



# San Diego Japanese Christian Church

## Upward Way

Jesus said, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). Jesus is the Upward Way!

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### SAN DIEGO JAPANESE CHRISTIAN CHURCH 90<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WEEKEND



[San Diego evangelism in 1925: Mr. & Mrs. Goto, Mr. Oku, Rev. Kashitani]



[Mr. & Mrs. Mukai in 1925]

We thank God that we are able to celebrate our 90<sup>th</sup> Anniversary as a church this year. As indicated in the photos to the left, the foundations for our church, which are the people (not the organization or the building), go back even further in time. The initial ministry by Rev. Junro Kashitani to Japanese farmers in the El Cajon Valley started back in 1923. However, since the inaugural service of what was then known as the Holiness Church of San Diego was on February 9, 1930, we are celebrating our 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary on the weekend of February 8-9 of this year. I pray that you will join us for one or both of the celebrations that are planned for that weekend, which are listed below, and also in greater detail in the prayer and announcements section.

With gratitude for God's faithfulness, Pastor Ichibei

Celebration Luncheon at Elijah's Restaurant  
on Saturday, February 8, 11:30 am  
Guest Speaker: Rev. John Katagi

Anniversary Worship Service and Bento Luncheon  
on Sunday, February 9, 10:00 am  
Guest Speaker: Rev. Kunizo Nakao

#### LET US PRAISE, PRAY, AND PARTICIPATE

"pray at all times in the Spirit, . . . , be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints" (Ephesians 6:18)

- Let us pray for daily strength and God's continual care of: *Chris Barksdale, Keiko Chuman, Bob Cottle, Yasuko Davis, Ed Dunn, Sharon Dunn, Reiko Furuyama, Matsuko Gray, Yo Honda, Wendy Kaul, Oscar Kodama, Hiroo & Priscilla Kurano, Wendy Martino, Nadine Moorin, Meiko Nakano, Rei Seki, Larry & Irene Shimamoto, Michiko Shiromoto, Dorothy Sue, Kiyo Uda, Raymond Uyeda, Kimiyo Uyeji, Pastor Yama, Rev. Rod Yee, and Irene Yonemura.*

- **Nick Colaneri** went home to be with the Lord on December 24. Please pray for God's comfort upon Misako Colaneri and her family.

- Let us continue to pray for the churches and missionaries that our church financially supports: Japanese Christian Church of Tucson, South Bay Holiness Church, *Mike Fox (AIA), Nao & Barbara Hanada (JEMS), Pastor John Katagi (JEMS), Brent and Irina (People International), Richard & Keri Nakamura (SEND), Burton & Kat Sue (TEAM), Roy & Nancy Toma (JEMS), Kevin & Nozomi West (Mustard Seed Network), Reo Yoshida (Mustard Seed Network).* Let us also remember in prayer the following missionaries in Japan: *David Newell (WYAM Tokyo), Rev. & Mrs. Hideyo Ando, The Jon Junker Family, and Alan & Yurika Sue (EveryNation).* Please also pray for *Tomo Ito and Paul & Rie Mizuki (JEMS).*

- We thank God for the nearly 300 children who were blessed by receiving Christmas gifts through **Reflect Ministries' Christmas Outreach** in Tijuana that took place on Saturday, December 21. Thank you to all of you for donating toys and money towards this outreach. To continue to follow the ministry of Reflect Ministries, please go to [www.reflectministries.com](http://www.reflectministries.com). Please pray for these children to come to know God's love in Christ.

- **John Alvarado** of Reflect Ministries will give the message in the worship service on Sunday, January 19.

- **Winter Vision 2020** will be from Friday, January 17, through Monday, January 20. This annual youth retreat hosted by the Holiness Conference is held at the Koinonia Conference Grounds in Watsonville, CA. Please pray for those who will be attending the retreat: *Ayla Bocaya, Leya Cincilus, Dominic Crosetti, Keileina and Philip Honda, Ken and Tara Mettier, Reika Proctor, and Matthew Stokes;* and for *Pastor Ichibei & Yunike* who will be driving them to and from the retreat.

- **Calling singers young and old to be part of a choir** to perform during the 90th Anniversary worship service! We will practice in the Sanctuary from noon to 1pm on January 19, 26, and February 2. We will sing one choral piece. Please talk to or email *Eriko Ishitsuka*, if you are interested so you can pick up a copy of the music.

- We will have a special **Prayer Breakfast & Clean Up Day** on Saturday, February 1, from 9:00 am, in preparation for our 90th Anniversary Celebration on the following weekend. Please join us for good food, prayer, and fellowship through cleaning up together.

- The next **Community Luncheon** will be on Wednesday, February 5, at 12:00 pm. Thank you for your continued support of this outreach ministry!

- Please pray for and plan to be a part of our church's **90th Anniversary Celebration** during the weekend of February 8-9. On Saturday, February 8, we will have a **Celebration Luncheon** at the Elijah's Restaurant, from 11:30 am. *Rev. John Katagi* will be our guest speaker, and the cost for the buffet lunch will be \$20 for adults, and \$10 for children. On Sunday, February 9, we will have an **Anniversary Worship Service** at 10:00 am, followed by a bento luncheon provided by the church. *Rev. Kunizo Nakao* will be our guest speaker in our worship service. Registration for both events has begun. If you would like to attend either of these events, please contact the church office at (619) 234-2697.