



### Winter Schedule

- Dec 15: Youth Ice Skating Event
- Dec 16: Youth Christmas Celebration
- Dec 22-Jan 5: **No Youth Fellowship**
- Jan 12-13: Youth Lock-In
- Jan 20: Redeemer Church Life Class
- Feb 16-18: High School Retreat
- Feb 25: Summer STM Deadline

For the most current schedule, please consult our RBF calendar online at: <http://goo.gl/qGvuGx>.

### Refreshments Schedule

For our youth fellowship on Friday nights, we ask students on rotating basis to help bring refreshments. Please note our rotation below:

- High School Boys: Dec 1, Feb 2, Mar 2, Apr 20
- High School Girls: Dec 8, Feb 9, Mar 9, Apr 27
- Middle School Boys: Jan 19, Feb 16, Mar 16, May 4
- Middle School Girls: Jan 26, Feb 23, Mar 23, May 11

### Teaching Update

During Friday night youth fellowship, we will continue our study of the Apostle Paul's Letter to the Romans.

In Focus Group, we are finishing [This Changes Everything](#) by Jacquelle Crowe and will be studying Ezra-Nehemiah together.

In youth Sunday school, Pastor Stephen will be teaching a class on church history.

### New Counselor!



To help with our middle school girls, Olivia Yu has agreed to serve as a counselor for the rest of the school year. Olivia previously served in our youth ministry this past summer. Please welcome her!

### Questions?



Please contact Pastor Daniel at [daniel@redeemermv.org](mailto:daniel@redeemermv.org) or (650) 968-2900 x7.



## PASTORS' CORNER

This holiday season we have much to be thankful for. All the festivities that take place should remind us that it is time to reflect upon God's provision—first and foremost, the provision of his incarnate Son. It is because the Son of God came to this earth as a baby in order that he might die on a cross as a man for the sins of men and be raised to new life by God his Father that we have a youth ministry. We always want to be remembering and proclaiming, the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For Christians, he—not parents, family, friends, grades, hobbies, sports, or activities—is the reason we live.

You'll see in this newsletter that there are several exciting events to look forward to in our youth ministry, but in the midst of all the things that are going on at our church and outside our church, I hope that you will remind yourself of the life-giving and life-altering truth that Jesus is Lord!

For the sake of His name,



### Ice Skating at Winter Lodge (Dec 15)

On Friday, December 15, our youth ministry will be going ice skating at Winter Lodge in Palo Alto in lieu of our regular youth fellowship. The cost will be \$16 (including skate rental). If you would like to go, please: 1) RSVP to [Maryanne Fu](#) by December 8, 2) ensure that you have turned in [liability and emergency release forms](#), and 3) plan to meet at church at 7:30 pm.



### Regular Youth Ministry Events

#### Sunday Morning

- 8:00 am Youth Focus Group (Room 203) 7:30 pm
- 9:15 am Redeemer Worship Service (Room 201)
- 11:00 am Youth Sunday School (Agape Room)

#### Friday Evening

- Youth Fellowship (Room 201)

## Sharing God's Word

It's been encouraging to hear several of our students share with us from God's word during our youth fellowship on Friday nights.

On October 6, **Tristan Wang** taught on "[What the Cross Accomplishes](#)" from 1 Cor 1:18-25.

On November 3, **Maryanne Fu** encouraged our middle schoolers to find comfort in God and his word:

*[When I was in middle school] I was really really worried about whether I was cool enough, and if people liked me, or if I had any friends. And it led to a lot of self-consciousness and jealousy. I was also really busy with school and soccer and piano, and REALLY sleep-deprived, so when all of it was combined, I POOF had depression. I remember feeling really lonely, like I had no one to talk to. In the back of my mind I knew God loved me, but oftentimes we don't feel God's love. We ignore all the good things in life because we almost even want to prove that we deserve to be sad. And we tend to want to do the things that we THINK will make us happy. For me, that meant throwing a lot of fits, distracting myself by wasting time on the Internet, and constantly comparing myself to others to try to be as smart, or fashionable, or funny as them. In my worst times, I'd cut myself just because I was so desperate to find something that would make me happy.*

*What I didn't realize then was that none of these things would make me happy. I was too obsessed with my own life and image to think about God, when the reality is that our lives should be centered around Him. ...something I wish I'd known then that I want you guys to know is that it's important to rely on God.*

*...One particular day, I was sitting at my desk, my Bible in front of me, and I was trying really hard to just open and read it. I don't really know why it's so hard to do it, but on that particular day I think I was just tired and lazy. But finally, I opened up to the chapter that was next that I was supposed to read, and it happened to be Isaiah 51. And it begins in a really awesome way. It says, "Listen to me, you who pursue righteousness, you who seek the LORD": and I was like, Wow! He's talking to me! So that caught my attention. And in verse 12 (and half of verse 13), it says, "I—God—I am he who comforts you; who are you that you are afraid of man who dies, of the son of man who is made like grass, and have forgotten the LORD, your Maker, who stretched out the foundations of the earth"? And when I read that, I felt really encouraged, and kind of silly for being worried. I wish I could show this verse to middle school me, so here it is now. It was a really good reminder about staying in perspective about what's important, and I'm really grateful to have read that chapter that day instead of giving in and just going to sleep.*

*God knew exactly what I needed at that moment, and this is just one of many of the ways God works in our lives. Before, I was hesitant to turn to and talk to God because he doesn't talk back like a normal person. But God does talk to and encourage us through his Word, and we've been given this incredible privilege to be able to talk to God through prayer and listen to him by reading the Bible.*

Amen!

## High School Retreat (Feb 16-18)

We will be again holding a winter retreat for our high school students at Hidden Villa Hostel in Los Altos from February 16-18 (Friday-Sunday)! Pastor Taeg Chung from Bethel Christian Church will be our speaker. This will be a wonderful time for students to connect with one another as we worship and have fun together. Registration will begin in December. The cost will be \$100 until January 14 and \$110 from January 15-28. **WE HAVE A VERY LIMITED AMOUNT OF SPACE, SO REGISTRATION WILL BE ACCEPTED ON A FIRST COME, FIRST SERVED BASIS.** Unfortunately, once we reach our limit, we can't guarantee a spot, so sign up early!



Who: High School Students

When: February 16-18

Where: [Hidden Villa Hostel](#)

Cost: \$100 until January 14

*Please make checks payable to "CCIC-MV" with "Youth Retreat" on the memo line*

## Summer Short-Term Ministry Trip (Jun 4-8)

High school students who have been baptized (or are planning on being baptized in April) are invited to join our short-term ministry trip this summer. **We are currently planning to serve with [San Francisco City Impact](#) in the Tenderloin District of the city from June 4-8. The deadline to apply with Pastor Daniel to be part of the team is February 25.** A deposit will also be required. More details will be provided in January.



## Fall Event (Oct 27)

On October 27, we had a fun night celebrating the 500<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Protestant Reformation and carving pumpkins. Ryan Chang, Brandon Yang, Charlie Yang dressed up in costumes and retold some of the important events that sparked the Reformation.



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