



chara in the making

year five | sep 2024 – sep 2025

a letter from the leadership team

Dear Chara,

With great thankfulness and joy, we are excited to celebrate our fifth year as a church. As we reflect on another year of Chara, we are reminded of God's steadfast faithfulness to us. Our ministry and community continue to grow, and it is clear that God is working powerfully among us.

One of the biggest blessings this year has been welcoming Pastor YJ and his family. In just a short time, God has used them to make a meaningful impact in our community. Through God's gracious provision, Chara was carried through a season without a pastor and given a shepherd who was both willing to lead and humble to be led. We are deeply thankful for him and pray that God would continue to bless him and his family as they serve Christ and our church.

Despite the many changes this year, we were able to continue and strengthen our ministries. Life Group, Women's Fellowship, Men's Fellowship, and more were refreshed to better serve our members. As more of you stepped up to serve and participate, we witnessed God at work in our church family and in our relationships with one another. Gathering as brothers and sisters in Christ has been a true blessing, and we look forward to growing deeper in these bonds.

We give all glory to God for His work among us this year—the joys as well as the trials. Both of which have shaped us as we close out our fifth year as a church. With this in mind, let us encourage one another to keep trusting, serving, and loving God together. Our hope and prayer echo our 2025 theme: *"More like Jesus. Less of Me."* May we continue to walk in this together as one body.

With love,
The Leadership Team

a letter from pastor yj

Dear Chara Family,

As I reflect on this past year, my heart is deeply moved with gratitude. This has been my very first year with you at Chara, and from the very beginning, you welcomed me and my family with such open arms, love, and prayer. For that, I am truly thankful. It has been nothing short of a joy and blessing to walk alongside you in this season of ministry.

I also want to take a moment to honor our church leadership, ministry teams, and every single member who has poured out your time, gifts, and hearts into building up Chara. Your passion and faithfulness in serving one another and following Jesus together has been such a source of encouragement for me. We are not just attending church—we are truly becoming the church, growing as His disciples and building up His kingdom together.

This year's theme, "More like Jesus. Less of Me," has been a beautiful reminder and a mission our church has embraced together throughout the year. Not only through various sermon series, but I have also witnessed how our members are being edified and established in Christlikeness—practically, realistically, and genuinely—seeking to reflect Jesus in every area of their lives.

I believe that, true to our church name Chara (meaning "joy"), there is no greater joy than what we find in God, especially through His Son living in us. What we have experienced this year is not merely growth in numbers or in things measured by human standards, but growth in the very character and mission of Jesus. Our faith and love have undoubtedly been rooted more deeply and are now overflowing more richly. For this, we lift our praise and give all glory to God.

a letter from pastor yj

As you read through this newsletter—“Chara in the Making: Year Five”—I pray you will see the fingerprints of God’s wonderful and powerful work in our midst. May these stories and updates remind us of His goodness and faithfulness, and may they stir in each of us a fresh excitement for what He has in store for the years to come. Truly, we can look ahead with anticipation and confidence, knowing that His purposes will be accomplished among us.

I am filled with joy and hope for the many years of mission and ministry we will share together. May the grace of our Lord strengthen you, may His Spirit guide you, and may His unfailing love unite us more deeply as one body in Christ.

With love and prayers,
Pastor Yuijun Lee

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year five in review

back to church sunday

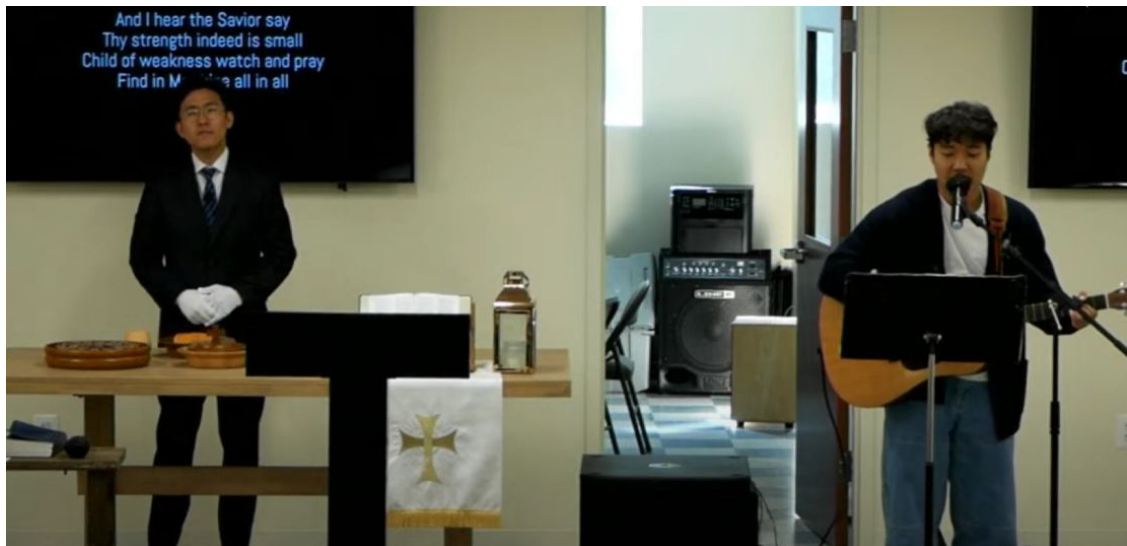
september 15, 2024



Our annual Back to Church event was held as a special Sunday service. The Gospel was preached by guest speaker, Pastor Siyoung (KPCW Cornerstone), and a testimony was shared by John Yi (Pilgrim Youth).

pastor yj's first sunday

november 3, 2024



Welcome to Chara Pastor YJ, Amy, Timothy, and Josiah!
We are so blessed to have you join this church family.

thanksgiving potluck

november 24, 2024



Giving thanks as a church family — sharing food, fellowship, and gratitude!

christmas party

december 22, 2024



An evening of fellowship, food, and White Elephant fun as we celebrate the birth of Christ together.



christmas eve performance

december 24, 2024



Our very first live Christmas Eve performance! What a joy to see the whole church come together in celebration.

[Link to video](#) (25:42)

winter retreat

january 10-11, 2024



"Church" – 1 John 4
Guest Speaker: P. David Cho

good friday + easter sunday

april 18 & 20, 2025



Pilgrim Youth joined us in remembering the crucifixion and resurrection of the Lord! Easter Sunday was dedicated to the celebrating and the sharing of the Gospel with our friends and family.

mother's day boutonnière making

may 10, 2025



A sweet time of fellowship as we prepared boutonnières to honor every mother at Pilgrim!

memorial day picnic

may 26, 2025



Our annual Memorial Day Picnic at Burke Lake Park!

sunday school volunteer appreciation

june 29, 2025



Honoring the hands and hearts of our
Sunday School volunteers, who pour
Christ's love into the next generation!

summer retreat

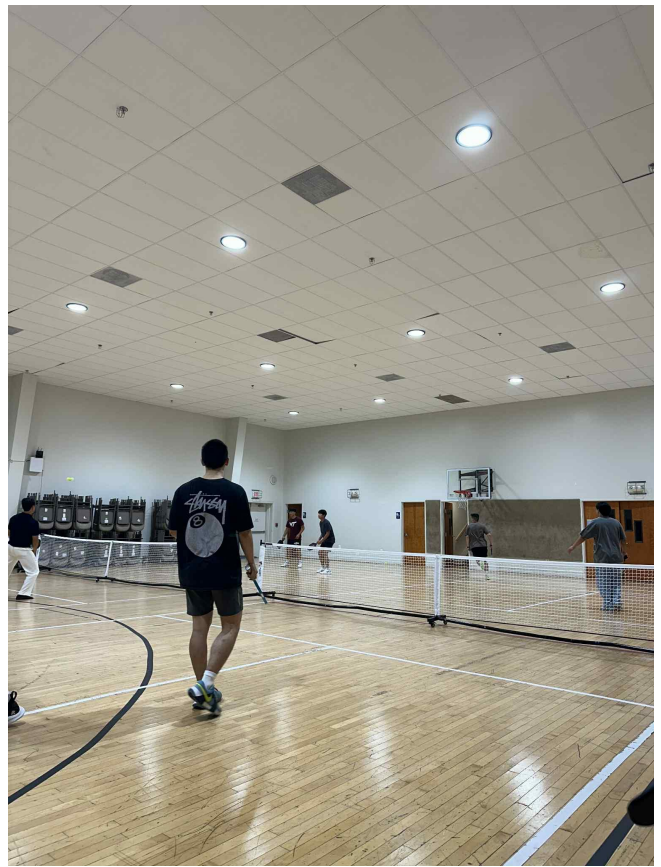
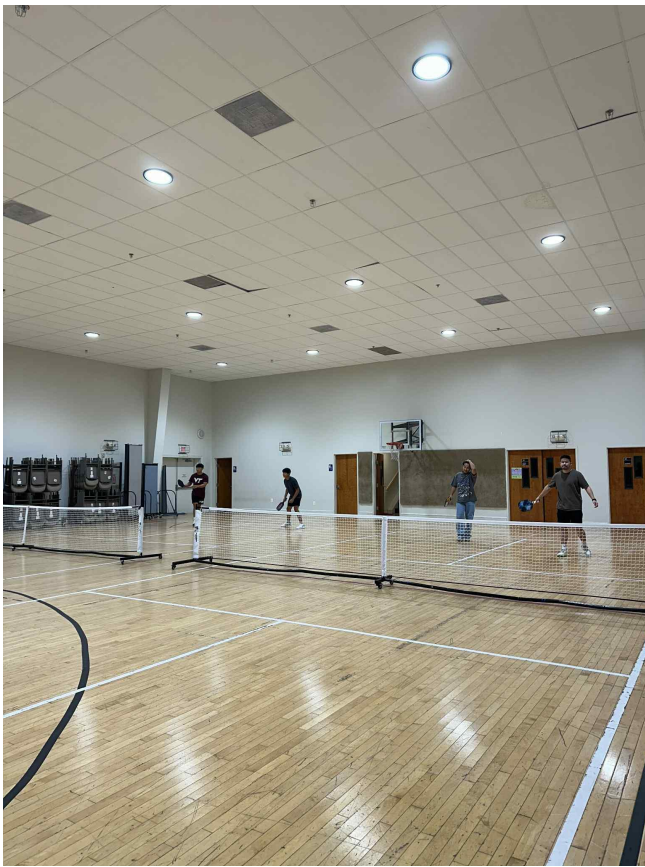
july 18-19, 2025



"Bridging the Gap" – Philippians 4:9
Guest Speaker: P. Fred Liggin

pickleball open gym

july 25, 2025



Coming together in fellowship through a casual time of pickleball!

yunji's baptism

july 25, 2025



A special day as we gathered to celebrate our sister Yunji's baptism and the new life she has in Christ!

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ministry photos

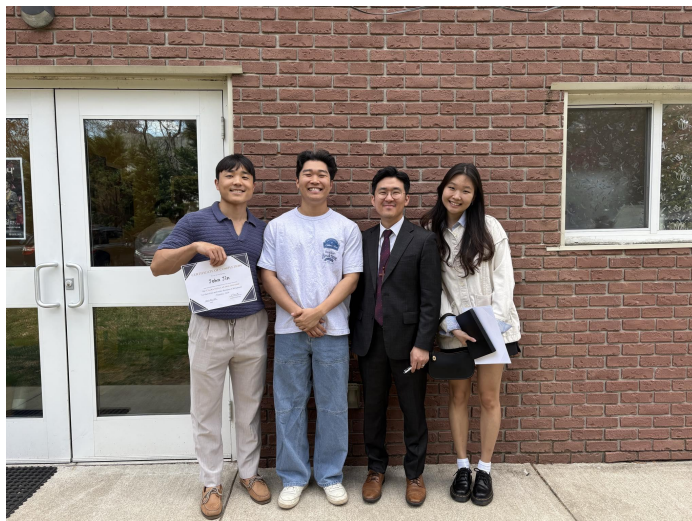
book club



college ministry - the flock



discipleship classes



leadership team



life groups



men's ministry



outreach



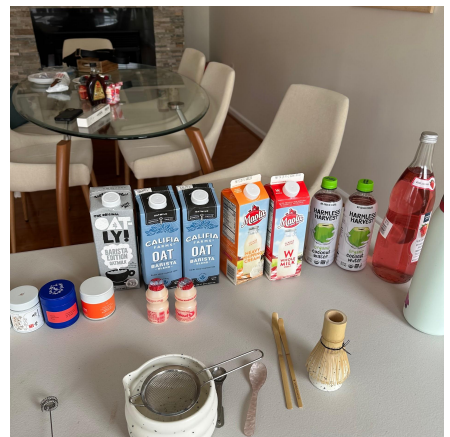
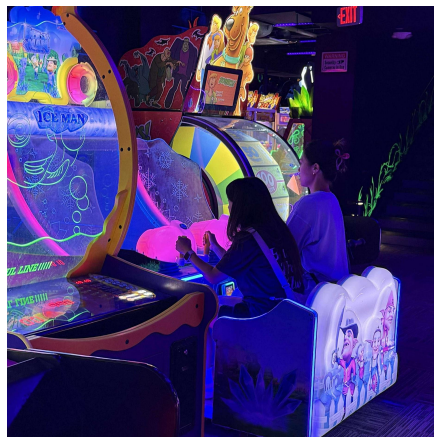
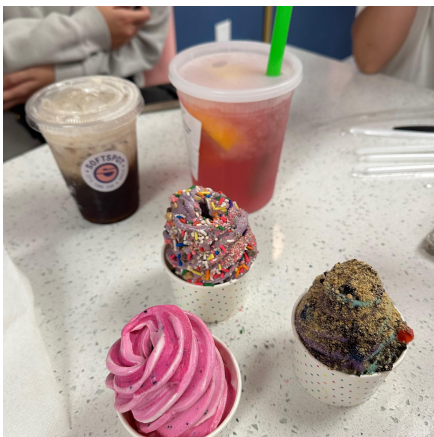
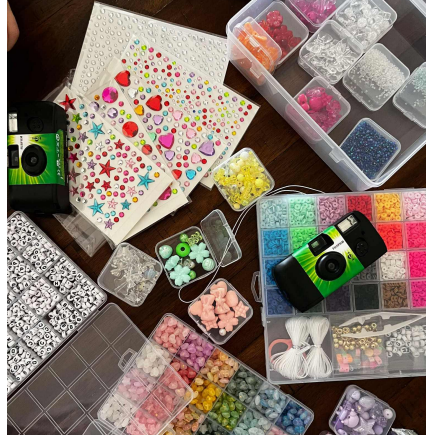
praise team



sunday worship



women's ministry





more about chara

MEMBERSHIP

**New
Members:**

3

**Average
Sunday
Attendance:**

43

**Removed From
Membership**

4

**Total No.
Of Members**

39

FINANCES

**Total
Offering:**

\$57,279.00

**Total
Expenses:**

\$19,330.47

**Average
Weekly
Offering:**

\$1591.08

**Annual
Projection**

\$68,927.00

meetings & gatherings

Weekly

Sunday Service

Small Group
Bible Study

Sport Fellowship

Online College
Bible Study

Monthly

Communion

Outreach

Care Day

Book Club

Women's/Men's
Fellowship

Odd Weeks

Praise & Prayer

Leaders Meeting

Even Weeks

Life Groups

Seasonal

OT/NT Bible Study

Discipleship Training

Ad Hoc

Membership Classes

Marriage Classes

Baptism Classes

members

Alice Ji
Amy Bae
Arrie Lee
Billy Tran
Brandon Randall
Charles Lim
David Park
DJ Lee
Esther Park
Ha-Jun Cho
Hannah Jin
Irene Kim
Jae Bae
James Choi
James Jin
John Jin
Jonathan Bae
Joseph Kim
Joshua Oh
Justin Ha

Justin Woo
Karis Oh
Kibo Park
Laura Sim
Michelle Song
Moses Kim
Nathan Park
Noah Yi
Rachel Kim
Ricky Chong
Sammuel Moon
Sarah Bae
Sarah Moon
Sharon Yi
Sooji Jeon
Stephen Suh
Tony Lee
Yedam Yun
Yuijun Lee

servants & ministries

College Leaders

Alice Ji

John Jin

Communion Team

Michelle Song

Sarah Bae

Finance

Hajun Cho

Jonathan Bae

Ricky Chong

Women's Ministry

Alice Ji

Sarah Bae

Sarah Moon

Men's Ministry

P. Sammuel Moon

Tony Lee

Leadership

DJ Lee

Hannah Jin

John Jin

Joshua Oh

Karis Oh

P. Sammuel Moon

Tony Lee

Life Groups

DJ Lee

Jonathan Bae

Michelle Song

P. Sammuel Moon

Sarah Moon

Sooji Jeon

Care Team

Hajun Cho

John Jin

Jonathan Bae

Sooji Jeon

servants & ministries

Media Team

Arrie Lee
Billy Tran
James Choi
Sarah Moon
Tony Lee

Creative Team

Hannah Jin
Irene Kim
Jae Bae
Karis Oh
Nathan Park

Outreach Team

Irene Kim
Joshua Oh
Sooji Jeon

Sports Fellowship

DJ Lee

Praise Team

Hannah Jin
Joseph Kim
Joshua Oh
Noah Yi
P. Sammuel Moon

Welcoming Team

Alice Ji
Hajun Cho
Irene Kim
Karis Oh
P. Sammuel Moon
Yedam Yun

Small Group

Amy Bae
Nathan Park
P. Sammuel Moon

Missions Team

Irene Kim
Joshua Oh
Sooji Jeon

sunday school ministry

Elementary

Hajun Cho
Sarah Bae
Sarah Moon
Sharon Yi

Kindergarten

Justin Woo
Rachel Kim
Yedam Yun

Toddlers

Hannah Jin
Sooji Jeon

Youth

James Jin
Joseph Kim
Karis Oh
Moses Kim
Noah Yi

Substitutes

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