



RECENT CHURCH BOARD NEWS

1. Approved the candidacy of Brother Michael Chan's eldership.
2. Approved the candidacy of Brother Tim Wong as "Assistance to the pastor"
3. Elder Sam will return as ruling elder for a another three years term.
4. Approved to provide Life insurance coverage to all church staff, 50,000.00 each.
5. Hospitality is a very important aspect of the Seattle campus ministries. It is however by far the most labor-intensive ministry. The dedicated hospitality deacon not only shoulders an overwhelming service at regularity. The present proposal is designed to distribute the burden of the hospitality ministry among the three councils and to encourage council support of the hospitality ministry. The hospitality ministry in six months blocks will be rotated between three councils.

	Jan-June	July-Dec	off
2008	Mandarin	English	Cantonese
2009	Cantonese	English	Mandarin
2010	Mandarin	Cantonese	English

Each year, two deacons will be identified from the congregation councils that are responsible for hospitality. These two deacons will co-labor in January to plan for the entire year and to make major ministry decision. Both deacons will have authorities to sign off checks during the entire year.

During the 6 months that a council is on rotation the hospitality deacon from the congregation council will be the primary deacon in charge of the ministry. The council co-labors with the deacon to cover for any additional manpower needs and in the deacon's absence.

The deacon from the other council on rotation that year is not directly involved and will only serve as a resource

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mission Conference:
Drs. William and Esther Ho
Dr. Sean Ho for Youth program

EKC : Feb. 22-24, 2008

SEA: Feb. 29-March 2, 2008

Easter Carnival: SEA campus.
Contact: Ms. Betty Lee

March 15, 2008

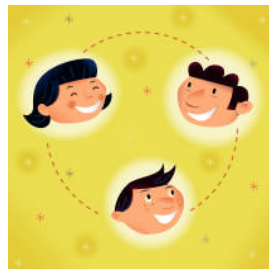
Easter Baptism:

SEA: March 16, 2008

EKC: March 21, 2008

First Men's Retreat:
Contact: Pastor Sam Law

March 29-30th, 2008.



New members:

SEA- Mandarin:

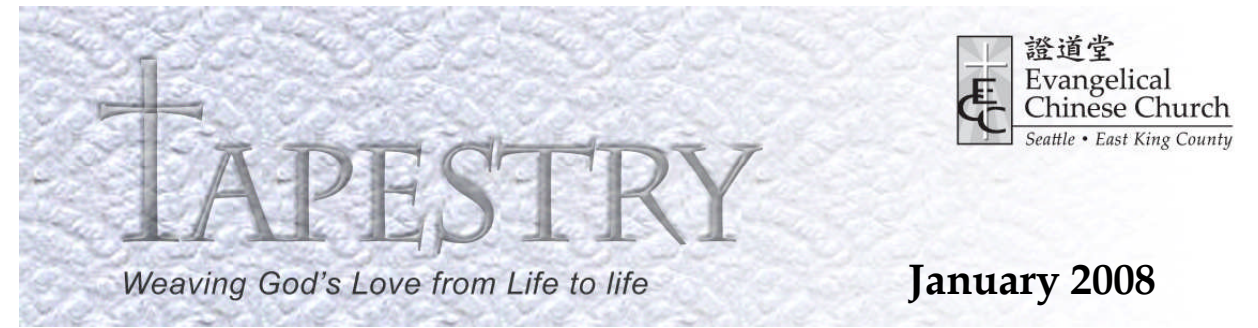
Pastor Ho Man Yeung, Mrs. Sau Fun Yeung
Lin Chan, Christine Feng, Howard Lee, Quan Yu Liu
Qi Song, Kevin Wang, Ma-Ting Wang, Erh-Chia Wei
Sandra Chan, Howard Lee

SEA-Cantonese:

Ricky Chan, Xiang Huang, Robert Ng, Sze Yiu Tsui
Frank Wong, Jonie Yu

EKC-Chinese

Michael Li, Linda Tang, Yi-Ching Chen, Dania Liu,
John Tang, Tim Wong, Patrick Li, Luke and Joy
Cheng, Abel and Grace Chan



January 2008

Starting this year, the monthly Tapestry will feature different ministries within our church. We hope these issues will help promoting better communication in all levels, we will have a better understanding of what God is doing among us here at SEA and EKC.

Most importantly, pray for each of these ministries as you read and those who work behind the scenes as well.

Maintaining Our Church

SEATTLE CAMPUS MAINTENANCE NEWS:

For the Sanctuary:

- 1) Maintenance items include painting the back side and trim as well as gutter and down spout repair (the real bad part is the area near the back door with wood damages).
- 2) Open up the stage on the piano side to accommodate the worship band, allowing the instruments to be left in place and not clogged up the front pew and stage. Carpet in the sanctuary will also be replaced; this is not only for aesthetic reason but also for safety.
- 3) Replace the old boiler and heat exchange system with modern efficient AC/Heating system. The parts for the old boiler is becoming difficult to find and expensive to repair and this will only get worse over time.
- 4) Install flexible sound proof partition system in the fellowship hall to create more classrooms for Sunday schools and fellowship use. We envision creating at least 3 more classrooms.
- 5) Plumbing system needs repair or replacement as we have experience some leaks and corrosion.
- 6) Sound and light system will also be upgraded, coordinating closely with the Media Committee which has the primary responsibility.

For the Office building:

- 1) Install 12' by 36' awning on the north side to protect the stairway leading down to the nursery room. This is a safety issue and will also expand the fellowship area during inclement weather. The installation will be similar to the newly added awning between the Education Building and the church office.
- 2) Install canopy type awning on the 2 south side windows to shield heat and make the staff's offices

- 3) more comfortable in the summer.
- 3) Fence off the open space south of the church ofice with 6 feet high wood fence without access from the street side to create a safe play area for our children.

For the guest house:

- 1) Finish off the garage to create another class room.
- 2) Open up walls in the second floor to allow better usage of the building.
- 3) Install an awning system on the east side of the house similar to the newly installed awning system between the Education building and church office. This allows an expansion of a fellowship area during inclement weather.

Of course we understand that some items are more urgent than others and that budget will dictate how we proceed from here. This is perhaps a 2 year project but just wish to share with our brothers and sisters our vision and goals of improving our spiritual home. Ultimately our church building is but a shell for God to use to nurture His children and further His Kingdom, but we want to be a good steward of His blessing.

Frank Fu together with other Maintenance Deacons (Outgoing, Michael Chan, Incoming, Andrew Wong)



God's Build-up at EKC Chuan Lee

First and foremost, I give thanks to God for His Abundance and Faithfulness for all things He has done in ECC, and specifically at EKC.

It has been a busy and anxious year! It all started with a small suggestion – extend the patio, with cover, at the back of the EKC Guest House so our elderly members have a dry and safe place to put on their shoes! That small suggestion grew into a bigger idea. Last year, the church approved budget for a 1600 sq ft room behind the EKC Guest House.



It took several months to obtain the building permits due to many complicated issues. (For instance, if we were not careful in following the city code, we might have to spend over one million dollars to repave the parking lot.) We have faced a few uncertainties and roadblocks. We know it is by God's Grace that the project has come to completion (pending final inspection before it can be occupied.).

I certainly did not use "build-up" for the title of this article just for this project alone. For those who are not familiar with the EKC facility, I would like to list a few things that we have done:

- The original muddy 110-stall parking lot was overlaid with small rocks (this is not the million-dollar pavement).
- The garage was remodeled into the Youth Club House (above).
- Building of the Fellowship Hall (above).
- Repair of roofs that were damaged by last year's big wind-storm.
- Construction of drainage system to prevent future flood like the one caused by the huge downpour several weeks ago.

As one who attended Seattle Campus for many years, I fully understand the challenges Seattle brothers and sisters face. I saw the

list prepared by brothers Frank Fu and Michael Chan, also in this Tapestry, for the works to be accomplished in Seattle. Physically, Seattle Campus is really not a comfortable place to meet. But spiritually, it is a testament of brothers and sisters' love toward God's House. There's where they will rather be. There's where their patience and love really shine.

2008 General Budget Request

a. EKC Fellowship Hall (友誼廳) Improvements:

The new Fellowship Hall can be used as is. For maintenance and comfort though, we will put on a new coat of paint and install a laminated floor. A basketball hoop will also be installed (half court).

Budget: **\$30,000**

Painting (exterior):	\$5,000
Painting (interior):	\$3,000
Flooring (laminated):	\$15,000
Wall trim:	\$7,000

b. Other EKC Facility Improvements:

The existing stage lights in the EKC Sanctuary are too dim to be useful. We will upgrade those lights. The garage storage (see photo below) is completely worn out and pest infested. Mice have bit through the portable baptistery we store there, which caused a big problem for our baptismal service recently. We are going to rebuild the storage on the existing concrete slab.

Budget: **\$13,000**

Sanctuary stage lighting:	\$3,000
Garage storage repair:	\$10,000



To be confirmed during Annual Congregational Meeting: Jan. 20th 2008
 Brother Tim Wong: Assistant to the Pastor for EKC Chinese Ministry
 Brother Michael Chan: Elder



Tim, with his wife, Linda.
 Sons: Abraham with wife, Heidi
 Nathan and Jeremy

Brother Tim Wong responded to God's calling at a young age and waited for God's timing to fulfill his commitment.

Tim's work was in the computer industry. The last nine years of his careers were spent at Intel's Portland, OR and Dupont, WA campuses. During this period, he and his wife served faithfully at Chinese Alliance Church in Portland and our sister church, Tacoma ECC respectively. Christian Education was his main focus, helping brothers and sisters to grow spiritually. Prior to his seminary training, Tim was the chairman of the Tacoma ECC Church Board. About three years ago, Tim put his faith into action, quit his job at Intel and entered Fuller Seminary. He received his Master of Divinity in summer of 2007.

Brother Tim has a gentle spirit, faithful in serving. During his one year of internship at EKC, he worked well with co-workers -- a great team player. Responding to ECC's invitation, Tim went through the interviewing process for "assistant to the pastors" position. After much prayer and waiting, he was recommended by the Pastoral Search Committee and approved by Church Board and awaiting confirmation by the congregation as "Assistant to the Pastor" for EKC ministries during our annual meeting on Jan. 20th. Tim's wife, Linda, is a great supporter and faithful servant of the Lord.

Tim's main ministry focus will be "Discipleship Training". During these last few months, Tim worked closely with other pastoral staff and co-workers for the curriculum. This training is not just head knowledge, but a covenantal relationship. Learning, serving and maturing together into a healthy body of Christ, this transformation is to be carried into individual life, family life and the church community. May our Lord bless Tim and his family and guide his path in the fullness of God's grace and strength.....Elder Peter Su

Introducing Our Elder Candidate Michael Chan.....Pastor Alex Cui



During our last Church board meeting, Michael Chan was approved by the Church Board as an elder candidate and will seek congregational confirmation in January. We are indeed thankful that the Lord has blessed us with new believers and continues to raise new and faithful leaders among our brothers and sisters.

Even though brother Michael is young (elder candidates is not limited to the older generation), he been a part of ECC for over 26 years. Michael was born in Hong Kong and educated both in Canada and US. He attended the College Fellowship while pursuing his bachelor degree here in 1981, and progressed into Young Adult and Family Fellowships. He began serving as a deacon in 1989, serving in many capacities, including Hospitality, Maintenance and Christian Education. Additionally, he has been CGCG counselor, Spiritual Formation Chair and Mandarin Ministry Council Chair.

Due to his vast serving experience, Michael is very familiar with our church's ministries. Most importantly he has a serving heart. He takes care of many repair and maintenance tasks, such as replacing light bulbs, preparing the baptismal pool, turning the clocks, closing out the facilities, etc. Michael is a good interpreter, retreat speaker and Sunday School teacher. He spends much time in studying God's Word and his teaching is always well prepared and researched.

Michael is a person of principle. He is not swayed by public opinion, but seeks God's guidance and Biblical truth. Gentleness, humble, self control and loving are his character, well known to many in the church.

Sandra, Michael's wife, was raised as a pastor's daughter. She is quiet in spirit, but not shy in serving. Son Daniel, attends elementary school. Together as a family, they live a very a simple life, spending much of their time serving the Lord. His family life is in good order and sets a great example in his servant attitude. We are confident that he will be a good and faithful elder, serving whole heartedly here at ECC.

Newly baptized:

SEA-English: Pui Yee Fong, David Lung, Shirley So, Peggy Li

SEA-Mandarin: Peggy Chau, Frank Huang, Patrick Ko, Jingwen Li, Phillip Liu
 Layla Zhang

EKC-Chinese: Yigong Liu, Nancy Cheng, Fred Wang, Emma Lin, Rui Wang



Congratulation!