

“I Drop the Anchor of Hope and Sail toward the Kingdom of Heaven in My Late Days”

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My father died when I was 8 years old, and my mother died when I was at 12. I had three younger siblings, so I had to get a job shortly after graduating from the elementary school. I began to work at a bookstore my relative was running. I did various chores including cleaning the bookstore by daytime, and studied hard by nighttime. Because I studied with zeal, I could enter a college easily.

After enrolling the college, I went to the military service. I wanted to study after completing the military service, but I had to give up studying at the college and instead earn money because I had no tuition fee. I was employed at a shoes' shop that dealt with a famous brand "Esquire" in Seoul and dreamed of the bright future, even though I had to give up studying. It happened when I was 24 years old. Five years later, I was found stricken with acute lung tuberculosis and received medical treatments at the Seoul Central Area City Hospital for one and half a years.

After discharging from the hospital, I was so skinny and exhausted in mind and body. I had to restore my health prior to making a living. I searched for a good Buddhist temple and stayed there for a

few months, and then lived in a fishing village for 2 years. Through such a life, I could recover good health. In 1970, I came back to Seoul and began working at a famous shoes' shop 'Eiffel.' I earned much money and led a gay life in sex and drinking. Thus, I lost a proper timing for marriage and cut off all communications with my family because I felt shy that I was leading a fast life.

Finally, I lost my health, so I quit my job. I entered into a small business and managed to make a living. I spent my 40 years that way, and now I am in 70s. On April 20, 2009, I went to the hospital for medical checkup because of high blood pressure and diabetes. But I was diagnosed with liver cancer. I was greatly shocked and tried to forget it by drinking a lot. I received medical treatments at the hospital and was examined again. There was no hope for recovery.

On May 9, 2009, I met with Deaconess Soonduk Park and was guided to Manmin Central Church by her. Listening to the messages preached by Dr. Jaerock Lee, I realized the answer to fundamental questions in life. True peace came upon my mind. Deaconess Park gave me various audio tapes including The Message of the Cross, and I did my best to

put the Word of God in action.

And I attended daily divine healing meeting held in Manmin Prayer Center, and sincerely repented that I had not believed in God but lived a gay and fast life. My heart was filled with thanksgiving and joy. On June 14, I went to the hospital for regular evaluation, and the result was amazing. The doctor said there was no proof of liver cancer recurrence, the function of liver was normal, and I was the same as a normal person in everyday life and work. He added I would completely recover soon only if I maintain the condition.

I said, "I've got a new life now," holding the doctor's diagnostic document, and my heart was filled with thanksgiving and joy. After coming out of the hospital I stood at a corner of the hospital park and welled up many tears. I lifted up my hands toward the heaven and called, "God! Oh, God!" My heart became filled with the hope for Heaven and the love for the Lord.

In the twilight years of my life, I came to become a child of God! I have also recovered the communications with my younger brother who had been severed for a long time, and reconciled to him in love. 'God! I really thank You.'

In June of 2010, I heard about the news of 2010 Summer Retreat of Manmin Central Church. I had much interest in the Students' Praise Contest that would be held at the summer retreat. I looked forward to seeing Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee, attending the worship services of Manmin Central Church, and having fellowship with Korean friends and participating in the Praise Contest at the summer retreat. I also wanted to improve my faith. I determined to participate in the praise contest along with my younger sister Stephanie. She and I practiced the song "Our God" and prayed.

On July 19, I arrived in the land of Korea along with my mother Soojin Johnson and my elder and younger sisters after the 14-hour flight. I was so glad to attend the worship services of Manmin Central Church and to have fellowship

“I Was So Happy at the 2010 Students' Summer Retreat along with Korean Friends”

Sarah Johnson (West Virginia of USA)

with many friends who were at Students' Sunday School. The friends were kind and helped me practice the song many times even though we couldn't make communications with each other. When I received Dr. Jaerock Lee's prayer for participation in the praise contest, I was so touched and welled up tears.

On July 26, the 4-day Students' Summer Retreat was kicked off. Pastor Heesun Lee's message on the first day, Pastor Soojin Lee's on the second day, and Pastor Timothy Kim's

message on the third day were so touching that I cried out with tears and repented of my sins in the first row.

On the second day I fully participated in the athletic meeting and very thankfully I was chosen as the female MVP. In that afternoon and evening I and my sister Stephanie practiced our song a lot until late. My sister Stephanie played the guitar and I sang the song. Stephanie didn't seem to play the guitar well at first, but improved her skill by the help of



many friends and finally she did a good job at the contest. Many teams took part in the praise contest and we were awarded the 'Favorite Prize' among many rivals. We thought it was made possible by the prayer of Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee. Now

we give thanks to him and many friends.

I was greatly challenged at this 2010 Students' Summer Retreat. I am very thankful for my spiritual growth through the holiness gospel and I am so glad to have many friends in faith.

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“Children and Students in Manmin Central Church Grow Well!”

Children's Summer Bible School and Students' Summer Retreat that Were Filled with the Spirit



The 2010 Children's Summer Bible School and Students' Summer Retreat took place at Manmin Central Church and Chungjuho Resort respectively, and many students and children determined to play the role of the salt and light in the world through various programs including life-filled messages, prayer meetings, praise contest, and camp fire.

Children's Sunday School and Students' Sunday School prepared Summer Bible School and Summer Retreat respectively, and relieved their parents of the burdens on education.

The teachers of Children's Sunday School, whose principal is Pastor Sungsik Chang and Students' Sunday School, whose principal is Pastor Timothy Kim had prepared for the Summer Bible School and Summer Retreat with fasting and prayer because the future of those children, the church and the nation depend on their education. Those special summer programs were held to help the children and students cultivate their talents, make a proper goal of life in front of God, and become a spiritual leader harboring the world in the Lord.

First, the 2010 Summer Bible School was held with the theme "Spirit" based on 1 John 1:5, at

Manmin Central Church, July 25 to 28 under the auspices of Children's Sunday School.

On the first day, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee delivered the message titled with "God Listens to My Prayer" and urged children to "pray to God with faith, love and hope for Heaven as His children in order to receive answers."

On the last and fourth day, the 3rd Manmin Children's Performing Arts Festival was held, and many teams showed various performances including fan dance, storytelling, musical and praise-singing. Among those teams 'Power Junior' was awarded the first prize. The children in attendance experienced many signs and wonders—the clouds that blinded the scorching sunlight, dragonflies that appeared from the sky, rainbows, and good weather.

Next, the 2010 Students' Summer Retreat took place at the Chungjuho Resort, Chungbuk Province from July 26 to 29, under the title "Spirit" based on 1 John 1:5. On the first night Pastor Heesun Lee delivered the message titled with "A Man of Spirit" and testified to the spiritual realm she saw with her spiritual eyes, and emphasized about the blessings a spiritual person receives from God.

On the second day athletic meeting was held and all students competed with one another in goodness and the Lord. Brother Jaehoon Jeon from Seosan Manmin Church and Sister Sarah Johnson from West Virginia of USA were chosen as the male and the female MVP. On the second night Pastor Soojin Lee delivered the lecture titled with "Do Not Be Conformed to this World" and taught them why they are tempted

by the worldly things, what to put into their hearts and how to control their curiosity on the other sex.

On the third day Pastor Timothy Kim, Principal of Students' Sunday School, delivered the message titled with "By the Power of the Holy Spirit" and planted passion, vision, dream, and zeal into their hearts. Shortly after the education, Five-minute Speech Contest with Dr. Jaerock Lee's books took place and dozens of students spoke about their impressions about the book they read. In the afternoon, they had a special time of looking up to the sky and greatly rejoiced seeing various types of unusual clouds. On the last night the 17th Manmin Praise Contest was held and 9 teams competed—including 3 teams from USA and Canada. At this contest Brother Youngho Kim from Masan Manmin Church

won the first prize. After the praise contest, Pastor Andrew led the camp fire and the students displayed their faith and love for God offering fervent praises to God.

Deaconess Eunja Lee who has two children attended the 2010 Children's Summer Bible School and said, "I've volunteered at this 2001 Children's Summer Bible School as an assistant teacher. I've been able to be comforted to see our children be well-armed with the Word of God and them grow well in spirit."

All teachers of Children's Sunday School and Students' Sunday School have spearheaded and will spearhead in teaching children and students with prayer and the love of the Lord in the assurance of the calling of God, and in helping them grow and come forth as competent workers to change the world.



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Thanksgiving

“So Jesus said to them, ‘Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves. He who eats My flesh and drinks My blood has eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day. For My flesh is true food, and My blood is true drink.’”
(John 6:53-55)

When a little child, on her birthday, says to her parents, “Father! Mother! I am very thankful to you for giving birth to and raising me!” they will feel pretty happy as if they were flying in the air.

It is the same to God the Father who sent His only begotten Son to this earth to save us from eternal death and lead us into the kingdom of Heaven. God takes great delight in even small expressions of our thanksgiving, because He has not only divine nature but human nature. That’s why whenever we experience the grace of God every moment, every day we should not take it for granted but please God by expressing our gratitude and love. In which field should we give thanks all the time?

The first is the grace of salvation.

All men who are born as descendants of Adam have original sin and also commit many sins while living on the earth. As recorded in Romans 6:23, the wages of sin is death, and they have to receive the punishment of death. But Jesus was crucified, shed blood and died on our behalf, so that anyone who believes in this fact and accepts Him as his Savior can be released from the penalty of death. Here, when we are forgiven of our sins by believing in Jesus Christ, it doesn’t mean we have completely gained salvation. It is because we should live by the Word of God.

Jesus said in John 6:53, “Truly, truly, I say to you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink His blood, you have no life in yourselves.” We can receive complete salvation only when we eat the flesh and drink the blood of the Son of Man. Eating His flesh means making our spiritual bread of the Word of God. It doesn’t mean storing the Word of God in our head as knowledge. It refers to changing our heart by casting away sins and evils from the heart and filling it with love and goodness.

Next, drinking His blood means learning the Word of God and putting it into action. When we put the Word we learn into practice, it becomes strength

and life within us, and untruths come out and truth fills our heart. Then, we can be cleansed from all sin through the blood of the Lord.

No one can solve the problem of sin for himself. Unless Jesus had taken the horrible punishment of crucifixion, everyone should have been tormented in the everlasting fire of Hell, and unless the Holy Spirit is given us as the gift of God, we cannot call God ‘Father.’ Therefore, you should not forget the grace of salvation but keep it in mind and walk in the Light.

Second is to let us know the truth. Unless we have the knowledge of the truth, it’s not easy for us to live by the will of God. Even a good-hearted person cannot discern between good and evil because sins and evils are rampant in the world. Many people cannot believe that it is more blessed to choose goodness than to choose evils for their benefits in between. Only when they discover the correct standard of truth through the Word of God, they are able to deny and sacrifice themselves, and follow true values.

Some preachers interpret the spiritual Scriptures on their own and deliver the messages with those interpretations. But they are not in the complete works of the Holy Spirit, but many parts of them have additions of human thoughts. These messages cannot quench the thirst of those who long for spiritual word. Many believers who have searched for the truth with a longing heart confess they came to be satisfied with the holiness gospel. It is because the Holy Spirit dwelling within them testifies to the holiness gospel. The surer and clearer proof than anything else is the manifestations of God’s powerful works. How thankful it is that God has been confirming the holiness gospel with many signs and wonders!

The third is the grace of the hope for Heaven.

This dark world is flooded with various temptations. But those who

have the hope for Heaven do not look at those worldly things. It is because they are assured that everything on this earth including honor, riches, and health finally becomes corrupted, the things that are seen are not everlasting, and the spiritual realm that is not invisible awaits us.

As much as you hope for the everlasting glory in Heaven, you advance toward the spiritual realm by force each moment even on this earth. You come to quickly cut off the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of this life. And when you deny yourselves, put your old self to death, and make yourselves obedient to the Lord, peace, joy and strength come upon your heart.

Some believers find difficulty in their believing lives because they don’t cast away the flesh but persist in it. But those who cast away those fleshly things quickly with determination become filled with the Holy Spirit. The reason that they attend the worship service on Sundays is because they have the hope for Heaven and take greater delight in advancing toward the better heaven than in resting and enjoying worldly entertainments on holidays.

True believers take delight and are satisfied when they listen to the Word of God, have fellowship with other brothers and sisters in Christ, offer praises and prayers to God, and keep the Lord’s Day holy. If this spiritual joy continually comes upon you each day, you will be able to enjoy everlasting and heavenly joy. Therefore, you have to give thanks always because God gave you the joy that the world cannot either give you or understand, and let you have the hope for the kingdom of Heaven and spiritual things.

For additional information or to read the message’s text in its entirety, please visit Manmin Central Church on the web at www.manmin.org, select the “English” menu, and click on “Words of Life.”

News Breaking

A Special Seminar for Cell Leaders Was Held in the Puducherry State of India

On July 26, Pastor Joseph Han, who is ministering to Chennai Manmin Church, led a special seminar for cell leaders at the Trinity Church in the Puducherry State of India. Pastor Han delivered the three messages titled with “True Heart and Perfect Faith” “Keep the Lord’s Day Holy and Give Your Whole Tithe” and “Goodness.” Next day, on July 27, he delivered the message titled with “True Repentance and Sanctification” at a handkerchief healing meeting with 600 people. They were healed of various diseases and glorified God.



Pastor Joseph Han led a special seminar for cell leaders and prayed for the sick at a handkerchief healing meeting.

“Manmin Bookstore” in the State of Sarawak in Malaysia

Ms. Deborah Tang, Representative of Manmin Publisher in Malaysia, opened a bookstore named “Manmin Bookstore” in the State of Sarawak in Malaysia. This new bookstore in Sarawak sells Dr. Jaerock Lee’s books in various languages. Sarawak is the most populated with Christians in Malaysia, and is largely divided into 9 areas including Kuching, the capital of Sarawak. On July 21, the opening of Manmin Bookstore was featured on the United Daily (Chinese) in Malaysia.



English and Mathematics Classes for Children Take Place

During this summer vacation, English and Mathematics Classes for children are held from August 9 to 20, under the auspices of Educators’ Mission of Manmin Central Church. These classes are held at 9 to 11 AM from Monday until Friday. Mathematics is taught for children who are at the 4th grade of elementary school by Senior Deaconess Jungja Choo, Deacon Myunghoon Lee, Deaconess Hyunjung Park, Yuri Lee, and English for children who are at the 5th and 6th grades of elementary school by Deacon David Song.

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The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.
4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus

5. Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.
- “[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)
- “And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)



2010 Summer Bible School

Is a Heavenly Festival for Children Filled with the Lord’s Love

On July 26, it began to rain early in the morning. It felt like God cleaned the whole world with His love for the children of Manmin. At 8:30 AM, the rain stopped and teachers of Children’s Sunday School gathered at the Main Sanctuary of Manmin Central Church to pray for the 2010 Summer Bible School. After praying there, they went out to the streets to bring more children to the 2010 Summer Bible school.

Many children came together at the main sanctuary with a longing heart for the Bible school. Though they were little, they were no less fervent than many adults in the longing for the spiritual realm. Teachers examined the very detailed things for the Bible school, and welcomed children hanging a nametag on their clothes. The teachers did everything joyfully even in sweating and doing many laboring works.

On the first day of the 2010 Summer Bible School, Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee delivered the message titled with “God Listens to My Prayer.” The first program of the second day was “Looking up to the Sky.” Children sat on the stairs at the entrance of the main sanctuary and looked up to the sky. Dragonflies suddenly appeared from the sky and the children rejoiced with applause lifting up their hands. They were so happy to see various types of clouds—angels and the Prophet Moses holding the staff, and the Garden of Eden, five different colors of lights, and golden and silver powders, through which

they became assured of the existence of the spiritual realm.

After that they participated in the program “Experiencing the Cross of the Lord.” No one among many children laughed or talked, but instead they looked solemn. While watching the scenes of Jesus’ bearing the cross, the children shed tears and continually wiped their eyes. Some children sobbed loudly and cried out, “Jesus the Lord was flogged and took the cross for me.”

The children took a cross in turns and participated in the passion of the Lord temporarily. Through secondhand experiencing His passion, they cried out with tears and repented of not obeying their parents, quarreling against their friends, showing their hot-temper, telling lies, playing computer games, and so on.

In the afternoon, Pastor Soojin Lee delivered the message titled with “Spirit” and urged them to cast away sins and evils from the heart and pray fervently, demonstrating the importance of the two things. Meanwhile a myriad of dragonflies came down from around the sun, and many children rejoiced seeing



the dragonflies appearing and flying in the air.

On the third day, Mrs. Boknim Lee, President of Manmin Prayer Center led the ‘Holy Spirit’s Fullness Prayer Meeting’ for children. After she explained to them about the seed of life, and asked them to let the seed of life grow well by the work of the Holy Spirit through continual prayers and making the Word of God their spiritual bread, she prayed for them with fervent love.

After the prayer meeting, the program ‘Experiencing Heaven and Hell’ followed. First, the children entered the dark ‘Hellish Room’ and watched various punishments of Hell in video presentation—souls that are tormented by messengers of hell, children who are punished buried at the shore of the river of blood, and the souls that are floundering in the lake of

fire or brimstone. Coming out of the ‘Hellish Room’ the children said, “From now on I’ll live by God’s word. I’ll surely enter Heaven.” And then they entered ‘Heavenly

Room.’ There they wore various heavenly crowns, played with angels and got on automobiles of cloud.

On the last and fourth day, the main sanctuary was filled with many children who were practicing for the “2010 Children’s Performance Festival.” Their fervor at the festival was as hot as the scorching sunlight. They glorified God by showing various performances they had prepared—singing praises as a soloist or duet or chorus, fan dance, Taekwon-do dance, worship dance, storytelling, and musical. It was a heavenly festival filled with love and talents of the children of Manmin.

In the afternoon of the last day, Pastor Heesun Lee led the Powerful Praise ‘Jesus’ and Prayer Meeting for children. While she was leading the prayer meeting, teachers and parents also prayed for the children and helped them experience the works of the Holy Spirit. And during the powerful praise time, children, teachers and parents held the hands one another, hugged them each other, and sang praises with joy feeling the Lord’s love.

This 2010 Summer Bible School ended up a great success with the active supports and services from many parents and many church members. The children learned the Word of God through the Bible study led by teachers and became united through the fellowship meeting

