

LIFE IN THE LIGHT

“How good and pleasant it is when brothers live together in unity!”
(Psalm 133:1)

Memorial Day Activity

The best part of Memorial Day for me was going go-karting. (Though I enjoyed every aspect of the day, the highlight was go-karting.) Since I don't have a driver's license yet, it was a fun way to get a feel for driving. Though the max speed was around 27mph, it felt like I was going faster. Pulling in to drift around the curb and being rear-ended by another, it was a very fun experience. The go-karts were very rocky, and the smell of gasoline was overwhelmingly strong, but racing the other youths was fun. - E.N

On Memorial Day, I had a great fellowship time during the BBQ, especially when all the youths and juniors worked together, cutting the veggies, grilling, and plating the meals. This time we tried different vegetables, including medium-sized tomatoes and zucchini, which were delicious, and I would want to add them again when we have another BBQ. I joined and helped with the grilling part from the start, where we lit the charcoal. I wasn't very familiar with lighting charcoal in the grill, so it was a great opportunity to learn. It took a long time to cook, as expected, but every food we made was delicious. -K.I.



Genesis 50:20

At the beginning of the month, I went to see the new Michael Jackson biopic with one of my church friends.

Besides the spectacular concert performances, there is one particular scene that stood out to me the most: Michael's realization of his calling at the hospital. I won't spoil too much in case there are any future watchers reading this, but it was essentially the result of his father's coercion that Michael was in the hospital. However, instead of looking at the negatives of the situation, Michael spends his time at the hospital reflecting upon his true calling: how God gave him his talents "to spread love and joy... to heal" (Michael). As a Christian, I saw this as God turning his negative situation into a positive one and using it for good. Michael not only becomes aware of his purpose, but this also further drives him to finally put an end to being under the control and abuse of his father, Joe Jackson.

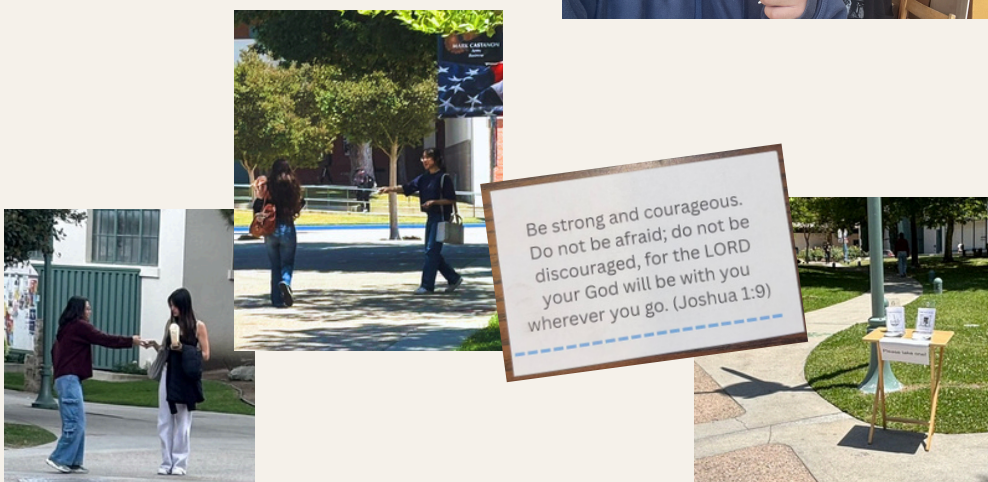
This really resonated with me because it ties directly to my own experiences and what God has been teaching me at this church. I've witnessed firsthand how God can turn anything into good. I've made a lot of mistakes in my life, one being idolizing external appearance, which caused me to diet until I got very sick. Nevertheless, God healed me through the care I received from my pastor's daughter and wife and used this situation to bring me closer to Him than ever before. Aside from the physical care, they helped me in every other aspect of my life. As a result, God has freed me from trauma, depression, and loneliness. In addition, they prepared me for university; I now enjoy school—something I could never do—without feeling any pressure and have been using it to discover my passions. They celebrated my birthdays with me. Finally, they listened to me when nobody else would. For the first time in my life, I felt seen. I never knew that God cared for me this much. What started as a very low point became the happiest, most transformative season of my life. For this, I am eternally grateful. To this day, they are still helping me. Through their guidance, God is revealing the talents that he has given me and is teaching me to use them for Him. - K.T.

**"You intended to harm me, but God intended it for good to accomplish what is now being done, the saving of many lives."
(Genesis 50:20)**



Outreach

Every week, some of our youth members go out to neighborhood parks and nearby community colleges to hand out church flyers and bible verse cards with new scriptures each week! -H.N



Come & join us!

Sunday worship:

Japanese Service: 9 AM - 11 AM

English Service: 11 AM - 1 PM

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