

asian christian fellowship

The Asian Christian Fellowship (ACF) is a college fellowship affiliated with the Pittsburgh Chinese Church (PCC). We exist as a community that worships together, nurtures one another toward radical living, and shares the love of God with those around us through servant evangelism.



We meet at 7 p.m. on Fridays in the basement of the First Baptist Church (FBC), on the corner of Bayard and Bellefield, in Oakland. Rides to all ACF events leave the UC Circle (CMU) and Wm. Pitt Union (Pitt). Rides to ACF leave at 6:30 p.m.

At our Friday night meetings, we worship God in music and prayer, study the Bible, eat & hang out. We also meet in smaller “cell” groups throughout the week to form deeper relationships for encouragement and prayer.

Join us for Church on Sunday! Morning services (Chinese, English) start at 10 a.m. at PCC’s Perrysville Ave. location, in the north (rides leave at 9:30 a.m.). PCC’s afternoon service (Chinese/English) begins at 4 p.m. at FBC (rides leave at 3:30 p.m.). Sunday School follows each service, and is followed by a meal.

NEED HELP?

Need a ride? Need help carrying groceries? Lost on campus? Have computing questions? Need help with your homework? Need a haircut? Or just want someone to talk to? Let us know! ACF is here for you! Email acf@andrew.cmu.edu and we’ll send someone to help you!

Cell Groups

Jon Nedel

ACF cell groups form a smaller sub-community of the fellowship that encourages Exaltation, Edification, and Evangelism. Whoa! Those are some big words, and some great things! In case you’re still confused, here’s a quick overview.

Exaltation is when we gather together to lift up God and worship him in spirit and in truth. Edification is a big word for building one another up, challenging each other, sharing with one another, keeping one another accountable, and encouraging one another towards God and the good things He has designed for us to accomplish here on earth. And, of course, Evangelism is our responsibility and privilege as God’s ambassadors to reach out and share His good news with everyone who hasn’t heard of how cool He is.

Basically, think of ACF cell as a family of believers who care about God and one another. It’s a place where you can care and be cared for in an intimate setting. And it’s a team ready and willing to follow God and fight strong and hard for His good purposes.

Know Lingo?

Compiled by Angeline Wong

In a place where often course numbers convey more practical information than the course names with which they’re associated, abbreviations abound. Here’s a quick guide to some you’ll hear from ACFers:

ACF--Asian Christian Fellowship (that’s us!)

FBC--First Baptist Church, on the corner of Bayard and Bellefield, in Oakland.

PCC--Pittsburgh Chinese Church, the Church with which ACF is affiliated.

PE--Perrysville English, one of the PCC morning services many ACFers attend.

LGL--Large Group Leaders, the people who organize the Friday night meetings!

GQ--God Quest, one of the men’s cell groups.

OK--Orient Kitchen, a popular restaurant and popular after-ACF hangout.

JFC--Joint Fellowship Committee, the alliance of various campus fellowship groups when joining forces.

TGI Friday!

Angeline Wong

It's 7 p.m. on Friday; the night is young and the weekend has just begun. The room darkens as the screen is illuminated, the music starts as words appear, and the crowd whoops. No, it's not Star Wars; it's ACF!

After an energized time of singspiration, the emcee introduces the night's Bible study (this semester, we will be studying Galatians), guest speaker, or special event. We meet in smaller groups for Bible studies. There is one group, called Navigators, which is designed for non-Christians and those who have recently become Christians. Guest speakers this past year have included Dr. Gary Ott, who spoke about Creation by design, and Pastor Paul Bucknell, who spoke of the Bible as a sword. (This semester's theme is "Getting Back to the Word.") Special events include game nights, dinners, and workshops on witnessing/giving your testimony, friendship, and spiritual gifts. And, every semester, ACF holds a Study-Break Party during the final exam period!

After the Bible study, talk, or special event, the emcee directs a time for announcements and concludes the evening with prayer.

If provided by our members, there are snacks, and people linger to chat. When it's time to leave (everybody helps to clean up), ACFers don't necessarily call it a night. Many continue to hang out for a few more hours, usually going to a nearby restaurant, for the food and the fellowship!

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Fun 'n Games

If you're new to ACF, you might be wondering what opportunities there are to get to know other people in the fellowship. Here are some of the things that are going on, where you might find it easier to get to know people:

- Join a cell group!
- Play football on Flagstaff Hill before ACF!
- Hang around after the meeting on Friday night!
- Go out to eat at a nearby restaurant after that!
- Play pick-up basketball or volleyball in the UC Gym!

Email acf@andrew.cmu.edu to be added to our distribution (email) list. You'll receive emails about all our meetings and fun activities! Email Bryan Wang (bsw@andrew.cmu.edu) for more information about pick-up games and IM (intramural) sports!

So what exactly is prayer?

Yin-Ling Tan

Prayer isn't a tedious repetition formula of things on a list that you go through mechanically. Prayer is entering into a relationship with God so we can determine His will in the matter and call His will into existence upon the earth (Alves, 1998, p. 22). It is talking to your Father in heaven and getting to know Him. It's the process of developing a relationship. When you develop a relationship with someone, you spend time together. It takes time and effort. It cannot be formed in a few fleeting moments. That is why we need to cultivate a daily prayer time with God.

Alves, E. (1998). *Becoming a prayer warrior*. Ventura, CA: Renew Books.

Prayer meetings are held weekly on both CMU and Pitt campuses. Day, time, and location TBA. Join us for a time of prayer to intercede for ACF and the nations around the world!

Free Food! (What's Cookin'!)

ACF Welcome Dinner – home-cooked Asian food!
Friday, August 31, 7 pm
First Baptist Church – rides leave at 6:30 pm

PCC Picnic – hoedown, plus softball, tennis, volleyball!
Saturday, September 1, 1 pm
Devlin Park, north of Pittsburgh – rides leave at 12:15 pm

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