



# August

## BIRTHDAYS

August 3rd Diane Gordy  
 August 9th Dorothy Butler  
 August 11th Wilma Brown & Miraldo Michel  
 August 13th Sandra Voss  
 August 16th Emily Carriker & Paul Burrow  
 August 18th Heather Wilker  
 August 22nd Barbara Johnson & Sheryl Dickey  
 August 23rd Ken Howard  
 August 27th Eileen Blom  
 August 30th Carter Christensen

### Attendance Records

6/29	85
7/6	82
7/13	67
7/20	71
7/27	82

### Financial Reports

June 2025 Income	\$26,207.01
June 2025 Expense	\$23,428.45
Difference	\$2,778.56
Total 2025 Yearly Income	\$137,178.18
Total 2025 Yearly Expense	\$114,623.02
Difference	\$22,555.16

# CHIMES

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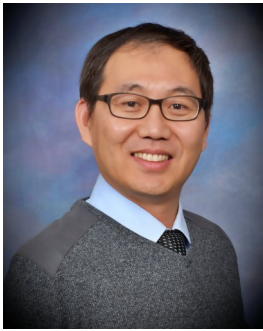
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*"I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace.  
 In the world you will have tribulation. But take heart; I have  
 overcome the world." John 16:33 (NIV)*



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# A Message From Pastor Jihoon Lee

Dear Beloved Church Family,

August heat settles in with full force. The sun blazes, the air feels heavy, and even a short walk outside can leave us longing for a cold drink. Our bodies know what it means to thirst. But what about our souls?

Jesus once stood up during the Feast of Tabernacles and cried out, “Let anyone who is thirsty come to me and drink. Whoever believes in me, as Scripture has said, rivers of living water will flow from within them” (John 7:37-38).

This summer, many of us have sought refreshment through vacations, quiet moments by the lake, or simple breaks from routine. And while those experiences offer rest, they point us to a deeper longing—an inner thirst that only Jesus can quench. We may not always name it, but we feel it: the restlessness, the hunger for meaning, the desire for peace and connection. The living water Christ offers is not a one-time drink. It’s a continual source of renewal—clear, pure, and abundant. Especially when life feels dry, Jesus invites us to come to Him and be filled again.

As August unfolds, we also stand at the threshold of new beginnings. For students and families, it’s back-to-school season—a time of sharpened pencils, new schedules, and fresh hopes. For others, it’s the return to post-vacation routines: meetings, emails, and the pace of daily life. But no matter where we find ourselves, this season invites preparation—not just of backpacks or calendars—but of the heart. What if we approached this new season with spiritual readiness, asking God to guide our steps, renew our minds, and open our hearts to new opportunities to grow and serve?

In Scripture, times of preparation often involved gathering: families, communities, and people of faith coming together in prayer, in worship, and in purpose. As we return from our summer rhythms, I invite you to return also to the heart of our church family. Let’s come together—refreshed, renewed, and ready—not only to receive but also to share the living water of Christ with one another.

Maybe you’ve been away for a few Sundays. Maybe your schedule has been full or your soul has felt distant. This is a good time to come back—not out of obligation, but out



United Way will pick up school supplies on August 12th.



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

- **Sunday School will start September 28th.** We need Sunday School Teachers to help us serve the youth of our church. Please let the office know if you are able to help teach a class. Thank you.
- Golden Goose Club continues to collect bags. With your help, they have collected over 17,000! Thanks to the generosity of many, 2 benches will be made to go to the ELC.

## Clarification on KBOE Radio Announcement

We would like to provide a clarification regarding the recent announcement made during worship about our KBOE radio broadcast.

To clarify:

- KBOE has confirmed that their broadcast signal extends well beyond a 60-mile radius, reaching into neighboring states.
- The Worship Committee is simply gathering feedback from the congregation as part of an effort to evaluate the current reach and impact of the broadcast.
- There are no current plans to discontinue our radio ministry.

We recognize that the announcement may have led to some unintended concerns. Our aim is to strengthen this ministry and continue reaching both our congregation and the wider community with the message of Christ through the gift of radio.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement.

of hope. The Spirit is moving. God is at work. And you are wanted and welcomed here.

So come, all who are thirsty. Come, all who are preparing for what's next. Come, all who long for connection and purpose. The table is set, the water is flowing, and Christ Himself invites us:

“Come to me... and drink.”

Let's walk into this new season together—rooted in grace, filled with living water, and united in the love of Christ.

With you in hope and faith,

Pastor Jihoon Lee





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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13 Finance—6:00 Trustees—6:30	14	15	16
17 Guest Speaker: Paul Burrow	18	19	20 AD Council—6:30	21 Suds of Love 4-7p	22	23
24 Spec. Music: Tim Foster	25	26 EOMM—5:30p	27 Worship—6:00	28 EOMM—5:30p	29	30
31 Jeff Arrandale Band						