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Don't Stop

Pastor Nick Kim

In 1930, a young German minister moved to New York City to attend seminary. He ended up attending Abyssinian Baptist Church in Harlem where he taught Sunday School. It was there that Dietrich Bonhoeffer developed a lifelong love for the black Baptist church. He listened to Pastor Adam Clayton Powell Sr. preach on the gospel of social justice and was especially concerned about the ineptitude towards integration in the church.

The situation with social justice in the U.S. was serious, but what was happening at home in Germany was alarming. Nazism was grabbing the nation's youth. Bonhoeffer returned to Germany resisting the movement. Two days after Hitler was installed as Chancellor, Bonhoeffer delivered a radio address attacking Hitler and the movement. The broadcast was abruptly cut off. Bonhoeffer urged church leaders to stop offering pastoral services (baptisms, confirmations, weddings, funerals, etc.), to the Nazi government.

While Karl Barth and other religious leaders resisted this, Bonhoeffer kept pushing. He would study in London and the U.S. again where he exposed what was happening in his home country. After returning to Germany, he wrote the classic, "The Cost of Discipleship." As things in Germany got more desperate, he didn't stop. On April 5, 1943, the Gestapo arrested him. He was executed on April 8, 1945 at Flossenburg Concentration Camp. On April 23, 1945, Flossenburg was liberated by the Americans. The impact Bonhoeffer has had has gone far beyond his life. There were several places he could have stopped but he kept going.

Throughout July we're going to be telling you, "Don't Stop." The Christian life is not free from difficulties. You will often hear "Stop." Don't. Your impact will be missed.



July 13-17th 5:30PM



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7/5 Praying
7/12 Giving
7/19 Believing
7/26 Living



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In His Service



Ji Kim

VBS is this month and Illumination Station is going to be an exciting week. Last month we heard from Dein. This month we're interviewing our other director Ji.

Where did you grow up?

I was born in Seoul, South Korea and spent most of my childhood there.

We know why you came to UBC, but what has been your favorite thing about UBC?

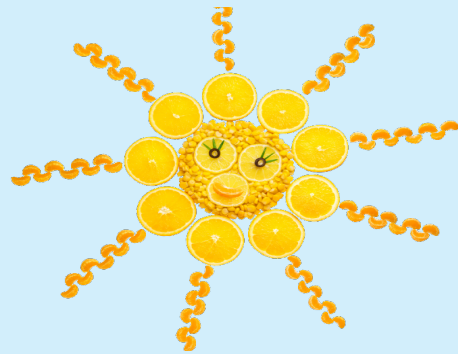
The people. I have seen a beautiful picture of the body of Christ. People from different backgrounds, cultures, ages, and life experiences, coming together to worship and serve the Lord. This is a place where people truly care for one another. UBC has taught me more about grace, perseverance, and the beauty of Christian fellowship. I'm grateful the Lord brought our family here.

Our children's director, serving with the worship team, and leading our women's ministry: why add directing VBS to your plate?

VBS is very close to my heart. It is one of the most meaningful investments we can make as a church. This gives us the opportunity to plant seeds in little hearts. Some of our children will be stepping into a church for the first time.

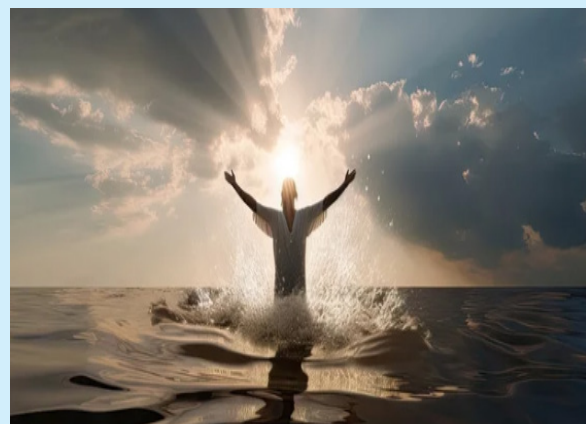
What excites you about Illumination Station?

The message that Jesus is the light of the world. Our children need this light. In a world that can feel confusing and dark, children need to know Jesus is the true light who gives hope, truth, and life.



Summer at UBC

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Baptism at the Lake & Church Picnic
August 8



Backpack Giveaway & Celebration



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