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THE ROAD NOT TAKEN

BY REV. DAVID SON

*Two roads diverged in a wood, and I
I took the one less traveled by,
And that has made all the difference*

"THE ROAD NOT TAKEN" BY ROBERT FROST

My earliest memory of church is that of Sunday school. When I was six years old, I started to attend Sunday school at a neighbourhood Presbyterian Church in a suburban area of Seoul, Korea. No one in my family - including my extended one - had ever gone to church before. But I did have very clear and authentic reasons for attending. Each Sunday morning, the Sunday school gave out famous Korean chocolate pies and yogurt. It was so delicious that I still remember how it tasted. But more importantly, I had a beautiful lady as a Sunday school teacher who cared greatly about children and I felt that she paid special attention to me. Finding out that she was a TV actress only encouraged me to stay. I do not remember what I learned at Sunday school but I still fondly remember its warm atmosphere, laughter-filled moments, love and care, and most of all, the "fun" I had. Somehow, I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

My early memory of church in Canada is that of Kids' Church at St. Timothy's. Within a few months of attending our church, I was asked to serve in Sunday school. Fear, doubt and anxiety gripped me as I did not have any experience leading a Sunday school program. As a newcomer to Canada, everything seemed strange and new. I was not confident that I could deliver this program especially in English. But as Sundays came and went and the first VBS was successfully concluded, I realized that strength in serving Kids' Church did not come from previous experiences, command of the language or leadership skills but rather from a loving heart toward children. It was not about what I had but about what God had given me and what I could give in return. It was a strange new world but a wonderful one to be a part of. Somehow, mysteriously I took the road less traveled by, and that has made all the difference.

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Service Time: **12pm-1pm Sunday Worship**

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In recent efforts, we have taken together the road less traveled by as well. It is not just about the church renovation itself but it is about building the future of our community together. We invest in what is given to us by God and we give in return to see what our dreams can grow into. Through this process, we hope to see growth in spiritual discipline, maturity in servanthood and stewardship that can be entrusted with the future of our community. The road not taken may lead us to a strange new world, but it will be a wonderful one to be a part of.

So I urge you to join us in this journey together – on the road less traveled by.
Please support Kids' Church ministry in these ways:

- Financial support
- Toward general renovation cost
- Toward new children's library - resource material purchase (books & multimedia), flat-screen TV (42"), toys and games, etc.
- Toward multimedia equipment upgrade:
Flat-screen TV's (worship room - 60", preschool - 42")
Worship room sound system
- Volunteering
- Teaching – 5 months per year with two teams in rotation
- Summer Camp/VBS volunteer: July 7 - August 1, 2014
- *Children's library program:*
join the Library Committee or support their special projects

As a traveler, we may stand in front of divergent roads in uncharted territory. But, let us courageously take the one less traveled by, and together let us witness God's mysterious works. And, I pray, that will make all the difference.



...KIDS CHURCH RENOVATION PROGRESS

BUILDING THE TEMPLE

By Elder James Choe

After the king was settled in his palace and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, he said to Nathan the prophet, "Here I am, living in a palace of cedar, while the ark of God remains in a tent." Nathan replied to the king, *"Whatever you have in mind, go ahead and do it, for the Lord is with you."* **2 Samuel 7: 1-3**

King David is a man described as a "man after God's heart." Have you ever wondered why he is described in such a way? Having won many wars and defeated many enemies around him, he is finally able to rest with his kingdom securely established in Jerusalem. Then, he turns his attention to building a temple for God in thanksgiving.

This heart of David reminds me of the heart of the one leper that came back to thank Jesus. On Thanksgiving Sunday worship, we reflected through the story of the ten lepers on how God has blessed us richly in many ways, and that our hearts should recognize and appreciate the giver of our abundant lives. It is with this thankful heart, in recognition of who God is, that we are called to build our church.

God does not require a humble earthly temple built by mortal, sinful men. And yet...God is so moved by David's offering that He blesses David by promising to bring Christ through his lineage. God turns David's earthly offering into a spiritual, eternal blessing.

"Your house and your kingdom will endure forever before me; your throne will be established forever." **2 Samuel 7:16**

What truly pleases God: material offering or offering of the heart? I believe that God will be moved as he was with David, when we give as an expression of our love for God - whether it's much or little. And as we work together to build our church, God will turn our limited earthly efforts to build his eternal kingdom. Let us prayerfully support the church renovation project through generous offerings that will transform our church into a beautiful house of God.



A COMMUNITY OF SISTERS

By Katherine Lee & Darlene Kim (WOMEN'S GROUP PRESIDENTS)

Our leadership started with a vision of friendship that would enable the women in our church to grow close as we work together for the needs of our church. The members of our Women's Group at St. Timothy's are already involved in many different ministries within the church such as the children's ministry, outreach programs and preparing refreshments for the congregation. Because of these other deep involvements, being a part of the Women's Group can be seen as burdensome and requiring additional commitment. We know that many women feel intimidated or are hesitant to be involved. We know of this fact because that is how we felt in the past. But we soon realized that it is God who will work through us. As the verse in Luke 1:45 reminded us, "Blessed am I, who has believed that God will do what He said to me, He would do. I know it is not through me, but through the Lord that I can do all these things."

We held our first women's group lunch in January 2013 to plan for the year. Amidst great food, conversation and laughter, the goals for this year were set. During this meeting, there was a lot of input and participation from the women present regarding fun relationship-building activities and unique fundraising events. This lively discussion foreshadowed everyone's involvement in the coming year. With every member pitching in, we could achieve great things for our group, our church and our community. We have been able to

hold many events this year, and all because of the volunteerism and participation of women from our group.

The year started off with a ski trip, which was a big hit. The ladies who went loved the adrenaline that comes with speeding down hills (screaming) and trekking through vast lands (okay, not that vast) on two little sticks! We pulled together to hold several fundraising events to support church-wide initiatives – a pizza fundraiser, a gourmet hot dog fundraiser rivaling the Japadog and battling the rain at the yard sale decorating cupcakes and providing manicures. There is still a hike and custom jewelry making class being held this month to look forward to. Every month, we have also been able to hold Friday evening prayer meetings to pray for and support our church and each other. It has been quite a busy year.

Working for the Women's Group is challenging yet inspirational. Many times we were worried that we might not be able to meet the needs of our church. We were grateful and amazed, however, that there were always women who recognized the needs and stepped up. We feel extremely blessed to be a part of a church that has a loving community of sisters. Another one of the goals we had at the beginning of the year was simply just to have fun and we can proudly say that we are doing that!



HAPPY 17TH ANNIVERSARY ST. TIMOTHY!!

Our church celebrated 17 years of ministry on **SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27TH**.
Praise and give thanks to God who has led us faithfully.

CONGRATULATIONS TO EDWARD KIM!

Session Elder Ordination took place on Sunday, October 27th. Our congregation (ESM) has elected Edward Kim as our new Elder to serve our community. As a long time member of our church, he has served our church for many years as a BOM member, Men's Group President, Choir member and currently as the Choir Manager. He also has been active in the Korean Community at large and brings varied experiences to the role as an Elder as he joins the Session. KSM has ordained two elders this year – Bill Lee and Joe Jo. Let us all support them as they serve our church.

ESM ELDER CANDIDATES 2013



Jonathan Cho Kris Jun Daniel Jong Edward Kim Jun Kim



Steve Lee John Pak Linda Pak Brian Park Veronica Park



Peter C. Park Peter D. Park Simon Park Shane Yang



**ELDER EDWARD KIM
ORDINATION**
SUNDAY OCTOBER 27TH, 2013

NEW BOM MEMBERS

MICHELLE KIM and **PETER LEE** have accepted their appointments to join the BOM to serve the church.

NEW APPOINTMENTS

KRIS JUN : ESM Teesdale Food Bank Coordinator

MICHELLE KIM : ESM Evangel Hall Coordinator

HELEN LEE : KSM Teesdale Food Bank Coordinator

KATIE ENG : KSM Evangel Hall Coordinator

UPCOMING EVENTS *Don't forget to mark these dates!*

Nov 2	WG's Hiking (9:30am) - Lunch (12 noon) and Jewelry making (1-4pm)
Nov 3	Congregational Meeting for Financial state of ESM
Nov 9	Korean School Kimchi Making Fundraiser (TBA)
Nov 15 - Nov 16	Couples Retreat at Pillar and Post Inn (Niagara-on-the-Lake)
Nov 21	Evangel Hall (ESM)
Nov 22 - Nov 23	Hi-C Lock In at Church
Nov 23	Choir Seminar (9am-11:30am) - WG General Meeting (2:30pm @ Sena Lee's)
Nov 24	Indoor Volleyball (TBA)
Nov 30	BOM Retreat (9-5pm) @ Queen of Apostles Retreat Centre

PRAYER TOPICS

Let us keep these *items* in our prayers.

- Kids' Church Renovation

Let us also keep our *friends* in our prayers.

- Rodi Yun

SERMON TITLES & SUMMARY: *OCTOBER*

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

OCT 6

"Dynamics of Hope" - Rev. Son
Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26

Pain and hope are not separated in our lives; they are connected. In the midst of pain, Jeremiah sees hope; in the midst of crumbling of Israel and the temple of Jerusalem, he sees God rebuilding His promises. The absence of pain is not the presence of hope. So take heart, and be still, and know that He is your God.

OCT 20

"Blessed Life" - Rev. Kim
Jeremiah 31:27-34

Life is good; there is no bad life. Life circumstances may be good or bad. But life is good because God is good. We should consider God's intention and God's desire for us as the most important and the most precious thing. Even when we are pushed down, we can get up because of God's intention for us. Keep God's promise in your heart.

OCT 13

"The One Who Returned" - Rev. Kim
Luke 17:11-19

"The richness of life is not just in receiving the abundance of life but in acknowledging and giving thanks for that abundance. It is one thing to receive God's grace but another thing to perceive and appreciate God's grace. The real salvation is not in receiving the grace but in recognizing that grace."

OCT 27

"Let Us Love the Church"
1 John 4:7-13

Jesus died on the cross in his love for us. It may be easy to love Jesus who loves us so much but it may not be easy to love the church that does not necessarily show such love for us. We don't always feel the love of Jesus in the community. But to love Jesus is to love the church.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Church renovation is in full swing. We eagerly anticipate and wait for the completion of the Kids' Church area that will include new rooms, a library and a nursery area all completed in bright-coloured finish and furniture. Newly updated audio-visual equipment in rooms will enhance kids' and parents' worship experience and learning. Also, ESM and KSM Hi-C rooms are being renovated along with the bathrooms. Rev. Son gives us his vision of the Kids' Church space and urges us to take a journey with him as we embark on a new chapter in the Kids' Church ministry. We are blessed to have his passion that he channels whole-heartedly to improve our children's spiritual growth.

A renovation project of this magnitude was very much needed and our children and the whole church indeed will benefit from this change. It requires financial support from everyone to make it a success. Let us embrace this opportunity to give to this church with the heart of David. This community will nourish us spiritually as we do God's work in building His Kingdom.

We also hear from the executives of Women's Group as they reflect on their activities and accomplishments throughout the year. Thank you, ladies of Women's Group. You are a vital part of our community. We also thank the WG Presidents, Katherine and Darlene for their leadership and service throughout the year.

**LEAD EDITOR FOR OCTOBER: *Elder James Choe* & the rest of Membership Committee:
*Veronica Park, Ruth Kim, Deb Chang, Daniel Kim, Rev. Yoon & Grace Kim***

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