

## WORDS FROM PASTOR

I quickly sit down to read my book, as an older white gentleman tugs a small flimsy luggage into the subway car. He starts sharing his story to the riders, and I listen there. He sounds reasonable: a man coming out of rehab, trying to make things work again. He wants to take his two kids, Davis and Amber, to the park but has no money.

Should I give or should I not? Before I can answer, someone else does. Across is a black woman with a pink shirt and light jeans. She's already unzipping her bag and pulls out a couple dollars. The man receives, and continues to share with everyone before he asks us to keep his family in prayer.

Okay, so should I pray or should I not? Before I can answer, the woman stands up, reaches out her hand and says "can I pray for you?" in a firm tone. The man holds her hand and she begins to bless his family. I close my book and close my eyes.

After they pray, he extends hand sanitizer to her, while I'm pulling two dollars out of my wallet to extend to him. I hear an accented "excuse me," and I turn to see an older Hispanic lady wearing glasses, already extending a couple more dollars to the man too. She says "God bless."

Before he leaves the subway car, he looks at me and says "thank you" and I give a quick, shy "yep." I look down at my book, but then look up one last time at the black woman. Her eyes are already closed, leaning her head against her hand, as she goes back to being a tired New Yorker.

Pastor Kevin



## MEETINGS SCHEDULE

Chinese Worship	11AM Sunday <a href="https://bit.ly/2y4GI7T">https://bit.ly/2y4GI7T</a>
Chinese Bible Study	8PM Thursday
Love Fellowship	8:30PM Friday
Chinese Prayer Meeting	9:30PM Wed 515-604-9094 Code 631 509 396
English Worship	1PM Sunday <a href="https://bit.ly/2Ym8BCR">https://bit.ly/2Ym8BCR</a>
English Prayer Meeting	9PM Tuesday
English Bible Study	6PM Thursday

## Members/Activity News

*Pastor Kevin started a 4-weeks summer youth program on 7/18. About 16 youth signed up for interest classes and community services. Please pray for the youth as well as the adults who are helping.*

*If you desire to join our service at 103 Madison Street, kindly register through the following link: <https://forms.gle/4FqZ1AhUEWLHukKN7>. Live stream will be provided as usual.*

*Pastor Peter Mitimigi of Tanzania passed away suddenly in March. His wife, Patience, will be giving birth to their 5th child in August. The family is in dire need of major financial and other support. The Board has approved to set up a Love Offering for the family. Please send in your offering and specify it for the Mitimigi Love Funds by July 26. Please reach out to Pastor Isaac if you have any questions or recommendations.*

*Save the dates: The Board is hosting our church picnic/ baptismal service on August 15 at the Sunken Meadow Park. Our Annual Congregational Meeting will be held on August 23. More details will be announced soon.*

## Prayer Items

- ✓ Pray for united effort to fight against Covid-19 in the USA.
- ✓ Pray for churches in Hong Kong that they can bring hope and peace.
- ✓ Pray for added faith, hope, and strength for Mrs. Patience Mitimigi and family.
- ✓ Pray for complete healing and peace for cancer patients in our midst.
- ✓ Pray for the overall well being of seniors who live alone.
- ✓ Pray for smooth operation of our youth summer program.
- ✓ Pray for the preparation of our reopening and annual congregational meeting.

## 2020 Bible Reading Plan

7/19	Acts 20 : 17-38	7/26	Acts 25 : 1-27
7/20	Acts 21 : 1-14	7/27	Acts 26 : 1-32
7/21	Acts 21 : 15-40	7/28	Acts 27 : 1-25
7/22	Acts 22 : 1-30	7/29	Acts 27 : 26-44
7/23	Acts 23 : 1-11	7/30	Acts 28 : 1-15
7/24	Acts 23 : 12-35	7/31	Acts 28 : 16-31
7/25	Acts 24 : 1-27	8/1	Roman 1 : 1-32