



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

True and false teachers

The Bible is full of warnings about false teachers who seek to spread erroneous teaching in order to deceive God's people. A story was told of a seminary professor who told his class at the beginning of the semester that they would work together on one major project during that semester. They would move systematically through the New Testament to categorise every area of truth and determine how many times each area was addressed. Their goal was to find the one thing that was emphasised more than any other in the New Testament. When they completed the project, they were amazed to see that warnings against false doctrine were emphasised more than any other thing, even more than love, unity and experience (Renald Showers, in "Israel My Glory" [April/May, 1995], pp. 24-25). Apparently God thinks that it matters greatly what you believe!

Jesus himself on numerous occasions warned the disciples regarding false teachers. Many of us would understand the importance of giving a good and meaningful conclusion to what has been said or written in a sermon. It is therefore interesting to note that at the end of Christ's most famous Sermon on the Mount, Jesus warns us: "Beware of false prophets, who come to you in sheep's clothing but inwardly are ravenous wolves" (Matthew 7:15). Jesus again warned his disciples in Matthew 24 when asked by them what the signs of His coming and the end of the age would be. The first sign that Jesus mentioned was that many false christs and false prophets would lead many astray. In fact, Jesus mentioned this three times in Matthew 24 (verse 5, 11 and 23-24), driving home the point of the need to be vigilant and to beware of these false christs and false teachers.

How can we be certain who the false teachers are? Jesus gave us a principle in Matthew 7:16: “You will recognise them by their fruits.” The apostle Peter, who was commissioned by Jesus to feed and tend to His sheep after His resurrection, would probably have recalled the warnings given by Him when he was told that false teachers had risen within the churches in Asia Minor. Following the principle Jesus taught him while He was on earth, Peter wrote 2 Peter to instruct the Christians there on how to combat the false teachers. Acknowledging that the wheat and the tares will always co-exist this side of heaven, the Apostle Peter gave guidelines to help us tell a true teacher from a false one in 2 Peter 1-2.

1 Peter	True Teacher	2 Peter	False Teacher
Verse 16	The true teacher only says what is in the Bible faithfully.	Verse 3	The false teacher relies on his own creativity to exploit others. He makes up his own message.
Verse 3	For the true teacher, Jesus Christ is central. They acknowledge Jesus as the source of life and godliness.	Verse 1	For the false teacher, Jesus is at the margins. They secretly introduce destructive heresies.
Verse 4	The true teacher is a partaker of God’s divine nature.	Verse 19	The false teacher is mastered by evil desires.
Verse 5	The true teacher pursues goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, brotherly kindness, and love.	Verse 10 and Verse 14	The false teacher is marked by arrogance and slander. They are “experts in greed” and “their eyes are full of adultery”. They also “despise authority”.
Verse 19	The true teacher appeals to Scripture. He is interested in, “What has God said in His word?”	Verse 18	The false teacher appeals to the lustful desires of sinful human nature. He is more concerned with what people want to hear; what appeals to their fleshy desires.

Verse 8	The true teacher is effective and productive in his or her knowledge of Jesus Christ.	Verse 17	The false teacher is “like a spring without water”.
Verse 11	The true teacher will receive “a rich welcome into the eternal kingdom of our Lord Jesus Christ”.	Verse 1	The false teacher will experience “swift destruction”.

As followers of Jesus Christ and baptised members of Hermon, we all have a responsibility to keep her pure and holy before the Lord. This responsibility lies not just on the shoulders of the leaders but also on each and every member. In particular, we need to pray for the leaders and teachers who handle the Word of God, that they would be authentic Christians themselves. David Mathis has this to say: “Our leaders need to be held accountable, and not held in such high esteem that we give them a pass on the normal Christian life. Pastors should be with the people. Shepherds should smell like sheep, because they live and walk among the sheep, and are not sequestered from the flock. We need pastors who know themselves first and foremost as sheep, and only secondarily as leaders and teachers — pastors who are manifestly more excited to have their names written in heaven than they are to be used as vessels in mighty ministry (Luke 10:20).”

May the Lord watch over our church, Mt Hermon. May she be presented as a church “in splendour, without spot or wrinkle or any such thing, that she might be holy and without blemish” (Ephesians 5:27). Amen.

✍ Eld Sim Chow Meng

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(Editorial Writers: 22 Aug – Dns Justina Ng/29 Aug – Dn Lee Pak Choon)

PRAYER ITEMS

“For if God did not spare angels when they sinned, but cast them into hell and committed them to chains of gloomy darkness to be kept until the judgment; if he did not spare the ancient world... then the Lord knows how to rescue the godly from trials, and to keep the unrighteous under punishment until the day of judgement, and especially those who indulge in the lust of defiling passion and despite authority.”

2 Peter 2: 4-10a

CHURCH

CG Open Month – Thank God for the two Sundays that have passed and the smooth online meetings. May our journey together through 2 Peter be an encouragement for our souls and an exhortation for our lives.

Sunday Services – Pray for discernment in the implementation of the latest safe entry guidelines. May we be able to cater for as many Hermonites & friends in a safe and efficient manner.

Children Ministry – Thank God that despite the pandemic, the Children Ministry continues to reach out to the children via Online Bible classes with engaging lessons. Thank God that the learning of God’s Word and fellowship with one another has continued unabated. Thank God also for giving the teachers creative ideas to teach and engage with the children. Pray for wisdom as the Children Ministry team plans and works out the class structure and resource needs for 2022.

REGIONAL EVENT

Covid-19 in Thailand – Protests have broken out in Bangkok against the government’s handling of the Covid-19 situation in Thailand. Pray for those who are injured during these clashes and may the police exercise caution when working to contain the demonstrations. Pray too that the government would listen to the frustrations of the local people and adjust their Covid-19 policies to increase the rate of vaccination and financial aid.

WORLD EVENT

Wildfires in the Mediterranean – In recent weeks, wildfires have hit many Mediterranean countries including Turkey, Greece, Lebanon, Algeria, and Cyprus and caused widespread damage and displacement of local communities. Pray for better weather conditions as well as the safety of firefighters as they work ceaselessly to contain the spread of the fires. Pray too for more forthcoming support from foreign countries to tackle this regional issue.

PASTORAL CARE

Birthdays (15-21 Aug'21) – We rejoice with our members whose birthdays fall this week: Eld Sim Chow Meng, Chua Keng Chay, Dr Ng May Mei, Zhang Ran, Bornson Wong, Leticia Chan-Liow, Tyagi-Lu Yiwen, Ow Ming, Wong Jian Xiang, Victor Goh and Freddy Neo.

15 Aug – Deborah Engelsen/22 Aug – Angela Choo

ANNOUNCEMENT

SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICES @ CCKBC

We will have in-person service on 22 & 29 Aug for 50 congregants.

Please register at www.hermon.org.sg by Thursday preceding the respective service. Live-streaming of the service will continue on YouTube.



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OFFERTORY – We would like to encourage you to tithe and give your offerings electronically via **PayNow, Internet Banking** or **Quick Cheque Deposit**. For internet banking and quick cheques, please pay to our bank accounts. Email at church@hermon.org.sg or visit www.hermon.org.sg for our bank details.

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)

OFFERING AND PLEDGES			
Funds	Last week	Month Total	Jan to Date
General Fund	\$20,088.00	\$37,669.00	\$340,991.12
Development Fund	\$2,400.00	\$4,763.00	\$193,911.58

ANNOUNCEMENT



SYNCHRONISED PRAYER MEETING - Wed (25 Aug), 8pm

Let's zoom in to pray together in unity to our Father in heaven

Prayer leader: Dns Tang Lai Kin

Focus: Community Services @ 219 Henderson

YOUTH MINISTRY

This Sun join us for 'Fellowship Sunday' via zoom from 11am to 1pm.

Next Sun 22 Aug, 11am, in-person lessons at Hope Courtyard.

CHILDREN MINISTRY

In-person bible class at Hope Courtyard will resume on 5 Sep.

Class	Time	August
Preschool	10.15am-11am	Inez Tan / Lu Yiwen
P1 – P3	12.30pm-1.30pm	Choong Kai Xin
P4 – P5	12.30pm-1.30pm	Ng Zhe Hui / Lydia Li

COVENANT GROUP MEETINGS

CG & Leader	Dates / Time online
Agape - Lester Cheng	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
CCK Open Care - Michael Koh	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
de Vine - Jennifer Seah	27 Aug, Fri, 9am online
El Shaddai - Gillian Lim	Today, Sun, 2pm online
Immanuel - Karen Sim	28 Aug, Sat, 10am online
Jehovah Jireh - Dns Malar Thomas	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
Klema - Dn Richard Yew	20 Aug, Fri, 8pm online
Koinonia (Clementi) - Dn Mike Fong	20 Aug, Fri, 8pm online
Koinonia (W'lands) - Simon Toh	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
Lakers - Dawn Tan	Today, 3pm online
Living Water - Yeo Howe Chien	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
Morning Glory - Jeanette Ler-Lee	20 Aug, Fri, 1.30pm online
New Life - Dn Lee Pang Wee	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
Paideia - Gene Tan	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online
Young Adults Ministry - Dn Tan Jiayi	Today, Sun, 2.30pm online

CATECHISM/MEMBERSHIP CLASS (for baptism on 12 Dec) will start on 5 Sep. 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 reaffirmation of faith (age above 12 yrs and have been baptised during childhood), register using the QR code or via

<https://forms.gle/gs2qoUF23x6HhMaG7>



GOD'S MESSAGE

Date: 15 August 2021

Speaker: Ps Luwin Wong

Sermon Title: By Avoiding the Faith and Fate of False Teachers

Sermon Text: 2 Peter 2:1-22

1. Beware of False Teachers

2. Be certain that God will judge the ungodly.

3. Be sure to avoid their lies and lifestyle.

Reflection Questions:

- Have you ever been exposed to false teaching which sounded good initially? What was it?
- If you are influenced by false teaching, how would you know? Is there someone you can count on to correct you?
- How can you help to collectively guard the flock of Mt Hermon against the secret and destructive heresies that abound in Christianity today?

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Sunday Service

11.00am- 12.30pm

Children & Youth

Bible Class

11.30am-12.30pm

Prayer Meeting

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

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Order of Worship

15 August 2021, 11.00am

SUNDAY SERVICE

Church Theme 2021: "Discipling into our 4th lap"

Welcome

Call to Worship

Psalm 23

Opening Hymn

Savior, Like a Shepherd Leads Us

Opening Prayer

Worship in Songs

Psalm 27:1, 5

He Hideth My Soul

John 16:13

Show Us Christ

Offertory/Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

2 Peter 2:1-22

Message

By Avoiding the Faith and Fate
of False Teachers

Closing Song

Glorious Day (Living He Loved
Me)

Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

Speaker: Ps Luwin Wong **Worship Leader/Pastoral Prayer/Benediction/ Safety Officer:** Eld Sim Chow Meng
Scripture Reader: Daniel Koh **Music/Vocal Team:** Rebecca Li, Josie Oh & Bernice Oh **PA:** Samuel Chan & Ken Lee **Projectionists:** Ernest Tay & Erwin Tay **Media:** Ng Hong Liang & Elaine Chan **Steward:** Dn Mike Fong

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE (22 AUG)

Sermon text: 2 Peter 3:1-10 **Speaker:** Ps Luwin Wong
Worship Leader: Lenard Cheng **Music/Vocal Team:** Lenith Cheng, Phoebe Li & Trina Oh **Scripture Reader:** Yeo Soon Yii **Pastoral Prayer/Benediction/Safety Officer 1:** Eld Elgin Chan **PA:** Joseph Ho & Edward Lim **Projectionists:** Samuel Chua & Chew Kian Chong **Media:** Dion Ow & Dawn Tan **Safety Officer 2:** Dn James Quek **Steward:** Doris Lim & team