



台福總會快訊

Evangelical Formosan Church

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Press On Toward the Goal Get Ready For the Challenge

會牧的勉勵

2008年對全世界各國領袖而言，是一個驚慌又難捱的一年，最主要的是人類共同碰上了數十年來首見的全球能源危機，及以美國為首的金融大風暴。幾個月來，全球的政治領袖，金融主管，企業的CEO，無不跳出來焦頭爛額的做危機處理。全球多數人也都面臨財產縮水，物價騰升，景氣不佳，工作不保等惡劣環境。再加上大陸的毒奶粉事件，台灣的颱風，土石流，前總統的貪瀆案件，新政府表現不佳，以致人心惶惶。一些趨勢專家甚至斷言這股全球的大蕭條危機，短期內還不會結束，一些壞消息，情緒性的宣洩言詞與脫軌行為，更增添人們浮躁、焦慮的氣氛，我們台福教會與世界各地政治、經濟、社會生活息息相關，自然會受到這股悲觀與躁動的經濟風暴所影響。

在每個大風暴、颶風、龍捲風的中心點都有一個地方叫暴風眼。這個暴風眼跟整個周遭的狂亂環境是完全不同的，一旦進入暴風眼突然會變得出奇的平靜與安全，使處在暴風中的人得到舒緩與安靜。飽經人生歷練的大衛王曾說：「洪水氾濫之時，耶和華坐著為王，耶和華坐著為王，直到永遠，耶和華必賜力量給他的百姓，耶和華必賜平安的福，給

進入暴風眼

他的百姓。」(詩 29:10-11)。美國神學家查弗(Lewis Sperry Chafer)曾說：基督徒當活得比世人實在與樂觀。因基督徒知道 1.神是全知的 2.神是全能的 3.神是慈愛的，且是愛我的。我們當相信神仍在掌權，神允許許多事情陸續發生，背後仍有其計畫與美意，神更是要他的百姓在艱難中學會一些寶貴的功課。

在這多災多難，人心翻騰的 2008 年逐漸遠離之際，我們當花更多時間共同為世界各地領袖、國家與美國即將在 11 月舉行的總統選舉禱告，學習在經濟，政治風暴中仍專注在神的引領與應許上，常進入全知、全能、慈愛之神的「恩典風暴眼中」，冷靜的傾聽神聲音，真實的為罪悔改，謙卑的明白神旨意，在節能減炭中操練儉樸生活，適時的為渴慕，受苦的人伸出援手，在艱難中繼續在各地做彼此勸勉，安慰與鼓勵的工作，堅守個人在家庭、工作、教會中的服事崗位，求神賜下智慧、謀略，攜手同心的靠主恩典走出這場前所未有的大風暴。

- 胡忠倫牧師

宣教心，台灣情 無限的愛 聖誕音樂晚會

Endless Love Christmas Concert

誠摯邀請您參與台灣宣教基金募款晚會
Proceeds will go toward Taiwan mission

Friday, Dec. 12, 2008 7:30pm

Irvine Presbyterian Church

4445 Alton Parkway, Irvine 92604

Free Admission 免費入場

特邀 柑縣台福詩班	Choir of Evangelical Formosan Church of Orange County (EFCOC)
暨	
華語敬拜團	Mandarin Worship Team of EFCOC
爾灣手鐘隊	Irvine Handbell Ensemble
北橙兒童合唱團	New Orange County Children's Choir
名小提琴家 方書敏	Violinist Amanda Yang
名豎琴家 張淑敏	Harpist Grace Chang
名聲樂家 吳英俊	Soloist Bach Wu
	Erinn Liu
	John Wen

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各位親愛的台福人平安

台福總會誠摯地邀請您來參加一場聖誕音樂盛會「無限的愛」。您的參與，將是我們最大的榮幸。

為自己故鄉的福音

盡一份心力

為台灣植堂的宣教

留美好腳蹤

為天父的旨意遍傳

救失喪靈魂

為著我們骨肉之親

早日歸向主

音樂會免費入場。座位有限，請準時入場，以免向隅。

台福總會敬邀

總會事工回顧 2008 年第二季~第三季

- 今年總會由新的團隊接任，領受傳承與挑戰的責任。
- 新的團隊為加強區會功能，及加強各區會與地方教會的互動，因而推動了以下幾項事工：
 - 每週電子週報-由各區篩選自各教會 2~3 項週報消息，張貼於總會網站，供全體會友閱讀。
 - 每月播放影帶-以利各教會加強與總會及各台福機構之間的關係。
 - 每季電話連線-加強總會與地方教會及各區會的互動。
- 新任的總幹事陳敏欽牧師於今年 6 月參訪北美中區教會靈修會及區會同工會。暑假 7、8 月間，拜訪了台灣大部分教會及福音據點。9、10 月間，則拜訪了紐澳地區的教會，並各主持紐澳兩區的同工靈修會。
- 9 月開始每月一次在總會邀請英文堂傳教師一起餐敘、團契與禱告。
- 行政幹事鄭恩仁傳道輪流拜訪南加州一些教會，並參加該教會的主日崇拜，並代表總會向弟兄姐妹們請安。
- 總會今年已如期召開以下大型會議
 - 5 月 1 日在東安召開全國聯禱日
 - 6 月 6、7 日第二次總委會及北美事工研討會
 - 9 月 20 日 ABC 2008 主日學教育大會
 - 9 月 27 日台福總會長輩親睦會

總會事工展望 2008 年第四季

- 11 月 7、8 日召開第三次總委會。(討論 2009 年預算)
- 11 月 15 日總會將在東安台福教會，舉行 2009 年度任職的「長執同工領袖訓練會」。
- 12 月 12 日總會將在爾灣地區，與柑縣台福合辦一場為台灣宣教募款，名為「無限的愛」聖誕音樂晚會。
- 12 月 26-29 日英文部冬季退休會，將在 Big Bear Lake 的 Pine Summit Christian Camps 舉行，詳情請參閱網站 www.efcchurches.org

長執同工領袖訓練會

日期：2008/11/15 (六) 早上 9am~5pm

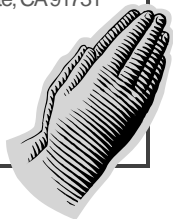
地點：東安台福教會(備有午餐)

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課程三、長執會的選舉、組織及其運作	徐忠昌牧師 黃保羅長老 陳慶霖長老
課程四、長執會與牧師或傳道人的關係互動	劉瑞義牧師 郭宗杰長老 黃順天長老

敬邀 08' 及 09' 年的
長執同工組隊參加。

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2009 年台福總會行事曆			
目標：事奉年			
主題：挑旺恩賜，彼此服事 (彼前四章 10 節 1 Peter 4: 10)			
月份	日期	活動項目《地點》	參考節期
1 月	1/04	各教會新同工按立就任	1/26 農曆新年
2 月	2/19-21 2/20-21	2009 北美數代連結大會《洛杉磯台福》 第廿五屆第四次總委會《總會辦公室》	2/14 情人節
3 月			3/08 日光節約開始
4 月	4/17-18	婦女靈修會《洛杉磯台福》	4/12 復活節
5 月	5/07 5/09	國定聯禱會 神學院畢業典禮《洛杉磯台福》	5/10 母親節 5/25 國殤日 5/28 端午節
6 月	6/05-07	第廿五屆第五次總委會《總會辦公室》	6/21 父親節
7 月		台灣短宣月	7/04 美國國慶
8 月			
9 月	9/19	ABC 2009 北美華人基督徒教育大會《洛杉磯台福》	9/01 勞動節
10 月	10/03	台福長輩親睦會，青松會主辦《洛杉磯台福》	10/03 中秋節
11 月	11/06-07	第廿五屆第六次總委會《總會辦公室》	11/02 日光節約結束 11/26 感恩節
12 月	12/25-28	台福華語/英文青年福音營	12/25 聖誕節

2009 年目標與主題

目標：事奉年		主題：挑旺恩賜，彼此服事	
季主題	經文	重點目標	
第一季 認識自己	1-3	個人：選修裝備課程	
第二季 紀律自己	4-6	家庭：全家動員服事	
第三季 裝備自己	7-9	教會：全面師資訓練	
第四季 獻上自己	10-12	外展：參與宣教事工	

Retreat 2008 EFC Winter Retreat Welcome!

Each year, the southern California Evangelical Formosan Churches put on a retreat for their English ministries. Come for food, fellowship, and fun! Our theme this year is:

"Living a PC (Practical Christian) Life."

Now that you know these things, you will be blessed if you do them. [John 13:17]

The 2008 EFC Winter Retreat will be held at : Pine Summit Christian Camps - 700 Wren Drive, Big Bear Lake, CA 92315
Friday, Dec 26 — Monday, Dec 29, 2008 (4 days, 3 nights)



Encourage of Pastor in Charge

Entering the Eye of the Storm

- Rev. Allen Hu

2008 has been a turbulent and difficult year for many people all around the globe. The main causes of concern are the *oil crisis* which we have not encountered in the past few decades, and the *financial crisis* that originated from the United States but soon affected the whole world. In the past several months, political leaders, Chiefs of Finance sectors, and CEOs of private enterprises all have been spending much time and resources attempting to resolve the crises in this critical time. However, not only the government officials or the CEOs have been worrying; the general public is facing difficulties in their day-to-day lives as well. There are threats of depreciation of asset values and inflation, there are fears of an economic recession and the increased prices of commodities, and there are reports of raising unemployment rates and other bad news reports. Moreover, the incident of tainted milk formula from China, the destructive typhoons hitting Taiwan, the mud flows and landslides that caused tremendous damages, the corruption scandal of the former Taiwanese president, and the low performance of the new government all resulted in heightened anxieties in people's hearts. On top of that, some trend analysts even forecasted that the worldwide recession that we have seen so far will not be getting any better in the near future. Since our EFC churches are tightly connected to the local political affairs, economics, and society, these grim news events have inevitably had an impact on us.

Every storm, typhoon, or tornado, has a center area called the "eye". This area is completely different from the chaos surrounding it. Once one enters the "eye of the storm", one would feel unexpectedly peaceful and safe

despite the storm around it. King David who had experienced much hardship in his life said, "The LORD sits enthroned over the flood; the LORD is enthroned as King forever. The LORD gives strength to his people; the LORD blesses his people with peace." (Psalm 29:10-11). American theologian Lewis Sperry Chafer once said that Christians should live a more optimistic life than non-Christians because we know that 1. God is omniscient; 2. God is omnipotent; and 3. God is merciful and He loves us. Even in times like this, we should know that God is still in control. He allows these things to happen for a purpose and a plan. He wants us to learn the lesson of "trust" when we are facing difficulties.

As this tumultuous year comes to an end in a few weeks, I encourage you to spend more time praying for the leaders around the world. Even more so now, since the US presidential election will take place in November. Let us learn to enter the "eye" of the political/financial storm that is protected by the omniscient, omnipotent and merciful God. Let us trust His guidance and focus on His promises. Let us learn to quiet down our hearts in order to listen to His voice; to genuinely repent for our sins; to seek to understand God's will with humble hearts; to practice living a simple life; and to help those who are suffering. In such a time like this, let us remember to strengthen, comfort, and encourage one another; to stand firm and continue to serve our families, workplaces and churches. Finally, let us pray that God will grant us the wisdom and discernment to weather this unprecedented storm and walk out united together.

Co-Worker Retreat

Date: 2008/11/15 (Sat.) / **Time:** 9am~5pm / **Location:** EFCEV / **Add:** 20625 La Puente Rd., Walnut, CA 91789

Discussion Topic

1.Preparation of A Deacon	3.Church Council Election/Organization/Operation
2.Preparation of An Elder	4.Relationship between the Church Council and Pastors/Ministers

EFCGA Ministry Summary 2008 2nd ~ 3rd Quarter

- This year the EFCGA has a new team, taking up the responsibility of passing on the vision and meeting challenges.
- The new team is for reinforcing the function of the Regional Meeting, as well as solidifying the relationship between the Regional Meeting and local churches, and has thus introduced the following projects:
 - The weekly electronic news bulletin – From each region 2~3 weekly news articles will be chosen and posted to the GA website for all members to view.
 - The monthly video tape – to benefit all churches in strengthening their relations to the EFCGA and it's organizations
 - Quarterly telephone conference – To strengthen the contact between the EFCGA, Regional Meeting, and local churches
- The new EFCGA Secretary General, Pr. Peter Chen, in period between July and August, visited most of the churches and Evangelism stations in Taiwan
- Pr. Chen also visited churches in New Zealand and Australia in the period between September and October, and spoke at the co-workers retreat for both regions.
- Administrative Officer, Minister En Jen Cheng, also visited several Southern California churches, attending their Sunday services, as well as expressing greetings from the GA
- This year, the GA will be holding the following important meetings.
 - 5/1 – At EFC EV, there will be a National Day of Prayer
 - 6/6 ~ 6/7 – The 2nd Executive Board meeting and North American Ministry Discussion Conference
 - 9/20 – ABC 2008 Seminar
 - 9/27 – EFCGA Senior Caring Conference

EFCGA Ministry Outlook 2008 4th Quarter

- 11/7 ~ 11/8 – 3rd Executive Board meeting (discussing the 2009 Budget)
- 11/15 – The GA will be holding a “Elders, Co-workers, and Leaders Training Retreat” at EFC EV for newly elected Elders and Deacons.
- 12/12 – The EFCGA along with EFC OC will be holding a Christmas music concert in the Irvine area called “Endless Love”, for the purpose of raising funds for Taiwan missions.
- 12/26 ~ 12/29 - The EFC English Ministries will be holding Winter Retreat at Pine Summit Christian Camps in Big Bear Lake. For more information, please go to www.efcchurches.org

2009 EFC Master Calendar

Objectives : Year of Serving
 Theme : Bring Out The Gifts, Serve One Another.
 (1 Peter 4 : 10)

Mon	Date	Event Categories 《Location》	Reference Date
Jan	1/04	Inauguration of New Co-workers at all EFC Churches	1/26 Chinese Lunar New Year
Feb	2/19-21 2/20-21	2009 North American Bridging Conference 《EFCLA》 The 4 th EFCGA Executive Board Meeting of The 25 th Annual Meeting 《GA Office》	2/14 Valentine's Day
Mar			3/08 Daylight Saving Time begins
Apr	4/17-18	Women Retreat 《EFCLA》	4/12 Easter
May	5/07 5/09	National Prayer Meeting LES Commencement 《EFCLA》	5/10 Mother's Day 5/25 Memorial Day 5/28 Dragon Boat Festival
Jun	6/05-07	The 5 th EFCGA Executive Board Meeting of The 25 th Annual Meeting 《GA Office》	6/21 Father's Day
Jul		Month of Taiwan Short Term Mission	7/04 Independent Day
Aug			
Sep	9/19	ABC 2009 《EFCLA》	9/01 Labor Day
Oct	10/03	Senior's Fellowship 《EFCLA》	10/03 Mid-Autumn Festival
Nov	11/06-07	The 6 th EFCGA Executive Board Meeting of The 25 th Annual Meeting 《GA Office》	11/02 Daylight Saving Time ends 11/26 Thanksgiving
Dec	12/25-28	EFC Winter Retreat	12/25 Christmas

2009 GA Themes for the year

Year of Serving

Bring Out The Gifts, Serve One Another. (1 Peter 4-10)

Scripture Reference	Theme of the quarter	Main Objectives	Comments
1-3	• Know ourselves	• Individual : Equipping Programs	• Year of the Christian Soldier
4-6	• Discipline ourselves	• Family : Serving as a family	• Disciple ship
7-9	• Equip ourselves	• Church : Church-wide teachers' training program	• Manual
10-12	• Consecrate ourselves	• Outreach : Volunteer missionaries	

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