

GOALS

Godly Worship Service
Raising Kingdom Workers
Evangelizing Korea
Evangelizing the World
Loving Neighbors

The Biweekly Choong Hyun

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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1st Semiannual Pastoral Seminar for All Pastors in Korea

Completing by the Grace of God

Mission for the Church as Ambassadors of Christ

Ultimate Victory of the Church Fulfilled in the Resurrection

"We would like to extend our appreciation for such a great opportunity. It is so obvious that all the pastors and members of Choong Hyun have worked very hard to prepare for this seminar. It will bring benefits to all the churches in Korea. It would have been better if all pastors could attend this type of seminar without a registration fee. We feel sorry for those pastors who could not attend this great seminar." One of the pastors who attended the seminar made this comment at the end of the seminar. Others said that the registration fee was too small for the importance and value of the seminar. Even though the seminars were not what they had expected, they were impressed by the seminars so that they said they would come to the next seminar as well.

There are many seminars about short-term church growth but it is very rare to find a seminar based on sound theology teaching the principles of the mission of the church which is based on the full authority and power of the gospel. Therefore, this first seminar for

all pastors in Korea is very important since it revealed the true responsibility and duty of the church in living out the truth of the gospel. Also, it means a lot for all the pastors in Korea. About 200 pastors from all over Korea attended all the lectures. The majority of participants hope that such seminars based on the Bible will be continued. They hope that this seminar will be extended to all churches around Korea to help their ministry in spreading the gospel based on the authority of the word of God.

The second seminar for all pastors in Korea will be held in August. The title will be "Restoration of Preaching: Interpretation of the Bible and Evangelical Preaching." The main speakers are Richard Pratt from Reformed Theological Seminary and Richard Craven from Westminster Theological Seminary.

We would like to encourage all the members of Choong Hyun to pray for all the pastors around Korea. We pray that they would restore their leadership based on the true gospel and lead their

church members to bear fruit for the sake of the kingdom of God and encourage all the local churches to stand as the true community of Christ.

We also pray that all the participants will unceasingly restore their leadership based on the Bible in their ministry by the grace of God.



'99 First Baptism Ceremony

During Today's Evening Service

The first baptism ceremony for 1999 will be held during today's evening service. There will be 202 people who will receive adult baptism, infant baptism, or confirmation. This includes people who are joining our congregation from other denominations. All of them have studied diligently for the past three weeks to prepare for this ceremony. Let us all celebrate and congratulate these people as family members. We must pray for them to grow up in Christ.

Pastors and Elders Prayer Meeting

March 1 at Choong Hyun Prayer Garden

The prayer meeting for all pastors and elders will be held on Monday, March 1 at the Choong Hyun Prayer Garden. It is to encourage one another to serve as church leaders to restore true leadership and to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit. During this prayer meeting, there will be a special lecture about our church, our nation, and our personal relationship with God as his faithful servant. The speakers will be

Reverend Young-Tark Yune about "Leadership in the Old Testament," and Reverend Hyung-Yong Park on "Leadership in the New Testament."

We would like to encourage all church members to remember this prayer meeting in their prayers.

1999 Education Training Department The Word; Mission; Evangelism Opening Service Tonight Hope Many Diligent Participants

The Bible research department, the mission research department, and the evangelism training department will have their opening service this evening. The Bible research department will start their classes on Tuesday, March 2. The mission research department will start their classes on Saturday, March 6. The evangelism training department will start to train Choong Hyun evangelism participants on Wednesday, March 3. Choong Hyun evangelism participants had their opening ceremony on Thursday, February 25. During the ceremony, they prayed that more people from Choong Hyun will participate in this organization and work to spread the gospel around Korea. In 1999, the

evangelism training department lecture schedule is as follows:

1st week	the meaning of evangelism
2nd week	the content of evangelism
3rd week	the meaning and content of deciding to believe
4th week	the specific method of evangelism
5th week	evangelism practice (part 1)
6th week	practical problem of evangelism
7th week	evangelism practice (part 2)
8th week	evangelism practice (part 3) and graduation ceremony

A Small Meeting in Love

March 2; Manna Hall; District 17

The 17th District will hold a small meeting with the love of Christ to establish stronger fellowship among the members of the district. During the meeting, they will introduce each of the evangelism committee leaders and district leaders. Also, they will introduce their plans for 1999. They will discuss their evangelism plan for the countryside. Also, they will discuss helping disabled people and foreign workers here in Korea during March.



by **Sung Kwan Kim**
Reverend

COMMUNION

(1 Corinthians 11:23-26)

Jesus gives three different promises about the future to each Christian. He promises to prepare a place in heaven especially for you! Indeed, He promises to come back again. And too, He promises to take you with Him to His heavenly dwelling (Jn. 14:3). Aren't these some pretty great promises? Don't you have the most excellent future to look forward to? Seriously, everyone must take at least a moment to contemplate this reality. I don't know what your favorite place is here on earth but most people like Hawaii for whatever reason. So I'll use that as an illustration. Just imagine your dear friend going to Hawaii and building you a dream house, then coming

in Christ in this life only, we are of all men most to be pitied" (1 Cor. 15:19). Talk about doomsday - that's it! The apostle promises something more. He even gives you an intimate description, "in a moment, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet; for the trumpet will sound, and the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For this perishable must put on the imperishable, and this mortal must put on immortality" (1 Cor. 15:52-53). Your temporary body shelter is going to be made eternal at the Second Coming!

But that's not all the apostle promises, "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?

dedication, forgiveness, and obedience to His Father for you? Until He comes, do you remember that He is preparing a house for you? For in Jesus' message, we have to keep His remembrance until He comes. Sure, the times, conditions and circumstances of life always change but not the Gospel! Why? Because sinners still need salvation. Salvation only happens through the cross. It's the blood of Christ and the sacrifice of His body that brings salvation to each believer. Like the Lamb of God, He gave His life to bring life.

"And according to the Law, one may almost say, all things are cleansed with blood, and without shedding of blood there is no forgiveness" (Heb. 9:22). In the Old Testament there was no forgiveness of sin without animal blood. Here, now, today - Jesus' blood washes away all sin. That is what we remember. We can't clean sin with money. We can't erase sin using decayed things. No, we can't use gold and silver or honor and reputation. Only blood works and not our blood but only Jesus' blood.

That's why the cross is the subject of the Son of Heaven! "Behold, He is coming with the clouds, and every eye will see Him, even those who pierced Him; and all the tribes of the earth will mourn over Him. So it is to be. Amen." (Rev. 1:7). What's this saying? It's saying that you must experience Jesus from the cross. In other words the cross represents the Son of Heaven! Paul even mentions, "For the word of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God" (1 Cor. 1:18). That's the power of the cross to us - it changes life. Christians walk in the light, "but if we walk in the Light as He Himself is in the Light, we

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His promises are guaranteed!

back to get you and personally take you there to spend time together.

My dear Christian friends, Jesus promises you a home in heaven! He promises to come back from heaven to earth to personally take you to your brand new eternal home! His promises are guaranteed! Do you believe it? Do you totally and completely believe His promises? If you really and truly believe this, without any hesitation or reservation, how come you are not excited? How come you're not filled with unsurpassable joy? Come on people, Jesus died for you! He resurrected and ascended into heaven so that He could prepare a place for you! He's coming again so that you can live where He lives!

There was a crowd of around five hundred people who actually witnessed Jesus' ascension. And as they were watching Him rise-up to heaven, two angels appeared to them and said, "Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking into the sky? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in just the same way as you have watched Him go into heaven" (Acts 1:11). Here is another promise! The angels promise that Jesus will return in just the same way as He left. It will be personal and visible. Not only is this a promise from the angels but it is also a promise from the Apostle. The Apostle talks to you by God's Word here - we must remember that he too promises Christ's return.

For if there is no resurrection, then the bodily resurrection of Christ is untrue, the preaching of the gospel is a lie, the Christian faith is without meaningful content, and Christians are hopeless concerning their prospect for the future (1 Cor. 15:13-18). Take in the full scope of this, "If we have hoped

... but thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your toil is not in vain in the Lord" (1 Cor. 15:55, 57-58). Amen! A firm belief in the resurrection and a solid hope for the future gives you incentive for service right now. You have before you Jesus' promises, the angels promise, and the apostle's promises. The future is yours. Your home is eternal life.

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All these promises are freely given to those who have faith in Jesus because Jesus took the cross. Jesus asks us to remember His death through Holy Communion. He asks us to take the bread [His body] and the cup [His blood] in remembrance of Him (1 Cor. 11:23-25). When? "For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" (v. 26). Our remembrance continues until He comes. Throughout history, all Christians have kept this remembrance. We remember His death, dedication, forgiveness of sins, and absolute obedience. We remember what Jesus did! How about you? What is the meaning of communion to you?

Do you really think about what Jesus' death means to you? Do you really think about His

have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus His Son cleanses us from all sin" (1 Jn. 1:7). The cross changes our life!

This communion makes us all think of the death of Christ. This communion makes us all look forward with great enthusiasm to His second coming. This communion makes us live holy lives. Let us sing the song of the cross. Let us appreciate His grace. Let us worship His sacrifice and share in the joy of salvation. Let our fellowship in today's communion be an absolute heavenly party. As we think more and more about the cross and the immeasurable value it brings to each one of us, let us with humble and pure hearts celebrate communion.

Foreigners Mission Department

Our Lord Started and He Will Finish

From a Mustard Seed to a Tree

the beginnings

Three years ago, two anonymous deacons from Choong Hyun Church met two Sri Lankans at the Choong Hyun Prayer Garden while they were using the phone. The deacons invited the Sri Lankans to church. Nobody knew that this would lead to the development of the foreigners mission department at Choong Hyun Church. The newcomers department and the English worship department helped this fledgling department within the mission department.

the current status

Now there are about 80 foreign workers and 50 volunteers regularly attending the nine o'clock Sunday

morning services in Amen Hall under the main sanctuary. They come from Mongolia, China, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, India, Bangladesh, and Indonesia.



visitation and evangelism

It is necessary to share the gospel with foreigners who come from other religious backgrounds by building friendships to open their hearts. It is

also very important to find out their needs and provide what they need as well. Most of them are working in small factories. Our volunteers consistently visit them at their workplace to share the gospel with them. The consistent visitation is enough to cause them and others to ask questions about church and Christianity until many of them profess Christ as their Lord and Savior. Last year, a hundred foreign workers regularly attended church.



plan for the future

50 foreign workers who became Christians through the foreign mission department have returned to their home countries. Our short term mission teams visited these people to encourage them in their new faith. Also, we have a plan to send some foreign workers to seminary so that they can share the gospel to their countrymen as pastors. Furthermore, we are planning to develop text books in each of these languages.



Report from India

God's Love for India

by In Soo Lee

(Deacon, India short-term mission team, teacher of foreign mission department)

Since we found out we were going to India, we met three times a week to prepare and pray. We got on the plane. Yet, we recognized our insufficient knowledge of India's language and culture.

We arrived in New Delhi and stayed there overnight. The next morning, we left for our mission field of Chamdiga by bus. Each of us were filled with the excitement of meeting people and sharing the gospel. On the first day, we visited the universities. The next day, we divided into small teams of two or three so that we could share the gospel on a more personal level. Female students were more interested to listen and talk with us than the male students. God is always gracious to us. He sent another team to help us. Through this other team, we had more opportunities to talk with the

students. Also, we could exchange phone numbers and addresses. We hope that we could continue to encourage them to grow up as the children of God. One thing we regret was that we could not meet one of the students with whom we had made an appointment because our tardiness.

On our last day, we invited all students who showed their interest in the gospel to a restaurant. We had a good time. They even invited their friends and family members to the meal where they could all share the gospel. While we evangelized the people in India, we realized that the time was too short to build very close relationships. We trust and pray that those who showed their interest in the gospel will become good and faithful disciples of Christ and share the gospel with their own people.



◀ a member of the team is evangelizing the young people of India

Mothers' Bible Study Group

by Jung Soon Kim

(Deaconess, assistant director of English Worship Service)

The mother's Bible study group is one of the Group Bible Studies (GBS) of Choong Hyun Church. As suggested by the group name, all the members are mothers. This class meets concurrently with their children in the English worship service. The mothers study the same materials and sing the same praise songs as their children. In this way, mothers can help their

children are making a presentation, the mothers normally come with their children and pray with their children. They also lead them in the motions.

In particular, whenever the elementary division in the English worship has a retreat, the mothers usually come to help with food and organization. They are always ready and willing to help the elementary

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children at home while preparing their Bible study and singing at home. Also, the mothers can help their children to review what they learned in Sunday school. In this way, mothers can be a good friend and leader for their children as they grow as the children of God.

As we know, mothers are very busy at home with housework - cooking, washing, and caring for their children. The members of this Bible study group decided to study the same material as their children so that they might better meet their children's needs. This Bible study is held in English. Sometimes, when their

division. This is helpful to the morale of the elementary division.

Children in the elementary division are the ones who will be the future leaders of the church. They need to be people who can carry the gospel as the army of God. Also, they will be the ones who can lead and serve Choong Hyun Church in the new millennium. Whenever I see children coming to the English Worship to study the Bible in English, I feel very blessed because they have mothers who are learning the same material to meet their needs in Christ. Because of such things, I see a very bright and hopeful future for Choong Hyun.

The Republic of Guinea

Reaching the Unreached

(from Patrick Johnstone's *Operation World*, 5th edition)

Are You a Good Teacher?

by David Berry

(Staff reporter, English Worship Service)

I have often wondered why some teachers seem to just have that special touch to teach their students. These teachers can easily either transfer a body of knowledge to their students or help guide them to learn something. What makes a good teacher? What are some of the features of a good teacher? I have taught in Korea in commercial institutes and missionary schools for more than two years, and am completing a M.A. TESOL. Thus, I am very curious about what a good teacher should do. Here are some ideas about becoming a good teacher. This article does not discuss the more traditional, academic features of a good teacher. These included curriculum aims and goals, lesson planning, classroom management, etc. Instead, I am approaching this subject from the spiritual side. What makes a good teacher, spiritually speaking!

A good teacher should remind his students that God is real. She should always remind her students that God is not just a silly or man-made idea but is as real and concrete as the floor the students are sitting on. Depending on the school setting, a teacher may do this overtly or covertly. But the effect or message should be the same. If she is a Vancouver high school teacher, she should not mention God in class but talk indirectly about God in life as if He were real.

Second, a good teacher can explain to her students how she experiences God - again, either directly or indirectly. This is important because some students may be confused about how to experience God. The student may hear the teacher talk about how he experiences God. But if the student does not know how to experience God himself, the teachers' experience may become meaningless. The teachers' explanation of how she experiences God brings more credibility to what she says about God. I have found in the past that a student who is told how to do something will believe the something more than if he does not know how to do it.

Third, a good teacher knows how to get his prayers answered. Every Christian (and even many non-Christians) have prayers but sometimes aren't sure or don't have the confidence or assurance that their prayers are being answered. Thus, it is the good teachers who teach the student (overtly or covertly) how to get their prayers answered. It's an exciting experience to know that what you pray for will be answered by God. This gives the person asking a sense of assurance - a blessed assurance.

Guinea is comprised of about a quarter of a million square kilometers on the west coast of Africa between Guinea-Bissau and Sierra Leone with a population of nearly eight million. About one million people live in the capital city of Conakry. 28% of the people are literate in the official language of French. Of their 29 languages, 14 have at least portions of Scripture translated.

Though the country could have great wealth, corruption and waste have led to a subsistence economy. After their independence from France in 1958, they had faced much political repression though the government is currently undergoing constitutional reform.

Although the government is pro-Islamic, and Catholics had suffered tremendously, there is now religious freedom for missionary work. Currently, about 83.1% of the people are Muslim, tribal religions comprise

12.4% of the population, and 4.5% of the people are Christian. Of the Christians, 0.58% of the people are Protestant and 3.9% of the people are Roman Catholic.

Prayer points:

1. Praise God for the political liberalization and complete religious freedom resulting from the reign of terror by previous Islamic regimes.
2. Pray for the growth and spread of the Christian faith among the large Muslim population.
3. Guinea has among the most unreached people groups in Africa.
4. There is a great need for leadership training for both pastors and lay people.

Fourth, a good teacher knows more about his topic than he presents. In her class, the teacher should lecture or discuss many issues concerning a subject. But she should know much more than that. This is because many students will ask specific questions about some obscure issue. The teacher must be ready to answer the question without hesitation. As the English expression say: "Still waters run DEEP."

The last and maybe most important feature of a good teacher is humility. A good teacher must be humble with her knowledge. She should instruct and help her students to understand a subject but she should not brag or become proud with her use of her knowledge. A teacher may know many things about God or church planting but without the proper humble use of that knowledge, she may destroy or damage the students' interest in the subject. I have met some seminary professors who were more interested in using their vast Bible knowledge to put themselves above God by questioning the Bible's truth. This kind of teaching will probably mislead students. When teaching anything, show the students that this knowledge should be used with humility, not pride. Remember that God made all the knowledge in the world. He gives and takes wisdom from people - teachers and students alike.

In whatever profession we enter, let us remember what makes a good teacher. If we ourselves become a teacher in a Christian school, remember and apply the above five features or responsibilities of a good teacher.

The Angel's House

I think that name is the perfect name for this place because I surely met some angels - true angels in this world.

It was the first time for most of us. We may have gone caroling to police stations but we never had a chance to visit the handicapped. I noticed everyone was a bit nervous. It was a new, unfamiliar surrounding.

The Angel's house was not that big. The first thing that caught my eyes were the shoes that were lined up against the wall of the house. Then there was the small path leading up to a tiny playground. It was cozy, in it's unique kinda way.

They finally opened their doors to us. Then one by one, we awkwardly stepped inside. We were welcomed with warm smiles. I felt a sudden pang as I noticed how excited they were to have us. They couldn't express it in comfortable words and gestures, but it definitely showed through their smiles.

Their smile was different - different from ours and people we know. I don't know... like it was from a purity, an untouched, sincere feeling from deep down inside their hearts. I'm pretty sure no one I know can smile like that.

They didn't hesitate a bit to come close to us. I felt embarrassed that we couldn't be like them.

It was like the opposite. They were more open and active while we backed away. But because of their activeness we were quick to get close.

What touched me the most was how angelic they were. They were so nice. And I realized, your outer image isn't all that important. They were disabled outside and may seem weird to most people. But inside, they were pureness itself, better than most regular people.

One kid had caught most of my attention. He was a small boy who had some kind of a problem. He would rip up everything. If he saw paper, he would grab it out of people's hands and rip them to pieces - without any expression. He scared me, honestly. When I saw his expressionless face, goose bumps ran up my arms. Then he made me sad. What could he possibly be feeling inside to just want to rip things up? I felt sad because we couldn't reach out to him.

Then there was this really really sweet kid. He was so nice and adorable. He would go around saying "hi" to people and telling them to kiss "hello." What an angel! I'm sure everyone felt bad to leave. So I hope we can visit them again. They taught me a lot about what's really important in life.

The sun had slanted, sending streaks of the last sun light across the sky. Everyone, one by one, stepped back up onto the bus. I looked outside through the small window to the long path. The sun was slowly disappearing behind the mountains, behind the angel's house. Leaving only small prayers for their blessings behind.

Another Cold Saturday

by Tae E. Lee

(Senior High, English Worship Service)

The sky is almost perfect - with only a few specks of dazzling white clouds. The entire sky seemed to be showing off it's best color.

God had seemed to bless the day... clear and bright... with a slight breeze. But no one seemed to feel the cold as we did. Choong Hyun's English Service headed up the long path. It was a long way up but we were finally there.