

***** **Announcements:** *****

- Church will hold a church-wide coworkers' meeting on Sept 22nd from 9am to 5pm. This coworkers meeting aims to re-focus our church's ministries direction, balance our church's various ministries emphasis and improve our brothers and sisters serves. The coworkers meeting will include small group discussions, spiritual gift survey and ministries & spiritual gifts matching. The meeting will also provide full children and youth programs for every attendant family. **Church encourages every Christian who is willing to serve in our church to register for this meeting and also welcome any friends of our church to come and help out the meeting too.** Please reserve your time to join us in this very important coworkers meeting to share your visions, burdens and help our church re-shape our visions and missions for the future. Please contact **Mike Shen** for registration.
- Next Sunday's offering will go to Charity Fund.

Serving

- In order to reduce waste and cost, please bring your own dishes and utensils not only on Sundays, but also on fellowship or other church gatherings. Please also remember not to waste any paper product.

Education

- **The 2nd series of New Testament Bible Seminar by Rev. David Hsu:**9/14-9/16. This is in Mandarin. You can sign up at the bulletin board downstairs.
- **MLB (Mature Life Builder, a.k.a. Adult Sunday School):** Want to experience God more deeply? Interested in getting to know the third person of the Trinity? Join us in the church library at 1:30pm on Sundays where we will have lunch together, fellowship and watch a DVD series from Ligonier ministries as we explore the mystery of the Holy Spirit. Facilitator: Jim Liang.

**** **Upcoming Events** ****

9/14-9/16: New Testament Bible seminar by Rev David Hsu (Chinese)
9/22: Church wide coworker meeting

***** **Pastor Office Hours, Fellowships & Small Groups** *****

Pastor Walter Office Hour	Tue & Thur 9-2pm, at GNAC; Wednesday 9-2pm at SFCC
Fellowship & Small Groups:	Meets At:
Youth Group (Jr. High, High School) Walt Chen: pastorwalt@seattlefcc.org	Saturdays, 6pm at GNAC
College Jim Liang: jim.liang14@gmail.com	Fridays, 5pm, at church.
Timothy (Young Adult, Mandarin) Cathy Yang: ykc1208@gmail.com	Fridays, 7:30pm.
Men's Bible Study Walter Chen: pastorwalt@seattlefcc.org	Fridays, 7:30pm, at GNAC.
Family Fellowship Tom and Dong Hui: tom.y.chang@gmail.com	Sundays, contact Tom or Dong Hui for details.

GNAC Address: 13240 NE 20th St, suite #20, Bellevue, WA 98005

***** **Service Helper** *****

	9/9/12	9/16/12
Speaker:	Walter Chen	Walter Chen
Ushers:	Cathy, Vivian	Brian, Zelina
M.C.	James	Daniel Hu
Tech:	Ted/Lawrence	Ted/Lawrence
Projector:	Ted/Lawrence	Ted/Lawrence
Lunch Crew:	Timothy	Youth/FF
Children's Ministry	Eunice, Jeremy, Sharon	Eunice, Jeremy, Sharon

Last Week	TM / EM / TM CM / EM CM
Attendance	TM (91) EM (48) TM CM(31)/EM CM(14)
General Fund	TM (\$1941.00) EM (\$460.91)

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Sunday Services:

10:00 am 台語禮拜Taiwanese Worship Service
兒童/青少年Children& Youth Ministry
12:00 pm 英語禮拜English Worship Service

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Order of Worship September 9th, 2012

Prelude
Welcome and Praise
Offering
Announcement
Message
Communion
Response song
Benediction

Stephen's last sermon

Acts 7:1-53

Then the high priest asked him, “Are these charges true?”² To this he replied: “Brothers and fathers, listen to me! The God of glory appeared to our father Abraham while he was still in Mesopotamia, before he lived in Haran.³ ‘Leave your country and your people,’ God said, ‘and go to the land I will show you.’⁴ “So he left the land of the Chaldeans and settled in Haran. After the death of his father, God sent him to this land where you are now living.⁵ He gave him no inheritance here, not even a foot of ground. But God promised him that he and his descendants after him would possess the land, even though at that time Abraham had no child.⁶ God spoke to him in this way: ‘Your descendants will be strangers in a country not their own, and they will be enslaved and mistreated four hundred years.⁷ But I will punish the nation they serve as slaves,’ God said, ‘and afterward they will come out of that country and worship me in this place.’⁸ Then he gave Abraham the covenant of circumcision. And Abraham became the father of Isaac and circumcised him eight days after his birth. Later Isaac became the father of Jacob, and Jacob became the father of the twelve patriarchs.⁹ “Because the patriarchs were jealous of Joseph, they sold him as a slave into Egypt. But God was with him¹⁰ and rescued him from all his troubles. He gave Joseph wisdom and enabled him to gain the goodwill of Pharaoh king of Egypt; so he made him ruler over Egypt and all his palace.¹¹ “Then a famine struck all Egypt and Canaan, bringing great suffering, and our fathers could not find

food.¹² When Jacob heard that there was grain in Egypt, he sent our fathers on their first visit.¹³ On their second visit, Joseph told his brothers who he was, and Pharaoh learned about Joseph’s family.¹⁴ After this, Joseph sent for his father Jacob and his whole family, seventy-five in all.¹⁵ Then Jacob went down to Egypt, where he and our fathers died.¹⁶ Their bodies were brought back to Shechem and placed in the tomb that Abraham had bought from the sons of Hamor at Shechem for a certain sum of money.¹⁷ “As the time drew near for God to fulfill his promise to Abraham, the number of our people in Egypt greatly increased.¹⁸ Then another king, who knew nothing about Joseph, became ruler of Egypt.¹⁹ He dealt treacherously with our people and oppressed our forefathers by forcing them to throw out their newborn babies so that they would die.²⁰ “At that time Moses was born, and he was no ordinary child. For three months he was cared for in his father’s house.²¹ When he was placed outside, Pharaoh’s daughter took him and brought him up as her own son.²² Moses was educated in all the wisdom of the Egyptians and was powerful in speech and action.²³ “When Moses was forty years old, he decided to visit his fellow Israelites.²⁴ He saw one of them being mistreated by an Egyptian, so he went to his defense and avenged him by killing the Egyptian.²⁵ Moses thought that his own people would realize that God was using him to rescue them, but they did not.²⁶ The next day Moses came upon two Israelites who were fighting. He tried to reconcile them by saying, ‘Men, you are brothers; why do you want to hurt each other?’²⁷ “But the man who was mistreating the other pushed Moses aside and said, ‘Who made you ruler and judge over us?’²⁸ Do you want to kill me as you killed the Egyptian yesterday?’²⁹ When Moses heard this, he fled to Midian, where he settled as a foreigner and had two sons.³⁰ “After forty years had passed, an angel appeared to Moses in the flames of a burning bush in the desert near Mount Sinai.³¹ When he saw this, he was amazed at the sight. As he went over to look more closely, he heard the Lord’s voice:³² ‘I am the God of your fathers, the God of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob.’ Moses trembled with fear and did not dare to look.³³ “Then the Lord said to him, ‘Take off your sandals; the place where you are standing is holy ground.³⁴ I have indeed seen the oppression of my people in Egypt. I have heard their groaning and have come down to set them free. Now come, I will send you back to Egypt.’³⁵ “This is the same Moses whom they had rejected with the words, ‘Who made you ruler and judge?’ He was sent to be their ruler and deliverer by God himself, through the

angel who appeared to him in the bush.³⁶ He led them out of Egypt and did wonders and miraculous signs in Egypt, at the Red Sea and for forty years in the desert.³⁷ “This is that Moses who told the Israelites, ‘God will send you a prophet like me from your own people.’³⁸ He was in the assembly in the desert, with the angel who spoke to him on Mount Sinai, and with our fathers; and he received living words to pass on to us.³⁹ “But our fathers refused to obey him. Instead, they rejected him and in their hearts turned back to Egypt.⁴⁰ They told Aaron, ‘Make us gods who will go before us. As for this fellow Moses who led us out of Egypt—we don’t know what has happened to him!’⁴¹ That was the time they made an idol in the form of a calf. They brought sacrifices to it and held a celebration in honor of what their hands had made.⁴² But God turned away and gave them over to the worship of the heavenly bodies. This agrees with what is written in the book of the prophets: “‘Did you bring me sacrifices and offerings forty years in the desert, O house of Israel?⁴³ You have lifted up the shrine of Molech and the star of your god Rephan, the idols you made to worship. Therefore I will send you into exile’ beyond Babylon.⁴⁴ “Our forefathers had the tabernacle of the Testimony with them in the desert. It had been made as God directed Moses, according to the pattern he had seen.⁴⁵ Having received the tabernacle, our fathers under Joshua brought it with them when they took the land from the nations God drove out before them. It remained in the land until the time of David,⁴⁶ who enjoyed God’s favor and asked that he might provide a dwelling place for the God of Jacob.⁴⁷ But it was Solomon who built the house for him.⁴⁸ “However, the Most High does not live in houses made by men. As the prophet says:⁴⁹ “‘Heaven is my throne, and the earth is my footstool. What kind of house will you build for me? says the Lord. Or where will my resting place be?’⁵⁰ Has not my hand made all these things?’⁵¹ “You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit!⁵² Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him—⁵³ you who have received the law that was put into effect through angels but have not obeyed it.”