

# Youth Ministry

**Minister Timothy Lo**

2010 was a year of continued development and shaping of the youth ministry. As the group continued its steady growth, it has also become quite defined with mostly boys in the middle school grades, and primarily girls in the high school grades. One of the amazing things is the consistent attendance of these middle school boys, who stay on Sunday for worship service, Sunday school, and lunch, but who also come weekly on Friday nights. We average about 30 on Sundays, but now also about 12 on Fridays, more than we ever have!

Our greatest need is a consistent core of Sunday school teachers and Friday night counselors. This past school year we were extremely blessed to have Francis Chan, Lynne Wu, Gimel Chan, and Tom Perkins able to teach in the Old Testament, the book of John, and the Case for Christ. Kevin Kao and Angie Huang also helped on Friday night, and although they are gone we have new small group leaders like Tammy Wong, Steve Tsou, and Wendy Yee. At the same time, the youth ministry would be strengthened and given more opportunity to grow if we could engage more volunteers in these two positions of Sunday school teachers and Friday night counselors.

During our worship service Tim continued to preach in Mark through the end of the last school year, and began in September in the book of Psalms. We have also established an informal relationship with a regular guest speaker named Henry Wan (former youth minister at the Chinese Christian Church of Rhode Island), who comes in every few months. Youth like Andrea Chiang, Allison Ng, Rosy Liao, and Abby Yu have stepped up in leading the worship through music in our service and on Friday nights. And of course various teens have volunteered to help with things like cleaning the youth room and serving lunch. It is encouraging to see some regularly take the initiative to help and serve.

In our usual special activities we continued to partner with other local Chinese churches. 30 youth from CGCM joined 15 from Worcester and another 150 from BCEC and CBCGL for our Winter Teen Conference. 16 of our youth also joined CBCGL for the 30 Hour Famine at their church in April. Over the summer Erin Yang and Ethan Chan went with the Worcester church to Boston Project, and Christina Chan served at BCEC at their Project Destiny program. Of course we also had a number of youth involved with VBS at our own church, and we did various youth events like watching movies, going to Six Flags, and attending a Red Sox game over the summer. Jonathan Chen and Curtis Yu were baptized in a joint service with the English adults in November, and after seeing that, many other youth also expressed interest in baptism this coming year!

At the end of the year a handful of middle school students attended Ambassador for Christ's Chinese Mission Convention, which is only once every three years. And in 2011 we will also have a new format for our Winter Teen Conference, with the high school and middle school programs (now also including 6th grade) being split over two different weekends and sites in February. We hope that many will take advantage of this opportunity to worship and grow with other Boston area American born Chinese Christian teenagers.

Please continue to pray for the youth ministry, specifically regarding the need for helpers and the God's work in the lives of the youth, especially those considering being baptized.



Timothy, Aiden, Mia, Chloe, and Mindy

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10<sup>th</sup> grade friends



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2010 graduation



Baseball game



Case for Christ Sunday school



Youth Coldstone on a Friday



College transition Talk



Friday night group



Friends hanging out



**Friends hanging out**



**Ping Pong game**



**Playing foosball**



**Praise team**



**Red Sox game**



**Sunday morning before worship**



**Sunday Worship team**



**Waiting for Youth Services**



**Worship Services**

