



WCAC Weekly

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Note from the Pastor

There are two things that happen in the life of every person who comes to know God. First, we are saved by His loving grace alone. Second, we are given good works which God prepared in advance for us to do. I get this idea from Ephesians 2:8-10

How were you saved? Were you in miry clay—stuck like the Psalmist? Did you come to discover that, though you try hard, nothing is good enough to earn God’s favor? All of our stories might be different, but one thing is the same: God had to save us. The Father made the first move to fix us and heal us. Is this the God you know?

This is the Father who sent Jesus His Son to give us a new life by His Spirit.

Now that you are saved and made a child of God according to John 1:12, how should we then live? The answer to this question is to find the good works God has prepared in advance for you to do. If you’ve known the Lord for some time, you know that this is an ongoing process. Life is full of new decisions like,

- What will be my next job?
- What will I do with my spare time?
- How should I properly care for my family?
- How should I care for those I’m going to school with?

Those in my neighborhood, or city, or country, or world?

We’ve got a lot to do! Which works will you do? They are all a gift. That’s right, a gift. They are not for us to earn heaven, or a reputation, or money. Works are a gift for us from the Father. These works are the new way we should live in Christ.

How does all this work in a corona virus world? This is what we are discovering now. Next week we start gathering again in person. The week after that the schools open and our world will get bigger again. Let’s keep ourselves and others safe with precautions. Let’s also ask the Lord what works He has for us, and watch for His responses.

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Coming Events

English Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream starts at 9:30 AM

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 9:00 PM through Zoom

English Sunday School

Sunday at 10:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81599862778?pwd=eWNTUWNNMmRwbXhuRIN1Mjd1bXZiQT09>
 Meeting ID: 815 9986 2778
 Password: 532874

Cantonese Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream SCAC service starting at 9:30 AM

New link posted at

<https://www.scac.org/>

Prayer Meeting

Saturday 4:00 PM through WebEx and WhatsApp.

- Brothers and sisters can keep growing in Christ as meeting go online.
- Pray for migrant farm workers that impacted by Covid-19
- Pray for church reopening planning.

Mandarin Ministry:

Sunday Service

Livestream start at 9:30 AM

Brother Weitian Chen

The heart of a shepherd

Colossians 4:7-18

Next Sunday

Brother Lei Yang

1 Thessalonians 1 :1-5

Prayer Meeting

Thursday 7:30 PM Zoom

Children Sunday Service
 9:00 AM stream began at
WCAC.CA

Celebrating the New Normal

Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another--and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10 :25

It's been over 5 months since the lockdown began. During the lockdown, it is a challenge to maintain the sense of a community. What is the Church? Is it just a building or it is the body of Christ? How about the Great Commission? How about to be the light of the world? I thank God that He provides us a group of dedicated workers that quickly responded to the crisis and transition to online service without stoppage of Sunday service. Keeping program running is easy, how about people? This is what motivated the Emergency Response Team to publish the churchwide newsletter.

We thank God for the modern technology that can allow us meet online and still be able to continue many of our meetings. Through electronic media, we can deliver the newsletter to allow our members informed what's going on with church. But the main purpose of the WCAC Weekly is people! Through the weekly communication, we want to remind us we are body of Christ. Our missionaries are still doing their work. Our pastors still care about our spiritual well being and most importantly, our God never stopped working.

Next Sunday, September 6th, will mark another milestone of the pandemic response. The English and Mandarin ministry will resume our Sunday service at church with limited capacity. Cantonese is welcoming a new full time coworker and will start their own online service.

As physical meetings are restarting, the WCAC weekly has accomplished its purpose, so we will discontinue the newsletter and return to our regular Sunday bulletin as the main channel of communication.

As editor of the WCAC weekly, I just want to give thanks to our Lord and encourage everybody to keep serving our God. The pandemic may change our way of life, but it will not take away the purpose of life, the missional life our Lord Jesus Christ command us to live. May The grace of the Lord Jesus be with God's people. Amen.



Missionary: Victor and Betty Chin

Victor was born in Guyana and worked the chemical engineering field over 25 years in Toronto. Betty was born in China and worked in cardiology and intensive care nursing for over 22 years in Toronto. By God's grace in 1998, the Holy Spirit stirred their hearts to pursue Him and they walked into TJCAC with their two children. They were baptized in 1999. In 2005 at JMC, they responded to the call to serve full time in mission work. After seminary studies, they did their two year missionary apprenticeship at TAC from 2010 ministering to multi-ethnic groups in the heart of Toronto. After Spanish language studies, they served in Mexico City from 2013 and planted a

local Alliance church with a Mexican couple. During home assignment in 2016; after much prayer and discernment they responded to planting the first Chinese Alliance Church to serve Chinese Professionals Mexico City (Mandarin) for their second term.

Current Priorities



Chinese professionals in Mexico are increasing as trade relations grow and Mexico City is one of the major receivers of them. There is no church dedicated to reaching this LRPG who come on short term contracts of 2-3 years. There is also increasing Chinese immigrant population and second generation Chinese professionals that do not fit with existing Chinese churches. After praying and prayer walking about location of a new Chinese church plant, God is calling Victor and Betty to focus their main effort in the Santa Fe area first where there is a large concentration within a small closed community. Helping them immerse and function in the Mexican culture allows them to fill a need and build relationship with these community of LRPG.

Update from WCAC Epidemic Response Team

As we are counting down the days for church reopening, here are some things you can expect when attending church service. Continued from last week:

When you use the wash room:

- Wipe toilet seat with disinfectant wipe, please do not throw disinfectant wipes into toilet.
- Wash your hand with hand soap for 20 seconds.
- Use another disinfectant wipe to wipe down all the surface you touched.

Some areas will be closed, and the following programs will not start yet:

- Sunday school at church
- Nursery
- Children program

WCAC family, we will not return to church at once, but we are all in this together. Let's look out for each other and do the right thing. At the end of the service:

- Follow instructions to leave the church building
- Do not dispose used mask or

gloves into church garbage bin, bring them home with you.

- Enjoy your journey home
- To learn more about returning to church, please visit our website WCAC.CA.

