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A NEW

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AHEAD

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RELATIONSHIP

I believe in a long-term relationship. We will never know a person unless we have gone through the seasons of spring, summer, fall and winter with that person. It takes time to build up a relationship and once we have built such a relationship and friendship, living with care and in harmony, we are one step closer to God's kingdom.

Our church is committed to continuing our relationship with various organizations in 2014. It has been more than ten years since we have provided hot meals for about 120 people every third Thursday at Evangel Hall. It has been more than six years since we have run the food bank program at Teesdale every Thursday. And it has been more than four years that we have led the Sunday worship service at Teesdale. Don't get me wrong. We are not the only ones who always give and provide. In many cases, we have been on the receiving end. I can speak from my experience as a pastor of the Teesdale Church for the past two plus years. I have received so much love and respect from the members of the church and I have learned the sheer joy of sharing whatever we have with one another whether it is a cup of coffee or a birthday card.

This spring, our church is taking over a food bank program at PARC (Parkdale Activity-Recreation Centre, 1499 Queen St. W.) from the Red Cross. They have been involved for the last three years but at this point they would like to concentrate on another initiative for the Parkdale community. We will officially take over from April but in order to ensure a smooth transition, we will start a training program for the volunteers in February and serve with the Red Cross for the month of March. The food bank at PARC is well organized and established since there are a lot of local volunteers. Therefore, we don't need much help in the areas of general labour, but we do need interviewers who can interview the clients and provide the guideline for their food intake, which is the most important task as an agency. The food bank program runs every Tuesday and we need volunteers for interviewing the clients from 10am to noon and 2pm to 4pm. You do not have to commit to serve every Tuesday, but if you can come even once a month, that is more than enough.

I believe in a long-term relationship. And I believe it is one of the essential teachings from Jesus who valued every soul and cherished any relationship. My friends, this year's theme is "change." And I hope you can try a new thing you have never done before with faith in God with whom everything is possible. Any volunteers? If you have questions, please talk to either Helen Lee or me. God bless you so that you can bless others!



KCWA Family&Social Services



The Korean community in Canada continues to experience interesting times as we all face challenging economic realities, shifting migration trends, and ongoing social issues within our neighbourhoods. While many in our community have experienced various degrees of successes and prosperity, we cannot forget those among us who have fallen on more difficult times. These include struggling with various hardships that come with settlement in a new culture, domestic problems, and the loneliness and despair of social isolation. KCWA Family and Social Services is proud to advocate on behalf of these members of our community, and we are also proud to stand beside the many partners who have supported our efforts, in particular, churches like St. Timothy. If the true measure of a healthy community is how people support those most in need, then I believe St. Timothy is well on its way.

The annual KCWA Arirang Gala is a celebration of the tremendous efforts of the people who work tirelessly to help improve individuals', and thereby our community's, well-being. It is also a grateful acknowledgement of all the supporters of our organization, and serves to encourage the

people on the front lines to continue doing the amazing work that touches those who are on the margins of our society.

This year's gala will take place on Saturday, March 8, 2014 at Le Parc Banquet Hall in Thornhill. It will be an opportunity to enjoy a delicious meal, spend time with friends, mingle with new people, and enjoy some entertainment - all while knowing it supports a just and truly beneficial cause!

KCWA Family and Social Services sincerely thanks St. Timothy Church, and we look forward to continuing to build a strong, vibrant community that ceaselessly serves the needs of the most vulnerable among us.

Thank you for your support!

Joseph Park



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Dahae Choi

I have been a member of St. Timothy since its inception, and grew up in the church. I remember when I was little and my aunts were part of what is now the Young Adult (YA) group. They went on trips to Algonquin, and I thought they were just the coolest people ever - the bee's knees, if you will.

Somewhere between then and now our community has lost that momentum - that critical engagement of the leaders of tomorrow. Somehow, some way, the young adults became disenchanted.

Our goal is to change that.

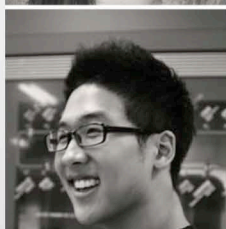
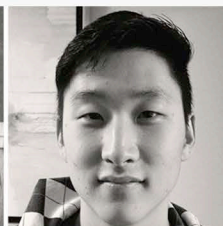
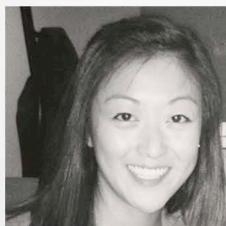
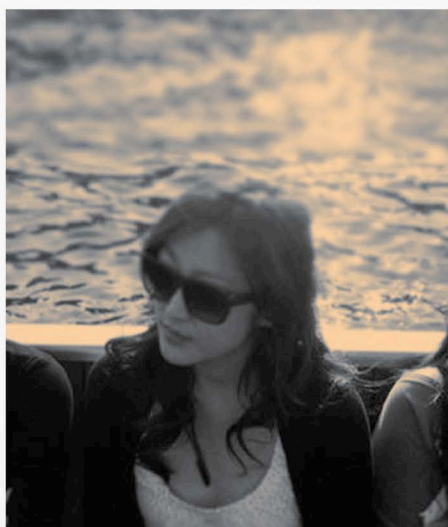
I am excited and proud to be part of the executive committee this year, which includes myself, Hyung Chung, Nathan Kim and Remo Park. We have a solid team, but more than that, there is a low grumble coming from the young adults of our church. We want to be engaged and we want a community to call our own.

We kick started the year by implementing weekly small group meetings. It's a time for us to get to know each other, learn from each other and form lasting and impactful bonds. Our first meeting was a great success, and I am looking forward to the next one, and the one after that, and then the one after that.

To supplement that and to foster fellowship, there are going to be social events - like skating at the tourist trap that is known as Nathan Phillips Square. And I have so many ideas for so many more events. I want to pull people in and have fun together. I want people to be as excited as I am about white water rafting and rock climbing and everything else!

Another goal of ours is to further our reach. The idea is to open our arms to the Hi-C members, and get them used to... well, us. Making them feel welcome, making them want to come out, mentoring them, watching them grow into adults - that is the mutually beneficial something we can do to ensure the growth and development and continual engagement of our church members.

And to think that this is only the beginning...I can't wait to see what happens next.





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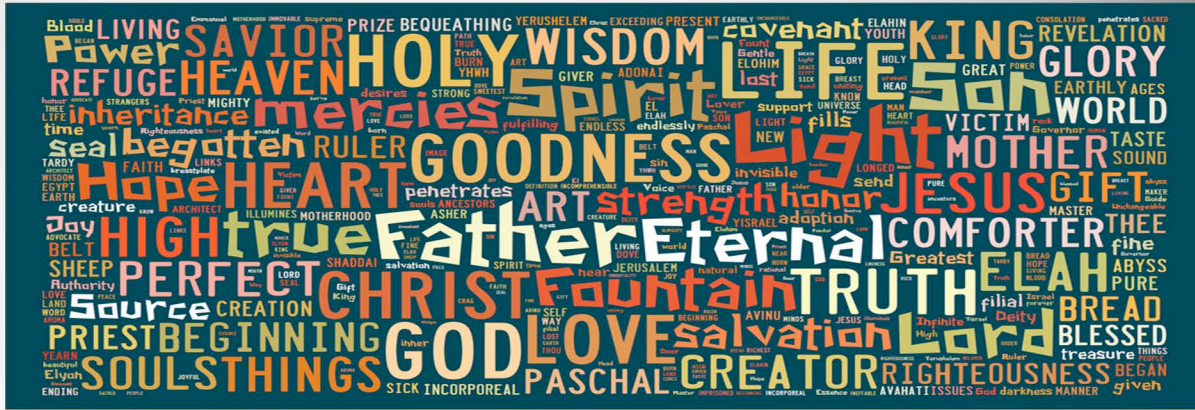
Happy New Year! What a blessing it is to belong to such a vibrant community! Our Women's Group Exec this year consists of myself, Mary Bai, Linda Ngo, and Maeng Hong assisting with snack finance and liaison to BOM, along with a whole group of others carrying the bulk of the weight in leading individual events and activities. Coming into this year, we are so thankful to all the past years' leaders who served so diligently and did such a wonderful job establishing schedules and organizing yearly activities.

Being part of the Women's Group has always played a special role in my life. There were always so many unni's (Korean for older sister) at church, who spoke into my life through all the joy, fun, stress, and trials. There were older mothers who could laugh at me and with me along the way with their light-hearted wisdom and women who had weathered life events and grown in ways that made them more beautiful and loving. It is such a precious gift to be a part of our Women's group. Unlike the friendships that we foster both within and outside of church, the uniqueness of a church Women's Group is the age range that is represented in a large group setting and hearts being postured to God. There is so much to be gained in belonging to such a group.

With time - and like this year's church theme - there is always CHANGE. Our group has also changed. Some have moved on to other communities and locations, and some have changed in their professions and roles in their homes. Many new women have become a part of our church community and others have aged enough to be considered a woman. A few may even think their lives have not changed very much but we all change within.

With change comes more growth, opportunities and sometimes challenges. We are excited about the year ahead; there will be ways that we will all grow in Christ and ways that God will bless our community and those around us. Some experiences may require more effort than others but we can trust in God to soften our hearts and walk with us daily - also carry us too.

Romans 8:28 says, "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."



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

Summary: Paul's change was not a moral change where a bad person becomes a good person. Paul's change was a kind of shattering experience. His conviction, his ideology, his confidence: all of them were shattered. The change that happened in Paul was not because he needed the change personally and socially but because God needed the change in Paul. God changed Paul to make him a greater vessel for God's work. Paul's change was an unexpected change. Paul wasn't at all prepared for the change. This was not the change Paul wanted or controlled in any way. Paul went through that change not for his personal needs but for the need of God's work in this world.



if you have any questions, comments or ideas for our monthly e-newsletter we would love to hear from you.

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events in february

Sun Feb 2:
Recognition of Volunteers

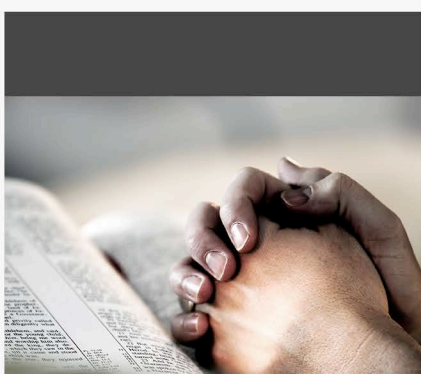
Fri Feb 7:
Women's Group Movie Night
(6:00pm at Maeng's house)

Sat Feb 15:
HanCa bowling (12:30pm) and
BOM meeting (5pm at Brian
Park's house)

Sun Feb 16:
Bowling for YA and KSM C&C

Sun Feb 23:
KCWA Awareness Sunday

Sat Mar 1:
Hi-C Praise Team Workshop /
Women's Group Ski Trip to
Dagmar



prayer requests

1. For St. Timothy's upcoming involvement with the food bank at Teesdale
2. That we may strive to uphold and fulfil the plans God has for us in 2014
3. For health and safety in the new year

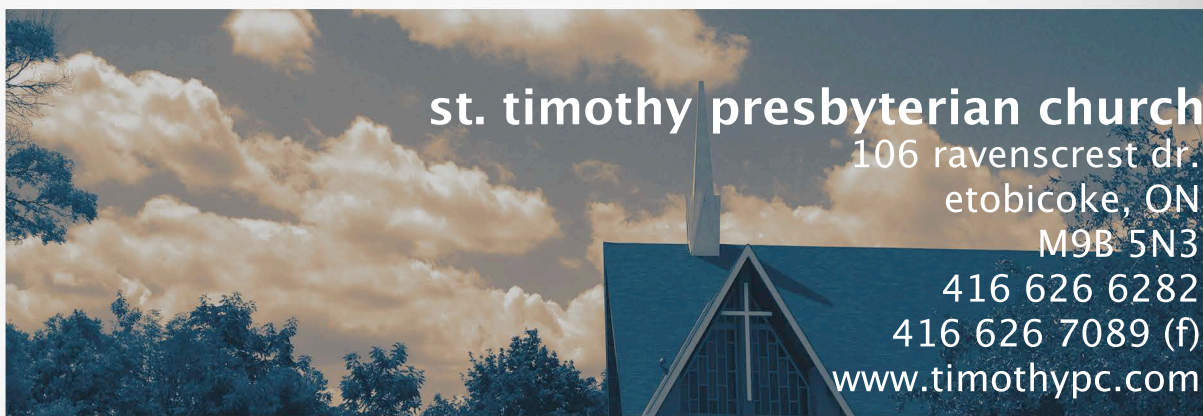


editor's note

St. Timothy is called to be a community that stands with the weak and vulnerable in our society. Reading the articles from Rev. Chung and Joseph Park serve to emphasize once again that we as a church have been blessed to be a blessing. Love reaches out and as we experience God's love within our St. Timothy community, we are empowered to reach out as one body and support others. Our upcoming involvement with the food bank at Parkdale and our continued partnership with KCWA Family and Social Services form a part of our vision in serving others through relationship, humility and joy. Each person will have different gifts to offer but we all have something to offer. We can eagerly expect God to work through the talents, resources, time and energy we offer to His use.

A New Year also brings a change in leadership! Dahae Choi and Yesi Nam have enthusiastically shared the plans and vision of their respective groups for 2014. It is amazing to see our new group leaders take initiative, and their hearts to serve truly bless all of us. Their visions reflect a yearning for greater depth and connection amongst our community. It makes us excited for the future of St. Timothy and the ways we will grow together. Our group leaders remind us that it is a gift to be able to share life together. In our busy lives, we are often disconnected when we are really made to live life in relationship with one another. Let's support our group leaders as they take risks and try new and creative things – together we can embrace all the great changes to come this year.

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