

Why are you in School?

Jeff Chuang

Are you a student that came from abroad? Have you found Christ yet? Wouldn't be great if you can bring home such wonderful news if they can't hear it back home? So, then, what are you doing here? Is something holding you, motivating you to behave like a proper student at school? Are the all-nighters you pull worth it? I know you all have worked hard, but is everything worth it in the end?

As a first-generation Asian-American, I was once in bondage—to responsibility. My parents grew up from the post-WW2 Taiwan, and like everyone else in the country, they worked hard. My grandparents worked hard to get to the USA—so their family can have a better life. My parents worked hard to pay for my upbringing and education, and for all those in my family that worked hard to achieve the reality I enjoy now, I own them an immense debt of love.

But what am I suppose to do with my circumstances they've gifted me? To live through their dreams and achieve... what? To be able to own a BMW 740IL (Tokyo Breakfast!) and drive my aging parents to their Bible study, sometime down the road?

It's only natural, from our Asian upbringing, to know the value of hard work, sacrifice, responsibility, and to achieve a state of economical success. But truly, it is not where our treasures lie, says the Words of God. I feel, and I see many of my peers enslaved by this mentality. It is ok to work—but I encourage you, brothers and sisters, to seek the kingdom of God first and He will provide you with all you need. Worry not about your QPA and your job interviews, but of the poor and needy, and your family who still needs to accept Christ as Lord (Matt 6:28-34). Your debt to your parents will be paid in full, and more, by the redeeming blood of Christ. Don't be afraid of wasting away your valuable education just so you can go out and serve the needy, for it is a beautiful thing, Jesus said (Mark 14:3-7). Truly, truly, if we are free, we wouldn't be afraid of suffering, of being poor and broken, and be fearless men and women under the service of our Almighty One.



Because, you might just get laid off tomorrow, or God forbids, have someone die on you. I know this by experience, and I hope when these things happen in your life (and they probably will), you know why and what is truly important in life.

Jeff Chuang is an ACF alum. He is a big fan of anime.

Serving as a Living Sacrifice

Ufei Chan

Hsin-I asked me to tell you a little about the servant evangelism we did [March 16]. It was a paint-the-walls project at Allegheny General Hospital. I came across it in a website called <http://www.volunteermatch.org/>. It's really cool b/c it has volunteer stuff from around the US. All you do is enter your zip code, maybe some preferences/key words, and it gives you a list of volunteer work. Then you just pick which ever you like and email the person. They're pretty good about it, they reply quickly.

We just basically designed a painting suitable for a secular atmosphere. They give us all the paint equipment so all we had to do we get an idea and get people to show up. =) Joanna did a wonderful job designing and teaching us!

I think the girls had fun; Daisy mentioned that it was a good idea because it's giving back to the community and it's something that's never been done. I felt that it was a really great even for our cell group b/c it's a great bonding experience. We're stuck in a room with each other working on the same goal for a few hours[, u]nlike [at] other events where we try to involve a large number of people [and] forget to work as a group. During [the] 4-hour time period when we painted, we were able to talk and learn more about each other. Jonn'e mentioned that she learned a few neat facts about her fellow cell members (i.e. Joanna as a artist or my working in a hospital before). Another great aspect of this event was that it didn't cost us a cent! Not that evangelism events usually cost money, but it gets rid of all the awkwardness of having to ask and collect money in the end.

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While Jesus Week 2002 was rockin' CMU's campus, we were Kurios—er, curious—to know:

Should we have Jesus Week next year, and why?



Malcolm Ong
First-year, ACF

“In short, yes. Jesus Week is a good way for all the campus fellowships to come together and reach out to the rest of the campus community. By providing an abundant and diverse collection of events, it presents a method of exploration and further understanding of the Gospel for both believers and non-believers in a fun, fellowship environment. ...oh yeah, it's also an excuse for me to sit at the Fence every single day displaying my Jesus Week tee shirt and that's always more fun than sitting through lecture. Hee hee, j/p =P”



Eli Marsh
First-year, IVCF

“I would say no only because I'd rather have lots of events throughout the year because it was too compact. If it was more spread out, I think it would've been more effective. Of course, I think it was very effective. I like how people come up to you and ask, 'Whoa, you're a Christian?' People have more openness to talk about it.”



Special thanks to Stephanie Ng for use of her digital camera. ☺



Michael Wong
Sophomore, ACF

“We should keep having it until there are more non-Christians attending the events than Christians.”



Bryan Wang
Senior, ACF

“If possible, yes. It depends on if there's people with time.”

Orientation 2002 and You!



Bonnie Hu, Angela Chen, and our week-old, pre-professional sign welcome you to CMU and ACF during one of the activities fairs.

Consider coming back to school by August 20, 2002 to help out with Freshman Orientation. Here are some things we'll be doing as joint efforts across fellowships:

- Manning tables, giving away stuff
- Praying, praying, praying, praying
- Meeting people, making friends
- Holding info sessions at dorms and apartments

Service

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In terms of quality as an evangelism event, I think it works. Many people have stopped by to ask where we're from and why we're doing this. We were able to spread the word of God to those people. Also, we signed the painting as “Living Sacrifices” to leave our mark on the 8th fl of AGH! Last but not least, this event gives other large organizations a chance to hear our name as followers of Christ. 'Kay, hope this was helpful. Email me if you have further questions =)

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WELCOME TO THE FENCE

Compiled and Photographed by Angeline Wong



Neil Christopher
Junior, ACF

“We should definitely have Jesus Week next year because it’s fun and we need to reach out to the campus more. And along those lines, that’s something we could improve on. We’re doing good with outreach, but there’s so much more we could do, as in: just building relationships and stuff, because it’s just one week; we should be doing that throughout the year. That’s something we should do for preparation for next year.”



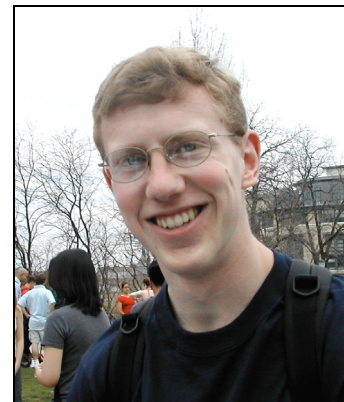
Talida Urwongse
First-year, ACF

“Absolutely. As Kevin mentioned once before, we should try to have a ‘Jesus Year’ instead of just a designated week for joint-fellowship stuff. It’s so awesome to see God working through all the different believers on campus together as one body. And what can possibly be more cool than that? (Okay okay, maybe Jon Nedel, but you get the idea :)”



Michael Galang
First-year, ACF

“We should definitely have Jesus Week next year. Anytime we could promote God is great. The campus needs to be exposed to the love of Jesus and since this isn’t a Christian university, not everyone has been shown the word of God.”



Britton Wolfe
Junior, IVCF

“Yes. Jesus Week has the potential to benefit everyone. Believers can be encouraged from fellowship with others and from watching God work in the hearts of non-Christians. Those who are not believers may hear the Gospel for the first time, or may just see through our examples what the Christian life is really about. In both cases, God’s glory and majesty is made more apparent, and that is what we live for.”



May Calendar of Events

3 – Bible Study #7 – Hosea 13-14

10 – ACF Grad Night

Events begin at 7 p.m. on the specified Friday. Unless otherwise noted, all meetings are at the First Baptist Church. Rides, as appropriate, leave from the UC Circle (CMU) and Wm. Pitt Union (Pitt) at 6:30 p.m.

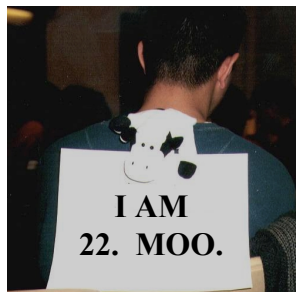
May Birthdays

2 – Ron Urwongse

2 – Angel Morales

4 – Patrick Hwang

12 – Karen Li



Happy Birthday to all who have birthdays during the summer!

Welcome to the Family



Bryan, about to get baptized.



Jason gives his testimony.

On April 14, 2002, a special baptismal service was held at PCC. Cell group members, ACFers, and members of PCC gathered to witness the baptisms of Bryan Wang and Jason Gu. One of the first times Bryan visited PCC was for his brother Stanley’s baptism; now Stanley returned for his. Jason, an only child, shared how he became rich with Brothers and Sisters after realizing all the riches of the world don’t satisfy.

Trials and Contributions



New location, new building, new chairs, new beginnings.

It was a Good Friday indeed. Preparations for the first service held at the Pittsburgh Chinese Church's (PCC) new Perry location were made for 80 people; more than 150 attended. Members of the PCC Perrysville Chinese and English congregations, who anticipate moving into the new building by mid-May, were joined by members of the PCC Oakland congregation and of the Asian Christian Fellowship, a college fellowship associated with PCC, to remember Christ's suffering and sacrifice and to give thanks for God's blessings. Thanks to everyone who labored in love on Project Love!

Oh, What a Night!



ACF serves up some food, fellowship, and fun by participating in this year's Night Market, a joint event held by many Asian student organizations at CMU.

'Til We Meet Again

Eugene Lim

Hi. This is Eugene. I joined ACF about a year and a half ago. And it's been a great year and a half with ACF. Looking back, I've certainly grown closer to God in my daily walk and I'm very thankful to God for putting me in ACF and in a cell group that has challenged me to seek God even more. I thank God that He has allowed me to serve Him in ACF even in this short time.

I leave ACF with mixed feelings. On the one hand, I am sad that I'll be saying goodbye to many close friends (even though aim exists in Singapore). On the other hand, I look forward to returning back to Singapore where I can serve my church and fellowship there more actively with what I've learnt in ACF and to share the gospel with family and friends.

God bless and God willing, I'll see you again.

Eugene Lim earned brownie points as a Bible study assistant.

Set Your Sights Above

Ron Urwongse

It's difficult to see beyond
the four walls that surround you.
Either we focus too much on
the anxieties of today
and lose sight of our eternal hope,
or we dream wistful dreams
and lose sight of His
workings in us today.
Not that we shouldn't think ahead
nor that we shouldn't take care of now,
but we should always always focus on Him.
Only then can we see clearly.

Ron Urwongse can see clearly now.

verbum Domini

The official word of God

I strong nuff fo handle any kine, cuz I stay
tight wit Christ, an he give me da power fo do
um.

-Fo Da Philippi Peopo 4:13 (Da Jesus Book)

A big "Thank You!" goes out to everyone who contributed!