



REFLECT AND RESET FOR 2026

As we step into the new year together, we invite you to pause and reflect on what God may be calling you into. May this year be marked by renewed faith, intentional living, and deeper trust in Him.

Reflection Questions:

- What is one area God is inviting me to grow in this year?
- What habits or distractions do I need to surrender to Him?
- How can I love and serve others more intentionally?

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JANUARY SERMON RECAP

January 4 | The God of Promise: Dreams, Goals, and the Gospel | Genesis 17:11-19

Do you have any unaccomplished dreams and goals? Guest speaker, **Reverend Dennis Campbell**, kicks off the 2026 year with a message on the importance of waiting, the will of God, and the greater blessing he has for us to come.



SERMON SPOTLIGHT

'When we have the right definition of life, it will bring joy even during sorrow.'

Message from *Beauty for Ashes*

January 11 | Pressing on Toward the Goal | Philippians 1:1-11

How can you continuously maintain your joy in Christ throughout this new year? Pastor Andrew shares **three aspects** of the theme of Philippians that we can imitate in our daily lives.

January 18 | To Bless and to Trust | Ruth 1:8-9

Are you going through a difficult situation? Does it sometimes feel like God has left you? Pastor Heusen dissects the **story of Naomi** and what we can learn from the challenges she faced.



January 25 | Beauty for Ashes | Philippians 1:12-30

How was Paul able to have joy and keep his faith even in prison? Find out how you can maintain a **positive view of life** and its impacts of living with joy in this message from Pastor Andrew.

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CHINESE ALPHA COURSE BRIEFING

Our Chinese Alpha course successfully started on **January 18**. This year, we are delighted to welcome several new friends, including Eva's friend, a friend invited by Pastor Au, a friend invited by Jenny, and a neighbour of Pastor Liu Xing.

This year, we are using the video series by **Nicky Gumbel**, which is slightly different from last year, but still provides fluent Chinese translation and subtitles, aiming to offer everyone a fresh experience. The smooth running of the course is also thanks to the dedication of more than ten volunteers, who are responsible for transportation, meal arrangements, leading small group discussions, caring for children, and cleaning.

Our lunch was provided by a local Chinese restaurant and was very delicious. Last week, Judy also kindly treated everyone to a large pizza. After enjoying the meal together, we watched the first video episode. Nicky Gumbel shared an experience where he was **mistakenly suspected of being a thief** in a clothing store, which led us to reflect on what **true guilt** really means.

The small group discussions were divided into two groups, each with about **10 participants**. Everyone spoke freely, sharing their experiences and feelings. Among them, Mrs. Chen, Pastor Liu Xing's neighbour, was even moved to tears while talking about her past experiences. This reflects the core purpose of the Alpha course—to provide new and old friends with a relaxed and comfortable environment, where they can freely share the joys and sorrows of life, explore the meaning of life, and seek the truth together.

May the Lord use our Alpha course to bear abundant fruit.

中文阿爾法課程簡報

我們的中文阿爾法課程自1月18日順利開課。今年，我們很高興邀請了幾位新朋友參加，包括Eva的朋友、區牧師邀請的朋友、Jenny的朋友，以及劉星傳道的鄰居。

今年課程使用的是甘力克的視頻教材，與去年的有所不同，但同樣提供流利的中文翻譯和字幕，希望為大家帶來新鮮的體驗。課程得以順利進行，也要感謝十多位同工的辛勤付出，他們負責接送、訂餐、帶領小組討論、照顧小孩以及打掃清潔等工作。

我們的午餐由一家中餐館提供，味道非常好，上周Judy還特別準備了大披薩與大家分享。大家一起享用美食後，觀看了第一集視頻。甘力克分享了自己曾被服裝店誤認為小偷的經歷，並引導我們思考什麼是真正的愧疚感。

小組討論分為兩組，每組約10人。大家暢所欲言，分享自己的經歷與感受。其中，劉星傳道的鄰居陳阿姨在談到自己的過往經歷時，甚至感動落淚。這正是阿爾法課程的核心目標——為新老朋友提供一個輕鬆、舒適的環境，讓大家自由分享生活中的喜怒哀樂，一起探索人生的意義，尋求真理。

願主使用我們的阿爾法課程，結出豐盛的果實。



IN-PERSON SERVICE CANCELLATION DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER

On **January 25th**, due to the snowstorm and out of care for everyone's safety, our in-person service was canceled and moved online. We're grateful that, even in changing circumstances, we were still able to gather and worship together virtually.

WHAT'S NEXT AT CECC

DEACON BOARD NOMINATIONS

We invite **all church members** to take part in nominating individuals for our Deacon Board. This is a meaningful way to support and strengthen our church family through prayerful consideration and service. **Nomination forms are available in the foyer and can be returned in the offering box.**

Deadline: February 15 at 12:30 PM

BAPTISM

Water baptism is a **public declaration of faith**, representing identification with Jesus Christ, repentance, and a commitment to follow Him. **If you are 14 years of age or older and have trusted in Jesus as your Lord and Saviour, we invite you to take this next step of faith.**

Please speak with one of our pastors by **February 7** if you are interested in being baptized. Baptism classes will be held from February 15 to March 15, on Sundays from 11:00 AM-12:15 PM.



MINISTRY IN MOTION

WHERE FAITH MEETS ACTION

Looking for a way to **serve** and **connect with others**? There are several ministries in need of passionate volunteers! Whether you're gifted in hospitality, teaching, music, or tech, there's a place for you:

AV Team

Help run sound, slides, and livestream during services.

Sunday School Teachers

Teach and care for our children as they grow in faith.

Worship Team

Use your musical talents to lead our congregation in worship.

Coffee & Snack Team

Prep and serve refreshments for fellowship after service.

Usher Ministry

Welcome attendees, assist with seating, and support during service.

Life Group Leaders

Facilitate small groups and build community throughout the week.

**Interested in volunteering or want to learn more?
Please contact chair@cecctoronto.com and we'll
connect you with the right ministry leader.**



PRAYER THREADS

HOW CAN WE PRAY FOR YOU?

As a church family, we want to keep lifting one another up in prayer. Here are some ways you can be praying this season:

- For those in our **church family** who are facing health challenges — may God bring comfort, healing, and strength.
- For individuals and families experiencing **difficult seasons** — may they find peace, provision, and encouragement.
- For our **pastors and ministry leaders** — may God grant them wisdom, energy, and joy in their service.
- For our **children, youth, and young adults** — that their faith may grow deep and strong.
- For our **community** — that hearts would be open to the hope and love of Christ.

If you have a **prayer request** or would like someone to **pray with you**, please reach out to our pastors at pastors@cecctoronto.com. Your request will be kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise.

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

PLEASE LIFT UP THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER

XIAO ZHU CHENG

NONI CO

ANGEL ESGUERRA

KEESHIA ENG

JENNY GAO

Let's pray for their health, relationships, faith journeys, and for God's presence to be strong in their homes.

