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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

1/6 Jinju Ha

1/14 Jiyawn Kim

1/15 Janny Lee

1/23 Chris Park

1/23 Doug Driscoll

1/28 Thomas Chun

## OASIS:

Wednesday 7pm

Morning Prayer:

Saturdays 6:30 am

Sunday Service:

Sundays 9 am & 10:45 am

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- Women Ministry: Lent Accountability Partner
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## PRAYER



**WE LOVE BECAUSE HE FIRST  
LOVED US.**

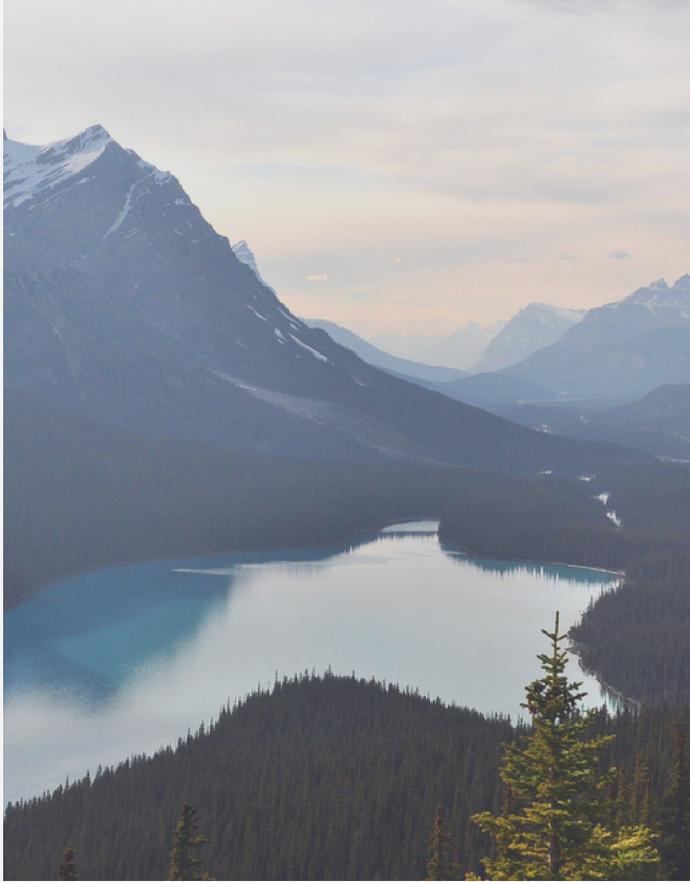


1 JOHN 4:19

- Give thanks to God that He has loved us first and allowed us the privilege of being His children - not by our works but through the Son's gift.
- Pray for the worsening pandemic, and pray for protection.
- Pray for faith that is greater than what we can see or know.
- Pray for the blessing of the Holy Spirit within the church across the world - may we seek Him in our quiet place and together as one body.

*Father, we worship you, and we thank you for loving us first even in our sin. Forgive us for making ourselves or anything else an idol before You - we long to return to our first love. Please give us a faith that is beyond our own understanding and a faith that depends on You alone. Regardless of our circumstances, we rejoice and hold fast to your promises, knowing that You are faithful to answer. We pray in Jesus's name, Amen.*

[submit a prayer request here](#)



## A LETTER FROM TSJ TEAM

**Beloved KCC Family,**

**In the six months since we sent out our first newsletter, so much has changed! The Office is no longer on Netflix. The Browns won a playoff game. We have vaccines! Yet much also remains the same. Even as our nation transitions to a new administration this very afternoon, we must stay vigilant in the ongoing pandemic and in the face of increasing division and unrest.**

**As we reflect on the past and prepare for the future, we begin Volume II of The Sojournal! It took a little while to hit our stride but we were able to bring you twenty(!!) issues in Volume I. Our plan is to continue that pace this year with new issues on the first and third Wednesdays of every month. We will keep bringing you member profiles and personal reflections. But we will increase focus on prayer and praise in the coming weeks by sharing more specific prayer requests and celebrating as they are answered. Please pray for us as we continue this work and let us continue to rejoice because Jesus is unchanging! He is the same yesterday, today and forever (Hebrews 13:8). Soli Deo Gloria.**

**In Love,  
The Sojournal Editing Team**

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# PARKER YEO



**Age:** 21  
**Life stage:** Graduate Student  
**Birthplace:** Cairo, Egypt  
**Places you've lived:**

- Cairo, Egypt
- Grand Rapids, MI
- Columbus, OH

**Hobbies/how you spend your free time:**  
Love working out, playing/watching soccer, reading, hanging out with friends, listening to music. I've also been spending much of my free time studying for the CPA exam.



**SPEED ROUND:**  
**Early to bed** or night owl  
Indoors or **outdoors**  
**Summer** or Winter  
**Jjajjang** or jjampong  
Jeni's or **Graeter's**  
Cats or **Dogs**  
**Apple** or Android/PC  
**Coffee** or Tea



## What are your spiritual gifts and how do you think God uses them?

I am not 100% sure of my spiritual gift, but I think God has made me a compassionate person. I have found that I emphasize deeply with others. I can be sensitive to people's emotions, which enables me to understand and connect with them. This has presented me with different opportunities to be a faithful witness.

## What is something about you that might surprise others?

I have a Korean passport, but I was born and raised in Egypt. While growing up in Egypt was not perfect, I am very thankful to have lived in such a beautiful and historic country. I can also speak Arabic, and have a potentially unhealthy love for shawermas and falafels.



## What do you worry about the most? What do you find the most encouraging?

I worry about the future a lot. I can get lost overthinking about things far in advance and not in my control. It is definitely something I am learning to relinquish control to God. My biggest encouragement usually comes from the people around me. Some interactions with people, whether close or random, can be really uplifting and encouraging to me.

## What are you studying and why?

I am currently studying accounting, but originally I had other plans. I started at my undergrad with an international relations major, hoping to work at a non-profit in DC. I also considered a business minor, so I took some accounting classes, which to my surprise I enjoyed. At the same time, I had a summer internship opportunity in DC after my sophomore year, which I did not enjoy as much as I thought I would. A combination of these things pushed me to change my major to accounting at the beginning of my junior year.

## What do you wish you had known before starting school?

Looking back, I realize that I have spent (like many other students) too much time procrastinating and wasting time. While relaxation is great and definitely needed, learning to be productive took a while for me. I pulled too many all-nighters which definitely affected my physical and mental health negatively. If I could go back, I would try to have a healthier lifestyle prioritizing rest that would have allowed me to be productive.

## Tell us about your current challenges. How can we pray for you?

My current challenge is to develop and build relationships here in Columbus despite the pandemic. I have found that it is easier to maintain relationships previously formed in-person virtually, whereas kicking off new relationships virtually from the start can be tough at times. In this way, the KCC community has been an encouragement to me these past few months, especially through CG. I would love it if you could pray with me for my parents who are still in Egypt and for their health.



CONGRATULATIONS  
ALEX CHOE!!



# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Coffee Break with Pastor Sam

EVERY TUESDAYS - THURSDAYS  
11AM - 3PM

EVERY WEDNESDAY  
AFTER OASIS (AT 7PM)

ON KCC EM ZOOM LINK

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*Would you like to meet your sister from the  
same Master? How about your gal pal?*



**IF SO, SIGN UP TO FIND YOUR MATCH  
MADE IN WOMEN'S MINISTRY!**

YOU WILL BE MATCHED TO AN ACCOUNTABILITY PARTNER FOR THE  
LENTEN SEASON. READ THE BIBLE TOGETHER, PRAY TOGETHER, SHARE  
TESTIMONIES, SHARE GOALS. THE IDEAS ARE ENDLESS.

ONE THING WE ASK IS TO CHECK UP ON EACH OTHER REGULARLY (VIA  
TEXT / CALL / VIDEO CHAT)  
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