

Navigating Change

Just like the changing seasons and Daylight Saving Time, churches are constantly changing. New members join, old members depart, the culture of the church may shift over time, but the Gospel should always remain unchanging. While change can be unsettling, it is also an opportunity for growth and renewal. Here's an analogy of seasons to help navigate through church transitions

Spring is a time of new beginnings. The days get longer and warmer, flowers bloom, and animals emerge from hibernation. In church, spring might represent a season of new leadership, ministries, or focus. During Spring it is important to be adaptable and faithful. Prepare to let go of old ways, and also guard against a consumer mentality of jumping ship. And remember that it takes time for growth.

Summer is a time of growth and abundance. The days are long and sunny, and crops are ripening. In church, summer is a time of increased activity and momentum. Volunteers step forward, new demographics emerge. It's important to be intentional about discipleship in summer. With the increased activity, it's easy to leave discipleship and mentoring as an afterthought. We also need to beware of becoming complacent. Just as summer ends, so too will this season of growth.

Fall is a time of slowing and preparing for winter. The days get shorter and cooler, leaves change color, and animals prepare for winter. In church, fall is a time of slowing momentum or plateaued ministry. During fall, we must be prayerful and wise. We review our church's mission and vision, and make sure that we are aligned with God's will to prepare for winter's challenges.

Winter is a time of rest and reflection. The days are short and cold, and the ground is snow-covered. In church, winter represents decreased activity, an aging demographic, or focus on inward growth. During winter it's helpful to focus on our relationship with God, and be open to new things spring will introduce. We need to be patient and trust that God is working in our church, and be careful of being consumers instead of servants.

Christian decided back in July to leave Journey, due to his desire to lead a church plant (a desire he's had since he was in college). We are sad to see him and Kat leave. His last Friday with youth will be 11/17, and his last Sunday will be 11/26. Please pray that he finds a suitable church plant to partner with.

In related news, Church Leadership Team (CLT) is happy to announce that after much searching, prayer, and fasting, we thank God for bringing to us our top candidate for a new Worship Director, Ryan Kingsman. We are also close to confirming our top candidate for a new Youth Pastor. We will post an article on each of them in due time. Praise God!



Welcome to Journey!

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Thanks to all who served and participated in Trunk or Treat!
Wish you could have seen that 6' tall Spam musubi from the side.



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Order of Service

November 5th, 2023

Welcome & Call To Worship.....Victor
Worship.....Kyle & Congregation
Sermon..... **Steps To Inner Peace** Ted
Communion.....Ted & Believers
Song of Response.....Kyle & Congregation
Benediction.....Ewin

Sermon Outline

Ted Kau • 11/5/2023

But his delight is in the law of the LORD, and in His law he meditates day and night—Ps. 1:2

What is the secret to inner peace? _____, Proverbs 3:1-2, 5

How can I trust God > worries? _____w/ delight, Psalm 1:2

Identify your peace-robber, then memorize and meditate on verse:

- When replaying negative thoughts—Philippians 4:8-9
- When wronged or hurt by someone—Ephesians 4:15
- When wronged or hurt by someone—Ephesians 4:32
- When all around our soul gives way—Psalm 42:11
- When discouraged—2 Corinthians 12:10
- When tempted to seek revenge—Romans 12:19
- When facing trial—Philippians 4:6-7
- When threatened, especially when representing Christ—Acts 4:29
- When sexually tempted—1 Thessalonians 4:3
- When tempted by expensive things and abundance—Matthew 13:22
- When sad or in poverty—2 Corinthians 6:10
- When deprived—Philippians 4:12
- When with unlovable believers—John 15:12; Romans 12:10.
- When called to be generous to God beyond your means—2 Corinthians 8:3
- When enduring affliction, illness, even death—2 Corinthians 1:3-5, Psalm 116:3-4
- When family is against your faith—Matthew 19:29
- When tempted by recurring sin—Romans 6:12, 8:1

Ways to get involved:

- 11/10: Special Youth Speaker.** Youth and parents of youth, please join us for a special guest speaker this Friday. Parents are welcome to sit in.
- 11/12: Operation Christmas Child (OCC) Shoeboxes due.** Bring ≥1 shoebox to share the Gospel with children in poverty
- 11/12: Worship Director:** we are happy to announce our new Worship Director, Ryan Kingsman (photo). Here's a short intro: vimeo.com/869631887
- 11/17: Youth Friendsgiving.** The youth will also send off Christian and Kat. Contact Sammie or Linzey if you have any questions. The Youth Pastor Search Cmte. has been working hard, we are close to find a loving and qualified Youth Pastor.
- 11/18: Feed the Flock Workshop.** Learn how to plan and make an on-olicious Thanksgiving lunch, with hands-on prep. Info flyers on the foyer table.
- 11/19: Thanksgiving Lunch.** Join us for a Hawaiian-themed meal after service. Interested in serving in the kitchen? Contact moonhoanglee@gmail.com.
- 11/24: OCC Processing Party** (1pm-6pm): help organize and pack shoeboxes at the OCC Processing Center in Fullerton. You must be ≥13 y.o. to volunteer. Sign up through shorturl.at/tCKT4.



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