



Open Hearts
Open Minds
Open Doors

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Let us not give up the habit of meeting together, as some are doing. Instead, let us encourage one another all the more, since you see that the Day of the Lord is coming nearer. (Hebrews 10:25, GNT)

A message from Pastor Hae Seon Lee:

Dear Centerville/Riceville/Parade Street family,

We have come to that time of year when we are filled with the end of year festivities. This year, unlike last year, it seems we would be blessed with being able to hold gatherings with our friend and family. As we begin to gather again, I urge you to not to forget to gather with the rest of the body of Christ in worship and other ordinances of God.

Recently, a lot of gatherings have not been necessarily joyous. We have all experienced loss and come together in mourning recently. This led me to countless hours of prayer for those who are mourning. In fact, our first gathering in November will be All Saints Sunday, when we will be remembering the saints who have gone before us. Likewise, our gatherings cannot always be jubilant, but we always need to remember that God is with, among, and between us regardless. We need to identify the presence of God when we gather, and God's providence will fill us with anything we need.

We also come together to share and grow together in God. We do this through our Bible study and class meetings. If you are free Wednesday mornings or Saturday mornings, I highly encourage you to attend our Bible study or class meetings. Coming to church once a week on Sunday mornings are not always adequate for Christians to grow.

As we look forward to the new year God is allowing us, please continue to pray for God's presence among us. We all know we are unable to bear fruit without the presence of God and providence of God. Thus, through our prayers we would be able to carry out the ministry God has given us with the fruit God has prepared for us.

Peace and Grace in Christ,

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