

# Feeling Less Alone

“We’re not alone...but I feel alone.” These were the thoughts of Michael Wu, pastor of Roanoke Chinese Fellowship, as he attended the SBCV Homecoming in Hampton this past November.

Pastor Wu serves as a bivocational elder at **Roanoke Chinese Fellowship**. At first, he served alongside two other elders, soon became the sole remaining elder. Wu serves with the English-speaking pastors of **Cave Spring Baptist Church**, which hosts Roanoke Chinese Fellowship.

As Wu attended the SBCV Homecoming, he and his wife, Julia, were discussing which breakout session to attend. As they discussed this, an SBCV church planter, Dexu “Andrew” Yuan, overheard their Chinese conversation and introduced himself.

Yuan, pastor/church planter of **Agape Chinese Christian Church** (Fairfax Station, VA), was excited to hear someone speaking his heart language. He and Wu quickly made a connection,

attended the next session together, and left the SBCV Homecoming feeling much less alone.

### The story doesn’t stop there.

As Wu and Yuan talked, they learned that there are currently seven Chinese churches in the SBC of Virginia, with two more Chinese church plants in development. However, these two pastors only knew one or two of the other Chinese churches. Additionally, the two agreed that Chinese pastors in the US struggle to find good ministry resources in their language and face challenges unique to other Chinese Christians living here.

In January, Wu and Yuan met again on a Zoom call. They discussed and planned how to better connect the existing and

new SBCV Chinese churches.

Both pastors are praying for the beginning of a Chinese fellowship to develop within the SBCV, to be a “family within a family” for those whose heart language is Chinese. These two pastors invite other SBCV Chinese to join their monthly Zoom meetings. They dream of an in-person meeting of the SBCV Chinese family. But more importantly, they want other Chinese within the SBCV to know that they are “not alone.” ■

### RESOURCE:

For the latest schedule of Chinese Fellowship Zoom meetings, contact Matt Gregory, people group strategist for the SBCV:

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