

Fountain of Hope



Chung-dong First Methodist Church, English Ministry—July/August 2018

To see beyond!

History is filled with people who have dreamed big dreams. Yet, dreams are not just for those whose dreams make them famous. There are all kinds of everyday dreamers like you and me who dream that somehow, someday, our lives might make a difference in this world.

In Bible times, dreams were important and dreamers are found throughout the Scriptures. The ancient world and the biblical tradition knew about dreams. The people of the ancient world understood that the unbidden communication in the night opens sleepers to a world different from the one they manage and could control during the day. The ancients dared to imagine, moreover, that this unbidden communication is one venue in which the holy purposes of God, perplexing and unreasonable as they might be, come to us.

Joseph was a dreamer. For Joseph, God says: Don't stop! Whatever you do, don't stop! Don't let the dream die!

For EM, God says the same! As we enter the door of a new beginning, God urges us to dream again. Dream fresh, dream wild, dream big! Joseph's dreams were God-given dreams. They were not the result of his own making. Similarly, God declares: I have a dream for you! God's dream for us is contained in His plan for us. As part of God's working in Seoul, He had a specific plan and purpose for EM – a plan and hope not only to sustain and maintain a tradition but a plan to use this ministry to accomplish His dream to change and restore people. God's desire for EM surpasses all our resources, limitations and barriers. We need to be sensitive to dream God's dream. We can either catch the dream or kill it.

God-given dreams usually turn into God-given visions. Jesus had a dream: Let Thy Kingdom come! Thy will be done on earth as in heaven. This dream turned into a vision for Jesus and caught on by his disciples; and they became the proponents and proposers of this vision. A God-given vision is to see 'beyond.' To see beyond the possible into the impossible; beyond the limitations of power, abilities, and probabilities. To see beyond time and place; to see tomorrow! When we dream God's dream we also become the recipients of God's vision and as such start to pray into this vision. No longer are our prayers limited to the impossibilities of time and space, but our prayers get wings and fly high into the limitless skies, soaring up with far-reaching spirits. This is true not only pertaining to our ministry but also our spiritual walk with God.

A God-given dream turns into a God-given vision, and that turns into a God-given passion. If we stay with the dream, we will only become dreamers. If we stay with the vision, we'll be visionaries. God wants to turn it into a burning fire within our souls – a God-given passion. The passion is the fire of God driving us, energizing us, spiring us! It is the drive of God that surpasses the loneliest hours, the hopelessness of prison walls and the darkness of the pit. Ask Joseph. He can tell.

But, a God-given passion can never stand alone. It will consume you. It has to turn in a God-given mission! The God-given mission is the culmination of the God-given dream, God-given vision, and the God-given passion. A mission without a vision and passion is like a treadmill – you can run as fast as you can but it won't bring you anywhere. The mission is the 'go-for-God.' It is the committed and purpose-driven action of people in-spired by God to let Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in Seoul! May we be dream catchers like Joseph!



*Chungdong Academy
for Theological and
Spiritual Formation
(CATS)*

CATS July Lecture



*The Future Begins!
Rev. Johan Reiners
July 27, 7pm
Wesley Hall*

NEW WORSHIP TIMES

Contemporary
Worship: 9:30
Bethel Chapel

Traditional
Worship
2:00 – Main
Sanctuary

*Our passion is God.
Our motivation the love of Jesus Christ.
Our power is through the Holy Spirit. Our mission is the world.*

News Bits

July/August Highlights

2018 Kazakhstan Mission Trip

From Aug. 16- 23 EM members will visit Kazakhstan on a mission trip where they will visit local churches, Sunday schools and broaden their vision for the work of God in this country.

Please pray for Elder Steven Hong and the team during this time.



EM Summer VBS

The EM team is currently preparing for the annual Summer VBS. It will take place between July 31 (Tues) and August 2 (Thur) at Chungdong Retreat Center. The theme for this year is "Experiencing God's Word"

We ask for your prayers and support as teachers for the VBS.

July/August Preaching Schedule

July 22 – Rev. SeHyoung Lee
 July 29 – Rev. Sandra Kim
 August 5 – Rev. Johan Reiners
 August 12 – Rev. SeHyoung Lee
 August 19 – Rev. Johan Reiners
 August 26 – Rev. Sandra Kim

Chungdong First Methodist Church
 English Ministry

Contemporary Worship – 9:30 – Bethel Chapel
 Traditional Worship – 2:00 – Main Sanctuary
 Young Adults 10:30 - Wesley Hall
 Youth Group: 2:00- Wesley Hall
 Kids' Worship: 12:50 - Wesley Hall

EM is moving back to the main campus on 29 July 2018

June/July Highlights



Voices of Hope 4

After a year of planning, writing, editing and generally burning the candle on both sides, Voices of Hope 4 was published. Thank you to the team of dedicated and hard working people from EM for this work of testimonies and praise. Please send a copy to your family and friends. The stories and testimonies in Voices of Hope are worth sharing.

Chapel at Ewha Girls Foreign Language High School

On June 26 EM pastors and team ministered to about 500 students and faculty of Ewha Girls Foreign Language High School. Rev. Reiners preached about Coke, the real thing, and our praise team teamed up with a praise group from MTU to fill the auditorium with shouts of praise and worship. Our staff members worked hard to organize and plan the event.



Condolences

Senior deacon Jungrye Lee's mother passed away. Please pray for her and her family!



Hangyoon got Married!

Pastoral Assistant Hanyoon Cho tied the knot on July 7th. Happy married life Mr. and Mrs. Cho.

VBS Teacher's Training

A dedicated group of teachers and staff met throughout June and July to prepare for the 2018 Vacation Bible School. Please keep them in your prayers.



English Ministry
Contemporary Worship
 Sundays at 9.30
 Bethel Chapel
Vibrant Traditional Worship
 Sundays at 2:00
 Main Sanctuary

At Wesley Hall on Sundays:
Young Adult's Fellowship
 Sundays at 10:30
Youth Fellowship
 Sundays at 2.00
Kid's Worship
 Sundays at 12:50

Pastoral Team
 Rev. Se Hyoung Lee
 Rev. Hea Sun Kim
 Rev. Chong-ah S. Kim
 Rev. Johan Reiners

Lay Leader:
 Elder Jungsik Oh
Pastoral Assistant
 Hangyoon Cho

Staff Assistants
 In Young Cho
 Yeram Josua Kim
 Won Yeoung Lee

chungdongem@gmail.com
www.chungdongem.com
 Please "like" our Facebook page: Chungdong Fmc EM