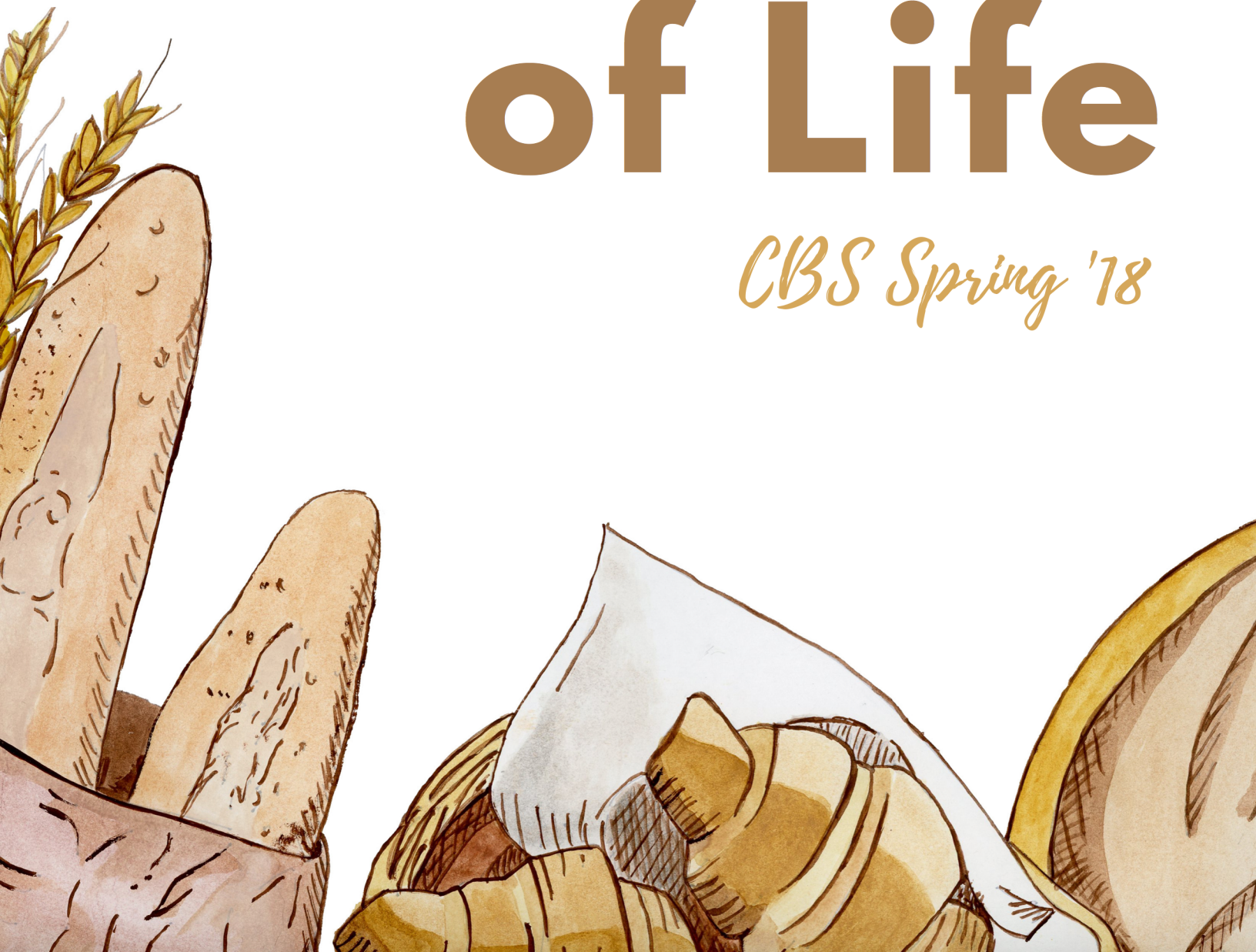


Bread of Life

CBS Spring '78



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Chinese Bible Study (CBS) is a student-run Christian fellowship at Cornell University. We seek to **know Christ and make Him known**. There are five ministries within CBS, and two coordinators who help oversee the ministries and provide guidance for the year. You can also find out more about us at cbscornell.com.

EDITOR LETTER

Dear CBS,

It has been such a challenging, but amazingly fun year full of growth. This year I've felt the full brunt of my insecurities, not only in my school work / job search but also in my faith. I've been reading a book called *The Father's Embrace* by Jack Frost, and TBH, every chapter of this book I am seriously amazed at how much it speaks to how I view God and Christianity and faith and people and literally everything. Growing up a Christian and Asian, I found it very difficult to reconcile being imperfect, but still having total acceptance from God. I think it really led me to view God as this extraterrestrial being who was constantly disappointed because I never lived up to my actions and his expectations. I would pray for an encounter with God, not because I wanted to be in His presence, but just so that I could be sure of Him and not feel like I was a worse Christian because of I hadn't had that experience.

WELL, one quote that I really like from this book, and trust me, there are A TON, says, "So often, well-meaning Christians pray for a *visitation* from God, but what He really wants is a *habitation*."

I know this has really nothing to do with being the compiler (see what I did there) of this Bread of Life, but I want to encourage ya'll to not view God as this looming, overbearing, disappointed parent. He is a loving father who looks at you with complete and utter satisfaction when you become his child and accept Jesus. We should all be living in the excitement and JOY that comes from this reality. He wants to live in us and do life with us, not just pop in once in a while. We shouldn't just pray for a miraculous encounter but a full relationship with our Father.

Anyways, besides my faith revelations, I'm slowly also realizing that I will be a senior next year. Yike. I hope everyone who's growing older (which is like all of you) continues to keep up your motivation in school, but most importantly in seeking to find your faith and developing a relationship with God. Growing up can be tough! It's exciting but also terrifying. However, I'm super excited because hopefully this means I can have a chill semester (when does this ever happen pls) and bake more cookies. Come to my apartment for some love next year! I am so excited to continue serving ya'll and making this year even more fun and growing than the last.

Love,
Anna Tedijanto '19

COORDINATOR LETTER

Dearest CBS,

“What do you hope to accomplish by graduation? A rich husband. Marry rich. (JK! we laugh) I guess to find life group of friends. To find people that I keep in contact with forever and ever. And myself, finding myself... and a husband.”

-- Zoe (Freshman Interview) Bol Fall 14'

This is it. This'll be the last thing I ever do as coordinator for Bread of Life, for Chinese Bible Study. It's rather bittersweet. Although I did not accomplish my freshman goal of finding a husband and marrying rich, I found something infinitely better. I found a group of lifelong friends. From all the people older than me (Class of '15-'17) who have helped me understand what it means to be loved and cared for through God's mercy and be challenged, to all the people younger than me (Class of '19-'21) who have taught me what it means to love and serve in the ways that I know how to, CBS has given me life.

It was not all easy. There were many moments in which I asked God, "Why did you place me here? Why can this fellowship that I love so much hurt me so much?" My pride, heart, and mind have all been broken by serving on Praise Team, Servant Team, or even putting BoL together. But that is okay. The brokenness of everyone in CBS is an opportunity for God's mercy and unending grace to shine through. Through my many weaknesses, the Heavenly Father continues to reign supreme.

Every week I start sharing by saying we are a fellowship that aims to know Christ and make Him known. I encourage all of you on top of that, to be a fellowship of believers. In Acts 2:42-47,

The Fellowship of the Believers
42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. **43** Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. **44** All the believers were together and had everything in common. **45** They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need. **46** Every day they continued to meet together in the temple courts. They broke bread in their homes and ate together with glad and sincere hearts, **47** praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.

My hope is that CBS will break bread together, love each other, share things together, and praise God together. I hope the Lord will add to our numbers with those who hear the gospel and are saved by it. Don't keep a facade that things are okay. Share with each other your burdens and bring them to Christ so that He may give you Joy and Peace. Rejoice!

Some of you I will see very soon, and others I may never see in this lifetime. But that's okay, I await the day when we can worship in Heaven without me having to worry about set feedback. I have poured my heart and soul into serving God through CBS and God has filled my cup to the brim through this fellowship. To Him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen.

For the last time, thank you CBS. I love you and may God bless all of you, all the days of your life.

Love,
Zoe Chan '18

COORDINATOR LETTER

To whom it may concern,

The spring semester of 2018 was long and difficult. I have faced my own share of challenges with education and employment, but I thank God that he has satisfied my employment issue just last week. Before, I would always feel stretched in multiple directions with school, CBS, people, and employment, so much so that I felt like I couldn't do anything well anymore. The worries and pressures from job-searching really took away from my time spent with others, and pushed me to read more of the psalms and learn how to praise God even though things were bleak and uncertain. Yes there is a lot of hindsight and there are many things that I wanted to do, but I know that God has a plan for all of this.

This semester, God has given me some new ideas to try out. This included a sports ministry directed towards those who might find sports a more comfortable way to enter CBS, and some outreach readings. Both of these did not fully take off, but I hope that they may in the future.

This semester has also given me a greater sense of urgency, and a need for locals willing to disciple the men and women in CBS. I pray that the future discipleship ministry will find more of these older people to guide us in the Word. My goal from last year of maintenance ministry to put WD-40 on the seats in HEC auditorium so the chairs will not squeak during sharing did not happen.

Our theme of Joy and Peace continues to be a blessing, evaluating it in the light of spiritual disciplines, outreach for when we were preparing for Coffeehouse, and Easter. We had our own testimony night and also held the notorious alumni weekend. I thank God for all the brothers and sisters who have assisted me in serving when I was weak, and for all the ways that God has been able to pull through. I know that there were more things that I could have and should have done, however I have a few more weeks to make a difference, and I know God will always raise up his church somehow.

**Your ex-coordinator,
Tim Tsang '18**

BIBLE STUDY MINISTRY

Dear CBS,

Coming back from winter break, we wanted to continue to study the themes of persevering through struggles and finding joy, peace, and hope from knowing the God we serve. Since we studied Nehemiah last semester, we thought it'd be fun to switch things up and study a woman of the Bible for a change. Enter Esther, a book with no mention of God, yet packed full of evidence of His almighty hand. As a historical narrative, Esther is unlike most books we've previously studied, with each chapter detailing another section of a story. Nevertheless, with this unconventional book came the opportunity to address different topics such as pride, beauty, anger, and authority, and we enjoyed the chance to reflect on the attributes of Esther, Mordecai, Xerxes, and Haman.

This semester, we had an unprecedented number of sign-ups for leaders (yay freshmen!) so for the first time in a long time, neither of the Bible study coordinators actually led a Bible study. It was interesting to attend a bible study that we weren't leading, and while we were no longer a part of the weekly prestudy preparations, it was still a blessing to learn from our respective leaders and groups.

Michelle: Senior spring semester was actually a lot harder than I had expected, both spiritually and academically. However, Sunday West Bible study has definitely been a blessing to me, not only the time spent meditating on God's word, but also the encouragement from brothers and sisters. I was amazed each week to see how God has His plan to deliver his people from all kinds of persecution.

I especially enjoyed discussing some thought-provoking questions that I would not normally give any thought to during the week, such as "as Christians, should we take revenge against our enemy?" Being able to comfortably share with people in this small group about problems and worries in life has been a huge blessing to me.

Lauren: Spring semesters have always been the more challenging half of the school year for me, and this time around was no exception. Yet in the midst of my personal doubts and struggles with regard to future plans, Esther has been a clear reminder of God's providence through the craziest situations. Here is the tale of a people facing complete annihilation from a powerful prince, yet through their God's perfect timing and sovereignty, He raises up a savior for them and delivers them from their plight. If God can do the seemingly impossible thousands of years ago, is He not able to faithfully sustain each one of us through the trials of college student life? It's been my absolute joy to spend time with the Thursday North Bible study for the past few months, to share and pray with its members, and to be encouraged weekly by their ponderings and musings as we pored over the Word.

CBS, it is our prayer that as we each continue our journeys, with the trials and triumphs ahead, God would never cease to amaze us with His awesome wonder and beauty as seen through His Word. We pray that we will always look to and cling tightly to the promises of the Bible. May we keep learning from the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide so that we might always have hope (Romans 15:4).

**In Christ,
Michelle Sun '18 & Lauren Kam '19**

DISCIPLESHIP MINISTRY

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Another semester has flown right by... and it's hard to think that my four years of undergrad are coming to an end. In many ways, this past year has been a transition period for me, taking on the commitment of grad school and feeling extremely poorly equipped to fulfill the responsibilities of discipleship ministry because of my limited free meals and scattered mind. But despite the busyness, God makes time and I've truly treasured the meals I've been able to grab with individuals. It is such an encouragement to hear how God has been growing them and how He has been working through prayer partnerships, friendships, apartments... just about every relationship you can think of. It's a humbling thought to know that God continues to grow a heart for discipleship and stewardship within CBS after all these years.

There are two things I am most thankful for this year: my own prayer partnerships, and Women's Time. Meeting up with Alice every week and Jamie every month has been the most consistent, intentional human interaction I have had all year round (lol). And from these lunches, I've been challenged in so many aspects, from conversations about faith and social

justice to discussions on inreaching and outreaching. I don't think I realized how important it is to have this type of consistent relationship in life until recently.

This semester's Women's Time has featured some more exciting names, and even more exciting topics: Social Meatballs: Social Media, RelationCHIPS and DIP, and CHICKEN NOGGINS (Taking Care of Your Mind). It's been encouraging to see the women of CBS come out on a Saturday or Sunday night, break bread, and share the things that are on their heart. The level of honesty and vulnerability displayed is so encouraging, and it is my hope that it inspires more conversation in everyday life. The more we "practice" these types of discussions, the easier it will be to organically have them while taking a break from Leaguering or sharing wings on a Friday night.

Discipleship ministry is growing next year, hopefully we'll be able to put together a team of warriors who will be checking the pulse of the fellowship throughout the semester. David and Mel are once again proceeding me and I know that their love for the fellowship is huge. This ministry is left in more than capable hands and I can't wait to see how God will work in the coming year.

**In Christ,
Kathy Lin '18**

PRAISE MINISTRY

Dear CBS,

“Be still, and know that I am God.
I will be exalted among the nations,
I will be exalted in the earth!”

-- Psalm 46:10

As we come to know God, we see why He is to be exalted. We can praise God for how he loves us, how he delivers us and provides for us, for how he sent Jesus to die on the cross for our sins. We praise God for his greatness - for his wisdom and strength. He created the universe, and he rules over it, overseeing everything. As we learn more about God, we find more things to praise him for.

It is possible, however, that we get lulled into a sense of complacency by the routine of worship on Friday nights at large group and on Sunday mornings at church. We might sing a worship song that we have sang before, to the point where we sing the words without thinking about it. But Jesus calls for worshipers to “worship the Father in spirit and truth” - worship involves not just our voices but also our hearts and minds.

We worship God for who he is; we also worship God for what he has done in our life - from the grace that he gives us as we struggle against sin, to the everyday material blessings. We can even thank God for the suffering and trials we are going through. So our worship of God is not limited to worship songs, for our hearts can overflow in prayers of thanksgiving to God.

As praise team coordinators, we both struggled with busy-ness this semester. Some logistical parts of this ministry became routine to us, but it was more challenging to think about how to best grow and support praise team. We did not have many praise team meetings, but in the few times we met, we continued to study the lyrics of worship songs and connect them to the Bible. We wanted to better understand the words that we sing so often.

We both really enjoyed the discussions that we had during these meetings. Not only did we try to understand lyrics, but we tried to understand how worship should be in every part of our lives, not just on Friday nights or Sunday mornings. It can be really hard to praise God during tough times, too. But going over hymns like “Come Thou Fount” only revealed more how we should be praising God during the valleys and tragedies over our lives.

One thing, I (Anna), took away from these hymns was the boldness of the authors. They prayed and asked God for tall orders, but were certain in their faith and praised him. When they prayed these bold prayers, they also gave up everything to serve God and put Him as the main priority in their lives.

We hope that next year can be filled with just as many hymns and also overflowing #burningdesire and #spiritualgains for God. Every week, we are encouraged by the dedication and willing spirits of praise team members, and we can't wait to see this enthusiasm come out next year. Also, more open air worship!

**In Christ,
Jeffrey Huang '19 and Anna Tedijanto '19**

PRAYER MINISTRY

Dear CBS,

This semester, we continued to lift up prayer requests regarding the oppressed among the world. Whether it was through gathering for weekly prayer meetings or the 40 Days of Prayer initiative that brought fellowships together to pray for hearts to receive God's truth on Easter, we experienced many different emotions and responses in the prayers that we poured out. Many of our prayer meetings were consumed with cries to God for a campus that is so often tired, stressed, broken, and suffering. In our personal interactions, as well as through broader efforts like Veritas' mental health, He continued to reveal the burdens borne by students, the needs that sometimes seem to go unaddressed, and the darkness that persists without His hope. And amidst the tragedies that we saw throughout the world and our country, we sought to respond in the ways God has commanded us to.

Even when we do not know what His plan is, why something is happening, why our suffering exists, or where our next steps may lie, we were consistently reminded that turning to the One who knows all things was key. We were reminded that the almighty Creator of the Universe knows and cares for each one of our needs even before we ask Him; because of God's faithfulness and the promise that He holds, sustains, and restores us, we can rejoice and feel at peace. We can be still and listen to where God would have us move and act, both as individual disciples and in community with others. Prayer is something that we as a fellowship struggle to revere as perhaps one of God's most miraculous and pure gifts—an audience with God himself!

Even in these lessons, we continued to wrestle with many of the same questions from last semester. What does it look like to encourage our brothers and sisters to come to God in prayer? How can we do this on a campus and in a world of so much pain, violence, and grieving? These questions, while never fully answered, are precisely meant to grow and nurture our hearts into a deeper and more intimate relationship with Jesus Himself. God did not make our college journeys easy, but He has promised to always walk beside us. He has not promised to stop every school killing, campus assault, state civil war, or refugee crisis; He has promised to hear our prayers and provide us with what our souls truly need. We truly drew comfort from just spending time in God's presence, which was often the eye of the storms of a hectic and busy semester! It was this very spirit that we tried to share with the fellowship, be it through casual conversations, a large group message, prayer stations during Night of Worship, or hopefully by our lives (being redeemed and sanctified each day). Prayer is the breathing that sustains the Christian.

So we hope that we have caused you to think about and practice communicating with God a little more each day. We hope that your mindsets towards prayer have been transformed every bit as much as ours have. Continue to pray for one another. As always, never hesitate in reaching out to one of us to lift things up to God with or for you. But more importantly than any of this, don't be afraid to go before the throne of the very One who is the hope, answer, joy, and meaning of the lives we live.

**Yours in Christ,
Evelyn Shan '19 and Justin Lin '18**

REACH MINISTRY

HELLO CBS,

It's been a wild year! From winter retreat to this upcoming Felly Dinner, we've gotten to know so much about the fellowship and our ministry this semester.

As past Reach coordinators have mentioned, we're still trying to figure out the balance of logistics, Inreach, and Outreach.

At its heart, Reach is about God's love for us.

"And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us."

-- Romans 5:5

It's only because of God's love that we can go out and confidently share His love with CBS and with others. And yet, there are so many logistics wrapped around this central mission. It's so easy to get lost in the details—What do we need for this ACE? How should this event go? Who's doing what? We always pray to be like Mary, focusing on our Lord, even knowing that occasionally, we will be like Martha, "distracted by all the preparations that [have] to be made" (Luke 10:40).

This semester we tried to focus more on Outreach—starting by devoting time to it during Reach meetings. Looking back, we definitely allowed Inreach to overshadow Outreach, especially during the hectic start of the year and during Felly Dinner planning. To better address this, we'll have a third Reach coordinator next year to focus on Outreach—not completely splitting it off, but making sure it's properly cared for within the ministry.

This year, we moved our Coffeehouse event earlier in the semester to allow for more time to follow up with the people we met. Although we underestimated the time conflicts of prelims, night discussions, and office hours, we praise God for bringing in new faces and giving us the chance to follow up with them—even a couple of second-semester seniors! We continue to pray that God will soften hearts, inspire curiosity, and use our new event, Dial-A-Donut, to reach even more people.

A constant source of joy and encouragement for us has come from the enthusiasm and curiosity that many underclassmen have shown. We thank God for all of these willing servants; the sophomores who have stepped up to serve (especially with the changed meeting time), and the freshmen who are so eager to get involved and grow. It gives us so much hope for the years to come. We pray that we can help them continue to grow and mature in their relationships with God and that they can share this love with others.

We also want to encourage everyone to step out of their comfort zones and talk to both non-Christian friends and strangers. It's scary—what if we don't know what to say? But when we put our trust in Him, He gives us the words to say and uses us in amazing ways, even when we think our individual actions are insignificant. And remember, you don't have to be on the #reachtrain to evangelize! Evangelism is about sharing the Gospel not only verbally, but also through our actions by living lives that are noticeably different from those around us. We reflect God's love to everyone we interact with—as 1 John 4:19 tells us, we love because He first loved us. Be intentional in loving others, especially those who you find difficult to love.

It's been a packed year, with everything from simple ACEs to Felly Dinner and Coffeehouse. We certainly couldn't have made it through without God's abundant grace and our beloved #reachtrain to pick up the slack when we couldn't. We're so excited to see how God will use His servants [redacted—come to Camping Trip!] within Reach ministry and the two of us in the ~~Reach retirement home~~ Discipleship for His glory next year.

**Much love,
David Wu '19 and Melanie Lim '19**

bible study: Sunday

Dearest CBS,

On Sunday evenings this semester, we had the privilege of co-leading a blessed Bethe Bible Study on West campus. As we read the Book of Esther, we discussed and took to heart the sovereignty of God, the encouraging faithfulness of Esther and Mordecai, the importance of Godly counsel and wisdom, and the perils of blind rage and selfishness as evident in Haman. We cherished the honest sharing within this group of brothers and sisters as we all sought to examine our own lives and shortcomings in striving to find applications and actively read this book that is so rich with God's faithfulness and sovereignty. In a book that does not contain the word "God," the characters come to life and show us His sovereignty in all things, despite not being explicitly mentioned. We found this to be analogous to our own lives in the way God works, without us even realizing His presence sometimes.

Our time spent with the Sunday Chinese Bible Studs has been such a blessing, as we've laughed over acorns and unsuccessful attempts to subtly catch the door to get into Bethe South, bonded over Bethe dinners, and just thoroughly enjoyed each other's encouragement as we've all grown and learned in our walks with God this semester. With discussions about everything from TIDE pens to the historical accuracy of Scripture to confessions about failures in our own lives, this gathering and fellowship always brightened the tail end of the Lord's Sabbath each week. Through the laughter shared, the awkward waiting for people in Bethe to open the door for us, the honest questions and reflections, and community of believers digging deep into the Book of Esther, this Bible Study was truly a blessing.

**Yours truly,
Stephanie Deng '21 and Justin Lin '18**

Dear CBS,

Starting off each week with a Bible Study led by Stephanie Deng and Justin Lin was always a joy. Every Sunday, we would enjoy our time together in community and fellowship before diving deep into the Book of Esther. Stephanie asked us introspective and reflective questions, and Justin always gave his interpretations and applications of the passages. We all grew in our amazement of how God works in His people's lives without their knowledge, and comfort in knowing that God will indeed protect His people.

Despite the Book of Esther never mentioning God explicitly, God planned and enabled every moment recorded in Esther. All throughout Esther, we see that God is still in control even in a land where His people are second-class citizens and do not even publicly self-identify with their Jewish heritage. Even in a land ruled by ridiculous egos creating laws on a moment's whim, God's plan will triumph.

These lessons and truths learned are truly a comfort in the world we live in today, where it seems like truth no longer matters and our leaders are not ruling for the people they serve. Ecclesiastes 1:9 tells us that "What has been will be again, / what has been done will be done again; / there is nothing new under the sun." Yet God Himself does not change. We rest assured knowing that the ruler of our hearts has never changed and does not succumb to the pitfalls our worldly leaders do.

We will have people like Mordecai in our lives. These people have a faith in God that enables them to focus on the unseen and act in a manner that demonstrates God's goodness. We will also have people like Haman in our lives: people who are never satisfied with their possessions and will become dissatisfied over trivial matters. When we surround ourselves with people like Mordecai and not Haman, we will hopefully develop into the former: a faithful follower who obeys and trusts God's will.

Thank you Stephanie for giving us so many icebreakers to force us to interact with one another. Thank you Stephanie for challenging us to reflect on our own lives and offering your own stories to tell. Thank you Justin for knocking over those candy hearts in February -- they're probably still in the Bethe common room awaiting your consumption. Thank you Justin for teaching us to see God and His lessons in Esther and explaining how we could apply these lessons in our daily lives. Thank you sophomore guys for letting us invade your common room for the entire year. Thank you everyone in our Bible Study for making each Sunday this semester so wonderful!



**Love,
Angela Huang '19 and Jackie Peng '21**

bible study: Wednesday

Dearest CBS,

Leading a Bible Study over the past semester has taught me how to listen, especially as I have come to learn that to lead is to facilitate discussion and not to dominate it. It has been humbling to be the youngest member in a group discussing the Word, and it has been truly refreshing to be challenged from a variety of perspectives. Moreover, my appreciation for the great depth of detail that the Bible contains has been renewed through pre-study and the exploration of secondary sources. Through the study of the Book of Esther I was able to appreciate the subtlety that is sometimes employed in the Bible. By looking for hints of divine influence throughout the book, which lacks any direct mention of the Lord, I feel that my eyes were opened to the ways that God acts in the world and in our own lives, where it may be difficult to see without looking for it. The privilege of leading a Bible Study has certainly given me a new outlook on how to reflect upon the Word in my personal journey, as well as how to better contribute when discussing Scripture in group settings. Above all else, I have enjoyed the opportunity to grow closer to my brothers and sisters in Christ as we spent time discussing the Word, sharing our weeks with one another, and praying together. I feel personally enriched by the opportunity to lead a Bible Study, and I encourage any who feel moved to serve in that capacity to do so.

**Yours truly,
David Tse '21**

Dear CBS,

Personally, it's been interesting to be back on North for bible study this semester as funnily enough, I ended up in Collegetown last spring as a freshman (something seems suboptimal about this to my inner nerd). But what definitely hasn't been suboptimal has been the discussion and fellowship that we have had at North Bible Study.

Studying the book of Esther this semester has been a good exercise of wrestling with the Old Testament. While most of us have read Esther before, walking through each chapter and really focusing on seeing how God was always there and working through each moment was a great reminder of how God works through all things. Looking back, it is amazing to see how events that seemed like setbacks and injustices, such as when Mordecai was not rewarded for saving the king's life, became critical steps in God's plan to save the Jews.

Sharing every week has been a real encouragement. North Bible Study has been blessed to have members from every class, each going through different struggles. We've been able to share both the small things, like what things we've skipped to catch Pokémon, to the bigger ones, mostly career and academics.

**Love,
Ray Zeng '20**

bible study: Thursday

reflection
on a short spring semester
on spiritual growth, because we're too old to grow
literally
on Esther, a book of Jewish tribulation
and also of God's provision in a time of need

beyond all, open discussion
has forced us to un-sequester
every thursday mentally and emotionally
we've grown tremendously in supplication
particularly when we don't know how to spiritually
feed

cross-reference each section
pray so our doubts don't fester
meetup to bond relationally
question the message to find application
in Mordecai and Esther's deed

in "such a time as this"
God's hand works to surprise us
to provide for us
to assure us of his presence
even if not by name

a new leader each week; never to dismiss
new methods to discuss
we are incredibly thankful plus
blessed to have such family in Christ's luminescence
Old and New Testament to together proclaim

this semester, we met each thursday in rpcc 222 (or
whatever ckb lounge was free), snow or shine. by
reading the Old Testament story of Esther, we related
to the precarity Esther felt as Haman persecuted
the Jews, studied the history of Ahasuerus and the
Agagites, and tried to discern the hand of God in the
machinations of our daily lives. and in doing so, we
each matured in our walk with the Lord.

in Him,
Darren Chang '21 and Shelly Zhang '19



Dear CBS,

This semester, I had the privilege of attending Thursday night Bible Study on North Campus led by Shelly and Darren.

I looked forward to seeing Darren's weekly email reminder that always included a related verse to familiarize us with the Bible and a picture of a cute kitten. We agreed to meet in the RPCC lobby for dinner at 7 PM but always awkwardly waited around for more people to show up... But as more people trickled in during dinner, we had a great opportunity to just talk about our weeks and what's been going on in our lives. My favorite memory from these dinners was watching Shelly try to crack a banana open on her forehead, and finally succeeding!!

When it was time for Bible Study, we always had to awkwardly kick people out of our "reserved" RPCC room. We started every Bible Study with an icebreaker and some snacks from Nasty's. We delved into the Book of Esther and learned about how God worked in her life to save the Jews from extermination. Although this is one of the few books in the Bible where God is not explicitly mentioned, we were able to recognize His power and how He works in different ways to watch over us and continues to bless us.

This semester, members of our Bible Study took turns co-leading with Shelly and Darren to get experience with pre-studying, leading conversations, and asking discussion questions.

"It was a good leadership experience and opportunity to be behind the scenes. It was really good to study the Bible beforehand and answer our own questions first, just in case other people might have those questions as well. Overall, preparing to co-lead was quite fun and very chill!"
- Daeguang Chung Kim '21

Throughout the week, many of our members coordinated meetups. This was a time for us to just sit down and have a meal together to get to know each other more. Shelly would always call us out for not sending in proof of our meetups -- PICS OR IT DIDN'T HAPPEN!

All in all, I was blessed to attend this Bible Study with such amazing people. I can definitely see our fellowship growing stronger through our meetups and conversations. Our Bible Studies always ended on a happy note as we memed some of the Bible verses, e.g.:
PC: David Wu

Thank you Thursday Bible Study for the conversations we've had and your participation in leading us in discussion!



Then Harbona, one of the eunuchs attending the king, said, "A pole reaching to a height of fifty cubits stands by Haman's house. He had it set up for Mordecai, who spoke up to help the king." The king said, "Impale him on it!"

In Him,
Kimberly Yap '21



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1. Anna Tedijanto '19, Zoe Chan '18 and Jeffrey Huang '19 leading worship session over Winter Retreat.

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2. Smiling and laughing, Anna Tedijanto '19, Helen Sun '19, Evelyn Shan '19 and Jamie Wong '19 pose for a photo during the CBS Valentine's Day Felly Dinner.



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3. Past and present members of CBS all smile big at the camera after a heartwarming brunch at Appel Commons.

4. In the Alumni Weekend After CBS Event (ACE), CBS alums mix with current members in a battle of catching ping pong balls with tongs.



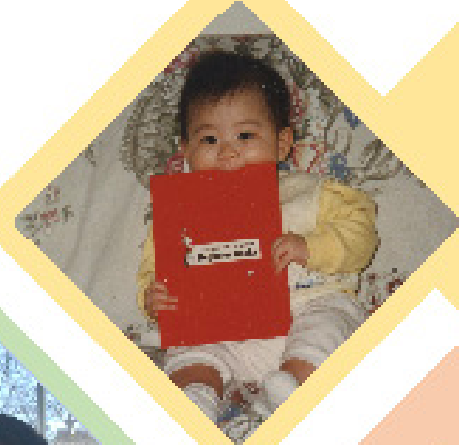
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5. Justin Lin '18 and Tim Tsang '18 sing a song to the CBS senior girls at the CBS Valentine's Day Felly Dinner.

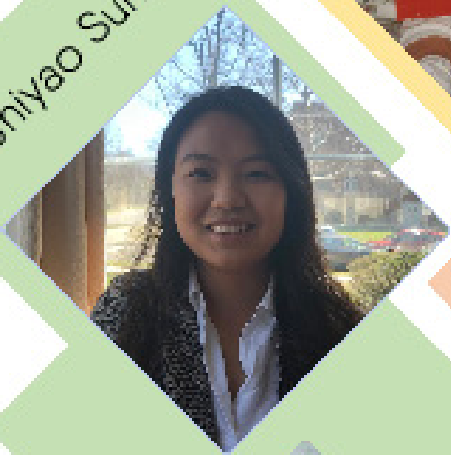


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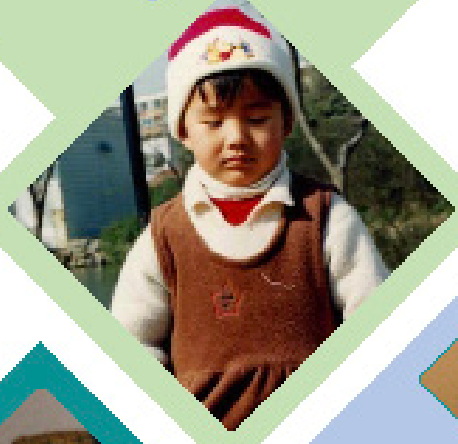
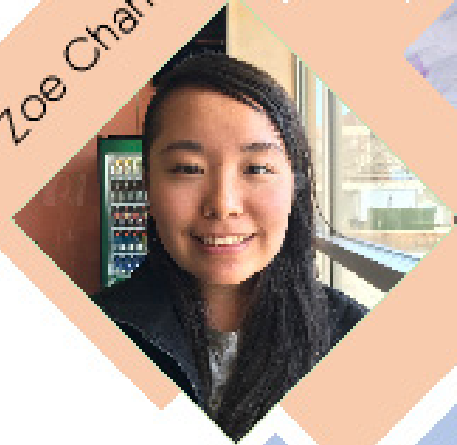
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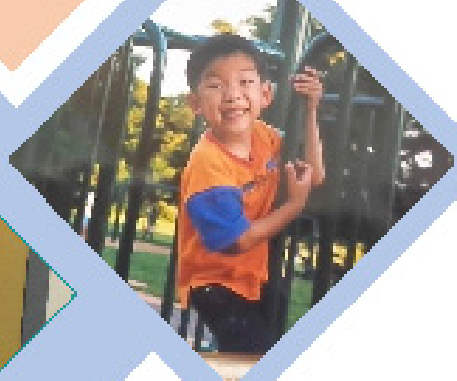
Shiyao Sun



Zoe Chen



Justin Lin



Tim Tsang



CBS SENIORS

class of 2018

ZOE CHAN

I will Aaron Hui four more years of ministry because he loves it. I will to you your love for sharing CBS trivia and history to those under you, even though I trash on you all the time for it. Also moar anime. I will to Melanie my love for movies and watching movies with people she loves. May she carry the tradition of spontaneous movie watching. I will to Anna more design projects. Make CBS hip and cool.

I will to Lauren and JiWon my room. May you two keep it a lot cleaner than when I lived in it.

I will to David Wu the begrudging agreement that RPCC is better than Appel.

I will to 4E lots of fruit and my love for cutting and sharing fruit. May you keep the juniors healthy.

I will to Evelyn the desire that people be on time and be respectful of people's time. Also S P I C Y emails.

I will a steak to whoever decides to co-op next year.

I will to Chris Qian many haircuts where the barber doesn't cut his bangs too short.

I also will North Dinners and R to him.

I will to Liam and Felix, the role of being in-house Praise Team Car.

I will to Jamie more Squishmallows.

I will to Shelly the confidence of wearing lipstick because she can totally rock it.

I will to Kevin Gao some 水餃 (tell Aaron to read it to you in canto). I also will the role of hosting dumpling parties to him.

I will to Lauren the love of taking pictures of CBS' shenanigans.

I will to Alexandra my tolerance for LMI. May you have a better time this summer. ;)

I will to Jeffers a space of peace and quiet when 4E and 1G gets too loud.

I will to Tiff Kei and Alice ALL of Long Island.

I will to Raymond more murder mystery videos.

I will to Jackie the desire to be coordinator. I'll check back to you in 3 years.

I will to Kevin Hu the ABCD's of sharing.

I will to David Tse more weebiness. Bring back After Ace Anime on Friday nights.

I will the role of in-house haircutter to Free Food Sun, Sun Punch Man. I also will my love for Korean drama to Helen.

I will to Lucy, the love for Scripture and the heart of a woman striving to know Christ. I will the need to finish the book of Mark!

I will to Diana, the assurance of the crazy love God has for us. That even in trials, suffering, and pain, Christ will reign supreme. I also will the love of crochet and working out.

To Lucy and Diana, my beloved prayer partners, I will you my love and my prayers.

KATHY LIN

I will to Alice the book of Genesis and my undying love for Trillium burgers and podcasts.

I will to David and Mel another ministry and another bomb passdown document (and also a heart for the fellowship that is not easily discouraged).

I will to Ray and Newty more sleep and a compilers free semester (at last).

I will to Aaron Hui retirement.

I will to the future of 1G a strong brotherhood.

I will to Mel more bubble tea and existential crises and finding answers to questions we're too afraid to ask ourselves.

I will to Amanda my reverence for her very real white Mercedes Benz.

SENIOR WILLS

I will to Zoe a bright and exciting future in McLean and a friendship that will stand against the tests of time and geographic separation.

MICHELLE SUN

I will to Frances my love for Korean dramas / variety show and the ability to speak Mandarin.

I will to Tiffany the passion for what she is studying and joy and peace through our Lord. I will to Tiffany the habit of keeping a journal of her walk with God

I will to Lauren the love for God's words and strength to coordinate BS ministry by herself.

TIM TSANG

The whiteboard to 1g, the photos to 1g, the memes to 1g, the purple string to 1g, the various screwdrivers, rebar, pipe cleaners, lubricants, tape, and caulk to 1g, the various design choices such as hanging lamps, routers, wires, and lanterns to 1g, chuck the owl to 1g New in Sheets!

Macro recorder, row & column grouping, printing improvements, checkboxes, and more!

ZOE CHAN

hometown:
LONG ISLAND, NY
major:
OPERATIONS
RESEARCH

*Most likely to have a circled passage
of the bible on her Snap story*

It was a beautiful spring day as we entered Nasties for some of their famous bo burgers. Little did we know, Nasties no longer offers bo burgers, and we sadly had to settle for a fish sandwich and some onion rings. But Zoe was pleasantly surprised by the quality of the fish sandwich so on that brighter note, we began.

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1. CBS is...

a time sink. Haha, uh CBS is a place where... wait I'll pull up a verse... Acts 2:42-47. So I feel like CBS was a place where I finally got to see people my age who understood the importance of reading the Gospel, reading the Bible, the importance of the knowledge and the Word. But that didn't stop them from being in community with each other, and it was a place where I found home and support, and without it, I wouldn't have gotten through college, like the people who helped me with homework like Aaron and Boyi. Boyi helped me with chemistry my freshman fall and I was like wow you barely know me why are you helping me. So I'd say CBS is s a place to find spiritual growth and for friendship to grow. And personal growth.

2. How has God changed you since freshman year?

He's broke me a lot, like broke my pride, academically, friendship-wise, leadership-wise, and it's a good kind of broke. Well, in the moment, it's not, but now it's like the pain before you relocate your shoulder. Or like breaking your bone again so it mends correctly. Definitely more reliance on Him. He centered my life goals to be focused on Him, like rather than having Him as a side dish, He's your entree. God has also reminded me of the urgency of heaven and need for preparation for Him.

3. What encouragements/advice do you have for...

a. Freshmen - It's okay to not know what you're going to do, and it's okay to change your major. Like don't stick with a major just because you've already started, and you've already gotten so far, because in the grand scheme of things, you want to enjoy what you're studying since you're paying so much money for it. And don't let stubbornness stop you from changing, or pride. When you get to sophomore year, don't be afraid to ask for help because it's going to be hard. Statistically speaking, it's always very hard. You're going to be tempted to crawl in a hole and finish your work, but don't.

b. Sophomores - Build relationships with your apartment mates. You're going to be living in an apartment together but proximity does not indicate availability. You have to be intentional about meeting up with people. Stay a summer in Ithaca because it's a whole different experience when there's no stress, and the weather is beautiful. Do dragonboating. Most importantly, find the joy of seeking God and to know Him on a biblical knowledge level. It's not enough for you to be saved and not do anything about it. It's like a significant other, once you get into a relationship, you should want to spend time with them and get to know them more, it's the same thing with God.

c. Juniors - Support each other. It's not fun being the oldest and looked up to, but you need the support of each other so make sure that you guys are being cared for. Unfortunately there's not a lot of people above you who will be able to ask how you're doing so be intentional about it, don't assume that people are ok. And take care of your coordinators. Rest. Physically, mentally, and emotionally.

4. What is (one of) your favorite memory of your college career?

I have multiple favorites, can I list them all? (sure) One of them is when our dragon boat team won first during a competition. A lot of 2E's memories from my freshman and sophomore year. I was watching movies with Stephen freshman year and watching anime sophomore year with our anime team and seeing JT's reactions. There's a LOT more but I can't think of it on the spot.

5. What are some of your hidden quirks/talents?

I can sing in overtones so I can sing two tones at once. I can quiet a room really fast, but I don't think that's hidden. I can peel a green pear in one piece.

6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

It's changed. It used to be Snee, a lot of good memories there from studying late at night. But ever since we lost the Snee key, it's never been the same. Now, I like the Ivy Room for the window seats where I sit and do my devotionals.

me through a lot. I'm waiting for people to make mixes of Kimi no Na wa but nobody has yet, so I want to do that and get famous. Get a dog. Long-term-- I don't have any long term goals. Find a job that I like. Move back to NY. Start a family. Find a boyfriend. Maintain the dog's life.

7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

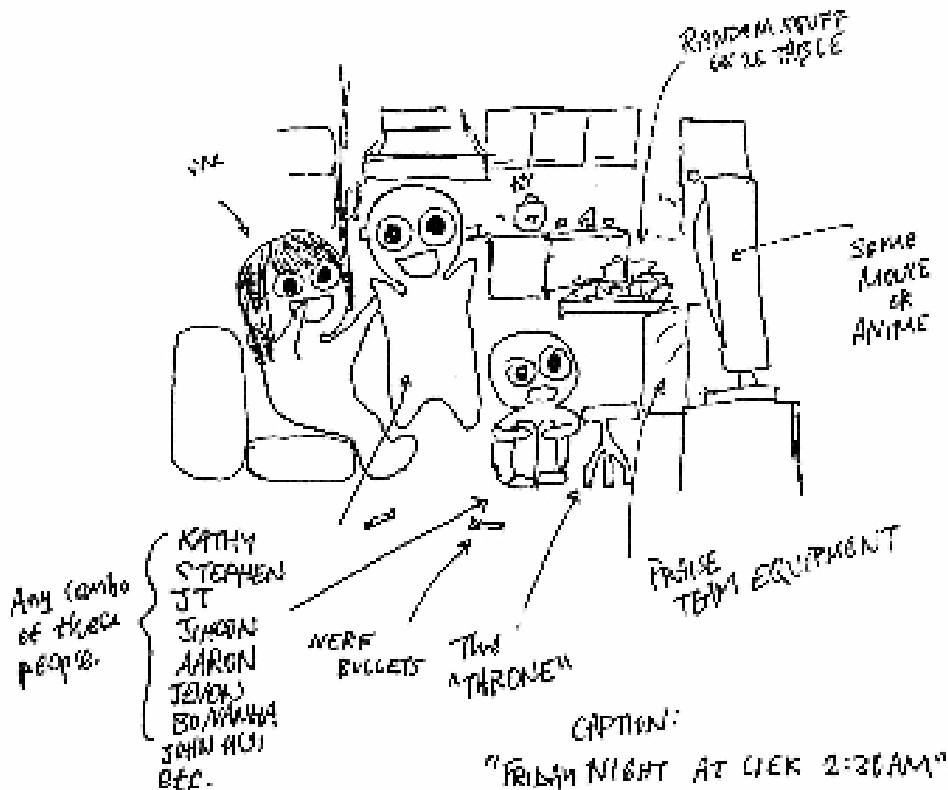
I guess coordinatorship. Not in the sense that I was praying to be coordinator, but for God to get me through it and not be burnt out by it. I was also really scared during it that my academics would get in the way, but I got through them, and they weren't a stress to me. That was really important for me. When I'm stressed, I get very emotional, but I didn't have that so I could focus on the fellowship. And for a good Servant Team that didn't cause me too much stress, they were very helpful and got things done.

Despite the lack of bo burgers, it was a joy to spend some time talking to this sister and listening to her musings and reflections of her four years at Cornell. Zoe has been such a blessing to CBS - as a coordinator, as a praise team member, as a sister, and as a friend, and I know we'll all miss her enthusiastic presence next year. I pray that she would always seek Him first as she begins the next chapter of her life, that she would continue to love and serve others as faithfully, and that her love would abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight to the glory and praise of God :) Don't forget to visit us please!

8. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short term-- Find a rich husband, that hasn't changed from my freshman year. I want to learn how to produce music, especially lo-fi chill hop, that got

-- Lauren Kam '19



JUSTIN LIN*

hometown:
SOMERSET, NJ
major:
CHEMICAL &
BIOMOLECULAR
ENGINEERING**

Most likely to not be 5'6"

Even though we live together, it was surprisingly hard to schedule a time with Justin. But today was the day! I anticipated interviewing him when he usually got home -- around 12:30am, approximately 30 minutes after midnight ;) but I was pleasantly surprised when he walked in around 11:15pm. After taking a picture with the official 1G 5'6" Door Marker, we sat down for our interview.

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1. CBS is...

Chinese Bible Study. A community of believers that seeks to know Christ and make Him known. Let's enter into a time of worship. David: Should've made Justin Praise Team coordinator.

2. How has God changed you since freshman year?

I think I've learned a lot about how broken people are in situations and life in general. I've gotten a chance to put a lot of the Scripture and Bible concepts/principles into practice. Prior to college, I still experienced it, but I didn't see a lot of the brokenness. After coming to college, you learn to be patient and see what reliance on Him looks like.

3. What encouragements/advice do you have for...

a. Freshmen - I hope they've had a great transition to Cornell and found a group of people who consistently challenge them towards God and aren't afraid to ask them difficult/uncomfortable questions. If they haven't, don't be afraid to go out and look for it. During sophomore year, friend groups change a lot. The difficulty spikes a lot but staying constant in spiritual disciplines and seeking God will help you through it and you'll definitely mature a lot. In general I think for this freshmen class there's a lot of potential for growth so just remember the reasons why you do things and let God guide your sophomore year, which can be up and down.

b. Sophomores - Congrats on making it past sophomore year. You're now upperclassmen which seems crazy, but you're probably gonna face different types of challenges. I think sophomore year is largely academic but when you get to junior year (not that it's easier) a lot of your identity at Cornell and things you spend time doing will coalesce and solidify. I'd say particularly to this rising junior class don't forget to reach out to one another and to be each other's support system when people are feeling alone for whatever purpose. There can be pressure/unhealthy comparisons that can make junior year difficult, like with internships, being upperclassmen, things like that. Amidst all that pressure, remember God's always with you.

c. Juniors - You guys have a very wide and diverse class so I'd say very different things depending on which subset. In general: you made it to senior year -- now you set an example to believers in faith and love and purity. It can be a scary, and perhaps daunting, thought that people will look up to you. But people are always watching every year, especially when you claim to follow Christ. Speech, how you spend your time, the way you apply to jobs/grad school -- let your lifestyle be a visible testament to God's grace and redemptive work. So I think for this class it should look like a unity centered on pushing one another towards loving God with everything. For the people who are involved/serving -- don't overextend yourself. There's a lot of things that are great but focus first on your relationship with God and everything else will follow. Seek first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you (Matthew 6:33). God gives extra grace and wisdom when you need it.

*I used to be known as Justin Chang in certain circles. I was put in the witness protection program because... no I'm kidding. Chang is my dad's last name but my legal last name is Lin (my mom's). People wouldn't know me and my brother were siblings, so I went by "Justin Chang" to make it easier.

My mom's grandfather (my great-grandfather) had 7 sons and owned 7 apartment buildings in Taiwan. When he died, each inherited one. One of his sons (my grandfather) had 7 daughters but no sons. It was decided that when the daughters got married, the first son would take their dad's last name like normal, but then the second son would take their grandfather's last name to keep the lineage going. 3 of my aunts never married. 3 had 2 daughters and 1 son. My mom was the 6th daughter; she had my older brother, then me, then my sister. Hence, I have my mom and grandfather's last name. But I went by "Justin Chang" to make it less confusing; otherwise I'd have to explain this story every time.

** I pretend to study Chemical and Biomolecular Engineering. I have a Business Minor, but I don't know how relevant it is -- I do get a gift though!

For those who are less involved -- continue to seek God wherever He places you. Don't neglect meeting with other Christians. Try to seek ways in which God might be calling you to proclaim His name. This might be in very unobvious places or to unobvious people.

4. What is (one of) your favorite memory of your college career?

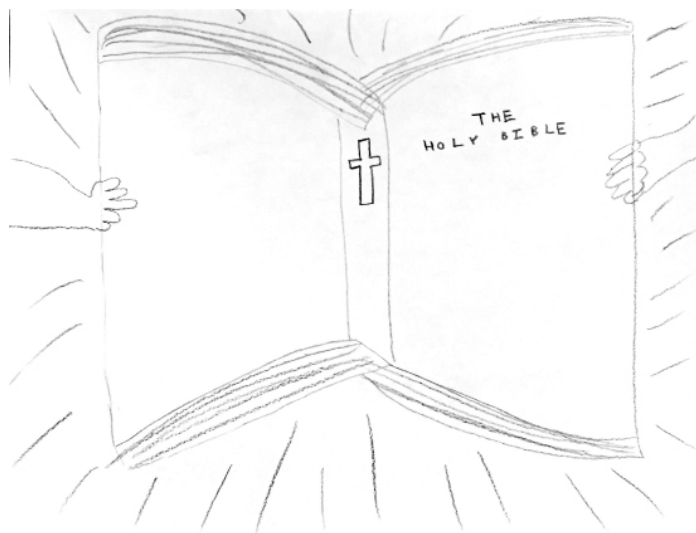
Moments in which God supernaturally reminded me of who He was -- both when I was struggling and when I was doing really well. It forced me to rely on Him. "God moments" -- unexpected conversations with non-Christians or people who I didn't know were Christians, or dealing with spiritual warfare and seeing God work through it, or late night conversations about faith and meaning and doctrine. Exploring what it means to live for God on a secular campus and see it transcended both in my life and the lives of people around me.

5. What are some of your hidden quirks/talents?

After being at Cornell you realize you're not as talented as you think you are. I guess I'm pretty good at Chinese chess. I'm sometimes very sarcastic and troll. OK I'm not that troll. I don't think it's really hidden but I have large portions of Scripture memorized. David: Get it, like "I have hidden Your word in my heart"? Hehe. Yeah put that in. I also really like double meanings or wordplay.

6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Benches by the Clock Tower (on the slope) overlooking West Campus and the Lake. Nice view, especially at night -- very peaceful.



The most memorable moment at Cornell: "The Bible."

7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

*Living with Tim? *shook**

I prayed that Tim gets professional help. Just kidding.

I prayed that I pass physical chemistry honors. I also prayed that God would give me peace about my direction in life (in terms of career) and He's definitely done that.

8. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

Short term: work in some sort of engineer/scientist role, probably in the NJ area. There's the Dijkstra*** story that got me a CS job. Probably also serving in some capacity, whether it's children's ministry or some other ministry.

Long term: Depends how long term "long term" is. I want to be in Heaven...? But a little shorter than that -- hopefully reach financial independence so I can spend time helping people answer the big questions of life.

****Dijkstra story*

I'm a ChemE but I took 2110 because I thought it'd be helpful. I didn't go to any classes, didn't take it seriously enough. But I somehow got a CS interview for a company in Boston. It was a full day of interviews where they asked me a bunch of CS questions. Basically, I regurgitated a bunch of stuff I heard my CS friends say. In the last interview, they asked me "What's something you've learned recently in CS?" -- I had run out of things to say and I couldn't think of anything to say. I remembered we were learning about Dijkstra's algorithm but I hadn't gone to class so I didn't know how to pronounce it so I said "jik stra" (rhyming with sick) and gave the textbook definition. Still got the offer tho :)

Once again, an insightful conversation with Justin. I think once you actually talk to him, he's quite different from what you might expect. Justin's still a fountain of Biblical knowledge with a welcome seriousness about his faith, but he's also quite troll-y about other subjects. Justin, we will definitely miss your presence and perspective at CBS, but wherever you end up, may God continue guiding your path and using you for His glory. You'll be forever in our hearts (and possibly memorialized on the 1G meme wall) -- come back soon and often!

-- David Wu '19

KATHY hometown:
PLEASANTON, CA
LIN major:
POLICY ANALYSIS &
MANAGEMENT

*Most likely to be crying
at any given moment*

This was my first meet-up with Kathy, but I guess it was great for us to get to know each other at the end of the year. Kathy said she needed to use up her ~\$150 BRBs, so she treated me at Café Jennie with a white chocolate raspberry cheesecake, which has everything I like for desserts. Sitting at a high table enjoying the bright spring light (cloudy so no sun) on a Wednesday afternoon, we began our conversation that turned out to be very informational and engaging.

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1. CBS is...

A community of people who really care. The fact that it has persisted for so long and stays completely student-run is amazing. People who are in it are the ones who want to be there. They put in time and energy – and it’s not easy. It’s a crazy thing that it’s been going on for so long.

A community of broken people. For all communities, when you are in them for a long time, you’ll see areas that need growth and improvement, areas that disappoint you. You’ll see brokenness. But people still try their best to love each other and to love God. It’s a growing community; it has helped me grow too.

2. How has God changed you since freshman year?

God has taught me what it means to have your heart break for other people, whether it’s through serving or it’s through seeing people go through grief. I’ve got a glimpse of how God feels when He serves us. (Aw there are so many things.) Coming to college was the first time I was surrounded by older people who love God and serve God wholeheartedly. It was eye-opening and made me want to serve people and read Scripture more.

More recently, God has been showing me more areas of growth – the places where I need to be growing in my life, recognizing that a lot of my past experience has been grounded in relationships with the community. I am learning to root myself more in the relationship with Him. It’s been a slow process.

3. What encouragements/advice do you have for...

a. Freshmen

Sophomore year is gonna be different from freshman year. At least for me, it was a change. Things are not new and shiny anymore. You are not “the babies” anymore as you start stepping up. In addition, in sophomore year, people are more geographically spread out since they don’t live together anymore. It’s easy to feel isolated and lonely sometimes. BUT, soon-to-be sophomores, just persevere. I know people do love you. There are communities available for you. So don’t give up.

b. Sophomores

Oh My Gosh they’re gonna be upperclassmen! I would say that no one knows what they are doing. You don’t have to have the right answers just because you are upperclassmen. When you start stepping into ministry and serving, God will qualify you and equip you for wherever he has called you to serve. Don’t freak out for not knowing what to do. And don’t be afraid to ask people for help.

c. Juniors

I’ll be around for all of them (laugh). Make the most of the last year that you have, be open to new experiences and take chances. Be adventurous and step outside of your bubble. You never know what you’ll come across. In the last year of college, I never expected to make new friends or find new people. I actually met a lot of people and that really surprised me.

4. What is (one of) your favorite memory of your college career?

There are a lot. One would be in freshman year when I was singing in Measureless. I think the entire experience was rewarding. It was the first time that I felt I was at home – all the music we shared, all the friendships I made. At the Asia Night performance, everyone was very emotionally burdened. Throughout the day, the cloud was just over us and the rehearsal was stressful too. But when we performed, I felt that God was well represented. It was a powerful moment. Despite all the turmoil, God still uses us, who are clearly broken people, to do something good on campus.

And also, completely unrelated, living in 3G and all the hotpot and Korean BBQ we had late at night in the apartment. I'll remember them forever.

5. What are some of your hidden quirks/talents?

Hidden talent is not very hidden, but I cry when I laugh.

Another hidden talent (sent over messenger): naming women's time with food puns

Hidden quirk is that I really like sparkling water but no one else does. (I used to hate it but I started buying a lot last year.)

6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

There are a lot. Like, the Human Ecology building. I like the common room with the open area and couches. It is nice and bright and really comfy there. It's like the College's living room. When weather's nice, I also like to go to the slope and watch the sunset there lying in the grass.

7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

This wasn't really a prayer I had in college, but it was answered in college. In high school I really wanted to learn what it meant to be a Godly servant and to serve other people and serve God. I got to see that the moment I stepped on campus and started interacting with people within CBS.

Senior year especially made an impact on me. CBS alumnus Jevon went to go work at Workday. He went to my hometown to do some kind of training for work. He was asking me, "Do you want me to go to your home church?" In my mind I was like, "I don't want you to because it was so broken and messy." He was there for a short time too. It would be burdensome for him to go and the aunties would be groping him to do service. He still did go! He met up with all the younger brothers including my brother there and discipled them. He would take them to bubble tea. He was also involved in the young adult ministry and got all of that rolling. Seeing him servin in the real world and in real relation really inspired me. I should've learned to be more like that.

8. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

I'll be here for another year, but...

Short-term goal is that I want to find a hospital fellowship or a job and be working, ideally at home in California. (Moving back to California can be a long-term goal.) I'm still open to exploring on the east coast. (Then Kathy asked me what my short-term goals are. I gave my answer and she said she would steal (not really) part of my answer so here it is:) I want to have a smooth transition into work life, ideally finding the community that will ground me. After talking to alumni, I found it's hard after stepping into the real world because a lot of times you don't have a community to grow with around you.

Long-term is to be near home and to spend more time with my family. It's gonna be five years away from home when I graduate. I only go home once or twice a year so it would be nice to be closer to them. Oh and definitely to stay in touch with my friends back here, no matter where we end up.

We went on talking about our transitions into frosh / grad in the past year, our majors and summer plans. It turned out that we both brought notes and cards our friends back in high school wrote, but never really used them for the purpose we thought it would be. Like I said, it was great to get to know Kathy a little better. She is caring, thoughtful and has a heart that loves God and longs to serve God. It was very encouraging to see how God has worked to grow her faith and serving heart through CBS, people around her and herself. I hope that her walk with God will continue to be fruitful, inspiring and blessed in her last year here at Cornell and after graduation.

-- Lucy Lu '21



"The 3G Experience: Korean BBQ"

MICHELLE SUN

hometown:
SHANGHAI, CHINA
major:
CIVIL ENGINEERING

Most likely to be napping at 4pm

I arrive at Bethe four minutes late (sorry!!) and find Michelle patiently waiting for me outside the dining hall. We enjoy a delicious Saturday brunch with good food and even better conversation before diving into the interview questions. Michelle kindly allows me to voice record her answers in case my typing skills are not sufficient enough to capture the meaningful details of her responses.

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1. CBS is...

It's the same question every year! Okay so CBS is like family to me and it's a group of brothers and sisters that love each other and love God. You can also find lots of supportive and caring people in CBS.

2. How has God changed you since freshman year?

I think God has changed me in the way I understand people and how I see the different struggles people are going through. God has brought more perspectives into my life. [Tim Tsang stops by] We're doing an interview! [Tim: Oh... Mel doesn't want to interview me.] I've begun to understand how God is so loving in many different ways to people and I've also learned a little bit of how you can support people on many different levels and cater to their needs. Also, I realized that community is really important for people as they keep their faith in God. Looking back on my co-op time, I didn't try hard enough to find a community, and coming back to Cornell I realized that God is really good to me. CBS and church are really precious and they really helped me to grow through these four years, where I could not only learn academic stuff but also grow spiritually as a Christian.

3. What encouragements/advice do you have for...

a. Freshmen

I want to say just enjoy your college life and just spend time with the people you like because there are three more years to go and you really want to form relationships with people and find your supportive community! And try the things that have always interested you!

b. Sophomores

I would say you might've started to worry about your future and what you want to do after you graduate, but in the midst of everything, have faith in the Lord and also enjoy your college life!

c. Juniors

I would say that you might think it's difficult since you have a lot of responsibilities for CBS. You're learning how to be the class that people look up to, and even though you don't have any older brothers and sisters on campus, you can always reach out to us! Even though we may not be physically together, we will try to help in any way we can, and we would always love to hear updates from CBS!

4. What is (one of) your favorite memory of your college career?

During finals season of my sophomore year, me and my friends were so stressed about studying, but it was sunny outside so we rolled down the slope!

5. What are some of your hidden quirks/talents?

I don't have any! [Me: You're really good at MATLAB!] That's not cool... I don't really have anything... okay! I'm good at MATLAB!

6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

I really like the renovated Upson Hall.

7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

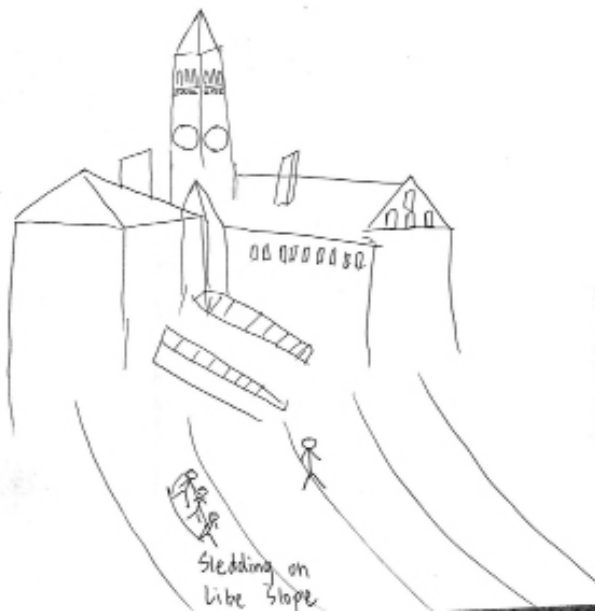
I think I have always prayed that I would always have faith in God and that He would strengthen me to always believe in Him and understand that things don't come from my own strength. I think this was a prayer that has been answered but I am still always pursuing God and I want to be closer with Him everyday.

8. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

My short-term plans would be that I would find a job, ideally in structure engineering, where I can design buildings and bridges. And also that I can have an apartment and a cat and that I can travel back to Shanghai frequently for work. Is that unrealistic? [Me: I don't think so!] Long term would be that I could have a family and also have a career. I want to have a family with kids, and I want to raise them by bringing them to church and teaching them about God. But, at the same time still having my own career.

As always, the time I spent meeting up with Michelle was not only extremely enjoyable, but also very comforting and encouraging. Following the interview, Michelle and I walk to Upson, her favorite spot on campus, together. Getting to know Michelle has been such a blessing to me during my time so far in CBS, and even though I will definitely miss seeing her every week at large group, Bible study, and MATLAB consulting hours, I am confident that God has a fantastic plan for her future, where she will be a blessing to so many other people the same way she has been to CBS. I pray that she will continue to find strength and comfort from God in everything that she does, and that she will discover more and more of His unmeasurable love and goodness as she draws closer to Him with each day!

-- Jackie Peng '21



TIM TSANG

hometown:
LOS ALTOS, CA
major:
CHEMICAL
ENGINEERING

Most likely to be making weird body movements

I heard a smol knock on my door and opened it to find Tim with a laptop and Statics homework in hand. After I struggled to help a frustrated Tim with questions on his problem set, we both agreed to take an L on the questions and go through the BoL interview instead! Sitting on the most comfortable couch in all of Eddygate, we began the interview process.

THIS / THAT

Target/Wegmans
Mac/Windows
Sweet/Savory
Cupcake/Muffin
Appel/RPCC
Kung Fu Tea/Panda Tea Lounge

1. CBS is...

Hard.
Oh this is not another one-word thing? Oh these are real questions now!
CBS is a place where people can learn about God... generally along with other Asian-Americans. Also has great community.

2. How has God changed you since freshman year?

I've gained a lot more devotion to reading the Bible, and learning more about how to celebrate God in worship and prayer. I'm learning more about how to work with other people and the far reaches of what God can do in people's lives. I guess I've also been learning about personal differences in the spectrum of people.

3. What encouragements/advice do you have for...

a. Freshmen

You need to be able to know yourself and what you like and what you value.
Hmm encouragement- you should reach out for help a lot.

Wait is this the next incoming freshmen or the freshman this year. [Freshman this year!] Oh, it's MY freshmen, well that changes my answer. I'd say it's good to learn and identify areas where you can get involved. Freshmen need to keep together, too.

b. Sophomores

Sophomores... need to continue to love and devote themselves to God. They should be finished finding themselves.

c. Juniors

Senior year is going to be hard, but you have to continue encouraging each other.

4. What is (one of) your favorite memory of your college career?

Favorite memories... What kind of favorite memories do i have?! Favorite memories from CBS would probably be during felly dinners. Oh of college-correcting professors. Hmm and I guess discovering the sciences.

5. What are some of your hidden quirks/talents?

I am a ninja. What else? I do yo-yo, I'm great with uhh... No I actually don't think I have anything hidden anymore, everyone knows my stuff.

6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

I'd say the squash courts. [Why] Because I can play squash.

7. What is a prayer that God has answered in the past four years?

Learning more about Him and devoting myself. Also putting good and important people in my life who have helped me with coordinator[ship].

8. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?

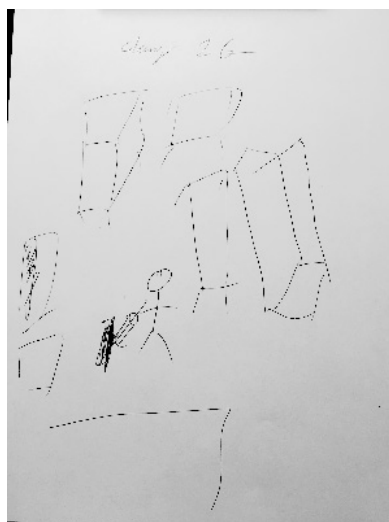
Short-term: idk

Long-term: idk

I guess I'm going home.

Tim returned to playing Pokemon Go on his laptop and proceeded to yell at and taunt his opponents. Though he can be a quirky one who can be difficult to get to know, Tim has shown to be caring and loving in his own unique ways. CBS will miss him dearly. When asked what he wished to leave with people, his immediate response was "memes and fun times in 1G." We definitely hope to continue sharing the welcoming and exciting atmosphere that Tim has provided for us all in his 1G home :')

-- Melanie Lim '19



"Do memorable things even happen to me? It's just a mess of blurs."

OPEN ENDED ARTICLES

chinese bumping squad

By Melanie Lim '19

"BUMP, SET, SPIKE! What a riveting experience." - Jamie Wong, '19

This semester, we had the grand privilege of witnessing the birth of the CBS Intramural Volleyball Team. Starting as a simple joke tossed into the wind, Sports Ministry has fully blossomed into a burgeoning group of friends that promotes fellowship and love through group physical activity. Through our IM volleyball team, we've experienced highs, lows, and lots of laughs with each other. Even without a single practice, our team was able to come together on each game night and integrate ourselves into the game within a matter of minutes. With each game, we've learned to support, trust, and encourage every teammate both physically and mentally. There's a certain side to each person on the team that we really only see when they're lunging from one side of the court to the other to save a ball, or leaping towards the heavens to block an opponent, or cheering like a wild animal for the rest of the team from the sidelines. Playing alongside this team was truly a transformative and riveting experience. I look forward to the fruit that Sports Ministry will continue to bear for the fellowship in the future.

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." - 1 Corinthians 1:10

the 4th commandment

By Lauren Kam '19

"Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. Six days you shall labor and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God... For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy."

-- Exodus 20:8-11

In my first days of freshman year, I was at a large group where the speaker challenged us that if there was one thing we could do as an expression of our faith, it would be to take a Sabbath. At the time, coming straight from an overachieving, Asian background where I was accustomed to studying hard 7 days a week, I shrugged off the idea as nice, but not possible. I mean a whole day with no studying, no work? No, thanks. Until this winter break, when I opened a book that my older prayer partner had given me a while back called *Sabbath Keeping*.

As I read, it made me reflect on the motivations I had for my habit of studying 24/7, to the point of near-obsession. I realized that I studied because I was trusting in my own abilities. Subconsciously, I thought that if I didn't spend every single day huddled over my textbooks, I'd put my grades and my chances of becoming a doctor at risk. But these were all thoughts that revealed to me that I secretly looked to myself for the future. I said I relied on God, but by my actions, I really didn't. I thought that my efforts were the only sure way that my premed hopes would become reality, and I didn't want to take a day off because it meant stopping and acknowledging that I was not the One ultimately in control.

Sabbath Keeping also forced me to think about where I placed my worth. For the past few summer and winter breaks, I would catch myself feeling guilty or useless for not really "working," which made me realize how much I put my value in what I'd achieved for the day. I defined my worth by the prelims, projects, and essays I completed and being away from Cornell on breaks made me feel like my existence on earth wasn't justified. As I read the last few pages, I was convicted that my studying was definitely an idol, and the best means of addressing this problem was to take a Sabbath.

On my very first Sabbath, it took all the willpower in me to prevent myself from venturing to my desk to start studying. And I didn't want to spend the hours thinking about how I was going to do all my work once the sun set so I ended up memorizing a passage of Scripture instead. As the weeks progressed, I noticed that Sundays felt incredibly freeing. I didn't spend my time at church in the morning thinking about how much work I was going to do or worrying about when my driver would *finally* stop socializing so I could go home and study. The Sundays before pre-semester weeks were even harder, but with each Sabbath taken before a pre-semester, I broke more and more of the chains that bound me to my academics. I was no longer a slave to my grades because I knew I wholeheartedly trusted God for the outcome.

Perhaps I've been most challenged by the realization that at the end of the day, while it is good to be diligent in our studies and work, God doesn't look at us by how much we've done. In today's busy, technology-driven culture, we've been taught that action and accomplishment is what we strive for, that doing anything is far better than nothing. But this isn't from God. God cares immeasurably more about who we are in Him than what we accomplish for Him. This lesson has made me take a second look at not only my pre-semester studying, but also my purpose behind my work as a Bible study coordinator for CBS. I've asked myself countless times over this semester why I do the things I do and by whose standards am I measuring my achievements. From my semester of Sabbaths, I've discovered that while running around and juggling a million tasks may seem fulfilling, my reward is far greater when I am being still and knowing that God is God, and I am not.

biblical orientation, political praxis, and leftist precarity

By Darren Chang '21

As a whole, religion has become a lever in the political process because the majority of American constituencies profess (at least nominal) Christianity. In the 2012 election, large swathes denounced Republican candidate Mitt Romney's Mormonism and President Obama's purported Islamic background. Today, Christianity in politics is deeply correlated with conservative ideology and the deep family values that inform pro-choice, pro-Israel, and pro-gun policies. Less discussed, however, is the intersection between Christianity and liberal or even socialist and communist politics. This becomes a problem in a leftist college environment such as Cornell, because few liberals willingly address faith. I've personally struggled with this, because disagreements between leftist thinking and my belief in Christ certainly exist. As a result, I find myself

often confused and questioning, and this article hopes to at least reflect on how believing in God informs political praxis, especially that of the (new) left.

We should first define some terms. While academics disagree on the concise definitions of socialism and communism, this essay takes socialism to be a political and economic theory of organization that supports egalitarian distribution of wealth and the ownership of the means of production by the community. On the other hand, communism as described by Karl Marx calls for a violent class war to overthrow the capitalist system and eventually result in a classless and stateless society.¹

Marx infamously described religion as the "opium of the masses," a barrier to the working-class revolution. This theoretical contradiction problematizes "Christian Communism" because Marxist practice involves forsaking a steadfast belief in God in favor of endless devotion to the Communist Party and the betterment of society. Everyone provides for everyone, instead of God providing for everyone. In addition, Paul emphasizes the importance of obeying governing authorities appointed by God in the epistle of Romans, writing, "1 Let every person be subject to the governing authorities. For there is no authority except from God, and those that exist have been instituted by God. 2 Therefore whoever resists the authorities resists what God has appointed, and those who resist will incur judgment." We "must be in subjection" to "avoid God's wrath" (verse 5)³, and participating in a wholesale communist revolution for the sake of the proletariat and *not* the Lord violates these verses.⁴

At a deeper psychological (psychoanalytical?) level, the epistemology of revolt supported by Marx and co. finds itself on anxiety over material conditions. The working class ideally revolts because they build a consciousness around a perceived material unfairness. But the Bible says:

4 Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, rejoice. 5 Let your reasonableness be known to everyone. The Lord is at hand; 6 do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. 7 And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.⁵

Through Philippians, we understand that we must find solace in God's willingness to listen to our prayers of want and need. Anxiety often hinders Christian living since it reflects

¹ Daniel Floyd, "What is the difference between Communism and Socialism?" Investopedia, last modified January 5, 2018, <https://www.investopedia.com/ask/answers/100214/what-difference-between-communism-and-socialism.asp>.

² Romans 13:1-2 ESV

³ Romans 13:5 ESV

⁴ See Titus 3:1-2 for another verse about obeying human government.

⁵ Philippians 4:4-7 ESV

an untrusting internal state. Anxiety causes us to wonder: is God not enough? For an unbeliever, this anxiety can be debilitating as the pressure to be perfect builds and weighs heavily upon one's soul (soul in this context regards a person's personality or psyche while spirit reflects a person's connection with God e.g. the Holy Spirit).⁶ For believers, anxiety can instead be placed through "prayer and supplication" onto the Lord, relieving us of an untenable burden. This does not mean that the Lord provides an answer to all of our petitions and prayers, but rather that the "peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."⁷ I think that this anxiety over inequality encapsulates the arrogance of communism — that a single paradigm shift to commune-based living solves both interpersonal and socio-economic issues. If we recognize that humans are ontologically broken because of sin, we also recognize that worldly solutions function only insofar as they are band-aids for gunshot wounds. For believers, "the Lord is at hand," a constant keeper of peace so great that we "rejoice in the Lord." Our faith that the Lord will keep us even in our brokenness runs contrary to communism's deep anger at material accumulation.

Yet, aspects of communist thinking parallel scripture, muddling the waters as we seek a political orientation. For example, the early Christian community lived in a commune-like state. Acts 2:42-44 describes their culture:

42 They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and to fellowship, to the breaking of bread and to prayer. 43 Everyone was filled with awe at the many wonders and signs performed by the apostles. 44 All the believers were together and had everything in common. 45 They sold property and possessions to give to anyone who had need.⁸

The early disciples abdicated earthly property to the disenfranchised and in a sense redistributed their own capital in the vein of socialist practice. In this context, the Lord "added to their numbers daily those who were being saved,"⁹ phrasing that seems to indicate that God was pleased with their way of life and the deep fellowship they enjoyed with one another. Combined with scripture that condemns capital accumulation on Earth¹⁰ and scripture that advocates caring for the needy in a reflection of Christ,¹¹ I think the Bible does call us to provide for the less fortunate, and politics becomes a question of how to approach this provision. The main indict of capitalism in this instance is its attitude of economic rationality that promotes selfish wealth contra to fair resource distribution. An individual unwilling to share their portion of "the world's goods" to a person in need goes against God's unconditional love.¹² I think that God's commands, then, reflects certain socialist agendas such as single-payer national health insurance and social welfare nets that recognize the precarity of labor in a capitalist economy that seeks exploitation and cheap production

instead of individual or societal needs; effectively, this utilizes the government to accomplish God's will on Earth.

This article provides not a political recommendation but rather attempts to resolve some of the contradictions between leftist or socialist politics and following Christ. Hopefully, this will play a role in opposing the conflation of Christianity with conservatism and present a call to reflect Christ in advocating and providing for indigent people and minorities. While the Bible clarifies that we can orient towards politics in ways that ask for (and even demand) fair and expansive policies that combat global issues, it also explains even peaceful protest bears a fine line in trespassing against God's word. Regardless of which worldly leaders currently control power, it bears in mind that God has a plan.¹³ On the other hand, doing nothing is simply an escapism that, unsurprisingly, changes nothing. In this struggle, I've come to realize that solving what I consider to be societal challenges takes prayer and ultimately trust that God will do right by us, even if in unexpected or confusing ways. Perhaps we'll become the opposite of the "socially liberal and fiscally conservative meme" and instead be "socially conservative and fiscally liberal."¹⁴

⁶ Wayne Jackson, "Soul and Spirit: What's the Difference," Christian Courier, <https://www.christiancourier.com/articles/526-soul-and-spirit-whats-the-difference>.

⁷ Phillipians 4:7 ESV

⁸ Acts 2:42-45 ESV

⁹ Acts 2:47 ESV

¹⁰ For example Matthew 6:19-21 ESV, which states "19 Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth,(V) where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also." The rest of Matthew 6 address materialism as well.

¹¹ See 1 John 3:17, which says "17 But if anyone has the world's goods and sees his brother in need, yet closes his heart against him, how does God's love abide in him?"

¹² Ibid.

¹³ Courtney Reissig, "Romans 13 in the Age of Trump," Courtney Reissig, January 19, 2017, <http://courtneyreissig.com/blog/2017/1/19/romans-13-in-the-age-of-trump>.

¹⁴ These articles informed my thinking as I wrote this: David Bentley Hart, "Are Christians Supposed to Be Communists?" New York Times, last modified November 4, 2017, <https://www.nytimes.com/2017/11/04/opinion/sunday/christianity-communism.html>. Rajeev Ravisankar, "The Hammer and Cross," Jacobin Magazine, last modified December 26, 2016, <https://www.jacobinmag.com/2016/12/hammer-cross-left-christian-revolutionary-andrew-collier>. Pascal-Emmanuel Gobry, "Are Christians really supposed to be communists? A response to David Bentley Hart," America Magazine, last modified November 6, 2017, <https://www.americamagazine.org/faith/2017/11/06/are-christians-really-supposed-be-communists-response-david-bentley-hart>.

SHOUTOUTS

Dear Joy Thean,
Thanks for letting me borrow your calculator <3
--Jamie

Dear Toe and Zim,
Thank you so much for being such great coordinators!! It is always joyful and refreshing to see you up the stage at the microphone or to think of you behind the stage planning events - they were all awesome! I cannot imagine the first year at CBS without you two. I hope everything goes well after graduation and COME BACK WHEN YOU CAN (and/or in three years)!!
--Anonymous

Dear Ma F(A)M gurls,
I love you both my beautiful babies even though we didn't get to see each other often this year, but I pray that God has been growing you both in love and zeal for Him, and that we can spend more time together when we'll all be in Eddygate ;) (esp. looking at you Frances)
--Aliché

Dear Jackie,
FOR MY #1 FAN--thank you for your wonderful hugs and love every time we see each other (even though I miss Orgo every week). You are a wonderful child of God, and I pray He keeps you in peace and rest despite all the Chem and other challenges that come your way
--Your favorite member of FAM (Alice)

Dear 1G,
Thanks for letting me sit on your couch as I attempt to do my hw!!
--Alexandra

Dear Megan,
Hi pretty :) thanks for being a great apartment mate, letting me use your printer, making food with me, doing yoga (even tho we almost died), and generally being there. Love ya! <3
--Shelly

Dear Stephanie Deng,
Thanks for being a great pp :) Excited for one more year of Statler lunches, ice cream popcorn, and good conversations
--Your anonymous older prayer partner

Dear Jeff & Anna,
Shoutout to you guys for being great and good praise team leaders you guys are cool
--Anonymous

Dear Ev, Lrn, and Sushi Kung,
To my lovely ladies, thank you for being there (in the form of vchat lol) when I needed you all the most. I don't know many people who can tolerate facetiming me for three hours at a time, but you girls are really something else. I didn't think I could spend a whole year without my biggest support system but I'm so glad that God had us grow in our unique ways. I can't wait to see your beautiful faces in person and to repay you all with love and bubble tea. See you soon!
--Ji-Won

Dear Freshmen Babies,
I LOVE YOU AND WILL MISS YOU! Life is going to get harder and

it'll be harder to get together. But you can do it! Your love for CBS has given me a lot of joy and hope. You guys really remind me of me freshman year, and why I really loved CBS. Don't change, seek God's voice and vision, and I'll see all of you during alumni weekend 2021 (or maybe before, or in heaven)
--Zoooooeeee

Dear Anna,
Thanks for taking on BoL and being our in house designer :) <3
Can always count on you to spit out bomb designs
--Zoe

Dear Jeff and Evelyn,
Thank you for taking on coordinatorship. It is a blessing and privilege given to us by God, but will be hard work! I fully trust that you two will do an amazing job. Keep your head up!
--Zoe

Dear F A M,
I love all of you! Don't stop seeking and trusting God. You guys will be juniors soon :/
--Zoo

Dear Kathy,
H A G S
--Zoe

Dear CBS,
JESUS YO
--Anonymous

Dear Zoe,
Thank you for driving me to all those places! and for feeding me
--Anonymous

Dear Tim,
Dude because of you so much of the last two years have been spent in curiosity and anticipation of taking a class in fluid mechanics (and this has finally come to pass, and it is good). Even though you're always considering weaponizing all sorts of blunt objects, you really have a concern and empathy for people deep down. It's been wonderful to walk with you, Tim. Thanks for checking up on me when I am tired. May God bless you in your time after college
--Anonymous

Dear Kevin Gao,
Yo you wanna do some more AIME problems sometime?
--Anonymous

Dear Newtoni,
Duuuuude
your video games are so much fun
Makes me think about slowing down and enjoying life

Thanks for expanding my horizons

Thanks for being a friend and a brother in Christ to me

Thanks for sharing
--Anonymous

Dear Christopher,
Yo chris.

V encouraged by your wrestling with God's word and bringing up all those questions - keep it up!
--Anonymous

Dear Mike Cao,
Thank you for sharing your wisdom at bib stud and elsewhere
--Anonymous

Dear People Who Aren't Freshmen,
Thank you to everyone for being so incredibly welcoming. CBS has been an amazing experience and community for all of us as we came into college at different parts of our walk with the Lord. We will miss the seniors so much, but look towards growing in our journeys with each other and in our faith. TGIF because that's when large group is!
--The Freshmen

Dear Shelly,
Thank you for 1) leading my Bible Study first semester 2) leading a Bible Study with me second semester. I've learned so much through your example, and I'm so thankful not only for your warm and welcoming spirit but also your scrumptious baking skills. You have helped me grow so much in my walk with the Lord this year. Thanks mom <3
--Darren

Dear Felix,
You are everything I could have asked for in a prayer partner and brother in Christ. Understanding, mentoring, and nurturing. Although we may have our disagreements (often over politics or history), they've forced me to think more critically about my faith and how to live in the Church life. Thank you, and no matter how life or anyone treats you, you is kind, you is smart, and you is important
--Darren

Dear Anna T,
Thank you for all of your labor you've given to the fellowship this year! From leading worship to BoL, you've been tireless in your quest to serve through your spiritual gifts. You're the best!!
--Darren

Dear Freshmen Class,
Having the chance to get to know you guys through CBS this year has been such a blessing to me! It's always so fun and uplifting spending time with you, whether it's through dinner before large group, prayer meetings, food adventures, felly dinner planning, or meetups! I find your willingness to support each other, selflessness in serving God, and also just your overall commitment to the fellowship so encouraging and I pray that God will continue to use our class to do His good work! I look forward to hanging out and growing with you guys during the rest of our time here and beyond!
#chickennuggerz4lyfe
--Jackie

Dear My Lovely FAM,
FAM!!!! <3 hi ok y'all are 3cool5me, I probably love you too much but that's okay, ANYWAY WOW I feel so blessed to have gotten the opportunity to know and spend time with my fave sophomore girls this year! Thank you for adding spice to my life and for taking care of me, loving me, giving me hugs, making me laugh, and just always being there! It's always a super fun time to be around you, and you serve as a constant reminder of just how good God has been to me, especially during my time at Cornell so

far. Maybe I didn't win the grand prize at Hope Night but I did win the even better prize of Spa Day with FAM which was like paradise so hey I got real lucky hehe. Stay amazing, stay beautiful, and I'm super excited to see what kinds of cool things God has in store for us in the future! Love you always <3
--Your #1 Fan

Dear Anna,
Ever since I first met you at large group a pretty long time ago, I had a feeling that I would like you. I thought it was super cool how we had the same personality type and how we both liked tropical house music, but wow, having you as my prayer partner this past year has shown me that I appreciate you for so many reasons that surpass all of that. I remember how excited I was when I found out that I had guessed my prayer partner correctly, but that little bit of excitement was only the start of something amazing that has, by so so much, exceeded the expectations that I had put down on my PP sign up form. Meeting up with you is always the highlight of my Monday, and I feel so blessed to have someone as caring, thoughtful, beautiful, and ridiculously cool as you to share with every week! Thank you for always being a great listener and for your commitment to our friendship; I'm always seeing God's love reflected in your actions and I'm always so encouraged by that. I love you so so much and I look forward to seeing how God will continue to work in us as we draw closer to Him together!
(Also thanks for constantly inspiring me in the realm of coffee- my appreciation for it has only gone up since I've known you!
MORE ESPRESSO LESS DEPRESSO <3)
--Jackie

Dear Aaron Hui,
Thank you for your mentorship. Even though you may be a grad student far too cool for us, your advice is deeply valued. I've come to rely on you as bulwark of Christian living (probably because YOU ARE OLD). Bless up for the King of PSB
--Darren

Dear Tim Tsang,
Thank you for teaching me how to play squash. But mostly for being an awkward and lovable human being
--Darren

Dear Freshmen Class,
Y'all have been a constant source of encouragement and joy especially to many upperclassmen and we've seen so much of God's work being done in you guys throughout the past year. Thanks for being such a wonderful addition to the CBS family that we have developed deep relationships with and that continues to push us closer to God. #<3zozi
--Anonymous

Dear Zoe,
Thanks for pouring so much of yourself into CBS this past year! Please know that all the big and little things you do have not gone unnoticed. We will miss you very much
--Anonymous

Dear 4E,
I luv u
--Anonymous

Dear ZEEBUGGIEEEEE,
Thank you for all that you do for CBS, both as a whole fellowship, and for the individual members in it, especially me. Your caring personality, generosity, and punctuality/efficiency never cease to amaze me. I love you, and hope to see you often since we're both

from Long Island anyways lol. Also love your snaps
--Alice

Dear Kathy,
Thanks for being the #1 PP and for eating TRILLIUM BURGERRRS
with me even though your tongue is suffering the consequences
:(. I'm so glad you'll be here next year too. Maybe one day we can
be as cool as Tokage/Mosztrozo the lizard and Nisetsumuri the
Fake Snail
--Alice

Dear Macaaroni,
AAAAARONI thanks for playing games with me and teaching me
Orgo/CS even though I don't understand anything. I still haven't
decided if I'm staying the summer but let's play Danganronpa!!!
Also I'll give you a massage eventually
--Alice

Dear Best Buddy Wes,
Heyo buddy. Thanks for being the bestest buddy a best buddy
could buddy for. Know that you are loved and cherished as a part
of CBS and the body of Christ, and I pray that God would continue
to grow you in your walk with Him
--Best Buddy Alice

Dear RACHEYWACHEY,
RAAAACHEL thanks for meeting with me and reading Genesis with
me (even though we gotta get back on track with that), and I'm
so glad to have been able to grow close with you, and I pray that
God will continue to keep you at peace and in joy with His plans
for your future
--ALICE