



The Goodness

Monthly Newsletter of Uptown Baptist Church

CHRIST DIED
FOR OUR SINS



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Pastor Nick Kim

Charles grew up in a good Boston home where both of his parents were well-known for being charitable. These values were passed on to him despite becoming a high profile attorney. He wanted to help others and this led him into politics. He worked on several smaller campaigns until gaining a lot of notoriety for getting the governor of Massachusetts elected. He was a hard worker, extremely influential, and was able to rally people around the idea of the greater good. Eventually he landed in the White House as chief counsel. As chief counsel he did whatever it took to achieve the greater good. He always thought he had the best interests of the country in mind. He accepted that people were referring to him as the President's hatchet man because if someone was an obstacle, he would get rid of them. Nothing could get in the way of what needed to be done. Eventually this path led to the greatest scandal in American political history, and Chuck Colson was the first person to go to prison during the Watergate scandal.

In prison he thought about all the good things they had done. How could this happen? We might not go to prison, but we all find ourselves in familiar territory. We like to think of ourselves as good people. We all sin and

mess up, but these are little sins. We're not killing people or robbing little old ladies. We're pretty good. The Bible tells us something different. It tells us that there's not one of us who is good, but God is good. Unresolved sin leads to corruption. Once our hearts and minds are corrupted, we're often blinded by it. Sin separates us from God. He is holy and good. God doesn't desire to leave us there, and He didn't leave Chuck there.

A friend reached out to Chuck while he was in prison and shared the Gospel. Chuck realized he was a sinner and how sin had permeated his life. He was sorry for his sins. He already knew about Jesus, but wanted to know more. He came to believe that Jesus died on the cross for his sins and rose from the grave. Chuck invited Christ into his life, and he emerged from prison a different man. He started and was the President of Prison Fellowship Ministries for the rest of his life. This is just one example of our good, good God.



Banner Restoration Service & International Dinner
 May 30th at 3PM

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- 2/1 How Much More
- 2/8 God's Goodness
- 2/15 You Are Loved
- 2/22 Look Up



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In His Service



Ryan Smith

Ryan has been a huge part of our worship team whether it is playing the piano, singing, or working multiple roles in the AV booth. We have been blessed by his service, and this month are going to take a minute to get to know him a little better.

Where did you grow up?

I moved around a lot. I grew up in Ohio, Arizona, California, and Kansas City.

What brought you to Chicago?

School at Northwestern.

How did you come to Christ?

I was very resistant to God. I was very skeptical throughout college, but got curious about God. I started visiting my grandmother who shared the Gospel with me. I read John 17 and everything clicked.

How did you come to UBC?

I visited a couple of times. I then had to move away for a while. When I came back I wanted to go to church here.

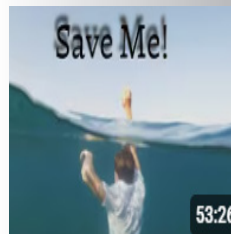
What does it mean to you to serve with the worship ministry as a musician, singer, and in the AV booth? I

see myself as a puzzle piece with a certain shape. I depend on the Holy Spirit's anointing. Whether I'm up front playing piano or singing or in the back in the AV booth, I want to do God's Will.



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What's On Our Channel?



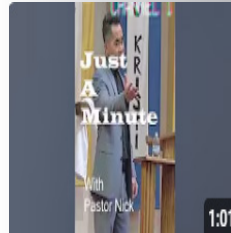
Sunday Mornings

A worship song and message from Sunday Morning.



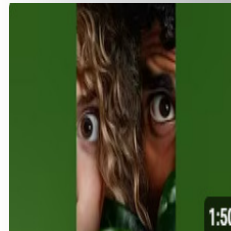
Shorts

Short videos of what's happening at UBC. Most videos are less than 60 seconds.



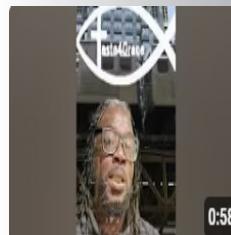
Just A Minute

Quick insights from Pastor Nick (Around 1 minute)



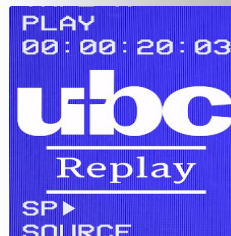
The Word to be Heard

Devotional – Walking through the Bible. (less than 2 min.)



Taste4Grace

Stories and testimonies from our daily ministry to the community.



Replay

Highlights from Pastor Nick's Sunday Message. (less than 2 min.)



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