

# 2022 Youth Ministry Annual Report

Pastor Ivan Yu

**Mission:** *“To live life as disciples of Christ in four unique ways: Know, Grow, Show, Go”*

Dear CGCM family,

Another year has passed by as we witnessed God’s grace working through the ministries in our church. Thank you to all the faithful coworkers who serve to further the Kingdom of God. We are happy to share what God has done in 2022 through the Youth Ministry! As the challenges of the pandemic dispersed, we began to see the youth reconnect with one another and have opportunities to grow spiritually by God’s grace. Praise God!

In Christ,  
Pastor Ivan

## Youth Fellowship

Near the end of 2021, we were happy to see many of the youths slowly begin to rebuild community and come back to participate in the Friday Youth Fellowships and Sunday ministries at church since the 2020 pandemic. However, this growth was hindered as 2022 began with some uncertainty when the church temporarily went back to online ministries due to the concern of the Omicron variant over the holidays. Since the Youth Fellowship had to return to meeting on Zoom, Pastor Ivan was concerned for how the youth may be affected. But God provided during this challenging time.



While on Zoom in January and February, we had the following plans:

- January – **“How Should I View Myself?”** – For four Fridays, Pastor Ivan conducted a series of interviews with different invited guests called “How Should I View Myself?” From hearing the stories and experiences of these guests, as well as what Scripture says, we explored how to respond to the lies about ourselves that may come from disappointments, body image ideals, peer influences, and idols. The youth had a chance at the end of each interview to do some Q&A with the guest. You can view the interviews with these guests here: (<https://bit.ly/3XxqOcs>)

The graphic has a grey background. At the top, the title "How Should I View Myself?" is written in a large, white, sans-serif font. To the right of the title is a small version of the CGCM Youth logo. Below the title, the text "Guest interviews with Pastor Ivan Yu on godly responses to lies about ourselves." is written in a smaller, white, sans-serif font. The main part of the graphic is a black and white photograph of a young woman with short dark hair, looking thoughtfully at a framed picture she is holding up. At the bottom of the graphic, the text "January 2022, Fridays, 7:45-9:00pm, on Zoom" is written in a small, white, sans-serif font. Below that, a list of dates and topics is provided: "1/7 - Doubt & Disappointments - Joseph Ferritto", "1/14 - Body Image - Jamie Ulloa", "1/21 - Friends & Influences - Jonas Chang", and "1/28 - Life as Worship - Pastor Kevin Rogers".

How Should I View Myself?

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- February – “**Greater Than**” – A video series by Francis Chan. Francis walked through his own difficult childhood to help us understand that God is greater than any pain, sin or hardship that we might encounter in this life. Each video session was followed by discussions. (<http://bit.ly/3H3D6Cj>)

### *The Return to In-Person*

In March, in-person ministries resumed at church, including the Friday Youth Fellowships. **On 3/5, we had a welcome back pizza fellowship event.** We were blessed that the youths returned in-person immediately and were not too affected by having to return online with Zoom the past two months.

**Photos:** <http://bit.ly/40dcVCf>



We continued meeting in the Youth Room for fellowship:

- March - May – **Book of Mark – Bible Study** – We resumed our Bible Study through the book of Mark that we began in September 2021.
- June - July – “**Not a Fan**” – A video series by Kyle Idleman about the difference between being a fan and a true follower of Jesus Christ. (<http://bit.ly/3wtfPVy>)

### *Some New Changes*

- July – Due to the growth in attendance starting the end of July, **the Friday Youth Fellowships began meeting in the MPR for games and the English Sanctuary for worship, lessons, and small groups** instead of staying in the Youth Room.
- August – **Pastor Ivan began preaching short sermons for youth** during the fellowships, according to their spiritual needs. These were followed by **small groups led by the adult coworkers.**
- September – We started **welcoming 6<sup>th</sup> graders as part of the Youth Ministry.**



## 2022 Youth Fellowship Sermons

8/12	Seeking Advice to Know God's Will	1 Kings 12:1-16	<a href="http://bit.ly/3kVXcr0">http://bit.ly/3kVXcr0</a>
8/19	The Results of Complaining	Numbers 21:4-9	<a href="http://bit.ly/3RkWz6e">http://bit.ly/3RkWz6e</a>
8/26	Don't Worry, God Always Provides	Matthew 6:25-34	<a href="http://bit.ly/3HoEqjk">http://bit.ly/3HoEqjk</a>
9/30	Steps for Spiritual Growth	Hebrews 5:11-6:3	<a href="http://bit.ly/3JMi6Dp">http://bit.ly/3JMi6Dp</a>
10/14	Abide in Christ for Spiritual Growth	John 15:1-5	<a href="http://bit.ly/3WQmAf2">http://bit.ly/3WQmAf2</a>
10/28	"Truly Spiritual" Worship – From Internal to External	John 4:19-26; Isaiah 29:13	<a href="https://bit.ly/3Y73hiq">https://bit.ly/3Y73hiq</a>
11/4	Fear and Enjoy God in Worship	Ecclesiastes 5:1	<a href="http://bit.ly/3HnrXN5">http://bit.ly/3HnrXN5</a>
12/2	Serve One Another	1 Peter 4:10-11	<a href="http://bit.ly/3HmLYDo">http://bit.ly/3HmLYDo</a>

We are very thankful to our Youth Ministry Coworkers for leading small groups on Fridays, including Xiaochun Huang, Angela Shek, Jonathan Shek, Joyce Tseng, Mingxiang Xu, Jingyang Wu. Throughout the year, we had other special fellowship activities and events which are listed in a later section of this report.

## Sunday School

This year, we had the following Sunday School classes for the youth.



*Winter Semester (1/9-3/27)*

- **How to Grow (Spiritual Disciplines)**
  - A class on different spiritual disciplines a Christian can practice to grow spiritually in his or her relationship with God.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>
1/9	Introduction: Spiritual Growth and Sanctification
1/16	Bible Intake (Part 1)
1/23	Bible Intake (Part 2)
1/30	Prayer
2/6	Confession
2/13	Fasting
2/20	Evangelism
2/27	No Sunday School (Congregation Meeting)
3/6	Discussion/Prayer about the War in Ukraine
3/13	Review and Scripture Memory
3/20	Application of Scripture & Listening during Worship Service
3/27	Conclusion

*Spring Semester (4/10-6/26)*

- **Small Groups: Relating to “One Another”**

- As more youths were encouraged to return to church on Sundays, we focused on building relationships with one another in small groups by gender, each led by an adult. At the beginning of each class, Pastor Ivan briefly introduced a Bible verse that includes a “One Another” command before we split into small groups for discussion about its application.

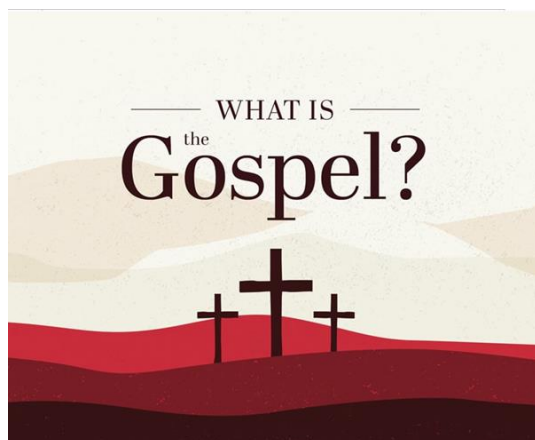


<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>
4/10	Love One Another (Jn. 13:34-35)
4/17	No Sunday School (Easter Baptism)
4/24	Love One Another (Review)
5/1	Forgive one another (Eph. 4:32)
5/8	Mother's Day Activity in Small Groups
5/15	Look to the interests of one another (Phil. 2:1-8)
5/22	Bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6:2)
5/29	No Sunday School (Memorial Day Weekend)
6/5	"God is Faithful" (2 Thessalonians 3:1-5) Sermon discussion
6/12	No Sunday School (Outdoor Worship)
6/19	Father's Day Activity in Small Groups
6/26	Serve one another (Gal. 5:13) Show hospitality to one another (1 Pet. 4:9)

*Fall Semester (9/18-12/11)*

- **What is the Gospel?**

- A class to review the Gospel as “Good News” for salvation through faith in Jesus Christ alone. We began to meet in the English Sanctuary for this class and tried a new Sunday School format consisting of a game and an interactive lecture with breaks for discussions.



<u>Date</u>	<u>Class</u>
9/18	Who is God? (God's existence, perfection, and holiness)
9/25	40th Anniversary Celebration (No Sunday School)
10/2	Is God Evil?
10/9	Youth Retreat (No Sunday School)
10/16	What is Humanity's Problem? (Sin)
10/23	Congregation Meeting (No Sunday School)
10/30	What is Humanity's Solution? (Who is Jesus?)
11/6	What must I do to be saved? (Confession & Faith in Jesus)
11/13	What happens next? (Sanctification, Discipleship, Baptism)
11/20	God can change and transform you (Repentance)
11/27	Thanksgiving/Baptism Service (No Sunday School)
12/4	"The Love Story" – Reggie Dabbs
12/11	"You are Free" – Jennie Allen - The Good Gospel

## Student Ministry Teams

Student Ministry Teams (SMT) exist for youths who are believers of Christ to grow in love and service to God, other believers in the church, and those who do not know Christ yet.

### 2022-2023 Teams



#### *Programming Team*

- Pastor Ivan Yu & Terry Chang
- Prepared and led games and activities for Friday Youth Fellowships.
- We have plans to grow this team in 2023.

#### *Tech Team*

- Adult Leader: Jonathan Shek
- Members: Ivan Chan, Terry Chang, Alex Qi, Max Qi, Jadon Shek, Vincent Zhang, Jeromy Zhong
- Run the A/V for Sunday English Worship Services and Friday Youth Fellowships.



#### *Worship Team*

- Adult Leader: Pastor Ivan Yu
- Members: Ethan Liu, Vivian Pan, Alex Qi, Elliot Xu, Andrew Wang, Sophia Wang, Katherine Wu



- Lead worship songs for Friday Youth Fellowships.
- Some members help lead worship for the English Worship Services.

## WorkCampNE

This year, WorkCampNE was held at a middle school in Franklin, NH from July 10-16, 2022. This was the first out-of-state and overnight trip since the pandemic began in 2020. We had 12 youths and 2 adults from CGCM participate alongside other churches from four different states, including the Worcester Church. Youths were placed in one of fifteen crews to work on a residence's home including interior/exterior painting, deck building/staining, roofing, and yardwork.



The theme for this year is “Home Sweet Home” to remind us of our heavenly home we have in Christ that God intended at the beginning of creation before sin.

After the trip, we had a debriefing meeting and required youth to write a one-page testimony. Many expressed a closer relationship with God as they worked on houses and saw the impact in their residents' lives. Some youths were motivated to help improve the worship during fellowship and Sunday Services. Some others expressed the interest and willingness to be baptized!

Photos: <http://bit.ly/3WCUtzA>

Workcamp videos:  
<http://bit.ly/3JxAU91>



## CGCM 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Youth Mural

Praise God that our church celebrated its 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary! To commemorate this occasion, Auntie Lanting Truong and Auntie Tehui Chou helped lead the youth in painting a mural. A competition was held for the best design of a runner passing on a baton to another in a relay race. This communicates the idea of the Gospel of Jesus Christ being passed on from one generation to the next throughout the 40 years at CGCM and beyond. Andrew Wang's design was chosen. The hands of the runners allude to the hands of Adam and God from Michelangelo's painting. This also symbolizes that the Gospel comes from God.



Photos: <http://bit.ly/3kHOU5W>

## Youth Retreat

CGCM had its first ever Youth Retreat held from October 7-10, 2022 at Grotonwood Camp & Conference Center. We invited Pastor Daniel Ferritto from the Chinese Christian Church of Greater Albany to be our guest speaker. The retreat theme was called “Who is #1?” and Pastor Daniel addressed topics including pride, idols, the gospel, and how Christ should be the number one in our lives. During our campfire time on Sunday night, many youths openly shared with one another about what God taught them. Three youths accepted Christ as their personal Savior and many others were expressed their willingness to be baptized. Praise God! We also want to thank all the adult small group counselors who spent a lot of personal time with the youth, especially during the one-on-one huddles. We hope to continue this kind of discipleship and personal care during our usual Friday and Sunday ministries and want to focus on guiding the youth to continue to have a daily time of devotionals/Bible reading.



- **Pastor Daniel’s sermons** may be streamed or downloaded here: <http://bit.ly/3HHIa0U>
- **Photos:** <https://bit.ly/3kC8DUu>
- **Video Slideshow:** [https://youtu.be/g\\_GPWpMhXn8](https://youtu.be/g_GPWpMhXn8)



## 2022 Events and Fellowship Activities

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 2/25 – Youth Fellowship Game Night</li> <li>• 3/5 – Welcome Back Pizza Fellowship Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/40dcVCf">http://bit.ly/40dcVCf</a></li> <li>• 4/8 – Pack Easter Eggs for Children Ministry</li> <li>• 4/18 – Help Pastor Ivan install playground mulch Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3kEkEJc">http://bit.ly/3kEkEJc</a></li> <li>• 4/18 – Egg Drop Competition Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3kEkEJc">http://bit.ly/3kEkEJc</a></li> <li>• 4/20 – Fellowship at Ellsworth McAfee Park (Northborough) Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3WFWpY5">http://bit.ly/3WFWpY5</a></li> <li>• 4/22 – Earth Day Community Service Trails Clean-up Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3iZSaJe">http://bit.ly/3iZSaJe</a></li> <li>• 5/8 – Pack Snack Boxes for Mother’s Day Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3XUbEhj">http://bit.ly/3XUbEhj</a></li> <li>• 6/10 - Senior Graduation Celebration Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3H3U9EA">http://bit.ly/3H3U9EA</a></li> <li>• 6/12 – Youth BBQ Gathering Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3XUeaE9">http://bit.ly/3XUeaE9</a></li> <li>• 6/18 – Fold Origami Gift for Father’s Day</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 7/10-16 – WorkcampNE Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3WCUtzA">http://bit.ly/3WCUtzA</a> Videos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3JxAU91">http://bit.ly/3JxAU91</a></li> <li>• 9/9, 9/16 – Youth Mural Project for 40th Anniversary Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3kHOU5W">http://bit.ly/3kHOU5W</a></li> <li>• 10/7-10 – CGCM Youth Retreat Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3kC8DUu">http://bit.ly/3kC8DUu</a>  Video Slideshow: <a href="https://youtu.be/g_GPWpMhXn8">https://youtu.be/g_GPWpMhXn8</a></li> <li>• 11/11 – Operation Christmas Child shoebox packing event Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3R5IWb4">http://bit.ly/3R5IWb4</a> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>○ 37 youths and 10 adults participated in the event. A total of 119 shoeboxes were packed by the whole church and delivered to children in Columbia, Honduras, and South Africa</li> </ul> </li> <li>• 11/19 – Youth Family Thanksgiving Potluck Fellowship Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3wtzftw">http://bit.ly/3wtzftw</a></li> <li>• 12/9 - Christmas Decorating in the church Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3j1sOuu">http://bit.ly/3j1sOuu</a></li> <li>• 12/9 – White Elephant Gift Exchange Photos: <a href="http://bit.ly/3j1sOuu">http://bit.ly/3j1sOuu</a></li> </ul>
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## Miscellaneous

- **Baptisms:**

4/18 – Christine Li

8/7 – Kevin Bao and Alex Qi

11/27 – Ethan Liu and Elliot Xu  
– Emily Chow (CGCW)

- **Photos:**

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- **Graduation:**

14 seniors from the Class of 2022 graduated High School. Congratulations to Kevin Bao, Jana Chan, Aaron Chen, Ally Feng, Coco Jiang, Sonia Kang, Christine Li, Viola Li, Alex Wang, Celina Xiong, Raymond Xu, Rachael Yuan, Jeffrey Zhang, and Phoebe!



## Selected Photos



Welcome Back Pizza Fellowship!



Packing Easter Eggs for Children Ministry



Easter Group Photo



Lunch at Pastor Ivan's house



Earth Day Community Service Clean-up



Posing on a Giant Rock



Packing Snack Boxes for Mother's Day



Senior Graduation Celebration



Tug-of-war during Youth Retreat



Campfire sharing during Youth Retreat



Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Packing



We packed 97 shoeboxes this night!



Ethan and Elliot's Baptism Celebration



White Elephant Gift Exchange