

# The Sojournal

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## Announcements



ONE BODY in Christ Part I  
Saturday June 6th 7:00pm

ONE BODY in Christ Part II  
TBD

Let's gather as a church to discuss and pray about the current issues in our community and the world

Please update your email, birthday and baptism information

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## Prayer

1 Peter 4:8 - "Above all, keeping loving one another earnestly, since love covers a multitude of sins."

- Pray for God's mercy, protection, and healing for the world in light of COVID
- Pray for the beginning of *The Sojournal*; let it be a newsletter that unifies us as a body even in isolation, and let us become one heart that seeks God.
- Pray for peace, love, and protection over unrest in Minneapolis and everywhere else in the nation.

Prayer: Father, the enemy is hard at work through the use of a virus and through the lies of racism. You have called the church to rise up and fight against this hatred, so let us respond in with Your love and mercy. Strengthen us to love our neighbor, but above all else, instill in us an insatiable thirst for You. Let this newsletter bring our church body closer to not only each other, but ultimately closer to You. Amen.

Submit prayer request [here](#)

## REGULAR GATHERINGS:

*Oasis:*

*Wednesdays*

*7pm*

*Morning Prayer:*

*Saturdays*

*6:30am*

*Sunday Service:*

*Sundays*

*10:45am*

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# *Letter from the editing team..*

## **Beloved KCC Family,**

Two and a half months ago, we were in the middle of Lent, ramping up for our annual spring retreat. You signed up. Your friends signed up. We had come to expect great blessings from retreat, so we were rightfully excited. Retreats promote an intense time with God and each other, together steeped in the Word, passionate worship, and God-exalting fellowship. O the power when the Spirit unifies our hearts and we turn to God with the singular desire to be in His presence together with His chosen people!

Now we are here. The innovation of online activities and novelty of Zoom calls has become more muted (pun HUNDO percent intended). We are unsure what the world will look like when all of this really ends. How long will that even be? Maybe temporary is longer than we thought.

With that in mind, we created this newsletter. We wanted a way to encourage the body to stand firm and be strong in your faith (1 Peter 5:9). Then George Floyd was killed. Though we didn't fathom *The Sojournal* could be used to address this depth of hurt and brokenness, we respond to the words of Arthur Ashe, "Start where you are. Use what you have. Do what you can."

We hope *The Sojournal* will be a blessing to each of you. Let it be a reminder to trust God. Let it be a reminder that we fight a spiritual war and Satan is our real enemy. Let it be a reminder that the resurrection that unites us overcame the sin that divides us. We are excited to start this newsletter with you and pray that God will use it however He will. *Soli deo gloria*. To God alone be the glory.

In Love,  
*The Sojournal* Editing Team

## Regarding Recent Events...

*"He has told you, O man, what is good; and what does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?"*

Micah 6:8

I mourn the injustice surrounding the African American community. It leads me to highlight our mission statement and now, more than ever, make it an utmost priority: to restore the brokenhearted. After the most horrific acts have been committed, the world demands justice. But the reality is that shameful degrees of "justice" exist depending on the color of your skin.

In the midst of this climate, where is the restoration and peace? This is a call to action, dear brothers and sisters, to stand in solidarity with our African American brothers and sisters. I think about our predominantly Asian American congregation. The kind of conversations we're having within the four walls of our homes. What we're being taught. How we're being told to respond. If we want to even begin to hope for change, we can't afford to shy away from uncomfortable conversations.

I'm constantly reminded to reassess my heart. I'm reminded of Abel's blood that cried out from the ground. I'm reminded that God demands justice (Romans 2:6). Put to death what is evil (Romans 12:9). Until every heart is broken, until we ALL cry out, our reality will never change. Begin with justice here on earth, and end with God's justice. Hear this truth: "A church united can heal a nation divided".

**-Tess Kim-**



# Member Profile: Joy Kim



**Full Name:** Heewon (Joy) Kim

**Age:** 20

**Life stage:** Student - rising junior

**Birthplace:** Seoul, Korea

**Places you've lived:** Born in Seoul -> moved to Toledo when I was 9



## Hobbies/how you spend your free time

- it used to be yknow playing sports, having a fun time
- during quarantine: watching Netflix, cooking and baking
- running more (surprised that I've been keeping it up!)
- throwing and playing baseball with my brother and dad

## Major/minor

Chemical Engineering

## My dream is...

Here's where I imagine myself in 10 years: I want a medium-sized house (not too small because I would run into everything) with a BIG yard. Big enough for my 4 dogs to run around happily in.

## Advice you would give to students trying to adjust to college life

Be open-minded! That'll provide you with opportunities you wouldn't have known about if you didn't say yes to whatever was offered to you.

## The biggest challenge you were faced with during this life stage

Feeling overwhelmed because of heavy workloads, and not being able to prepare myself properly because of it. There was this time in February where I had this span of 2 weeks where I had exams almost every day. And these were big classes and I felt so overwhelmed. I wasn't able to prepare enough because I had homework and everything on top of that, as well.

## What are you looking forward to in the upcoming years left in school?

Additional freedom I gain from moving off-campus and living in an apartment! And the experience and memories that come out of that.



## 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  
**Jjajjang** or jjampong

## Spiritual gifts

Hospitality & service

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

I realized I heavily depend on my social interactions to keep myself happy. I don't want that to interfere with my faith, or be a distraction. I've been putting effort into finding ways to grow in faith considering my current circumstances, and this quarantine has really helped find a middle ground to balance my personal relationship with God while still keeping in touch with friends. I've really enjoyed going to my CG bible readings every day.

# *Dear Theophilus*

## **Greetings Beloveds**

Now introducing “Dear Theophilus”! An advice column that exists to serve you, our KCC family. I’m Theophilus, your trusted companion in these rough quarantine times, here to offer my services in advice giving and what-not. What’s on your heart? Want to vent? Want to talk about that roommate problem? Yeah... been there... That silly, but not silly conflict that has been driving you a little crazy? Or, how about how to wait gracefully for a season you have been excited about entering, but the Lord is making you wait for? Seriously I’d be delighted to answer any and all questions you may have. I would say that there are no dumb questions, but let’s be honest here... there are. Don’t let that stop you from asking though, we all have them! I’m definitely not here to judge, Lord knows I’ve asked my fair share... Besides, you may have a question that someone else has really wanted to ask, but for whatever reason didn’t. So do yourself and that someone else a favor and ask already! I’m here for you.

**-your faithful friend, Theophilus**

**Submit Questions [Here](#)**

# *The Sojournal Q&A*

## **Why did we start this newsletter?**

We were thinking of ways to motivate one another to acts of love and good works. Though we can't meet together, we should continue to encourage each other. (Heb. 10:24-25) We also envision *The Sojournal* will not only help maintain existing connections but strengthen them and also build new ones! Our goal is that everyone in our church will eventually be a part of this newsletter in some way.

No matter how long 'temporary' turns out to be, we can be sure that God is still working. This season is good. Gratification may be delayed until the end of days, but that eternal glory far outweighs our light and momentary troubles. So let us fix our eyes on what is unseen! (2 Cor. 4:17-18) We hope that this newsletter will provide a different way to deepen our identity as a living church body by magnifying the unique ways God works in and through our members, right now.

## **Why did we choose the name *The Sojournal*?**

*Sojourn + Journal = THE Sojournal*. Clever, right? ;)

In the immediate sense, this newsletter will be a record as we sojourn in our own homes during this quarantining season. In a broader sense, our church has the characteristic of training people up before sending them elsewhere. Whatever the reason, their stay in Columbus ends and they move on. *The Sojournal* is a nod toward our history as a church. In a final sense, we are sojourners on earth. As David cries out in Psalm 39, "Surely all mankind stands as a mere breath! [...] I am a sojourner with you, a guest, like all my fathers." Our lives here are short. Our eternal homes are in heaven.

Those of you who journal know that it is a deeply personal discipline. Writing helps you see things with precision. It sharpens your mind to what you actually saw, felt, understood. Words also have permanence. We too often forget the blessings and struggles that God has brought us through. Writing helps preserve our experiences. Writings are also more easily shareable. As we write this newsletter together, we hope the process of writing challenges you to reflect more and grow deeper in your own faith as you share your life with the church.

# *The Sojournal Q&A Cont.*

## **What can we expect from *The Sojournal*?**

*The Sojournal* will be emailed on Wednesday every two weeks (hopefully). Please bear with us if things aren't that smooth for the first few issues! (Pun sorta intended...). Four things we will always include:

**Announcements and Events:** We will share any important information here but since *The Sojournal* will not be that frequent, please continue to refer to our Facebook group for the most up to date information.

**Prayer Focus:** This section will be written by our prayer team and take aim at issues we should be intentionally praying about as a church. We want to make prayer core to our church, not an afterthought.

**Personal Reflection:** A member of our church will answer the question, "How is the Holy Spirit moving in your life today?" We encourage everyone to write a reflection of their own!

**Member Profile:** Get to know your brothers and sisters through a series of some silly, some serious questions. The questions may not always be the same but we want to know, "Who are you? Who are you *really*?"

Depending on the need, we may include an additional message like the introduction in this issue. Our goal is to include some other fun and amazing stuff in the future like Dear Theophilus, a tongue-in-cheek advice column, and sharing your creative work of all kinds. So stay tuned!

## **How can I get involved?**

YAAASSSSS. We want everyone to get involved! Subscribe! Write! Nominate! Share! If you would like to encourage someone else to contribute, nominate them using [this link](#) to share a reflection, feature in the member profile, or celebrate creative gifts!

**Personal reflection:** Just start and let us know you are! Using your own voice, highlight one way God is moving in your life. Other than that, we have no requirements as far as format, length, or style! But we suggest aiming for around one page, single spaced.

**Member profile:** Want to know more about somebody? Nominate them or yourself! Someone from the Hospitality team will contact you to chat. No writing required! (Unless you want to just fill out the questionnaire. That's cool too.)

**Editing Team:** Do you like talking to other people and hearing their stories? Do you enjoy telling stories? Do you need to scratch that creative itch? Join the editing team! In particular, we have a need for more people encouraging others and helping them write reflections.

If you have any questions about the above, suggestions, or other feedback, email us at [thesojournal.kccem@gmail.com](mailto:thesojournal.kccem@gmail.com). We would love to hear from you!