

ST. TIMOTHY VOICE

See the need, fill the need! By Joon Kim

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This was an expression from an animated movie from a few years ago. Looking back, I think it was the perfect expression to describe how the other Korean school teachers and I became a part of St. Timothy Korean School.

About 7 years ago, when my kids started Korean class at the church, I noticed that the Korean class was not very different from other classes my kids attended. At that time, there were only two classes for advanced/older students and beginner/younger children. Ms. Helen Lee taught the little kids with fun games and contemporary Korean songs. Learning Korean together with familiar church friends made my kids feel more welcome and all the fun things they were doing in the class enticed them even more to participate. It was definitely a good experience for my kids and I felt thankful for the opportunity they had. It was especially beautiful to see how Helen was serving the kids with passion and love and it led me to the decision to volunteer to help Helen. Eventually, as the number of students multiplied, I also became a teacher. *(continued)*





Since then, St. Timothy Korean School has steadily grown every year and now we have about 40 children from KSM and ESM attending Kindergarten, Junior Beginner, Senior Beginner, and Advanced classes. The number of children has more than doubled in the last 10 years thanks to all the quiet but dedicated serving hands filling all the areas of needs. They might not be fully recognized yet but I believe that it was all these people working behind the scenes that have brought the program to where it is today. They have made all the difference.



Personally, if I am not very close with someone, I am not good at approaching and asking people to help. This was the most difficult part for me: asking people to join. However, I realized that there were always some people who already sensed the need. When they became new partners, every individual brought their own unique way of serving. It could be innovative ideas like planning new events to attract more participation from the parents and students, or running class in a very different way. Because we are so different, the work became more enjoyable and interesting.



Our goal for St. Timothy Korean School is to help our children become more engaged in Korean culture and heritage. We hope that kids will become more motivated to learn about our cultural heritage and will enjoy learning Korean together as a community. Through these experiences, we pray that it will bring our community, including KSM and ESM closer together.





Reflections on Hi-C Summer Retreat 2013

By Jonathan Chung

What made this Hi-C summer retreat so memorable? Well, there are a lot of different possible answers since everyone in the Hi-C are all so different and they all have their own perspectives. But I'm pretty sure that all the Hi-C will remember well the things I am about to talk about in this article.

First of all, the sermons Pastor Jane shared with us every evening at the retreat were very inspirational. It is not just important to build relationships with family, friends and God. What's important is to strengthen those relationships, to make them meaningful and deep. Also, there will be temptations in relationships and if you continue to say "yes" to temptations, then "no" won't even seem like an option. So I just want to say, on behalf of the Hi-C, a very big thank you to Pastor Jane for all her hard work.

But enough of the serious and inspirational stuff... We had fun at the retreat as well! Every kid probably remembers something different from the past retreat, whether it be zip-lining, kayaking, canoeing, the performances or just the free time. Something stood out for every kid, but I think everyone had the most fun together during the performances. The energy from the Hi-C was crazy! Even with the limited time to practice the skits and dances, everyone was able to pull it off and keep the audience entertained right until the last minute. You could tell some kids were forced out of their comfort zones during the skits, but now they can all look back and laugh at that memory! Even though the performances were great, initiation got a lot of laughs as well. Initiation is a phase all Hi-C members go through, but don't worry parents! Your kids had a lot of fun doing it and they get to laugh along with the rest of the Hi-C next summer when a new group of kids get initiated!

I'm going to conclude the article with a very big thank you to Grace Kim, Timon Park and Max Seo for spending 4 days with crazy kids in the great outdoors. Thanks to them, we laughed a lot, we were encouraged, had tons of fun and without their leadership this retreat would not have been possible. Up to this point, I never really appreciated all the hard work everyone put into these retreats every single year. And that's what made this Hi-c retreat so memorable.

Hi-C Retreat Photos



Entrusted with God's Greatest Gift

By Daniel Kim

It's awfully difficult to do justice when you're only given 350 words to share how rewarding it can be to teach God's children. In September of 2011, I was inspired to serve as an ESM Kids' Church teacher. In the name of God, I was put in a position to make a real difference – one that could be everlasting and meaningful for God's elementary children.

I believe children are our future – I'm not sure who else could be, actually – and from the many wise words Jesus had spoken during his time here on earth of which we may otherwise find cryptic, parabolic, and ambiguous, he was rather forthright and crystal clear when speaking about children. Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Indeed, the little ones amongst us are surely the greatest gift and investment entrusted to us by God.

In September of 2012, a new opportunity had presented itself to serve as a Hi-C teacher. Thus, for the past year I've been working with God's high school students and what a pleasure it is. To be relied upon with God's confidence to have even a small role in shaping His youth is genuinely humbling. To have deep and honest conversations about life, family, school, and faith in the classroom every Sunday is one that I, and I hope my students, look forward to throughout the week. Furthermore, to work with my fellow teachers to envision the kingdom God is preparing for us and strive to recreate that same loving environment for our youth is a blessing. It's a responsibility we simply can't take lightly.

I do not have the authority to speak for all of the great servants of God who work tirelessly as teachers to the children and youth of this great church. But I am certain they can all attest that we need the congregation's abundant prayers asking God to continue to give teachers glimpses of the kingdom of heaven that He is preparing for us, so that we may be able to work to build this same kingdom every Sunday for our children and youth here. This way they will grasp a sight of it, too.

If you have any desire to get involved with our Kids' Church or Hi-C Ministry, I would encourage you to pursue it. The harvest is plentiful and the workers are few. We can never have too many helping hands build God's kingdom here on earth.



Sermon Titles & Summaries: September

Let us keep these powerful messages close to our hearts in the months ahead.

September 8, 2013

Luke 14:25-33

“Willing To Pay the Cost”

Rev. In Kee Kim

To follow God’s way, you have to go all the way. There is no other way. Our life is like that too. If you do anything well, you have to go all the way. If you don’t, you cannot do anything well. *The question is whether that something is worth giving all your heart.*

September 15, 2013

Luke 15:1-10

“Searching God”

Rev. In Kee Kim

When I feel that God is far away, that’s when God is nearest to us. When I am at the lowest point of my life, God is nearest to us. When I am hard pressed from all sides and when I am about to give up, God is nearest to us. When I am totally lost, that’s when God is nearest to us. Just because we feel distant from God, that doesn’t mean God is really distant from us. That’s how we feel. But God is actively searching for us. **Luke 16:19-31**

September 22, 2013

John 21:15-19

“Leaders Who Love The Church”

Rev. In Kee Kim

When the people who love the church gather together, there you will see a beautiful community being formed. And our children will benefit from the beautiful community you have built.

September 29, 2013

Luke 16:19-31

“The Rich Man and Lazarus”

Rev. Soo Jin Chung

Jesus said, "You cannot serve both God and Wealth" in Luke 16:13. When we put wealth in the place of God, wealth does vicious things to us. For example, the rich man in the text did not see Lazarus who was lying at his gate. If we truly believe that everything, including wealth, comes from God, we will be able to see the people who are in suffering and also reach out to them with our resources. When we can do that, we are already living in heaven. Let's look for Lazarus who is among us or near us!



Prayer Topics

Let us keep these items in our prayers.

Kids Church Renovation

And let us keep our friends in our prayers:

Rodi & family



Upcoming Events

Don't forget to mark these dates.

Oct 5: BOM Meeting: 8am at 102 Ravenscrest Dr.

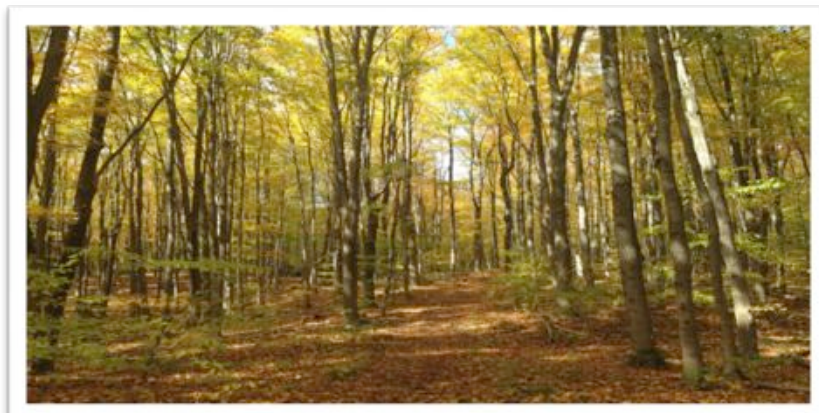
Oct 5: Men's Group Fall Golf Tournament: 1pm at Glen Cedars Golf Club

Oct 13: Thanksgiving Sunday: Thanksgiving Meal after service (organized by Women's Group)

Oct 17: Evangel Hall: Men's Group

Oct 27: Church Anniversary Sunday & Elder Ordination Ceremony

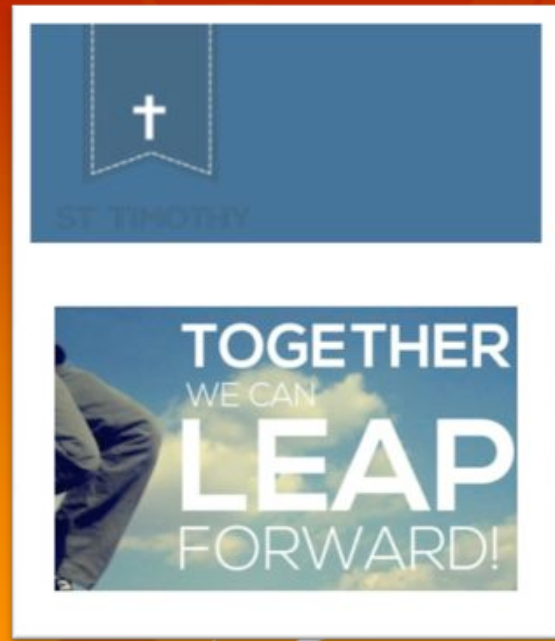
Nov 15-16: Couples' Retreat at Pillar and Post Inn, Niagara-on-the-Lake



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<http://www.timothypc.com>

- Sermons
- Worship Service Information
- Announcements
- Church Programs



Editor's Note

There are many people who lovingly serve at St. Timothy's and this month's issue highlighted a very dedicated yet often unnoticed group: our St. Timothy teachers. Joon and Daniel shared their journeys as Korean School and Hi-C teachers and their experiences show the heart and passion they have put into their ministries. Their decision to serve has helped our community grow and it is teachers like them that tangibly share God's love with our children every week. To all St. Timothy teachers: Thank you for all you do behind the scenes. Thank you for faithfully serving week to week, month to month and for some, many years.

Reading Jonathan Chung's experience at the Hi-C retreat further underscores why leaders who are willing to invest in our children and youth are invaluable. Kids Church and Hi-C weekly worship, bible studies, fellowship events and the always anticipated retreats would not be possible without the sacrifice of those willing to share their time and talents. Whether you have a passion for teaching, or in a different area, God's call is an invitation for each of us to serve. As Rev. Kim said in his sermon, when people who love the church gather together, we can build a beautiful community.

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