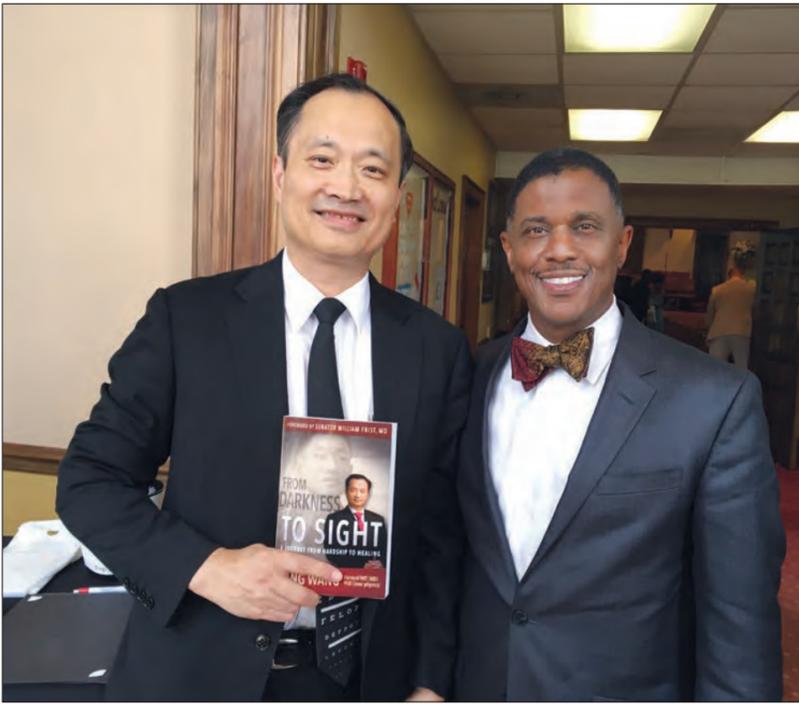


Noted Ophthalmologist Wang Speaks at Fairfield Church



Dr. Ming Wang holds his book, "From Darkness to Sight," while standing with Pastor Howard E. Jones, Jr. after the service. Photo submitted

Staff Reports

NASHVILLE, TN —Dr. Ming Wang, M. D., Ph.D, ophthalmologist and 3D cataract and lasik specialist, recently served as the speaker at Fairfield M.B. Church in Goodlettsville, for both services at 8 a.m. & 10:35 a.m.

The noted health professional and philanthropist spoke from his recent book, 'From Darkness to Sight', a journey from hardship to healing.

Dr. Wang spoke of his childhood years, when he had no religious grounding. But through a series of activities in his life, he saw the light. "As a child, I lived as an atheist and in abject poverty," said Dr. Wang. He described his life literally moved from darkness to sight. "One can get out of bad situations...through clear insight, spirituality and physical growth and good health," he added.

Pastor Howard Jones,

Senior Pastor at Fairfield, said, "We were honored to have Dr. Wang share his outstanding story with our congregation and visitors. His life is one of inspiration and aspiration."

Dr. Wang explained his philosophy for lifting the human spirit. "Education is the key to improving one's state in life. You have to embrace the American Dream and have an appreciation for Freedom and Education."

The audience was captivated by Dr. Wang's enthusiastic presentation. "His story was moving, relevant and relational," said Deacon William Pierce.

In describing his transition, Dr. Wang explained that God provides our vision and life teaches us to have faith, as well as the ability to use science. Then all those factors must work together. "Science tells you what things are and faith tells

you why they are," he illuminated.

During his presentation, Dr. Wang also played a special instrument that he learned to play during his early years. It was that instrument that helped him to move forward. He closed his presentation with a special solo and asked the audience to join him on the song, 'Amazing Grace.' "Dr. Wang's presentation continued to undergird the message of faith in God and how that faith can lift the spirit and change things, as is written in Hebrews 11:1, "Faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen," said Pastor Jones.

Most recently Dr. Wang was honored by the Kiwanis Club as the Nashvillian of the Year for his work to help blind orphan children from around the world, and by Fifty Forward for his philanthropic work to help the elderly.



West Side Park Plans Updated and Presented to Task Force

LEBANON, TN — The West Side Park Task Force met on Thursday, September 7, to review Design Development drawings, including site amenities and buildings for West Side Park. Additionally, the park design consultant, Lose & Associates, Inc., provided an updated opinion of probable cost for the proposed park.

This meeting was scheduled to review changes requested by the Task Force during a similar meeting on August 8. As designed, the proposed park will include pathways, pavilions, restrooms, a central water feature, and an inclusive playground as well as an event space, food truck plaza and dog parks for large and small dogs.

"The revised plans look great," said Am-

ber Hurdle, Task Force vice-chair. "Last month, I was concerned that park elements, which many Lebanon residents who came to our public meeting had indicated are a high priority, had been reconsidered due to budgetary concerns. I feel it is my responsibility to advocate for those residents and ensure our new park is one we can all be proud of. I believe the plans I saw tonight accomplish that goal."

Agreeing with Ms. Hurdle, T. O. Cragwall, Task Force member, stated, "We had a little bit of work to do after last month's meeting, but I am pleased by what I saw tonight. We really only have one opportunity to get this park right, and I am comfortable we are on the right track now."

"I am very pleased with the final design," said Jeni Lind Brinkman, oversight Task Force chair. "The final plans reflect our key themes of connection and sustainable design, highlighting the natural elements of the topography and incorporating activities for all ages and levels. I believe this park will be an incredible addition to the city and am proud of the Task Force's role in making this new park a reality."

The Design Development Phase plans will now be sent to the Lebanon City Council for authorization to proceed to the Construction Document Phase. Once completed, the Construction Documents will be used to solicit bids for the project.

In the Drivers Seat



2018 Hyundai Sonata SEL

By Tribune Staff Writer

The new 2018 Hyundai Sonata SEL has refreshed the exterior plus, designers have added new standard and available features to keep you safe and comfortable. There's even a refined center console. You know the driving experience will be special, starting with the leather-wrapped three-spoke steering wheel, which fits comfortably just right in your hands.

With 122.4 cubic feet, the Sonata SEL has more total interior volume than any vehicle in its class. To further speak of the interior, let's talk about those Heated and Ventilated Front Seats. The available ventilated front seats give the driver and passenger the option of air when it gets hot. On the other hand, what if it's cold outside. Not a problem. The available heated seats prevent keeps the car and the driver/passengers comfy for a warm and toasty fall/winter ride. And it's all done with the mere push of a button.

The holiday season for 2017 has officially arrived and of course there will be plenty of shopping. For those days when your hands are too full with packages, the Sonata's available hands-free smart trunk opens automatically when it senses the Proximity Key is behind the vehicle within three feet for more than three seconds.

Having the latest state-of-the-art technology in your car is one way to make the drive even more exciting. The Sonata comes standard with Apple CarPlay and Android Auto support. But wait there's more! Yes, the 'tech-specs' are amazing. The Sonata offers you the chance to charge your cell phone without being a burden to the charging cords by using the available Wireless Charging. Just set your Qi standard device on the pad, right there on the center console, to start charging.

THE NUMBERS: MSRP—about \$25,710.00 – MPG (25 city) – (35 hwy)

September is National Childhood Cancer Awareness Month

Every day, 43 children are diagnosed with cancer. Some of the early symptoms are:

- An unusual lump or swelling
- Unexplained paleness and loss of energy
- Easy bruising
- An ongoing pain in one area of the body
- Limping
- Unexplained fever or illness that doesn't go away
- Frequent headaches, often with vomiting
- Sudden eye or vision changes
- Sudden unexplained weight loss

Most of these symptoms are probably something other than cancer. However, early detection saves lives.

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