Pastoral Column

"Seeing Myself Through the Mirror."

Rev. James Lee

A certain drama critic once said that people identify with characters in a drama and feel a deep sense of empathy with them. Especially when we see someone who is exceptionally pretty and kind, yet beaten down by the world, we see ourselves in them. When they fall into trouble or get hurt, our own hearts ache; when things go well for them, we feel a deep sense of pride and satisfaction.

We see reflections of ourselves through other people. There is a saying called "mirror therapy"—the idea that seeing someone else copy your exact words and actions helps you recognize your own behavior more clearly. People tend to be endlessly merciful toward themselves while holding others to a strict standard. That is probably why the saying exists: "If I do it, it's a romance; if someone else does it, it's an affair."

With the passing of May this year, the time I have lived in America has become longer than the time I spent living in Korea. Perhaps because of this, I find myself reflecting even more on the days gone by. As I retrace those moments one by one, I see how I have changed. The turbulent years of my youth, filled with bumps and bruises, are followed by the time I walked the path of a ministry calling—all unfolding before me like a movie. Surely those times must have been precious, yet I can hardly find their traces in who I am today. I know I lived those years with fierce intensity, but those images have somehow faded into the recesses of memory.

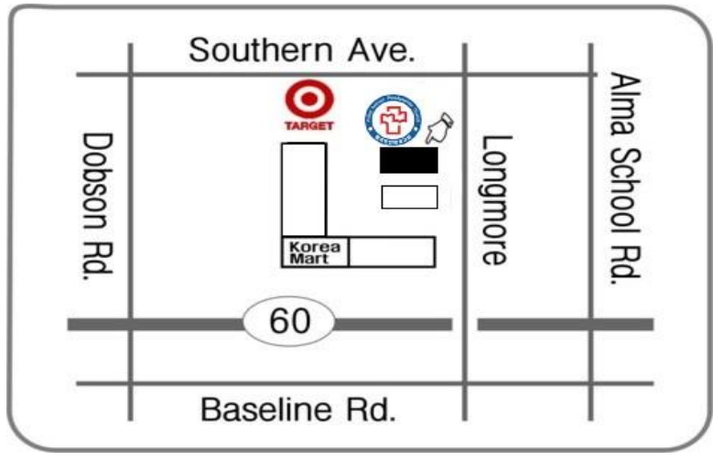
When I intentionally pulled out and looked at my past self, all I could see were moments trapped in shameful sin. I am often startled by my own past—deceitful, combative, and petty. Why are the memories of all these shames and faults so vividly preserved? There must have been so many good and happy times, yet the difficult and painful moments linger in my memory far more vividly than the happy ones.

Perhaps all of these things were left behind so that I would not become arrogant or boastful, knowing they are the very things that shaped who I am today. It feels as though they were tucked away in a corner of my memory so that I would live each day with gratitude for my present circumstances and reality. When I wonder why my life has been so difficult, I realize that it only makes the grace of God—who protected and guided me through those hard times—all the more real. It seems I am no better than anyone else, and often feel like I am being tossed around by the world here and there, but because I have God who saved me and made me His child, I begin today with gratitude once again.

Worship Services & Schedule

Sunday worship Sunday School	11:00AM	Small Santuary
Early morning Prayer	06:00AM(Tue.-Fri.) 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 Fourth Sunday	Meeting Room
Korean School (Plan)	01:00PM(Sun)	Education Building
College & Adult	01:00PM(Sun)	Education Building

Church Map



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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

Confession of Faith	Apostle's Creed
Hymn	Praise & Worship
Prayer	Deacon Jay Jang
Scripture Reading	Genesis 37:1-11
Sermon	"Are you unhappy?" -Rev. James Lee-
Welcome & Announcement	Rev. James Lee
Offering & Praise	"He Provides Rain!" Offering: Kang Sub Byun / Young Ae Shin
Benediction	Rev. James Lee

Worship Service Volunteers

	Prayer Sunday	Prayer Sat.	Offering	Lunch(Sunday)		Cleaning
				Serving	Dish washer	
11/08	Jay Jang	Elise (11/14)	Kang Sub / Young Ae	Young Ae	Timothy	Hephzibah (11/14)
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)

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."

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
Place: Main Sanctuary

Holy Bible copying relay
We start VKPC Holy Bible copying relay. Kindly submit your handwritten Bible transcriptions by Sunday, Nov 15th.

Online Offering Instructions
You can send it to the email address below using Zelle or PayPal
ckpcaz1200@gmail.com

Financial Meeting
1.Nov. 29, 2026. Deacon Meeting
2.Dec. 06, 2026. General Meeting

매일 성경읽기 및 중보기도(가정) 안내

9(Mo)	10(Tu)	11(Wn)	12(Tr)	13(Fr)	14(Sa)	15(Su)
John 16-17	John 18-19 Jung Im	John 20-21 Elise Kim	Acts 1-3 Min H. Hee J.	Acts 4-6 Young L. Shinwoo	Acts 7-8 Sunday Service	Acts 9-10

Saturday Early Morng Prayer

14, Nov. Sat. 6:30am

Confession of Faith	Apostle's Creed
Hymn	Hymn 86, 91
Prayer	Kwonsa Elise Kim
Sermon	Mark 4:35-41 "Jesus calmed the storm." Rev. James Lee

Bible Problem Solving (Nov 8)

John 16 – Acts 10 **Name:**

John

1. Regarding what is sin? (John 16:9)
2. Who was the person that cut off the ear of the high priest's servant when Jesus was arrested? (John 18:10)
3. What were Jesus' words just before He breathed His last? (John 19:30)
4. What did the Lord tell the disciples to receive after meeting them? (John 20:22)
5. How many fish in total did the disciples catch? (John 21:11)

Acts

6. What was the number of people gathered together praying in an upper room after Jesus' ascension? (Acts 1:15)
7. When the believers spoke in foreign languages on the day of Pentecost, unbelievers mocked them. With what words did they mock them? (Acts 2:13)
8. During his sermon, how did Peter say times of refreshing would come from the presence of the Lord? (Acts 3:19)
9. Of what tribe or descent was Barnabas? (Acts 4:36)
10. To whom did Peter judge that Ananias had lied? (Acts 5:4)
11. Among the seven chosen to serve, which one was a convert to Judaism from Antioch? (Acts 6:5)
12. Who was martyred by being stoned while preaching the word of God? (Acts 7:59)
13. After persecution struck the church, who went down to Samaria and proclaimed the gospel there? (Acts 8:5)
14. What kind of woman was Tabitha (Dorcas) who lived in Joppa? (Acts 9:36)
15. What aspect of Cornelius did the angel from heaven say was remembered before God? (Acts 10:4)

Last Week's Answers

1. Deceitful 2. Turning water into wine 3. You must be born again 4. In spirit and truth 5. Eternal life 6. Life 7. Justice 8. Set you free 9. The pool of Siloam 10. For claiming to be God
11. Martha 12. Honors them 13. Love one another
14. Commandment 15. Abide in My love