



A SUMMER TO REFLECT

Summer was in full swing at CECC, and there's so much to celebrate! From meaningful moments of worship and fellowship to fun-filled gatherings and opportunities to grow together, these past few months have been a wonderful reminder of what it means to be part of our church family.

As we move through this season, summer can be a good opportunity to pause and notice where God has been working in our lives.

Take a moment to reflect:

- Where have you seen God's faithfulness in your life this summer?
- Who has God placed around you to encourage, challenge, or walk alongside you?
- What is one area where you want to grow closer to God in the season ahead?

"BE STILL, AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD." — PSALM 46:10

As we look back at the past few months and look ahead to what's coming, may we continue to **be still, give thanks, and make room for God to lead us into the next season.**

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JUNE SERMON RECAP

June 7 | The Lord is God | Psalm 100

God is good. Knowing this, how can we approach Him? Guest speaker Dr. Joseph Shao highlights how great God is and how we can subsequently respond to such grace and goodness.

June 21 | How Much More Your Heavenly Father | Luke 18:2-8 and Matthew 7:7-11

God is not only a good God, but also a good Father. In this Father's Day sermon, Reverend Andrew brings attention to the innate character of God and how we can be comforted knowing we are in His hands.

June 14 | A King who Listens | 1 Samuel 24:1-7

How do we follow God? Learn the art of stopping, listening, and discerning God's voice following the example of David in this message from Pastor Heusen.

June 28 | The Unexpected Nature of God | Joshua 3:14-17

Can you predict what God is doing? Pastor Heusen analyzes the times God has subverted Israel's expectations of what He'd do, why God does it, and how we should adapt to this understanding.

JULY SERMON RECAP

July 5 | Seeking God's Will | Matthew 6:25-33

Do you have trouble making decisions? Reverend Andrew takes a closer look at what God's will is and how to seek it not only in the decision-making process but also in the outcome.

July 19 | Seeking God's Will (Part 2) | Proverbs 2:1-6 and 1 Corinthians 16:3-9

Continuing his two-part series, Reverend Andrew takes a closer look at godly wisdom, what it is and how we can use it to make decisions aligned with God's will.

July 12 | Bearing with One Another in Love | Ephesians 4:1-3

What story do you live in? Join guest speaker Brandon Ting and discover the greater story you're a part of - and what you can do as a part of it.

July 26 | Remember O Lord | Nehemiah 1

Are you willing to hold God accountable? Dive into the importance of remembering God's character and promises with Pastor Heusen and why we can hold God accountable to these.



AUGUST SERMON RECAP

August 2 | To Bargain with God | Exodus 33-34

Dissecting Moses' conversation with God at Mount Sinai, Pastor Heusen digs deeper into what it means to bargain with God as an active participant in your relationship with Him.

SERMON SPOTLIGHT

"When your feelings aren't lining up with the Scripture and what it teaches, defy those feelings and remind yourself and your feelings will move to where you are putting it."

**Message from
*God is our Rest***

August 9 | You Know Me | Psalm 139 (Joint)

Do you often hide your emotions? During this Children's Sunday message, Reverend Andrew and Pastor Joseph remind us of God's omniscience and what that means for us.

August 18 | The Fight Against the Soul | Psalms 42

Sometimes it's hard to have faith. Pastor Heusen acknowledges this and encourages us to fight to uphold our faith every day as life is not always going to be happy.

August 23 | God is our Rest | Psalm 62: 1-8

Do you get enough physical rest? What about rest for your inner state? To help achieve this, join guest speaker Reverend Dennis Campbell and explore what it means to truly have rest.

August 30 | Encouraging Young Believers | 2 Timothy 1

What does it really mean to live out our faith when life gets difficult? Rev Andrew reminds us that following God is not just about what we believe, but how we respond, trust, and live out our faith each day.

Visit our website for full sermons and monthly recaps



JUNE JUNCTION RETREAT

From **June 5-7**, Junction held their retreat at Willow Springs Camp with the theme of **Whole and Holy: What happens when you actually follow Jesus?** Over the three days, the youth learned that following Jesus may not lead to our idea of a good life but will lead us to the fulfilling and meaningful life God intended. They were encouraged to continuously grow in their faith, obedience, and discipleship in God by increasing in their love for God and love for others. The youth also enjoyed lots of delicious food, fun games, discussion, devotions, worship, and s'mores over a campfire!



RAINFOREST FALLS VBS: AN ADVENTURE OF FAITH!

What happens when 48 children come together to discover who God is? This summer, our church came alive with the sights and sounds of the rainforest as **Rainforest Falls VBS 2026** invited children to explore the nature of God through Bible stories, worship, games, crafts, and meaningful conversations.

Over four days, our children discovered that God is our Creator, our Safe Place, our Love, and forever. Beyond the fun and activities, each child had the opportunity to meet one-on-one with a spiritual coach to explore the Gospel and talk about following Jesus.

🙏 What God Did This Week

- **11 children** accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior for the very first time.
- **9 children** received assurance of their salvation for the first time.
- **15 children** committed to reading their Bible and doing daily devotions.
- **20 children** committed to praying daily.
- **13 children** committed to attending Sunday School and worship weekly.
- **16 children** committed to sharing Jesus with others.

We're especially encouraged that several children who don't normally attend church expressed a desire to start coming on Sundays, with some even hoping their parents will come with them.

A huge thank you to our 50 incredible volunteers and to our church family who gave their time, energy, love, and prayers to make Rainforest Falls possible. Your dedication created a space where children could build friendships, have fun, and encounter God.

Please keep praying for these children and their families, that the seeds planted during VBS will continue to grow long after the rainforest adventure has ended.



Christ Emmanuel Community Church VBS 2026

"TRUST IN THE LORD WITH ALL YOUR HEART..." — PROVERBS 3:5
TO GOD BE THE GLORY! 🌴🐒🦋

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY: A DAY TO CELEBRATE OUR KIDS!

What a joyful day it was celebrating the children of our CECC family on August 9! Children's Sunday was filled with laughter, excitement, and plenty of fun as our kids enjoyed an afternoon packed with activities and surprises.

From fun games and face painting to an exciting reptile encounter and magic show, there was something for everyone to enjoy! Of course, no celebration is complete without good food, and the kids (and families!) enjoyed pizza and plenty of tasty treats together.

More than just a fun afternoon, Children's Sunday was a beautiful reminder of how precious our children are to our church family. We're thankful for everyone who helped make the day special and for the opportunity to nurture, encourage, and celebrate the next generation.



"LET THE LITTLE CHILDREN COME TO ME..." — MATTHEW 19:14 ❤️

HELP US TELL THE STORY OF CECC@40

Do you have a photo that brings back a special CECC memory? As we celebrate 40 years, we'd love to look back on the people, moments, and milestones that have shaped our church family.

From **worship services and VBS to baptisms, weddings, youth activities, mission trips, small groups, and everyday moments**, every photo helps tell our story. Whether your photos are printed, on an old CD/DVD, or sitting on your phone, **we'd love to see them!**

👉 Share your photos with us:

[SUBMIT YOUR CECC MEMORIES](#)

Let's preserve the memories of the past 40 years and celebrate all that God has done through CECC! ❤️



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@ceccutoronto.com. Your request will be kept confidential unless you indicate otherwise.

FAMILIES OF THE MONTH

PLEASE LIFT UP THESE FAMILIES IN PRAYER

JEROME QUIOC

JOSE QUIOC

MARK QUIOC

WESMOND ROSCA

ROBERT SY

CARLO TAN

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