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# Editor Letter



## Dearest CBS,

At the very end of a movie called "The Shawshank Redemption," the main character Andy Dufresne invites his friend Red, who has been released from an imprisonment of 40 years, to come live with him. Red is going through a severe lonely and depressive state (and is even having suicidal thoughts) but still feels obligated to carry out his best friend's wishes, which involves finding the letter that Andy has left for him. And in a calm, soothing voice over, Andy tells his best friend through the letter, "Remember, Red, hope is a good thing, maybe the best of things, and no good thing ever dies. I will be hoping that this letter finds you, and finds you well." Wow.

I still remember last year when I received the email in the middle of March that we all had to leave campus. Since then, all of us have deeply, and most sorrowfully, felt the weight of the virus and its devastating impact. We have seen friends and family pass away. We still see countless who are without work and experience economic hardship. And we have felt long, extended loneliness that seems to have no end. Many times, we have found ourselves to be even in the shoes of Red: despairing, afraid, jaded and apathetic, confused and without purpose.

There is no doubt that the pandemic has brought a harshness and sadness into our lives like no other. But I think that during this season of sorrow and grief, we have become prone to doubting God more. We question His sovereignty and His majesty when things do not go our way, and forget the soothing words of Romans 8:18, which assure us that "our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us." We wonder whether God knows what is happening to us, and we neglect to fully grasp that God is preparing a place for

us this very moment, a place where "He shall wipe away all tears from [our] eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying" (Revelation 21:4). We forget the precious promises and instructions that the Lord has given to us in His Word, ones that promise us that "all things work together for good to them that love God" (Romans 8:28), and ones that tell us to "cast all [our] anxiety on him because He cares for [us]" (1 Peter 5:7).

Reader! My blessed friend in Christ! There is hope for beyond the Coronavirus, the school years, and more. He, in His sovereignty, sent down His one and only son to die on the cross for our sins, so that we would be saved. He sees and knows all things, and He calls us to go to Him with every little need. And if that isn't enough, He is preparing a place for us where He shall be with us, and we shall be with Him forevermore. Truly, truly, He is a good and gracious God. Shall we not place our hope in Him?

There are many times for sorrow and grief, and I believe that this is such a time, but may we cling closer to God in our sorrow instead of pushing Him away. I hope that this edition of Bread of Life encourages you in your walk with God. I truly believe that this edition is a beautiful testament to how God has sustained CBS through a time of uncertainty and death, how He has broken us and humbled us and provided for our every little need. And if there is one thing that you should remember, CBS, it is to remember that hope IS a good thing. It is one of the most wonderful things that you can experience, and it can only be completely found in Christ. So put your hope in Christ, and He will guide you faithfully all the way.

Love In Christ,  
**Daniel Woo ('23)**





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Over 100  
attendees  
in one  
zoom  
meeting!



# Coordinator Letter



## Dearest CBS,

It has been an impossibly long year. I'm not sure if it was longer than any other; after all, we slog through weeks and weeks of second semester each year, finishing after virtually every other school in the country. Yet again, I'm limping to the finish line, surprised and amazed again by how much grace God has in store.

Coordinatorship has been simultaneously the most difficult and most rewarding role I have had while serving the Lord in Cornell and with CBS. Information that I didn't want to know somehow springs its way upon me, tasks that no one else would want are thrust into my lap, and decisions that I don't want to take responsibility for are still made over and over again. But I (and I'll only speak for myself) have not felt a sharper love for God or for the fellowship than in serving Him this year.

One continued theme that has resonated with me in this season is the idea of the covenant. We've discussed it occasionally this semester in Romans 8 and last semester during our foray into the Old Testament, but this thought of promise has been necessary one. God has a promise for us; in Jeremiah 31, the prophet Jeremiah writes, "But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the Lord; I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people (Jer 31:33 NRSV)." The text of this covenant is repeated again in Heb 10 — we are to be God's people and Yahweh's people.

This thought of covenant has given me the continued strength to weather this semester and finish my time at Cornell. Alone, I don't have the wherewithal to be coordinator, graduate, diligently love and serve my prayer partners, be a faithful member of the local church, and on, and on.... Indeed, in so many ways, I have failed other people and God. But God says again and again that we are to be His people and He will write His law on our hearts. Reliance on God's steadfastness has not only brought comfort and strength to me personally but has also motivated the decisions I am making for myself and for CBS.

That is my honest personal reflection. As much as what I have written above may make it sound like my second semester has been awful and tough, I have also enjoyed

it so much. I am satisfied and fulfilled by this feeling, this raw emotion of being poured out for the Lord, for this is what He asks of me. The ability to meet in the name of Christ and in one Body is a treasure that is specific and special to college fellowship. The expanded capacity to meet in-person this semester and return of most students to campus has been another blessing that has benefitted discipling relationships and small group meetings.

I am grateful for ways in which the coordinators' vision for CBS has been an actual guide to the operation of our fellowship. We have zeroed in on how Jesus disciplined his disciples and how Paul disciplined his disciples in our Bible studies and during our Large and small groups. I have witnessed how members of our fellowship — especially underclassmen — have become more spiritually mature and equipped to serve and lead as brothers and sisters through discipling relationships. God has provided, even in this pandemic time.

As I am preparing to leave, I wanted to share two thoughts that have benefitted me; I wish I had known them before I had started at Cornell. I'm sure someone (some kind and wise upperclassmen who really did know what was going on) told them to me during my freshman year, but I didn't listen closely enough.

First, develop your desire to know God. Very, very few people come into college ready to really know and chase after God. It takes commitment to a personal relationship with Christ and a commitment to joining Jesus on his journey to make His Kingdom here on Earth. The easiest way to continuously build this desire is through spiritual discipline. Reading His Word, praying daily, and enjoying hymns and worship songs facilitate a deeper walk.

When I stayed in St. Louis during the summer of 2019, one of the elders at the church I attended would remark that a daily walk was usually his only tip to college students. That is how important it is to walk with the Lord daily and bask in His sweet presence! There's much more I can say about this — like how this habit is what creates true rest and what deepens one's heart and head. But, I'll leave it to you to experience how Christ can be your personal Christ. Second, consider what you are giving to God, both in serving and in personal sacrifice. The Bible does not promise a road that is always (or ever) easy; I can't think of someone who went through college and didn't have at



least a few valleys. In many of the low seasons, we may want to throw serving God out the window. Don't. God repays you what you give Him with so much more.

The last two lines of the verses of the hymn "Thy Life was giv'n for me" read "Thy Life was giv'n for me, for me; / What have I giv'n for Thee? / Long years were spent for me, for me; / Have I spent one for Thee? / Yea, all was left for me, for me; / Have I left aught for Thee?" We take, take, and take from our God. We expect Him to fulfill our prayer requests and steer our lives on the right path. Too rarely do we ask "what have we given for Him?" only to answer that we have left "aught (ought)." At the end of your time in college, you don't want to regret that you have not given

Him enough — to have forsaken the eternal for the transient.

These two lines of thought have motivated my vision for my personal ministry (and also how I serve CBS) in this past year. They have carried me through the past four years even when very little else could. Perhaps they may be of interest or of help to you. Thank you God for bringing me through. Thank you God for bringing us through.

See you soon.

With blessings,  
**Darren Chang ('21)**



# Coordinator Letter



**Dearest CBS,**

What a year it has been. I praise God for His provision and for how He has guided each of our steps in navigating this time. I wanted to share this piece of Scripture that was on my heart as I wrote this:

35 That day when evening came, he said to his disciples, "Let us go over to the other side." 36 Leaving the crowd behind, they took him along, just as he was, in the boat. There were also other boats with him. 37 A furious squall came up, and the waves broke over the boat, so that it was nearly swamped. 38 Jesus was in the stern, sleeping on a cushion. The disciples woke him and said to him, "Teacher, don't you care if we drown?"

39 He got up, rebuked the wind and said to the waves, "Quiet! Be still!" Then the wind died down and it was completely calm.

40 He said to his disciples, "Why are you so afraid? Do you still have no faith?"

41 They were terrified and asked each other, "Who is this? Even the wind and the waves obey him!" (Mark 4:35-41 NIV)

I remember being in awe when I first read this passage, and again when it was preached during a sermon. The disciples were facing a terrifying storm that was ready to overwhelm them, but Jesus was sleeping. He then rebuked his disciples with the question: "Do you still have no faith?"

Even today, there are lessons to be learned from this passage. I encourage you, brothers and sisters, to live as Jesus lived. He was able to be at peace because He knew that the Lord was always there. We all face our own struggles - personal, academic, spiritual. But the power and peace of God is so much more than the circumstances we face. When we place our complete trust in Him, we are able to rest as Jesus rested when he was on that boat.

I encourage you, CBS, to not only be vulnerable about your struggles, but also to bear one another's burdens. Moreover, I encourage you to remind each other of the peace that God brings. God will never leave you alone in

your struggles – in fact, He will bear the burden with you. Be still. Know that He is God.

Coming into Cornell as a freshman, I never thought I would find a community like CBS. Honestly, I had no idea how the next four years would turn out. I now know that God sometimes works in the most unexpected of ways - a demonstration of His love. New experiences were had, new wisdom was gained. Every day, I thank God for His love and mercy, as well as placing me in these positions to serve. So much of the year has been filled with uncertainty, but God is a God who stays with us and stays the same. Encouragement: look to God's word!

Blessed are we that we have Scripture written for our instruction - it is something to be more desired than honey. I can't emphasize enough the power of God's word and the peace it brings us--it's alive and active! Brothers and sisters, be grounded in Scripture. Let God's wisdom guide you. Ephesians 6 describes God's word as the sword of the spirit - how wonderfully powerful that is!

So with all that being said, I will close this letter. Truly, it has been a blessing serving as co-coordinator for CBS this year. Ups and downs were had, but God remained sovereign through it all. Dearest CBS, I thank you for the memories and encouragements, the sharings and carings, the willingness to faithfully and humbly serve. You all have truly demonstrated Christ's love.

Your brother in Christ,  
**Kevin Hu ('21)**





# Reach Letter



**Dear CBS,**

What an unusual, difficult, *blessed* year it has been!

We kicked-off the spring with an outreach event that focused on asking and answering hard questions (no newcomers arrived, but almost everyone in the fellowship came to share!). We hosted Service Marketplace online and planned a hybrid felly dinner. We initiated some informal outings as the weather got better. For each of these events, we continually had to ask ourselves: what is our vision behind these? Do they help us advance our vision for Reach this year? We wanted to create more space and time for people to enjoy each other's fellowship and conversation outside of large groups, which can build us up and encourage us to be steadfast in our faith. We wanted to give CBS opportunities to serve together and grow our brotherly affection and love for one another.

In our Reach meetings, we shifted our focus from topical studies to discussing logistics together as a ministry and more importantly, studying the Word and sharing with each other. We wanted to enhance the sense of oneness, edify and build up each other as members of the ministry and not neglect in-reach within the Reach ministry.

Part of reach ministry is initiating and organizing events. We struggled multiple times throughout this year with low attendance or things not going the way we planned. We reminded ourselves of 1 Corinthians 15:58: "Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain." We earnestly prayed for God's guidance and revelation of whether our work is of the Lord.

We also realized that sometimes we simply do CBS traditions because they are traditions. We found ourselves re-evaluating many traditional CBS events and hammering out our vision behind it. We learned to be intentional about communicating that vision to the fellowship, which is something we encourage future Servant Team and the rest of the fellowship to keep doing.

In addition, God humbled us by showing us that although we are limited in what we can do, He is the one who does the real work (1 Corinthians 3:6-9). We learned to balance what we were doing for Reach with our personal ministries. Serving on Reach required us to think about how we could

provide a space for people to care for each other; serving in our personal ministries required us to carry it out. We thank God for sustaining us throughout!

It's unfortunate that in-person corporate worship and fellowship is not replaceable, and we really have missed that part in our ministry. While "not neglecting to meet together" in Hebrews 10:25 and the fellowship of the believers in Acts 2:46 was something we were intentional about fostering in the past year, we long for the full effect of when we meet in person. We pray for discernment and courage for next year's Servant Team and Reach coordinators so that they may assess how the fellowship can continue to stir up one another to love and good works, and encourage one another as we see the Day drawing near (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Most of you would agree that fellowship-wide outreach seemed lacking in the past year. While the pandemic has rendered most of our normal events infeasible and has made cold contact and outreach less accessible, we acknowledge that we could have better encouraged the fellowship in sharing our faith with others. However, we need to be cautious of relying on community-based outreach events for evangelism. The Great Commission is a personal call and commandment for each of us, and we should consider living out our faith and being engaged with the lives of others, so that when God opens doors, we are attentive to the Spirit's leading and prepared to carry out the mission of Christ to make disciples (Matthew 28:19).

After all the praises and reflections above, we would like to end this letter and this unique year with some thanksgiving and encouragement. We thank God who has granted to us his precious and very great promises (2 Peter 1:4) that we can hold on to for hope and strength for all times. We are also grateful for you, CBS, for all your support and unwavering love for God and our ministry. Let us continue to make every effort to supplement our faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness, and steadfastness with godliness, and godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love (2 Peter 1:5-7).

Love,

**Lucy Lu ('21) and Emily Kam ('22)**



# Praise Letter



**Dear CBS,**

This Spring semester was filled with both familiar and unfamiliar experiences and challenges as we continued virtual worship sets and large groups. Praise God that we were able to prepare and lead the fellowship in worship more smoothly (hooray for fewer technical difficulties)! As for the unfamiliar, we navigated training and raising up new members of Praise Team despite limitations of virtual sets and meetings. Since we have a unique situation of all returning Praise Team members, except for one, graduating this year and all new members joining this semester, we have especially focused on providing a space for training and discipling them.

We revisited our vision verse and heart for this ministry with orientation and set shadowing for new members:

"Be filled with the Spirit, speaking to one another with psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit. Sing and make music from your heart to the Lord, always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ." (Eph 5:18b-21)

These verses speak to how we should worship God as the body of Christ, greeting each other with psalms, songs from the Spirit, and with thanksgiving to God for everything. But how do we practice and encourage that not only within Praise Team, but also within the fellowship? And how do we disciple and support the incoming Praise Team to especially pursue such worship of God? These questions and the unique circumstances of our current Praise Team all pointed us towards the gospel, such that knowing why we worship God should inform and direct how we worship our Creator of the universe in all His glory and majesty. Knowing and believing that we have a restored relationship with God through Jesus Christ as our Savior, how can we help but thank God and sing from our hearts? We desired to remind and exhort each other of this in Praise Team and with our brothers and sisters in the fellowship through Biblically grounded, gospel-centered worship sets and Praise Team meetings. A Bible study from one of our meetings this semester was especially striking to me how we should examine our hearts for worshipping God for who He truly is. In reading Luke 7:36-50, we saw and discussed how the sinful woman who worshiped Jesus

by anointing His feet with precious perfume did so in such an intimate, humble way because she knew who she was worshipping, Jesus the Savior who is King of all kings and Lord of lords, and who she was as a sinner. Meanwhile, the Pharisee who had invited Jesus over for dinner judged her in his pride, not seeing the gravity and extent of his sins enough to give his all in worshipping Jesus for who He is. In this way, we are reminded that we must know who God is and who we are in order to truly worship God as He is worthy of.

My prayer and hope for Praise Team is that as you serve and lead the fellowship in worshipping God, you would know and understand more what it means to recognize and believe in our need for salvation, to hope and rejoice in our redemption with God through Christ, and to grow in your love for God and others. CBS PT, serving God and CBS with you all in this ministry, whether for the past three years or three months, has been such a constant encouragement and precious gift from God. Finally, my prayer and hope for CBS is that you would be convicted of the need to know and believe the gospel, who God says He is, and what He does, in order to fully worship God and to join in the new song of our salvation that is heavenly and eternal (2 Cor 12:4; Ps 98:1).

In Christ,  
**Stephanie Deng ('21)**



# Praise Letter



**Dear CBS,**

Praise God! It has been an incredibly long and challenging year, but God remains faithful to CBS and to Praise Team. We continually worship Him as he helps us overcome every hurdle and face every situation with boldness.

Continuing on our efforts from last semester, we placed great emphasis on our attitude and heart of worship. We worked on choosing worship songs, and taking a deeper dive into the process of forming a worship set. We also discussed how we as a praise team could “sing a new song” to the Lord every day, especially in the midst of an arduous semester. Ultimately, our hope and goal was to develop in each of us a desire to worship God corporately and personally, in song but also in every other area of our lives.

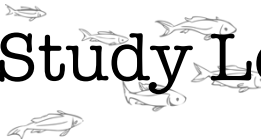
The biggest concern we had coming into this semester was what the future of Praise Team would look like. I was the only rising senior on Praise Team -- certainly He didn't want Praise Team to become a solo act! God pulled through, of course, bringing in many eager sophomores who have demonstrated their servant hearts and humble attitudes in worship. There is still work to be done, since I'll be the only Praise Team member who has experience with leading in-person sets, but we have confidence that God will equip Praise Team with the wisdom and skills to lead CBS in praise and worship. Our sophomores have yet to learn the essential skills of cable wrapping, soundboard setup, and equipment transportation, but with time and practice, they'll be handling cables and mic stands as nimbly as Aaron does.

Looking ahead, I am dying to worship with CBS in person again. God willing, we'll soon be holding Large Groups on campus, singing “My Lighthouse” synchronously with masks off, raising our voices up to our Father without worrying about disturbing our neighbours. Online worship definitely has a certain charm to it that I will miss. (When's the next time I'll be able to lead a congregation in worship from my apartment again?) But regardless of the medium, Praise Team will continue to be filled with the Spirit, to address each other in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, to sing and make melody to the Lord with our hearts, to give thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, and to submit to each other out of reverence for Christ.

**- Jasper Liang ('22)**



# Bible Study Letters



**Dear brothers and sisters,**

How blessed we are to be God's children! Romans 8 has been a great source of encouragement this semester, and we couldn't have asked for a better group of brothers and sisters to study it with. It's so good to see all your faces, new and old, and to get to know you through our icebreaker questions (especially when you shared your own fun ideas for icebreakers! Love making other people do our work >:D).

Although we had fewer Bible studies than in previous semesters, God has been great in helping us fill our limited meetings with thoughtful observations and deep questions. Paul's message of hope came to us at a perfect time, when over a year of online class and pandemic stress has been taking its toll on many of us. Together we learned about the glory that awaits us despite the brokenness of this world, the ways that Christ and the Spirit intercede for us, and the confidence we can have that with God, all things can be overcome. Overall, it was powerful to be reminded that God's love – the privilege of calling Him Abba, our heavenly Father – is freely given to us, which is all the more reason to give thanks and glorify Him to the best of our abilities.

Thank you all for your enthusiasm for the Word, for sharing your profound insights, and for graciously bearing with us when we ran short on time (which happened... a lot). As this tumultuous semester draws to a close, we pray that you will all continue to follow God's light and let Him be your anchor through whatever challenges that arise. Can't wait to see you guys in person!

In Christ with love,

**Alyssa Gao ('22)**

**Grace Jia ('22)**

**Dear CBS,**

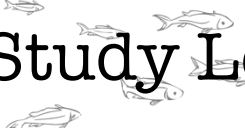
It feels a little weird writing a Bible study letter this semester — because of how the semester schedule worked out, we didn't have a lot of opportunities to meet. Still, it reminds us to treasure every opportunity to savor God's Word, since the times we met were very enlightening.

We read Romans 8, a passage that teaches us to live according to the Spirit because of the calling we received from Jesus. It is a very interesting passage to study. While the passage itself may be relatively dense, it is one that is integral to the Gospel. Therefore, it is not a very unfamiliar passage, though some of us may not have been able to dive as deep into the chapter in its entirety. It is nice to not only be able to have a refresher on the Gospel, but also be able to make observations or ask questions about the less familiar parts of the chapter. It is also nice to see more discussion on applications of the chapter, especially since the passage focuses a lot on Christian living.

It has been a hard semester and a hard year, but let us persevere in our spiritual growth and our pursuit of Jesus, because we know that there is an eternal reward waiting for us at the very end.

**- Attilus Leung ('22)**





# Bible Study Letters

**Dear CBS brothers and sisters,**

Praise God that even amidst a pandemic that has forced us to be so isolated from one another we were still able to study His Word together over Zoom! Studying Romans 8 this semester has been a refreshing reminder of God's wonderful and infinite love for us through His Son Jesus Christ. Despite all of our wrongs and shortcomings, we may be called the children of God. How comforting it is to know that God doesn't leave us alone to fend for ourselves, but that we have a great High Priest who "was tempted in every way — just as we are — and yet was without sin" (Heb. 4:15)!

Although we were not able to have as many Bible studies this semester, every Bible study has always been filled with thoughtful sharing and insight from everyone. Praise God for all the testimonies you shared about how He has been working in all of your lives. Your stories are a great reminder that our God isn't a God of the past. Our miraculous God who parted the Red Sea, who lifted Daniel out of the lion's den, who raised Jesus from the dead is still the same yesterday, today, and forever.

We'd like to thank all of you for taking the time, even after long and stressful weeks of school, to come to Bible study and be so willing to share your thoughts about God's Word. Thank you for trusting us to be servant-leaders throughout this tough semester — it's been a real honor and privilege. But most of all, we'd like to thank God for guiding us every step of the way. Even though we fall so short of His infinite and perfect standard, He would still reach down to call us His beloved, and we would be able to serve in His eternal and heavenly Kingdom.

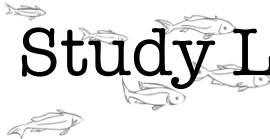
In Him,

**Jackie Peng ('21)**

**Ambrose Yang ('24)**



# Bible Study Letters



Dear CBS,

First I would like to thank all of you for continuing to persevere and through another semester. I know that God will continue to work in your lives, and just as importantly, I hope all of CBS is aware of this fact especially when it is difficult.

There may be times where you feel like there isn't a point in trying anymore, you're stuck in a rut, and just submitting assignments to get to the next weekend. Perhaps that discouragement carries over into your spiritual life, it feels harder to rejoice and devote yourself. Or maybe things are going well on the surface, and because of that, you feel that you don't have to think as much because you feel fine. In this case, your spiritual life isn't exactly challenged so you can keep carrying on, and hey, that sounds good to me!

But from personal experience, while these two feelings may look different on the outside, they are two sides of the same coin. In both of these cases, I and many others were seeing God through our circumstances, rather than seeing our circumstances through God. Some people have a problem where they only reach out and think about God when times are tough and ignore him when their circumstances change for the better. Others are angry with God when things go awry, and only praise him whenever He gives them what they want. But living in Christ is not like supporting a sports team, I suppose what I'm trying to say is that we cannot live as "fair-weather fans" of God.

I think something I've learned this past semester is that we are called to thank and praise God **especially when** things are rough and continue to rely on and trust in Him **especially when** things are going well. This is hard, I know. It's not easy to rejoice when God puts us through trials, and it's very easy to grow arrogant and self-reliant when we're blessed.

It is precisely when we're at our weakest point we learn where we draw our strength from, and it is at our highest point that we learn who we submit ourselves to.

The way we can do this is by reorienting the nature of our personal circumstances and our devotion to God. Our relationship with Him, his presence in our hearts, cannot and should not be reliant on our circumstances, abilities, and accomplishments, rather it must be the other way around. This is a tremendously difficult struggle that all Christians face, the pain felt by loss and disappointment is very real, the hubris and arrogance from our God-given abilities extremely deceptive. But take heart and know that God and your fellow brothers and sisters will support you in this walk, it is not a burden you must carry alone.

These were difficult lessons I've learned in my three years so far at Cornell, there were bitter moments and great ones as well. I'm thankful for all of your support in my personal growth as a fellowship leader and fellow believer. In particular, I'd like to thank my Bible Study group, Meili, Cullen, Kevin, Stephanie, Elton, and Pastor Paul, for their thoughtful discussion and encouragement, it's been a fun semester and I hope to stay in touch. As well as the leadership of CBS and my fellow Bible Study leaders for their devotion and resilience in what has been a tough time for all of us. I don't know what capacity God will call on me to serve in fellowship next year, but I pray that we all continue to grow and show love to one another.

*"Not that I am speaking of being in need, for I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content. I know how to be brought low, and I know how to abound. In any and every circumstance, I have learned the secret of facing plenty and hunger, abundance and need."*

-- *Philippians 4:11-12*

- Alex Xu ('22)



# Prayer Group Letters



**Dear CBS,**

*"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"*

– Matthew 6:25-27 NIV

We're really grateful that we made it through a very challenging semester for everyone. Though we were able to only meet up once on a beautiful day on the Engineering Quad, together we experienced God's help, blessings and grace during this semester with its many unique trials. God encouraged us to come before him through the ups and downs of the semester.

Thank you all for coming week after week, despite all the craziness and exhaustion of this semester. By reflecting on our blessings, we hope that we all continue to realize the good that God has been doing in each of our lives and will continue to think deeply about our priorities and how we spend our time. Looking through our 12-page Google doc filled with God's blessings each week, it has really become clear to us how much God has worked in our lives this semester, responding graciously to our thanksgiving, prayer, and petition by giving us new strength, energy, and hope to keep moving on during these long weeks.

As you recharge over the summer, please continue to pray for yourselves, our fellowship, our university, and our world, knowing that we may not see God's will immediately, but that God listens and will answer them according to His will and His amazing plans. God is with us even in the valley of the shadow of death, when so much seems lost and so much is broken. Take care of yourselves, knowing that He is our Savior, our Father, and our God; have confidence in His love for you.

Love,

**Alvin Chang (MS '22)**

**Felix Hohne ('23)**

**Dear Thursday Prayer Group,**

Praise God for Thursdays! We are so grateful for this amazing group of brothers and sisters in Christ – thank you for showing up on Zoom on a Thursday evening (bookmarked by other Zooms), for sharing your lives, and for praying with us. It would be an understatement to call this school year rough, and Thursday – often right after the end of a heavy work week, and just before the promise of weekends – seems to be pretty reflective of this reality. Yet, it is precisely because of the mental and physical exhaustion that we often feel on Thursday evenings that we are especially thankful that the Lord has given us this time to take a step back and to spend time in His presence.

Prayer group meetings these past two semesters have rotated between sharing or reading scripture each week. To be honest, planning for prayer groups often started with Dawn messaging Louise about the upcoming prayer group, Louise replying 46 hours later, and God ultimately pulling through and seeing that His will be done. Although we are prayer group "leaders," it really was (and always has been) God leading our prayer group – whether it be through prayer requests, ice breaker questions, or insightful questions and discussions about the Word (thank you all for challenging us to think, question, and pray deeply!). While both of us have often showed up to meetings tired, anxious, or stressed from the week, God has been so gracious and loving by allowing us to end the prayer meeting refreshed and restored, ready to tackle the rest of the week (and He was able to do this through Zoom fatigue!).

Looking back on our master prayer doc of the past two semesters, we can look back and say that it has been a good year – not because of what we've done, but because of how faithfully God has answered and worked through our prayers. While we will miss our Fall '20 and Spring '21 prayer friends dearly, we are at peace because of the promise and power we all have in praying to our Heavenly Father. Thank you CBS family for giving us your Thursday evenings, and thank you God for giving us the time and technology to meet. We hope to pray in-person together soon!

In Christ,

**Louise Xie ('21)**

**Dawn Zee ('23)**



# Prayer Group Letters



**Dear CBS,**

Leading Tuesday Prayer group this semester with Daeguang has been a blessing to me. Every week we would have different people within our group join our meetings using Zoom, whether it be from those living in Ithaca or those living in other states. At the beginning of the semester, our group went over the Lord's Prayer, starting from adoration and ending with intercession. As the semester went on members of our group started to become more comfortable with each other, so a group member would share a meaningful passage they read to the group each week. At the end of our meetings, we would go into a time of sharing and prayer. We shared how our previous prayer requests were answered over the past week and our prayer requests for the upcoming week.

Having never led a prayer group before, I went through tremendous growth this semester, learning how to initiate conversation, dealing with the awkward moments of silence on Zoom, and finding ways to make the meeting as productive as possible. It has been a joy and blessing to share and pray with my fellow brothers and sisters each week. Seeing how God has worked in our lives this past semester and how God has answered has really shown me his everlasting presence in all of our lives.

*After this manner therefore pray ye:  
Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name.  
Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.  
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:  
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.  
– Matthew 6:9-13*

**- Tony Yang ('23)**

**Dear brothers and sisters,**

I praise and thank God for giving me the opportunity to pray and be prayed for throughout this semester during the Tuesday prayer meetings. Although this semester was challenging, I am truly grateful for your prayers and for letting me experience and understand what it means to support and encourage each other in prayer as a family in Christ. I believe that God has used the prayer meetings to fortify me not only in leadership and service but also in faith, love, and humility. The questions that were brought up helped me understand that the Bible was so rich and that there was so much more that I had to learn! I pray that God may continue to guide each one of us in CBS to be fervent in prayer, to believe boldly and surely that God hears our prayers through faith, and to trust that God is able to respond to our prayers with His mighty power according to His promises and will.

Much blessing and love!

**- Dae Guang Chung Kim ('21)**





# CLASS OF 2021 SENIORS

AMANDA AJIM



Most likely to win a dance battle AND a martial arts fight

ALICIA CHEN



Best Boba Buddy

KEVIN HU



Most likely to write you an acrostic poem

*(See the last three paragraphs of my coordinator letter!)*

VICTOR LEUNG



Most likely to actually travel the world

DARREN CHANG



Biggest Boomer

STEPHANIE DENG



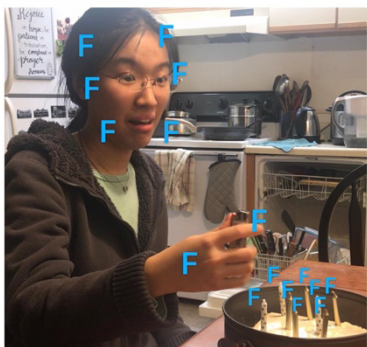
Most likely to offer you fruit

DAEGUANG CHUNG KIM



Best Facial Hair

LUCY LU



Most likely to say "F"

JACKIE PENG



Most likely to be on a bubble tea cleanse

HANNAH SI



Most likely to offer you words of wisdom to get you through a rough day

JOY THEAN



Most likely to take out a camera and take photos of everything

DAVID TSE



3AM MasterChef

LOUISE XIE



Strongest Pound for Pound Fighter

KIMBERLY YAP



Owens the darkest wardrobe in all of CBS history

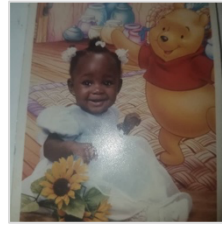
JESSICA YUEN



Best CBS Nametag Receptionist



# Amanda Ajim



You can't go back and change the beginning, but you can start where you are and change the ending."  
– CS Lewis

I was sitting on a group project call when someone suggested the following Monday for our next meeting. "No," I said mysteriously. "I'm busy." I let their imaginations run wild with ideas of what I could possibly be doing at that time. Would I be horseback riding on the beach? Climbing in the Rocky Mountains? No, far better. I had a call with Amanda! There was nothing I'd rather be doing on a Monday afternoon. We spent some time catching up and we each apologized for the background noises our respective brothers were making before getting started.

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

Elite.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I'd say he's kind of motivated me to seek him more on my own versus being pushed by outside factors before I came.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

I know connecting with people may have been hard because of the pandemic but I trust that you'll be able to find God fearing and responsible people to put in your life. Make sure to seek them out. I think that's a good way to go about your college experience.

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** In the Sanctuary by Kurt Carr

**Cornell class:** That's hard! I'm going to go with Intro to Aerials

**Study spot:** PSB

**Place to eat:** It depends on the day. RPCC Sunday Brunch is elite, but on a regular basis Terrace

**Music group:** Shakira or BTS. If you asked 6 months ago BTS, but nowadays I've branched out to other things.

**Verse:** Galatians 3:28

**Dessert:** Bitter & Blanc (It's a pudding I like to have when I go on Cruises)

**CBS Tradition:** Alumni Weekend

### b. Sophomores

I hope you're getting settled in with work and everything at this point. Even as you've become more settled, I hope you take that time to take more initiative in your life, getting more involved with things, preparing to become more of a leader to others both in your faith and even in general things on campus.

### c. Juniors

I know you're nearing that time where you're getting further away from that security of college life and you're about to enter a time of uncertainty, but during this time remember to keep your faith and your eyes fixed on God and trust that he'll be there to secure you.

### d. CBS in general

Take advantage of the opportunities available to you with respect to spiritual life and try to get involved more.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

There was this one sophomore photoshoot that my suite and I decided to compulsively take. It was just such an iconic photoshoot.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I cook now. I'm feeling beef stroganoff at the moment.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The vet school.

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

I think it was answered differently than I at the time wanted it answered. I initially was always praying to be a better student, to be able to be on top of my work, have good grades and all these things. But I think I got a better answer to that, which is that even when I don't meet my expectations, I'm able to be more at peace with it. I'm just better at being able to cope with failure.

### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Experiencing new things.

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

Short term I'd say get through medical school. Long term, start a family and figure out how to navigate the work-life spiritual balance that I'm inevitably going to run into.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

I would tell her that with the people you meet, try to go the extra mile to deepen your friendships instead of keeping them kind of superficial. Take the time to get to know the people you encounter better.

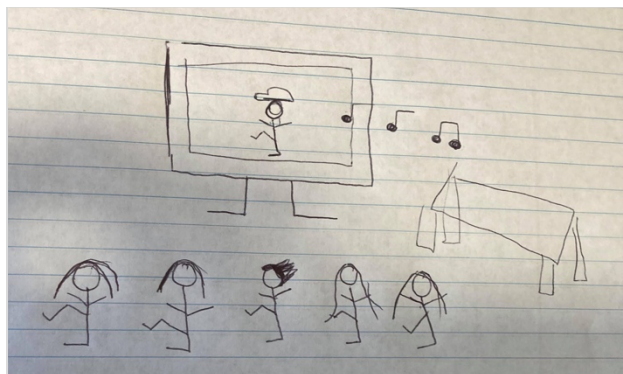
**11. Yeet or Yee?**

I say "Yee". In theory Yeet, but in reality Yee.

*What is Amanda if not a complete joy to be with! Her plans for the rest of the day included making herself some beef stroganoff and having taekwondo practice.*

*Maybe soon we'll all be sitting around a very large table tucking into a plate of that famous stroganoff of hers. I know I'm looking forward to that day. Amanda - you are so encouraging and have an effortless way of making those around you laugh. I pray that as you start looking towards this next chapter of your life, your faith is as strong as ever, rooted in our God who has unfailing love for you.*

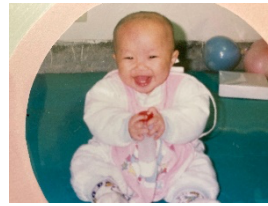
- Emily Jacobsson ('22)



"4D Just Dancing"



# Darren Chang



"A hot mess inside a dumpster fire inside a train wreck"  
- Jake Tapper

After confirming that our availabilities for a meal exactly conflict with each other, Darren and I met in the infamous Eddygate apartment of 1G. We first analyzed the benefits and drawbacks of this meal replacement product Huel, and then we began the interview.

### Questions:

#### 1. CBS is...

Welcoming.

#### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Made me take myself less seriously and take God more seriously.

#### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

##### a. Freshmen

Take time to figure out what you really like to do.

##### b. Sophomores

The Slump ends.

##### c. Juniors

Serve faithfully.

##### d. CBS in general

Desire God to be your number 1.

#### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Sledding down the slope during a snow day with CBS.

#### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I am a really fast typer.

#### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Beebe lake.

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

That He would hang on to me and not let go.

#### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

A good time.

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

I will be working in New York for a few years and then I will probably try to go to graduate school for maybe a PhD. I am not too sure about the long-term future, but I am just hoping that I will continue to love God through my work.

#### 10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?

Take more quantitative classes earlier, pray more, and stop missing church.

#### 11. Yeet or Yee?

Yeet.

I am really inspired in the ways God has used Darren as His servant here at Cornell and especially in CBS. From being in the same prayer group and the same reading group, I appreciate his willingness to share in the wisdom that God has provided him through his thirst for His word. I pray that as God calls him to New York City in the next chapter of his life, that he will continue to praise God through both the good and tough times.

- Nathaniel Chin ('23)

### FAVORITES

**Praise song:** God So Loved by We the Kingdom

**Cornell class:** ORIE 4741

**Study spot:** Debate Office in Ives

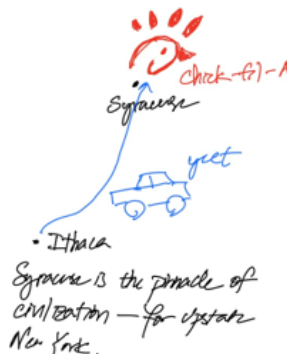
**Place to eat:** Mix

**Music group:** AJR

**Verse:** Lamentations 3:23

**Dessert:** Sachertorte

**CBS Tradition:** Sharing



"Syracuse is the pinnacle of civilization - for Upstate New York"



# Alicia Chen



"If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask, the answer is always no. If you don't step forward, you're always in the same place." – Nora Roberts

*It was a dark and gloomy afternoon. Rainy all day, prelim season amidst, and Mattins didn't even have corn chowder. But hark! Today was the day of my senior interview with Alicia, the lovely mood-lifter we all need on dreary days! Alicia came right on time to the interview (cheerful as always) and even brought some made-with-love boba from her UTea shift to our meeting spot in Duffield atrium. The day was already looking better.*

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

my second family where I can openly share my faith with my fellow brothers and sisters, and a place where we can just gather and open our hearts to the Lord together. It really is another family especially when we're away from our real families.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

In terms of faith, I was pretty fresh to Christianity because my parents were not Christian (they got baptized right before I came to college, so we were all very new to it). It was all kind of strange at first, because people usually grow up into their faith, so making that transition was spiritually strange-- I wasn't accustomed to it. But definitely over the years, CBS has guided me and given me a community, and the Lord has opened up to me a lot more :) I've seen Him play a bigger part in my life, with family, and even just within myself. I think I've really grown in my faith. I was a little sprout my freshman year and now I'm budding a little bit, and I still have a lot to learn :) This path is still unfinished, but the Lord has grown me as a person and I have definitely learned a lot from the Lord

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** "How Great Is Our God" by Chris Tomlin, "Blessed Be Your Name" by Matt Redman, "Lord I Need You" by Matt Maher

**Cornell class:** INFO 2300, FDSC 1101

**Study spot:** Cocktail Lounge

**Place to eat:** Terrace!

**Music group:** Keshi

**Verse:** Psalm 32:8

**Dessert:** Mint chocolate ice cream

**CBS Tradition:** Felly dinners and Service Marketplace

and my peers. [It must have been hard figuring everything out alone.] Yeah, I stumbled across CBS and found it to be so cool! At first I wasn't accustomed to what to do, but people were so welcoming, so I kept going back :)

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

It's definitely a difficult period transitioning into independence and doing everything alone, but don't be scared to take risks and you'll be fine. Remember your roots and that you're here because you deserve it and earned it.

#### b. Sophomores

They have a better handle on things-- you're still learning, so (similar to freshmen) don't be afraid to try new things and take risks. Find your support group and a space where you feel safe to share about your challenges, and don't be afraid to ask for help!

#### c. Juniors

Juniors are getting into real life, probably asking, "What do I do with my life???" But similarly, keep your roots, stay faithful to yourself, and don't let anybody sway you because you made it here and you are you because of what has happened to you. No one else can replace that. Don't be scared! My favorite verse [see above] reassures me that the Lord has a plan for us. Even if things seem like they're going all wrong, everything will fall into place like \*poof\*!

#### d. CBS in general

Continue the good work you do and be more outspoken in outreach more, even if we grow smaller in numbers. I want to be able to visit CBS as an alum, so keep the traditions and keep doing the things that make CBS unique!

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

\*thinking\* My happiest semester was the period between freshman spring and sophomore fall. Freshman year went pretty well; I was able to find the support group and places I needed. I have many fond memories from freshman year where I'm hanging out with people at Felly Dinners. I remember going to Noyes for ACE just to hang out...that period of time was when I was thriving the most :) The most fond memories are there! Sophomore



spring was more stressful when thinking about career stuff. This semester is ~going~ but still have one semester for my master's (in InfoSci)-- I still am like \*woah\* real life is coming! It feels like I was just a freshman yesterday.

**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

Hmm quirks or talents... I think people know my handwriting and art are nice. I used to play the flute in the past, but I don't think anyone's seen me play (not sure if I can still play because I haven't played in a while \*laughs\*). I don't think people will know that about me. I also still want to learn the piano!

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

Sitting on the Slope is fun to watch the sunset, and I enjoy the Cocktail Lounge window seating that overlooks the Slope and West Campus background-- it's very peaceful. I went there last week to see sunsets; it's definitely the number one spot! I feel like we don't get to cherish the beauty of Cornell because we're so busy, but this campus is really, really nice :)

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

I think I pray a lot for guidance and for Him to remind me that I still belong here at Cornell. It sometimes feels like everyone is so much better and that I am insignificant in such a large institution, but I've prayed for guidance and for Him to keep me in check. And He's answered it by giving me brothers and sisters who reach out and show love! I'm sure I will still pray about this, but I think it's been answered over these four years.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

1. *Challenging*: Obviously, you know, it was a challenge academically and socially because I was not home and had to emotionally grow up. And in terms of faith, I've have to keep everything in check while managing everything else about life.
2. *Adventure*: There are so many things you can do here! Events used to always happen and it is so easy to meet new people, take new classes, switch majors after exploring, and be a part of clubs :)
3. *Grateful*: I feel so grateful to the Lord for bringing me here. These past four years I have been able to learn so much. There were times when I struggled, but I'm still grateful for those experiences and I will look back and miss them.

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

Short-term: finish up my master's by next semester, land a full-time job where I can be secure and enjoy the work! And venture off into adult life!

Long-term: I don't have a set picture in mind, but I want to take things as they come. I definitely will strive for happiness-- being happy with myself and what's going on in my environment is the goal. \*laugh\* I just want to be happy! I just want a steady job and happiness!

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

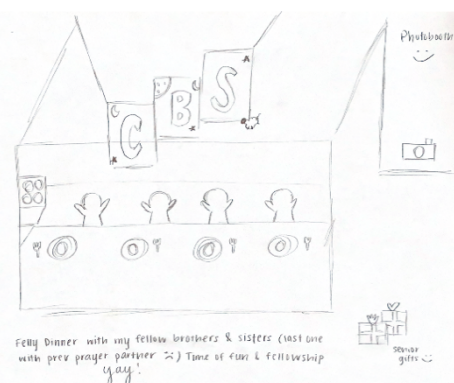
I think back then I had very high standards for myself, so if I made mistakes I bashed myself. I'm still harsh on myself because I want to improve, but I would tell my younger self that it's okay to make mistakes-- you're not perfect and it's okay to fail. Just get back up and try again! A lot of freshmen probably need this advice! Yes, you're going to fail a test, but it's not the end of the world!

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

Yeet-- IT HAS A "T" AT THE END! I mean, it depends on the context... like if you're yeeting something you definitely need the T. But even yee is like yEE, like it's not soft.

*With boba in hand, Alicia decided to check her BRB balance and take advantage of finally being on campus to have a nice dinner at Terrace, her favorite food spot (as I learned during the interview!). It was a true blessing getting to hear Alicia's reflections on her four years of undergrad and getting to know her even more after being in a prayer group with her last semester. I know God has beautiful plans for Alicia as she moves towards her goals in life-- may she always find happiness in the Lord through it all! Be sure to send your love to Alicia at UTea the next time you visit :)*

- Meili Bowden ('23)



*"Felly Dinner with my fellow brothers & sisters (last one with prev prayer partner :) Time of fun and fellowship, yay!"*



"Gratitude is the best  
attitude"  
– CS Lewis

# Stephanie Deng

*I was staring at my Google Calendar all day, watching the red line slowly inch toward my call with Steph which I had been looking forward to all day. Finally, 1 PM! I quickly dropped a zoom link in our Facebook chat, found a perfect place to sit down, and composed myself for our meeting. It was then that I saw her message. She needed three minutes to find a spot to settle down after finishing lab prep. It was certainly a great test of patience, but, as promised, three minutes later Steph's smiling face popped up on my screen and all was well!*

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

A community that is continually learning about and striving towards a unity that is centered on Christ.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

It's like an out of body experience to reflect in that way. He has really humbled me a lot and I also know there is a lot more humbling to be done. There have been so many instances in undergrad where I feel like I hit a wall and it's so helpful to realize that "God as long as you sustain me, as long as you give me the strength to persevere in faith, then I'll keep pressing on even if this seems really hard and doesn't make sense." That's a huge place of growth and I know I'm still growing and learning more about what it means to submit to God's will and humbly trust Him.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

I can't imagine how difficult and challenging it has been to start college in the middle of the pandemic. There are a lot of barriers and a lot of challenges but I encourage you to not use those as excuses to be more distant from God or more distant from other people. As things are changing and transferring more to in person, my prayer and my hope for you is that you wouldn't cling to what is comfortable but that you would really trust that God is supplying you with the boldness and strength to persevere and trust that he has placed them at Cornell for a reason. Also, if it takes a while to transition and adjust to sophomore year workload and commitments, that is okay. If you get a bad grade and you're not doing as well as planned, that's okay too. Have grace and patience with yourself.

#### b. Sophomores

Junior fall there is a lot of thinking about your future, with internships or grad school planning, and it's so easy to get caught up in that and primarily focus on that. In all of this, my encouragement is to hold fast to the truth of the gospel that we are so loved by God and our value and worth as people is defined by the fact that God loves us so much that he sent Jesus to die for us. Let that direct how you prioritize, let that direct how you run towards God when you feel stressed and anxious about future things. Also, when you become an upperclassmen, you're often asked to take up more responsibilities. I would encourage and challenge you to not become desensitized to the importance of being proactive and leading others in their walk with God. It's important to remember where your priorities are and what you're agreeing to do. Enjoy this time, you're halfway through and once you hit junior year and it flies by.

#### c. Juniors

When looking for a full time job and figuring out full time plans, remember that your worth lies in knowing that God loves you and has chosen to love you. Don't forget that, don't lose that even. As seniors, you set the tone for this fellowship. If the rest of the fellowship can see your heart and desire for what you're doing, then that will be encouraging in stirring them on towards this shared mission and shared goal of running towards God. At the same time, when it's clear that there's bitterness or you're being jaded that can also impact others. This is not to say that you should maintain a facade or always be joyful. You should always be transparent and honest when you need support and when you need prayers. I encourage you also to just cherish the remaining time you have. Yes, be excited for what God has in store postgrad, but don't be so excited that you forget that you're still here because there's so much God still has in store for you at Cornell.

#### d. CBS in general

We're not a community built on shared interests or common personalities. We are so different, if it were not for Christ we would not know each other. That's such a testament to the power of the gospel and how we are truly transformed by the gospel. The way that you see the fellowship in CBS, the way you care for and love on CBS, make sure that is rooted in Christ. Our mission is to know Christ and to make him known, this is also a general





## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Oh Great God, Give Us Rest by David Crowder Band

**Cornell class:** I feel like I have to say Anatomy, but I do really enjoy Anatomy lab 3420.

**Study spot:** Outside anywhere I can find a good spot and the sun is shining. Otherwise, Mann for indoor libraries.

**Place to eat:** Waffle Frolic

**Music group:** Taylor Swift. It's the soundtrack to my thesis writing.

**Verse:** Romans 8:38-39; Paul is writing about the extent and depth and perfection of God's love. There's nothing that can separate us from Him. I really enjoy sharing that verse and also being reminded of that truth.

**Dessert:** Banana Bread

**CBS Tradition:** I really appreciate our sharing time. You're not always talking to everyone in the fellowship all the time but it's really encouraging to see how God is at work in our lives in so many ways.

challenge and encouragement to CBS - figure out what that means. Put it in your own words. The more we know who Christ is, the more we know Christ's love for each of us. That should totally direct and transform the way that we love CBS, the way that we love Cornell. And trust that He has given you the words to speak and the strength to be bold and make Him known. We are so limited, but God gives us what we need to strengthen our faith.

#### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

All of them! One that has always stuck with me is freshman year fall retreat for CBS and Night of Worship together in one night. I wasn't going to go, to be honest I was scared to leave campus. Shelly texted me that day asking if I was going to go and I told her I had class in the morning. She said that I didn't have to stay overnight, so I thought maybe I should go and not be so nervous about leaving campus. It was the first night when it was crystal clear to me that we're all broken, even these upperclassmen that are sharing the struggles they're wrestling with and seeing that they too are imperfect even. I was so encouraged and I really needed the reminder at the time to not get so caught up in being perfect because I'm not, but at the same time I can have this everlasting hope and reassurance in knowing that while I'm not perfect, my Savior is.

#### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I feel like all my quirks are out there and I get called out of them for them all the time. I don't know if it's a talent, but sometimes I'll randomly hiccup. Like a singular hiccup. It usually happens when I'm super stressed or it's super late at night. Anytime anyone has been on a late night study session with me I'll have a singular hiccup and I'm like sorry sorry it's fine, I'm physically fine.

#### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

At the clock tower there's a ledge where you overlook the slope and west campus.. That's my favorite spot to just sit and dangle my legs and just look out at the slope and West Campus. The first time I sat there, I thought that Ithaca is truly gorgeous. Just sitting there in that view and the sunshine is there and it's beautiful.

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

There have been different instances in undergrad where it's been really difficult to truly care for and love someone or people just because the situation is difficult or because I feel very limited in my patience and in my capacity to love. My continued prayer was, "God just I need you to give me the love that you have for the people that you place in my life and if you're calling on me and equipping me to love and care for people in a certain capacity then I need you to just sustain me to do that." I think he's really answered that in many different ways. In some instances I've just been really able to be at peace with how circumstances or my own role has changed. Other times I've felt like, I can't do this anymore, I think I need to just be a hermit. God has just sustained me and a couple weeks or months go by and I'm like, oh my, how did I do that? I didn't do it! God did that and sustained me through that.

#### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Humbling, blessing, surprising

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

Short term, next year I'll be off working as a research assistant in Boston. I'm super excited about this position. Long term, I'll apply to med school next summer and hopefully start in fall of 2023. If I go do an MD-PhD, 10 years from now I'll be freshly graduated. Ultimately, I just want to be at peace with what God has planned for me and continually learning to be humble and trusting Him.



Long term, I also would like to get married, maybe start a family. If that's planned for me, by prayer I am okay with it.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

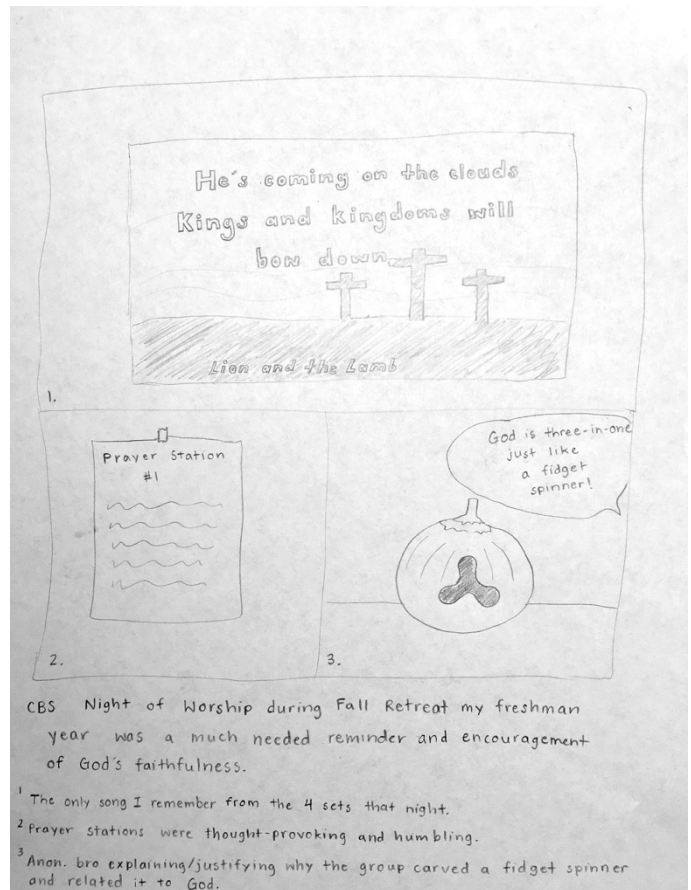
Don't lose your first love for God in what you're doing. Don't lose your love for God in trying to love other people, in serving him, in serving other people. I think that's something I wrestled a lot with throughout undergrad. I just didn't know coming into freshman year how easy that could be. I would also say you need to have more patience and have more grace. You're not done growing or learning, you're still very immature in many different ways. You need to learn to be humble in growing and be humble in submitting to who God is and what he has planned for you.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

I use neither of them. Probably yeet though.

*I've always thought of myself as a fast typer, but Steph really put my skills to the test here. What you're seeing here are all the highlights of an interview that was originally 8 pages long! And while I would not have minded transcribing another 8 pages of unfiltered Steph thoughts, our time together sadly had to come to an end. I left the call feeling refreshed and evermore thankful that our time at Cornell overlapped. If I have a daughter in the future, she is who I want her to be like! Steph, I'm so excited for your next steps in Boston and for wherever God leads you after. I pray that among new places and new people, you may draw even closer to God as He uses you for His good works!*

- **Emily Jacobsson ('22)**



“CBS Night of Worship during Fall Retreat my freshman year was a much needed reminder and encouragement of God's faithfulness.”



# Kevin Hu

hometown: Wilmington, NC | major: Biology



"Most people would say 'the deets,' but I say 'the tails.' Just another example of innovation."

– Tom Haverford

A busy week for both of us called for a move from a Tuesday morning to a Saturday afternoon zoom meeting. I sent the zoom link 3 minutes before and I was immediately greeted with his warm smile and his usual Libe Slope background. And so our BoL senior meeting began:

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

An on-campus Christian fellowship, a group of brothers and sisters who are joined together under our faith in Christ.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

When I was a freshman, I was still very young in my faith, but over the years I learned more about how to rely on God. He has definitely made me more faithful to Him; he has also not only given me more knowledge but more wisdom. All the struggles that I have gotten through have brought me closer to him instead of drawing away. I definitely know now how to turn in God's will than to trust in my own.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Don't be afraid to put yourself out there! Do things you've never done before. If you try something new, come away from it with a great experience - this is especially applicable for these freshmen who haven't had a lot of opportunities. It's also okay to not have your life all

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Christ is Risen

**Cornell class:** BioMG 4400 - Lab in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology

**Study spot:** Anywhere in Uris Library

**Place to eat:** Koko's

**Music group:** Imagine Dragons

**Verse:** Philippians 4:6-8

**Dessert:** Rose Dining Hall Ice Cream with sprinkles, oreos and cookies all around it, a lot of whipped cream

**CBS Tradition:** Night of Worship

planned out or set in stone - in Proverbs 16:9 it says "their hearts humans have their course, but God establishes their steps."

### b. Sophomores

Maintain a good work-life balance, so that you can have the opportunity to grow closer with your class. Do your best to take it easy with your course load and your classes. It is an uphill battle you're going to have to fight, but it's all uphill from here. And also try to find a way to serve for CBS this year or subsequent years.

### c. Juniors

To the class of ZOZZ, you guys are fun to hang out with - continue being that way. Also, continue in your faithful service to God and be hopeful for the exciting memories you're going to make as Cornell returns to normalcy. I am confident that God will use everyone one of you for His own glory.

### d. CBS in general

Be there for each other. Support each other. Build one another up. Grow in the faith together.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

One of them was slope day 2018 - this was freshmen spring! The concert was fun, even though it got rained out midway through. I fondly remember sprinting to colleegetown. It was quite the scene to see thousands of people sprinting to colleegetown! And then we took refuge in 1G and spent the afternoon there. The same night, we watched Avengers: Infinity War in the movie theater in Ithaca mall. It was just a wonderful day to spend with my class and to forget about classes. However, I must emphasize that this is just only one of my favorite memories.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I can recite the entire periodic table song in order.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

I have two answers - one of them is just generic, one is more unique to me. The generic one would have to be the Dairy Bar... good place to sit or have a meetup. My other answer would be the couches on the second floor



of the Biotech Building. Just a view steps outside my lab, where I've spent a lot of time at, I have sat in on classes there, submitted homeworks there, had naps there, and held office hours there. It's grown on me.

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

He has given me a community of people who are supportive and encouraging and with whom I can draw near.

8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Fulfilling - In these four years, in general, I've done a lot of things, made relatively good use of each day, and each semester, and have engaged in a lot of experiences that I never would have had if I hadn't come here. And of course, in these last few weeks, there are still more of these experiences to be had.

Foundation - I mean that by... if you think about it, getting an education is one of the most valuable things that you can get. The things that I've been taught serve as a foundation for the future. That is especially the case when something like grad school is on your mind.

Caffeine - Why do I say this? I definitely ingested more caffeine in these four years than I have in my last 17 years in my life. Throughout my time at Cornell, I've seen and felt the effects too much, too little, and just the right amount. It's probably the reason why I've been able to survive on two hours of sleep, 10 hours of sleep, and everything in between. I came into Cornell as someone who has a passion for chemistry and as someone who has a passion for learning about what drugs do on the body; those passions haven't gone away, and neither has the caffeine. *\*laughs\**

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

Short term: I'm going to be taking a gap year working in research upon applying to medical school. Long term: I'm going to have to say medical school and graduating and getting a job in research sometime down the line.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell him or her?**

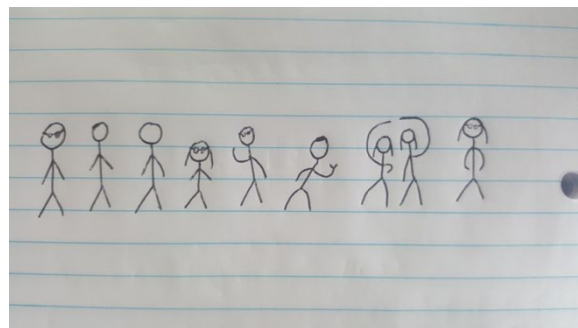
Take some more time to explore... by this, I mean stepping out of your comfort zone, seeking people who will care for and mentor you... and taking advantage of the resources you have here and try new things.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

Yee. I very much enjoy the animation of that dinosaur going "yee!"

*It was so wonderful (and almost full-circle even!) seeing Kevin reflect on his past four years at Cornell. While the last couple of semesters haven't been in person a whole lot, I am so thankful to have shared so many fond memories with Kevin over our two years together. I wish nothing but the best for him as he starts his life beyond the undergraduate years, and may God bless him mightily for what is ahead!*

- **Daniel Woo ('23)**



"A BUFFALO!!!"



# Dae Guang Chung Kim

hometown: Santa Cruz, Bolivia | major: HBHS



Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children. And walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

– Ephesians 5:1-2

*On a beautiful day, I sat in very orange-themed Rhodes Hall and sent Dae Guang the millionth zoom link of the semester. And so our interview began.*

## 1. CBS is...

A family of brothers and sisters in Christ, where we support each other spiritually and realize how much God loves each one of us.

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Spiritually before college, I had this mentality where I felt God could forgive anyone except me, and it was very hard to accept Jesus' forgiveness. At Cornell, I realized God's love is too powerful for me not to accept. Additionally, God really helped me develop my leadership, talk to people, and work out logistics.

## 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

### a. Freshmen

Expect to fail and when you do, remember there is comfort and peace in God. It is not God's fault!!!

### b. Sophomores

Prioritize God over school / work and be encouraged to see your education through God's lens. Be proactive in leading fellowship, as that is a much better learning experience.

### c. Juniors

Love others knowing that while others may not love you back, God loves you.

## d. CBS in general

Always be bold and humble in what God is calling CBS to do, and not follow what the world says, but what the Bible says.

## 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Spent a lot of time in the library studying as pre-med (: Favorite part was when gathering together with other friends in CBS and have fellowship together.

## 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I can make bubbles!

## 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

Botanical Garden.

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

God has touched the hearts and the eyes of the people who had hardened hearts.

## 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Coffee, Prayer, Apollo's

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

Short term plan: get into medical school

Long Term plan / desire: Go back to Bolivia and help out in the hospitals, constructing churches / schools

## 10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?

Humble yourself and seek to help others rather than the other way around.

## 11. Yeet or Yee?

Yee.

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Who You Say I Am

**Cornell class:** DEA 1500: Introduction to Environmental Psychology

**Study spot:** Carpenter Hall (Quiet and encourages you to study)

**Place to eat:** Oishii Bowl

**Music group:** Akmu (A k-pop group)

**Verse:** Ephesians 5:1-2

**Dessert:** Bubble Tea

**CBS Tradition:** Felly Dinner (Hope it will be back soon!)

We said our goodbyes and hopped off the zoom call. A few days later, Dae Guang sent his picture, a true masterpiece of artwork. It was truly impressive and I wish I had a tenth of his artistic talent. I pray that Dae Guang would continue to be a blessing to those around him, and that he would find and contribute to a Christian community just as much as he did in CBS.

- **Felix Hohne ('23)**

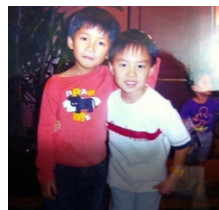


“2e VIP celebration”



# Victor Leung

hometown: Hong Kong | major: Human Development



"I believe you should focus your life on observing the little things, because one day you look back and realize they were the big things."  
— Jay Shetty

*After lightly knocking on the door, I barged into 2E as Victor greeted me from his room across the apartment. I was excited to have a chat with him since he had been away for so long. We sat down on the couch and started to chat. (For legal reasons, we were six feet apart with masks on the whole time.)*

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

my closest family at Cornell.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Within CBS, I've been able to meet a lot of peers who have encouraged me in developing my faith. I've been very thankful to have grown alongside such a tight community. I won't pretend that I've grown tremendously in terms of my spiritual life, though. The larger part of 2020 was tough yet transformational for me and caused me to rethink several important things in my life. But I will definitely be making a conscious commitment to grow as a Christian as I graduate and move on as I start life after college.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Expose yourself to all the resources at Cornell and try new things.

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Man of Sorrows

**Cornell class:** Japanese 1101

**Study spot:** My apartment; Kroch library pre-COVID

**Place to eat:** CTB

**Music group:** J-Pop in general

**Verse:** Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives, and the one who seeks finds, and to the one who knocks it will be opened."

**Dessert:** Fruit

**CBS Tradition:** Felly dinner. My favourite one was the Roaring Twenties-themed dinner. That was my last one.

### b. Sophomores

Start thinking about what you want to get out of college. I would say that freshman year is more about exploring, and sophomore year is where you start defining your interests.

### c. Juniors

Keep your friends close.

### d. CBS in general

Continue to support each other and be proactive with helping each other in times of need.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Spring Break 2019. David, Kevin, Joy, Kim, Lucy and I took a trip to LA—I will treasure that week forever. Looking back as a whole, I was really only here in Ithaca for 3 years. 2020 and COVID disrupted everyone's plans and lives in many ways, including my own. So, for the entirety of 2020, I was away and had to make other plans. In Fall 2020, I had the opportunity to do a semester away in Shanghai as part of a special arrangement from Cornell. This experience really left a mark on me, in terms of making me mature, reflect on a lot of things, and feel incredibly humbled in the wider sense. Being able to meet new people, friends, live in a new environment, travel throughout China, and have so many unforgettable experiences while living relatively COVID-free for five months is something I'll be forever grateful for.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I just started learning guitar last summer and it is definitely one of my favorite things at the moment.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The slope. I passed by it often during my commute throughout my three years here.

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

Being able to find a group of friends that I truly connect with.



**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Ups and downs.

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

Short-term: get a stable job. I'm currently applying to Human Resources-related jobs, but it's a bit hard with COVID, so I don't have a clear idea yet.

Long-term: move to a different place away from my home in Hong Kong -- maybe China, or more broadly, somewhere in Asia. Continue to develop my hobbies, especially in terms of music and arts. Be well travelled, get married, and have a family of my own.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

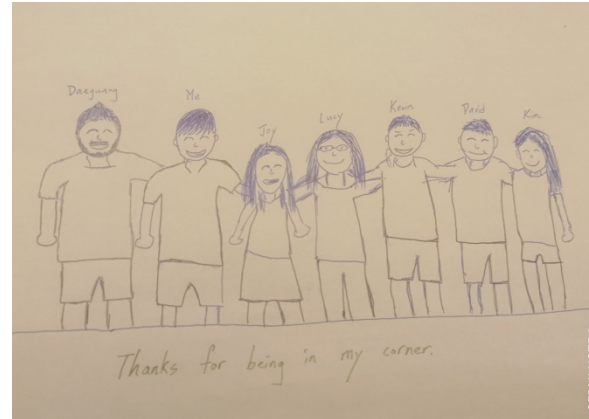
Be more intentional with the decisions you make. In my first year, I sort of just went with the flow—I wish I could've had a clearer plan, not only academically, but in terms of extracurriculars as well.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

Yee.

*I was very touched by how much Victor treasured his friends and experiences in CBS and at Cornell. He was very thorough with his answers, knowing that this BoL interview would be one of the last pieces of his legacy in CBS. I hope that Victor will be able to find fellowship wherever God leads him in the future.*

- Jasper Liang ('22)



"Thanks for being in my corner."





# Lucy Lu

hometown: Nanjing, China  
major: Computer Science and Mathematics



尽人事，听天命  
(jin ren shi,  
ting tian ming)

On an early Wednesday morning at 11:20 am, I was running late for my meeting with Lucy outside CTB after sleeping through my online discrete lecture in bed. As I power-walked up the slope, Lucy texted me the CTB menu and what I wanted. Apparently she had been there since 11 am but she still graciously welcomed me and my frazzled self to the table. With her iced matcha latte and framed against a busy College Ave, Lucy began answering the senior interview questions she had asked other seniors times before.

## 1. CBS is...

where I came to know God. I wasn't a believer when I came to college but when I went to CBS with Stephanie in freshman year, everyone was so welcoming. I remember Shelly gave me a Bible with both English and

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** It changes over time, but my go-to is "Is He Worthy."

**Cornell class:** I really liked all of my Japanese classes - they were a lot of work but also a lot of fun to talk to everyone in discussion every day.

**Study spot:** Olin Stacks!

**Place to eat:** If it's in Ithaca, I really like Mia in the Commons, it's a tapas place.

**Music group/artist:** When I was younger I was a really big fan of Taylor Swift, but after Reputation happened, I don't have a favorite artist anymore.

**Verse:** Oh, I have a story for this! I once went to a sermon by R.C. Sproul who said that there shouldn't be a concept of having favorite verses because every verse in the Bible is the word of God. When people asked him to sign their Bibles with a favorite verse, he would give this obscure verse from Genesis talking about forming the Covenant of God. That's why I don't really believe in favorite verses. But if I had to choose one, it would be Romans 12:12: "Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer."

**Dessert:** Tiramisu.

**CBS tradition:** Hm, I think it would be Felly Dinner because I miss it the most. It was a great time for fellowship and for everyone to get together, especially with people who aren't that involved.

Chinese in it. Nobody was judgmental and everyone was so willing to explain everything, especially because I didn't know much coming in. CBS is a very dear group of brothers and sisters in Christ who live and hang out together, share deep things and encourage each other in faith. The relationships that God has given me through CBS will not end after graduation; they will be lifelong.

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

He spiritually brought me back to life from death. I came to Christ in sophomore summer when I really understood what it meant to accept Christ as Lord and Savior. He gave me purpose in life knowing that He loves me and has prepared me for a mission on this earth that is not just for myself but rather for Him who created all of us. He also gave me motivation to keep on living, empowering me to sacrificially love others and to have the spiritual ability to carry others' burdens again and be joyful about it.

## 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

### a. Freshmen

It's really hard for all of you this year to start college in a pandemic and I really appreciate your initiative to seek Christ since the start of your college journey instead of being buried in work and in the overwhelming voice of the world. You are a lovely group of people who remind me of myself in freshman year and there is so much potential in you. Never stop seeing God and asking questions even if they're hard questions or ones you're afraid of asking. Don't be afraid to ask those questions to your mentors and fellow brothers and sisters, and don't be frustrated or disappointed by how your college careers have started. It only gets better from here! Rejoice in hope!! <3

### b. Sophomores

I see a stronger desire in you all to be committed to God and a spiritual maturity in many of you. I really appreciate your heart for God and for fellowship. Sophomore year is hard, one of the hardest, and you're almost at the end (if you're reading this, it's probably at the end so congrats on finishing sophomore year!). There will be a lot of responsibilities and expectations when you transition older, so be prayerful when taking on these responsibilities and commitments. Also be sacrificial in loving and serving both Christian and non-Christian communities and



continue to be a light in all friend groups and communities that God has given you.

### **c. Juniors**

You are all memes. It took me a long time to understand and get to know all of you, but you all have a very special place in my heart. I have so many precious memories with all of you and I'm really glad to see how you have stepped up and served in various communities. I know that you have experienced ups and downs throughout college, but you have stayed steadfast, and I would encourage you to continue to persevere and run the race with endurance. Senior year will fly by very fast before you know it (as I'm doing a senior interview right now). Cherish this time you have left and continue to be committed and invested in the people around you and who God has commanded you to love. Even if there are disappointments and conflicts, seek wisdom and humility from God. Take the courage because it's not us who belabors in vain but rather in Christ, we are empowered for everything.

### **d. CBS in general**

The past 1.5 years have been very hard in terms of physical fellowship but also the spiritual pursuit of God together because we are all over the place and the opportunities to meet up have declined. There is light at the end of the tunnel with the pandemic so I would encourage you all and pray that you will continue your individual pursuit of God in your daily life, whether that be devotionals, prayers with brothers and sisters, being involved in church, or witnessing to your friends and family. We are surrounded by a lot of witnesses looking to Christ, the founder of our faith, so I encourage you all to consider the state of the fellowship, especially its spiritual state. I know that fellowship has been shrinking in size over the years, but we have been discerning where God has been leading CBS and have seen how God has been so faithful to CBS as a whole in the last 5-6 decades and how God has built up so many disciples through CBS. I pray that you will continue to discern where God is leading all of us and to not be afraid to break the traditions and switch gears in terms of how we operate.

### **4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?**

Every memory is so precious and memorable so it's hard to pick one out of all of them. I think one of my most cherished memories would be the time spent living with others from freshman year all the way to senior year. I lived with the same girls for almost four years as well as different girls, and I really learned how to share a space

with others and attend to their needs but also to have fun and cherish their friendships and sisterhood. I know some of them are not on campus and some have already graduated and off to different life journeys and paths, but those times that we shared are irreplaceable.

### **5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

Maybe when I truly laugh really loudly. I also like binge-watching when I don't have motivation to do anything. I would take a TV show that's been on my to-watch list and just binge watch it. Happened to me twice this semester: I finished one series that was 10 episodes (1 hour each) in a day. I also watched a Taiwanese TV show called "The World Between Us" and a Japanese TV show called "17.3 About a Sex" (9 episodes, 45 min each) in a day.

### **6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

*(Lucy: MY BED. Oh wait, it has to be on campus?)* My least favorite spot is Uris G01 because I had to take many CS classes (CS 2800, Algo, Distributed Computing Principles) there and constantly fell asleep and wasn't able to catch up. My most favorite spot is the arboretum. *(Emily: this is barely on campus lol).*

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

This is definitely not the only prayer that God has answered in the past four years but this one played a very important role in my journey of seeking God and I want to believe that it is part of God's plan in bringing me to Him.

Sophomore fall, oct/nov: looking forward to winter break and going home, really wanted to find a fellowship back at home, looked around online → underground fellowships are not publicized online, need some sort of introduction to them but no connections → brought it up at CBS prayer meeting → go to Calvary Chapel, got an early ride, been going for a couple months but didn't have a chance to talk to pastor → Pastor saw me and started talking about background → from China, not a believer → pastor's son in law is a missionary for a few years in China some years ago, he can connect you with a fellowship → never occurred to her that she could ask him despite knowing him → gave him home address → next day: 9:05 class, saw a text from him saying that a sister he met in China went to a fellowship when she was a college student → ended up going to that fellowship a few times when she was at home over winter break → eye-opening experience, struggling with question of whether Christianity was a western religion → convinced



that God is not just a god of the west but a god of the world!

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

[Lucy: Hm... Is it memey? I keep thinking FOOD, FUN, FELLOWSHIP!!!]

Fulfilling: finding the purpose of life here at Cornell and also growing so much.

Fast: the years flew by fast but college always flies by especially fast.

Fellowship: fellowship with God and with brothers and sisters has been such a big part of my college career.

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

My short-term plan is to move to Chicago and start my first full-time job. My long-term plan: I don't know?! Maybe I'll move back home, maybe I'll stay, maybe I'll change careers, maybe I'll stay in tech. I feel drawn to many areas but am still figuring out which ones will be fruitful and which ones are just daydreams.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

I have some regrets like not being involved in research or a non-Christian community or a project team, so I feel like I missed out a little on those opportunities. But I know that it takes me a relatively longer time to adjust to a new environment so I think looking back, my progress was fine. I want to tell my younger self to not be so preoccupied with academics. Cherish the relationships with people you will be with throughout college. You will take a long time to adjust to the college career and even though there are going to be some regrets, everything will be okay and it will all be fine. Life is not perfect.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

(Lucy: why is this an OR question?) Not an exclusive OR (XOR) but just OR. I do both.

As we wrapped up and started talking about food recommendations in Ithaca (Mick's Brunch, Boatyard Grill, and Heights Cafe!), I remembered the first time I met up with Lucy at Terrace back in my freshman year. Little did I know then that I would get the pleasure to help write her senior interview as she reminisced and imparted wisdom from her four years at Cornell and CBS. Both then and now, it is clear in everything she says and does that Lucy is a true servant of God and a beacon of light for her friends and for CBS with her loving, gentle, and spirited nature. I am so thankful to have shared two years with Lucy at CBS, and I pray that she will always continue to seek God within herself and continue to be an inspiration to those around her wherever He may guide her.

- Emily Liu ('23)



"Housing and Living Together."



# Jackie Peng

hometown: Princeton, NJ | major: Mechanical Engineering



"Dude, suckin' at something is the first step towards being sorta good at something."  
- Jake the Dog

I was hanging out in Eddygate before I realized I only had 20 minutes to run back to North to interview Jackie at 9pm. And I couldn't do it in my current location because I had conveniently left my laptop in my dorm. Why didn't I borrow someone else's computer in Eddygate? That didn't even occur to me until a week after the interview finished. I ended up running back to my dorm and arriving there gasping for breath since I have no stamina for running. Even though I was already tired, I still dashed up the stairs two at a time and scooted to my room. Flinging myself into my desk chair, I hurriedly sent Jackie the zoom link and hoped my face didn't look too hot and sweaty. Then again, it might've been hard for Jackie to see that through a fuzzy Zoom screen in a dimly-lit room...

## 1. CBS is...

CBS is a close and tight-knit group of brothers and sisters who love each other and care for one another. Even though we all have our own differences because we are individual people, we all love Jesus and because of that we have everything in common. People are all different but we have the same mission and stuff, so we're all the same in a way. I read that in Acts 2:44, "All the believers were together and had everything in common."

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Hmm...gimme a sec, lemme think about it. I think during my four years at Cornell I really learned what it meant to trust God completely and also what it meant to genuinely care for other people. I guess when I first came into Cornell I thought I had my own agenda that I wanted to follow, and I thought I could handle everything, but God showed me that sometimes things may not always go the way I

had intended things to go, but he always has an even better plan than anything I could ever imagine.

## 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

### a. Freshmen

I'd say don't be afraid to try new things or do things that you think you might be interested in even if it might seem scary at first. Also, be aware of what you really enjoy doing versus what other people might be expecting you to do. And do more of the things you love. Don't be afraid to reach out to anyone you might feel like you want to get to know. You never know what could happen, and you might have met a life-long friend. Also, spend time with your class and really get to know these people because you're going to be spending 3 more times with them at CBS and they could play a huge role in your college experience.

Wow, these questions are hard. People always make these interviews seem so easy.

### b. Sophomores

I guess I would say it's time for you to step up into more leadership roles and whatever you're involved in particularly in CBS. And I just want to encourage you to just trust God in the entire process. And remember to reach out to people around you or if you need any support. Things might feel really busy, but remember that there is more to life than just getting good grades in classes or getting internships or jobs. And remember to make time to do the things you love and to spend time with the people you love.

### c. Juniors

I'd say wow it's crazy that you guys are going to be the seniors next year. Remember that even though the current seniors might not be around you should always feel free to reach out to us for anything. Even though you might have a lot more responsibilities and leadership, remember that you are doing this work for the Lord. And also remember to rely on and support one another as a class. And also don't forget to enjoy your final year at Cornell because it's going to go by so fast. Try to enjoy it in whatever ways you can.

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** It was for freedom

**Cornell class:** PMA 3800 Acting II

**Study spot:** Vet School Library

**Place to eat:** Oishi Bowl

**Music group/artist:** Arianna Grande

**Verse:** Philippians 1:21

**Dessert:** Mango Mango. Nothing in particular, I just like it there.

**CBS tradition:** Felly Dinner



#### **d. CBS in general**

Hopefully, you guys will be able to meet-up in-person again sometime really soon. Remember to really take advantage of the opportunity to actually physically be together and make sure to do a lot of things together. No matter what happens, remember that God always has everything under control, and he has a perfect plan for each one of you. Remember that you have a wonderful body of Christ to rely on during your spiritual walk, so be sure to really make use of that and also to love the people around you.

#### **4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?**

I think one of my favorite memories is the class of 2019 graduation week. During that week, I was already kicked out of my dorm so I went to live with some of my graduating friends. Back then, they were in apartment 4C in Eddygate. During that week we also had the CBS camping trip. It was really fun to live with my friends because I always hung out at that apartment during the semester. But during the end of the year I didn't have work to do anymore so I could just enjoy being around the people I love. Plus, my friend who had graduated a semester early came back for that too and I really enjoyed and treasured that time. That last final week I was able to spend with them at Cornell was just a really fun time.

#### **5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I feel like everyone already knows all of mine. I don't really have anything that no one knows about or thinks about. People are usually surprised when they find that I enjoy acting or that I'm decently good at it, though, because normally I come off as a quiet person. But most people in CBS know this by now. CBS knows that this is true too, but I also play the drums. Sorry, nothing new for most people.

#### **6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

I guess I really like the vet school because my friend is a vet student there. She sometimes takes me to see the animals. They have dogs, cats and horses and it's so much fun because I love animals. The vet school building is also just really nice. It kind of feels like I'm going on an adventure when I go there because it's kind of far away from campus. I also like the slope. But I don't like climbing up the slope unless I'm trying to get a workout. But yeah, the slope is just a nice place to hangout when it's nice outside. And it has a nice view.

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

Well, before I was accepted into Cornell early decision, my main prayer was that God would bring me to the right school that was right for me. Not necessarily somewhere I expected to be at, but for Him to make it really clear. I wanted to be in a place that God wanted me to be at and I feel like Cornell made that really, really clear to me. It was at Cornell that I was able to find the closest friends I've ever had in my life and I never really knew what it meant to have such a supportive Christian community. It was definitely through CBS that I was able to grow so much closer to God and learn how to trust Him and love Him as well as love other people. So yeah, during these four years I really saw that God answered my prayer that he would put me in the right place for these next 4 years and to find really good friends. And yeah, he did more than I could ever imagine him doing.

#### **8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Tears - Classes were definitely really stressful. I had definitely cried many, many times during my four years here. I wish I hadn't cried that much. But I kind of am a crier and it was kinda difficult.

Hugs- I got lots of hugs from my friends. Of course this was pre-covid. I miss getting a lot of hugs from my friends. Hugging my friends was a very normal greeting for me.

Friends - I was able to make a lot of friends at Cornell and able to spend a lot of time with them. I feel like the times I spent with people is what I'm going to remember the most after I graduate.

#### **9. What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?**

Well, short-term, I just recently decided to go to Cornell Tech next semester to get my MEng in CS. So I'll be there for one year. After that, I'm not really sure what I'm going to do. I like to think that one day I'll be able to be an actress in Hollywood or a fitness-influencer, but even if that doesn't happen, I'd be just as happy making cool tech for people.

#### **10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

I would say don't feel locked into the first major you choose. Like really think about what you want to do in the future. And don't be afraid to try other things. Be open-minded to other opportunities and try new things that interest you.



I guess it's still important to focus on school, but don't forget to have a good time sometimes and make connections with people and do things you love, including things that are not related to school.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

Yee.

Even though Jackie was my Bible study leader this semester, I think this was the first time I chatted with her. I had so much fun interviewing her and listening to her share about her experience here at Cornell. It was very heart-warming and inspiring to hear how God has worked through her life and how she was able to become closer to Him through CBS. I pray that God will continue to be with Jackie and that she will stay close to Him and continue walking with Him in every aspect of her life. I also pray that Jackie will become a Hollywood star or a fitness influencer so that I can say I interviewed her before the press ever did.

- Elisabeth Kam ('23)



Good vibes around the campfire  
@ CBS Camping Trip 2019 ♡

“Good Vibes Around the Campfire @  
CBS Camping Trip 2019 <3”



# Hannah Si

hometown: Newtown Square, PA  
major: Environmental Engineering



"Jesus is all God wanted to say to us."  
– An 8-year-old girl

I met Hannah inside of CTB just as the line for the sandwiches became shockingly long (but given that it was CTB on a Friday afternoon, maybe it shouldn't have been that big of a surprise.) She greeted me with a smile before suggesting we order online to skip the line, which was a very smart idea. We made our way outside to sit in the sun before spending ample time perusing over the menu, deciding what to eat. As we waited for our food, we began the interview.

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

A part of the body of Christ. I think in that body, we are really good at loving one another, and from there, that strengthens us and reminds us of God's love so that we can love other people outside of CBS.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think God has shown me that His love for me is not dependent on my own works or professions and taught me that there is nothing better than glorifying Him. He has also been equipping me with joy to live for Him and not just for worldly things. I think my freshman year was when Cornell tested me. I remember that I would get really stressed about exams and comparing myself with others, to the point where I couldn't function before a prelim. But through CBS and talking with other Christians I've learned that God doesn't need me to be perfect in these aspects. Through the years, through Bible study, conferences, discipleship, and sharing the Gospel with people, I have

been learning what it means to live a Gospel-centered life.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

You may feel lonely at first and feel like you don't fit in, but your brothers and sisters in Christ are here to love you. Also, everything we ultimately want is found in God. I encourage you to think about how the trials you go through are a stage for the Gospel to be applied. Don't be afraid to reach out to other Christians and upperclassmen for their encouragement! You don't have to fit in, and God has a different but perfect plan for everyone.

#### b. Sophomores

This is probably the busiest year for you guys. Make sure to get rest and keep looking to the hope we have in Christ. It's okay to lament but always look up!

#### c. Juniors

It's okay to not know where you're going or what you're going to do in the future. Do the best in whatever situation you are put in right now. God's plan for you will become clear over time.

#### d. CBS in general

We don't socialize just for the sake of being a club and having fun, but there is so much beauty and richness in knowing each other deeply as brothers and sisters in Christ, keeping each other accountable, and talking about both the fun and hard things together. Keep it up and strive to show others how Christ's love makes that possible.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

There are so many. I'd say going to prayer and worship tents on the Arts Quad. I remember there was someone from AAIV who organized a worship tent called Tent of America, and people brought a bunch of different instruments, and we all sang and worshipped together. There were also non-Christians there, too. It was just such a fun time to worship together as well as start good conversations with nonbelievers. Some other favorite memories I have are playing frisbee with people between classes and stargazing. There was a class I took where I got

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Death Was Arrested or The Wondrous Cross

**Cornell class:** AEM 4880: Global Food Energy Water Nexus

**Study spot:** Duffield

**Place to eat:** Terrace and Four Seasons

**Music group:** David Tolk and City of Light

**Verse:** Luke 10: 41-42

**Dessert:** Caramel cashew fudge ice cream

**CBS Tradition:** Open air worship/jam sessions



to go to the Lab of Ornithology and work with the lake there, doing hands-on activities. It was really fun. Oh, another one would be leading Global Tea Club with Meili!

**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

Um... some people might know this already, but I'd say I'm good at Git and Github. Do you know what those are? [I shake my head no]. It's like CS related. Hmm. I'm not that quirky of a person. I guess I was like a really bad procrastinator in college. Maybe most people don't know that.

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

Probably either the A.D. White Library or the suspension bridge near the Johnson Museum. It's really cool, it shakes when you jump on it!

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

I think one prayer that God has answered for me is to help me love my family more. I feel like it's easy, at least for me, to be the least patient with them and not listen to them as I would my friends, but it has gotten so much better to speak with them now, so praise God for that!

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Walking into light. I'd say like the light is obviously Christ's light, but more specifically I feel like God has been giving me more understanding of the Gospel. Also, light represents joy and love for myself and others, and clarity of how I can serve Him in this life. I feel like I often will slow down, stop, or turn away from walking in the right direction, but I think I've been given the tools to keep walking again through having fellowship with people, reading the Bible, and praying so I know how to head in the right direction again.

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

This summer I'll be at an internship with Samaritan's Purse which is a Christian international relief organization. I'll be working on their water, sanitation, and hygiene (WASH) projects. Long term, I'm still looking for a full-time job,

hopefully to get experience as a water engineer and then use that for ministry.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

Get more sleep! [Hannah laughs]. Another piece of advice I would tell my younger self is to remember those who have cared for me and show love back to them.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

I don't really know what either of these mean. I guess yeet, with a t.

*Hannah and I parted ways after the interview, her back to her apartment to pick some things up for Global Tea Club, me to Starbucks for some caffeine. It was such a blessing to have been able to share a meal and catch up with her today, something we had been talking about for a while but never got around to until now. Her enthusiasm for worshipping the Lord and her love for others truly left a lasting impression on me, and I know she will continue to encourage and care for others wherever she goes. Praying that God continues to teach her how to walk into light!*

- Valerie Chen ('23)



“CBS Dumpling Party in Eddygate 1G”





# Joy Thean

hometown: Charlotte, NC | major: ECE



“Excelsior!”  
– Stan Lee

After struggling to find a time we were both free and having to reschedule because of a class running late and a meeting, we finally got to meet on Zoom just two days before the long-awaited wellness days. After some brief introductions, we started the interview.

## Questions:

### 1. CBS is...

Community and friendship.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think, since my freshman year, I've become more open about my faith. Just the other day, I had an interesting conversation about religion with one of my friends that I never would have had in high school. Sometimes people have a negative view of Christianity, but I've become more comfortable about it.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Meet new people, don't be afraid to reach out, talk to people, get to know people. Freshman year is super fun because classes are not as intense, and there is more time to grow relationships. Don't get too stressed and fall into academics!

#### b. Sophomores

Don't overload yourself because that's what I did sophomore year, and I died. \*laughs\* Classes will get a lot harder, just don't overload yourself!

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** King of My Heart

**Cornell class:** CS 3300 & ECE 4760

**Study spot:** Balcony in Duffield

**Place to eat:** On-campus - Straight from the Market.  
Off-campus - Oishii Bowl.

**Music group:** Queen

**Verse:** Isaiah 40:31

**Dessert:** Anything that has to do with ice cream

**CBS Tradition:** BoL

### c. Juniors

I don't know, I feel like it's the same deal. Hang out with people, have fun, don't stress too much about research and internships and things to do over the summer. It's not super healthy to spiral into that mentality.

### d. CBS in general

I think it's really good that CBS is a tight-knit community even with COVID and that we are all still good friends even when we are in different parts of the world. Keep reaching out to people, having meals with them, and getting to know different people.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

I have a terrible memory. \*laughs\* Social-wise, I think when a few of us went on a trip during spring break, and I got to go to LA. Academically, a highlight would be last year when I had a competition in one of my classes and my team did really well. I was excited because it was a really hard class.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I don't know, I don't have any hidden quirks or talents. Some of my friends think that I wink really well. I know a lot of anime songs. Like a lot. I don't know if it's really unique, or hidden, or a talent.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

I would say I really like the dairy bar because of the ice cream and the arts quad because it's just gorgeous.

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

I think God has helped me let go of stress a little bit better. I feel more encouraged and empowered by him now vs. before college. When I feel super stressed about careers or academics or parts of my social life, I just feel that it's not as big of a deal now, it will be ok. I shouldn't stress too much over it because God has a plan. Before, I liked to stress about a lot of little things.

### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Fun, stressful and social. I feel like my social life grew a lot during Cornell.



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

Short-term, graduating again because I'll be doing my master's next year. Long-term, I don't know, get a job that I'm happy at and enjoy. Overall, be happy.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

Take more classes that sound fun and don't worry about credits and majors as much. Hang out with more people, stop being so introverted. Don't be stressed. Stress is a huge part of life but getting older helps you understand it better.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

Yee.

*It was really great to have a chance to talk with Joy today! It was my first time meeting her, but I had a lot of fun hanging out and conducting the interview even though it was virtual. She was super friendly and had great advice. I hope that I'll be able to get to know her better next year since she's staying for her master's!*

- Cynthia Wan ('23)



"Late nights @ Duff @ 4 AM"



# David Tse

hometown: Princeton, NJ | major: IRL



“Good food, good eating, is all about risk”  
– Anthony Bourdain

For the interview I met David outside of Eddygate on a sunny afternoon during wellness days. We found a bench outside and began the interview.

## 1. CBS is...

Small and where people are pretty close.

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

God has helped me to focus on who I am as a child of God and not just who I am as a function of what others think are valuable.

## 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

### a. Freshmen

Do you whatever you want (make sure to come back to church at the end)

### b. Sophomores

Do you whatever you want (make sure to come back to church at the end)

### c. Juniors

When you're deciding what to do post-grad remember to pray about it; do not lose sight of God as you decide about things because doing so can lead to dissatisfaction.

### d. CBS in general

Be more fun, be less serious.

## 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Going to LA during spring break with people in the senior class.

## 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I'm just a regular guy, I don't have quirks.

## 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The area outside of ILR is alright.

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

Giving me a lot of peace in my decision making and relief of anxiety about the future.

## 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Short, Suffering, Memorable.

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

My short-term plan is going to law school. My long-term plan is to become wealthy.

## 10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?

Spend more time trying to get to know others.

## 11. Yeet or Yee?

Yee.

After the interview we talked about our plans for the evening, and then both went back to Eddygate. I wish David nothing but the best for what lies ahead.

- Tony Yang ('23)

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Desert Song

**Cornell class:** JAPAN 1101

**Study spot:** I don't study

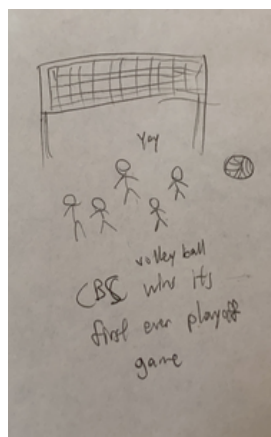
**Place to eat:** Glenwood Pines

**Music group/artist:** Taylor Swift

**Verse:** For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. - Jeremiah 29:11

**Dessert:** Grilled Pound Cake Sandwich

**CBS tradition:** Felly Dinners



“CBS Volleyball wins its first ever playoff game”

# Louise Xie



"oat cap extra shot,  
please"

I was on my way from Duffield to CTB when the sky (that was bright blue like ten minutes earlier) started trickling rain. Oh no, Louise and I will get rained on during our interview! I thought. But praise God! By the time I arrived, Louise had miraculously been able to snatch one of those wooden sheds outside of CTB (see attached photo Louise sent me) to shelter us from the rain and allow the interview to go on in peace. There was even a matcha latte and Strawberry Bush ready for us to sip on as we chatted. Rain or shine, Louise is the perfect person to catch up with on a Sunday afternoon, and I could tell it would be a wonderful time to hear about her reflections on her past four years.

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** \*thinking\* Ohh that's hard. "Christ is Mine Forevermore," and pretty much anything by CityAlight. Honestly all their songs are really good.

**Cornell class:** Ice climbing-- I recommend it! It's really hard to get into, but if you're a senior try to get it. Basically we climb frozen waterfalls over two weekend trips.

**Study spot:** Ooh, gotcha: Carpenter, for old times' sake! [Do you still go though?] No! \*laughs\* They don't open past midnight like they did before-- I used to work there until three or four in the morning. [But Carpenter is so sad] I think I don't feel as sad when I'm there because I'm not an engineer :)

**Place to eat:** Apollos-- does that count? It is very near and dear to my heart.

**Music group/artist:** In order to feel good I listen to jazzy stuff, but when I want to study I listen to anime stuff.

**Verse:** \*sips tea (literally), contemplates deeply\* I haven't read it in a while, but it's still my favorite: Hosea 3:1 NIV. I really only like the second half, but I think it's funny. "Love her as the LORD loves the Israelites, though they turn to other gods and love the sacred raisin cakes."

**Dessert:** Anything blueberry! Blueberry pie, blueberry tart... I LOVE blueberries. I eat them everyday!!

**CBS tradition:** The camping trip, although RIP that's not happening this year. We get to spend time with people, play games outside, have campfires, and listen to senior shares (it's always cool to hear from older people).

### 1. CBS is...

a God-loving and God-fearing community that is always down for a good time.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

These are some deep reflection questions. He's brought me through a lot of highs and lows, and through them I've been able to see how God works. I've been brought closer to Him because I've been able to see how He is faithful to me even when I'm not faithful to Him.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Don't be afraid to try new things, and don't just do things because you're comfortable with them or because you think you are expected to. I did that, but then I realized I wanted to quit a bunch of stuff. But after I quit, I had a good time!

#### b. Sophomores

Be careful when you ask God to break your heart for the things that break His because He will listen and you will be like.. oh, okay :) All my advice is so sad! \*laughs\*

#### c. Juniors

Join a climbing class-- at least take beginner rock climbing. And get a membership to the Lindseth Climbing Wall!!!

#### d. CBS in general

Quit everything your senior year \*laugh\* because you will really enjoy your life and time! I would recommend it!

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Ooh this is hard! I feel like I have so many good ones. Four things come to mind:

1. A lot of Carpenter nights spent studying with people; just good memories being able to work with people, study until three or four AM, feel delirious, go to 7-Eleven and get snacks... always good :)
2. Senior year, when I started to enjoy my time here more, I did more hiking in and around Ithaca. Always a good time :)
3. Running into people I know at Zeus with my Zeus iced mocha. Always good memories :)



4. Always being able to go down to 1G and chill there; very easy and casual times :)

**5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?**

I don't think I have any hidden talents. Two quirks are I have an abnormally long tongue, and I only have one opposable thumb, so I can't really use my left thumb. I can only slam it down on the keyboard when I type \*laughs\* So yeah, just quirks :)

**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

Tie between Zeus and Lindseth Climbing Wall :)

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

A big one is having a better sense of direction for where He wants me in life, especially with regards to my major and where He wants me to put it to use. He's been able to open doors that I wouldn't have ever imagined in terms of what I'm doing with my major. It's really just God's provision.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Okay, this is not a very deep answer, but it's honest: *Gimme! extra shot*. I recommend getting a Gimme! extra shot to everyone.

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

Short-term: working in the city (NYC) for 1-2 years.

Long-term: grad school for my major (biology and society), probably get a PhD.

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

QUIT EVERYTHING haha no jk. I would say \*thinking hard\* make sure you actually make time for yourself that is not school-related or career-related, a time for yourself that you really enjoy. For me that's running or climbing-- actual stuff that sets aside distractions so I can be more present. That's when I feel closer to God and am the least stressed. You can always make time for these things, even if you think you can't! I started this junior year and realized the more I did it, the better my mental health was as well.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

YEEEE. I feel like yee is just more versatile; you can use it in any conversation. Yeet can only be used with certain people, but yee can be used with anyone!

*The interview finished smoother than the word "yee" rolling off your tongue. With the rain gone and shed well used, we both packed up our things to finish off our respective Sundays. Louise, who had taken the weekend to relax and not think about school, was set on using the rest of the day to get back in the grind, finishing up her thesis before the upcoming Wellness Days. It was a blessing getting to learn more about Louise and her growth as a student, friend, and child of God. May her love for God (and passion for rock climbing) continue to shape who she is, and may her college years always remind her of the brothers and sisters she has in Christ to support her along the way.*

- Meili Bowden ('23)



"Summer 2019 - Casc Gorge & baguette with a sister-in-Christ."

# Kimberly Yap



"If ever there is a tomorrow when we're not together, there is something you must always remember. You are braver than you believe, stronger than you feel, and smarter than you think. But the most important thing is, even if we are apart, I'll always be with you."

- Winnie the Pooh

Kim and I decided to meet up at Koko on a bright sunny, yet snowy day. She came in a little late, but her arrival brought in a beautiful aura (is this too dramatic? xd). After studying the dinner menu for a little bit, she decided to order the bulgogi, while I picked the budae jigae + ramyun (yes). We caught each other up on some recent life shenanigans, shared about our wellness day plans, and commenced our interview ~

### 1. CBS is...

a family of brothers and sisters that always love and support each other.

### 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

Since my first year at Cornell, I've learned to trust in God more. I want to continually learn towards Him in prayer, hope, and discernment.

### 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

#### a. Freshmen

Join as many clubs as possible and remember to try new things!

#### b. Sophomores

Even though it's hard right now, hang in there. In the end, everything you experience will be rewarding.

#### c. Juniors

Try to plan your schedule so that you have 12 credits (per semester) left for senior year.

#### d. CBS in general

Always check up on each and reach out to people

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** 10,000 Reasons

**Cornell class:** Mechanical Synthesis

**Study spot:** Upson

**Place to eat:** McDonalds

**Music group/artist:** Big Bang

**Verse:** Psalm 53:6

**Dessert:** Chocolate Mousse Cake

**CBS tradition:** Valentine's Dinner (Guys cooking/planning)

because you never know when people need help or would want someone to talk to.

### 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

Last year, I was in a class with Professor Kirby. Because of his last name, he would bring a bunch of Kirby plushies and place them in front of the room. On one random day, Jackie fell asleep during class and he decided to place a kirby on her desk. The class gave us weird looks, but it was definitely a memorable time.

### 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

I can make a "tongue cylinder" (where you sort of roll your tongue into a tunnel shape) and I can also wiggle my ears.

### 6. What is your favorite spot on campus?

The Slope! Classic ~

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

My fellowship at home consists of a lot of brothers and sisters in Christ that are almost 5 years older than me. Because of that, it has been difficult to talk to them about things that are relevant to my stage in life (When I was in middle school, they were already in college). So during these past four years, I'm glad that I have been able to experience a college fellowship with people that are around the same age as me.

### 8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)

Stressful. Unpredictable. Fun.

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

Short term: I'll be staying here at Ithaca for one more year (MEng)

Long-term: I think I will be staying in NYC for the rest of my life (and maybe a year in HK? HAHA)



**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

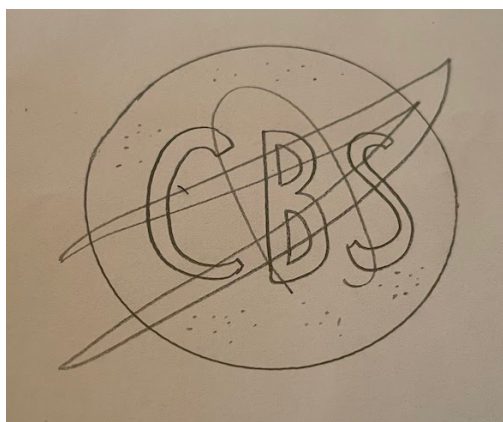
I think it's similar to what I want to tell the sophomores. It's going to be hard, but don't worry, you'll get through it. In the end, it'll be fun and worth it.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

Yee.

*This was a fruitful and enjoyable interview experience. Kim and I were able to get to know more about each other and share our love for Koko. Not being dramatic this time, but her smile really does light up the room. I pray that the rest of her senior year will be fulfilling and that she can continue to place her trust in God throughout her future endeavors.*

- **Dawn Zee ('23)**



“Freshman Felly Dinner:  
Space Theme”



# Jessica Yuen

hometown: Brooklyn, NY | major: HSBS



"One of the wonderful things Scripture teaches us is that turning away from evil is not, at its essence, mastering a long list of bad things to stop doing and good things to start doing. Rather, at its essence, God is inviting us to abandon what will ultimately impoverish us and increase our misery, and to choose instead what will ultimately enrich us and increase our joy."

- Jon Bloom

Neither of us confirmed when we could meet, but thankfully, we established a telepathic connection a year ago so we agreed on a time through pure, raw brain power (or God reminded Jessica to text me an hour before we ended up meeting). After an exchange of hellos, we got started.

## 1. CBS is...

A community that shows God's love to others.

## 2. How has God changed you since your first year at Cornell?

I think God has really humbled me and shown me a lot about how I am meant to serve Him, according to whatever situation he has placed in him. I think in my first year I was a pretty proud person. I thought that because I was doing a lot for God, I lost my ability to know that I was doing things for him when it was his will that I was able to do these things for him. But now I've realized that it is according to His will and gift that I am able to do whatever I can do. Serving on Reach has also made me realize how many opportunities there are to do the Great Commission, which is especially revealing during this pandemic. I guess, growth in how to serve as a student, even if you don't have a role or responsibility. Every opportunity is an opportunity to serve God.

## 3. What encouragement/advice do you have for...

### a. Freshmen

Give God the opportunity to grow your faith and believe that He will be with you during your trials.

### b. Sophomores

I'd say trust that God is giving you opportunities to grow and serve Him. It may not be something that is already

## FAVORITES

**Praise song:** Before the Throne of God Above  
**Cornell class:** Economics of Food and Malnutrition

**Study spot:** The Law Library

**Place to eat:** Cook House

**Music group/artist:** None

**Verse:** Hebrews 4:14-16

**Dessert:** Green tea ice cream

**CBS tradition:** Service Marketplace

established, or a role that is already in your fellowship or church. It may be something you can do yourselves. At Cornell you already know how to set your own path or your career or just in your academics, so don't be afraid to do so in your Christian life -- in the rest of your life. Serve God in what you see.

## c. Juniors

I would say the same things for what I've said to everyone else. I would also say that you're at a stage where you're probably thinking about being a true upperclassman and also leaving college. Think about setting a path for serving God when you leave college, whether it be in your academic or spiritual community. You all are doing so great. Continue serving God, continue having your prayer meetings.

## d. CBS in general

I think CBS in general has always been (like I said before) a community that loves God and seeks to know Him and show him on campus. I think trust that God has given you this purpose at Cornell and continue to pray to him and get wisdom for him. I also think sometimes consider things beyond Cornell too. Consider how you can also feel God's love outside of CBS. It's sometimes hard to stop looking inwardly when you see that things can be fixed and dealt with, but it's also good to focus on the outside as well.

## 4. What is one of your favorite memories of your college career?

I have a really bad memory. I can't really think of one... some of my favorite memories have just been spending one-on-one time with people in CBS. Especially with my prayer partners. We can have deep conversations and deep prayers together. That's something I have missed since graduating from Cornell.

## 5. What are some (or just one!) of your hidden quirks/talents that we still haven't found out about you?

My sister was saying I don't sound funny over text, but I'm funny in person. *I think it's because text can't convey all the funny stuff as well.* Like my sass? *\*laughs\** Oh, I have another one! I know a lot of idioms.





**6. What is your favorite spot on campus?**

I don't go there often, but I like going to the botanical gardens. It's crazy because I'm allergic to flowers. I like going there because there's not really anyone there and I like to be alone sometimes.

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

A major prayer He's answered is related to my career path. I've always been kind of worried about my career because it's kind of biology and kind of public health, but not really, because I'm not pursuing a direct medical degree and I'm not going into research, nor am I going into something super specific. That has always worried me and made me feel like my college education is not very useful. But God has answered me by showing me what I am going to do after college. I have a job and I'm going to grad school in August. Even though the past is kind of uncertain, God has given me answers. I've always learned that I need to be patient and that God's timing is always good, even when it feels like my prayers are not being answered at the time I want it to be.

**8. Describe your time at Cornell using 3 words. (Explain it only if you want to!)**

Happy, fun, short. *Do you want to expand on that?* I want these words to be bolded, capitalized, and I want to expand it using annotations and footnotes. \*laughs\*

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

Short term: go to grad school. This plan is not really solidified, but I want to serve more at church, maybe as a counselor in the youth group? Long-term: I want to be committed to working in public health. I want to do some intersection of aging policy and health insurance. And I want to go on a mission trip. That's something I've been considering since going to Urbana, which is an amazing conference that's happening in 2022. ;) But the pandemic has revealed the need to do mission work. I think I would want to work outside of the country and partner up with a missionary in Asia to do a short term mission at least. I want to do that after the pandemic once health restrictions have loosened... maybe after grad school. Also, another short term goal is to make a podcast with Emily Kam! \*heart eyes\*

**10. If you could meet up with your younger self who is just about to start their new life at Cornell, what is one piece of advice or encouragement that you would tell them?**

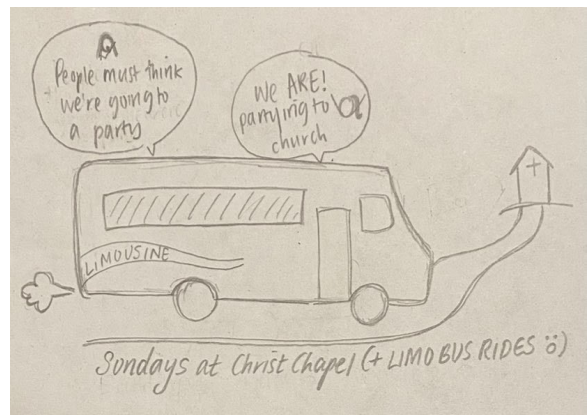
Commit Hebrews 4:14-16 to your heart! And also, build up a habit of reading the Bible more, 'kay? You did not read consistently.

**11. Yeet or Yee?**

What? Yeet or yee? I haven't said that in a while. I would say yeeeeeee.

*Jessica and I lingered for another 30 minutes to talk about miscellaneous things. I always enjoy talking to Jessica and hearing what she's up to, as well as the thoughts she has to offer on our life events and happenings. I know that wherever she goes in life God will be doing amazing things through her, and I can't wait to hear more about them! Maybe we can make a podcast about it together.*

- Emily Kam ('22)



“Sundays at Christ Chapel (+ LIMO BUS RIDES :O)

# Senior Wills

## Darren Chang

I will 1G-2 to Daniel and Jasper. May they continue to keep it (and 1G) a cozy place for fellowship.  
I will to Daniel a willingness to be discerning and thoughtful about how Scripture and our faith intersects with every aspect of our lives as brothers and sisters.  
I will to Joy my spice tolerance and Agents of Shield. May hers improve on day.  
I will to Joy, Nicole, and Alvin Taiwanese Bible Study.  
I will to Attilus the ability to wake up early (may he use it), a love of the word, and a willingness to serve in various capacities.  
I will to Jasper sleeping earlier and being better than me at League.  
I will to Emily and Alyssa Coordinatorship and the love I have for the fellowship. It may be a struggle, but it is a struggle for God.  
I will bring a chauffeur, CTB 6 mile creeks, and stargazing to Kim. Unfortunately, she may not have my car.  
I will selling out and the econ major to Victor, in all its usefulness for explaining scarce resources.  
I will sunrising to AAIV :P.  
I will all the 1G cooking equipment and a love for Bible study, football, and data science to Alex.  
I will a want to get to know other people to Ambrose.  
I will the statistics major to Emily Liu and maybe Felix.  
I will too much time spent on TikTok to Valerie.  
I will running and spending quality time among brothers to Alvin and Bailey.  
I will a love of ping pong to Nat.

## Stephanie Deng

I will to the Class of 2024 all my love and appreciation for the people, places, and experiences here at Cornell (L's and all) that I've accumulated the past four years. Although it certainly isn't enough to sustain you through the next three years, I trust and pray that God's faithful love and strength will.  
I will to Cynthia the HBHS legacy (jk no pressure lol) but actually I will to you fruitful conversations and fellowship, perseverance in pursuing undergrad research (should you decide to continue), and strength to persist in climbing hills (both literal and figurative).  
I will to Valerie my enthusiasm and energy for hyping up a discussion topic, sharing, or some exciting happening big or small (especially welcoming newcomers WOOooo). Also more bouts of explosive laughter. And a big egg in a bowl lol.  
I will to Larina my appreciation for fruits and vegetables because #health. May you also get to enjoy many more slope dinners, good foods, and even better fellowship.  
I will to Valerie my love for cooking with others as you get your own space (!) to cook, eat, and meet with others. Also my love for the FICCC youth and my amusement over the funny things they say.  
I will to Rejoice a heart for fellowshiping with others and getting to know new people and their different life stories. Also more doggo photobombs because that is the content we all like to see.  
I will to Jason boldness to be curious and ask questions, however difficult they may be, both about faith and Christianity and in your studies. I will to Pearl a heart of patience in navigating different and unexpected challenges, trusting that God does not change even when our circumstances may.  
I will to Grace more opportunities to try more and different recipes for meats or baking yummy goodies.  
I will to Alyssa boldness and strength to be vulnerable and thoughtful in sharing with CBS (both during and outside of LG) and friends outside of CBS. Also more opportunities to show off your adorable pup.  
I will to EmK my enjoyment of playing uke (you're far better ofc), worship jams, and strength for asking those hard questions of yourself and of others - God will sustain you!  
I will to Victor my love and prayers for FICCC youth ministry, the kiddos and the rockstar YW's.  
I will to Jasper the strength to persevere in faith in Round #2 of PT coord, a heart for worshipping in Spirit and truth.  
I will to EmJ discovery of more beautiful stationary, stickers, and lettering fonts, and my love for bear hugs.  
I will to Alex continued curiosity in exploring new recipes and a heart of hospitality to share with others your delicious creations.  
I will to Tony a welcoming spirit in greeting others, even when you use that Tony tone.

I will to Attilus the energy and enthusiasm it takes to keep up with the antics of the youth kiddos - don't be afraid to popcorn or poke.  
I will to Kim and Joy more opportunities to bake goodies and to cherish the people and experiences you've got in one more year left at Cornell.  
And I will to Emily Liu, my dear prayer partner, more Luna's mac, my deep appreciation for Costco, thought-provoking conversations with others, and my love and prayers always.

## Kevin Hu

I will to Marc my room in Eddygate Apartment 1G.  
I will to my prayer partner Felix an enjoyment of Collegetown restaurants and a heart for leading Prayer Groups and a desire to glorify God in all that he does.  
I will to Jasper an enjoyment of video game music, volleyball, and grilled cheese experiments.  
I will to Alvin an enjoyment of mobile games and late-night 7/11 runs.  
I will to Valerie the study spaces in Carpenter, and a dedication to serving others and serving God.  
I will to Jason stories of the premed journey and a desire to ask hard questions and grow in the faith.  
I will to Nat 3 hour meetups at Koko, then Kung Fu Tea.  
I will to Meili the selection of Pure Leaf tea that Cornell has.  
I will to Emily and Alyssa the position of co-coordinators and my love for CBS.  
I pray that you submit to God's will and stand firm in the faith.

## David Tse

I will to Tony, Grace, and Victor Chen all the pokemon in Ithaca.  
I will to Alex the captainship of CBS Volleyball.  
I will to Alvin any leftover nonsense in my room.  
I will to future 1G Karina the cat.  
I will to Jasper my leftover ramen and Melchizedek.

## Victor Leung

I will to Alvin my fiery Blazers fandom and slice of life love.  
I will all my best wishes and luck to Joy & Kim during their final year at Cornell as MEng-ers.

## Lucy Lu

I will to Beth CS brain and the courage and peace of mind to explore areas of study she hasn't considered before.  
I will to Dawn international student's spirit and cooking delicious Chinese food.  
I will to Felix dedication to prayer ministry and CBS prayer journals (allegedly in Eddygate 2E).  
I will to Meili a heart for reach ministry and a desire to keep pursuing the Lord and sharing about Him with other students on campus.  
I will to Tony a passion for the Word and spiritual leadership.  
I will to Grace Eddygate hospitality and fun baking.  
I will to Alyssa a loving heart for the fellowship and the initiative to reach out to and be present in the lives of others.  
I will to Jasper praise team tech logistics and willingness to share and be vulnerable with others.  
I will to Emk a loving heart for the fellowship that is motivated by the Gospel and that regularly evaluates why we do what we do.  
I will to Alvin work ethics and a relatively stable and reasonable sleep schedule.

## Hannah Si

I will to Emily J a loving heart eager to serve God and neighbors.  
I will to Emily K a deep knowledge of Christ, others, and herself and strength in running the race. I also will to EmK a 3 minute plank.  
I will to Victor wisdom and love in leadership.  
I will to Alex the tastiness of the Word--tastier than his gourmet creations.  
I will to Attilus the hope of Christ as an anchor, firm and secure.  
I will to Jasper more spikes in love for God when trials come.  
I will to Alyssa continued enthusiasm for sharing knowledge from the Bible.  
I will to Grace many opportunities to spread her joy and show her hospitality.  
I will to Jason an undying curiosity for the wisdom of God.  
I will to Meili an unshakable foundation in Christ and many opportunities to share his love over cups of tea.



I will to Valerie steadfastness in loving those around her and doing her work for the Lord.  
I will to Felix many more fruitful times of individual and group prayer.  
I will to Daniel trust in the plans of our heavenly Architect.  
I will to Dawn great joy whenever she stores up treasures in heaven.  
I will to Nathaniel more unexpected meet ups where he can share his great stories and wisdom.  
I will to Rejoice gentleness and reverence in giving a reason for the hope that she has.  
I will to Ambrose unceasing gratitude to the Lord.  
I will to Victoria transmissions of her contagious enthusiasm for the Word to many others.  
I will to Beth candid words of encouragement.  
I will to Alice and Bella sisterly love for each other and the church.  
I will to Felicia many more opportunities to share her super-senior wisdom and encouraging prayers.  
I will to Elton rest in prayer and joy in fellowship.  
I will to Alvin glory (to God) in work and play.

### Jackie Peng

I will to Judy our prayer partner lineage, my (perhaps nonexistent) inner weeb, a love for God's word, the ability to one day disciple a young one, the desire to serve the Lord, many many more good conversations together in the future, and all of my love.  
I will to Tiff lots of fun times with the animals at the vet school.  
I will to Joy and Kim the oracle from diffeq. May it give you insight to conquer every exam that may come your way during your MEng journey and beyond.

### Joy Thean

I will to Daniel the exciting editorship of BoL and the secret stash of old editions always hiding around somewhere.  
I will to Nicole my wonderful self for another year.  
I will to Alex my love of pandan.  
I will to Em K, Beth, and Nicole the fun times of being CBS legacy babes.

### Louise Xie

I will to Dawn all the best coffee on campus and to carry down our love for espresso drinks and Zeus. I also will to you all the Ithaca hikes and more. One day I will bring you to the Adirondacks.  
I will to Cynthia all the yummy spots in Ithaca and hopefully no longer the same dining hall food. I also will to you a year filled with blessed community and fellowship and friends.  
I will to Alex all the baked goods and delicious foods you have so generously offered to me and the fellowship. I will to you the opportunity to find all the fried chicken.  
I will to Beth all the sends and all the coolest beta at Lindseth. I also will to you all the Lindseth instructor vibes and wisdom (which you have) for all the young aspiring climbers.  
I will to Daniel the wisdom and discernment in balancing future life things and above all, the peace and joy to trust in Him.  
I will to Emily K all the love for CBS in co-coordinatorship and a continuation efficient TJ runs.  
I will to Nat all the fun and all the sends at Lindseth (come climb with me in the city!).

### Kimberly Yap

I will to Meili the female MechE prayer partner lineage and the love for raspberry pure leaf tea and Terrace smoothies.  
I will to Daniel the privilege to make Steel Bridge social memes.  
I will to Nicole the 3B dishwasher and kitchen.  
I will to Jasper the game Ludo and the unfinished puzzles on my coffee table.  
I will to Tony the title of pog champ.  
I will to Alex my love for the New York Yankees.  
I will to Karen a heart that never stops loving and praying for friends.  
I will to Emily J the best and warmest hugs.  
I will New York City pride to Nat and Alex.  
I will to Attilus, Dawn, Emily and Beth Kam Cantonese pride.  
I will to all the engineers the Duffield alcoves and the Duffield Party group chat.  
I will to Alvin the finished puzzles on my coffee table.  
I will myself to Joy for one year of M.Eng!

### Jessica Yuen

I will to Emily K the compassion and enthusiasm for campus ministry and outreach.  
I will to Emily J my commitment to Christ Chapel. May you once again be able to board the party van.  
I will to Alex Xu and Nat Chin, my brothers from the same city, enjoyable rural time in Ithaca and better food meetups.  
I will to Tony my ability to focus. May you be able to be (more) still and find peace and freedom inside your busy mind. (Also, I owe you a lunch)  
I will to Larina more prayer time and meetups. I pray that you will feel less anxious and find time to share your gifts in caring and more to others.

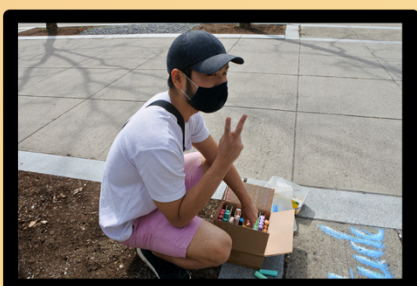




virtual felly dinner festivities, including silly screenshots, a scavenger hunt, and boba



hiking to Taughannock Falls before the semester begins



chalking Bible verses on Ho Plaza during Cornell Wellness Days

# How I Came to CBS: A Testimony of God's Amazing Grace

By Ambrose Yang ('24)

I went to a STEM magnet high school where college admissions were the fever of the senior class. At the top of the admissions ladder was MIT, Princeton, Stanford, and Harvard, followed by Carnegie Mellon and UC Berkeley, and then the University of Maryland as a safety school. Cornell, however, was sparsely mentioned; instead, it was simply a school that went with the assortment of regular decision schools that people applied to when they were deferred or rejected from their top choice schools.

Like many of the other students in my class, I applied for MIT through the early action cycle with the opinion that it was the "tech school of the nation." Many of my upperclassmen friends that I had looked up to throughout high school were attending MIT, and somehow, I believed that if I could also attend, I would therefore validate myself to be as smart or as gifted as them. In fact, Cornell was not even on my college list even into November, after the early round of applications were due. When my parents suggested that I apply to Cornell, I almost tried to assert that my current slate of eight or nine applications was sufficient, that I didn't need to apply to Cornell at all. I only decided to apply to Cornell simply because Cornell "might be a good choice"; after all, Cornell seemed like a respectable university. Needless to say, I had no intention at the time to attend Cornell, it was just another school on a long list of applications.

Through the decision months from January to May, the Lord placed many incidents to point me toward Cornell as the university I would attend. In mid-March, two weeks before the official Ivy League decision date, I received an email already assuring me of my acceptance into Cornell. When examining my options after receiving each of my college decisions, Cornell was the optimal option based on my personal factors and considerations. But even as I committed to attend Cornell in early May, I looked toward the fall semester with jaded interest. I still felt pangs of jealousy as I found out that others would attend those aforementioned "top-tier" universities. There were still days of disbelief where I wondered whether I "really" would be attending Cornell the next four years. Sometimes I felt as though Cornell was simply a dream, and that when I awoke, I would be headed toward greener pastures that fall semester. I had been deferred and waitlisted from MIT, and still I felt like the chance that I

could attend MIT, though slim, was still there. Many of my friends and acquaintances offered me congratulations and well wishes, which I received with outward courtesy, but inward denial. When I found out that eight of my classmates would be attending UC Berkeley that fall, to which I was also accepted, I often questioned whether choosing Cornell was really the right choice.

But the Lord had prepared His plans for me even before I had committed to or even started thinking about applying to college. The summers after 10th and 11th grade I attended a mission trip to Dorcas Center in Brooklyn, New York. The program was a seven-week summer camp where every week, a different church would participate and assist with the camp. One of the churches that attended was the First Ithaca Chinese Christian Church (FICCC). As a result, the local missionary was acquainted with Pastor Paul at FICCC and Professor David Ng at Cornell, both of whom attended the mission trip as well. When the local missionary in Brooklyn called my family the summer after my senior year and found out that I would be attending Cornell, she readily recommended FICCC as a church to attend, and also told us about Professor David Ng as a Cornell professor who attended FICCC as well. In early September we gave Professor Ng a call to ask about college fellowships, and he told us that he was discipling Darren Chang, who was the coordinator of CBS. Promptly after, Darren invited me to join CBS Friday large groups.

The beginning of the school year was still filled with much indifference about being at Cornell. Much of the summer I had been praying and hoping that MIT would still accept me off their waitlist, but I remember also asking God for His will to be done in the hope that His will is greater and better than what I could desire. When the waitlist fell through in late July, I saw my Cornell education to be all but inevitable. Although that helped dissipate some of my resentment, there was little anticipation to begin my freshman year at Cornell.

But week by week, as the events of the past few years began to come into focus, and I became more and more convinced that the Lord had planned for me to come to Cornell and to CBS all along, that His foresight stretched so much farther than I could possibly envision, and that far before and all throughout the admissions process, God had been working His will to lead me to Cornell. By October I felt that if I were to submit to God's will, there could be no more jealousy or discontent. This was the place He had called me to be.

As I recount all the events of the past few years that led me to CBS and Cornell I only marvel at how powerful, far-



reaching, and amazing God's providence and love is in arranging so many events across space and time to guide me here. No rational explanation, no amount of human wisdom or planning, could have arranged so perfectly these events to lead me into His will. What is the chance that I would attend a mission trip in high school which FICCC also attended, and so make me aware of FICCC even before I came to Cornell? What is the chance that within a high school which didn't much mention Cornell at all, that I would even choose to apply? What is the chance that all my college applications would fall into such perfect alignment as to point me to Cornell as my optimal choice? What is the chance that Professor Ng would also attend the Brooklyn missions trip, which helped me to get connected to him? And what is the chance that, of all students, he would disciple Darren, who was the coordinator of CBS? The darkness of a COVID-infested year, an entirely virtual O-Week, and a remote first semester has only magnified for me how much more powerful God is than anything that might step in His way. I am humbly reminded that although we may be God's tools in this world, He is ultimately the One who moves. And sometimes when I wonder whether there will be more people who will join CBS in the future, I am reminded that God is the One who sustains and guides people to this fellowship day after day, semester after semester, year after year.

Day by day throughout this year I have become more and more grateful for God's abundant blessings in leading and

sustaining me here at Cornell. Although my family and I always knew that I would need to find a church and a fellowship when I went to college, God had already prepared a church and a fellowship for me long before I even thought about applying to college. When I focused on academics and prestige - what major I would affiliate in, what clubs I would join - God reminded me to put Him above all things and guided me first to CBS and FICCC where I could grow in Him. But God's blessings have been still greater in allowing me to have an in-person semester, in allowing me to take classes where I could have close interaction with professors, and in giving me opportunities to meet people amidst a pandemic which has fundamentally separated us from each other.

There are too many people in CBS for me to thank here for all the ways that you have welcomed me into your family and for the lives that you live that make you Godly role models who truly reflect the love of Christ. You have encouraged me in more ways than I can imagine, and I believe that I have shared my faith more times with more people this single semester than all of my years in high school combined. But most importantly, I want to thank God for guiding me so powerfully through every decision of my life, for providing me with everything I need and more, for leading me and being the light of my life, and for reminding me that there is no better choice than to trust in You.



# What is the Gospel & Are You Living It?



By: Jessica Yuen ('20)

Since this pandemic started, I'm sure many of you have realized how divided our generation, our country/countries, and our world has become. There are powerful voices and influential masses that support either side of the Black Lives Matter Movement, the mask mandate, climate change, and so much more. Christianity has become a divisive identity that can be criticized by the Western (world), which I don't think is anything particularly new considering that God tells us to expect this in the Bible (*"If the world hates you, keep in mind that it hated me first. If you belonged to the world, it would love you as its own. As it is, you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world. That is why the world hates you."* - John 15:18-19). **What is interesting is that the church itself is so divided, not just on how we choose to vote, but what we think it means to be Christian. And when we understand that the people next to us in our fellowships and our churches may not know and/or believe in the biblical version of the Gospel and of Christianity, we may see the need to reach out to the lost not only outside of the church, but also within the church\*.**

So to start off, what does it mean to be a Christian? A Christian is someone who believes in the entirety of the Gospel:

- We are sinners who have disobeyed our holy God, meant to have a spiritual and physical death, and unable to have a relationship with God in our current, disobedient human state.
- But God being loving and merciful, sent Jesus Christ, who was a perfect and righteous man, to die and rise again to bear the burden of our sins and its consequences.
- And for anyone who has faith in Jesus Christ, who he is and what he has done, is saved, becomes righteous through Him, and gains eternal life in heaven with God.

And with this belief in the Gospel, the gift of salvation will motivate Christians to do good works for God's kingdom and according to his will of loving Him, loving others, and making disciples. All other things we think a Christian is about is supplementary.

But according to the Pew Research Center, only 76% of Christians surveyed believed in God and were absolutely certain, 75% say the Bible is the Word of God, and 85% believe that Heaven exists (and 70% that Hell exists). This

was surprising to me since these are core tenets of the Bible, Gospel, and Christian faith. The documentary "American Gospel: Christ Alone" (introduced to me by a CBS sister) also explores this contradiction of Christian identity and adherence to biblical teachings and highlights two potential reasons for it. Foremost, it is because there is a widespread movement that distorts the Gospel to fit the desires of the (questionably existent) American Dream. Secondly, even for those who know and believe in the true Gospel, they may have preconceived notions about what their Christian community knows and does not know.

For the first point: the compromised gospel. People may not always be taught the Gospel according to the Bible and mistakenly believe in alternatives that are labeled as the Gospel. One well known one is called the Prosperity Gospel (aka Health & Wealth Gospel, Word of Faith movement) which promises wealth and health to believers, blames people's lack of faith for problems they face, and promotes financial giving to receive God's favor. A focus on the material goods God has power to provide us, brings the focus away from Jesus as the ultimate gift and reduces God to a genie who exists to listen to us and our desires. Any compromise you make of the Gospel means it is not the Gospel: in some way it will include human desires whether to be the one saving him/herself, or believing that our end goal is something in this world and not in heaven.

Now onto the second point: our assumptions that everyone who self-identifies as Christians are really practicing Christians. I think it is easy to assume that if someone is active in the church community, they must at the very least be a Christian according to the Bible. Yet can we think of people who have left Christianity despite doing "works," which are meant to be the fruits of our faith? These instances reveal the need to always remind ourselves and each other what being Christian means: it is not doing, but a strong belief that we have the one and true God who has done the work of salvation for ourselves and for our world. And a strong belief can only be strong if we constantly ruminate over it and praise it, which is why Pastor Bryan Chapell says in "American Gospel" that it is vital for the Gospel to be thoroughly spoken about and praised in our personal time and in our fellowship time. Spreading the Good News, the gospel, is not just meant for non-Christians, it is also meant for Christians.

So what now? It seems like all this is just a reminder that we have to think about the Gospel and make sure we share the right one, yada yada. Watching this documentary has made me reflect on my time at Cornell, a period of my life where I can confidently say I was/am(?) a practicing Christian. It has made me realize how I would focus on explicitly sharing the Gospel with my non-Christian friends



but assume that my Christian friend knew and believed in the gospel so we could just talk more about applications rather than the basics. I remembered many times when my prayers would treat God like my genie--just praying for His interventions on exams and internships and thanking Him for His gifts and what He has done in my life and others lives--rather than who God is and what He has done to allow us to even pray to Him. I also remember meeting up with people and sharing how God has been working in our lives and leaving the conversation without ever having spoken about God apart from ourselves.

Maybe I am being too nit-picky about these couple of years of Christian living, but I hope to share this as an exhortation to my fellow brothers and sisters. I believe that some of you have come to CBS to find a fellowship so you will be grounded in your faith, because there's accountability and bible studies or something else, but don't let that make you lose sight on what your faith is exactly on: it is the Jesus Christ and that's it. Don't be focused on living out Acts and Romans, when you have forgotten how you were transformed in Matthew, Mark, Luke and/or John. And most importantly, make sure you constantly talk about the gospel: maybe we don't know it

entirely but are ashamed or afraid to ask someone to thoroughly explain it; maybe we are bringing a friend who we have been praying earnestly to come but we only feel comfortable to bring them when its a "chill" night so they can experience God's community and love before they understand from whom, for whom, and why this love exists; and or maybe we just need to hear the gospel to remember that we have an anchor and hope in this divided and crazy world.

\* This is in quotes, because I think everyone's interpretation of who's "in" and "out" in a church are different. In this context, the church I am referring to are those who consider themselves Christian (in whichever understanding they have of who would have this identity), and thus those "outside of the church" would not consider themselves Christians. Hopefully, after reading this article, you will come to understand that self-identifying Christians may not actually be Christians according to the Bible.

P.S. Check out the *Alpha Course* or *Christianity Explored* for some good resources and guided lessons on understanding the Gospel and exploring it with others (both Christians and non-Christians!).





# Serving God: Nurturing our Desire, Not Duty, for God

By Stephanie Deng ('21)

Unsurprisingly, I have a lot to reflect on and re-evaluate as I look back on these past four years at Cornell. What stands out to me the most, though, is how God has truly grown, refined, and humbled my heart in learning more and more what it means to truly serve Him as He desires. And I am beyond grateful for how He faithfully continues to equip me to serve Him. I wanted to focus on sharing some of my takeaways from three passages from the Bible that I have found especially comforting and convicting.

The common thread is that we should not forsake our love and desire for God when we serve Him. That makes sense, right? But it turns out prioritizing desire rather than a sense of duty is way easier said than done. I encourage you to read these passages, re-evaluate for yourself what God may be revealing about your heart, and be before Him in prayer and humility.

First, seek solitude with God to remember and submit to His greater purpose for you. *Are your approaches to doing "your ministry" (the how) distracting you from the purpose and heart for serving God in such a capacity (the why)? For example, are you more concerned about adhering to your preferred timeline or the effectiveness of what you do than about why you choose to take on a responsibility?*

Jesus is the best example of what it means to faithfully love and obey God while serving Him. In Luke 4:38-44, we see how Jesus was incredibly busy with ministry work in just a single day:

**"38 Jesus left the synagogue and went to the home of Simon.** Now Simon's mother-in-law was suffering from a high fever, and they asked Jesus to help her. 39 So he bent over her and rebuked the fever, and it left her. She got up at once and began to wait on them.

**40 At sunset, the people brought to Jesus all who had various kinds of sickness, and laying his hands on each one, he healed them.** 41 Moreover, demons came out of many people, shouting, "You are the Son of God!" But he rebuked them and would not allow them to speak, because they knew he was the Messiah.

**42 At daybreak, Jesus went out to a solitary place.** The people were looking for him and when they came to where he was, they tried to keep him from leaving them. 43 But he said, "I must proclaim the good news of the kingdom of God to the other towns also, because that is why I was sent." 44 And he kept on preaching in the synagogues of Judea." (Luke 4:38-44 NIV)

In one day alone, Jesus taught and preached at the synagogue and then spent the evening healing and driving out demons. What did Jesus do after such a long day of His ministry? The next morning, Jesus was up early at daybreak to seek out solitude with God. We see that Jesus' approach to ministering to these people (the how) was highly effective to the extent that others were seeking out Jesus even as He sought solitude. But why wouldn't Jesus make Himself available to them and be alone with God later when He wasn't as busy? Jesus responded that He could not stay to perform miracles because of His greater purpose to preach the gospel. Jesus did not mistake His approach and means in serving God for the end and purpose to love and obey God in preaching the gospel. Like Jesus, we should not neglect solitude with God, so that we may be still and remember why we should serve God and why we should serve others. In pursuing solitude with God, may we immerse ourselves in His Word to delight in His truth and presence to understand and desire to love God. May we then also submit to His will more in our serving and ministering for God.

Second, you cannot and should not default to serving God alone and separately from other believers. *Do your heart and actions in serving and leading others reflect your full trust in God to equip others to serve and work with you in a certain capacity?*

In all honesty, I've failed at this more times than I can count. But when I was reading the book of Exodus last year during a period when I really wrestled with knowing and deciding when to step up and take on more responsibility or step back, this passage from Exodus 18:17-23 was a great comfort to me:

17 Moses' father-in-law said to him, "What you are doing is not good. 18 You and the people with you will certainly wear yourselves out, for the thing is too heavy for you. You are not able to do it alone. 19 Now obey my voice; I will give you advice, and God be with you! You shall represent the people before God and bring their cases to God, 20 and you shall warn them about the statutes and the laws, and make them know the way in which they must walk and what they must do. 21 Moreover,



look for able men from all the people, men who fear God, who are trustworthy and hate a bribe, and place such men over the people as chiefs of thousands, of hundreds, of fifties, and of tens. 22 And let them judge the people at all times. Every great matter they shall bring to you, but any small matter they shall decide themselves. So it will be easier for you, and they will bear the burden with you. 23 If you do this, God will direct you, you will be able to endure, and all this people also will go to their place in peace.”(Ex 18:17-23 NIV)

If I were to sum up my takeaway from this passage in one word, it would be “delegate.” As Jethro (Moses' father-in-law) advised Moses, delegating responsibility to serve God should be founded upon trusting that God has equipped people who you can and should serve with. Jethro emphasized to Moses how unsustainable it was for him to continue his ministry in settling disputes and teaching them God's laws on his own. In particular, Moses would suffer burnout from the heaviness of bearing the burden alone, which would then also affect and wear out those whom Moses served. Jethro counseled Moses to instead seek out God-fearing, trustworthy individuals to whom he could delegate responsibility and to trust that God would direct him. In that way, Moses would be able to endure the burden and responsibility of serving God by not bearing the weight alone and submitting to God's will for his serving. It is not only a relief to bear the burden of serving God with other believers, but also so precious and sweet to experience unity as the Church in serving God.

You don't have to be in a formal, specific leadership role in a fellowship or church to “delegate” and speak to (or listen to) others about what they or you can and should be doing *for God*. After all, as individual members of the body of Christ, we have different strengths and roles to play (1 Cor 12: 12-31; Eph 4:11-16) and different spiritual gifts that strengthen each others' faith (Rom 1:11-12; 1 Pet 4:10-11).

To speak to more specific examples, my own faith and walk with God has continually been strengthened by God's gifting and equipping brothers and sisters to navigate logistics and administrative responsibilities far better than I can. I have also been greatly encouraged by others who are blessed with boldness and discernment in engaging in difficult topics when teaching and rebuking in love. There have been so many instances in undergrad when I have felt overwhelmed by the sheer amount of logistics that needed to be handled and God has provided someone at the exact time that I needed to bear that burden with me. In those times, I've continually learned how foolish I am to try to take on those responsibilities and burdens on my own and not recognize

and live out being a member of a whole body of Christ. There have also been so many instances when I have felt disheartened in wrestling with difficult experiences or questions and being honest with God, myself, and others. In those times, God really encouraged and reminded me of His truth and faithfulness through a conversation with a brother or sister or by showing how He has gifted and equipped them.

In fact, I think we often need prompting from a brother or sister to consider how God may be equipping and calling us to serve in a certain capacity or how we may be overextending ourselves and foolishly trying to do things apart from God and apart from the rest of the body of Christ. That is our need for each other that is rooted in Christ: to preach and speak to one another who is God, and who are we in light of such truth (Col 3:16; Phil 2:1-4). The more we choose to rely on and trust in God to provide the people and equip us as we need, the more we can't help but love God as we witness His grace and provision!

Finally, re-evaluate what you're prioritizing and where you're seeking satisfaction in your heart for serving God. *Have you forsaken God as your fountain of living water? If so, who or what are you replacing Him with?*

I came upon this verse in an article recently and it has really stuck with me as I wrap up undergrad. For brief context, God is rebuking the Israelites through the prophet Jeremiah for how they have forsaken and rejected God for other gods and idols:

“13 for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living waters, and hewed out cisterns for themselves, broken cisterns that can hold no water.” (Jer 2:13)

What a striking, humbling wake-up call — to be called out for not only rejecting God (who is the fountain of living water) but also foolishly replacing God with something or someone else that is inadequate and broken. This prompts us to re-evaluate what cisterns we are building for ourselves instead of seeking everlasting life and true satisfaction in God; this passage is applicable to many situations as we wrestle with idols and priorities. These can include trying to satisfy our need for God with a relationship, grades, prestige, or wealth. In the context of serving God, our cisterns may be what or how we do ministry or serving God and others, wherein we get so caught up with it that we lose sight of loving and being loved by God.

We may seek satisfaction and build cisterns from feeling like a “hero” in solving problems, from feeling very capable



and accomplished in how we fulfill our goals and meet our timelines in serving, or from receiving praise and affirmation for what we're doing. May we all re-evaluate what cisterns we have built or are currently building, get rid of them, and stop drinking from them! We only face disappointment and hurt when we try to find our satisfaction in sources that are inherently broken and inadequate. We will continue to thirst as long as we drink from broken cisterns. But take heart and hope in the eternal life we have with God as He is our fountain of living water!

Now that I've shared all these thoughts, I want to revisit the title for this article, which I think sums up the takeaway I

wanted to share with you. If nothing else, I hope you are encouraged to re-evaluate for yourself whether or not you are serving God out of your desire for Him or out of a sense of a duty and if your heart needs to change in what you do for God. Dutifully serving God is not inherently bad. But when we do not also desire God as we serve Him, that is when we may find ourselves 1) losing sight of God's greater purpose for us as we neglect spending time with God and the Word, 2) wrestling and worn down by heavy burdens all on our own, and 3) continually being unsatisfied and unfulfilled in our serving God due to broken cisterns.



# A Letter from the Resident Old Man: Reflections



Dear CBS,

It's been a long ten years. I realize some of you might not know me very well, so let me do my usual introduction. My name is Aaron, I graduated from Cornell in 2015, and I'm currently in 22<sup>nd</sup> grade (6<sup>th</sup> year PhD) in Applied and Engineering Physics (AEP). It's wild to think that, after a literal decade, I'm about to leave Ithaca. It doesn't feel that long ago when I first stepped foot onto campus in 2011 as a wide-eyed freshman, when I thought the grass here was super green compared to Texas and I didn't know anything about CBS. At the same time, as I am sitting here reflecting on the past, the weight of all my time in CBS is difficult to capture and express.

CBS has been my family and home. As a freshman, I ended up here because the fellowship community reminded me of home; friendly, warm, and Christ-centered. I remember running into the senior (2012) 2E guys at the freshman orientation event called Big Red Blowout. They were just there to hang out and enjoy the carnival games, despite it being a freshman event, but they remembered me from the various CBS orientation events and invited me to hang out with them though I barely remembered their names. I've lost track of the number of times I've been fed, slept over on couches, given advice, and just been personally taken care of by CBS people.

As the resident old man, I've had the honor of being something of a resident lorekeeper for CBS. It's amazing that CBS has been around since about 1965, for over 60 years. I believe this makes it the longest-standing campus fellowship at Cornell; for instance, AAIV only started briefly before I came as a freshman, and the organization of Cru was only founded in 1951. It had humble beginnings as a literal Chinese language bible study, with less than 5 English-only members in the early 70s. There are multiple generations of families that have come through CBS. But, we're not a national organization or have a centralized leadership or anything like that. By the grace of God, this fellowship has persisted this long through the faithfulness of student servants and the generosity of alumni donations. It is only by God's favor that just a club like this has withstood the test of time. If you have time, I would encourage you to see some of the history, for instance, in the old prayer journals which date back at least 20 years. Relatively recently, the prayers and reactions of CBSers to 9/11 was rediscovered. While it's wild to me that some of you weren't

even born then, seeing the history of CBSers is a good reminder of God's sovereignty and grace on us.

During my time here, I've been able to see CBS both stay constant but also change. The struggles of student life have stayed quite universal: classes, relationships, jobs, growing up etc. It's always hard to reach out of our comfort zone, evangelism is difficult, and things like that. We can take comfort in knowing that we are not alone in these things. However, cultures and traditions change. Being undergrad-dominated, we have a short collective memory. We used to go to Tabernacle Baptist for every felly dinner, but after one year of not really going there we "lost" that tradition. CBSers in Eddygate have been around for a decade, but when I was a freshman Eddygate had only recently started to be a thing. Coffeehouse, which is a CBS evangelism event, has been around since the 70s but during my time we broke continuity and it has only sporadically been done. When I was a freshman, we primarily texted and were "groundbreaking" in being the first class to have a Facebook group. The class of 2016 was the first class to make a Facebook group chat for their class. CBS used to be nearly 100 people, but now we hit 40 people on Zoom on a good day. And this list could go on and on.

At the end of the day, we must come back to the question of is CBS carrying out its mission of "knowing Christ and making Him known" (which was the brainchild of CBS coordinator Dave Bu '12). In both constant and change, in both traditions and the breaking of them, has CBS helped to grow and develop mature believers? In the words of one of my old disciplers, Dave Smith, we are trying to walk with people so that they do not need us anymore. If we, as CBS, can successfully prepare students for life post-college sans-CBS, then we have done well.

I think that's one of the interesting things about the Christian life: we are not to seek personal glory. Despite literal blood, sweat, and tears to keep this fellowship healthy and alive and running, much of that history and legacy is quickly forgotten. Personally, I have served in almost every ministry capacity available for CBS: Bible study leader, prayer partner, evangelism/outreach coordinator, praise team coordinator, prayer coordinator. Outside of formal ministry positions, I've also tried to care for many people, whether that be emergency hospital trips or conflict mediation or late-night phone calls or just a listening ear. At one point, someone called me "the face of CBS" because of all the things I was doing. But the memory and history of these things fade quickly; I don't really do those things as much anymore, so nobody knows unless I tell them. Even I have trouble remembering. How many people have sacrificed and given to care for others



just within CBS, to have their individual contributions quickly forgotten? But this is how we are called to live, not to desire to be remembered for what we have done, but to consider others better than ourselves and to serve them. Have we done a good job in seeking the good and the growth of others?

When it comes to this question, it is a mixed bag of emotions. On the one hand, there are amazing stories of how God has called people to himself through CBS in the most random of ways, of how people had been woken from their complacency to serve Him wholeheartedly. On the other, there are so many that my heart aches for because they have either turned away or become complacent, even some who were former leaders. If there's any lesson from this, it is that the human heart is complicated and one can never ever assume. Those who are constantly smiling and bubbly could be suffering from depression. Those who are quiet may be those who are the most intensely engaged. Those who are contrary and argumentative and stubborn may be the most receptive to the gospel. Those who are leading may be in a terrible spiritual state. Therefore, it is necessary to engage people beyond superficial appearances. To meet the needs of others, we must understand what the need is in the first place.

In the words of Bonhoeffer, to have genuine Christian fellowship we must be greatly overcome with a great disillusionment with others, with Christians, and with ourselves. To seek God is to see as he does, to see the true neediness and brokenness of people. Many CBS coordinators, in particular, have experienced being overwhelmed to tears by trying to care for the fellowship. Justin Deng ('12) said that he only finally understood how to be a coordinator as he was about to graduate, and that he wished he could have a do-over. I believe Tim Hu ('13) described leading the fellowship as being the captain of a ship, except that the ship was an elephant and decided to go where it pleased. Growing and changing hearts is a hard and difficult task, one that is ultimately in God's control. We are called to be faithful and patient in that. In whatever situation you are facing, whether it be a personal struggle or caring for a friend or for the fellowship as a whole, do you really believe that faith the size of a mustard seed can move mountains? Do you really believe that you can tell a mountain to jump into the sea and it will happen? How big is the God you believe in?

To seek these things, to have seek growth and to seek Christ, as CBS it is critical that we constantly revisit our foundation on the gospel. At camping trip my freshman year, an end-of-year retreat that CBS used to do, Tim Hu

('13) and Jesse Lu ('13) had asked me to consider being the evangelism coordinator during my sophomore year. To this day, I am not really sure why they thought I would be a good pick; I didn't really have experience with cold-contact evangelism nor have I been on a missions trip, I've only talked to some of my friends about faith. I didn't even know what servant team was at the time. I ended up accepting, trusting that God would grow me in this. I believe it was early in my sophomore year, I was talking to Henry Wen ('09, PhD '14), a fellow AEP and previous coordinator, for advice about evangelism. I distinctly remember him asking me if I believe in the Bible, and then challenging me again to ask if I really believed in the Bible. For all the things he could have said regarding planning and programming and whatnot, he decided instead to return to the heart of why we were doing evangelism. That struck me. In the same way, as a fellowship and as individuals, we must make a practice of saturating our lives with the gospel. Why do you continue being a Christian? How is being a good student related to the gospel? If God called you to give up your academic career to serve in missions, would you be willing to drop everything and go? Without a strong foundation, when the winds and the waves of life come to beat against your house, it will sink into the sea.

Even though we may seek God with all we have, times can be hard. Satan will try hard to destabilize your faith. Because of the time-compression of college, I feel that I've had a taste of what it's like to be in the "old" category, even though I'm not yet 30. At FICCC, I'm top 5 in age in the English congregation. My interactions tend to be with people who are on average 5+ years younger than me and in a different life stage. Honestly, it's tough and lonely at times, even though I specifically chose to stay at Cornell to continue serving the community. We like to talk about pouring into people and having people pour into us, but sometimes having some to pour into us is not possible. Many of the prophets were mostly alone in their ministry, some were driven to despair and depression. Having experienced some of this, I encourage you, especially the seniors, to cling all the more tightly onto Jesus. We can only pour into others from what we have, but the unlimited wellspring of life comes from Christ himself. A community like CBS may or may not exist, for better or worse, wherever you go in the future. Therefore, as we seek maturity in our faith, Christ must be your rock and anchor.

[As a side comment, I would really encourage future CBS to try to take better care of its non-undergrad population. Since many structures are not built with them in mind (and may seem intimidating because of their age), they tend to be easily forgotten and I have known people to be hurt as a result.]



It really is difficult to summarize and condense 10 years worth of experience. I feel like I've barely been able to scratch the surface. But as not to be too much of a rambling old man, I'll end with this. CBS is both a beautiful and broken group. Many people first experience true fellowship and even true family through CBS, yet at the same time there are many who are deeply hurt by CBS. Even so, God has continued to work nonstop across generations in the lives of those who continue to come. Immature boys and girls have grown to be strong leaders of faith. Many have not only come to Christ through CBS but have also become strong believers. My hope and

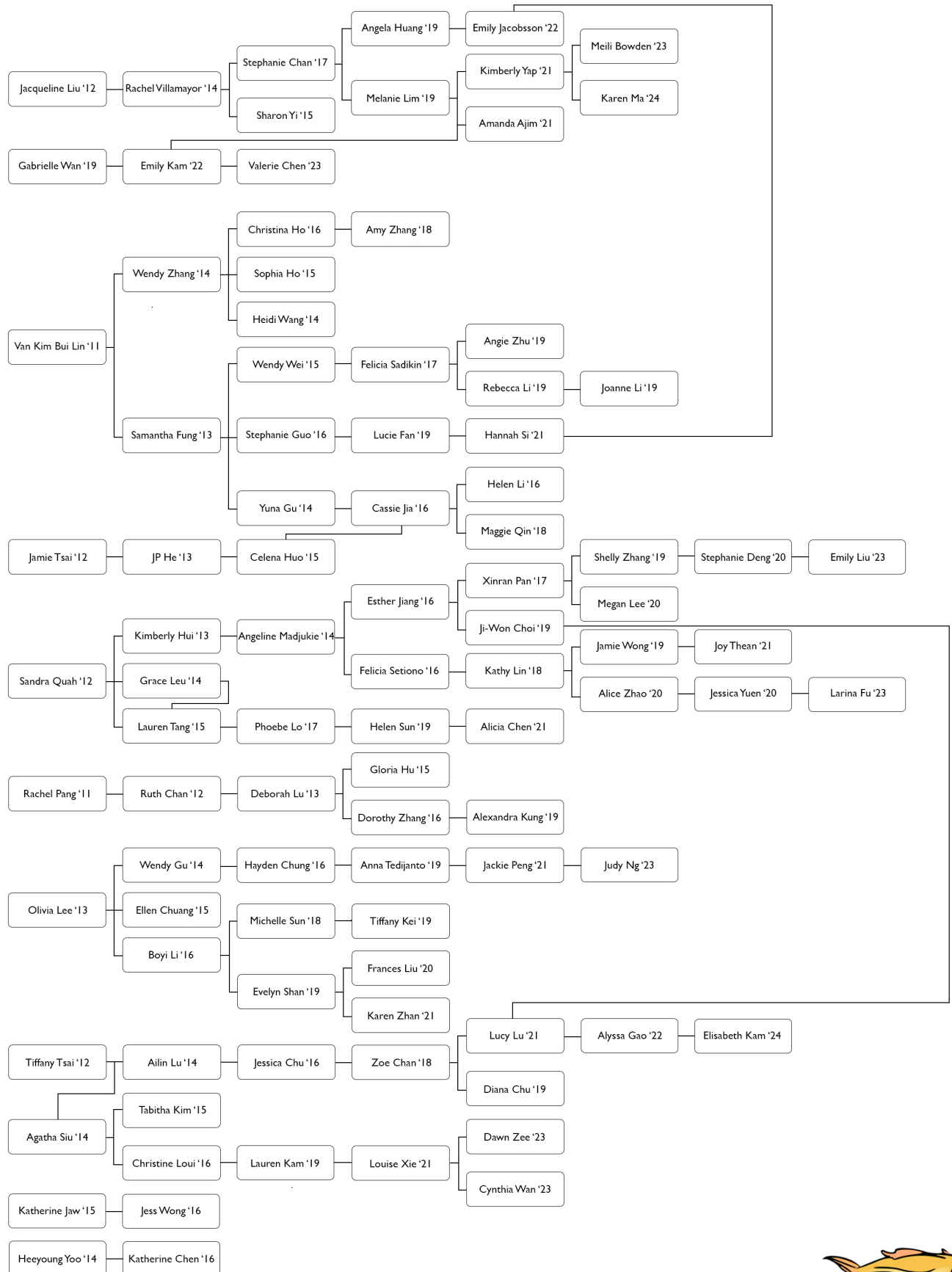
vision for CBS is that it continues to be a light to those at Cornell, to be a people who are saturated with the gospel and faithful in prayer. I hope that people more and more learn to give self-sacrificially, not simply out of their abundance but also in their need even when it is costly, to serve others. Grades and prelims and jobs will fade, but the way you walk with God and impact others through your love will not. Therefore, seek Him who is greater than all these things, and it will be well with you.

-- **Aaron Hui ('15, PhD '21)**



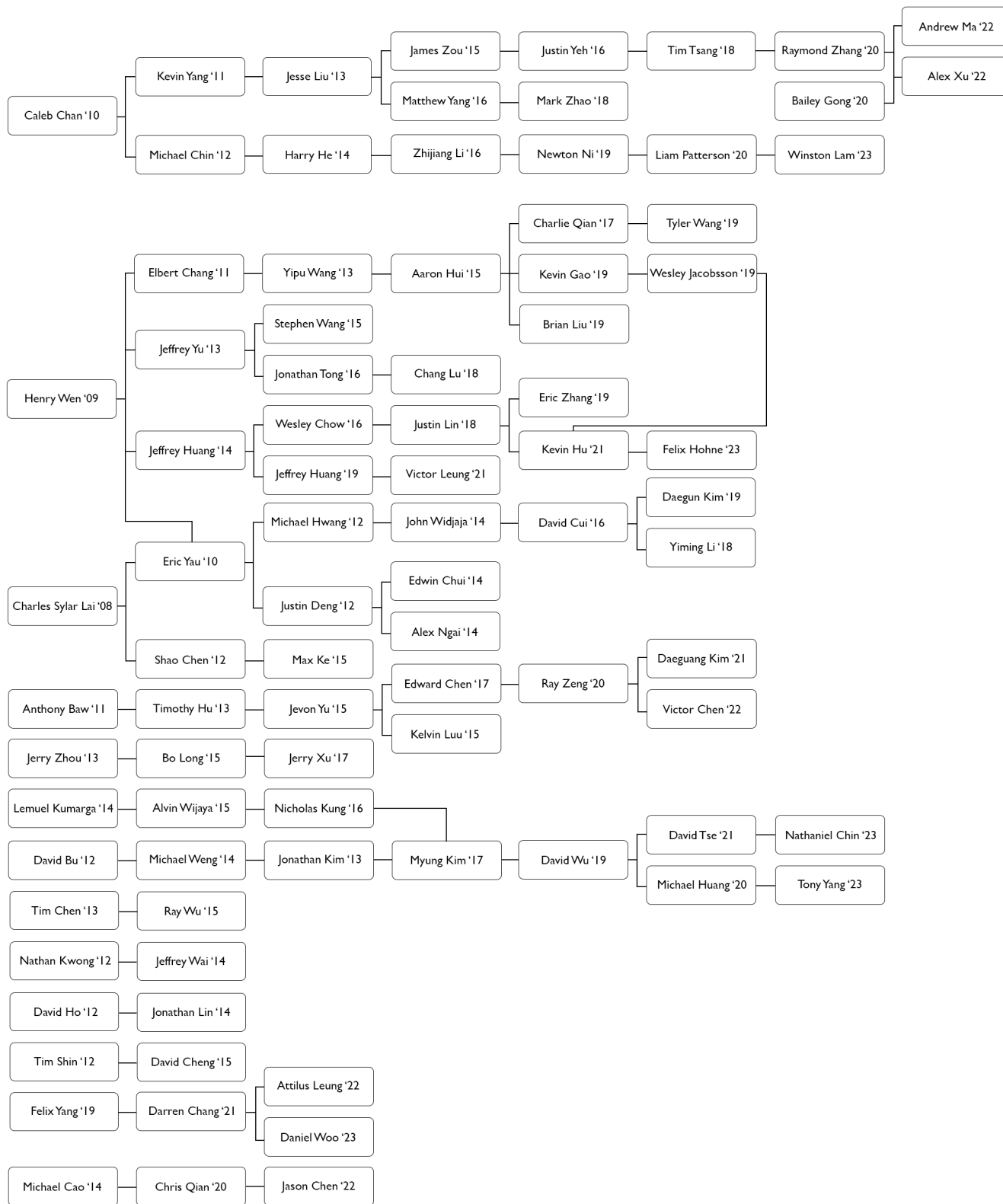
# Prayer Partner Tree

Sisters of CBS



# Prayer Partner Tree

Brothers of CBS







# Shoutouts

**To: THE ORACLE**

WE DID IT :) thanks for suffering with me through all four years of engineering. may the oracle bless you in your future studies and endeavors!

**From: Kim**

**To: Meili**

Thank you for being such a supportive younger prayer partner and sister! Praying that you continue to grow in your studies and your walk with God at Cornell. Fighting!!

**From: Kim**

**To: Daniel**

Thank you for your heart to serve and taking over BoL! I can't wait to see how aesthetically pleasing your first edition will be. Fighting!!

**From: Kim**

**To: Freshmen**

Praise God for your hearts to be in fellowship with Him and other brothers and sisters! I thank God for you all and hope you keep pursuing Him throughout your college career <3

**From: Lucy**

**To: Reach Train**

Thanks so much for your hearts to serve the fellowship! Words can't express how much I appreciate and love you all. Pray that God will continue to strengthen you and equip you as you serve Him and find out new ways to do so.

**From: Lucy**

**To: Hannah**

you are the greatest roommate! i am so thankful for your quiet, comforting presence and for everything that you've helped me through this semester!! i will miss you next year. :0 you are encouraging and admirable and you serve as an example to me (and others!) of how to be a woman of God. <3

**From: your plank mate**

**To: Darren**

thank u for how you have served CBS this year! i know it has been far from easy, but i very much appreciate and admire your caring heart and all that you have sacrificed. your labor is not in vain. :) by God's strength i will do my best to care for the fellowship the way I've seen you care for me and so many others. thank u for driving me places and being down to chat and letting me ruin ur hair. <3

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Darren and Kevin**

We will miss you !!! Thank you for sacrificially loving the fellowship and for dedicating so much of your time and energy to nurture the spiritual walks of CBSers. Praying that God will continue to guide you and grow you in His wonderful love. <3

**From: Emily and Alyssa**

**To: Valerie**

i have so enjoyed reading cs lewis and thinking about prEdEstiNatiOn and now reading EHS with you!! i really enjoy the conversations that we get to share and hear your interesting, honest thoughts. ^\_^ thank u for being such a wonderful pp!!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Daniel**

thank u for taking on bol this year !! i truly admire your servant's heart and the great energy and ideas you bring to reach meetings and aces! looking forward to growing and learning more with you :D

**From: Anonymous**

**To: betho**

thank u for the stolen fruit and for eating chikn and poke and spam w me, in return i will continue to leech off ur brbs yum yum thank - encouraged to see you reaching out to ur fellow frosh and participating in cbs things <3

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Grace**

thanks for letting zozz crash 5a!! we'll be back ;)

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Lucy**

You are the grocery hero we don't deserve!!! thank you for being grounded and logical and for your loving presence in my life and many others. i love your analytical, straightforward ;), kind personality and hearing you laugh. next to alicia's laugh it's my fav. you are an amazing reach coordinator and WOG and i appreciate all that you do for cbs! i hope i can be as considerate and loving as you. <3 have fun in chicago and stay in touch!

**From: Emily**

**To: Louise**

TY FOR WEGS AND TJ RUNS :broccoli\_emoji:

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Daniel**

thanks for all your patience and diligence organizing BoL and ppl (which can get more challenging than working on the actual BoL welp)!! praise God for how He has and will continue to sustain and strengthen you to serve and love in this capacity!

**From: Anonymous**

**To: Judy**

GIRL WHERE HAVE YOU BEEN ALL MY LIFE??!! I am so grateful to have gotten to know you so well this year through CBS, and what a blessing it has been to get to hang out with you in person this past month of May! You are such a vibe—you are so chill and fun to be around and so thoughtful and kind! Although our time together here has been short, I have truly enjoyed every moment that I was able to spend with you. It's also so nice that I feel like I can tell you pretty much anything, and that you're always so patient and understanding and a great listener. You are the best younger PP I could ever ask for and what we have is something that I had never thought possible before but God is truly capable of turning the seemingly impossible into reality! I'm going to miss you a hecka ton you don't even know, so I'll definitely be back often so that we can hang out (please come visit me too)! I love you sooo much bro, never stop being you! <3 PS: @anyone who is not Judy who might be reading this, SERIOUSLY GET TO KNOW THIS GIRL YOU WILL NOT REGRET IT SHE'S FREAKING AWESOME Y'ALL

**From: Your older PP <3**

**To: Lucy**

shoutout to the best distributed partner and networks lecture buddy! glad ure escaping the cs struggl, it won't be the same without u xD

**From: Grace**



# CBS Vision Verse

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge—even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you—so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

1 Corinthians 1:4-9



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