

Parish IV

The Junior Church was organized in the beginning of August, 1942, with Mr. Yasushi Wada as our leader. The election of officers was held in the latter part of the month with an installation social following it.

On the Friday afternoon of December 25, 1942, the long-prepared Christmas Program was given in the beautifully decorated hall of Parish IV. Songs, poems, recitations, and pantomines were presented by various classes. Presentation of gifts to the children concluded the Christmas Program which was a great success.

On a cold morning, before breakfast, the first prayer meeting was held in the rec. hall # 15 with an attendance of approximately twenty Junior Church members. Other prayer meetings were held at the Block 2 Park on Saturday mornings. Such topics as "Temptation" and "Personal Problems" were discussed. Also, there were discussions from the New Testament. The prayer meetings were discontinued May 15, 1943. The Christian Endeavor Society succeeded the prayer meetings.

On a cool, early morning, the intermediate girls and boys went to the mountains. We did not realize the long and hard task of hiking to the east mountains. We each carried our lunches and water, and as we walked on and on dodging the branches of the bushes, the load seemed to become heavier. Finally, about an hour later we reached our destination. An enjoyable time was had by all.

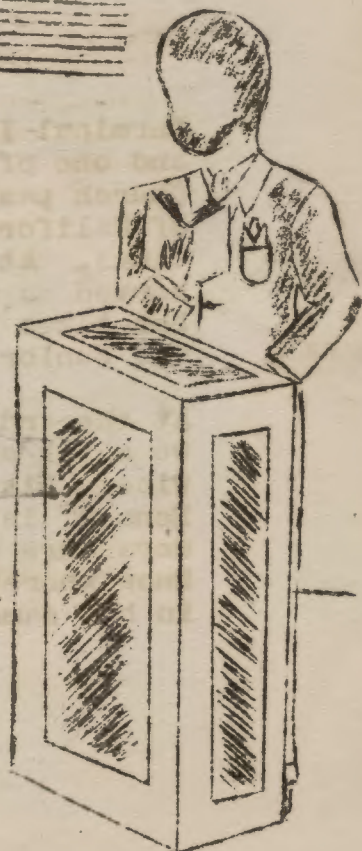
On January Mr. Y. Wada left our group to resume his study. In his place Mr. Hideo Aoki stepped in. Worshipping God in unison has given us many wonderful spiritual experiences. It is here many of us found God.



Come ye after me and
I will make you
fishers of men.
matt. 4:19

Dear Joe - best
lots of love
wishes and
God bless you
Jesus never fails
I don't fail Him
A friend in
Christ
Melvin
Shaw

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Four persons we could never do without are the Junior Church pastors. They have faithfully served and have given their undivided interests to the Juniors and Intermediates. They have enthusiastically participated in the making of our church. We can never calculate the extent of their services which have played an important part in aiding many lives to have a better knowledge of Him.

Parish I

Mr. Sadaichi Asai

Terminal Island brings to us many prominent people and one of them is Sadaichi Asai. Sadaichi, Junior Church pastor of Parish I, attended the University of California and was active in church organizations. At the Terminal Island Baptist Church, he served as a Sunday School teacher. In Poston, he has taken the responsibility of an assistant pastor and Junior Church advisor.

At the end of the year, we see a job well-done and we shall see the same in the coming years of service. His great task as advisor to the "Desert Echoes" is treasured as it goes to the press. His departure to Michigan is a great loss to us but we know wherever he goes he will always do his work in his same efficient, and dependable way.

Parish II

Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto

We could search and search, but never could we find another Yoshiya Tsujimoto. Hardworking and friendly as he is, we still find more in him. His great love for his work and his undying efforts to give help will always distinguish Yoshiya from the others.

His El Centro farm life is a substance of all his work. The Lord has truly blessed him, and as the farmer welcomes the sunshine to make his fields grow, so do we know Yoshiya welcome the sunshine of God, which he spreads, to make our spiritual lives grow.

This year was packed full of work for Yoshiya, but we know that wherever help is needed there is always Yoshiya to give of his best to the Master.

Parish III

Mr. Harry Hosaka

From Los Angeles comes talented Harry Hosaka, former pastor of the Parish III Junior Church. Although he is now re-located in Chicago, Illinois, his inspiring service for the Lord is remembered and appreciated by us still in Poston. We now miss his friendship, for to many of us he was just as much a friend as an adviser.

Parish IV

Mr. Yasushi Wada

Yasushi Wada served as a pastor of Parish IV until January when he left Poston for Philadelphia. The Junior Church felt a great loss when he left. His work here will be remembered by all who have known him.

Yasushi first served the Lord in the Pomona Japanese Baptist Church where his father was pastor. He continued his studies at the University of Redlands, and at present he is preparing for the ministry at the Baptist Theological Seminary at Philadelphia. We will welcome him back to Poston as "Rev. Yasushi Wada".

Mr. Hideo Aoki

Outstanding as a leader of the young people and the Junior Church is Hideo Aoki. He has given great services to our church, and we know that the Lord blessed him greatly.

Hideo, a well built man, was a football star at Fullerton J.C. and later at the Pacific Bible College. Since his wedding on August 21, he has left to prepare himself for great work for the Lord.

Mr. Louis Itaya

Hailing from San Bernardino, Louis has been serving the church since his arrival in many capacity. Recently he was assigned to help Mr. Hideo Aoki, and in the Junior Church division he has given valuable assistance. To the strangers he is mistaken with his twin brother Paul.

Best wishes
to a swell girl.

Love

Ruthie Ohmura

OFFICERS



INTER-PARISH OFFICERS

At the control room of our Junior Church are those who unselfishly put in every effort to make our Junior Church an organization to be proud of. To be a little more acquainted with our officers who have put on the Junior Church socials, kept all records of our activities and put out this annual the following comments are printed about them.

Miyoko Sowa, our secretary, is keeping the records and files for the busyworkers. Parish I is most fortunate in having her as a member.

Peggy Yamato of Parish III has kept for us during the past year the history of the Poston I Junior Church. The date book of our church is full of all the activities and the events.

News! Yes every bit of it comes to us through the "Junior Church Bulletin!" Teruo Kawata has worked hard to bring to you the latest news of our church. His staff consisting of Junior Church members have rushed here and there to gather what news were available.

Can you remember the swell times we had in our activities? No other than Gene Takahashi has quietly taken care of the headaches and such of the parties. The "Play Day" was the greatest affair, and we saw Gene running here and there to see that everything was going straight.

Lily Nagata and Pete Izumi have kept us to date in all sports. Three cheers for you Lily and Pete for keeping sport lovers entertained.

Last of all we bring to you Joshua Shimomura, editor of this annual who has toiled to this day to bring to you the year book in a form in which you will always remember the happy times in Poston.

PARISH OFFICERS

Parish I

Girls Representative-----Miyoko Sowa
Boys Representative-----Donald Yamada
Secretary-----Marian Tsuda
Treasurer-----Emiko Sakamoto
Social Chairman-----Peter Sowa
Head Usher-----Teruo Kawata
Publicity Chairman-----Edith Maeda (former)
Arlene Eddow

Parish II

Chairman-----Gene Takahashi
Vice Chairman-----Pete Izumi
Secretary-----May Ono
Historian-----Toyoko Kubota
Publicity Chairman-----Yukie Masutani
Reporter-----Lily Nagata
Block representatives
 Chairman---Hisako Konami
 Paul Chikahisa
Ushers-----May Kumagai
 Lloyd Fujimoto
Athletic Managers-----Ike Sanbonmatsu
 May Hokama
Choir-----Emiko Kozuma
Social Chairman-----Harry Baba
Prayer Meeting
 Chairman----Grace Nagata
Welfare Chairman-----Yoiko Baba
Chapel Maintenance-----Florence Sano
 Kenge Matsumoto

Parish III

Chairman-----Ruth Horikawa
Vice Chairman-----Mits Maeda
Secretary-----Peggy Yamato *Peggy Yamato*
Treasurer-----Tadashi Shibata
Song Leader-----Bob Takahashi

THE UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO

ONE YEAR WITH GOD IN JAPAN

Just how have I spent my year in Japan with God?
Asking myself that question, I find back the answer
in my memory.

First of all, I saw that I began to love a land
in which I had been told to despise.
I found myself in love with the people
of this land, and I found myself in love with the
land of this people.

Maggie
Murakami

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During the year
I have known
"this land" and
before entering the land, I had to learn of
its people and its land, but now my
eyes and heart think much of Japan, but now my
thoughts about Christianity are quite different.

When "The Five Great Rivers" service at Kyoto in
was held, I accepted service for the first time as
my personal devotion. It is an unforgettable
day indeed for me. It took an entire lot of courage
but by God's grace I made this stand.

Even day of the
spiritual warfare
It has been a

I have found
that the
things I

God's
and I
Gloria

All I can say is that
see certainly and a different person out of me.

Maggie Murakami



One Year With God In Poston

Just how have I spent my year in Poston with God? Asking myself that question, I flip back the pages in my memory.

First of all, I see that I began to take a real interest in God when I went to church last summer at Parish Three. Since the first day I went and heard of Him, I began to live my daily life in Poston with God in my heart.

During the period of one year with God in Poston, I have become so interested in the words of the "Holy Bible" that I just can't describe it. Just before entering the camp, I used to laugh at prayers and didn't think much of Christ but now my thoughts about Christianity are quite different.

When "The Five Great Days" services at Parish IV were held, I accepted Christ for the first time as my own personal Saviour. It is an unforgettable day indeed for me. It took an awful lot of courage but by God's grace I made this stand.

Each day of the 365 days with God has had some special meaning to me, and through the whole year He has been close to my heart.

I have learned to pray, to sing church songs, to read the Bible often and to love God. All these things I have accomplished in Poston.

Here's hoping that many more will come to church and learn of God. I certainly am happy living for Christ.

All I can say is that one year with God in Poston has certainly made a different person out of me.

Best wishes and
God bless you always

Lilyan Takahash

Lilyan Takahash

Best wishes
to good luck
to see you
girl
violins
Christian
year
you
Harry
Baker
Psalm

Tied For Second Prize -- Intermediates

One Year With The Lord In Poston

This one year in Poston has meant a great deal to me, for it seems that I am leading a different and a new life. I feel like a new creature starting life anew.

I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my Personal Saviour on January 9, 1943, when the first "Religious Emphasis Week" was held. As I sat there listening to the inspiring message, I knew that there was no other person to whom I could bring and share my burdens and troubles than Christ. Altar call was given to accept Christ and I hesitated. All that time the Lord seemed to give me a little shove, then I knew the Spirit was within me.

That night as I walked home I felt so happy my heart was overjoyed. I had something in me that I never had. Ever since I've experienced that peace within. I know I have failed the Lord many times, but whenever I ask for forgiveness He has been merciful to me.

I have found that being among my Christian friends is a great blessing. In work and in play they have set their examples as true Christians by showing fairness, kindness and friendliness. I, too, tried to follow this example even though I found it hard many times. Among my school mates I have tried hard to be a real testimony for the Lord.

I know that I can't go out preaching to people in foreign countries, but I am trying to do my share by having faith and doing things that will be pleasing in the sight of the Lord. I am trying hard to be a follower of Christ and have Him be proud of me. I am looking forward to that great day when the Lord shall come to this earth so I can meet Him face to face.

Like always Margaret Murakami
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Best wishes and
lots of luck to a well give
Hiro Tsachida

Tied For Second Prize -- Intermediates

ONE YEAR WITH GOD IN POSTON

After I became a Christian I wanted to do some things for Christ. I tried to get some people to go to church and have them become Christians that they also may bring more sinners to Christ. Most of the time when I asked them to go to church they would say that they wanted to go fishing or something. I tried to tell them about the importance of having Jesus in them. I failed many times and got discouraged. Yet I was able to take my stand and overcome trials and temptations. However, with God I was able to help in some of the work of the church and also help other people.

The first time I found Christ as my Saviour was some time in August, 1942, at the Vacation Bible School. Before this I used to go to church every Sunday, but I never really knew Him. I heard that He died on the Cross of Calvary for my sins and He rose again to give me eternal life, but I did not really know my Lord until that time when I accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour.

I tried to be at every church service, at every prayer meeting and at other activities that I might learn more about God, the Bible, God's Commandment and the teachings of Jesus. Every night I tried to read a chapter out of the Bible and to pray to God that He would make me a stronger Christian.

I can look back to the past year and say that God has been good to me.

Lincoln Shimomura

FIRST PRIZE - JUNIORS

WHAT JUNIOR CHURCH MEANS TO ME.....

You ask me, what does Junior Church mean to me? It means that every Sunday I go to the church and listen to the sermons and stories preached by our minister. Each service attended takes me one step nearer to Christ.

My road to Christ is not shiny, but when I go to God's House I receive great blessings. If I had not heard about Christ I would only be miserable with my sins.

Outside I went to beautiful churches, not tar-papered barracks like these in Poston. Somehow these barrack churches seem more beautiful to me now than the finest church in the world. Why? Because here I was shown the road to happiness.

I like church now for I hear stories told of other people's courage and sacrifices made for Christ. I try to be like these people, and faith in God helps me. Junior Church showed me that quick temper should be disposed. It helped me to believe that there is something bigger, fairer, purer than the finest jewel in the world.

My jewel was dimmed in some places, but now those places give out light. Junior Church helped me to prepare a room in my heart for Christ to live in. I am happy now in God's love, and through the Junior Church I want to be near Christ.

Yasuko Yamamoto

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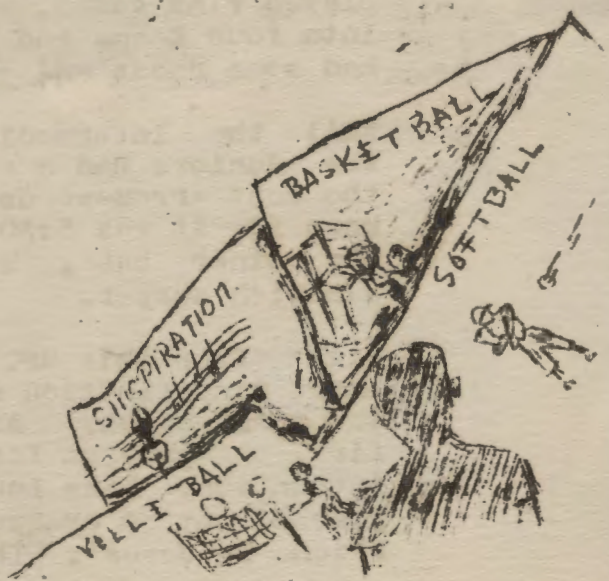
Second prize - Junior

What Junior Church Has Meant To Me

The Junior Church did many things for me. It brought me nearer to Christ. When I listen to the people that give the messages every Sunday their messages make me try to be more like our Lord Jesus Christ. Until I came to Poston, I did not know so much about our Savior. Before, I could not understand the Bible so well but now the pastors explain the words of the Bible through the messages at Junior Church. I know the meaning of the Bible fairly well now so I try to do what the Bible tells me to do. I used to be a "one day Christian" but after I came here and learned many things through the Junior Church, I try to be an "everyday Christian." I try to keep the Ten Commandments, like being kind, not lying and honoring your father and mother. If I am tempted to get angry or to steal, I will try to remember the Ten Commandments. I learned not to do to other people what I would not want them to do to me.

David Shimomura

INTER-PARISH ACTIVITIES



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| 1. First Junior Church Service | August | 30 |
| 2. Parish II sponsored a Hallow'een
Singspiration | October | 30 |
| 3. First Junior Church Council Meeting | January | 1 |
| 4. Rally Playday | January | 30 |
| 5. Singspiration at Parish IV | February | 26 |
| 6. Social at Parish III | March | 27 |
| 7. First Mass Choir Formed | April | 10 |
| 8. Junior Church Service at Park | April | 11 |
| 9. Junior Church Service at Park | April | 18 |
| 10. Sinspiration at park in honor
of Junior High graduates | July | 2 |

Play Day

January 30, 1943!! a day that will remain long in the memory of all Junior Church members of Poston I Christian Church as a day of real Christian fun and fellowship. It was the Junior Church Play Day, held at Block 5 Park. Registration of every person started at 2:00 p.m.

After the registration, the Intermediates and Juniors were separated into two groups. The Juniors played ring games, while the Intermediates divided into four teams and played volley ball. They also had some races and games.

While the Intermediates were having their races, the Juniors had a contest to see who could pick the most arrow-weeds for weiner sticks. Before we knew it, it was 5:30. The fires were prepared for the weiner bake. Everyone got in line for his sandwich supper.

Right after this Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto led us in a short singspiration with Miss Chizuko Takahashi at the small organ. As we all gathered around the fire, the program for the evening began, with the invocation. Miss Louise Tatsuno's voice really reached out to everyone of us as she sang, "What A Friend Is Jesus". The Inter-Parish Junior Church

sextette, namely, Miyoko Sowa, Teruo Kawata, Gene Takahashi, Ruth Horikawa, Peggy Yamato, and Joshua Shimomura sang, "Standing on the Promises". All these in the sextette are prominent Junior Church officers.

The message for the evening was brought by pastor Hideo Aoki on the topic, "The Christmas Prodigal". Everyone was dismissed at 7:30 P.M. It really was a day of fun, frolic and fellowship.

We are truly grateful to all those church leaders and members who contributed to the success of the first Junior Church Play Day.

Singspiration

The second in the series of monthly entertainments sponsored by the Inter-Parish Junior Church Council was a Singspiration held on February 26, 1943 at Parish IV, Block 15.

Joshua Shimomura as the master of ceremonies for the evening opened the Singspiration by welcoming everyone. The newly formed Inter-Parish Boys' Trio consisting of Joshua Shimomura, Teruo Kawata, and Gene Takahashi made their debut. Also the Inter-Parish sextette presented another fine number.

The singing of rounds were led by Junior Church leaders. Many of the rounds were just "tried out" for the first time but they really sounded grand.

Many thanks to Magician Dr. Murakami for his wonderful performance. The audience was amazed, mystified and all puzzled. As he performed, though all tried their best to stump him, Dr. Murakami seemed to always get what they asked him to do.

The closing prayer by Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto ended an evening of hilarious fun and laughter.

Social

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A Inter-Parish Junior Church Social was sponsored by the Junior Church Council on Saturday, March 27 at the Recreation Hall #19 (Parish III). Tickets were sold during the week before the social at the rate of five cents each. Preceding the social a great basketball game with Bob Ikari and Roi Koike as referees took place. Parishes I and II combined vs. Parishes III and IV combined. The West Parishes I and II, could not be beaten for they were a little too superior.

With a surprising number of about 300 present, the social got off with a grand start. At 8:00, Mas Murakami as emcee for the evening gave a welcome speech, after which Mr. Yoshiya Tsujimoto led in some choruses. Teruo Kawata, who was in charge of the games led in a few very interesting amusements. In between the games, Junior Church leaders led in choruses and rounds.

For devotional period, we were privileged to have Miss Doris Fujimoto as our special speaker. She brought an inspiring and enlightening message. Refreshments were served. Singing of hymns ended the night.

Graduation Song Festival

On Saturday night, July 12, under the star-light of the open sanctuary, the Junior Church honored the members who graduated the Junior High School a week prior. Before a sizeable crowd, Mr. H. Aoki gave a word of congratulation and presented gifts.

The congregation was summoned to worship with a bugle number. The evening's program was featured with group singing. Choruses were led by Pete Izumi and Joshua Shimomura. Hymns were directed by Mr. Harry Hosaka. The program ended with taps.

"GUIDING LIGHT"

On Sunday, March 12, 1943, the first edition of the "Guiding Light", the official organ of the Boston Junior Church, was published.

Since then, it has usually come out regularly, once a month.

The initially organized staff for the "Guiding Light" included 5 members: the editor and two reporters from each parish.

As time went on, the need for more staff members was seen, and they were added accordingly. The present staff members are as follows:

Editor -----	Teruo Kawata
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	Peggy Yamato
Reporters -----	Edith Maeda
	Arleene Eddow
	Pearl Kawaguchi
	Emiko Matsumoto
	Lily Nagata
	Lily Ikeda

Hard work has gone into the making of this newspaper, and we should be thankful for the unselfish efforts of Mr. Harry Hosaka, who was the advisor before leaving for Chicago, Illinois. He put in much time to get the paper started.



DESERT ECHOES

The annual staff proudly presents to you this annual, a token for you as laborers in Christ.

The willingness of those who have worked with us have faithfully carried through this task. Mr. Sadaichi Asai, even though busy with other services, has sacrificed his time in order to bring to us this publication of "Desert Echoes".

Through the cooperation of the Poston Christian Church, we have obtained all our supplies and have inspired us to bring God's message to you in this form. Many thanks go to our typists who have worked day and night to hurry it along. As much as we would like to mention them, the list is too long, but their services are appreciated more than words can express. This staff consisting of Junior Church members is as follows:

Editor-in Chief ----- Joshua Shiromura
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Publicity Manager ----- Harry Baba
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Sports

BASEBALL

The baseball season this year is coming on with less enthusiasm than last year. All the parishes are expected to turn out an exciting inter-parish league.

Last year's season was really a baseball crazy season with the whole camp playing that sport. The D. V.B.S. also had many teams. Junior and Intermediate class teams were made and an inter-school league was formed. The Block 19 Intermediate boys took the Intermediate Championship with the Block 15 Junior boys taking the Junior Crown.

The Crusaders also found baseball popular but placed very near to the bottom in the "B" League.

Feeling that baseball is an excellent way to gain an ability that might be used for pleasure later, on the thirteenth of July, a group of energetic girls assembled for the first baseball practice of Parish I at field #5. This practice revealed the skill of the girls and also the position for which they were best suited. More practices followed on the fifteenth, sixteenth, and the twenty-first. The following players made up the baseball team for Parish One.

Catcher	Chiyoko Sakamoto
Pitcher	Nobuko Fujioka
1st baseman	Marian Tsuda
2nd baseman	Virginia Eddow
3rd baseman	Lillian Mitsuhashi
Right fielder	Emiko Sakamoto
Center fielder	Miyoko Sowa
Left fielder	Arlejo Eddow

For the most outstanding player on the team---Nobuko Fujioka was chosen. The girls are hoping to have a game with another parish --- soon.