

Welcome to Hamamatsu Sukuinushi Kyokai...HSK!

浜松救い主教会 2020-9-13

(Hamamatsu Church of the Savior)



Please believe us when we say....  
 "The first time you come here you are  
 a visitor...BUT...the second time  
 you are a friend!"

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**Hamamatsu Sukuinushi Kyokai (HSK) (Hamamatsu Church of the Savior)** is a Protestant group of Christians who are very dependent on God! We believe He is great, good, and holy! Anyone who has a desire to know Him and seeks fellowship with others is welcome to attend this church.

**Welcome Visitors!** We are so glad you came today. Please come again and again. And if there is any way we can assist you, please talk to our pastor or his wife, Ben or Ruth Fowler. We have been praying for you. A 'Baby Room' is available for anyone who has a small child.

**'Praise the Lord! For it is good to sing praises to our God. For it is pleasant and praise is becoming. The Lord builds up Jerusalem. He gathers the outcasts of Israel. He heals the broken hearted and binds up their wounds. He counts the number of the stars. He gives names to all of them. Great is our Lord and abundant in strength. His understanding is infinite.'**

**Psalm 147:1-5**

**This Week's Events at HSK.....**

Date	Time & Details
9/13 Today!	1:30 PM...Deacons'/Overseer Meeting No Prayer Meeting Tonight!
9/16 (Wed.)	1:30 PM...Prayer Meeting (Main Room)
9/17 (Thu.)	7:25 PM...Musicians & Worship Leader:Practice
9/20 (Sun.)	8:45 AM...Musicians & Worship Leader:Practice 9:55 AM...Singing, Sharing, Sunday School & Fellowship Time 6:55 PM...Gathering of Watchmen(Prayer) (‘Live’ Prayer meeting on Internet)

Dear Members and Friends of HSK:

I have been thinking about the last two Sunday morning messages. Last week I spoke about being a righteous Christian and if you forgot, two weeks ago I spoke about acting like men! (And acting like women!) The first message was a little difficult to share with you but last week's message was really difficult. Why? Because I think it is easy to feel that since God is kind and forgiving, that is what a pastor should be. Or...perhaps the pastor should believe everyone is good. But I have heard that some pastors now do not know who is going to return to their church! I think some church leaders have quit attending their church. Therefore what is the message from heaven that will cause steadfastness, determination, resolve, or commitment? David wrote this; 'My heart is steadfast, O God, my heart is steadfast'(Psalm 57:7). And Paul wrote this; 'For I determined to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and Him crucified'(1 Corinthians 2:2). My conclusion: We must get serious about our faith in God. Church services are not to entertain us but instruct us. I like these words of Paul in a letter to a young pastor, Timothy: 'On the other hand, discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness'(1 Timothy 4:7).

For the past few days I have been reading the book of Jeremiah. In contrast to the writing of other Old Testament prophets, Jeremiah heard God say much about the horrible experiences Israel would have because of their love for idols and

immorality and other sins of the Jews. I do not always understand what are God's plans for the Jews. In chapter 15 Jeremiah wrote, 'Those destined for death, to death and those destined for the sword, to the sword, and those destined to famine, to famine and those destined for captivity, to captivity'(Jeremiah 15:2). Their destiny was more pain and suffering, it seems. But then these words are so good, 'Therefore, thus says the Lord, if you return, then I will restore you. Before Me you will stand and if you extract the precious from the worthless, you will become My spokesman'(15:19). 'If you return, then I will restore you.' Could it be that we should return to the Lord during these days? Should we not separate the precious from the worthless?

I hope you are continuing to pray for all churches in our city, praying for church leaders and Christians. The hot days and hot work places can affect everyone in ways which lead to laziness and searching for other activities that entertain us. Paul quotes these words of Isaiah when he warned the Christians not to participate in unfruitful deeds of darkness, 'Awake, sleeper, and arise from the dead and Christ will shine on you'(Ephesians 5:14).



Ruth-san and I are praying for you. We expect to see your entire family in church and worshipping the Lord with you!

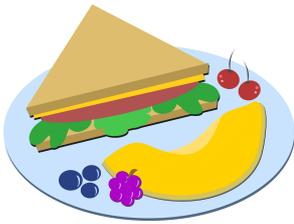
Your pastor.....Ben

**You can hear your pastor's message...**in Portuguese (or English) by opening the app 'Blizz' and inserting the message ID. The ID will be displayed on the screen just before the speaker begins to share. Your ear phones will be necessary.



**Please continue to tell...**your family and friends about viewing 'live' and recorded meetings at HSK on the Internet. To see meetings, go to <[www.hskchurch.com](http://www.hskchurch.com)> and click 'Schedule of Meetings'. Next click 'Click here to visit Live Stream channel.' You will find a list of previous meetings which can be seen at any time during the week. Thank you for sharing this information with others.

**This month(27th) we will eat together...**on the last Sunday! But because it may still be very warm outside, we will eat inside! Let's plan to have a big BBQ in October! Who wants to do that?



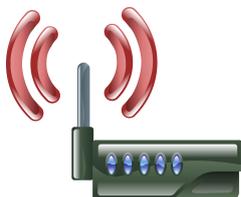
**Next Sunday(20th)...**our morning speaker will be Angelo-san. He has been asking the Lord to bless you and looks forward to sharing what he believes God has spoken for your health and and happiness. This week, please ask the Lord to make the Lord's message next Sunday a big blessing to all of us.



**It is not too hot to be water baptized!** So, if you desire to have that experience, please talk to our pastor or Yukio-san soon. 'Peter said to them, "Repent and each of you be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins, and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit"'(Acts 2:38).



Information for anyone to connect with HSK Wifi: hsk/1 PW: song1234



**A reminder:** The translation of every Sunday morning message into Portuguese or English can be heard on your phone using this app: Blizz(Team Viewer). If you have any questions about using this app on your cell phone, please do not hesitate to talk to our pastor



or Noriyoshi-san. Listening to the Portuguese or English translation of the speaker's message will be more enjoyable on your cellular phone! Also, please remember to bring your earphones!

**Last week's report...**of food and money given to needy families made your pastor so happy! He thinks that the members and friends of HSK are very generous. He hopes that Christians will continue to give to others. 'Pure and undefiled religion in the sight of our God and Father is this: to visit orphans and widows in their distress, and to keep oneself unstained by the world'(James 1:27).

**Recent gifts to others:**



- We must continue to ask the Lord to put an end to the virus. Please pray!
- Let's pray for our church leaders this week to depend on the Lord for each decision that needs to be made.
- Please pray for our church "food bank" outreach. Ask the Lord to work in the hearts of all the people who receive food.
- Please pray for those in HSK who are working in Japanese schools. Nadine-san, Mark-san, Satomi-san & Ruth-san.
- Let's keep praying for our church worship team. They all desire to be lead by the Holy Spirit each Sunday.
- Please pray for the children of HSK as they attend their schools each day. May the Lord bless and protect each of them.
- Will you pray for pastors you know to stay encouraged this week. Many might be struggling!
- Pastor's mother, Wrae-san, prays often for our church. Please ask the Lord to keep her in good health these days.
- Please pray for Evelyn and J. Lo as they

- have started new jobs.
- Many ladies in our church have husbands who are not saved yet. Please lift these men up in prayer this week.
- God has promised to meet all our needs. Please pray for those you know of who are without jobs now.
- Again, let's pray as the Lord asks us to do for the, "peace of Jerusalem".
- Will you pray for Amal's family in India to be able to come and be with him here in Japan?
- Perhaps there are thousands in China who are infected with the virus. Who will ask the Lord to bless the Christians in that nation?
- Our pastor received a prayer request from the church in Cambodia....many people are sick and dying. Let's pray for that nation this week!

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 Note: If you do not want your prayer request in the church bulletin, please mark that clearly on your prayer request card.

**Thoughts to ponder...** from the book, "**Our Sufficiency In Christ**"  
 By: John MacArthur

The main thrust of Philippians 2:12 is the phrase, "work out your salvation." In the Greek it means, "Keep on continually making the effort to work out your salvation." That's the Christian's part in sanctification.

Some have mistakenly concluded that working out our salvation means that we must earn it, that is, work towards it. But clearly salvation is "the gift of God; not as a result of works, that no one should boast" (Eph. 2:8-9). Further Paul said, "By the works of the Law no flesh will be justified... For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God, being justified as a gift by His grace through the redemption which is in Christ Jesus.

"Work out your salvation" is not a command for unbelievers to work for their salvation. It is a call to believers for sustained effort and diligence in holy living based on the divine resources within them (Phil. 2:13). Many Scriptures point this out!

The command to work out our salvation also speaks of striving toward a goal. Paul wanted the Philippians to push their salvation to perfection in being like Christ. In other words, the sense of Paul's message was to "work **on** your salvation in the sense of moving towards faith's consummation in glory.