

CGCM Youth Ministry

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In 2012, the youth group continued to grow in average regular attendance, both on Friday nights (from 16 to 29) and Sunday morning (from 30 to 35). This was because of several things: newcomers to our program, new 7th graders outnumbering 12th grade graduates, and more consistent attendance from regular members. The dynamics of the group continue to be shifted towards the most active and involved youth being in the 7th-10th grade range, and among that, the 9th-10th grade classes are still dominated by boys.

One of the best areas of growth was in the youth ministry teams. In another year of development, the worship team continued to solidify in membership and ability, and the games team stayed consistent in organizing and running games. We also created a new group, the service and caring team which is still in development but will play a supportive role for the youth ministry (things like organizing food, cleaning up the youth room, and welcoming newcomers).



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On Sunday mornings the English worship team, run by Ruth Chu, still continues to be predominantly led by 10-12 youth. It has been a great opportunity for them to grow under her guidance and serve the church at the same time. The Sunday worship service sermon series continued and finished with the Sermon on the Mount (Matthew 5-7), as Pastor Steve finished up the second half of the year picking up where Tim left off. Pastor Steve then continued on with a series on what it means to be a disciple.

During the Friday night fellowship time we finished our Sparkhouse Ministry's "re:form" theology series, which talked about questions like, "How do I stop doing things I know I shouldn't do?", "Is it okay to be angry at God?", and "Why does God let bad things happen?". We then moved onto BluefishTV's "King David" series which discussed how to triumph over trials and temptations, taught by David Nasser of Christ City Church in Birmingham, AL. After that, we went into a series called "Surrender: Others before self. Christ above all" taught by Francis Chan of Cornerstone Church in Simi Valley, CA. The games team also did an excellent job planning and running games for our Friday program, and the service and caring team took over providing food and cleaning up after the youth group. For the first half of the year we were thankful to have Tammy Wong leading the girls group, and near the end of the year, we were blessed to have two former CGCM youth, Kevin Kao and Jerry Yuan, come back to help lead small groups as well.

Since some youth do not come on Fridays, for several months this past year we also had small groups during Sunday school. This allowed for a different environment in learning, sharing, and growing in the faith that the lecture format of teaching did not include. Youth were able to share and discuss the sermon topics with questions prepared by the Sunday speaker, while being led and guided by an adult leader (the volunteers were

Lilia Lee, Magaly Rojas, and Sharon Xu). Other topics that we covered this year included the Ten Commandments (taught by Gimel Chan), Temptations (taught by Timothy Lo and small group discussions led by Caroline Lee, Lilia Lee, and Magaly Rojas), Thanksgiving in Action (taught by Ruth Chu), and a special joint Sunday school with the English adults on the purpose of Christmas (taught by Timothy Lo).

As for special events, this year we had 18 high school students and 11 middle school students join with hundreds of other youth from local Chinese churches at the Winter Teen Conferences. We went to two different praise nights at CBCGB in Lexington, once in the spring and once in the fall, each time with 10 students, and joined CBCGL's (in Chelmsford) 30 Hour Famine with 12 students who raised over \$1,500. Boston Project had 4 students attend this year, 18 youth attended our VBS Prelim training, and most of the youth group helped out with VBS in one way or another. In the fall, 7 students went to a worship seminar and 21 parents and youth attended the Chris Tomlin concert. We also had two pool parties and a ski trip.

We praise God for 7 baptisms in 2012: David Wu, Joyce Tan (college), Anni Xie, Timmy Wu, Clare Zhou, Sarah Di, and Daniel Pien! From 2008-2011 we had only had a total of 7 baptisms of youth and youth group graduates in college, so we are thankful for God's blessing and conviction in the hearts of these youth.

As we look into 2013, we hope for continued growth and development in the youth ministry. We still have a need for more volunteers, both on Friday nights and as Sunday school teachers, and we are thankful for the many parents who volunteer food and transportation for our many ministry events.

We look forward to the many things that God will continue to do through families, the youth group, and adult volunteers to shape and guide our youth, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ!



VBS Prelim Training





English Worship Team



Friday Worship Team



Friday night fellowship



Small groups during Sunday school



Friday night game time





Serving at lunchtime



Winter Teen Conference



Worship Seminar



New 7th Graders



Special Event

