

2011 Review:

1. Events:
 - a. Easter Event
 - i. Improved our puppet show
 - ii. Improved our egg hunt
 - iii. Could use more eggs in the future
 - iv. Needed to communicate the day's schedule with teachers
 - b. Chinese New Year Event
 - i. Had enough booths
 - ii. Needed to solicit booths and help sooner
 - iii. Each booth supported by a fellowship
 - c. 5th Grade Events (Field Trip and Transition Mtg)
 - i. Good choice of activity (jump-n-jamming)
 - ii. Needed to work on communication (with parents) and planning (by CM)
 1. Flyers and consent forms need to be sent out earlier
 - d. VBS
 - i. Held from Aug. 8-12
 - ii. Great snacks (courtesy of Lillian)
 - iii. Needed more publicity
 - iv. Needed better coordination with helpers/volunteers
 - v. Earlier Publicity
 - e. Summer Fun
 - i. Good number of fun activities
 - ii. Needed additional helpers
2. Teacher's Brief
 - a. Good for those who are attending
 - b. Purpose is to spiritually feed those who are serving as teachers and TAs
 - c. Purpose is to provide an opportunity for the pastor to know and pray for the teachers
 - d. Also to pray for children who are in need
3. CM Calendar
 - a. Still very full of activities
 - b. Annual evaluations are required to see if objectives and purposes are being met
4. AWANA
 - a. Great group of helpers/volunteers
 - b. Still highly reliant on paid helpers
 - c. Well run and spiritually nourishing the leaders and children in attendance
5. Pulpit
 - a. Highly Diversified
 - b. Valuable opportunities for developing interns and/or future leaders
 - c. Themed monthly

6. Friday Night Fellowship
 - a. Growing weekly
 - b. Overseen by pastor, but very well run by Paul and Tyler
 - i. Their personalities and capabilities are blossoming!
 - ii. Weekly growth in attendance during the last two months (at the time of this writing)!
 - iii. Activities are active, creative, challenging, engaging, and, most importantly, biblical

2012 Goals:

1. Overall improved Communication between the CM and parents
 - a. We plan to make this a priority going forward
 - b. We plan to move more announcements to google.docs
 - c. We plan to produce a monthly parent's newsletter stating what we're learning, CM news, and CM events and activities
2. Club 45
 - a. We have identified a growing disconnect between the 4th and 5th grade students from the 1st-3rd grade students
 - b. We aim to spiritually grow our 4th and 5th grade more appropriately by designing a service specifically geared for their maturity. This service, for now, is being called Club 45.
 - c. Praise music will be carefully selected so as not to appear too "kiddie"
 - d. Topics will address age-specific issues, especially as they prepare for junior high
 - e. Teaching will not only/always be lecture style, but perhaps more group projects/activities and rotating stations or small groups facilitated by influential people (we believe this to be, in their eyes, high school and college students)
3. Staffing for growth
 - a. Having been short on volunteers in the past, we hope to bring in well-trained personnel into new ministries or ministries that require more help
4. Safe and friendly environment
 - a. We plan to systematically improve our 2nd floor
 - i. Children friendly bathrooms
 - ii. Children friendly/resistant floors
 - iii. Children friendly atmosphere (brightly painted walls: children resistant semi-gloss paint)

The Children's Department has had another exciting year. First I like to thank all those who made the children's ministry a success. I would like to thank Pastor Joe, Ruth, Paul, Tyler, deacons, teachers and the scores of volunteers. This ministry depends on the love and dedication of these brothers and sisters in Christ. I would like to highlight some of the major events that have taken place or will take place in 2011.

- The Children's Ministry would like to thank Deacon Sunny Sun for his faithful ministry and support in up-keeping of our CM building. Deacon Sun will be on sabbatical in 2012.
- The Children Choir conductor is Ann Lai. She has done an outstanding job bring out the angelic voices of all the kids. Ann welcomes all the children between the ages of 3-8 who has the desire of becoming the next Amy Grant. In addition, there is a drum class after service directed by Philip Chen for those who have soul and coordination. Philip is an amazing instructor who inspires the best out of each of his students.
- In 2011 under Ruth Kuo's leadership, Awana has attracted newcomers to Saturday night Children's ministry. Awana now has 40 register kids which is simply incredible. In addition, Ruth is supporting home Awana which registers another 18 kids. Praise God! This year, Awana will be sponsoring the Bible bowl (bible memory competition) and performing for the Saturday night worship service.
- This year VBS was held at EFCLA during the second week of August in the CM building. We had scores of faithful, energetic volunteers that made this year's VBS a tremendous success with the kids. The participants had fun learning about our Lord Jesus Christ and were rejuvenated spiritually.
- The Children's department mission trip to Taiwan was a total success. Praise The Lord! 10 volunteers left for Taiwan in June and they were able to visit 3 churches and witness to over 1000 kids hungry to hear the word of God.
- CM offered parenting classes such as internet safety, emergency preparation and CPR. The Children's department welcomes suggestions for future topics.
- The Children's department currently have one full time pastor, one part time director, one elder, one intern, one part time staff, five deacons, 35 teachers, 6 baby sitters and approximately 130 kids.
- CM is scheduling to have everyone involved with the Children's ministry have a background check before year end. This is for the safety and protection of our children as well as a peace of mind for our parents.
- Pastor Joe Chou completed his second year as Children's department pastor. Under Joe's spiritual leadership, wisdom beyond his age and genuine love for kids, CM continues to flourish and blessed by God. Pastor Joe is instrumental in preparing the next generation's missionaries and workers for Christ.
- The Children's ministry have participated in a lot of events this year such as Chinese New Year, Easter Sunday egg hunt / puppet show, Mother's day dinner (hosted by our 5th graders), 5th grade outing (Jumpin 'N' Jamming), Christmas celebration / outreach just to name a few.
- Helpers Wanted! The Children's department are looking for volunteers who have a heart for kids and a desire to serve the Lord Jesus Christ. If you are interested, please contact Pastor Joe Chou and / or Ruth Kuo and / or Elder Morris Tien.
- Reminder: Every student's parents are required to fill out a registration packet which includes the following: application form, consent form, and emergency contact information.
- CM Parent Handbook (First edition) is coming soon.