

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK

(Jan 7 – 13, 2013)

MON	8.30 am	FEBC Day of Prayer
	7.30 pm	<i>Leviticus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes I</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting <i>REL C Room 603</i>
SAT	3.30 pm	Young People's Fellowship
	4.30 pm	Chinese Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship ( <i>Lord's Supper</i> ) (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)

**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the FEBC, 9A Gilstead Road.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Jan 12 at 3.30 pm. Message: "How Do I Know that I am Born Again? Part 1" by Rev Dr Paul Ferguson. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Chinese Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Jan 12 at 4.30 pm in the home of Dr and Mrs Chan Kay Heem. Address: 31 Jalan Kemboja, Sennett Estate. Tel: 96877216. Speaker: Pr Daniel Lim.

**Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)** in Khao Lak, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Book your leave early!

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As the bird by wandering, as the swallow by flying, so the curse causeless shall not come." Prov 26:2

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**  
Please switch off all handphones before the service.  
No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day S\$20,216; AUD50; Watchnight Service S\$25,325

**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$500, \$300, \$300; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$400, \$200; Bible Witness \$50; Dn Lok Kwok Wah (Gethsemane) \$50; Dn Kelvin Lim (Gethsemane) \$50; Mrs Ivy Tow \$200; Mrs Jemima Khoo \$200; Murray Ong \$100; Janet Lim \$100; Barnabas Yap \$100; Ling Ling \$100; Wendy Teng \$100; Sim Swee Ho \$100; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$200; Kenneth Wong (FEBC) \$50; Guo Sufang (FEBC) \$50; Li Shanshan (FEBC) \$50; Li Ya Ge (FEBC) \$50; Li Ya Hui (FEBC) \$50; Zhu Jianwei (FEBC) \$50; FEBC \$2,000, \$500, \$500, \$200, \$150

**Total General and Designated Offerings:**  
S\$52,241; AUD50

**Church Building Fund** \$10,000, \$700, \$500, \$250, \$54  
**Total:** \$1,344,055.27

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "In God's Image" by Dr S H Tow.

**Adults' Sunday School Class** on Ephesians by Bro Clement Chew will commence next Lord's Day, Jan 13. All are welcome.

**Far Eastern Bible College** reopens with a Day of Prayer and Registration on Mon, Jan 7, 8.30 am, Life Church Sanctuary, 9A Gilstead Road.

**The Burning Bush**, January 2013, is available for your collection at the book table.



## TRUE *Life* BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

**REL C Auditorium, 10.30 am**

30 Orange Grove Road, down Shangri-La Hotel, Singapore 258352

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(Ring Pastor Jeffrey Khoo 62561189 Anytime)

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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Dn Charles Kan
Opening Hymn	<i>Christ Returneth!</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	2 Timothy 3
Hymn	<i>But Continue Thou</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	YPFers & Parents
Offering & Hymn	<i>There'll Be No Dark Valley</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Matthew 24:1-14
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Seven Signs of the End Times</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Behold, the Son of God Is Coming Again!</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## A CHURCH FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

Dn Leong Kwok Whye



The Velvet Castle (Kadifekale) in Smyrna

I would like to share with you the lesson I learned on 17 December 2012 during a visit to the ramparts of Smyrna's Velvet Castle which was built on Mount Pagus in the fourth century BC by Alexander the Great.

## Smyrna and Emperor Worship

Smyrna's modern name is Izmir. Izmir is the third most populous city in Turkey with a population of three million (as of 2011 according to the Turkish Statistical Institute), and is Turkey's major port on the Aegean Sea. The modern city of Izmir is built on the ancient site, and so very little excavation is possible (Faith Cimok, *A Guide to the Seven Churches*, p54).

Ancient Smyrna was destroyed by an earthquake in 178 AD. There is nothing left from the Hellenistic city and from the Roman period; only the ruins of the Agora survive. Smyrna is located at the terminus of inland trade routes that followed the Hermus (Gediz) and Maeander valleys out of the east. From its sheltered harbour in the southern Aegean Sea, trade made its way west to the Greek mainland. A Greek colony dominated the area as early as the 10<sup>th</sup> century BC, claiming to be the birthplace of Homer. In the Roman era, the city was invited to be one of the custodians for the temple of Emperor Augustus.

In New Testament times, Smyrna was an important commercial city. In spite of the keen competition from the neighbouring cities of Ephesus and Pergamos, Smyrna called itself "the first city of Asia" (David Noel Freeman, *Eerdmans Dictionary of the Bible*, p1233). In 195 BC, Smyrna foresaw the rising power of Rome and built a temple for pagan Roman worship. In 23 BC, Smyrna



Ancient Pergamos where Emperor Trajan's temple ("Satan's seat") lies in ruins. To the Church in Pergamos, Jesus said, "I know thy works, and where thou dwellest, even where Satan's seat is: and thou holdest fast my name, and hast not denied my faith" (Rev 2:13).

was given the honour of building a temple for Caesar because of its years of faithfulness to Rome. Thus the city became a centre for the cult of emperor worship which resulted in the severe persecution of the early church in the days of Nero and Domitian (Ronald F Youngblood, *Nelson's New Illustrated Bible Dictionary*, p1187).

### Persecution of Church in Smyrna

Jesus said to the Church in Smyrna, *"I know thy works, and tribulation, and poverty, (but thou art rich) and I know the blasphemy of them which say they are Jews, and are not, but are the synagogue of Satan."* (Rev 2:9). The Romans and the Jews persecuted the Christians in Smyrna because:

(1) The true worship of Christ would replace the cult worship of the Roman emperor for which Smyrna was well known. The faithful Christians were regarded as disloyal for their refusal to bow to Caesar's idol. They were charged with treason for not worshipping the emperor.

(2) The faithful Christians refused to worship the pantheon of gods. This incensed the idol worshippers of Smyrna. In addition, the Christian worship of the Invisible God also gave rise to the false charge that these staunch Christians were "atheists" as they did not worship any god that could be "seen". The Christians were regarded as anti-social elements in their society.

(3) The unbelieving Jews falsely charged the Christians for cannibalism because of the Lord's Supper. Christians were accused of eating the flesh and drinking the blood of Jesus Christ. The Lord called this group of hostile Jews in Smyrna, "the synagogue of Satan".

Due to the religious and political persecution, the faithful Christians in Smyrna were poor and condemned, although the city itself was wealthy because of trade.

### Polycarp: Bishop of Smyrna

Nevertheless, God gave much grace to this materially poor church, and blessed them with a faithful witness in Polycarp who was Bishop of Smyrna (AD 69-155). Polycarp was one of the last pupils of the

Apostle John. Polycarp would have learned much doctrine from John. He would have read the letter to Smyrna and the contents of the book of Revelation. Thus Polycarp was firmly grounded in the Word of God and His faith in Christ was steadfast and unmovable.

In addition, the Apostle Paul, during his three-year missionary work at Ephesus, probably visited and taught in Smyrna as it was near Ephesus (Acts 19:10). The church in Smyrna would have learned profound spiritual lessons directly from the Apostle Paul as he also wrote deep theological truths in his epistles.

### Martyrdom of Polycarp

The Roman proconsul of Smyrna must have reasoned, "Kill the church leader and his church will die." Soldiers were thus dispatched to arrest Polycarp. When the soldiers arrived at the farmhouse where he was residing, they marvelled at his old age and constancy. Polycarp promptly ordered food and water for the hungry soldiers. He asked them to give him an hour so that he might pray undisturbed. When they consented, he stood and prayed for two hours. On the way to the city, the soldiers tried to persuade him, "What harm is there to say 'Lord Caesar' and to offer a pinch of incense and save yourself?" Polycarp was not persuaded.

In the stadium, the proconsul told Polycarp to swear by the fortune of Caesar, and say, "Away with the atheists!" Polycarp, instead, raised his hand and turned towards the crowd in the arena and said, "Away with the atheists!" The crowd went berserk. The faithful bishop then spoke firmly to the shaken proconsul, "Fourscore and six years have I served Christ, and he has never done me injury; how then can I now blaspheme my King and Saviour?"

When Polycarp rejected further pressures to deny Christ, the proconsul threatened to burn him. Polycarp turned the tables on the proconsul and warned him of eternal fire. The proconsul ignored the warning and ordered the execution to

proceed. When the soldiers prepared to nail Polycarp to the stake, he assured them nails would not be needed. He promised them he would not flee from the flames. Polycarp was totally prepared to be faithful unto death. He understood Revelation 2:10 well and was keen to receive the crown of life after his final testimony before the astonished proconsul and the enraged crowd. As the fire was lit, Polycarp feared none of those things which he had to suffer because his heart was already full of Christ and his mind was firmly set on the New Jerusalem where he shall be with Christ for eternity.

Did the hateful flames of Rome incinerate such victorious (*nike*) faith in the Lord Jesus Christ? No, certainly not! Bishop Polycarp's faith remained a conquering faith, loyal to Christ who is True God and Resurrected Saviour. Polycarp died in AD 155 to receive the crown of life from the Lord Jesus Christ who is the First and the Last, who was dead, and is alive. Jesus promised His saints in Revelation 2:10-11, *"be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life. He that hath an ear, let him hear what the Spirit saith unto the churches; He that overcometh shall not be hurt of the second death."* (cf Rev 20:14-15).

I thank God for giving me the privilege to learn this spiritual lesson at Smyrna. Amen.

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### LETTERS FROM OVERSEAS

#### Collingswood, USA

*Thank you so much for the complimentary copy of To Magnify His Word which came to me in the mail this morning. I have spent a good deal of time reading through it today and marvel at the grace of God manifested through the life of Dr. Timothy Tow and the Far Eastern Bible College over the past 50 years. The school is also a testimony of the grace of God in times of conflict and trial.*

*The book is an excellent summary of FEBC and its history—and spiritual impact. I praise God with you that FEBC remains faithful to fundamentalism and the original Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek texts underlying*

*the KJV. I was glad to read the congratulatory (and warning) note by Dr. D.A. Waite who is a close friend with whom I have fellowship often. I was also glad that FEBC takes a strong stand for creation and a young earth as noted by Dr. John C. Whitcomb.*

*Thank you again for the book. It is a valuable addition to my library.*

*Looking for the Blessed Hope,*

*Pastor Christian S. Spencer  
Bible Presbyterian Church of  
Collingswood  
October 16, 2012*

[Ed: The Rev Christian Spencer succeeded Dr Carl McIntire as pastor of the historic Bible Presbyterian Church in Collingswood, and is an advisory council member of the Dean Burgon Society. We appreciate his encouraging words and hope for greater fellowship with him in days to come.]

#### Kobe, Japan

*Greetings in the Lord Jesus Christ.*

*Thank you for your prayer and thank you for your church weekly.*

*I thank God that He guided me this year also, and He gave me healthy body so I could hand tracts to Japanese children. Maybe this year is the last. Happily I handed out almost all already. And I become 80 years old next year.*

*I can walk mountains twice a week today. And I go up and down the steps 50 times a day. I don't go to doctor nor take medicine.*

*God bless you richly next year.*

*In the Lord,*

*Setsuko Takashima  
December 1, 2012*

[Ed: Setsuko graduated from FEBC with a DipTh in 1984, and has served the Lord faithfully all these years as an evangelist especially to children by "kamishibai" (telling stories by "paper-graph"), giving out tracts, and wearing a Gospel t-shirt with a Bible verse printed at the back. May the Lord continue to bless our beloved sister in Japan who is a humble servant of the Lord and a precious daughter of FEBC.]

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THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting REL C Room 603
SAT	3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship Young Adults Fellowship No YPF Meeting
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)

**Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Jan 19 at Sis Chng Bee Bee's home, Blk 174, Lorong 1 Toa Payoh, #08-1236 Singapore 310174, 3.30 pm. Message: "The Tabernacle – Part 1" by Rev Stephen Khoo. Contact William Teo at 91831150 for details.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Jan 19, at Blk 23, Ghim Moh Link, #40-230, 3.30 pm. Message: "A Living Sacrifice" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013** (June 27-29) at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.

**Our heartiest congratulations** to Mr and Mrs Neo Koon Kiat for God's gift of a newborn son, Elijah Neo, born on Jan 5, 2013.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"A whip for the horse, a bridle for the ass, and a rod for the fool's back." Prov 26:3

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## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day \$15,936;  
*Fellowships' Collections:* LF \$474; YAF \$191; YPF \$98.90

**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$200; Rev Stephen Khoo \$300; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$300; Pr Joshua Yong \$100; Faith and Freedom Ministries \$450; Wendy Teng \$100; Barnabas Yap \$100; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$500, \$250; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$400; Shobastian (FEBC) \$50; Li Ya Ge (FEBC) \$50; FEBC Dining Club \$200; FEBC \$400, \$100

**Total General and Designated Offerings:**  
\$20,199.90

**Church Building Fund** \$2,000, \$502, \$500, \$300  
**Total:** \$1,347,357.27

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**Complimentary Parking Coupons** are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.



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Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	Command Thy Blessing from Above
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Acts 15:1-31
Hymn	I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord
Doxology/Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	Acts 15:2, 6
Sermon	Biblical Ecumenism (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	My Faith Looks Up to Thee (Lord's Supper)
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## FEBC IS GOOD FOR LIFE



"Without the Bible College, the Church would die" were the words of the late Dr Paul Contento who was an OMF missionary and good friend of the Far Eastern Bible College

(FEBC) and FEBC's founding principal, the Rev Dr Timothy Tow. Dr Contento had the honour of laying the College's foundation stone in 1962.

On FEBC's opening day of prayer, 7 January 2013, the Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo commented that the saying of Dr Contento is true only if the Bible College is faithful to the Lord Jesus Christ and His forever infallible and inerrant Words. A Bible college that is liberal, modernistic, ecumenical and worldly can only bring death and destruction to the Church. Many a good

Bible college have turned bad. Harvard, Yale, Princeton, and Dartmouth were founded by Bible-believing and Christ-honouring Puritans and Calvinists in the 17<sup>th</sup> and 18<sup>th</sup> centuries. Today they have become citadels of apostasy and unbelief. For example, Princeton Seminary's denial of the doctrines of biblical inerrancy, and the virgin birth of Christ, His miracles, substitutionary atonement and resurrection back in 1924 has led to the demise of the Presbyterian Church in the United States (PCUSA). Owing to the liberalism and modernism that have plagued many a theological seminary, the mainline denominational churches today are dying; in fact many are already dead, and their buildings have been turned into restaurants, mosques, motor garages etc.

Fundamental and evangelical churches are not spared either by neo-evangelical, postmodern and emergent seminaries which repudiate biblical separation and reject the total inerrancy and divine authorship of the Holy Scriptures. Fuller Seminary and Biblical Seminary today are filling churches with more new-age and worldly-minded pastors. Not only this, but the rising tide of neo-fundamentalism, neo-deism and textual criticism as found in Bob Jones University, Central Baptist



FEBC's "Basic Theology for Everyone" Monday Night Class on Leviticus  
Lecturer: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Seminary, Detroit Baptist Seminary and other fundamental Baptist seminaries which deny the infallible preservation and present inerrancy of the Holy Scriptures have undermined and weakened the biblical orthodoxy and gospel witness of fundamental churches even further.

Will FEBC also fall away in days to come? Many a good and sound Bible college have already gone to the dogs, having succumbed to liberalism and modernism. There is no guarantee that FEBC will continue to be a fundamental, Bible-believing and Bible-defending college, earnestly contending for the faith after the present generation is gone. A lot depends on the spiritual quality of present and future students and alumni. The principal prays for sincere, godly students to enroll—students who are truly born again and genuinely called to be servants of God, fully given to their Saviour. False students, not just false teachers, can wreck a school. FEBC in the past has had her fair share of Judases and Demases. May the Lord spare us from such treacherous students and graduates. May all our students take to heart Paul's charge to Timothy, *"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."* (1 Tim 4:16).

FEBC continues to suffer under those who wish to squeeze the life out of her. *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* (2 Tim 3:12). Practising charity, we remain longsuffering and pray for deliverance. Please pray that the Lord will continue to protect and preserve FEBC from those who seek to hinder her growth and progress. Pray the Lord to grant FEBC the freedom and space she needs to do His work and to do good for His people. The unbelieving church may be dying, but let FEBC and all remnant Bible-believing churches continue to be lively for Christ. FEBC is only good for life

if she will remain faithful to the Word of life (Phil 2:16). Jesus said, *"be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life."* (Rev 2:10).

We thank the Lord for nine new students who have joined the College this semester: three from China (Guo Yueguang, Li Chunjing, Li Lexian), one from India (Vethamonickam Cycil Bright Singh), two from Indonesia (Stefanie, Zakharia Suhartono), and three from Singapore (Joycelyn Chng, Choong Sin Chun, Samuel Goh). We welcome Mr Tamahito Yamazaki from Japan who came to visit FEBC and is praying for God's call to enter full-time studies and ministry. Brother Yamazaki was saved 20 years ago under the ministry of our beloved friend and fellow servant—Dr Robert Kluttz of Hokkaido Bible Centre.

Praise the Lord for the many who came to attend FEBC's Basic Theology night classes on Leviticus and Calvin's Institutes. Don't miss the joy of studying God's Word. Registration is still open. JK

### ON YOUR DAY OF PRAYER

To Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC), my beloved FEBC lecturers, friends and all dear students from different parts of the world,

*"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord"* (1 Cor 15:58).

While other Bible Colleges and Seminaries have compromised their doctrinal stand, FEBC remains faithful because it is built on a Firm Foundation; the Word of God (Incarnate and Written Word). Since FEBC has the Word of God fully preserved without error, hearken unto this commandment from the Lord, *"Be strong and of a good courage; be not afraid, neither be thou dismayed: for the*

*Lord thy God is with thee whithersoever thou goest."* (Josh 1:9).

May the Lord prosper you all in this another year of equipping God's servants and at the commencement of a new semester of studies. May your day of prayer be filled with much contemplation of what the Lord has done in past years for you. This truth will make us all realise how the Lord is good and how He has blessed the College bountifully.

God has used FEBC through her faithful lecturers to fight the present battle of Christian Faith. Praise the Lord for our forefathers who fought their battles on the Word Incarnate (Deity and Humanity of Jesus Christ). The battle today is on the Written Word (the Inspiration and Preservation of the Bible).

As FEBC trains God's servants, it is not only enough for them to preach about salvation, it is also important to defend the truth concerning that salvation! Truly Jesus Saves! This is the Jesus of the Bible. This is the promised Seed of a woman (Gen 3:15 cf Gal 4:4). He is the same Jesus (Saviour) spoken by the prophets (Isa 7:14 and its fulfilment in Matt 1:23). All these truths and others are from the infallible, inerrant, inspired and preserved Word of God. No Preservation of the Scripture means no Bible today and literally speaking, no Gospel today! Thank God for preserving His precious Words (Ps 12:6-7) and that we can have surety of the message we are preaching.

I remain indebted for the many spiritual lessons I have learned from FEBC. Truly FEBC is my kind mother. God bless FEBC for her uncompromising stand for the faithful Word of God.

Serving God in Africa at the Bible College of East Africa, Tanzania,

Judah K Pallangyo  
Academic Dean, BCEA Tanzania

### FAITHFULNESS IN DECLARING GOD'S WORD

Dear Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo (Principal), Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew (Academic Dean), board members, Mrs Tow (Matron), lecturers, administration staff and students of FEBC and families,

Greetings in the blessed name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Praise God for the FEBC "Day of Prayer" today to complete the final semester of the Golden Anniversary academic year. Praise God also for the faithfulness of lecturers at FEBC declaring the Word of God (cf Jer 23:28; 2 Cor 2:17; 4:2).

Jeremiah said, *"The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully. What is the chaff to the wheat? saith the LORD,"* (Jer 23:28). Jeremiah challenged Judah's prophets and priests who got their messages from foreign gods and promoted ungodliness, promising peace to everyone, even to those who stubbornly continued to follow after their own sinful desires (Jer 23:16, 17; see 6:14; Judg 21:25). During the day they boldly proclaimed that God spoke through them, but they made up the words (Jer 23:16-24). During the night they had false dreams, proclaiming their lies in God's name (Jer 23:25-32). The prophets and priests ridiculed Jeremiah for his warnings about God's judgment (Jer 23:33-38). The false prophets used God's name to give authority to their own misconceived ideas.

All glory to the Lord for the opportunity that all students have to study the Truth of God's Word at FEBC this year, including those studying online courses and for the faithfulness of FEBC in declaring God's Word.

In His Service,

Rev Errol D Stone.  
Pastor, Faith Presbyterian Church, Perth  
Chairman, Faith & Freedom Ministries, Perth



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	5.30 pm	FBF 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601) Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)
	2.30 pm	Evangelism

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**Young People's Fellowship** will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, Jan 26. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For those requiring transport, please meet at FEBC at 3.30 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Family Bible Fellowship 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this Sat, Jan 26 at Mr and Mrs Eric Chin's home, Blk 17 Toh Yi Drive, #12-85 Singapore 590017, 5.30 pm. Tel: 97931612. Message: "Overview of the Old Testament – Part 1" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details.

**FCM Combined Meeting** on Feb 22 (Fri) at Calvary Tengah BPC, 7 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. Message: "My Campus, My Mission Field" by Pr Lek Aik Wee. For enquiries, contact Gabriel at 92388483.

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**Total General and Designated Offerings:**  
S\$17,725.70; JPY70,000

**Church Building Fund** \$500, \$100 **Total:**  
\$1,347,957.27

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Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
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Closing Hymn	Anywhere with Jesus
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## GOD'S PROVIDENCE IN THE LIFE OF JOHN CALVIN

(An Extract from Calvin's Preface to His  
Commentary on the Psalms)

### From Blind Superstition to True Godliness

When I was as yet a very little boy, my father had destined me for the study of theology. But afterwards when he considered that the legal profession commonly raised those who followed it to wealth, this prospect induced him suddenly to change his purpose. Thus it came to pass, that I was withdrawn from the study of philosophy, and was put to the study of law. To this pursuit I endeavored faithfully to apply myself in obedience to the will of my father; but God, by the secret

guidance of his providence, at length gave a different direction to my course. And first, since I was too obstinately devoted to the superstitions of Popery to be easily extricated from so profound an abyss of mire, God by a sudden conversion subdued and brought my mind to a teachable frame, which was more hardened in such matters than might have been expected from one at my early period of life. Having thus received some taste and knowledge of true godliness I was immediately inflamed with so intense a desire to make progress therein, that although I did not altogether leave off other studies, I yet pursued them with less ardor.

### Not Quiet Seclusion but Public Service

I was quite surprised to find that before a year had elapsed, all who had any desire after purer doctrine were continually coming to me to learn, although I myself was as yet but a mere novice and tyro. Being of a disposition somewhat unpolished and bashful, which led me always to love the shade and retirement, I then began to seek some secluded corner where I might be withdrawn from the public view; but so far from being able to accomplish the object of my desire, all my retreats were like public schools. In short, whilst my one great object was to live in seclusion without being known, God so led me about through different turnings and changes, that he never permitted me to rest in any place, until, in spite of my natural



Distance Learning via FEBC's Video Lectures on Ecclesiastes at BPCWA Perth

disposition, he brought me forth to public notice.

Leaving my native country, France, I in fact retired into Germany, expressly for the purpose of being able there to enjoy in some obscure corner the repose which I had always desired, and which had been so long denied me. But lo! whilst I lay hidden at Basle, and known only to a few people, many faithful and holy persons were burnt alive in France; and the report of these burnings having reached foreign nations, they excited the strongest disapprobation among a great part of the Germans, whose indignation was kindled against the authors of such tyranny. In order to allay this indignation, certain wicked and lying pamphlets were circulated, stating that none were treated with such cruelty but Anabaptists and seditious persons, who by their perverse ravings and false opinions, were overthrowing not only religion but also all civil order. Observing that the object which these instruments of the court aimed at by their disguises, was not only that the disgrace of shedding so much innocent blood might remain buried under the false charges and calumnies which they brought against the holy martyrs after their death, but also, that afterwards they might be able to proceed to the utmost extremity in murdering the poor saints without exciting compassion towards them in the breasts of any, it appeared to me, that unless I opposed them to the utmost of my ability, my silence could not be vindicated from the charge of cowardice and treachery.

This was the consideration which induced me to publish my *Institutes of the Christian Religion*. My objects were, first, to prove that these reports were false and calumnious, and thus to vindicate my brethren, whose death was precious in the sight of the Lord; and next, that as the same cruelties might very soon after be exercised against many unhappy individuals, foreign nations might be touched with at least some compassion towards them and solicitude about them.

### **Not for Personal Fame but Vindication of the Defamed**

When it was then published, it was not that copious and labored work which it now is, but only a small treatise containing a summary of the principal truths of the Christian religion, and it was published with no other design than that men might know what was the faith held by those whom I saw basely and wickedly defamed by those flagitious and perfidious flatterers. That my object was not to acquire fame, appeared from this, that immediately after I left Basle, and particularly from the fact that nobody there knew that I was the author. Wherever else I have gone, I have taken care to conceal that I was the author of that performance; and I had resolved to continue in the same privacy and obscurity, until at length William Farel detained me at Geneva, not so much by counsel and exhortation, as by a dreadful imprecation, which I felt to be as if God had from heaven laid his mighty hand upon me to arrest me.

### **No Escape from God's Call to Pastoral Ministry**

As the most direct road to Strasburg, to which I then intended to retire, was as shut up by the wars, I had resolved to pass quickly by Geneva, without staying longer than a single night in that city. ... Then an individual who now basely apostatised and returned to the Papists, discovered me and made me known to others. Upon this, Farel, who burned with an extraordinary zeal to advance the gospel, immediately strained every nerve to detain me. And after having learned that my heart was set upon devoting myself to private studies for which I wished to keep myself free from other pursuits, and finding that he gained nothing by entreaties, he proceeded to utter an imprecation that God would curse my retirement, and the tranquillity of the studies which I sought, if I should withdraw and refuse to give assistance, when the necessity was so urgent.

By this imprecation I was so stricken with terror, that I desisted from the journey which I had undertaken; but sensible of my natural bashfulness and timidity, I would not bring myself under obligation to discharge any

particular office. After that, four months had scarcely elapsed, when, on the one hand, the Anabaptists began to assail us, and, on the other, a certain wicked apostate, who being secretly supported by the influence of some of the magistrates of the city, was thus enabled to give us a great deal of trouble. At the same time, a succession of dissensions fell out in the city which strangely afflicted us. Being, as I acknowledge, naturally of a timid, softer and pusillanimous disposition, I was compelled to encounter these violent tempests as part of my early training; and although I did not sink under them, yet I was not sustained by such greatness of mind, as not to rejoice more than it became me, when, in consequence of certain commotions, I was banished from Geneva.

By this means set at liberty and loosed from the tie of my vocation, I resolved to live in a private station, free from the burden and cares of any public charge, when that most excellent servant of Christ, Martin Bucer, employing a similar kind of remonstrance and protestation as that to which Farel had recourse before, drew me back to a new station. Alarmed by the example of Jonah which he set before me, I still continued in the work of teaching. And although I always continued like myself, studiously avoiding celebrity; yet I was carried, I know not how, as it were by force to the Imperial assemblies, where, willing or unwilling, I was under the necessity of appearing before the eyes of many.

Afterwards, when the Lord having compassion on this city, had allayed the hurtful agitations and broils which prevailed in it, and by his wonderful power had defeated both the wicked counsels and the sanguinary attempts of the disturbers of the Republic, necessity was imposed upon me of returning to my former charge, contrary to my desire and inclination. The welfare of this church, it is true, lay so near my heart, that for its sake I would not have hesitated to lay down my life; but my timidity nevertheless suggested to me many reasons for excusing myself from again willingly taking upon my shoulders so heavy a burden. At length, however, a solemn and conscientious regard to my duty, prevailed

with me to consent to return to the flock from which I had been torn; but with what grief, tears, great anxiety and distress I did this, the Lord is my best witness. *John Calvin, Geneva, July 22, 1557.*

**[Come and study Calvin's Institutes under Pastor's tutelage in the FEBC night classes, Thursdays, 7.30-9.30 pm.]**

### **DISTANCE LEARNING ONLINE**



The Lord is using FEBC's distance learning programme to benefit His people overseas in studying the Bible systematically. We are heartened by the

increasing number of students taking up the online courses offered by FEBC since 2009. Here is an email (10 Jan 2013) from FEBC alumnus Mark Heath (BTh 1984) of the Bible Presbyterian Church of Western Australia (BPCWA, Perth) about the commencement of a new semester of online studies at BPCWA.

*Dear Rev Khoo,*

*We had our first class yesterday, watching the videos on Ecclesiastes. We had about 20. Since it was the first class of the new semester Joseph gave a short exhortation, and then we sang the FEBC anthem before praying for the coming semester. God willing we will do this at the start of each semester. I am attaching a photo of our class last night.*

*Quite a few of us are studying 2 Kings and we are wondering whether we could have the notes available like they were for 1 Kings as we found them very helpful.*

*God bless,  
Mark*

We thank the Lord for Mark Heath who has been encouraging the members of BPCWA towards a deeper knowledge of God and His Word through the FEBC lectures. Joseph Poon (MDiv 2012) is now the resident preacher of BPCWA, and his wife Sharon (CertRK 2012) serves alongside him. The Lord bless BPCWA.

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(Jan 28 – Feb 3, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	Leviticus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship
SAT	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** this Fri, Feb 1, at 8 pm in the home of Dn and Mrs Tai Mern Yee. Address: 18 Yew Siang Road, #04-01 Flynn Park, Singapore 117755. Tel: 92991663.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Feb 2, at the home of Elder and Mrs Joseph, 58-E Toh Crescent, Singapore 507978, 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Galatians by Elder Joseph. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Feb 2 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Faith in Hebrews – Part 2" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

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"Answer a fool according to his folly, lest he be wise in his own conceit." Prov 26:5

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Please switch off all handphones before the service.  
No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

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**Total General and Designated Offerings:**

S\$19,783; MYR1

**Church Building Fund** \$300, \$200, \$100, \$100 **Total:** \$1,348,657.27

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**Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism** this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 34A Lorong 5 Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.



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Sermon Can Satan Preach Truth?

(Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)  
Closing Hymn Only Trust Him  
Benediction Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## YOUNG PEOPLE'S FELLOWSHIP 2013

*"Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset us, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us, Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God."* (Heb 12:1, 2).

The Young People's Fellowship (YPF) is a ministry of True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (TLBPC). The YPF ministers to young people ranging from secondary school students to young people in tertiary institutions. 2 Timothy 2:2 says, "And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also." Hence, by the grace of God, the YPF seeks to be a faithful and teaching Word-centred

fellowship where "iron sharpeneth iron" (Prov 27:17).

Society dictates that we need to excel in every aspect of life. Thus, youths are hardwired to invest themselves completely in the rat-race of the world. Youths today are easily cumbered with their own set of stresses and cares of this world. They struggle with sin and youthful lusts, and can be weighed down by many issues, such as school work, relationships and peer pressure. The youths themselves do not have the strength to overcome the flesh. While exhausting themselves with the many cares of the world, the things pertaining to God and His Word are often relegated. Therefore, there is an urgent need for them to recalibrate their focus in Christ, and centre their lives on Him who has set the supreme example.

As Christians, we ought to guard ourselves from running such a worldly and deadly rat-race. In Vol VIII, No 19 of the TLBPC weekly, Pastor Jeffrey Khoo wrote, "Christians should know better. We should run a race to win, and this race is already laid out for us—the Christian race *'that is set before us.'* ... Running this race is not an option but a requirement. The moment we became believers of the Lord Jesus Christ, we are made to run this race, like it or not. The question therefore is not whether we are running this race or not, but whether



**"Pray without ceasing. In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you."** (1 Thess 5:17-18). True Life Prayer Meeting, 18 January 2013.

we are running it well.”

Because of the above reasons, the YPF this year will study the book of Hebrews from Chapters 11 and 12 on the theme “Running the Race”. This study will be led by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo, and is an apt follow-up to the YPF Camp 2012 with the camp theme “Faithful to the End”. In addition, Brother Clement Chew will guide us through the book of Philippians, where we learn about pressing on in unity for Christ. Other messages cover topics pertaining to salvation, contemporary Christian theology, and practical youth issues. We will also continue with the combined Bible study meetings with Berean Bible-Presbyterian Church.

The Lord has provided a fellowship for young people in True Life to study the Word of God together and to encourage them to love God. Through studying God’s Word, we learn more about God’s love and holiness. Through the faithful teaching, we pray the Lord may work in our hearts to lay off and repent from our sins that hinder our Christian race and relationship with God. Through Christian fellowship, we pray that the youths realise that they are not alone in this spiritual race, and may encourage one another to press on by God’s grace.

Come and join us in the YPF! As we dig deep into God’s Holy Scriptures, may the Lord use His Word to help us live a consecrated and holy life for our loving Saviour who gave Himself for us and shed His precious blood to pay the price of our sin.

*“Remember now thy Creator in the days of thy youth, while the evil days come not, nor the years draw nigh, when thou shalt say, I have no pleasure in them” (Eccl 12:1).*

## KJV UNDER ATTACK, AGAIN

Dr S H Tow

(Pandan News Weekly, 13 January 2013)

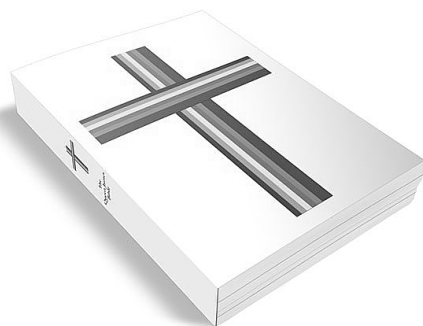
In 1998, when “*Beyond Versions*” went to press, I wrote: “*Satan hates the King*

*James Bible*” and touched on how diabolical were the attacks mounted by the “*father of lies*” against God’s Word.

I reproduce hereat an excerpt from the 1998 printing: “Satan hates the King James Bible. His diabolical genius conceived a dark scheme: the King James Bible must be replaced! False teachers will bring forth corrupted Modern English Versions harbouring another message, ‘*preaching another Jesus ... another spirit ... another gospel ...*’” (2 Corinthians 11:4), “*and no marvel; for Satan himself is transformed into an angel of light ... his ministers also be transformed as the ministers of righteousness*” (2 Corinthians 11:14-15).

The latest attack comes from an anonymous pro-gay group which produced a distorted version of the KJB called the Queen James Bible. The following article is excerpted from CNSNews.com.

### “Queen James Bible” scrubs Homophobic passages



Calling it “fabulous,” a publisher has come out with a new translation of the Bible that “resolves any homophobic interpretations,” deeming it the “Queen James” version.

“The Queen James Bible (QJB) is a big, fabulous Bible,” its website explains. Released on 27 Nov by a publisher named “Queen James,” anonymous editors say they “wanted to make a book filled with the word of God that nobody could use to incorrectly condemn God’s LGBT children.”

“And we succeeded,” they said.

LGBT stands for lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender.

The “Queen James” Bible changes a total of eight verses in the King James Version that deal with homosexuality, which it says are used by “anti-LGBT religious activists” to condemn homosexuals. “We edited the Bible to prevent homophobic interpretations,” the editors explain. For instance, the passage regarding Lot’s rescue from Sodom and Gomorra (Genesis 19:5) has been changed as follows:

— Original KJV: “And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may know them.”

— Queen James Bible: “And they called unto Lot, and said unto him, Where are the men which came in to thee this night? Bring them out unto us, that we may rape and humiliate them.”

“We side with most Bible scholars who understand the story of Sodom and Gomorra to be about bullying strangers” it states under “Editor’s Notes.”

“Rapes such as this one are common between men in prison; they aren’t sexual acts, they are power-dominating acts” the editors said. (*perverse thinking* – Ed).

The editors also argue that Leviticus 18:22, which labels sexual relations between two men an “abomination” would mean only “scandalous” in today’s world.

“The Hebrew word ‘to’evah’ from which abomination was translated simply means something that is ‘ritually unclean’ or a ‘taboo’” the editors write. “Given the definition of the Hebrew word ... we suggest that by today’s standards, a biblical abomination would be understood to be ‘scandalous.’”

1 Corinthians 6:9, which states the

“unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God” has been changed from “abusers of themselves with mankind” to “promiscuous” ... The book leaves the rest of the KJV unaltered. This self-described “Gay Bible” comes over 400 years after King James I of England commissioned 54 of the world’s most renowned scholars and clergymen to create an English translation of the Bible from the Hebrew, Greek and Aramaic texts ... (*End of article* – Ed).

### “QJB—fabulous, diabolical poison”

The work of satanic minds, this latest addition to the “*Modern English Perversions*” of God’s Word will add “*fuel to fire*” in stoking the flames of the “*gay fever*” and sexual perversion now sweeping the world.

Sodom and Gomorra will find new comfort with “*Queen James*” supporters. Truly God’s judgment draws nigh.

**“Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it is abomination.”**  
(Lev 18:22)

**“If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood shall be upon them.”** (Lev 20:13)

**“For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet.”** (Rom 1:26-27).

**“Even as Sodom and Gomorrha, and the cities about them in like manner, giving themselves over to fornication, and going after strange flesh, are set forth for an example, suffering the vengeance of eternal fire.”** (Jude 7).

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 4 – 10, 2013)

MON 7.30 pm	Leviticus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED 7.45 pm	LF 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
THU 7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603
SAT 3.30 pm	Young People's Fellowship
SUN 9.00 am	Combined Service (Lord's Supper) (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)

**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.  
**Ladies Fellowship 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this Wed, Feb 6, at RELC Room 602, 7.45 pm. Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Feb 9 at 3.30 pm. Message: "How Do I Know that I am Born Again? Part 2" by Dr Paul Ferguson. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

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**Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7)**. Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: Walking with Jesus. Registration will open soon.

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"He that sendeth a message by the hand of a fool cutteth off the feet, and drinketh damage." Prov 26:6

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## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

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**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$500; Missions \$400; Wendy Teng \$100; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$250; FEBC \$3,000, \$600, \$500

**Total General and Designated Offerings:**  
S\$21,103.35; MYR10

**Church Building Fund** \$600, \$502, \$500, \$100 **Total:**  
\$1,350,359.27

**No Sunday Schools but Combined English and Chinese Services** next Lord's Day, Feb 10 at 9 am.

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Tasting God's Goodness" by Dr S H Tow.

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**Infant Baptism** on Easter Sunrise Service, Mar 31. Please register with Wendy Teng at 94754067.

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Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 37
Hymn	<i>The Steps of a Good Man</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Church Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>The Way of the Cross Leads Home</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Matthew 7:13-27
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>One Gate Two Ways</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>It's Not an Easy Road</i>
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

## FAITHFUL TO THE END

*Testimonies from the YPF Camp 2012*

Thank God for His grace, provision and protection over the five days in camp and for the ministers of the Word! Thank God for the labour of love of the adults/parents who contributed in many ways, before and during the camp. Thank God for helping me to keep my focus on Him. I learned and relearned many things in this camp, through the messages about sound doctrines and practices.  
*Samuel Goh*

When I heard about the YPF camp and its theme, 'Faithful to the End', my heart was moved to attend this camp. I purposed in my heart to be receptive to God's Word. During this camp, the messages not only encouraged my weak faith, but also convicted me of my sinful ways. Hence, this camp has truly been the most meaningful one to me because I have truly found the joy in serving Him, not doubting Him anymore, but to continue fighting the good fight, to finish the course and to

keep the faith (2 Tim 4:7). *Phoebe Tay*



I thank God that I could come to this YPF camp, which is my first YPF camp. Thank the Lord for His goodness and mercies throughout my life. Although I was like a prodigal son, I thank the Lord for being such a loving and caring heavenly Father. Praise the Lord for being able to come to this camp to learn more about His Word and His doctrines. I have been encouraged by group sharings as we share our personal struggles. It has been a reflective camp. Throughout the camp, I was spiritually awakened and jolted.  
*David Tay*

In this camp, God taught me through the morning devotions and theme messages how to prepare for the challenges every bible-believing Christian will face. Indeed, a Christian life can be likened to a war and a race. I thank God for the opportunity to strengthen my doctrinal foundation. I have also been greatly blessed by the dorm fellowships which reminded me that I am not alone in this spiritual journey.  
*Joel Chan*

I have learnt many lessons, how to be a good soldier, athlete/runner and



**"I have fought a good fight, I have finished my course, I have kept the faith" (2 Tim 4:7).  
Young People's Fellowship Camp, Resort Lautan Biru, Mersing, 25-29 December 2012**



protector of the faith. I have also learnt how terrible spiritual lethargy is, and as I reflect on this year, I find that many times, I have backslided from the Lord and been spiritually lethargic. I pray that I will not slip back into this state again. I pray that as we go back to worldly Singapore, I will apply and remember the lessons I have learnt here. *Dae Ern*

One reminder from the theme message is that Christianity involves a whole lot of suffering and pain. I thank God for putting trials in my life the past year. Through them I learned to draw closer to God and trust Him more and more. The workshop on Bible-Presbyterian doctrines helped me to see how little I know about the faith. Now I have an even greater desire to know more of His Word. This camp has convicted me of my many sins. I knelt down, confessed all my sins, and prayed for God's forgiveness. I really felt relieved after I prayed. This camp was an opportunity to get to know brethren I did not really know. Through meals, group sharing, fellowships, I have gotten to know them better. *Junji Nakajima*



Thank God for these four days of spiritual retreat, away from the cares of the world, away from all internet-related distractions, to be with brethren of likeminded faith. It has been a blessed time of bonding over various activities, sharings, and giving of testimonies. I am taught it is truly sinful to ignore God, and saw how often I've sinned against God in half-hearted service. May the Lord have mercy and grant much grace. I look forward to the next camp. *Andrew Kan*

I thank God for messages and for His Word

convicting me and rebuking me of my state of spiritual lethargy and indifference. Praise God also for the workshop which reinforced my knowledge and understanding in the doctrines that we as Christians ought to believe in and defend, especially in such perilous times. Indeed it has shown me that without the right doctrine, we wouldn't be able to live our lives obediently unto the Lord, thus rendering us useless for His service. *Benjamin Kan*



The workshop on Bible-Presbyterianism was very useful as we methodically discussed our distinctive doctrines and practices and how we are different from other churches and denominations. I have met my objectives for this camp, to be spiritually refreshed and recharged. I pray that I will not just be on a "spiritual high" only immediately after this camp but that I will be consistent in my spiritual life, even to do my Quiet Time regularly and to meditate on God's Word. *Jerald Tan*

This camp was really meaningful and beneficial to me. I learnt much from it and I'm really glad that I drew closer to God. I thank God also for the fellowship that I had with fellow saints, especially during dorm fellowships. I learnt that actually I am not the only one who struggles with my friends, especially when I try to tell them the gospel of Jesus Christ. I learnt that it's just part and parcel of a Christian life. I also grew to understand that this little "rejection" from my friends is nothing compared to what God went through when He was rejected by the people whom He came to save. Moreover,

we are to please God and not man. *Joy Teo*

Through the messages, fellowship and games, I realised there is so much more to learn from the Word of God and I am driven to want to know more. I thank God also for the awesome food that we all had throughout the whole camp. There was never once that we went hungry. Thank God for the good location of the resort, away from the distractions of this world so that we can all focus on our walk with the Lord. The camp had been very spiritually encouraging and it was truly a blessed one. *Richmond Go*

I want to thank God for giving me the opportunity to join the YPF camp for the second time. I learned a lot from the morning devotions as well as from the theme messages, how not to be spiritually lethargic as it is a wicked sin and how I as a Christian should be faithful to the end. I also learnt from the object lessons and from the other campers through their sharing in discussions and dorm fellowship. I got to know people whom I didn't really know or spoke to at church, and the shepherd and sheep game really encouraged me both from my shepherd and sheep. *Thessa Lagapa*



The activities of the camp were all very enriching for fellowship. Christian fellowship was something that I now truly understand in this camp. Last time, the fact that I was so much different (in terms of nationality, being home-schooled, etc), and that we have nothing to talk about caused me to withdraw from talking to anyone. But now it dawned on me that despite all our differences we all have something in common—the experience of

God's great mercy and love towards us. This helped me realise that Christian fellowship is not talking about things that you feel like talking about but it is sharing, encouraging and praying for one another with a loving and understanding spirit. *Theya Lagapa*

As assistant dorm IC, I really thank God for giving me the strength to wake up first every morning despite being the last, or one of the last, to go to sleep, and to be able to wake everyone else up on time as well. The activities that were planned were also fun and interesting, and I am glad that I learnt a spiritual lesson from each of them which was extremely relevant and applicable in life, especially living in times like these. Overall, I really thank God for making this a very amazing experience for me. *Cae Ryn*

It is always a blessing to go for YPF Camp each year. Truly, it is good and pleasant for brethren to dwell in unity (Psalm 133:1). Thank the Lord for the parents who attended this camp. Their labour of love to us has been good examples for us to learn from. Seeing Pastor, Pr Joshua and other adults helping to clean the place was a humbling experience for me. *Candice Tan*

A solid Christian camp is one I believe will, by God's grace, make you want to live like you were still in it even when it's over. For me, this holds true as I leave Mersing back into the hustle and bustle of Singapore. Thank God for a good theme that really reminded me of the importance of our spiritual walk, doctrinal standings and to have utmost faith in God. *Ben Lim*

In camp I really learned lots of things from Pastor Jeffrey and Preacher Joshua Yong as they preached the messages. Thank God that I can fellowship with our church family. I thank God for helping me through school this year and He has helped me through my PE, swimming, maths and He has really helped me through my German dictations. I thank God for giving me the strength to help me to wake up in the morning. God willing, we can go back to Mersing next year. Praise God! *Eyan Ern*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 11 – 17, 2013)		
MON	7.30 pm	No FEBC Night Class
WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603
SAT	3.30 pm	AF 8 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)
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<b>Adults Fellowship 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary</b> this Sat, Feb 16, at RELC Room 602, 3.30 pm. Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact William Teo at 91831150 for details.		
<b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Feb 16 at Mr and Mrs Herbert Goh's home, Blk 206 Choa Chu Kang Central #07-14 Singapore 680206, 3.30 pm. Message: "A Living Sacrifice – The Apostle Peter" by Bro Jose Lagapa. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.		
<b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Feb 16 at 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Philippians by Bro Clement Chew. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.		

VERSE FOR THE WEEK	
<i>"The legs of the lame are not equal: so is a parable in the mouth of fools." Prov 26:7</i>	
<b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.	
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<b>General Offerings:</b> Last Lord's Day \$21,585; Fellowships' Collections: YAF \$97; YPF \$110.50 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$300, \$250; Rev Stephen Khoo \$1,000, \$200; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$300; Rev Prabhudas Koshy \$100; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$350, \$60; Missions \$2,000; Wendy Teng \$200; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$400; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$200; FEBC Needy Students \$200; FEBC \$2,000 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$29,352.50 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$1,000, \$700, \$500, \$350, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,353,009.27	
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Reality of Heaven and Hell" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. <b>Infant Baptism</b> on Easter Sunrise Service, Mar 31. Please register with Wendy Teng at 94754067. <b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Registration is open. Closing Date: Apr 28. <b>Complimentary Parking Coupons</b> are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan. <b>CD on "The Reason Why"</b> , both Chinese and English versions available at the booktable for free distribution. <b>Our heartiest congratulations</b> to Mr and Mrs Samuel Eio for God's gift of a newborn daughter, Eio Shao-En, born on February 2, 2013.	



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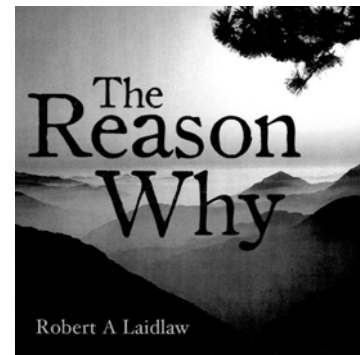
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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	<i>Hallelujah! What a Saviour</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	John 4:1-26
Hymn	<i>Fill My Cup Lord</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Chinese Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>Nothing Between</i>
Doxology/Pastoral	
Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	John 3:1-15
Sermon	<b>The Life-giving Snake</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
	<i>The Blood of Jesus</i> (Lord's Supper)
Closing Hymn	
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## A GOSPEL HONG BAO



goodwill and friendship, do not forget to share the good news of salvation in Christ. One way is to give a gospel CD containing the salvation story entitled, "The Reason Why."

"The Reason Why" is a captivating gospel exposition written by Robert A Laidlaw—a New Zealand businessman—out of concern for the salvation of his staff. Laidlaw's evangelistic booklet has since helped unnumbered thousands find

A happy New Year to one and all. As you make your rounds visiting loved ones, relatives and friends with your red packets (*hong bao*) expressing gratitude,

salvation in Jesus Christ and changed the lives of many. Over 30 million copies have been printed in more than 30 languages since it was first released about 60 years ago. The gospel exposition can now be heard through an audio CD produced by Calvary Pandan and Calvary Tengah.



There is also a Chinese version. Take one and prayerfully give it to someone who needs it—the best "*hong bao*" you can give.

## 簡介

《為何我信》(The Reason Why) ——是一篇福音信息，它曾經幫助许许多多的人认识主耶稣基督，并接受祂作为个人的救主。

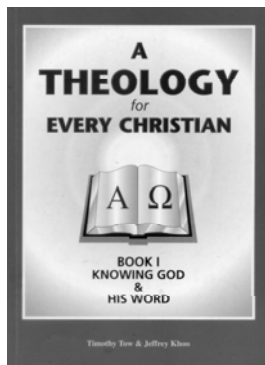
作者罗伯特·莱德劳 (Robert A Laidlaw) 是新西兰农户贸易公司 (Farmer's Trading Company) 的创办人。他是当地众所周知、备受尊敬的商人。他于 1885 年在苏格

兰出世，一岁跟随父母移民到新西兰，23岁时在奥克兰开始经营邮购生意，并将之发展成一个拥有两千七百名员工的零售集团。

莱德劳关心员工的救恩，并且撰写了《为何我信》这本小册子，来见证他的基督教信仰。早在1969年之前，这本小册子已经被翻译成30多种语言，并且发行量超过了一千六百万本。其福音信息改变了千千万万人的生命。莱德劳是个充满活力的讲员，也是个激励人心的领袖，被认为是“世界伟大的平信徒”之一。

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## CHINA IN THE BIBLE



by Timothy Tow and Jeffrey Khoo, pp 82-85 for an exposition of the term “Sinim”. Download freely from <http://www.febc.edu.sg/press.htm>. Have a blessed Chinese New Year.

**“Thank you for your excellent explanation on the term “Sinim” in Isaiah 49:12 and the sources that you quoted were very helpful; how we need in our day good biblical scholarship in these matters, keep up the good work! God bless! Ray Tomkins”** (Email, 31 January 2013).

## 福杯满溢

新年到了，恭喜！恭喜！我们华人在本国虽然生活紧张忙碌。但过新年的习

俗，无论环境如何变迁，都不会忘记。中国人过年的习俗，是多采多姿，又饶富意义的。

举例说，过年前，家家户户都要把家里打扫干净，除旧佈新一番，新年新气象。小孩们更兴奋的三五成群放爆竹，火花和爆响令孩子们著迷得又怕又爱。其实在未有炮仗之前，人们过年是烧竹的。烧到竹节时，便爆响一声，叫人惊奇也给人惊喜，认为能把恶魔，祸患吓走，更添热闹气氛。

红包也叫压岁钱，通常是长辈给晚辈，给他们一个惊喜，也象徵来年有意外的好运。除夕时，在外地工作的人，都要回家团圆，全家人围炉吃年夜饭，谈谈过往一年发生的事，有所警惕和学习，希望明年改进得更好。

饭后又一起守岁，什么是守岁？就是守住最后一晚，不要让它那么快过去，意思是要珍惜光阴。为何不称守年，而称守岁呢？原来「年」称呼是从周朝开始，周朝之前是夏朝，那时称为「岁」。故除夕守完岁之后，年关也就过了，所谓「过新年迎新岁」，年初一清晨，就要打开大门「迎春接福」了！

然而福从何来呢！福字左边是个「示」字旁，代表神，意思是「福从神来」，所谓「天官赐福」也。古时皇帝带他的群臣祭天，求天赐福，祈求在新的一年里，国泰民安，风调雨顺。其他官臣也在各地，领导当地的百姓祈求神降福。

如何才能得著上帝赐的福呢？圣经中的诗篇称「有福的人」是：「得赦其过，遮盖其罪，这人有福的。」因为我们有罪时，良心受责备，心中没有平安。但如果求上帝赦免，祂饶恕了我们，就会无罪一身轻。上帝也必按我们的需要，不论是生活，婚姻，学业或工作，为我们预备福份。更时时与我们同在，安慰鼓励，赐出人意外的平安喜乐给相信祂的人。

朋友，我希望这位耶和華神，也能成为你的牧者，引领你一生，安慰你，赐福给你，只要你肯来到祂的面前，向祂诚心祷告：「亲爱的主耶稣：谢谢你为我的罪而死。请饶恕我的众罪并进入我的心。我现在接受耶稣作我个人的救主。谢谢父神赐我永生并在基督里丰盛的生命。奉耶稣的名祈求，阿们。」

祝您新年快乐、身体健康、主恩无尽。

## CHINESE NEW YEAR

Happy Chinese New Year. Congratulations! For the Chinese who live in this country, we may live busy lives, but the traditional method of celebrating the Chinese New Year is not forgotten. The Chinese way of celebration is both ancient and full of meaning.

For instance, before the New Year, the house is swept clean. Cleanliness represents a new atmosphere. Children are most joyful setting off firecrackers. The sparks and sudden explosions make them both fearful and fun. Actually, before firecrackers was invented, the Chinese had used bamboos, which gave a sudden burst when burned to its end. This symbolized driving away bad fortune.

After the banquet meal is the so-called “watch-age” time. Its meaning is to extend the fleeting year and thus treasure and preserve time. Why call it “watch-age” and not “watch-year”? The Chinese character for “year” was

first invented during Chow dynasty. The preceding Hsia dynasty has used the word “age.” This came the Chinese slogan of “bypassing the new year and welcoming the new age.” At the early morning of the New Year, the house’s big door is sprung open to welcome the blessings of the new year.

However, WHERE does blessing really come from? Even in the Chinese character for “blessing” (福), this is explained. The character’s left strokes is the symbol for “God” (示). In ancient China, the emperor would worship annually at Beijing’s Tien-Than the one-god, soliciting heaven’s protection, prosperity, and peace for the entire nation. This was similarly done by lesser officers in ancient China.

But how may we really receive “Blessings” from the One True God? The Bible’s Book of Psalms says: “Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered.” (Psalm 32:1). This is because when we have sin, our conscience will bother us, and we will have no peace of mind. But when we ask God to forgive us, He will forgive us, and save us from our sin through Jesus Christ the Saviour. As a result, we will be “justified” and have peace. God will always give us blessings—whether in our lives, marriage, school, or work. He will be with us, comfort and encourage us, and give the everlasting peace.

Dear friend, I hope this True God will become your Saviour to guide and bless you ... if only you are willing to come to Him. You may pray this prayer of salvation: “Dear Lord Jesus, thank you for dying for my sin. Please forgive my sin and enter into my heart. I now receive Jesus Christ into my heart to be my personal Saviour. Thank you for giving me eternal life and abundant life in Christ. In Jesus Name, AMEN.”

—Paul Lee Tan (trans.)

**Pastor and Session wish all members a blessed Lunar New Year. Let us not forget to offer a thanksgiving Hong Bao to the Lord in grateful worship. The Lord is good!**

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 18 – 24, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	Leviticus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting REL C Room 603
SAT	4.00 pm	Young People's Fellowship
	5.30 pm	Family Bible Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)
	2.30 pm	Evangelism

**Young People's Fellowship** will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, Feb 23. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For those requiring transport, please meet at FEBC at 3.30 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Family Bible Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Feb 23 at Mr and Mrs Steve Chng's home, 92 Kew Drive Singapore 466099, 5.30 pm. Tel: 91283116. Message: "Overview of the Old Testament – Part 2" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details.

**FCM Combined Meeting** this Fri, Feb 22, at Calvary Tengah BPC, 7 pm. Dinner at 6 pm. Message: "My Campus, My Mission Field" by Pr Lek Aik Wee. For enquiries, contact Gabriel at 92388483.

**Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7).** Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: Walking with Jesus. Registration will open soon.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As he that bindeth a stone in a sling, so is he that giveth honour to a fool." Prov 26:8

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**  
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## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day \$17,343.20;  
**Fellowships' Collections:** YPF \$86.20

**Designated Offerings:** Rev Prabhudas Koshy \$50;  
Dennis Kabingue \$800; Joshua Yong \$100; Mrs Ivy Tow \$100; Ng Ah Bah \$200; BCEA Tanzania \$50;  
Bible Witness \$50; RPG \$240; Church Choir \$100;  
Barnabas Yap \$50; Lal Lian Uk (FEBC) \$50; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$50; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$300; FEBC Bookroom \$280; FEBC \$500, \$400

**Total General and Designated Offerings:** \$20,749.40  
**Church Building Fund** \$3,500, \$260, \$100 **Total:** \$1,356,869.27

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Better Than Any Computer" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.

**Mon and Thu night classes,** 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.

**Brisbane BPC** will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on the Lord's Day, Mar 17. Bible Seminar on "Charismatic, Neo-Evangelical, and Ecumenical Movements" will be held on Sat, Mar 16. Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. True Lifers planning to attend can write to Rev Hien ([hien7ng@optusnet.com.au](mailto:hien7ng@optusnet.com.au)) for information.

**Infant Baptism** on Easter Sunrise Service, Mar 31. Please register with Wendy Teng at 94754067.

**Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)** in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Register now. Closing Date: Apr 28. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.

**Design the Logo for the Camp T-Shirt!** Please refer to the insert in the Weekly for more details.



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship

Dn Tan Beng Lee

Opening Hymn

O Father All Creating

Invocation/Gloria Patri

Responsive Reading

Psalms 105

Hymn

O Praise the Lord, His Deeds Make Known

Announcements

Ministry of Music

Deborah & Judith

Offering & Hymn

A Christian Home

Doxology/Prayer

Dn Tan Beng Lee

Scripture Text

Acts 16:25-34

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

Sermon

Household Salvation

(Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)

Closing Hymn

Happy the Home When God Is There

Benediction

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## SALVATION OF THE OLD FOLKS

Jenny Kan



"Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts: praise him

according to his excellent greatness." (Ps 150:1, 2).

We want to praise our heavenly Father, and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for His mighty work in the hearts and lives of the old folks at the St John's Home for Elderly Persons.

We thank the Lord for His wonderful words of life given to these old folks, even the gift of eternal life. It is truly a privilege for Deborah Mae, Sok Sin and I to witness the wonderful work of the Holy Spirit in the lives of the old folks even in their evening years. We thank the Lord for his grace towards Madam Ong Ng Tee (85) and Madam Wong Hun Foong (96) for saving them out of darkness into His marvellous light. It is amazing to see how the Lord worked in their hearts and see them come to trust him sincerely. Madam Ong Ng Tee confessed the Lord Jesus Christ as her Saviour in early January and asked for baptism. Her family are unbelievers and had from the beginning refused to give their consent, thinking that she might not know what she was doing. However, Madam Ong continued to attend the Tuesday fellowship with us and we prayed to the Lord for His intervention. The Lord answered our prayers most wonderfully. The family members later called the manager of the home, Mr Goh, on 25 January 2013 and gave their consent for their mother to be baptised.



Ladies Fellowship 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving, February 6, 2013

By God's grace, arrangements were made and on 29 January 2013, Pastor Jeffrey Khoo, assisted by Deacon Philip Goh, baptised not only Madam Ong but also Madam Wong Hun Foong. Madam Wong confessed the Lord Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour in November 2012 and has been attending True Life BPC for about two months. On the morning of 29 January 2013, when she realised that Madam Ong was to be baptised, she asked if she could be baptised too. She had already a desire to be baptised but had not made it known to us, but the Lord already knew, and opened the way for her.

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo preached from John 3:13-15, *"And no man hath ascended up to heaven, but he that came down from heaven, even the Son of man which is in heaven. And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, even so must the Son of man be lifted up: That whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have eternal life."* Brother Ng Yew Chong of Truth BPC interpreted the message into Mandarin. The service was attended by about 40 and I am sure all have been blessed by the Word. The joy of these two elderly ladies was visible as they praised the Lord Jesus continuously. We are so grateful for Psalm 19:7-9, *"The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The statutes of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart: the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes. The fear of the LORD is clean, enduring for ever: the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether."* The Holy Spirit has indeed convicted and converted sinners, made wise the simple, enlightened and caused the old folks to rejoice in their salvation. Although they are away from their family and loved ones, they have experienced the love of God in their hearts.

We thank the Lord for moving the heart of Mr Goh, the manager of the home, to call

on us whenever he needed us to give the gospel or to check if the old folks had truly understood and believed in the Lord Jesus Christ. He most readily made all the arrangements in contacting the families of the old folks who were seeking baptism or permission to worship at True Life BPC. He also gladly arranged for the use of the St John's Chapel for the baptismal service. We are thankful to God, our Heavenly Father, for making the path smooth for us, to remove every obstacle in order that His chosen ones can come to Him freely and be saved. We acknowledge that all the good that has been done in the lives of these precious souls is solely the work of the mighty hand of God. We are so grateful that the Lord has blessed us in allowing us to witness His wonderful work. Praise the Lord God almighty!

## SALVATION TESTIMONIES

Madam Ong Ng Tee



Long time ago, when I heard about Jesus Christ I was very happy but did not understand many things. Whenever I heard stories of Jesus Christ I was very glad. I believe in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord. Jesus always helps me, whenever I was sick or sad I would pray to Jesus for help. I am not educated, so all I can say is 'Jesus help me' and whenever I pray this, my heart is at peace. When nobody listens to me, I pray to Jesus and

He will always hear me.

Madam Wong Hun Foong



I want to thank Jesus Christ for taking care of me and helping me to believe in Him. When I hear the gospel of Jesus Christ, I believe in Him. I am very happy to be baptised because it is my heart's desire. I am so happy to believe in Jesus and to be baptised.

## THE PRICELESS WOMAN

*"Likewise, ye wives, be in subjection to your own husbands; that, if any obey not the word, they also may without the word be won by the conversation of the wives; While they behold your chaste conversation coupled with fear. Whose adorning let it not be that outward adorning of plaiting the hair, and of wearing of gold, or of putting on of apparel; But let it be the hidden man of the heart, in that which is not corruptible, even the ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."* (1 Pet 3:1-4),

Praise the Lord for the Ladies' Fellowship. It was the first fellowship group of our church formed at the instance of Mrs Ivy Tow. Deborah Mae, Judith D'Silva, and Jenny Kan and others have served most lovingly and cheerfully since 2004. Their 9<sup>th</sup> anniversary was celebrated on February 6, 2013 at RELC Room 602.

Pastor preached from 1 Peter 3:1-4 and spoke on the kind of woman that God

values. The woman who is well-loved and highly esteemed by God is the woman who knows her god-given role in the family and in the church, who is chaste and God-fearing, who pursues inner beauty which is holiness, and not outward vanity.

John Calvin, the great Reformer, found such a woman of great price. She was Idelette, an Anabaptist who fled persecution in her native Holland with her husband. Both found refuge in Strasburg. In Strasburg, they came under the pastoral care of Calvin. Idelette's husband later died from a severe illness and Calvin conducted his funeral. Calvin at that time was looking for a wife. He shared with his good friend Farel what he thought would be the ideal wife for him, "... I am none of those insane lovers who embrace also the vices of those with whom they are in love, where they are smitten at first sight with a fine figure. *This only is the beauty which allures me, if she is chaste, if not too fussy or fastidious, if economical, if patient, if there is hope that she will be interested about my health.*" Idelette fit the bill precisely, and Calvin saw in her that *"ornament of a meek and quiet spirit, which is in the sight of God of great price."* Calvin married Idelette in 1540. She took good care of Calvin and attended to his needs so well so that he could give himself totally to his pastoral and teaching duties.

Idelette was Calvin's wife for only nine years. After she was called home to be with the Lord, Calvin shared how much he missed her, *"I have been bereaved of the best companion of my life, who, if our lot had been harsher, would have been not only the willing sharer of exile and poverty, but even of death. While she lived she was the faithful helper of my ministry. From her I never experienced the slightest hindrance."* May our young ladies strive to be a 1 Peter 3:4 woman, and may our young men when looking for a wife will look for such a priceless woman. JK



## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Feb 25 – Mar 3, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	Leviticus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship
SAT	2.30 pm	YPF 9 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary
	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship
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	10.30 am	Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** this Fri, Mar 1 at the home of Elder and Mrs Joseph, 8 pm. Address: 58-E Toh Crescent, Singapore 507978. Tel: 62562175.

**YPF 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary** this Sat, Mar 2 at RELC, Level 5, Room 503. Time: 2.30 pm. Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Message: "Faith in Hebrews-Part 3". For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Mar 2 at Dr and Mrs Tan Ming Wei's home, The Pinnacle, 1D Cantonment Road, #49-39 Singapore 085401, 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Galatians by Elder Joseph. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7).** Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: Walking with Jesus. Registration will open soon.

**9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)** at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.

**Our deepest condolences** to Mrs Chew Chwuui Chwee (wife of Dr Maurice Chew) and family on the demise of her father on February 20, 2013.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As a thorn goeth up into the hand of a drunkard, so is a parable in the mouth of fools." Prov 26:9

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**  
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No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day S\$19,156; MYR25  
**Fellowships' Collections:** AF \$2,036; LF \$1,104.80; YAF \$142; YPF \$90.65

**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$200, \$100; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$300; Baraka BPC – Children Care Centre \$1,000; Ng Ah Bah \$150; Eileen Chee \$500; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$200, \$100; Clement Chew (FEBC) \$100; George Orwa (FEBC) \$50; John Chemalan (FEBC) \$50; Li Ya Ge (FEBC) \$50; Zhu Jianwei (FEBC) \$50; FEBC Needy Students \$350; FEBC Dining Club \$200; FEBC \$300, \$200, \$200

**Total General and Designated Offerings:**  
S\$26,629.45; MYR25

**Church Building Fund** \$10,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$500, \$100, \$50 **Total:** \$1,369,019.27

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Wonder Pump" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.

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**Infant Baptism** on Easter Sunrise Service, Mar 31. Please register with Wendy Teng at 94754067.

**Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism** this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 43 Lorong 5 Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.

**Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)** in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Register now. Closing Date: Apr 28. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Eld J T Joseph
Opening Hymn	The Bible Stands
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	1 Peter 1:3-25
Hymn	Lord, Thy Word Abideth
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Children's Sunday School
Offering & Hymn	Mothers of Salem
Doxology/Prayer	Eld J T Joseph
Scripture Text	Acts 17:1-12
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Is the Bible Enough?</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	Holy Bible, Book Divine
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## HOUSEHOLD SALVATION

*A Sermon Delivered on Lord's-Day Morning,  
5 November 1871 by C H Spurgeon  
at the Metropolitan Tabernacle*

**Acts 16:32-34, "And they spake unto him the word of the Lord, and to all that were in his house. And he took them the same hour of the night, and washed their stripes, and was baptized, he and all his, straightway. And when he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them, and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house."**

It sometimes happens that a good man has to go alone to heaven: God's election has separated him from the midst of an ungodly family, and, notwithstanding his example and his prayers, and his admonitions, they still remain unconverted, and he himself, a solitary one, a speckled bird amongst them, has to pursue his lonely flight to the skies. Far oftener, however, it happens that the God who is the God of Abraham becomes the God of Sarah,

and then of Isaac, and then of Jacob, and though grace does not run in the blood, and regeneration is not of blood nor of birth, yet doth it very frequently—I was about to say almost always—happen that God, by means of one of a household, draws the rest to himself. He calls an individual, and then uses him to be a sort of spiritual decoy to bring the rest of the family into the gospel net.

To allure and encourage you to long for family religion, I have selected this text this morning. God grant it may answer the purpose designed. May many here have a spiritual hunger and thirst, that they may receive the blessing which so largely rested upon the Philippian jailer. Note in our text five things:

### (1) A Whole Household Hearing the Word

Most likely the word of God sounded at midnight in the ears of the jailer and his household for the first time, and, on that remarkable occasion, they all heard it together. The father first, in his alarm, asked the question, "What must I do to be saved?" and received personally the answer, "Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved, and thy house;" and then it appears that all the family gathered around their parent, and the two holy men, while Paul and Silas spake unto him the word of the Lord, and also to all that were in his house. His wife, his children, his servants, all that were in

"... but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD." (Josh 24:15b).



his house, listened to the heavenly message.

Prisoner as he was, the Apostle Paul preached to them a free gospel, and a gospel of divine authority. He erred not from the truth in what he taught; he preached unto them the “word of God.” Would to God that all preachers would keep to the word of God, and, above all things, would exalt The Incarnate Word of God. This were infinitely better than to delude men’s minds with those “germs of thought,” those strikingly new ideas, those metaphysical subtleties, and speculations, and theories, and discoveries of science, falsely so called, which are now-a-days so fashionable. If all ministers could preach the word, the revealed mind and will of God, then hearers would in larger numbers become converts; for God will bless his own word, but he will not bless anything else. The jailor’s household all heard God’s word faithfully declared, and there was the main cause of blessing, for, alas! with many hearers, the Sabbath is utterly wasted; for, though they are attentive listeners, they are left without a blessing, because that which they hear is not the gospel of Jesus Christ.

## **(2) A Whole Household Believing**

We know that the whole household believed, for we are told so in the 34<sup>th</sup> verse; “Believing in God with all his house:”—all, all, all were powerfully affected, savingly affected by the gospel which Paul preached to them. This household heard the gospel probably but once, certainly only once or twice, yet they believed, and here are some of us who have heard it from our youth up, and remain rebellious still.

Of this family it may be said that as they were new hearers, so they were most unlikely hearers. The Romans did not select for jailers the most tender hearted of men. Frequently they were old legionaries who had seen service in bloody wars, and been inured to cruel fights. They were, then, most unpromising hearers. Yet how often are the most unlikely persons convinced of sin, and led to the Savior. How true is it still of many who are most moral and

excellent, and even outwardly religious, that “the publicans and harlots enter into the kingdom of heaven before them.”

Who are you, that you should say, “It is of no use to invite such a man to hear, for he would not be converted?” The more improbable it seems to be in your judgment, perhaps the more likely it is that God will look upon him with an eye of love. How happy a thing it was for the jailer that, in the providence of God, his hardened but probably honest spirit was brought under the influence of the earnest apostle. Bring others, like him, into the place of worship, for who can tell?

## **(3) A Whole Household Baptised**

“He was baptized, he and all his straightway.” In almost every case in Scripture where you read of a household baptism, you are distinctly informed that they were also a believing household. First, “HE” was baptised,—the jailor; he was ready first to submit himself to the ordinance in which he declared himself to be dead to the world, and risen anew in Christ Jesus. Then “*all his*” followed. No minister has any right to refuse to baptise any person who professes faith in Jesus Christ, unless there be some glaring fact to cast doubt upon the candidate’s sincerity.

“Why say so much about baptism?” says somebody. If this be God’s command—and I solemnly believe it to be so—do not despise it, I beseech you; as you love Christ, do not talk about its being non-essential. If the Lord command, shall his servant talk about its being non-essential? It is essential in all things to do my Master’s will, and to preach it; for hath he not said, “He that shall break one of the least of these my commandments, and shall teach men so, the same shall be least in the kingdom of heaven”? I hope it may be our privilege here to see whole families baptised.

## **(4) A Whole Household at Work for God**

The whole household was astir that night. They had all believed and been baptised, and their very first enquiry is, “What can we do for Jesus?” It was clear to them that they could help the two men who had brought

them to Christ, and they did so affectionately.

Is there a lazy church member here? Friend, you miss a great blessing. Is there a mother here whose husband is very diligent in serving God, but she neglects to lead her children in the way of truth? Ah, dear woman, you are losing what would be a great comfort to your own soul. I know you are; for one of the best means for a soul to be built up in Christ is for it to do something for Christ. We cease to grow when we cease either to labor or to suffer for the Lord. Even our children when they are saved can do something for the Master. The little hand that drops its halfpence into the offering box, out of love to Jesus, is accepted of the Lord. The young child trying to tell its brother or sister of the dear Savior who has loved it is a true missionary of the cross.

## **(5) A Family Rejoicing**

Believing obtains the pardon of all sin, and brings Christ’s righteousness into our possession, it declares us to be the sons of God, gives us heirship with Christ, and secures us his blessing here and glory hereafter: who would not rejoice at this? If the family had been left a fortune they would have rejoiced, but they had found more than all the world’s wealth at once in finding a Savior, therefore were they glad. I have no doubt that their joy was permanent and continued. That household is now in glory: they are all there—the jailer, and his spouse, and his children, and his servants; they are all there, for is it not written, “He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved?” They were obedient to that word, and they are saved.

“Will my family be there?” Will yours be there? Turn it over in your minds, my brothers and sisters, and if you can give the happy answer, and say, “Yes, by the blessing of God, I believe we shall all be there,” then, I will ask you to serve God very much, for you owe him very much. You are deep debtors to the mercy of God, you parents who have godly children. You ought to do twice as much; nay, seven times as much for Jesus as any other Christians. (*Sermon abridged*)

# **FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE**



FEBC continues to press on in the work of training students who have answered God’s call to the ministry of His Word. While many

Bible colleges and seminaries are defecting from the Faith, even denying the present perfection of the Holy Scriptures, FEBC remains unwavering in affirming the Bible to be forever infallible and inerrant, inspired and preserved as a whole and in its parts right down to the last word and syllable (Ps 12:6, 7; Matt 5:18). FEBC upholds the traditional Hebrew Masoretic Text and the Greek Textus Receptus to be the authentic and authoritative Scriptures, and the Authorised Version or King James Bible to be the most faithful and accurate translation of those authentic and authoritative Scriptures.

This semester, the College has 104 day-time students (49 full-time, 55 part-time) from 13 countries: Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Tanzania, and Vietnam.

The Basic Theology for Everyone (BTFE) courses held on Monday and Thursday nights continue to attract a good crowd. The Monday night class on Leviticus has attracted 249 students, and the Thursday night class on Calvin’s Institutes (Part I) is attended by 144 students. Our BTFE students come from 47 different churches in Singapore.

FEBC continues to see increasing enrolment in its distance learning programme. There are a total of 99 distance learning students taking one or more of the online courses offered this semester, namely, Charismatism, 2 Kings, and Ecclesiastes.

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 4 – 10, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	Leviticus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	7.45 pm	Ladies Fellowship
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes I (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
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SAT	3.30 pm	Young People's Fellowship
	4.30 pm	Chinese Fellowship
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**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road. **FEBC's 17<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to the Holy Land** will be from September 4-14, 2013. For enquires, please refer to Mrs Jemima Khoo.

**Ladies Fellowship Meeting** this Wed, Mar 6, 2013 at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Women in the Bible — Anna (Luke 2:37-38)" by Rev Stephen Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Mar 9 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Hindrances to the Assurance of Salvation" by Rev Dr Paul Ferguson. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlvpf.com](http://www.tlvpf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Chinese Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Mar 9 at 4.30 pm in the home of Mr and Mrs Chua Peng Hwa. Address: Blk 155 Bishan Street 13, #19-80 (Lift Lobby A & B), Singapore 570155. Tel: 96376560. Speaker: Rev Kwan Yew Weng.

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**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100; Cambodia Missions \$100; Gethsemane BPC \$25,000; Bible Witness \$50; Rev Prabhudas Koshy \$5,000; Dn Lok Kwok Wah \$5,000, \$50; Dn Kelvin Lim \$50; Mrs Sim Bee Choo \$200; FEBC Needy Students \$200; Guo Sufang (FEBC) \$50; Li Shanshan (FEBC) \$50; Shadrack Cheruiyot (FEBC) \$50; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$300, \$50; Kenneth Wong (FEBC) \$50; FEBC \$5,000, \$2,500, \$450, \$50

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**Church Building Fund** \$600, \$250 **Total:** \$1,369,869.27

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**Our deepest condolences** to Mr Chua Wei Bin on the demise of his grandfather on February 23, 2013.

**Mrs Maurice Chew and family** would like to thank Pastor and True Lifers for their presence at the wake, words of comfort, condolences, prayers and love offerings during their recent bereavement.

**Preaching appointments:** Pastor at the Chinese Service, 10.30 am.



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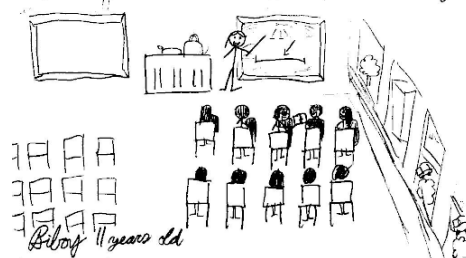
**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Dn Charles Kan
Opening Hymn	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 71
Hymn	From Days of Early Youth, O God
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Deborah & Judith
Offering & Hymn	Have I Done My Best for Jesus?
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Nehemiah 9:1-7
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>The Signature of a Disciple of Christ</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	May the Lord Find Us Faithful
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

## CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Mrs Jemima Khoo

*In Sunday School I learn a lot about God's people, and how God led them through the tests and trials they passed. I also learned the life of kings and what consequences will happen if you don't obey God.*



*"Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old, he will not depart from it"*

(Prov 22:6). We are to create a taste or desire in our children for the things of God, according to his mental and physical development and when he is correctly nurtured in the things of God, his eventual desire will be to cling to them.

As parents, we have a duty to bring up our children in God's way. By bringing them to Sunday school, we instil in them the importance of studying God's Word. If we come when we feel like it or come in late, it will instil a "come-when-we-feel-like-it" attitude with our children when it comes to church activities. It just requires a little effort to come to church just an hour earlier on Sundays. Just as we send our children to school on time, please also send your children to Sunday school on time. And by coming to both the Sunday school and Church Service regularly, we show our children that we are serious with God's Word and want them to learn as much as they can.

The Sunday school at True Life caters not only to children but also to Teens and Adults. We welcome one and all to join in!

Here are some testimonies from the Children's Sunday school:



Adult Fellowship's 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving, 16 February 2013, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." (Heb 10:24, 25)

"I like the stories that I hear from my teachers. I learn many important things like Jesus dying on the cross for my sins and that I will have eternal life one day." *Patrick Soh, 8*

"So far in Sunday school, I learnt about Abraham, Moses, and Joshua and almost all the books of the Old Testament. I also learnt about Jesus the Son of God and how He came to earth and then died on the cross for our sins." *Tai Eyan Ern, 8*

"I like Sunday school because I can learn a lot of interesting things about the Bible e.g. Kings, prophets, miracles. The teachers are kind and I can meet my Sunday school friends." *Janna Aw, 9*

"I like Sunday school as I can learn many lessons from the Bible stories that are told and apply them in my life in order to be more like Him, to be a good testimony to my friends around me so

that they can see Christ in me." *Anne Chan, 11*

"I like Sunday school because I get to learn about God. I read the Bible and sing songs to praise God and I can go to heaven when I die." *Han Ghim Seu, 11*

"I enjoy coming to Sunday school to learn many lessons from the Bible and I try to apply them in my life to draw closer to God. I am also reminded to read His Word and pray during difficult situations. I also learn how to grow in grace and have more faith in God." *Tan Li Ann, 11*

"What I like about Sunday school is the Bible stories. I learn deeper truths behind them such as the Parable of the Pounds (spread the Gospel before He comes), the Barren Fig Tree (bear good fruit for God), and the Prodigal Son (what happens when we go astray)." *Thaddaeus Wong, 12*

"I enjoy coming to Sunday school as we can learn of God's Word and read the Bible together. We learn about true stories from the Bible. We also can have fellowship with friends. From Sunday school I learn a lot like growing in grace spiritually. Praise God!" *Trina Ng, 12*

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## ADULTS FELLOWSHIP

William and Rachel Teo

We are thankful to the Lord for the 8<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Adults Fellowship. We thank our Heavenly Father for His faithfulness in sustaining us these eight years.

The Adults Fellowship has its humble beginnings at our home eight years ago when our children were very young. Sarah was just six years old and Jeremy was four years old. How time flies! As our children were very young then and found it difficult to understand when we were studying Church History, the Lord gave Sister Jenny Kan the burden to set up a special class for them to teach them God's Word. We are very grateful to Sister Jenny for her labour of love in teaching our children and also other children who joined the group. Both adults and children were fed with the Word of God each month we met.

We also thank God for faithful ministers of God's Word whom the Lord has provided. There was never a time when we were without speakers. Somehow, the Lord has provided speakers for us in spite of their very busy schedule. We have completed our study of the "Ten Commandments" by Rev Quek Suan Yew of Calvary Pandan BPC. Currently we are studying "The Tabernacle" under Rev Stephen Khoo. It is not too late for you to join us for this

study.

The highlight of the year was our annual Christmas Caroling held in December to bring the gospel to unsaved loved ones and to encourage the family members of our brethren. We thank God for opening two homes for us to minister God's Word to at our last Christmas caroling on 15 December 2012. Elder John Leong of Tabernacle BPC was the speaker and Dn Tai Mern Yee led in the Christmas caroling. We thank God for the opportunity to reach out to Brother Meng's brother-in-law and to fellowship with his mother and sister. We also visited Dr Maurice Chew's father-in-law. Elder Leong preached the gospel to both Dr Chew's father-in-law and mother-in-law and some of the sisters shared the gospel with Dr Chew's sister-in-law.

Last year, we gave love gifts to Baraka BPC, FEBC, BCEA (Kenya), Preacher Rajan of Kathmandu BPC in Nepal and Rev Biak Lawm Thang of Myanmar in support of missions.

Finally, thank God for providing and preserving this fellowship as a means of grace for us to grow spiritually in the Lord. As a spiritual family, we can support one another in prayer and serve the Lord together. It is our prayer that the Lord will continue to lead and guide us as we seek to grow in faith and in the knowledge of Him. May the Lord help us to study His Word diligently and to know Him deeply in our lives that we may glorify Him in all that we do. We hope you can come and join us in future that we can have fellowship together and encourage one another in the Lord.



**"Ring the bells, ring the bells, let the whole world know; Christ the Saviour lives today as He did so long ago". Jesus said, "Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 19:14).**

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Mar 11 – 17, 2013)		
MON	7.30 pm	<i>Leviticus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes I</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting <i>RELC Room 603</i>
SAT	3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Catechism Class (Tanglin 2) Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)
<p><b>Mon and Thu night classes</b>, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.</p> <p><b>Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Mar 16 at Mr and Mrs William Teo's home, Blk 835 Woodlands St 83 #12-113, 3.30 pm. Message: "The Tabernacle – Part 2" by Rev Stephen Khoo. Contact William Teo at 91831150 for details.</p> <p><b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Mar 16 at Mr and Mrs Steve Chng's home, 92 Kew Drive Singapore 466099, 3.30 pm. Message: "A Living Sacrifice – The Apostle Paul" by Bro Jose Lagapa. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.</p> <p><b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Mar 16 at 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Philippians by Bro Clement Chew. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7)</b>. Theme: Walking with Jesus. Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Registration for volunteers is now open.</p> <p><b>Lost and Found:</b> Please go to the reception table to see if any of the lost &amp; found items belongs to you. Items not claimed will be donated or given away.</p> <p><b>Preaching appointments:</b> Pastor at Berean BPC's 21<sup>st</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, 10.30 am.</p>		

His Word when they are rebuked for their sins. True believers would not respond to God's Word of rebuke or correction angrily but humbly. God gave us His words and His laws to protect us. They are for our own good and we should endeavour to keep them; *"and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."*

The "engrafted word" is powerful unto salvation. The Word of God has already

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<p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> \$15,897; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> YAF \$152; YPF \$1,443.50</p> <p><b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250, \$100; <i>Rev Hien</i> \$200; <i>Rev Prabhudas Koshy</i> \$200; <i>Rev Tan Kian Sing</i> \$300; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$300; <i>Gethsemane BPC</i> \$50; <i>Bible Witness</i> \$50; <i>Dn Leong Kwok Whye</i> \$100; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$100, \$100, \$70; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$400; <i>FEBC Dining Club</i> \$150; <i>FEBC</i> \$200</p> <p><b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$20,262.50</p> <p><b>Church Building Fund</b> \$2,000, \$800, \$435, \$200, \$200, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,373,604.27</p>	
<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Building Blocks" by Dr S H Tow.</p> <p><b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying Ephesians under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am.</p> <p><b>Brisbane BPC</b> will hold its 6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service next Lord's Day, Mar 17. Bible Seminar on "Charismatic, Neo-Evangelical, and Ecumenical Movements" will be held on Sat, Mar 16. Speaker: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. True Lifers planning to attend can write to Rev Hien (<a href="mailto:hien7ng@optusnet.com.au">hien7ng@optusnet.com.au</a>) for information.</p> <p><b>Infant Baptism</b> on Easter Sunrise Service, Mar 31. Please register with Wendy Teng at 94754067.</p> <p><b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort &amp; Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Register now. Closing Date: Apr 28. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.</p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.</p> <p><b>Complimentary Parking Coupons</b> are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.</p>	

been sown in the hearts of the faithful. If the seed has fallen on good soil, it would bring forth good fruit (Matt 13:3-23). Those who find themselves not manifesting any such Christian grace might not be in possession of the implanted Word in the first place. It is important to note that James considered salvation to come by means of receiving the Word of God and not by doing the works of the flesh. The Good Word comes before good works. JK



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Opening Hymn	<i>What a Gathering!</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 17
Hymn	<i>I Shall Know Him</i>
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	<i>Will Jesus Find Us Watching?</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Scripture Text	1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Meeting in Outer Space</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
	<i>A Passion for Thee</i> (Lord's Supper)
Closing Hymn	
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

## WELCOME THE LITTLE ONES



Mark 10:13-16, *"And they brought young children to him, that he should touch them: and his disciples rebuked those that brought them. But when Jesus saw it, he was much displeased, and said unto them, Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God. Verily I say unto you, Whosoever shall not receive the kingdom of God as a little child, he shall not enter therein. And he took them*

*up in his arms, put his hands upon them, and blessed them."*



Jesus was in the midst of teaching about the importance of marriage and family when the people brought their little children to Him. This annoyed the disciples who tried to shoo them away. They did not want to be bothered and they did not think Jesus should be bothered either. But Jesus was mightily unhappy with the attitude and action of His disciples, and rebuked them for preventing the children from coming to Him. To Jesus these little ones are precious and right candidates for the kingdom of God. All who desire to be members of God's family must first humble themselves and accept Jesus as their Lord and Saviour with childlike faith.

All Christian parents should be keen to bring their children to church so that they might receive a blessing from the Lord. Do not think that infants and toddlers who have yet to reach the age of understanding cannot benefit from the worship service in church. Babies from day one learn through sight and sound. And if they are covenant children, God looks upon them in a special way to work a special work of grace in their young



minds and hearts towards their salvation. Such a sanctifying influence is evident as we see many of our children grow up with the fear of God in their hearts, with a zeal to memorise the Scriptures, and a holy desire for the things of the Lord, even their salvation. They learn to sit still at prayer meetings and church services; they pray and worship the Lord themselves. This is the work of the Holy Spirit in their lives.



It is troubling and sad when Christian parents, blessed with newborns, keep themselves and their children away from church because they have become too busy with their mothering chores or think their little ones cannot benefit from the

worship services. By being absent from God's house, they deprive their children of the very thing they need, and need the most, which is God's blessing. As can be seen from the account in Mark 10:13-16, the Lord is very eager to bless our little ones, and to guide them into His kingdom.



What a blessing it was for May Ann and May Lynn in their growing-up years to be prayed for by their pastor and grandfather—Timothy Tow—with his hand laid on their little heads. Parents and grandparents should not forget to pray for their

children and grandchildren. The church also prays for them, that they might come to a saving knowledge of Christ early in life. The pastor is always glad to see the little ones in church, and is especially happy when they run to him to shake his hand after Service. He prays for the Lord's blessing to be upon them, even little ones still in

the arms of their mothers, like little Hadassah, and tells them that Jesus loves them very much. JK

## MORE EARS, LESS MOUTH

James 1:19-21, *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath: For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God. Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."*

Just last week, someone asked me this question concerning the text above: "Traditionally, this verse is used to support teaching us to be swift to hear others, not to speak so quickly, don't get angry etc. Since, the context of the passage concerns the Word of God, could verse 19 be teaching us to be swift to hear God's Word, not to be quick to teach God's Word, and not to be angry with God's Word when we are confronted with its truth?"

Here's my answer: Yes, the context definitely speaks of how we should respond to God's Word, but the wisdom contained therein may also be applied to how we ought to respond to others as well. Hereunder is my exposition of the passage in question:

True Faith is manifested by an obedient reception of God's Word. The word *Logos* (Word) appears four times in James chapter one (vv18, 21, 22, 23). God's Word being central here is described as (1) Truth (v18), (2) Seed (v21), (3) Mirror (v23), and (4) Law (v25).

There is a great need for God's people to spend more time hearing His Word, *"Wherefore, my beloved brethren, let every man be swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath"* (Jas 1:19). The word "wherefore" links this verse to the previous verse (ie, v18). Since the Lord has adopted us as His sons through His Word of truth, having saved us, how ought we to behave as children of God?

James says that priority ought to be given to the listening of God's Word. This is taught in the Old Testament especially

in the Wisdom Literature of King Solomon. With regard to hearing, we have Proverbs 1:5, *"A wise man will hear, and will increase learning: And a man of understanding shall attain unto wise counsels"*; Proverbs 12:15, *"The way of a fool is right in his own eyes: but he that hearkeneth unto counsel is wise"*; Proverbs 19:20, *"Hear counsel, and receive instruction, that thou mayest be wise in thy latter end"*; and Psalm 62:11, *"God hath spoken once; twice have I heard."*

With regard to speaking, we have Proverbs 10:19, *"In the multitude of words there wanteth not sin: but he that refraineth his lips is wise"*; Proverbs 13:3, *"He that keepeth his mouth keepeth his life: but he that openeth wide his lips shall have destruction"*; Proverbs 17:27-28, *"He that hath knowledge spareth his words: ... Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding"*; and Proverbs 21:23, *"Whoso keepeth his mouth and tongue keepeth his soul from troubles."*

When the Scripture is being read out loud in church, the congregation should listen attentively and be submissive to the words of Holy Writ; to assume the position of a pupil who listens more rather than a teacher who speaks more. The wisdom expressed in Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 applies, *"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."* "Silence is golden" is good advice. The Rev Dr Timothy Tow has often warned his students, "If you want to teach, you need to know eight times more than your students". A whole lot of listening and learning must come first before one starts speaking and teaching others.

Quarrels in church are often due to much speaking and very little listening. Disagreements usually arise when opposing parties are not hearing each other out. Those who do a lot of talking do not do the same in listening. We should perk up our ears, and rein in our tongue (Jas 3:6). Instead of speaking angrily, we should speak

graciously and gently. The speaker as well as the listener needs to be "slow to wrath." Proverbs 14:29 says, *"He that is slow to wrath is of great understanding: but he that is hasty of spirit exalteth folly."* Ecclesiastes 7:9 states, *"Be not hasty in thy spirit to be angry: for anger resteth in the bosom of fools."*

*"For the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God"* (Jas 1:20). James here gave the reason why a man should calm his temper. An angry man speaks on the basis of how he feels. He does not think before he speaks, nor does he listen to what others have to say. His outbursts are often without reason and he becomes very unreasonable. Calvin said that anger prevents a person from hearing God's Word: "Wrath also, I think, is condemned with regard to the hearing which God demands to be given to him, as though making a tumult it disturbed and impeded him, for God cannot be heard except when the mind is calm and sedate. Hence, he adds, that as long as wrath bears rule there is no place for the righteousness of God. In short, except the heat of contention be banished, we shall never observe towards God that calm silence of which he has just spoken." Surely *"the wrath of man worketh not the righteousness of God."* Ecclesiastes 9:17 says, *"The words of wise men are heard in quiet more than the cry of him that ruleth among fools."*

What would be James' advice to that wrathful member? It would be verse 21! *"Wherefore lay apart all filthiness and superfluity of naughtiness, and receive with meekness the engrafted word, which is able to save your souls."* The word "lay apart" or "put off" is used elsewhere with reference to taking off of one's dirty clothes (Acts 7:58). Paul is fond of using this word to refer to the putting away of one's sins (Rom 13:12, Col 3:8, Eph 4:22, 25). The filth that is spoken of here is moral evil.

Instead of being angry, a man ought to be gentle; instead of being arrogant, he ought to be humble. The historical context of the epistle should not be ignored. James was addressing professing Christians who displayed no spirituality in their lives whatsoever. They are angry with God and

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MON – FRI	FEBC Mid-Semester Break	
FRI 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting	REL C Room 603
SAT 4.00 pm	Young People's Fellowship	
5.30 pm	Family Bible Fellowship	
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School	
	Catechism Class (Tanglin 2)	
	Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	
10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)	
	Chinese Service (Tanglin 1)	
	Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
12.30 pm	Chinese Catechism Class	(Tanglin 2)
2.30 pm	Evangelism	
<p><b>Young People's Fellowship</b> will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, Mar 23. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For those requiring transport, please meet at FEBC at 3.30 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Family Bible Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Mar 23 at Mr and Mrs Ng Choon Seng's home, 5 Mount Faber Road, #07-12 The Pearl, 5.30 pm. Tel: 97669005. Message: "Overview of the Old Testament – Part 3" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details.</p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7).</b> Theme: Walking with Jesus. Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Application forms for both Volunteers and Children available at the VBS Booth. Contact Clement Chew at 98297665 for details.</p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.</p> <p><b>Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism session</b> next Sunday afternoon, Mar 24 at Toa Payoh. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.</p>		

when it came under attack by the Docetists, Ebionites, Arians, Apollinarians, Nestorians, Eutychians and other heretics. In the 16<sup>th</sup> century, the Reformation Church defended the truth of salvation by grace alone, through faith alone, in Christ alone against the Roman Catholic doctrine of salvation by human effort and church traditions. In the 20<sup>th</sup> century, the Fundamental Church upheld the truth of the verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures against the destructive views of Liberalism, Rationalism and Neo-Evangelicalism. In

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LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<p><b>General Offerings:</b> Last Lord's Day \$14,477; Fellowships' Collections: LF \$433; YPF \$72.60</p> <p><b>Designated Offerings:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100; Baraka BPC \$350; BCEA's Scholarships \$1,000; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$55; Barnabas Yap \$200; Samuel Goh (FEBC) \$300; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$50; George Orwa (FEBC) \$100; John Chemalan (FEBC) \$100; Guo Sufang (FEBC) \$100; Li Ya Ge (FEBC) \$100; Li Ya Hui (FEBC) \$100; Zhu Jianwei (FEBC) \$100; FEBC Needy Students \$500, \$200; FEBC Bookroom \$280; FEBC \$100</p> <p><b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$18,967.60</p> <p><b>Church Building Fund</b> \$1,000, \$500 <b>Total:</b> \$1,375,104.27</p>	
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the 21<sup>st</sup> century, when the doctrine of the verbal and plenary preservation of the Scriptures is under attack, we find faithful believers from all over the world defending this good doctrine against Postmodernism, Neo-Deism, and Neo-Fundamentalism.

May the Bible-believing and Bible-defending Church today fulfil its divine call to be "the pillar and ground of the truth" in the midst of rampant apostasy and treachery in these very last days just before the Lord returns. "For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth." (2 Cor 13:8). JK



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Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	Crown Him with Many Crowns
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Matthew 10:16-42
Hymn	Take the World, but Give Me Jesus
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Vacation Bible School Ladies' Chorus
Offering & Hymn	I Surrender All
Doxology/Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	Acts 17:16-34
Sermon	Christianity Is Unique (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	I Have Decided to Follow Jesus
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## THE PILLAR AND GROUND OF THE TRUTH



In 1 Timothy 3:15, Paul said that the Church is

"the pillar and ground of the truth." What is the Church, and why is it the Pillar and Ground of the Truth?

### What Is the Church?

The word "Church" is a translation of the Greek *ekklesia*. This word whenever used in the context of God's people always means a sanctified and separated people called out of the world to fulfil God's holy purpose. The idea of separation is thus intrinsic to this word which literally means "called-out ones". Christians have been called out of this world of Sin and Satan to become citizens of the kingdom of God and of Christ. A Church is no Church if it does not practise the biblical doctrine of separation (2 Cor 6:14-7:1).

Now, the Church is not a building in the literal sense. Biblically speaking, the Church is not wood or stone but flesh and blood. Know that there were no church buildings (with steeple and cross) in the days of the Apostles of Jesus Christ. The buildings called "churches" only came into existence in the 4<sup>th</sup> century when Christianity found favour with the Roman emperor Constantine. Know also that the Church before Constantine was much hated and severely persecuted by the world. In order to worship in peace, Christians had to meet quietly in homes or in caves; "(Of whom the world was not worthy:) they wandered in deserts, and in mountains, and in dens and caves of the earth." (Heb 11:38).

In 1 Timothy 3:15, Paul described the Church as “the house of God”. The “house of God” is often used in the Old Testament to refer to the temple—the physical building in Jerusalem where the Israelites worshipped God and offered their sacrifices. It is a holy place. In the New Testament, the house of God is no longer a place but a people, a holy people. The Church is the house of the living God, and not a temple for dead idols. Peter said, “*Ye also, as lively stones, are built up a spiritual house, an holy priesthood, to offer up spiritual sacrifices, acceptable to God by Jesus Christ. ... But ye are a chosen generation, a royal priesthood, an holy nation, a peculiar people; that ye should shew forth the praises of him who hath called you out of darkness into his marvellous light*” (1 Pet 2:5, 9).

Since the Church is a spiritual house of God, it must be filled with people who are not of this world—not carnal or devilish but spiritual and Christlike. The Church is not and may it never become a community centre (with cooking, painting, karate classes), a country club (exclusive with members-only privileges), an entertainment hub (full of rock and roll), a fashion expo (a flashy parade of the flesh), or an integrated resort (“a den of thieves”). Although in the world, the Church is not of the world (John 17:14).

### What Is the Truth?

Jesus said, “*thy (God’s) word is truth.*” (John 17:17). The word “truth” (*aletheia*) here is found with the definite article. This indicates that Paul was not speaking about truth as a quality, but truth as the object of our faith. The object of our faith is The Truth itself, ie, The Word of God, The Whole Counsel of God, The Holy Scriptures, The 66 Books of the Bible.

The Truth is under tremendous assault today that people in general no longer know what truth is any more. Like Pilate, they are asking, “What is truth?” Jesus said, “*To this end was I born, and for this cause came I into the world, that I should bear witness unto the truth. Every one that is of the truth heareth my voice.*” (John 17:16). The world today is like

Pilate; they do not hear the Voice of God because they do not belong to the Truth and is outside the realm of Truth, and hence do not know and cannot understand the Truth of God and His Word. When the Truth is preached and taught, they do not believe or receive it, but rather attack it.

The Truth today is attacked not only by those outside the Church, but also by those within the Church. The Truth for instance is attacked by atheists who deny that God created the whole universe out of nothing by the power of His Word in six literal days. The atheists replace the biblical doctrine of creation with their big-bang theory of evolution. What is truly disturbing is that those who profess to be Christians are agreeing with this theory, calling it science or scientific. To them, science trumps faith. Science is for the intelligent, faith is for the weak-minded. So, for Christianity to be intellectually respectable, they mix the Word with the World and advocate a theistic evolution, ie God created the world through evolution.

The attack from within continues. In the name of “Science” so called, some professing Christians claim that the Bible contains mistakes. And so they deny the Bible is divinely inspired, infallible and inerrant. They say the Bible is a good book but not God’s Word. They interpret God’s Word just like any ordinary literature. They question its origin and authorship, its history, geography, and theology. They think after this manner: “If the Bible does not agree with what I can discover and observe through tests and experiments, the Bible must be wrong.” Paul has strong words for such, “*For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men, who hold the truth in unrighteousness; ... Because that, when they knew God, they glorified him not as God, neither were thankful; but became vain in their imaginations, and their foolish heart was darkened. Professing themselves to be wise,*

*they became fools*” (Rom 1:18, 21, 22).

Another attack from within the Church has come from textual critics who deny that the Bible today is 100% perfect without any mistake. They say the Bible was only infallible and inerrant in the past when it was first given, but after all these thousands of years, the Bible we now have is no longer as infallible and inerrant as before because all the manuscripts we have today are corrupted in one way or other. Hundreds of thousands of scribal errors have crept into our Bible, and these errors, like it or not, have affected its statements of fact and doctrine. God just did not preserve the Scriptures in the way that He should. We have lost some words, and because no two manuscripts are alike we cannot be absolutely sure what many of the original words were. It is just too bad.

But this is not what the Bible says about itself. Psalm 12:6, 7 says, “*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*” Jesus Himself said, “*Verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled*” (Matt 5:18), “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away*” (Matt 24:35). We believe God has preserved all of His inspired words to the last jot and tittle as He promised, and by the logic of faith we can tell what and where they are.

Why should Jesus be so concerned that all of His Words to the very last letter should never disappear but always available and accessible? It is because “*The law of the LORD is perfect, converting the soul: the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple.*” (Ps 19:7); “*Every word of God is pure: he is a shield unto them that put their trust in him.*” (Prov 30:5); “*Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.*” (Matt 4:4); “*All scripture is given by*

*inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works.*” (2 Tim 3:16, 17). There is no better reason.

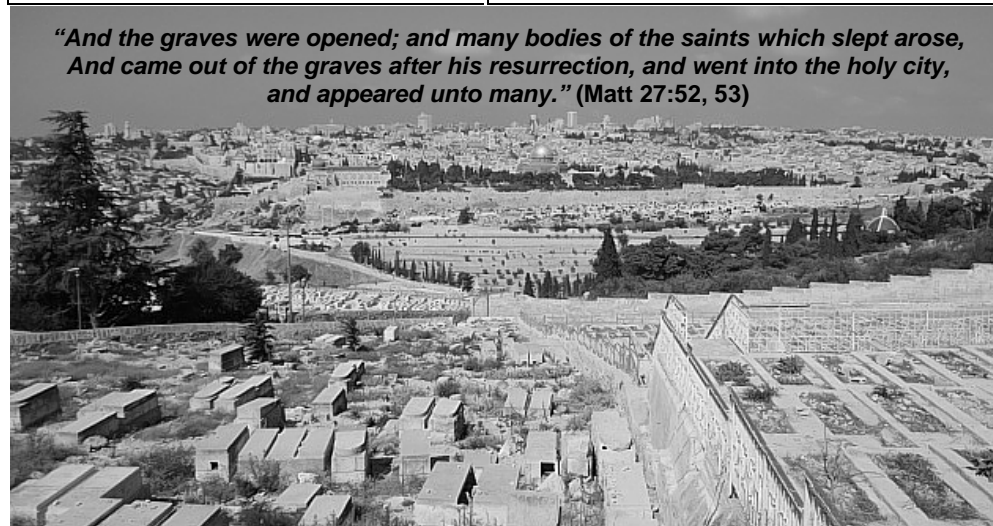
It is thus no wonder that God warns against any tampering of His Word, “*If any man shall add unto these things, God shall add unto him the plagues that are written in this book: And if any man shall take away from the words of the book of this prophecy, God shall take away his part out of the book of life, and out of the holy city, and from the things which are written in this book.*” (Rev 22:18, 19).

In these days of great scepticism and questioning of the Scriptures even by those who profess to be members of the Church, how can we tell the true Church from the false? The answer is simple: The Church that is faithful and true to Christ and His Word is the Church that is the Pillar and Ground of the Truth. The word for “pillar” is *stulos* which means “a supportive column”. It speaks of firm or strong support. The word for “ground” is *hedraioma* which means “foundation”. It has the idea of strength, steadfastness, safety, fixedness, and certainty. A strong pillar is not enough, the foundation on which the pillar stands must also be equally strong and unmovable. In other words, the Church cannot afford to be flexible or fickle, unsure or uncertain concerning the Truth. It is not enough for the Christian to believe the gospel and nothing else; he must be very sure of all the inspired words of Holy Scripture and be deeply grounded on all the fundamentals of the Christian Faith (Matt 28:18-20).

The Church is called to be an unwavering upholder of the Truth. When the Truth comes under the weight of enemy attack, the Church is required to bear the Truth up so that it will not fall or fail. In the first four centuries, the Early Church upheld the truth of the perfect deity and perfect humanity of Christ in one Person

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THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes I</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	<b>Good Friday Service</b> (Lord's Supper)
SAT	9.15 am	Young People's Fellowship
	9.30 am	Young Adults Fellowship
SUN	7.00 am	<b>Easter Sunrise Service at Labrador Park</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
<p><b>Young People's Fellowship</b> will be having an Outing cum Camp Echo at Gardens by the Bay this Sat, Mar 30. Meet at Bayfront MRT at 9.15 am. Modest Sports Attire advised. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Young Adults Fellowship</b> will be having an Outing to the Botanic Gardens this Sat, Mar 30 at 9.30 am. Meeting Place: Botany Centre (visitor centre). For enquiries, please contact Kee Sing at 97641385.</p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7).</b> Theme: Walking with Jesus. Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Application forms for both Volunteers and Children available at the VBS Booth. Contact Clement Chew at 98297665 for details.</p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Lingkang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.</p> <p><b>Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism</b> this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 44 Lorong 5 Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.</p>		

VERSE FOR THE WEEK	
<i>"The slothful man saith, There is a lion in the way; a lion is in the streets." Prov 26:13</i>	
<p><b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>	
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> \$11,993; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> AF \$462; YAF \$126; YPF \$317</p> <p><b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Rev Tan Kian Sing</i> \$300; <i>Harrison</i> \$100; <i>VBS 2013</i> \$50; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$300, \$200; <i>FEBC Needy Students</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$500, \$100</p> <p><b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$14,898</p> <p><b>Church Building Fund</b> \$600, \$300, \$200 <b>Total:</b> \$1,376,204.27</p>	
<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "The Betrayals vs The Denial (Mark 14:43-45; 66-72)" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.</p> <p><b>Mon and Thu night classes,</b> 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.</p> <p><b>Easter Sunrise Service, Mar 31,</b> will be held at the Labrador Park, 7 am. Bus leaves Newton Food Centre Carpark at 6.30 am sharp. There is another pickup point at Labrador Park MRT (CC 27), Exit A, car pickup point, at 6.50 am. To take the bus, sign up at the Notice Board outside the Auditorium. For those driving, please park at Carpark B. Bring along your own sitting mats/chairs. For enquiries, please contact Dn Leong Kwok Whye at 96250162.</p> <p><b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort &amp; Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Register now. Closing Date: Apr 28. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.</p>	



**Jewish Cemetery Overlooking Jerusalem**

***"And the graves were opened; and many bodies of the saints which slept arose, And came out of the graves after his resurrection, and went into the holy city, and appeared unto many." (Matt 27:52, 53)***



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

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Opening Hymn	<i>All Glory, Laud and Honor</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Matthew 21:1-16
Hymn	<i>Hosanna, Loud Hosanna</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Church Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>Ride On, Ride On, O Savior King</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Eld J T Joseph
Scripture Text	Acts 18:1-11
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>When Silence Is Not Golden</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Speak Just a Word for Jesus</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday and ends with His death and burial just outside of Jerusalem on Good Friday.

Just as our Lord rode triumphantly into Jerusalem on Palm Sunday, He departed from it even more so on Easter Sunday when He rose victoriously from the grave conquering death once and for all.

**I would encourage you to follow the steps of Jesus day by day by reading all 50 biblical accounts listed below as you prepare yourself for the worship services on Good Friday and Easter Sunday.**

Here's a day-by-day breakdown of the events of Passion Week with the Scripture references:

### **Palm Sunday**



**Palm Trees in Israel**

### **50 EVENTS OF PASSION WEEK**

"Passion Week" or "Holy Week" is the final week of Christ's life on earth culminating in His crucifixion and inhumation and preceding His resurrection. The word "passion" according to Chambers Dictionary means "power of feeling pain or suffering." Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ felt a lot of pain and went through great suffering in His life. The pain and suffering intensified during His final days on earth and reached its height when He was nailed to the cross. He suffered pain and death in order to save us from our sins. *"For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust, that he might bring us to God, being put to death in the flesh, but quickened by the Spirit"* (1 Pet 3:18).

Thus, Passion Week as observed today begins

- (1) The Triumphal Entry (Matthew 21:1-9)
- (2) Lament over Jerusalem (Luke 19:41-44)
- (3) Visit to the Temple (Matt 21:10-11)

## Monday



**Jerusalem Temple**

- (4) Cursing of the Fig Tree (Mark 11:12-14)
- (5) Second Cleansing of the Temple (Mark 11:15-18)
- (6) Healing in the Temple (Matthew 21:14-17)

## Tuesday

- (7) Death of the Fig Tree (Mark 11:20-26)
- (8) Christ's Authority Questioned (Matt 21:23-27)
- (9) Parable of the Two Sons (Matt 21:28-32)
- (10) Parable of the Wicked Farmer (Matt 21:33-46)
- (11) Parable of the Wedding Dinner (Matt 22:1-14)
- (12) Jesus Questioned concerning Caesar's Taxes (Matt 22:15-22)
- (13) Jesus Questioned about the Resurrection (Luke 20:27-40)
- (14) Jesus Questioned on the Greatest Commandment (Mark 12:28-34)
- (15) Christ's Unanswerable Question to the Pharisees (Matt 22:41-46)
- (16) Christ's Denunciation of the Pharisees (Matt 23:1-39)
- (17) The Widow's Last Cent (Mark 12:41-44)

- (18) The Greeks Visit Jesus (John 12:20-36)
- (19) The Jews Reject Jesus (John 12:37-50)
- (20) The Olivet Discourse (Matt 24:1-25:46)
- (21) Christ's Fifth Prediction of His Passion (Matt 26:1-5)

## Wednesday

- (22) Mary of Bethany Anoints Jesus (Matt 26:6-13)
- (23) Judas Iscariot Betrays Jesus (Luke 22:3-6)

## Maundy Thursday



**The Upper Room**

- (24) The Final Passover (Luke 22:7-18)
- (25) Jesus Washes the Disciples' Feet (John 13:1-20)
- (26) Jesus Identifies His Betrayer (John 13:21-35)
- (27) The Institution of the Lord's Supper (Matt 26:26-39)
- (28) Selfish Ambition of Disciples Rebuked (Luke 22:24-30)
- (29) Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial (Matt 26:31-35)
- (30) The Farewell Discourse in the Upper Room (John 14:1-31)
- (31) The True Vine Discourse (John 15:1-27)
- (32) The Promise of the Holy Spirit (John

16:1-33)

- (33) The High Priestly Prayer of Jesus (John 17:1-26)

## Good Friday



**Olive Tree in Gethsemane**

- (34) The Agony in Gethsemane (Luke 22:39-46)
- (35) The Betrayal and Arrest (Matt 26:47-56)
- (36) Trial before Annas (John 18:12-14, 19-24)
- (37) Trial before Caiaphas (Matt 26:57-58, 69-75)
- (38) Trial before the Sanhedrin (Matt 26:59-68)
- (39) Remorse and Suicide of Judas Iscariot (Matt 27:3-10)



**Calvary: Place of the Skull**

- (40) Trial before Pilate (John 18:28-38)
- (41) Trial before Herod Antipas (Luke 23:6-12)
- (42) Trial before Pilate Again (Matt 27:15-26)

- (43) Jesus Tortured by the Roman Soldiers (Matt 27:26-30)
- (44) Cowardice of Pilate (John 19:4-16)
- (45) The Way of Sorrow (Luke 23:26-33)
- (46) The Crucifixion: 1<sup>st</sup> 3 Hours (Matt 27:35-44)
- (47) The Crucifixion: 2<sup>nd</sup> 3 Hours (Mark 15:33-37)
- (48) Immediately after Jesus' Death (Matt 27:51-56)
- (49) The Burial (John 19:31-42)



**The Garden Tomb**

## Saturday

- (50) Guarding of the Tomb (Matt 27:62-66)

*"For when we were yet without strength, in due time Christ died for the ungodly. For scarcely for a righteous man will one die: yet peradventure for a good man some would even dare to die. But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us." (Rom 5:6-8). JK*

## FEBC's 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Land Pilgrimage

Dr Jeffrey Khoo will lead another pilgrimage to the Holy Land (Israel & Jordan), September 4-14, 2013 (DV). Highlights: Lord's Day Service in Bethlehem, Holy Communion at the Garden Tomb, Sunrise Service by the Sea of Galilee, Explore the Rock City of Petra. Don't miss it! Only a handful of vacancies left.

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To MacArthur, blood is simply another word for death. He calls “blood” a metonymy. A metonymy is a figure of speech which substitutes one word for another. In other words, when you read “blood”, think “death.” MacArthur said, “The shedding of blood has nothing to do with bleeding ... it simply means death ... violent sacrificial death.”

MacArthur’s take on the blood of Christ is no different from the liberal Today’s English Version (TEV, aka Good News Bible) which took the “blood” out of the blood of Christ and replaced it with “death” in no less than 10 places in the Bible (Acts 20:28, Rom 3:25, 5:9, Eph 1:7, 2:13, Col 1:14, 20, 1 Pet 1:19, Rev 1:5, 5:9).

We reject MacArthur’s view that the blood of Christ is to be read figuratively. We believe the blood of Christ should be read and understood literally. The Bible’s plain sense makes good sense. This has always been the golden rule of biblical interpretation. The blood of Christ is not a symbol; it is His actual, literal blood that flowed through His veins, and was spilled on the cross.

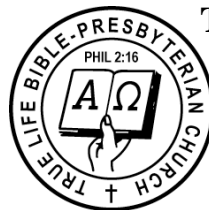
Besides MacArthur’s erroneous view of the blood of Christ, we also reject the following unbiblical views on the blood: (1) The Roman Catholic view that every drop of Christ’s blood is now contained in a chalice in

heaven and offered by the Virgin Mother to God the Father to be used by her to dispense grace to every soul who will ask her for it; and (2) the Charismatic view that the blood of Christ can be used by believers to bind the devil and cast out demons, or to drive out sickness and disease.

### Mystery of the Blood

The question remains: How can the blood of Christ shed 2000 years ago be effective to cleanse a person from sin today? There is really no scientific explanation for this. All we can say is that when a sinner comes to Christ and prays, “Lord Jesus, I believe you died on the cross and shed your precious blood for my sins. You truly died, were buried and on the third day raised from the dead for me. Please save me now from all my sins”, God sprinkles the blood of Christ on him and he is cleansed and saved. His sins are all forgiven, past, present and future, and he becomes a child of God. That is a divine miracle that happens to a man when he is born again. In some divinely mysterious way, the blood that was shed on Calvary so many years ago not only atoned for sin that day, but keeps on atoning for sin throughout time. The blood of Christ is always available and applicable to any and every sinner who is willing to put his trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and in the power of His blood to save. JK

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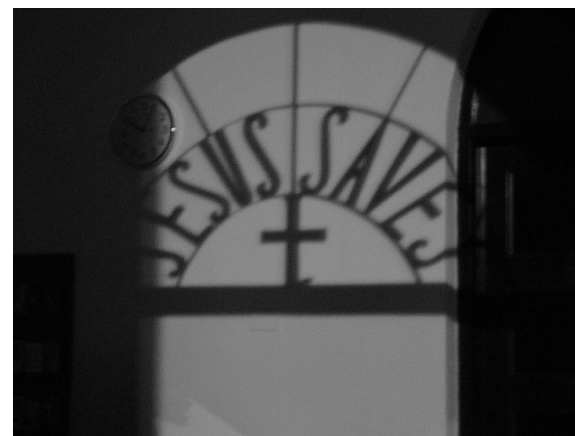
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**29 March 2013**

**“BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name”**

Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	<i>Hallelujah! What a Saviour</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Luke 23:33-56
Hymn	<i>My Faith Looks Up to Thee</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Church & Youth Choirs Chinese Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>The Old Rugged Cross</i>
Doxology/Pastoral	
Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	Acts 20:28
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Blood So Divine</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>The Blood of Jesus</i> (Lord’s Supper)
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

### BLOOD SO DIVINE



*“Take heed therefore unto yourselves, and to all the flock, over the which the Holy Ghost hath made you overseers, to feed the church of God,*

*which he hath purchased with his own blood.” (Acts 20:28)*

The blood of Jesus Christ—Is it the blood of man or of God?

### Christ the God/Man

Before we discuss the nature of the blood of Christ, it is important we understand the nature of God and of man. Know that God being a Spirit is incorporeal (Deut 4:12-16, John 4:24). He has no physical body, parts, organs, blood, etc.

God created man in His image (Gen 1:26). Made in the image of God, man is able to have a personal relationship with God (Gen 3:8-9). God also made man a corporeal being. However, the human being is not just a physical creature consisting of flesh and blood but also spiritual one possessing a living soul that bears the image of God (Gen 2:7).

After the Fall, man became totally depraved and corrupted by sin (Rom 3:23). Man stands condemned before God and is unable to save himself (Rom 3:10-12). As such, if man is to be saved, he needs a sinless and perfect Substitute to bear the penalty of his sin. Only God is sinless and perfect. However,

God cannot represent man unless He becomes man Himself.

Can God become man? The answer is yes. It is not strange for God to take on human nature since man in the first place was made in His image. The image of God in man makes the incarnation of the Son of God possible. The Lord Jesus Christ *“Who, being in the form of God, thought it not robbery to be equal with God: But made himself of no reputation, and took upon him the form of a servant, and was made in the likeness of men”* (Phil 2:6-7). *“Forasmuch then as the children are partakers of flesh and blood, he also himself likewise took part of the same; that through death he might destroy him that had the power of death, that is, the devil”* (Heb 2:14).

Hence, when the 2<sup>nd</sup> Person of the Holy Trinity took on humanity at the incarnation, He became fully God and fully Man in one Person. The Westminster Confession of Faith VIII:2 affirms this truth: “The Son of God, the second person in the Trinity, being very and eternal God, of one substance, and equal with the Father, did, when the fullness of time was come, take upon him man’s nature, with all the essential properties and common infirmities thereof, yet without sin; being conceived by the power of the Holy Ghost in the womb of the virgin Mary, of her substance. So that two whole, perfect, and distinct natures, the Godhead and the manhood, were inseparably joined together in one person, without conversion, composition, or confusion. Which person is very God and very man, yet one Christ, the only mediator between God and man.”

God had to put on humanity so that He could taste death for every man and shed

His precious blood to make atonement for sin. *“And almost all things are by the law purged with blood; and without shedding of blood is no remission”* (Heb 9:22). God certainly has no blood, does not suffer, cannot be handled, cannot be seen, but Christ is true God as well as true man, and as both God and Man in one Person He suffered, bled and died for us. Although it was His humanity that suffered and bled and died, yet because He was also deity, all His deeds were ultimately deeds of the *Theanthropos* (God/Man). We must neither separate nor confuse the two natures of Christ.

### The Blood of God

On the basis of the inseparable union of the divine and human natures of Christ in one person, theologians of days gone by found it most valid to describe the blood of Christ as divine. Here are some of their statements:

Lewis Sperry Chafer wrote, “He being the God-man could shed the ‘precious blood’ which, because of the unity of His being, was in a very actual sense the *blood of God*”; A W Pink, “He being both God and man in one Person, His life was the life of God (1 John 3:16), His righteousness was the righteousness of God (Phil 3:9), His blood was the *blood of God* (Acts 20:28).” John Bunyan, “the Blood of Christ, his own Blood ... is also the *Blood of God*”; John Newton, “But the blood of Messiah, in whom were united the perfections of the divine nature and the real properties of humanity, and which the apostle therefore styles *the blood of God*”; John Owen, “there he puts forth his creative power and transforms them into the likeness of

Christ himself, clothes them with his righteousness, washes them in the *divine blood*, which was shed on Calvary”; John Gill, “which being the blood not only of a pure and innocent man, but of one that is *truly and properly God* as well as man”; Matthew Henry, “the blood was his as man, yet so close is the union between the divine and human nature that it is here called the *blood of God*”; Matthew Poole, “the blood of Christ, called truly the *blood of God*, there being in Christ two natures in one person, and a communion of the properties of each nature.”

The blood of Christ was thus no ordinary blood. It was blood most extraordinary because it was not only human but also divine. Only the precious blood of the God/Man is powerful to cleanse us of all sins. *“Forasmuch as ye know that ye were not redeemed with corruptible things, as silver and gold, from your vain conversation received by tradition from your fathers; But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb without blemish and without spot:”* (1 Pet 1:18-19).

The blood of Christ is therefore unique. It is the blood of Him who is both God and Man. There is none like Jesus Christ. That is why His blood is so special and has power to save.

### MacArthur’s Error

Now, John MacArthur of Grace Community Church and The Master’s Seminary denies that our salvation was due to the blood of Christ. He avers, “Jesus was 100% human. He had human blood and He shed human blood. There was nothing in the chemicals of His blood that could save. ... It was His

death that was efficacious ... not His blood. ... It is not His bleeding that saved me, but His dying.”

But what does the Bible say? The Bible makes it very clear that Jesus had to bleed in order to save for *“without shedding of blood is no remission”* (Heb 9:22). MacArthur has clarified that he does not deny that Jesus had to bleed in order to save us from our sins. It must also be stressed that there is no salvation either if Jesus did not die. Jesus not only had to bleed, He had to die as well. That is because *“the wages of sin is death”* (Rom 3:23). To be our Sin-Bearer, Jesus had to die. Both the bleeding and the dying were necessary. Romans 5:9-10 makes this clear, *“But God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us. Much more then, being now justified by his blood, we shall be saved from wrath through him.”*

Now, although MacArthur believes in the shedding of blood for remission, he does not believe that the blood of Christ itself has any power to save. He says, “We are not saved by some mystical heavenly application of Jesus’ literal blood ... It is not the actual liquid that cleanses us from sins”.

But this is not what the Bible teaches. 1 John 1:7 says, *“But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.”* Revelation 1:5 likewise says, *“And from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, and the first begotten of the dead, and the prince of the kings of the earth. Unto him that loved us, and washed us from our sins in his own blood”*.

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	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)

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**Ladies Fellowship Meeting** this Wed, Apr 3, at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Women in the Bible — Jezebel (1 Kings 16:29-33)" by Rev Stephen Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** this Fri, Apr 5 at the home of Mr and Mrs Steve Chng, 8 pm. Address: 92 Kew Drive, Singapore 466099. Tel: 91283116.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Apr 6, at the home of Elder and Mrs Joseph, 58-E Toh Crescent, Singapore 507978, 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Galatians by Elder Joseph. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.


**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Apr 6 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Run the Race by Trusting in God's Faithfulness" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK	
<i>"As the door turneth upon his hinges, so doth the slothful upon his bed."</i> Prov 26:14	
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> S\$19,679; USD100; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> FBF \$257	
<b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250, \$100; <i>Rev Koa Keng Woo</i> \$50; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$200; <i>Bible Witness</i> \$250; <i>RPG</i> \$250; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$200; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$500; <i>Gina (Korean/FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Shobastian (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>FEBC Dining Club</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$2,000, \$1,000, \$1,000, \$800, \$450, \$250	
<b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$27,536; USD100	
<b>Church Building Fund</b> \$1,000, \$700, \$250, \$100	
<b>Total:</b> \$1,378,254.27	
<b>Sunrise Service Notice:</b> Please sit closer to the front. Keep the park clean. Hired bus to Newton departs at 10.00 am sharp.	
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "The Sunday Appearances (Mark 16:1-14)" by Rev Quek Suan Yew.	
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<b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." <b>Speaker:</b> Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.	

up to be with Him eternally. That was why Job said, *"And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God"*. This was also what Paul said will happen on that blessed day, *"For the Lord himself shall descend from heaven with a shout, with the voice of the archangel, and with the trump of God: and the dead in Christ shall rise first: Then we which are alive and remain shall be caught up together with them in the clouds, to meet the Lord in the air: and so shall we ever be with the Lord."* (1 Thess 4:16, 17).

We remember our late founding pastor—Rev Timothy Tow—sitting on

his wheelchair in this park on Easter Sunday, 12 April 2009, four years ago. A week later, on 20 April 2009, the Lord called him home at the age of 88. He was buried on 23 April 2009. His spirit is now with the Lord in heaven. But I am sure he is looking forward to the day when his body will be raised from the grave together with all the saints—*"For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality."* (1 Cor 15:53). We shall see him again when that day arrives, but more importantly we shall see our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ face to face, and together with all the saints we shall worship Him for all eternity. Are you ready? JK




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Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

31 March 2013

BECAUSE HE LIVES, WE LIVE!

*“For I know that my redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth: And though after my skin worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God”* (Job 19:25, 26). The man who spoke these words was a man struck by a terrible disease and in great pain. Death could come at any time. His wife told him to curse God and end his life. Yes, that may be what most people would do if faced with such a predicament. Not Job. Without hesitation he rebuked his wife, *“Thou speakest as one of the foolish women speaketh. What? shall we receive good at the hand of God, and shall we not receive evil? In all this did not Job sin with his lips.”* (Job 2:10).

In another place Job said, *“Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him”* (Job 13:15). This was the kind of faith Job had in his God and Saviour. No matter what happened, God is always great, God is always good. *“Naked came I out of my mother’s womb, and naked shall I return thither: the LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD. In all this Job sinned not, nor charged God foolishly”* (Job 1:21, 22).

When death stares us in the face,

are we able to say like Job, “*Though he slay me, yet will I trust in him*”?

### **“For I know that”**

What enabled Job to say such brave words? What was the source of His spiritual power? It was the knowledge of the resurrection of Christ. Job said, “*I know that my redeemer liveth*”. Job knew his Saviour. The knowledge here is not merely an acquaintance but a relationship. It is not “I know about Him” or “I know of Him” but I know Him for real. I know Him and He knows me. He is my very close and personal Friend, and more than a Friend, my Master and Saviour. It is the same kind of knowledge Paul had when he affirmed, “*I know whom I have believed, and am persuaded that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day.*” (2 Tim 1:12).

The knowledge that powers our Christian life is the knowledge of faith (“*I know whom I have believed*”), conviction (“*and am persuaded*”) and dependence (“*that he is able to keep that which I have committed unto him against that day*”).

### **“my redeemer”**

Job’s faith was not in any ordinary person but in an eternal Redeemer. He confessed, “*my redeemer liveth*.” Note that he did not say my Redeemer shall live, but that He lives. This speaks of His Redeemer’s eternal self-existence—He lived in eternity past, He lives right now, He lives forever more—“*Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever*” (Heb 13:8).

Jesus Christ lives not merely for Himself but for us as well. That is because He is our Kinsman-Redeemer (*Goel*). He is our Kinsman because He as God became Man. He is God with us (*Immanuel*). John 1:14 says, “*And the*

*Word was made flesh, and dwelt among us, (and we beheld his glory, the glory as of the only begotten of the Father,) full of grace and truth.*” Our God and Saviour had to be 100% Man in order to be our perfect Representative and Substitute. As our Representative, He kept the Law without fault in order to earn the righteousness we need to enter heaven. Christ was “*made of a woman, made under the law, To redeem them that were under the law, that we might receive the adoption of sons.*” (Gal 4:4, 5). As our Substitute, He died on the cross in order to pay the penalty of our sin so that we might be accepted by God. “*Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree*” (Gal 3:13).

### **“liveth”**

This Redeemer of ours is not dead but alive. Yes, Jesus died and was buried, but know that on the third day, He rose from the dead. We do not have a dead Saviour but a living Saviour. And because He lives, all who believe in Him will also live and never die. Jesus said, “*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*” (John 11:25, 26). If you believe, you live; if you don’t, you die. John 3:18 makes it very clear, “*He that believeth on him is not condemned: but he that believeth not is condemned already, because he hath not believed in the name of the only begotten Son of God.*”

### **“and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth”**

The Lord Jesus Christ has ascended to heaven, but promised to return to

earth one day. That was what the angels said to His disciples at the ascension, “*Ye men of Galilee, why stand ye gazing up into heaven? this same Jesus, which is taken up from you into heaven, shall so come in like manner as ye have seen him go into heaven.*” (Acts 1:11).

### **“And though after my skin worms destroy this body”**

When we die, our bodies will decompose and rot away—“*worms destroy this body*”. But one day, this body of ours will be raised up and “*in my flesh shall I see God.*” Know that our resurrection is not a spiritual but a physical one. The resurrected body of Christ is “flesh and bones” (Luke 24:39). John said, “*Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is.*” (1 John 3:2).

Know also that it is not reincarnation into another sinful and weak body, but resurrection into a sinless and powerful body. As Paul said, “*It is sown in corruption; it is raised in incorruption: It is sown in dishonour; it is raised in glory: it is sown in weakness; it is raised in power: ... So when this corruptible shall have put on incorruption, and this mortal shall have put on immortality, then shall be brought to pass the saying that is written, Death is swallowed up in victory. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? Thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ*” (1 Cor 15:42, 43, 54-57).

### **“yet in my flesh shall I see God”**

When will this happen? It will happen at the Second Coming of Christ. When He comes back, He will raise us

## **INFANT BAPTISM**

1. Eio Shao-En  
*d/o Mr and Mrs Samuel Eio*
2. Goh Jia Xuan Hadassah  
*d/o Mr and Mrs Herbert Goh*
3. Lee Jie Lin Jazzlynn  
*d/o Mr and Mrs Jonathan Lee*

## **BAPTISM**

- |                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 4. Ang Wee Chong             | Engineer             |
| 5. Cheow On Yik Victoria     | Student              |
| 6. Cheow Pak Yan Joel        | Student              |
| 7. Geraldine Berbano Battung | Domestic Helper      |
| 8. Lagapa Thessa Ba-a        | Student              |
| 9. Ng Peck Leng              | Lecturer             |
| 10. See Eng Teck Roger       | System Administrator |
| 11. See Cun Kiat Timothy     | Student              |
| 12. See Wen Xin Emilyn       | Student              |
| 13. Teo Tze Ai Grace         | Student              |
| 14. Teo Tze Yue Joy          | Student              |
| 15. Chua Wei Bin Peter       | Production Operator  |
| 16. Tan Cheng Hock           | Retired              |

## **REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

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|----------------------------|---------|
| 17. Chow Shu Min Emma      | Student |
| 18. Lim Fang Min Andrea    | Student |
| 19. Seow Wen Xuan Kelvin   | Student |
| 20. Soh Pao Pei Gabrielle  | Student |
| 21. Tai Guang Yu Noah      | Student |
| 22. Teo Kai En Jeremy      | Student |
| 23. Wong Kwang Chung Andre | Student |
| 24. Charlotte Yerushah Yap | Student |

## **TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP**

- |                            |                   |
|----------------------------|-------------------|
| 25. Beh York Peng Agnes    | Managing Director |
| 26. Chiu Lin Min Ivy       | Director, HR      |
| 27. Chow Shu Mei Ethel     | Student           |
| 28. Go Sze Hiang Katherine | Private Tutor     |
| 29. Go Keng Hwee Richmond  | RSAF Pilot        |
| 30. Ho Shirley             | Manager           |
| 31. Seow Chong Meng Jeremy | Store Supervisor  |
| 32. Au Yuk Ying Bonnie     | Clinic Assistant  |

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 8 – 14, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	<i>Leviticus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes I</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603
SAT	3.30 pm	Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School
	10.30 am	Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601) Worship ( <i>Lord's Supper</i> ) (Rev Stephen Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)

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## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*"The slothful hideth his hand in his bosom; it grieveth him to bring it again to his mouth."* Prov 26:15

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."** Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Good Friday Service \$9,124; Easter Sunrise Service \$27,903

**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$300, \$250, \$250, \$150; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$500; Esther Chew (Canada) \$500; Sun Sokha (Cambodia) \$500; Dominino \$500; BCEA Tanzania \$500; Cambodian Missions \$2,000; Faith & Freedom Ministries \$400; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$160; Missions \$150; Barnabas Yap \$100; Wendy Teng \$100; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$400; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$400; FEBC \$1,000, \$400, \$300, \$100

**Total General and Designated Offerings:** \$45,987  
**Church Building Fund** \$2,000, \$400, \$100 **Total:** \$1,380,754.27

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7 April 2013

**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship Dn Charles Kan  
Opening Hymn To God Be the Glory  
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Hymn Psalm 25  
Announcements  
Ministry of Music Youth Choir  
Offering & Hymn 'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus

Doxology/Prayer Dn Charles Kan  
Scripture Text Acts 19:9-10  
Pastoral Prayer Pastor Jeffrey Khoo  
**Sermon Church Growth the Bible College Way**  
(Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)  
Closing Hymn The Old-Fashioned Way  
Benediction Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

Rev Timothy Tow in FEBC was put to practice. He taught us, "Speak with your ears!"

Praise the Lord for the 16 who were baptised, the eight who reaffirmed their faith, and eight who transferred their membership. It was a joy to see Roger See together with his children Timothy and Emilyn confessing faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and baptised. Desy his dear wife, already a believer and baptised, has been praying for his salvation and her children's. Surely this was an answer to prayer. This is also another testimony of God's providential hand in saving the whole household as He promised. Acts 16:31, "Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house."

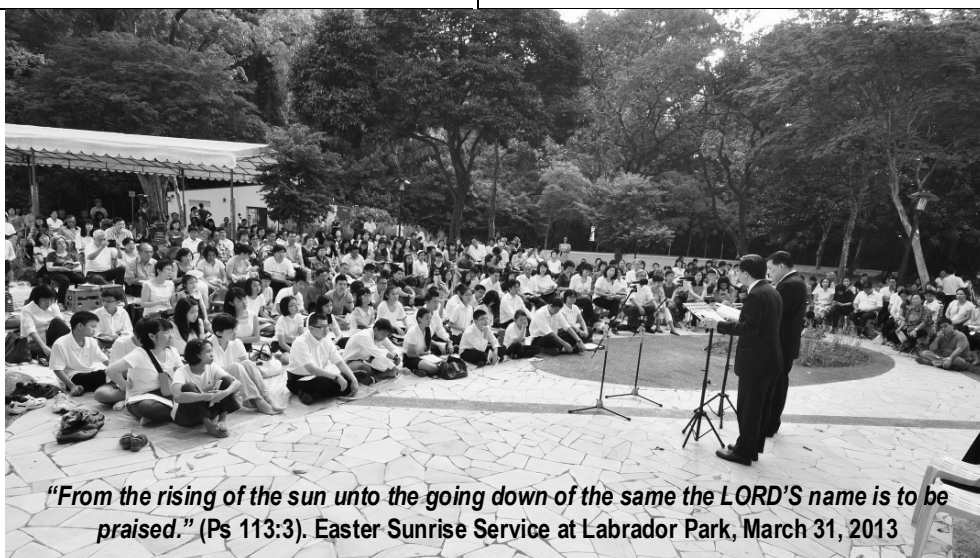
## EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

*"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."* (Ps 113:3). Praise the Lord for a blessed Easter Sunrise Service last Lord's Day. Since 2004 we have been using Labrador Park for our early morning Easter services. We thank the Lord for clear blue skies and sunshine as we worship Him out in the open in the beauty of His Creation, with the trees to shade us and the sea before us.

We thank the National Parks for kind permission to use the grounds. However, this year, they did not allow amplifiers and microphones. This means the preacher and his interpreter had to work harder to speak loudly so that all 400 could hear. We thank the Lord that everything went well and the people, especially those at the back, could follow the proceedings and hear the Word preached. The homiletics training received from



We are happy also for Sok Sin's father—Mr Tan Cheng Hock—from the Chinese service publicly confessing faith in Christ. We pray for the three baby girls who were



*"From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same the LORD'S name is to be praised."* (Ps 113:3). Easter Sunrise Service at Labrador Park, March 31, 2013



presented for baptism by their believing parents that they too might know the Lord as their personal Saviour as they grow up in covenant homes. *“Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God.”* (Mark 10:14).



After His resurrection, Jesus prepared breakfast for His disciples one early morning by the Sea of Galilee (John 21). It is the custom of True Lifers to have breakfast together as a Church family after Easter Sunday Service. The catered breakfast all prepared and ready by 8.30 was served nice and hot. What truly hit the spot for me was the *Chai Tau Kuay* (Chinese carrot cake) supplied by Ming Kuang and Lai Peng. The breakfast fellowship was indeed sweet, a foretaste of heaven.

Have you eaten the Bread of Life? Jesus is the Bread of Life. Jesus said, *“I am the living bread which came down from heaven: if any man eat of this bread, he shall live for ever: and the bread that I will give is my flesh, which I will give for the life of the world.”* (John 6:51). Jesus invites all, *“Come and dine”* (John 21:9-13). Jesus says, *“Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with me.”* (Rev 3:20). JK

## EASTER TESTIMONIES

### Only God Knows What Is Best for Me

I was brought up in a traditional Chinese family. I was placed in a Buddhist school to complete my primary school education. In school, I was taught Buddhist prayers and

chanting. When I was in secondary school, I lost touch with Buddhism. I gradually became a free thinker. I always believed that no one can help me but I myself. As long as I work hard, I will be able to succeed in anything I do. My life was in a mess during that time. I was arrogant, hot tempered, and unfriendly.

I came to know about Christ when I knew Desy my wife in 1997. She introduced me to the Bible. She shared the gospel on how Christ shed His precious blood to save us. But my heart was still hardened with my foolish free-thinking philosophy. She started to bring me to True Life B-P Church. No matter how focused I was in listening to the messages, I did not understand a single word. I almost gave up and told her that it was not for me to believe in Christ. She asked me to pray to God for guidance to help me understand the words of God. Finally after 12 years, God answered my prayer. I started to see God's miracles happening around me. My siblings, colleagues used to be pessimistic towards Christianity but not anymore. My worries and problems, one by one, were taken away from me. At that moment, I knew God was showing His love and mercy towards me. I then decided to surrender my life to God. Only He knows what is best for me. Now my hope is built on only what Jesus did for me on the cross. *Roger See*

### I Want to Preach Jesus Christ to Everyone

My parents brought me to True Life B-P Church every Sunday since I was young. I studied three years at Far Eastern Kindergarten. Even then, I did not believe in Christ. I also attended the Vacation Bible School, and my first church camp was in 2009 in Mersing. I learnt a lot about Christianity and also made some friends.

My mother introduced me to Jesus Christ by reading to me a Bible story every night. At first I told my mother that if Adam and Eve had not existed, sin would not have started and our lives would be much better. But she told me that if they did not exist we would not exist also. I came to truly believe

in Jesus Christ when I learnt about the pillar of salt in Sodom and Gomorra one day.

I want to be a Christian because I want my behaviour to change. I want to teach people about the Real God, Jesus Christ. I do not want to suffer in hell forever and obey Satan but follow the Lord Jesus Christ to heaven. I want to preach to everyone and pray to Jesus to let them believe. When I sin against Him, I know I must ask for forgiveness so that my heart would be cleansed as white as snow. I do not want to have regrets anymore. So I want to believe in Jesus Christ. I will preach to everyone for Jesus Christ. *Timothy See*

### I Thank God for Saving Me



My parents brought me to True Life B-P Church since I was very young and I learnt many things about God. I was too young. I did not know a single thing about God even though they brought me to church every Sunday. Four years ago, my parents, my brother and I went to the church camp at Mersing for the first time. I learnt lots of things about God. In the children's class we learnt that Adam and Eve sinned against God. Therefore all of us also sinned and we need a Saviour.

I thank God for saving me. I want my behaviour to change. I want to tell people more about the Real God. I want people to know more about God and accept Jesus Christ as their Saviour. I do not want to be with Satan but I want to be with the True and Living God. I do not want to be tempted by Satan. I pray to God. When I sin against God He knows and we must ask God to forgive us. I wish to be in heaven forever.

Last time when my daddy was not a

believer, the only thing I could do was to pray to God. I kept on praying and my prayer has been answered. I was so happy I prayed to God gratefully and thanked God. *Emilyn See*

## EASTER GREETINGS FROM PHNOM PENH

Dear Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo,

How are you? How is your family? Hope the Lord will grant to you more zeal and wisdom and strength to serve our Risen Lord Jesus.

We are doing good by God's daily grace and I'm blessed with all the online lectures and my time with the Lord's disciples here in our weekday learning and weekend worship and fellowship. Meeting people and evangelising seems to be going well even though the people do not come to join us. Yet the gospel seed has been sown.

Thank you for your weekly lectures that really teach me a lot of things that I can't describe. Spending time at the feet of Jesus and fellowshiping with Him is the best time I ever had. All the worries of this world are taken away and the living water starts to flow from within my soul. How sweet is the Word of our God.

Sometimes I wonder why I want to do many things (great things) for the Lord but He does not allow me to do so. But now I start to realise my time is to study God's Word more and start focusing on evangelism. People die everyday here in Cambodia. At least five people die in accidents every day, most of them dying without hearing the Good News. Please pray for me and Nam Soon to really spend more time on this task.

As tomorrow is a special day, Easter Day, we pray and wish True Life BPC and FEBC a blessed Easter. May the Lord grant all of you more zeal and joy to preach the Resurrected Christ our Lord to the unsaved world. May the Lord grant FEBC more confidence in preaching the pure Word of God and defend His inerrant Word.

In Him, Sun Sokha.

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WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes I</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting <i>RELC Room 603</i>
SAT	3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
	5.30 pm	Family Bible Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
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"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"	
Call to Worship	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Opening Hymn	<i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 24
Hymn	<i>All Things Bright and Beautiful</i>
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	<i>Jesus Is All the World to Me</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Scripture Text	Acts 17:22-32
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>To the Unknown God</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Because He Lives</i> (Lord's Supper)
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

## SALVATION TESTIMONIES

### Thank God for Second Chance

I was born into a "semi" Christian home. My father and all my relatives on his side were, and still are, idol worshippers. My mum, however, was baptised when she was a student, and followed my aunt, her elder sister to Life Bible-Presbyterian Church. My aunt would always encourage us to read the Bible, to pray and also to go to church.

Although I was baptised in 2001 in Life BPC, I was never born again until late 2008. Darkness surrounded me. I lost everything. I gave up my job, my best friend left me. In a short period of time, everything and everyone was against me. I suffered from severe clinical depression. I was suicidal. The devil kept whispering, "Just end it, you have nothing to live for anyway. You are but a disgrace." But, God's grace came just in time.

I was walking through a dark dark tunnel, with both my hands and ankles bound with chains of sin. Every step was extremely heavy, towards my doom. Then I heard God calling faintly, "Turn back. There's still hope for you. If you end it all now, there will be no hope." God gave me an ounce of strength to turn my head back, and with that turn, I saw a slight glimpse of light.

Step by step, God led the way. I am eternally grateful to Him for revealing to me my sins. I came to realise, with extreme disgust, that all that happened to me were a result of my own sins. God permitted them to take place all for His glory. Romans 8:28, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to His purpose." And Hebrews 12:5-7, "My son, despise not thou the chastening of the LORD, nor faint when thou art rebuked of Him: for whom the LORD loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom He receiveth."

Somebody once said, "I may not be what I hoped or wanted to be, but I thank God, I am not what I used to be." 1 Corinthians 15:10 says, "But by the grace of God I am what I am." Truly indeed, on hindsight, in retrospect, God had everything planned out perfectly. Nothing thwarts God's plan. His sovereignty is to be praised, His power and might is to be feared; His Name is to be highly exalted and magnified.

I thank God for a second chance. I thank Him also for continuous trials and testings He puts in my path to shape and mould me. I thank God for His mercies and grace which I do not deserve; He freely gives. I thank God for Jesus Christ who died and shed His precious blood on Calvary's cross to pay for the penalty of my sins. I thank God for my own cross to bear. I thank God for faithful pastors and preachers who expound His Word. I thank God for the Ladies' Fellowship once a month, where the Word of God is carefully and prayerfully studied and taught. I thank God for a Christian sister and friend in Jenny Kan. I thank God for Deborah Mae, whose singing encouraged me through tough and trying times. I thank God for Bible Witness Web Radio, which brought to me, when I was in a northern and isolated town in Canada, sound doctrines, sermons, and a feeling of being close to home. I thank God for FEBC, for preserving this College thus far, for giving me an opportunity to study His Word. All glory be to His Name. *Katherine Go*

### **No Peace until I Believed**

I was born into a Taoist/Buddhist family. I still remember vividly a Taoist temple near my kindergarten. My grandmother would always bring me to the temple. I learnt about the different Chinese gods and was taught to do good to mankind and society. Subsequently, I was sent to a Buddhist primary school and I learned more about Buddhism. As both Taoism and Buddhism teach one to be good, I have never once doubted that Buddha and the Chinese gods that I prayed to daily were not gods. I often knelt down to the huge Buddha statue in my primary school hall; and I would go to the temple near my kindergarten to pray to the Chinese gods before each major school examination.

When I went to the junior college, two of my good friends who are strong Christians preached the Gospel to me and urged me to learn more about Christianity. At the same

time, another good friend of mine who was a strong Buddhist also invited me to attend Buddhism class with her every Sunday. I decided to attend the Buddhism class to learn more about Buddha and his teachings. However, deep inside my heart, I was struggling to want to know more about Jesus whenever my friends spoke to me about their faith. It was a period of struggle for me as to accept Christ was to acknowledge that whatever I had believed since young was nothing but a lie. Praying to the Chinese gods and Buddha had already become a part of my life. It was really difficult for me to change my belief.

I read a few books on the difference between Christianity and Buddhism and decided that I should remain a Buddhist. However, there was no peace in me even after making the decision. I learned to pray to Jesus and asked Him to move my heart if He indeed was the Lord. And by God's grace, I continued to search for the truth by reading books about the origins of the Bible. I was truly amazed by the various documents I read about how the Bible came about and the various attestations and evidences that it is indeed God's Word. On the other hand, there is lack of documentary proof that the Chinese gods were real gods. I was also stunned by Buddha's own saying that he is not God, only a teacher, and people should not worship him! When my Christian friends brought me to a Gospel Rally after my A levels, the Holy Spirit moved my heart so much during the Rally that I decided to walk up and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Saviour. I truly thank God for reaching out to me and so graciously granting me His salvation. *Ivy Chiu*

### **Blessed by Pilgrimage**

I came to know the Lord Jesus when I was 12 years old through my math tuition teacher. She would tell us (my cousin and me) Bible stories after tuition and we loved to hear them. She brought us to her church

but the worship service was on Saturdays. We were baptised after some months. There were no catechism classes. Due to compulsory extra-curricular activities in Secondary school held mostly on Saturdays, we could not attend church. Slowly we drifted away and stopped attending church completely. It was only years later that we learned that this church was a cult (Seventh day Adventist).

When I was about 20 years old, I started working and my first full-time job was with HDB, I joined the lunch time fellowship meeting organised by the Christian staff. I believe this was the Lord's way of bringing me back to His fold. One of my colleagues introduced me to her church—Sharon Bible-Presbyterian Church—worshipping in Toa Payoh at that time. My attendance was irregular. Subsequently a neighbour brought me to her church—St. Andrew's Cathedral. The church service timing suits me, but they spoke in tongues. I was a Christian in name only.

I had always wanted to go to Israel. The opportunity came in 2009 when my friend from Sharon Church informed me that True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church was organising a pilgrimage to Israel and Jordan. I signed up for this trip. I was truly blessed to get to know committed and Bible-loving sisters and brothers in Christ during this trip. From then onwards, I made a commitment to attend church regularly and began to have my Quiet Time daily with God. I experience the nearness of God in my daily walk with Him, and learn a lot from the sermons in Church and the Bible courses at FEBC. I am experiencing the joy and the great love of our Almighty God just like the time I heard the gospel for the first time when I was young.

I am now a born again Christian and God is very faithful and merciful to a prodigal daughter like me. I put all my trust in my Almighty God for His mercy endures forever. *Agnes Beh*

### **My Lord Guided Me**

I was baptised in 2005 but had struggled to feed daily on God's Word. I backslided in my daily walk with God and sought worldly pleasures in my travels and self-indulgence on everything that I thought I needed. I thank the Lord for guiding me back to His path and His ways and I thank my Lord and Saviour for His wonderful and multifold blessings upon me. Ever since I was baptised, He has guided me each step of the way, through all my trials and tribulations in this life, He is always there for me.

He has also guided me to study His Word at His College—FEBC. By God's grace, I learned more and more of God's Word and how to apply them to my life through the FEBC night classes. I was also able to meet and fellowship with likeminded brethren.

I thank God for opening my eyes to the nonsensical happenings in the world and teaching me to look to my Lord Jesus Christ always and never on man or the world. Through the Scriptures, He warns me of the false prophets and their works of deception, their tongue-speaking and the rise of Charismatic churches to lure gullible and sinful people like me.

I am glad the Lord walks with me. Every day with my Lord is a good day. I try to live each day for His glory. *Shirley Ho*

### **PASTOR'S THANKSGIVING**

On Tuesday April 2, 2013, Jemima went for a hysterectomy to remove fibroids in her womb. The surgery was done by Dr Quek Swee Peng of Tow Yung Clinic. She was in safe hands. The operation was over within a couple of hours. She was discharged from the hospital on Thursday. We thank you all for your prayers and kind deeds. Most of all, we thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for He is good indeed. *"Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits"* (Ps 103:2). JK

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MON	7.30 pm	Leviticus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
THU		FEBC Exams Begin
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting REL C Room 603
SAT	4.00 pm	Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	9 <sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS
	2.30 pm	Evangelism

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**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250; Rev Stephen Khoo \$500; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$52; Bible Witness \$50; Dn Lok Kwok Wah (Gethsemane BPC) \$50; Dn Kelvin Lim (Gethsemane BPC) \$50; FEBC Needy Students \$500, \$500; Kenneth Wong (FEBC) \$50, \$50; Shadrack Cheruiyot (FEBC) \$100; Shobastian (FEBC) \$100; Lian Uk (FEBC) \$100; Samuel Goh (FEBC) \$200; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$400; FEBC \$400, \$200

**Total General and Designated Offerings:** \$19,929.30

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Pastor Jeffrey Khoo  
*Praise to the Lord, The Almighty*

Invocation/Gloria Patri  
Responsive Reading  
Hymn

Psalm 23  
*The Lord is My Shepherd*

Announcements  
Ministry of Music  
Offering & Hymn

Deborah & Judith  
*What a Friend We Have in Jesus*

Doxology/Pastoral  
Prayer  
Scripture Text  
**Sermon**

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo  
Acts 19:11-20  
**Dangerous Exorcism**  
(Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)

Closing Hymn  
Benediction

*It Is Well with My Soul*  
Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## MORE SALVATION TESTIMONIES

### Chastising Me, Calling Me

My father is a Buddhist and my mother is a Christian. When I was a young boy, I went to both the temple and church. As most of us would already know, Buddhists practise the burning of hell notes to the deceased. In such a practice we can see that even in other religions there is no salvation for what they believe in and all who worship these idols will end up in hell. It was only when I was in primary 4 when I decided I should not be worshipping these idols.

I was baptised in 2001 by our late founding pastor Rev Timothy Tow. However, not long after that I fell, and went back to the world. I am embarrassed to say that my Christian life was just about going to church on Sundays just to clock in my time, and then I would consider my Christian duty as done. My walk with Christ suffered even

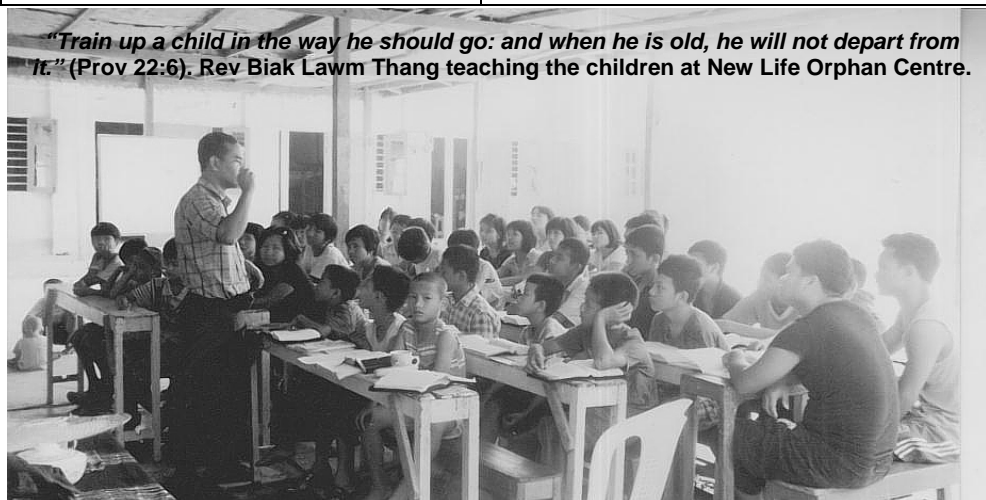
more when I was posted to Canada in 2008 to train for a year. There were no suitable churches that I could worship in that small town of Moose Jaw and even though I had my Bible sitting on the table, I never did find the time to pick it up to read it as often as I should. Despite having backslidden time and again, God has been very gracious and merciful towards me, chastising me and calling me to return to Him.

I thank the Lord for giving me the opportunity to attend the Young People's Fellowship camp last year. Through it my walk with Christ strengthened. I now see that the joy Christ Jesus gives is much sweeter than what the world can offer.

It is my desire to have my church membership transferred to True Life BPC and stand by the perfectly inspired and preserved words of God. There is this phrase "to err is Human". Yes, we can fail God, but God cannot fail us. This is why we now have the perfectly preserved words of God in our hands. Matthew 24:35 says, "Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away." All praise and glory be to God! *Richmond Go*

### I Found Solid Doctrine

It was in May 1979 when I was still in the Navy that I met a guy who spoke to me about Christianity and I became interested. A few months later I was baptised, but it was done without knowledge. There was no



catechism class for new converts. I was in a Charismatic church. I think the Charismatic church believes in short cuts. I was in this Charismatic church from 1979-1993. During those years, my spiritual life was up and down. I was not consistent. Also I did not attend other churches.

I married my wife in 1994. She bore me a loving son. Then I started to feel troubled within myself because I found I was not helped in my spiritual life in the Charismatic church. When I moved to Woodlands nine years ago, I started to attend New Life Church. Lately, my friend recommended True Life Church. And I found solid doctrine and my spiritual life started to grow.

Lastly, I wish my family and I will serve the Lord obediently with the church leaders' guidance. *Jeremy Seow*

### **I Could Not Stop Reading the Bible**

For many years in Hong Kong, I thought Jesus Christ was a Westerner and a religious leader from western countries. I did not really understand what Christianity was. Sometimes I would follow my sisters to attend church, but most of the time only for fun and celebrations.

In 1988, I came to work in Singapore. I was introduced to Jesus Christ. I was really touched by Christ and was baptised few months later. I finished reading the Chinese Bible in about six months. Once I opened the Bible, I could not stop reading it because I felt like God was speaking to me. I found this Book totally different from other books. I never read a book talking about creation of the world and the destruction of the world, and that there will be a new heaven and new earth one day. The more I read about Jesus, the more I knew how wonderful His love is. We humans are so small and weak like dust, but Jesus came to suffer and die for us. He came and fulfilled all the commandments and prophecies in the Old Testament. Jesus has set a good example for us to follow in the New Testament. The Bible is perfect

from God.

I thank God for walking with me through all the trials and difficulties, and giving me strength when I am weak. May God's love bind us together. *Bonnie Au*

### **My Life Would Not Be Good Without God**

I was born into a Christian family and have been attending church since I was young. Attending church gave me many good morals and let me know more about God. But I never really understood about God's love for me. It was when I was older that I started to understand His love for me. He would comfort me when I am down and lift me up when I fall.

I know God has really helped me in my life. He has helped me find wonderful friends who help me when I have problems and much more. As a student, one of my biggest issues would be studies and examinations. Whenever I am stressed from studying, I can find relaxation from God. God has also helped me get into the secondary school I wanted to go to. Without Him, I don't think my life would be good.

I just started to attend True Life B-P Church this year. I came here because my parents decided to come here and I had to follow them. I like this church a lot and look forward to come each Sunday. For me, the most important thing is that Jesus came to our world as a human being and died for us all. He is powerful and great and is a Saviour to me. He is the only way for salvation and I believe Him. God has made me to be a better person and guided me in my life. God has given me many blessings and helped me when I needed help.

May God continue to keep me away from sin and temptation, help me be more holy and faithful and to grow in True Life B-P Church. *Kelvin Seow*

### **I Heard about the End of the World**

I was born to a Christian family and attending church was just a normal routine.

During my childhood days, I attended a Christian kindergarten which should lead me closer to God but the truth was far from it. It was all about learning the basics to get to primary school, play acting and story time.

When I was eight years old, I heard about the end of the world and that all things must come to an end one day. I had questions like: How was the world going to end? When will it end? What will become of us? This frightened me.

From that day on, all the stories that were told to me throughout the years about God, Jesus and the Holy Spirit came rushing back to my memory bank. The promise of everlasting life throughout eternity, the resurrection of Jesus Christ after being crucified, who came to this world, who will one day take us all to a place that has no more tears. There wouldn't be any A1 grades to achieve. There isn't any need for tons of money to get eternal life. Our Lord Jesus Christ has done all the things needed for us to have eternal life, and it is only by believing in the Bible that God has inspired and by faith alone that we can be saved. From then on, our journey begins. As we live in this world there will always be benchmarks, targets and goals to meet, but we know that all these are temporal, for knowing God is forever. *Gabrielle Soh*

## **THANKSGIVING FROM YANGON**

12 April 2013

Dear Pastor Jeffrey,

I greet you in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Thank God our summer holidays have just begun. Last week, we started having Bible studies again with Rev Biak Lawm Thang. We have also completed the Vacation Bible School organised by Elder John Leong and his team from Tabernacle BPC for all of us here at the New Life Orphan Centre (NLOC). We have been blessed.

The children know more of God's love and they also love the Lord more, and they set an example of how Christians should live among unbelievers. It is because of your love and concern for NLOC, not only for our spiritual life but also for our physical life. You pray for NLOC and give love gifts. With your love gifts NLOC has been running well and fruitful till today. Praise God.

We all here always pray for you and for True Life BPC and FEBC. May God bless you!

Yours in Christ,  
Brother Thangno  
New Life Orphan Centre  
Yangon, Myanmar



**Reaffirmation of Faith & Transfer of Membership  
Easter Sunrise Service at Labrador Park, March 31, 2013**



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Apr 29 – May 5, 2013)	
MON – FRI	FEBC Exams
WED 7.45 pm	Ladies Fellowship
FRI 7.15 pm	FEBC End-of-Term Thanksgiving Service
SAT 3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
10.30 am	Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo) 3 <sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS
<b>Ladies Fellowship Meeting</b> this Wed, May 1, at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Women in the Bible — Hannah (1 Samuel 1, 2)" by Rev Stephen Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details. <b>No Prayer Meeting</b> this Friday but all are invited to attend the <b>FEBC End-of-Term Thanksgiving Service</b> this Fri, May 3 at 9A Gilstead Road, 7.15 pm. <b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 4 at Dr and Mrs Tan Ming Wei's home, The Pinnacle, 1D Cantonment Road, #49-39 Singapore 085401, 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Galatians by Elder Joseph. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details. <b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 4 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Run the Race in Total Obedience to Christ" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries. <b>Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism</b> this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Common Area (between Block 1, 2 & 3) Lorong 7, Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.	

by the Filipino Fellowship (Calvary Pandan BPC) and the Filipino Bible Study (True Life BPC) was held on July 15, 2012 at Calvary Pandan BPC and Pastor Jeffrey Khoo spoke on "Prepare for that Appointment".

A total of 350 (including children) attended the 9<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving lunch on October 7, 2012 at Ban Heng Restaurant, RELC, after the Thanksgiving Service.

In thanksgiving to God for FEBC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, the True Life Church Choir rendered to God a praise item "The Bible Stands" at the Alumni Thanksgiving Service on September 21, 2012 at Life BPC Sanctuary. On Sunday, September 23, 2012, at the Golden Jubilee

VERSE FOR THE WEEK
"As a mad man who casteth firebrands, arrows, and death, So is the man that deceiveth his neighbour, and saith, Am not I in sport?" Prov 26:18-19
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<b>General Offerings:</b> Last Lord's Day S\$14,782, AUD50, MYR50; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> AF \$414; FBF \$317; YAF \$105; YPF \$93.70 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100, \$50; Rev Errol Stone \$100; Rev Reggor Galarpe \$200; BCEA 3 Colleges \$1,500; FEBC Needy Students \$700; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$200; FEBC \$600, \$320, \$200 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$19,931.70; AUD50; MYR50 <b>Church Building Fund \$600 Total: \$1,385,304.27</b>
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Daniel's Fourth Beast" by Dr S H Tow. <b>Indonesian Bible Study</b> will be held at RELC Dressing Room next Lord's Day, May 5. <b>FEBC's Daily Vacation Bible College</b> offers a "Master of Theology Colloquium", May 6-11, 8.30 am, 9A Gilstead Road. Brochure at the reception table. All are welcome! <b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. <b>Closing Date: Today.</b> Please contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details. <b>Our deepest condolences</b> to Mrs Linda Ng and family on the home-going of her husband, Mr Ng Yew Chong on Apr 19. Burial at CCK lawn cemetery on Apr 23. The bereaved family wish to thank the pastor, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, session and all the brothers and sisters in Christ for their love, care, concern and prayers during their recent bereavement.

Thanksgiving Service at Calvary Pandan BPC, the True Life and Truth Church Choirs combined to present the hymn "The Solid Rock". The Golden Jubilee Yearbook of FEBC (1962-2012) "To Magnify His Word" was also distributed to commemorate the event.

FEBC's 2<sup>nd</sup> Bible Lands Pilgrimage in the footsteps of the Apostle Paul, December 10-20, 2012 was led by Pastor and Mrs Jeffrey Khoo. There were a total of 46 pilgrims.

The Christmas Gospel Meeting was held on December 22, 2012 at RELC and the speaker was Pastor Jeffrey Khoo.

There were a number of Christmas carolling sessions organised by the various fellowship groups to spread the good news of salvation in Christ.



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### "BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"

Call to Worship	Eld J T Joseph
Opening Hymn	All Hail the Power
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 103
Hymn	Precious Promise
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Ladies Fellowship
Offering & Hymn	The Light of the World Is Jesus
Doxology/Prayer	Eld J T Joseph
Scripture Text	Acts 19:21-41
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Sermon	Christ's Gain Is Satan's Pain (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	Go Ye into All the World
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

### Ministries of True Life BPC

An extract of the Clerk of Session's report for the year ended 31 December 2012 presented at the ACM of True Life BPC on 28 April 2013

The Church is blessed by the Lord with steady attendance in its worship services as well as prayer meetings, Sunday School and fellowship groups. Average attendance at each Lord's Day for worship service is about 420, including children.

#### Worship Service

The Church holds its Worship Service every Lord's Day, 10.30 am at the Regional Language Centre (REL C), 30 Orange Grove Road, Singapore 258352. The pulpit is jealously guarded, with only preachers of the same doctrinal persuasion, i.e. of the reformed faith, taking a stand for biblical separation and standing squarely on the perfect inspiration and perfect preservation of Scripture, are invited to preach the Word. Our preachers include: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew, Rev Stephen Khoo, Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Rev Errol Stone, Rev Nguyen Gia Hien, Rev Dr Mark Kim, Pastor Jeffrey

Khoo and Pr Joshua Yong.

#### Chinese Worship Service

The Chinese Worship Service holds its service on every Lord's Day, at 10.30 am at Tanglin 1, RELC. Since Bro Lin Yang returned to China after graduating from the FEBC in May 2012, Chinese ministers and preachers (Rev Koa Keng Woo, Rev Lee Kim Shong, Pr Kelvin Wong, Pr Kelvin Lim, Pr Daniel Lim, Pr William Goh, Eld John Leong, Eld Leong Yin Chu) have been invited to speak to the Chinese congregation. Pastor Jeffrey Khoo or Rev Stephen Khoo preaches every first week of the month and administers the Lord's Supper. Average attendance is about 50.

#### Korean Worship Service

The Korean Worship Service held her last worship service on October 28, 2012 after six years as Rev Park Seung Kyu, the pastor who had started the Service, decided to return to South Korea after graduating from the FEBC to help start a fundamental theological seminary in Seoul. The Korean brethren continue to worship every Sunday at RELC. They are no longer under True Life BPC, and are now in the process of registering themselves as Elim Church.

#### Children's Ministry

The children are ministered to each Lord's Day through the Children's Ministry. They go to the 6<sup>th</sup> floor for the Children's Worship Hour around 11 am after joining the Church Worship Service with the adults at 10.30 am until the offering time.

#### Prayer Meeting

Prayer meetings are held every Friday evening at the RELC, and for the first Friday of each month, Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting is held at the homes of True Lifers. In keeping

with the format of John Sung revival meetings, the study of God's Word is led by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo and followed by a season of thanksgiving and testimonies, whereby the faith of members are fortified by hearing how the Lord has been good to the brethren. Prayer meeting has a regular attendance of about 90, with a good number of parents bringing their children with them to pray and seek the Lord's blessing.

### **Sunday School**

The Adults' Sunday School is an important teaching ministry that seeks to ground believers in the Word of God. It is held each Lord's Day from 9.15 am to 10.15 am. In January 2012, Eld J T Joseph completed the book of Job. From February 2012, Bro Clement Chew taught the book of Romans. A distinctive feature of each lesson was the concluding session on "Lessons for Life", these being applications derived from the chapter covered on that occasion. On average, the attendance numbered eighty, with a good mix of older and younger adults.

Chinese Sunday School is held each Lord's Day from 9.15 am to 10 am at Tanglin 1, RELC. After Bro Lin Yang left for China in May 2012, Dn Tai Mern Yee and Bro Samuel Eio shouldered the teaching responsibility and they continue to teach the Book of Psalms to the Mandarin-speaking brethren. Average attendance is about 5-10.

The Children's Sunday School is led by Mrs Jemima Khoo, and ably assisted by a committed team of teachers and helpers.

### **Catechism Class**

Catechism class is held once a year for 12 weeks (January to March) for those who wish to be baptised, reaffirmed in their faith or join the church as members. Basic doctrines of the Christian faith and of the Bible-Presbyterian Church are taught. In 2012, the catechism class was conducted by Rev Stephen Khoo (English Service).

### **Evangelism**

Door-to-door HDB flats' evangelism is held at Toa Payoh every last Lord's Day of the month, with close to 30 (including children) coming each time to share the good news of salvation.

### **Missions and Outreaches**

The Church supports missions in Australia (Rev Nguyen Gia Hien and Brisbane B-P Church, and Rev Errol Stone and Faith Presbyterian Church, Perth), Malaysia (Dr Wee Tiong Soon and Kemaman Life B-P Church), Myanmar (Amos Go in Chin State, and Thang No and New

Life Orphanage in Yangon), Palestine/Bethlehem (Rev Danny Awad and Baraka Bible Presbyterian Church), and Africa (Missionaries Bai Eun Young and Joshua Yong, and Bible College of East Africa in Kenya and in Tanzania).

### **Choir Ministry**

The Choir ministers to the congregation through music. The Church Choir is 30 strong and the Youth Choir, 18 strong. The Church Choir is led by Mr Tay Bee Heng and the choir committee. They sing every first Lord's Day of the month as well as on special occasions. The Youth Choir is under Mr and Mrs Herbert Goh and they render a song item every quarter. Choir practices are held every Sunday after Worship Service.

### **Bible Study Groups**

The Church has two foreign language Bible Study groups meeting on the Lord's Day. The Indonesian and the Filipino Bible Study groups are led by FEBC students as part of their ministry practicum.

### **Adults Fellowship**

The Adults Fellowship (AF) meets monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday at the home of Mr and Mrs William Teo. The group has completed the Study of Ten Commandments, Functions of the Ten Commandments and God's Law Fulfilled in Our Heart by the Holy Spirit with Rev Quek Suan Yew. The children were ministered to by Mrs Jenny Kan who taught them Bible lessons. The Fellowship celebrated their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 18, 2012 and Pastor Jeffrey Khoo was the speaker. For the evangelistic Christmas Carolling on December 15, 2012, the AF visited Mr Leong Kin Meng's mother and his sister's family as well as Dr Maurice Chew's father-in-law to bring the gospel to the unsaved loved ones and to minister to the brethren's families. Average attendance is about 15-18.

### **Chinese Fellowship**

The Chinese Fellowship meets once every two months at the homes of its members where the Word of God is preached by ministers of the Word from churches of the same doctrinal stand and persuasion. What follows would be a time of testimony and hearty fellowship around the kitchen table. The Chinese Fellowship, other than fostering greater kinship amongst brethren, is also a giving ministry: brethren from the St John's Home of the Elderly are always invited to the meetings, and the Fellowship presented a thanksgiving praise item at the

Chinese Worship Service Anniversary in May 2012. Average attendance is about 15.

The Chinese Choir was started in August 2012. The Chinese Choir aims to encourage brethren to learn the good old fashioned hymns in Mandarin, as a means of grace to aid their spiritual lives. The Chinese Choir prays that through the singing of these hymns, unsaved loved ones, family and friends may also hear the gospel of Jesus Christ and be saved.

### **Family Bible Fellowship**

The Family Bible Fellowship (FBF) seeks to build up godly families. It meets on the last Saturday of every month at the homes of various members to listen to God's Word followed by fellowship over dinner. The group was privileged to have Rev Stephen Khoo who conducted a study of the book of Genesis. The children were ministered to by mothers who were teachers in the Children's Sunday School. On January 28, 2012, the FBF held their 7<sup>th</sup> Anniversary at the home of Mr and Mrs Ng Choon Seng and the speaker was Rev Stephen Khoo. The FBF Outing was held at West Coast Park on May 26, 2012. On September 29, 2012, the FBF and YPF had a combined meeting and fellowship at RELC where Rev Stephen Khoo was the speaker. Average attendance is about 50.

### **Ladies Fellowship**

The Ladies Fellowship (LF) meets every 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday evening of the month at 7.45 pm at the RELC. The Fellowship welcomes all True Lifers, and not just the ladies of the Church, to come and be spiritually uplifted by the Word of God, and be encouraged by the sharing of prayers and testimonies. The LF was blessed by Pr Dennis Kablingue who did a chapter-by-chapter study of Galatians and Colossians on "The Work of the Lord and the Glory of Christ". Following the exhortation first given by our beloved founding Pastor, the late Rev Timothy Tow, to give to missions, the LF has been giving to the Bible College of East Africa in Kenya. The LF celebrated her 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on February 1, 2012 and the Lord's messenger was Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Average attendance is about 15.

### **Young Adults Fellowship**

The inaugural meeting of the Young Adult's Fellowship (YAF) was on October 20, 2012 at Pastor Jeffrey Khoo's residence. The motto of the Fellowship is "A Living Sacrifice" (Rom 12:1-2). The YAF meets on the first and third

Saturday of the month at the home of its members. The average attendance is about 15.

### **Young People's Fellowship**

The Young People's Fellowship (YPF) ministers to about 25 young people, ranging from primary school to young adults. It meets every Saturday at Berean BPC. The YPF Motto is "to know Christ and to make Him known." The youths adopted the theme "Risen with Christ" taken from Colossians 3:1 for 2012. Besides studying God's Word, the youths have activities like combined Bible Study with brethren of Berean BPC on the last week of the month, cottage meetings at the homes of Church members, combined meetings and youth conferences with the YF of other like-minded churches. The 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary was held on March 3, 2012 at RELC, and the speaker was Pastor Jeffrey Khoo who spoke on "The Word for the Young". The YPF Camp was held at Resort Lautan Biru, Mersing for 5 days, December 25-29, 2012. Pastor Jeffrey Khoo was the theme speaker and Bro Joshua Yong, the devotion speaker and they spoke on the theme: "Faithful to the End".

### **Special Services and Activities**

The special services on the Church calendar included the Good Friday Service April 6, 2012, Easter Sunrise Baptismal Service at Labrador Park, April 8, 2012, Christmas Eve Service, December 24, 2012, and the Watchnight Service, December 31, 2012.

The 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Congregational Meeting was held at RELC on April 29, 2012 at 9.15 am.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving of the Chinese Service was held at RELC on May 6, 2012. Rev Koa Keng Woo was the Lord's messenger.

The Sunday School Teachers' Training Seminar was held at RELC on May 19, 2012 and the speaker was Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew who spoke on "The Why of Christian Education".

The 5<sup>th</sup> Vacation Bible School (VBS) was held from May 30-June 1, 2012 at Calvary Pandan BPC. The theme was "Transformed in Christ". There were 59 children who signed up for the activities and an almost equal number of volunteers to assist in teaching and running the event.

The 9<sup>th</sup> Church Camp, June 11-15, 2012 was held at Rainbow Paradise Beach Resort, Penang, with 273 campers. Speakers were Pastor Jeffrey Khoo (English Service) and Rev Koa Keng Woo (Chinese Service) who spoke on the theme, "Knowing the Will of God".

A Combined Filipino Gospel Rally conducted

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 6 – 12, 2013)	
MON – SAT	Daily Vacation Bible College
FRI 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting REL C Room 603
SAT 3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
10.30 am	Worship ( <i>Lord's Supper</i> ) (Rev Errol Stone) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
6.00 pm	FEBC's 38 <sup>th</sup> Graduation Service
<p><b>Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 11 at Mr and Mrs William Teo's home, Blk 835 Woodlands St 83 #12-113, 3.30 pm. Message: "The Tabernacle – Part 4" by Rev Stephen Khoo. Contact William Teo at 91831150 for details.</p> <p><b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 11 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Bible Versions" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.lypf.com">www.lypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7).</b> Theme: Walking with Jesus. Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC. Application forms for both Volunteers and children available at the VBS Booth. Registration for children closes today. Contact Clement Chew at 98297665 for details.</p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.</p> <p><b>Preaching appointments:</b> Pastor at the Chinese Service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving, 10.30 am.</p>	

VERSE FOR THE WEEK
"Where no wood is, there the fire goeth out: so where there is no talebearer, the strife ceaseth." Prov 26:20
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LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS
General Offerings: \$20,215
Designated Offerings: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$100; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$300; True Life Missions \$10,000; Church Choir \$50; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$200; Clement Chew (FEBC) \$100; Li Ya Ge (FEBC) \$50; Zhu Jianwei (FEBC) \$50; FEBC Dining Club \$100; FEBC \$2,500, \$550, \$50
Total General and Designated Offerings: \$34,265
Church Building Fund \$2,000 Total: \$1,387,304.27
Sunset Gospel Hour tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "The Antichrist" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.
Adults' Sunday School Class is now studying Ephesians under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. All are welcome. Lessons are downloadable from <a href="http://www.febe.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Ephesians.htm">www.febe.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Ephesians.htm</a> .
FEBC's Daily Vacation Bible College offers a "Master of Theology Colloquium" this week, May 6-11, 8.30 am, 9A Gilstead Road. Brochure at the reception table. All are welcome!
FEBC's 38 <sup>th</sup> Graduation Service will be held at Calvary Pandan BPC next Lord's Day, May 12, Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 pm. All are cordially invited.
Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14) in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.
True Life B-P Church's sermons are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm.



Ladies Fellowship Singing at the Worship Service, April 28, 2013



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Dn Charles Kan
Opening Hymn	<i>Yesterday, Today, Forever</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Ecclesiastes 3:1-22
Hymn	<i>Through All the Changing Scenes of Life</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Youth Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>One Day!</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Daniel 2:19-30
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
Sermon	<b>Times and Seasons</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>God Is Still on the Throne</i>
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

## BORN INTO A CHRISTIAN HOME

### The Lord Did Not Give Up on Me

I was born into a Christian family, but my spiritual eyes were not open until this year. Early this year, my uncle got into a severe road accident. It was then that I realised the fragility of life. I started to question the meaning of life and what was to happen to me after death. While this was the start of the time when my spiritual eyes were opened, I had not fully come to accept Christ Jesus. Ashamed to say, I did not see my sin, my sinful nature. To me, it seemed like a gamble to put my complete trust in one Saviour. I even considered the possibility that other religions might be true instead of Christianity. It was a struggle trying to know why Christianity is the one true religion. I cried over this matter and was really confused trying to know why I seemed to be losing trust in God.

However, I thank God for parents and friends

who continuously encouraged me in the Lord. I believe that they were sent by God at that very moment in my life to encourage me and ensure that I did not slide any further from Him. I was losing trust in the Lord but the Lord never gave up on me. I thank the Lord for the small fellowship groups such as the JC prayer meeting, the Young People's Fellowship and godly friends who were there to encourage me in the Lord. God was using them in my life to keep me close to Him and to draw me back to His side.

During one of the birthday celebrations in my family, I felt very blessed that we were able to have a lavish birthday celebration. Amidst the celebration and the joy, I suddenly felt this extremely strange hollowness and emptiness in my heart. It was a scary and life-changing moment because I realised that amidst all the joy and fun that one could enjoy in this life, what is life still all about? After that temporary joy, what is next? What was my purpose in life? I could not really answer. It was then that I realised I needed Jesus Christ to fill that void in my heart. It was at that very moment that I called out to God for Jesus to enter my heart, for I needed Him.

As I heard more sermons, I gradually felt that the Holy Spirit was greatly working in me. God was moulding me and changing me. Through the tough and difficult times in Junior College, the Lord proved His

faithfulness to me, keeping me near Him. I realised that all my friends would fail me, but God remains kind, merciful and faithful to me, ever by my side, keeping me, watching over me and protecting me. After accepting the Lord God as my only Saviour, my priorities changed. I am no longer enslaved to studies but God is my priority in life. In all my actions, thoughts and ways, I now strive to glorify God and continue to practise, “He must increase but I must decrease” (John 3:30). I thank the Lord God for never letting me go. I praise the Lord for His amazing love for me that Christ had to forsake His glorious throne above and to die on the brutal cross, just to wash me an awfully dirty and sinful creature clean.

I thank the Lord Jesus Christ who died, rose on the third day and will surely come back for me. I am eternally grateful to the Lord for His love, which I would never comprehend. I know that the Lord has plans in this life to use me and I pray that He might start to use me for the furtherance of His work here on earth. It is my goal to keep a close walk with the Lord, always remembering Him and doing all things unto His glory, ensuring that I become a good testimony for God. *Grace Teo*

### **I Truly Want to Be a Child of God**

I was born into a Christian family, and since young the gospel was ingrained in me. However, it meant nothing to me. Attending Sunday school and Sunday service seemed like a routine every Sunday. Colouring pictures given out by Sunday school teachers and writing neatly seemed more important to me so that I could receive stickers which were always given out after every Sunday school.

As I grew older, I began to be more receptive of the gospel. I thank the Lord for opening up my eyes to be able to see the true light. When I was in primary school, I would try to listen to the pastor as he preaches as well as my Sunday school teachers. The

more I listened, the more I believed. Singing hymns before the sermon helped me to learn more about the gospel. There was once, as the congregation sang hymn, “Before the Throne of God Above”, I stood pondering over the lyrics. It spoke about the great love of Jesus Christ, that He shed His precious blood for us sinners. It also reminded us not to fall into the trap of Satan, who would often tell us how sinful we are and the guilt of our sins. That hymn struck me because at that time, I felt really sinful and ‘dirty’; that I was not worth to even speak to Christ. That hymn encouraged me to continue in my walk with God and that no matter what sins I have, so long as I asked God for forgiveness, He would be most willing to forgive me. I felt a burden lifted off my chest because, at that time, I would avoid praying as I felt that I was too sinful to be near to the most holy Christ. That was one of the turning points for me. I saw how loving and forgiving the Lord is and I truly wanted to be His child.

In my heart, I knew that I was a child of God. There was a strong desire for baptism, however, I was afraid to tell anyone for the fear that people would laugh at me because in my previous church, there were no children who were baptised at such a young age. As the years passed I was surrounded by friends who were more interested in the things of the world and had the least concern for the Lord. The more I hanged out with them, the more I became like them. Christ was no longer the first priority in my life. I was also overwhelmed by my studies. Years passed as I struggled with my faith. My friends who call themselves “Christians” were not a very good example for me. I often waver and sometimes seeing their ungodly actions and hearing the words they speak made me have that “if they can do it, so can I” idea. I felt very stifled. I knew I was not growing in the Lord. By the age of 16, my parents decided to

change church. The first time I went to the Young People’s Fellowship, I felt the seriousness and the desire of the people there who wanted to learn more of God’s Word. I was affected and that made me want to know more about Christ too. I wanted to be a good living testimony to the people around me. That was also when I began to put Christ first in my life. *Joy Teo*

### **I Was Taught to Fear the Lord**

I was born into a loving Christian home and was baptised as an infant. Both my parents brought me up in a Christian environment. At a young age, I was taught to fear the Lord. My parents shared with me that they went through hard times when they came to know the Lord as their personal Saviour. They did not have the freedom to fellowship with other Christian brethren. So I count all this as joy from the Lord.

I also remember that my parents told me many times that salvation belongs to the Lord. I have to make a personal confession myself. They said that if we are no longer in this world, we will be able to meet in heaven. So this made me think. At the YPF camp at Calvary Pandan two years ago, I accepted the Lord Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour. It was during the Quiet Time that I got to know the Lord. I confessed my sins to Jesus Christ and told the Lord I am a hopeless sinner and that He alone died for my sins and on the third day rose from the dead.

I want to publicly confess my faith in obedience to Jesus by joining the catechism class, and to reaffirm my faith. I believe and acknowledge that Jesus Christ came into this world and humbled Himself to die on the cross for all my sins and that He rose on the third day. I am thankful to the Lord Jesus Christ for such a wonderful gift of salvation. *Jeremy Teo*

### **God Spoke to Me through His Word**

I thank God for my father, mother and

sister and for their good testimonies. Their words and actions reflected lives led by Christ. In the past I was uncertain of the afterlife and wondered since there were so many religions, why Christianity? But as I looked around to observe the world, I knew that the story was true. The world is in need of a Saviour. I prayed to God for faith and for forgiveness of my sins, and received Jesus Christ in Secondary 2. He spoke to me through His Word and gave me peace in my heart.

I thank God for True Life B-P Church where we can worship God and hear His Word preached faithfully and for the members here; our brothers and sisters in Christ. Thanks be to God for His wonderful grace and precious gift of salvation. “Therefore if any man be in Christ, he is a new creature; old things are passed away; behold, all things are become new.” (2 Cor 5:17). Let us live our lives for Christ. *Emma Chow*

### **I Pray My Life Will Bring Glory to His Name**

By God’s grace, I accepted Christ when I was a primary 4 student. Over these 8 years of Christian life, I thank the Lord for guiding me through many trials, bringing me much joy and peace which passes all understanding. Each new day’s design is carefully charted by His hand and He will never lead me where His grace would not keep me. Hebrews 4:16, “*Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*”

I thank God for saving me from my wretchedness and sin and giving me the precious hope of eternal life. 1 John 5:4, “*For whatsoever is born of God overcometh the world: and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.*” I pray that He will always be my Guide and that my life will always bring glory to His name. *Ethel Chow*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 13 – 19, 2013)	
MON – WED	FEBC Annual Retreat (Mersing)
THU 8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting
FRI 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting <i>RELC Room 603</i>
SAT 3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN 4.30 pm	Chinese Fellowship
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
<p><b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 18, at Sis Chng Bee Bee's home, Blk 174, Lorong 1 Toa Payoh, #08-1236 Singapore 310174, 3.30 pm. Message: "Faith that Needs No Experience" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.</p> <p><b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 18 at 3.30 pm. Program: Bible Study on Philippians by Bro Clement Chew. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Chinese Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, May 18 at 4.30 pm in the home of Mrs Linda Ng. Address: 12 Faber Terrace, Singapore 129008. Tel: 97334616/67774639. Speaker: Li Ya Hui.</p> <p><b>FCM Camp 2013 (May 27-June 1)</b> at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: Let Your Light So Shine. Speakers: Pr Lek Aik Wee (Theme Messages), Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo (Night Messages), Pr Ko Lingkang (Morning Devotion). For more information, please visit: <a href="http://www.fcncamp.blogspot.sg">www.fcncamp.blogspot.sg</a>. Contact Hong Hao at 91852878 for any queries.</p>	

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"As coals are to burning coals, and wood to fire; so is a contentious man to kindle strife." Prov 26:21

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**  
Please switch off all handphones before the service.  
No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day \$22,529;  
**Fellowships' Collections:** LF \$416; YAF \$154; YPF \$78.50

**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100; Rev Stephen Khoo \$500; Sun Sokha \$300; Dennis Kablingue \$300; Marilyn Nanta \$100; Faith and Freedom Magazine \$500; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$350; Bible Witness \$500; Sim Swee Ho \$100; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$1,400, \$300; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$200; Guo Sufang (FEBC) \$50; Li Shanshan (FEBC) \$50; FEBC \$4,000, \$380, \$100

**Total General and Designated Offerings:** \$32,657.50  
**Church Building Fund** \$1,700 **Total:** \$1,389,004.27

**FEBC's 38<sup>th</sup> Graduation Service** will be held this evening at Calvary Pandan BPC, Sunset Gospel Hour, 6 pm. Dinner Reception after Service. All are cordially invited.

**Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)** in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.

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**Complimentary Parking Coupons** are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.

see the urgent need of getting closer to our Lord and maintaining a devotional life.

Our desire is to continue to receive RPG every quarter. Sir, please continue to send us RPGs every quarter.

I thank God that True Life B-P Church sends it freely. May God bless you. All glory and honour to Him only. I have attached a photo to this email for you. Remember us in prayer for the sustenance of our ministries.

Every blessing.

Rev Albert Ben Kainesie  
First Presbyterian Church, Freetown  
Sierra Leone

[Ed: Rev Albert Ben Kainesie graduated from FEBC in 2008 with a Bachelor of Religious Education. True Life BPC has been supporting his pastoral ministry with RPGs since 2008.]



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship  
Opening Hymn

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo  
*The Church's One Foundation*

Invocation/Gloria Patri  
Responsive Reading  
Hymn

Psalms 119:1-16  
*Thy Word Have I Hid in My Heart*

Announcements  
Offering & Hymn  
Doxology/Pastoral Prayer  
Scripture Text  
Sermon

*Trust and Obey*

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo  
Ecclesiastes 12:8-14

**The Ecclesiastical Nail-Gun**

(Rev Errol Stone)

*'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*

(Lord's Supper)

Benediction

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## FEBC'S 38<sup>TH</sup> GRADUATION SERVICE



The Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC) holds its 38<sup>th</sup> Graduation Service this evening at the John Sung Memorial Chapel, Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Dr

S H Tow, Senior Pastor of Calvary Pandan BPC, will be the honoured speaker. He will speak on "John Sung: Man of the Book."

Dr S H Tow in his autobiography—*Footprints in the Sands of Time*—wrote, "John Sung's preaching was wholly Bible-based: the pure Word of God sounded forth with Holy Spirit's mighty

convicting power, penetrating hearts and moving thousands of hearers to repentance. I attended his revival meetings yearly from 1935 to 1938, two weeks each year during the August school holidays. Dr Sung preached three sessions daily, two hours per session, in Mandarin translated into Hokkien. Everywhere he preached sinners were moved to repentance and new life in Christ."

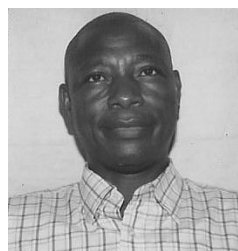
Tonight, Dr Tow will share his personal testimony of what God did at the Singapore Pentecost in the 1930s, and how Dr John Sung was truly God's servant who championed God's Book—the Holy Bible. Come and hear first hand from one of the last surviving eyewitnesses of the John Sung Revival. FEBC is one fruit of that great Revival.

We congratulate the 23 who will be awarded their certificates and diplomas tonight. Among them are True Lifers Catherine Loh (CertRK), Jason Lim (CertRK), Chin Foong Mei (CertBS), Jacelyn Chng (CertBS), and Clement Chew (MDiv). Let us rejoice with them, and all other graduands.

As usual, after the graduation exercises, the College family (faculty, students and alumni) will go to the Resort Lautan Biru in Mersing for a time of spiritual retreat, rest and recreation. We will be away from Monday to Wednesday (May 13-15).

We are grateful to the Lord for the successful completion of another semester. We had a total of 486

## WORD OF GRATITUDE FROM SIERRA LEONE



Rev Albert Kainesie

Dear Rev (Dr) Khoo,  
Greetings to you in the blessed name of our Redeemer Jesus Christ, the Son of God.

On behalf of the congregation of our Church, I write to

express thanks and appreciation to you and True Life B-P Church for paying for the RPGs you send to me every quarter.

My heart is full of gratitude each time I receive fresh issue. RPG is helping us to understand difficult passages in the Bible, to



students comprising 104 day students (49 full-time, 55 part-time), 283 night-class students, and 99 distance learning students.

A good number of our distance learning students taking courses online are from Australia and the Philippines. Elder Harold Watkins of Faith Presbyterian Church (Perth, Australia) wrote this encouraging word, "It gives us much joy and encouragement to know a number of our members are studying online with FEBC to improve their knowledge and understanding of God's Word, that they may better serve the Lord in these last of the last days." We are heartened by the fact that our online programme is seeing increasing enrolment since it was first launched in 2008. Our brother Murray Ong has been our key IT engineer in making our online courses user-friendly. We will continue to develop more courses, and improve on the delivery of our courses through the internet.

We also thank the Lord for the many who came for our Basic Theology for Everyone (BTFE) night classes. Last semester, we had 283 lay students from more than 50 different churches. Not only did they come from Bible-Presbyterian churches, they also came from Anglican, Baptist, Brethren, Methodist, Presbyterian, Reformed, Independent and even Charismatic churches. There is a thirst and hunger for God's Word. Last semester, the Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew taught Leviticus on Monday nights, and the Principal taught Calvin's Institutes (Books I & II) on Thursday nights. Next semester, the following BTFE courses will be offered: (1) Exodus (Mondays) and (2) Calvin's Institutes II (Thursdays). The online courses will be (1) The Theology of Giving, (2) Knowing the Will of God, and (3) The Petrine Epistles.

Please continue to remember FEBC in prayer. The High Court will hear us on June 24<sup>th</sup> with regard to a scheme that is to be put in place for the sharing of the premises on both sides of Gilstead Road. Pray for a scheme that would (1) protect the College's independence and freedom, (2) provide sufficient space for the College's needs and operations, and (3) promote a peaceful environment for the College's growth and

development without hindrance and harassment. JK

## SALVATION TESTIMONIES

### God Gives Me Peace and Joy

I went to church when I was young. It was a Seventh-Day Adventist Church. I was in that church for 15 years. In year 2012, my cousin Hui Ching brought me to True Life B-P Church. I like this church because of the good teachings of the Bible. Pastor is kind to me. I want to worship in this church because we should worship God on Sunday. In March 2012, Auntie Jenny shared the gospel with me and led me in the sinner's prayer to ask Jesus to come into my heart to be my Saviour. I love God. Jesus washed away my sins with His precious blood. Jesus died on the cross for my sins and rose from the dead. God gives me peace and joy. I want to come to church to study God's Word, worship God and serve God. I believe in Jesus and I want to be baptised and be a member of this church. *Chua Wei Bin*

### I Will Always Put God First

I grew up in a devoted Catholic family. I thought that as a Catholic, I was surely guaranteed a place in the kingdom of God. I thought that Christianity and Catholicism are the same. However, when I started to attend the Domestic Helpers' Sunday Bible Study in Changi Tabernacle Church, my knowledge about Jesus became deeper. I found out that praying to idols and Mary will not guarantee a place for me in the kingdom of God. Now I truly believe in Jesus alone as my Saviour. I am very thankful because I believe that it is God's will for me to come to Singapore to work, to learn about Jesus and to be a true believer.

I also thank God for my Christian employers who allow me to attend the baptism preparation class because to me, to be a true Christian is to be baptised as one. I thank God for guiding my life everyday, and whenever I need His help I always feel that He is near me. In everything I do, I will always put God first, and no matter what

will be the result I will always thank Him. I would like to share with you one of my favorite verses: "*I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me*" (Phil 4:13). *Geraldine Berbano Battung*

### I Was Not Totally Forsaken

I went to a Catholic school where I heard about Jesus, but was basically a free thinker. Life was not bad and was quite smooth sailing, though not exceptional, from Junior College, to Army, and then to University. I obtained a respectable degree, was employed by a respectable company and all seemed well until I was dealt a blow at the age of 33. I was struck with hearing loss. It was not deafness but a certain degree of hearing loss. There is a medical term for it, "Sensorineural Hearing Loss." Unfortunately, there is currently no medical cure for this disease. I guess God decided to deal with me so as to bring me back to His embrace.

I was not totally forsaken. During that period, I got to know Felicia (a Christian of True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church). She brought me to church every Sabbath day (Sunday) to hear the preaching of the pastors. I got acquainted with Jesus once more. One Sunday, Pastor Jeffrey preached on these verses from the Bible, "*Then Peter said, Silver and gold have I none; but such as I have give I thee: In the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth rise up and walk. And he took him by the right hand, and lifted him up: and immediately his feet and ankle bones received strength. And he leaping up stood, and walked, and entered with them into the temple, walking, and leaping, and praising God.*" (Acts 3:6-8). I was transfixed. I guess it was related to the disease that I was suffering from. Could God cure me like He cured the beggar?

After the service, I had a conversation with Jenny Kan. I was told that the age of miracle cures was over. The Apostles were granted the gift of healing at that period of time but it is no longer given in our present era. I felt despondent. But so what was I told? I was told that our time in this life is temporary. Only in heaven will we have a glorified body where

there is no sickness and our body will be perfect. One must accept Jesus Christ and trust Him as Lord and Saviour in order for this to happen. Also if I were to pray diligently and earnestly to Jesus, maybe one day a miracle might just happen. I finally accepted Jesus Christ as my Saviour. I have found faith after so many years and I trust the Lord to guide me in my life and future endeavours just like a candle guiding a person in the dark.

Before I end my testimony, please let me express my belief: I truly believe that everyone deserves a second chance in life. The only way to obtain that, besides giving oneself a second chance, is to seek repentance and forgiveness from our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. And the Lord will give you that chance, "*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you.*" (Matt 7:7). *Ang Wee Chong*

### Not All Churches Are Charismatic

I was born into a Roman Catholic family and received infant baptism. Though I attended catechism classes throughout my childhood days and believed in Jesus Christ, I never really tried to find out more about the faith. Due to heavy workload in my studies and plain laziness, I stopped going to the Catholic church when I was in my teens.

During my Junior College days, I was introduced to the Christian faith by a schoolmate. Unfortunately, she brought me to a charismatic church. I felt troubled and found their way of worship repulsive. I had the misconception that all Christian churches were charismatic. It was many years later when my colleague and best friend Ji Meng brought me to Life B-P Church (now True Life) that I realised that not all Christian churches were charismatic. True Life's doctrine and way of worshipping the Lord is exactly what I've been hoping for all these years.

After many years of attending services in True Life, I've finally decided I'm ready to get baptised and become a member of the church. *Ng Peck Leng*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (May 20 – 26, 2013)			VERSE FOR THE WEEK
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603	<p><i>"The words of a talebearer are as wounds, and they go down into the innermost parts of the belly." Prov 26:22</i></p> <p><b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>
SAT	4.00 pm	Family Bible Fellowship Young People's Fellowship	
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	<p><b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b></p> <p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> \$16,281; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> AF \$434; YPF \$104.30  <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Baraka BPC</i> \$1,000; <i>BCEA Kenya</i> \$500; <i>BCEA Tanzania</i> \$500; <i>Bible Witness</i> \$50; <i>Dn Kelvin Lim (Gethsemane)</i> \$50; <i>Dn Lok Kwok Wah (Gethsemane)</i> \$50; <i>Kenneth Wong (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Lal Lian Uk (FEBC)</i> \$220; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>FEBC Bookroom</i> \$333; <i>FEBC</i> \$500, \$400, \$400, \$200  <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$21,522.30  <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$500, \$500 <b>Total:</b> \$1,390,004.27</p>
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
	2.30 pm	Evangelism	
<p><b>Family Bible Fellowship</b> will be having an Outing at Singapore Botanic Gardens this Sat, May 25. Please meet at 4 pm at the Entrance to Botanic Gardens MRT Station (just by the gate to the gardens itself). For any enquiries, please contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452.</p> <p><b>Young People's Fellowship</b> will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, May 25. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Vacation Bible School 2013 (June 5-7).</b> General Volunteers' Meeting this Fri, <u>May 24</u> at Calvary Pandan BPC Room 02-06 and 02-07 from 9.30 am to 12 noon. All volunteers for the VBS are required to attend. Contact Clement Chew at 98297665 for details.</p> <p><b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471.</p>			<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Marriage Supper of the Lamb" by Dr S H Tow.</p> <p><b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying Ephesians under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am.</p> <p><b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort &amp; Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. All campers to attend a <b>Camp Briefing</b> on <u>June 2</u> after the Worship Service. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.</p> <p><b>True Life B-P Church's sermons</b> are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm.</p>



Chinese Service, 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving, May 5, 2013



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Opening Hymn	<i>Safely Through Another Week</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 46
Hymn	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Deborah & Judith
Offering & Hymn	<i>The Haven of Rest</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Scripture Text	Acts 20:7-12
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Why Sunday?</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Work, for the Night Is Coming</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

a tract with the illustration of hell and people suffering in it. The thought suddenly struck me when I looked at the picture that if I didn't accept Christ as my personal Saviour, I would be one of them. I just held up that tract to my father, tears in my eyes, and he understood what I meant.

I remember how he put me to his lap, told me the gospel story. The gospel story was never so real to me before. I told him I wanted to be saved, so right then and there, I asked Jesus Christ to come into my heart and I wanted to be a child of God. I was eight years old then, and so I went out for evangelism more joyous and zealous.

After that, I believed that a person needed to believe Christ personally to enter heaven. I believed that God sent His only begotten Son just to die for each and every one of us, rose on the third day and that if I wanted to go to heaven when I die, I had to confess with my own mouth that I believe in Him and that indeed I'm a sinner saved by grace. I believe God has a purpose for choosing me as one of His elect. I can see His hand guiding me through life. How He made my father study veterinary medicine, how he led my father to Japan to study further, to meet an American missionary and be saved. How months later my mother also came

**GOD'S SPECIAL CARE FOR HIS CHILDREN**

**God's Sovereign Plan for Me**

Ever since young, I was taught about God, the Lord Jesus Christ, and the Bible stories. I knew almost all the Bible stories in my head, but I didn't know the deeper truths behind each story. I believed that since I was born into a Christian family, I was a Christian too. So I went on with my life believing that "fact".

When we were in Japan, Rev Robert Kluttz, my family and I would usually go out to evangelise door-to-door (actually, it was more mail-box to mail-box because most of the Japanese refuse to listen to the Gospel). But one ordinary, wintry day, we just went as a family. I was sorting out tracts to give out with my father when one tract stood out from all the rest. It was

to salvation and how He brought me to this earth and be His child for a purpose.

I was dedicated to the Lord by my parents when I was a baby, but now, I want to be baptised, to publicly profess that I am a Christian and that I want to be God's obedient child. To God be the glory! *Thessa B Lagapa*

### **I Am Special in God's Eyes**

I went through infant baptism not long after I was born. It is not easy to trust GOD in all situations good or bad. I was not and still am not a very clever girl. Moreover, I was disappointed with GOD for making me very short. In the past, to be very, very honest, I did not really trust in GOD, as I thought that GOD did not really like me as much as other children. But GOD had other plans....

I told GOD my problems so that He could help me to cope with them; all types of problems—being late for school, homework, and other things. I had learnt a lot of meaningful lessons from Sunday school teachers, children worship teachers, YPF preachers, Pastor Jeffrey Khoo, and of course, from the Spirit who taught me. I thank the Lord for helping me understand those lessons about the importance of the Ten Commandments and other topics, and helping me become a better person through listening and obeying GOD.

Lately, as I attended more Children's Worship and Sunday School classes, Bible camps and YPFs, I started to learn that when GOD removes something in our life, He will replace it with something else and GOD will give things that we can use to serve Him, and that everyone of us is special in GOD's eyes no matter who we are. So I decided I wanted to go through catechism classes and reaffirm my faith. I want to learn more about GOD Himself and His Holy Word which is none other

than the BIBLE. *"And he said unto me, my grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."* (2 Cor 12:9). *Charlotte Yap*

### **God Helped Me to Grow in Faith**

I was born into a Christian family. When I was an infant, I was baptised by Pastor Timothy Tow. God has helped me and looked after me in many ways, from daily life to school life. I am most thankful to God that I was born into a Christian family and grew up in a Christian environment. So from young I heard the gospel. My parents would explain to me the difference between Christianity and the other religions. For example, all religions are about man seeking God, but Christianity is about God reaching out to man.

I would like to thank God for saving me when I was about 5 years old during a church camp at Colmar Tropicale in June 2006. I prayed with one of the Sunday School teachers who was praying for children who had not accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. After accepting Jesus as my Saviour, He has helped me to grow in faith and walk closer to Him. By praying and reading the Bible, I have learnt many Bible stories of godly men and women, and about God. Being taught and raised up in a Christian family and attending church have enabled me to walk closer to God. Despite not facing any major hardship in my life so far, I am confident that if I were to face one today, I would overcome it with God's help. *Noah Tai*

### **God Protected and Kept Me Safe**

Since young, I've been well taught in church about how gracious and merciful God is and His great love for us. I also

learnt many things about Christianity, and knowing that I'm a sinner, I've always regarded Jesus as my one and only Saviour. Despite being in a very dangerous accident at a young age, I was protected and kept safe even until today. This is a miracle I myself witnessed, and I believe this is how God protects His children. I wholeheartedly believe in Him and trust that He would continue to guide me and help me in the trials and difficulties I would face as a Christian in future. I am prepared to walk the straight and narrow path for my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. *Victoria Cheow*

### **God Is Looking after Me**

I'm blessed to be born into a Christian family where my parents bring the whole family to church every Sunday morning. I thank GOD for dad and mom who bring me to church from a very young age so that I can learn of GOD's great love, that GOD is holy, righteous and merciful. Even though we all are sinners and should die for eternity, HE died for us and washed all our sins away so we can repent and go up to heaven to be with HIM.

I thank GOD for Auntie Jenny too as she prayed with me and comforted me when I had a tough problem in primary 6. When I reached the age of 12, when I could pray to GOD by myself, I learnt to thank GOD and asked HIM for help at any time of my life.

Now I'm 14, I can feel that GOD is looking after me. I have problems in school, but after praying to GOD, I started to be able to control myself and my problems were resolved. I also thank GOD for a pretty good head-start this year in planning to do well in my studies, and I hope HE can continue to help me in my days here on earth, to be a better Christian and to increase my love for HIM day by day. *Joel Cheow*

### **God Has Helped Me Walk Closer to Him**

Before knowing about God and receiving Christ as my personal Saviour, my parents brought me to Life BPC. In 2003, we switched to True Life BPC when Rev Tow started the church. I attended Sunday School every week to learn about God. I realised that everyone is born a sinner and nobody is perfect except God. If I did not repent of my sins, I would go to hell. The only way to be saved was to believe on Jesus Christ that He died on the cross for my sins and on the third day He arose from the grave. After being a Christian, God has helped me walk closer to Him. Reading the Bible and praying daily help me to listen and talk to God. Believing in Him makes me want to listen and obey Him, and also my parents and elders. I thank God for His mercy and grace in saving me. *Andre Wong*

### **I Have Experienced God's Bountiful Blessings**

I truly thank God for the great privilege to be His adopted child. Through the Sunday school and Junior Worship classes, I learnt many important doctrines in the Bible. Jesus paid a great price by dying on the cross for my sins. He is merciful and gracious to me, a sinner saved by His grace. *"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast."* (Eph 2:8, 9).

I am seeking reaffirmation of my faith as I was infant-baptised. Having gone through the PSLE exams which I considered as the toughest challenge in my life, I have experienced God's bountiful blessings as He gave wisdom and perseverance. *"O taste and see that the Lord is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him."* (Ps 34:8). *Andrea Lim Fang Min*

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FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603	<b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
SAT	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship	
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	<b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b> <b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> S\$15,045; JPY1,000; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> YAF \$155.25; YPF \$47.75 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Rev Tan Kian Sing</i> \$300; <i>Rev Prabhudas Koshy</i> \$500; <i>Gethsemane BPC Missions</i> \$500; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$600; <i>Esther Chew (Canada)</i> \$100; <i>Church Camp Booklets</i> \$100; <i>FEBC Needy Students</i> \$700; <i>Samuel Goh (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Li Shanshan (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>FEBC</i> \$400 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$19,148; JPY1,000 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$600, \$300 <b>Total:</b> \$1,390,904.27
	10.30 am	Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
<b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, June 1 at Dr and Mrs Tan Ming Wei's home, The Pinnacle, 1D Cantonment Road, #49-39 Singapore 085401, 3.30 pm. Message: "Knowing the Bible" by Rev Stephen Khoo. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details. <b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, June 1 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Run the Race in Hope of Future Blessings" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries. <b>Vacation Bible School 2013</b> will have a special closing programme on <u>June 7</u> (Fri). Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, Level 3 Sanctuary. Time: 6.30 pm. <u>No church prayer meeting that night</u> . Contact Clement Chew at 98297665 for details. <b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013 (June 27-29)</b> at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Closing Date: June 2. For details, contact Samuel Goh at 91817471. <b>Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism</b> this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 226 Lorong 8, Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.			<b>Members and visitors</b> are kindly advised to refrain from videotaping and posting footages of the worship services or church activities on the web, especially on media sharing or social media sites. Audio and video recordings of the worship service and pastor's sermons can be ordered at the book table for personal use. Weekly sermons are also downloadable for free from <a href="http://www.febc.edu.sg">www.febc.edu.sg</a> . <b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "A Thousand Glorious Years" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. <b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. Theme: "Faith Alive." <i>Speaker:</i> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. All campers to attend a <u>Camp Briefing next Lord's Day</u> , June 2 after the Worship Service. Contact Dn Tan Beng Lee at 98719796 for details.



Teens Sunday School Class @ Tanglin 2



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

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Opening Hymn

Elder J T Joseph  
*Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah*

Invocation/Gloria Patri  
Responsive Reading  
Hymn

Ezekiel 34:1-23  
*My Wonderful Shepherd*

Announcements  
Ministry of Music  
Offering & Hymn  
Doxology/Prayer  
Scripture Text  
Pastoral Prayer  
Sermon

Teens Sunday School  
*Take Time to Be Holy*  
Elder J T Joseph  
Acts 20:17-38  
Pastor Jeffrey Khoo  
**Feed, Not Fleece the Flock**

(Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)

Closing Hymn  
Benediction

*Lord, Speak to Me*  
Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

### TEENS SUNDAY SCHOOL

*"But continue thou in the things which thou hast learned and hast been assured of, knowing of whom thou hast learned them; And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures, which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Christ Jesus."* (2 Tim 3:14, 15).

We want to praise and thank our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for preserving our teenagers and for teaching these precious children from the time they were little, to make them wise unto salvation through their faith in Him alone. We are grateful that the Lord directs our Pastor, Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo, to choose the Teens Sunday School materials. The teenagers have over the years completed

studying books written by our beloved, late Pastor, Rev Dr Timothy Tow, and have systematically studied the Bible with the help of these books. Now they are studying the Minor Prophets and will be finishing the series by May 2013. From June 2013, the teens will be put into two classes—the Lower Secondary and the Upper Secondary. They will be studying the book of Genesis with study notes compiled by Rev Stephen Khoo.

We pray that the Lord God, our Heavenly Father, will grant the teachers wisdom and faithfulness to teach these precious teens to interpret and apply the Word of Truth rightly in their lives (2 Tim 2:15).

We pray that all the teenagers will purpose in their hearts to come to study God's Word between 9.15 am and 10.15 am on Sundays and will apply all they have learnt from the Bible in their lives so that others seeing their good works will glorify their Father which is in Heaven. *Mrs Jenny Kan*

### Testimonies

**I thank God** for the ministry of the Teens Sunday School

whereby the teens are able to gather together in the morning every Sunday to study God's Word faithfully with God-fearing teachers. I've been truly blessed by the lessons I learned here as they are relevant to me and I can apply them in my life. Studying the Minor Prophets now, I am reminded that the message to them then is also for us now. *Junji*

**When I was** in Secondary One, one of my New Year's Resolutions was to attend Sunday School regularly. The lessons have really been a blessing because I realized how perfect God's plans are. From the book of Daniel, I learnt that we should stay faithful to God in the midst of adversity through the examples of Daniel and his three friends. I also learnt about the many prophecies that have been fulfilled and prophecies of the end times. They came in handy when one day my classmate suddenly asked me if prophecies from the Bible are real. I tried to explain to her from the example of the book of Daniel and she was interested to know more. In the end, I managed to share the gospel with her, though she was not keen on coming to church. Nevertheless, I thank God for helping me to learn so much from Sunday School and for the opportunity to share the gospel with my friend. *"Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end."* (Ps 119:33) *Natalia Fernandez Heng*

**Having attended** less than 5 months of the Teens Sunday School, I am still adapting to the new classroom and classmates. I have seen the big difference between Children's Sunday School and Teens Sunday School. I have enjoyed the Teens Sunday School and hope to learn more things of God. I look

forward to the future Sunday School lessons and hope to have more fellowship times with my peers. I am grateful to God for giving me the opportunity to reaffirm my faith publicly. It has been a fun journey traveling everywhere to tell my friends about God. I know that all this would not have been possible if it weren't for God's mercy and grace. Praise the Lord! *Andrea Lim*

**Teens Sunday School** is truly a place where Christian teens are being warned of the sinful lifestyle which the world encourages and supports. As most preachers mention, the teens are the easiest target for such a lifestyle because of non-Christian friends, peer pressure, curiosity, etc. And so, our concerned teachers have been sharing God's Word with us from the Minor Prophets. These books are very appropriate because they have so many warnings of turning away from the "gods" which can cause me to stray away from Him. Even though the Minor Prophets were mainly directed to warn the Israelites in those days, it is wonderful to know that they are still very applicable to this day. Thus it encourages me to use God's Word as the supreme authority in my life and help me when I am tempted, rebuke me when I commit sin and comfort me when tried. Thank and praise the Lord for Teens Sunday School and willing teachers. *Theya B Lagapa*

**I have not** attended the Teens Sunday School for long yet. In fact, it's just a month since I came in from the Catechism Class. I think Teens Sunday School is where all the teens should go to after they've "graduated" from the Children's Sunday School in order to learn God's Word deeper and to continue to grow in Christ. Although we are

learning from the Old Testament (Minor Prophets), we are taught that these precious lessons can be applied to our life today. I praise God for the lessons we learn in Teens Sunday School, so carefully taught by the teachers. *Thessa B Lagapa*

**I thank God** for allowing me to attend the Teens Sunday School to study God's Word. Thank God for the faithful teachers teaching us the Minor Prophets and for the lessons learnt. I have learnt many lessons, such as how the Israelites were stubborn to change their idolatrous and sinful ways before they were captured and how they easily stopped when they met with opposition while rebuilding the temple after the captivity to build their own houses. It is my hope and prayer that I will apply these lessons into my life for God's glory, such as by persevering in evangelizing to my friends. *Jerald Tan*

**During Sunday school**, I have learnt much about the Minor Prophets. Although these books were written in the Old Testament and a long time ago, the lessons can be very well applied to our daily lives, such as obeying God and putting Him first in our lives. I also learnt the many punishments God had meted out to the people of Israel, and yet at the same time the boundless mercies He had shown to them too. Every time I read the Minor Prophets, it opens my eyes to the graciousness of our Lord and His tender mercies. In my Christian life, I have seen the manifold blessings of the Lord and our Saviour despite myself sinning against Him time and time again. However, I have also been chastised by our Lord for times that I disobeyed, but I know that it is all to bring me closer to God. As He punished

the people of Israel, it was also to make them move closer to Him. *"(For the LORD thy God is a merciful God;) he will not forsake thee, neither destroy thee, nor forget the covenant of thy fathers which he swore unto them."* (Deut 4:31) The Lord is good and merciful and all glory be to Him! *Benn Tan*

**I would like** to give thanks for the Sunday school which I have been attending since very young. This year, in the Teens Sunday school, we studied the 12 Minor Prophets, from which I have learnt many valuable and important lessons which can be applied to my daily life. Some of the lessons that jumped out at me were lessons on spiritual adultery from the book of Hosea, on our holy and just God taken from Joel, and most recently, on hope, a lesson taken from the book of Zechariah. The Sunday school has been a blessing to my life as it has given me many warnings against sin and has guided me on how to live a life pleasing to God. I thank God for the Sunday school. *Tai Dae Ern*

**Sunday School has** been a great blessing from the Lord to enable me to learn much about His Word. I thank God for all the teachers that have been teaching the Teens Sunday School faithfully year after year ensuring that the next generation of our church is well founded on the Word of God. I truly have learnt many lessons from the weekly teachings and am glad that I was able to apply many to my life. All in all, I am thankful to God for providing this channel through which I and my fellow young Christians can continually learn precious lessons from God's fully inspired and perfectly preserved Word. *Tai Cae Ryn*



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WED-FRI	Vacation Bible School	<i>“He that hateth dissembleth with his lips, and layeth up deceit within him; When he speaketh fair, believe him not: for there are seven abominations in his heart. Whose hatred is covered by deceit, his wickedness shall be shewed before the whole congregation.” Prov 26:24-26</i>
WED 7.45 pm	No Ladies Fellowship Meeting	
FRI 6.30 pm	VBS Special Programme	
SAT 3.30 pm	Young People’s Fellowship	
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School	
10.30 am	Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	<b>“O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
	Worship ( <i>Lord’s Supper</i> ) (Rev Dr Koa Keng Woo)	
	Chinese Service (Tanglin 1)	
	Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	<b>LAST LORD’S DAY OFFERINGS</b>
<b>Vacation Bible School 2013</b> this week from Wed to Fri (June 5-7). Venue: Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens. All are invited to the <b>Special Closing Programme</b> this Friday night, June 7, 6.30 pm, at Level 3 Sanctuary. <u>No church prayer meeting that night.</u> Contact Clement Chew at 98297665 for details.		<b>General Offerings:</b> \$13,643 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Rev Hien</i> \$100; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$400; <i>FEBC</i> \$700, \$500 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$15,593 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$800 <b>Total:</b> \$1,391,704.27
<b>Young People’s Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, June 8 at 3.30 pm. Message: “The Errors of Charismatism” by Pr Ko Linggang. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.		<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: “The Drunken Woman” by Dr S H Tow.
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<b>Preaching appointments:</b> Pastor at the Chinese Service, 10.30 am.		<b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> in Khao Lak Seaview Resort & Spa, Thailand. <i>Theme:</i> “Faith Alive.” <i>Speaker:</i> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. All campers to attend <b>Camp Briefing today at 12.15 pm</b> right after the Worship Service. Collect your camp handbook and t-shirt.
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about numbers. For seeker-sensitive churches, reaching out to the world is about numbers and statistics with little care or concern for the genuine salvation of the individual. Often these figures are published in their church website as an “advertisement” to show how successful they are and to encourage unbelievers to attend their services. Indeed many of these churches also have the wrong notion that large numbers means blessing from God. They fail to realise that success is measured by one’s faithfulness to God and His Word and not by the size of one’s church or congregation.

In an attempt to promote church growth, many churches today have adopted a principle based on the idea that successful

evangelism requires bridging the gap between the church and the world so as to make the church acceptable to the world. This has resulted in the church today looking very much like the world. The church today talks like the world, walks like the world, sings like the world! The Bible clearly says that the church, though in the world, must not be of the world. By using a secular and worldly approach to evangelism, the Crossover Project has clearly violated the biblical mandate of Christ in His Great Commission to His Church.

*(Dr Yap Wai Ho is a member of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, and a Master of Divinity student at Far Eastern Bible College.)*

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### “BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name”

Call to Worship	Dn Charles Kan
Opening Hymn	<i>What If It Were Today?</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	John 8:51-9:4
Hymn	<i>Work, for the Night Is Coming</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Church Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>Must I Go, and Empty-Handed?</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Daniel 12:1-4
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>The Time of the End</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>To the Work!</i>
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

Saviour, and love for the unsaved. However, in plain contradiction to the pure preaching of the Gospel and the belief of the Holy Spirit’s work of convicting the hearts of sinners to repentance, many churches have sought to make the gospel more “attractive” as though the Gospel and the Spirit in and of themselves are not powerful enough to save. In so doing they have adopted worldly methods to promote the cause of the Gospel which contravene scriptural principles. This article seeks to examine and evaluate, on a scriptural basis, a so-called “evangelistic” method, namely, the “Crossover Project” of the City Harvest Church (CHC).

### The Crossover Project of City Harvest Church

A Critique by Dr Yap Wai Ho

*“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.” (Matt 28:18-20).*

The Great Commission in Matthew 28:18-20 is a commandment by our Lord Jesus Christ for born-again believers to make disciples of all nations. The scope of evangelism is thus universal and encompasses the sharing of the Gospel to all unbelievers. The primary motive for the preaching of the Gospel should thus be obedience to our

### The City Harvest Church

CHC is one of the megachurches in Singapore. It was founded by Kong Hee and his wife Sun Ho in 1989. It has a current congregation size of about 23,000. About 45% of its church members are below 25 years of age, with the average age of the congregation being 30. Most of its members are young urban professionals and CHC seeks to project an image of a young vibrant Church. CHC is a member of several inter-church organisations including the National Council of Churches, the Festival of Praise Fellowship and the Evangelical Fellowship of Singapore. CHC also has about 50 affiliate churches worldwide in countries including Malaysia, Taiwan, India,

Indonesia and Australia.

Although CHC claims to be non-denominational, its core values are based on Charismatic and Pentecostal teachings. The ministry of CHC takes its reference from Matthew 22:37-40 and is built upon three aspects, “the Great Commandment” to love God wholeheartedly; “the Great Commission” to love people fervently; and “the Cultural Mandate” to engage culture creatively and to be light and salt in the market place. Among CHC’s manifold ministries are the drama ministry which produces drama and plays for its worship services, the marketplace ministry which is an outreach to working people, the strikeforce ministry which teaches youth rhythm and dance; and community services which caters to social needs.

CHC also operates a school of theology and claims to have trained over 5,000 students. It adopts the “health and wealth” or prosperity theology which teaches that financial blessing and physical health is the will of God for Christians. The Church also uses contemporary Christian music with a wide range of modern electronic instruments in its worship services.

CHC has from the beginning used a seeker-sensitive approach towards promoting church growth. This is based on a philosophy that seeks to fashion the church into a society that the unconverted can feel comfortable in so as to increase church attendance. Their worship services for instance are conducted in a worldly manner by using contemporary Christian music that has a rock beat our tune, and with musical instruments and dancers that are common in rock concerts.

In their services, sermons are watered down and hard Christian doctrines are not preached for fear of antagonising the congregation. Instead, the prosperity gospel that God is someone who is interested only in blessing believers with

health and wealth is preached. Popular psychology is used to make people feel good about themselves without regard for sin.

### **The Crossover Project**

The Crossover Project is based on one of CHC’s objectives called “The Cultural Mandate”. It is an extension of their seeker-sensitive approach, with the emphasis of building a “church without walls”. The primary goal of the Crossover Project is to reach out to the unchurched in society and get them into church. One way to do this is to use secular entertainment to draw them in.

In 1999, Kong Hee preached in Taiwan and found the youth ministry there to be lacking. He claimed that he received the Holy Spirit’s instruction to bring about revival in Taiwan and to evangelise the Chinese-speaking world. The following year, when he revisited Taiwan, he observed that the people were not interested in his sermons, but in the music and the singing led by his wife. It was then that he discovered the potential power of secular entertainment to reach the unsaved, especially the youths. Although he admitted that this was an unorthodox approach, he subsequently claimed that God in a series of personal experiences gave him four confirmations to embark on this new approach to reach out to the world. He claimed that the final confirmation was scriptural. It came from his mentors Phil Pringle, Ulk Ekman and AR Bernard who all quoted the same verse to him, “Let us cross over the other side” (Mark 4:35). From this verse, Kong Hee named the new approach as the Crossover Project. The Crossover Project started in 2002.

The practical approach of the Crossover Project is to organise and conduct pop concerts in public places such as stadiums, concert halls etc. The programme of the concert would be

interspersed with evangelistic sharing and personal testimonies. The Crossover Project sought to achieve two goals: (1) to share the Gospel with the unchurched especially those who are resistant to the idea of visiting a church and (2) to encourage Christians in the entertainment industry to proclaim their faith. After a decade of using this approach, CHC claims that thousands have been saved through this ministry and that many in the entertainment industry have thrown in their support.

### **A Worldly Church**

The Crossover Project which uses a worldly approach to evangelism has no scriptural basis whatsoever. A worldly approach to evangelism is certainly not taught in the Bible, certainly not in the Great Commission (Matt 28:18-20). It attracts people for the wrong reasons.

When our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ ministered on earth, we find the multitudes following Him but for the wrong reasons. Some followed Him because He could heal. Others followed Him because they wanted to be entertained by miracles. Still others followed Him because of free food especially after He fed the 5000. In fact, many who at first followed Him later left Him after He preached to them about their need for spiritual salvation and their need to repent of their sins (John 6:66). Our Lord certainly did not use worldly methods to preach the Gospel.

The approach of the Crossover Project denies the sufficiency of Scriptures and the sovereignty of God. By using worldly means, the power of the Word of God (Heb 4:12; 2 Tim 3:16) and the work of the Holy Spirit (John 16:8-11; 1 Cor 6:11; Tit 3:5) in convicting and converting souls is denied. The work of the Holy Spirit is undermined when worldly methods are used. In many of the spiritual revivals of the past, many souls were saved just by the

simple and plain preaching of God’s Word. There was no need for worldly gimmicks and fleshly methods to lure and entice people to believe.

The approach of the Crossover Project violates the doctrine of biblical separation. Romans 12:2 commands all believers not to be conformed to this world. 1 John 2:15-17 reminds us not to love the world or things that are of the world for in it lies the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes and the pride of life. The word “world” is taken to mean any system of values, thought or practice that goes against God’s Truth. This certainly includes anything deemed sinful or worldly in the light of God’s Word. This definitely includes the pop and rock songs, and the culture that the world promotes. Sun Ho has portrayed herself as the pop-star wife of a pastor. In her bid to be trained as a pop singer, she has associated herself with Hollywood, the epitome of worldliness and ungodliness. Her actions have brought disrepute to Christianity in general and Christ in particular. The Bible says that friendship with the world is enmity with God and whoever is a friend of the world is an enemy of God (Jas 4:4).

The Crossover Project takes a very shallow view of salvation. Belief is simply paying lip service to Christ. The Gospel is diluted with little or no mention of repentance from sin and the judgement to come. This is done in order not to offend the hearers. Herein lies the danger. Many may think they are saved when in actual fact they are not. Indeed our Lord says in Matthew 7:21, “*not everyone that saith unto me Lord, Lord shall enter the kingdom of heaven*”. Not every professing Christian is saved, but only those who have truly repented of their sins and accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and show the fruits of repentance in their lives.

The Crossover Project is primarily

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MON – FRI	Church Camp	<p><i>“Whoso diggeth a pit shall fall therein: and he that rolleth a stone, it will return upon him.” Prov 26:27</i></p> <p><b>“O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>
FRI 8.00 pm	No Prayer Meeting	
SAT 3.30 pm	No YAF Meeting No YPF Meeting	<p><b>LAST LORD’S DAY OFFERINGS</b></p> <p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord’s Day</i> \$20,329; <i>Fellowships’ Collections:</i> YAF \$192; YPF \$97.60  <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250, \$200; <i>Rev Stephen Khoo</i> \$200; <i>Rev Tan Kian Sing</i> \$300; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$500; <i>VBS</i> \$400; <i>Lian Uk</i> \$200; <i>Sun Sokha</i> \$200; <i>Barnabas Yap</i> \$100; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$100; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$400, \$200; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$250, \$100, \$50  <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$24,268.60  <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$1,400, \$1,000 <b>Total:</b> \$1,394,104.27</p>
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10.30 am	Worship (Rev Hien Nguyen) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
<p><b>Church Camp 2013 (June 10-14)</b> at Centara Seaview Resort Khaolak, Thailand. Campers, please assemble at Changi Airport tomorrow (June 10). Tiger Airways passengers, please meet at <u>6.00 am at Terminal 2</u> and JetStar passengers at <u>6.15 am at Terminal 1</u> and report to your Bus IC.</p> <p>In view of Church Camp, there will be <b>no Prayer Meeting, Young Adults Fellowship Meeting and Young People’s Fellowship Meeting</b> this week.</p> <p><b>Complimentary Parking Coupons</b> are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.</p> <p><b>True Life B-P Church’s sermons</b> are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm.</p>		<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: “Last Judgment” by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.</p> <p><b>Adults’ Sunday School Class</b> is now studying Ephesians under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15 -10.15 am. All are welcome. Lessons are downloadable from <a href="http://www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Ephesians.htm">www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Ephesians.htm</a>.</p>



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Opening Hymn	<i>Yesterday, Today, Forever</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	1 Peter 1:3-25
Hymn	<i>Our God Is a Loving Father</i>
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	<i>Burn Out for Jesus!</i>
Doxology/Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	Psalms 90:1-12
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>God’s Eternity and Man’s Brevity</b> (Rev Dr Koa Keng Woo)
	<i>My Faith Has Found a Resting Place</i> (Lord’s Supper)
Closing Hymn	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Benediction	

Early tomorrow morning, 256 campers will fly either Tiger or Jetstar to Khaolak, Thailand, for True Life BPC’s 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Bible Camp, June 10-14, 2013. Pastor will speak on the theme “Faith Alive” taken from the Epistle of James. The seven theme messages are: (1) Faith Tried and Tested (Jas 1:1-12), (2) Faith and Obedience (Jas 1:13-21), (3) Faith and Charity (Jas 2:1-13), (4) Faith and Works (Jas 2:14-26), (5) Faith and Speech (Jas 3:1-18), (6) Faith and Separation (Jas 4:1-17), (7) Faith and Life (Jas 5:1-20). Here’s Pastor’s word to all campers as found in the camp handbook:

*“For as the body without the spirit is dead, so faith without works is dead also” (James 2:26).*

Is your faith living and lively, or is it dead or dying? I trust your faith is alive and well. We have all come to this Christian camp because we are members of the family of Christ. We know Jesus Christ as our Lord and Saviour, and we want to learn how to live our life for Him especially in these very last days before He comes back.

We are True Life BPC. We are

### KHAOLAK AHOY!



not called True Life for nothing. True Life was the name given to us by God's providence. The Lord wants us to believe in Him and live for Him. Indeed, we have true life because we have true faith. We truly believe in the Lord Jesus Christ and in the Holy Scriptures, for our Lord is the same yesterday, today and forever (Heb 13:8) and His Word is 100% perfect without any mistake (Ps 12:6-7, Matt 5:18, 2 Tim 3:16).

It has been 10 years since we became True Life BPC. Our God and Saviour has been very good and faithful to us. But have we been faithful and true to Him? Let us search our hearts during our time of biblical meditation and spiritual reflection here in this camp.

May each one of us find true life and true rest for both body and soul during our time of physical and spiritual retreat here in beautiful Khao Lak, and may we return home with a grateful and thankful heart, and with a faith that is truly alive for Christ.

Rev Lee Kim Shong and Rev Koa Keng Woo will minister to the Chinese congregation, and Rev Stephen Khoo, Rev Errol Stone, Rev Nguyen Gia Hien and Rev Biak Lawm Thang will speak in the morning devotions. Missionary reports will be heard from Dr and Mrs Wee Tiong Soon who serve the Lord in Kemaman BPC in Malaysia, Thang No who oversees the orphanage work in Yangon, Myanmar, and Bai Eun Young our missionary to Kenya who teaches at the Bible College of East Africa, Nairobi.

Since our Bible study sessions are held in the mornings and evenings, there is ample time in the afternoons for physical rest and recreation, sightseeing

and outings, and enjoy the beauty of God's Creation. Elephant trekking and bamboo rafting are but two of the recreational activities planned for the afternoons.

Khaolak Seaview Resort is a beautifully landscaped and family-friendly resort located in the quiet beach town of Khaolak. It was badly hit by the Tsunami of 2004, but has since been rebuilt. We will visit the tsunami memorial and the sea turtle conservation centre nearby.

Please pray for journey mercies and for a blessed time of learning from the Lord and from His Word, and pleasant fellowship with one another. We should all be grateful and thankful for the life that the Lord has given to us. JK

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### **PHNOM PENH BIBLE- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sun Sokha & Nam Soon**

Our church started right away after we left Phnom Penh Thmey Community Church, just two weeks before Christmas Day 2012. The Lord has opened the door for us to start a house church. We had only my family, my mother, wife, two kids and two students from Battambang. After a few weeks one of the two students did not join us anymore. It made my heart very painful and I felt like God did not want to use us.

Despite my discouragement and doubting to serve the Lord as a full-time preacher, the Lord opened the door for me to study His Word through the online courses of FEBC. Through each lecture and heavy load of assignments, the Lord has blessed and

given me the assurance of the call to reach out to lost souls. So I decided to start a Bible class in the evening. Two faithful students came to study. We use *Theology for Every Christian* as our study book. Though it is hard to understand for me and the two students, we do our best and are blessed together. And now we have four students coming every evening to study the same book. Their faith started to grow a lot.



**Evening Bible Class**

Through evangelism, the Lord has blessed us with more youths and young adults who come and worship the Lord with us. Of course some have already believed in the Lord Jesus before and because their leader left them for his sabbatical, they decided to worship with us for they are as sheep that have no shepherd to take care of them.



**Bible Study after Sunday Service**

Every Sunday after service, we have one of our best times because all or almost all of us would have a small snack fellowship and then Bible study for almost two hours. Although this time, 10.40 am to 12.30 pm, is a hungry time, we study and learn from the Word of God together. It is a joyous time we have every Sunday. The students ask a lot of questions. When the questions are answered, they are blessed and filled with joy as the living water flows within their hearts. This is one thing that I felt I was really blessed by the Lord, though I do not deserve it. We are praying that the Lord will use us to teach them well with the Word of God and then train them to evangelise their friends and people around.



**Sunday School**

Please do keep the Lord's ministry here in your prayer. Pray that the Lord will put more zeal that we would prepare well to teach the whole counsel of God's Word to His precious sheep. I start to realise once again that when we surrender our all to Him, He will open His best way and work in our lives.

We decided to put our church name as "Phnom Penh Bible-Presbyterian Church". We earnestly prayed for it.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 17 – 23, 2013)			VERSE FOR THE WEEK
WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting	"A lying tongue hateth those that are afflicted by it; and a flattering mouth worketh ruin." Prov 26:28
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603	
SAT	4.00 pm	Young People's Fellowship	"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness." Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School	
		Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS General Offerings: Last Lord's Day S\$14,869; AUD50; Fellowships' Collections: YPF \$98.50 Designated Offerings: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100; Church Choir \$50; Bible Witness \$50; Dn Kelvin Lim (Gethsemane) \$50; Dn Lok Kwok Wah (Gethsemane) \$50; Kenneth Wong (FEBC) \$50; George Orwa (FEBC) \$50; John Chemalan (FEBC) \$50; Shadrack Cheruiyot (FEBC) \$50; FEBC \$200, \$100 Total General and Designated Offerings: S\$16,017.50; AUD50 Church Building Fund \$600, \$500, \$50 Total: \$1,395,254.27
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
Young People's Fellowship will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, June 22. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.			Sunset Gospel Hour tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Second Eden" by Dr S H Tow.
True Life B-P Church's sermons are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm.			

## WE ARE NOT ALONE

### IN OUR DEFENCE OF THE VERBAL AND PLENARY PRESERVATION OF THE HOLY SCRIPTURES

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#### God's Standard Bearers: Witnesses to THE Word of God

#### The Josiah Initiative

#### The Fear of the Lord: Restoring the Biblical and Historical Doctrine of Inerrancy

To view these papers go to the navigation pane on the left side of this page under the heading Louis Kole then click on the link to the paper.

Dr. Floyd Nolen Jones, Th.D., Ph.D. also has excellent material under his name heading in addition to some of the best teaching on the Word of God, available on audio. Click the link to Audio Bible lesson and pick your topic.

Finally, the presentations by Dr. Jeffrey Khoo, Principal of Far Eastern Bible College and the late Dr. Edward F Hills are indispensable resources.

"So shall they fear the name of the LORD from the west, and his glory from the rising of the sun. When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the LORD shall lift up a standard against him." [Isaiah 59:19](#)



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### "BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"

Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	<i>Holy, Holy, Holy</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 5
Hymn	<i>Take Time to Be Holy</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Youths from Camp
Offering & Hymn	<i>Lord, I Want to Be a Christian</i>
Doxology/Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	1 John 3:1-3
Sermon	<b>Purify Yourself As He Is Pure</b> (Rev Hien Nguyen)
Closing Hymn	<i>Cleanse Me</i>
Benediction	Rev Hien Nguyen

## WORLDLY CALVINISM

Dr Sim Siang Kok

The New Calvinism that is sweeping throughout Christendom is a disturbing, deceptive movement that seeks to promote worldliness in the name of Calvinism and Puritanism. The world's largest news magazine, *TIME*, has ranked "New Calvinism" as one of the "10 Ideas Changing the World Right Now" in its March 2009 issue. Collin Hansen's book, *Young, Restless, Reformed: A Journalist's Journey with the New Calvinists*, published in 2008 describes the story of the Calvinistic resurgence among young people in the USA. Its popular reception among the evangelicals is reflected by the commendation of the editor of *Christianity Today*, David Neff, when he states, "Collin Hansen has uncovered a fresh movement

of young Christians for whom doctrine—particularly the Calvinist kind—fuels evangelism, kindles passion, and transforms lives. Read it and rejoice." Sounds good but is it?

### Contextualisation

New Calvinism under the guise of teaching the biblical doctrines of Calvin claims to be faithful to Scripture, and to follow the essential tenets of Calvin's theology. Yet the followers of the movement are marked by a love for the ways and things of the world, which manifests itself in a worldly spirit and conduct that is far removed from the ways and beliefs of traditional Calvinists and Puritans.

The New Calvinists seek to "contextualise" the gospel to make it relevant to the postmodern world. Tim Keller is a major protagonist of this view. He teaches that for an inner city church to be successful, it must contextualise the gospel to make it relevant to the needs of a multi-ethnic population. Peter Masters of Metropolitan Tabernacle (Spurgeon's) however wrote a scathing critique of the movement and made the observation that most of the well-known preachers who promote and encourage this "revival" of Calvinism (so-called "New Calvinism") have in common



the characteristics that contradict a genuine Calvinistic or Puritan outlook. Masters rightly said, “You cannot have Puritan soteriology without Puritan sanctification.” Hence Masters rightly concluded that “the new Calvinism is not a resurgence but an entirely novel formula which strips the doctrine of its historical practice, and unites it with the world.”

### “Christian Hedonism”

John Piper, one of the key proponents of the New Calvinism promotes a new philosophy of life which he calls “Christian Hedonism.” Succinctly put, he states that “God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in him,” or “The chief end of man is to glorify God by enjoying him forever.” On the surface, Piper’s restatement of the Westminster Shorter Catechism’s answer to Q1 seems innocuous since he replaces “and to enjoy him forever” with “by enjoying him forever”. But what does Piper and the New Calvinists mean when they talk about enjoying God? In their sermons and in their writings, it looks like they place a premium on man-centred and self-centred enjoyment—enjoyment as defined by one’s own subjective thinking and feelings instead of the objective and authoritative Word of God. This “Christian Hedonism” can be seen in the carnality and worldliness of the speech, behaviour, and activities of these New Calvinists.

### Antinomianism

We see the New Calvinism promoting a careless attitude towards God’s moral law. This is contrary to the Reformed Faith. The Reformed Faith has a high view of the moral law of God. The moral law of God has three functions. The first is to convict man of sin and drive the sinner to repentance and salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. The second is to restrain

lawlessness in society. The third is to operate as a rule of life for the believer. Hence, the promotion of antinomianism is contrary to the Nature of God and the Word of God.

One of New Calvinism’s key advocates—Mark Driscoll—dismisses as legalistic anyone who seeks to obey the laws of God as given in the Holy Scriptures. He admits that he hates religious people who have rules to obey, and their lists of do’s and don’ts. As such, New Calvinism promotes worldliness and seeks to conform to the pattern and pleasures of the world. For instance, New Calvinism promotes rock, rap, hip-hop music in its worship services. The love and acceptance of the trends and things of the world was condemned by the Apostle John in 1 John 2:15-16, “*Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world.*”

### Call for Discernment

The grave danger of the New Calvinism is its false front—talking Calvinism but walking in worldliness. Jesus warned against false prophets in Matthew 7:15-20, “*Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep’s clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them.*”

True Calvinists who are actually Paulinists would do well to abide by the words of the Apostle Paul in Romans 12:1-2, “*I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.*”

### Recommended Reading

Peter Masters, “New Calvinism: The Merger of Calvinism with Worldliness”, <http://www.metropolitantabernacle.org/Spurgeon-Magazine-Sword-And-Trowel/Articles/Merger-of-Calvinism-and-Worldliness-New-Calvinism>.

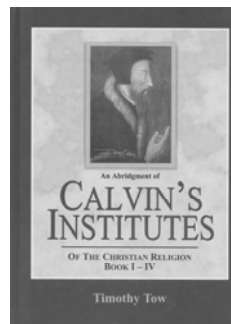
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## STUDY CALVIN’S INSTITUTES



Study Calvin’s Institutes with Pastor next semester at FEBC’s “Basic Theology for Everyone” night classes on Thursdays, 18 July -7 November 2013, 7.30-9.30 pm. We

will study Calvin’s Institutes Books III & IV. The following practical aspects of the Christian Faith will be discussed:

- What is faith?
- What is repentance?
- What is the unpardonable sin?
- Can a Christian commit the unpardonable sin?
- What is confession?
- What is the Christian life?
- What is conviction?
- What is the difference between justification and sanctification?
- How can I be sure I am saved?
- What are the practical benefits of water baptism and the Lord’s Supper?
- What is the place of our babies and children in God’s Covenant?
- How to discern between a true church and a false church?
- How does a faithful church become an apostate church?
- What are the roles of pastors, elders and deacons in the church?

These and many more questions will be discussed in this course. Welcome one and all.



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (June 24 – 30, 2013)		VERSE FOR THE WEEK <i>"Boast not thyself of tomorrow; for thou knowest not what a day may bring forth." Prov 27:1</i>
THU – SAT	Combined Youth Conference	<b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
FRI 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting <i>REL C Room 603</i>	
SAT 9.00 am	Young Adults Fellowship	<b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b> <b>General Offerings:</b> S\$13,246; THB 2,020 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250, \$100; <i>Rev Hien</i> \$200, \$200; <i>Rev Tan Kian Sing</i> \$300; <i>Bible Witness</i> \$50; <i>Church Choir</i> \$50; <i>Missions</i> \$250; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$50; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$350; <i>Shobastian (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Li Ya Ge (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>FEBC Bookroom</i> \$333; <i>FEBC</i> \$800, \$200, \$150, \$100; <i>Bai Eun Young</i> USD50 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$16,729; THB 2,020; USD50 <b>Church Building Fund – Total:</b> \$1,395,254.27
11.00 am	Holy Matrimony of Wee Chong & Felicia	
5.30 pm	Family Bible Fellowship	
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School	
10.30 am	Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601) Worship (Dr S H Tow) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
2.30 pm	Evangelism	
<b>9<sup>th</sup> Combined Youth Conference 2013</b> this week from June 27-29 at Calvary Pandan BPC. Theme: "The Real Treasures of My Heart." Speaker: Pr Ko Linggang. Go to <a href="http://www.truthbpc.com/cyc">www.truthbpc.com/cyc</a> for details. For queries, please contact Samuel Goh at 91817471. <b>Young Adults Fellowship</b> will be having an Outing to the Southern Ridges this Sat, June 29 at 9.00 am. Meeting Place: Labrador Park MRT. Attire: Modest sportswear. For enquiries, please contact Kee Sing at 97641385. <b>Family Bible Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, June 29 at Dr and Mrs Chan Kay Heem's home, 31 Jalan Kemboja, Sennett Estate Singapore 349430, 5.30 pm. Message: "Overview of the Old Testament-Part 5" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details.		<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "New Heaven and New Earth" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. <b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying Philemon under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. All are welcome. <b>True Life B-P Church's sermons</b> are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm.

### Vacation Bible School 2013

**"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven." (Matt 19:14)**



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Elder J T Joseph
Opening Hymn	<i>Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Deuteronomy 18:9-22
Hymn	<i>'Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus</i>
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	<i>Break Thou the Bread of Life</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Elder J T Joseph
Scripture Text	Acts 21:8-14
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>A Fallible Prophecy?</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Lord, Speak to Me</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

201 Pandan Gardens. The theme of the VBS was "Walking with Jesus" based on 1 John 1:7, "But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin."



An average of 53 children participated in the VBS. Besides children from TLBPC, there were children from 9 other churches as well as those from non-Christian families. The children were split into three main groups: the Pre-schoolers, the Lower (i.e. the Lower Primary children) and the Uppers (i.e. the Upper Primary Children). The children were taught the various aspects of what it means to walk with Jesus such as "Walking by Faith", "Walking in Truth", "Walking in the Spirit", "Walking in Love" and "Walking in the Light". These lessons were developed independently by the Heads of Department (HOD) of each level with the teachers since planning started in January. The result is a

### WALKING WITH JESUS

*Report on the Vacation Bible School  
June 5-7, 2013 by Clement Chew*

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) is a ministry of True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (TLBPC) to children from ages 3 to 12. The objectives of the VBS are (1) to evangelise children with the Gospel of Christ and (2) to teach them the Word of God. This is in fulfilment of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20, "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen."

This year, the VBS was held from June 5 to 7 at Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church,



curriculum that we can call our own which reflects the Reformed and Premillennial faith of TLBPC.



Besides the teaching of God's Word, the students engaged in Art and Craft and Singspiration sessions that were crafted to reinforce the lessons which the children have learnt. On the second day, the children also participated in various object lessons that brought out the various aspects of a Christian's walk with Christ.

The highlight of the VBS was the Special Closing Programme on the third day. Parents of the children were invited

to attend the event. During the programme, the children presented the lessons they have learnt in song. Pastor preached from Psalm 127 on how children are gifts from God. He exhorted parents to bring up children in the fear and admonition of the Lord. This includes sharing the good news concerning God's perfect gift of salvation through faith in the perfect Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. This can only be done if the parents themselves have received the perfect gift of salvation.



The VBS committee and volunteers

would like to thank God for granting us the privilege to serve Him in the VBS. We would also like to thank God for the children who prayed the sinners' prayer during the VBS. One department reported that eight children confessed their need for salvation and prayed for Jesus to save them. Bibles were given to these children. Please pray that a proper follow-up programme will be planned to disciple these children. *"But Jesus said, Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven."* (Matt 19:14). Amen.

that our God will continually sustain and preserve this College at 9A Gilstead Road to prepare His servants for the furtherance of the Gospel work until Christ returns.

Thanks to Sister Janet for her service too. Kindly send my greetings to all lecturers and students.

In Christ,

John Saray

4 June 2013

Dear Dr Khoo,

Greetings in the name of the Lord.

I just came back from my visit to the four mission churches under the Gethsemane B-P Church, Singapore, led by our alumni serving the Lord in the Philippines. One thing that I have noticed is that each church remembers FEBC in its prayer meeting. It was an encouragement to see them taking time to pray for their alma mater. Apart from the time allotted for the preaching of God's Word, they spent two solid hours praying for all their items.

Indeed, these alumni-preachers do care for their alma mater. They do not only remember us in prayer but they also esteem FEBC before their congregations by telling them what FEBC is doing for the Lord.

Lastly, I have observed them to be diligent in preaching the Word and disciplined in discharging their duties. I say this because I see the fruits of their labour in the lives of the people in the church.

Yours truly,

Bro Dennis Kabingue

7 June 2013



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## THANKSGIVING FROM FEBC ALUMNI

Dear Dr Jeffrey Khoo,

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

I would like to thank you for the certified letter that you had written for me earlier. My degree has been recognised by the Accreditation Committee of Cambodia. Now it can be officially used in our country as equivalent to a university degree. With this, I am so thankful to God and personally so proud of the standard of education that I had received from the Far Eastern Bible College. And I pray

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 1 – 7, 2013)			VERSE FOR THE WEEK
WED	7.45 pm	Ladies Fellowship	<p><i>"Let another man praise thee, and not thine own mouth; a stranger, and not thine own lips." Prov 27:2</i></p> <p><b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship	
SAT	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship	<p><b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b></p> <p><b>General Offerings:</b> \$11,918  <b>Designated Offerings:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$100; Rev Lee Kim Shong \$100, \$50; Rev Hien \$200; Rev Prabhudas Koshy \$300; Cambodia Orphanage \$55; Missions \$1,000; Samuel Goh (FEBC) \$50; Samuel Eio (FEBC) \$250; FEBC \$1,000, \$100; Bai Eun Young S\$100, USD185; Baraka BPC USD500; BCEA USD787</p> <p><b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b>            S\$15,473; USD1,472  <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$2,000, \$600 <b>Total:</b> \$1,397,854.27</p>
SUN	9.15 am	Young People's Fellowship	
		Sunday School	<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "How Near?" by Dr S H Tow.</p> <p><b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> on "Life of Abraham" by Bro Clement Chew will commence next Lord's Day, July 7, 9.15-10.15 am. All are welcome.</p> <p><b>Far Eastern Bible College</b> will reopen with a Day of Prayer and Registration on Mon, July 15, 8.30 am. <b>FEBC's Basic Theology for Everyone night courses</b> will resume with <i>Exodus</i> by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew on July 15 (Mon) and <i>Calvin's Institutes II</i> by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo on July 18 (Thu), 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm at FEBC, 9A Gilstead Road.</p> <p><b>Congratulations</b> to Wee Chong and Felicia who were joined together in holy matrimony yesterday. "For this cause shall a man leave his father and mother, and cleave to his wife" (Mark 10:7).</p>
	10.30 am	Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	
		Worship (Dr Paul Ferguson)	
		Chinese Service (Tanglin 1)	
		Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	

**Ladies Fellowship Meeting** this Wed, July 3, at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Women in the Bible — Mary & Martha (Luke 10:38-42; John 11:1-45)" by Rev Stephen Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** this Fri, July 5 at the home of Mrs Elizabeth Mahadevan, 8 pm. Address: 129 Hillcrest Road. Tel: 64664059.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, July 6 at Mr and Mrs Herbert Goh's home, Blk 206 Choa Chu Kang Central #07-14 Singapore 680206, 3.30 pm. Message: "Knowing God" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, July 6 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Run the Race by Forsaking the World" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism** this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 214 Lorong 8, Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.

**Preaching appointments:** Pastor at Kemaman Life BPC (19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving), Fri, July 5, and Calvary Jaya BPC, Sun, July 7.



**"Every good gift and every perfect gift is from above, and cometh down from the Father of lights, with whom is no variableness, neither shadow of turning" (Jas 1:17)**  
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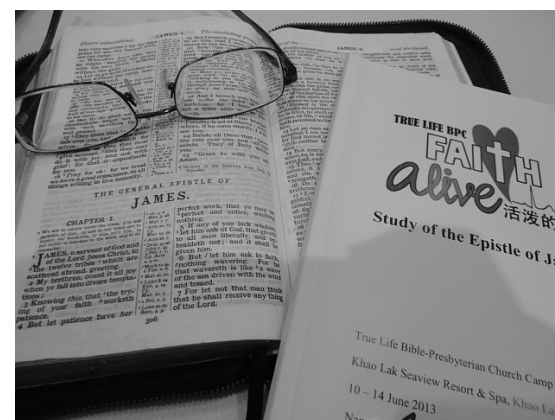
**30 June 2013**

### **"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	What If It Were Today?
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 147
Hymn	The Love of God
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	Softly and Tenderly
Doxology/Pastoral	
Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	2 Peter 3:1-14
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Why Has the Lord Not Come?</b> (Dr S H Tow)
Closing Hymn	Will Jesus Find Us Watching?
Benediction	Dr S H Tow

### **FAITH ALIVE!**

*Church Camp 2013 Testimonies*



#### **Faith Alive**

10 June to 14 June 2013 we went,  
Where Khao Lak Seaview Resort we camped.  
There our taste-buds were entertained,

*More importantly, our spiritual faith was strengthened again.*

*We thank God for our pastor, Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Who expounded God's Word from the Book of James.*

*I am thankful and grateful, For, at this camp, I have my doubtful thoughts clarified. The glory of God is further magnified!*

*I have learned: With true faith, we are born again; Henceforth we are changed.*

*A true faith is an obedient faith, full of charity, Producing good works according to the will of the Almighty; God controls our tongue, in true faith,*

*"Swift to hear, slow to speak, slow to wrath" is displayed.*

*Faith increases when we respond to testing and trials, With gladness, and meekness; A true faith helps us to be more and more of Christ and less and less of worldliness;*

*God must be in the picture whenever and whatever we plan, So God's blessings are always at hand.*

*Oh Lord, May thou help us not to waver! May the Lord find us faithful forever!*

*Shun Ching*

## The Nearest Thing to Paradise

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo delivered his messages centred on the theme of faith. Is our faith true or false? Although we are justified by faith, faith without works is dead. The Bible does not contradict itself. Even demons believe and tremble. The message is clear. We must be doers not just hearers only. True Faith = Salvation + Works. We must understand this doctrine of salvation (Jas 2:24)

One day after dinner I watched a storm brewing over the Andaman Sea and reflected over what pastor had said. Yes there are many areas in my life that I have to change. Pastor answered many questions in the Q & A session before we left Khao Lak. His answers were sharp and always quoting Scripture. I had learnt much.

I thank God for the wisdom and blessings that I have received from this camp. As we said goodbye to the many friends and guests—Rev Nguyen Gia Hien, Rev Errol Stone, Dr Wee Tiong Soon, to name a few—we look forward to our camp next year. The excellent buffet meals varied with a distinct Thai flavour together with the spiritual food we enjoyed was the nearest thing to paradise. *Dr Maurice Chew*

## Everything Was Just Perfect

I love every minute of our church camp because everything was just perfect, from the food to the beautiful surroundings to our well-appointed restful rooms.

I am also thankful for the sermons preached, especially from the Book of James. One of the take-home messages from James is do not despise those who are lesser than you. I also find the video presentations on the overseas missions very helpful to my understanding of the

missionaries' work.

I am also thankful that my brother was able to join us for this camp, and got to enjoy a break overseas as he does not like to travel. I am thankful that my brother attended almost all the sermons at the camp and did not need any reminders from me to keep to the timetable. I hope he will always feel at home worshipping at True Life. I hope church members will not mind to continue to pray for him. This will give us hope that he will recover and one day will be well enough again. *Lim Chwuui Chwee*

## A Foretaste of Heaven

*“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity”* (Ps 133:1). Truly our church camp at Khaolak seaside resort was good and pleasant. I had such a wonderful and blessed time being fed daily with God's Word from faithful and true servants of God, fellowship with and getting to know more brethren, good food in the midst of the beauty of God's Creation. Yes, it was a foretaste of heaven on earth.

The theme, “Faith Alive,” taken from the Epistle of James with its seven theme messages on my faith in the Lord came as a timely reminder of how I must not only be a hearer but also a doer of His Word, to believe in Him and to live for Him.

I thank the Lord for Pastor, the Campmaster and his committee for their tireless work and enthusiasm for making this church camp one of the best that I have ever attended. I have found true rest indeed for my body and soul during this retreat. *Shirley Ho*

## Richly Blessed by God's Word

We really thank God and True Life

BPC for kindly inviting and enabling my family and me to join True Life Church Camp at Khao Lak this year with a very challenging and practical theme “Faith Alive”. We have been richly blessed by God's Word through all the faithful preaching and through the morning devotional messages. We also thank God for the blessed fellowship with True Lifers and like-minded brethren. May the Lord graciously help us bear the good fruits of His true children with a saving faith, living faith, enduring faith, obedient faith, charitable faith, separate faith, and longsuffering faith until our Lord Jesus Christ comes again. Amen. *Rev and Mrs Nguyen Gia Hien, and children Hanh and Timothy*

## The Lord Is True to His Word

We greatly desired to attend this camp as we had missed the previous one due to the birth of Hadassah. However, we were concerned as Hadassah was barely a year old and this would be her first flight as well as ours as parents. We committed our desire to the Lord and were reminded of our wedding verse: *“But my God shall supply all your need according to His riches in glory by Christ Jesus”* (Philippians 4:19). By faith, we signed up for the camp, trusting that the Lord will provide for all our needs as He had promised in His perfect Word.

Throughout the camp, the Lord is true to His Word. From the journey from Singapore to the resort in Khao Lak to the stay there and finally to the trip back to Singapore, God never failed to provide. What is most precious to us is the way in which God taught us spiritual lessons. Not only did the Lord teach us on what it means to have “Faith Alive” through His servant our beloved Pastor, He also taught us to apply what we have learnt throughout the camp. How we react to

tribulations and inconveniences (thought, word and deed) will determine what kind of faith we have. We are constantly reminded from the messages that we must humble ourselves and pray for God's strength to have “a faith that works”. *Herbert and Zuyi*

## An Answered Prayer

The church camp has been a blessing to me. It happened to be an answered prayer since I desired not only to see another country but also to learn God's Word. It was also a great privilege for me to get the opportunity to learn from the book of James during the FEBC holidays.

The sight of the sea waves there and the story of 2004 tsunami reminded me of Jesus' words to Peter when he saw the waves in Matthew 14:30-31, *“O thou of little faith, wherefore didst thou doubt?”* I too needed faith. The theme messages and devotion messages were refreshing, reviving, and rebuking to me. It is my prayer that God will help me take Him at His Word to obey, love and submit to His perfect Law. Thanks for the Christian fellowship in True Life BPC. *Shadrack Cheruiyot*

## A Fruitful Time of Learning

*“But Jesus said unto them, A prophet is not without honour, but in his own country, and among his own kin, and in his own house.”* (Mark 6:4). I give thanks to God for Pastor Jeffrey Khoo for being the theme speaker. God used him to profit my soul. From the messages to the Q & A session, it was a fruitful time of learning God's Word. He was pastoral both on and off the pulpit. I would also like to give thanks to God for Dn Beng Lee and his committee in how they handled challenges very well to give all campers a seamless camp experience. All praise and thanks to God. *Samuel Goh*



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 8 – 14, 2013)			VERSE FOR THE WEEK
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting REL C Room 603	<b>“O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.”</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
SAT	3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship Young People’s Fellowship	
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	<b>LAST LORD’S DAY OFFERINGS</b> <b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord’s Day</i> S\$15,764; MYR50; THB450; JPY1,000; <i>Fellowships’ Collections:</i> FBF \$289.10 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250, \$100; <i>Rev Koa Keng Woo</i> \$100; <i>Bai Eun Young</i> \$550, \$350; <i>Gethsemane BPC</i> \$100; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$400; <i>RPG</i> \$120; <i>Sim Swee Ho</i> \$400; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$400; <i>Samuel Eio (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$350, \$100, \$50 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$19,523.10; MYR50; THB450; JPY1,000 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$800, \$400, \$380, \$180, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,399,714.27
	10.30 am	Worship ( <i>Lord’s Supper</i> ) (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
<b>Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, July 13 at Mr and Mrs Jeremy Seow’s home, Blk 436 Woodlands Street 41, #08-396, Singapore 730436, 3.30 pm. Message: “Introduction to the Book of Ezekiel” by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468 for details. <b>Young People’s Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, July 13 at 3.30 pm. Message: “The History and Errors of Ecumenism” by Pr Ko Linggang. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries. <b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> will be held at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: “Watch and Be Sober (1 Thessalonians 5:5-6)”. Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come. <b>True Life B-P Church’s sermons</b> are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm. <b>Preaching appointments:</b> Pastor at Calvary Jaya BPC, KL.			<b>“A stone is heavy, and the sand weighty; but a fool’s wrath is heavier than them both.” Prov 27:3</b>
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: “Is the Bible ‘Inerrant’?” by Dr S H Tow. <b>Adults’ Sunday School Class</b> is now studying “Life of Abraham” under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. <b>Far Eastern Bible College</b> will reopen with a Day of Prayer and Registration on Mon, July 15, 8.30 am. <b>FEBC’s Basic Theology for Everyone night courses</b> will resume with <i>Exodus</i> by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew on July 15 (Mon) and <i>Calvin’s Institutes II</i> by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo on July 18 (Thu), 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm at FEBC, 9A Gilstead Road.			



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**“BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name”**

Call to Worship	Dn Charles Kan
Opening Hymn	<i>How Great Thou Art!</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 8
Hymn	<i>The Name of Jesus</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Church Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>Take the World, but Give Me Jesus</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Psalms 39
Pastoral Prayer	Dr Paul Ferguson
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Measure of a Man</b> (Dr Paul Ferguson)
Closing Hymn	<i>Have I Done My Best for Jesus?</i>
Benediction	Dr Paul Ferguson

my happiness into the principle is not.

We would not argue with an emphasis on desiring God. We are exhorted to delight ourselves in the Lord. We are to love Him with all the heart, soul, strength, and mind. We are to love Him so fervently that our love for any other person or thing appears to be hate (Luke 14:26). We are given the example of a soul that panteth after the Lord as a hart panteth after the water brooks. God is to be my rock, my fortress, my deliverer, my strength, my buckler, the horn of my salvation, my high tower.

No, there is absolutely nothing wrong with desiring God, and we cannot desire God too much. That is the purpose for which we were made. That is the very essence of genuine human life.

What we reject is the formula that John Piper has devised and the presentation of this particular formula as the essence of Christian living.

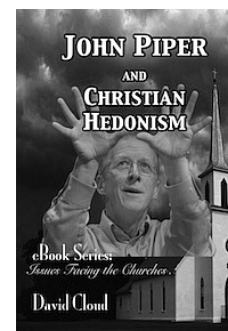
What we reject is connecting our happiness so directly with the pursuit of God, because the Bible does not do this.

There is plenty of happiness and joy in the godly Christian life even in this present world, but the Bible doesn’t emphasize this the way Piper does.

It’s true that we are promised rewards and encouraged to expect them, and it is true that it is not wrong to be motivated toward this end, but this does not add up to Piper’s

## CHRISTIAN HEDONISM

An extract from David Cloud’s e-book, *John Piper and Christian Hedonism*, available for free at [http://www.wayoflife.org/free\\_ebooks/john\\_piper\\_and\\_hedonism.php](http://www.wayoflife.org/free_ebooks/john_piper_and_hedonism.php)



## Intermingling Happiness with the Pursuit of God

To desire God is Scriptural, but incorporating

**“Flee also youthful lusts: but follow righteousness, faith, charity, peace, with them that call on the Lord out of a pure heart.” (2 Tim 2:22)**

**Praise Items by Teens Sunday School at True Life’s Worship Service on 26 May 2013**



## Christian Hedonism.

It is also true that the New Testament says much about the “joy of the Lord” in the Christian life, but it is important to understand that joy is not the same as the emotional happiness so sought after by the world. There is much happiness in the Christian life, but it is an error to think that this is solely what the Bible means by joy and rejoicing. 2 Corinthians 6:10 says, “as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing.” 1 Peter 1:6 says, “Wherein ye greatly rejoice, though now for a season, if need be, ye are in heaviness through manifold temptations.” Jesus Christ, who was anointed with the oil of gladness (Heb. 1:9), was also “a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief” (Isa. 53:3).

From these Scriptures it is evident that one can be joyful even when emotionally sorrowful, even when the spirit is heavy, even when one is acquainted with grief. CHRISTIAN JOY AND REJOICING IS, ABOVE ALL ELSE, STEADFAST CONFIDENCE IN GOD REGARDLESS OF ONE’S CIRCUMSTANCES. This is evident in the use of the Greek words. The same Greek word translated “joy” in Rom. 5:11 (*kauchaomai*) is also translated “glory” (Rom. 5:3), “rejoice” (Rom. 5:2), and “boast” (Rom. 2:17, 23; 3:27; 2 Cor. 11:16). To boast or glory in Christ and the promises of God is rejoicing!

There is a great danger in identifying Christian joy solely with emotional pleasure, with a spiritual gaiety. Because of the fallen condition of this evil world and of our own corrupted nature, it is impossible but that we will experience a great deal of grief and heaviness in the present life. The great Apostle Paul said, “... even we ourselves groan within ourselves, waiting for the adoption, to wit, the redemption of our body” (Rom. 8:23). God does not promise to deliver the Christian from the pains of a fallen creation. There are those who would require the Christian to try to maintain an emotional exuberance, but this flies in the face of the Word of God. James 5:13 says, “Is any among you afflicted? let him pray. Is any merry? let him sing psalms.” Here

the Word of God recognizes that there will be different emotional experiences among the members of a church at any given time, and it does not demand that all conform to a single euphoric standard. The afflicted one is not told to be merry; he is told to pray.

In fact, to the worldly Christian, the one who has become a friend to the world, who is rejoicing in fleshly merriment, the Apostle James says, “Be afflicted, and mourn, and weep: let your laughter be turned to mourning, and your joy to heaviness” (James 4:4, 9). This is apt exhortation for the present lust-living generation of Christians which are described in 2 Timothy 4:3-4.

The fullness and perfection of emotional happiness is something that belongs to the future when the believer will bask in the eternal glory of Christ in Heaven and the “old man” will be gone and we will have a resurrection body.

We must not make it our chief aim in this present world to seek such joy, or we will be severely disappointed. Like Jesus, “who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross” (Heb. 12:2), the child of God must set his face like a flint to endure the manifold sufferings of this present life with his eyes focused on the unspeakable joy which is to come; he must refuse to be sidetracked by a vain search for emotional euphoria in the here and now.

Happiness comes and goes in this present life. It is not something that should be pursued. The Psalms are filled with descriptions of melancholy and hardship. In Psalm 119 alone, we find the following conditions: the man of God’s soul breaks for longing (v. 20), melts for heaviness (v. 28), is filled with horror (v. 53), faints for salvation (v.81), is dried up like a leather bottle in the smoke (v. 83). He is almost consumed (v. 87), is near perishing in affliction (v. 92), is afflicted very much (v. 107). His soul is continually in his hand (v. 109); his flesh trembles for fear (v. 120); his eyes fail for salvation (v. 123). Rivers of waters run down his eyes (v. 136). He is consumed by zeal (v.

139), taken hold with trouble and anguish (v.143), in need of deliverance from affliction (v. 153). He has many persecutors and enemies (v. 157); is persecuted without a cause (v. 161); is gone astray like a lost sheep (v. 176).

The Bible’s description of the Christian life in this present world strongly emphasizes the trouble and persecution aspect.

The fullness of happiness is described more in connection with the next life rather than the present. This present life is described more in context of trouble than happiness. Romans 8 contrasts “the sufferings of this present time” with the glory that will follow in the next life. In this passage Paul describes the Christian life in terms of “sufferings” (v. 18), “waiting” (v. 19), “subject to vanity” (v. 20), “bondage of corruption” (v. 21), “groaning and travelling in pain” (v. 22), “groaning without ourselves” (v. 23), “waiting for the adoption” (v.23).

If happiness, even happiness in God, were the chief element of the present Christian life, Paul would not have said that were it not for the resurrection and the future life he is all men most miserable (1 Corinthians 15:19).

It is possible to find proof texts to support Piper’s emphasis on happiness that is found in the pursuit of God, but it is not supported by the overall teaching and emphasis of the New Testament.

### The Foundational Error

The central error of Christian Hedonism is that it is not developed from Scripture but is read into Scripture. In *Desiring God* Piper operates an upside down principle of exegesis. He first defines his doctrine from human writings then goes to Scripture to prove it. He builds his case for Christian Hedonism from the writings of Blaise Pascal, C.S. Lewis, Jonathan Edwards, and others, and only afterwards does he go to Scripture for support.

Throughout the rest of his book he assumes the truth of Christian Hedonism and speaks of it as an established doctrine. He speaks, for example, of “this fact—that praise means consummate pleasure and that the highest end of man is to drink deeply of this pleasure.” But

this is presumption, because he has not established directly from Scripture that this is a fact.

If the reader accepts that Piper has proven the truth of his doctrine, then he will not properly critique the proof texts he offers. This is how false teachers handle the Bible, and it is very effective because most people are not grounded in the principles of sound interpretation, such as examining the context, comparing Scripture with Scripture, and examining doctrine in the light of Scripture as a whole.

Like all heresies, Christian Hedonism is based on proof texts rather than the whole tenure of Scripture. If Christian Hedonism were so true and so important, there would be many passages in the New Testament epistles that would lay it out with perfect clarity, but in fact nowhere do the writers of Scripture offer Christian Hedonism as the “essence” or “secret” of Christian living.

**[Ed: “Christian Hedonism” aka “The New Calvinism” is dangerous! The warning in 1 John 2:15-18 applies, “Love not the world, neither the things that are in the world. If any man love the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world, the lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life, is not of the Father, but is of the world. And the world passeth away, and the lust thereof: but he that doeth the will of God abideth for ever. Little children, it is the last time: and as ye have heard that antichrist shall come, even now are there many antichrists; whereby we know that it is the last time.”]**

### Life BPC Sues FEBC Again

Life BPC filed a Writ of Summons on 27 June 2013 demanding that FEBC makes monetary contribution to Life BPC for use of utilities, maintenance and upkeep of the Premises from 4 March 1970 to 3 May 2008. Please pray the Lord to grant FEBC grace and wisdom to respond to this new suit.

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 15 – 21, 2013)			VERSE FOR THE WEEK		
MON	8.30 am	FEBC Day of Prayer	<p><i>"Wrath is cruel, and anger is outrageous; but who is able to stand before envy?" Prov 27:4</i></p> <p><b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>		
	7.30 pm	<i>Exodus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)			
WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting	<p><b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b></p> <p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> \$21,659.70; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> LF \$371; YAF \$218; YPF \$93  <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Rev Paul Ferguson</i> \$100; <i>BCEA Rwanda</i> \$50; <i>Missions</i> \$100; <i>Teens Sunday School</i> \$200; <i>Joshua Yong</i> \$200, \$150; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$200, \$100; <i>George Orwa</i> \$100; <i>Lian Uk</i> \$100; <i>Samuel Eio</i> \$200; <i>Samuel Goh (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$400; <i>John Chemalan (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>Shadrack Cheruiyot (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>Guo Sufang (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>Li Shanshan (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>Li Ya Ge (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>Zhu Jianwei (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>FEBC Needy Students</i> \$1,000; <i>FEBC Bookroom</i> \$333; <i>FEBC</i> \$3,000, \$1,000, \$500, \$100  <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$31,224.70  <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$2,800, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,402,614.27</p>		
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes II</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)			
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting REL C Room 603	<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Does God Ever Change His Mind?" by Pr Ko LingKang.</p> <p><b>Far Eastern Bible College</b> reopens with a Day of Prayer and Registration tomorrow, July 15, 8.30 am, at 9A Gilstead Road. <b>BTFE night classes</b> resume tomorrow with <i>Exodus</i> by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew, and <i>Calvin's Institutes II</i> by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo on July 18 (Thu), 7.30 pm – 9.30 pm.</p> <p><b>Rev An Yohan (Blind Korean Pastor)</b> will be speaking at our Prayer Meeting this Friday, July 19.</p> <p><b>National Day BBQ Fellowship</b>, East Coast Parkway, please register at book table!</p> <p><b>Complimentary Parking Coupons</b> are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.</p>		
SAT	3.00 pm	Young People's Fellowship			
	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship			
	4.30 pm	Chinese Fellowship			
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School	<p><b>Young People's Fellowship</b> will be having a Combined Meeting with Gethsemane Youth Fellowship this Sat, July 20 at 3 pm. Program: A Book Study of 1 John by Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy. Venue: 2 Geylang East Avenue 2, Simsville Condominium, Singapore 389754. Transport leaves FEBC at 2.15 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, July 20 at Jacelyn and Joycelyn's home, 92 Kew Drive Singapore 466099, 3.30 pm. Message: "Betrayed by Man but Beloved by God" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.</p> <p><b>Chinese Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, July 20 at 4.30 pm in the home of Dr and Mrs Chan Kay Heem. Address: 31 Jalan Kemboja, Sennett Estate Singapore 349430. Speaker: Rev Lee Kim Shong. Contact Dn Tai Mern Yee at 92991663 for any queries.</p> <p><b>"Faith Alive!" Church Camp Messages.</b> Please sign up at the book table if you wish to have a free CD of pastor's messages at the church camp.</p>		
	10.30 am	Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601) Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)			



**"Mine elect shall long enjoy the work of their hands. They shall not labour in vain." (Isa 65:22b-23a)**



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"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"	
Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	<i>Jesus, My Lord, My God, My All</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 84
Hymn	<i>Psalm 84</i>
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	<i>Amazing Grace</i>
Doxology/Pastoral	
Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	Acts 22:1-15
Sermon	<b>God's Grace Is Irresistible</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>O Come Back to the Lord</i> (Lord's Supper)
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## IF GOD BE FOR US



*"What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?"*  
 (Rom 8:31).

Since her founding in 1962, there have been attempts to shut FEBC down. But by the grace of God, FEBC is kept to this day. Tomorrow, 15 July 2013, FEBC starts another new term with a day of prayer on campus grounds.

The first day of the new term is always a happy day when faculty and students come together for fellowship and prayer after a two-month break. Students have been returning to school last week, checking into their dorms and getting ready for new academic and spiritual challenges ahead. This time we welcome six new students from as many

countries: Yang Conghui (China), Sim Dara (Cambodia), Sujith Samuel (India), Thang Muan Huam (Myanmar), Eric Luis R Delina (Singapore), and Kim Jong Heon (South Korea).

We must not forget to thank the Lord for protecting and preserving FEBC's legacy and heritage at Gilstead Road, thwarting LBPC's lawsuit to evict the College from her birthplace and home. Do pray the Lord to grant the honourable Justice Judith Prakash the wisdom to draft a suitable scheme to regulate the occupation and use of the grounds at 9, 9A & 10 Gilstead Road, a scheme that would be protective of FEBC's independence and freedom to manage her God-given premises and to teach God's divinely inspired (VPI) and perfectly preserved (VPP) Scriptures.

As you know, the leaders of Life BPC have just filed a new lawsuit against FEBC. Having failed to evict us, they now sue for money, money the Church had willingly given to the College in times past. Please pray for God to protect us from those who hate and persecute us because of our faith and our stand for the divinely inspired and preserved traditional Hebrew and Greek Scriptures on which the KJV is based vis-à-vis the modern versions and their corrupt texts. Pray the Lord to grant the FEBC directors much grace and wisdom to respond to this vexatious suit. Through all this, may the Lord magnify His Word above all

His Name (Ps 138:2), that the world may know there is a God in heaven who is faithful to His promises and powerful to save, and that this God is none other than our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We thank the Lord for godly men who love and support FEBC. Besides our beloved brother and long-time missionary to Japan—the Rev Dr Robert Kluttz—who has given much to FEBC, we also have Elder Leong Yin Chu, a Presbyterian evangelist and his prayerful wife who encouraged us with this kind letter and love gift recently:

*Dear Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo*

*Please accept the enclosed cheque of \$1,200 from us (\$1000 in support of FEBC's wonderful good works honouring God's glorious Name, and \$200 for the Teens Sunday School where the teens of True Life are taught the fundamental truths of the Gospel, for teach a child how he should live and he will remember it all his life (Prov 22:6).*

*May God's abundant blessings be showered upon all of you. In addition, our regards to your loving wife Jemima.*

*Yours in Christ*

*Leong Yin Chu & Kheng Lim  
22 June 2013*

### Stop Press!

**The latest issue of FEBC's theological journal—*The Burning Bush* (July 2013)—is out, hot off the press.** Read pastor's article on how to distinguish true spirits from false spirits the biblical way. There is also Dr Paul Ferguson's expose of the modern fundamentalist attack on the good old doctrine of the verbal and plenary preservation of the inspired Scriptures. The Rev Christian Spencer, who is a lawyer himself, answers the legal question about the KJV's copyright. And Joycelyn Chng shares the lessons she has learned from her recent pilgrimage to Turkey (Asia Minor) in the steps of the Apostle Paul. **Get your copy today at the book table.**

## KEMAMAN LIFE BPC'S 19<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING



The Kemaman Life Bible-Presbyterian Church commemorated her 19<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving on 5 July 2013. Praise the Lord for 19 years of sowing the gospel seed in Kemaman, in the Malaysian state of Terengganu, 450 km north of Singapore. It all started when the late Rev John Ling went to pastor the Chinese-speaking Presbyterian Church in Kemaman after he completed his studies at FEBC in 1990. The members grew under his pastoral care.



**Kemaman Children**

When the Rev Ling discovered there were English-speaking people in Kemaman, he felt burdened to start an English service for them. To do this, he needed help from Singapore. In 1994, he issued a Macedonian Call to our late founding pastor, the Rev Dr Timothy Tow, who was also Principal of FEBC to send preachers from FEBC to

assist in the work in Kemaman. Dr Jeffrey Khoo, then a young lecturer at FEBC, was tasked to be one of the preachers and to prepare the schedule and arrange for other preachers to go to Kemaman weekly. The inaugural English service was held on 1 July 1994. The Rev Dr Timothy Tow was the Lord's messenger and he spoke on "The Greatest Commission" (Matt 28:18-20).



**Kemaman Young Adults**

By the grace of God, this good work in Kemaman continues on till this day with Dr and Mrs Wee Tiong Soon as pillars of the work there. They are truly the Aquila and Priscilla of Kemaman.

At the 19<sup>th</sup> anniversary thanksgiving service, Dr Jeffrey Khoo spoke from Psalm

100 giving reasons why Christians are a most joyful and thankful people. The Rev Lee Kim Shong of Calvary Jaya BPC was his Chinese interpreter. Praise the Lord for seven True Lifers—Mr Eio Eng Hua and his son Samuel, Bee Heng and Yee Fong, Mrs Lillian Tan, Clement Chew, and Katherine Go—who attended the service and encouraged the Kemaman brethren with a Great Commission hymn, "Go Ye into All the World", a fitting reminder of Pastor Tow's inaugural message to them. Mrs Jemima Khoo played the piano. The Lord's Supper was served, and everyone enjoyed a thanksgiving dinner after the service. It was a blessed evening indeed.



**Preaching from Psalm 100**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow. JK



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 22 – 28, 2013)			VERSE FOR THE WEEK “Open rebuke is better than secret love.” Prov 27:5	
MON	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)	“O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness.” Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.	
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin’s Institutes II (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)		
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603	<b>LAST LORD’S DAY OFFERINGS</b> <b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord’s Day</i> \$17,436; <i>Fellowships’ Collections:</i> AF \$459; YPF \$133.50 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$200; <i>Rev Koa Keng Woo</i> \$50; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$500; <i>Bible Witness</i> \$500; <i>RPG</i> \$500; <i>Church Choir</i> \$50; <i>Barnabas Yap</i> \$300; <i>Mrs Ruth Yap</i> \$300; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$300; <i>Samuel Eio</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$1,000, \$200, \$200, \$100 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$22,428.50 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$500, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,406,214.27	
SAT	4.00 pm	Young People’s Fellowship		
	5.30 pm	Combined FBF & YAF		
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)		
	10.30 am	Worship (Rev Dennis Kwok) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)		
	2.30 pm	Evangelism		
<b>Mon and Thu night classes, 7.30-9.30 pm,</b> are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road. <b>Young People’s Fellowship</b> will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, July 27. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries. <b>Combined Family Bible Fellowship and Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, July 27, 5.30 pm. Venue: RELC Room 602. Message: “Overview of the Old Testament Part 6” by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details. <b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> will be held at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: “Watch and Be Sober (1 Thessalonians 5:5-6)”. Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come. <b>True Life B-P Church’s sermons</b> are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the book table, 12-12.30 pm.				



Participants of the Church Workers’ Bible Seminar in Mindanao, “And the things that thou hast heard of me among many witnesses, the same commit thou to faithful men, who shall be able to teach others also.” (2 Tim 2:2)



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“BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name”

Call to Worship	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Opening Hymn	<i>God Is Still on the Throne</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 46
Hymn	<i>Be Still, My Soul</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Bro Bee Heng & Co
Offering & Hymn	<i>Go Ye Into All the World</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Scripture Text	Acts 23:1-11
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>God Protects His Own</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>God Leads Us Along</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

### GOD CLOTHES HIS CHILDREN



“Wherefore, if God so clothe the grass of the field, which to day is, and to morrow is cast into the oven, shall he not much more clothe you, O ye of little faith?” (Matt 6:30).

Ms Louie Teoh, who used to worship at Life BPC and remembered our late founding pastor Timothy Tow sending containers of foodstuff and clothes to the people of Cambodia, donated her company’s extra stock of children’s clothes to True Life BPC to benefit poor and needy children. Since 2012, we have been sending clothes to children in

Myanmar, Cambodia, Indonesia, Philippines, Nepal, India and Africa through FEBC students and graduates and our contacts overseas. Mrs Jemima Khoo and Mrs Manuela Heng helped packed the clothes for shipment each time.

Here is a word of thanks from Preacher Sopheak of Cambodia, an FEBC graduate:



Dear Dr Khoo,

Greetings in the blessed Name of Our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

Mrs Khoo passed to me the clothes last month. On behalf of True Gospel Bible Presbyterian Church, Kampot, Cambodia, and our children in Sunday School and the children in our two new outreaches, we would like to thank God and also thank Mrs Khoo very much for giving them new clothes to wear.

Thanks and God bless!

In Christ

Sopheak, 8 July 2013



## TEACHING GOD'S WORD IN MINDANAO

Report by Dr Jose Lagapa on the Bible  
Ministries in Mindanao, Philippines,  
May-June 2013



Praise and glory be unto our God who is “a spirit, infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His being, wisdom, power, holiness, justice, goodness and truth.” (Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q4). “What is God?” was the theme for both the Teen’s Bible Day Camp (TBDC) and the Vacation Bible School (VBS) conducted in three districts of Gingoog City, Misamis Oriental, Mindanao, the Philippines. The Lord providentially led us to the theme which is so fitting in our predominantly idol-worshipping country. The theme verse was taken from Revelation 1:8, *“I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the ending, saith the Lord, which is, and which was, and which is to come, the Almighty.”* The aim was to teach the attributes of God and point them to the person of the Lord Jesus Christ. Both the activities are conducted in cooperation with the Fundamental Baptist Church of Gingoog City.

At the two-day TBDC, I delivered a total of eight messages: (1) God is a Spirit, (2) God is infinite, eternal and unchangeable in His Being, (3) in His Wisdom, (4) in His Power, (5) in His Holiness, (6) in His Justice, (7) in His

Goodness and (8) in His Truth. It was attended by more than 70 youths, most of them non-believers. Group discussions followed after each day’s messages which were led by pastors and Bible women of the church. Games and object lessons were also conducted. King James Bibles were distributed to those who have no Bibles or those with modern versions of the Bible. Participants were given T-shirts with the TBDC logo. A gospel meeting on the last day was attended by parents and relatives of the participants. Pastor Romeo Laraño of the Fundamental Baptist Church, Gingoog City was the preacher. Praise God for the many who came to salvation by accepting Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour. We pray for genuine professions of faith. The church there is reaching out to them, and may the new believers actively live out their faith.



**TBDC Group Discussion**

The VBS held in Daan Lungsod, San Juan, and Lunao Districts of Gingoog City saw more than 200 children participating. The theme “What is God?” taught the children that (1) God is present everywhere, (2) God hears everything, and (3) God helps His children, simplifying the doctrines of God’s omnipresence, omniscience and omnipotence. Sinners cannot escape the judgment of God because He sees all their sins. However, God will hear their prayers of repentance,

and faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The all-powerful sacrifice of the Lord Jesus Christ on the cross of Calvary can save them from eternal condemnation in hell.



**VBS in Lunao**

The lessons were taught to the children by Celeste Lagapa and Maggie Zagado. There were also group discussions, art and craft sessions, and games. The VBS concluded with a gospel meeting attended by the parents of the children. A total of 70 parents and relatives of the children joined the gospel meeting. The lessons of the VBS were summarised and the gospel was preached.



**VBS in Daan Lungsod**

An additional activity this year was the Church Workers’ Bible Seminar. This was specially conducted for Sunday School teachers and other workers in teaching ministries in order to equip them with the basics of teaching biblical narratives. I spoke on “Why Teach the Bible?” which highlighted the Great Commission and the essential qualifications needed to teach God’s Word. Another topic was “How to Teach the Bible?” which emphasised the need for correct presuppositions when

studying and teaching the Bible, namely, the perfect inspiration, preservation and authority of the Scriptures, and the analogy of Scripture. Workshops on constructing outlines and drawing principles from narratives in the Bible encouraged the participants to develop their own teaching materials.



**Church Workers’ Bible Seminar**

We praise the Lord for the pastors, workers and young people of Fundamental Baptist Church and Bethany Baptist Church in Gingoog City who gave their support which contributed to the success of these ministries. We thank God for the significant contribution of the Rev Robert Kluttz and the brethren in Hokkaido Bible Centre, Japan. We also give thanks to God for Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church and other likeminded Bible-Presbyterian churches for their help in one way or another. We praise and thank God for True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church which is so instrumental in the realisation of these ministries. Above all we give all glory and honour to God for giving us the privilege and opportunity to serve Him even though we are so unworthy. *“For though I preach the gospel, I have nothing to glory of: for necessity is laid upon me; yea, woe is unto me, if I preach not the gospel! For if I do this thing willingly, I have a reward: but if against my will, a dispensation of the gospel is committed unto me”* (1 Cor 9:16-17).

## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (July 29 – Aug 4, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	<i>Exodus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes II</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship
SAT	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Rev Stephen Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)

**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** will be held at the home of Elder and Mrs Koh Kim Song this Fri, Aug 2 at 8 pm. Address: 57 Mimosa View, Singapore 805637. Tel: 94355582.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Aug 3 at Dr and Mrs Tan Ming Wei's home, The Pinnacle, 1D Cantonment Road, #49-39 Singapore 085401, 3.30 pm. Message: "Knowing Man" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Aug 3 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Run the Race by Believing 100% in What God Says" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20** will be held at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thessalonians 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

*"Faithful are the wounds of a friend; but the kisses of an enemy are deceitful."* Prov 27:6

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**  
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## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** *Last Lord's Day* \$13,325;  
*Fellowships' Collections:* YAF \$154.20

**Designated Offerings:** *Pastor Jeffrey Khoo* \$250, \$100; *Rev Tan Kian Sing* \$300; *Rev Lee Kim Shong* \$50; *Nepal Missions* \$1,000; *Myanmar Missions* \$1,000; *Bible College (Rwanda)* \$100; *Missions* \$100; *Bible Witness* \$100; *Sim Swee Ho* \$100; *Samuel Eio* \$200; *FEBC Needy Students* \$100; *Guo Sufang (FEBC)* \$50; *Li Shanshan (FEBC)* \$50; *Li Ya Ge (FEBC)* \$50; *Zhu Jianwei (FEBC)* \$50; *FEBC* \$2,000, \$1,500, \$500, \$350, \$200

**Total General and Designated Offerings:** \$21,629.20  
**Church Building Fund** \$1,000, \$600, \$50 **Total:** \$1,407,864.27

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Will Those Who Have Not Heard of Jesus Be Condemned?" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.

**Adults' Sunday School Class** is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am.

**National Day BBQ Fellowship**, East Coast Park. Invite your family & friends. Please register at book table!

**Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism** this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 214 Lorong 8, Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.

**Preaching appointments:** Pastor at Berith BPC, 10.45 am and Calvary Tengah BPC, 2 pm.



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*We Praise Thee, O God,  
Our Redeemer*

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Young Adults Fellowship  
*A Living Sacrifice*  
Elder J T Joseph  
1 Corinthians 10:1-13  
Rev Dennis Kwok  
**Don't Take Your  
Christian Faith  
For Granted!**  
(Rev Dennis Kwok)

Closing Hymn  
Benediction

*Day by Day*  
Rev Dennis Kwok

## TO GROW IN THE LORD TOGETHER

*Testimonies from the Young Adults  
Fellowship (YAF)*



Outing—30 March 2013

By God's divine providence, the ministry of the YAF started on 20 October 2012. The YAF is an avenue of grace where Christian young adults can come together to grow in the Lord by worshipping God, studying His Word, and serving Him. In the YAF, the Word of God is central, for it is the only righteous "lamp unto my feet, and a light unto my path" (Ps 119:105).

The motto of the YAF is "A Living Sacrifice" taken from Romans 12:1-2, "I beseech you therefore brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God".

The fellowship meetings start at 3.30 pm on the first and third Saturdays of every month and are held at the homes of church brethren. Praise God for bringing about 20 like-minded brethren to each meeting. Their love and zeal for the Lord, earnest desire to study God's Word and know His will, and willingness to open their homes for the YAF meetings have encouraged me much.

Praise God also for never failing to provide faithful speakers to minister His truth to His children. By God's grace, the YAF has completed the study of Galatians under Elder Joseph. Currently, Pastor Jeffrey Khoo is preaching on the YAF motto, "A Living Sacrifice", while Dr Jose Lagapa is teaching Systematic Theology (an overview).



YAF Meeting on 6 July 2013

May the Lord continue to draw more young adults to this avenue of grace and use the ministry of the YAF to bless the young adults in church that they may grow in the grace and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ. Soli DEO Gloria! *Herbert Goh*

### **A Means of Grace**

In my earthly pilgrim's journey, the YAF is a means of grace for me. Through it, I form friendships built upon the common goal of pursuing God's truths and living them out daily. This has given me strength to walk more steadfastly with the Lord and lightened the burdens in my life through the uplifting and instructive words from fellow Christian brethren. I will like to encourage more young adults to join us in tasting the goodness of the Lord in helping us purify our souls *"in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently"* (1 Pet 1:22). *Kee Sing*

### **Friendship's Foundation in Christ**

The YAF has truly been a blessing to me. Through the YAF, friendships have been built, strengthened as well as renewed. Most importantly, these friendships have their foundations in Christ, where we encourage one another in our walk with the Lord. The YAF Motto, "A Living Sacrifice", has especially ministered to me. Thank God for faithful preachers. The discussion and sharing sessions that follow the messages have been a most blessed time as we share our burdens one with another. *Joycelyn Chng*

### **Mutual Sharing of Our Cares**

Apart from the faithful messages preached, I have also gained much from the discussion and sharing sessions at the YAF. It is through these sessions that I have been greatly encouraged in my walk with the Lord. The mutual sharing of our cares and burdens, and even thanksgiving and praise to God have helped me in the challenges and trials that I face, especially at the workplace. I am reminded that there is no temptation too hard that God will not help me bear, and I am encouraged to know that I am not alone in my struggles (1 Cor 10:13). *Jacelyn Chng*

### **Marvellous Help in Attaining Victory**

The entrapments and charms of the world all so often allure our sights, and cloud our vision of our Saviour, and I have many a time found myself caught up in the world and struggling through the lust of the flesh, the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life. Since leaving university and being out in the work force, I have found them to be so real and so vivid. The desire to be recognised by others, the unspiritual striving for that which is material and earthly, and the difficulty in keeping the heart pure have all inundated me at one point or another over the years. Yet, there is victory in Christ and truly I have found the ministry of the YAF to be such a marvellous help in attaining victory. *Jason Lim*

### **An Avenue to Serve God**

The YAF is a prayer answered. Studying the Word of God, praying and sharing together with like-minded brothers and sisters are a blessing from our God. No Christian is an island by himself. Often, we need to have mutual encouragement and pray for one another. Thank God for providing an avenue for me to serve Him. God never fails; therefore we trust in Him and lean not unto our own understanding. *Katharine Kiew*

### **Many Close Friends Now**

As a young working adult, I face many challenges at work and have often felt discouraged. I thank God for the YAF where most of us, young, working and like-minded brethren can share and encourage one another in difficult times. *"Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in Him; and He shall bring it to pass."* (Ps 37:5). I have many close Christian friends now, whom I rather spend my time with than the friends of the world. Thank God for this fellowship! *Esther Kiew*

### **Grown to Be a Better Person**

Through the YAF, I have grown to be a better person; someone who walks closely with God. In the past, I was a very worldly person, always doing things to "fit in" with the world. Soon after, I began to understand that worldly pleasures are temporal; they

fade away. Only God is eternal; our life belongs to Him. Therefore, we have to live our life in accordance to His way, and not be conformed to this world, to walk not in the broad way but the narrow way. Our purpose in life is to be a witness to the worldly friends around us. I am blessed to have made many kingdom friends in the YAF. I am truly glad that we are able to grow together in Christ and to learn more about who our Lord Jesus Christ really is. We can never stop learning and knowing more about Him. Together, we can be a living testimony for Christ to our friends and relatives out there. *Lynn Huang*

### **Thank God for Warm Fellowship**

Indeed, it is very encouraging to have a fellowship group such as YAF, where people who are at the same stage of life can come together to learn God's Word, share each other's burden and pray for one another. I truly thank God for the many lessons I have learnt from the faithful preachers and the fruitful discussion sessions meeting after meeting. Thank God for the warm fellowship amongst us and for placing these like-minded brothers and sisters in-Christ in my life. *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"* (Ps 133:1). *Eunice Foo*

### **A Common Need and Goal**

The YAF is God's answer to my prayer. In this fellowship, we have young adults coming from various fields of profession. Our occupations may be different, but we all have one common need—Christian fellowship. We share one common struggle, that is, not to conform to this world, but to conform to the image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We also share one common goal, that is, to live our lives as living sacrifices unto the Lord. We meet every alternate Saturday afternoon to study the Word of God ministered to us by faithful preachers. There is an avenue for us to give thanks, to speak about our burdens, to encourage one another, to carry one another's burdens, to the Lord, for the Lord, in the Lord. Thank God for His goodness. *Katherine Go*

### **God Never Fails to Provide**

The YAF provides many like-minded

young adults a place to gather and encourage one another in the Lord, especially when faced with common struggles and temptations in the working environment. It helps us to re-focus and put our trust in God, committing our daily activities unto Him. Through the past year, God has never failed to provide us a place of worship for every YAF gathering. It is truly by His grace and mercy that this is made possible. *"And the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul: neither said any of them that ought of the things which he possessed was his own; but they had all things common."* (Acts 4:32). *Richmond Go*

### **A Convicting Encouragement**

I recently finished University and have been working full-time for nearly a year. More than ever, I need help from God to guide my steps as I lead my life because life itself is not as simple anymore. For this, I truly thank God for the ministry of the YAF. I just need to look around at my fellow (slightly older) brethren to see what it means to be a living sacrifice. I see how God works in their lives as they struggle with issues that I might one day have to work through, and that is such a convicting encouragement. It is by God's grace that the Fellowship has been going strong this year and has been a blessing to me and the others. *Santosh Kumar*

### **Not Alone in Spiritual Struggles**

Our fellowship through personal sharing in groups has often reminded me that I am not alone in this daily spiritual battle. I thank God for the brethren who text or tell me that they are praying for me and my family. Thank God for people who bear my burdens together with me in times of difficulty. Whenever we share of our trials and our spiritual struggles, we acknowledge our weakness and need for God's strength in our lives. *"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."* (Heb 10:24-25). *Ye Zuyi*

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MON	7.30 pm	<i>Exodus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	7.45 pm	Ladies Fellowship
THU	7.30 pm	No FEBC Night Class
FRI	5.00 pm	BBQ Fellowship
SAT	3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship
		Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School
		Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship ( <i>Lord's Supper</i> ) (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
		Chinese Service (Tanglin 1)
		Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
<p><b>Mon BTFE night class</b>, 7.30-9.30 pm, is held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.</p> <p><b>Ladies Fellowship Meeting</b> this Wed, Aug 7, at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Women in the Bible — Tabitha (Acts 9:36-43)" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.</p> <p><b>Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Aug 10 at Sis Ow Kuan Tai's home, Blk 4 Sago Lane, #06-121 Singapore 050004, 3.30 pm. Message: "Ezekiel's Vocation and Commission (Ezek 1-3)" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468 for details.</p> <p><b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Aug 10 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Neo Evangelicalism" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p>		

VERSE FOR THE WEEK	
<p><i>"The full soul loatheth an honeycomb; but to the hungry soul every bitter thing is sweet." Prov 27:7</i></p> <p><b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>	
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> \$16,314.45; <i>Fellowships' Collection:</i> Combined FBF &amp; YAF \$585.90</p> <p><b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250; <i>Faith &amp; Freedom Ministries</i> \$100; <i>Gethsemane Care Ministry</i> \$10,000; <i>Harrison (Miri)</i> \$100; <i>Samuel Eio</i> \$400, \$100; <i>Clement Chew (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>FEBC</i> \$600, \$550, \$350, \$200</p> <p><b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$29,600.35</p> <p><b>Church Building Fund \$800 Total:</b> \$1,408,664.27</p>	
<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Will Babies Which Die in Infancy Be Saved?" by Dr S H Tow.</p> <p><b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. All are welcome. Lessons are downloadable from <a href="http://www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Abraham.htm">www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Abraham.htm</a>.</p> <p><b>National Day BBQ Fellowship</b> this Friday, Aug 9 at East Coast Park, 5 pm. Please refer to flyer for details. Contact Dn Tai Mern Yee at 92991663 for any queries.</p> <p><b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> will be held at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thessalonians 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come.</p> <p><b>Preaching appointments:</b> Pastor at Chinese Service, 10.30 am.</p>	

dark place, until the day dawn, and the day star arise in your hearts: Knowing this first, that no prophecy of the scripture is of any private interpretation. For the prophecy came not in old time by the will of man: but holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Peter 1:19-21).

At age 23 I faced the same battle with the devil that Dr. Dever faced as a young man. I, too, had grown up in a Christian home, a Baptist home, a Bible-believing home. I was taught the gospel and went through the motions of receiving Christ at a young age, but my relationship with Christ was not personal and real and my knowledge of the Bible was superficial. I loved the world more than Christ. I turned my back on the church and became a skeptic, even joining a Hindu organization.

But when, by God's grace, I was again confronted with the claims of Christ and the evidence for the powerful divine inspiration of the Bible at age 23, I surrendered and I believed.

Today, in the face of the full onslaught of end-time apostasy, I can testify with joy before God, I BELIEVE THE BIBLE IS GOD'S INFALLIBLE WORD AND JESUS CHRIST IS THE ONLY LORD AND SAVIOUR!

Thank the Lord for the grace of opened eyes, repentance, faith, and supernatural conversion.

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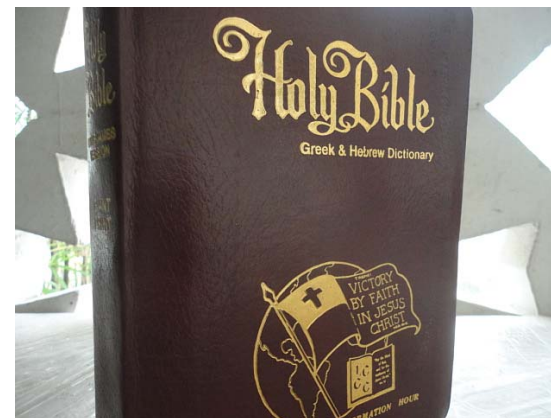
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"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"	
Call to Worship	Dn Charles Kan
Opening Hymn	<i>O Worship the King</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 33
Hymn	<i>Singapura</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Church Choir
Offering & Hymn	<i>I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord!</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Charles Kan
Scripture Text	Ephesians 1:3-14
Pastoral Prayer	Rev Stephen Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Sealed with the Holy Spirit</b> (Rev Stephen Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>Now I Belong to Jesus</i>
Benediction	Rev Stephen Khoo

## CAN WE TRUST THE BIBLE?

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Since the Lord has commanded us to go into all the world and preach the gospel to every creature, I believe many of us have tried our best to carry out this great commission.

Witnessing for Christ is no easy task especially in the 21<sup>st</sup> century because people's minds are very much influenced by IT (Information Technology). So, to tell them about God, heaven and hell, the consequences of sin are matters abstract to them. For these people, "Seeing is believing". Often, after you try to tell them what the Bible teaches about God's plan of salvation for them, the question you can expect to hear from them would be, "Where do you get all this information?" Your answer would of course be, "From the Bible", and their response would be, "Can we trust the Bible?" To give a reasonable answer, perhaps, the following examples might help.

Suppose someone told you that he witnessed a fat man getting knocked down by a sports car along Orchard Road today and you doubted what he said is true. He then tells you to read the newspaper tomorrow. The next day, the newspaper reported the accident exactly as described by the person the day before. So you believe he was telling the truth.

The same can be said about the Bible. God's Word is nothing but the truth (John 17:17). This is confirmed by prophecies that have been fulfilled. Just to cite two of them. The first is the birth of Jesus Christ. Long before Jesus was born, it was mentioned in Isaiah 7:14, "Behold, a virgin shall conceive, and bear a son, and shall call his name Immanuel." This prophecy was



fulfilled in Matthew 1:22-23. “Now all this was done, that it might be fulfilled which was spoken of the Lord by the prophet, saying, Behold, a virgin shall be with child, and shall bring forth a son, and they shall call his name Emmanuel, which being interpreted is, God with us”.

The second example is about the Jewish temple. In Matthew 24:2, Jesus told his disciples, “See ye not all these things? Verily I say unto you, There shall not be left here one stone upon another, that shall not be thrown down.” In AD 70, the Romans destroyed the temple and the Jews were scattered all over the world.

In Ezekiel 11:16-17, God said that He will give the Jews “the land of Israel.” In 1948, the United Nations endorsed the birth of the nation of Israel, and Jews the world over returned to their homeland, Palestine. Of course, there are other prophecies that had been fulfilled but the above examples are sufficient evidence for the unbeliever to know that we can trust the Bible because it is the Word of God.

Finally, let us remember what Jesus spoke to his disciple, Thomas in John 20:29, “Thomas, because thou hast seen me, thou hast believed: blessed are they that have not seen, and yet have believed.”

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## A YOUNG MAN'S JOURNEY FROM FUNDAMENTALISM TO APOSTASY

David Cloud

The life and career of William Dever is a loud warning about the great danger that exists in modern “evangelical” Christianity because of the many bridges that exist from “evangelicalism” to a bewildering variety of heresies and apostasies and blasphemies. These bridges include literature, internet blogs, contemporary music, unsound spiritual heroes such as C.S. Lewis, church growth gurus, and illicit affairs with the pop culture.

Dever was raised in the home of a fundamentalist preacher but rejected faith in a divinely-inspired Bible when he attended a modernistic school: “I went from a small Christian liberal arts college in Tennessee to a liberal Protestant theological seminary, where for the first time I was exposed to the critical study of the Bible. I resisted mightily, knowing that my faith was at risk. But in the end I was won over to the love, and the risks, of learning” (Dever, Foreword, *What Did the Biblical Writers Know?*, Eerdmans: 2001).

This “love of learning” is an idol when man’s puny intellect is raised to the level of final authority and is allowed to sit in judgment over God’s Word. Learning and education and scholarship are important when done to the glory of God and in submission to Jesus Christ the Lord, and the typical fundamentalist preacher needs to be more zealous in the pursuit of godly study, but when the pride of intellect reigns, sound scholarship becomes what the late David Otis Fuller called “scholarolatry.”

Dever was raised in some type of a Bible-believing home. He says: “I was reared on the Bible, in a series of small towns in the South and Midwest, as well as in Jamaica, where my father was a preacher in various churches. Although I see in retrospect that he was no doubt a rather old-fashioned fundamentalist, I remember him not for his orthodoxy, but as a warm and compassionate man whose life was centered upon what he believed to be the Bible’s eternal truths and values” (Dever, Foreword, *What Did the Biblical Writers Know?*).

We don’t know any more about his father than this, but it appears that he was a typical evangelical in that he held to some semblance of theological orthodoxy but didn’t want to make a separatist issue of it, wanting to focus on “the positive” and “avoid dealing with personalities.” While being a “warm and compassionate man” is a good thing in a preacher, that is not enough. An unbeliever or a heretic can be warm and

compassionate. Paul was both a warm and compassionate man and a man with a fierce zeal for biblical truth and “theological orthodoxy.” The passionate, God-loving Psalmist esteemed all of the Lord’s precepts concerning all things to be right and HATED EVERY FALSE WAY” (Psalm 119:128).

We are to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered to the saints (Jude 3) and to mark and avoid heretics. This is an essential part of true Christianity. Earnest, forthright defense of the faith is not an optional part of Christianity, such as whether or not to order fries with one’s burger.

By the silence of Dever’s own testimony, he was not born again. Being Christianized and churchized, but lacking a personal relationship with Jesus Christ, and being insufficiently disciplined to face the onslaught of modernism (as is true of probably the vast majority of young people growing up in “fundamentalist” homes today), the young Dever was a prime candidate to be captured by the wiles of the devil in the midst of end-time apostasy.

This is why we have published books such as [Keeping the Kids](#), the [One Year Discipleship Course](#), and [An Unshakeable Faith: A Christian Apologetics Course](#). These can help parents prepare their young people to face the onslaught of unbelief in our day.

As for separation from error, it is essential. One reason why the Bible commands God’s people to mark and avoid those who teach contrary to sound apostolic doctrine is that false teachers have the satanic ability to deceive the hearts of the simple “by good words and fair speeches” (Romans 16:17-18).

Dever’s preacher father was unwise in allowing his son to attend unsound schools and was therefore culpable in his son’s apostasy.

Having lost his faith in the divine inspiration of Scripture as well as in the Divinity and sole Saviourhood of Jesus

Christ, having capitulated to the siren call of end-time skepticism, Dever lurched along in spiritual darkness, from unbelief to unbelief. He obtained a doctorate in biblical theology at Harvard, “abandoned theology,” “fell under the spell of Rabbi-archaeologist Nelson Glueck,” converted to Judaism but remained a secular humanist rather than a theist.

Dever claims that “you cannot simply pick up the Bible and read it from beginning to end, as a connected story with a structured plot and believable characters,” that it is written “almost entirely by anonymous authors,” and contains “myths, legends, and folktales” (Dever, *What Did the Biblical Writers Know?*).

But Jesus Christ said: “Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled” (Matthew 5:17-18).

“Jesus answered them, Is it not written in your law, I said, Ye are gods? If he called them gods, unto whom the word of God came, and the scripture cannot be broken” (John 10:34-35).

The Lord’s apostles said: “All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, thoroughly furnished unto all good works” (2 Timothy 3:16-17). “Being born again, not of corruptible seed, but of incorruptible, by the word of God, which liveth and abideth for ever. For all flesh is as grass, and all the glory of man as the flower of grass. The grass withereth, and the flower thereof falleth away: But the word of the Lord endureth for ever. And this is the word which by the gospel is preached unto you” (1 Peter 1:23-25).

“We have also a more sure word of prophecy; whereunto ye do well that ye take heed, as unto a light that shineth in a



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Aug 12 – 18, 2013)		
MON	7.30 pm	<i>Exodus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	8.00 pm	Church Session Meeting
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes II</i> (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting <i>FEBC Hall</i> 9A Gilstead Road
SAT	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)

**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.

**FEBC's 17<sup>th</sup> Holy Land Pilgrimage Prayer Meeting** will be held this Fri, Aug 16 at the FEBC Hall, 9A Gilstead Road, 8 pm. All are welcome.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Aug 17 at Blk 23, Ghim Moh Link, #40-230, 3.30 pm. Message: "Forsaking All I Take Him (Heb 11:23-27)" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Aug 17 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Tragedy of Ranting" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20** at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thess 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come.

**Complimentary Parking Coupons** are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.

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<i>"As a bird that wandereth from her nest, so is a man that wandereth from his place" Prov 27:8</i>	
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LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> S\$15,621.95; JPY1,000; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> YAF \$183; YPF \$52.65	
<b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$100; <i>Rev Stephen Khoo</i> \$150; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$400; <i>Sun Sokha</i> \$300; <i>Esther Chew</i> \$300; <i>George Orwa</i> \$50; <i>Kelvin Lim</i> \$100; <i>Samuel Eio</i> \$250; <i>Barnabas Yap</i> \$300; <i>Chan Ling Ling</i> \$300; <i>Wendy Teng</i> \$300; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$400; <i>Samuel Goh (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Shobastian (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>John (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Shadrack (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Gina (Korean Student)</i> \$50; <i>FEBC Bookroom</i> \$333; <i>FEBC</i> \$5,400, \$5,000, \$700, \$200, \$100, \$100, \$50	
<b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$31,090.60; JPY1,000	
<b>Church Building Fund</b> \$100, \$50, \$50 <b>Total:</b> \$1,410,264.27	
<b>Corrigendum:</b> Total Church Building Fund as per last weekly dated 4 Aug 2013 should read as \$1,410,064.27 instead of \$1,408,664.27. A designated offering of \$1,400 for Church Building Fund received in July was incorrectly recorded as General Offerings.	
<b>"In the Interests of the Church"</b> , a response to Life BPC's new lawsuit against FEBC is enclosed for your information. <i>"But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear"</i> (1 Pet 3:15).	
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "What Are Angels, Demons, and Satan?" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.	



**"I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage"**  
(Josh 1:5b-6a) is the life verse of the Rev An Yohan. The Rev An is at the centre and his wife is to his right, with Mrs Ivy Tow (left) and Korean students.



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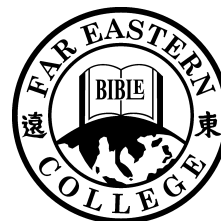
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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Opening Hymn	<i>I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 12
Hymn	<i>Help, Lord, for Men of Virtue Fail</i>
Announcements	
Offering & Hymn	<i>It's Not an Easy Road</i>
Doxology/Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Scripture Text	Acts 24:1-27
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Persecuted for a Purpose</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
	<i>Lord Here I Take My Cross</i> (Lord's Supper)
Closing Hymn	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE



*"Take heed unto thyself, and unto the doctrine; continue in them: for in doing this thou shalt both save thyself, and them that hear thee."* (1 Tim 4:16).

FEBC's Basic Theology for Everyone (BTFE) night classes continue to attract a good number of lay students who desire to know God's Word deeply and accurately. Many are working towards their Certificate of Religious Knowledge (20 credits) or Certificate of Biblical Studies (40 credits). We have 239 students signed up for the Exodus class held on Monday nights, and 140 for Calvin's Institutes II on Thursday

nights. These courses, academically and devotionally taught, are appealing to a new generation of believers who realise their need to know and understand God's Word deeply to face the many spiritual challenges of this modern-day decadent and destructive world that is so idolatrous and immoral.

This semester (July-November 2013) we thank the Lord for a total of 488 students: 89 day students (46 full-time and 43 part-time), 268 night class students, and 131 distance learning (online) students. They come from 13 countries: Australia, Cambodia, China, India, Indonesia, Kenya, Korea, Malaysia, Myanmar, Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, and Vietnam.

## Exhortation from Our Australian Alumni

Here are letters of exhortation received on 15 July 2013 from a couple of our alumni in Australia:

*Dear Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo (Principal), Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew (Academic Dean), Board members, Mrs Tow (Matron), lecturers, all staff and students of FEBC and families,*

*Greetings in the blessed name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and praise God for the Day of Prayer and commencement of a new Academic Year.*

*The Word of God says, "That which is crooked cannot be made*

straight: and that which is wanting (defective) cannot be numbered” (Eccl 1:15).

By God’s grace, the Faith & Freedom Ministries—Perth has been invited to present the ministry at the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Collingswood Bible Presbyterian Church in New Jersey, USA (25<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup> October 2013). As the Chairman of the Faith & Freedom Ministries which was originally commenced 48 years ago by Rev John MacKenzie, a man who held a “High View” of God and His Word, I have the privilege of presenting the ministry.

It is rare that a faithful church reaches such a milestone (75 years), but praise God for the “High View” of God and His Word held by Dr Carl McIntire and Collingswood BP Church, and the “High View” of God and His Word held by FEBC commenced by Rev Dr Timothy Tow (51 years ago).

It is not surprising that Dr Carl McIntire, Rev Dr Timothy Tow and Rev John MacKenzie who all held a “High View” of God and His Word were all persecuted as are these faithful ministries which God had anointed, which are continuing to be attacked by instruments of Satan.

As Jesus Christ suffered persecution for the Truth (Ps 69:26; John 5:16), likewise His saints will suffer for the sake of the Truth (Jer 15:15), due to pride of persecutors (Ps 10:2), and their mistaken zeal (Acts 13:50; 26:9-11). Although persecution is inconsistent with the spirit of the gospel (Matt 26:52), men by the ‘old flesh nature’ are addicted to persecuting those ‘born in the spirit’ (Gal 4:29).

Rev Dr Das Koshy reminded the Ecclesiastes’ class that there are Bible seminaries (so-called) around the world who invite students who attack God’s Word into their doctoral programmes.

Sometimes these graduates receive the highest awards for attacking God’s Word. According to King Solomon, those who are pursuing their PhD’s by attacking God’s Word are pursuing madness and folly which leads to much grief as any pursuit without God is dangerous.

May your studies be edifying this new Academic Year and let us continue to pray for those who inflict persecution upon the faithful who hold to a “High View” of God and His Word (Matt 5:44), remembering that God delivers the faithful out of persecution (Dan 3:25, 28; 2 Cor 1:10; 2 Tim 3:11).

In His Service,  
Rev Errol D Stone  
(Jude 3) (BTh, MMin, FEBC)

Dear Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo and the FEBC faculty and students,

We greet you in the blessed Name of our risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We truly thank God for using our late Principal, the Rev Dr Timothy Tow, to establish this school of prophets, and for using you and the Faculty to continue His work of teaching and training for His divinely inspired and providentially preserved Word and Truth.

We thank God for preserving and blessing FEBC semester by semester over the years despite the opposition and persecutions of those who have a low view of God’s Word.

We continue upholding you and FEBC in our prayers, and may God hear the humble prayers of all of us today when we seek Him first, turn to Him, give thanks and praise to Him, wait upon Him and cry unto Him for help, guidance, deliverance and blessings.

May God strengthen you and the Faculty and the students and grant you a blessed Opening Day of prayer and a successful semester. May God bring more students

from near and far to FEBC to be taught and trained to love His Word, honour His Word, know His Word and defend His Word in these last days of compromise, deception, false isms and apostasy. May God graciously grant FEBC a suitable place to the training soon.

Faithfully yours in Christ,  
Rev Hien Nguyen  
FEBC alumnus & pastor of Brisbane BPC

We appreciate the prayers and support for FEBC from Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church in Adelaide. Here’s a letter from Dn Colin Gan dated 17 July 2013:

Dear Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Greetings in the precious Name of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Praise the Lord for His faithfulness to FEBC these 51 years. We are pleased to be able to continue to support the good work of bringing forth men and women of God who are thoroughly equipped in the Word of God to preach the Gospel of our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, where it is needed.

Please accept our enclosed love gift of AUD 1,100 in support of FEBC.

May God continue to bless FEBC, faithfully upholding her in the years to come.

Your Brother-in-Christ  
Dn Colin Gan  
Clerk of Session, Hope B-P Church

### **Encouragement from the Rev Dr Robert Kluttz**

A couple of articles written by our MDiv students published in the True Life Weekly have been commended by the Rev Dr Robert Kluttz of Hokkaido Bible Centre, Japan. He wrote,

*So good to read the articles “Crossover” by Dr Yap Wai Ho (2 June 2013) and*

*“Worldly Calvinism” by Dr Sim Siang Kok (16 June 2013). Most excellent! Thank God for their piercing perspicuity—a spiritual quality mostly missing in our backslidden and apostate generation. Could you please thank these dear brethren most heartily for me.*

*Also to Dennis for his letter to Dr Khoo in the 23 June 2013 bulletin.*

*God bless all you dear brethren in Singapore. Many thanks for carrying on (Jude 3). It is an encouragement to us in Hokkaido, and I am sure also to genuine Christians (Acts 17.10-11) all over the world!*

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### **Testimony from the Blind Korean Pastor**

The blind Korean pastor, An Yohan, whom we know so well through the award-winning and soul-stirring film of his life, shared his testimony to FEBC students on the 18<sup>th</sup> of July and to True Lifers at our Friday night prayer meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup>. The Rev An, after he was so wonderfully saved by the Lord in 1976, founded the Saebit Church of the Blind in Seoul, Korea.

Although the Rev An Yohan is now 74 years of age, he does not retire from the Lord’s service. Like the Rev Dr Timothy Tow whom he calls his “spiritual mentor”, the Rev An knows no retirement from God’s work. The Lord had promised him the day he was saved, *“There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee. Be strong and of a good courage”* (Josh 1:5-6a). Today, with the assistance of his wife, he travels all over the world to set up gospel centres for the blind. These centres to help the blind are now found in Bangalore (India), Kathmandu (Nepal), Colombo (Sri Lanka), Medan (Indonesia), and Yangon (Myanmar).



and incessant lambasting of their founding pastor at Session meetings eventually led to the latter's resignation as its pastor in 2003 after 53 years of faithful service. Life BPC subsequently sought to evict FEBC.

### **FEBC's Contribution**

Life BPC's allegation that FEBC is under a legal obligation to contribute to the maintenance and upkeep of the premises at Gilstead Road is without basis. FEBC from its inception has used the premises at Gilstead Road without charge. Life BPC had provided regular financial assistance to FEBC. FEBC had likewise contributed to Life BPC, with students maintaining the cleanliness of the grounds and FEBC contributing financially, including extending to it in 2001 an interest-free loan of \$200,000 which was returned only in 2007. The use of FEBC's name also brought in substantial funds for land purchases and building projects which have benefitted Life BPC.

On 17 July 2007, Life BPC wrote to FEBC saying that it no longer sees the College as a ministry it wants to support. In view of this, FEBC felt that it should then contribute to its share of utilities. On 3 August 2007, FEBC wrote a cheque of \$205,000, with \$200,000 meant as a lump sum contribution to past utilities, and \$5,000 as the first monthly sum of the College's voluntary contribution towards the utility and maintenance of the property at 9 & 9A Gilstead Road as co-user.

However, on 28 January 2008, Life BPC returned all of FEBC's five cheques (totaling \$225,000) and told FEBC not to tender any further cheques as it was "prepared to let the College occupy the Premises free of charge for this extended period." Later, on 15 September 2008, Life BPC commenced a lawsuit to evict FEBC from 9 & 9A Gilstead Road. Having failed in its first suit, Life BPC now sues FEBC for \$250,000, which includes the sum of \$225,000 they had on their own accord given back to FEBC in 2008.

### **Threats and 2<sup>nd</sup> Lawsuit**

Contrary to Life BPC's "pastoral announcement", there was no indication from Life BPC that it intended to accept an "amicable compromise". The letters from Life BPC's lawyers dated 25 January 2013, 4 February 2013 and 12 March 2013 contained no unambiguous or amicable offer "to accept the sum previously tendered". As a matter of fact, the letters were not written in the form of a request, but a demand coupled with threats of legal action.

While there is no basis for Life BPC's demands, the FEBC Directors have attempted to resolve the matter amicably with Life BPC, but this has been rejected by Life BPC. Life BPC eventually filed its new suit against FEBC on 27 June 2013.

## **IN THE INTERESTS OF THE CHURCH**

*A Response to Life BPC's "Pastoral Announcement"*

The Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (Life BPC) Weekly of 14 July 2013 (<http://lifebpc.com/index.php/church-weeklies-2013/618-14-july-2013>) contained this notice:

### **Pastoral Announcement:**

During the ACM held on 28 Apr 2013, members were informed that the Life B-P Church ("the Church") may have to resort to the law to protect and guard the interests of the Church in dealing with FEBC. Regrettably, the Church has filed a Writ of Summons in the Subordinate Courts and served it on FEBC to seek recovery of a sum of S\$250,000.

As you are already aware, the Court of Appeal has ruled that FEBC is a separate and independent unincorporated association and not one of the Church's ministries.

FEBC had previously offered to pay the sum claimed as part of their obligation to contribute towards the past maintenance and upkeep of the premises at 9&9A Gilstead Road. While the Church was of the view that the amount offered by them is inadequate to reimburse the actual costs which the Church has incurred and is entitled to be reimbursed, the Church was prepared to accept the amount offered as an amicable compromise. However, despite our many requests, FEBC failed and refused to honour their commitment to make such payment. Therefore, the Church has, on the advice of our lawyers, decided that commencing legal proceedings against FEBC is necessary.

Please pray along with the Session that notwithstanding our filing of the Writ of Summons, this matter will be resolved expeditiously and amicably, without the need for adjudication by the Courts.

### **1 Corinthians 6:1-8**

Can the Church really be protecting its interests if it institutes a lawsuit against fellow Christians? How about God's interests and His good name? What does God's Word say about Christians who sue fellow believers for money? 1 Corinthians 6:1-8 says, "*Dare any of you, having a matter against another, go to law before the unjust, and not before the saints? Do ye not know that the saints shall judge the world? and if the world shall be judged by you, are ye unworthy to judge the smallest matters? Know ye not that we shall judge angels? how much more things that pertain to this life? If then ye have judgments of things pertaining to this life, set them to judge who are least*



*esteemed in the church. I speak to your shame. Is it so, that there is not a wise man among you? no, not one that shall be able to judge between his brethren? But brother goeth to law with brother, and that before the unbelievers. Now therefore there is utterly a fault among you, because ye go to law one with another. Why do ye not rather take wrong? why do ye not rather suffer yourselves to be defrauded? Nay, ye do wrong, and defraud, and that your brethren."*

### **Life BPC's 1<sup>st</sup> Lawsuit**

This is Life BPC's second lawsuit against FEBC. Despite preaching in its Weekly of 13 July 2008 that "1 Cor 6 teaches us not to take fellow Christians to court", Life BPC commenced its first lawsuit against FEBC on 15 September 2008. That lawsuit was to evict FEBC from her heritage and home at 9 & 9A Gilstead Road since its founding. FEBC had pleaded with the leaders of Life BPC not to do this quoting Proverbs 22:28, "*Remove not the ancient landmark, which thy fathers have set.*" But they were not moved. In a letter dated 2 July 2008, Life BPC threatened to commence legal action if FEBC fails to vacate the premises immediately.

Since all Charities are under the protection of the Attorney-General, FEBC applied to him to either commence appropriate proceedings himself or to grant permission to certain directors of the FEBC to seek the High Court's declaration that the lands at 9, 9A & 10 Gilstead Road were impressed with a charitable purpose trust for the benefit of both Life BPC and FEBC. Although Life BPC through its lawyers made representations twice to the Attorney-General not to accede to FEBC's request, permission was granted by the Attorney-General on 8 October 2008 to the three FEBC directors to do so and their originating summons filed on 6 January 2009 was consolidated with the suit commenced earlier by Life BPC to evict FEBC. The consolidated suit went all the way up to the Court of Appeal. On 26 April 2011, the apex court ruled that the two pieces of land, 9 & 9A Gilstead Road as well as 10 Gilstead Road, were held on trust for the joint benefit of FEBC and Life BPC.

### **Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP)**

What caused Life BPC to sue FEBC in the first place? It is because FEBC believes in the present perfection of the Holy Scriptures. FEBC believes that God has infallibly preserved His inspired Words in the original languages as promised in Psalm 12:6-7, Matthew 5:18, 24:35, and other like passages. As such, FEBC believes that the Holy Scriptures today are 100% infallible and inerrant, absolutely authentic and authoritative, and these Scriptures are the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures on which the good old Authorised Version or the King James Version (KJV) is based. This is opposed to the modern versions which are based on the corrupt manuscripts and texts of Westcott and Hort and the modern textual critics.

Why do the pastors and leaders of Life BPC reject the present perfection of the Scriptures? It is because despite believing in the divine inspiration of the Scriptures, they do not believe that the same inspired Scriptures have been infallibly preserved. As such, they believe that the Bible was perfect in the past, but it is not so perfect today as it contains some mistakes. For example, they claim scribal errors in 2 Kings 8:26/2 Chronicles 22:2, 2 Kings 24:8/2 Chronicles 36:9, 2 Samuel 8:4/1 Chronicles 18:4, 1 Kings 7:16/2 Kings 25:17, and Judges 18:30.

The Faculty and Board of FEBC, on the other hand, deny that there are any errors in the Bible. An admission of errors in the Bible undermines the very foundations of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the historic Christian Faith. It goes against what the Lord Jesus Himself said in Matthew 5:18, "*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled*", the very proof text the Westminster Divines used to affirm the present perfection and supreme authority of the Holy Scriptures in the Westminster Confession of Faith of 1646, "The Old Testament in Hebrew ... and the New Testament in Greek ... being immediately inspired by God, and by his singular care and providence kept pure in all ages, are therefore authentical; so as in all controversies of religion the Church is finally to appeal unto them." (Chap I, para 8).

### **Symbiosis**

Although not apparent in Life BPC's "pastoral announcement", the High Court Judge ruled that FEBC "was not a ministry of the Church but was an independent organization which the law recognizes as an unincorporated association". The Court of Appeal accepted this and opined: "... we do not think that there is any basis to seriously argue that the College is a ministry of the Church."

FEBC was founded as an independent institution free from ecclesiastical control and functioned as such since the day it started. Although Life BPC and FEBC are independent and separate entities, they had a symbiotic and mutually beneficial relationship from the outset. Life BPC willingly supported FEBC and FEBC likewise supported the Church. The symbiotic relationship broke down when Life BPC opposed FEBC's belief and defence of VPP which was also held and upheld by the Rev Dr Timothy Tow who was Life BPC's founding pastor and FEBC's founding principal (see Pastor Tow's article, "Reformation into the 21<sup>st</sup> Century", in Life BPC's publication, *50 Years Building His Kingdom*, pp 84-85). FEBC's defence of VPP was meant to undergird the KJV which Life BPC has upheld as the "very Word of God". It is baffling why FEBC's championing of the infallibility and inerrancy of the Hebrew and Greek Scriptures underlying the KJV should be so detested by a church which claims to love the KJV. Anyway, Life BPC's attack on FEBC

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SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
	2.30 pm	Evangelism

**FUNDAMENTAL CHRISTIAN MINISTRY (FCM).** The FCM is an outreach of Calvary Tengah BPC to students in the universities and polytechnics in Singapore. FCM groups meet in their respective institutions every week during the semester for a time of prayer and sharing, singspiration and Bible Study. We welcome all university and polytechnic students to join us, especially as the new semester begins!

Institution	Time/Venue	Contact us for more details!
NUS	Wed 6 pm/ Eng E3-06 corridor	Jan (9112 6560) Hong Hao (9185 2878)
NTU/NIE	To be confirmed	Rossellini (9040 0077)
SMU	Wed 7.30 pm/ To be confirmed	Jason (9109 4668)
SIM	To be confirmed	Gabriel (9238 8483)
NP/SP	Fri 4 pm/ NP library discussion room	Vanessa (8138 3578)
NYP	Fri 5 pm (alternate)/ NYP Ecogarden	Joel (9723 9011)

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"Ointment and perfume rejoice the heart: so doth the sweetness of a man's friend by hearty counsel." Prov 27:9

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."**  
Please switch off all handphones before the service.  
No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day \$18,093.45; Fellowships' Collections: AF \$560; LF \$257; YPF \$100  
**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250; New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar) \$600; Wendy Teng \$200; Samuel Eio \$250; FEBC Cambodian Students \$300; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$400; Clement Chew (FEBC) \$300; Samuel Goh (FEBC) \$200; Shobastian (FEBC) \$200; FEBC \$1,560, \$200

**Total General and Designated Offerings:**  
\$23,470.45

**Church Building Fund** \$1,600, \$500, \$350, \$300  
**Total:** \$1,413,014.27

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Is there 'Sexuality' in Heaven?" by Dr S H Tow.

**Adults' Sunday School Class** is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am.

**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.

**Young People's Fellowship** will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, Aug 24. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Opening Hymn	Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Romans 8:28-39
Hymn	Rejoice in the Lord
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Deborah & Judith
Offering & Hymn	It Is Well with My Soul
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Scripture Text	Acts 25:1-12
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Changing Circumstances, Unchanging God</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
	Yesterday, Today, Forever
Closing Hymn	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
Benediction	

## GOD'S CURE FOR DEPRESSION

In life, we worry about many things. We worry about our jobs, our homes, our children, our bills, etc. The worry comes especially when times are bad and we do not know what will happen in the future. It can lead to depression. Depression is no respecter of persons. When it strikes, we feel lousy and lonely, weary and worthless, helpless and hopeless. We may even feel like giving up and ending our life. God forbid that any Christian should ever contemplate or even attempt suicide.

How not to worry? How to avoid depression? From Philippians 4:5-9 we learn how. If we want to be mentally and emotionally healthy, we must apply the following life-giving principles:

**Live a Day at a Time in Anticipation of Christ's Imminent Return**

The Apostle Paul says, "The Lord is at hand"

(Phil 4:5b). This means the Lord is coming back very soon. He can come back at any moment now. The Lord does not reveal the exact time of His return, but He commands us to be ready all the time, waiting, watching, working (Matt 25:1-13). When Christ comes back, all wrongs will be righted, and His people and His Truth will be vindicated.

I just taught the doctrine of the Second Coming of Christ at the Far Eastern Bible College. The students were asked to write an essay on how the doctrine has changed their life. Indeed, for many, knowing about the end times and the Lord's imminent return has changed their perspective of life and of the world. One Indonesian student wrote, "My life is not for this world. My life is for God. I will give my best to the glory of God. I don't care what people think of me. They may question my decision for full-time ministry. They say I did a stupid thing. Who will feed you? How do you get money to live? Sometimes, these questions bother me. But after knowing this subject, I now see that this world is a temporary place. There is nothing that will stand in this world. I agree serving the Lord is a privilege and the most wonderful thing in this world."

Here is a testimony from a Korean student: "Knowing the doctrine of the End-Times reminds me to live a holy life for Christ. Life is not a bed of roses. Living for Jesus is sometimes hard. Sometimes I need to sacrifice



**Singing "Singapore" composed by Pastor Timothy Tow and praying for God's blessing to be upon our nation at our August 9<sup>th</sup> National Day BBQ Fellowship, East Coast Park.**



for God but it is worth it because reward is waiting for me. When I was a middle school student, I suffered miserable depression. So I thought about ending my life. I wanted to kill myself. I really thank God for saving me from the deepest depression. Death cannot end our problems. Therefore suicide cannot be the solution. If I do not believe in Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour, I cannot go to heaven. There is no other way. Only one way to God—Jesus is the only way. He is man’s Mediator and Saviour. Depending on Almighty God can be comforting in times of trouble.”

A student from China said, “When I studied eschatology, I expected to have a better understanding of the doctrine of the end times. But the Lord has given me much more than I had expected. God opened my heart to see the urgency of the times, and reminds me to be vigilant and watchful. The Apostle Peter said, ‘the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer’ (1 Pet 4:7). It is true that the Day of the Lord is at hand. When the Lord comes, I have no more chance to serve Him. So I must be faithful and steadfast to work for the Lord before He returns.”

So let us live a day at a time, for who knows tomorrow might just be the day the Lord returns, and all our sorrows will be over. That is why Jesus tells us, “*Take therefore no thought for the morrow: for the morrow shall take thought for the things of itself. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof.*” (Matt 6:34). Don’t worry about tomorrow. There are enough problems for today; just do what you need to do today, and let tomorrow take care of itself.

### **Pray and Thank God for All Things and Tell Him All Your Needs**

We often hear people say, “Don’t worry, be happy.” That’s really a useless cliché because it tells you to be happy without telling you how. The Bible tells you how, “Don’t worry, be praying” (Phil 4:6). Jesus says, “*Men ought always to pray, and not to faint*” (Luke 18:1). Although God is in heaven and we are on earth, He is not disinterested in what goes on in

our life, and we are not disconnected from Him either. That is why Hebrews 4:14-16 says, “*Seeing then that we have a great high priest, that is passed into the heavens, Jesus the Son of God, let us hold fast our profession. For we have not an high priest which cannot be touched with the feeling of our infirmities; but was in all points tempted like as we are, yet without sin. Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy, and find grace to help in time of need.*”

Pour out your heart to God. Tell Him how you feel, tell Him all your problems, all your troubles, hardships, difficulties, sadness, just like you will tell your best friend. All your wants and wishes, you can tell Him. Why should we tell God everything? It is because God hears and answers prayers. James 4:2 says, “*Ye have not, because ye ask not*” (Jas 4:2). Jesus says, “*Ask, and it shall be given you; seek, and ye shall find; knock, and it shall be opened unto you: For every one that asketh receiveth; and he that seeketh findeth; and to him that knocketh it shall be opened. Or what man is there of you, whom if his son ask bread, will he give him a stone? Or if he ask a fish, will he give him a serpent? If ye then, being evil, know how to give good gifts unto your children, how much more shall your Father which is in heaven give good things to them that ask him?*” (Matt 7:7-11).

Now when we pray, we must not pray with a complaining spirit, blaming God for everything. When we pray, we must pray with a grateful spirit, thanking God for everything. That shows we are humble before Him. That shows we worship Him. That shows we trust Him. If we pray without a thankful heart, it is like a bird without wings. Our prayers will not ascend to heaven. When we pray with a grateful and thankful heart, God promises to bless us with His peace (Phil 4:7). This peace that comes from God is beyond human explanation. No words can describe it. This peace guards the heart and mind from doubts and worries. It will cure us of depression. It is something most

wonderful, and to understand it, one must experience it.

We have this peace because God is no longer frowning at us but smiling. God is no longer an angry Judge but our heavenly Father. We are no longer children of the devil but children of God. We are no longer blind but we now see. We are no longer full of fear and folly, but full of faith, hope and love.

Don’t be doing nothing! Doing nothing will make us more and more depressed. We must be doing something, and that something must be something good. If we are to do good, we must first of all do this:

### **Fill Our Minds with Good Things Not Bad Things**

It is important that we have holy thoughts and feelings. If we want to get out of depression, we should fill our minds with good things, things that are:

(1) *true* (*alethe*, ie, valid, credible, veracious, sincere, upright, honest, just) and not things that are false;

(2) *noble* (*semna*, ie, venerable, reputable, dignified, worthy of respect) and not things abominable or detestable;

(3) *pure* (*hagna*, ie, innocent, pure, blameless, chaste, holy) and not things that are immoral or defiled;

(4) *lovely* (*prosphile*, ie, dear, beloved, acceptable, pleasing) and not garbage or things disagreeable;

(5) *of good report* (*euphema*, ie, commendable, praiseworthy) and not things slanderous, or gossips and rumours (Phil 4:8).

The above list is not exhaustive. To cover every aspect of pure goodness, Paul wrote, “*if there be any virtue (arete*, ie, things that are morally excellent), *and if there be any praise (epainos*, ie, things that are commendable), *think on these things*” (Phil 4:8b).

Our God is a God of goodness and beauty. Things that are holy and truthful are good and beautiful. We should fill our minds and hearts with all these things. Where do we find these things? Not in the world of sin and Satan, but

in the Kingdom of God—in Christ and His Word. So, read your Bible and pray every day. Have your Quiet Time with God by reading His Word, praying to Him, and committing your day to Him. The quarterly RPG devotional booklet can help you understand God and His Word more and more. Participate in spiritual activities of the Church, like the Lord’s Day Worship, Sunday school, prayer meetings, fellowship meetings, church camps, missions and evangelism. Study the Bible deeply by enrolling for the basic theology night classes at FEBC. Listen to good Christian music—the psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. You can purchase good Christian music CDs from the FEBC Bookroom.

Fill yourself with not just the Truth but also the Love of God. Jesus said, “*And thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength: this is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these*” (Mark 12:30-31). One good advice from our late founding pastor—Rev Dr Timothy Tow—is “Do something good for Jesus every day.”

No matter how bad things may get, never think of suicide. It is against God’s law, “*Thou shalt not kill.*” We have no right to take any human life, including our own. The life God gave to us is precious. God wants us to live, not die. That was why Jesus gave His life for us on the cross. Jesus died and rose from the dead so that we might live. How can we then take life so lightly when God Himself has paid such a great price for it? Jesus said, “*I am the resurrection, and the life: he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live: And whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die. Believest thou this?*” (John 11:25, 26). Believe and be saved! Keep on believing in Jesus Christ. We must not only keep on believing but also keep on living for Jesus. This is a sure cure for depression. JK

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	3.30 pm	Young People's Fellowship
	5.30 pm	Family Bible Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School
		Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship (Rev Dr Paul Ferguson) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)

**Young Adults Fellowship** will be having an Outing to the HortPark this Sat, Aug 31 at 9.30 am. Please meet at HortPark Visitor Information Counter. Attire: Modest Sportswear. For enquiries, please contact Kee Sing at 97641385.

**Young People's Fellowship** will be having a door-to-door evangelism at Whampoa Road after a short exhortation at Berean BPC this Sat, Aug 31, 3.30 pm. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Family Bible Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Aug 31 at Dn and Mrs Tan Beng Lee's home, Blk 103 Spottiswoode Park Road, #08-104, Singapore 080103, 5.30 pm. Tel: 98719796. Message: "New Testament Background, Part 1 of 4" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details.

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LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> \$13,071.30; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> YAF \$186; YPF \$95.80 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$1,000, \$250, \$200; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$55; <i>Samuel Eio</i> \$250; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Clement Chew (FEBC)</i> \$200; <i>Guo Sufang (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Li Shanshan (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Li Ya Ge (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Zhu Jianwei (FEBC)</i> \$100, \$50; <i>John Chemalan (FEBC)</i> \$100; <i>FEBC Dining Club</i> \$200; <i>FEBC</i> \$500, \$500, \$400 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$17,508.10 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$600, \$500 <b>Total:</b> \$1,414,114.27	
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Are 'Miraculous Gifts' for Today?" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.	
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<b>Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism</b> this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 226 Lorong 8, Toa Payoh at 2.30 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.	



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

Call to Worship	Elder J T Joseph
Opening Hymn	<i>God Is Still on the Throne</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalms 75
Hymn	<i>To Thee, O God, We Render Thanks</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Adults Fellowship
Offering & Hymn	<i>God Will Take Care of You</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Elder J T Joseph
Scripture Text	Numbers 23:19
Pastoral Prayer	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>Does God Say Sorry?</b> (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)
Closing Hymn	<i>All the Way My Savior Leads Me</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

**THE ADULTS FELLOWSHIP**

Dn Charles Kan

The Bible instructs us in Hebrews 10:24, 25, "And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching." For this reason and by the grace of God, the Adults Fellowship (AF) was formed in 2005. This fellowship provided an avenue where God's Word would be systematically taught by faithful servants of God for the building up our faith in the Lord Jesus Christ.

We are thankful to God for homes that were opened by our members all these years. We gather at 3.30 pm on the second Saturday of every month. We have just concluded the lessons on the

Tabernacle of God by Rev Stephen Khoo in May 2013. We had a break in June because of our annual church camp. In July 2013, we embarked on a study of the book of Ezekiel with our pastor, Dr Jeffrey Khoo. God willing, we hope to complete studying Ezekiel by January 2015.

We pray that more of our brethren would make time to join us at our AF meetings for a time of Bible study, prayer and fellowship for mutual encouragement. To God be the glory!

**Testimony by Jeremy and Bonnie**

In the beginning, when my family and I attended True Life B-P Church, we did not know anyone. Thank God for some brothers and sisters who encouraged us to come and join the church service again. Slowly we got to know more and more people in the church. As we wished to know the church members better, we approached Pastor Jeffrey Khoo and shared with him our desire to know more brothers and sisters in Christ here. He advised my wife and me to join the AF.

We joined the AF last year, in December 2012. We have Bible study each time, followed by prayer. We share our needs and pray for one another. And we give thanks for what God has blessed us with. Then we have refreshments together.

I want to share that at each AF meeting, it is a joyful time. We are blessed not only physically, but more



**Adults Fellowship at the home of Sis Ow Kuan Tai, 10 Aug 2013**

importantly spiritually to the fullest. I would like to encourage more brothers and sisters to join our AF. You will have a wonderful time with us in the Lord.

### **Testimony by Cindy Lim**

I joined the AF in year 2011. I have grown spiritually in the Lord through the study of His Word. In my Christian life, I struggled to surrender my life to God and to wholly submit to Him. I failed Him again and again. I confessed my sins to God and the Lord forgave me.

All my life I have been living by my own strength and have committed many many mistakes. One day I sat down and pondered over all the things I had done. I realised that I have to commit everything to the Lord and surrender my all to Him. Luke 9:23 says, *“If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me.”* I prayed to the Lord God, “Lord Jesus, I surrender all my life to you.” The Lord answered my prayer and since then He is leading me in everything I do, and to do it all to the glory of God.

The Lord is good. He answers my prayers as He listens to His children who cry out to Him.

### **Testimony by Evelin Tan**

I have wanted to settle down in a church where I can grow spiritually well. I have been visiting churches for 11 years and during this period, God closed three doors. Thank God for leading me to True Life BPC. Although my worshipping in True Life has been recent, I do not want to go on searching for another 11 years, just to warm the pew every Sunday. I pray and seek God for continuing confidence and strength as I settle down in this church and renew my zeal to serve the Lord once again, *“Here am I; send me.”* (Isaiah 6:8).

To help my spiritual growth, I was very determined to join a fellowship group. God knows my heart and He directed me to the AF. I have good reasons to praise and thank God for the AF: (1) This fellowship group is like an

olive branch of Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC). The Word of God is never compromised. The messages are simplified and practical, taught by FEBC teachers. (2) It is difficult to make new friends in the adult world. God impressed upon me that this is made possible through prayer time after each message. Prayer connects friendships (regardless of age). Prayer strikes conversation. More importantly, I am more mindful of my prayer attitudes and I am reminded to follow Christ’s footsteps in Matthew 20:28, *“Even as the Son of Man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister...”*. (3) Lastly, I thank God for AFers who really take good care of me. All praise be to our God!

### **Testimony by Kelly**

I thank God for leading me to the AF in May 2012. I have been wonderfully blessed by studying the Ten Commandments and the Tabernacle with Rev Quek Suan Yew and Rev Stephen Khoo respectively. Through the faithful preaching of God’s words, I have learnt more about the law of God, which in turn ignites the spiritual fire in me to continue to study God’s words.

Thank God for the AF where we can gather as brothers and sisters in Christ to meditate on God’s words together and support one another in prayer. May our gracious God continue to lead our AF to learn more of His precious words. All praise and glory be to His Name! *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity.”* (Ps 133:1).

### **Testimony by Siew Khim**

I want to thank God for His faithfulness in seeing the AF through the past eight years, for being there with us through our ups and downs. He provided speakers from whom we have benefited spiritually through their faithful teaching. For instance, I used to think the Tabernacle was a dwelling place for God during the Israelites’ exodus. After going through the lessons on the Tabernacle, the Tabernacle has become more meaningful

to me. I learnt that the Tabernacle typifies Jesus Christ and He is the only way to God. Last but not least, I want to thank God for the spiritual and caring brethren in AF who have encouraged us in our spiritual walk.

## **RADIO MINISTRY IN KENYA**

Philip Lagat

Receive greetings in Jesus’ precious Name. We are fine in the Lord and getting on in His work. I am writing to thank the Lord for you, the Session and True Life BPC at large for supporting again my radio programme, *Kas-Ng’olyot*, ie “Hear the Word.” The name is based on Romans 10:17, *“So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the word of God.”*

The Lord put in my heart the burden of preaching the word through the radio so that many of our people may be helped. This is because many people are misled by current preachers who are not only propagating a false gospel, but are also out to fleece the flock. There are such false preachers on television and on radio. There is a need therefore to seize opportunities to preach the true gospel. So, I thank God very much for you.

Many have been helped in this radio ministry, as they call or text me and say that the word they are hearing is blessing them. Here is one example, “The word was good and a blessing. May God strengthen you and give you grace so that you will continue to be a blessing to us.” This is because the Word of God is powerful and that is what people need, not words of men that have no life in them. Those who are following the programme are able now to distinguish truth from error.

Currently I am going through Psalm 119, speaking on the importance of God’s Word. It has been a blessing to me as I study and prepare each lesson. It has been a blessing to me to see how King David cherished the Word.

Again I thank the Lord for the open door to study at FEBC. The Lord prepared me for this purpose. We continue to keep the College in prayer that the Lord will continue to preserve it

for His own glory. We also covet your prayers that we will be faithful in giving out the faithful words of God to God’s people. Thank you for being part of this ministry. Truly it is not in vain. We may not see much fruit now, but I trust that some day we shall see.

May the Lord bless you richly for the good work you are doing.

*[Philip Lagat pastors Good News Church of Africa in Kenya. He is an MRE graduate of FEBC. True Life BPC is supporting his radio ministry with USD1200 annually.]*

## **LEARNING KISWAHILI**

Dear Dr Khoo,

Greetings in the name of the Lord. I thank you for the True Life BPC camp. I was encouraged by the fellowship and messages. I also thank you for the chance that I could share about my service in BCEA.

Nearly a month has passed since I left Singapore. Now I am starting the third week of Swahili language course in Tanzania. I found it very helpful that I have many corrections as well as many new vocabularies in my Swahili. I just write this to thank you for your concern and support for me to improve my missionary service. The language school is located in Morogoro which is about 10 hours driving distance from Arusha. Though not many students are in the school now, it provides a safe environment. Please send my greetings to all and may God bless you.

In Christ,  
Bai, Eun Young  
28 July 2013

*[Bai Eun Young is a BRE and MRE graduate of FEBC serving as a missionary to Kenya under the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions (USA). She teaches at the Bible College of East Africa in Nairobi, and takes charge of the children’s ministry of the Campus Church. She is under the financial support of True Life BPC.]*

APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 2 – 8, 2013)		
MON	7.30 pm	<i>Exodus</i> (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	7.45 pm	Ladies Fellowship
	10.00 pm	Pilgrims Depart (Changi T1)
THU	7.30 pm	<i>Calvin's Institutes II</i> (Video: John Calvin – <i>His Life &amp; Legacy</i> )
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship
SAT	9.00 am	Young People's Fellowship
	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)
	10.30 am	Worship ( <i>Lord's Supper</i> ) (Rev Tan Kian Sing) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)

**Ladies Fellowship Meeting** this Wed, Sep 4, at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Precious Faith (2 Pet 1:1; 1 Pet 1:7)" by Rev Errol Stone. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.

**FEBC's 17<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to the Holy Land**, Sep 4-14, 2013. Pilgrims to be at Changi Airport, Terminal 1 (EK 349) on Wed night (Sep 4) by 10 pm.

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** this Fri, Sep 6, at 8 pm in the home of Mr and Mrs Bernard Tee. Address: 11 Greenwood Lane, Singapore 287001. Tel: 67609069.

**Young People's Fellowship** will be having a Cottage Meeting cum Outing at the home of Dn and Mrs Wilson Tan this Sat, Sep 7. Address: Blk 305 Clementi Avenue 4, #05-391, Singapore 120305. Please meet at Clementi MRT at 9 am. Attire: Modest Sportswear. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Sep 7 at Dr and Mrs Tan Ming Wei's home, The Pinnacle, 1D Cantonment Road, #49-39 Singapore 085401, 3.30 pm. Message: "Knowing Salvation" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**(4) Live in God's Holy Presence by Jesus' Blood:** You and I are holy and pure not because of who we are or what we have done, but because of God's holy presence in us and with us. God has provided the precious blood of His Son so that we may approach Him and keep a living fellowship with Him, *"But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin"* (1 John 1:7). May God help you and me practice living in His holy presence through Jesus' blood in

VERSE FOR THE WEEK	
<i>"My son, be wise, and make my heart glad, that I may answer him that reproacheth me."</i> Prov 27:11	
<b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.	
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<b>General Offerings:</b> \$14,838.30 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$250, \$250; Rev Koa Keng Woo \$100; Rev Hien \$452; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$300; Rev Danny Awad \$13,193.60; Rev George & Danny Awad \$1,570; Baraka Shepherd's Field \$16,283.31, \$500; Rwanda Bible College \$50; Faith Presbyterian Church-Perth \$1,000, \$50; Church Choir \$50; Samuel Eio \$250; Wendy Teng \$250; FEBC \$500, \$200 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> \$50,087.21 <b>Church Building Fund – Total:</b> \$1,414,114.27	
<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "What is the 'Baptism of the Spirit'?" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. <b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. <b>Mon and Thu night classes</b> , 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road. <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Lunch</b> will be held at the Ban Heng Restaurant, RELC, Oct 6, 12.30 pm. The subsidised rate for members and regular worshippers is \$20 per person. Children buffet (age 12 years and under) is free. For non-members, it is \$28. <b>Closing Date: Sep 15.</b> Come and praise the Lord on this happy occasion. <b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thess 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come. <b>Baptism of Mr and Mrs Chan Poh Low</b> , parents of Dr Chan Kay Heem, at the Chinese Service this morning. <i>"Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ for the remission of sins, and ye shall receive the gift of the Holy Ghost."</i> (Acts 2:38). <b>Preaching appointments:</b> Pastor at Chinese Service, 10.30 am.	

whatever we do and wherever we are.

### Conclusion

How great and marvellous is God's love for you and me, to save us and regenerate us to be His children, even to transform us to be like His Son Jesus Christ! May God help you and me always set Jesus as our perfect Example to follow in words, deeds and service, as well as purify ourselves and keep ourselves clean and pure in His holy presence by His Word and Jesus' precious blood until our Saviour Jesus Christ comes again. Amen.



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### "BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"

Call to Worship	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Opening Hymn	<i>He Lives</i>
Invocation/Gloria Patri	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 86
Hymn	<i>Devout Prayers and Pleas</i>
Announcements	
Ministry of Music	Men's Small Group
Offering & Hymn	<i>A Heart Like Thine</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Dn Tan Beng Lee
Scripture Text	Mark 10:35-45
Pastoral Prayer	Dr Paul Ferguson
<b>Sermon</b>	<b>A Servant's Heart</b> (Dr Paul Ferguson)
Closing Hymn	<i>More Like the Master</i>
Benediction	Dr Paul Ferguson

### PURIFY YOURSELF AS HE IS PURE

*Sermon preached by the Rev Nguyen Gia Hien at True Life BPC on 16 June 2013*

We truly thank God for giving us His Word as the spiritual food for our spiritual life, through which we may know the truth about God and His will as well as about ourselves. From the first epistle of John chapter 3:1-3, we can draw some lessons: (1) God's love and our relationship with God (verse 1); (2) God's sovereign purpose (v 2); and (3), our responsibility (v 3).

### God's Love and Our Relationship with God

*"Behold, what manner of love the Father hath bestowed upon us, that we should be called the sons of God: therefore the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not"* (1 John 3:1), "Behold" in Greek *oida* here means "see with perception and understanding". God commands you and me to see and understand how He has loved us. Do you know, believe and understand that God loves you

personally so much? Satan casts doubt not only on God's Word but also God's love for you. If you were a king and had your only begotten son, who was so good, so well-behaved, so lovely, so obedient, and so smart, would you be willing to let your son die for those who have offended you, rebelled against you and blasphemed against you? Would you? You and I surely cannot fully comprehend how God, the holy and almighty Creator, loved mankind, including you and me so much that He gave His only begotten Son, the Lord Jesus Christ, to die for His rebellious and sinful creatures, and rose again to save those who repent and believe in Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. May God graciously help you and me *"know the love of Christ, which passeth knowledge, that ye might be filled with all the fulness of God"* (Eph 3:19). Moreover, it is a great privilege to be the children of God, the Creator, the King of kings, is it not? We used to be the children of darkness, the children of disobedient, the children of wrath, and the children of Satan (Matt 13:38; Eph 2:2-3; 5:8; 1 John 3:10), but God has saved you and me to be His children by His grace and mercy alone (Eph 2:8). If any of you are not sure that you are saved to be God's children, this is God's promise for you, *"But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name"* (John 1:12). The Holy Spirit

uses God's Word to regenerate you and me, so we are born again by the Holy Spirit and by God's Word (John 3:5; 1 Peter 1:23; James 1:18).

When you and I are truly born again and grow spiritually, we shall naturally bear the fruits of the children of God with our saving faith, living faith, enduring faith, obedient faith, charitable faith, separate faith, and longsuffering faith as we have learnt from the epistle of James under Pastor Jeffrey Khoo at our Church Camp. If you and I are God's children, we shall always need God and His Word, and live by God and His Word, thirst for God and His Word, depend on God and His Word, treasure God and His Word, and repent right away when we fail to honour Him or keep His Word.

Although you and I are God's children, *"the world knoweth us not, because it knew him not"* (v 1). The verb "know" in Greek *ginosko* denotes a personal heart knowledge of God manifested through love and obedience—*"And hereby we do know that we know him, if we keep his commandments ... He that loveth not knoweth not God; for God is love"* (1 John 2:3; 4:8). As the world does not know God, they neither keep His Word nor love Him and His children. Thus, you and I should not be surprised by the hatred, contempt, envy, opposition and persecutions from unbelievers and the children of the devil in this world.

### God's Sovereign Purpose

God's purpose when He chose us and saved us is to transform us into the image of His Son, *"For whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brethren"* (Rom 8:29), and *"Beloved, now are we the sons of God, and it doth not yet appear what we shall be: but we know that, when he shall appear, we shall be like him; for we shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:2). You and I must have the same purpose that God has for us—to be like Jesus Christ, our Lord and

Saviour. When you and I turn our eyes unto our Lord, set Him as our perfect Example to follow, and compare ourselves with Him, we shall humble ourselves as we are still far away from being like Him. We have not been holy and pure as He is, gracious and merciful as He is, humble and meek as He is, loving and forgiving as He is, longsuffering and enduring as He is, obedient and submissive as He is, walking, living and serving as He did and so on, *"He that saith he abideth in him ought himself also so to walk, even as he walked"* (1 John 2:6). Do you and I really walk as Jesus did? We shall humble ourselves more and more as many a time we have failed to say, behave, live and serve as Jesus Christ did!

### Our Responsibility to Purify Ourselves

*"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure"* (1 John 3:3), and *"Lay hands suddenly on no man, neither be partaker of other men's sins: keep thyself pure"* (1 Tim 5:22). The verb *purify* in Greek *hagnizō* denotes "to make ourselves pure, clean, holy, to consecrate ourselves to God." Why does God command you and me to purify ourselves and constantly keep ourselves pure? And how can we do that?

**(1) God Is Holy:** You and I must purify ourselves because God is holy and He commands us to be holy, *"But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy"* (1 Peter 1:15-16). Do you and I truly have a hope to see our Lord Jesus Christ and to be transformed to be like Him when He comes? We must purify ourselves and keep ourselves pure, *"Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God"* (Matt 5:8), and *"Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord"* (Heb 12:14), and *"And every man that hath this hope in him purifieth himself, even as he is pure"* (1 John 3:3).

**(2) God Hates Sins and Never Condones Sins:** God helped Joshua and Israelites to defeat and destroy the big and strong city of Jericho, but God let them be defeated before the small city of Ai due to an accursed thing among them. When Joshua and the elders humbled themselves before God in prayers, God said to them, *"Therefore the children of Israel could not stand before their enemies, but turned their backs before their enemies, because they were accursed: neither will I be with you any more, except ye destroy the accursed from among you. Up, sanctify the people, and say, Sanctify yourselves against to morrow: for thus saith the LORD God of Israel, There is an accursed thing in the midst of thee, O Israel: thou canst not stand before thine enemies, until ye take away the accursed thing from among you"* (Joshua 7:12-13). If God is with us and for us, we shall enjoy His blessings and victory. However, as one Achan affected the well-being of the whole people of Israel, you and I must wisely keep not only ourselves but also our family and our church pure. We must pray for one another and help keep one another pure.

**(3) God Only Uses Clean Vessels for His Glory:** Do you want to use a clean or dirty cup for your drink? Surely the clean one! *"If a man therefore purge himself from these, he shall be a vessel unto honour, sanctified, and meet for the master's use, and prepared unto every good work"* (2 Tim 2:21). Many think that they are used and blessed by God with their mega churches while they compromise and fail to live and serve according to God's Word! Despite their popularity, credentials and fame, they are used by men, and not by God at all, who is holy and pure!

### How to Keep Ourselves Pure

**(1) Pray to the Lord for His Searching and Cleansing:** It is dangerous if you and I cannot see our shortcomings and sins and think that we are clean and pure and then

despise others like the Pharisees. The Lord Jesus Christ exposes the defiled heart of man, *"For from within, out of the heart of men, proceed evil thoughts, adulteries, fornications, murders, thefts, covetousness, wickedness, deceit, lasciviousness, an evil eye, blasphemy, pride, foolishness: All these evil things come from within, and defile the man"* (Mark 7:21-23). It is always wise to pray God to search our hearts and thoughts as David did, *"Search me, O God, and know my heart: try me, and know my thoughts: And see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting"* (Ps 139:23). There are many ways that appear good and right but *"the end thereof are the ways of death"* (Prov 16:25). Only the narrow way in the boundaries of God's Word is everlasting and leading you and me to eternal life. To enjoy our Lord's cleansing, you and I must confess our known sins, shortcomings and unrighteousness to the Lord, *"If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness"* (1 John 1:9).

**(2) Separate Ourselves from Unclean Things:** You and I cannot keep ourselves clean and pure if we touch unclean things and live in unclean environment. That is why God has commanded you and me to be separate, *"Wherefore come out from among them, and be ye separate, saith the Lord, and touch not the unclean thing; and I will receive you, And will be a Father unto you, and ye shall be my sons and daughters, saith the Lord Almighty"* (2 Cor 6:17-18).

**(3) Read and Obey God's Word:** The Holy Spirit uses God's Word to purify you and me. Therefore, the more we read and obey God's Word, the more opportunities He gets to sanctify us, *"Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth"* (John 17:17), and *"Seeing ye have purified your souls in obeying the truth through the Spirit unto unfeigned love of the brethren, see that ye love one another with a pure heart fervently"* (1 Peter 1:22).



APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 9 – 15, 2013)		VERSE FOR THE WEEK
MON – FRI	FEBC Mid-Term Break	<i>"A prudent man foreseeth the evil, and hideth himself; but the simple pass on, and are punished." Prov 27:12</i>
FRI 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603	<b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
SAT 3.00 pm	Pilgrims Return (Changi T1)	<b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b>
3.30 pm	Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship	<b>General Offerings:</b> Last Lord's Day S\$18,111; RM10 <b>Fellowships' Collections:</b> FBF \$373.50
SUN 9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	<b>Designated Offerings:</b> Rev Paul Ferguson \$200, \$200; Rev Prabhudas Koshy \$200; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$500; Bai Eun Young \$300; Marilyn Nanta \$200; Carol Lee \$300; Kelvin Lim \$300; Barnabas Yap \$500, \$100; Samuel Eio \$250; Wendy Teng \$300, \$50; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$400; FEBC Dining Club \$200; FEBC \$200, \$200
10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	<b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$22,884.50; RM10 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$1,300, \$600, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,416,114.27
<b>Pilgrims</b> return this Saturday afternoon, Sep 14 at 3 pm, Changi Airport Terminal 1, Flight: EK 354. <b>Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Sep 14 at Dn and Mrs Charles Kan's home, Blk 18 Joo Seng Road #08-163, Singapore 360018, 3.30 pm. Message: "Living in Brotherly Love" by Pr Dennis Kabingue. Contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468 for details. <b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Sep 14 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Why are there Denominations?" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries. <b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thess 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come. <b>Pastor</b> is away leading FEBC's 17 <sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to the Holy Land, Sep 4-14, 2013. <b>True Life B-P Church's sermons</b> are recorded and available for sale in DVD (\$3) or Audio CD (\$2). You may place your prepaid orders or collect your orders at the Booktable, 12-12.30 pm.		<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Is 'Healing' part of the Atonement?" by Dr S H Tow. <b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. All are welcome. Lessons are downloadable from <a href="http://www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Abraham.htm">www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Abraham.htm</a> . <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Lunch</b> will be held at the Ban Heng Restaurant, RELC, Oct 6, 12.30 pm. The subsidised rate for members and regular worshippers is \$20 per person. Children buffet (age 12 years and under) is free. For non-members, it is \$28. <b>Closing Date: Sep 15.</b> Come and praise the Lord on this happy occasion. <b>Complimentary Parking Coupons</b> are available for those who drive. Kindly see Dn Wilson Tan or Dn Charles Kan.



Housewarming at the home of Sis Cindy Lim, 24 August 2013



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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

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## PROPHETS AND PROPHECIES

Are there prophets today? The Charismatics would say yes. They say God continues to speak to His people through His voice, His angels, through visions and dreams. They claim that God reveals to them in extra-biblical ways things that are yet to happen whether in the world, in the church, or in their personal lives. Question is: Does God still speak to His people in such extraordinary ways just like He did in the days of Moses and the Prophets, and in the days of Jesus Christ and His Apostles?

Another questionable view held by the Charismatics is that a prophecy today can be fallible. They say a prophecy from God can contain mistakes. An example of this they say is the prophecy of Agabus in Acts 21:8-14. Can a true prophet make a mistake in his predictions? Is it possible for a prophet to prophesy fallibly? If his prophecy is fallible, then is not God who gave him

that prophecy fallible as well? Is God fallible? Can God make mistakes?

### Meaning of Prophecy

Before we consider the prophecy of Agabus, let us understand what prophecy is. The word "prophecy" comes from the Greek word *prophemi* which literally means to speak before, to foretell, or to predict. This is basically what we find the prophets in both the Old Testament (OT) and New Testament (NT) doing—foretelling or predicting future events as revealed by God who knows all things, even things that have yet to happen.

The prophets were called servants of God and spokesmen of God (Jer 35:15). As such, it is impossible for a true prophet to make a false prophecy, or a mistaken prophecy, or a prophecy that will not come true. It is important to note that with their foretelling also came a forthtelling—a preaching against sin and a call for sinners to repent of their ways.

Many of the prophets wrote the Scriptures (eg Isaiah, Jeremiah, Ezekiel, Daniel and others). The prophets spoke with divine authority—"Thus saith the LORD". Many of the things they said became Scripture. Now the question we want to ask is this: Does God still send out such prophets that speak God's Word with such authority, and can His people continue to expect prophecies from God with regard to future events?

## Cessation of Prophecies

The biblical answer is no. There are no prophets today and no more prophecies today like those of the OT and NT. Why? It is vital to understand that the prophets and their prophecies flourished in a time when God's Word (the Bible) was still in the process of being written and completed.

It is significant to note that after the OT was completed—all 39 books—the last being Malachi, there followed a lengthy period of silence where there were no prophets and no prophecies. This lasted for nearly 400 years until John the Baptist came into the scene to herald the coming of the Messiah and inauguration of the NT. John the Baptist came in the spirit of the prophet Elijah to announce the coming of the Messiah, the Apostles prophesied and wrote the NT, and to some NT church members the gift of prophecy was given (eg, Philip's virgin daughters in Acts 21:9 and Agabus in verse 10).

Know that the NT was written in the first century. The Lord used His Apostles to write the 27 books of the NT. Once completed, prophecies would cease. How do we know this? Where in the Bible does it say that once the NT Scriptures are completed, prophecies shall cease for all time?

The answer is in 1 Corinthians 13:8-10, *“Charity never faileth: but whether there be prophecies, they shall fail; whether there be tongues, they shall cease; whether there be knowledge, it shall vanish away. For we know in part, and we prophesy in part. But when that which is perfect is come, then that which is in part shall be done away.”* Prophecies and knowledge through visions and dreams shall fail and vanish away; they shall be removed when *“that which is perfect is come”*. Question: What is this perfect thing? It is the Bible—the Canonical Scriptures (all 66 books). The revelatory gifts like prophecies, tongues, and knowledge through visions and dreams will all be taken away once the Bible is complete, once the last book of the NT is written, God will cease from speaking through such spectacular ways because the believers

would now have the whole Bible—perfect, complete, totally sufficient and absolutely authoritative on all matters of Christian faith and life. No one is to add to it or subtract from it (Rev 22:19).

## False Prophets Today

Now if that is the case, then how is it that today, we still find in the Church people who call themselves prophets and are prophesying in the name of Christ, saying they have a Word from the Lord, and saying, *“Thus saith the LORD”*?

In light of what the Bible says about the cessation of prophets and prophecies after the Canonical Scriptures are completed, there can be but one conclusion—the so-called prophets and prophecies today are false ones. Did not Jesus already warn, *“Take heed that no man deceive you. For many shall come in my name, saying, I am Christ; and shall deceive many.”* (Matt 24:4-5), *“And many false prophets shall rise, and shall deceive many.”* (Matt 24:11), *“For there shall arise false Christs, and false prophets, and shall shew great signs and wonders; insomuch that, if it were possible, they shall deceive the very elect.”* (Matt 24:24).

Many of such false prophets are found in the Charismatic churches today. Beware of them. Jesus already warned that all these false prophets who prophesy in His Name will be judged on that final day, *“Beware of false prophets, which come to you in sheep's clothing, but inwardly they are ravening wolves. Ye shall know them by their fruits. Do men gather grapes of thorns, or figs of thistles? Even so every good tree bringeth forth good fruit; but a corrupt tree bringeth forth evil fruit. A good tree cannot bring forth evil fruit, neither can a corrupt tree bring forth good fruit. Every tree that bringeth not forth good fruit is hewn down, and cast into the fire. Wherefore by their fruits ye shall know them. Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven. Many will say to*

*me in that day, Lord, Lord, have we not prophesied in thy name? and in thy name have cast out devils? and in thy name done many wonderful works? And then will I profess unto them, I never knew you: depart from me, ye that work iniquity.”* (Matt 7:15-23).

Many lives are destroyed by these false prophets through their false prophecies. There have been cases of how a young man thinking he has received a prophecy from the Lord to marry a certain lady in the church. Not wanting to disobey or reject a “prophecy”, both got married only to divorce soon after. Did God make a mistake?

## A Fallible Prophecy?

Owing to such cases of mistaken prophecies, Charismatics and New Calvinists are advocating that the prophecies that God gives today can be fallible and errant. Wayne Grudem, John Piper and Mark Driscoll are among those who propound such a view that prophecies from God can be fallible. One example cited as proof of this is Agabus in Acts 21:10-12. According to them, Agabus' prophecy, *“So shall the Jews at Jerusalem bind the man that owneth this girdle, and shall deliver him into the hands of the Gentiles.”* (v11b) did not come true. They say there are mistakes in the prophecy. Alleged mistake #1: The Jews did not bind Paul but the Romans. Alleged mistake #2: The Jews did not deliver Paul to the Romans.

We do not believe Agabus' prophecy was fallible or contains mistakes. We believe all prophecies that come from God are infallible and inerrant. The contentions of those who claim that Agabus gave a fallible or mistaken prophecy can be easily refuted by just one statement in verse 11, *“Thus saith the Holy Ghost.”* It must be noted that Agabus' prophecy was not really Agabus' but the Holy Spirit's. The Holy Spirit is the third person of the Holy Trinity. He is God, and God is infallible. The Holy Spirit is also called the Spirit of Truth—He does not lie (John 14:17, 15:26, 16:13). Man makes mistakes but not God. Although penned by human beings, the

Bible is God's Word infallible and inerrant. Man was the pen, the instrument, but God was the Author, the Writer. Similarly, Agabus was the mouth but God was the Speaker—*“Thus saith the Holy Ghost.”*

The fulfilment text in Acts 21:27-36 tells us the prophecy was fulfilled precisely. As predicted, the Jews seized Paul and dragged him out of the temple intending to kill him (vv30-31), the Romans bound him with chains (v33), and when the Romans took him away, they shouted, *“Away with him”*. In Acts 28:17, Paul himself testified, *“Men and brethren, though I have committed nothing against the people, or customs of our fathers, yet was I delivered prisoner from Jerusalem into the hands of the Romans.”*

Dear brethren, believe the Scriptures. Do not believe the many false prophets out there today who claim to speak in God's name. Know that God never sent them. Heed God's warning in Jeremiah 23:16, 21, 25, 26, *“Thus saith the LORD of hosts, Hearken not unto the words of the prophets that prophesy unto you: they make you vain: they speak a vision of their own heart, and not out of the mouth of the LORD. ... I have not sent these prophets, yet they ran: I have not spoken to them, yet they prophesied. ... I have heard what the prophets said, that prophesy lies in my name, saying, I have dreamed, I have dreamed. How long shall this be in the heart of the prophets that prophesy lies? yea, they are prophets of the deceit of their own heart.”*

## Why False Prophets?

Why does God allow these false prophets to do what they do? It is to test us, whether we love Him or not. The Lord commands us, *“Thou shalt not hearken unto the words of that prophet, or that dreamer of dreams: for the LORD your God proveth you, to know whether ye love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul. Ye shall walk after the LORD your God, and fear him, and keep his commandments, and obey his voice, and ye shall serve him, and cleave unto him.”* (Deut 13:3-4). Did you pass the test? JK

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	4.30 pm	Chinese Fellowship
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	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)
<p><b>Mon and Thu night classes</b>, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.</p> <p><b>Young Adults Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Sep 21 at Sis Katherine Go's home, Blk 349 Yishun Avenue 11, #05-247, Singapore 760349, 3.30 pm. Message: "Breaking Down the Walls of Sin &amp; of Satan" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.</p> <p><b>Young People's Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Sep 21 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Remedy for Ranting" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a>. Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.</p> <p><b>Chinese Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Sep 21 at 4.30 pm in the home of Mr and Mrs Edward Wong. Address: 45 Hindhede Walk, #06-04 (Lobby 1), Springdale Condominium, Singapore 587978. Tel: 96388203. Speaker: Rev Lee Kim Shong. Contact Dn Tai Mern Yee at 92991663 for details.</p>		

about a change to his generation. What is this change that Kong will bring to his generation? Is it the whole new way of looking at Christ and Christianity that he and his wife are trying so hard to promote? Is it the carnal and worldly Christianity of his "Crossover Project"? Is it through the sensuous and seductive "China Wine" of his wife? The Bible is clear that it is not in God's holy nature to employ such ungodly and worldly means and methods to win people into His Kingdom. Jesus never wooed and wowed people into following Him through money and sex; that is what Satan does, not God. Satan tempted Jesus once in such a way, "Again, the devil taketh him

VERSE FOR THE WEEK	
<p><i>"Take his garment that is surety for a stranger, and take a pledge of him for a strange woman." Prov 27:13</i></p> <p><b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.</p>	
LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS	
<p><b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> S\$12,035.25; AUD200; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> LF \$484; YAF \$128.80</p> <p><b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$250, \$100; <i>Rev Tan Kian Sing</i> \$250; <i>Joshua Yong</i> \$500; <i>Harrison (Miri)</i> \$100; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$300; <i>John Chemalan (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>Shadrack Cheruiyot (FEBC)</i> \$50; <i>FEBC Bookroom</i> \$333; <i>FEBC</i> \$2,000</p> <p><b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$16,581.05; AUD200</p> <p><b>Church Building Fund</b> \$500, \$100, \$100 <b>Total:</b> S\$1,416,814.27</p>	
<p><b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Why Doesn't God always Heal the Sick?" by Dr S H Tow.</p> <p><b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. All are welcome. Lessons are downloadable from <a href="http://www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Abraham.htm">www.febc.edu.sg/SundaySchool-Abraham.htm</a>.</p> <p><b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Lunch</b> will be held at the Ban Heng Restaurant, RELC, Oct 6, 12.30 pm. The subsidised rate for members and regular worshippers is \$20 per person. Children buffet (age 12 years and under) is free. For non-members, it is \$28. <b>Closing Date: Today.</b> Come and praise the Lord on this happy occasion.</p> <p><b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thess 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. More details to come.</p>	

*up into an exceeding high mountain, and sheweth him all the kingdoms of the world, and the glory of them; And saith unto him, All these things will I give thee, if thou wilt fall down and worship me. Then saith Jesus unto him, Get thee hence, Satan: for it is written, Thou shalt worship the Lord thy God, and him only shalt thou serve."* (Matt 4:8-10). Here again, we see the "God" of Kong to be so different from the God of the Bible.

In light of these three biblical reasons, we cannot but conclude that the "God" of Kong is not the God that we know from the Bible. He is another "God". "Who hath ears to hear, let him hear." (Matt 13:9). JK



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Closing Hymn	<i>In the New Jerusalem</i>
Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## THE "GOD" OF KONG HEE

Kong Hee, the pastor of City Harvest Church, said that God spoke to him and told him He is sorry. God is quoted as saying, "My son, Kong ... I am so sorry ...". His sermon containing God's "sorry" statement was published in Youtube and has since gone viral.

Kong testified how he felt so depressed and disappointed with God, "'Father, Father, why, my God, my God, why have you forsaken me and thrown me to the dogs?'" He said he was finally lifted from depression when God spoke to him: "For the first time in eight months, God, I heard Him cry. And he said 'My son, Kong, thank you. Thank you for going through this. I need you to go through this alone, so that you and City Harvest Church can be the man and the ministry

*I call it to be. I'm so sorry, but you need to go through this by yourself, to bring a change to your generation."*

Did God really speak to Kong? Did God really say those words to him? I submit to you that if it was God who spoke to Kong, then this "God" is not the God whom we have come to know from the Holy Scriptures. It is someone else. I say this because the God of the Bible has never said things like this and will never say things like this. We know that God is truthful and consistent in all His ways, and it is impossible for God to contradict Himself.

There is a whole lot of bad and wrong theology in Kong's sermon and testimony, words he had attributed to God whom he claimed spoke to him. Now, let us examine Kong's claims in the light of the Holy Scriptures.

### (1) God Does Not Apologise for His Deeds

It is not in God's nature to ever apologise or be sorry for anything that He does or wills to do. That is because God is absolutely sovereign and wise in all His ways, and He makes no mistakes. Numbers 23:19 says, "God is not a man, that he should lie; neither the son of man, that he should repent (Hebrew *nicham*, to be sorry): hath he said,

*and shall he not do it? or hath he spoken, and shall he not make it good?"* God neither regrets His decisions nor His actions. He is always holy and perfect, righteous and good in all His ways. He does no evil and does no wrong. Since God is all-powerful and all-knowing, it is impossible for God to fail or to err (Heb 6:18).

Now, from Kong's testimony, it does seem like God is saying sorry to Kong because God has forsaken him and has thrown him to the dogs. However, Kong has since explained that he is not saying that God has apologised to him in the sense that God was admitting guilt, but that it was God's word of comfort to him, like someone saying, *"I am so sorry for your loss."*

Nonetheless, even if this was the case, is God ever sorry for all the sufferings that His children go through for His sake? The answer is no. God is not at all sorry for that. In fact God has already warned His children to expect suffering in this life. In Acts 14:22 we are told, *"we must through much tribulation enter into the kingdom of God."* 2 Timothy 3:12 says, *"Yea, and all that will live godly in Christ Jesus shall suffer persecution."* Jesus Himself tells us in John 16:33, *"In the world ye shall have tribulation: but be of good cheer; I have overcome the world."*

How does God comfort His children who go through suffering on account of Him? Not with a "I am so sorry", but a "You are so blessed". Matthew 5:10-12 says, *"Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely, for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad: for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you."* 1 Peter 4:12-14 likewise assures us, *"Beloved,*

*think it not strange concerning the fiery trial which is to try you, as though some strange thing happened unto you: But rejoice, inasmuch as ye are partakers of Christ's sufferings; that, when his glory shall be revealed, ye may be glad also with exceeding joy. If ye be reproached for the name of Christ, happy are ye; for the spirit of glory and of God resteth upon you: on their part he is evil spoken of, but on your part he is glorified."*

God blesses His people who are suffering for righteousness' sake, and expects His people to be happy when they go through such trials and tribulations. *"My brethren, count it all joy when ye fall into divers temptations; Knowing this, that the trying of your faith worketh patience. But let patience have her perfect work, that ye may be perfect and entire, wanting nothing."* (Jas 1:2-3).

But here, we find the "God" of Kong so sorry for Kong's suffering, speaking in such a way that is so out of character with the God of the Bible. The God of the Bible is happy when His children suffer for His sake, and tells them to be joyful when they go through trials and tribulations because such experiences will build them up in the faith.

## **(2) God Does Not Say Thanks to His Servants**

The word "thanks" is used a hundred times in the Bible, and not once is it used of God thanking man, but man thanking God. For instance, 1 Chronicles 29:13, *"Now therefore, our God, we thank thee, and praise thy glorious name.";* Ezra 3:11, *"And they sang together by course in praising and giving thanks unto the LORD; because he is good, for his mercy endureth for ever toward Israel.";* Psalm 75:1, *"Unto thee, O God, do we give thanks, unto thee do we give thanks."*

If God is pleased with His servants, He

would commend them, not thank them. If God were to thank His servant, that would make God inferior to His servant. God is not below us, He is always above us, our Superior. In fact, He is not just Superior, He is Supreme. Consider what Jesus taught in Luke 17:7-10, *"But which of you, having a servant plowing or feeding cattle, will say unto him by and by, when he is come from the field, Go and sit down to meat? And will not rather say unto him, Make ready wherewith I may sup, and gird thyself, and serve me, till I have eaten and drunken; and afterward thou shalt eat and drink? Doth he thank that servant because he did the things that were commanded him? I trow not. So likewise ye, when ye shall have done all those things which are commanded you, say, We are unprofitable servants: we have done that which was our duty to do."*

It is only God who is indispensable, not man. It is man who cannot do without God, and not vice versa. As such, it is man that has to thank God and not the other way round. But here we have God thanking Kong, *"My son, Kong, thank you. Thank you for going through this. I need you ..."* The "God" of Kong appears to be subservient to Kong, and cannot do without Kong. The "God" of Kong is very different from the God we find in the Scriptures.

## **(3) God Does Not Leave Us Alone**

God does not leave His children and servants alone either. He has promised to be with them until the end of the age. In the Great Commission, Jesus promised, *"lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen."* (Matt 28:20). God told Joshua, *"There shall not any man be able to stand before thee all the days of thy life: as I was with Moses, so I will be with thee: I will not fail thee, nor forsake thee."* (Josh 1:5). God assured Israel, *"But thou, Israel, art my servant, Jacob whom I have chosen, the seed of Abraham my friend. Thou whom I have taken from the ends of the earth, and called*

*thee from the chief men thereof, and said unto thee, Thou art my servant; I have chosen thee, and not cast thee away. Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness."* (Isa 41:10).

God would never abandon His children even when they backslide or stray away from Him. As a loving Father, He would chastise them, *"For whom the Lord loveth he chasteneth, and scourgeth every son whom he receiveth. If ye endure chastening, God dealeth with you as with sons; for what son is he whom the father chasteneth not? But if ye be without chastisement, whereof all are partakers, then are ye bastards, and not sons."* (Heb 12:6-8). You see, our loving heavenly Father does not leave us alone. He applies His disciplining rod to get us back on the right track. God only leaves the reprobates and apostates (ie, those who are not His children, but children of the devil) alone. His children, on the other hand, are always under His constant watch and care, and sometimes we get His "sugarcane" for our own good.

When the Apostle Paul asked God to take away his "thorn in the flesh", a certain physical ailment he had which brought him tremendous pain and suffering, the Lord said to him and encouraged him three times, *"My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness."* (2 Cor 12:9). God did not remove Paul's pain but promised him His grace, His strength. God never leaves us alone to suffer the trials and tribulations, hardships and difficulties we face in life. He is always there to help us. Psalm 46:1 says, *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble."*

Kong said that God wants him to go through his sufferings alone so as to bring

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MON	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)	<i>"He that blesseth his friend with a loud voice, rising early in the morning, it shall be counted a curse to him."</i> Prov 27:14
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes II (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)	
FRI	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting RELC Room 603	<b>"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."</b> Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.
SAT	4.00 pm	Young People's Fellowship	
SUN	5.30 pm	Family Bible Fellowship	<b>LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS</b> <b>General Offerings:</b> <i>Last Lord's Day</i> S\$17,207.95; IDR100,000; MYR2; <i>Fellowships' Collections:</i> AF \$284; YPF \$108.75 <b>Designated Offerings:</b> <i>Pastor Jeffrey Khoo</i> \$300, \$250; <i>Rev Biak Lawm Thang</i> \$500; <i>Rev Lee Kim Shong</i> \$50; <i>Joshua Yong</i> \$200; <i>Gethsemane Care Ministry</i> \$1,000; <i>New Life Orphan Centre (Myanmar)</i> \$500; <i>Barnabas Yap</i> \$200; <i>Samuel Eio</i> \$400; <i>Jose Lagapa (FEBC)</i> \$400; <i>FEBC PRC Students</i> \$300; <i>FEBC</i> \$2,000, \$700, \$500, \$500 <b>Total General and Designated Offerings:</b> S\$25,400.70; IDR100,000; MYR2 <b>Church Building Fund</b> \$3,000, \$600, \$100 <b>Total:</b> \$1,420,514.27
	9.15 am	Sunday School Filipino Bible Study (Rm 601)	
	10.30 am	Worship (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo) Chinese Service (Tanglin 1) Indonesian BS (Tanglin 2)	
	2.30 pm	Evangelism	
<b>Mon and Thu night classes, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road.</b> <b>Young People's Fellowship</b> will be having a combined Bible Study with Berean BPC this Sat, Sep 28. Time: 4 pm. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. For details, visit <a href="http://www.tlypf.com">www.tlypf.com</a> . Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries. <b>Family Bible Fellowship Meeting</b> this Sat, Sep 28 at Mr and Mrs Bernard Tee's home, 11 Greenwood Lane, Singapore 287001, 5.30 pm. Tel: 67609069. Message: "New Testament Background, Part 2 of 4" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Contact Dr Chan Kay Heem at 81131452 for details. <b>YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20</b> at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thess 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Register at the Booktable. <i>Closing Date:</i> Nov 24. Contact Natalia Heng at 92774545 for details.			<b>Sunset Gospel Hour</b> tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "What was Paul's 'Thorn in the Flesh'?" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. <b>Adults' Sunday School Class</b> is now studying "Life of Abraham" under Bro Clement Chew, 9.15-10.15 am. <b>10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on Oct 6, 10 am.</b> No Sunday School and Chinese Service that day. The Chinese congregation to join the Thanksgiving Service. Note well that the Thanksgiving Service <b>will start at 10 am</b> and not the usual 10.30 am. Please be punctual. Special praise item from the choirs.



Combined Family Bible Fellowship and Young Adults Fellowship Meeting  
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**"BLESS the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name"**

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Offering & Hymn	<i>Jesus Loves Me! This I Know</i>
Doxology/Prayer	Elder J T Joseph
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Benediction	Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

## FAMILY BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Dr Chan Kay Heem

The Family Bible Fellowship (FBF) was started nine years ago by a group of brethren who wanted a fellowship group that could cater specifically to the needs of parents with young children.

While meeting the needs of such families, we nevertheless warmly welcome like-minded brothers and sisters in Christ to join us in our fellowship meetings, regardless of age or gender. God willing, the FBF meets on the last Saturday of each month, with the exception of December. Our meetings start at 5.30 pm and we normally end with a fellowship pot-bless dinner.

We invite faithful preachers of God's Word to teach us His truth. While the adults listen to the message/lesson, the children have their own lessons, taken by experienced Sunday School

teachers from our church and FEBC. In this way, the parents can concentrate on the lesson in peace, knowing their children are also being fed God's Word at the same time.

We would like to invite church members who have yet to join a fellowship group to join us, particularly families with young children.

We will all do well to heed biblical wisdom: *"And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might. And these words, which I command thee this day, shall be in thine heart: And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children, and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up."* (Deut 6:5-7).

## Enhancing the Spiritual Growth of Families

Our church is truly blessed by having many spiritual activities supplementing a solid pulpit ministry grounded on the infallible and inerrant Word of God.

One such activity is the FBF. Families are God-ordained, and we parents need much guidance and encouragement from the Word of God to raise children imbued with the right values in life.





Given the current pace of life, family worship at home can be infrequent, and the FBF thus provides an avenue for church-families to get together for a time of learning and sharing around the Word of God. We have been blessed with very good teachers and a unique setting for enhancing the spiritual growth of families.

Although my husband and I attend without our two children who are currently abroad, it gives us much joy to hear the chatter and laughter of the children who accompany their parents to FBF meetings, there being a separate programme for them. This exposure to children from Christian homes, would surely endow them with the discernment to choose friends at school.

Meeting monthly at the home of members, the FBF provides a wonderful opportunity for families to share their woes and joys, seek advice on parenting skills and share culinary and health tips in the spirit of Christian love. Such meetings strengthen church-families, thereby

contributing to the overall 'health' of our Church. *Mrs Patricia Joseph*

### **Learning the Importance of a Christian Family**

I would like to thank God for the FBF from where I see and learn the importance of a Christian family that stays together. The Bible truly has the guidelines for everything which includes the concerns of the family. Since January, the overview of the Old Testament has been preached by Rev Quek in the fellowship and from it I see the importance of a family together. Even when Abraham was called by the Lord, his whole family was included. I would also like to praise the Lord that it is the same for my family, when my father was called to study in FEBC. It is truly a blessing to come to Singapore as a family and I believe that God has a purpose for our stay here.

FBF has been one of the many blessings where I receive many lessons and warnings from the Bible and

experience the warm fellowship that everyone extends. I hope many more families will join the FBF and that they will also see the importance, joy, and blessing of a family that stays together. *Theya B Lagapa*

### **Helping Me Grow in Faith**

I look forward to the FBF every last Saturday of the month. My parents have been bringing me to the fellowship meeting since I was five. The children will be taught by godly teachers. This year I have been learning about prophets, the mouthpiece of God. I would like to learn more about God and His Word to help me grow in faith. I always enjoy the pot-bless and the playtime after dinner too.

I want to thank God for FBF, the teachers and the wonderful lessons which help me to walk closer to God. I also would like to pray for more people to join us for FBF. *Hannah Chin*

### **Enjoying Warm Christian Fellowship**

I started joining the FBF since its inauguration about nine years ago. In FBF, there is the faithful preaching of God's Word which has been instructive to me in my walk with the Lord. The testimonies of brothers and sisters-in-Christ are very encouraging and have helped me trust God more. I also enjoy the warm Christian fellowship over dinner.

Although I may not fully comprehend the messages in English, the lessons I have understood have certainly aided in my spiritual growth. What matters to me most is that FBF is another opportunity for me to get close to God by being with His people and to glorify His name.

I am thankful to God for FBF! *Alice Han*



## APPOINTMENTS FOR THE WEEK (Sep 30 – Oct 6, 2013)

MON	7.30 pm	Exodus (Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew)
WED	7.45 pm	Ladies Fellowship
THU	7.30 pm	Calvin's Institutes II (Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo)
FRI	8.00 pm	Family Worship
SAT	3.30 pm	Young Adults Fellowship Young People's Fellowship
SUN	9.15 am	No Sunday School No Filipino Bible Study
	10.00 am	10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service (Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)

**Mon and Thu night classes**, 7.30-9.30 pm, are held at the Far Eastern Bible College, 9A Gilstead Road. **Ladies Fellowship Meeting** this Wed, Oct 2, at RELC Room 601, 7.45 pm. Message: "Precious Blood of Christ (1 Pet 1:18-19)" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. All are welcome. Contact Judith at 96729973 for details.

**Family Worship cum Prayer Meeting** this Fri, Oct 4, at 8 pm in the home of Mrs Quek Siok Eng, 58 Watten Drive. Tel: 64671360.

**Young Adults Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Oct 5 at Dr and Mrs Tan Ming Wei's home, The Pinnacle, 1D Cantonment Road, #49-39 Singapore 085401, 3.30 pm. Message: "Knowing the End Times" by Dr Jose Lagapa. Contact Herbert at 94377715 for details.

**Young People's Fellowship Meeting** this Sat, Oct 5 at 3.30 pm. Message: "Run the Race Not by Human but Divine Power" by Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Venue: Berean BPC, 28 Petain Road. Transport leaves FEBC at 3 pm. For details, visit [www.tlypf.com](http://www.tlypf.com). Contact Andrew Kan at 96727074 for any queries.

## VERSE FOR THE WEEK

"A continual dropping in a very rainy day and a contentious woman are alike." Prov 27:15

**"O worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness."** Please switch off all handphones before the service. No eating and drinking in the auditorium. Thank you.

## LAST LORD'S DAY OFFERINGS

**General Offerings:** Last Lord's Day S\$15,552.60; IDR100,000; **Fellowships' Collections:** YAF \$85; YPF \$69

**Designated Offerings:** Pastor Jeffrey Khoo \$500, \$200, \$200, \$100; Rev Lee Kim Shong \$50; Rev Tan Kian Sing \$300; Gethsemane BPC \$1,000; Church Missions \$200; Kenneth Wong (FEBC) \$300; Jose Lagapa (FEBC) \$200; FEBC Dining Club \$100; FEBC \$300

**Total General and Designated Offerings:** S\$19,156.60; IDR100,000

**Church Building Fund** \$1,000, \$100 **Total:** \$1,421,614.27

**Sunset Gospel Hour** tonight at Calvary Pandan BPC, 201 Pandan Gardens, 6 pm. Message: "Must Christians Tithe?" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew.

**10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service, 10 am:** No Sunday School, Filipino Bible Study, Children's Worship, Indonesian Bible Study and Chinese Service next Lord's Day, Oct 6. Chinese congregation to join Thanksgiving Service.

**Door-to-door HDB flats evangelism** this afternoon at Toa Payoh. Meet at Blk 226 Lorong 8, Toa Payoh at 3 pm. For details, contact Dn Charles Kan at 98310468.

**YPF Camp 2013, Dec 16-20** at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "Watch and Be Sober (1 Thess 5:5-6)". Speaker: Pastor Jeffrey Khoo. Register at the Booktable. **Closing Date:** Nov 24. Contact Natalia Heng at 92774545 for details.



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**Serenity in Adversity**  
(Pastor Jeffrey Khoo)

*A Shelter in the Time of Storm*

Closing Hymn

Pastor Jeffrey Khoo

Benediction

## FEBC's 17<sup>th</sup> PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND

Mrs Jemima Khoo



Menorah at the Knesset

The Holy Land Pilgrimage was started by my parents – the Rev and Mrs Timothy Tow – in June 1983, and I was privileged to have participated in that inaugural Pilgrimage. They led a total of 12 Pilgrimages. Since 2008, my husband – Pastor Jeffrey Khoo – and I have been continuing on this

good tradition of visiting the land where Jesus walked. This year, 30 years on, from September 4<sup>th</sup>

to 14<sup>th</sup> 2013, FEBC went on its 17<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage. A total of 39 pilgrims from six countries and 11 churches went on this trip.



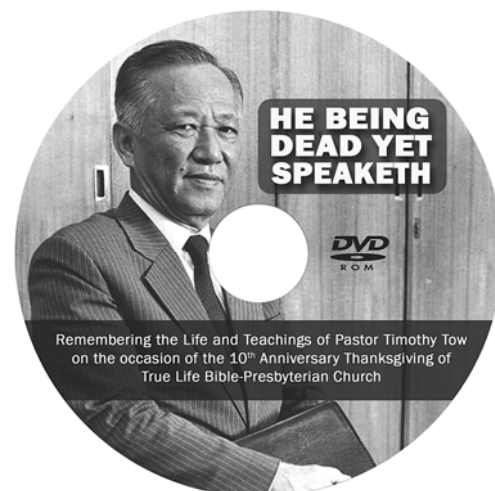
Evening Devotions at Taybet Zaman, an Ancient Village Hostel, Petra

The Holy Land Pilgrimage is not just like any other tour we go on. We were not there just for sightseeing. Rather, we were embarking on a spiritual journey to draw close to the Lord and learn from Him, to seek His glory and be a blessing to His people. And travelling together as a Christian family, we also have to bear one another's burdens. With this in mind, the pilgrims went with prayerful hearts and hearts of thanksgiving.



FEBC Students Fellowshiping at Nof Ginosar, Galilee

One spiritual lesson I learned is from the walls of Jericho. Hebrews



**True Life BPC's 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service** will be held next Lord's Day, October 6, 2013. Please come early and be seated by 9.55 am. The Service will start punctually at 10 am (not the usual 10.30 am). The choirs from Church and FEBC will sing, and pastor will speak on "Our Journey of Faith." A special commemorative CD entitled "He Being Dead Yet Speaketh" containing the sermons and writings and many other valuable items of our late founding pastor—the Rev Dr Timothy Tow—will be given out freely. To God be the glory, great things He has done! Let us rejoice in Him!

11:30 says, *“By faith, the walls of Jericho fell down, after they were compassed about seven days.”* The Israelites had been wandering in the wilderness for 40 years and had to learn many lessons of faith. Under Joshua, they were to conquer Jericho, not with great weaponry but simply by faith, to do what God told them to do. By marching once around the city for six days and then seven times on the seventh day, the Lord caused the walls to fall flat and the people went up into Jericho and took the city. We may go through many trials in life with large “walls” looming in front of us but if we live by faith, trust in God and do His will, He will grant us the victory.



**City of David**

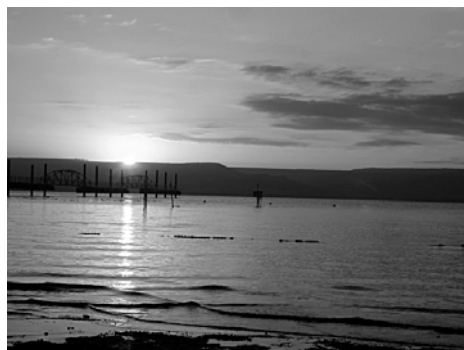
Another spiritual lesson I learned is from the lookout point of the City of David in ancient Jerusalem. King David conquered the small Jebusite city and made it his capital—the City of David. The ancient city of Jerusalem was built on a hill which was surrounded by mountains. *“They that trust in the LORD shall be as mount Zion, which cannot be removed, but abideth for ever. As the mountains are round about Jerusalem, so the LORD is round about his people from henceforth even for ever”* (Ps 125:1, 2). Standing at this lookout point, we saw Mount Zion which still is and has not been removed. And as I saw the mountains surrounding us, I am reminded of God’s presence with His people.

A highlight of our visit to the Holy Land is the Garden Tomb which is empty for *“He is not here: for he is risen”* (Matt 28:6). We are reminded of the Lord’s love for us in dying for us and rising again so that we might have eternal life. Since we practically had the



**Royal Tombs of the House of David**

whole Garden to ourselves because there were not that many visitors that morning, we read and meditated on the Scriptures, sang hymns, shared testimonies, and partook of the Lord’s Supper with much peace in tranquil surroundings.



**Sunrise over Sea of Galilee**

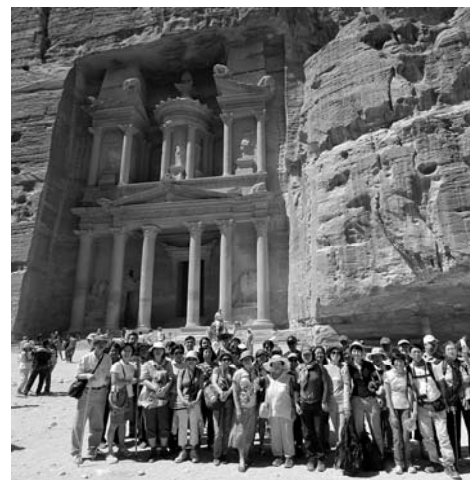
Each place had a special lesson to be learned but there are too many to share. We visited Bethlehem, the place where Christ was born and travelled up to Galilee where Christ ministered to many. We saw the Mount of Beatitudes, and the traditional site of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes. We went up all the way north to visit Tel Dan, the site where Jeroboam built a golden calf. Then going south, we stopped by Caesarea, a great city built by King Herod. It was here that the Apostle Paul testified before King Agrippa. Back in Jerusalem, we visited Saint Peter in Gallicantu, the place where Peter denied Christ thrice. We saw the Temple Mount which is Mount Moriah, where Abraham sacrificed his son Isaac. We walked in the Old City and saw how the Jews prayed for Messiah’s coming at the Western Wall.

May they realise that Messiah has already come and is coming back again. We stood on the Mount of Olives, the place where Christ ascended to heaven and will one day return, and split the Mount into two halves (Zech 14:4).



**Dome of the Rock at Temple Mount**

We were also in Jordan, which is part of the Holy Land. There we visited the red-rock city of Petra which is traditionally biblical Sela, capital of Edom. The Nabateans who inhabited the place in time past had superb engineering genius in carving beautiful facades into the rock. In the last days, some believe that this area will be used once again as a mighty fortress for those fleeing from the Antichrist. Besides Petra, we went to Mount Nebo, the place from which Moses viewed the Promised Land.



**Red-Rock City of Petra**

Despite the warm weather, the Lord blessed us with delicious food and fine accommodations and a superb Jewish guide well versed in the history of his country and land. Amongst the brethren, there was warm Christian fellowship and we had a most blessed time. The 11 days slipped by too quickly. *“Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!”* (Ps 133:1)

Although we had a couple of minor incidents of a lost luggage and a lost diamond ring, both were eventually found and all worked out well by the grace of God. We are thankful that everyone arrived back safely in Singapore with much thanksgiving in our hearts to the Lord. Praise God from whom all blessings flow!



**Our Jewish Guide Introducing Rabbi Jeffrey to Pastor Jeffrey**

### **Pray for Yerushalayim**

Psalm 122, Haktivah

I was glad when they said to me,  
Let us go into the house of the LORD.  
Our feet shall stand within thy gates,  
Within thy gates Yerushalayim.

Yerushalayim is built upon a mount,  
A city that is compact together.  
When the tribes go up to thank the LORD,  
It is because the Son of David reigns.

Pray for Yerushalayim;  
Peace to her, Shalom within thy walls.  
For all my brethren and companions’ sake,  
I will now sing, Peace to you again.