

Christian News

Pastor Tim Keller Passes Away (5/19/23)—Tim and his wife Kathy founded Redeemer Presbyterian Church in 1989. He is known for defending the exclusivity of the Gospel, biblical marriage, and biblical genders in the liberal bastion of New York City. After battling pancreatic cancer for three years, he passed away Friday morning at the age of 72. <tinyurl.com/jec-keller>



U.S. Adults with Biblical Worldview Drops To 4%—According to the 2023 American Worldview Inventory, US adults with a biblical worldview dropped to just 4% during the pandemic, down 33% from 2020. Noted Christian researcher George Barna states that “*Young people, in particular, are largely isolated from biblical thought in our society and are the most aggressive at rejecting biblical principles in our culture.*” <tinyurl.com/jec-4percent>.

Reading And Applying Bible Correlated With Hope—A study by the American Bible Society and researchers at the U. of Chicago shows that consistent Bible reading leads to resilience, better health, better relationships, and a higher sense of purpose. Those who read the Bible $\leq 2x$ a month had the hopelessness of non-believers. <tinyurl.com/jec-biblehope>

Jesus Revolution Box Office Shocks Hollywood—*Jesus Revolution* has grossed >\$52M in theaters, and has reached the #1 spot in the U.S. for DVD and Blu-ray sales, outselling *Top Gun* and *Avatar*. Movie-goers are reported as being baptized in fountains outside of theaters. <tinyurl.com/jesus-rev>

State of CA Agrees To Pay \$1.4M For Requiring Abortion Coverage—Even though California recognizes that religious groups cannot be subjected to a mandatory coverage to fund abortions, the state did just that. In 2015 and 2016, Foothill Church, Calvary Chapel Chino Hills, The Shepherd of the Hills Church, and Skyline filed suit, and now the State of California will pay \$1.4M toward church’s attorney fees. <tinyurl.com/1point4mill>

Church Service Attendance Increases, Third Year In A Row—2,761 adults across 50 states were surveyed between Jan. 5–30, 2023, revealing those who attend church services in person has increased for the third year in a row. Online attendance has dropped (2021: 45%, 2022: 30%, 2023: 21%). This increase was most pronounced among Gen Z. <tinyurl.com/SotB-23>

Welcome to Journey!

EVANGELICAL CHURCH



Women's Tea & Luncheon

Order of Service

May 21st, 2023

Welcome & Call To WorshipPeter
 Worship.....Christian & Congregation
 Sermon**Joy! From Hell's Gate To Heaven's Gate** Ted
 Song of Response.....Christian & Congregation
 BenedictionTed

Ways to get involved at Journey:

Thank you, deacons for the thoughtful and practical Mother's Day gift!

Thanks to those who helped at SERVE. *"He defended the cause of the poor and needy; then it was well. Is not this to know me? declares the LORD"* —Jeremiah 22:16.

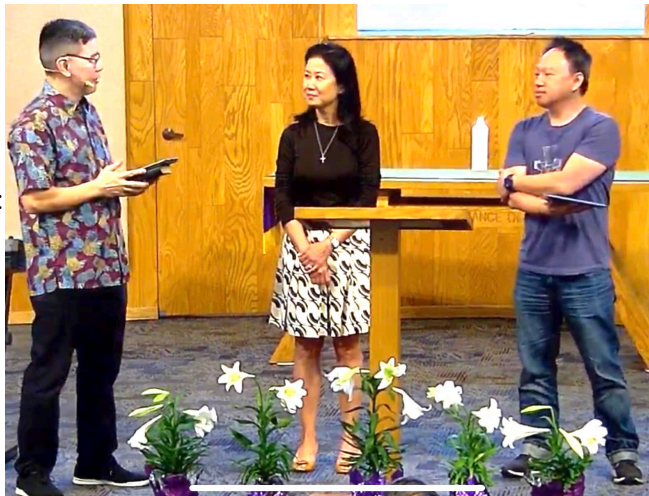
JEC GRADUATES: We will be honoring all JEC graduating/promoted students soon. Please email Wesley, wesleylin91@gmail.com or Dave davemclen50@msn.com with your name, photo, fave bible verse, school graduating from, next school, and if applicable: major and degree, or area if employment.

May 28th deadline for Forest Home Youth Retreat, sign up soon before rates go up! More info available through Christian, christian@journeyec.org.

Email **announcements** or **photos** to bulletin@journeyec.org by Sunday, 6pm.

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Tithes & Offerings. Help with Journey's ministries:
 —Offering box (rear sanctuary wall)
 —JourneyEC.org/donate
 —Vanco App (search: Journey Evangelical Church, Westminster)



Our most recent transfer of members: Amy, and Dann

Joy! From Hell's Gate To Heaven's Gate

Nehemiah 12 • Ted Kau

The Israelites celebrate the wall with a _____

- Both choirs start at **Dung Gate** which open to _____ (trash)
- One goes CCW, led by Ezra; other goes CW, followed by Nehemiah
- Both choirs descend the wall at the _____

The Metaphor—Our Spiritual Journey

- Jesus calls Himself the _____, Jn 10:7
 He says *"I am the gate. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved."* Jn 10:9
 The only way to enter God's presence is through _____ Jn 14:6

Reflections, discussion questions, application:

- **Differential:** what causes the diff between joy and non-joy? Psalm 16:11
- **Purify:** thank You, Jesus, for taking my place of punishment! (12:30)
- **Celebrate:** to glorify God more, I will complain about _____ less (12:40)
- **Serve:** I am willing to serve God by getting involved at church (12:44-47)
- **Separate:** God is calling me to separate myself from _____ (13:1-3)
- **Dedicate:** I want to publicly acknowledge Jesus as my Lord and Savior through baptism or membership transfer (email ted@journeyec.org)

Journey's Servant Leaders:

Deacons

Allie Wong
 Anne Chou
 Dave McLendon
 Joshua Cain
 Pat Leung
 Paulah Wong
 Teresa Jue
 Wesley Lin

Elders

Cliff Char—Young Adults, Worship Music
 Devin Wong—GO Team, Website
 Hiro Kono—Congregation Dev., Pastoral Care, Women
 Peter Leung—Children, Welcome
 Phil Jen Kin—Facilities, Chinese, Security, Personnel
 Rick Chou—Nominations, Multimedia, Small Groups
 Ron Jue—Growth & Legacy, Deacons Liaison, CLT Chair
 Victor Wong—Campus, Finance, Hospitality, SERVE, Vietnamese

Staff

Ted Kau—Senior Pastor
 Paul Eng—Chinese Pastor
 Roger Yee—Business Administrator
 Ewin Grace—Small Group Development Pastor
 Christian Lissner—Asst. Minister (Youth, Worship)