

The HERALD Newsletter

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Worship Schedule:

Nichigo Bible Study 9:30 a.m.

Worship Service at 10:30 a.m.

Pastor's Message

August 2017

I was at a conference a while back where I heard the speaker make a reference to the gospel of Luke 2:2-3, where Jesus says – ²*There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. 3 What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.* “

The speaker went on to claim that these words are a reference to the final judgment day when all people will stand before Jesus and have all their past sins exposed. This is not an uncommon interpretation: I grew up with the understanding that there would come a day when all my sins would be displayed for everyone to see. How terrifying is that?

The good news is these verses are speaking of an entirely different issue in which the gospel will be brought out of the darkness and into the light for everyone to hear; not an opportunity for revisiting a lifetime of personal sin.

I share this because many people just like me have lived with the fear of some public humiliation orchestrated by God in order to show us how bad we were. And I can't help but think that the character of God is diminished by such a view. A person who is growing in their relationship with Jesus will be developing a hatred of sin and a continuing desire to repent of ungodly behavior and to be transformed into the person God has created him to be. I am convinced that there will be no need for a public reminder of how much of a sinner I've been, because every time I consider the majesty and holiness of my Savior I realize what a sinful man I still am. Yet, at the same time I stand in awe at the gift of salvation offered to a sinner such as me.

For the follower of Jesus Christ, death will signal our entrance into glory, instead of serving as a prelude to a divine scolding for our sins: Those sins were washed away by the blood of Jesus at Calvary.

King David had it right when he wrote;

“as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us.”

Psalm 103:12

May we live in anticipation of our King's return.

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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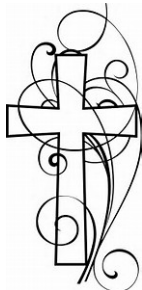
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Newsletter articles are due on the last Sunday of each month at **noon**. Send your articles to klokawa@msn.com

Website: www.jccslc.net

Condolences

Our deepest sympathy is extended to the Hashimoto family on the passing of Joy Hashimoto on June 29. A memorial service was held on July 14 at the JCC. Joy was a faithful member of the JCC family; we will miss her smiling face.



Sushi/Manju Fundraiser

Mark **Saturday, August 26** for a JCC Sushi/Manju Fundraiser. Maki and Inari Sushi, spam musubi, and manju plates will be for sale. Proceeds will go towards upgrading the Fellowship Hall kitchen.



Sushi combo plate (maki and inari)	\$8.00
Inari sushi plate (5 pc.)	\$5.00
Maki sushi rolls	\$9.00
Spam musubi	\$3.00
Manju plate (6 pc. yaki and mochi)	\$8.00

Tickets can be purchased from Jan Aramaki, Julee Mori or Karen Okawa. **Order deadline is Saturday, August 19.**

Pick up time will be between 2 and 4 p.m. on 8/26. (Please specify a pick up time, so we can have your order ready when you arrive.)

Calling for Volunteers

As always, we are seeking volunteers to help with food preparation, ticket sales and packaging for the Sushi/Manju Fundraiser. On Friday, 8/25, we need help in making manju and sushi. On Saturday, 8/26, we will need help in packaging the sushi.

We will also be making yaki manju (baked) on two consecutive Saturdays, August 12 and 19 at 8:00 a.m.

Contact Jan Aramaki, Julee Mori or Karen Okawa if you can help.

Youth Group Bake Sale

In conjunction with the Sushi/Manju Fundraiser, the youth group will be holding a bake sale on **Saturday, 8/26 from 2 to 4 p.m.** There will be a variety of goodies to choose from! Along with sushi, purchase something sweet to take home for dessert!

If you are a youth, contact Elise Mori if you can help man the sale table.



Remember in Your Prayers

Please remember the following friends and family in your prayers:

Jana Hansen	Utako Aramaki	Frank Yoshimura
Wat Misaka	Chris Miya	Mr. "C"
Sarah and Malachi	Cristal Aoki	Keiko Mori
Kai Ronning	Grace Matsumura	

Ogden 90th Anniversary

Our sisters and brothers at the Ogden Christian Church will be celebrating their 90th anniversary during the weekend of **September 23/24, 2017**.

Mark your calendars for two special events:

- Saturday, September 23, 5:00 p.m. Special gala dinner celebrating the history of Ogden Christian Church. Dinner to be held at Comfort Suites Hotel, 2250 South 1200 West, Ogden, UT.

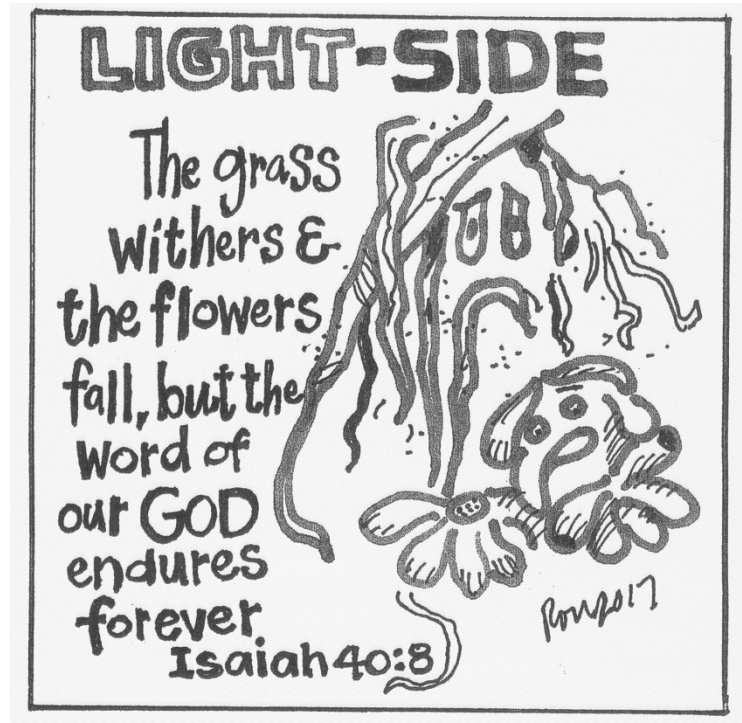
RSVP by August 19 (see registration form on Page 6 of this newsletter)

The Comfort Suites of Ogden is offering rooms at a discounted rate. Contact the hotel directly at (801) 621-2545 to make a reservation by Sept. 1; mention the Ogden Christian Church to receive a discount.

- Sunday, September 24, 10:00 a.m. Anniversary worship service and luncheon. 580 23rd Street, Ogden, UT.

The theme of the celebration is "Lord, through all generations you have been our home." Psalms 90:1.

Let us plan to join the Ogden congregation in this special occasion. Perhaps we can organize carpools to Ogden; details to follow in next month's Herald.



Softball Tournament Results

The JCC softball team won their first round tournament game in the Christian League on July 28 and will be playing their next game on **Friday, August 4 at 8:30 p.m.** on the purple field. Win or lose, the next round game will be played on Friday, August 11 on the purple field as well. Come out and cheer on the team!

August 2017 - Worship Service Participants

	August 6	August 13	August 20	Music Worship August 27
Liturgist	Jan Aramki	Laura Olson	Ron Nishijima	Rick Aoki
Scripture Readers	E) Julee Mori J) Yeiko Homma	E) Elise Mori J) Keiko Ikeda	E) Zach Paige J) Toshiko Marse	E) Karen Okawa J) Shigeko Ota
Greeter	Jean Kobayashi	Wilma Kimura	Betty Morishita	Dorthie Conway
Ushers	Misako Bowker Motoko Lochner	Alison Cheung Daniel Cheung	Mary Tabata Pauline Vosburgh	Doug Murakami Lorraine Crouse
Songs of Praise	---	---	---	JCC Worship Band
Organist/Pianist	Allyn Nakashima	TBD	Yas Iwamoto	Keiko Ikeda
Offeratory Music	---	---	---	Nichigo Choir
Acolyte	TBD	TBD	N/A	TBD
Communion Servers	Al Kubota Ron Nishijima Laura Olson	---	---	---
Ed Bldg Monitor	*	*	*	*

*Make sure there is someone in the Fellowship Hall during service or that the door is locked.

JCC August 2017 Events Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2	3	4 -Taiko practice, 6pm	5
6 Communion, 10:30 am	7 -Taiko practice, 6pm	8	9	10 -Session Meeting, 6pm	11 -Taiko practice, 6pm	12 -Yaki Manju making, 8am
13	14 -Taiko practice, 6pm	15 -St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen, 11:15 am	16	17 -100 Year Anniv Planning Meeting, 6pm	18 -Taiko practice, 6pm	19 -Yaki Manju making, 8am
20	21 -Taiko practice, 6pm	22	23	24	25 -Sushi/Manju preparation, -Taiko practice, 6pm	26 Sushi/Manju Fundraiser, 2 to 4pm
27 Music Worship, 10:30 am	28 -Taiko practice, 6pm	29	30	31		

*Calendar current as of Herald printing, 7/30/17.

For up to date building use information, go to www.jccslc.net, Events/Activities tab, JCC Building Usage Schedule link

August Community Events

Sunday, August 13, 2017 – Salt Lake Buddhist Temple Golf Outing. Stonebridge Golf Course. Contact Sherrie Koga at sherriekoga@gmail.com.

2016-17 Christian Church Basketball League Ends

Submitted by Doug Murakami

The Japanese Church of Christ under 30 team ended their regular season in first place with 7 wins and 1 loss. Zach Paige and Nick Aoki lead their team with scoring averages of 16 and 15 points per game respectively. In the first game of the playoffs, they defeated First Presbyterian Church 76 to 55 with Zach and Nick both scoring 20 points each! In the semi-final game, Southeast Christian, the eventual champion, defeated our under 30 team 64 to 56.

The JCC over 30 team didn't fare quite as well as the younger team, ending with a 1 and 7 losing record. Saving their best game for the playoffs, the over 30 team almost beat the second place K2 Church team with a hard fought and close 59 to 55 point game. Alex Aoyama, Brian Itliong, Landon Kawabata, Wally Doi, Jake Murakami, Lucas Murakami, Jon Llenares, Alonzo Oliver, and Raymond Uno, demonstrated good sportsmanship and fellowship to all teams involved.

Under 30 Team (Over 30 Team photo not available):



Back row: Jordan Taylor, Domas Piragas, Nick Aoki, Zach Paige, Kendall Gutzwiller. Front row: Brandon Drake, Hersey Taylor. Missing: Nate Fukumitsu. Photo courtesy: Lorraine Crouse.

Summer Visitors from Bay Area

On Sunday, July 16, Tom Hoshiyama and his family from San Francisco were passing through Salt Lake City and stopped in to attend worship service with us. Tom attended the JCC when he was a young child in the 1940's and still fondly remembers our church.



Hoshiyama family and Betty Kubota, Pastor Brad and Keri Kramer.

Laura Olson's mother, Toshi Hirose, also from San Francisco, visited on Sunday, July 30.



Mount Hermon Testimonies

On Sunday, July 23, Mount Hermon attendees gave their testimonials on their experiences at camp. Tyler Uyeda, Carson Kawabata, Elise Mori, Nichole Kramer, Pastor Brad Kramer and Elizabeth Ward were the JCC attendees this year.



Mount Hermon attendees: Tyler Uyeda, Carson Kawabata, Elise Mori, Nichole Kramer, Pastor Brad Kramer. Not pictured - Elizabeth Ward. Photo courtesy: Julee Mori



Ogden Christian Church
90th Anniversary
Celebration Gala

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD

5 PM

COMFORT SUITES

2250 S 1200 W, OGDEN, UT 84401

Join us for an evening of food, festivities, and celebrating our history.

Name(s) of attendee(s):

Phone number:

Indicate the number of each dinner choice your party would like. Price is per person:

____ Prime Rib (\$40)

____ Halibut (\$40)

____ Vegetarian – Grilled Vegetables over Rice (\$20) ____ Kid's Chicken Meal (\$10)

All entrees are gluten and nut free; non-alcoholic drink choice included

Financial assistance available on a limited basis. If interested in attending on a scholarship, please leave a message with your contact info at 801-392-4833 or OgdenChristianChurch@gmail.com.

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