



*Pastor Open Yung (right)*

**Basic information:**

Name: Open YUNG

Served: Conservative Baptist Jubilee Church, Hong Kong

Baptized: Tsuen Wan Evangelical Center

Believed in the Lord: 1992

Baptized: 2004

Theological School of Training: Evangelical Evangel Seminary. Graduated 2013

Graduate Degree: Master of Divinity

Spouse: Frank LAI

**Education:**

- 2018-2021 Youth Ministry Pastoral Diploma Program, Alliance Bible Seminary
- 2009-2013 Master of Divinity, Evangel Seminary
- 1997-2000 Primary Education (Certificate). Major in Chinese, General Studies The Hong Kong Institute of Education

**Work/Ministry Experience:**

- (1) Started in 2012 as intern; joined in 2013 and left in mid-May 2022 - Conservative Baptist Jubilee Church

Responsibilities: Youth District Pastor, Parents Group, Children's Sunday School, also assisted in shepherding the elders for a year when the church was short of manpower, until a suitable co-worker joined the team

- (2) 2000-2009 – Tsung Tsin Primary School and Kindergarten (Elementary school teacher)

Taught Chinese and information technology. Served as the team leader of information technology subjects for 6 years. Responsible for curriculum arrangement and school administration.

**Other serving experience in Hong Kong:**

- (1) Served as a member of the International Mission Society (SIM)
- (2) Overseas mission experience: Went to northern Thailand alone with SIM's short-term mission for 16 days, and participated in church short-term missions and leading teams many times after entering the mission ministry
- (3) During the seminary studies, preached the Gospel to detainees, drug addicts, compensated dating girls, mentally handicapped students, hospital patients and organized related groups

**Calgary serving experience:**

1. Assisted the Calgary Chinese Alliance (Northern) in organizing the "Love Plan B" evangelistic meeting, and take charge of the children's gathering
2. Served as a Bible subject teacher at Calgary Chinese Alliance School (that is, the Chinese school of the North Church)
3. Preaching: including Calgary Chinese Alliance (Northern), the fellowship of the Lutheran Church, and the Mandarin church of the Baptist Church
4. Led the Lutheran Fellowship meeting for a short period of time
5. Served as the group leader of the Deuteronomy Fellowship of Calgary Chinese Alliance (Northern) and Sunday School assistant of the children's department
6. Attended "Plan to protect" class

**Pastoral philosophy and calling:**

Convinced that the church does not only refer to a local church, but horizontally unites with the universal Christian churches, and also vertically unites with the churches of all ages. Therefore, the church must focus on cooperation with other churches to facilitate the spread of the Gospel. It is also necessary to respect the traditions of the church and not to abandon them lightly.

Under this horizontal and vertical church relationship, all God's servants are God's workers, who are sent by God to shepherd God's flock by using God's gift and relying on the power of the Holy Spirit in a specific time and space. An example to the flock. The servants of God are like the conductor of an orchestra. All the servants of God work together, under the leadership of God, to help believers play a wonderful music of life and witness the beauty of God.

The church is a big spiritual family, and believers, young and old, gather in this home. From infants to elders, everyone needs the gospel and needs to grow up in a spiritual family, support each other, and walk together on the pilgrimage. Since the church is a big family, the emphasis is not on one ministry after another, but on the relationship between man and God, the relationship between man and man, and the growth process of believers in it. The spiritual life of believers must be nourished by God's words, otherwise, over time, the foundation will be exposed and cannot withstand the inevitable attack of Satan.

For young children, I firmly believe that they will understand God's love and wonder, not because you are young. Beginning when they understand simple expressions, generally around the age of three, we can lead them to make up their minds to pray. The influence of the church atmosphere, the teaching of the Bible, listening to and learning to sing hymns are all very important for establishing a correct view of God and man from an early age. Through teaching to young children, we can shepherd believers who are parents or parents who have not been exposed to the Gospel. Modern parents are under heavy pressure, have distorted parenting concepts, and the relationship between husband and wife is weak, and they are desperate for the teaching of the Word. If pastors can walk with them during this time,

teaching and accompanying them with the love of Christ, it will be a great encouragement and help, and build more Christian families.

For the adolescent stage, it is really a great time to deepen the faith, and it is also a great age to preach the gospel. Young people or believers in this period have many doubts about life, and they also encounter many trials and temptations, especially the issues of education and sex. It is really important for pastors to integrate into their lives, walk with them, and provide spiritual guidance at every juncture. Many adult committed believers today also believed in the Lord and were built up during their teenage years.

Stepping into the stage of junior college and vocational youth, the challenges are even greater, and they are more eager to find the direction of life, and often fall and get hurt in matters of love and marriage. If pastors can deeply understand their struggles during this period and help them resolve their doubts, it will be easier for this group of believers to stay rooted in the church, grow in the church, and move toward maturity.

The elderly have experienced a lot of loss and helplessness in life. When they enter old age, their bodies decline, they will face death more closely, and they will also retire from work. The companionship, walking and teaching of the pastor will help the elders to appreciate old age from God's perspective.

To sum up, the duty of a pastor is to walk with believers of different ages and teach with the holy words, and then walk with their families, walk with the whole family, and lead the whole family to the Lord. In the end, under the transforming power of God, these families can live out the wonderful aspect of life and wait for the glorious return of Jesus Christ.

Finally, respond to the calling scripture: Again the Lord said, "Simon, Simon, Satan has asked to sift all of you as wheat. But I have prayed for you, Simon, that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned back, strengthen your brothers." (Luke 22:31-32), affirming the call to strengthen your brothers as a lifelong mission, to repay God's great love, and firmly believe that as another calling scripture says: "But the Holy Spirit came In you, you will receive power, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." (Acts 1:8) Walking with believers or non-believers of different ages and backgrounds, in Calgary, God's grace and power are the same, and will give me the ability and wisdom to shepherd the Cantonese community in Calgary, even those who speak Mandarin or Mandarin group.

Take 1 Peter 5:1-3 as a summary of the philosophy and aspirations of shepherding: " To the elders among you, I appeal as a fellow elder and a witness of Christ's sufferings who also will share in the glory to be revealed: Be shepherds of God's flock that is under your care, watching over them—not because you must, but because you are willing, as God wants you to be; not pursuing dishonest gain, but eager to serve; not lording it over those entrusted to you, but being examples to the flock."