

# The Goodness



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Uptown Baptist Church

## The Impossible is Possible

Pastor Nick Kim

In 1984, Augusto and Michaela Odone took their six year old son to a doctor because he was stumbling, being irritable and not feeling well. After a few tests their son Lorenzo was diagnosed with adrenoleukodystrophy (or ADS). Doctors said he would go blind and deaf until eventually dying of aspiration. He wasn't expected to live but two more years. His father knew he had to do something.

He only had a high-school level understanding in science and medicine and had to learn about the disease from scratch. Degradative enzymes cross membranes and long-chain fatty acids accumulate to cause the damage this disease causes. The father discovered that the oils used in spaghetti carbonara might soak up the deadly acids before harming little Lorenzo's nervous system. Medical researchers said he was crazy. They said this was impossible. While not curing the disease, it did become the treatment that is used to halt progress of

the disease and Lorenzo lived into adulthood. He died in an auto accident not because of the disease.

Often we encounter the impossible. Christmas is all about the impossible. God coming to earth as His Son Jesus Christ, through a virgin, to save the world from their sins is impossible. Being reborn after living a life that was tore up from the floor up and being transformed into being Children of God is impossible. A small inner city church with a limited budget, opening its doors five days a week, showing God's grace to our community is impossible. The impossible has never stopped God and it's not going to stop us.

Throughout December as we celebrate the birth of Jesus Christ, we are going to dig in to "The Impossible is Possible." As we dig, I hope you will think back on the impossible things God has done in your life. I hope you will look with anticipation at what God is going to do next. The impossible is possible with God.



The Winter Walk on Wilson is a great time to meet those in the area. Businesses open their doors and welcome the community in. We will welcome participants in giving tours of our historic building, we'll be playing Christmas music, offering refreshments and warm apple cider, and singing Christmas carols that share the reason for the season.

Come and serve.

Friday December 6th from 5:00PM -8:30PM

## The Impossible is Possible

- 12/1 It is impossible
- 12/8 The Greatest Denial of Christ
- 12/15 Nothing is impossible for God
- 12/22 The Path of Peace
- 12/29 Are you afraid?



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## In His Service



Sandra Reed

It is hard to think about worship at UBC without thinking about Sandra. For several years she has been singing many of our favorites. Her style and voice has personified worship at UBC.

**What year did you come to UBC and how did you start singing with the praise team?**

I came to UBC in 1991 and started singing with the worship team and choir under Jim Larson.

**What has kept you singing all these years?**

I was reared in the church at an early age. My mother was a Gospel singer and pianist, and my father was a minister and pianist. They sang “God has Smiled on Me” and “Yes, God is real.”

Coming to Chicago at the age of 19, I was led to West Point Baptist Church where I sang with the Queen of Gospel Music Albertina Walker. Later I went to Northside Baptist Church as worship leader. I still have a song in my heart and sing at UBC.

**What has been your favorite song to sing in Sunday service?**

All songs hold a special place in my heart and inspires me. I love “When I Think About The Lord”, “Holy Forever”, “Goodness of God”, and “Trust in God”.

My favorite song and Pastor Queen’s favorite was “Friend of a Wounded Heart”.

**What is your favorite thing about worship at UBC?**

Letting my light shine for God and spreading the sweet aroma of Christ.

*Interview by Pastor Mark Jones*

Children's Christmas Party

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(Wilson & Sheridan across from McDonalds)



Saturday, December 7th  
12 Noon- 3PM

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## Thanksgiving

We gave thanks and opened our doors for the second year in a row on Thanksgiving. A great team came together under Cynthia Pearson to share the holiday with our community. We served over 130 meals and more importantly shared our love. The family of God showed up on this family holiday.

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