

UPCOMING EVENTS


- August 6-8 Vacation Bible School

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- ◆ VEF has signed up for a subscription to RightNow Media—a Christian company that allows you to stream over 10,000 Bible Studies and Christian shows from many different companies. If you would like to have access to this digital library please go to the following link or scan the QR code—<https://forms.gle/TEJ9BcQtQgHEavcD9>






Sunday Services in B1 at Victory Church
Morning Worship 9:00
Afternoon Worship 1:30

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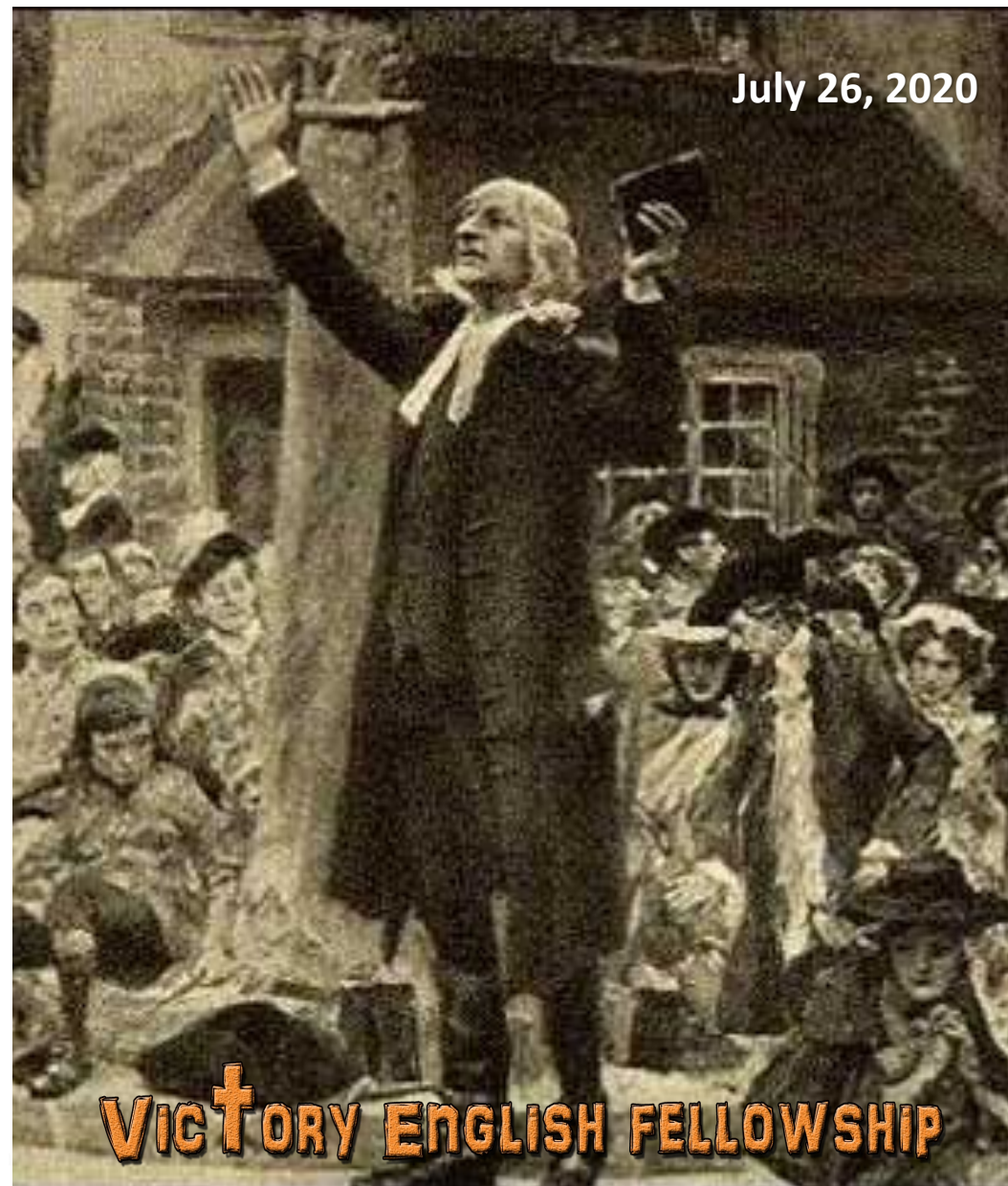
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"...for everyone born of God overcomes the world. This is the victory that has overcome the world, even our faith" - 1 John 5:4

**Next Week: "Be a Good Soldier of Christ
Peter Park**



VICTORY ENGLISH FELLOWSHIP

"Best of All, God is With Us"

**2 Peter 3:1-13
Darren Carter**

Order of Service

Call to Worship	Isaiah 41:10
Worship in Song	And can it be
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:25-34
Worship in Song	You are my all in all Yet not I but through Christ in me
Announcements and Greetings	Peter
Worship in the Word: "Best of All, God is With Us!" p	Pastor Darren Carter
Response Song	Lord I offer my life to You
Benediction	Pastor Darren Carter

Small Groups of VEF

Time	Meeting Place	Leader	Contact Number & Email
TUE 17:30	NCTU ON BREAK	Maria	mariayang@gmail.com
THU 07:00	Men's Breakfast Ikari Coffee 738 Guangfu Road	Jeff	0987 378 323 jacase767@yahoo.com
FRI 11:00	Korean Women's Group Victory - B1-102	Hayoung Ko	0966 266 041 jspaek70@gmail.com
FRI 19:30	Youth Group ON BREAK	Linus Lu	0989-543-486 shihlien.lu@gmail.com
FRI 19:30	Indonesian Group Victory - 6F	Timothy William	0909335550 moimoipalamoi@gmail.com
FRI 20:00	Emmanuel Group Puding 3rd Road	Bih Qui Tiang	0966-545-764 bihqui@gmail.com
FRI 20:00	Barnabas CG Guanxin Area	Japie Kruger	Japie.kruger@gmail.com
SUN 11:00	Korean Group Victory - B102	Jonathan Eun	0920 729 307 joe003e@hanmail.net

Victory English Fellowship 2020 Vacation Bible School

August 6-8, 2020!

Register Here!



*Interested in starting a small group? Need assistance finding a group?
Contact Jims at jims.vef@gmail.com*

Special Announcement:

In order to help prevent the spread of coronavirus, we request that all Church attendees follow the following precautions:

1. **Please** wear your medical grade 'surgical' mask throughout the worship or fellowship meetings.
2. Church has alcohol and soap. Please make use of them.
3. Please take your own temperature. If you have a fever, please see a doctor, stay home and rest.
4. If you have symptoms of respiratory illness, please do not join any church gatherings.
5. If you have visited China, Hong Kong, or Macau (epidemic area) within the last 14 days, please stay home and do not come to Church.



Cell Group Feature

Indonesian Cell Group

The Indonesian group at VEF is made up of Indonesian Natives who are now living in Taiwan. Our group is a blend of students and professionals coming together to invest in one-another, and grow in Christ.

We meet every Friday Evening from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. on the 6th floor of Victory. Our fellowship includes worshipping God through music, sharing prayer requests, Bible Study, and more!



This Week Volunteer Workers

Set-up and Greeters: — **Worship Team:** Edmund, Fiona, Valencia, Sam F., Theresa, Jonathan J.
— **PPT:** Bachir — **Sound:** Tim — **Video:** Jims

Next Week:

Set-up and Greeters: — **Worship Team:** Tim W., Putry, Elisa, Yehezkiel Y., Jonathan J., Jan K., Angela C. — **PPT:** Kristy — **Sound:** Jessie — **Video:** Jeff

Announcements

- ◆ Vacation Bible School (VBS) will be held August 6-8 from 9AM-12PM. We need volunteers – if you are willing to volunteer please contact Dora Johnson at dora.c.johnon@gmail.com or David Dyck at dtdyck67@gmail.com. VBS is for children ages 4 years old through those going into 6th grade. We welcome students older than that to help out as volunteers. Right now we need someone to help with decorations. You can register for VBS online at <https://www.vefellowship.com/home/vbs2020/>
- ◆ “Your Confirmation” - is a study where you will be looking at what you believe, how to answer someone when they ask you about your faith, etc. It will be based on the book “Your Confirmation” by Rev. John Stott. The Bible study will start on Sunday, July 12th at 15:30. Please contact Peter Park for more information—koo26@naver.com
- ◆ A pastoral search committee has been formed is meeting regularly . The search committee meets regularly to pray and look at applicants for the head English pastor position. When the process is complete the committee will make a recommendation to the Victory Pastor/ Elder Personnel Board for approval. The search committee members are Jeff Case, Linus Lu, Sam Yang, Bih Qui Tiang, Timothy Liu, Timothy William, and Japie Kruger. If you have any questions please talk to one of the committee members. Please be in prayer for the pastor search process.
- ◆ There will be a Mission Corner meeting from 3-4:30 in L101.
- ◆ There is a potluck for Pastor Darren and his family today starting at 4:30 in B1. Bring a dish to share.

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. Please make sure to contact one of them to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

Best of All, God is With Us!

Darren Carter

Whether or not John Wesley really spoke those words with his final breath before expiring on March 2, 1791 does not really matter. The thought and idea is one that has echoed through time since well before Wesley embarked upon his lifelong journey to spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ around the world. Indeed, Wesley famously said “I look upon all the world as my parish; thus far I mean, that in whatever part of it I am, I judge it meet, right, and my bounden duty to declare unto all that are willing to hear, the glad tidings of salvation,” and indeed, that is the attitude we should all have in Christian ministry.

God has taken me around the world and back again on multiple occasions. At times I have been in the pulpit, and at others in the classroom. Even so, I have found a pulpit in a taxi cab where a Muslim driver upon learning I was Christian began to ask questions. The reality of this loving and personal God was almost beyond his comprehension, yet he wanted to know more. The ride having reached its final destination, and the driver needing to continue his work, I quickly gave him directions to a Christian church near his home; he enthusiastically wrote down the information so he could find out more about this loving and personal God. It is life changing that God is with us!

On another occasion I was teaching a Bible study in the Nangang district of Taipei. I encountered a Buddhist woman who had suffered much at the hands of her family. She was left jaded and angry. As I taught the Beatitudes, she became quite agitated. In her words it was impossible to love someone who hates you or has wronged you. I hastily agreed with her and explained that it was not us but by Christ IN us that allowed for such action. She was confused by this and in our short time together unable to come to terms with it. The idea that our God has transformational power is foreign to those whose gods are wood, metal, and plastic. Her friend who was a regular attendee of the study and a Christian later told me that she was seeking more diligently now, because of this idea of a God who loves and can change us. It is paradigm shifting that God is with us!

John Wesley’s writings are a veritable gold mine of fantastic quotations. Many are distillations of biblical truths, or statements formed from deep introspection into scripture. One of my favorites is “ Catch on fire and people will come for miles to see you burn.” The kind of fire that Wesley is referencing, is a fire for the Gospel of Christ. What Wesley was saying in that quote is that if you are truly on fire for God, that will attract people. They will want to hear what you have to say. They will want to know what you know. They will want to have what you have. Each of us has a sphere of influence, and each of us has a calling as a follower of Christ to share who we are, what we have, and what we know with others. As I sat eating lunch with someone this week, I noticed a young American couple in the restaurant. I remarked that my normal practice is to introduce myself and give them a card. I let them know that VEF offers spiritual support and activities for English speakers living here, and of course I invite them to come join us. I am a minister of the Gospel and people expect it. Sadly, the statistic for people responding positively to a church invitation from a pastor is actually quite low. The positive is, the response to an invitation from a lay person is quite high. There is also a “secret” that many do not realize—the priesthood of the believers. Everyone who professes Jesus to be Lord and is saved is a minister in some sense. So I ask this in sincerity and out of a desire to see more people come to know Jesus — when did you last

invite someone to church? When did you last make the willful and intentional move to befriend someone FOR Christ? Another Wesley quote—“We have nothing to do but save souls.” There is no higher calling than that, and each of us... indeed each of you, has a calling to that very end. You may not be an eloquent speaker, but then neither was Moses. You may not be most physically capable, but then neither was David. You might not be the most brilliant scholar of the Bible, but the apostles were fishermen. All of these things are excuses people make to get out of their calling. Don’t make excuses! God is with us!

So I ask, if God is calling you to do something, and you refuse, are you a Christian? I have offended some with that language over the past three years, and I offer no apologies. God is calling none of you to carry a cross to the hill of the skull and be nailed to it, but he does call you to take up your cross and follow him. Your cross isn’t a high power bill or long hours at work. Your cross is the burden you bear to see the Kingdom of God expand. It isn’t going to be an easy task; if it were, it wouldn’t be a cross to bear! So what is holding you back? What is keeping you from moving forward? It will be OK! God is with us!

As I look back over my life, I can see the fingerprints of God. I can see so many times he used me or directed me. At the time I didn’t necessarily understand or realize it. On one occasion I was visiting a church member in the hospital. As I went to leave, I got turned around and took the wrong hallway. As I passed by an open doorway to a room, I realized that the occupant in the bed was an elderly lady who roomed with one of my church members at the nursing home. As I paused there, I saw her son sitting quietly in the room with a dejected look on his face. I knocked gently on the doorframe and he glanced up and motioned for me to come in. I introduced myself to him and he immediately knew who I was. I had been serving communion to his mother for the previous two years, as she no longer had a pastor. She had told her son about me. He told me that she had taken a bad turn, and doctors didn’t believe she would make it. His pastor was out of the country on a family vacation, and he had no one to come to the hospital. As I sat there with the man, we began to pray. Minutes passed as we prayed together. I prayed for peace that surpasses all understanding for him and that he would feel the Love of God and that his mother would not suffer. As we sat together praying, his elderly mother slipped from this world into God’s loving arms. I remained there with him for a bit and marveled at the transformation that had happened. He was at peace. It surpassed understanding. God was with us!

For myself and my family, we have a roadmap and we can confidently say that God takes care of us. He is faithful to those who follow His will, and we have always gone to where He has led. In our lives we have made moves where he went before us and laid the path clearly, and we have made moves where the hands of man and the exercise of free-will preempted what was so obviously God’s plan. It hasn’t always been easy in either case, but I can say with great confidence that it worked out for our good because God is With us.

The first day I spoke at VEF I made the request that those in the church have grace. I leave you with the same request. If you wait on someone to say or do something to upset you, it will happen. When you look for a problem, you will find one, but as Christians we receive the Grace of God. To be Christ-like, we should display the same. When the new pastors arrive at VEF, display the grace of God. Make an effort to know them and care for them. That is the mark that God is with you. The love you show one another. It costs you nothing and you gain everything. Best of all, God is with us!

Love to all of you, Pastor Darren