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Christ Emmanuel Community Church



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## SEASON OF THANKSGIVING

This Thanksgiving, we have even more reason to give thanks.
For 40 years, God has been writing a story through Christ Emmanuel Community Church—a story of families growing together, friendships becoming spiritual family, young people discovering faith, leaders faithfully serving, and generations worshipping side by side.

As we celebrate CECC40, we pause not simply to remember what we have accomplished, but to recognize what God has done among us. The stories shared throughout this anniversary year remind us that behind every ministry, milestone and memory are people—and behind it all, a faithful God.

**"The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy."**
**— Psalm 126:3**

As we give thanks, we invite you to reflect:

1. Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your own journey at CECC?
2. What is one thing you are praying and trusting God for in the next chapter of our church's story?

**This Thanksgiving, may we look back with gratitude, give thanks for today, and look forward with faith.**

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# SEPTEMBER SERMON RECAP

**September 6 | Soldier, Athlete and Farmer | 2 Timothy 1:15-2:13**
It's easy to get discouraged. How then, can we persevere? Learn the art of perseverance, commitment, and dedication with Reverend Andrew as we press on in this race of life together.

**September 13 | Examining Our Priorities | Luke 10: 38-42**
What gets all your attention? What shapes your decisions? Dive into the story of Mary and Martha with Guest Speaker Pastor Kevin Ueta and discover how you can make time for God and be intentional in putting Him first.

**SERMON SPOTLIGHT**

**"Our ministry is a ministry of reminding. Reminding people of God's truth. Reminding people of God's promises. Reminding people of God's call in their lives. Reminding people of the gospel."**

**Message from *The Way we Lead and Serve***

**September 20 | The Way We Lead and Serve | 2 Timothy 2:14-26**
How do you define good leadership? Pastor Andrew looks into what it means to be a good leader and how we can continuously act like one in our daily lives.

**September 27 | Learning to Remember | Exodus 15:22-16:21**
As human beings, we tend to be very forgetful. Join Pastor Heusen as he reminds us of the importance of remembering God - for our sake.

## Visit our website for full sermons and monthly recaps

# THANKSGIVING ACTIVITIES

## 🍁 THANKFUL FOR...

**This Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for...**

🙏 God has taught me _____

❤️ Someone who has blessed me is _____

🏠 A place where I've experienced God's goodness is _____

✨ A CECC memory I'm thankful for is _____

🌱 Something I'm praying about for the future is _____

**Bonus: Share one answer with someone from church!**

## 🦃 THANKSGIVING "WOULD YOU RATHER?"

**Would you rather...**

🍂 Have a Thanksgiving meal with your favourite Bible character or hear Jesus teach in person?

🎶 Lead worship or share your testimony?

🙏 Spend an hour in prayer or an hour reading Scripture?

👨‍👩‍👧‍👦 Have a huge church potluck or a small dinner with your church family?

🌎 Serve your community or invite someone new to church?

**Share your preference with your family and friends!**

## 🙏 THANKSGIVING PRAYER CHALLENGE

**Try the 4×4 Prayer Challenge! Over four days, pray for:**

**Day 1** — Thank God

- Name 4 things you're grateful for.

**Day 2** — Thank Someone

- Send 4 people a message of encouragement.

**Day 3** — Pray for CECC

- Pray for 4 people or ministries in our church.

**Day 4** — Look Forward

- Pray for 4 things you're trusting God for in CECC's next chapter.

# CECC40: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

C**ECC40** is a year-long celebration of Christ Emmanuel Community Church's 40th anniversary. More than marking a milestone, it has been an opportunity for our church family to pause, remember, and give thanks for how God has faithfully led CECC through four decades.



Under the email campaign, **"One Church. Many Stories. One Faithful God,"** we invited our congregation to share memories, testimonies, photographs, and reflections from their journey at CECC. We did this because a church's history is more than dates, buildings, and programs—it is people and their stories.

Throughout the campaign, stories spanning decades and generations reminded us of the families, friendships, ministries, and leaders who have shaped CECC. Together, they paint a beautiful picture of a **diverse, multigenerational church family** brought together by faith in Jesus.

Most of all, these stories remind us that CECC's greatest legacy isn't simply what has been built over 40 years, but **the lives touched, faith passed on, relationships formed, and generations continuing to worship and serve together.**

**Thank you to everyone who shared their stories.**

**READ THEIR STORIES**



# CECC40: CELEBRATING 40 YEARS OF GOD'S FAITHFULNESS

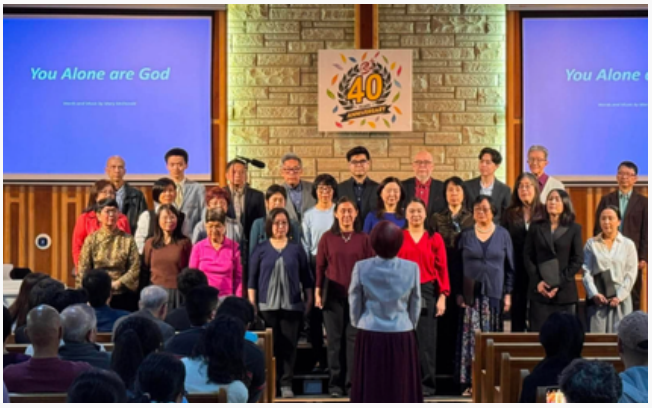




















# CECC40 REFLECTIONS – HIS FAITHFULNESS ENDURES FOREVER – BROTHER ROBERT S.

October 4 was a beautiful autumn morning. The temperature was around 13–14°C, with clear skies and only a few clouds. It was an ordinary autumn day, yet it became a very special day for our church family—the culmination of our 40th Anniversary celebration. Forty years is a long journey. But more than that, these forty years have been a testimony to God's grace and faithfulness. Yet we know that God's faithfulness is not limited to these forty years. Forty years is only a milestone—a marker along the journey. His faithfulness is infinite, unchanging, and endures forever.
By about 9:30 in the morning, the church parking lot was already full, and cars were lined up along the street behind the church. As I looked at the many cars arriving, my heart was filled with thanksgiving.

Even more touching was seeing the joy on the faces of everyone who walked through the doors of the church that morning. There were many familiar faces, but there were also many people we had not seen for years—even brothers and sisters whom we had not seen for several decades. What a precious moment it was to see one another again!
Some had changed greatly over the years. Hair had turned gray, appearances had changed, and everyone had experienced different seasons of life. Yet when we stood together again, the bond we share in Christ remained unchanged...

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE**

**四十周年慶典感言——祂的信實直到永遠 - 林建國弟兄**
十月四日，清晨的天氣晴朗，氣溫約在攝氏 13 至 14 度之間，天空晴朗而帶著少許雲彩。這是一個平凡的秋日早晨，卻也是我們教會四十周年慶典的高峰。
四十年，一段漫長的歲月；四十年，也是神恩典與信實一路同行的見證。然而，我們深深知道，神的信實並不只限於這四十年。四十年只是一個記號、一個里程碑；神的信實是無限的，是永不改變的，並且存到永永遠遠。
大約早上九點半，停車場已經停滿了車，甚至連教會後面的街道也排滿了車輛。看著一輛又一輛的車子來到，看著弟兄姊妹從四面八方回到教會，我的心裡充滿了感恩。
更令人感動的是，今天走進教會的每一個人，臉上似乎都帶著喜樂。當中有我們熟悉的弟兄姊妹，也有許多多年沒有見面的朋友，甚至有一些是幾十年沒有再見面的弟兄姊妹。當大家再次相遇、彼此問候、握手、擁抱，那一份喜樂實在不是言語所能完全表達的。
有些人也許已經改變了許多，頭髮白了，容貌不同了，人生也經歷了許多事情；但是當我們再次站在一起的時候，那份在基督裡的連結卻仍然沒有改變...。

**READ THE FULL ARTICLE**

# JUNCTION GIRLS' RETREAT

From September 25–27, the girls from Junction headed to L'Arche for a special weekend away—and it was a time rich in faith, fun, and connection!

The retreat blended creative workshops with spiritual encouragement. The group kicked things off by painting tote bags and later tried their hands at mug painting and dumpling making. Between workshops, they sat under the inspiring teaching of Ms. Adrien, whose message set a strong tone for the weekend.

One of the most impactful teachings centered on **understanding God's character**—specifically how He balances His love (grace, mercy, and compassion) with His justice (righteousness and holiness). Through studying the cross of Jesus Christ, the girls gained a deeper appreciation for how God's love and justice meet perfectly. It was a transformative weekend that strengthened both their faith and their community!









# CECC BOWLING TOURNAMENT

Get ready to roll! Join us for an afternoon of bowling, fun, and fellowship with our CECC family.

📅 **Sunday, November 8, 2026**
🕑 **2:00 p.m.**
📍 **Splitsville Richmond Hill**
💰 **$10 adults | $5 children (12 and under)**

🎳 **COMPLETE THE FORM**

Register by **October 18**. Space is limited, so don't wait!
**To register, complete the Bowling Registration Form and e-transfer your payment to registration@cecctoronto.com. Please submit one form and one e-transfer per participant, with the participant's name and "CECC Bowling 2026" in the memo.**

🎳 Think you have what it takes? It's another year, another chance to get your name on the trophy—or at least blame the gutter balls. 😄

**Come roll with us for an afternoon of bowling, fun, and fellowship!**

# ALPHA FILM SERIES

**Alpha is back this Fall!** Join us for a welcoming space to explore life, faith, and who Jesus is. Whether you're curious about Christianity or looking to grow in your faith, everyone is welcome—and feel free to invite your family and friends!

Dinner is included each week, so come and be ready for good conversation, great company, and meaningful discussions.

📅 **Wednesdays, October 7–December 9**
🕑 **7:00 p.m.**
🍽️ **Dinner included**

❓ **ALPHA REGISTRATION FORM**

We're also looking for volunteers to help with food preparation, set-up, and clean-up. Interested? Email Alpha@cecctoronto.com.

# WOMEN'S PRAYER MINISTRY

We are prayerfully exploring a new Women's Prayer Support Group called ***Blessings and Promises for Hope***—a space for women to find encouragement, support, and prayer through whatever season of life they may be experiencing.

The group is planned for every 2nd and 4th Sunday, after the English service, from 11:15 a.m.–12:30 p.m. The group will continue for as long as there is a need.

We're hoping to begin late October or November, depending on interest.

**Interested in joining? Please register by October 18 by emailing women@cecctoronto.com with your name and contact information.**

**Come as you are. You don't have to walk through it alone. ❤️**

# 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

**DENNIS TAN**

**FREDDIE TAN**

**GERALD TAN**

**HANSON TAN**

**OSBERT TAN**

**JUSTIN TY**

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