



FAITH matters

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I still remember when 21 high schoolers and 3 chaperones from the church where I was senior pastor followed our fearless leader, Kristy, director of our 6 bell choirs and our youth choir, to sing with the event called “America Sings.” Kristy led us all around the complicated city of Washington D.C. What a pageant of triumph...4500 kids from all over the country singing together in the nation’s capital! One day, as those from our church walked together down the street, it started to pour rain. Some day for singing and sightseeing, we thought! But Kristy, throwing her arms around a light post, started belting out a chorus of “I’m Singing in the Rain,” and was soon followed by the 23 soaking wet but exuberant adults and kids, “Singing in the Rain” as well. A pageant of triumph. Yes, for us, it was. It was a time of hope...for our little group and for me.

I, for one, am always impressed by people who manage to experience hardship after hardship and still come through with smiles and determination, with hope for the future. The one thing people are looking for, hungry for, living for, and even dying for is hope, one of the most powerful forces in the world.

We can have hope for good life in America these days despite high prices, political chaos and other challenges. Or course we can have hope because we have a God who loves us and

wants what is best for all of us. Let us live with trust in our loving Lord and a willingness to make life better for all, here in this church, in Benzie County and throughout the world.

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