

## True Jesu Church, Cerritos

# Newsletter

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#### Service Schedule

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Dat e	Tir	ne	Arrango	Web-		
	From	То	Arrange- ment	site	Telephone	
	7:30	7:50	Prayer	Tjc.us or		
Tue PM	7:50	8:00	Hymnal Service	Zoom/ Youtub e	(562) 4448177	
	8:00	9:00	Sermon			
Thur PM	7:30	8:30	Bible Study	N/A	(562) 4448177	
	7:30	7:50	Prayer		Dial (669) 9006833 Then (710) 3477857	
Fri PM	7:50	8:00	Hymnal Service	tjc.us		
	8:00	9:00	Sermon		3477037	
	10:00	10:20	Prayer		Dial (669)	
Sat	10:20	10:30	Hymnal Service	tjc.us	9006833 Then (710) 3477857	
AM	10:30	11:30	Sermon			
	1:30	1:50	Prayer			
Sat	1:50	2:00	Hymnal Service	tjc.us	Dial (669) 9006833 Then (710)	
PM	2:00	3:00	Sermon		3477857	

### **Garden of Prayer**

- Church building projects and fundraising, ask God for help and open the way.
- Pray for the people who live in the area affected by the new type of coronavirus. May the Lord have mercy and take care of them.
- Church' s evangelical & pastoral work; may God guide and work with us
- May God let the church grow in faith, hope

#### SSC Reflection

Jinming Wang

This past SSC was definitely an interesting one. I had held out hope that we would all be able to go to Garden Grove Church but two weeks before SSC was scheduled to begin, it became clear that the coronavirus was not going anywhere soon. For starters, it quickly became apparent that none of us would be able to physically stay at the church for an entire week in order to draw closer to God. Secondly, that meant that we would have to partake in the SSC online from our homes and surrounded by worldly distractions. Thirdly, no group fastings, no physical laying of hands while praying, and no bonding time as groups. This SSC seemed like a ticking time bomb that you really could not defuse. There were too many loose ends and too many distractions for this to work. At least that is what I thought.

On the first day of SSC online, I skeptically signed in to the opening ceremony at 8:00 am. I logged into Zoom to see over a hundred faces: some of whom I recognized and others whom I had never seen before. However, as I scrolled through all the faces on Zoom and saw so many students, a feeling of hope began to grow. I realized that this SSC could actually work because of two main reasons. There were so many people besides me who were also deciding to give this new thing a try and Preacher Raymond was acting the exact same way that he usually does when teaching. Spurred onward by this sense of normalcy, I began to get into the rhythm of online student spiritual convocation in the subsequent classes.

Sure, the beginning was a little rocky such as the instance where Pastor Yeh couldn't figure out how to get his powerpoint presentation to go from one slide to the next. Or when Pastor Vuthy was speaking without realizing that he was on mute. However, by the third or fourth day, things were in full swing and this SSC felt just like every other. I was feeling a spiritual high after sensing a renewed connection to God. And as a bonus, both my councilor and my group mates were people who I knew pretty well. This kept me from getting distracted by my phone or even other things on my computer. I was always thinking about God and by the end of this past SSC, I felt renewed in a way that has never occurred before.

It just goes to show that it doesn't matter how dire a situation is or how far we all are from each other. As long as we have the motivation and willingness to worship God in His name, He will make all things possible and as a result, this past SSC gave me some of the most edifying prayers and classes that I have ever experienced.

### **Construction Project Report**

- Due to COVID19 pandemic, The progressing of the project may affected. The entire projected completion date is 10/15/2020
- Projected complete items in August are: Roof tile, Stucco, Interior of Kitchen & rooms
- Construction site Status ( See photo below, as of 7/25/20)

#### Contribution of Construction Fund

- As of 6/30/2020, The difference to the contribution target is \$333,039
- The contribution was much less due to online services,. To contribute, please send the check to TJC Cerritos directly.



To:TJC Cerritos

### Construction Fund Statement (6/30/2020)

Fund	2019 /11	2019/12	2020/01	2020/02	2020/03	2020/04	2020/05	2020/06	Total
Previous Contributed	2,058,081								2,058,081
Contributed This month	94,017	172,990	42,612	71,432	6,612	7,800	6,874	6,543	408,880
Total									2,466,961
Previous Used	123,315								123,315
Used This month	124,485	17,515	1,600	311,725	306,753	114,729	321,655	161,270	1,359,732
Total									1,483,047

Available Fund Balance	983,914

# Construction Fund Target Difference 333,039



### SSC Reflection

Erin Hsiao

upon this week of SSC. As I, along with the majority of us, have been stuck at home since March, all this extra time has allowed me to reflect and question my life. For months now I have been asking myself many questions such as: what is my purpose? Who am I, really? My mind wandered through what has happened throughout my life and what I have done, wondering how I can see some sort of hidden meaning to it all. I prayed and guestioned God on whether or not He really had a plan for me, yet it My counselor had originally asked me to share this as a didn't seem like He had heard or even noticed me at all. I was so caught up in my independent thoughts and this new, seemingly empty life that I barely even bothered to try truly asking God. I had begun to doubt every moment I was awake, thinking that everything I did and all that I identified with was pointless and completely void of importance. When I had heard that there was going to be SSC this year online, I instantly pushed it to the very back of my mind and actually intended to not sign up in hopes that it would pass by and I would just use the excuse of 'i forgot'

coming up the following week. So far, no one had ap- if I wanted to share this as my reflection. proached me about joining so I was quite relieved. Then, the thursday before this week, my mom asked me out of the blue if I had signed up yet. I realized there was no use in trying to lie about it and admitted that I didn't and used my excuse: i forgot. Per her request, I emailed my RE head teacher and in the end, my plan was foiled. I had signed up for this online summer SSC. The following day I experienced God's first blessing for me as I realized I received an email from my now counselor. My eyes lit up because I had actually been in her group many times before and was already very comfortable sharing with her. Right from the first day of SSC, I felt that God had begun answering my questions I had been asking myself all these months.

needed answers to. Among these included: God is be- ingly dark and difficult this journey may be. yond time and space, He has already seen our lives and the world to its end.

Along this, a groupmate brought up a question during name. Amen. our sharing: Why does God still test us even if He knows

how we will respond/react? Our counselor proceeded to answer, saying that God already knows, but do we know how we will react? Every test that He puts us through, He In the name of the Lord Jesus Christ I share my reflection knows that we are capable of overcoming them. I finally accepted that this whole experience was a sort of sign and wake up call God had sent to help me, not just some grand coincidence. Thank God, every single class and group discussion had answered at least one of the many questions that I had built up, and now I have a much clearer understanding of what God wants me to do and what I want to do for God.

testimony. I was afraid of sharing this and said no before the class prior to the testimony session started, even though one of the speakers had told us directly that we will never be ready and we cannot allow spiritual cultivation to get in the way of holy work. That exact class was Haggai and one of the first verses shared were Haggai 1:2. Throughout the whole testimony session I was thankful of all the testimonies the other brothers and sisters shared, but I felt that I had already failed and let God and my counselor down as I realized that I had regretted not taking the opportunity to share God's grace and bless-A couple weeks passed and I had heard that SSC was ing towards me. Later that night my counselor asked me



Sensing that this was God's way of giving me a second The first class was Ephesians. That very class felt like a sort chance, I accepted much more openly this time, so here I of very dense fog had lifted from my entire being. Within am. I' m truly so thankful that God had led me to this it God had instantly told me that: Nothing this world has SSC, to all of my groupmates and all the discussions we to offer could ever fill my emptiness, only God was able had, to our counselor that tirelessly encouraged us and to. My purpose in this world as God's child was to did her best to answer our many burning questions, to preach and spread hope of everlasting life (Jesus' com- the speakers and pastors for teaching us and helping all mission to us). I was so shocked yet still skeptical because of us comprehend God's words, and to all the other I still had the issue of my identity and worth to solve. I counselors and coordinators who made this event possirealized I didn't have to wait long, the next class LIving ble and run so smoothly. In conclusion I would like to Out Your Identity. From this I learned that we are all share a verse my counselor brought up, (Matthew 6:33). God's masterpieces and belong to Christ. All these mes- I'm sure many of us are very familiar with this verse, sages had been taught to me within a day and instantly probably even learned a memory verse song for it, but I changed my views and values completely. The rest of the never truly understood or reflected on its meaning. So week went by and I felt that God kept supplying me with long as we have God as our priority over all other aspects knowledge and answers to everything I had questioned of our life, none of our deeds for Him will be in vain and before and everything that I didn't know that I had He will always be there to guide us, no matter how seem-

May all the glory, honor, and praise be unto His holy