



OUR CHURCH MISSION : To glorify God by *being* and *making* disciples of Christ Jesus

Our unseen enemies

Today, we celebrate our nation's 55th birthday. Only a few weeks ago, we had a national election followed by a new cabinet being sworn into office. Let us remember and pray for our nation as well as our leaders, as instructed by God in scriptures. In regard to our nation, may we pray like the Psalmist in Psalm 147 by first extolling and praising the Almighty Lord (v12), for He strengthens the bars of our nation's gates and blesses us within. May He continue to grant peace to our borders.

For the first time in our nation's history, this year's National Day Parade will be scaled down considerably. Another difference is that this year, every household will receive the 'goody bag' that on all previous National Days was given only to those attending the parade. Among the things in the bag are three essential items, which at one time were (and still are in some parts of the world today) the most sought-after protective tools in the fight against the current Public Enemy Number One, COVID-19. These are thermometers, face masks and hand sanitisers. In the absence of a vaccine against the virus, these items are the primary defensive tools we have in our current battle.

One cannot but find the fight against this virus similar to the Christian's spiritual warfare. Firstly, like the spiritual enemy, the virus is unseen but its presence is a certainty and its destruction is massive. Christians have been warned from the very start of our faith about the presence of our unseen enemies, i.e. the rulers, the authorities, the powers of this dark world, and the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms (Eph 6:12). Against these, we are asked to put on the armour of God, just as we are asked to put on our face masks in order to be protected from infection by the virus. In the current situation, those who underestimate

the virus' presence and destruction pay dearly for it. This is shown in the statistics on the number of people infected and number of deaths experienced in various countries. Clearly, countries that display a complacent and cavalier attitude towards taking the proper measures prescribed against the virus have very high casualties in both categories. The apostle Paul did not lack diligence in warning us against our enemy (Eph 6:10-18). How many of us wake up each day alert to a potential attack by our unseen enemy and determined to be armed with the personal protective equipment prescribed by Paul, like we would do in the current situation by putting on our face masks, watching our temperatures and washing our hands frequently?

Secondly, the virus threatens our economic interests and so forces us to take reckless risks. Countries have rushed to open up their economic activities and let their guards down in their fight against the virus even when they are well aware that they face a full assault by the virus (second and successive waves of infections). Similarly in our Christian walk, there are times when we may be tempted to compromise on our faith and let our guard down because we fear losing out in our economic interests. Paul warns in 2 Timothy 3 that there will be a time, particularly in the last days, when people will be lovers of themselves, lovers of money and many other pleasures, so much so that they exist as Christians only in form and not substance, having been completely taken out of action by the enemy. 'They all seek their own interests, not those of Jesus Christ' (Phil 2:21). May we be warned against falling into such an abject condition.

Finally, the virus is highly infectious. Some people mistakenly feel that they are individually accountable if they choose not to wear face masks in public, without knowing that their actions actually endanger those around them. If already infected, they may be spreading the virus to others around them. Similarly, we must be cognisant that our Christian conduct infects others around us for good or ill. Those who refuse to wear face masks because it is inconvenient to them latch on to medically unsupported views that agree with their actions. Similarly, we are warned about a time when Christians will not put up with sound doctrine but will instead gather around teachers who say what their itching ears want to hear.

I have listed these few examples, but many more can be drawn. The key aim is to remind ourselves of the unseen but entirely real warfare that we Christians are engaged in daily. Because we are battling invisible forces, we naturally have a very low awareness of how precarious our

situation is. And just like the present virus, we cannot pretend it is not there, nor can we wish it away. We must stand firm, defend and fight in the armour and strength of our Lord every single day, while living to please God.

✍ Elder Peter Seah

(Editorial Writers: 16 Aug – Eld-elect Sim Chow Meng; 23 Aug – Rebecca Li)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WELCOME this morning our pulpit speaker, Rev Timothy Phua to our Worship Service online. He is the pastor of Mt Horeb BP Church.

WORSHIP SERVICES – Praise God that we are able to attend the worship service every Sunday (capped at 50 worshippers). To attend the weekly Service (Holy Communion will be served), please register at http://www.hermon.org.sg/?page_id=93. Registration will be on a first-come-first serve basis.

For the rest, please continue to view our pre-recorded Worship Service on our website www.hermon.org.sg every Sunday at 11.00 am. All other activities in CCKBC shall remain suspended till further notice.

OFFERTORY – We would like to encourage you to tithe and give your offerings electronically via **PayNow**, **Internet Banking** or **Quick Cheque Deposit**. We strongly encourage you to use PayNow. For internet banking and quick cheques, please pay to our bank accounts which we have communicated to you earlier. You can email our church office at church@hermon.org.sg for our bank details.

CATECHISM/MEMBERSHIP CLASS will start at 2pm via zoom on Sun 23 Aug for 7 sessions for the Baptismal Service on 13 Dec. If you have been worshipping with us for more than six months and have decided to settle in Mt Hermon as a member by baptism (a public confession of your faith), membership transfer (from another Bible-believing church) or re-affirmation of faith (age >12 and have been baptised during childhood), submit this form from <https://forms.gle/gS2qoUF23x6HhMaG7>.

NATIONAL DAY CAKE COLORING – The Fund-Raising Committee wishes to thank everyone who had made the National Day Cake Coloring project a success. A total of 76 cakes were ordered and a sum of \$2,280 was raised. Fund-Raising Lead, May Mei, would like to especially thank Hermonite Cancelita Makaduro who single-handedly headed this project. All glory goes to God.

PRAYER ITEMS

“First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, and dignified in every way.”
1 Timothy 2:1-2

CHURCH

Children Ministry – It's been over four months since the Preschool Bible class was suspended due to Covid-19. We have been sending the Bible lesson materials to the parents to go through with their children at home. Pray for the parents to have wisdom, joy and perseverance in the spiritual training of their children.

Project Ebenezer – We thank God that through the sacrificial gifts and loans by members, friends and our sister churches, we have met the Development Fund target. Pray that in the next 2 months, the regulatory requirements will all be met so that we can proceed to purchase the identified property.

WORLD/LOCAL

Cabinet in Government – Pray that our Cabinet will continue to be stable and corrupt-free. May they have wisdom to steer Singapore through the COVID-19 challenges and build a more gracious society. Pray for God's empowering grace to be upon believers in the Cabinet.

Beirut Blast – The recent blast at Beirut has taken away more than 100 lives. Many countries have responded to offer help in the form of rescue teams, medical and food supplies. Pray for rapid aids to reach the victims and all affected by this disaster.

Tropical Storm Isaias – Florida's coast and part of Puerto Rico experienced heavy storm with torrential damaging homes, buildings and coronavirus testing centres. Florida was declared an emergency on Sunday. Pray for the safety of the affected people and rescue workers amid the Covid-19 pandemic.

PASTORAL CARE

Member Care – May God's grace be upon members who are unable to attend the weekly Sunday services either at CCKBC or online. May the Lord grant us wisdom as one body to minister to each other during this unique times.

Birthdays (09-15 Aug 2020) – We rejoice with our members whose birthdays fall this week: Aji George Thomas, Eld Elgin Chan, Wilson Tsang, Dennis So, Fong Jian Wen and Freddy Neo.

09 Aug – Christine Lei/16 Aug – Deborah Engelsen



SYNCHRONISED PRAYER – Wed (12 Aug), 8.00pm

Let's pray wherever we are in unity to our Father in heaven
Prayer leader: Dns Tang Lai Kin **Focus:** Community Services

COVENANT GROUP MEETINGS

CG & Leader	2020 Date / Time
Agape - Lester Cheng	16 Aug, Sun, 2.00pm online
CCK Open Care	16 Aug, Sun, 2.00pm online
de Vine - Jennifer Seah	14 Aug, Fri, 9.00am online
El Shaddai - Gillian Lim	16 Aug, Sun, 2.00pm online
Immanuel - Karen Sim	15 Aug, Sat, 10am online
Jehovah Jireh - Dns Malar Thomas	14 Aug, Fri, 8.00pm online
Klema - Dn Richard Yew	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
Koinonia (Clementi) - Dn Mike Fong	21 Aug, Fri, 8.00pm online
Koinonia (W'lands) - Simon Toh	14 Aug, Fri, 8.00pm online
Lakers - Dawn Tan	22 Aug, Sat, 3.00pm online
Living Water - Daniel Woon	16 Aug, Sun, 2.00pm online
Morning Glory - Jeanette Ler-Lee	14 Aug, Fri, 9.30am online
New Life - Dn Lee Pang Wee	16 Aug, Sun, 1.45pm online
Paideia - Gene Tan	16 Aug, Sun, 1.30pm online
Young Adults - Ps Luwin Wong	21 Aug, Fri, 7.30pm online

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS	AUGUST
Youth (Pr 6 - Post Sec) online	John Chua
CHILDREN BIBLE CLASS	AUGUST
Nursery to Kindergarten	Classes Suspended
P1 – P3 online, 2.00pm–3.00pm	Choong Kai Xin
P4 – P5 online, 2.00pm–3.00pm	Ng Zhe Hui

ATTENDANCE (Last Week)	OFFERING AND PLEDGES			
	Fund	Last week	Month Total	Jan-to-Dec
Service online	General Fund	\$12,314.00	\$12,314.00	\$301,127.40
	Dev Fund	\$22,900.50	\$22,900.50	\$318,600.60

CHURCH DEVELOPMENT FUND APPEAL (CUMULATIVE GIVINGS)

Goal	Total Gift Pledges	Total Loan Pledges	Total Gift & Loan Pledges	% Target
\$2M	\$718,625	\$2,520,000	\$3,238,625	100%

OFFERING TO GENERAL FUND

- Issue cheque to **Mount Hermon BP Church**
- PayNow to **UEN S88SS0035HGF1** or use **QR Code** on the right



OFFERING TO DEVELOPMENT FUND

- Issue cheque to **Mount Hermon BP Church – Development Fund**
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Each one must give as he has decided in his heart, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver. For the ministry of this service is not only supplying the needs of the saints but is also overflowing in many thanksgivings to God. (2 Corinthians 9:7, 12)

GOD'S MESSAGE

Date: 09 August, 2020
Speaker: Rev Timothy Phua
Sermon Title: Living with Dual Citizenship
Sermon Text: 1 Timothy 2:1-11

Introduction

1. Singapore celebrates the 55th National Day (1965-2020).
2. Singapore is in the middle of a battle with the Covid-19 Pandemic.

The Lord's Word of Exhortation

Christians are both Citizens of a Country and Citizens of The Kingdom of God. We are called to be like our Saviour and Mediator Jesus Christ to bear witness to the Gospel of eternal salvation.

1. Christians mediate through their Prayerful Life
2. Christians mediate through their Peaceful Life
3. Christians mediate through their Personal Life

Reflection Questions

1. Write down 3 motivations in praying for someone's salvation.
2. What are 3 top qualifiers in sharing the Gospel with your neighbours?

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Sunday Service

11.00am- 12.30pm

Children & Youth

Bible Class

11.30am-12.30pm

Praayer Meeting

Every 2nd & 4th Wed
8.00pm-9.30pm

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Order of Worship

09 AUGUST, 2020, 11.00 am

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Church Theme 2020: "Keep Strengthening Our Roots"

Welcome & Announcements

Prelude *Revelation 7:9-17*

Call to Worship

Opening Song All Heavens Declare

Opening Prayer

Worship in Songs I Will Glory in my Redeemer
This Life I Live

Offertory/Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Text *1 Timothy 2:1-11*

Message Living with Dual Citizenship

Closing Song O Church, Arise

Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

Holy Communion will be served to those who are present in the Sanctuary after Service.

Speaker: Rev Timothy Phua **Worship Leader:** Dn Lee Pak Choon

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Jason Chan **MUSIC/Vocal:** John Chua, Rebecca Li, Lydia Li and Phoebe Li, Macarios Darren Thomas, Theophilus Darius Thomas, Evangeline Divina Thomas **Video Editor:** Elsa Tan

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE (16 AUG) – COMMUNION

Sermon text: Philippians 2:12-30 **Speaker:** Ps Luwin Wong

Worship Leader: Tan Jiahn **Pastoral Prayer/Benediction/**

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