



## From the Senior Pastor

### “What do Pastors Do? ”



I've once heard that there was a child who said to his father, “Dad, when I grow up I want to become a pastor!” The father asks the child out of curiosity, “Why do you want to become a pastor?” The child responds, “Being a pastor is great because you only need to work one day a week! After Sunday service is over, you can go and play for 6 days!” Perhaps many brothers and sisters wonder the same question- what do pastors do? What are they so busy with? Of course, a pastor's responsibilities may differ from church to church, however, the following ten items should cover most of them. My purpose in listing these responsibilities is to help you understand what pastors do, and more so that you may remember to pray for your pastors, just as Moses had his hands up in prayer on top of the mountain, with Joshua gaining victory in battle below the mountain.

When it comes to how I arrange my ministry life so that balance is maintained, I've listed these ten items. Each item does not necessarily equal 10%, because some may require more time than others. For example, in preparing for a sermon, an experienced preacher will need at least 20 hours. Let's begin!

1. **Prayer and Scripture Reading-** A pastor's main job is to be a prayer warrior. Prayer is the foundation of our ministries.
2. **Pursuit of growth in life and profession-** if a pastor does not pursue growth in his own life and profession, he will become a stumbling block to others.

3. **Perspective-** a spiritual leader must set aside time to consider, search and pray for the church's vision.
4. **Planning-** this includes the church's monthly, quarterly and annual plans. These may also involve frequent ministry meetings.
5. **Preparation-** Sunday sermons, Sunday school, fellowship messages. This area of preparation oftentimes takes up the majority time of each week.
6. **Preach & Teach-** the actual time of delivering the messages.
7. **Pastoring-** this includes any sort of visitation and providing care and counsel for people's lives and marriages, whether on the phone, in person, letters or emails.
8. **Push-** promoting church ministries, following through action items from meetings and making ideas into reality.
9. **Partner & Parenting-** carving out time each week to care for our spouse and children by tending to their physical, emotional and spiritual needs. They are also a part of our flock.
10. **Play-** we must take time to rest, whether through playing sports, gardening, reading or enjoying good tea and food. This is beneficial to our bodies and also pleases God.

-Pastor Albert Lam



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## NEW BEGINNINGS



CBC's **Seminary Intern, Brother Eric Lam**, has graduated from

Bethel Seminary with a Master in Divinity after his 6-years study. The Cantonese congregation celebrated with him on Sunday 5/29 with their signature "Cake Ceremony."

Thank God for the formation of **TVC's first deacon-board**: brother **Tuan Do, Robert Lee** and sister **Joyce Chen**. May the Lord bring unity and strength to the board in serving Him in the days to come.

By the grace of God, **Pastor Gary** has received God's calling to become a **missionary in Japan**. He will be helping the local Japanese with church planting and discipleship.

Pastor Gary will spend about a year to do training and preparation. May the Lord meet all his needs and enable him to fulfill God's calling in his life.

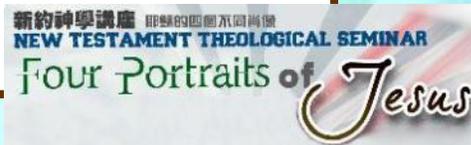
A team of coworkers has been formed for the Carmel Valley church plant ministry. They will begin **Friday night gospel fellowship** in September.



## MINISTRY UPDATES

**MAY**

There was a wonderful turn out for the New Testament Theological Seminar "**Four Portraits of Jesus**" with speaker **Dr. Mark Strauss**. Brothers and sisters benefited intellectually and spiritually with this opportunity of taking a closer look at Jesus through the different Gospels.



**JUN**



The Lord's Grace TGIF Fellowship participated in the **Feeding America Food Packing** project by packing and sorting over 2,500 lbs of tomatoes and avocados.



# MINISTRY UPDATES (...Continued)



**JUN**

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The **Mandarin Men's Retreat** was held on June 18th. Speaker **Daniel Sher** sharing a wonderful message.

**Brother John Wang** went to be with the Lord on June 17 after 73 years of life on earth. The **memorial service** held on the 25th was filled with wonderful testimonies of the Lord's glory. Brother John whole-heartedly obeyed and followed the Lord. His life of loving God and people has left a worthy legacy and model of Christian living. Please continue to keep **Pastor Dora** in prayer, may the Lord's abundant compassion and grace accompany her each day.



**JUL**



654 brothers and sisters attended the summer **family retreat**, where they worshipped, learned and fellowshiped. **Rev. Gordon Huang** and four workshop speakers delivered powerful messages.

The deacon board of TVC has formed a **pastoral search committee** in order to find a new resident pastor. Please pray for this important need.



**Yuma Ministry** is a CBC Mandarin ministry that is geared towards restaurant workers in Arizona. They meet every 3 weeks with more than 50 regular attendees. Thank God for answering their prayer and bringing new coworkers (pictured), allowing the ministry to increase its meeting frequency to twice a month. New coworkers are still welcomed to join!

Then English congregation celebrated **Fourth of July** together.





## NEXT-GEN MINISTRY UPDATES



The Light of Hope Student Fellowship had its **first baptism** in on May 29th. The fellowship plans to welcome new UCSD international students into the Central Campus family.

Beginning this fall, main campus and 4S campus children's Sunday School will use a new 3-year plan, the "**Gospel Project**," to guide children on a chronological journey through the Bible.



**Senior Appreciation Night** – what a great night of celebrating and appreciating our graduating high school seniors (central campus) – **Jerome, Simon, Eugenia, Olympia, Rebekah, and Eric.**

Praise the Lord, nearly 150 children joined **VBS** this year!



Good bye to our wonder **ChongYang Gue**, one of the **Central campus interns.** Praise God for bringing such a godly man.

Children at main campus sang on **Mother's Day** to show their love to all mothers during worship services.



This summer, many youths from 4S, Main and Central Campus participated in a week-long **Homeless Mission Trip** to downtown San Diego.



Praise God that this summer 6 people from Central Campus were **baptized** – **Andre Yin, Eric Mi, Stephen Shen, Jocelyn Mi, Justin Shen, and JJ Shauh.**



## UPCOMING EVENTS

- ◆ **AUG 18-31:** Brazil missions trip. Nine members from the Cantonese congregation will be going.
- ◆ **AUG 20:** Lord's Grace Annual Picnic
- ◆ **AUG 26:** Kick-Off Night for children's Christmas County Spelling Bee Musical, which will be performed on 12/3 at 7pm.
- ◆ **OCT 7:** Apologetics Conference
- ◆ **OCT 8-9:** Cantonese Evangelistic Meeting



### Comments or Feedback?

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