

## Growing ESC in 2018...



### Children: You are Welcome!

We value the gift of children at our church. There are a number of childcare settings on Sunday mornings, ranging from the viewing gallery for parents with newborns, to classrooms upstairs for toddlers and pre-school age children. All **childcare rooms** are available from the start of our service; the ushers can guide you. At 9:45 am, there is a children's program for grades K-6 upstairs. At 11:30 am, there are Sunday school classes for children up to Grade 12 upstairs.



### Adult Sunday School > 11:30 am upstairs

- CONTINUING      *Christian Leadership I* with Hansel Wang; Room 4
- STARTING          *The Holy Spirit, the Church, and Spiritual Gifts*  
with Dan Williams in Room 3 Jan 13 – Feb 24.  
See outline of topics at the Front Desk
- UPCOMING        *Baptism and Membership* with Joe Yu in Room 5  
Feb 3 – Mar 17



### Adult Groups/Fellowships

#### -a typology of our approaches

- **Micro Discipleship Group (MDG):** 3-4 people gathering together every two weeks for study of essential discipleship themes based on widely-used material by Greg Ogden; plus sharing & prayer; P Dan and his help mate Sharon helps to launch and coach the MDGs
- **Life Group:** 10-15 people gathering to follow a Bible discussion curriculum, to share and pray and offer personal support for growth in Christ, and to pursue mission or service projects
- **Fellowships** (open attendance): four options, one for various age groups in the congregation; these larger groups are a great place for newcomers to attend and to begin to make connections. Please contact Pastor Joe for teen and young adult Fellowships and Pastor Dan for adult Fellowships (emails are on front page of the bulletin).

## Sermon Notes

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### ESC Prayer Time – Sundays 9:00 am

Space has been set aside in the Chapel for ESC members to pray.



#### Prayer Needs

If you have any prayer request that you would like posted in the bulletin, you can e-mail Pastor Dan. [danwilliams@vcefc.org](mailto:danwilliams@vcefc.org) Please be praying:

- For good attendance and participation in the Jan. 27 ESC Family Lunch and discussion about the future of our congregation
- For good commitment to financial giving to support the ministry budget being finalized right now for the Feb 24 general meeting
- For our short term missionary Wes Tse who is preparing for another helping role in Africa, specifically the Democratic Republic of Congo and ongoing challenge with Ebola
- For families who are supporting parents in their health issues, or struggling with loss or impending loss
- For Pastor Phil, Hope City Church, and all our EFCC sister churches



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## The Joys and Challenges of...



A Sermon Series in the First Epistle of Paul to the Church at Corinth

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# ESC WORSHIP SERVICE

January 20, 2019

Sermon: Pastor Joseph Yu

Scripture Reader: Cathy Wang

Offering: Dylan Lum

\* Note: if you have children in grades K to 6, they should already be upstairs in the Children’s Worship Club. This program starts at 9:45!

## Experiencing God in Praise and Prayer

### Invitation to Worship

Worship through Songs, Readings, and Prayers

## Ministry of the Word

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 3:10-17

Title: Building A Life That Will Endure

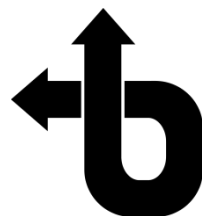
## Responding to the Word and Spirit

## Community on Mission

Offering, Doxology, and Prayer of Thanksgiving  
Community Time

## Benediction

## ESC at a Glance



### Our Purpose and Priorities

*UP: Connect to Jesus –*

*IN: Connect to one another –*

*OUT: Connect to those not yet following Jesus*



**Welcome Table** Newcomer? Disconnected? Check out the Welcome Table in the Fellowship Hall, where the new Welcome Team will greet you and orient you and connect you--plus ply you with hot beverages!

### Cornelius Fellowship (Late Career/Retired) – Sun

**Jan 20, 2 pm.** Pastor Dan on the topic of *Retirement Reframed: Living Out Our Life-Long Calling in Christ*

**Crossroads (Young Career) Upcoming in March:** *I Kissed Dating Good-bye?! Part of a short series on relationships, joining with Daniel Fellowship.*

### ESC Family Lunch and Discussion – Sun, Jan 27

11:00 am–12:30 pm Come and help us explore 2019 Encouragements & Dreams over lunch. \$5 tickets over age 5, available TODAY from Brittany in Fellowship Hall. Here is a preview of the questions we will be posing...

*How do you think ESC is doing as a congregation right now?*

*What advantages of being small is ESC not taking advantage of? How can we simplify?*

*Does ESC have a strong “identity” for you as a focus of prayer-for-growth, a focus of using your gifts to help connect adults together in the mission of the congregation to adults, etc etc?*

*Are you looking for more JOY in your involvement?*

*What should be ESCC’s priority next step? How about your next step within ESC?*

**VCEFC 2019 Theme** *Following Christ, to Make Him Known*  
**2 Cor. 2:14** But thanks be to God, who always leads us as captives in Christ’s triumphal procession and uses us to spread the aroma of the knowledge of him everywhere.

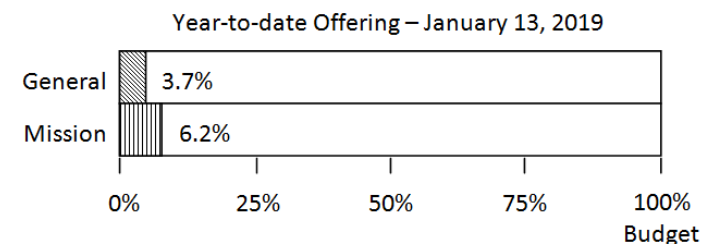
## VCEFC at LARGE

> **Vacation:** Pastor YT will be on vacation Jan 16-28. Pastor Dan will be on vacation Feb 5-10.

> **40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Photos:** Carmen will be returning the originals she borrowed for her display at a table in the Foyer on Sun., Jan. 20. Please see her, or your photos will go into the church archive.

## Last Week’s Attendance & Finance Report

|                   | ESC | VCEFC Total |
|-------------------|-----|-------------|
| <b>Attendance</b> | 132 | 492         |



Other offering category:

Year-to-date Building Fund offering \$1,240

Year-to-date Benevolent Fund offering \$150

To find more about actual offering figures, please ask admin office.