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Christ Emmanuel Community Church



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A SEASON OF HOPE & MISSION

As we're halfway through Fall, we look back with grateful hearts at all that God continues to do in and through our CECC family. From our Missions Month celebrations and opportunities to reach beyond our church walls, to the many ways we continue to grow and serve together, we are reminded of God's heart for the world and our part in His mission.

As we step into the season of Advent, we're reminded to pause amid the busyness, reflect on God's faithfulness, and prepare our hearts for the coming of Jesus. May the hope we celebrate this season inspire us to share His love with those around us.

As you read this month's newsletter, take a moment to reflect:

- Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your life this past month?
- How has Missions Month challenged or encouraged you to participate in God's mission?
- How can you share the love, joy, and hope of Jesus with someone this Christmas season?

May this season draw us closer to Him, deepen our hearts for His mission, and remind us of the greatest gift we have received.
Happy reading!

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OCTOBER SERMON RECAP

October 4 | Running the Race Well | Hebrew's 12:1-6
Celebrating CECC's 40th's Anniversary, Reverend Andrew looks to the future and how we can continue this race of life with perseverance and God as the center.

October 11 | Give Thanks to the Lord | Psalm 136
In celebration of Thanksgiving, Pastor Heusen dives into Psalm 136 and how it reminds us of the reason we give thanks.

October 18 | Great is Your Faithfulness | Lamentation 3: 1-24
Trials and hardships give rise to many difficult emotions. Looking at Lamentations, Reverend Andrew discusses how we can process these emotions and endure these storms with hope and trust.

October 25 | When the Mirror Flips | Amos 2:6-16
What does God want his kingdom to be like? Discover what it means to have the heart of God and how we can live out His kingdom with Pastor Heusen.

SERMON SPOTLIGHT

"If your eyes are on your storm, you will be anxious. If your eyes are fixed on Jesus, you will rise in faith."

Message from *Running the Race Well*



Visit our website for full sermons and monthly recaps

ALPHA – EXPLORING FAITH TOGETHER

Alpha is a welcoming space where people can explore life, faith, and the Christian faith in an open and relaxed environment. Through engaging videos, meaningful conversations, and shared meals, participants have the opportunity to ask questions, share perspectives, and discover more about Jesus. Our Fall Alpha Film Series continues **every Wednesday, October 7 to December 9, from 7:00–9:00 p.m.** Dinner is included, and everyone is welcome! Thank you to our volunteers who help make each evening possible through food preparation, set-up, and clean-up.

A Little Something We Learned: The Power of Forgiveness

Over the past few weeks at Alpha, we've explored some big questions: Is there more to life than this? Who is Jesus, and why did He die for us? Through these conversations, we've been discovering more about Jesus, His love, and the meaning of forgiveness.

One takeaway that stood out was the power of forgiveness. We can receive God's forgiveness through Jesus Christ, but extending that same forgiveness to others isn't always easy. When someone has hurt us, forgiving them can be one of the hardest things to do. Yet, God's grace reminds us that just as we have been forgiven, we are also called to extend grace to others.

Something to reflect on: If we have freely received God's forgiveness through Christ, how might that change the way we approach forgiving those who have hurt us?

Have questions or are interested in joining? Reach out to Alpha@cecctoronto.com.

WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

Between the many hats we wear, the people we care for, and the expectations we juggle, it's easy to put everyone else first and forget to care for our own hearts. Sometimes, we just need a space where we can be ourselves, feel understood, and be reminded that we're not alone.

Blessings and Promises of Hope is a welcoming space for women to pause, share life's joys and struggles, lift one another up in prayer, and find encouragement in God's promises. Whether you're navigating motherhood, marriage, work, family relationships, or simply the ups and downs of everyday life, there's a place for you here. All women are warmly invited. Let's journey together in faith, friendship, and prayer!

When: 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month
Time: 11:15 AM – 12:30 PM

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: 2027 ANNUAL BUDGET

As we look ahead to 2027, we're coming together as a church family to review and discuss the financial plans for the year ahead.

Our Annual Budget Review is an opportunity to understand how church funds are planned to be used, including ministry programs, church operations, outreach, and other expenses that support the life and mission of CECC. During the meeting, the proposed budget will be presented, followed by a congregational vote for approval.

All church members are asked to attend and take part in this important decision as we prayerfully steward the resources God has entrusted to our church.

Meeting Details
Date: Sunday, December 6, 2026
Time: 10:45 AM – 11:10 AM
Location: Church, immediately following the English service

ADVENT: PREPARING OUR HEARTS FOR CHRISTMAS

The season of Advent begins on Sunday, November 29, 2026, marking the start of the four Sundays leading up to Christmas. It is a time of hope, peace, joy, and love as we remember Christ's birth and look forward to His promised return. Amid the busyness of the holiday season, Advent invites us to slow down, reflect on God's promises, and prepare our hearts to celebrate the birth of Jesus.

A Moment to Reflect: Hope in the Waiting
The first week of Advent focuses on hope. In a world filled with uncertainty, we are reminded that our hope is not found in circumstances but in God's faithfulness. The birth of Jesus fulfilled God's promise of a Saviour, bringing light into the darkness and hope to the world.

As we begin this Advent season, consider: Where do you need to make room for God's hope in your life? May we learn to wait with faith, trust in His promises, and share the hope of Christ with those around us.

“The people walking in darkness have seen a great light.” – Isaiah 9:2

May this Advent season draw us closer to Jesus, the greatest gift of Christmas.

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

KURT TY

APRIL UY

MARIE UY

MATTHEW UY

SO BEE UY

SAMSON SY

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