

***** **Announcements:** *****

- The Deacon Board is accepting nominations for deacons. We will be electing 3 TM deacons and 1 EM deacon. Qualifications for deacons are on the nomination form. Please fill it out and give the forms to Deacon Shih-Ku, Willa or Eunice. You can also email to info@seattlefcc.org. The deadline is 9/2.
- Please pray for the searching process for our Taiwanese Ministry Pastor.

Mission

- Taiwan summer mission trip this year starts on 8/6-8/20. Please pray for God's guidance, each team member's heart and safety as well as the ministry in Guogou.
- On 9/17 afternoon 4:30-8:30, we will have a Moon Festival Night Market for mission fundraiser. Program includes Taiwanese night market food, carnival games, mission sharing and raffles. This is a good opportunity to participate in mission, everyone is encouraged to volunteer and to invite families and friends. Please contact Rebecca Ma at 425-590-9243 or Eunice Wu at 206-853-9410 for details.

Serving

- In order to reduce waste and cost, please remember to bring your own dishes and utensils on Sundays. Please also remember not to waste any paper product. Thank you for your support to protect our environment.

Connection

- On 8/24 from 10:30-11:00am, PK group will have Chinese story time at GNAC. All parents with infants and toddlers are welcome. Please invite your friends.
- On 9/10 at 10:00am-11:30am at GNAC, we will have a workshop-"How to apply for college". This workshop is for high school students who will apply for college soon. We will invite current college students and graduates to share their advices and tips. Please invite high school students you know and parents to attend. There are flyers on the reception table. Feel free to get copies.
- Please pray for the couples that are expecting: Jeremy & Eunice; Daniel & Mavis.
- Please pray for Gail Chen, Pastor Walt's sister-in-law, who's diagnosed with breast cancer. Please pray for God's peace and healing to be with the whole family.

July 2011 Deacon Board Meeting Summary

1. Approved PSC charter. The PSC charter should give a clear description of the PSC's purpose, expectations, responsibilities, process, etc.
2. Approved new PSC members. Current PSC members are: Scott Lee, Pamela, Chung Rong, Jesse, Tai Chang, Jimmy Chen, and Willa.
3. Approved Adopt-a-Ministry to support Chinese Christian Chinese Christian Mission (<http://www.ccmusa.org>) nominated by Willa.
4. Approved to increase \$1,000 budget for Taiwan Summer mission. Total budget: \$5,400.

**** **Upcoming Events** ****

8/6-20: Taiwan Short Term Mission
 8/14-9/2: New Deacon Nomination
 9/17: Moon Festival Night Market
 9/25: Mission Sharing Combined Service @ 10am

***** **Pastor Office Hours, Fellowships & Small Groups** *****

Pastor Walter Office Hour	Mon & Sat 1-5pm, at GNAC; Wednesday 1-5pm at SFCC
Fellowship & Small Groups:	Meets At:
Youth Group (Jr. High, High School) Walt Chen: pastorwalt@seattlefcc.org	No meetings until 9/10.
College Mat Lee: mythicalphantasm@gmail.com	Fridays, 5pm, at church.
Timothy (Young Adult, Mandarin) Sally Chen: sallychen8@hotmail.com	Fridays, 7:30pm.
MBS (Men's Bible Study) Walter Chen: pastorwalt@seattlefcc.org	No meeting in August
Family Fellowship Jack and Jessica: doodoo729@yahoo.com	Sundays, contact Jessica for details.

***** **Service Helper** *****

	8/14/11	8/21/11
Speaker:	Walt Chen	Solomon Liu
Ushers:	Joy, Alex H	Daniel C, Ted
M.C.	James	Walt
Tech:	Lawrence, Ted	Lawrence
Projector:	Lawrence, Ted	Lawrence
Lunch Crew:	YG + FF	Timothy
Children's Ministry	Eunice/Sandy, Amy, Sharon	Eunice/Sandy, Amy, Sharon

Last Week	TM/ Children	EM/ Children	Total
Attendance	83/6	35/13	137
General Fund	\$1,546	\$832.5	\$2,378.5
Short-Term Mission	\$1,860	\$100	\$1,960

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Sunday Services:

10:00 am 台語禮拜 Taiwanese Worship Service
 兒童/青少年 Children & Youth Ministry
 12:00 pm 英語禮拜 English Worship Service

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Order of Worship
August 14th, 2011

- Prelude
- Welcome and Praise
- Offering
- Announcement
- Message
- Communion
- Response song
- Benediction

The good must go in order for the best to come

Genesis 21:1-21

The birth of Isaac

¹ Now the LORD was gracious to Sarah as he had said, and the LORD did for Sarah what he had promised. ² Sarah became pregnant and bore a son to Abraham in his old age, at the very time God had promised him. ³ Abraham gave the name Isaac to the son Sarah bore him. ⁴ When his son Isaac was eight days old, Abraham circumcised him, as God commanded him. ⁵ Abraham was a hundred years old when his son Isaac was born to him.

⁶ Sarah said, "God has brought me laughter, and everyone who hears about this will laugh with me." ⁷ And she added, "Who would have said to Abraham that Sarah would nurse children? Yet I have borne him a son in his old age."

Hagar and Ishmael Sent Away

⁸ The child grew and was weaned, and on the day Isaac was weaned Abraham held a great feast. ⁹ But Sarah saw that the son whom Hagar the Egyptian had borne to Abraham was mocking, ¹⁰ and she said to Abraham, "Get rid of that slave woman and her son, for that slave woman's son will never share in the inheritance with my son Isaac."

¹¹ The matter distressed Abraham greatly because it concerned his son. ¹² But God said to him, "Do not be so distressed about the boy and your maidservant. Listen to whatever Sarah tells you, because it is through Isaac that your offspring will be reckoned. ¹³ I will make

the son of the maidservant into a nation also, because he is your offspring."

¹⁴ Early the next morning Abraham took some food and a skin of water and gave them to Hagar. He set them on her shoulders and then sent her off with the boy. She went on her way and wandered in the desert of Beersheba.

¹⁵ When the water in the skin was gone, she put the boy under one of the bushes. ¹⁶ Then she went off and sat down nearby, about a bowshot away, for she thought, "I cannot watch the boy die." And as she sat there nearby, she began to sob.

¹⁷ God heard the boy crying, and the angel of God called to Hagar from heaven and said to her, "What is the matter, Hagar? Do not be afraid; God has heard the boy crying as he lies there. ¹⁸ Lift the boy up and take him by the hand, for I will make him into a great nation."

¹⁹ Then God opened her eyes and she saw a well of water. So she went and filled the skin with water and gave the boy a drink.

²⁰ God was with the boy as he grew up. He lived in the desert and became an archer. ²¹ While he was living in the Desert of Paran, his mother got a wife for him from Egypt.

Sermon Title: The good must go in order for the best to come

Sermon Series: The adventure with the father of faith

Sermon Passages: Genesis 21:1-21

Lessons Abraham learned from...

I. The birth of Isaac (vv. 1-7)

A. He learned that God keeps his word.

B. He learned that God's timing is always perfect.

C. He learned that God's power is unlimited

D. He learned that God can turn sorrow into joy.

II. The dismissal of Ishmael (vv. 8-21)

A. He learned that choices have consequences

B. He learned that the good must go in order for the best to come