



What is a Healthy Church?

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into His marvelous light." 1 Peter 2:9

What is a Healthy Church? is the name of our summer sermon series. It comes from a book called, *What is a Healthy Church?* by Pastor Mark Dever. I commend this book to you as a good and informative read upon healthy marks of the church. Here at Sanlo, we are striving to be a gospel community of growth for every generation in order that we might become the church that God has made us into and called us to be. There is no perfect church, yet we want to be a healthy community of believers who are centered around the gospel of Jesus Christ and hold firmly to the Word of God while loving our community and the world with God's radical love.

I will highlight a few of the marks that we are highlighting this summer:

Gospel Centered Church - We are a church centered on the gospel of Jesus Christ. We want to know what the gospel is and why Christ is our motivation for everything in life, in church, and in the world. Paul called it "the first importance...that Christ died for us in accordance with Scriptures, that He was

buried, that He was raised on the third day..." (1 Corinthians 5:3-4). We hold firmly to the grace and love of Jesus Christ for we are saved by faith not works. We are not saved by a faith plus works but a faith that does works (Ephesians 2:8-9). Additionally, we are the body of Christ, and we are a chosen people for God. We are called to love one another, care for one another, forgive one another, and even rebuke one

another. We are a community that is "Called to Care" no matter the struggle or the sin in life. Therefore, a healthy church will go to great lengths to have honest conversation in order to bring one another before each other and God, because, **ultimately, we are accountable to Him.** A healthy church is a gospel centered church led by Christ.

Team Ministry - We are a church led by team ministry, where every person plays a significant role. Our leadership

model is taken from 1 Timothy 3, where the Elders are to be of an honorable Christ-like character in order to wisely lead out of love, not domination. The responsibility of the Elders is the same as a pastor in order to shepherd through teaching, care, prayer, and even discipline if necessary, and the Deacons lead to serve the church community. A healthy church is only as healthy as its leaders, who follow and set



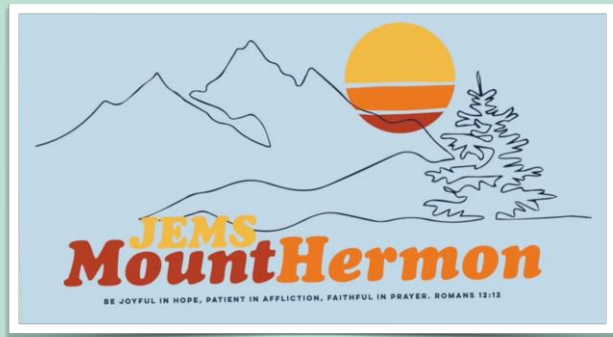
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the example of Christ. This is why our church conference has mandated all the pastors to take a sabbatical leave every five years of service. I was deeply humbled by this opportunity in order to rest and to spend extended time with my family. We are truly blessed to have a great team of leaders from our Elders, Deacons, and Staff. Praise the Lord for a wonderful leadership team, who continues to lead us through a difficult season of life and ministry. A healthy church is not an individual ministry, but a team effort.

Discipling Community - We are to be a growing church through discipleship. This is the Great Commission of the Church - to make disciples that make disciples (Matthew 28:18-20). We desire to grow in community through discipleship whether that's one on one, on Sunday mornings, or in small groups. We are a relational church that values authentic and genuine relationships, so that we are not just a Sunday morning event. In order for this to happen, it takes an intentional effort and sacrificial love to grow together. Therefore, we encourage every single member to be apart of a small group community, because this is where "church" happens. Lastly, if we are making disciples that make disciples, then we hope to be a church that makes churches. The end goal of the church is the multiplication of itself to plant new communities reaching the world for Christ. Let us be a healthy church, a gospel community of growth for every generation!

-Pastor Eric Yata



Dear Church Family,

Thank you so much for your prayers for Virtual Special Camp 2021. We are so very thankful for you and for your support. The staff, the campers and their families/guardians, and we as directors all truly appreciate you. Our sessions in the morning and in the evening were blessed, everyone had fun being together, the Bible Teacher did a wonderful job, and we felt that the Lord was glorified through the Word that was taught, the love that was shown, and through the life that was shared. We thank Him for His provisions for us. A special thank you to the Women in Prayer and the Men in Prayer. Thank you again.

Love, Bruce and Val Satow

ADOPT A COLLEGE STUDENT!

As we continue to learn what makes a healthy church, we realize after hearing His word, we must live His word. We are called to build each other up. One way to put this into practice is through prayer. The SanLo family is made strong by the grace of God and through the prayers of many.

San Lo is looking for prayer warriors to actively pray for our college aged young adults. This ministry, Adopt a College Student, will provide prayer support, encouragement and His love during this challenging time of their lives. Our desire is to have at least one person praying for each student during each school year. If you are interested in faithfully praying for a young adult or have any questions, contact Nadine Yamamoto at yamaRNJ@comcast.net.

Grow SanLo and Reopening Update



Thank you once again for your faithful giving and generosity! We finished our fiscal year well beyond our financial goals. We have reached a significant point in our Grow SanLo campaign at 90% of our goal, and we have received the pre-approval letter for a \$1.5 million loan. We have now come to a critical step in the process of our campaign by the end of this year the Elders will be presenting the essential next steps. Please be in prayer and look out for church notification and meetings to come. **We are deeply grateful for your gracious support!**

COVID-19 Update: Multi-Use Reopening - New Start Time @ 9am!

The Elders are excited to announce that **we will begin our multi-use reopening on Sunday September 4th @ 9am-10:15am** in order to allow for an increased capacity and to bring back our children's ministry. This will be a temporary change for the foreseeable future.

We will maintain the English sanctuary capacity at a 80-person capacity with an additional space for 50 people with young families in the Nichigo sanctuary with a live stream and children's play area, and a children's class for 15 children from 1st to 5th graders.

We know that this doesn't meet all of our needs, but we are doing all that we can in order to further reopen. We simply need more space. We appreciate your patience as we discern and adjust our worship service and children's ministry.

Important Notes:

Registration: It will be online through our weekly email updates. You can register yourself and your family unit for one or more of the specific worship experiences whether in the English sanctuary, Nichigo sanctuary, or the children's ministry. The registration will be first come first serve open on Mondays. If you attended the week before, then please wait until Wednesday to register if there are open spaces available, so that others may have the opportunity to worship in person.

Sunday Morning: Come before 9am in order that our amazing welcome team can greet you and usher you to your seat. Plus, we need to start on-time!

Parking: A friendly reminder is that our parking lot is designated for those who are handicap, seniors, or families with young children. Please park at FoodMaxx or Papa Murphy's parking lots.

Safety First: Wear a mask at all times, social distance at three feet, and you are welcome to hang out in the English sanctuary afterwards.

Quick Transition: We will have to quickly move out of the Nichigo sanctuary in order to allow for cleaning and the Nichigo praise team to practice. Please do your best to leave the Nichigo sanctuary and parking lot as soon as possible.

Live Streaming: We will continue our live streaming service for those who would like to remain at home.

We want you to know that we have vigilantly taken the necessary precautions to reopen, and we look forward to seeing you in person and worshipping the Lord together.

In His Care,
Pastor Eric on behalf of the Elders



08/01/21 (Pastor Eric Yata)
Biblical Church Discipline: Matthew 18:15-20

08/08/21 (Pastor Josh Scott)
*A Biblical Understanding of Membership:
1 Timothy 5; Hebrews 10:23-25*

08/15/21 (Pastor Brian Tekawa)
*Biblical Discipleship and Growth:
Matthew 28:16-20*

8/22/21 (Pastor Eric Yata)
Biblical Church Leadership

08/29/21
*Special Guest: Pastor Will Yancy
Racism, Church and the Gospel*



Pastor Will Yancy serves as pastor at Impact Church Bay Area in San Leandro CA. He is also Executive Director at Triumph Educational Center, providing counseling services for families in crisis. He serves as an educator and trainer for local faith leaders through organizations like Alameda County Family Justice and BASS, but also facilitates seminars and workshops throughout the country. We're thankful to have him as our guest speaker!