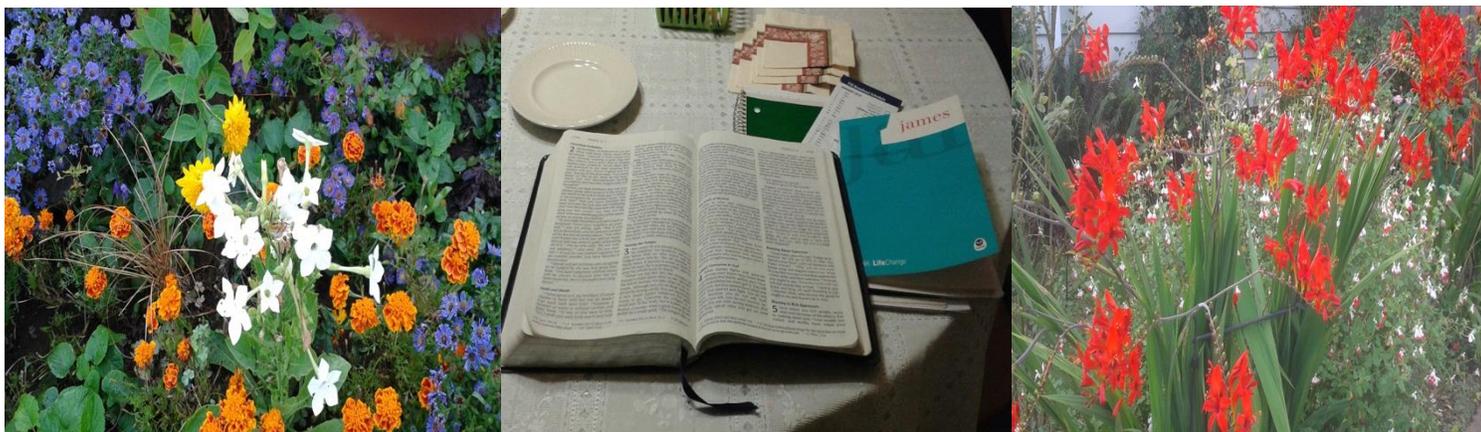


**Chinese Faith Baptist Church**  
**Sunday School Classes Spring-2017**  
Cantonese Classes 9:00 – 10:45 a.m.  
Mandarin 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.  
English Classes 9:45 to 10:45 a.m.  
Worship Services: 11:00 a.m.



*For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone; The flowers appear on the earth; the time of the singing of birds is come, Song of Solomon 2:11 & 12.*

Throughout the Bible, God has many things to say about gardening. In I Corinthians 3:6 the apostle Paul writes, "I planted the seed, Apollos watered it, but God has been making it grow." We are all vital and necessary in the task of Christian education, even if we are not in the classroom. God's part for you may be to the plant the seed, and another person will come along and water the seed, but it is God who makes it grow and increase. We covet your prayers for our teachers as they prepare each week. They are all busy with family life, days jobs, and other church responsibilities; yet, God has laid on their hearts to participate in the great task of teaching. Thank you for partnering with them and the students by your faithful prayers. Have you thanked a Sunday School teacher? Why not do so soon and surprise them!

**Pre-K Church (Teaching Team)**

Pre-K Church meets from 11:00 - 12:30 every Sunday. Twelve teachers and helpers loving guide our preschoolers to know and love Jesus through Bible stories, crafts, and Bible memorization. There is snacks and playtime. Parents enhance truths by a weekly take-home paper with activities to do at home. Some of our lessons include: Jesus Enters Jerusalem, The Empty Tomb, The Road to Emmaus, Jesus is Alive, the Adventures of the Apostle Paul: Singing in Jail, Obeying God, and Safe in a Shipwreck. Faithful and loving staff take care of the Nursery (ages 0 - 3) during Sunday School and Worship services.

**Children's Church (Teaching Team)**

The Children's Church is using a monthly web-based curriculum, 252 BASIC by Orange. The children learn 1. to make the wise choice, 2. to trust God no matter what, and 3. to treat others the way they want to be treated. The curriculum is designed to provoke discovery and invite kids into a new understanding of how to grow in relationship with Jesus.

**3<sup>rd</sup> through 6th Grades (Linda Chin)**



The winter season is slowly fading away and signs of spring is finally appearing; glimpses of buds on tree branches and bushes, which soon will bloom into array of reds, pinks, yellows, purples, and so many wonderful signs of new life appearing in nature. Last week, I was watching large groups of birds flying east, wondering where they were flying off to in such a large group and questioning, is this a sign of spring coming? It has been a long winter and I've heard so many people long for winter to end. It is so nice to see light in the early morning hours; revealing

that we will have longer days of daylight.

I have already received the spring curriculum for my Sunday school students and have planned the lessons. This winter, we have missed so many days of classes because of vacations and winter weather that I have decided to begin the spring lessons now. I want to focus on the various events of Easter and various miracles and teachings of Jesus before He returned to heaven. The students will continue to learn the books of the Bible, reviewing the Old Testament books and begin learning the New Testament books. Also, we will continue to do various craft activities that go along with the lessons.

I have prepared an outline of lesson plans and Bible verses for students to memorize for spring term. I will give them to the students on February 26<sup>th</sup>. I continue to encourage parent(s) to help their child learn the Bible verses and look over what they will be learning the following week in class (I have provided the Bible passage of each lesson focus on the outline). I look forward in teaching and interacting with the students. I hope they will enjoy exploring, discovering, and learning about what it means to be a Christian and how to share their faith with others.

### 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> Grades (Ying Chin)



Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, The Flood - these are familiar events in the Bible. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade Sunday school class is going to study these and other accounts in detail. We'll discuss questions like, "Why is there death, sorrow and suffering in the world?" "What is protoevangelium?" "Who are the Nephilim?" "Did the Flood really cover the whole earth?" "Are fire-breathing dragons mentioned in the Bible?" "Which of Noah's sons did we descend from?" May our continuing journey in Genesis cause the students to develop a Biblical worldview, understand God's plan for their lives, and build their faith.

### High School (Mei-Kuen Wu)



The high schoolers will continue to learn about love in different relationships. What does God want us to know about love between the husband and wife, between friends and between believers and us? Let's dig into the Bible and find out.

### Adult Chinese Sunday School (Dick and Mathilda Lee)



In the Spring Quarter, the Cantonese Chinese Adult Sunday School will continue their studies from the Winter Quarter. There will be new classroom information in April.

The Cantonese Chinese Adult Sunday School runs from 9:00 AM to 11:00 AM. We use materials from the Bible Exposition Institute. We'll begin with sharing answers from the study material & will end with a video summary from Dr. Patrick Tang's teaching. We welcome you to study God's Word with us.

**Adult Chinese Sunday School (Pastor Wallace)**



The Mandarin class will study Basics of Christian Faith. We will learn the Gospel truths from the Bible, including who is Jesus, salvation by faith, Jesus Christ's resurrection, etc. This is an interesting class that allows you to examine the challenging questions around faith and salvation.

**Adult English Sunday School (Guest Teachers)**



**Dr. Alex Smith**

**Dr. David Wu**

**Dr. John Terveen**

**Dr. Martin Alphonse**

Spring Quarter Sunday School Calendar - March 5 - June 4, 2017

March 5	Session 1	April 23	Session 6
March 12	Session 2	April 30	Session 7
March 19	Session 3	May 7	Session 8
March 26	No SS (Spring Break)	May 14	No SS (Mother's Day)
April 2	Session 4	May 21	Session 9
April 9	Session 5	May 28	Session 10
April 16	Session (Easter Sunday)	June 4 - SS Promotion & Teacher Appreciation Sunday (after Joint Worship Service)	

**Committee members:** Soo-Ping Yeung, Emi Koe, Linda Chin, Janice Li, and Ka Ki Rohde, and Timothy Kam, Deacon Rep.

**Sunday school:** Linda Chin, Ying Chin, Mei-Kuen Wu, Dick and Mathilda Lee, Wallace Yeung, and guest teachers for the Adult English.

**Pre-K worship:** Chloe and Daphne Chiu, Shai Huang, Christine Lau, Norater Lau, Stephanie Law, Janice Li, Grace Lui, Brenda Munt

**Children worship:** Timothy Kam, Norater Lau and Mei-Kuen Wu, Soo-Ping

**Nursery:** Amelia Chan, Sandra Chan, Elaine Chin, Helen Chang, Edmond Law, Stephanie Law, Mrs. Li, Janice Li, Pandora Li, Brenda Chau-Munt, Esther and Helen Szeto, Raymond & Bonita Wong, Annie Woo, Soo-Ping Yeung.

The Passionflower (photo below) is a reminder of Christ and His passion. Below is the Legend of the Passionflower.



### ***"Passionflower - Springtime Bloom with Passionate Meaning" (Dr. David Morgan)***

*The passionflower that we have all come to love and appreciate for its unique beauty and Easter connection... is the same species that Spanish conquistadors came to use as symbols to teach Christianity to the indigenous people of the New World.*

*According to the conquistadors and their teachings...*

*1) The five petals and five sepals of the plant were said to represent the 10 apostles (leaving out Judas, the betrayer of Jesus; and Peter, because he denied knowing Christ).*

*2) The purple corolla has approximately 72 filaments, which reportedly was the number of thorns in Jesus' crown.*

*3) The three prominent stigmas of the plant were said to represent the nails used on the cross*

*4) The five stamens were claimed to symbolize the number of wounds in Jesus' hands. **\*Catholics and natives living in South and Central America still call the plant the "flower of the five wounds."***

*5) The lance-like leaf lobes were explained as being symbolic of the spear that punctured Jesus' side*

*6) The dark spots under the leaves are said to symbolize the 33 pieces of silver paid to Judas to betray Jesus.*

*7) The flowers die after a single day - the time Jesus spent on the cross.*

*8) And because the petals reclose over the ovary, the conquistadors pointed out that this was similar to Jesus being placed in the tomb and seen as the "hidden wisdom" that constitutes the "mysteries of the cross."*

*Later, authors further embellished the symbolism of the plant so that the white petals came to represent the purity of Jesus; the palmate leaves, the hands of his persecutors; and the clinging tendrils, the cords of Jesus' bondage or the whips with which he was lashed. The fruit then becomes the Earth, for which Jesus promised salvation.*