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Godly Worship Service
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Evangelizing the World
Loving Neighbors

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I love you, O LORD, my strength.
(Psalm 18:1)

For to me, to live is Christ
and to die is gain.
(Philippians 1:21)

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Final Communion Service for 2000

*"A man ought to examine himself before
he eats of the bread and drinks of the cup."
(1 Cor. 11:28)*

This year's final communion service was held on Sun., Nov. 5 at all five services. Communion was also observed in the Choong Hyun English Ministry. Participating in communion is an invitation to the table by the eternal King. Therefore, the Bible warns us whoever eats the bread or drinks the cup of the Lord in an unworthy manner will be guilty of sinning against the body and blood of the Lord. (1 Cor. 11:27)

That's right! Communion is a model of eternal provision in His kingdom. That's why there is true history in Communion. God who gave Manna in the wilderness to the Israelites, Jesus who gave bread and fish to the multitude at field of Bethesda and He

Himself became bread of life at Mark's attic to His disciples. At the Calvary, He gave His life to the sinners.

This is why communion must be carried out unceasingly until the day of His return. This is a new covenant with the Lord. Our Lord Jesus Christ is everlasting our Groom and, we, His pure bride. We must be clothed in the Holy Spirit that cleans and renews us to meet Him with no falseness in us.

"For all of you who were baptized into Christ
have clothed yourselves with Christ"
(Galatians 3:27).

I Thank My Lord

Grand Prize: Writing Competition for
Middle School Students

By Eun Hea Chung
(Middle School, Third Grade)

I thank my Lord
He gave the blue skies that make me feel
good

I thank my Lord
He gave me cool wind to cool off those hot
summer days

I thank my Lord
He gave me two legs to come to church and
a mouth to pray to Him

I thank my Lord
He gave me parents to get to know Him

I thank my Lord
He gave me a heart to love Him

First Choong Hyun Vocal Group Night Main Sanctuary; Fri., Nov. 17 at 7 p.m.

The Worship Committee has decided to hold the First Choong Hyun Vocal Group Presentation during the Friday Praise Meeting on Nov. 17. This event is open to all Choong Hyun vocal groups. The purpose is to praise and glorify God.

Although the Oct. 29 application deadline has passed, interested participants can still contact the Worship Committee at ext. 259. The main requirement is that one of the two songs must be a hymnal.

Photo Session for Church Staff

We are holding a photo session for the 2001 church album to honor all newly ordained deacons and deaconesses who were not listed in the church's 45th anniversary album. The photos will be taken every Sunday from Nov. 5-Dec. 10. The sessions will be held between 10 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. in the Mission Center, Rm. 408.

If you are unable to attend the session, no additional extensions will be granted. For those who attend photo sessions in 1998 and 1999, an additional session will not be necessary. In addition, pictures that have already been developed will not be accepted.

Worship Schedule

	Services in the Main Sanctuary 7:00 a.m., *9:00 a.m., *11:00 a.m., 1:00 p.m., 3:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. <i>*The English Service is held at Galilee Hall (Main Sanctuary, B1) at 9:00 a.m.</i> <i>*Simultaneous translation is provided in English Service and Japanese for the 11:00 a.m. service</i>
Sunday	
Wednesday	Main Sanctuary Services 11:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
Friday	Prayer and Praise Service, Main Sanctuary 7:00 p.m.
Daily	Early Morning Prayer Meetings, Main Sanctuary 5:00 a.m.

Evangelism Department for Foreigners

Wednesday	Teachers' Prayer Meetings - 8:30 p.m.
Sunday	Service in Amen Hall - 9:30-10:30 a.m. Bible Study in Amen Hall - 10:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Service in the Main Sanctuary - 1:00 p.m. <i>*Simultaneous translation in Sri Lankan, Chinese, Mongolian, Hindi and Indonesian are available.</i>



by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim
Senior Pastor

ADORN THE DOCTRINE OF GOD

(Titus 2:10)

“not pilfering, but showing all faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.”

It's amazing what a wide range of practical instruction one finds in this short letter. It's even more amazing what one finds just from today's short statement, “not pilfering, but showing all faith so that they will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect” (v. 10). Paul commanded Titus to teach God's truth soundly, so that the Word of God could be honored through the lives of the people it touched. Obviously, he greatly valued the Gospel or else he wouldn't have cared so much about having it adorned. He highly valued the practical part of religion, and as a result he regarded it as a special kind of beauty, an ornament, a precious jewel of the Gospel. And it's with holy ingenuity that he interweaves this truth with the doctrine of God our Savior!

People try to find blessings, miracles, and all kinds of valuable things from the 66 different books that contain the Word of God. What many people don't realize or fail to grasp is that each and every book of the Bible totally points to or shows the Gospel. The treasure of the Bible is the Gospel! Today's Bible verse is about the Gospel. It's a really deep message about the significance of living your life in, with, and through Christ! For when you live your life in Christ, your life makes the Gospel valuable. As such, you are bidden to obey this precept so that you may indeed adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect.

The doctrine of God our Savior is a name of adornment for the Gospel. It sets forth its greatness, for the doctrine of God is greatness. Even though your sins are great, the doctrine of God is greater. The Bible tells us that the punishment for any and all sin is death, but because of the doctrine of God our Savior there is salvation! Amen! Isn't salvation great? Isn't your safety, happiness and hope in Christ truly great? Without the doctrine of God our Savior, you die, with faith, you have eternal life. Isn't that truly great?

As a beautiful adornment, the doctrine of God our Savior sets forth its certainty. It is of God, not man. It comes by revelation of God. It is

guaranteed by the fidelity of God. It is as immutable as God Himself. Not only that, but it sets forth its relation to Christ Jesus. Why? Because its statement says, “God our Savior.” God is the author of it. He is the substance of it. He is the proclaimer of it. He is the object of it. The Gospel glorifies Jesus Christ. It sets forth its authority. The whole system of revealed truth is of God. The Savior Himself is God. Therefore, He must be accepted. The Gospel itself is divine. God's mind is embodied in the doctrine of the Lord Jesus, and to reject it is to reject God. You must believe, honor, defend and propagate this doctrine of God our

Savior. What else is so worthy of your love and devotion?

A method of adornment for the Gospel is simply living the Christian life. Notice how Paul says, “but showing all good faith.” Showing means that others can observe. In Paul's day, bondservants and slaves were the people who adorned the Gospel. Nowadays, it is the poor servants of the humblest order. It's strange how this is the way that is set for the Christian's task. Paul mentioned that he was the least among the apostles. The cross is God's secret method. Those who say they are the greatest aren't following God's way.

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The way to adorn the Gospel is through obedience. Look at verse 9, “Urged bondservants to be subject to their own masters in everything, to be well pleasing, not argumentative.” Through your endeavors to please Christ, you will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. Through restraining your tongue, you will adorn the doctrine of God our Savior. By scrupulous honesty and trustworthy character, you will show all good faith. All this good will make others admire the religion of Jesus. You need to be like that!

The way of adornment of the doctrine of God our Savior, in general, must be adorned by your godly life. Such adornment is really assurable to loveliness, mercifulness and cheerfulness with the Gospel. It is often a tribute to the beauty of God that honors the Gospel. Godly conversation is an advertisement of beauty. Holiness calls attention to and enhances the natural beauty of the Gospel. Godliness emphasizes the excellence of the doctrine of God our Savior. Christians must endeavor to adorn the Gospel by strict integrity in business, constant courteousness in behavior, unselfish love to all around them, quick forgiveness of injuries, abundant patience under trials and holy calmness at all times.

My dear brothers and sisters, completely obey Jesus Christ and you will receive wonderful blessings from the revelation of God. I hope your life really shows that you adorn the doctrine of God our Savior in every respect. This is the conclusion of all 66 books of the Bible. The purpose of your life is to glorify God. All glory belongs to Him. The Lord's prayer teaches us, “Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, power, and glory, forever and ever.” Amen! All glory goes to God, not you. His grace is better than a priceless jewel. His Son is your treasure. Adorn the doctrine of God our Savior by living your life with Jesus at the center of everything you say and do.

God Who Embraces Me

By Hee Sun Koh
(Second Young Adult Group)



I have been married for three years. Not only am I a wife but I am also a mother and work full-time. I know how difficult it is to balance all three roles. But I always thank God because He gives me sufficient grace and the strength to carry on everyday.

My mother baby-sits my daughter, Hae Yon, everyday. I work at a social welfare center where we provide various services such as caring for lonely elderly people, providing daily needs to the poor, visiting immobile sick people to give bath, giving haircuts to the needy and sometimes providing basic medical services. However, because we do not receive government funding, we heavily rely on the dedication and commitment of volunteers. As a result, I feel overworked at times.

Some of my responsibilities include finding elderly people living without their dependents and providing them baths and haircuts. These services are usually provided on a monthly basis by visiting their homes. This should be done monthly but I was unable to do this since March. I said that I am working at a local barbershop which provided such assistance. I

felt so powerless because the same situation happened last year. I tried to speak to the Choong Hyun Haircut Ministry to come and help the elderly people but that didn't happen. I tried to locate a person who could help but that was also unsuccessful.

The elderly people's hair grew longer and longer. As I saw their hair getting longer, so did my guilty conscience. Elderly women constantly asked, "When can I have a haircut?" I replied, with prayers in my heart, "I'm trying to find someone. Hold on." "Oh God, what should I do? Should I learn how to cut peoples' hair?"

Of course, finding volunteers for to bathe people is not an easy job. Not everyone can clean someone's dirty body. But since this service does not require any specific skill, anyone can perform this service with attitude of love and service. Cutting a person's hair, though, requires skill.

In July, when I was worried about the situation, I received a phone call in my office. Someone said, "I'd like to help. I know how to cut hair. If you could give me a week's notice, I can take a day off and serve." The phone call was like an oasis to my thirsty heart. God, you are so awesome and wonderful. How did this happen? God, I thank you. Thank you.

I felt like God solved a problem that I had been struggling for months. In August, I visited those elderly women without dependents. They welcomed us with warm and grateful hearts. My heart felt so clean and bright upon seeing their happy faces after a clean bath and neat haircut.

I asked the volunteer who called me how she came heard about us. She said that the Eunpyung District Office referred her. Several years ago, we visited that office, explained what we are doing, and left some brochures about us. That was then. But suddenly.

God led and directed my life like this. When I was striving to do things, God awaited and watched. But when humbly I prayed, God, what shall I do? Help me. I cannot do this. He always embraced me. Come here. Thank you God. I love you so much.

A Song in My Mouth:

Be Not Dismayed

By Young Suk Moon
(Deaconess, First District)

For the past several months, I struggled for many nights feeling depressed and lonely as if my life seemed a waste of time in trying to earn a living. Why would my God, who counts even the numbers of my hair, stay so quiet and distant?

I had doubts about God and lived as if I was a unbeliever. Then, in one early morning prayer meeting, I tasted the comfort and warm acceptance of the Holy Spirit through singing hymnal #432:

"Be not dismayed whatever betide, God will take care of you;

Beneath His wings of love abide, God will take care of you.

God will take care of you, through everyday, over all the way

He will take care of you, God will take care of you."

Verse by verse, the dear and loving words of God touched my heart and I burst into tears of repentance. Now, I thank God for His everlasting love and when I feel depressed, I can sing praises and pray to Him.

Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. (Psalm 150:6) Amen!

Children of 'Bong-kong-Bang'

By Jong Pil Lee (Evangelist and Assistant Pastor, College Group)



There are various small group meetings in the Choong Hyun college department that carries out the love of Jesus to other people. An estimated 100 students are serving in various ways to proclaim the good news of the Lord Jesus. Let me tell you about a group called Bong-Kong-Bang.

"Bong-Kong-Bang" is an abbreviation for the

Bongchun-dong Study Group. In 1988, a female evangelist started a church and served as a tutor for the then poverty stricken children of Bongchun-dong. By that time, the area was well known as a notorious low-income area of Seoul. From 1992, the Choong Hyun church began to help the church and started a study assistant group called Bong-Kong-Bang. Currently, about 25 college students are serving the neighborhood children and are committed to help on Mondays and Wednesdays.

There are about 20 students who receive our assistance. They come from mostly low-income households or broken families. The students' ages range from elementary school to high school students. We help them with their schoolwork as well as share the love of Jesus. When these kids are off from school, we invite them to Choong Hyun church and host a Vacation Bible School to teach them songs and Bible stories. We help develop their spiritual growth as well as their mental abilities.

Nowadays, most college students are very busy

doing their own things. But the Choong Hyun college students are committed to help out the Bong-Kong-Bang children as a way of serving and loving the Lord. Most of them do not miss their volunteer opportunities. Moreover, they thank God for allowing such a privilege of being used by God to help others.

The volunteers confess that they are the ones learning more about the love and sacrifice of our Lord Jesus Christ along with the children. Volunteers learn that the precious time they give to help others are the beginning of self-denial and dedication and what God would want from our lives. There are difficulties in the process. Please remember the volunteer teachers so they may continue their service for the Lord.

"Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up" (Galatians 6:9).



Reflections of the Stewardship Seminar

May I Participate in Your Cup

By Hee Seung Oh (District Head, Third District)

How can I repay the Lord for all His goodness to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord.

I will fulfill my vows to the Lord in the presence of all His people. (Psalm 116:12-14)

My faith is weak because I am a novice Christian. Nonetheless, I enjoy daily experiences of His goodness and fresh meetings with Him in my life. I often marvel at how He comes and works wonders in my life. I will empty my heart and give my prayers to you, Lord, can I participate in your cup? Just like Hezekiah's prayers, I also have whispering prayers that my repentance was a delight and joy before you. Seeing our sinful ways, you expect mature discipline of our words and actions. Oh Lord, forgive us. May I remember those hungry souls and seek to give silent prayers for a quiet harvester of joy. I confess to you that I did not pray for the poor in spirit but sought worldly wealth. I repeat your words in my heart as if

they are accessories in my life but constantly fail to make your words a practice of love in my life. I do not forgive others' wrongs but ask for your forgiveness of my dirty sins.

Lord, I prayed for Your faithfulness repeatedly. Oh, how weak and fragile sinners we are. I give thanks to you for your abundant grace. I desire to be used by you. I thank you that I was able to give my tears of worries through daily early morning prayers. I thank you for giving your everlasting and never-changing scent over the past three days of the Stewardship seminar. I love your words. I give you praises and blessings to continue my life. I toast for thanksgivings to you. I know that, even though I am in my 50s, I am called to serve my husband and two children at your precious Choong Hyun church. I give thanks to you repeatedly who came and visited with special love to my heart. I praise your name always.

LMTC Retreat and Mission Field Visitation

By Joseph Kwon (LMTC Trainee)

I left without even knowing what 'Aeyang Won' was. Someone said that it was a village located in Sorok Island for the lepers. I imagined a filthy and unclean place where people wore dirty clothes and suffered miserably. However, upon our arrival, it was much different from what I expected. Aeyang Pond had beautiful scenery that was well suited to be developed as a resort area. Fresh air, clean roads and beautiful surroundings where no trash was found were enough to make my assumptions shameful. I could not believe that this was a village for lepers.

We were introduced to the Aeyang Won families. The meeting was very shocking. Their eyes were not closed but looked melted down. We could only see their noses through the two holes on their eyes. They had no teeth, and fingers. Someone's face was almost like a melted candle. We were all surprised and shocked. Fortunately, they seemed to know how we felt and came to us very naturally. During our fellowship, we were shocked again. The lepers are mostly blind. Their fingers are all gone so they cannot read the Bible. The blind folks can read a Braille version of the Bible but for lepers even this is useless. As a result, they chose to memorize the Bible. They really memorized the Bible. This was shocking. It was not just

verses but the entire Bible! For instance, for quiet time on the Word, all they did was reflect on the memorized verses. In addition, they were so satisfied with their lives! They find great joy in Jesus and live happily. They show sympathy about the fact that they cannot witness to those who have power and money but do not know Jesus as their savior. One person confessed that the sickness was, to him, a great joy. He was to become a judge but after discovering that he has leprosy, he came to this island and found Jesus in his life. They asked us to do missions work which they so eagerly desired. Despite their melted faces, I saw a brilliant radiance of peace.

After we left the island, we visited Rev. Won Son Yang's memorial church. Rev. Son dedicated his life to care for the lepers, and was a man of love to adopt the person who killed his sons. We all cried after seeing pictures of Rev. Son, where he embraced the killer of his sons and said, "You must not die yet. If you die now, you will go to hell." The experience of Aeyang Won and visiting Rev. Son's memorial church motivated all of the LMTC trainees. All of us promised to proclaim Jesus to all unbelievers until we may melt down like them.

Now, I Return After My Mission

By Soon Ju Lee (Lay Missionary, Uganda)

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and from the Lord Jesus Christ.

It's been a year since I came to Uganda. Time has really gone by very quickly. During these times, I was able to meet God deeply through my ministries. I treasure the experience very much. As Jacob had to meet God face to face, I also had to solve many problems through meeting God personally in my life. I believe that all Christians will benefit from serving the Lord in a mission field for a year.

When I first came to this land, my heart was so joyful because there is something I can give to God. Now, I experience a different joy than before. I now confess that God called me to have different spiritual experiences. Among them, God boldly revealed to me the hidden aspects of myself. He has shown and pointed out my selfish greed and what I really want from deep within. I did not know for long time who I really was. God is the true God and I praise His name.

On the mission field, God called to serve Him through administrative work. There, I was able to meet various Christians with various

spiritual gifts. It was time well spent to expose how God works in various ways. My prayers these days are asking for patience and maturity in my life that

I may wait on the Lord to do His will and receive His strength everyday. I don't know how many times that I was too quick to do things different than God's will. I would say that I trusted God in all things but I was too worried about many things.

I ask for your prayers for Uganda. Many natives are dying of the Ebola virus. Thankfully, the virus is not as contagious nowadays. Please pray for the ailing souls of this land due to sicknesses such as the Ebola virus, AIDS, malaria and other illnesses. Remember the land of Uganda so that God's name be glorified in this land. I thank God for using a humble servant like me for the past year. I also thank my brothers and sisters in Jesus Christ.



God's Grace to Examine Myself

By Byung Kyu Yu (Teacher, High School Division)

Last week, the high school department participated in street evangelism at the Kangnam subway station. Many of our high school students went out and distributed gospel tracts along with evangelism tissue packets and candies. They were shy at first, but their prayers were with them that whoever took the tissue and candies would come to know Jesus in their lives.

I suddenly remembered my high school days. That was six years ago! I was called to go to the Samsung and Sports Complex subway stations for street evangelism. At the time, I was a young Christian. However, I had no fear but zeal in my heart to love the unsaved souls. It was not I who was worthy but it was God's grace that I was called to serve Him.

"I am not ashamed of the gospel, because it is the power of God for the salvation of everyone who believes" (Romans 1:16).

I came to realize two things about the reluctance of the students sharing the gospel with others. First, I realized that I was living my Christian faith having lost my first love. I was born into a Christian home but it was as a first-year student in high school that I came to know Jesus as my Lord. I remember that tears fell even hearing the name 'Jesus'. But now, I seem to have lost that love for Jesus.

I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me. (Galatians 2:20)

I rededicated my life that I will live for Him and restore that first love in my faith. The other realization is that I was not doing anything for God's glory during my youth. When you're young, you feel powerful and ready to take on the world. But I was wasting away this valuable period in my life, sitting like a duck. God tried to call me to go but I did not listen to Him. I am not ready, God. I can't do anything. I have so many excuses. But then, I came to feel the heart of God and His love and compassion on the sinners. Yes Lord, I will do Your will. I will go. He has given me a step to stand up. Through this street evangelism experience, the Lord had laden a heart in me to love the lost souls. Street evangelism in Kangnam station continues every week. May those lost souls be blessed always. May we boldly proclaim Jesus Christ's power to save all who believe through Him.