

Worship Service

April 24th, 2016

*Worship Song	Together with Band	
Opening Prayer	Presider	
Bible Reading	Acts 11:19-26	Samuel Lebbie
Prayer	Kurt Schwartz	
Offering Prayer	Presider	
Offering	Together	
Special Song	Worship Band	
Message	The Authentic Christians Timothy Hong	
*Benediction	Presider	
* <i>Please stand</i>		

Today's Sermon Outline

The Authentic Christians

Acts 11:19-26

Christ' power is manifested

The believers in Jerusalem were experiencing great revival for a while. Then suddenly severe persecution broke out against the church and they were forced to scatter (Acts 8:1-2). But they did not bear grudges against the persecutors. They did not give up on their faith in Christ. They kept telling the gospel of Christ wherever they went (verse 19). And through their evangelism, "a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord." How were they able to live such tenacious lives? Because the Lord's hand was with them (verse 21). The Lord's hand means the powerful protection, guidance and provision of the Lord.

When people see believers who do not give up and come back from ashes and tragedies triumphantly (2 Corinthians 4:8-10), they recognize that there is something powerful in the believers' lives. This is the mark of an authentic Christian.

If you believe in Jesus as your Lord and Savior, and witness the gospel of the Lord, His hand will be with you (Matthew 28:18-20). The powerful hand of the Lord is manifested not only through some special evangelists, but through every Christian who exercise the gift of evangelism.

Christ's love is practiced

The believers in the Antioch church did not reach out to the people of one race but the people of all races in the city (verse 20). They opened their hearts to all kinds of people and reached out to them with the love of Christ. For this reason, unbelievers can see that believers are different, because ordinary human nature does not and cannot do that. When believers open their hearts and accept and love all kinds of people, they demonstrated God's amazing love.

If we have the love of Christ, we are able to love all kinds of people regardless of the differences in races, cultures, or social status. Such inclusive love is the mark of authentic Christians (John 13:34-35).

In this land, the U.S., we have a great opportunity to receive and practice this amazing love that God has for all kinds of people.

When God has given His amazing love to us through Christ, He has a purpose. The purpose is that He wants to use us to carry His love to people all over the world. When we live for that purpose, we can practice God's love. And people will see the difference in our lives.

Christ's grace is demonstrated

When Barnabas came to the Antioch Church, he saw the evidence of God's grace and he was glad (verse 23). It means that there was joy for the forgiveness of their sins by the blood of Christ. There was forgiveness and reconciliation of Christ among the believers. Also, with Barnabas, the people in the Antioch Church made unity even with their former enemy, Saul. Saul was the key man who severely persecuted the believers of Jerusalem. But they accepted Saul as a brother in Christ and allowed him to teach the Bible to them. They practiced what Jesus taught them to do for their enemy (Matthew 5:43-45). Then people outside of the church could see the difference in their lives.

No other religion has the concept of grace. Buddhists follow an eight-fold path to enlightenment. It's not a free ride. Hindus believe in karma, that your actions continually affect the way the world will treat you; that there is nothing that comes to you not set in motion by your actions. Muslims must accumulate countless good deeds to be accepted by their Allah. The Jews observe the law which God requires of them to be righteous. Only Christianity dares to proclaim God's love is unconditional. An unconditional love that we call grace. Grace is the mark of authentic Christians.

Application questions

1. Read and meditate on the words in 2 Corinthians 28:18-20. According to those words what distinguishes Christians from unbelievers?
2. How has Jesus loved you and how can you practice His love for believers around you?
3. By His grace in Christ, God forgives us and accepts us unconditionally. What blessings do you receive when you live by God's grace?

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Lunch Preparation

*This week – Coffee fellowship

* Next week- Volunteers

Prayer Request

Iowa ESF needs a used car (a minivan) for ministry in two difference campuses, which are located far away from each other

Deacons/Volunteers for Church Cleaning on Sundays (April)

Place	Group	Leader/ Members
Sunday school rooms	French	Samuel Lebbie/French
Fellowship Hall	Spanish	Analiz Garcia/Spanish
Sanctuary/Baby Room	College and Youth	Moses Sanchez/Youth
Bathroom & Hallway	Filipino	Lyle Atonson/Filipino
Office	English	Gail Hill/English

Ushers of the Month of April

Offering Ushers	Blanka Guerra, Espi Evans, Analis Garcia, Lyle Atonson
Welcome Ushers	Lidia Lopez, Haroon & Anayza Wilson, Priscilla Caronongan,
Kitchen	Lunch preparation group

Last Week's Offering

Tithe	Erlyn Balano//Eryn Corachea//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Lydia Hong//Lidia & Raul Lopez//Kurt & Family Schwartz//Kiwang & Inok Ryu Song
Lord's Day	Angelina Barrera//Erlyn Balano//Susan K. Han//Timothy Hong//Ausra Kasperiuonaite//Andrea Martin//Rose Padilla //Andrea & Lucia Pascual//Natnun Romos//Jennifer Song//Marta Velasquez//egidiyus Smaizys
Thanksgiving	Rose & Nestor Dumlao//Romulo & Isabel Espinoza//Esperanza Evans//Anayza Haroon Wilson Gill//Susan K. Han
Mission	Erlyn Balano//Rene & Lynn Corachea//Lydia Hong//Lidia & Raul Lopez//Carlos Lopez
Others	Rose & Nestor Dumlao

Weekly Bible Reading Chart

Day/date	Old Testament	Check	New Testament	Check
Mon 4-25-16	1 Kings 1-2		Luke 22:54-71	
Tue 4-26-16	1 Kings 3-5		Luke 23:1-26	
Wed 4-27-16	1 Kings 6-7		Luke 23:27-38	
Thu 4-28-16	1 Kings 8-9		Luke 23:39-56	
Fri 4-29-16	1 Kings 10-11		Luke 24:1-35	
Sat 4-30-16	1 Kings 12-13		Luke 24:36-53	
Sun 5-1-16	1 Kings 14-15		John 1:1-28	

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Worship Services:

Sunday 11:30 AM

Prayer Services

Sundays 9:30 AM - Room 106

Friday 8:00 PM

Bible Study

Shepherd Group –Wednesday 8:00 PM

Cell Groups

Friday according to arrangement of each cell

College Student Ministry

Bible study – Church, Sunday 1:30 PM

Campus group- Truman, Friday 1:00 PM

Youth Ministry

Sunday – 1:30 PM

Children's Ministry

Sunday school- Sunday 11:30 AM

ESF Band Practice

Sunday 10:00 AM & 1:30 PM

Missionaries

Nancy Campos – Campus ministry in Peru

Miguelina Martinez- Campus ministry in Dominican Republic

Suri Kumar – Campus ministry and Hindu ministry in India

Jordan Custorio – Campus ministry in the Philippines

Richard Shaffer – Campus ministry in USA

Paul Uzoma –Campus ministry in Benin, Africa

Rahab Lee – Campus ministry in Asia

Chan Park – Church planting ministry in Croatia, Europe

Jung H. Suh – Campus ministry in Iowa, USA

Hae Taek Kwon – Campus ministry in New York, USA

Ministers

Senior pastor -Timothy Hong

Youth and College Student Ministry- Ki Wang Song

Administration –Samuel Lebbie

Missions- Ho In Kim

Assistant pastors– Ramon Roman, Kurt Schwartz, Harold Goneh