



Closest Talk

January 2019

1. Happy New Year! Thank God for another year to love and serve Him.
2. Each year we try to set goals or plans for the coming year. Pray that you will keep God in the centre of those plans.
3. Pray for the upcoming conversation sessions being scheduled to review Emmanuel's survey report.
4. Pray for those who have been on vacation during the school break. Pray they return safely home to begin school next week.
5. Pray for the worship service tomorrow, when we gather around the Lord's Table to remember His life and sacrifice on our behalf. Prepare your hearts to meet with Him at the communion table.
6. As we gather as one church around the Lord's Table, thank God for the diversity we have in our church family: young and old, Mandarin and English speaking, many ethnic groups represented in our church family, students and retirees, people with special needs, people with diverse gifts and abilities. Thank God we are one in Christ around the Lord's Table.
7. Pray for our Preschool and After School programs as they begin. Pray for the children and families involved in both programs.
8. Pray for the meetings today with the staff and board with Sam Breakey from our CBWC denomination. Sam will share the results of the survey.
9. Pray for all the groups beginning again this week. Pray for the two Wednesday evening prayer meetings.
10. Pray for the Nacho family as they prepare to be with us this coming Sunday. Thank God for this family serving with our Canadian Baptist Ministries. They have also served in several countries in South and Central America.
11. Pray for the Mandarin Bible Study groups meeting on Friday and Saturday evenings. Thank God for the lay people who lead these studies.
12. Pray for David and Suzannah Nacho and their three children as they join us in worship tomorrow. Also, pray for the luncheon after church. We will have an opportunity to meet them and hear about their work.
13. Pray for David Nacho as he brings us the message this Sunday. Thank God for his heart for ministry.
14. Pray for the Monday Morning Bible study group as they start a new study by Max Lucado.
15. Pray for the Student Dinner beginning again until the end of March. Pray for all the volunteers that enable this hospitality ministry to flourish.

16. Pray for family night meeting weekly on Wednesday evening. Pray for the families that participate.
17. The English as a Second Language classes begin again today. Pray for these two classes and all those leading.
18. Pray for our youth groups as they begin again today after their Christmas break. Pray for the volunteers that give so generously of their time to interact and build friendship with the youth.
19. Ability is a good thing but stability is even better. This is especially true of church volunteers. It is not all about exceptional gifts and abilities, it is often more important to have the faithfulness to serve consistently and caringly.
20. Thank God today for our regular worship leaders, musicians, sound people, projectionists, and others that assist to lead us in worship each Sunday.
21. "None are so old as those who have outlived enthusiasm." (Thoreau) And enthusiasm is not based on age. You can be young and lose your enthusiasm, or older. Enthusiasm begins with ethos which means God filled. God fills us with enthusiasm for life and for love of His world and His purposes.
22. "Every man must do two things alone; he must do his own believing, and his own dying." (Martin Luther). You need to do your own believing. Pray today for your faith, and your commitment to God.
23. "Collapse in the Christian life is seldom a blowout it is usually a slow leak." (Paul Little) Pray today for consistent care of your walk with God, and consistent opportunities to learn and develop in your Christian faith.
24. Pray for the Community Cabbage group meeting Thursday afternoons. They use salvaged food to make yummy soups for students on Friday afternoons. Pray for Daniel McDougall as he enables this group.
25. "What we believe about God is the most important thing about us." (A.W. Tozer) Reflect on your beliefs. Deepen them with thought and reading, and praying.
26. "The Bible is not like a slot machine. If you put in five minutes reading time, you don't necessarily get a blessing, or anything else out of it." (A. Morgan Derham). Pray for a commitment to read the Bible and be part of a Bible Study group this year.
27. Pray for our two Sunday worship gatherings, the English worship in the Sanctuary and the Mandarin Worship in the Gym. Thank God we can provide a diversity of worship options.
28. Pray for the Deacons as they gather this evening. Pray for Tanga Blackburn as she leads this group.
29. Pray for the staff as they meet each Tuesday to pray, plan and prepare for the ministries of our church.
30. "A soul is healed by being with children." (Fyuodor Dostoevsky) Thank God today for the children in our church family.
31. Pray to be a Jesus follower this year. Pray you will seek to know and understand God's desires for your life. Keep close to Him.