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Hi-C Teens Conference

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When Pastor Jane first announced that there was a teen conference that was open for our Hi-C to attend, we were a bit reluctant to go. In our imagination, it was just another long day filled with speeches in a cramped auditorium, but after further explanation of the day's planned events and activities, it wasn't long before we had a set list of participants. Let me just say that the conference greatly exceeded all of our expectations. It was an all-day event focusing on our generation's relationship with God and how we can live out His message.

At the conference, there were 'breakout' sessions in smaller rooms with speakers who gave speeches on certain topics. Laura, Daniel, Jonathan and I attended the breakout called "Keep'n Your Faith Real". The speaker, a very enthusiastic woman named Laura Bronson, talked mainly about how teens can grow in faith and how we can spread the word with our friends and family. She inspired me greatly because she was not what most people would think of a 'typical Christian'. She expresses her love for Christ through graffiti, rap, and skateboarding. This really goes to show that there are so many ways we can worship Jesus and that He accepts and loves whichever method of praise we choose.

Following the breakout sessions, all of the teens gathered in the auditorium for the Youth Together Experience. Mike Gordon was there to speak to us about making sure that we know and keep the Lord God as our Saviour. A few of his statements really stuck with me; first being, even as a supposed Christian country where approximately 67% of the population is Christian, we cannot praise God in public without being persecuted. He also stated that Satan in fact believes in God most, but does not believe that he is Lord. It was strongly shown to us that simply believing in God is not enough; we must be able to put Him first and make Him our priority. He told us that especially as young Christians, we must be able to follow Him regardless of what other people think, regardless of the persecution and that we must come together as fellow Christians in order to change the world. There are many people who are willing to die for Jesus and waiting on heaven, but are there people able to live for Him?

kids church TEACHERS

A few of our Kids Church teachers shared their thoughts on what motivated them to start teaching, the blessings and challenges of teaching and what they expect for this upcoming year.

When I first began teaching Senior Kindergarten, I had high hopes of enriching the kids with God's love. I wanted to see immediate changes in the children. Soon, I realized how short-sighted I was. I also realized my heart was full of pride. I expected God to change the children through me. As I saw no apparent changes in the kids week after week, teaching became more burdensome and it became 'work' to me instead of worship. I realized that my efforts were meaningless in front of God because it's not me but God who works through me. I have learned, and am still learning, to be patient and how to serve others with humility. Most importantly, I am learning that 'faith is being sure of what we do not see' (part of our monthly memory verse).

Yeongi (Anny) Hong
SK teacher

My name is Sophia Lee and I am a fourth year student at the University of Toronto. I have decided to become a Kids Church teacher because despite the fact that I have been attending this church for almost two years, I noticed that I have not been very involved. I heard that Kids Church was looking for more teachers, so I thought, "perfect timing." I was also motivated to take this opportunity since I have recently decided to become an elementary school teacher. And so, while I am still quite young and inexperienced in dealing with kids, I will do my best and make sure that the time spent learning about God will be an enjoyable experience for the kids.

Sophia Lee
SK teacher

Serving at Kids Church is a blessing to me in many ways. Leading the children in activities and discussions helps me retain and recite the message of that week. Also, I love to worship God with the children, singing the kids' praise songs and doing the actions. Most of all, it is an amazing privilege to be a small part in the lives of the children and their growth as Christians. I was blessed to have a wonderful Sunday school experience as a child, which I think has helped lay a strong foundation of faith. I hope I can pass on that same blessing to the children at St. Timothy's Kids Church.

Sunny Lee
Grade 5/6 teacher

I WAS ASKED TO HELP THE KIDS CHURCH BY TEACHING BIBLE STUDY CLASS AFTER SERVICE. THOUGH I DIDN'T HAVE ANY EXPERIENCE IN TEACHING NOR HAVE I BEEN INVOLVED WITH KIDS, I TRIED TO HELP OUT DESPITE MY LIMITED ENGLISH. OVER TIME, AS I BECAME FURTHER INVOLVED IN THE CHURCH, I REALLY LOOKED BACK AT MYSELF. I REFLECTED A LOT ON WHAT I OBSERVED DURING MY TIME TEACHING THE STUDENTS. CHILDREN, ESPECIALLY WITH THIS YOUNG AGE GROUP, ARE ONE OF GOD'S BLESSINGS. RAISING KIDS IN THE GRACE OF GOD, AS WE DO WHEN BAPTIZING INFANTS, SHOULD BE PART OF OUR DAILY SPIRITUAL JOURNEY. THESE CHILDREN SIGNIFY ST. TIMOTHY'S FUTURE. THIS YEAR, I HOPE THESE STUDENTS CHANGE ME IN A WAY THAT WILL ALLOW ME TO SEE GOD'S INTENT AND PURPOSE FOR ME. ALSO, I WILL DO MY BEST TO HELP THEM TRUST IN GOD NO MATTER WHAT.

Jenny Park
Grade 3/4 teacher

저는 Preschool에서 봉사하고 있는 함예린 이라고 합니다. 저는 아이들을 정말 좋아해서 한글학교, 여름성경학교도 즐거이 봉사할 수 있었습니다. 주일 한글학교는 예배 후 약 50분간 진행되었는데, 그 시간이 한국어권 중고등부 친구 시간과 겹치게 되어 더는 할수 없게 되었습니다. 그때, 영어권 Kids church 예배 때 봉사할 기회가 생겨, 전 저는 반을 이끄는 선생님 중 한 명으로 봉사하게 되었습니다. 지하 공사 이후로, 아이들이 변화된 환경에서 더욱더 흥미를 느끼고, 재미있어하는 모습이 무척 보기 좋습니다. 아직 네 번밖에 안 되는 시간을 같이 지냈지만 정말 저를 많이 따르고 저를 필요로 하는 모습에 감사합니다. 주일마다, 아이들을 보며 성장하는 것을 보고, 저에게 와서는 '이제 해주세요', '저게 해주세요', '나 이제 필요해요', 라고 말을 해주는 것이 정말 좋습니다. 그저 '화장실에 같이 가주세요', 라고 하는 것에도 웃음이 지어집니다. 조그마한 것에도 감사함을 느끼고, 감동하는 아이들의 모습에 저도 많이 배워가는 것 같습니다. 아, 물론 영어를 제일 많이 배워가지만요, 가끔 아이들에게 한글로 이야기해줄 때가 있어요. 아이들이 저를 통해서 뭔가 한국어를 배우면 하는 바람이 있어요. 앞으로 제가 아이들에게 많이 배우는 것들이, 아이들도 저에게 많은 걸 배울수 있는 선생이 될수 있으면 좋겠습니다.

Yaerin (Lynn) Hahn
Preschool teacher



kids church PHOTOS!





sermon titles & summary – february2014

let us keep powerful important messages close to our hearts in the months ahead...

february02

Rev: Kim

Title: Change That Overcomes Fear

Passage: Genesis 32

Summary: Jacob struggled with an unknown figure. If we want to change, there has to be a struggle: the struggle to fight our own fear and overcome it. With fear paralyzing us, no change is possible. When we overcome our own fear, we will then be free to experience change. As we struggle with our fear, God will give us the strength to overcome it.

february09

Rev: Son

Title: Joseph's Change - My Will & God's Will

Passage: Genesis 37:1-11 & 45:1-15

Summary: Joseph was not a perfect man. The Bible introduces him as a "little boy" even though he was 17 years old. His step-brothers hated him and therefore he was sold to Egypt as a slave. But after 22 years passed when he met again with his brothers, somehow he was totally changed. Even though his father Jacob and great grandfather Abraham had many first-hand contacts with God so that they may be guided, Joseph never had one in his life time. But during those years, he realized God was leading him - this is providence not coincidence - and that God's will was always behind the scenes. In our lives, even though we don't necessarily see or hear God, God's will is all around us, firm and strong, as none can separate us from the love of God.

february16

Rev: Kim

Sermon title: The Change of Zacchaeus

Passage: Luke 19:1-10

Summary: Zacchaeus was a person who loved money so much. He would sacrifice respect, pride and even basic human decency and dignity for money. But when he met Christ and Christ recognized him and told him that he was also a son of Abraham, he truly found who he was and let go of what he loved the most, money. He didn't do this out of obligation or any kind of duty or guilt. No one gave him the idea that he should give it up - it was his own idea. It was simply his response to the grace and mercy of Jesus Christ.

february23

Rev: Kim

Sermon title: The Change of Peter

Passage: Luke 5:1-11

Summary: With the help of Jesus, Peter caught so many fish. Fish was everything for him before he met Christ. But after the miraculous catching of the fish, Peter was oblivious to the fish. The real change is to see that life is bigger than fish, the blessings of material abundance. The treasure of life is to find the beauty of life.



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eventsinmarch

Sun March 2:
KSM Food Sale including ESM

Sun March 2:
Congregation Bible Study resumes after service (Studying King David)

Sat March 8:
Hi-C praise team workshop at church (12pm - 3pm)

Sat March 8:
KCWA Gala at 5:30pm at Le Parc Dining and Banquet

Sun March 9:
Daylight Saving Time begins

Fri-Sat Mar 14-15:
Hi-C Lock in at church (Friday, 6:30pm - Saturday, 11:30am)

Sat March 22:
BOM meeting at 5pm at Brian Park's house

Sat March 29:
Hi-C Girls' Night at Kee Choe's house (4pm - 8pm)

Sun March 30:
Axe Throwing fellowship (5-8pm) 33 Villiers St. (Just off of Cherry St. south of Lakeshore)



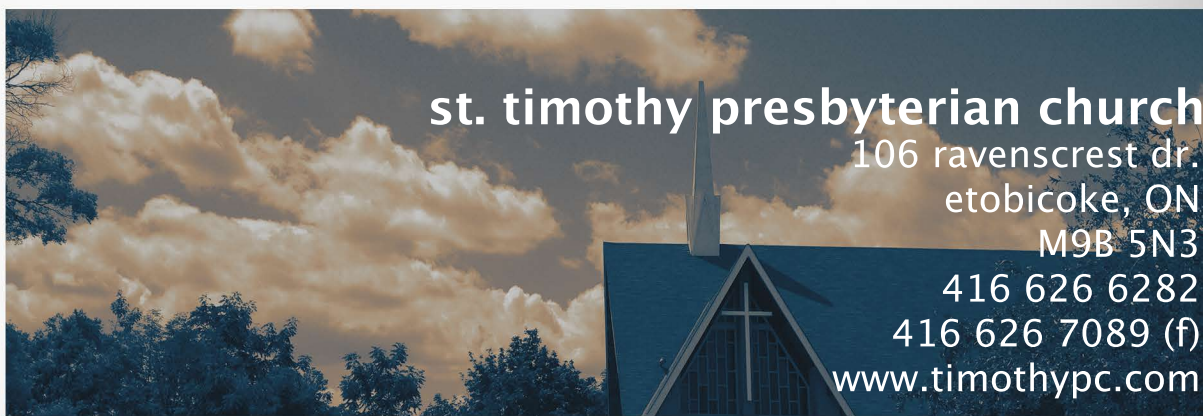
editor'snote

I am realizing that our church is a blessed and unique community, just as our leadership has iterated many times. Our church spans many generations but we play and worship together as one family. This edition of St Timothy Voice features the Kids Church and its teachers and the Hi-C group, the two youngest groups of these many generations.

There's a word in Korean - "그리워" that perfectly describes how I feel toward my own Hi-C days. It's usually translated as "to miss" but in my humble and limited knowledge of the Korean language, I think it's better translated as "to long for". Those formative years were spent mostly in church and it is during that time that I really deepened my relationship with Jesus and formed bonds that would last a lifetime. That is my hope for our Hi-C group at St Tim's. I believe events such as the Teens Conference can accomplish that.

Reading the reflections from our teachers, I realized I didn't know many of them by face. I had heard their names, but couldn't put a face to that name. This goes to show that teaching can sometimes be a thankless and unrecognized job. Hopefully through this issue, our church can encourage and stand with our teachers, as they dedicate so much of their time to guide our children into the knowledge and love of God.

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