

Youth Ministry

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2017 has been an exciting year in youth ministry. Where there have been challenges, God's grace has supplied our needs. We may have recently graduated a large senior class, but we have also had a large class of students enter the 9th grade!

Many of the older high school students continue to take positions of leadership in the youth group. We have had students: lead worship Friday night, Sunday morning, plan activities, prayer, and VBS. The student leadership team continues meet monthly to pray, plan, encourage, and take a hands on approach in developing a more effective youth ministry program that prepares students to become effective disciple makers!

Looking Back on 2017

- We were excited to celebrate the baptism of Megan Zhao, Jackie Liu, Nicholas Ding, and Peter Li
- 30 High Students and 17 Middle School were able to attend WTC and be encouraged by the Word and worship with students from other churches.
- 20 students participate in 30 Hour Famine
- Hosted Student led night of worship and testimony for other Chinese Churches in the Boston area.
- 20 High School and 3 adults participated in a week long service and outreach project in the town of Berlin, NH with Workcamp New England Ministries
- Project Angel Tree provided the students and opportunity to give Christmas gifts to two families who have parents currently incarcerated.
- In depth studies of the books of Ecclesiastes, Revelation. This year there are also opportunities for the students to be peer leaders in the small groups.
- 20 Students plus adults participated in a Feed My Starving Children Mobile Pack. As a result of their hard work 300 + children across the globe will be provided with lifesaving meals for a year!

I am excited to see what God is going to do in the lives of the student in 2018. We are planning on continuing many of the same traditions; WTC, 30hr Famine, WorkCamp, Feed My Starving Children. We are also excited to see what new opportunities God might bring our way!

The students face numerous challenges in their lives. Their schedules are incredibly busy and they are faced with a tremendous amount of pressure. Whether it is the increasing secularization in schools or the pressure to reject the Bible's authority in their lives; students are faced with many challenges towards their faith. It is so easy to see how the enemy is working to distract students from following Christ.

Please continue to pray that the students would be able to see that Christ is better than anything that this world has to offer them; and that their love for Him and each other would continue to grow!