

# 실로암 한인침례교회

Siloam Korean Baptist Church

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오순절 이후 열여섯번째 주일 (Year C)

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## 모임 안내 Gatherings

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주일 예배 Lord's Day Worship Service (Korean/English) 10:30 am  
수요 성경 공부 Wednesday Bible Study (Korean) 8:00 pm via Zoom  
Zoom Meeting ID: 401 799 0718

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## WORSHIP ORDER

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### I Gathering

Life of the Church ..... Pastor Sean Chang

Invocation ..... Pastor Sean Chang

Let's Praise! ..... All Together

H220 In One Fraternal Bond of Love

C1255 For the Lord Is at Work.

C1083 Someone Is Praying for You.

Affirmation of Faith ..... All Together

Time to Reflect ..... All Together

Sharing Peace ..... All Together

Intercessory Prayers ..... All Together

The Lord's Prayer ..... All Together

### II The Word

Scripture Reading ..... All Together

Luke 16: 19-31

Sermon ..... Pastor Sean Chang

The Rich Man and Lazarus

### III Response

Let's Praise! ..... All Together

C1288 A Hymn to Life

Offering Prayer ..... All Together

### IV Sending

Sending Word and Benediction ..... Pastor Sean Chang

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## THE LIFE OF THE CHURCH

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- Wednesday Bible Study Wednesday 8 pm Zoom Meeting ID: 401 799 0718
- Church Business Meeting October 12, 2025.

### Question of the week:

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## THE PRAYER LIST

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- To be an Act2 church
  - The church that serves the community.
  - The church that helps missionaries.
  - The local church is the hope of the world.
- For the missionaries
  - Daniel Cho in Cambodia
  - Nakwon Lee in Kenya and the children we support: Fabian Kamau Eunice Wanjiku Allysa Wambui Sharlin Akai
- For those in hardship
- For the sick and caretakers
- For our children under the covenant
- For those who are travelling
- For those in government

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## THE FIRST LESSON JEREMIAH 32:1-3A, 6-15

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32 This is the word that came to Jeremiah from the Lord in the tenth year of Zedekiah king of Judah, which was the eighteenth year of Nebuchadnezzar. 2 The army of the king of Babylon was then besieging Jerusalem, and Jeremiah the prophet was confined in the courtyard of the guard in the royal palace of Judah.

3 Now Zedekiah king of Judah had imprisoned him there, saying, “Why do you prophesy as you do? You say, ‘This is what the Lord says: I am about to give this city into the hands of the king of Babylon, and he will capture it.

6 Jeremiah said, “The word of the Lord came to me: 7 Hanamel son of Shallum your uncle is going to come to you and say, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth, because as nearest relative it is your right and duty to buy it.’

8 “Then, just as the Lord had said, my cousin Hanamel came to me in the courtyard of the guard and said, ‘Buy my field at Anathoth in the territory of Benjamin. Since it is your right to redeem it and possess it, buy it for yourself.’ “I knew that this was the word of the Lord; 9 so I bought the field at Anathoth from my cousin Hanamel and weighed out for him seventeen shekels of silver. 10 I signed and sealed the deed, had it witnessed, and weighed out the silver on the scales. 11 I took the deed of purchase—the sealed copy containing the terms and conditions, as well as the unsealed copy— 12 and I gave this deed to Baruch son of Neriah, the son of Mahseiah, in the presence of my cousin Hanamel and of the witnesses who had signed the deed and of all the Jews sitting in the courtyard of the guard.

13 “In their presence I gave Baruch these instructions: 14 ‘This is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Take these documents, both the sealed and unsealed copies of the deed of purchase, and put them in a clay jar so they will last a long time. 15 For this is what the Lord Almighty, the God of Israel, says: Houses, fields and vineyards will again be bought in this land.’

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## PSALM 91:1-6, 14-16

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1 Whoever dwells in the shelter of the Most High will rest in the shadow of the Almighty.

2 I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God, in whom I trust.”

3 Surely he will save you from the fowler’s snare and from the deadly pestilence.

4 He will cover you with his feathers, and under his wings you will find refuge; his faithfulness will be your shield and rampart.

5 You will not fear the terror of night, nor the arrow that flies by day,

6 nor the pestilence that stalks in the darkness, nor the plague that destroys at midday.

14 “Because he loves me,” says the Lord, “I will rescue him; I will protect him, for he acknowledges my name.

15 He will call on me, and I will answer him; I will be with him in trouble, I will deliver him and honor him.

16 With long life I will satisfy him and show him my salvation.”

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## THE SECOND LESSON 1 TIMOTHY 6:6-19

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6 But godliness with contentment is great gain. 7 For we brought nothing into the world, and we can take nothing out of it. 8 But if we have food and clothing, we will be content with that. 9 Those who want to get rich fall into temptation and a trap and into many foolish and harmful desires that plunge people into ruin and destruction. 10 For the love of money is a root of all kinds of evil. Some people, eager for money, have wandered from the faith and pierced themselves with many griefs.

### Final Charge to Timothy

11 **But you, man of God, flee from all this, and pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance and gentleness.** 12 **Fight the good fight of the faith.** Take hold of the eternal life to which you were called when you made your good confession in the presence of many witnesses. 13 In the sight of God, who gives life to everything, and of Christ Jesus, who while testifying before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you 14 to keep this command without spot or blame until the appearing of our Lord Jesus Christ, 15 which God will bring about in his own time—God, the blessed and only Ruler, the King of kings and Lord of lords, 16 who alone is immortal and who lives in unapproachable light, whom no one has seen or can see. To him be honor and might forever. Amen.

17 Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. 18 Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. 19 In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life.

**Bible Study Focus:** *Fight the good fight*

### *Word of life*

After reading the text assigned for today, one can easily see why the letters to Timothy are called "pastoral epistles." The author offers pastoral care and direction to Timothy and the readers in every age. One can almost hear the words of a wise, seasoned mentor counseling the new in faith on how to live out that faith as a follower of Christ and a leader in the church.

Timothy is urged to shun the trappings and temptations of a love for money and a desire for riches – a desire that "plunge people into ruin and destruction." (1Timothy 6:9b NRSV) Too often, the "good life" is defined by financial wealth and possessions; but for the faithful follower of Christ, the good life is a godly life combined with contentment. The good life is a life that recognizes God to be the source of all good gifts and trusts in God to provide.

1. *Read 1 Timothy 6:10. Do you agree that "the love of money is the root of all kinds of evil"?*
2. *What are examples of the love of money leading to destruction?*

The author of this letter to Timothy then articulates the traits of the godly life – traits Timothy and all who follow Christ are to pursue: righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Some scholars believe that these verses are portions of an early Christian rite of ordination; these traits are mentioned in the ordination service when a pastor is called to serve in ministry. They are characteristics not only of leaders in the church; rather, they are traits we each strive to embody.

3. *Who has served as a mentor for you on your journey of faith?*
4. *What characteristics does that person have which makes him or her a good mentor?*

Living a godly life exhibiting these characteristics is not easy. Temptations lead us off-course. The seductive desire for wealth woos us away from a life of faithful living. It is a struggle to live a godly life. The exhortation to Timothy is the encouragement we need as well: "Fight the good fight of the faith; take hold of the eternal life, to which you were called and for which you made the good confession in the presence of many witnesses." (1 Timothy 6:12 NRSV)

Note the use of imperatives in the verses: shun temptation (vs. 11); pursue righteousness, godliness, etc. (vs. 11); fight the good fight of the faith (vs.12); take hold of the eternal life to which you have been called (vs. 12); keep the commandment without spot or blemish (vs.14). The role model and mentor for living a life such as this is Jesus Christ, who was faithful, even when facing the cross. "In the presence of God, who gives life to all things, and of Christ Jesus, who in his testimony before Pontius Pilate made the good confession, I charge you to keep the commandment without spot or blame...." (1 Timothy 6:13-14 NRSV)

5. *How do you respond when you hear imperatives?*
6. *What is the commandment which we are charged to keep without spot or blame?*

## **Word among us**

The pastor had been called to serve and teach at a seminary. He took the task of equipping leaders in the church very seriously. He had high standards and demanded a great amount of time and energy from his students. Some took every class he offered; others tried to avoid any of his classes they could.

The professor had many unique characteristics, but there was one trait that every student knew. At the end of every session of the class, no matter the topic or season, he would always end with the same words of exhortation (in Greek, of course) from 1 Timothy: "Fight the beautiful fight."

7. *What standards do we have for leaders in the church?*
8. *What standards do we strive for as Christians?*

"But as for you ...shun all this; pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness. Fight

the good fight of the faith..." (1 Timothy 6:11-12a NRSV) The professor knew the challenges and temptations his students (and every follower of Christ) face. He knew the struggle to be faithful, to live a godly life, to have the courage to stand before others and bear witness to the faith. He knew the allure his students faced of riches and the love of money. And so he offered a word of encouragement in the struggle: "Fight the beautiful fight of the faith." It is a word of challenge; and it also our "marching orders" for how we are to live a godly, faithful, faith-filled life.

9. *What does it mean to "fight the good fight of the faith"?*

10. *Why might the pastor have chosen the word "beautiful" to describe the fight of faith?*

The good news in the midst of the struggle is the realization that we do not enter the fight alone. In our corner is One who promises to be with us always, even when temptations overwhelm us and seem oh so strong. In our corner are mentors who share their wisdom and experiences in the fight, who encourage us and urge us on to a life of godliness.

## faith practice *in daily life*

### Live among God's faithful people

In our baptism, we are joined to a community of the faithful. And we are called to live in a certain way - to "pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness." (1 Timothy 6:11 NRSV) It is not easy to live this way. Stumbling blocks litter our path. Temptations entice us to put something before or in the place of God. We need one another on the journey.

11. *What are the daily challenges you face to "fight the good fight of the faith"?*

As we live among God's faithful people, we are renewed in our commitment and encouraged to live faithfully. We are strengthened to fight the good fight of the faith. As we commit and strive to live a godly life, we do not enter the fight alone. God is with us; Christ goes before us; and a community of witnesses and mentors is beside and behind us. Thanks be to God!

### Prayer

Give us courage, O God, to fight the good fight of the faith, so that our lives reflect what our lips express: that you are our Savior and Lord. Amen

## *Last Word*

Find ways each day to pursue righteousness, godliness, faith, love, endurance, gentleness.

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## THE GOSPEL LUKE 16:19-31

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### The Rich Man and Lazarus

19 “There was a rich man who was dressed in purple and fine linen and lived in luxury every day. 20 At his gate was laid a beggar named Lazarus, covered with sores 21 and longing to eat what fell from the rich man’s table. Even the dogs came and licked his sores.

22 “The time came when the beggar died and the angels carried him to Abraham’s side. The rich man also died and was buried. 23 In Hades, where he was in torment, he looked up and saw Abraham far away, with Lazarus by his side. 24 So he called to him, ‘Father Abraham, have pity on me and send Lazarus to dip the tip of his finger in water and cool my tongue, because I am in agony in this fire.’

25 “But Abraham replied, ‘Son, remember that in your lifetime you received your good things, while Lazarus received bad things, but now he is comforted here and you are in agony. 26 And besides all this, between us and you a great chasm has been set in place, so that those who want to go from here to you cannot, nor can anyone cross over from there to us.’

27 “He answered, ‘Then I beg you, father, send Lazarus to my family, 28 for I have five brothers. Let him warn them, so that they will not also come to this place of torment.’

29 “Abraham replied, ‘They have Moses and the Prophets; let them listen to them.’

30 “‘No, father Abraham,’ he said, ‘but if someone from the dead goes to them, they will repent.’

31 “He said to him, ‘If they do not listen to Moses and the Prophets, they will not be convinced even if someone rises from the dead.’”