# Pastoral Column

**"A Shift in perspective."**

Rev. James Lee

I spent the past week suffering from the flu, though I am starting to feel a little better now. This bout of the flu hit me particularly hard. When we get sick, we simply cannot juggle everything we usually do. I had a lot of things to prepare for this weekend, in particular. However, because I wasn't feeling well, I couldn't concentrate at all.
So, I decided to change my mindset. I told myself, "Do nothing—just get some deep sleep." Because this flu came with a severe cough, it was hard to sleep at night. Not being able to sleep at night, and forcing myself to stay awake during the day to get things done, only seemed to make my condition worse. Yet, once I changed my approach and decided to sleep well, rest fully, and work only after my body had recovered a bit, I actually found myself focusing much better when I finally sat down at my desk.

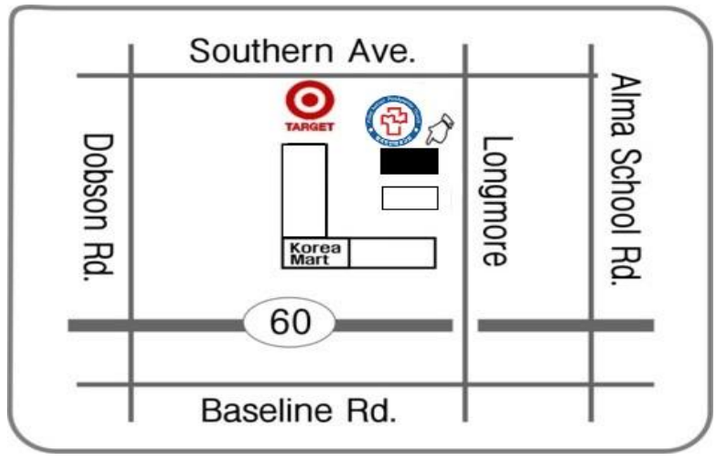
This week, I was asked to preach at the retirement service for a pastor at a neighboring church. If it were an installation service, I would gladly share an encouraging message from God's Word filled with hope. For a retirement sermon, however, I wasn't immediately sure what message to share. As I spent about two weeks praying and preparing, I came across a book addressing the challenges facing the Korean church today. The book explained the difficulties churches have experienced since the COVID-19 pandemic and sought solutions for how to bring back congregation members who have drifted away. Reading this book sparked a thought about a "shift in perspective."

We are now living in an era of 100-year lifespans. As a result, life after retirement feels very long, leaving many people wondering what to do and how to spend their time. Most people do not have endless financial freedom, nor can they travel every single day. The word "retirement" literally implies stepping back. Yet, just when it is time to step back, we find that our bodies are still healthy and there is still so much we are capable of doing. We must prepare for a new chapter of life. Although societal systems haven't changed—still talking about retiring at 65 or 70—our physical condition allows us to work for another 10 to 15 years. Knowing that we have been given time to try something different from what we did before fills us with anticipation for a fresh start.
The same holds true for the church. Rather than trying to go back to the way the church was before the pandemic, we must carefully discern God's will as He opens up an entirely new path for us. We need a shift in perspective regarding what we must let go of and what we must build anew.

# Worship Services & Schedule

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| Sunday worship<br>Sunday School | 11:00AM | Small Santuary |
| Early morning Prayer | 06:00AM(Tue.-Fri.)<br>06:30AM(Sat.) | Main Sanctuary |
| Intercessory Prayer meeting | 09:00AM(Sun) | Education Building |
| Disciple Training Man of Jesus | 1:00 PM(Sun) | Education Building |
| New comers Class | 1:00PM(Sun) | Education Building |
| Yedam Community | Every Second Sunday<br>Fourth Sunday | Meeting Room |
| Korean School (Plan) | 01:00PM(Sun) | Education Building |
| College & Adult | 01:00PM(Sun) | Education Building |

# Church Map




**Church Address**

**1310 S. Longmore**
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**Ephesians 4:13**
until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.

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# Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship 11:00 AM

'From the fullness of his grace we have all received one blessing after another.' John 1:16

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| Confession of Faith | Apostle's Creed |
| Hymn | Praise & Worship |
| Prayer | Deacon Robert McCagrhen |
| Scripture Reading | Genesis 37:18-24 |
| Sermon | "Here comes this dreamer."<br>-Rev. James Lee- |
| Welcome & Announcement | Rev. James Lee |
| Offering & Praise | "He Provides Rain!"<br>Offering: Seung Hun Lee / Sang Mi Lee |
| Benediction | Rev. James Lee |

# Worship Service Volunteers

| | Prayer Sunday | Prayer Sat. | Offering | Lunch(Sunday) | | Cleaning |
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| 11/15 | Robert | Young Ae (11/21) | Seung Heon/ Sang Mi | Hee Kyung | Faith | Joshua (11/21) |
| 11/22 | Sungsik | Youl Cho (11/28) | Hae Jeon/ Cindy | Thanksgiving | Hephzi-bah | Timothy (11/28) |
| 11/29 | Bo Hyun | Min Jin (12/05) | Bo Hyun/ Dasom | Ji Hyun | Joshua | Faith (12/05) |
| 12/06 | Min Hyuk | Sangmi (12/12) | Min Hyuk/ Hee Jin | Yoon Jeong | Timothy | Hephzibah (12/12) |

Worship Guide: Bo Hyun Kim, Hee Jin Jeon

# Church Announcement

**'"Welcome to the Community Becoming Like Jesus. We sincerely welcome you. We look forward to a beautiful fellowship and meeting after the worship service."**

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| **Welcome to New Members** | We welcome those who are visiting our church for the first time or just stopping by. |
| **Ordained Officers' meeting** | Date: Nov. 15, 2026. 1:00 pm<br>Place: Main Sanctuary |
| **Thanksgiving Day Service** | Date: Nov. 22, 2026 |
| **Holy Bible copying relay** | Kindly submit your handwritten Bible transcriptions by Sunday, Nov 15th. |
| **Financial Meeting** | 1.Nov. 29, 2026. Deacon Meeting<br>2.Dec. 06, 2026. General Meeting |
| **Online Offering Instructions** | You can send it to the email address below using Zelle or PayPal ckpcaz1200@gmail.com |

# 매일 성경읽기 및 중보기도(가정) 안내

| 16(Mo) | 17(Tu) | 18(Wn) | 19(Tr) | 20(Fr) | 21(Sa) | 22(Su) |
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| Acts 14-16 | Acts 17-19<br>KangSub Young A. | Acts 20-22<br>Soon Ok | Acts 23-25<br>Jay S. Young S. | Acts 26-27<br>Kyung H. Taein | Acts 28<br>Sunday Service | Romans 1-3 |

# Saturday Early Morng Prayer

21, Nov. Sat. 6:30am

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| Confession of Faith | Apostle's Creed |
| Hymn | Hymn 320, 325 |
| Prayer | Kwonsa Young Ae Shin |
| Sermon | John 2:1-11<br>"Just do it."<br>Rev. James Lee |

# Bible Problem Solving

(Nov 15)

**Acts 11- 28** **Name:**

1. What were Jesus' disciples first called in Antioch? (Acts 11:26)

2. What punishment fell upon Herod because he did not give God the glory? (Acts 12:23)

3. Who was struck with blindness after being cursed by Paul? (Acts 13:6)
4. Before healing the man who could not use his feet in Lystra, what did Paul see that he had? (Acts 14:9)

5. Paul preached the gospel to Lydia in Philippi; what was her occupation? (Acts 16:14)

6. What did Paul say the men of Athens were in every way? (Acts 17:22
7. Where did Paul meet Aquila and his wife Priscilla? (Acts 18:1)

8. Who fell asleep and fell down from the third-story window while listening to Paul's sermon? (Acts 20:9)

9. Who foretold that the Jews in Jerusalem would bind Paul and deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles? (Acts 21:10)

10. Where was Paul going when he encountered the Lord on the way? (Acts 22:6)
11. How many Jews bound themselves by an oath neither to eat nor drink till they had killed Paul? (Acts 23:21)

12. Who stated the charges against Paul before Felix? (Acts 24:2)

13. What did Festus say was driving Paul out of his mind? (Acts 26:24)

14. How many people in all were on the ship sailing to Rome with Paul? (Acts 27:37)

15. Whom did Paul heal by praying and laying hands on him on the island of Malta? (Acts 28:8)

**Last Week's Answers**

1. Because they do not believe in him 2. Peter 3. It is finished 4. The Holy Spirit 5. 153 6. 120 7. They are filled with new wine. 8. Repent and turn back 9. Levi 10. God 11. Nicolaus 12. Stephen 13. Philip 14. She was full of good works and acts of charity. 15. Your prayers and your alms