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Announcements

Cell Group Sign-up

Cell groups have started for this semester. If you are not part of a cell group already, sign up by clicking the link below! Be part of a family away from home where we share lives together.

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Ministry Sign-up

Want to serve at KCC EM, but don't know where to start? Fill out a simple form by clicking the link below and we'll get you connected to the right team!

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Prayer

2 Timothy 2:15 - "Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who has no need to be ashamed, rightly handling the word of truth"

- Just as we prayed for a stronger faith that makes the world uncomfortable, let us pray for wisdom and discernment that is rooted in the Word.
- God has given us His Word and Holy Spirit so that we might not be led astray by false teachings - we cannot protect our faith if we do not know the Word.
- May our worship be more than just religion - may our faith be founded in Christ's mercy and love, and may it be sharpened by God's truth.

Prayer: Father, you are perfect and holy, and we long to praise Your name. We ask that You would sharpen our minds and grow our faith so that we might be able to resist the false teachings and temptations of the world. May our church be rooted in Your Word, and give us the wisdom to live a life that honors the Son's sacrifice. Please be the center of our minds and the purpose for everything that we do. Thank you for being our loving Father. Amen.

Submit prayer request [here](#)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY! 🎂

9/9 Jihyun Chung
Sam Yoon
9/11 Rachel Rhee

Oasis:

Wednesdays 7pm

Morning Prayer:

Saturdays 6:30am

(currently on Zoom only)

Sunday Service:

Sundays 10:45am

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Reflections

At church, I wear many hats. Many have probably seen me serving on worship team, hanging out with our undergraduate and youth students, or leading a small group, but even after committing to serve in these roles, I often find myself disqualifying myself time and time again. This would occur not only in serving roles in the church but also in other areas of my life. Others would call it an insecurity or confidence issue, but I've learned that it's so much more than that.

For me, this past season has been one of repeated self-condemnation—that I am not enough—and fear of failure. The voices would tell me that I am not enough and that I cannot begin to try because failure would only prove that I am not enough. I lived in between paralysis and distractions from paralysis in the form of extreme busyness. Yet, being amidst a pandemic has forced me to sit and reflect without much space to distance my mind from my own heart. Initially, I found my mind circulating thoughts and scenarios of possibilities—in serving roles and how I could better serve, in taking steps for the future, in intentionality in conversations, in intentionality with friends—and questions of self-condemning *what-ifs* followed immediately, almost instinctively, to counter. Thoughts quickly streamlined from *what-ifs* to *I can, I should, to I will*, and back to *what-if*. It was an unrelenting cycle of self-condemnation and an attempt for self-justification, and searching and praying for solutions—none of which seemed good enough, correct enough, secure enough. Driving my usual route around Columbus, I was reminded of a simple truth in the form of a song: **nothing, no thing, matters as long as I am in His presence and seeking His presence**. Although it wasn't necessarily a direct answer to my many questions, it was enough to silence them all.

I was reminded once again of the God I came to know through Truth and His obvious fingerprints all over my life: One who doesn't justify faith by works; One who doesn't look beyond the heart, but simply longs for our whole hearts and for us to be near to Him; One who enables and empowers by Spirit; One who redeems. I was convicted of my cycles of thoughts, of self-condemnation and disqualification, and my desire to judge and control born of an innate, sinful desire to play God in my own life—a realization that I found myself so adamantly denying prior. I had acknowledged but minimized this God I knew in the process when His voice and His presence were all I needed to be seeking.

When I was younger, 15-year-old me came to the revelation that there is nothing greater, nothing sweeter than being in the presence of God, and I am drawn back to this truth, humbled and empowered to take steps in faith, toward calling and where His heart goes—with a spirit of adoption and no longer a spirit of slavery: to boldly walk—no longer disqualified—eyes and heart fixed back on Him, by His grace and love.

Your presence is all I need
It's all I want and all I seek
And without it, without it there's no meaning

So I will exalt.
(Romans 8:1, 1 John 3:20)

-Joyce Lee

Helen Jiang

Age: 20

Life stage: 3rd year at OSU

Occupation: Student

Birthplace: Cincinnati, Ohio

Places you've lived: Now in Columbus

Major: New media and communication technology (I do wanna minor in something later)



Hobbies/how you spend your free time:

Can never stick to one thing, so has a huge list of hobbies:

- o Bullet journal (PLUG: @moonchildbujo )
- o Digital art
- o Painting
- o Kalimba
- o Has been getting into polymer clay lately
- o Wants to get into crochet and sewing!
- o Spends free time binge watching Kdramas and anime



SPEED ROUND

Early to bed or Night owl
Rainy day in or Sunny day out
Basic neutrals or **Colorful**
Dreamer or Realist
Talking or **Texting**
Rule keeper or Rebel
Jjajang or Jjampong



My dream is...

ahaha i sorta have two very different dreams. One is living in one of those loft art studio apartment with lots of windows and working for a youtube channel (like) wongfu production and doing the media and promoting side along with a side shop of little art stuff I make. My other dream is living in like Iceland or Norway in a small apartment with a pet bunny and a lot of plants and working as a wedding designer.

What has been the biggest challenge you were faced with during this life stage?

The conflict of accepting that i wont be as good as others and working harder to become better. sigh we live in a society where we are constantly getting compared and even if we don't do it to ourselves we're aware that other do it to us. idk real deep and messy

What advice would you give to students trying to adjust to college life?

advice for other students: don't worry, nobody knows what they're doing, fake it till you make it. It's ok to change and try new things. making friends is hard you have to put an effort and put yourself out there

During this quarantine, what do you think God has been pressing on your heart?

I realized that I really missed church and cg, just in general the energy that came from the people there. But also that what matters is my personal relationship with God. It didn't matter what other people say or their critiques with my relationship with God, as long as I know my relationship with him.

