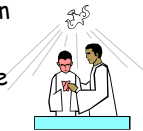




What's Happening??!!

Baptism Class

What, baptism already? Well, baptism itself isn't till Dec 11th but baptism classes will be starting soon. If you're serious about getting baptized this fall, contact Joey Wang right away.



Missions Conference



Our annual church mission conference will be held on Friday (9/23) and Saturday (9/24) evening. This is a great opportunity to hear how the

Kingdom of God is expanding both here and abroad AND how God wants you to be a part of His kingdom movement!

Change in Worship Service Time

Beginning this month, our English worship service will be from 10:15 - 11:15 am, with Sunday classes running from 11:30 am - 12:30 pm.

Sabbatical Leave

Pastor Kenny will begin taking his sabbatical at the end of this month. Even though you may not see him quite as often, you can still keep in touch by contacting him at kenny_chan@juno.com



Birthdays



Celebrating birthdays in September:
Justin Chien (9/2), Derrick Cheng (9/5), Noah Wu (9/7), Sam Lee (9/12), Justin Li (9/14), Austin Kao (9/25), Christine Yue (9/27), Stephanie Cheng (9/29),

Celebrating birthdays in October:
Joseph Liao (10/3), Monica Tsao, (10/4), Rachel Lee (10/8), Cathy Chang (10/16), Angeline Lee (10/21), Tiffany Chang (10/22), Damaris Han (10/25), Hannah Lee (10/26), Samy Liao (10/27)

From the desk of ... Kenny



"Tooth-brush, hair dryer, clean socks..." Hard to believe, but the start of my sabbatical leave is drawing closer (the end of September to be exact). In case you've been hibernating or out of the country the last couple of months, I'll be interning at a church plant in Sacramento over the next half year with the possibility (and I stress the word "**possibility**") of church planting myself. In some ways, I feel a lot like Abraham might have felt way back in Genesis 12 when the LORD called him to leave all that was familiar and travel to an unknown land. The LORD said, "Leave your country, your people, and your father's household and go to the land I will show you." Ok, ok, I know what you might be thinking to yourself, "Pastor Kenny, isn't Sacramento only a 2 _ hour drive and, aren't you originally from Sacramento and, won't you be coming back here part of the week??" The answer to those questions is "Yes, yes, and yes." But, I still feel like I'm leaving so many people and places or even practices that I've grown accustomed and gotten use to over the years.

Perhaps some of you can relate and identify to what I'm going through and experiencing right now. You might not necessarily be physically moving somewhere or going someplace new or foreign, yet for whatever reason, you find yourself entering what seems

like a whole new phase in your life. While on one hand it might seem exciting and thrilling, on the other hand, it seems a bit scary and nerve wrecking. In essence, God is calling you to step out of something, someplace or even someone who you've grown comfortable with and step into a completely new realm and set of circumstances. What will it be like? What will happen to you? You have so many questions yet very few certainties. But really, at times like these, the only certainty that counts is the certainty that it is God Himself who is the one calling us forward. And, because it is God calling us, we can be certain of His faithfulness and providence for us despite all the other uncertainties. Hebrews 11:1 says, "Now faith is being sure of what we hope for and certain of what we do not see." Hebrews 11:8, 10 goes on to say, "By faith Abraham, when called to go to a place he would later receive as his inheritance, obeyed and went, even though he did not know where he was going... for he was looking forward to the city with foundations whose architect and builder is God." May we move forward with confidence and certainty trusting in our unchanging God.

"The LORD bless you and keep you;
the LORD make his face shine upon you
and be gracious to you;
the LORD turn his face toward you
and give you peace." (Numbers 6:24-26)

- Pastor Ken

Re: View



You might have seen copies of this month's book in Re:view, *The Case for Christ: A Journalist's Personal Investigation of the Evidence of Jesus* - not only at the local Christian bookstore, but perhaps even at Barnes & Nobles and Costco. Such is the popularity and wide-distribution of Lee Strobel's books since its initial publication in 1998, which won The Gold Medallion Book Award.

He's also the author of *The Case for Faith*, *The Case for a Creator*, *The Case for Easter* and soon to be published *The Case for Christmas*. And yes, he has written other books like *God's Outrageous Claims* and *Inside the Mind of Unchurched Harry and Mary* which don't have the words, "The Case for..." in them.

What makes the origin of this book (the first in "The Case for..." Series) so unique is that Strobel considered himself an atheist for most of his life. In fact, he acknowledges that, "To me, there was far too much evidence that God merely a product of wishful thinking, of ancient mythology, of primitive superstition." It wasn't until one day his wife Leslie became a Christian that he seriously considered the outrageous claims of Christianity. From there he began to use his academic background (law degree from Yale) as well as his award-winning (Chicago Tribune) journalism and investigative skills to consider the evidence - the case - for Christianity. And through his investigations,

interviews, and soul-searching, Strobel not only accepted Jesus as a historical figure, but as his own personal Lord and Savior - in fact Strobel is now a pastor at Willow Creek Community Church!

Each chapter in the book begins with a questions (e.g. "Can the biographies of Jesus be trusted," "Does archaeology confirm or contradict Jesus' biographies," "Was Jesus' death a sham and His resurrection a hoax?" or "Was Jesus' body really absent from His tomb?" etc.) and is followed by Strobel's interview and dialogue with various Christian scholars who attempt to address and answer these questions. Though some of the questions and points can be quite academic and philosophical at times, the narrative manner in which Strobel writes makes the book feel more like a novel than a textbook. Consequently, it's a fairly easy read - though some of the subject matter and questions/answers might take some time to process and consider. On a side note, there is also the "student" edition of the Case for Christ (see picture of cover on the left), which is written for the junior-high or high school student in mind.

Lee Strobel's book is a must-read for anyone, whether the skeptic, the new Christian, or even someone who's been a Christian for a while. It's also a must-read for anyone that wrestles with questions about who Jesus is, and wants to know learn how to love God not only with their hearts, but with their our minds. Though Strobel presents some excellent arguments and points to consider about who Jesus was - and is, we need to be reminded that following and believing in Jesus is a matter of faith as well. Consequently, if you are looking for fool-proof, indefensible arguments for Jesus, you won't find them here in this -- or any other -- book. However, if you're looking for a book that takes

reason and faith seriously, this book is a must-read. *The Case for Christ* can also be a great book to read and discuss together with a friend, Christian or non-Christian!

Each issue we'll be re:viewing something (books, movies, music, current events, etc.) of relevance for Christians living in the 21st century. Have any suggestions or have something you would like to see re:viewed? Interested in contributing a review **yourself**? Please contact PK or Joey.



In each issue of our newsletter, we'll be shining the spotlight on someone in the English ministry at CFC. This month, **Will(iam) Tai** will be...



In the Spotlight...

Nicknames: Will, Willy, Guillermo, Willard.
Anyone ever call you Willy Wonka? Or Free Willy?
Hobbies: Sports, bowling, ping pong, there's a trend. *And Will's good at all of them too!*
Siblings: Mike (older brother).
Favorite TV shows: Friends, Family Guy.
School/Grade: Senior at Lynbrook. *Go Vikings!!*
Extracurricular activities: Tennis
Involvement with English Ministry: Saltshakers
Favorite Bible passage/verse and why: 1 Timothy 1:15-16 "15 Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners--of whom I am the worst. 16 But for that very reason I was shown mercy so that in me, the worst of sinners, Christ Jesus might display his unlimited patience as an example for those who would believe on Him and receive eternal life." *Wow, that's a powerful verse!*



Favorites:

Ice cream flavor - "Cookies & Cream or Caramel." *Yummy!*

Breakfast cereal - "Frosted Flakes" *Why? Cause they're.....Grrrrrrrrreat!*



Color - "Blue-green"
Type of food - "American"
Movie(s) - "The Usual Suspects, Gladiator."

Word Associations:

Best day of the week - "Saturday"
Church- "Relaxing"
School -" Long"



Sports - "Love it"
Baseball - "Fantasy"
College - "Applications"
Blue - "Sky"



This OR That:

Dogs OR Cats - "Dogs"
5 sisters OR 5 brothers - "5 brothers." *Haha then you can play 3-on-3 basketball anytime!*
Coke OR Pepsi - "Coke"
Jeans OR Khakis - "Jeans, actually, both."
Fries OR Onion Rings - "Fries"
Being the younger sibling OR older sibling "Younger." *Good job, Mike (of being a good olde brother)!*
Baseball OR Basketball - "Ooo, gotta go witl basketball."
Singing in public OR Dancing in public - "Dancing, guess." *Who wants to see Will dance? I do!!*

Favorite Saltshakers moment: the Saltshaker picnics, playing capture the flag.

Something you'd like our readers to know: "How grateful I am to be welcomed a CFC." *Awww, Will, we're super-glad you're here a CFC!*