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Every week, we gather at church to sing praises to God, hear His Word and greet one another. Amid these familiar moments, we may also notice new faces visiting Eden for the first time. How we come before God in worship and welcome those He brings into our midst both shape the life of our church.

This October, Eden Connect introduces the Worship Ministry and Welcome & Care Ministry. From preparing and leading worship to the relationships that begin with a simple smile or greeting, we see how brothers and sisters use their God-given gifts to serve together. We are also invited to reflect on our own part in worshipping God and caring for one another. May this issue encourage us to see our weekly gatherings with fresh eyes, coming before God with reverence, welcoming others with Christ's love, and building one another up as His church.

WELCOME & CARE MINISTRY



First service welcome team

A smile or a simple greeting may seem like a small gesture, but it can make a lasting difference to someone visiting church for the first time. For us, welcoming goes beyond saying hello. It means taking the time to get to know people, listen and understand their different circumstances. Some come out of curiosity, others are looking for a church, exploring the Christian faith or going through difficult seasons in life. While we may not be able to meet every need, we hope to offer thoughtful care and, where appropriate, connect them with pastors, preachers or fellow church members who can journey with them.

For us, welcoming is more than a first impression. We hope to build meaningful relationships with newcomers and help them gradually find their place in the Eden family. We seek to connect them with fellowship groups, cell groups and others in the church according to their stage of life and faith. One of our greatest joys is when we no longer think of someone as a “newcomer”, because they have formed friendships, found people to journey with and discovered a community where they belong.



Second service welcome team



Saturday service welcome team

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Ultimately, the Welcome & Care Ministry hopes to build not just a team that welcomes people, but a church where everyone feels welcomed. Welcoming does not happen only at the church entrance, nor is it solely the responsibility of the welcome team. Greeting an unfamiliar face, sitting with someone who is alone, inviting a newcomer for coffee or introducing them to others, these simple gestures help shape a culture of warmth and care within our church.

As Paul reminds us, “Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.” (Romans 15:7) Because Christ first welcomed us, we too are called to welcome one another. May welcoming become more than a ministry, but a way of life for the whole Eden family. And may everyone who comes to Eden feel welcomed, known and cared for, and gradually come to see Eden as a spiritual home.



New members gathering







WORSHIP MINISTRY





Every time we gather, we come together as God's people to worship Him. While the worship team leads us in praise, worship is not something that happens only on stage. It is not a performance for the congregation to watch, but a shared response to God in which we all take part.

For the Worship Ministry, careful preparation is itself part of worship. From selecting songs and coordinating the music to preparing each part of the service, our goal is not a flawless performance, but to faithfully use the gifts God has given us with reverence. Yet leading worship goes beyond musical ability. What happens on stage is also a reflection of our lives off stage. Our personal walk with God naturally shapes how we serve. That is why we prepare not only the songs and music, but more importantly our hearts: with humility, faithfulness and a willingness to serve. Our desire is not to draw attention to ourselves, but to turn the hearts and minds of our congregation towards God.



Worship ministry group photo

WORSHIP MINISTRY

Whether we are leading in song, playing the piano or sitting in the congregation, we all come before God carrying the experiences of the past week. We may come feeling weary, joyful, anxious or burdened. Yet through praising God, we are reminded of who He is and what He has done for us. As we sing together, we also encourage one another and proclaim the truths of our faith.

Psalm 24:3–4 says, “Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord? And who shall stand in his holy place? He who has clean hands and a pure heart, who does not lift up his soul to what is false and does not swear deceitfully.” The Psalmist reminds us of the importance of coming before God with clean hands and a pure heart. As we gather each week, may we come not merely to attend a worship service, but with hearts ready to worship God together as His people.

> *When I first started serving on the worship team, I thought my role was simply to sing and lead the congregation in worship. Over time, I came to realise that worship goes beyond what happens on stage. It should be reflected in how we live each day as well. Sometimes, we worry about how well we sing or what others think of us. But God reminds me that worship is not about drawing attention to ourselves, but directing our hearts towards Him. Through moments of tiredness, nervousness and inadequacy, I have also learnt to rely on His grace rather than my own abilities. True worship is not about how much I can do for God, but whether I am willing to offer my life to Him. My prayer is that I will not only worship God in church, but honour Him through the way I live each day.* **—Brother Wei Chang**







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I never imagined I would serve in a role that required me to stand before the congregation. Yet after nearly 20 years in the worship team, I still feel nervous every time I step forward to lead. There is a certain sense of awe and responsibility in leading God's people in worship, and it is something I have never taken lightly. When a preacher first approached me to take on this role, it was completely unexpected. Looking back, I have come to see it as a gift of God's grace. Even after all these years, my desire remains the same: to serve God and His church faithfully, with reverence and gratitude. **—Brother Zhi Wei**

I often think about the heavenly worship described in Revelation 4. In a way, every time we gather to worship God here on earth, we are preparing for the day when we will worship Him in heaven. We worship a God who is holy and sovereign, so our worship should be filled with joy and freedom, but also reverence, order and a firm grounding in His truth. My hope is that whenever we gather, we do more than simply sing a few songs. May we grow in our understanding of the God we worship and learn to worship Him in spirit and in truth. **—Deacon Shun Qiang**

I have been serving in the worship team since my thirties, and am now in my sixties. Looking back, not only have I grown older, but my understanding of worship has also deepened. When I was younger, I was perhaps more focused on singing well. Over time, I have learnt that leading worship begins with worshipping God wholeheartedly myself, before guiding the congregation to turn their hearts towards Him. It is a privilege to have served God with the gifts He has given me all these years. My prayer is to continue serving Him faithfully and giving Him all the glory. **—Deacon Jin Hui**





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EDEN 30 VISION

构筑一个吸引人、建立人、以及留住人的圣徒团体。

TO BUILD A COMMUNITY OF SAINTS THAT ATTRACTS, BUILDS, AND RETAINS PEOPLE.

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以基督的爱吸引人
到上帝的面前

ATTRACT PEOPLE
TO GOD THROUGH
CHRIST'S LOVE

2



以纯正真理建立人
属灵的新生命

BUILD PEOPLE
THROUGH BIBLICAL TRUTH
TO ESTABLISH A NEW
SPIRITUAL LIFE

3



以健康团契留住人
在基督的教会

RETAIN PEOPLE
IN CHRIST'S CHURCH
THROUGH HEALTHY
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