

CGCM Youth Ministry

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2015 was an exciting year for us! Moving from the Midwest to the East Coast was certainly a big leap, but Kathy and I have felt welcomed since the moment we arrived at CGCM, thank you! It has been evident to us how much this church values youth ministry and how willing parents have been to fill in the gaps during this time of transition for the church! I am indebted to the youth parents and their willingness to serve as advisors and representatives for the grade levels (Maria Ho, Tammy Wong, Joe Xu, Mei Liu, Lilia Lee). We are also grateful to several adults and parents who have tirelessly given of their time to help serve the youth on Friday Nights and Sunday Morning (Lilia Lee, Tammy Wong, Elliot Lui, Kathy Sandberg). And of course, thank you to all the parents who have offered your help in numerous ways. Even if we haven't needed your help at this point, I am grateful for your willingness!

The church was also blessed to have Pastor Joyce Tsang come and help us during the summer. Her experience at the church and obvious love for the students is a model of ministry for anyone to follow!

Many of the students have taken positions of leadership in the youth group. We have had students lead Worship, plan activities, prayer, and VBS. It is an encouragement to come to a church and see such levels of maturity in the students. This year we will be starting an official student leadership team that will meet monthly that will meet to pray, plan, encourage, and take a hands on approach in developing a more effective youth ministry program and prepare the students to become effective disciple makers!

Looking Back on 2015

- We were excited to celebrate the baptism of four Students, Anthony Wang, Denise Zhong, Eric Peng, Derek Tam
- 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.
- 11 Students went to Boston Project and helped serve the Dorchester Community in July.
- In depth studies of the books of Genesis, Hosea, Proverbs, Mark, and interaction with controversial topics that students face on a daily basis.
- 15-20 students attended Passion Night at Lexington Church on 11/27/2016.

I am excited to see what God is going to do in the lives of the student in 2016. The students face numerous challenges in their lives. Their schedules are incredibly busy and they are faced with a tremendous amount of pressure, so please keep them in their prayers and don't forget to let them know how proud of them you are!

For the next year, with all of the changes that will come our way, let us pray for the students (and ourselves).

"Open our eyes, that we might behold wonderful things in your law..."

Psalm 119:18

