We thank and praise God for His blessings. We are very glad and thrilled to have the following students join RE this year:

Sis. Faith Wong
Sis. Grace Wong
Sis. Naomi Batamo
Sis. Hannah Choi

They are the precious little sheep of our Lord. Let’s all remember to pray for them to have a great start in RE. The Kindergarten Classroom is located at the back of the chapel, and the divider is currently used to provide a good learning environment. Please note that the Kindergarten Class starts at 11:00 am. It includes hymn singing, Bible story and activity sessions. We look forward to their attending RE Kindergarten class and to seeing their physical and spiritual growth in the Lord weekly.

Our RE Teachers for Year 2009-2010

Starting from this School Year, we will have an RE Secretary in the RE Department. We have the following classes and RE teachers for this school year:

RE Coordinator:
Sis. Evelina Yen

RE Secretary:
Bro. Patrick Wong

Kindergarten Class:
Sis. Anita Taing (HT)
Bro. Andrew Chiu
Sis. Cindy Lee
Sis. Carol Partridge

Elementary II Class:
Sis. Lenny Wong (HT)
Bro. Andrew Yen
Sis. Brenda Wong
Sis. Evelina Yen

Junior I Class:
Bro. Patrick Wong (HT)
Bro. Gregor Franz
Sis. Iris Franz
Bro. Tony Chen

Picture was taken from Afternoon Kids Class, which include our 4 new Kindergarten students
RE Goals for Year 2009–2010

Last year, we identified and executed the following RE goals:

• Establish monthly RE Prayer and RE teachers’ fellowship
• Enhance the internal RE teachers’ communication and to improve instruction continuity
• Enhance the communication with RE teachers and parents
• Help identify individual students’ spiritual goals, and to help them move toward their Goals

These goals and corresponding objectives were defined from the entire RE Department and individual classes. This year we defined four new RE Department Goals, which are built upon what we have established from last year. May God’s Spirit continue to guide us and help us move forward to reach our goals in one accord and glorify His name. Our new goals are as below:

• To lead RE students to God
  ⇒ The focus is to encourage RE teachers’ personal spiritual cultivation and to personally lead students closer to God.

• To strengthen RE teachers’ training
  ⇒ The focus is to provide more local training opportunity for our teachers and improve the percentage of USGA certified teachers in the RE Department.

• To enhance family worship
  ⇒ The focus is to encourage our parents to be active participants in RE at home.

• To establish RE hymnal worship
  ⇒ The focus is to enable our students to sing praises and share their inner feelings of God’s love.

Our Head Teachers will communicate shortly with the parents about the individual class goals and objectives, so we can all work together toward our goals.

Importance of Religious Education At Home

Our RE students have about 90 minutes of RE class every week. It is important to recognize that our parents have greater impact on spiritual growth of our children than what RE teachers could do.

One of our goals this year is to encourage our parents to be active participants of RE at home. Daily family worship is an effective way to deepen our relationship with the Lord. Our teachers will assist our students to achieve this goal. We also welcome our parents to speak with our Head Teachers or Religious Affairs Officer for implementation of family worship at home.

Upcoming RETW Preview

We are very blessed to have Dn. James Chiang and Sis. Janet Kuo come to Houston to conduct a local RE Teachers’ Workshop (RETW). They will visit us on October 2-4. The Friday and Saturday sermons will focus on RE. The sermon titles are “Understanding the Bible Verses,” “Whole Life RE,” and “How to Guide our Children.”

The workshop will start on October 3 at 3:30 pm, and the entire workshop will be ended at 3:00 pm on October 4. Some of the classes include:

• Teaching Methods & Techniques
• RE Teachers’ Attitude and Servitude
• How to Teach Our Children
• Classroom Management

We encourage our parents to sit in as auditors. Please don’t forget to mark your calendar.

“Train up a child in the way he should go, And when he is old he will not depart from it.”
–Proverbs 22:6
Praise God that we had a fruitful year during the past school year. Below is the list of key events. We truly thank and praise God for His guidance. We are looking forward to an even greater year ahead of us.

- Implemented USGA mandated RE curriculum re-arrangement
- Establishment of RE Monthly Prayer with parents and students
- Purchase and installation of RE furniture
- Four students attended the 2008 Winter SSC. One student received the Holy Spirit
- Four students attended the 2009 Summer SSC.
- Collected Student Testimonies from all RE classes for USGA publishing.
- RE Coordinator and Pastoral Affairs Officer attended the RE Coordinators Workshop at Dallas Church
- Nine RE teachers attended the RE Teachers Workshop at Dallas Church
- RE Teachers’ Fellowship - Discussed and practiced on RE goals setting
- J1 Class Fellowship event (5/22 at Fuddruckers)
- E2 Class Fellowship event (6/20 at Aquatic Spraying Park)
- E1 Class Fellowship event (8/23 at Children’s Museum)
- Mothers’ Day RE event (Students dedicated flowers to all mothers)
- Fathers’ Day RE event (Students dedicated cards to all fathers)
- Pr Chou’s Farewell RE Memory Book and Hymnal Presentation
- RE 2008-2009 Student Award session:
  - Bro. Henry Lin graduated from the RE program.
  - Sis. Deborah Lin completed the Elementary I program.
Our RE Students - Do you know their names?

There shall be showers of blessing: This is the promise of love; There shall be seasons refreshing, sent from the Savior above.

There shall be showers of blessing, precious reviving again: Over the hills and the valleys, sound of abundance of rain.

There shall be showers of blessing, send them upon us, O Lord.

Grant to us now a refreshing, come, and now honor Thy Word.

There shall be showers of blessing: Oh, that today they might fall. Now as to God we’re confessing, Now as on Jesus we call?

Showers of blessing, showers of blessing we need. Mercy drops round us are falling, but for the showers we plead.

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There shall be showers of blessing
by Daniel W. Whittle

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Do you know that our E2 students are ready to be quizzed on all the Bible books’ names, orders and categories at any time?