

# *CHINESE BIBLE STUDY*

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# Editor's Letter

Dear Chinese Bible Study,

As we come to the conclusion of another academic year here at Cornell, it is only natural to think about the passing of time and how much has happened this year. For some reason, during the semester, time drifts along so slowly day by day, but at the very end we are all aghast at how the time has swiftly passed us by like a coursing river. It seems like just yesterday we were welcoming in the new freshmen at the Welcome Picnic and very soon we will be saying farewell to the seniors at Camping Trip.

I realize as I begin this letter just hours before Felly Dinner [for the third time] that after weeks of asking and pleading everyone to turn in their articles that I am the ultimate procrastinator. There is still a part of me that longs for the excitement, the drive to work my hardest during the final moments. Maybe its my fear of failure, maybe its my lingering strivings to be a perfectionist, or maybe its the possibility that something better will happen the longer I wait. And after weeks of pondering over my thoughts, I have come to the conclusion that it is all of these traits combined. It is because I am worried, anxious that I cannot put my best thoughts together and there is always something better that I could say. But that is at the root of all that we have been learning in CBS this year: depending less on ourselves and trusting that God will provide for us in all circumstances.

This semester I have been teaching a bible study called “The Truth of the Gospel”, in which we explored various themes such as the blood of Christ, the cross of Christ, the eternal purpose of God, how to walk in the Holy Spirit, the Soul Life, and bearing the cross. The one theme common to every one of these topics is that our Heavenly Father has already done everything for us, and all we must do is open our eyes and accept His truths. It is the case with our baptism, receiving the Holy Spirit, and with our initial acceptance of Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. Because He has made these truths known to us through divine revelation, we can partake in His goodness and glory.

*Or don't you know that all of us who were baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life. For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly also be united with him in a resurrection like his. For we know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body ruled by sin might be done away with, that we should no longer be slaves to sin- because anyone who has died has been set free from sin. Now if we died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. For we know that since Christ was raised from the dead, he cannot die again; death no longer has mastery over him. The death he died, he died to sin once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. In the same way, count yourselves dead to sin but alive to God in Christ Jesus. Romans 6:3-11*

And so I believe that the biggest theme throughout the year, at least for me, is bridging the gap between knowing in my head that Christ has already done everything that needs to be done and all we need is to believe, and understanding how that plays out in my words and actions. At the end of the day, it is not about how much we “do” for Him, whether daily devotionals, Bible studies, NCPM, Thursday EV, prayer partner meetings, North Dinner, Friday night large group, or church on Sunday morning. I ask that you really question your heart behind attending these activities. Is it to ease your guilty conscience by doing things for Him? Or is it truly all about showing love for God and doing what He has called you to do? We do not live any longer by sight, but by faith (2 Corinthians 5:7).

I thank God for everything He has done through CBS and through the servants in the various ministries He has called. As you read through this edition of Bread of Life, I pray that you that you experience Jesus, the true Bread of Life, and look to Him alone for nourishment, growth, and fulfillment.

*Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit. Galatians 5:25*

In Christ,  
Jeffrey Yu

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# Coordinator Letter 1

Teach me your way, O Lord,  
and I will walk in your truth;  
give me an undivided heart,  
that I may fear your name.

Psalm86:11

I remember reading this verse during camping trip my freshman year. I remember being baffled by the concept of an “undivided heart,” wondering how often I walk in His truth, how often I fear His name.

There is so much thought, so much emotion, so much in all of us. Then there is the world that tries to tell us what to think, what to feel, what to be. Beloved CBS brothers and sisters: I want us to forget the fleeting demands of this world; to let go of our doubts and fears, to forgive any hate and any hurt; I want us to take all that is in us, every sense and every notion, all the good and all the bad, and I want us to remember that there is a standard that reaches to the skies -- and amidst the seemingly impossible, I urge us to reflect on the cross and to reach for that standard. Who, O God, is like you? No matter the battle, no matter the triumph, whether we fail or we succeed: His love is better than life. [Psalm71, Psalm63]

So this is what I want to share: I’ve come to realize that instead of trying to figure out how do I gain or develop an undivided heart, trying to make myself better or even just good enough -- I’ve come to realize that I need to first remember, to understand and to believe, that His love is really and truly better than life.

Honestly, I’m still grappling with the translation from head to heart -- while I “know” God’s love is better than life, it’s still difficult to grasp. But nevertheless, I ask dear CBSers, I encourage and exhort you to join me in continuing to strive after the standard that reaches to the sky. May we grow as prayer warriors, and may we walk humbly with our Lord, being shaped and molded into the image of His Son, seeking more and more of the Holy Spirit’s guidance so that we may be Lights everywhere we go.

And when life doesn’t work out the way we wanted it to, or perhaps even when life works out just the way we wanted it to: let us be still and come before the Lord asking him to teach us His way, so that we may walk in His truth; for Him to give us an undivided heart, that we may fear His name. And then it is my hope that we can boldly and sincerely proclaim: I will praise you, O Lord my God, with all my heart; I will glorify your name forever. [Psalm86:12]

Many Blessings and Much Love,  
Your sister and co-laborer

Samantha Fung ‘13

# Coordinator Letter 2

I just finished drawing my favorite memory of Cornell for my senior BoL article. It's a bit solemn as I look back on my past four years in CBS. It's so rife with challenges and obstacles that God has used to stretch and grow our fellowship more and more into the bride-to-be. More than anything, it has been a story of God's unrelenting faithfulness in all of our lives.

It would be easy for me to point out all of CBS's problems; after all, we are a fellowship of sinners. Instead, I want to point to Christ our redeemer. He is the one who takes our sins and blots out our iniquities. As far as the east is from the west, so far does he remove our transgressions from us. I believe that God has given each of us our own trials and struggles so that ultimately we can see that it isn't upon our own strength that this fellowship survives, but through Christ and Christ alone.

I wish I had emphasized this gospel more, and I apologize that perhaps my belaboring of "Life as Mission" placed too much emphasis on our work as sinners rather than God's work in and through us. I think I now understand that before I, or anyone else, can go and live a life as mission, we must first understand the gospel ourselves. After all, how can we go and pour out our lives for the sake of Christ if the Holy Spirit is not renewing us day by day? How can we share how profoundly amazing is salvation by grace alone if it's nothing more than a theological concept?

Brothers and sisters of CBS, I urge you to look at your life and ask whether it is yours, or Christ's. If it is yours, think deeply as to who you are and who God is. For you know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life...but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect. If your life is in Christ, I believe that God has something so incredibly amazing in store for us, that our life as mission will become a joyful reality, because we walk with the Father.

I believe that it is when we understand the Father's heart, that striving for our own pleasures and goals will cease, and our longing and joy will be for that of God's – that none should perish but that all should come to repentance. This gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all the nations, and then the end will come. Maranatha!

CBS, I believe that all of us can live our lives as mission. Let us be a blessing. I believe that some of us are already on that journey with the Father. Let us all spur one another on, encouraging our younger brothers and sisters, that though the road ahead will be tough, we have One who has been tempted in every way, yet was without sin. Let us endure our cross and give our lives to Christ, for in Him alone we will be satisfied.

*Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me. For whoever would save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit a man if he gains the whole world and forfeits his soul? Or what shall a man give in return for his soul? Matthew 16:24-26*

Timothy Hu '13

# Discipleship Ministry

Hello CBS,

Leading discipleship ministry in the spring semester is always a challenge. There is traditionally very little logistical work that needs to be done; no Coffeehouse or felly dinner to organize, no prayer meeting or praise set to lead. Discipleship ministry is the often only known as the ministry that pairs up prayer partners, and by the spring semester, most of the pairings are already done.

So, what was there left to do? As the year comes to a close, we feel like we've only just begun to understand God's command to lead others to take up their Cross and follow Him. Looking back on this semester, it's hard to say how we really made an impact on the fellowship. In CBS, discipleship is a small ministry as its only two people with small faith and even less experience. The little that we have to offer is hardly enough to make an impact on the fellowship. Yet, if nothing else, we've been encouraged by how God has taken what little we had to give and multiplied it. We were encouraged and challenged in our own prayer partner relationships. We were encouraged in our meet-ups with upperclassmen in their new challenge to seek God in leading another believer. We were encouraged in our meet-ups with underclassmen seeing their passion to pursue Him. Over and over again, it's been the reminder that in spite of us, God continues to grow discipleship ministry in CBS. He is faithful while we are faithless.

In Christ alone,  
Kimberly Hui '13 and Jesse Liu '13

# Evangelism Ministry

Dear CBS,

It has been a privilege to serve as your Evangelism Coordinators this year. It has been difficult, no question. For both of us, leading this evangelism thing has been quite a daunting prospect. Feeling unready and unprepared, we moved forward, sometimes plodding along, sometimes charging forward with full force. Our hope, however, has been that despite our shortcomings, that you would see the Lord's hand at work within us and that your hearts have grown just as ours have grown.

This year, the general vision was "Life as Mission," quite an "outreached-oriented" vision. At the beginning, we stressed over and over again that evangelism is not something we do, but it's a lifestyle that we live. But our understanding of this truth was shallow; it was good, in theory, but our lives did not truly reflect this fact. And as God revealed more and more of His truth, and the longer we gazed into our hearts, we just came back to this fundamental idea of what the Gospel means to us. Who is God, who is Jesus? Why did you become a Christian, and why are you still a Christian? These are basic questions, but yet they get to the root of all things. I'm sure many of us can answer these questions, but our response can be superficial and trite at times. Isn't the Gospel supposed to change us and uproot us? I would encourage everyone to really contemplate these basic things, and find the answer from the depths of your heart. Without this, there can be no evangelism.

Of all the ministries, evangelism is the one that always seems to have a stigma. No matter where you go, there's always an aversion to it. There is always a fear, whether that's awkwardness, inadequacy, criticism, or even death. Why is that? Is our God not with us? Do we not believe that the present suffering of this life is small compared to the future glory? Do we not consider our life as trash compared to the surpassing worth of knowing Jesus? Or perhaps, we're not afraid, but rather too lazy. But isn't this a matter of life and death? Isn't salvation at stake here?

A friend of mine phrased it like this: "The more I learn about being a Christ follower, the more I learn about how far I am from being a faithful Christian. Or maybe even a Christian, at this point." We are inadequate, in many ways. Therefore, we give God the glory, because he redeems us despite our constant failures. Paul, in 1 Corinthians, talks about how he did not come and share the gospel with lofty speech or great wisdom, but simply to know God. He came in weakness, with great fear and trembling. Despite this fact, God worked powerfully.

For those of you who still have doubts about God, don't dismiss them! If you are truly seeking after the truth, seeking answers, then God will make Himself known to you. Get on your face and continue to ask God to reveal Himself. To those of you who feel comfortable, wake up! No one who puts his hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God. For all of you, continue to walk humbly with your Lord, so that you might grow into an oak of righteousness.

We love you guys, and our heart for you is that you come to the knowledge and understanding that God is the greatest joy, far above anything we could ever imagine. Nothing else in this world matters.

In Christ,  
Aaron Hui '15 & Deborah Liu '13

# InReach Ministry

*In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross! Philippians 2:5-8*

*This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters. 1 John 3:16*

While most of us may never actually be put in the situation of risking our physical life for another, I believe that Jesus is asking us to be willing to sacrifice ourselves for others. He is asking us to follow His example of wholeheartedly relinquishing ownership of our lives. In Philippians 2:5-8, we see how Jesus did not even have to come down to this world. He was God! And the simple act of Him lowering Himself to the form of man was already sacrificial, considering what He was giving up. Yet, He continued to show His love for us by humbling Himself and going to the cross. In the same way and to the same extent that Jesus laid down His life for us, we are called to lay down or give up our lives for others. We are called to sacrifice for others as willingly as Christ sacrificed for us.

How often are we willing to give up an hour of studying to spend with a brother or sister in need? How often are we willing to give up money we planned to use on our selfish desires to donate to those who don't have enough? How often are we willing to sacrifice the energy we use to do homework to serve the community?

For some people, this may be very often, but for the most of us, this is a rarity. Many of us are too caught up in fulfilling our own needs and pursuing our own happiness. We may give up the occasional hour we have to spare for another person, but that's not what Jesus calls us to do. He calls us to give up time that we consider precious and important. He calls us to sacrifice.

We challenged the InReach team this semester to be sacrificial in our relationships with brothers and sisters, non-Christian friends, and even those that aren't friends. How would we be different from non-believers if we were a body that lived selfishly and not as if loved by a loving and powerful God? We need to learn to give up what's important to us without expecting anything in return.

No sacrifice will ever be more difficult than the one Jesus made. What excuse do we have for not sacrificing as Jesus did?

# Praise Ministry

For this year's bible study we continued our vision for praise team from last semester—"Living Worship." Last semester we studied mainly biblical stories of people who were able to praise God despite their circumstances and how their actions revealed their attitudes towards God. This semester, we explored more in depth the meaning of not just praise, but worship: what worship means, and how we should worship as true believers.

*"Yet a time is coming and has now come when the true worshipers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshipers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshipers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." John 4:23-24*

As written in the scriptures, to worship effectively, we must worship God in Spirit and in truth. This requires two levels of connection with God: a spiritual connection, where our attitude, mind, and spirit are all aligned with God's Spirit, and an intellectual connection, where we praise God for who He truly is, and not some distorted concept or skewed vision. To do this requires humility as well as intimacy with God. Christ's sacrifice has made a way for us to be in a personal relationship with God (Hebrews 10:19-25). As we draw closer to Him we will become more aware of how great He is and how weak we are; when we worship God in this humility, He will lift us up (James 4:6-10).

Our goal as CBS praise team is not to play the best sounding worship set. Rather, we want to encourage the fellowship to think of worship as more than simply singing songs or playing music. We included a time of prayer and reflection between our worship sets so that our worship is focused on God rather than the music. We want to remind ourselves that we are not simply observers listening to some "Christian music on Friday nights", but rather active participants who are striving to worship God daily by offering our entire lives as "living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to the Lord" (Romans 12:1). May everything that we do become worship as we do it all for God's glory.

Jeff Huang '14 and Jerry Zhuo '13

# Prayer Ministry

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Effective prayer is the fruit of a relationship with God.

In our North Campus Prayer Meetings (NCPM) this semester, we have been blessed to experience the power and unity that prayer brings. Through individual and corporate prayer, we have come to encounter our God in a more personal way, to put into practice carrying each other's burdens, and to know the power of prayers offered in faith through the Spirit.

## Personal

We usually began with scripture reading of selected psalms and personal meditations on the passages to quiet our hearts before the Lord and to seek Him in prayer, which involves both talking to and hearing from Him. Sometimes we "prayed until we really prayed", which meant that we might take a while to get past the formality and structure of standard prayers, but we eventually would come to delight in God's presence, to rest in His love and to cherish His will during our meetings and beyond. As the Lord revealed Himself to us personally and intimately in these precious settings, we could often tangibly feel the joy, the peace, and the freedom in the Spirit!

## Practical

Coming together in NCPM to commit to prayer is such a practical way to apply the biblical commands, "love one another" (John 13:34) and "pray for one another" (James 5:16). There were times when we prayed together as a whole group and other times we split into smaller groups or pairs to share and pray. Through persistent prayers for the fellowship and each other, we have come to appreciate more deeply the beauty of the body of Christ bearing each other's burdens and stirring one another toward love and good deeds (Hebrews 10:24). As we became more transparent with one another about our walks, we often encouraged and challenged each other to flee from temptations, to pursue holiness and to draw near to our Lord. I remember there were many instances when we felt God convicting and touching our hearts through our brothers and sisters' prayers. These signs not only confirmed that our God longs to speak to us, but also served as a testimony to the Spirit's desire to unite the body of Christ.

## Powerful

Yes, the power of prayers. This is such an exciting thing to talk about! The Spirit who raised Christ Jesus from the dead is the same Spirit who dwells in us and leads us to pray! Ask and it will be given to you (Matthew 7:7). We were always reminded to intercede in this kind of spirit – with the knowledge that prayers offered in faith are effective and powerful (James 5:15) and that our God could do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine (Ephesians 3:20). This mentality really freed us and empowered us to pray boldly for CBS, for the Christian community on campus, for Cornell, for Ithaca, for all of the US, for the global church and for the rest of the nations. And as we prayed for bigger things, God opened our eyes to see His glory and His heart for His lost sheep and chosen ones. Though sometimes the burden that the Spirit revealed to us might have seemed heavy, we could be sure that we could cast all of them onto our Lord Jesus, whose yoke is easy and burden is light. Let us never cease to worship our glorious God in prayer!

## Prayer for you

Our prayer for you all is that you may learn to pray by praying. Make time to communicate with the Lord for He desires to show Himself to you! We often do not pray because we do not make the time to do so! As you spend more time in prayer and in seeking His face, you will truly experience more of His blessings, be renewed in your inner being and be strengthened in your faith!

My sacrifice, O God, is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart you, God, will not despise. – Psalm 51:17

I exhort you CBS, to be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer (Romans 12:12).

Ann Lin '13



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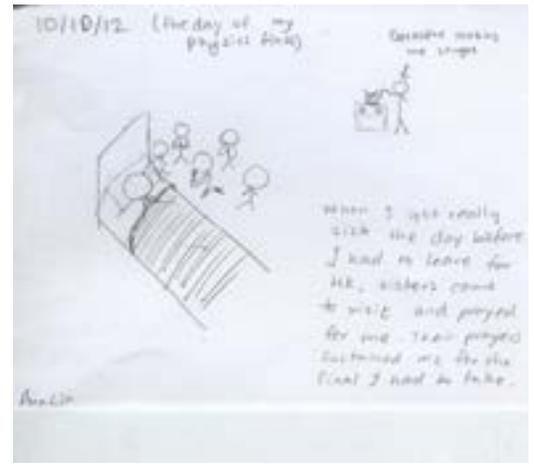


Yipu Wang



# Ann Lin

10/10/12 (the day of my physics final) When I got really sick the day before I had to leave for HK, sisters came to visit and prayed for me. Their prayers sustained me for the final I had to take.



Major: HBHS  
Hometown: Hong Kong

Interviewer:  
Grace Leu

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring  
Chinese Food or American Food  
iPhone or Android [I don't use either.... And I don't know.. but I guess I would pick iPhone because I don't know what an Android is]  
Night or Day  
Steak or Bacon  
Pulp or No Pulp  
Google or Yahoo

*With her busy schedule playing ping pong for Cornell (yes she does!), we decided to meet on an early Saturday morning before almost anyone was awake.*

**CBS is...**  
a group of college students trying and learning to seek God together and to live out the gospel.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

I would say He changed me to a large extent... I think it's not normal if we don't change because we are constantly changed to be more like Christ. I guess the biggest change would be that I'm more aware of my sins and because of this I'm more aware and have experienced God's grace. I also care a lot less about how people think about me compared to freshman and sophomore year. I became more sensitive to people who have a spiritual interest.

And also I'm feeling confident and secure about doing non-Christian related stuff and knowing those things glorify him because what matters is the motive of the heart.

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

**a. Freshmen-** don't let others look down on you because you're young and don't be afraid to step up and serve and lead. And in your sophomore year PLEASE don't overload yourselves.

**b. Sophomores-** If there's any bitterness in your heart against CBS, deal with it and don't suppress it. Never cease to meet and pray for one another- continue with the relationships that you have built with your friends.

**c. Juniors-** make special effort to care for and encourage one another especially pray a lot for your coordinators and share the burden with them. Treasure the time with one another but also don't spend too much time with one another and don't worry about your job, Grad school, or Med school.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I play table tennis for Cornell..but yeah I don't think that's hidden... [thinking]... I don't have any!... well I can click my tongue very loudly.. oh! And I also can spin pens.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

OK so there's one dream I had in high school that has plagued me for years. That dream was somehow I died and I went through a tunnel on a boat towards the end where there's a light and then when I got there somebody asked, "Why should I let you into heaven?" and I said "Because I believe in Jesus Christ who is the Lord" and then the person says "Wrong answer!" So ever since, there's been a doubt about God's nature and about him being the only way. But he definitely took away those doubts once I shared with my fellow sisters and having people speak truth into my life and having God speak using scripture into my heart very clearly.

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

Sage Chapel. Last row on my right... it's very complicated- it's where I go once or twice a week to do my quiet times and I think it's the place I can go to quiet my heart toward God and I love going there.

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

Discipleship and prayer. Discipleship because I've always had the heart to follow Jesus but I never had some model or examples of mature Christians who could lead me in that way. Having a discipler or older prayer partner who invested their time in showing me how to live a Christ-centered life really changed me and changed my approach and perspective to many things. And then prayer... so I used to listen to other people to see what they say and say what they say. This is like high . I prayed so I could sound good but God taught me about the power of prayer to draw near to him. But yeah praying for myself, praying for my family, praying for brothers and sisters really increased my love for them. So before when I have encountered problems my immediate response would be to go to sisters and to talk about it but God has taught me to be still first and seek Him first in prayer.

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

Ok short term- teach for America in NYC for two years, and beyond that I really have no idea... yeah I can see myself in so many different areas or fields or places. Ultimately though I think I will go back to China... but this could be after 5 or 10 or 20 years...

*I'm so glad I got a chance to sit down with Ann and talk about the past 4 years she's had at Cornell. Before this, the one memory I have of her was just that she was always cold! But now I have more to remember her by! Thanks for being a great sister to all of us and we'll miss you!*

# Deborah Liu



My ability to do perspective is awful, but that's supposed to be Delta Lake. Some of my favorite memories are the conversations and the fellowship I've had with brothers and sisters during camping trip.

Major: Chemical Engineering  
Hometown: Danville, CA

*Having finished class at 4:25 at the Ag Quad, I sprinted to WSH so I can arrive by 4:40. I had to do a James Bond roll and several jumps to avoid the many quarter-card-ing people at Ho plaza (not really, but I tried, although one person managed to stop me by blocking my path to the entrance of WSH). I have alas, arrived at WSH ready to interview Deborah, whose first instinct was to play with my hair when she arrived. We then got popcorn, following the tradition we established when she first interviewed me for fall BOL. P.S. Deborah, did your pen/pencil ended up smelling like popcorn for 2 days when you interviewed me?*

**CBS is...**

(without even hesitating ;w;) a family.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

How has He not changed me? As a freshman, I was cynical, prideful, selfish, insecure and... mmm...did I say stupid yet? [no?], yea, stupid. Well, I'm less of all of the above now. Some of these are also due to the people around me.

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

**a. Freshmen** –keep your eyes fixed to the things that are actually eternal, some of the things that we spend a lot of time on might not even have eternal value. Also, sophomore's year is hard, but it ends.

**b. Sophomores**- savor the time you have because it will go away too quickly

**c. Juniors**- It's okay, no one actually feels ready to be a senior yet.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I don't like to walk on sidewalk cracks, and I actually like buying shoes. I'm actually good at whistling [I got a demonstration, it was pretty legit, it should be like one of the performances for a felly dinner, solo whistling by Deb.]

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

I had fear whether it is possible that I would run and stray away so much from God that I became so unlovable that He wouldn't want to take me back or pursue me anymore.

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

*Deb: One favorite spot?*

*Me: well two if you really can't pick.*

*Deb: mm. Can I say three instead?*

*Me:mmmmm.... Okay fineee..*

Kinkeldey room in Uris where you can see the view of Cayuga Lake, Roof at Sage, and the Suspension Bridge.

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

There's nothing better than obedience [His plan is always good and in fact, the best]. Although I used to believe He knows what is good, I used to think that my plan is not worse as well.

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

Short-term: I will be working in Air Products and Chemicals, probably in Houston. Long-term: serve God.

Interviewer:

Felicia J. Setiono

This or That

Oceans or **Mountains**

Fall or Spring

**Chinese Food** or American Food

iPhone or **Android**

Night or Day

**Steak** or Bacon

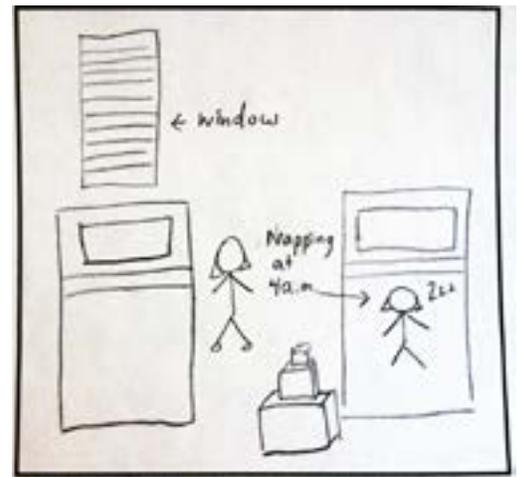
**Pulp** or No Pulp

**Google** or Yahoo

*After Deborah finished her[awesome] drawing, she went quickly to meet her pp. But, similarly just a few months ago, so unexpectedly, she came into my life. Firstly interacting with her through BOL interview, she was one of (if not THE) coolest person I've met. This is not an opinion that only I hold, but many people do. A person who holds so many great talents, please teach me your ways in everything; your ways in cooking, handling fancy knives, hair cutting, piano, whistling, and simply the ways of being an awesome sister and daughter of God. Good luck with your future, and please visit us often.*

# Geraldine Leong

Ann and I packing on our last day in Cascadilla. It was the only time we pulled an all-nighter in sophomore year.



Major: Economics  
Hometown: Hong Kong

Interviewer:  
Jessica Chu

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring  
Chinese Food or American Food  
iPhone or Android  
Night or Day  
Steak or Bacon  
Pulp or No Pulp  
Google or Yahoo

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

Well, I'm still a seeker, but when you get to know more about God, there's less focus on the material and superficial things, and more focus on your relationship with Him, and with your friends and family.

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

**a. Freshmen-** Explore your interests. When I was a freshman, I was sticking to what I know and I wish I had tried out more courses during freshman year.

**b. Sophomores-** Explore more. Don't be stressed out even though things get harder and just go with the flow and take it as it comes.

**c. Juniors-** Don't panic about job searching, because everything works out in the end. When you start panicking, just remember that God will provide for you! If He closes one door He opens another.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

[Ann says from the kitchen area: "She can sing!"] I can't work when my room is messy so I tidy it up every day.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

God relieved my fear of being alone. He provided me with a lot of friends in the CBS community. And also, even though you're alone sometimes, you know that He is with you so I feel like I'm never alone.

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

I like spending time in Libe Cafe, getting a chocolate chip cookie and just chilling out there; maybe I'd do a little work.

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

[Geraldine insisted we go back to this one, she was very thoughtful in her answers!] He taught me to pray more. Ann gave me a little card with Philippians 4 on it. I don't know if it's the most important thing but it's definitely important and I don't do it enough.

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

For short-term, I have a two-year teaching fellowship in China. Hopefully I'll be able to make an impact on the children I'll be teaching. For long term, I want to find out what my passion is in life, and find a job that I really enjoy. Maybe I'll find it in those two years too! Also, I want to be better at cooking.

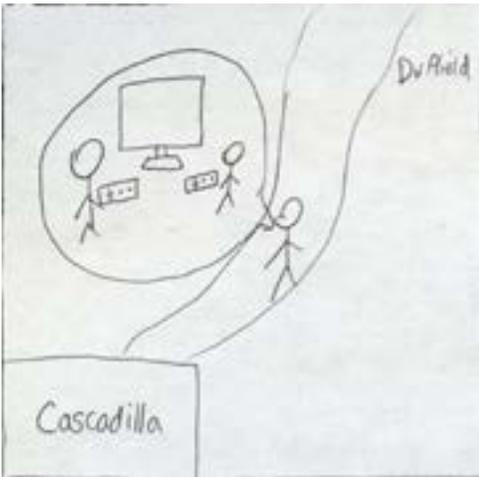
*In the beginning of the interview, as I sat down with my pen and paper, she looked at my measly utensils and said something along the lines of, "Maybe you should've used a computer." Ah, wise words from a wise senior. And so I apologize for inconsistencies between what I have written and what Geraldine said; her words were much more magical in person. Disclaimer aside, I truly enjoyed talking to Geraldine- she's easygoing, quick to smile, and thoughtful. See if you can catch a game of tennis with her before graduation too! Geraldine, I'm excited that God will continue to work in your life beyond Cornell, and keep being clean! All of us messy people need someone to keep us in line :)*

*'Twas a beautiful sunny Saturday afternoon when I was making my way downtown, or rather, more accurately, to the lovely apartment of Eddygate 4E, where the infinitely more lovely Geraldine currently resides. I didn't know Geraldine very well at all aside from brief previous encounters, so I'm glad I had the chance to spend some time with her and learn more about her!*

**CBS is...**

A big family, where everyone can just hangout together and you can be yourself around other people.

# Jeffrey Yu



It's end of first semester. Jeff is walking back from Cascadilla. It's the first time he visited the "sophomore guys."

Major: Electrical and Computer Engineering  
Hometown: Bridgewater, NJ

*I'm sitting in Jeff Yu's room. It is the cleanest college dorm room I have ever seen. He throws some clothes into his closet. I start recording. I realize that he coordinates Bol so he knows what I'm going to ask him. Game time.*

#### **CBS is...**

CBS is a family. Friday nights are a great opportunity for believers to get together. CBS is a very welcoming place for anyone. Whoever you are, people make you feel like they want you to be there. I think it's a place where we encourage each other and focus on the right things. We are focused on the truth. The biggest part of CBS is that we are student led, no staff members. By the time freshmen become seniors, they have to be able to lead the fellowship, and seeing how they have grown really shows how much they care about the place.

#### **How has God changed you since freshman year?**

He has changed me in a lot of ways. Back in freshman year, I wasn't open to getting to know new people. I saw CBS as a good thing to do on Fridays. I could go to get some knowledge and leave right after. I didn't spend much time hanging out or enjoying the fellowship. I only went to learn about the bible. Slowly over time, I learned there was a lot more that happened outside of Friday nights. So he changed me into a more outgoing person.

#### **What advice/encouragements do you have for...**

**a. Freshmen-** Continue to meet up with one another regularly, hopefully with the entire class. You are still developing friendships with each other.

**b. Sophomores-** Continue to be grounded. Focus on the word. It's hard to serve when you don't have a solid relationship with God.

Make sure you focus on that before you serve.

**c. Juniors-** Everyone in CBS will see you as a leader now just because you've been around longer. It's senior year. Enjoy it. Do not see it as "Oh I'm a senior and now I have more work to do." Spend some quality time doing things you like with people you like.

#### **What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I used to like correcting people's grammar. AKA Grammar Nazi. I'm very minimalistic [Very true. Jeff's room is very clean]

#### **What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

I thought people were going to only be focused on academics. But then when I came to CBS I realized that people were involved in a lot more. I guess my greatest fear was being left alone. There would be people just so passionate in something and I wanted to be like that. But I also wanted to do my own thing and spend my time doing the things I wanted to do. Deep down, I knew that I should get involved. People over the years have helped me get aquatinted and I enjoy hanging out with CBS guys now.

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

The fence outside of Phillips Hall. It's right in front of the engineering quad. You can look out ahead towards Statler and see the expanse of the campus. You can imagine that area is the gateway to the rest of the world leading up Campus Road. It's also where you enter when you get to Cornell, so it was always one of the first memorable sights returning from break every time.

#### **What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

Interviewer:  
Nicholas Kung

This or That  
Oceans or **Mountains**  
**Fall** or Spring

**Chinese Food** or American Food

iPhone or Android [Neither, phone not smart enough]

**Night** or Day

**Steak** or Bacon

Pulp or **No Pulp**

Google or **Yahoo** [I think I'm the only one now]

Being able to decipher when you should listen to yourself (follow your own heart) vs. listening to others. You can pray and talk to God about it or seek the advice of others.

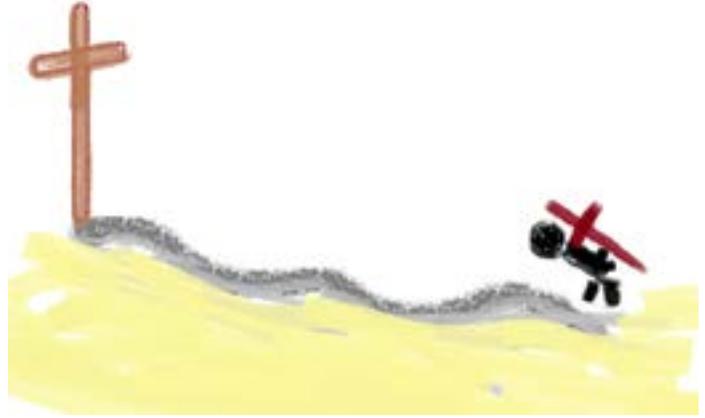
#### **What are your short-term and long-term plans after graduation?**

Short term: Finishing up MEng at Cornell. Long term: Hopefully working for an aerospace company.

*Jeff is working on his MEng and will be staying at Cornell for one more semester. CBS has truly been blessed to have Jeff for the past four years and we look forward to his continued support and guidance next semester.*

# Jerry Zhuo

It's about learning to carry my cross throughout my spiritual walk at Cornell.



Major: Biology (Neurobiology/Behavior)  
Hometown: Irvine, CA

Interviewer:  
Himmy Lo

This or That

Oceans or **Mountains** [When Jerry was little, he dreamt about being a Chinese doctor who cures village kids in the mountains. For Jerry, mountains also seem more serene and peaceful than oceans, which can be dangerous and can swallow people.]

Fall or Spring [In Ithaca, the fall is longer than the spring, and the changing colors of the leaves are beautiful. Also, Jerry prefers the fall's quiet peacefulness to the spring's increasing vibrancy.]

**Chinese Food** or American Food [Obviously... American food is just burgers and fries.]

iPhone or **Android** [Jerry has an Android phone.]

Night or **Day** [It is brighter and more fun. Actually, Jerry specifically loves cloudy days and clear nights. As a mellow person, Jerry enjoys sipping a hot drink while watching the drizzling rain outside through a window.]

**Steak** or Bacon [You can't compare the two... there is just no comparison!]

**Pulp** or No pulp

**Google** or Yahoo [Who the heck still uses Yahoo anymore?]

*Everything inside the restaurant was going as normal; nobody suspected anything. Suddenly, the door opens, and in comes the beautiful and awesome Jerry Zhuo! At this sight, all the guys and girls just swoon, simply overwhelmed by his irresistible charm. Such is the entrance that the main character of this interview wishes to make, and I agree that it certainly is an introduction that befits him!*

CBS is...

...a bunch of awkward Asians who find and achieve a greater purpose through God than what their general awkwardness would allow.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

Jerry has become more handsome... just kidding :) In all seriousness, Jerry has become more aware of his own sins and incapacities. He is a prideful person, but God has made him care more deeply about others, be more sensitive to others' needs, and trust God more.

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

**a. Freshmen-** Consider why you are joining CBS. CBS is fun, but it's more than that. Establish a good foundation in your faith, so that you won't be discouraged as you go from being babied by upperclassmen to being faced with various challenges, possibly on your own. You have to learn to be faithful to God and be independent in your spiritual growth.

**b. Sophomores-** Come to together as a class and care for each other. Spend time together and pray for one another. Be like the early Christian church.

**c. Juniors-** Remember the cross and live lives worthy of Jesus' sacrifice. You will be carrying the burden of the fellowship. Jerry hopes that you will have more heart for the fellowship and will imitate Christ, particularly by making sacrifices for others just as Jesus made sacrifices for us. Whether or not you will be in an official leadership position, understand that you will be influential because people will look up to you. Also, be confident. Remember Colossians 3:17 and 1 Timothy 4:12.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

According to Jerry, Jesse is secretly his maid.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

Jerry doesn't have many fears, and the anxieties he still have remain unresolved.

**What is your favorite spot of campus?**

Jerry's favorite spot used to be 2E (Eddygate). But now, it is the male bathroom next to the Terrace Restaurant in Statler Hall. It is always clean, and always smells so good, it's amazing!

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

Even though Jerry doesn't have all the answers, God is good. Jerry learned this through reading the fulfilled promises of the Bible, experiencing how his heart has been changed by God, and witnessing how people care for others.

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

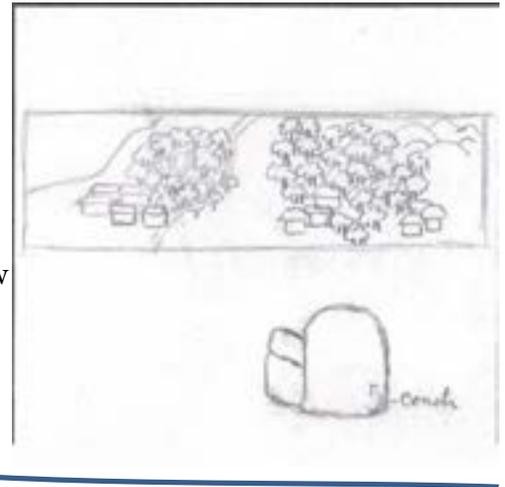
Jerry will soon be starting City Year, where he will be mentoring several at-risk youths from inner-city Los Angeles. He is not looking forward to start medical school because of the heavy workload that awaits him, but Jerry has been interested in medicine since a young age and he wants help people through medicine. Especially as a Christian doctor, he hopes to bring both physical and spiritual healing to his patients—just as Jesus did. One of Jerry's goals in life is to pay off the mountains of debt that he may accumulate due to the expensive cost of medical school.

*Jerry started to go to CBS as a freshman and didn't end up visiting other fellowships. He stayed because he saw here a community of believers in which he could grow as well as upperclassmen who were strong in their faith and also challenged him. Looking back, Jerry speculates he might have settled in Cru if he went there first. However, I hope both Jerry and those who know him will see that it was no accident that God placed him in CBS, and that they will praise God for the blessings he received here and how God blessed others through him.*



# Jingpeng He

After classes ended, a couple of us explored parts of the campus, including Olive Tjaden Hall (yeah, no one knows where it is, I had to look it up) and upstairs of Johnson. I really like the view of Ithaca from the top floors of the Johnson museum.



Major: Biology

Hometown: Fuzhou, China/Ithaca, NY/Durham, NC

Interviewer:  
Agatha Siu

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring  
Chinese Food or American Food  
iPhone or Android  
Night or Day  
Steak or Bacon  
Pulp or No Pulp  
Google or Yahoo

*I got to know JP better through serving on Camping Trip Committee, so I was excited to get to know her in a different way through this interview and reflection on her past 4 years. As I entered Big Red Barn, starving, I realized that JP had already eaten lunch. After getting my food, I began to conduct this interview while she awkwardly watched me multitask between eating and writing.*

**CBS is...**

A family in Christ, brothers and sisters who teach and encourage each other.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

I was baptized freshman year and I'm blessed that He's been

growing me. He's taught me the meaning and heart behind service, caring for others, finding value of fellowship (not just within CBS, but also with individuals), and to be more humble.

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

- a. Freshmen-** Realize that college is a time to develop a spiritual foundation. It's important to realize this early on. Grow in community as a class, but also reach out to the non-Christian community. Get involved in other things too.
- b. Sophomores-** Get to know the underclassmen. Develop as a class and support each other.
- c. Juniors-** Have fun! Don't forget to have fun and enjoy your last year at Cornell. Take it easy. Be recharged for God. It's important to take care of underclassmen, but we need to be charged by God because that's hard to do with our own strength.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I make weird noises when I'm bored. I sing to myself when doing homework, on the way to class, basically when no one is around. I can also write in calligraphy.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

He's relieved my concerns for the future. Like in Jeremiah 29:11, God has a plan for us. It doesn't mean we don't try, but we can leave the results up to God and

let Him take control because He has the best plan for me.

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

Malott, ILR library, top floor of the Johnson where you're overlooking the campus.

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

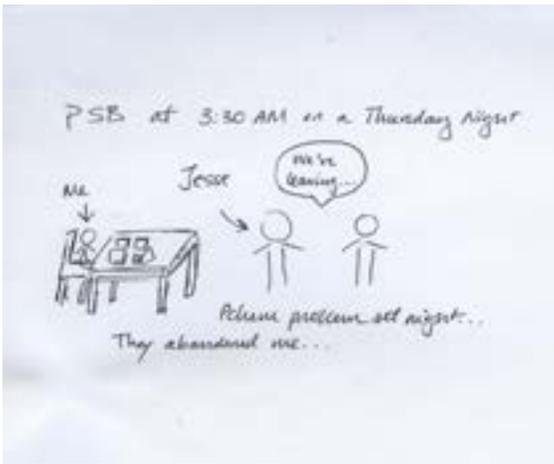
Be recharged from God. God is where you should derive your love for service and your relationship with Him is the primary concern. The heart behind what you do is more important than what you actually do. It's stated in 1 Corinthians 13 that if you do but have not love, it means nothing.

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

Short-term, I'm not really sure. I'm taking a gap year and I wanted to work for NGO, but I'm still looking. Hopefully medical school after that though. Long-term, I want to work in a hospital, possibly do some public health on the side. Maybe do some missions-related work too, but not sure. Who knows what will happen.

*Although half of our conversations were about the wonderfulness of Malott library, I was still able to learn a lot about God's hand in JP's experience at Cornell. It's wonderful to see God transform her over these past four years and it's no doubt that in the next part of her journey, God will continue to grow and use her for His glory.*

# Jodie Chang



PSB at 3:30AM on a Thursday night. They abandoned me...

Major: Biology & Chemistry  
Hometown: Bethesda, MD

*I rolled over in my bed and looked at my alarm clock. It was 11:00 and I had to interview Jodie in 20 minutes. I had only got 4 hours of sleep the night before because I stayed overnight at Pastor Wong's house to help take care of him after his stroke. So much for going to class. Scrambling out of my bed, I then ran up the slope, reaching Statler in record time.*

**CBS is...**  
a bunch of crazy lunatics.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

He's shown that we can be an example wherever we are and whatever we are doing. I actually didn't go to CBS freshmen year.

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

**a. Freshmen**— You have a lot of potential. I encourage you to try new things during your time here and to take advantage of all of the opportunities and resources here.

**b. Sophomores**— Get ready to take up leadership next year. Grow together and support one another. Cherish your friends, since you're only together 4 years and it's already halfway over.

**c. Juniors**— Step up. It is very important to look at what you'll be

doing after graduation. Reach out to professors and older students for advice, insight, and guidance.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I have auditory memory and can remember every single thing I hear. I can also make very weird faces and imitate them. I can sleep for 15-16 hours at a time. I can play tennis and I like to bike.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

I was afraid that I would slip on the ice, fall, and crack my head open.

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

I like Weill because that's where my lab is. It's a really nice building with AC in the summer. Also Mann and PSB.

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

People can have very different views and that you should try to see where they are coming from.

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

Either Columbia or Wash U for medical school in the fall. In the long

Interviewer:  
Jevon Yu

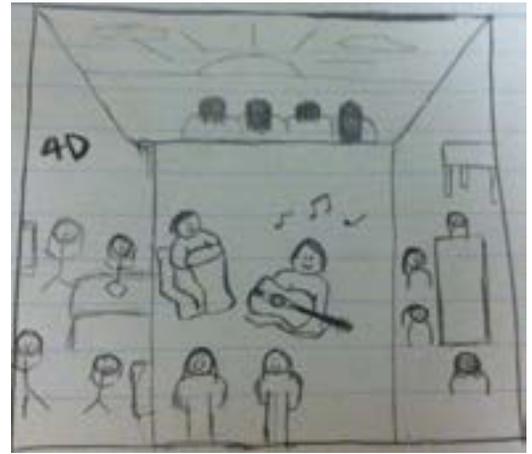
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**Google** or Yahoo

term, I will pursue either an MD or PhD. I am interested cardiology, but I'm also looking at radiology and ophthalmology.

*I had never known Jodie that well in the time that I have been here, but it was nice to converse with and get to know her better through this interview. She is an ambitious and talented sister in Christ and I wish her all the best as she goes off to med school in the fall!*

# Kimberly Hui

From top, counter-clockwise: watching the sunset and praying with sisters on the slope, late nights being weird in 4D, freshman year jam sessions



Major: Government and Economics  
Hometown: Saratoga, CA

Interviewer:  
Boyi Li

This or That  
Oceans or **Mountains**  
Fall or **Spring**

**Chinese Food** or American  
Food

**iPhone** or Android  
Night or **Day**

**Steak** or Bacon [I don't like  
bacon!]

Pulp or **No Pulp** [I'm the only  
one in my family]

**Google** or Yahoo

*After a really late night of studying, I wake up on a Thursday morning and realize that I'm going to be late for the interview with Kim. I frantically text her as I'm getting dressed to confirm the interview at 11. As I'm running out of Balch at 10:55, she tells me that she's going to be late too, and I breathe a sigh of relief. 17 minutes after the planned time, the interview finally begins.*

**CBS is...**

a group of brothers and sisters who come together to support each other in their pursuit of God. Through whom the past four years I've learned a lot about what that looks like.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

All of 2009-2010, the biggest thing He has been teaching me what it means to find my identity in Him and not what other people think of me. That kind of just changes everything.

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

**a. Freshmen**— Two things: think about how you can serve others in the fellowship, but also invest in the relations you have outside the fellowship. How can you be a light to others on this campus? Really build up these relationships.

**b. Sophomores**— Look for younger people to pour into. Ask God to show you the needs around you, but don't feel the need to do everything.

**c. Juniors**— Don't feel like you need to know exactly what you want to do with the rest of your life! Even after they get a job, a lot of people still don't know. Wherever you go, you should be seeking to glorify God. Just seek him in everything, and don't worry so much. Trust Him.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I sometimes think that my brain is like a jukebox. I memorize the lyrics to songs really easily. When I hear certain words, I match them to songs and just start singing them. The other thing is that sometimes I just like to speak in random accents. It comes out more with people like Harry or Vivian who start it.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

That I needed to figure out this one calling for my life. It's been amazing just seeing how He's brought me on this completely unexpected journey. Like it is written in Ephe-

sians, He can do infinitely more than you can ask and imagine. The biggest thing is being able to trust him in the future, and trust that he has plans for me. He's taught me to keep seeking him in that and that it is okay not knowing His plans.

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

Two places: sitting on the slope and Sage Chapel. My freshmen year, my older pp brought me there to pray in Sage Chapel and I thought it was creepy. But now I love it and I love doing quiet times there.

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

Seek to know God personally. Is God really personal to me? That is the most important thing. When you really have that relationship, everything else doesn't really matter.

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

Short term: I will be working at a small business consulting firm in Boston. Long term: I want to move back to California after 2 years, but regardless, it's just wherever God wants to take me: overseas, as a career professional, as a missionary, or just settling down....basically ANYTHING.

*As the interview concludes I leave Kim to draw the picture of her favorite Cornell memory. After waiting in line at Goldie's, buying a sandwich, and eating it (a total of about 20 minutes) Kim is still not done with picture. Turns out, we are quite similar people. I'm so thankful for Kim and how great of a sister she is. I'm excited to see where God will lead her in the future!*

# Olivia Lee



My favorite memories of Cornell are the times I spend with my fellow Christian sisters doing a variety of things like getting bubble tea or analyzing scripture. Also, I value the times I have spend with my older Prayer Partners, younger Prayer Partners, and my discipler. These memories will stay with me after I leave Cornell as will the bond my fellow sisters and I shared.

Major: Human Biology, Health & Society (Pre-Med)  
Hometown: Rochester, NY

When I got assign to interview Olivia, I was first amused that her net-id was owl2 then I was nervous after she didn't email me back after a few days because she is usually so punctual. However, on the fourth day, she emailed me back to set up a time and all my worries were alleviated. We met on a typical rainy Ithaca Monday in the noisy main room of Terrace during the lunchtime rush for the interview. After Olivia took a few sips of water and apologized for possibly spreading her sickness to me, we started the interview...

#### CBS is...

a family of awkward brothers and sisters that love each other, love the Lord, and desire to spread this love to the entire Cornell community.

#### How has God changed you since freshman year?

God has let me see more of His heart for people and the world. He taught me to really care for my friends and their spiritual states as well as that Christianity is for everyone and needs to be shared. Also, He has taught me the joy of being connected with Christian sisters.

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

- a. Freshmen-** Be honest about your Christian faith and share it with friends. Also befriend people of different backgrounds.
- b. Sophomores-** Keep your friendships from Freshman year strong and continue to branch out from CBS. Persevere through "Sophomore Slump" because school is hard.
- c. Juniors-** Be excited about discipleship and leading small group.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**  
People might be surprised that I am a messy person. I have never overslept and I have

never pulled an all-nighter for academic purposes. The first all-nighter I pulled was for Freshman Felly Dinner and I was so excited to pull an all-nighter that after we finished everything around 6am, everyone passed out right away while I was too excited to fall asleep.

#### What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

God helped relieve my fear of not being enough in anything. I started Freshman year wondering and worrying where I stood on the Cornell bell curve, but through my four years I learned that my identity is in God and what He has done for me.

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

The Law Library

#### What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?

The most important thing God has taught me in my four years at Cornell is that the gospel is important and central to everyday life. It is not just for when you for become a Christian, but it should impact everything I do- how I respond to people, how I approach school, how I love others, etc., all in light of knowing that Jesus Christ has died for me, forgiven my sins though I did not deserve it, and given me life. When I came in to Cornell as a freshman, the vision for the year was "the cross" and at first I was really confused as to why we were going to spend an entire year focusing on something I thought all Christians should know, but I was very surprised and challenged as I began to see how it was much deeper and pervading into all areas of life than I had believed.

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

Interviewer:  
Jess Wong

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring

Chinese Food or American Food [Only the really good authentic Chinese food, though]

iPhone or Android [Even though I have an Android] Night or Day

Steak or Bacon [Both, I can't decide]

Pulp or No Pulp

Google or Yahoo [Who still uses Yahoo!?!]

A short-term goal is going to SUNY Upstate Medical University. Long-term goals are becoming a doctor (primary care), getting married, and starting a family.

*After interviewing Olivia, I truly learned how thoughtful, wise and genuine she is. While her size may be petite, her heart is enormous; her love of God and her sisters and brothers is infinite. She is a role model for all her sisters and the service she provided for CBS will not be forgotten after she graduates. Everyone at CBS will certainly miss her! I pray that God will continue to watch over her and I hope she comes back to visit us often!*

# Samantha Fung

1. The senior class, with their signature peach ring on top of a cupcake
2. Samm with her prayer partners at Taste of Thai drinking Thai Iced Tea



Major: English  
Hometown: Castro Valley, CA

Interviewer:  
Dorothy Zhang

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring  
Chinese Food or American Food  
iPhone or Android  
Night or Day  
Steak or Bacon  
Pulp or No Pulp  
Google or Yahoo

*On a brisk Saturday evening, I met up with Samm, who was hustling up Dryden so that we could catch the bus down to West. In the welcoming hall of Rose, we had a lovely dinner conversation (not interview-related) about our experience in CBS, and with this, the interview began...*

#### CBS is...

- a. family. A place where I first learned to have Christ-centered conversations.
- b. where I grew in my love for prayer and discipleship and where I'm starting to grow my heart for EV.
- c. where I struggled a lot but also where I grew closer to God and learned to seek Him first in all things I do.

#### How has God changed you since freshman year?

A lot. Before Cornell, I already started to develop a personal relationship with Christ but hadn't faithfully pursued Him. I've also learned to be more and more of a gentle and quiet spirit, and I've been challenged that my worth is found in Christ and Christ alone.

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

- a. **Freshmen**- Find joy in work that God has prepared for us because all the work we have to do is called by God. Remember that joy is found in Him (happiness is only of this world). Also, don't conform to what the world tells us to be; instead, listen to Him to guide us. Cornell is a blessed place to learn and interact with amazing people.
- b. **Sophomores**- Don't neglect non-Christian friends; make time for them! I believe that God has strategically placed them in your lives. Keep caring for them!
- c. **Juniors**- YOU'RE SENIORS NOW! As seniors, you are leaders, regardless of role. Serve the younger brothers and sisters, and remember that actions and words really influence the younger members
- d. **Everyone**- Make time for God because He made time! [laughs]

#### What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

I like graffiti handwriting ([she's right, it does kind of look like graffiti.] I also like people watching and trying to understand people [not in the creepy sense]. Super-hidden quirk: extroverted introvert :P

#### What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

One of my biggest fears has been that I am not good enough. Even though I'm still wrestling with this fear, I can find freedom in Christ. I'm also scared for the future. I used

to feel like I needed to have it all together, but now, I just take one day at a time and I'm thankful that every day is from and for Him.

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

Hmm... I've always liked Libe Slope and sitting on the stairs to Goldwin Smith and on the statue of A.D. White.

#### What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?

What it means to love and forgive in the same way Jesus does. When I was a freshman, I thought of love as money: if I gave this much to someone else, I'll get that much back in return. However, Godly love needs to be poured out so that He can refill us. Romans 13:8 says that there is a debt to love one another, to care for the people around us. Love is a gift from God and a gift to give to others. Also, love can be praying to love on someone.

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

My short-term plan is to move to Pittsburgh to work at American Eagle as an assistant buyer. In the long run (aside from getting married and having kids), I want to work for or start a retail company that has a greater social impact than a straight-up business model, such as Gap or 31 Bits. I also have a huge heart for trafficking and supporting those who work with the trafficked girls.

*I have been so blessed to interview Samm. Encouragement flows so easily from her heart, and it is very easy to tell that she is a woman after God's heart. CBS and I will definitely miss her, and I hope that you visit often!*



Girls picnic on the Slope  
sophomore year

# Shirley Qian

Major: Science of Natural and  
Environmental Systems  
Hometown: Pearland, TX

*Over a noontide lunch at Mac's, I had the pleasure to get to know Shirley. To my surprise, we share many things in common, such as our mutual preference for Google over Yahoo and an interest in Tolkien. Shirley's broad worldview, keen observations, and spirited attitude make her a wonderful sister. Shirley, I wish much blessings and progress after Cornell.*

### **CBS is...**

a wonderful family of brothers and sisters! =)

### **How has God changed you since freshman year?**

I have become more mature in my faith. I've had my share of ups and downs with God. All in all though, I have come out stronger and wiser than I was when I was a young freshman.

### **What advice/encouragements do you have for...**

- a. Freshmen-** make and maintain friends with non-CBS people. Get involved with non-CBS stuff.
- b. Sophomores-** I encourage you to continue growing.
- c. Juniors-** You guys should be more supportive of each other.

### **What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I have the uncanny skill of knowing exactly which container to use for storing things. I am good at estimating volume. As you all know, I like cleaning.

### **What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

God relieved me of my fear of failure, knowing that there is nothing you can do to be a "failure".

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

I like to spend time on top of the slope and enjoy the view of Ithaca from there.

### **What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

I learned that life is much better when your relationship with God is good.

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

My short term plan is to find a job and my long term plan is to go to graduate school and settle down in a city with a dog and a family.

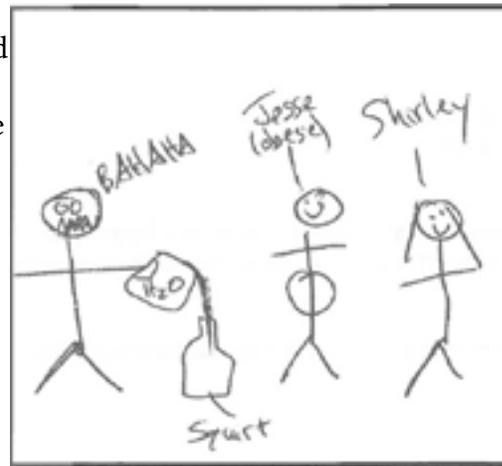
Interviewer:  
Harry He

- This or That
- Oceans or Mountains
- Fall or Spring
- Chinese Food or American Food
- iPhone or Android
- Night or Day
- Steak or Bacon
- Pulp or No Pulp
- Google or Yahoo

*Indeed, since arriving at Cornell, Shirley has matured in her faith and seen God work in her life. Now, as she takes her leave, she looks forward to many the many more adventures in store.*

# Timothy Chen

Pouring water with Jesse and Shirley into Jerry's squirt soda bottle in order to dilute it. His diet is too unhealthy, so it necessitated drastic action. This task was undertaken as part of Operation Slowly but Shirley.



Major: Hotel Administration  
Hometown: Cupertino, CA

Interviewer:  
Max Ke

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring  
Chinese food or American food  
iPhone or Android  
Night or Day  
Steak or Bacon  
Pulp or No pulp  
Google or Yahoo

*Though our schedules didn't match up to meet up in person, I had the privilege to interview our beloved senior hotelie and Cornell EMS agent (more about that later) Tim Chen over the phone. He was just as comfortable talking over the phone as in person. I learned a lot about him in our fairly short conversation. [Unfortunately I will have to paraphrase a lot of what he said since I didn't write down everything he said word for word. Sorry readers!]*

**CBS is...**

"Community": It is not a just a community, but a body for this group of believers and friends that we're all part of. Additionally, in his words, "CBS is my community. CBS is a community to me."

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

"God has given me the capacity to look past my immediate self... the capacity to care for other people." Tim said when he first came to Cornell, his mindset was more of "How can I succeed academically?" However, he said, "God has shown me how to reach beyond myself and my immediate community."

Through God's grace he serves others by mentoring Ray Wu [younger prayer partner] and being part of the Cornell EMS as the "only hotelie on the squad". [I was intrigued. How did he get involved with the EMS?] "It was a question of how do I serve the broader community and Cornell campus in a way that is sufficient and in a way that will not neglect my spiritual life... I wanted a unique way to serve the community that reaches beyond my group of friends." Also he has "always been fascinated with emergency response services", and he saw the EMS as a great opportunity to learn about it that was enjoyable to himself. For Tim EMS involvement is a blessing and spiritual challenge: for example the week before I interviewed him, he had manned over 40 hours. Yet the challenge did not deter Tim: "God had to show me how to be patient; I felt like giving up at points, but God brought me through." And through the first two years of painful training, he has developed invaluable skills that can be applied anywhere: "working in high stress situations, working in teams, making quick decisions".

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

**a. Freshmen-** Just because you say you're pre-med initially, doesn't mean you have to stay a pre-med through the rest of your time at Cornell. Explore the topics and courses of study that get you excited.

**b. Sophomores-** Limit your extracurricular involvements to those that you are truly passionate about. Keep CBS on that list.

**c. Juniors-** Grow up. Like, now.

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I'm really good at finding and booking travel plans, and remarkably competent with Microsoft Excel. [According to Tim, hotelies take a class about Excel, and past internships required extensive Excel usage.]

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

"The greatest fear that God relieved was the fear that I would never get sufficient work experience. 80% incoming hotelie freshmen have had experience in the hospitality industry already. God has given me multiple (at least 2) internships every year so I didn't have to worry about this issue."

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

"A little bench that sits on a wooden platform above

a medium sized pond, and that pond is located in the arboretum". It is one of the "nicer secluded spots to think and sit quietly and look at trees, etc., a very peaceful place." [Hmm, I should go find this place!]

**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

The quality of patience. Tim said, "I'm a very fast-paced person -I can be very impatient; I like getting things done very quickly. There's an old proverb: if you want to go quickly, if you want to go far, go with many. I always need to go far quickly." Here at Cornell, God placed Tim in many situations where he was working with people who work or talk slower. God has taught him to wait on others and to wait on Him. Tim continued, "The time I have is not my own. We're all living on time given to us by God. God has His own timing."

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

Short term: Obtain a job as an environmental analyst, then get an MBA, then continue working. Long term: Work in a leadership capacity in a corporation, especially a capacity that deals with sustainability. I learned earlier that day that he also did research, so I asked him about it. He works with environmental sustainability in the hospitality industry, specifically with conventions, etc. "Though I am not an environmental science major, we are supposed to be good stewards over God's creation." It is "a general principle that we should live by as Christians", not to mention it is also a professional interest of his. He said he took a lot of courses here related to business, sustainable design, and policy related to climate change. He didn't know he wanted to do this coming into college, but he clearly wants to continue with it out of college.

*I had seen him a lot around campus, but this was the first time I could chat with him and get this exclusive chance to learn about him. I truly enjoyed spending this time to listen to Tim Chen and ask him questions about the lessons he's learned over his years here, but our time was up: he had to go to a meeting (and I had other homework to do). If there's one thing I learned about Tim today among other things, it's that he has a huge heart for service. To Tim, keep on serving God and other people wherever you go in the future! Best of luck!*

# Timothy Hu

My favorite memory of Cornell: When CBS comes together and we worship together, have sharing together, read the Word together, pray together, meet up with one another, and praise God together

Major: ECE

Hometown: Fairfax, VA

*When I walked in to interview this man, he was lying on the couch lazily and messing around with a fresh deck of cards. Mr. Tim Hu, dressed in a crisp shirt and casual sweater, was a card shark ready to hustle the next silly challenger. I definitely did not feel ready to interview a man of this caliber. But I began anyway...*

#### CBS is...

Where I found my faith, it's where I grew up, it's where I learned the foundations of Christian faith. It's where I seriously started. I'll always look back on it.

#### How has God changed you since freshman year?

There's a ton of stuff I can say... Back in freshman year at least first semester I would go out and party, but now God is everything. I see everything through the lens of the gospel, it's amazing how God has been so faithful. Honestly first it was Urbana and one of my older disciples, Edgar Lei, who helped me change and shape and growth in my life. During Big break my freshmen year I learned what it means to do EV. Sophomore year I went to Ignite, which helped me to understand about the Holy Spirit, and that summer I went to VSET, one of the biggest changes in my life in terms of missions. And after that, just serving on servant team and being coordinator taught me a lot of things, maybe more than I gave back to the fellowship. I learned how to be a Christian leader and how to be a man of God.

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

**a. Freshmen-** One nonspiritual thing first, don't focus on just academics. Take some time to do something not related to your job, you'll really enjoy it later. Spiritually my advice would be to consider going on short term mission. It changes your life in drastic ways. If you go during summer, like sophomore year, when you're solid in your faith when you experience what God has in store for you, it's great for you to grow, and to see God's vision for the world. Academically, go to class, don't look at solutions, go to office hours, if someone told me those things and made me believe it I'd have a much higher GPA right now.

**b. Sophomores-** Go on that short terms missions trip, start thinking about what it means to serve,

stepping into leader ship is harder than you might think and make sure that you're really solid in your own walk with God before you start to serve. And make sure you don't throw away your non-Christian friends. Stick with them, don't bubble yourself up in CBS.

**c. Juniors-** Think about what God is calling you to do with your major/academics. It may be getting a job, but it may not as well. Just having a degree is already powerful, it's a lot. Just really be asking God where he wants you to go. And also for juniors, look out for your coordinators and your servant team, they need more encouragement than you might imagine. And try to have fun your senior year, take unusual classes. Take fun stuff, like wines and PEs. You're never going to get to do them again.

#### What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

Apparently I have this smirk on my face when I get excited. I never knew until I closed sharing. I don't know, I can't imitate it, I just have to be excited. People know that I try to fix stuff, but I broke Jerry's Macbook Pro. We were trying to fix the keyboard but there was a small desk lamp next to it, and it fell right onto the logic board, and made the computer unusable. Sorry Jerry.

#### What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

I think it's probably not having a purpose, before I came in I didn't know what to do or where my life would go. Now I know just simply trust God and it'll be alright. I spend most of my time thinking about CBS and all these things and not much for my future/academics, but I still got a job! I honestly think I can be some sort of missionary in the future. God has given me purpose.

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

Apollos, I eat there so much, if it were on campus... I think I like people, so Duffield alcove. It's been a good place to be.

#### What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?

I think it's no matter what you do, God should be at the center of it all, you should see it through the lens of the gospel and no matter where you're at,

Interviewer:  
Zhijiang Li

This or That

Oceans or **Mountains** [cause I can't swim]

Fall or **Spring**

**Chinese Food** or American Food [Chinese, please. American junk food? Ridiculous.]

iPhone or **Android** [Android please. Apple is an evil corporation, haha just kidding.]

**Night** or Day [I'm a night person.]

**Steak** or Bacon [Steak, please. Bacon is cheap greasy food.]

**Pulp** or No Pulp [Pulp tastes so good, costs more too. Real pulp. Real orange pulp.]

**Google** or Yahoo [Google. 'Course.]

let your life be a mission field. Live your life to be as Christ-like as possible. Which means there will be a lot of sacrifice/suffering, but the rewards are in heaven.

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

In the short-term, I will work at Lockheed Martin in Moorestown, New Jersey but I'll be living in Philly. I'll be doing a 3 year leadership development program while getting either my MS or MEng.

Long-term, I'd like to either start a non-profit, or go to seminary and be a pastor, or be a missionary to unreached people groups.

*I left the interview with a new impression of Mr. Tim Hu. He's a humble, godly man, with much wisdom to offer. But he'll still probably hustle you if you get on his bad side.*

# Vivian Yang

Enjoying cheese and beverages late at night with friends.



Major: English

Hometown: Portland, OR

Interviewer:  
Lauren Tang

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring

Chinese Food or **American Food** [So I like Asian food but I'm not actually a big fan of Chinese food - I like Korean and Japanese and South Asian food though]

**iPhone** or Android

Night or **Day** [Although college has made me more of a night person than I used to be.]

**Steak** or Bacon  
**Pulp** or **No Pulp**  
**Google** or Yahoo

*Vivian and I met up on a rainy day in Upson before CBS. After hanging up our soaked raincoats, I pulled out my laptop and we began the interview.*

**CBS is...**

a family and a home for me. It was unexpected because I was very sad to leave home, so CBS was a great blessing for me.

**How has God changed you since freshman year?**

Overall, he has made me personality-wise a little more loose. I started staying up late more often and spending more time talking with friends. I realized I didn't need to be studying or doing homework all the time. On a spiritual level, God has definitely made me more confident in my faith and more comfortable talking about it. I have also learned more about the essence of faith - it's believing, understanding

are some things I won't be able to understand, and just being more okay with ambiguity. Also before coming to Cornell, I didn't really talk about God with family, but now it has become less awkward.

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

a. Freshmen- Freshmen year was probably great and it will only get better! I know everyone says this, but really enjoy your time at college because it will pass by faster than you think!

b. Sophomores- Sophomore to Junior year is somewhat of a transition because you become an upperclassmen, but remember that it's not really that different. Be yourself! The whole idea of feeling older in the fellowship will be weird at first, but don't be afraid to learn from younger people as well. You will get younger pp's and the first time you meet up might be really awkward but don't worry.

c. Juniors- Definitely enjoy senior year, take fun classes, think about what will matter years from now. Make the memories that you want to have, hang out more with each other and with other friends!

**What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?**

I know I have quirks but they aren't coming to mind right now... [we decided to come back to this question later] So...when I am bored I like to play with my ears...it's really random. Also, this is almost an unconscious reaction, but when things are awkward - I don't even have to consciously realize it's awkward -but I automatically start whistling. One of my hidden talents is that I am really good at thumb war because my thumbs extend back really far.

**What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?**

Before I came to college I moved around a

lot, so I didn't really have a lot of friends. I was basically only close to my family - which is why I was really scared about coming to college. I think God has really relieved my fear of not having friends and being socially awkward by allowing me to grow with other people and friends.

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

Some of the spots that come to mind are: There is this one spot in stacks of Olin on the 3rd floor that I spent a lot of time at working on my senior honors thesis because there were a lot of Virginia Woolf books nearby. It's not exactly my favorite spot but... On a sunny day, Libe Slope is really nice. I think the best on-campus nap spot is in the Johnson library - If you walk all the way in there, there are these one seat couches. On nice sunny days, the sun streams through the windows.

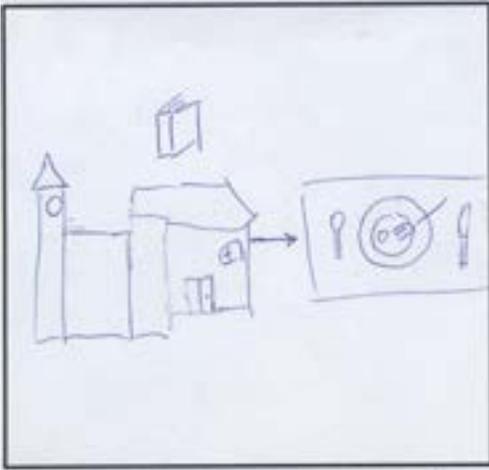
**What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?**

To trust him - Even when things are difficult, I know that ultimately everything will be okay because God has it all in his hands.

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

My short-term plans are not settled yet, but I will plan to get a job and work for a year. Then I will be going to medical school, which is more of a long term plan - I haven't started applying yet so I don't know where I'll be yet. Looking far into the future I would like to end up back on the West Coast.

*I was encouraged and blessed to have this opportunity to talk to Vivian and learn more about her experiences at Cornell and plans for the future. She has grown in many ways here at Cornell, and I hope that God may continue to grow her wherever He takes her.*



The picture represents Yipu's first meeting with Jesse. During O-week, Yipu decided to go on a library tour. (The building in the picture is supposed to represent Uris Library by the clock tower). Unknowingly, Jesse and his high school friend decided to as well. After the tour, Yipu and Jesse decided to have lunch together, so they went to Appel. Before eating, both bowed their heads and said a short mealtime prayer. Then it hit them. "Are you a Christian?" Yes, they were. They both went to the fellowship fair afterwards, plugged in with CBS, and the rest is history...

# Yipu Wang

Major: Mathematics and Computer Science  
Hometown: Albany, NY

*It was five past noon and I had just texted a brother for the number of my interviewee when I felt the presence of some force in the atmosphere. For some reason, I felt the need to turn my head around. I did so and found Master Yipu looking at me from across the Sage Hall lobby. And so we proceeded to Atrium Café to enjoy a nice lunch and conversation...*

#### CBS is...

a community of living, breathing, growing Christians, most of who happen to be Chinese American. I've forged friendships, grown a lot spiritually, and come to find my purpose in life. It will be a place that I will miss.

#### How has God changed you since freshman year?

As a freshman, I didn't know how to welcome, serve with my gifts, teach Sunday School, or lead Bible studies. I never had opportunities before to do these things. Now, I know how to use my gifts and how to spread knowledge. I have also become less annoyed at things such as stereotypes. People used to call me a ninja because I was so good at sneaking in and out of places without them noticing. When I helped do a senior interview freshman year, I also learned about how prideful I was. I have become humble and open to others' views.

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

**a. Freshmen** (incoming sophomores)– Watch out for the sophomore slump. There will be higher-level classes. Don't be shocked by suffering lower grades, less sleep, less fun. Just don't be discouraged! Plus, you will no longer be babies. Don't give up and stay committed.

**b. Sophomores**– Become an older prayer

partner (PP). You will get the opportunity to minister to someone/be ministered to one-on-one.

**c. Juniors**– Support your coordinators. Since we will have two male coordinators next year, help them to serve the women especially. Give affirmation and constructive criticism. Continue serving younger people...because it's the right thing to do. [Wes: How about outside from CBS?] Don't worry too much about the future...and watch out for "senioritis."

#### What are some of your quirks/hidden talents?

Umm...that's hard. [Yipu thinks deeply in thought]. I like to read classic literature unlike normal engineers/math people. I like to read Time/Harpers magazines. I can play violin and piano, but a lot of people know that so it's not really hidden.

#### What is one of the greatest fears that God has relieved for you during your time at Cornell?

Finding the purpose in life and what to do after college. I've used to fear the fact that I might not be good enough, but realized that I don't have to be a good talker to serve.

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

I enjoy the Libe Slope scenery, especially at night. It used to be Duffield...not the best place to study.

#### What is the most important thing that God has taught you in the past four years?

[We both laugh about how these questions are so similar.] God is faithful. There is no need to worry; there's no good in it.

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

Short term, I'm going on the Brooklyn mission trip this summer with FICCC.

Interviewer:  
Wesley Chow

This or That  
Oceans or Mountains  
Fall or Spring  
Chinese Food or American Food

iPhone or Android [Yipu doesn't own any of these two, so dumb phone would be the ideal answer here.]

Night or Day  
Steak or Bacon  
Pulp or No Pulp  
Google or Yahoo

Next fall, I will be going to graduate school at University of Illinois at Urbana Champaign (UIUC).

*Similar to Yipu's own experience interviewing a senior as a freshman, interviewing him was humbling as well. I enjoyed hearing his words of wisdom and tips for my upcoming years as well as what God has shown him in the last few years. Praise God for the man He has molded Yipu into today! We wish you the best!*

# Senior Superlatives

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**Ann Lin**

Most likely to devour other people's leftovers

**Deborah Liu**

Most likely to have a dozen kids and be a supermom

**Geraldine Leong**

Most likely to pull an all-nighter while packing

**Jeffrey Yu**

Most likely to appear on First Take

**Jerry Zhuo**

Most likely to become the next communist leader of China

**Jesse Liu**

Most likely to memorize the Torah

**Jingpeng He**

Most likely to be counting worms for fun when she retires

**Jodie Chang**

Most likely to send her potential assailant to the ER and end up having to treat him

**Kimberly Hui**

Most likely to ask someone for their name right when they've taken a bite into their food, yet still charm them by giggling

**Olivia Lee**

Most likely to finance med school tuition through selling highly demanded stuffed animals and scarves

**Samantha Fung**

Most likely to have the best dressed kids

**Shirley Qian**

Most likely to become chief editor of Good Housekeeping

**Timothy Chen**

Most likely to be the bad guy in a Korean drama

**Timothy Hu**

Most likely to mistake vodka for water

**Vivian Yang**

Most likely to be spotted playing her cello on the streets of Paris

**Yipu Wang**

Most likely to become the (second) last samurai

# Senior Wills

## **Ann Lin**

I will a love of prayer to Wendy Zhang, Katherine Jaw, Ellen, Wesley, Jess Chu, Felicia, David Cui and Aaron Hui.

I will a love of FICCC and a spirit of servanthood to Harry He and the rest of core team.

I will my supposed “BLING”ness to Jessica Chu and Felicia.

I will the kitchen and bathroom chores of 4E to Lauren, Marissa and Wendy.

I will my prayers in Mandarin to Jeff Huang.

I will the legacy of HBHS to Grace Leu, Jonathan Lin, Marissa and Honora.

## **Deborah Liu**

I will the plants to future residents of 4E (not the cactus though).

I will my hair-cutting set to Bizzle and Stizzle hair salon owners.

I will the title of “ENTHUSIASTIC CHEME” to Dorothy.

I will my leftover vanilla to Jeff Huang.

## **Geraldine Leong**

I will my love for tennis to anyone who wants it.

I will my (and Ann’s) cooking skills to Celena.

I will my sofa cover fixing skills to whoever is in charge of it next year in 4E.

## **Jeffrey Yu**

I will to Stephen, Ellen, Alvin, David, and all undergraduate ECEs the desire to work hard, persevere, and enjoy the major.

I will to Wesley the love for American sports.

I will to JT knowledge and love for engineering.

I will to all of CBS a love for God and for reading His word.

## **Jerry Zhuo**

Tim Chen shall be forbidden from dancing on Jerry’s grave.

## **Jesse Liu**

I will to Jeff Huang my Jewishness and title of “class rabbi.”

I will to Harry He Thursday lunches at Mac’s- the spicy mayo + cheddar + chicken salad, RIP bean sprouts, carrots, and chips.

I will to James Zou my maggot rice- your favorite.

I will to Matty Ang my sassiness. Just kidding, sassy bear.

## **Jingpeng He**

I will the joys of Malott Library to Celena Huo and Edwin Chui.

I will my British accent skills to Cassie Jia.

## **Jodie Chang**

I will to JT all my Bethesda and WWHS pride.

I will to Celena all the German, giraffe-shaped, chocolate that she could possibly consume.

I will to Rachel my ability to get up in the mornings and my drama-watching skills.

I will to Cassie and Boyi my premed prowess.

# Senior Wills

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## **Kimberly Hui**

I will to Angie a heart for younger sisters and clean clothes.  
I will to Honora the heart of Mary and a normal sleep schedule.  
I will to Yuna my weirdness and the title of weirdo #1.  
I will to J.Z. resident CBS government major love.

## **Olivia Lee**

I will to Marissa the role of being the big sister.  
I will to Ellen my love for iced coffee.  
I will to my PPs: a love for prayer, sisters, and community.

## **Samantha Fung**

I will to Harry the use of British accents wherever and whenever.  
I will to Ellen and Jonathan Lin April 6th pride!  
I will to my prayer partners: the desire to really sacrificially love, serve, and care for others.  
I will to Stephanie loudness.  
I will to Yuna silliness.  
I will to Wendy Wei the ability to smile at many things.

## **Shirley Qian**

I will my cleaning obsession to Heeyoung!

## **Timothy Chen**

I will to Ray my heater, my fridge, and my sanity.

## **Timothy Hu**

I will to Cassie and Esther the burden to share God's heart for the world after coming back from missions.  
I will to Jevon a double portion of my spirit! jk. Not my spirit but the Holy Spirit.  
I will to John and Michael my love and burden for the fellowship.  
I will to JT my happy smirk. I hope you save it for something worth being excited for!  
I will to Ray and Zhi my hope to see more CBSers go to Big Break.  
I will to David Cui my ECE powers...whoops, nothing there! Instead I compensate you with some of my ECE toys/technology.  
I will to Jeff Huang my love. Not.

## **Vivian Yang**

I will to Dorothy Zhang my Oregon pride.  
I will to Jess Chu the stash of FICCC InReach care package materials in the corner of 4D's living room.  
I will to Harry He my hypothetical pet snake or falcon.  
I will to Marissa Lee my misplaced reputation for coolness. It suits you better. =)

## **Yipu Wang**

I will my prayers to Aaron forever.  
I will perseverance, determination, long suffering, and patience to Jevon for the FICCC youth.  
I will title of "Master" to Jeffrey Huang.

# The Truth of the Gospel

## John Widjaja's Bible Study

This semester we examined what the essential teachings of Christianity are, which is the truth of the Gospel. Our goal was to examine what are the fundamental ideas behind what we believe. We started with the Cross and how Jesus died not only to pay for the sins that we have committed but also to get rid of our sinful nature. Then, we talked about our new life in Christ and how we can present ourselves as instruments of righteousness to God. We discussed how the Holy Spirit dwells in us and how we are called to walk in the Spirit. As we examined each of these topics, our goal was to tease out the areas of uncertainty. For example, if I am a Christian and have been crucified with Christ and have become a new creation, why do I still sin? Or why was Jesus baptized if He was already sinless? It has been such a blessing to wrestle through difficult topics and find biblical answers to the most important questions regarding our faith.

John Widjaja '14

## Jeffrey Yu's Bible Study

Jeff created this bible study on the Truth of the Gospel out of the love of his heart. In his epic journey to discover worthy participants, he travelled far and wide and found the fellowship of the Word. Along the way he encountered many challenges and struggles, but ultimately he overcame them with the strength of God behind him and his brothers in Christ. With his fellowship he went through ten epic rendezvous points. At the first couple rendezvous, we learned how Christ was the ultimate sacrifice for man, and that Christ's blood and cross work together to cleanse us of our sins and bring us closer to God. Next we learned the how-to's and the importance of being able to walk with Christ and with God. Finally the fellowship learned the true meaning of fellowship and how through this fellowship we are united in Christ. This endeavor ended with great success. The One Ring of Sin was cast into the fires of the Holy Spirit, and became no more.

Zhijiang Li '16

## Jesse Liu's Bible Study

Of the three Bible studies that I've led in my four years at Cornell, CBS 4999 is probably the most interesting. The study is based on Watchman Nee's *The Normal Christian Life*, one of my favorites– I read it three times, then lent my copy to Jerry, who lent it to someone else... and I never got it back. It's okay though. I've practically memorized most of the contents anyways, especially after going through each chapter of the book about four times a week this semester. Each Monday, I would meet with Jeff Yu and John Widjaja for prestudy, then on the following Saturday, I would lead my group. On Tuesday and Wednesday, I would review the previous week's lesson with my two prayer partners, Jimmy and Matty, who were in Jeff's and John's groups, respectively.

I had a lot of fun leading my group this semester, yet I am always reminded of the dangers of being a teacher of God's word (James 3:1). Still, I believe that everything that we taught was in accordance with the Bible. The gist of it is this: just as you were SAVED by FAITH, so too are you SANCTIFIED by FAITH. A Christian that says "I can" is either confused or deceiving himself; the correct response is "I can't, but God can" (2 Corinthians 12:9). This is a lesson that I've been learning and will continue to learn for the rest of my life. So I want to encourage you to do the same. I was thinking about writing another paragraph to encourage you, but I realized that Tim Hu beat me to it. Please refer to Timothy Hu's coordinator letter, paragraph 4 for additional encouragement.

*I have been crucified with Christ; and it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself up for me. (Galatians 2:20)*

Jesse Liu '13

# Historical Theology

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## Yipu Wang's Bible Study

Why do we believe what we believe? What is the Biblical basis for these beliefs? Where did our doctrines come from? These questions motivated our small group, led by Yipu Wang, to explore the history of our theology. Topics ranged from why certain books are accepted as part of the Bible to how Jesus was both fully God and fully man, from Catholic sacraments and traditions to the Five solae of the Reformation. Much attention was paid to early Christian heresies, as theology is defined and influenced by what is rejected as much as by what is accepted.

Resolving these heresies and evaluating their influence on our worldviews often proved to be a challenge. Like all good lies, the heresies contained some truth, typically in the form of Bible verses. Difficult examples included Montanism, which claimed that revelations from the Holy Spirit could supersede the authority of previous Scripture, and the Roman Catholic church's teaching that the Bible requires interpretation outside of itself. However, with the guidance of Scripture and Christian apologetics, we were able to discern the various fallacies espoused by heresies such as these and thereby better understand the foundations of our faith.

Jonathan Kim '15

## Vivian Yang's Bible Study

Our extra small bible study group had loads of fun together this semester. Thanks to our T1 leader Yipu's diligent research, we learned about various historical developments in theology from the very beginnings of Christianity up to more recent times. Thanks to all of you for making Monday evenings full of delightful discussion and general pleasantness!

Vivian Yang '13

# The Gospel in Life

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## Olivia Lee's Bible Study

This semester, large bible study groups were minimized and separated by gender. Since I attended the sister bible group last semester, I adjusted quickly to the new groups. I was really excited to be put with upperclassmen because we could learn more God as we got to know each other more. The series by Tim Keller brought up really great topics such as the heart and being a witness but what struck me the most were Keller's thoughts on community. Although I knew having solid relationships with sisters and brothers in Christ was important, Keller stressed that they are in fact necessary for radical change. Spending intentional time with one another and holding one another accountable are all things that I thought was good but through the series, I have learned that they are vital and my responsibility as a Christian. By putting these brothers and sisters in my life, God has called me to them. And as we as a community grow more unified in Christ, the world will be convinced of the gospel by seeing how God has blessed his people. I loved the series and look forward to living out what it has taught me!

Hayden Chung '16

## Kimberly Hui's Bible Study

Every Saturday at 4pm, Kimberly's small group would meet in either Balch or Collegetown. With the new Bible study format, it was much easier to figure out a time that worked for everyone and we kept each other accountable to attend Bible study. Also, because it was only a group of five, we were able to become closer to each other and cared for each other, acting swiftly whenever one of us needed help. Our Bible study was focused on applying the Gospel to our daily lives. We used Timothy Keller's Gospel in Life, which taught us how the Gospel changes ourselves, our community, and how we live in the world. Essentially, we not only studied the Word, but discussed how to live out the Gospel and make an impact at Cornell. We've come up with several ways to better serve our brothers, sisters, and the Cornell community at large. As the week went on, we would make an effort to do what we discussed, such as talking to our close friends about how we as Christians would approach a situation and giving up our time to God. This Bible study has also given different views of Bible passages that we have known for a long time. For example, Timothy Keller talked about how we are to give to the poor and bring justice to the oppressed because Jesus himself was poor and oppressed. I have never heard of anyone describing Jesus as such, but it certainly is true.

Not only did we delve into the Word, our small, small, small group shared with one another about how our week was, and each week, we prayed for one another. There were also built-in small group time where we would do an activity together, such as make mug cakes and play games with each other. Through all this, we got closer to each other, and I can say that we truly care about each other's well-being. Bible study this semester has allowed us to not only learn the Word, but also encouraged us to live out the Gospel and strengthened bonds between sisters.

Dorothy Zhang '16

# The Gospel in Life

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## Ellen Chuang's Bible Study

This past semester, we have been studying the “The Gospel in Life” along with the one and only Tim Keller, who joined our meetings via computer screen. The focus of the bible study was on how the gospel is able to transform our hearts, minds, and communities. Although these are regularly preached topics, it is unfortunate how easily we forget the power of the gospel. Tim Keller gives the example of Acts 2:42-47, which describes a fellowship of believers. It is apparent that the community is saturated with the presence of the Holy Spirit, and the believers were found “praising God and enjoying the favor of all the people. And the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved.” This is a community that has been radically renewed by the gospel. There is now no more shame nor condemnation for being a sinner— Jesus has paid the ultimate price on the cross. He has bridged the gap between us and God the Father, and we are able to glorify God by taking pleasure in His presence. From this, a light should be shining in us, beckoning all those who are lost to discover life. When we look at our community, do we see the Gospel working in us? Has it transformed our hearts, lives, and communities? The power of the Gospel is compelling, and if it is truly alive in us, these things should come forth naturally (or rather, supernaturally).

Ellen Chuang '14

## Deborah Liu's Bible Study

Every Thursday morning, an email from Deborah arrives in my inbox with a brief message more or less saying: “Small group. 6-7. That is all. [Insert baked good here].” This semester, our small group, led by Deborah and consisting of Jess, Val, Yuna, Wendy, and me, went through Timothy Keller's Gospel in Life every Thursday evening in 4E while chilling on the old couches and observing Deborah's variety of plants as we ease into the week's lesson. A lot of the material was very relevant, eye-opening, applicable to our lives, and personally, I thought it was very affirming of what I had been learning day to day as well. The DVD segments (which we didn't always get around to) were also definitely a plus. Each time, we read a main passage and followed up with questions, but the time was also open for discussion, and we were often able to share personal experiences about how the week's topic was relevant in our lives. Deborah asked good, challenging questions, and what I especially appreciated about this time was that we were not given answers and rules as much as we were brought back to who God is and what He has done- we don't do what we do because we must, but because God's love is more than enough to compel us.

Some weeks, we deviated from the curriculum to simply discuss things that were also relevant at the time, and it was interesting to see everyone's standpoint and experiences on these certain issues. One week, we even went over different interpretations of Genesis, and again, many of the questions and discussions challenged us not to come to some specific conclusion, but rather to think on these issues more and more importantly, to seek God more sincerely.

Of course, it would almost be a crime to neglect mentioning the amazing baked goods we enjoyed at the end of each small group, courtesy of Head Chef Deborah. My personal favorite was the fruit cobbler. Deborah, we love you! Overall, I was thankful for this time of calming down from a busy week, for being able to be loved and to love my sisters!

# The Gospel in Life

## Marissa Lee's Bible Study

For our small group, we went through the Gospel in Life by Timothy Keller. In this series, we went through a variety of topics ranging from community to work to justice. One of my favorite things about small group this semester was being able to gather with my sisters whom I don't usually get to see and learn from the book and DVD. The questions asked in our small group were really helpful in guiding our conversations and kept them focused on biblical text. One of my favorite topics we discussed was idolatry. In a place like Cornell, we can easily fall into worshipping idols, especially ones that may not seem obvious to us. I really liked being able to open up about our own personal struggles with each topic that Keller presented and how it all brought us together as a small group by supporting each other.

Christine Loui '16

## Aaron Hui's Bible Study

I'm in the bible study led by Aaron Hui, and we are following Tim Keller's Gospel in Life series. Each week, we would meet up in Dickson to watch one more segment of the video and then discuss it. Each segment and the following discussion would have something to do with how we could incorporate and act out the gospel in our lives, hence the name Gospel in Life. Overall, I've felt like I learned quite a bit and have gotten closer to the other brothers in the group. Tim Keller (Harry's favorite Keller) is usually easy to follow and Aaron really asks good questions (and is persistent in getting a good, thoughtful answer!). At the end of each study, Aaron would let us pick an appropriate challenge for the rest of the week to try and complete. These challenges can relate directly to the video or not; either way, I believe it forced us to think more about where we fall short and how we can improve. I think this is actually one of the more valuable parts of the study. We can learn all we want about how we should act and how we can act out the Gospel, but while that knowledge is the first step, the hardest and one of the most important is to stop being passive and actually start doing it. It's simple, but important. I feel this study has started ingraining and strengthening that habit in me to not only be aware, but be active. The Gospel in Life is a match for Life as Mission.

Jonathan Tong '16

# Proverbs

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## Jerry Zhuo's Bible Study

For our small group we studied the various topics from Proverbs. This included Wisdom, Fear of the Lord, Planning, Work, Stewardship, Speech, Honor and Friendship. Generally our bible studies were on Saturday evenings in Eddygate. I must say it's been a struggle for most of the people to meet up throughout the semester, and I must also take this time to apologize for my lack of flexibility in accommodating everyone. I do hope that all the values we learn of Proverbs would be able to be applied to our daily lives and that we would become wiser and Godly through a diligent study of scripture.

Jerry Zhuo '13

## Jevon Yu's Bible Study

This semester, our small group, led by "Reverend" Jevon (as he called by many, \*cough cough\* Charles), journeyed into the depth of the book of Proverbs. Our challenge for the past few months has been to read a chapter of Proverbs each day and continuously reread the book until the end of the semester. Our group also met each Saturday to discuss how Proverbs could be applied to our own lives. We looked at many prominent themes throughout Proverbs, such as wisdom, leadership, stewardship, and our friendships and relationships. Through the discussion of select verses from Proverbs (and sometimes other books) and follow-up questions, we were able to understand the importance of each of these themes and how we could practically live them out. As brothers, we sought to encourage and support each other in growing in and living out this wisdom. Furthermore, we saw how each of these themes is inextricably tied to the Gospel. Because of this, we recognized that leading a life of wisdom is critical to our lives on mission, continuing to move towards the redemption of God's Kingdom here on this earth.

*The fear of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge;  
fools despise wisdom and instruction. – Proverbs 1:7*

Wesley Chow '16

## Shirley Qian's Bible Study

Our small consisted of five girls: Shirley Qian '13, Angeline Madjukie '14, Gloria Hu '15, Steph Guo '16, and Honora Ip '17. We met regularly on Saturday afternoons and studied the book of Proverbs. We explored and applied the concept of wisdom through the study of various topics in Proverbs, such as fear of the Lord, speech, and relationships. We've had many engaging discussions on many topics relevant to our lives, in addition to the topic of that week. We have come to learn and appreciate a little of each other's peculiar personalities and behaviors through these times together, and I hope we've grown wiser through this study of Proverbs.

To all the girls in my group: Thank you all so much for coming out to Colletown every week for this! Don't forget to go back to Proverbs from time to time when you're in need of wisdom :)

# Shoutouts

“To Tim and Samantha:

Thank you for leading the fellowship this year and keeping CBS on your hearts and in your prayers!

Hi Seniors, although you guys might think you are old and are graduating soon, and although you guys find it weird for other people to say this to you, I'm going to say it anyway, you guys are cute! (best adjective I can think of) Your performances, your jokes, the way you treat each other, your opinions for each other, the way you treat the fellowship are all very cute and loving. I hope that all of you will be successful in the future, and that you will remember, your love for this fellowship and most importantly for Christ are encouraging for your young' uns and inspires growth.

Michael Cao. I believe I owe you five cents. I'll get it back to you ASAP. Forgive me.

Hey Jeff Huang, SON, I mean DAD,

You will truly make a great real father one day. I thank God for being able to form such an awesome relationship with you this year. Thank you for your insight and for the many things you have taught me... and for the laughter you bring to the table! Too bad we only have one more year together \*cries\* (unless you go MEng hint hint)

Dear the best class in the house, that is, the class of 2016,

This year has been a blast! Woah, wait, one year...in college...already?! Too fast. Anyways, I don't know where I would be today without you guyzz. Every day, I praise the Lord for the bonds we have made together. May we continue to grow together as one body, one family in Christ. Look forward to spending 3 more years with you all! To God be the glory!

Dear Eddygate 2C Sisters,

Thank you for opening up your home for CBS events and friends, baking yummy goodies, offering up items to borrow, and giving hugs and prayer.

To the Freshies:

Each and everyone of you is lovely and unique, just how God created you to be. Continue to encourage and support each other; it's such a wonderful sight. We upperclassmen love you and are here if you need anything. Don't hesitate to call/gchat/fbmessage us, whenever and wherever.

Jodie, I thank the Lord for strategically placing you in my life as my roommate. He certainly knows my weaknesses and my needs hohoho. I learned much more than I asked or imagined this year - thank you for showing grace and pushing me to do pursue excellence in all things. You didn't have to stay for one more semester but I'm really glad you did. Getting to know you better (and your quirks) has been a blessing. May your love for the Lord and His people continue to abound. Now go save people's lives with your talents.

Kim,

Thanks for always being there for me and listening to me over these years. Your openness and acceptance has always encouraged me to be more real and honest, and that has been invaluable. I will miss you so very much next year, but I am so excited to see this next chapter of your life, and I know we'll always be sisters :)

Meow. <3

# Shoutouts

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“Ann:

Thank you for being an ever-prayerful, ever-supportive PP. Your quiet love has always been so appreciated...along with your good cooking :) I am so blessed to have you in my life!

Love,  
Wendy”

“my littleone: keep praying! as you keep praying, He will continue to fill your huge heart with His love. & you can't withdraw/pullback from me! i love you too much.

littliddlepp: ah, God has already grown you so much in this past year! you have no idea how much of a blessing you have been to me. let's keep praying faithfully, with fervor and power! i love you forever. & He loves you even more!

my littlepp/daughter: i hope you never stop questioning, and i pray that as you continue to question, He fills you all the more with faith and perserverance. thankyou for challenging me and letting me challenge you back. thankyou for loving me and encouraging in me. words cannot express my appreciation and love for you.

kimberly - God really really blessed me by placing you in my life. Boston, Pittsburgh, California, or wherever: i'm not too sad because i'm not worried about keeping in touch. better yet, you're my precious sister for eternity! cornell was srsly so much better because i had you. so so much love.

vivian--THE MONKS. and burrito essays and banana warriors and greece. we're going to keep in touch dude. i will pester you, and rawr at you, and read shakespeare to you in an indian accent no matter where we at! thankyou for letting me be truly myself around you; thankyou for bringing joy in my life; and thankyou for listening, for our talks and all the lolz. i thank God so much for divinely placing us together in Donaldson's multivariable calculus class :]

timhu. don't throw your dirty socks at me! also: i respect you more than you know and am incredibly thankful for you. you are His beloved and He has GRAND plans for you (insert smiling crinkled face with disappearing eyes). leg pop!

servant team: thankyou for how you serve cbs and how you serve our Lord and Savior! it was an absolute blessing co-laboring alongside you! keep praying and keep persevering!

“Hailin, thanks for waiting and listening to me translate the mess in my head into words, for talking a lot too haha, and for sharing with me what you do outside of CBS :) Tu eres la mejor y te amo! So thankful for you, and keep being strong in the Lord!

Freshmenz, yall are the best, bubz tea 5ever. But really, so blessed by you all and so grateful to be a part of such an amazing, open, and encouraging group of people!! <3 Let's keep getting down to business to become like Christ!

# Shoutouts

Felishur—LIME! Snap that! That's pulling it! May you speak many more words of wisdom lol. But you are such an amazing sister and friend, and I'm sososo grateful for you. Thanks for the derps and for the srs talks, for so many things I have no room to say here. I love you!!

Jessss. I still don't quite know how we differentiate between our names but that's okay! You are such a wonderful, WONDERFUL friend and subtly lulzy :) Thanks for all the fruit snacks and peanut butter and for being so truly caring and loving.

To 2C: thanks for your apartment, that's all. Jk, thanks for being so inviting and loving, and for all the yummys and nice couch naps! Keep on pouring out God's love! You are a blessing!

Upperclassmen/older brothers and sisters: you're all so generous and loving, I'm thankful for your honesty, wisdom, love, and food. Mostly the first three (and more!). You've all really made CBS feel so much like a family :)

Valbean. We may sass each other to no end but I am so grateful for you (and your sass pls gurl). I pray that God continues to lead you whether you stay in art or not (but you know you are anyway ahem pls).

Kasserine deerest, you are an amazing and genuine sister; I am grateful for your honest heart. Keep being honest with yourself and God—He is always pursuing you.

Aaron—may your love and passion for Christ be a trillion times crazier than your hair, and even more.

Dear CBS,

It's been a great year getting to know you all better. I have been greatly encouraged by what I've seen and how you all care for each other!

Wishing all the graduating seniors the best in the life after and a call to remain passionate. There is a lot of freedom out in the real world. Seek out mentors and make time for your faith! Keep in touch with those who encouraged you and with those you encourage.

Still at Cornell, trying to abide in the faith,

KK

***But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.***

*Acts 1:8*

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