



“New Encounters”

Rev. James Lee

I consider myself an introverted person—quiet and passive. Yet, people look at me and say that I am an extrovert. Everyone possesses both introverted and extroverted tendencies. It is simply that some people have a stronger introverted side, while others have a stronger extroverted side. Many church members say that what they dread most is when their pastor tells them to evangelize. When I ask them why, they reply that there is no one around them who doesn't already go to church. In reality, looking at our immediate surroundings, it is hard to find people who don't attend church. However, it is not as though the actual number of churchgoing people is that high. Would you say only about 10% of the Korean residents in Arizona attend church? This means my life's environment revolves entirely within this 10%. It implies that 90% of people do not go to church, so where are they all?

I used to have a fear of new encounters. When a new semester began back in my school days, I was afraid of the new friends I would meet. It was hard for me to strike up a conversation first, and it took a long time to become close. It was no different even after I grew up. New encounters were nothing but exhausting to me. Should I call them business relationships that I had to maintain out of necessity? People inherently fear new encounters. This is likely due to the uncertainty of who a person really is. Because we tend to view people through the lens of whether they will be beneficial to us or not, looking at others with a hint of suspicion is, perhaps, natural for those living in an immigrant society.

However, for me today, new encounters plant a sense of anticipation. This week, we have members graduating from the New Family Class. I cannot even express how joyful our time together was during the New Family Bible study. It is a time of sharing fellowship through the Word of God. Lives lived up to this point are shared, and expectations for the life ahead are built. Perhaps they feel even closer to me because we are people who met in the name of Jesus. A new encounter means our new family is growing, which gives me all the more reason to find new strength.



Sunday worship	11:00AM	Small Sanctuary
Sunday School		
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



Church Address

1310 S. Longmore
Mesa AZ 85202



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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 Min Hyuk Roh
Scripture Reading	Genesis 19:24-25
Sermon	“The Destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah!” -Rev. James Lee-
Welcome & Announcement	Rev. James Lee
Offering & Praise	“He Provides Rain!” Offering: Bo Hyun Kim /Soo Bin Gill
Benediction	Rev. James Lee



Worship Service Volunteers

	Prayer Sunday	Prayer Sat.	Offering	Lunch(Sunday)		Cleaning
				Serving	Dish washer	
7/12	Min Hyuk	Shinwoo (7/18)	Bo Hyun/Soo Bin	Haesil Robert	Joshua	Faith (7/18)
7/19	Youl Cho	Jay (7/25)	Min Hyuk/YoungAe	Seung H Dasom	Timothy	Hephzibah (7/25)
7/26	Sungsik	Sungsik (8/1)	Jay/Sang Mi	Hee Jin	Faith	Joshua (8/1)
8/02	Bo Hyun	Min Jin (8/8)	Young Lim/Cindy	Kyung Hoon	Hephzi-bah	Timothy (8/8)
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.
Yedam Community Meeting	There will be a Yedam community meeting after Sunday’s service. Please gather with your respective communities.
New Family Class Graduation	Congratulations on completing the New Family Class.
Simultaneous interpretation	We provide interpretation services through a smart app. Scan the QR code to get started.



매일 성경읽기 및 중보기도(가정) 안내

13(Mo)	14(Tu)	15(Wn)	16(Tr)	17(Fr)	18(Sa)	19(Su)
Eccles. 6-8	Eccles. 9-12 Sun Russel	Song of. 1-4 Kyung H. Tae I.	Song of. 5-8 Bi Hak Ok Ran	Isaiah 1-4 Mi Rye	Isaiah 5-8 Sunday Service	Isaiah 9-13



Saturday Early Mornng Prayer

18, July. Sat. 6:30am

Confession of Faith	Apostle’s Creed
Hymn	Hymn 285, 288
Prayer	Kwonsa Shinwoo Lee
Sermon	1 Peter 2:1-5 “We need to mature.” Rev. James Lee



Bible Problem Solving

(July 12)

Psalms 104 – 150 Name:

Ecclesiastes

- What did the Teacher say there is none of under the sun? (Ecclesiastes 1:9)
- There is a season for everything, and what is there for every activity under heaven? (Ecclesiastes 3:1)
- All labor and skill that a person possesses comes from what received from their neighbor? (Ecclesiastes 4:4)
- What is better than the wandering of the desire (fantasizing in the heart)? (Ecclesiastes 6:9)
- What destroys a person's understanding (clarity/discernment)? (Ecclesiastes 7:7)
- What did he say causes great offenses to be forgiven (forgone)? (Ecclesiastes 10:4)
- What does the Teacher say is the whole duty of man? (Ecclesiastes 12:13)
- What did the woman call herself, a rose of Sharon and a what of the valleys? (Song of Songs 2:1)
- Who placed the crown on Solomon's head on his wedding day? (Song of Songs 3:11)

- Where is the place where she wants to give her love to her beloved? (Song of Songs 7:12)

- What is as strong as death, and what is as cruel (unyielding) as Sheol (the grave)? (Song of Songs 8:6)

Isaiah

- What things of Israel did God hate and call a heavy burden to Him? (Isaiah 1:14)
- Woe to the wicked, for they will receive retribution because of what? (Isaiah 3:11)
- What did one of the seraphim (angels) touch Isaiah's mouth with? (Isaiah 6:6)
- God told Ahaz of Judah to ask for a sign, but Ahaz said he would not ask. What was his reason? (Isaiah 7:12)

Last Week's Answers

- The path of the good
- The firstfruits
- The rising sun
- The ant
- An ox led to the slaughter
- Fearing the Lord
- Wealth
- Anxiety
- Folly
- Love
- Joy
- The way they should go
- Poverty
- A rod
- Honor