

## Small Groups of VEF

Time	Meeting Place	Leader	Contact Number & Email
TUE 17:30	NCTU Engineering Building 3 - EC543	Maria	<a href="mailto:mariayuang@gmail.com">mariayuang@gmail.com</a>
THU 07:00	Men's Breakfast Ikari Coffee 738 Guangfu Road	Jeff	0987-378-323 <a href="mailto:jacase767@yahoo.com">jacase767@yahoo.com</a>
FRI 11:00	Korean Women's Group Victory - B1-102	Hayoung Ko	0966 266 041 <a href="mailto:jspaek70@gmail.com">jspaek70@gmail.com</a>
FRI 19:30	Youth Group Victory - 8F	Linus Lu	0989-543-486 <a href="mailto:shihlien.lu@gmail.com">shihlien.lu@gmail.com</a>
FRI 19:30	Indonesian Group Victory - 6F	Timothy William	0909-335-550 <a href="mailto:moimoipalamoi@gmail.com">moimoipalamoi@gmail.com</a>
FRI 20:00	Emmanuel Group Puding 3rd Road	Bih Qui Tiang	0966-545-764 <a href="mailto:bihqui@gmail.com">bihqui@gmail.com</a>
FRI 20:00	Barnabas Group Near Xinzhuang Station	Japie Kruger	<a href="mailto:Japie.kruger@gmail.com">Japie.kruger@gmail.com</a>
SUN 11:00	Epic of Eden Bible Study Victory - B1-104	Pastor Dar- ren	<a href="mailto:pastordarren@vefellowship.com">pastordarren@vefellowship.com</a>
SUN 11:00	Family Bible Study Victory—B1-105-106	Pastor John	<a href="mailto:vefpastor@gmail.com">vefpastor@gmail.com</a>
SUN 11:00	Korean Group Victory - B102	Jonathan Eun	0920-729-307 <a href="mailto:joe003e@hanmail.net">joe003e@hanmail.net</a>

### How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer

You can transfer your offerings to **Victory's Postal account**, the bank code is **700**, follow by the account number - **0061021 0478485**. Contact Pastor John or Yu-Hwa at [yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw](mailto:yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw) the first time you make a transfer to make sure the money goes into the VEF account.



### What is Café VEF all about?

Come in, get a cup of coffee and a snack, and pull up a chair. Café VEF is a contemporary worship service that focuses on interaction and building community. At Café VEF we combine traditional elements of a worship service with interactive elements similar to cell groups. The service begins with an ice breaker question before we have our call to worship and worship in song. We have “gap time” prior to the message, where those gathered will actively engage in community worship through different activities such as focused prayer for specific needs, testimonies, or topical teaching.

During the sermon, those sitting at tables are invited to participate openly through asking clarifying questions when the need arises. Understanding is enhanced by in-sermon dialogue.

After the message is delivered and the benediction given, attendees are invited to stay for a time of guided discussion and closing prayer. Each table has a “discussion facilitator,” who will use provided materials to help enhance understanding and growth—both spiritually and in community.

### Café VEF—Worship, Discipleship, Fellowship, and Friendship.

We pray that you will be blessed in the service—Pastors John Olson and Darren Carter

“Ghosts of Christmas Past: Overcoming Offenses”

Proverbs 19:11

Pastor Darren Carter

## Order of Service

Icebreaker question

Call to Worship

Worship in Song

*How easily offended are you?*

Proverbs 19:11

Way Maker

O Praise the Name

A Christmas Alleluia

Gap Time

Announcements and Advent Lighting—

Sermon

**Overcoming Offenses**

Benediction

Pastor Darren

Discussion Time

### UPCOMING EVENTS

December 11—Women's Craft Day—18:30-21:30-Lobby 101

December 24—Christmas Eve Candlelight Service in B1—19:30

### **GHOSTS OF CHRISTMAS PAST—1 OVERCOMING OFFENSES**

#### **YOUR LIFE IS TOO SHORT AND YOUR CALLING IS TOO GREAT TO LIVE OFFENDED.**

A person's wisdom yields patience; it is to one's glory to overlook an offense. Proverbs 19:11

"Whenever anyone has offended me, I try to raise my soul so high that the offense cannot reach it." – René Descartes

#### **WITH GOD'S HELP, I'M GETTING OVER THIS**

#### **I'M GETTING OVER BEING EASILY OFFENDED.**

Always be humble and gentle. Be patient with each other, making allowance for each other's faults because of your love. Ephesians 4:2 NLT

#### **I'M GETTING OVER THE BIG OFFENSES.**

Make allowance for each other's faults, and forgive anyone who offends you. Remember, the Lord forgave you, so you must forgive others.  
Colossians 3:13 NLT

- Do you ever totally offend people without knowing it? Stories, please.
- On a scale of 1-10, how easily are you offended? What's something minor that offends you?

#### **Start thinking. Ask questions to get your group thinking.**

- What do you think is at the root of most offenses?
- Darren talked about how we judge others by their actions while judging ourselves by our intentions. What do you think?

#### **Start sharing. Choose questions that create openness.**

- Read Colossians 3:13. What are some of your most typical barriers to forgiving others?
- Have you ever had to get over a big offense? What worked for you? How did you do it?
- Have you ever been on the side of the offender? What did forgiveness feel like?
- Who is someone you need to forgive? How will you do it?

#### **Start praying. Be bold, and pray with power.**

- Jesus, You once said we should consider it a blessing to be hated or excluded on Your behalf. Will You give us the power and wisdom to live this way? Holy Spirit, nudge us to release people from how they've wronged us. Heavenly Father, thank You for forgiving us. Amen.

#### **Start doing. Commit to a step and live it out this week.**

- Choose one person or experience to release this week. Create a plan for how you'll do it, and ask someone to hold you to it.
- Set a daily or weekly reminder in your phone to live free by releasing offenses instead of rehearsing them.

#### **Last Sunday's (12/1)**

- Morning Worship attendance – 148
- Afternoon Worship attendance— 59
- Sunday School attendance – 43
- Offering - \$ 24,520
- YTD Giving - \$3,244,124
- Remaining amount needed to meet budget - \$255,876 (\$63,969 weekly giving)

#### **This Week Café Workers**

**Set-up and Greeters:** Pamela — **Worship Team:** Leo, Thomas A., Michelle P, Valencia, Yohanes, Jonathan J. — **PPT:** Peter Park— **Sound:** Tim Y.

#### **Next Week:**

**Set-up and Greeters:** — **Worship Team:** Tim W., Sam P., Joicelin S., Sheryn W., Josephine F., Jan K., Pranata W., Jonathan J. — **PPT:** William Kwan— **Sound:** Tim Y & Stephen L.