

The Messenger

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Sunday Programs

Sonshine Center for Infants & Toddlers: 8:30-12:45 Sunday School: 8:30-9:45 and 11:30-12:45 The WATT Hour Children's Worship: 10-11:15

Note from the Director



These are the last days of summer. Time really flies! For many children, school has started or will be starting very soon. With each new school year, there is always some nervous anticipation – excitement in seeing friends and some new faces, and the dread from the impending workload and unforeseen challenges coming their way. Despite all that is to come, this is the perfect time for us all to live out Jesus' commandment, "...Go and make disciples of all nations ..." (Matthew 28:19). Jesus didn't intend for us to set aside one special time to be a missionary, but rather, *as you are going* about your business, in everything that you do (including the mundane day-to-day routines) reach people for Him. Let Christ's light shine through you in everything that you do.

Volunteer Spotlight



This month's volunteer spotlight is on Chris Yun, one of our beloved children's Sunday School teachers. Chris and his family have been attending CGBC since 2008, and Chris has been serving in the Children's Ministry since 2009. Prior to that time, he had no experience in teaching children. In fact, he was, and still is, an Attorney practicing immigration law. Who would have thought he would be teaching a classroom of 3rd and 4th graders?

A pivotal step in his spiritual walk was getting plugged in with the Bible Study Fellowship (BSF), which through a community of other Christians,

encouraged him to immerse himself in God's Word. When CGBC announced a need for Sunday School teachers and helpers, Chris felt the Holy Spirit tugging at his heart to take this step of faith. Even though he had never taught a class, it was an opportunity for him to rely on God and not his own abilities. We are so glad he listened! He has impacted so many children for Christ over the years. One of Chris' biggest joys is witnessing first hand, God's Word go from being head knowledge to coming alive in the hearts of the children.

In addition to helping in the Children's Ministry, Chris is actively involved in the Transportation Ministry, driving the church vans on some Sundays, as well as driving for the church's Mexico Outreach Team for eight years. During VBS, he has helped to oversee parking lot security. We are so grateful that Chris has allowed God to use him. No matter how small or big the job is, Chris is willing. Just recently, Chris has accepted the call to be a deacon of the church. We are so blessed! When you see him, please be sure to appreciate him!

Announcements and Reminders

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

Thank you to all of the 100+ volunteers that helped out during our VBS this past June. This was an all-church effort, and we were able to band together to put on a successful program to serve 166 children from our church and community. Thank you to those who helped prepare meals for the workers, prayed behind the scenes, those who donated food, helped with registration, chaperoned, oversaw the parking lot security, greeted people as they walked in, cleaned up – all the tasks that sometimes go unseen. We also thank the VBS directors and crew leaders who dedicated countless hours planning, attending trainings, decorating, creating lessons, composing songs, learning lines, and making it fun for the children who participated. We look forward to what God is going to do next year!

Summer Program

Our joint 1st through 6th grade Summer Program during our 8:30 and 11:30 Sunday School times will still be in effect until August 27th. The children are learning about the Gospel and how it plays out in their lives as well as lessons on being strong and courageous. You don't want your children to miss out!

Sunday School Teacher's Meeting

There will be a Sunday School Teacher's Meeting on Sunday, August 20th from 1:15-2:15pm in Room 21-22. This will be a great time for us all to gather together and touch base before we kick off our 2017-2018 school year. During this meeting, the Fall 2017 curriculum will be distributed.

Teacher's Appreciation/Children's Promotion Party

The Children's Ministry is hosting a special brunch in the Ed Building on Saturday, Aug 26th from 10:30-12:30 to honor those who have helped in the Children's Ministry this past year and to encourage the kids who will be graduating from our Children's Program. Please come show your support! All are invited. Send your RSVP to <u>lillian.leung@chinesegracebiblechurch.org</u>

How to Get Connected:

Join our TEAM! (Together Everyone Achieves More!). We have a place for you whether you are available every week, once per month, or even 10 minutes here and there. Please send your inquires to lillian.leung@chinesegracebiblechurch.org.







Meeting Reminder