

# The Goodness



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Uptown Baptist Church

## Noise Cancellation

Pastor Nick Kim

An elderly gentleman had hearing problems for a number of years. He went to the doctor and got hearing aids that helped him to hear 100%. He came back to the doctor about a month later and the doctor said, “Your hearing is perfect. Your family must be really pleased that you can hear again. The gentleman replied, “I haven’t told my family yet.” I just sit around and listen to what they have to say then change my will.”

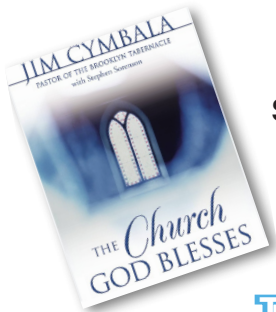
A lot of times we hear things then do the same thing this gentelman did. Instead of changing our will and testament, we change what we’re willing and not willing to do. The question is what and who are we listening to? Are we hearing things that are beneficial to us or are we hearing a bunch of noise? This month we’re going to talk about “Noise Cancellation.”

Noise Canceling headphones or earbuds can make an airplane trip, train commute, or crowded walk down streets in the Loop quiet and help us think about the day

or whatever meetings are ahead. When the enemy attacks, do these devices work? Are we able to drowned out the noise. You might not have gotten the memo or an email, but the enemy will attack. He is going to find ways to bring a whole lot of noise into your life.

He did this in the garden with Adam and Eve leading to the fall of mankind. He continues to do it today. In 1993, RTLW went on the airwaves in Kigali, Rwanda. The radio station hoped to reach younger listeners and was modeled after western talk radio. Hosts began accusing the army of atrocities against an ethnic group in the country. The propaganda increased and then the other ethnic group in the country was blamed for empowering the army to do this. As people across the country listened to the broadcasts, the anger grew. A year later, over 500,000 people were killed in a mass genocide. We have to cancel out the wrong voices and hear the voice of God. Our will must be aligned with His for goodness to prevail.

### Men’s Ministry



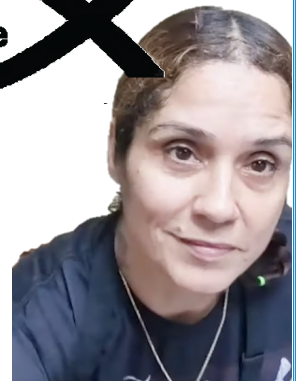
Saturday March 8th & 22nd  
9AM

We will be discussing

**The Church God Blesses**



Mondays 2:00 PM  
Tuesdays 2:00 PM  
Wednesdays 10:00AM  
Thursdays 2:00 PM  
Fridays 2:00 PM



### Noise Cancellation

- 3/2 The Great Fall
- 3/9 Listening to The Right Voice
- 3/16 Do You Belong God?
- 3/23 Strength in Weakness
- 3/30 Do Not Look Back



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## In His Service



### Sharon Davenport

Sharon has served the Lord for decades leading and serving in ministries in the churches where they have served. At UBC, she and Jewell faithfully prepare the bulletins each week. She has served at VBS. She has also counseled and prayed with people as they come forward after service. This month we're excited to learn more about Sharon.

**After serving in ministry for so many years with Pastor Dale, what is your favorite memory?**

I have many excellent memories of our times working together. Every time we answered a new calling was special. Praying together, the excitement around getting a new place and moving, and beginning a new ministry are favorites.

We took two trips to Israel together. One time, we took my brother who is also in the ministry.

When we were at Hillcrest Baptist in an Interim position, I was asked to lead a retreat and at the retreat they called us to be full time.

**What has been your favorite role in church?**

I can't just pick one. I enjoy teaching, especially youth and women. I've always enjoyed singing in the choir.

**How did you come to UBC?**

IBSA sent Dale to Chicago. UBC was the closest church and Dale had been an interim pastor here before.

**After decades of service you continue to serve, why?**

I love the Lord, his people and the lost. I want to do things that will honor the Lord, not only me, but the people I minister to.

*Interview by Pastor Mark Jones*

## Mission: Cape Town

By Dein Sofley

I've been praying for God to strengthen my faith this season. Seems the greatest challenge for me is to receive God's love and mercy. In a culture of self-sufficiency, I can forget it's all about Jesus too easily.

Traveling outside of my familiar helps. It's humbling to be in a foreign country without a map to navigate. It's what Christ asks of us when he says, "follow me." We are called to be childlike.

When I received the invitation to go on a mission trip to serve the congregation of Woodstock Baptist Church, along with the people of Cape Town, South Africa, I didn't know what would be asked of me, I only believed that through my prayers, God had an answer for me.

Before we left for Cape Town we were told, "Don't just give food to people. Eat

with them." Spiritual healing requires relief work (feeding the body) and release work (feeding the soul) because God is relational. By way of giving from the heart, we receive God's blessings. Everything depends on his grace. So, to serve God in Cape Town meant checking the posture of my heart, confronting sins that mirrored my own brokenness and praying for forgiveness daily. It humbled me. It made me more dependent on him, thankfully, because only when we fully give our heart to God, do we receive his love, mercy and blessings.

In South Africa we were blessed to soar to the height of Table Mountain and we were blessed to visit and pray for people who were struggling with addiction living in garbage heaps.

I didn't have to travel across the globe to serve God. In Uptown, we

confront lost souls daily. I just had to say, "yes and" to the uncertainty and trust him, lean in and see how he blesses me.



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