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Cornerstone welcomes three new teachers

Cornerstone has three new faculty members this fall:

Ms. Katie Duggan is a graduate of the University of California, Los Angeles, with a major in English. She completed the teaching credential program at San Francisco State University and obtained her CLAD (Crosscultural, Language, and Academic Development) certificate. She has previously taught at Camino Nuevo Middle School, Abraham Lincoln High School, the International Studies Academy, and in the San Ramon Valley school



Ms. Katie Duggan
ESL Teacher
(Middle School and High

district. She has also taught test preparation (including SAT). Ms. Duggan traveled to Nicaragua this past summer to help build a school.



Miss Joyce So
3rd Grade Teacher

her students) has previously taught in the San Mateo-Foster City and Oakland school districts.

Miss Joyce So is a graduate of the University of California, Davis. She majored in Human Development and minored in Psychology. During college, she worked as an Enrichment Teacher at Cornerstone Academy and as a summer school teacher at Cumberland Presbyterian Chinese Church. She completed the teaching credential program at California State University, East Bay. Miss Joyce (as she is known to



Miss Jennifer Zubia
2nd Grade Teacher

her students) has previously taught in the San Mateo-Foster City and Oakland school districts.

Miss Jennifer Zubia is a graduate of the University of California, Santa Barbara. She majored in Spanish and minored in Education. She completed the teaching credential program at San Francisco State University. Miss Zubia has previously taught at Marshall Elementary School and Cornerstone's Elementary Summer Program.

Questions? Concerns?

Administrators are available to help you—

501 Cambridge Street Campus

(415-585-5183):

- Mr. Derrick Wong, Principal
- Mr. Al Vidal, Site Administrator

1925 Lawton Street Campus

(415-665-9747):

- Mrs. Mabel Lim, Site Manager

801 Silver Avenue Campus

(415-587-7256):

- Mrs. Mamie Fong, Site Administrator
- Mrs. Juliann Wong, Early Childhood Administrator

Parents go Back-to-School

Principal Derrick Wong hosted five Back-to-School Nights in September—one at the Lawton Street campus and two each at the Silver Avenue and Cambridge Street campuses. By coming out on a weeknight to meet with administrators and teachers, parents demonstrated their commitment to partnering with the school to provide the best education possible for their children.

Mr. Wong updated everyone on a number of issues, including measures being taken to prepare for the H1N1 (swine) flu virus and to deal with the rising incidence of food allergies in children.

At one of the Cambridge Street Back-to-School Nights, Mr. Wong demonstrated an interactive poster that 'speaks' Mandarin. This new instructional aid is used in the new 5th grade Mandarin curriculum.

One of Cornerstone's founders, Rev.

Chanson Lau, shared a little school history—the thought that sparked what was then Little Lights Preschool: "Our building is only being used on Sundays. Why not put it to good use on weekdays?" That was back in 1975, nearly 35 years ago.

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Preschool Cantonese Teacher Mrs. Shui Bing Chan greets parents at Back-to-School Night.

At this Thanksgiving time, consider how the Lord blesses you and then how you can bless Him.

You should praise the Lord for his love and for the wonderful things he does for all of us. You should celebrate by offering sacrifices and singing joyful songs to tell what he has done (Psalm 107:21,22; CEV).

Adults: Have you heard of the Thanksgiving Thorns Bouquet? Jenny lost her husband. She had no children, no family nearby,

too great a debt and no money to travel. For the first time, she spent Thanksgiving alone. Jenny was a florist. She always enjoyed the “flowers” of life, but it took thorns to show her the beauty of God’s comfort. She designed an arrangement of long-stemmed thorny roses, except the roses were neatly snipped: there were no flowers. She learned to give thanks for the thorny situations and what they taught her.

Throughout the year, God blesses you, whether you recognize His blessings or not. He always welcomes your praises. God wants you to remember His blessings and develop a thankful attitude and a grateful heart. You may find life more enjoyable and you may find yourself naturally praising Him in all circumstances of your life.

Youth: What does Thanksgiving mean to you?

A big meal shared with family and friends? Or volunteer work with your church or family, maybe serving meals at the local shelter or donating to the food bank? Is it the time of year when you count your blessings?

Speaking of blessings, are you blessed? Think for a minute... You may not feel blessed, but think again. Do you have a family? Do you have a home with your own room or a shared room? Do you have friends you can hang out with? Are you able to go out for pizza from time to time? Do you have hands and feet that function? Can you participate in sports or other after school activities? Are you athletic, musically talented, or creative in other areas? In addition to blessings such as these, you are blessed because God loves you and watches over you each day.

Remember the blessings in your life. Some blessings will bring you happiness and some will challenge you and help you grow. Thank God for each blessing and ask Him to guide and comfort you through the difficult ones. Develop a grateful heart toward the Lord and make it a habit to praise Him. Your praise will bless the Lord and you may find that having a grateful heart will help make life less stressful and more enjoyable for you.

Adults and Youth: At this Thanksgiving and all other times of the year, be grateful to God and be generous to others.

For more information on issues like these, contact Rev. Peter Lam or Mrs. Emily Lam at Asian Families Today, a ministry supported by Cornerstone Evangelical Baptist Church, 415-587-7242. AFT offers special thanks for the work of Mrs. Laura Ing, LCSW, on this article.

Parents go Back-to-School

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Mrs. Gwen Chan shared her impressions of her extensive observations of the teaching-learning process at Cornerstone. She assured parents, “You have made the right choice to have your children here.”

Mrs. Chan previously served as Interim Superintendent of the San Francisco Unified School District and is now consulting for Cornerstone.



1st Grade Teacher Mrs. Kar Yee Lau-Mar welcomes parents to her classroom on Back-to-School Night.

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