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FEBC-Chinese Ministries
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Home Building

From the Director's Desk

Family is a theme that runs through the entire Bible. God created man and woman in His image and gave them the command to be fruitful and to fill the earth (Gen. 1:26-28). In God's design, husband and wife ought to love each other, build their marriage to reflect God's glory, and raise up godly offspring. Family is the core of human society. Home is where intimate relationships are built, where people belong, enjoy companionship, love, grow, and honor God.

However, in today's world, family is in the midst of an unprecedented crisis. In the United States, almost half of the marriages end in divorce. The breakdown of marriages creates unstable families. One quarter of all children live in single-parent homes. Christians are also facing crisis in marriage and family. In the United States, the divorce rate for Christians is almost as high as for non-Christians. Many unmarried young people are deeply affected by the secular view of marriage and experience brokenness and failure in their relationships. Associated with the breakdown of the family structure is the struggle of the young generation in their faith and lives. Parents lose their witness in front of their children because of the failure in their relationships. They are unable to provide godly life examples for their children to follow and imitate. Outside the home, secular culture is shaping the worldview of young people constantly, tempting them to turn away from God, to embrace society, and to gain acceptance of the world. We are losing the next generation.

How should churches respond to such crisis? We need to face the challenges of our time and culture, we need to live out a gospel-centered marriage and family life, and we need a renewed strategy for family ministry.

Firstly, we need to face the cultural challenges of our time and rebuild a biblical view of marriage and family. Under the influence of secularism, traditional institutions and authority are being despised, and marriage, as the most basic social institution of mankind, is being greatly undermined. The binding power of the marriage covenant is decreasing, and people are only seeking their own satisfaction and fulfillment in marriage, rather than sacrifice, acceptance, and tolerance. Through movies, entertainment, media, and advertisements, the world is constantly conveying to us a secular view of marriage and family. If we want to rebuild broken marriages and families, we must start from the foundations and teach the believers the biblical view of marriage and family.

Secondly, we need to live a gospel-centered marriage and family life. The rebuilding of marriage and family requires not only the teaching of the truth, but also the power of the gospel. In this broken world,

the meaning of marriage is not only for personal happiness and satisfaction, but also for the renewal and transformation of the lives of two sinners redeemed by the grace of the gospel through the Holy Spirit. And through their marriage and lives, they witness the redeeming power of the gospel. Following Jesus is the way to rebuild marriages and families, and a life of mission is the goal of rebuilding marriages and families.

Finally, we need to rethink and develop a new model of family ministry. While many churches understand the importance of family ministry, there is a lack of pastoral resources and co-workers for family ministry. There are organizations that provide churches with a variety of resources for marriage counseling or parenting. However, the equipping and teaching requires the church to be the soil for the growth of the body of Christ. Life could only grow in good soil where they could take root and bear fruits. No amount of seminars, counseling programs, or family camps can fundamentally change the overall marriage and family situation of the church without the environment for the whole church to build and grow together. The establishment of family ministry needs to be within the church context.

Seeing the great need for family ministry in the church, FEBC Chinese Ministries has started a new family ministry, which was based on our own ministry experience and module for the past 15 years. The goal of FEBC Family Ministry is to help believers build Christ-centered marriages and families, and to help churches build their own family ministries. The philosophy of the ministry is: 1. Christ-centered family: Our goal in establishing family ministry is that every marriage and family aims to glorify Christ and lead people to the Lord. 2. Church-based equipping: We are committed to provide resources and assist churches to equip their believers and to build their marriages and families. 3. Family-based discipleship: Unless we bring the church home, it is difficult to fix the gap between faith and life. the Word cannot become flesh, the family cannot be Christianized, and faith cannot be lived out. Therefore, our goal changes from Share Christ to Show Christ. 4. Marriage-first relationship: We help believers to adjust the priority of their family relationships; to build a healthy marriage as the foundation of family.

Since its inception, FEBC Family Ministry has started a series of podcasts on marriage and family, parent-child devotionals, seminary courses, and cooperation with some churches to assist them to establish family ministries. Our prayer is that the Lord build millions of families on the biblical truth, so that millions of the next generation can know the Lord and follow Him!

Coworker Testimony



XiaoXu

I am grateful to God for giving me the gracious opportunity to be part of FEBC ministry. I used to be involved in the post-production of programs, but now I am mainly responsible for managing the App and WeChat platform.

From post-editing the program to editing the manuscript, I am in a constant process of being fed by the Word of God. Every time I listen to the hosts and guests sharing in the program, it is a great reminder to me. The contents and testimonies in the program always inspire me. There are some content from years ago that I can still recall occasionally. During the production process, listening to and reading the spiritual content repeatedly has also been very helpful to my daily spiritual life.

I am especially thankful that so many volunteers are willing to participate in word editing and dictation, and I am always touched by their willingness to serve the Lord. They take this volunteer work seriously and sincerely.

I sometimes get anxious and worried about things that haven't happened yet. I worry that things will not go according to my own plan, but God always reminds me through the programs that He will do His part, and I just need to do mine. Everything is in God's hand. God has the best plan for me. When I think of all the unknown changes that make me anxious, I remind myself that God surely have the best plan for me.

I am so thankful that my job is listening to a lot of gospel related and spiritual formation programs daily. I may forget the content of the programs quickly, but God always reminds me through different programs, and each time the reminder helps me to solve the situation that I am in. These reminders and encouragements have helped me to adjust my mind and thoughts quickly. These reminders help me to align my heart and mind with God's heart.

I am thankful that God has given me the grace to participate in FEBC's radio ministry together with so many brothers and sisters who love the Lord wholeheartedly. May God Himself lead and use our ministry to be a blessing to more people.



Intercession



1. Because of the epidemic, many churches in China have not been able to meet normally for the past two years, and the pastoral care of the church has been very difficult. Pray that the Lord would keep His church and that believers would continue to follow and serve the Lord enthusiastically during the epidemic! As the church gathers in small groups, pray that the Lord would raise more workers to serve the church and the small groups!

2. Pray that the various resources provided by FEBC would be more widely known and used by the listeners, and that through these programs, the spiritual lives of believers would be built up.

3. Pray that the Lord will continue to use Liangyou Theological Seminary to help more brothers and sisters with the foundation of the Bible, theology, and ministry, so that they can stand firm in their faith and spread the gospel and build up the churches.

4. Pray for FEBC to continue to develop a new mobile phone platform. Pray that the Lord would prepare resources and co-workers so that the development of the network platform would be smooth and that it would bless more brothers and sisters in China.

5. FEBC needs co-workers for program production and family ministry. We pray that the Lord will prepare co-workers to serve together and to minister the believers and churches through the programs.



Ministry Updates:

• In July, FEBC's evangelistic program "It's Good to Know You" produced a special program on depression entitled "Out of Depression and Welcome New Life", hoping that these programs would bring encouragement to the growing number of people with depression and help them to follow and look upon God in the valley of death. The discipleship program "M&M Conversation" launched the special programs "The Apostles' Creed" and "Verse by Verse Analysis of the Lord's Prayer" to help believers, especially new believers, to understand the fundamental truths and the foundation of the Christian spiritual life.



• In July, Apple mobile apps were forcefully removed from the China Apple App Market. Android apps Friend Listening can still be downloaded from our website. Please recommend

this App to your friends and family so that they can listen to FEBC programs as well.

• We have received feedback from our brothers and sisters that many of our elder believers and listeners only use WeChat and some simple apps, and that the more complicated ones cause them trouble. We will continue to update the mobile app "Friends Listening" to make it easier for listeners to use, so that listeners who are not familiar with technology, or seekers who have never listened to LiangYou Radio before, can easily find the programs they want to listen to.

• The expansion of family ministry depends on the cooperation with churches, seminaries and organizations. Minister Joy Cheng taught Family Discipleship session of "Discipleship Training course" in Dallas Theological Seminary (DTS) and she also taught "Marriage Counseling- He, You, and I" at Christian Witness Theological Seminary (CWTS), and "Marriage and Family Camp" for the students of Good Shepherd (LiangMu) Bible Institute. Through these courses, we hope to help more and more seminary students to be better equipped for family ministry and to be better prepared to pastor their churches and lead small groups in the future.



Contribution Online

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Online Contribution

Listener Responses

Ling Nan

Bless the Lord! Today I saw a message from the group encouraging us to share something, in fact, I have long wanted to share how I believed and how I experienced the grace of God. I am from Wuhu, Anhui Province, and I only have elementary education, so I am not very good at expressing myself. Between May and June last year, all the programs that I used to listen to on LiangYou Radio were blocked, and I was like a baby without milk. I thank the Lord that I received your programs through a random message, and I also added the group manager to my WeChat. Now I can listen to the programs every day, especially the "M&M conversation" and the testimonies of God's children from all over the world, as well as the marriage counseling taught by Minister Joy Cheng. I don't miss a single one of your programs, and I pray that God will touch more people through the radio network to know this great and wonderful God. ■■■

Sister Guo

Family in Christ, Peace! I am incredibly grateful for the "True Love dwells in My Home" series. The content of the series is remarkably close to reality, a sincere life sharing, breaking up our bondages bit by bit and nourishing our souls with God's comfort and truth. I am deeply thankful for this. May God use your ministry so more people will be blessed by your programs. May God bless each of your co-workers of your program team. Amen! ■■■

South Africa Yvonne

Hello, I would like to share my testimonies and thoughts after I listen to the program. The most impressive part of the program from the "M&M conversation" program: "The end times are coming, are you ready?" At that time, I heard about a person who had AIDS and wondered if I should preach the gospel to her, but I was a little scared and had no confidence because I had never been exposed to it. After listening to the program, I thought, "If the Lord comes back now, what are the things that I haven't done and I would feel regretful? I decided that I must go to tell the gospel. Later, another sister and I preached the gospel to her, and she believed, God took her home in less than six months. God pushed me to do it through the program. I'm very thankful! After this evangelistic outreach, I was also encouraged and by the Lord's grace, I evangelized four more elderly people and they all believed. Thank you, Lord Jesus, for continually equipping me through "M&M Conversation" program. ■■■



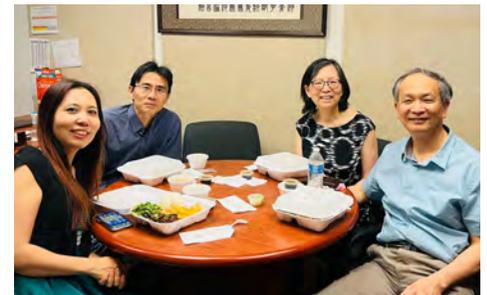
Minister Cheng and Minister Lin with Pastor and Mr. Li at Las Vegas Chinese Christian Church.



Minister Cheng and Minister Lin preaching at ECC Redmond Campus



Minister Lin spoke at AFC single conference with other speakers



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Wei Ran

Minister Joy Cheng and YuZe hosted a series of programs on depression, and I listened to the first three sessions. It was great! Thank you, Lord, for giving the teachers wisdom and willingness to share their hearts, and for giving me the opportunity to listen to them. Although I don't have the severe depression symptoms mentioned in the program, I am often in a bad mood. I have always thought that my depression and bad moods are others' faults, and I would shrug it off, so I was always defeated in my trials and disappointments. Minister Joy gave great teaching and advice in the program that we need to take our own responsibility.

Thankfully I listen to the program and kept on with my Bible study plan, I realized I am changing little by little. At least, I know that I am not innocent, and I am responsible for losing the battle. I need to do my part and take responsibility. I admire YuZe for being able to do what he was supposed to do in his trials. He is really a great role model! I told my husband YuZe's story, and he was deeply touched by YuZe's perseverance. Thank you, Lord! Pray for healing and blessing upon YuZe.

In addition, I would like to thank the staff of "True Love dwelling in My Home" WeChat platform. I left two questions and they replied sincerely, they gave me advice, encouragement, and words of comfort from different perspectives which helped me a lot. Hallelujah! Pray for the Lord's guidance and blessings on everyone who works on this platform!

Anonymous Listeners

I have listened to many of your programs, and they have helped me so much. My family has a lot of problems. My husband has a violent temper. When my daughter was 16 years old, my husband locked her up in a small room because she came back late from playing with her friends, and he beat her with a belt all over her body, leaving bloody marks everywhere. My son divorced because of my daughter's mental problem, and I also got depression. I have brothers and sisters from the church who prayed for me, and your program helped me so much. Pray for my family and may God bless more people through your programs. ■■■

Sister Wei

The program was great, and I could feel God is using you to do a mighty work! I listened to the marriage and parenting part of "True Love dwells in My Home" and "M&M Conversation". The programs touched me a lot. I homeschool my kids. Although I know and I be aware of God's calling, and His heart for our family, I am often weak and frustrated when I am tired. Minister Joy's words and teachings were great reminders of God's will toward me and renewed my mind. She also gave me a lot of corrections and help. Thank you so much! God will use you all greatly! I look forward to more of your programs. ■■■



Minister Cheng's family with FEBC supporters Ms. Lona Chang and the other seniors from Acadia Chinese Baptist Church



Minister Cheng preached at Mission Conference of Irvine Canaan Christian Community Church



Minister Lin interviewed Rev. & Mrs. Shaw



Reunion with mission committee members of Chinese Church in Christ North Valley



Minister Cheng and Joy with coworkers from CWTS and Tien Dao Christian Media Assoc.



Minister Cheng shared at Greater LA Chinese Ministerial Association monthly meeting.



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1. FCBC Walnut – Pastor Terrance Shay– Youth Partnership in Outreach and Missions (English)
2. House of Joy Christian Church– Minister Tom Tui – Outreach and Evangelism (English)
3. Gateway Seminary – Dr. Paul Kelly – Youth Evangelism (English)
4. Far East Broadcast Company – Joy Cheng (Chinese)
5. Christian Communication, Inc of USA– Lisa Gao (Chinese)
6. Fort Bend Community Church – Pastor Jeremy Chu – Longevity in Youth Ministry in the Asian-American Church (English)
7. West Houston Chinese Church – Joseph and Grace Jong Youth Mental Health (Chinese)
8. National School Project – Rich Hang – Reaching & Connecting the Students Next Door (English)
9. Fort Bend Community Church – Daniel and Amy Chang – Minister Overseas New Immigrant Youth (Chinese)

Speakers:

Joy Cheng, Pastor Jeremy Chu, Daniel and Amy Chang, Lisa Gao, Rich Hang, Joseph & Grace Jong, Dr. Paul Kelly, Pastor Rebecca Stay, Tom Tui

Date: **Saturday, August 6, 2022**
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