

## FULLERTON ENGLISH

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  3. **Joint Father's Day Worship Service, June 18, 10:30 AM:** we invite you to join us as we pause to celebrate our earthly fathers. We also gather together to worship our Heavenly Father, who loves us and reconciled us to Him through His Son Jesus Christ. We will also take time to honor our graduates. We hope you can join us on this happy occasion.
  4. **Snack Donations for Commonwealth Elementary School:** The school is looking for healthy snack donations for its students. If you would like to donate snacks or funds to purchase the snacks, please see Roberto Tsai. For more information, please see Pastor David or Pastor Adam.
  5. **FECC Town Hall Meeting, Sunday, June 4, 2:00 PM:** we invite you to this town hall meeting to continue to improve communication between our leadership and members. This meeting will take place in the DTC Chapel on our Cerritos campus. For more in-formation, please see Pastor David or Pastor Adam.
- Upcoming Events:** FECC Town Hall Meeting (6/4); Father's Day Joint Service (6/18).
6. **Prayer Requests: (1)** for us to be people of intentional practice of our faith, as we live in a "different world." May we live out the values of the Kingdom on earth; **(2)** for all our graduates. We praise God for the completion of one chapter, and we pray that God will continue to lead and provide for them as they begin a new journey; **(3)** for a constructive and positive Town Hall Meeting (June 4); **(4)** for those who are traveling, especially as summer approaches; **(5)** for a speedy and full recovery for those who are dealing with illness or COVID-19. **For Our World: (a)** for the church persecuted in Nicaragua; President Daniel Ortega has treated the Church as a political enemy by ar-resting priests, expelling missionaries and the apostolic nuncio, and closing Catholic media outlets and educational and charitable projects. There have been more than 500 attacks on the Church since 2018; **(b)** for the Christian faithful in Iran, which has been ranked number one in a recent Pew Research Center Forum that studies severe government restrictions on religion; **(c)** for refugees in difficult living conditions in refugee camps around the Middle East and Europe. Pray for refugees who have mi-grated into our neighborhoods.

## Worship Service

May 28, 2023 11:00 A.M.

Worship in Song Congregation

Worship in Prayer Pastor David Tsai

Worship in Fellowship Welcome and Announcement

Worship in Giving Congregation

Worship in Word Pastor David Tsai

### "The Power of Confession"

James 5:13.16

Communion Pastor David Tsai

Benediction Pastor David Tsai

## FECC FAMILY NEWS

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### 3. Attendance for May 20-21, 2023

	Cerritos	Fullerton	Oakland	E. Lansing
Mandarin	134	43	53	11
Cantonese	71			
English	42	37		
Kairos/Youth	69		5	20
Children	35	3	16	1

### 4. Financial Update: Thank you for your faithful giving!

	As of 03/31/2023				
	Actual Receipt	Budget	Variance	Actual Disbursed	+/-
Gen, Fund	\$328,679	\$390,858	-\$62,179	\$403,889	-\$75,209

\*Not including reimbursements and fees from church facilities use, which is not recorded in General Fund.

## Oakland Campus News

1. Beloved Children's Academy is now accepting students! The preschool Academy is open to children from 2.5 to 5 years old. With our newly renovated learning environment, large activity space, and rich and diverse curriculum, we welcome families with children in the community to register! For registration and fee details, please contact the Academy Director, Lisi Yu, at (248)635-0722.

## East Lansing Campus News

1. In-person services have resumed on Saturday mornings at 10 am at Faith Church! Come join us for a time of worship and fellowship! All safety and health precautions will continue to be observed. Services will continue to be live-streamed on our YouTube channel.

## English News

1. Saturday Breakfast Club: First and third Saturdays from 7:00 am-8:00 am in the DTC chapel. Breakfast Club is for all brothers and sisters who want to commune with God through worship, Word, and prayer, and then dine together to fellowship and grow in their relationship with Christ.
2. Sunday School: the following classes meet from 11:30 am-12:30 pm Women's Study in room D109, PE's One to One Discipleship in room D107, and Brother Stan's study on Tactics-How to Defend Christian Faith in D103.

## Youth (Poima) News

1. We have resumed in-person fellowship. Weekly activities:
  - Friday: 8:00 pm – Fellowship
  - Sunday: 10:00 am - Sunday School
  - Wednesday: 4:00 pm – Prayer Meeting (on Zoom)

## Kairos News

1. Fellowship groups have resumed! Contact Pastor Len if you are interested in attending one of the groups.

## Mandarin News

1. Let us humble ourselves before the Lord and seek His face for our nation, our church, and our families. Come join us on Wednesday nights, at 7:30 pm, for prayer meeting. For more details, please email txu@fecc.us).

## Cantonese News

1. Any Cantonese-speaking person who would like to join our fellowships or worship service, please contact Pastor Godwin Ngai at gngai@fecc.us.



## JESUS AND VULNERABILITY

Pastor David Tsai

What does it mean to be vulnerable? An NFL football team unexpectedly loses a game when an opposing coach discovers and exploits some weakness. Other teams then will exploit the same exposed weakness. A receiver attempting a difficult catch momentarily makes himself a “*defenseless receiver*.” The exposing of that weakness leads to vulnerability.

Not many people like to be vulnerable or weak or defenseless. We live in a culture that values strength. When we are aware of our own weaknesses (and we all have them) we have no desire to expose them. Others exploit them to their advantage and our disadvantage. That’s why we often try to cover their weaknesses. The less vulnerable I am, the less likely my weakness is exploited in our competitive culture.

But that’s not Christ’s way. The more I hide my weaknesses, the less I’m able to get help with them. The more I project only strength (or the illusion of it) the less capable I am sympathetic with others in their weaknesses. If my goal is to imitate Christ, however, then I need to resist the urge to cover my weaknesses; I need to embrace vulnerability. Following the way of Jesus rather than the ways of this world can lead to a powerful witness.

In His Sermon on the Mount, Jesus says, “*Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth*” (Matthew 5:5). Meekness is not the same as weakness, but it involves humility and a willingness not to use our power to dominate others. In that way, it is a type of vulnerability. We see Jesus demonstrating vulnerability with His disciples both in embracing positions of weakness and service: washing the disciples’ feet, John 13:1-17; and in His powerful expression of anguish before His disciples in Gethsemane, Matt. 26:36-46). Paul is even more explicit about embracing weakness. “*But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong*” (1 Cor. 1:27). Paul teaches us to not deny our weakness, and to not follow the world’s so-called “*wisdom*” that values strength and disdains vulnerability.

There is a more central and more powerful example yet: Jesus’ choice to take on the fullness of human weakness: the vulnerability of a human baby, born in captivity; of human flesh that experienced pain, hunger, loss, and suffering; and ultimately of being hung on a cross where all His enemies could exploit the weakness of human flesh: the vulnerability of death itself. The long-expected Messiah arrived not in the triumph of politics and power, but unexpectedly in shocking humility and vulnerability. It is the vulnerability that Paul expresses so beautifully in Philippians 2:5-8. It is the hardest idea to fathom: the astounding vulnerability of God.

In what ways might you practice vulnerability? More willing to discuss your own weaknesses or struggles with others in your family? your church?

**Lord, help me to grow in my honesty with others.  
In the Name of our Savior who took on human flesh  
with astounding vulnerability, Amen!**