with the twelve disciples and the other disciples in his home town of Capernaum. It is in the interpersonal relationships among the group that love is learned and demonstrated. Remember, a disciple's love for one another and unity as disciples is one of the best ways to reach pre-believers.

Be intentional in building unity across ministries in the church. Talk to your small group members about unity. Whether in the home, workplace, school or community, work on a deliberate plan to cultivate unity among disciples of Christ. There will be real authentic community as God's people are united.

牧师的话

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门徒中合一

1. 门徒与“合一”的联系

“合一”乃是培训门徒的中心，因为这是属神的。耶稣来到世上，并通过祂与神之间的合一来引导世人进入神的国度。祂说：“人看见了我，就是看见了父。你怎么说，将父显给我们看呢？我在父里面，父在我里面，你不信吗？”（约翰福音14：9-10）耶稣用了三年的时间来培养门徒之间的合一关系，因为祂知道这将是世人看待福音的方式。他面对任何可能导致不团结的争端（例如，门徒间的争论，马可福音9：33-34），并鼓励建立合一（“我怎样爱你们，你们也要怎样相爱。”约翰福音13：34-35）。

在基督里合一，往往是很难得的。然而，这在培训门徒的教会中是必要的。一个培训门徒的教会是一个在基督里合一的教会，这样的教会专注于主的话语，并不回应琐事而出现分裂。尽管我们意见不同，但是，正因为合一，我们能够共同侍奉基督。

保罗在腓立比2：1-2说：“所以在基督里若有什么劝勉，爱心有什么安慰，圣灵有什么交通，心中有什么慈悲怜悯，你们就要意念相同，爱心相同，有一样的心思，有一样的意念，使我的喜乐可以满足。”

显然地，合一是培训门徒的重要环节之一。在使徒行传2：42-46中，信徒们如同家人一样聚集在一起，同心合意，这就是合一的教会。

2. “合一”乃是花菲成为培训门徒的教会的重点

圣经提到了许多关于合一的事，首先，我们的合一便是宣告福音。耶稣为门徒们祷告，祈求“他们在我里面，使他们完完全全的合而为一。叫世人知道你差了我来”。我们在耶稣里合一，并在祂里互相关爱，就是对世人证明天父差派耶稣来到世间的最好证据。当世人看到我们合一，他们的内心便会产生共鸣，因为人类不是独立存在。

第二，神喜悦我们合一。诗篇133：1宣告：“看哪，弟兄和睦同居，是何等的善，何等的美。”神的确喜悦祂的儿女在主里合一。耶稣祷告，让我们能同心合一，犹如祂与天父一样。神不喜悦看到教会分裂。

第三，当信徒互相分享彼此的喜悦和重担时，信徒间的合一便会建立起来。保罗告诉我们应该如何一起生活。罗马书12：9-21重点提到了“爱”，我们应该互相真诚地爱护。这份诚心的“爱”便会使我们为彼此着想。当我们在“爱”里成长时，我们便会‘与喜乐的人要同乐。与哀哭的人要同哭。’我们能互相分享喜悦和痛苦，我们也会变得更宽容，我们也不会以忿怒来回应。

总的来说，当我们在主里合一时，上帝的爱便会以最奇妙的方式显现出来。当我们合一时，我们将成为真正的基督徒。

3. 我们可以以什么方式来培训合一的门徒？

我们都是不同的，上帝给了我们每个人不同的性格和恩赐，让我们在教会侍奉。每个人都有可服侍的恩赐，这促进教会在主里的爱变得强大。一个培训门徒的教会应该了解，每信徒都有可服侍主的恩赐。

门徒的培训应该是在团体中建立的，就如同耶稣培训十二门徒以及在祂家乡，迦百农，的其他门徒一样。爱正是在这种群体中的人际关系而建立的。请记住，门徒之间彼此相爱的心与合一，是向未信者传福音的最佳途径之一。

我们应该刻意促进不同服侍小组间的联系，并在小组中谈谈关于合一。无论是在家里，工作场所，学校或社区，我们应该培养基督的门徒之间的合一。

Encountering God, the Father

Under the leadership of Rev Leslie Lim, an Encounter Weekend (EW) was held at the Holiday Inn, Batam from 27 to 29 March 2014. A total of 24 participants, consisting mainly LCEC and Small Group leaders attended the event.

The programme included time for silent reflection and prayer, teaching, group sharing and ministry, holy sacrament and altar ministry. Rev Lim also provided participants with relevant reading

materials which were used to pave the direction and to prepare our hearts to build up to the crescendo for the weekend.

The EW was a defining spiritual moment for some in their life journey with God, the Father. For others, it was good just to be able to set aside personal time to encounter God in the midst of their busy schedules. It was a pleasure to be able to relax, enjoy the presence of the Lord in worship and to fellowship with each other. The organising committee is looking forward to planning the next EW for 2015. May the Lord prepare the hearts of more people who desire to meet with Him and be a part of the EW for 2015.



David Lim, Co-ordinator of Fairfield Small Group Ministry.

How Christ changed my life



Let me cite just some of the things that have changed in my life since I accepted Christ as my Savior.

1. **The Bible, God's Word.** The first thing I noticed after I received Christ was that I began to read the bible. Years earlier, I had tried to read the bible but I usually fall asleep

somewhere in the middle of Genesis. It never made much sense to me and even though I tried to read it several times. I simply could not grasp it. So I never opened the bible for a long time. One day, my friend gave me a new bible and as I flipped it open, I found the line, "a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path". I found that the passage I never could understand began to make perfect sense. God's spirit opened my eyes to His word.

2. **Love.** I noticed that I have been given a deep love for everyone – so much love that I am now willing to sacrifice time, money, effort and prayers for the benefit of others. Of

course, my love is not perfect because if it was, I'd have given everything I have. I'm not there yet but I've seen a difference in my attitude and behaviour towards others.

3. **Anger** – In the past, I sometimes get angry without reason and could never control my emotions. I used to say bad words but now, I find it easy to smile when stressed and thank the Lord that my uncontrolled anger is gone.

The most dramatic difference of all – one I never expected when I prayed that simple little prayer - is my love for God. Most of us have heard the commandment to "Love God with all your heart, strength and mind", but I can tell you that I never really followed that before. I kind of believed in God but put Him about 6th or 7th on my priority list. Now He is number One. He is ahead of my husband, my daughter, my work, myself. I pray to Him every day, I read His words every day and it's rare that an hour goes by without my thinking of Him. That's what has happened to me. I got the greatest surprise and the greatest gift of my life. God Bless.

Jane Lorenzana, member of Fairfield Filipina Fellowship.

Fairfield Preaching Point's Young Adults Ministry



We are a ministry bringing together the young adults (or YAs) for Christ. It's a platform where we get to know other YAs better, grow in our understanding and love for Christ together and go out to serve God in church and beyond. Moreover, we're discovering it's a place we can bring our friends along to explore Christianity as well. With Michael Lee, ministry staff, at the helm and the supervision of Rev Leslie Lim, our Young Adults Fellowship was launched in 2013.

We have been meeting fortnightly for small group bible studies, examining and discussing the relevance of our faith in our daily life.

We have also started bi-monthly fellowships where we have had the chance to discuss contemporary issues – relationships and work - in the light of God's word. We had food, fun and fellowship every time we meet.

Please keep us in prayer that God may continue to bring us together as a group to grow in our knowledge and love for our Lord.



Lee Huijun worships at Fairfield Preaching Point. She is currently serving as a leader in FFPP Youth Ministry.

Developing a culture of love in community



In John 13:35, Jesus says, “By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another”. Love for one another then, is a mark of discipleship that points others to Christ. In the preceding verse, Christ commands his disciples to love one another: this is to be modeled after Jesus’ own love for them. So, how did Jesus love his disciples? I suggest that the clearest example points us toward how He **served** them.

The expression of love through service is a powerful testimony. The story of how Jesus washed His disciples’ feet is common, and many would easily recognise the truth of sacrificial service in that account. However, translating that truth into practical application is a different story. Feet-washing is common practice, but is usually only undertaken by slaves or servants for guests of the household. For a host to perform feet-washing is almost inconceivable because it requires a lowering of one’s dignity and remarkable humility. A loose modern analogy to illustrate this situation would be having a CEO willingly fetch some coffee for the lowly clerk in a large company. Unimaginable? Surely.

Yet if even Jesus was willing to do such a thing in order to model loving service, how much more should we as His followers do the same without flinching with embarrassment? The sad truth is that our egos are often too large to overcome on our own, and we fail at doing those little things that matter, for the sake of our relationships within the church.

Humble service is sacrificial because it is costly. When He died on the cross for our sins Jesus “humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross.” (Philippians 2:8). The cross was the ultimate act of love that caused God himself to humbly bear the weight of our sins. If we are recipients of God’s sacrificial love, surely the best thing to do is for us to share this love in our actions. In the same way that we find true meaning of God’s grace to us by showing grace to others, we also begin to know the love of God more when we begin to love others as He did us.

Where should we start then? Perhaps a better question to ask is: what does loving each other through humble service look like practically in church? It may be something as simple as enquiring about a fellow church member’s week and just encouraging him or her with a listening ear or a word. It may also be just smiling and greeting acquaintances and friends with sincerity. What we will be sacrificing will surely be both our comfort zones, and any horrible excuse that place the pleasing of oneself as its priority. I urge and challenge us to begin today. A culture of love is a culture of relationship, and relationships can only thrive with authenticity, sincerity, and genuine concern that arise out of a humble heart seeking the good of others above one’s self. How are we, as a church, loving each other today?

Joshua Loke, Chairman of Fairfield Youth Ministry

Church Camp reflections

Learning To Lead by being God-led

Before attending church camp this year, I was an emotional mess. It was a trying time for me, feeling like I was going through a “dry season”, feeling super stressed out with schoolwork, and being really angry with the people around me.

During this time I was approached to lead one of the worship sessions during church camp, which I hesitantly agreed to. With plenty of negative thoughts sitting at the back of my mind, I was definitely not ready for church camp!

Church camp started in the most unexpected way for me. Not only was I in a different group from my family, but I was also appointed Assistant Group Leader for my group. I was feeling so unprepared and unworthy. Why would the older members of the group want to entrust their camp experience to a 19-year-old going through emotional turmoil? I was not prepared for this.

After the first theme talk, I realised that I had to lead the group discussions. Our group leader was from the Mandarin Service and that brought some problems for group members who didn’t understand the language. I felt that I did a really poor job the first night, and I told myself to be more prepared for the next few rounds of discussion.

During the third theme talk, “Love One Another”, Pastor Kay Kiong was talking about how being angry with one another will lead to disunity. What struck me the most was when he said, “Death prevails when there is hate; life prevails when there is love.” I had spent weeks



before church camp just hating the people around me, and hating myself so much more that I had forgotten about God’s love.

During the group discussion, I shared with the ladies in my group about the things that I had been angry about recently – how I felt that people didn’t want to listen to what I had to say, or how I hated being the youngest child sometimes. It was really comforting to know that some of the ladies in my group could relate to what I was going through, and they were encouraging me to talk to whoever I was upset with. Sharing hugs after our discussions, I began to feel a lot less angry that night.

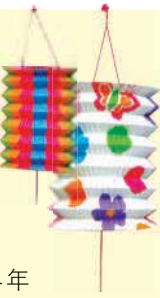
Dominique Chan, worships in Fairfield Methodist Church with her family and serves in the Youth Ministry.

Mid Autumn Evangelistic Meeting

Praise God, on 7 September 2014, after several months of preparation and hard work from the leaders, committee members and worshippers; we have successfully organised the Mid Autumn Evangelistic Meeting. Our speaker was a gospel singer from Malaysia, Mr Lei Shenxiong. There were 325 worshippers that morning, 20 were newcomers and 11 persons accepted Christ. A sumptuous lunch was served after the service.



中秋节 布道会



感谢上帝的恩典，在2014年9月7日，经过几个月的筹备，牧者、领袖和全体会友们的齐心努力，我们华语堂成功举办了中秋节布道会。我们特邀马来西亚福音歌手雷圣雄弟兄，他的诗歌见证精彩感人。华语堂强大的敬拜团阵容，殷勤的招待员服侍，优美的韵律操舞蹈，都使人耳目一新，异常兴奋，从始至终圣灵充满整个聚会。当天出席布道会的人共有325人，第一次来的新人有20位，另外11位慕道友受感动走到台前接受救恩。参加聚会的人数远远超出我们的食物预备数量，但是五饼二鱼的上帝使我们众人都吃饱了，而且还有余。荣耀归于至高的真神。哈里路亚！

Lydia Sha, ministry staff of Fairfield Mandarin Service.

Couples' Talk cum High Tea

On 24 May, many couples turned up for the Couples' Talk cum High Tea at the Kuehn Hall. They were excited to hear what the Lord has to speak to them regarding their roles as husbands and as wives.

The speakers for the both sessions were Mrs Diana Tan for the women and Mr Nijendra Mahendra for the men.

After the meaningful worship we had, the men were ushered to the Fairfield Hall for their talk. At the session for the ladies, Diana set the record straight by spelling out in no uncertain terms, the role that wives play to their husbands – that of a helper. She encouraged us to play the role well, keeping in mind God's promises in the bible. Sharing with us the verse, Philippians 4:6, she prodded us on in this journey of being a 'helper' to our husbands : trusting in the Lord for strength to fulfil the part well, not to be anxious. To round up the session, many ladies shared their insightful experience as wife, as helper to their husbands and these sharings served as a great inspiration to the many ladies at the talk.



Many were definitely touched during the session with Mrs Diana Tan and here is a sharing from a participant, Mrs Lim Yan Fong.

"I want to show my appreciation to the Family Life Ministry for organising the 'Couples talk cum High Tea'. Actually, as soon as Jim and I saw that Mrs Diana Tan, wife of Rev Tan Kay Kiong, was going to be one of the speakers, we knew we were not going to miss it.

Both of us remembered the first marriage seminar that we attended in 2005. It was also arranged by Family Life and the speakers were Rev Tan and his wife. We enjoyed that seminar and we wasted no time in signing up for this talk where Mrs Diana Tan was the speaker for the ladies.

What struck me most was her question: Are we CONVINCED or BOUGHT OVER that we are the 'helper' to our spouse? And here the term 'helper' is not referring to doing household chores . She then followed up with another question: If the answer is yes, what are you going to do about it?

These questions just 'stunned' me. I knew I'm a helper to my husband because the Bible said so and that's it. But to be CONVINCED is something refreshing that I needed to chew on.

In addition to the talk, we have sharing by some of our ladies. It was really good hearing and learning from each other. Last and not least, our stomachs were filled with good food. "

Selina Wong serves in the Fairfield Family Life Ministry.

A Joyful and Unforgettable Experience

— A Testimony on Performance for Parents' Night

Thanksgiving

Xue Mei

I gladly promised to perform a dance item for the Church's Parents' Night and for five mornings, we were busy choreographing dance movements to the chosen song. Once the dance movements were confirmed, my team of teachers and started practicing the dance steps over and over again. We tried to the best of our ability to present the item well for the event. While preparing and practicing for the item, we also find time to decorate the fans that are to be used for the dance performance, and placing orders for dance costumes, dancing shoes and headgear online. We each bought a pair of gold dancing shoes. We joyfully dedicate time, energy and fiancés. What motivates us to do so? It's the joy and love God has filled our hearts with. It is also our passion for life and unity in a team that leads us to this passion to dedicate. This is the most beautiful blessing in life.

Subsequently, we started preparing for a skit, "Getting to Know God". This is the first time that we put up a skit and the biggest challenge is to memorize the lines for the skit. Though facing challenges, I heard a powerful voice telling me that fear is unnecessary as we will be able to memorize the lines. When we rehearsed over and over again, like a tape recorder. As we gradually familiarize with our roles in the skit, I feel that everyone's heart has a subtle change. Unknowingly we are going through the amazing journey of knowing Him.

Parents' Night was on 31 May and we put up a successful performance for the event. The effort which we had put in for the past 4 weeks had brought much support from the audience. We are thankful for the experience and success. Here are some testimonies from our fellow sisters in the performance team:

Hope for a Renewed Life

Sun Jia Jia

Ever since encountering Heavenly Father, His love has been guiding me and I experience much changes in my life. My participation in the preparation for the performance on Parents' Night has refreshed my life once again.

When I got the script, I realized that my role in the skit does not match my true personality. I was at little lost as I have a quiet personality but the role requires me to speak loudly and dramatically. I first started preparing for the role by perming my hair, taking my spectacles off and even bought myself a piece of outdated dress. I looked at the ugly image in the mirror and started to be confident that I should be able to play my role well. As I practiced with my colleague for the skit, we felt rather silly, but the joy in it was greater. I could not help but laugh at myself whenever I thought about the lines and movement of the role. I believe that God must have His plan and will for giving me this opportunity. I have also gained abundant joy during the 4 weeks of rehearsals. I look forward to a more refreshed life.

A Blessed Team

Song Hui

I have always been thankful to God that I belong to this team. For this year's Parents' Night, we decided to perform a skit. This is a new challenge for us as we were not familiar with the script and roles at first. However, we prepare everything carefully and diligently. Finally, we managed to read out our lines for the skit quickly and accurately.

We rarely have time to communicate with one another due to the busy schedule in school, but through this preparation for the program, we felt like being in a big family. We sang and danced together, had meals together before heading back to work in school. I am truly thankful for this team where we can help one another readily.

We are indeed a blessed team and we shall work hard and grow together on our journey as Christian.

Great Faith

He Li Juan

I was relieved that our performance for the Parents' Night ended successfully. Initially, I was not confident that we will be able to prepare the performance well in a month, especially when I have no experience in performing in a skit on stage.

However, when we started rehearsing, I saw that Xue Mei is very confident and felt a force leading us. We had to research on the skit, roles and even amend some parts of the script, at the same time practicing for the dance item and balancing our work. It was indeed difficult and tiring. Step by step, we work together and completed the performances successfully.

I finally understand that "When there is a will, there is a way". I believe that with God's guidance, we can overcome all challenges.



难忘又喜乐的经历

——双亲节表演见证分享



感恩

薛梅

我欣然答应为教会的母亲节布道会准备节目,日子立刻显得忙碌起来。先排舞蹈,五个早晨之后,“一生最美的祝福”的编舞完成了,我和我的老师们开始一遍又一遍地练习,想尽最大的能力呈献最好的表现。同时,我们还抽空装饰扇子,在网上订购服装,头饰,每人配了一双金色的跳舞鞋,我们欢欣愉快地奉献着时间、精力和金钱。是什么力量维持着这种热情呢?是神浇灌在我们心中的喜悦;是我们对生活的热爱;是一个团队友爱团结的精神;是强烈的责任感化为的激情。我们的舞蹈如花般绽放,我们的生命有了花的馨香。汗水与喜悦同在,付出与收获共享,这就是人生最美的祝福。

接着,开始排舞台剧《认识上帝》。这是第一次,一点经验也没有,面对的最大挑战是能记下台词吗?一个强大的声音告诉我,担心是多余的,一定能记下台词。排练时我们一遍遍重来,就像录音机一样,一会儿倒带,一会儿快进。随着大家渐渐进入状态,每个人的心里都有了微妙的变化,我们何尝不是正在经历认识上帝的奇妙之旅。

5月31日(星期天)是表演的日子,舞蹈和短剧都很成功,四个星期的付出换来了会友们热烈的掌声。这样的经历实在难忘和喜乐,让日子变得充实,让人生变得美丽。我们每个人都有不同的得着和收获,我们为这一切满怀感恩!听听吧!下面是姐妹们的心声:

蒙主祝福的团队

宋慧

在我的内心深处,不止一次地感谢主,我是这个团队的一员。

今年教会的双亲节布道会,我们决定表演快板剧,对我们来说是一个新的挑战 and 尝试。从剧本到台词,从角色到走位,每个人心里都在打着,都划着一个大大的问号。但是,无所畏惧,无怨无悔地认真对待着每一次的排练。无论是舞蹈,还是短剧,无论是服装还是道具,我们都有条不紊地筹备着。直到最后,台词能脱口而出,舞台走位能自然自如。

平时学校的工作很忙,大家很少有充分的时间交流与了解,但是通过这次准备节目,我们更像是一个大家庭了。我们一起唱,一起跳,一起对台词,一起吃午餐,再一起回学校。彩排的时候,你帮我梳头发,我帮你绑裙带,大家之间的默契、协作最令我感到欣慰和鼓舞。

我们是温馨和谐的团队,我们是快乐友爱的团队,我们也是蒙主祝福的团队!我们的团队将在信仰的道路上继续努力奋斗,共同成长,共同收获。

极大的信心

何丽娟

双亲节的第一场演出成功落幕了,让我松了一口气。开始时我真的信心不足,在短短不到一个月里要排出两个节目,而且排舞台剧是头一次,我也从来没有在舞台上用语言来表演一个角色的经验,我觉得很难。

可是,当排练的战场拉开时,我在薛梅身上看到了极大的信心,感到有一种力量带领着我们。从找剧本、改剧本、分角色,到边排边修改,同时又穿插着舞蹈的编排,还要不断地修改舞蹈,而且每日还得照常工作。就这样一步步走来,我们群策群力,共同付出,顺利圆满的完成了这次表演,并得到了好评。

我真的体会到了,“世上无难事,只怕有心人”,我坚信活在信仰里,在主的带领下没有难成的事。

期盼生命更新

姜佳佳

自从与天父相遇,他的大爱无时无刻不在牵引着我走,我的生命在转变。参加这次母亲节排演,又一次是生命更新。

当我拿到剧本,让我扮演和我性格完全不符的人,我蒙住了,怎么办?为了更像角色,要褪去文静的淑女气,我烫了头发,摘掉了眼镜,买了件土里土气的衣服穿上,看着镜中的自己,够丑!造型有了,接着我要练习说话的语气,要有一点疯癫张狂,要有一种无可奈何。在跟同事对台词时,我觉得我俩真是不伦不类,傻极了。但是我没有因为这个角色而不快,反而喜乐极了,无论何时何地,一想起这个角色的对白、形象,我就禁不住乐,一个人傻笑不停。我坚信自己能演好这个角色,我更相信主让我以这样的形象献上自己,一定有他的美意。四个星期的排练,我收获了无限绵长的喜乐与祝福,我期盼着生命的不断更新。



Power Parents for PowerKids!

The bible states that the primary responsibility of nurturing the faith of children rests on believing parents.

Deuteronomy 6:5-9 says "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and all your soul and with all your strength. These commandments that I give you today are to be upon your hearts. Impress them on your children. Talk about them when you sit at home and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up. Tie them as symbols on your hands and bind them on your foreheads. Write them on the door-frames on your houses and on your gates."

Recognising this, Sunday PowerKids teachers have been sending parent communication sheets after each lesson.

These pages provide parents with the key word, theme, verse from the lesson taught that Sunday and a brief note explaining the theme, questions to initiate discussion with the child, additional activities to reinforce truths learned.

So parents, the next time you get those parent communication sheets take a minute or 2 to read and discuss with your child.



Special Easter to remember that "Jesus took my place"

Close to 90 children attended the special Easter programme with the theme "Jesus took my place".

We were delighted that 17 children from Saturday PowerKids and Fairfield Kindergarten attended the event.

A key highlight of the programme was none other than Uncle Siew Mun who took on the role of Barnabas, reflecting incredulously how Jesus would take his place on the cross.



Fun jumping and praising The Lord!

Uncle Siew Mun as Barnabas!



"Pick me Auntie Belinda!!" enthusiastic kids responding to Auntie Belinda's lesson.



PowerKids reaching out to the children in Chinatown & beyond

Thank God for a faithful team of teachers, bus captains and helpers who run the Saturday PowerKids programme once every month to bless the children in Chinatown and beyond.



Bus captains bringing the children to and fro church



Kids who attend Saturday PowerKids regularly chalk up points to redeem for Gift Shop Day!



Fun worshipping with The Lord!



Fun learning big truths with Aunty Audrey



Fun playing games with Aunty Dorothy!

Mrs Susan Poon, Chairperson of Fairfield Children's Ministry.

Glowing Years Ministry



Outing to Pengerang

Besides the on-going activities of weekly cell meetings and monthly Discovery Walks and lunch fellowship, Fairfield GYM organized an outing on Wednesday 2 April, 2014.

29 participants, including friends and family members of gymers, went on an outing to Pengerang which would include visits to ostrich and crocodile farms, an orchard and a baby-lobster seafood lunch.

The highlight for most had to be the river night cruise to view fireflies. Others were excited at the prospect of visiting the Kota Tinggi waterfall for the first time.

Although the trippers had to give the waterfall a miss due to time constraint, the twin goals of bonding and relaxation were well met. We give thanks to God for His protection, fine weather and good fellowship throughout the trip.

Outreach to Yong-en Care Centre (YCC)

At the last planning retreat, the committee decided that GYM should have programmes more in line with the disciple-making thrust of the church. One such programme was launched in February. Every second Friday of the month to July, from 1.30 – 3.30pm some gymers would be spending time with the seniors in YCC.

During these sessions, we do craft work, play games, join the YCC seniors for tea and engage them in conversation.

In May, we also celebrated Mother's Day at YCC and gave out face towels as gifts.



Marian Goh, Chairperson of Fairfield Glowing Years Ministry.





Parents' Night - An Evangelistic Event

Our Cantonese service ran the sixth Parents' Night Dinner on May 31, 2014. Though it took a lot of preparation to bring this about, we saw the good response and the excitement of our brothers and sisters and by God's grace, the event was a success.

On that night we saw the joyful spirit occupying the whole restaurant. The gospel was shared to 350 participants and seven accepted Christ as their Savior. Praise the Lord! His name has been glorified!

We want to specially thank the Mandarin service for their support.

Their dance performance was beautiful, so was their drama which presented the essential message of our gospel. We were also grateful to have the local actor, 朱厚任, who shared his testimony at our dinner.

We look forward to another harvest in the coming Parents' Night next year. May the Lord grant us favor to share His Good News to the parents, relatives and friends of our church members. May we experience the joy and comfort of seeing our beloved family members accepting Jesus as their personal Savior. Amen!



Chris Sham, ministry staff of Fairfield Cantonese Service.

Baptisms

YOUTH/ADULT BAPTISM

English Service

9 March 2014

- | | |
|----------------------------|--------------------|
| 1. Mr Toran Labhaya Seth | 2. Mrs Sharon Seth |
| 3. Mrs Yeo- Poon Sok Huang | 4. Ms Eileen Khoo |

15 May 2014

1. Mr Ho Seng Chong

8 June 2014

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| 1. Mr Eric Lin Qingfa | 2. Ms Lai Yi Kit Faith Christine |
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29 June 2014

1. Mr Khoo Kui Ann

Cantonese Service

8 April 2014

1. Mdm Chan Chee Tong

20 April 2014

1. Mdm Wong An Yok

Mandarin Service

20 April 2014

1. Mdm Tang Joo Huay
2. Mdm Wang Fu Wen
3. Mr Koh Weng Hoe Johnny



New Members

RECEIVED INTO MEMBERSHIP

By Profession of Faith

English Service

16 February 2014

1. Mr Jeremy Fong Jia Hao
2. Mr Amos Lim Dewei
3. Mr Martin Sham Mo-Tin

Cantonese Service

20 April 2014

1. Mdm Wong An Yok

TRANSFERRED FROM OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES

Cantonese Service

20 April 2014

1. Mdm Cheong Lai Kheng
Foochow Methodist Church

Mandarin Service

14 September 2014

1. Mdm Wu Pak Leen
Foochow Methodist Church

Women's Society Of Christian Service (WSCS) Exco Committee Members 2014-2016



The new Exco committee members of Women's Society Of Christian Service for 2014-2016; were dedicated in Church on 21 September 2014. All working towards: one Lord, one Exco, one purpose to serve our Lord Jesus Christ and bring glory to His Name!



OUR CONGRATULATIONS to:

Mr & Mrs Lam Wee Shan (Lim Siew Khim) on the arrival of their baby boy, **Ian Lam Zhen De** on 16/4/2014.

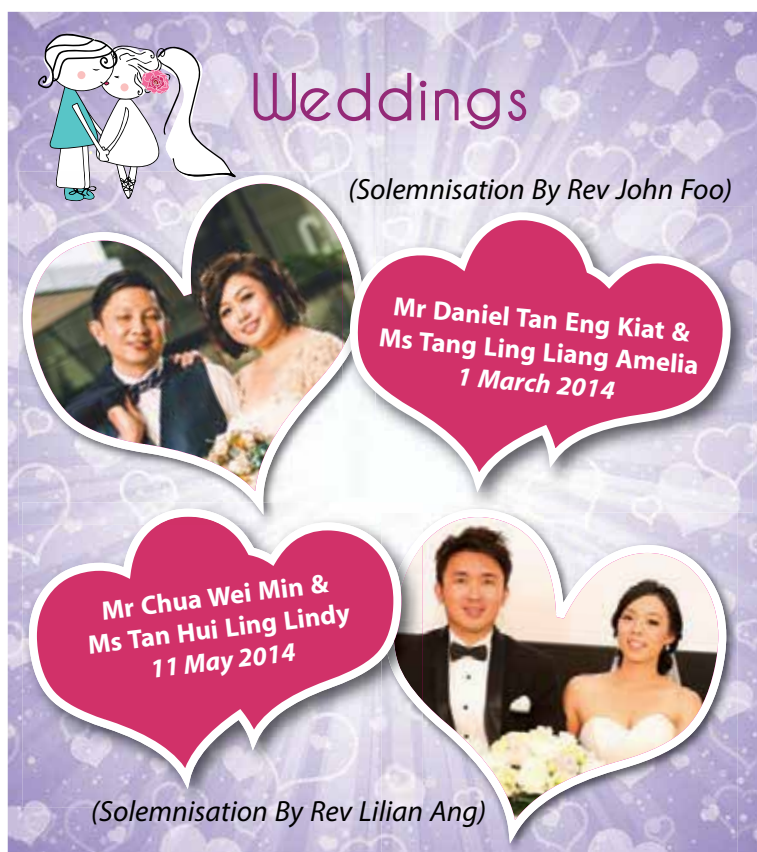


Mr & Mrs Wong Yew Loon (Yip Lai Kuen) on the arrival of their baby girl, **Wong Wai Kay** on 27/5/2014.

Mr & Mrs Alvin Ng Loong Kin (Chong Miaoen Eunice) on the arrival of their baby boy, **Timothy Ng Qi Zhi** on 22/6/2014.



Mr & Mrs Ivan Koh Kian Hiong (Erica Woon Kok Mun) on the arrival of their baby boy, **Ezekiel Koh Hao En** on 25/8/2014.



Coming Up Next:

Forthcoming events from October to end December 2014:-

1 October 2014
Fairfield Methodist Church/Yong-en Care Centre Staff Day

3 October 2014
Corporate Prayer

7 November 2014
Corporate Prayer

16 November 2014
Baptism

17-20 November 2014
TRAC 39th Annual Conference

23 November 2014
Confirmation

25 December 2014
Christmas Services

26-29 December 2014
Youth Camp

31 December 2014
Watch Night Service



Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC) 2014-2015

At the Last Local Conference held on 22 September 2014, the new Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC) for 2014-2015 has been elected. The new LCEC Chairman is Mr Eric Quah and the Lay Leader is Mr Tan Chee Boon.



We welcome contributions to Compass. To avoid duplications, please let us know before writing your article or story. Articles should be kept within 1000 words. Submission should include the writer's profile, photo and any accompanying photographs in high resolution format. These can be sent to Mr Yu Heng Kong at hengkong@fairfieldmc.org

Members Who Left

TRANSFERRED TO OTHER METHODIST CHURCHES

English Service

1 April 2014

- | | |
|-------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1. Ms Lau Shi-Mei | Covenant Community Methodist Church |
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DEATH

English Service

- Mrs Alice Voon-Chua Kim Lian
- Mr Chiu Hock Seng

Date Deceased
10 March 2014

24 April 2014

Cantonese Service

- Mdm Chan Kam Siew
- Mr Kwan Fook Lum
- Mdm Yip Eng

Date Deceased
7 February 2014
11 February 2014
30 June 2014



- (2) 1 John 2:15-17. Not to love the world or anything in the world. If anyone loves the world the love of the Father is not in Him. For everything in the world does not come from the Father but the world. The world and its desires pass away but the man who does the will of God lives forever. Indeed, if the ways and things of the world are not from the definitive standard, it is who and what we love that matters.
- (3) 1 John 2:9-11, 3:11-18. Love one another. We know of Jesus' love for us by His laying down of His life for us, and we ought to do the same for our brothers. Let us serve God and our brothers faithfully and sacrificially, as there is no sacrifice too great than what Jesus had done for us.
- (4) Genesis 6:5-13, 22. Live a life in complete consecration. Noah was a righteous man who was blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. Noah did everything just as God commanded him. Let us demonstrate our commitment to God by consecrating our lives 24/7 to Him.

Hearing the various testimonies which Rev Kay Kiong had shared was indeed an inspiration yet a timely reminder not to forget even the basis of our faith and to continually pursue God in our daily walk with Him.

All glory to God who had made this camp possible and who has really been so good to us. To minimize all distractions, God had really provided, exceedingly abundantly, to Fairfield. We had a new hotel with modern facilities, time for bonding with families, good restaurants

nearby and adequate pockets of time to spend with our fellow campers through various activities. Yes, including time for durians!

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all campers for being encouraging and patient with the committee. I am also grateful to the committee who taught me what it is like to serve in excellence by demonstrating humility and unity, and by stepping up to cover a multitude of weaknesses we each may have.

A final challenge to all members of Fairfield (whether you attended the camp or not), despite the various circumstances which we all may be in, let's continue to keep our eyes on our heavenly Father, to shine for Him by witnessing and serving one another as a family in the body of Christ.

To God be all Glory, till we meet at the next church camp in 2016. The best is yet to be!

Mark Zhou, Chairman, Fairfield Church Camp Committee 2014.

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