

Welcome to NCFC

SUNDAYS 12 PM

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Sermon

A Healthy Church: A Spiritual Home
1 Peter 1:22-2:9
Speaker: Pastor Brian

I. The Church as a Spiritual House

1. A Home Embassy

2. A Spiritual House (1 Peter 2:4-5)

II. The Three Main Characteristics of a Spiritual Home

1. Sincere Love: A Loving Home (1 Peter 1:22-2:1)

a. Peter’s Expectation

b. Peter’s Command

c. How? (v.23)

2. Spiritual Growth: A Growing Home (1 Peter 2:2-3)

a. Grow up!

b. Grow up in your Salvation

3. Safeguarding: A Safe Home

a. God’s Heart for the Vulnerable and the Oppressed (Psalm 82:3-4; Proverbs 31:8; Proverbs 14:31; Luke 3:11; Exodus 22:20-26; Leviticus 19:9-10)

b. Take Refuge in God’s Care (Ps 9:9; 57:1-4)

c. Safety is a joint responsibility in any community. We must all contribute to a culture of safety and respect.

III. Application/Reflection

1. **Reflection:** What stood out from the sermon and why?

2. **A Spiritual Home:** When you hear the phrase “church as a spiritual home,” what emotions or experiences come to mind—positive, negative, or mixed? Why? What might it look like for someone new, hurting, or spiritually searching to experience our church as a place that truly feels like home?

3. **Sincere Love:** Peter assumes that sincere brotherly love should already exist among believers. In what ways do you see this kind of love flourishing in our church? Where do you see room for growth?

4. **Craving:** Peter compares spiritual growth to a newborn’s craving for milk. How would you honestly describe your current hunger for God’s Word?

5. **Community Accountability:** In what ways can our church better function like a family that supports growth through encouragement, accountability, and care?

6. **Safety:** Why is safety—not just love and growth—essential to a healthy spiritual home? How does understanding God’s heart for the vulnerable shape how we view safeguarding as a biblical value, not merely a policy?

Upcoming Speaker:
January 18, 2026
Pastor David



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Post-service Prayer
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Food Distribution
Saturday, January 17th at 9:00 AM.
Volunteers, please arrive by 8:30 AM.
Sign up for your available time slots, a link will be sent to you via email.
[FULL SCHEDULE](#)

2026 Bible Reading Plan
Join us and many others in this Bible reading plan ([Whole Bible in Under 2 Years](#)). You can access it through the Bible app on your phone/tablet.

Young Adults
New Connections
Join us at 1:45 PM, upstairs in Dreamland. There will be light refreshments.

Rev. Neil Kim Memorial Endowed Scholarship Fund Contributions
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The Christmas Story: Lament to Hope
Luke 2; Matthew 1-2
Speaker: Pastor Brian

I. The First Christmas Story

- 1. A Chaotic, Not a Silent and Calm Night (Luke 2:1-7)
- 2. A Dark Night, Not All is Bright
 - a. Jesus was born into a dark and broken world (John 1:9-11; Matthew 2:13-18)
 - i. The Spiritual Climate (John 1:9-11)
 - ii. Political Climate (Matthew 2:1)
 - b. The Violence & Escape to Egypt (Matthew 2:13-18)
 - c. The Lament (Matthew 2:18)

II. The Hope of Christmas

- 1. Jesus is the Light: Darkness cannot overcome it! (John 1:1-5)
- 2. Jesus is Our Peace (Luke 2:14; Ephesians 2:14, 17)
- 3. Jesus is the Savior (Matthew 1:21)
- 4. Jesus Is Immanuel (Matthew 1:23, John 1:14)
- 5. Jesus is the LORD (Matthew 2:6)

III. Application/Reflection

- 1. **Reflection:** What stood out to you from the sermon and why?
- 2. **The First Christmas:** The first Christmas was chaotic, dark, and uncertain. Where do you see similarities between that world and our world—or your own life—right now?
- 3. **Lament to Hope:** Jesus didn’t remove all suffering immediately—but He entered it and lived in it. What is one area of your life where you need to move from lament toward hope—even if the situation hasn’t changed yet?
- 4. **Waiting:** Imagine Mary and Joseph’s journey—pregnant, displaced, and unsure of what God was doing. What part of their experience feels most relatable to you right now? How does knowing that God was fulfilling His promises—even when it didn’t feel like it—encourage you in your own season of waiting?
- 5. **Immanuel:** How does the truth that “God is with us” change the way we walk through suffering or uncertainty?

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Dec 28, 2025
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Young Adults

Christmas Potluck + White Elephant

Monday, December 22nd at 6:30 PM in the Lobby
Cost to participate in White Elephant: \$20
Please RSVP to invite and sign up for food on Discord.

Ethnos Conference

Our Story: How the Arc of Redemption Compels our Mission
January 8 - 10, 2026 in Fairfax, VA
Cost: \$40 / Register [here!](#)
Carpool will be available from church.

New Year Praise & Prayer Night + Potluck

Saturday, January 3rd at 7:30 PM in Worship Center
Potluck at 6 PM in the Lobby
Sign up for potluck [here!](#)

Legacy Group: Food + Fellowship

Sunday, December 28th right after service in Dreamland (2nd floor)
This event will be only for Legacy Ministry (Age 50+)
Contact E. Po Jung for questions or more info
RSVP [here](#) by Sunday, December 21st.

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Youth Group Winter Retreat Info

December 28th - 31st
We will depart from church Sunday, Dec 28th at 3 PM and come back on Wednesday, Dec 31st at 2 PM.



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SUNG PAK

*“Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of compassion and the God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our troubles, so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves receive from God.”
2 Corinthians 1:3-4*

JENNIFER PAK

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1. How did you come to NCFC?

Sung: Unofficially– visited once around 2000–2001 (?) Edmund Lee invited me to come visit. Officially– around 2011 (?) my wife said we need to start going to church. I said, sure why not.

Jennifer: I chose NCFC because my kids were young back then and I was looking for a large church with a good children’s ministry.

2. Share an interesting fact about yourself.

Sung: I grew up in Korea, but I don’t like Kimchi.

Jennifer: When I alphabetize a list or something, I say the alphabet in Spanish in my head (I grew up in Argentina).

3. What are you passionate about?

Sung: My wife.

Jennifer: Skiing. I love to ski and love being up in the mountains with the beautiful snow and amazing views.

4. Who is your favorite person from the Bible that’s not Jesus and why?

Sung: Job– He teaches us about faith, suffering, and devotion to God.

Jennifer: Moses. I can relate to the Moses before “The Moses”. The first time I read Moses’ 5 excuses I literally laughed and smiled ear to ear. I was like “that’s me!”. Especially, the 5th excuse of “Please send someone else!”.

5. Share a favorite NCFC memory you have.

Sung: Seeing my kids dance in a Christmas musical.

Jennifer: Getting baptized together with my husband Sung.

6. Who do you admire and why?

Sung: Elder Yeon Choi/ Ena Choi– they are like my spiritual older brother/ sister.

Jennifer: My children Nathan and Natalie. They both continue to teach me new things and inspire me to be a better mother. And they definitely keep me humble.

7. What is your favorite worship song?

Sung: Came to my rescue by Hillsong

Jennifer: Currently, “Do It Again” by Elevation Worship

8. What is your surprising thing on your bucket list?

Sung: I don’t really have a bucket list, but I’d like to learn to scuba dive before I die.

Jennifer: I want to go to Korea to eat. I have not been back to Korea since I left when I was just one. So I only know Korea from K–dramas.

9. What advice would you give to your 16 year old self?

Sung: You have no idea what the future holds. Enjoy the journey and don’t let your goals consume you.

Jennifer: You are more than enough and don’t let other people dictate your life or life choices. Let God dictate your life, not people.

10. What’s one thing you have recently learned in your faith?

Sung: Faith is called “faith” because you will never have 100% proof—and that’s ok. That’s how God intended.

Jennifer: It’s not new but more of a reminder. God’s timing is not my timing.

11. What is one food you can eat for the rest of your life?

Sung: My wife’s Milanese Sandwich (Yum!!)

Jennifer: Just one?!?! I have so many favorites so it’s hard to choose just one. Kimchi jjigae with pork ribs is always going to be one of my most favorites.

JOON SUH

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.

1 Corinthians 12:12

LYNDA SUH

"I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" Philippians 4:13

When I face a challenge, hardship, or just plain exhaustion, this verse reminds me that it is Christ who accomplishes all things through me (and not by my own power) and that He can help me overcome any obstacle in my life.



1. How did you come to NCFC?

Joon: *I transitioned to NCFC once I departed from Korean Baptist Church (KBC) in mid 90s.*

Lynda: *A friend suggested I visit NCFC after I graduated from college.*

2. Share an interesting fact about yourself.

Joon: *I like to go out on solo camping trips from time to time. An opportunity to focus on 'me'.*

Lynda: *I never owned a barbie doll growing up. I was a major tomboy and loved playing football with the neighborhood boys.*

3. What are you passionate about?

Joon: *Serving our Lord and following Baltimore Ravens*

Lynda: *5 F's: Faith, Family, Friends, Food and Football- the Baltimore Ravens. Now that we are in football season, I'm kind of obsessed with the Ravens right now.*

4. Who is your favorite person from the Bible that's not Jesus and why?

Joon: *Joseph. For his faithfulness, courage, and obedience. In addition, Joseph extending grace and exhibiting mercy to his brothers.*

Lynda: *Moses- when he told God he was not eloquent and slow of speech to avoid confronting Pharaoh. Whether he truly felt that or it was an excuse, I can relate. I am someone with few words and never feel comfortable speaking in front of people and I also tend to make excuses to avoid doing God's work.*

5. Share a favorite NCFC memory you have.

Joon: *Meeting my wife, Lynda. It's been a journey that started with her joining my Oikos singles group with continued blessings through our children.*

Lynda: *Women's retreat where we washed each other's feet and prayed for one another. The presence of the Holy Spirit was powerful and united the women as one body.*

6. Who do you admire and why?

Joon: *My wife, Lynda. I admire and thank Lynda for her love, prayers, patience, and strength that she shared with me and our family. I may not have recognized it at the time, but she has kept our family together while waiting for me to become the spiritual head of our family.*

Lynda: *Joon- for people who have been fortunate enough to know him, we all know he is one of the most selfless and considerate person you'll ever meet and he has a gift of making people feel comfortable. He has taught me to be more giving and thoughtful of others. If you don't know Joon, get to know him because you will be blessed.*

7. What is your favorite worship song?

Sung: *There's two: Make My Life a Prayer to You (Keith Green) & Pass It On*

Jennifer: *Hosanna (in the Highest)- love the lyrics "show me how to love like You have loved me, Break my heart for what breaks Yours, Everything I am for your Kingdom's cause". It's a reminder of my purpose- which is not to be the best wife, mom, daughter, or nurse, but it's to be completely aligned with God's purpose to show His love and share his gospel to others.*

8. What is your surprising thing on your bucket list?

Joon: *A major road trip seeing this country and all of the national parks. Possibly in an RV.*

Lynda: *Traveling – Grand Canyon or Italy. I love national parks like the Grand Canyon because I just marvel at God's majesty and the wonders of His creation; Italy has so much rich history and great food.*

9. What advice would you give to your 16 year old self?

Sung: *As a young person, you will experience many things that you can identify as accomplishments and / or 'good' things, but you will also experience many challenges and struggles so prepare yourself for those things and make sure you recognize Jesus when those things are encountered and experienced.*

Jennifer: *Don't care so much about what friends or parents think of you, care more about what God thinks of you. He is the only one who will love you unconditionally and never fail you or hurt you.*

10. What's one thing you have recently learned in your faith?

Joon: *I'm a 'born again' Follower of Jesus Christ and he is my Lord and Savior and I will be obedient and faithful.*

Lynda: *To submit to God's will and trust that He will take care of my children. Whenever I worry about the future of my children, God comforts me by reminding me that they are in His hands.*

11. What is one food you can eat for the rest of your life?

Joon: *Korean and more specifically grilled pork in lettuce wrap.*

Lynda: *Jjampong – Korean noodle dish that's spicy, smoky, with seafood.*

JACK LIN

Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.

Philippians 2:3-4



1. How did you come to NCFC?

Having lived in the area for about 20 years, we knew of NCFC. So when we were looking for a new church, we visited several in the area including NCFC.

2. Share an interesting fact about yourself.

I was born in Taiwan and spent the first six years there. In Taiwan, my family lived in an area where we could raise various kinds of animals including dogs, pigs, geese, peacock, and a monkey. I don't know how my parents did it because I have my hands full with just 2 dogs.

3. What are you passionate about?

Currently I'm passionate about learning another language.

4. Who is your favorite person from the Bible that's not Jesus and why?

Paul – there is so much of his life and teaching that I aspire to

5. Share a favorite NCFC memory you have.

We joined the church a little before the start of the pandemic. We were able to make some connections during that time. However, I'll remember the continuing efforts of the Oiko's group leaders that I was a part of to stay connected throughout this time by Zoom meetings.

6. Who do you admire and why?

I have always had an admiration for my dad and how he led the family as we immigrated to the states. As we established our lives here he demonstrated the importance of faith, family, and friends.

7. What is your favorite worship song?

Draw Me Close (Vineyard Worship) – Mid to late 90s worship music was impactful in my life.

8. What is your surprising thing on your bucket list?

To eat at a 3 Michelin Star restaurant and see what that's all about.

9. What advice would you give to your 16 year old self?

Don't be so anxious, particularly over things you can't control.

10. What's one thing you have recently learned in your faith?

Recently it has been a reaffirmation that God has a plan for all of my life. As I'm getting older and entering another stage of life, I can sense God leading me into a time that will look different than 5 years ago, yet will be just as exciting.

11. What is one food you can eat for the rest of your life?

Steak

MEMBERSHIP CLASS

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