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The Music that You Listen to Matters

The deliverance of the Israelites from the nation of Egypt in the book of Exodus is one of the crowning examples of God's glory being shown in the Biblical narrative. Egypt is subjected to plagues, and eventually the army of Egypt is covered by the Red Sea. And at the end, as Israel contemplates what the Lord has done, the Israelites break out on in song. Exodus 15 is a song of praise to the Lord where Israel extols both who the Lord is (My strength, My Defense, My Salvation, My God, My Father's God...) and what the Lord has done: hurling Pharaoh's army into the sea and shattering the enemy. And these tasks, proclaiming specifically what the Lord has done, and proclaiming who the Lord is, are incredibly important in worship.

When you sing songs of praise, you are engraving theology on your heart. You are making concepts and truths more and more familiar and real to you. This is a good that happens in the moment, and it is also a means of preparing oneself for the trials to come. Effectively, the music that you sing forms and molds you. If the words that you listen to, and sing, are shaping you, then it makes all the sense in the world to think seriously about the molds that you are using.

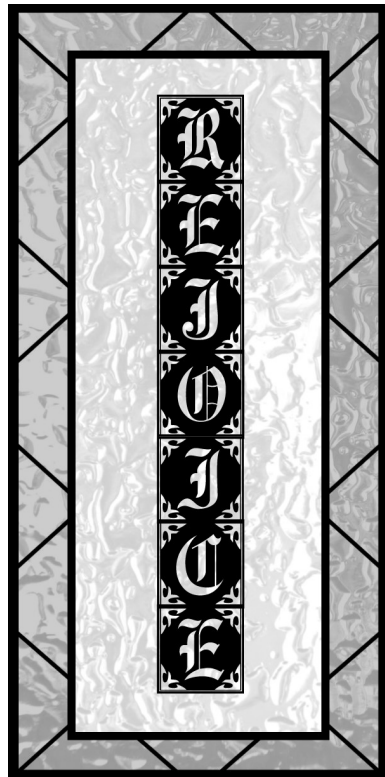
One song that we have used in Worship at church is **"Grace Alone"** by Dustin Kensrue. It presents a simple Gospel message as an expression of both praise and confession.

"I was an orphan lost at the fall...
(The Father) predestined to adopt me as Your own...
(Jesus), You left your home to seek out the lost...
Lord, you died that I might reap what you have sown
And you rose that I might be a new creation...
(The Holy Spirit) called us into a kingdom that cannot be shaken"

As the Gospel message is being sung, it also takes specific care to praise the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, focusing particularly on the sovereignty of the Father, the salvific work of the Son, and the calling nature of the Spirit. In singing this song, week in and week out, we are uniting our mind, body, and soul in the recognition of who we are, the proclamation of who God is (both God's work and God's attributes), and what the Father, Son, and Spirit have done. Songs like this point to being molded and shaped along the lines of what is most true, and cause the singer to be drawn into worship of who God truly is.

Conversely, last year, Natalie Grant and Cory Asbury covered the song **"You Will be Found"**. The song certainly presents an uplifting message and calls out the need for a savior, saying:

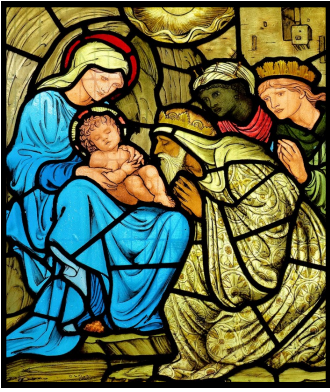
"Have you ever felt like you could disappear?
Like you could fall, and no one would hear?
Well, let that lonely feeling wash away
Maybe there's a reason to believe you'll be okay
'Cause when you don't feel strong enough to stand
You can reach, reach out your hand"



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“On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him. Then they opened their treasures and presented him with gifts of gold and of incense and of myrrh.”

Matthew 2:11 NIV

Income	Expenses	Net
Sept 2023	Sept 2023	Sept 2023
\$12,938.11	\$12,555.20	\$382.91
Year to Date	Year to Date	Year to Date
\$139,323.60	\$136,792.98	\$2,530.62

November Missions: Missions Fest Seattle

The theme for Missions Fest 2023 is “Let’s Complete the Task – Where Do I Fit?”. We will see what has been done, what still needs to be done before Jesus’ return, and keys to where we and our church may fit. We will look at reasons why the task has not been completed and what needs to change to enable the completion of the task. Then, beginning the week of Missions Fest, we will have a new item on our website with helps/ideas for individuals and churches to use in looking at the year ahead and planning/prayer for the next ten years. *Come and join us on November 3-4 at Bellevue Presbyterian Church in Bellevue, WA.*



"People overestimate what they can do in one year, underestimate what they can do in ten years, and drastically underestimate what God can do when His people pray."

2023 FEATURED SPEAKERS

Lisa Pak – General Session 1, Friday Night at 7 pm



Dr. Lisa Pak currently works alongside Rick Warren on the Finishing the Task (FTT) lead team. Her previous experience includes serving as the Regional Director for Ontario and Nunavut at the Canadian Bible Society, in addition to over a decade of pastoral ministry and church experience in the United States, South Korea, Singapore and Canada with a particular focus on diaspora peoples, global missions, and the rising generations. She is a second-generation Korean

Canadian and Toronto native, ordained by the Korean Association of Independent Churches and Missions (KAICAM). She holds a MDiv and a MABL from Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and has earned her Doctor of Ministry in Leadership at Tyndale Seminary. Lisa has travelled globally and is passionate about all diaspora communities and mobilizing the church, para-church, women, and the young generation altogether in collaboration to share the good news of Jesus Christ with all who have yet to hear.

“God on the Move” - General Session 2, Saturday at 11 am

There will be four speakers instead of one: Scott Dudley, Voula Antouan, Sean Dunn, and Bill Richardson. They will speak for 15 minutes a piece on somewhere and how God is on the move. Each speaker will hold a seminar after lunch where he/she will share more.

Sam George – General Session 3, Saturday at 4:30 pm



Sam George, PhD, is the director of the Global Diaspora Institute at Wheaton College Billy Graham Center and serves as a global catalyst of the Lausanne Movement. He researches and teaches global migration, diaspora missions, and World Christianity in several countries across Asia, Africa, and the Americas. The word ‘diaspora’ refers to the movements of people throughout the world, both voluntary and involuntary.

He holds degrees in Mechanical Engineering, Business Management, Practical Theology, and World Christianity. He worked in the technology industry for a decade before shifting to Christian ministries. He is of Asian Indian origin (Andaman Islands) and has lived in five countries, and now makes his home in the northern suburbs of Chicago. Sam is the author/editor of a dozen books, including a recent three-volume series on Asian Diaspora Christianity.

Dr. George notes, “more people are on the move today than at any time in human history and are reshaping societies economies, nations, and churches. If we continue to stay in our homogenous bubbles as the Body of Christ, we will miss out on what God wants to do in and through us today.”

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
			1 1 pm: PrayTukwila 5:30 pm CE IT	2 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	3	4 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church 1-2:30 pm: Good News Club, Ridge Cliff Apts
Daylight Saving Time Ends 5 10:30 am: Worship COMMUNION 12:30 pm: Discipleship Class	6 10 am-12 pm: CEF	7 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	8 1 pm: Missions IT 1:30 pm: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: Session	9 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's/Women's Bible Study	10	11 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church
12 10:30 am: Worship/ IDOP for the Persecuted Church 12:30 pm: Discipleship Class	13	14 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	15	16 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	17	18 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church
19 10:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: Potluck	20	21 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	22 7:00 pm: Worship IT	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church
26 CHRIST THE KING SUNDAY 10:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: Discipleship Class	27	28 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	29 1:30 pm: Women's Bible Study	30		

December 2023 - Foster Tukwila Presbyterian

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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1 st Sunday of Advent 3 10:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: Discipleship Class	4 10 am-12 pm: CEF	5 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	6 1 pm: PrayTukwila	7 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Young Adults	8	9 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church
2 nd Sunday of Advent 10 10:30 am: Worship 12:30 pm: Discipleship Class	11	12 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	13 1:30: Women's Bible Study 6:30 pm: Session	14 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: Men's Bible Study	15	16 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church
3 rd Sunday of Advent 17 10:30 am: Worship <i>Special Missions Offering</i> 11:30 am: Light Pofluck "Our Finest Gifts"	18	19 4:30 pm: Bible Recap 6:00 pm: Youth 6:30 pm: YA Group	20	21 10:00 am: Prayer 7:00 pm: The Longest Night	22	23 10:00 am: Salvation New Life Church
4 th Sunday of Advent 24 10:30 am: Worship Christmas Eve Service 8:30 pm:	25 Christmas Day	26	27	28	29	30
10:30 am: Worship New Year's Eve	31					

Daylight Saving Time Ends



Don't forget to "Fall Back" 2:00 am, Sunday, November 5, 2023

Ministry Teams

Impact Team Meetings:

- CEIT - Wed, 11/1, 5:30 pm
- Missions - Wed, 11/8, 1 pm
- Worship - Last Wed, 7 pm

Church Officer Meetings:

- Session - 2nd Wed, 6:30 pm
- Deacons - TBA

Small Groups & Bible Studies

Women's Bible Studies:

Wed, 11/8, 29; 12/13,
1:30-3:30 pm
Thurs, 11/9, 7-9 pm

Men's Bible Study:

2nd & 4th Thurs, 7-9 pm

Young Adults:

Tuesdays: 6:30 pm
1st & 3rd Thursdays: 6:30 pm

**GET INVOLVED
IN A SMALL GROUP
THIS MONTH!!**

In case of Snow
Call FTFC

206-243-4455

or visit
ftfc.org

For information on changes
in schedule.

Sundays
12:30 pm

Discipleship Classes

COURAGE TO
rise above
JOSHUA 1:9

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER
FOR THE PERSECUTED CHURCH
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2023

IDOP

Opportunities to Pray:

For our congregation
10 am, Thursdays at
FTFC

For our community
PrayTukwila
1 pm, 1st Wednesday at
Southcenter Community Baptist

GOOD NEWS
CLUB

Thursdays, 5 pm
@ FTFC
Saturdays, 1 pm
@ Ridge Cliff Apts

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SEMINAR TRACKS

There will be over 60 different seminars offered during the two days of Missions Fest with tracks that focus on a number of different topics including: Missions Around the World, Evangelism, God on the Move, Making Maturing Disciples, Prayer, and Completing the Task.

These seminars will be conducted by people experienced in the field, and offer practical suggestions to help you find where you fit in for completing the task of bringing the Good News to the nations.

A complete program magazine can be downloaded from <https://missionsfestseattle.org/promo-materials/>

CONFERENCE AT A GLANCE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 3

- 10:00 am– 1:00 pm Friday Field Trip (FFT) for Students, Grades 4–12*
- 10:30 am- 6:00 pm Friday Workshop for Pastors and Mission Leaders** (The Advance)
- 4:00 pm- 8:30 pm Prayer Room Open



In just a little over a month, churches around the world will dedicate specific time to celebrate the incredible miracle of the incarnation of Jesus Christ. During the Christmas season, we celebrate the birth of the baby to which all of history pointed. And it is only appropriate that we celebrate this momentous birth by an offering of gifts.

Our Christmas Program this year will be a public offering of gifts (singing, dancing, public reading, art, etc.) to be held after church 11:30 am on Sunday, December 17th. Prayerfully consider what you will be offering to the newborn King. Stay tuned for more information in the bulletin.

- 4:00 pm- 9:00 pm
- 4:00 pm- 5:00 pm
- 4:00 pm- 8:00 pm
- 5:30 pm- 6:30 pm
- 6:45 pm- 8:45 pm
- 7:00 pm- 8:30 pm

- Exhibit Booths open
- Seminar Session 1
- On-site Food Available
- Seminar Session 2
- Children's Program K–6th Grade
- General Session 1: Lisa Pak

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 4

- 9:00 am- 6:30 pm
- 9:00 am- 5:00 pm
- 9:30 am- 10:30 am
- 10:30 am- 6:30 pm
- 10:45 am- 12:45 pm
- 11:00 am- 12:30 pm

- Prayer Room Open
- Exhibits Open
- Seminar Session 3 (Children's Program Available)
- On-site Food Available
- Children's Program K–6th Grade, General Session 2: "God Is on the Move" - Scott Dudley, Voula Champeridou-Antouan, Sean Dunn, Bill Richardson
- Seminar Session 4 (Children's Program Available)
- Seminar Session 5 (Children's Program Available)
- Children's Program K–6th Grade, General Session 3: Sam George
- Exhibits Close
- Call to Action and Prayer
- Missions Fest Seattle 2023 Closes

- 1:30 pm- 2:30 pm
- 3:00 pm- 4:00 pm
- 4:15 pm- 6:00 pm
- 4:30 pm- 5:45 pm
- 5:00 pm
- 5:45 pm - 6:15 pm
- 6:30 pm

*Advance Registration for FFT required at www.missionsfestseattle.org/friday-field-trip-fft/

** Advance Registration for Workshop required at www.missionsfestseattle.org/friday-workshop/

For more information, visit <https://missionsfestseattle.org/>



The Longest Night is an observance in the Advent Season marking the longest night of the year. On this day some churches in Western Christian denominations hold a service that honors people that have lost loved ones and are going through grief. Holy Communion is traditionally taken.

This service is usually held on or around the longest night of the year, which falls this year on December 21, the Winter Solstice. There is an interesting convergence for this day as it is also the feast day for Saint Thomas the Apostle. This linkage invites making some connections between Saint Thomas's struggle to believe in Jesus' resurrection, the long nights just before Christmas, and the struggle with darkness and grief faced by those living with loss.

Included in the service is a time for expression of grief and pain as well as a focus on the promise of hope.

Join us at 7:00 pm on December 21, 2023 as we at FTFC incorporate this unique service into our Advent celebration.

December Missions: Genesis Project

The Genesis Project is a Seattle-based registered 501(c)3 non-profit organization that exists to offer hope for a new life to young women and girls involved in commercial sexual exploitation (CSE), prostitution, and sex trafficking. The mission of the Genesis Project is to provide needed services to survivors of CSE and sex trafficking in a three phase approach including immediate shelter, education, job skills training, and long-term safe houses. Ultimately, this love, support, and care will draw women toward a future of hope.

Our Drop-in Day Center is dedicated to serving female survivors of prostitution and sex trafficking. We do this with a small team of dedicated case managers and with the help of volunteers, law enforcement officers, state legislators, churches, community groups, FBI task forces, and international partner organizations.



Release: Referrals to Safe Housing

We support survivors by offering housing resources, connections to housing programs, transportation to residential housing (short and long term), and ongoing support. We hope to have our own long term program for survivors one day.

Drop-In Center:

The Drop-in Center is open Monday-Friday from 10am - 4pm. If you or someone you know is thinking about leaving "the life", call our drop-in center or text the survivor hotline. You can meet with one of our case managers for a cup of coffee, support, and help creating an action plan. We can help you housing, job skills, clothing, hygiene products, life skills, counseling and substance abuse referrals, and much more.

OUR THREE PHASE APPROACH

The Genesis Project uses a three phase approach to address the complex needs of a survivor of sex trafficking.

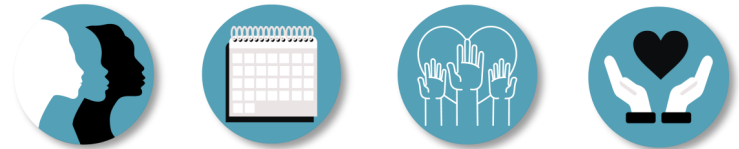
Rescue: Meeting a Survivor's Immediate Needs

Victims come to our center in many ways. Some women and girls come to The Genesis Project center through referrals from other survivors. Many young women are referred and even transported to our center by local police or the FBI Child Exploitation Task Force.

Restore: Supporting Survivor Education and Rehabilitation

The Genesis Project provides counseling, substance abuse support, job and life skills classes, paid internship opportunities, transportation to medical appointments and court, free legal counsel, and access to educational programs such as GED completion.

Center Phone: 206-592-2362; Text Hotline: 503-383-1695



Women Served:	Appointments:	Volunteer Hrs:	Recently Provided Services:
Oct 2023 - 12	Oct 2023 - 11	Oct 2023 - 8	Pumpkin Patch Outing
2023 - 45	2023 - 321	2023 - 642	Clothing/Hygiene Products
Total - 460	Total - 4,411	(Data NA)	Pro Bono Legal Services

For more information visit: <https://www.genesisnow.org/>

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And for a secular song, this is fine, and significantly less offensive than other songs. In fact, the virality of the song is an incredibly useful indicator of what the world is clamoring for. But, when sung as a song of praise, when played on Christian Radio stations, It is doing something different. This song was part of the play Dear Evan Hansen, which went on to win six Tony Awards. "You Will Be Found", as a song, is written as the title character's lie to his entire school, where he claims to have cared for a student that he did not. Furthermore, when using this song as a depiction of the Lord's love for us, we quickly run into problems. For, the responsibility is placed upon the one who is hurt and suffering to reach out your hand, which is not what the Lord did with the Israelites in Egypt, nor what Jesus did with you on the

cross. And while the song makes it clear that some people need someone ("A reason to believe") there is nothing here that specifies that the one who we need is Jesus. In fact, because it was written as a lie, the tendency of the song is that you need anyone to care, rather than a particular need for the Jesus as the one who is both fully God and capable of solving your problems, and fully man and one who chose to enter into your problems.

I hope and pray that throughout the week, you are singing songs of praise and worship to the Lord. And I hope that as you do so, you continue to be discerning in the songs that are sung, paying attention to what they say about God, and considering if the lyrics are true. The songs that you listen to, and the songs that you sing are shaping you.

Pastor Aaron



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"To Know Jesus Christ & to Make Him Known"



**☩ Come, Let us
Adore Him!**

Our Finest Gifts

11:30 am ~ Sunday, Dec 17, 2023

The Longest Night

7 pm ~ Thursday Dec 21, 2023

Christmas Eve

Candlelight Service, 8:30 pm
Sunday, December 24, 2023

