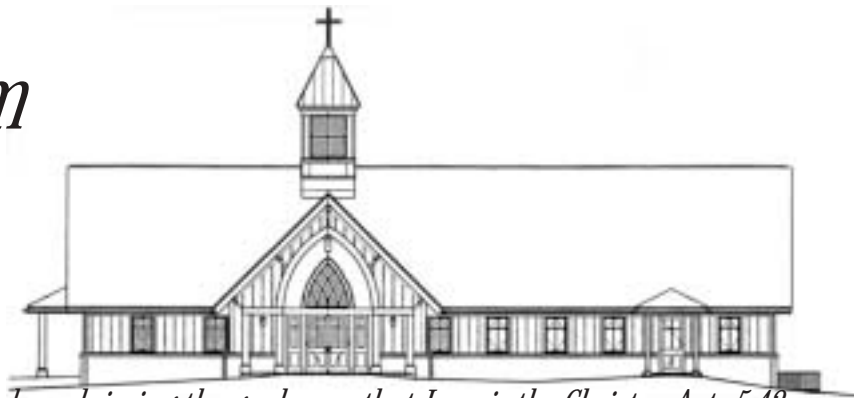


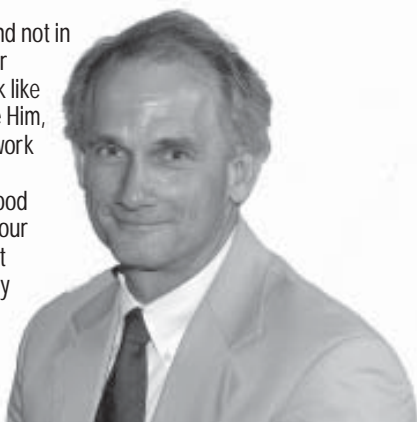
Good News from Good Hope!



Day after day... they never stopped teaching and proclaiming the good news that Jesus is the Christ. ❖ Acts 5:42
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Doing Good to Glorify God and Serve Others

Christians have been saved, not by works, but for works. “For it is by grace you have been saved, through faith—and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God—not by works, so that no one can boast. For we are God’s workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” (Ephesians 2:8-10) God is a workman. He is a craftsman, a designer, an architect. He envisions what He wants, and He brings it into existence. By the work of His Son on the cross, He atoned for our sin and extinguished any guilt that we might have. He graciously traded His own righteousness for our unrighteousness. He did this so that we might glory in Him and not in ourselves. He made us anew so that we might not live only for ourselves, but for Him. He planned ahead what we would look like and what we would be like. We would look like Him and be like Him, graciously giving our lives in good ways to others. It is His work in us that makes us useful and beneficial to others. It is not enough to be good, we must also do good. Neither being good nor doing good brings us salvation, but rather is a result of our salvation. It is the result of being created in Christ Jesus. Start where you are. The landscape of your life has been planted by God. Who do you see within the arena of your life that you might do good to? You are a Christian. Remember, you are the salt of earth. It is your good deeds that bring glory to God. So let His work in you come out, so that you do not keep it bottled up inside. That’s the way He planned it. ❖



Looking to Serve?

A volunteer is needed to clean our church restrooms on a weekly basis. This can be done by one person or several on a rotating basis. Please contact **Mark Hegerle** if you are willing to help.

New Church Roster

An updated version of the church roster will be mailed out with the November issue of the church newsletter. If your contact information (mailing address, phone numbers, e-mail addresses) has changed at all, please notify **Kate Haber** at katehaber@comcast.net or (301) 317-0250 before the end of this month.

Focus on Our Missionaries: *Linda Karner in Chiba, Japan*

It is finally cooling off here in Chiba—earlier this evening, I actually closed my kitchen window against the chill, instead of against the noise of the neighbors’ dogs barking (the bane of my life here).

There really isn’t much that is new to report to you. English classes go on in Kokunjidai, and I have taken on one more science class, which means 12-hour days three times a week. I’m not sure that I was wise to take on the extra class, because I was already at my capacity, but the alternative was no science for these middle-schoolers. Perhaps if I had refused, someone else would have popped out of the woodwork, but now I’ll never know. I’ve taught the class before, and God graciously helped me find my old notes recently, but it still puts demands on my time. I am teaching physics, marine biology, and general science to missionary kids. **Please pray for me because I have been struggling with fatigue.** I am often awakened in the middle of the night by dogs barking, and I know that doesn’t help.

I teach science in the mornings and then take off for English classes at the Kokunjidai Christian Center. I am not sensing movement towards faith in my students, which is discouraging, and what’s more, I’m seeing a drop off in student numbers. Please pray that my students will continue (especially my male students) and that new adults will join. The men are just so busy. I had one man who registered, but only attended two classes out of 14—one of which was our end-of-semester “pot providence.” **Pray that these men, Mr. JS, Mr. DS, and Mr. TK—all of whom represent families who are involved in our program—would be freed up to return to class, and most of all, that God would open their hearts to believe in Christ.** At one point, Mr. TK seemed especially close to faith, but he has drifted away.

Mr. Arakuri, whom I mentioned in my fall prayer letter, has not returned to church, but we have had contact with him, thanks to jaundice, of all things. He had such a severe case that he required surgery, and our pastors, Rev. Han and Rev. Hirohashi, were able to visit him while he was in the hospital, as did I. **Please pray for a breakthrough in his family dynamics that would allow him to return to church and would make his wife amenable to meeting us.**

Thank you so very much for your faithful support and prayers that keep me in the battle. I am scheduled to return to the States for a short home missionary assignment (HMA) next spring, so there will be a need for a teacher to cover my English classes. Are there any ESL teachers there who would be willing to come for 3 months (which could be done on a tourist visa)? ESL is a plus, not a requirement. The texts are nicely laid out with great teacher’s notes, and remember—it’s not a bit like your high school English class, it’s more like a fun conversation club!



Linda Karner and her Friday afternoon conversation class enjoy their end-of-semester party. Please pray that this 2-person class would be able to combine with another small class, so that neither class would have to be cancelled and to alleviate the demands on Linda’s schedule. Also, a larger class could be more attractive to adding new members, since it may be intimidating for a third person to join an established 2-member class.

May God bless you and keep you,

Linda Karner

Join us for Sunday School at 9:45am and Worship at 11:00am each Sunday.
Evening Worship is held each Sunday at 6:30pm.

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Growth Groups have just begun for the fall, and there is still plenty of time to join in! Groups are meeting on Monday nights at 6:30pm at the Whiteheads' home in Mount Airy, on Wednesday nights at 7:30pm at the James' home, and on Thursday nights at 6:30pm at the Macdonalds' home in Silver Spring. Contact Jack Waller for details on topics, locations, and more.

Make a Joyful Noise!

The choir is rehearsing every Sunday night at 5:30pm before the evening worship service. We plan to sing in morning worship once during October and November and several times in December. New voices are always welcome, particularly for special Christmas music! Please contact **Kim Monroe** at (301) 776-8256, or join us on any Sunday evening.

Sunday Bulletin Info

All announcements for the weekly Sunday bulletin should be given to **Carol Taylor** at (301) 570-9651 or carol_taylor5@verizon.net by the preceding Thursday. Announcements received after this point may be too late for inclusion.