

Poston CHRISTIAN CHURCH

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SERMONETTE

Jesus said—"But whom say ye that I am?" Peter representing all the disciples, replied, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God. Then Jesus was exceedingly pleased and pronounced. "Blessed art thou Simon Barjona—"

It is easy for the world to accept Jesus of Nazareth as a Saint but it is not easy to accept Him as the Son of the Living God.

This is the dividing point in our Christian faith. At the same time it is the deciding point in the fate of the Christian Church.

We are now commemorating the founding of our church, namely, the Poston Christian Church. At this important moment of the life of our Church let us confess once more to our Master, "Thou art the Christ, the Son of the Living God." and receive His blessing.

Rev. K. Yamamoto

MORNING BIBLE CLASS

Before the eastern horizon is painted crimson by the rising sun, some fifteen to twenty young folks gather each Tuesday and Friday morning at six in the Recreation Hall 19. Guided by Mr. Jitsuo Morikawa this group spends an hour in Bible study, desirous to "rightly dividing the Word of Truth."

For the present the study is in conjunction with what is being taught in the vacation school. The group began with the study of the parables and at present the study is being concentrated on Paul the Apostle.

Historical background, Jewish customs, and other significant points are brought out so that one might appreciate the Word of God more deeply. The class is open to any diligent seeker of the truth. Kayoko Asai

BE A BOOSTER

LAYING FOUNDATIONS WITH GOD OUR BUILDER



The woman came with a water pot and Christ promised a well of running water. The reason why so many spiritual experiences run dry is that we come with our little vessels instead of accepting the supernatural flow which He has for us.

It was when the woman left her water post that the river of testimony and blessing began to flow in her life, and God is ready to do the same for us. It was a river that ran uphill with her to the place of her everyday life.

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Y. P. FELLOWSHIP

Endeavoring to maintain a closer fellowship with God and trying to actively put into practice the Lord's command to spread the Gospel abroad, some twenty young people of the Poston Christian Church have been meeting twice a week for a time of devotion and of solving the various problems that arise in their Christian lives.

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PIONEERS, FRONTIERS, FOUNDERS-----what a thrill to know that around us a metropolis has grown; that by us a new era is in the making, that through us, men and women are tested and tried until the best virtues are made manifest; and yes, within the new frontier of the spiritual, the establishing and founding of a new church, The Poston Christian Church.

Yours was the challenge to meet the spiritual needs of our new adventure; yours is the Church which has been found to meet the need—yours was the responsibility to kindle the fire yours is the task to cause its flames to warm the hearts of all.

God has no hand but your hand to do His work today; He has no feet but your feet to lead men in His way. God has no lips but your lips to drive the clouds away He has no help but your help to help men day by day.

God needs you—you are the Church.

The challenge, the privilege is ours. What a rare opportunity to know that almighty God our Creator, has no other means of accomplishing His purpose except by men.

Paul Nagano

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THOUGHT FOR THE DAY
The saving knowledge of Christ in a Church filled with the Spirit is beyond comprehension.--Contributed

MY TESTIMONY

Since accepting Jesus Christ as my personal Savior, there has been times when the road was steep and rough. Yet I can praise God that He was faithful in caring for me and leading me through each trial. The life of all Christians has been a hard struggle but I believe everyone of them will agree that it has been a happy struggle.

If I had to bear all my burdens by myself, I do not believe that the little strength within me would be sufficient, but praise be to Him who strengthens us by His Grace.

The story of Job and all his sufferings come to my mind at this time. Though Job suffered one trial after another, he knew vaguely that there was a bright day in the future. I have been evacuated to Poston with other Niseis to live a life that is filled with many inconveniences, but my heart is full of praise for the wonderful way in which God my Father cares for me.

Togo Asoo

One morning in an Intermediate Sunday School class in Honolulu, a Miss Robertson, who had been a missionary in Japan, leaned over to me, while our heads were bowed in closing prayer, and said, "Won't you give your heart to the Lord Jesus?" Then and there, I repented and accepted the Lord in faith. That was the summer of '34. Ever since then, I've been a Christian, and I've never regretted that day. Even to this day, Miss Robertson has been interested in my spiritual welfare, and has sent material for our vacation school, from Sacramento where she is now living. Had Miss Robertson not been faithful to the Lord, perhaps today, I would still be without the peace and joy of salvation. My prayer is that I too, might be faithful to the Lord. May Nagaoka

FEAR NOT!

FEAR NOT, FOR Love is with you always, Love Omnipotent, divine. All the power in this wide universe, is encircling you with His "Vine," Safe within Love's tender keeping, You are guarded every minute and every hour. Satan has no power to harm you.

Through the night of furious storm, power, Hide beneath the Almighty's shade. Love surrounds; Love enfolds you. Beloved friends, be not afraid!

A "Sunbeam"

in Christ's Service (Inspired in the midst of the Poston storm) Bette Sakai

Y. P. FELLOWSHIP (Continued)

The meetings are held on Monday and Thursday nights from nine o'clock to ten o'clock, usually at the park and are presided by a voluntary chairman who is free to decide what kind of program is to be given. However, the usual practice is to have one of the older Christians give a short talk on some phase of the Christian life or for a change, testimonial meetings and prayer circles are held.

The young people attending the meeting usually try to bring a friend who does not yet know Jesus Christ. The emphasis is on personal evangelism, so many of the talks are given with that angle in mind.

Any young Christian who may be interested in a time of devotion and fellowship with other young Christians are warmly invited to attend the meetings. Come join us at the haystack tomorrow night. Kanshi Yamashita

VIEWS AND REVIEWS

by Fred Ono

Today in continuing our series on short biographies of our pastors, here are some facts on--

Pastor Kobayashi: Evangelical minded William Kobayashi is the pastor of the IV, Rec. Hall #155 of the Poston Christian Community Church. Husky-throated Pastor Kobayashi is a native son of Arizona, in his later twenties, wears glasses that add to his handsomeness. His education has been gathered at Pacific Edge College in Huntington Park, Calif., Los Angeles College in Los Angeles, and a theological seminary in Japan. "Bill" has spent most of his life in Arizona, but has had the fortunate experience of serving churches in Santa Monica and Redondo Beach in the cool Los Angeles County sea shore district. Quiet modest Pastor Kobayashi speaks well, he looks older than his age, has been married about two years, has a year old son. His address is 46-14-C.

Today's Verse

"Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding." Proverbs 17:28

Views and Reviews

It is heartening to see the amount of offerings at church services inspite of our low incomes.

Let's support the chapel in our district!
Chapel I at Block 5
Chapel II Block 44
Chapel III Block 19
Chapel IV Block 15
The influence of a genuinely Christian personality cannot be estimated." Selected