

GOALS

Godly Worship Service
Raising Workers for the Kingdom
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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Spiritual Worship by the Bethel Choir High School Choir; Praises Every Sunday

The Fifth Service at 3 p.m., commonly referred to as 'young worship' brings together many young Choong Hyun members, celebrates its fourth year. Members serve God in a more classical worship environment when compared to the contemporary worship style in other churches. The most active participants of this service are the Bethel Choir and Orchestra and High School Choir and Orchestra. They always memorize their music and, when the two choirs sing together, they sing various songs as one group.

Although most high school students are busy with their studies, they still dedicate their time to praising and glorifying God through participating in the choir and orchestra. Their counterparts, the Bethel Choir and Orchestra, consist of college students and young adults. This is their way of expressing their love for God.

When the Fifth Service first started, members elected a conductor and orchestra members voluntarily served God through their musical talent. This commitment is seen through autonomous prayers after the worship service and through All Night Friday prayer meetings. The choir and orchestra not only challenge other Choong Hyun choir and orchestra members but also the entire church.

The High School Choir and Orchestra and Bethel Choir and Orchestra will strive even harder for a deeper spiritual worship service. Church leaders should continue to help all young people come to God by encouraging their active participation and attendance in all services. Please support them and keep them in your prayers.



Change in Wednesday and Friday Worship Times from October

Starting this month, the Wednesday and Friday worship times will be changed. We hope that all Choong Hyun members will be aware of the time changes.

The changes are as follows:

Type of Service	Previous Time	New Time
Wednesday, Second Service	7:30 p.m.	7 p.m.
Friday, Worship Service	7:30 p.m.	7 p.m.

Prayer Meeting for Missionaries

Joshua, Moses, Aaron and Hur prayed and God answered their earnest prayers for victory. Are we forgetting our missionaries who are on the frontlines of the mission fields? We invite all believers who will pray to change the flow of the mission fields.

The prayer meeting will be held on Tues., Oct. 10 from 6:30-9 p.m. at Manna Hall and Bethany Hall. All concerned Choong Hyun members, including Executive Leaders of the Mission Department, LMTC students and Mission Dream Team candidates, are invited to attend.

Stewardship Spiritual Seminar: "May I Participate in Your Cup?"

Choong Hyun's stewardship spiritual seminar is just around the corner. The featured speaker will be Dr. Timothy Witmer, a Professor of Practical Theology at Westminster Seminary and also a preacher at Crossroad Presbyterian Church. He is also founder of The Shepherd's Institute.

Dr. Witmer will be conducting his seminars at the Main Sanctuary from Oct. 11-13 at 7 p.m. The title of his first seminar will be "What is My Cup?" "Sharing the Cup" will be the focus of his second seminar and "Is Your Cup Half Full or Half Empty?" will conclude the series. His seminars will challenge us how to live as blessed people and how to live holy lives. Let us pray that these seminars will bring spiritual renewal and dedication to Christ.

Worship schedule

Sunday	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. *The English Service is held at Galilee Hall (Main Sanctuary, B1) at 9:00 a.m. *Simultaneous translation is provided in English Service and Japanese for the 11:00 a.m. service
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. *Simultaneous interpretation in Sri Lankan, Chinese, Mongolian, Hindi and Indonesian are available.

Request for Used Clothes and Items for Foreign Workers

The Foreign Workers' Mission is organizing a clothing and used goods' drive. If you have clothing and personal belongings that you would like to donate, please give generously to make the lives easier for our foreign brothers and sisters in Christ.

Clothes and other items will be collected from Oct. 8-22 (except on Mondays). You can bring items such as radios, TVs, heaters and other essential household items to the Missions Office. If you have any questions, please contact them at 552-8200; ext. 356.



by Rev. Sung Kwan Kim
Senior Pastor

God's Invitation

(Isaiah 1:18)

"Come now, let us reason together," says the LORD. "Though your sins are like scarlet, they shall be as white as snow; though they are red as crimson, they shall be like wool."

The condition of sinful humans brings terrible results. Take a glance at some of the Bible verses leading up to today's message, like verse 2, "Listen, O heavens, and hear, O earth; For the Lord speaks, Sons I have reared and brought up, But they have revolted against Me, and verses 5 and 6, Where will you be stricken again, As you continue in your rebellion? The whole head is sick, And the whole heart is faint. From the sole of the foot even to the head There is not sound in it, Only bruises, welts and raw wounds, Not pressed out or bandaged, Nor softened with oil." It's clear that bad results are because of sin. People who abandon or despise God are corrupt, weighed down with iniquity. Actually, all humans are offspring of the evildoer because of sin. Sin removes man far, far away from God.

God wants to change this condition. He's called a meeting! Amen! Look at today's message, "Come now, and let us reason together, Says the Lord, Though your sins are as scarlet, They will be as white as snow; Though they are red like crimson, They will be like wool." God calls you to "come now," not later. He calls you to Him as you are, not after your sins have been cleansed. Your need of Him is urgent because your sin is so dangerous and deadly. Not one can wait; not even for one moment. This is an emergency, you cannot delay.

God has called you to meet Him, not some executive or important worldly person, but Almighty God! The simple person cannot think well, he or she doesn't have good thoughts. They don't have good minds. They've lost the peace that comes from faith. But this wonderful meeting is so desperate. If you don't want to come, or if you have reason not to come, that goes only against God. This God, the maker of all creation, requires you to come. You cannot think about it. You cannot discuss it with your self. You can only listen and obey. You need a

cure. You are sick. If you only come to Jesus for Sunday worship, you are a hypocrite. You may not have any deep thoughts about God, but God asks you to come. He is really serious. He is talking about the real heavenly kingdom, and the real burning hell.

heavenly things, like eternal life, love and happiness?

God's invitation to you is a wonderful opportunity for you to experience the grace of God. He's asking you to come. The King is inviting a slave into His palace. This

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The sorrow of the Holy Spirit moved the will of Jesus.
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directly tells you that He will cleanse you.*

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what is the loss?*

He's willing to discuss it with you.

Do you think that there is any other meeting more important than this one? If you come, it will be the wisest decision you'll ever make. If you fail to show up and neglect this meeting because you're looking for happiness in this world, you will be making the worst decision of your life. How often have you thought that this Jesus thing is good and righteous, but worldly things are better? When was the last time you spent, just a moment, weighing the value of worldly things, like fame, fortune and luxury against

kind of opportunity doesn't come often. It is very rare, remarkable and unusual. The King invites you to proclaim peace. He really wants to talk to you about forgiveness. He really wants to talk to you about righteousness. The appointment time is now! You don't have to prepare, you truly can't prepare. Just come as you are in your terrible situation. God's love, in Christ Jesus, will welcome and restore your broken life.

The Lord God honestly calls to you. He already knows that your sins are like scarlet. That literally means

that He seeks sinners, big time sinners! He already knew that He would take care of them, He said "They will be as white as snow." You can't do it. No other person on earth can do it. Only God can do it. Only He will do it. He forgives you. He will make peace in your battle. The battle is finished. He removes sin perfectly, from crimson red to white wool. He cleanses eternally. He removes the punishment. He destroys the sin. He protects His new creation. He explains with His Word, not human words. He forgives, unconditionally. Blessings upon blessings befall His children. He makes you a new creature and a holy person, if you come to Him immediately.

All humans are like scarlet and crimson, but we have the incredible opportunity to become like white snow and wool. Between the red and white colors of human life is the biggest sacrifice — the blood of Jesus Christ. His blood cleansed sin once and for all. The sorrow of the Holy Spirit moved the will of Jesus. Human knowledge or sacrifice cannot make this happen; it cannot change humans from crimson to wool. God directly tells you that He will cleanse you. Human sin destroys humans, but the blood of the Lamb of God, Jesus Christ, takes care of the sin of the world. Come now, come to the righteousness and grace of God. Accept His invitation. What is the loss?

The meeting with the Creator, Almighty God, results in changing your sins to snow. You will become His child, a part of "a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light; for you once were not a people, but now you are the people of God; you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Pet. 2:9&10). Amen! Reconcile with God through the blood of Jesus. Accept His invitation. 

Foreign Workers' Mission Global Meeting

By Sun Ok Kim (Teacher, Uzbekistan Team)



From Sept. 10-11 at the Choong Hyun Prayer Mountain, there was a spiritual revival for the foreign workers living in Korea. The theme was Let's Understand Church. The revival was especially meaningful to me. I was asked in May to supervise the Yongsu-ri area where there are many workers from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia. This was where the revival was held. Unfortunately, I was not able to participate at that retreat because of my job.

Despite the scorching summer, the attendance rate remained steady but the foreign workers were coming very infrequently. Perhaps the biggest reason was that I was too busy with my own life. This revival meeting was a chance to care for them. I went to the revival meeting hoping that I could be their servant to witness Jesus Christ.

On Sept. 10, after the Fourth Service at Choong Hyun, our group headed for the Prayer Mountain. We were like children because we looked forward to going there. There were about 100 brothers and sisters from Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan and Russia and I

noticed some newcomers as well. The first session was an eye-opening lecture on the essentials of Christian life — prayer, preaching, praise, silent prayer, Lord's prayer, offering and baptism. During the evening session, we learned about sin of humanity and God's never-changing love.

Afterwards, the gathering benefited from watching the "Jesus" movie that was shown in Russian. Many of them had to work in the morning so they must have been tired but I prayed that the Holy Spirit would work in their hearts through the movie.

On the second day, the message was given from the book of Ephesians that we are all one in the unity of Jesus Christ. Perhaps this had sparked them that they began praising God and sharing the love of Jesus so eagerly. Sports activities were held at a nearby elementary school after lunch. It seemed as if the day was a Chusok feast in their foreign land. At the closing service, all of us thanked and praised the Lord for His goodness and dedicated ourselves for a faithful Christian life before God.

I think doing missions is not done by extraordinary language skills or perfect missionary strategies. The most important thing is sharing the love of Christ and serving with His attitude. This is so true in ministering to foreigners. They desire to learn our language whenever there's an opportunity

and this leads to sharing with others.

I want to embrace those broken hearts; those who were mistreated by Korean businesspeople. The problem is that I have no power to love them. That's why I need your prayer support. Ministers who work overseas are missionaries but those who work with foreigners in Korea are also missionaries. There is nothing we can do with our will. We need your intercessory prayer. Peace and Shalom.

Sha-Sha's Story



Sha-Sha is an ethnic Korean youth from Kazakhstan. He first came to Choong Hyun church about seven months ago to meet Christian friends. For a while, the church was no

more than a place to meet new friends. He continued to attend Bible studies and worship. However, he gradually began to have questions about God. At first, it was no more than just a passing interest. Because he grew up as a Marxist, he thought it was interesting to just hear about God and Jesus. He drew closer to God day by day, began to read the Bible and thought more about church and God. During a recent retreat, he heard about an invitation to receive Jesus and decided to become a Christian. He knew that God is alive and spoke to Him. He is enjoying the growth to know God and His Word more in these days.

Report of Short-Term Missions to Egypt:

Standing on the Hills of Mokatom

By So Young Lee (Second Young Adult Division)



"Lord! Why? Why do your people have to live like this?"

The bus was going uphill in Mokatom — that twisted and crook road of slums. In front of those filthy houses, some children waved at our bus. I could sense their dependence on Jesus through the painted pictures of Jesus at their front doors. After seeing this, I was crying and my heart felt shattered.

Egypt is a Muslim country. Therefore, persecution against Christianity continued for the past 1,400 years. Muslims have threatened the lives of Christians and, thus, led to many conversions to Islam. But many have defended their faith in difficult circumstances. Many Christians came to the hill; they could not receive proper education, find employment in addition to their property and possessions being taken away. They collected trash and raised pigs as means of survival.

There was a church inside a cave at the end of the trash village. We were speechless the moment we

entered the church. Every inch of the church walls and corners witnessed how much they loved God. Carvings and paintings of thanksgiving to God for His protection and guidance adorned the church. I thought to myself, "Yes, they really love God, NO, God really loves them. Faith indeed is the gift of God." I walked down the hill. Although the odor was unbearable because of the blistering heat, I still was able to smile along with those dear brothers and sisters who live through heavenly peace. Children ran up to us and waved, shook hands and kissed us. They engraved a cross in their children's' hands after their birth in this Muslim nation. I saw their faith and spiritual richness — God's abundant blessing.

We sang a Korean hymn and prayed for them.

Lord, thank you for encouraging them and empowering them. I pray that this land will be filled with your holy people. May our hearts be filled with your grace. May I testify living Jesus in my life.

Jesus Whom I Met: Love of Jesus

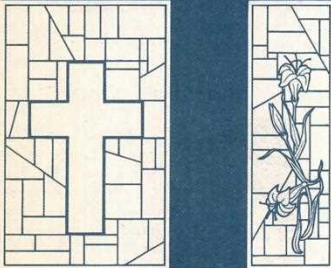
By In Sil Ahn (Second Young Adult Group)

Jesus and His cross are always touching because I am able to meet God and converse with Him through Jesus. Because of Jesus' love, my sins are forgiven and I can go to God. I like to share my first experience of meeting Him. It was when I was a third grade student in high school. I had many dreams and plans. I believed in God and I did pray but, as I look back on things, my prayers were always about my thoughts and demands to God. I took no time in listening to His answer. At the time, I was growing in understanding of the Word. I read four gospels and conversations between Jesus and Peter when Jesus suddenly spoke to me. Peter told Jesus: "Lord may it never happen to you." This was just like my prayers. "Lord, I want to go to this college. It would be good if I enter this college get a good job and then serve you. Please let me enter this school." Clearly, I was not paying attention to God's voice. I was so focused on telling Him what I want. That was me. The next verse shocked me. "Satan, get behind Me!" That's right. It was Satan in me that wanted to control everything thinking and wanting only what I wanted. Shocked, I stood upright from reading down. Jesus continued His voice. "In Sil, you are my beloved daughter. I have made you and love you. Do not fear and worry." Then there was peace in my heart. I began to lay down my plans. I cried because of Jesus' love. My prayers were changed. God, I love you. You know that I love you and trust you. I know that you are with me in my future and life. May I pray that thy will be done and I will be obedient.



From Mt. Sinai to Calvary

By Sung Chul Yune (Elder, Planning Chief)



Hallelujah! By the grace of God, I had a chance to visit the Holy Land. It was truly a valuable experience to witness and experience the place where Christians only learn about it through the Bible. The Holy Land experience was divided into three parts: from Egypt to the exodus trail of Sinai wilderness; Jerusalem and Galilee where Jesus walked and

tracing the steps of the disciples' martyr to Rome.

Egypt: We set off our pilgrimage from the land where the idolatry for the deceased is so brilliant. On the fourth day of our visit, after climbing Mt. Sinai at about 2 a.m., we found the meaning of God's work for the Israelites to bring His people out of Egypt. Although it was a magnificent mountain, Mt. Sinai kept its holiness that no man would dare to challenge God. It was, in fact, the exodus of Israel began here. It was God who called Moses to lead His people out from Mt. Sinai. It truly is God's wonderful plan. Moses, who fled to the wilderness and stayed for 40 years, must have had enough training in leading the flock. But God calling Moses from the burning bush was a reaffirmation of His call.

After Exodus: God called Moses again to Mt. Sinai to give him the Ten Commandments (Ex. 19-20).

While studying the Bible to figure out why God had called Moses again at this mountain when the journey to the promised land was still far away, I realized that the Israelites feared this mountain where God's glory and presence existed. This mountain was holy; all feared this mountain. God had declared that no one can come to His righteousness and holiness except for perfect obedience to the law and commandments. Throughout the wilderness, what the Israelites learned was that their observance to the law and commandments were not enough to reach God's holiness and His righteousness. After all, the

mountain was a typical of Jesus Christ and His cross. Through Jesus Christ on Calvary and cross, God calls and connects us to the new covenant. God's calling through the cross was His wonderful plan to achieve His love, holiness and righteousness to us.

Jesus' Steps: From the fifth day, our pilgrimage was at Bethlehem, surroundings of Galilee, the path to the cross and glorious Mount of Olives. But the most difficult thing was trying to find the rest of Jesus' time. It was difficult to find the maligned Golgotha hill and much of Jerusalem the way Jesus saw.

Today's Jerusalem stresses the traits of Roman oppression and history of repeated invasion of Muslims.

The suffering attributes of Jesus Christ are nowhere to be seen.

Pilgrim's Journey: As the journey continued, I repeatedly thanked the Lord, if the Bible was not given to us God's word will be followed through without fail. How thankful it is that God's word was passed onto us. Lord Jesus promised He will return as the way we saw Him going. At that day, all man-made forms will be destroyed and His glory will shine. The journey brought conviction that only the Bible is to be preached and preserved. Hallelujah, Amen. Come Jesus, Come.

Kid's Department

Fathers' Invitation Day



Perhaps because of this special day, the Kid's Sunday School looked much different than other Sundays. It was proud a dad's day. As a special event, some fathers, with big smiles on their faces, presented praises with hand motions that their kids sing. "Baby, baby, what do you want to be when you grow up?" "I'll be God's worker. A familiar looking couple was seated at the corner and they were singing along with others. "How do you know this song since you don't come to the Kid's Sunday School often?" "Well," I replied, "my kid knows the song and often sings it at home." I thought I

needed to learn their song so I purchased the tape. "Wow, you must be so happy!"

As usual, most fathers are busy serving at other parts of church on Sundays. Children would come to Sunday School mostly with their mothers and, thus, it gradually became rare for fathers to come. The Fathers' Invitation Day event allowed fathers to learn how their children are growing spiritually.

One father said, "These days, I have no other worries but how to raise my kid under God's watchful eyes."

(By Reporter Hye Won Uhm)

Dreaming of Praise Mission

By Sung Mi Hong (High School Student)

Since the summer retreat when I was a first grade student in middle school, I began to think of praise more than mere singing. At the time, I was just a churchgoer. I came to church to meet friends and worship was of no importance to me. I didn't think about God seriously. During the retreat, however, my life changed.

I came across various praises and, whenever I heard hymns, my soul found peace. I learned that God's desire is to bless us and that blessings are a form of praising God I knew why I felt so comfortable praising God. I was being blessed by praising God. This fact pleased my soul and I continued to praise Him.

My life started to change. Worship was so meaningful and I looked forward to worship services. Whenever I was praising God in worship, I was so glad to know that I

was receiving God's special blessings. Once I learned that when King David danced and praised God, his wife scoffed him. But David answered that was an act of worshipping God. I also want to dance when I praise God. Of course, that is different from dancing to meaningless pop songs. It's not just about moving to the beat but, more importantly, my soul is so happy. I thought of praising through body worship while attending worship service.

My goal is to become a missionary. Once I saw a missionary and his work in Africa through television. The African natives also danced and worshipped God. This missionary watched over the dancing with much enthusiasm and joy. It was so touching. Anyway, I want to become a praise missionary and will not stop praising God whatsoever.