To Loving members of TFBC

We often hear churches in Korea are in crisis. It is no different in US. Among all the issues, the biggest issue is that number of Sunday school is decreasing. There is no sign of future. Among 50,000 churches in Korea, 30% do not even have Sunday school for children and some can't even afford to have one.

Another challenge in Korea is just like Europe, many young couples do not have children. According to a news paper, for the first time in Korea that the child rate is 0.9 per couple. It does affect church education as well but it is not the core cause of the issue.

There is a statistics showing that the crisis of Sunday school in Korean churches means a crisis of families. The high rate of divorce among young families in Korea and the life patterns of singles who want to live freely leads to the birth of children and education.

When I was doing youth ministry in 1995 in Korea, there were 2000 high school students enrolled but only 500 attended. Many Christian families did not send their children to church because they were studying.

Many young parents are very family oriented compare to the past. They try to spend more time with their children and trying to give more to their children as they did not receive much love from their own parents. They do their best to buy their children everything they want and want to do. In the weekend, they might miss church but they will go on family trips. It is good that they are focusing on family but they raise their children to be more self centered and fail to do character building for their children. It is because they have overlooked that the healthy family comes from being in a community.

If there is something that God worshipping people can pass down to the children, what would it be? It is the faith in God. The faith to trust in our creator despite difficult circumstances and being able to fight and the faith to help other selflessly.

One Christian organization who wanted to find the reasons for the decrease in Sunday school asked the young generations about who influence them the most. The 47% said "Mother' and then next was 12% Friends, 12% was Pastors/ministers, 10% was "Father," 3% was church teachers. So basically the parents' influence is 60% and that is bigger than any pastors or teachers.

Oh, I do not have to worship today. Oh, there are other things more important than worship. Oh, offering is not a must. Oh, I can go to church without serving, all these thoughts and pattern are influenced by no other but the parents.

TFBC has invested a lot in the last 8 years for children education. VBS, Korean school and Harvest night are making impact on children. Today, we are going out to do Caroling. Children want to do caroling. It is a great memory for Christians. It is also a opportunity for Children and parents pray for the neighbors and give them gifts and share the gospel.

For Christmas Musical, even if your children are not on the stage, come with your children to see what the meaning of Christmas is. All church members should come and support our next generation. Without the next generation, there is no future. The parents are doing a great joy at TFBC but if we put more efforts, the children will be blessed even more.

I Love you and Thank you

Senior Pastor David Choi



### **Ministry Staff**

Visitation Minister

Senior Pastor Sung E. David Choi EM Pastor Frank Torres / 253-921-9954 **Executive Pastor** Cheol-Gi Min/ 253-535-5803 Associate Pastor Gwang An /253-335-9101 Youth/YAM/Admin Pastor Jake Ahn / 253-365-1105 Children Pastor Nathan Namkung 253-753-8310 Associate Pastor Wooil Jun/504-427-4590 Media Seonbeom Jang 469-353-3446

Pong S. Ogle / 253-359-7869 Music Director Min Hee Kim 1st service Conductor Suhvun Kwon

Hye Cho/ Sang Shin Yoo Accompanist Accompanist J. Yoon / Julie Chu

Office Staff M. Turner

Office Staff Jooyoung Kirkwood Custodian Myong S. Henry

#### EM Deacons:

Tammy Brooks

Michael Galvin (OD) Richard Detheridge (OD) Danny Williamson(OD) Allen Robinson Butch Shadduck Dennis Tabb Donald Murray Eric Mose Etienne Rudegeair Floyd Richardson Harold Watson James Roberts Pat Barcelona Joe Sweet Ken Henry Steve Weideman Paul Wong Seon Choe Tom Bayliss Alex Bailey Martha Estrada

**EM Sunday School Class 11AM:** 

Bud Earp / O-22 Clarence Turner / N-117 Tom Bayliss/ E-103 Ken Henry / O-18 Etienne Rudegeair / N-205 Seon Cho//N-208

Toru Machida

Young Roberts / E-101 (Korean) MinJung Weideman/ N-201 (Korean)

# **EM Jesus Village Leaders**

Roger Law Rudy Rudegeair Rick Detheridge Seon Choe Jaime Pagpaguitan Butch Shadduck Danny Williamson Eric Mose

Tom Bradlev Don Prater

#### **EM Team Leaders:**

Evangelism Team: Steve Weideman Welcoming Team: Martha Estrada Ushers Team: Tim Lang

Praise Team: Sungwook Lee/Pastor Frank

Intercessory Prayer Team: Eric Mose

Visitation Team: Tom Bayliss, Eric Mose

Sunday School: Tammy Brooks

Barnabas Ministry: Harold and Suki Watson



## SUNDAY SERVICE

## English Ministry Worship 9:20 AM (Main Sanctuary)

\*Call to Worship Presider

\*Vision Statement and Response Reading

\*Congregation Praise

**Invocation Prayer** 

Announcements

Greeting

Offering Song

Offering Prayer

**Closing Praise** 

\*Benediction

Message

#56, Advent Sunday (2)

Pastor Frank

Floyd Richardson

Presider

Presider

TFBC Choir

Pastor Frank

Pastor Frank

Luke 2:1-5 & 1 John 4:9-11

Advent 2 (Love) – Prepare

O Come, all ve faithful #122

Pastor Frank

\*Denotes congregation to stand.

#### Planting a thousand tree campaign

Go up into the mountains and bring down timber and build my house, so that I may take pleasure in it and be honored," says the Lord. (Haggai 1:8)

One Tree (1 Acct): \$1,200 (One Year)It is to pay off the loan to used for constructions of TFBC: Drainage Pipe, Parking Lot, Prayer Mountain, Play Ground, Remodeling. Etc.



- 1. Welcome to TFBC Sunday Worship Service.
- 2. Christmas Musical: Dec 16. Please use flyers to invite others.
- 3. New Sunday school "Disciple-path #1" has begun. Meeting at 11AM, in fellowship hall. See Brother Roger Law.
- 4. New Membership 101 class today, 11am, N209
- 5. Winter clothing drive for needy will begin next week. New or gently used men's, women's, children's winter clothing.
  Jackets/coats, sweaters, hats, gloves, scarfs, socks, etc.
  Donation box will be located next to EM welcome room.
  See Bro. Harold and Sis. Suki Watson for more details.
- 6. Christmas Caroling: Today after the 3rd service. TFBC will go out to the neighbors to sing Carols and share gifts. There will be lunch after the caroling (except those who are not well)

  There will be 8 groups of 50 people going out to the neighbors.
- 7. M52 Support Request: Request through Pastor Frank. (Dec 9)
- 8. Baby Dedication: Talk to Pastor Frank. (24 months and younger) The dedication will be on Jan 6.
- Youth/YAM Winter Retreat: Dec 26-30. Cascade Camp. Fee:\$100(by today) \$120(after today)
   Please pray for the retreat.
- 10. Christmas Sunday Joint Service with Baptism: Dec 23 at 10:45.
- 11. Christmas Day Service: Dec 25 at 10AM. (Communion) Please sit on the first floor for the Lord's Supper.

## **Administration Announcements**

- Jesus Village Festival: Dec 30. All ministries will perform.
   4:30PM. Please prepare performances by ministry/community.
- 2. Business Meeting: 2019 Budget and 2018 finance Report were approved.
- 3. Pastoral Search: Please pray for EM, Media, Children Pastors.
  \*Media Pastor Candidate is here for the interview.
  \*EM Pastor Candidate: Dec 29-30 (Interview and Preaching)
- 4. Church maintenance/Custodian needed: For full time staff to take care of church facilities. Please fill out the application form at the office.
- Media Pastor (Seon Jang) will step down and move to Korea (New Ministry Position)
- 6. Please return the Deacon Appointment Letter by today.



## VOLUNTEER

EM Worship Prayer			
12/9	Martha Estrada	12/23	Joint Service
12/16	Steve Weideman	12/25	Richard Detheridge

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## SERVICE TIME

9:20 AM
11:00AM
11:00AM
7:00 PM
7:00 PM



# MINISTRY CALENDAR

December				
9	Christmas Caroling			
16	Christmas Musical (5PM)			
21	Youth/YAM Christmas Banquet			
23	Christmas Sunday Joint Service (10:45AM)			
25	Christmas Service (10AM) with Communion			
26-29	Youth/YAM Winter Retreat			
30	30 Jesus Village Festival			
January				
1	New Year Special Early Morning Joint Service			
1-5	1-5 New Years Special Early Morning Services.			
6 New Years Sunday Joint Service				



1. Friday Worship and Small Group(Villages) at 7PM.

2. No YAM Meeting today. All will join Caroling.

3. Sat Prayer meeting this week at 9:30AM.

4. Jesus Village Festival: Dec 30. Youth and YAM will perform together for the event.

5. Winter Retreat: Dec 26-29.

6. Christmas Caroling: Today after the service TFBC will go out to the neighbors to sing Carols and share gifts. There will be lunch after the caroling.

We will go by villages.



#### KM ANNOUNCEMENT

1. Tacoma Christian Christmas Service (KM) Dec 9 at 5PM at Tacoma Central Presbyterian Church.

2. KM Wed Service: 7PM. Ephesians

3. Tacoma Korean Christian Joint Service: Today at 5PM at TCPC.

4. WMU and MMU meeting will be Dec 16.

5. God's VIP class starts on Jan 6.

6. Timothy Project Level 2 starts on Jan 6. (Must complete God's VIP class)

**Planting Thousand Tree Campaign Updates** 

922 trees / \$1,106,400 pledged. (78 trees left / \$93,600) Offering Total as of this week: \$1,082,550



Tacoma First Baptist Church is Holy Spirit filled community that

strives to reach out to the lost with the Gospel of Jesus Christ

as it builds bridges between church and community

connecting one generation to another, and one culture to another.