

The HERALD Newsletter

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Summer Schedule (through
Labor Day weekend):

10:00 a.m. Worship Service

Adult Bible Study and Sunday
School resume in September.

Pastor's Message

July 2015

You may have had the chance to catch the television mini series; A.D. The Bible Continues. The show, which ran for 12 weeks is based upon historical events drawn from the book of Acts, with a healthy portion of dramatic license thrown in for good measure. Frankly, I was somewhat skeptical when the show debuted 3 months ago, as Hollywood often plays fast and loose when portraying Bible stories. However, the more I watched A.D., the more I found myself being drawn into the story of the first century church with all of its sub plots. The show was able to remain true to the overall biblical storyline, while at the same time dramatizing certain events, which may not have any basis in history but were portrayed responsibly.

I found two primary benefits for me personally from watching A.D.:

- 1) It motivated me to open my Bible and examine relevant passages to make sure they were being accurately presented.
- 2) I found myself inspired by "seeing" the disciples of Jesus in all their humanity being transformed into bold and courageous witnesses of the risen Christ, utterly dependent upon God. I realize of course that these are simply actors reading their lines in front of a camera. But being able to put "faces" on the first members of the Christian church, and to observe how they responded in various circumstances, moved my heart in a special way.

Perhaps the most powerful moment of the show came from the reenactment of Acts chapter 4 when the religious leaders had threatened the disciples to stop preaching or face punishment. Filled with God's Holy Spirit, Peter and John respond with words we would all do well to take to heart: "Judge for yourselves whether it is right in God's sight to obey you rather than God. For we cannot help speaking about what we have seen and heard."

Pastor Brad

The JCC Mission Statement

To proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ and seek spiritual growth for the entire congregation through:

- Worship, prayer, and Bible study
- Outreach and evangelism
- Loving service to the Church and community
- Fellowship
- Cultural activities unique to our ethnic congregation

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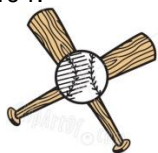
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July Softball Games

The last season game for the softball team is **Friday, July 10 – 8:30 p.m.** yellow field at West Valley softball fields at 5415 West 3100 South.

A double elimination tournament starts on July 17, however tournament times and schedule will not be available until mid-July. Times will be announced during worship service. For more information, contact Doug Murakami at (801) 580-8404.



Aki Matsuri 2015

Be sure to save the date – **Saturday, August 29, 2015** for Aki Matsuri 2015, from **noon to 6:00 p.m.** There will be food, entertainment and raffle! Invite your friends! A flyer will be included in the August Herald with more details.

Of course, the festival will not run without the help of all of you. We need volunteers in all areas.

Contact **Danni Uyeda** at **(385) 232-9419** if you can help out! It is a day of fellowship with the local community.



A planning meeting will be held on Thursday, July 2 at 6:00 p.m. Everyone is welcome to attend and bring new ideas!

Also, in preparation for Aki Matsuri, please label or remove all personal food items from the freezers/refrigerator in the Fellowship Hall. The space will be needed for Aki Matsuri food supplies.

July Culture Class – Temari II

The July Culture Class on **Sunday, July 12, 2015**, will feature Temari Balls II taught by **Toshiko Marse**. This time she will demonstrate how to create a temari ball using fabric. Cost of the class is \$5.00 for materials (if you took the first Temari ball class last year, there is no charge this time). Class will begin after worship service. A signup sheet is posted on the Fellowship Hall bulletin board near the kitchen.

Building Committee Needs Your Input

Thank you to the Building Committee for providing the architect's proposed rendition. The renditions are on display in the Fellowship Hall for everyone to review. This is a great start of what the change of our chapel could look like and is only an idea that addresses the many needs. The architect's vision and the sample chair for the chapel are not the permanent plans for the church. The main focus is the functionality of the chapel and providing additional needed space on ground level. Church members are welcomed to attend the renovation meetings to hear and share ideas. The next open meeting will be after worship service on **Sunday, July 12 at 11:30 am.**

Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

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| Saeko Nakashima | Shawna Johnson | Chris Miya |
| Susan Rosvall | Joy Hashimoto | Bernice Kida |
| Miki Harada | Betty Murakami | Marie Matsukawa |
| Yaeko Tomomatsu | Grace Matsumura | Grace Oshita |
| Yoshiko Nakagama | Kristen Kobayashi | Cristal Aoki |
| Jana Hansen | Toshiko Marse | Lillian Nakamura |
| Frank Imai | Utako Aramaki | Jessie Lamb |
| Wat Misaka | Garin Harada | Barbara Woody |
| Kai Ronning | Larry Harada | |
| Susan Fukushima | Mr. "C" | |

Mount Hermon Attendees

Eight Mount Hermon JEMS attendees boarded a plane early on Sunday, June 28 headed for the Santa Cruz mountains. (Elise Mori served as a cabin leader, so flew out earlier.) Thank you to the congregation, families, and friends for your generous support and donations that helped raise funds for the youth. Please keep the attendees in your prayers as they gain spiritual growth and for their safe return. We look forward to hearing about their experiences next month.



At the airport: Katie Iwamoto-Fukumitsu, Nichole Kramer, Elizabeth Ward, Tyler Uyeda, Shoji Mori, Pastor Brad Kramer, Yeiko Homma, Alex Okawa.

Father's Day Picnic Wrapup

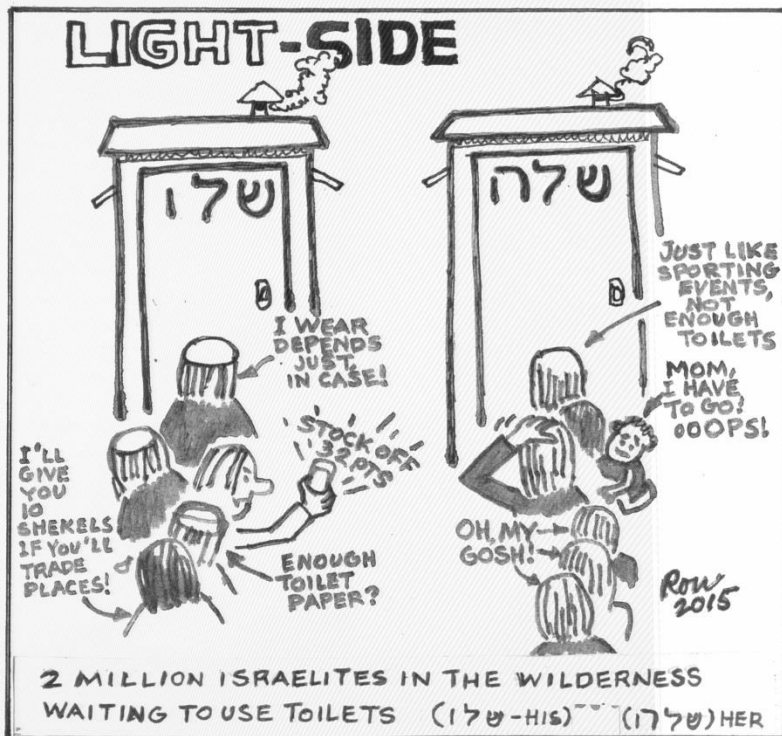
The annual Father's Day picnic was held on Sunday, June 21 at Sugarhouse Park. Great sermon, delicious food, and bingo to honor dad on his special day. Thanks to Victor Homma for providing a special musical number during worship service.



Father and Daughters – Madison, Brad and Nichole Kramer



Father and Son – Zach and Greg Paige



Another father (Victor Homma) with his mother (Yeiko Homma).

July Birthdays

- 4 Nats Nishijima
- 9 Hank Misaka
- 12 Landon Kawabata
- 18 Alan Okawa
- 21 Beverly Kikuchi

July 2015 - Worship Service Participants

	July 5	July 12	July 19	Music Worship July 26
Liturgist	Steve Fukumitsu	Ron Nishijima	Alan Shino	Laura Olson
Scripture Readers	E) Betty Kubota J) Shigeko Ota	E) Karen Okawa J) Hiromi Page	E) Nichole Kramer J) Misako Bowker	E) Tyler Uyeda J) Yeiko Homma
Greeter	Saeko Nakashima	Sadie Yoshimura	Toshiko Marse	Wilma Kimura
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Lorraine Crouse Joe Ota	Lorraine Crouse Doug Murakami	Barry Nakamura Al Kubota
Songs of Praise	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	Brian Itliong Brad Kramer	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Yas Iwamoto	Allyn Nakashima	Keiko Ikeda	Misako Bowker
Offeratory Music	Yas Iwamoto	Victor Homma Laura Olson	TBD	Nichigo
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	Nichole Kramer	Tyler Uyeda
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	Barry Nakamura	Uyedas	Barry Nakamura	---

JCC July 2015 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 -Mount Hermon	2 -Mount Hermon -Aki Matsuri meeting, 6 pm	3 -Mount Hermon	4 FOURTH OF JULY -Return from Mount Hermon
5 -Communion	6 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	7	8	9	10 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Softball, 8:30 pm	11
12 -Building Commit. Mtg, 11:30 am -Culture Class; Temari Balls, 11:30 am	13 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	14	15	16	17 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Softball tourney, time TBD	18
19	20 -Taiko practice, 6 pm -Parking Event; concert, 7 pm	21 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am -Parking Event; Days of 47 rodeo, 7 pm	22 -Parking Event; Days of 47 rodeo, 7 pm	23 -Parking Event; Days of 47 rodeo, 7 pm	24 PIONEER DAY -Parking Event; Days of 47 rodeo, 7 pm	25 -Parking Event; Days of 47 rodeo, 7 pm
26 -Music Worship -Herald Deadline, noon	27 -Taiko practice, 6 pm	28 -Herald Mailing -Parking Event; Imagine Dragons, 7:30 pm	29 -Parking Event; Motley Crue, 7 pm	30	31	

*Events current as of Herald printing date, 6/29/15.

Upcoming Community Events

Saturday, July 11 – Obon Festival, Salt Lake Buddhist Temple, food from 1:00 p.m., taiko 7:30 p.m., dancing 8:00 p.m.