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2013 Children's Summer Bible School “Lord! I will achieve a heavenly beautiful heart”



“I love You, Lord!” 2013 Manmin Summer Bible School was successfully conducted with a content that was varied and helpful. The key to becoming a man of whole spirit was learned in the Opening Service. The meaning of spiritual love was examined in ‘The Message and Prayer’ time. God-given talents were fully demonstrated in the Talent Show. Praises with the heart were offered up in ‘Power Jesus’. The message on Heaven and Hell planted hope for Heaven. Each grade group’s programs also helped a lot. In 2013 Summer Bible School, Manmin’s children became full of hope for New Jerusalem, the best dwelling place in Heaven, and the love of the Lord.

With the start of summer vacation, Children’s Sunday school (Headmaster Pastor Seongsik Jang) had its Summer Bible School which is like a heavenly playground for children. The Bible School proceeded with the title of “Whole Spirit” from July 28th to 31st in 2013. The children gathered from 16 branch churches as well as children in Seoul. There were even children from overseas countries so the programs were interpreted simultaneously in English, Chinese, and Japanese. GCNTV (www.gcntv.org) broadcast the events live.

The Opening Service was offered up with Pastor Dongcho Shin. He preached the message entitled “Whole Spirit” based on Hebrews 10:22. He urged children to ‘clean their hearts with the Word of God and fill their hearts with what God takes delight in such as goodness, love, forgiveness, and faith’.

The Message and Prayer with Pastor Soojin Lee opened the second day of the Bible School. The children in attendance prepared themselves praising in fullness of the Spirit with a teacher from the Children’s Performing Arts Team. Pastor Soojin Lee delivered the message entitled “The Heart of Spirit” taken from 1 Corinthians 13:13. She encouraged them to achieve the heart of the Lord with an explanation of the thirteenth

chapter of 1 Corinthians, which is dubbed ‘The Love Chapter’. They engraved the message in their hearts during praise and prayer time that followed the message.

The 6th Manmin Children’s Talent Show was held with Brother Eunchan Kil and Minwu Yoo as MCs on the morning of the third day. Ten teams passed the preliminary and moved up to the final. They showed their talents in fullness by singing solo or as an ensemble; presenting Korean traditional dance, modern dance, or power-dance; giving a speech in English; playing musical instruments; or performing a play.

The Grand Prize was awarded to Space Team from Daejeon Manmin Church. They demonstrated Taekwondo dance under the theme of “Walk of Faith”. The Golden Prize went to Joy of the Shepherd Team from Masan Manmin Church, the Silver Prize to Twinkle Dance Team from Daejeon Manmin Church, the Bronze Prize to Serem Brass Ensemble from the central church, and Popularity Prize to the Fruit of the Shepherd Team from the central church.

Pastor Heesun Lee’s *Power Jesus* was held in the afternoon on the same day. Pastor Lee stated, “We can take hold of New Jerusalem, which is the greatest dwelling place in Heaven, only

when we achieve the heart of Light and act in it.” She prayed for children and led praise time in fullness of the Spirit. Dancing and praising with Pastor Lee, the children offered up thanks, love, and hope for Heaven to the Lord.

Pastor Crystal S. Kim preached under the title of ‘Heaven and Hell’ on the fourth morning. She emphasized that the spiritual world surely exists. She also implored them to cast away evil attributes that hurt others and encouraged them to accomplish the

heart of goodness and take hold of a better dwelling place in Heaven.

Furthermore, the groups of each grade level had a variety of their own programs including a Fullness of the Spirit Prayer Meeting, puppet shows, a story-telling contest, a Bible quiz contest, a cooking contest, a project ‘Adorning Mansions in New Jerusalem’, sharing testimonies with others, the pilgrim’s progress, and Golden Bell. Then, after lunch, children studied the Bible with their teachers.

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The Church Opening’s 31st Anniversary and Celebration Performance



The Sunday Evening Service on July 18th in 2013 was offered up as the 31st Anniversary of the Church Opening. Pastor Soojin Lee, President of Pastors’ Association, delivered the message entitled “The Walk of Faith” based on Hebrews 11:1. The Heavenly Dance Team, Heavenly Voice Chorus, Sound of Light Chorus, Crystal Singers, and Power Worship Dance Team joined in performance to celebrate the 31st Anniversary of Church Opening. Then, Nissi Orchestra and Shalom Choir’s special praise followed. In closing, the church members offered up praises with thanks and glorified God who has been with them and guided them for the last 31 years.

The things that we should see

“Set your mind on the things above, not on the things that are on earth” (Colossians 3:2).

For the most part, people of the world seek wealth, fame, and power on this earth. They consider such things most valuable. But we who are saved are looking up to the glory of Heaven into which we will later enter. Also, we set our minds on the Father God who has prepared the heavenly kingdom for us. For this reason we live God-centered lives, thinking of the things that God wants and what pleases Him.

As said in Psalm 62:5, “My soul, wait in silence for God only, for my hope is from Him,” God fulfills our hope when we look up to Him only. He fills our lives with great blessings on this earth and great honor in Heaven. Then, let’s delve into what kinds of blessings we can receive when we set our mind only on God.

1. Those who look up to God receive blessings in body and spirit

The unbelievers must be prepared for the future that is uncertain and unstable. Though they might have wealth and honor right now, nobody knows when such things will disappear. On the contrary, God’s children set their minds on God alone, so God fulfills their needs.

As Proverbs 10:22 says, “It is the blessing of the LORD that makes rich, and He adds no sorrow to it,” the wealth that is gained through human methods by relying on people can be lost in a moment, but the blessing given to those believers whose soul prospers, is never shaken.

Of course, looking up to God alone does not mean we don’t do the things that we are supposed to do on this earth. We have to be faithful in what we are supposed to do according to justice, but we can enjoy peace by relying on God and not on our own ability or other people.

Those who set their minds on God alone always seek what God wants and try to fulfill it. If you love somebody, you will be interested in what the other person wants, and his/her tastes. In a spiritual sense, those who look up to their dear God always think of the ways to please Him.

Even though there might be some situations that cause discomfort or anger, they change their feelings into good thoughts, thinking that God would not like them to have such feelings. Furthermore, they pull out the nature of anger itself from their hearts. Thinking that God would be grieved, they try their best to cast away the mindsets of envy, jealousy, greed and adultery. They try to humble themselves, sacrifice themselves, and serve others. They do not seek their own. As they try this way, they quickly cast off darkness and come forth into the Light.

As said, for those who set their minds on God, they are in health and prosper in all things even as their souls prosper (3 John 1:2). They do not get sick nor become poverty-stricken. They are blessed when they come in or go out, and they become the head and not the tail. As they change into spirit and whole spirit, they receive the blessing to subdue and rule over physical things.



Senior Pastor Dr. Jaerock Lee

2. For those who look up to God alone, New Jerusalem is guaranteed

For those who have learned the holiness gospel, our goal is not just the heavenly kingdom, but the most glorious heavenly dwelling place, New Jerusalem. Numerous people have received salvation since the creation, but only a few have been able to enter New Jerusalem.

Since in this end time when darkness is very thick, even if some have believed in the Lord and have received the Holy Spirit, their salvation is not secure unless they are spiritually awake. The cultures of the world are being flooded with obscene and filthy things, and what we can see and hear is full of the things that pollute our spirit.

As a shepherd who is guiding the flock in this sinful world, I have tried to lead the members to New Jerusalem by all means. I am urging them again and again to enter through the narrow gate. I am asking them diligently to gather every day, not to cease to pray, to learn the Word of God, not to watch TV or movies, to cast off all forms of evil, and to purify their body and mind so that they will not have any lust between men and women.

They have been running towards New Jerusalem, but some of them think the goal seemed too far away for them. Others might have thought, “How can a person like me go there? My efforts seem to be in vain.” Or still others might have been disheartened in other ways.

However, New Jerusalem is no longer some unreachable goal, but it is a clear goal that we must achieve. Here, the important thing is our own effort. If we just try to ride on the flow of spirit, we can change at a very high speed. I hope you will quickly cast away the perishing, fleshly things, looking up to God alone. Then, your souls will prosper, and New Jerusalem will be guaranteed for you.

3. Those who set their minds on God alone become precious people

Mary Magdalene was very weak with illnesses and she lived a difficult life before she met the Lord. Nobody really cherished her. It seemed she had no

value in her life. Such a despised woman became such an honorable person after meeting Jesus.

Matthew was a tax-collector who was hated and despised by his own people. But when he offered his life to Jesus, he became one of the precious twelve apostles. Peter was just an uneducated fisherman, but he became the foremost of the twelve and a powerful apostle after meeting Jesus.

You might have failed to feel the value that you have. It may have been that nobody really cared for you, or it might have seemed that you were inferior to so many others. You might feel you are nothing because you do not have enough money, your appearance does not seem good enough to you, or you lack knowledge or a good background.

But even though we might have lived such a lowly life in the world, the value of our life will be completely different if we meet the Lord. We can become children of the LORD God almighty who created the heavens and the earth. It means we will become princes and princesses. For this reason, for those of us who are saved, guardian angels are assigned to us to protect us 24 hours a day. If we look up to God alone, they protect us so thoroughly that no darkness can come near us.

Also, wherever we go and whatever we do, God is paying attention to us. When Koreans express the love of parents for their children, it is said that it would not hurt even if you were to stick your children in your eyes. When babies smile making eye contact with the parents, the parents are so happy as if they gained the whole world. When the babies say ‘mom and dad’ for the first time, the parents leap with joy and exclamations. This is how God feels about us.

God deemed each of us so precious that He gave the life of His only begotten Son. He is waiting for us to come forth as spirit and whole spirit so earnestly that waiting a thousand years is like a day. When His children do not realize His love and commit sins dwelling in darkness, He suffers great pains.

On the contrary, if we please Him just a little bit by trying to practice the truth, He will try all His best to express greater love for us. God cherishes the aroma of our hearts that we offer up with our love for Him. God treasures each of our professions of love and each tear-drop that we shed longing for the spirit and in heavenly kingdom He will repay us for everything. If we just set our mind on God alone in our lives, God will cherish us and treasure us and make us precious.

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, once your spirit leaves your body, soon you return to a handful of dust. As written in Ecclesiastes 1:2-3, all fleshly things are so meaningless and perishable. Thus, I hope you will set your mind on things above, not on the earth. In doing so, I pray in the name of the Lord that you will become God’s precious children who completely receive all the spiritual and material blessings that God has prepared for you.

The Confession of Faith

1. Manmin Central Church believes that the Bible is God-breathed Word that is perfect and flawless.
2. Manmin Central Church believes in the unity and the work of God the Trinity: God the Holy Father, God the Holy Son, and God the Holy Spirit.
3. Manmin Central Church believes that we are forgiven of our sins only by

the redeeming blood of Jesus Christ.

4. Manmin Central Church believes in the resurrection and ascension of Jesus Christ, His Second Advent, the Millennium, and the eternal heaven.
5. Members of Manmin Central Church confess their faith through “The Apostles’ Creed” each time they come together and believe in its content verbatim.

“[God] Himself gives to all people life and breath and all things.”(Acts 17:25)

“And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved.”(Acts 4:12)

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Love, the only key to changing children

Conversation is the pathway to understanding each other's heart. Thus, you can come closer to your children when you listen attentively to them and accept them just as they are. Children sometimes express their hearts in nonsensical words, or they speak some words hard to understand in order to conceal their fear or nervousness. If they do so, we need to care for what they feel first rather than taking mind of what they say. We should unravel the situation by means of conversation.

"Can't you do anything right?" "I just knew you would do it like that again. What on earth can you do right?" "Just give it up!" "You must have hung around outside again!" If we jump to a conclusion ignoring our children's hearts in these ways, their hearts will be hurt and they will close them.

Moreover, if we always say what we want without responding to our children's words, it indicates that we do not cherish our children. It causes us and our children to become distanced from each other. In order to understand each other and build a close relationship, we should have conversation with them in love and with respect.

An experiment has been conducted on some students. Their teachers were informed that students in Class A were fairly intelligent and outstanding whereas the ones in Class B were inferior to them. In reality, the students in Class A and B were similar in the levels of intelligence at that time. A few months later, a test was given to them, and the test result was striking. It turned out that the students of Class A were far superior to those of Class B, not only in academic records but also in the personality matters. How could this happen to those who had had similar capability levels?

Even before going into Class A, teachers thought they were outstanding. Consequently they recognize their strengths and good qualities from day one. So, they often complimented the students and taught them with eager anticipation of their improvement. In return, the students lived up to the teachers' expectations and studied harder with focused interest in studies. They even came to gain greater confidence in their studies.

In Class B, however, the students' weak points and mistakes became immediately obvious to the teachers because they held the thoughts of their students' inferiority. They often pointed out the students' fault though it was just a small matter and reprimanded them. When the students show some deficiencies the teachers thought they couldn't get better than that and looked down on them with slighting remarks. Then, the students of Class B gradually lost confidence and began thinking negatively like 'We don't have anything that we do well.' Subsequently, the two classes demonstrated a large gap both in academic testing and personality development.

The same principle applies to spiritual things. Children in their growth are more susceptible to their surroundings and the people around them, unlike adults. If parents and teachers look at a child with hope, their love and expectations are naturally exposed even in a single word or involuntary facial expression. Therefore, we have to teach and guide children with trust in and prayer for them. Then, we can establish tight trust relation with them. Furthermore, children can sense the love of God more tangibly through parents and teachers. Then, how should parents or teachers instruct children in the Lord?

Parents and Teachers Should Lead Children to Experience God and Possess Faith

We can never say that children have faith just because their parents have great faith. We also must not relax our attention toward them though they seem to obey what adults tell them to do. We need to put our interest in them all the time. We need to check if they pray well, if they offer up services with the right attitude, and if they really love God.

Of course, it does not mean that we should force them to follow all these things, but we should help and lead them to experience God's work themselves through our deeds of sowing before God like in our prayer and expression of our love. What's more, we must lead them to come closer to God and the Lord.

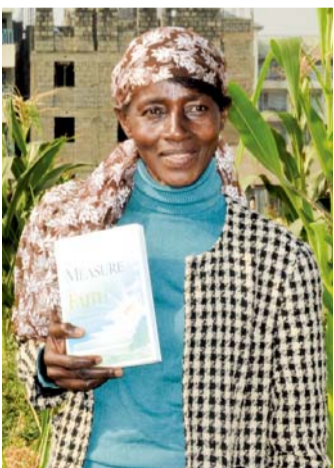
In addition, we had better see them with eyes full of love, serve them with the power of love, and help them change their inner hearts. We must also give encouragement to them so that they can be spiritually strengthened and pull out evil attributes deep in their natures. To do this, parents and teachers must be changed all the more and receive strength from above.

Parents and Teachers Must Help Children Remove Untruth in the Heart and Gain Spiritual Faith

Parents and teachers have to help children get rid of both negative and untruthful feelings at the same time they learn to understand their feelings. What we should know here is that we must not have bias in deciding which feeling is good or bad. If we have stereotyped them, then children can't be honest about what they really feel and they will hide it. Therefore, parents and teachers should help them not to feel shy about their feelings but help them to actively analyze and perceive what kind of feeling they have and to admit it. Though they make some mistakes we must not threaten them saying, "If you act like that you will go to Hell!" Children will obey the Word of God without any doubt if they feel that God loves them so much. Hence, we should pray to learn what can make them feel the love of the Lord more in accordance with each child's measure of faith, and teach them in and by prayer. Consequently, as said above constantly, 'Love is the only key to changing children'.



“I was healed of spinalgia and high blood pressure through the Word and prayer”



Sister Mary Wangoi
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When I was being treated in hospital for spinal problems caused by osteoporosis and herniated disc, my nerves were damaged. From then on I started to suffer from severe pain. Furthermore, my back was bent and I had high blood pressure, which caused my body to become even weaker. So, I had to stay just at home for six years.

A woman in neighborhood came to me in early May, 2012 and explained about sanctification and the measure of faith. It was my first time to hear about such things in my life, but I was very happy and came to long for more explanation.

I borrowed the book entitled *The Measure of Faith* from her. The book says that faith is the treasure of treasures

and the key to solving every kind of problem in life is faith. I stayed up all night reading the book again and again with a fluttering heart and even kept reading it until 3 P.M. the next day.

The content was full of inspiration. I was able to understand what faith is. I felt that Dr. Jaerock Lee, the author of the book, is the true servant of the living God. Peace came to my heart and filled it.

Sunday came and I asked people how I could get to Nairobi Manmin Holiness Church which is a branch church of Dr. Jaerock Lee's Manmin Central Church. I finally got to the church. During the Sunday Evening Service, Bishop Dr. Myongho Cheong

was leading a divine healing meeting. I received his prayer. He prayed for me with the handkerchief on which Dr. Lee had prayed (Acts 19:11-12).

After receiving the prayer, I sensed high blood pressure was healed, and the medical check-up result also proved that I became normal. Hallelujah! Afterwards, I read Dr. Lee's books *The Message of the Cross* and *Heaven I & II*. While I was reading them, strength was given to me and I became healthier and healthier.

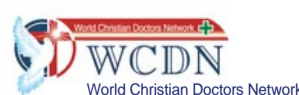
Now my back is straight and I am healthy enough to work in the field. I thank Dr. Jaerock Lee who delivers the message of life through his books that have been written in the Spirit's inspiration.



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