



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

Confidence in self or in Christ?

Before knowing God

I recall my life before I came to know Jesus. I was a dedicated, disciplined, religious person. I was brought up to be good, honest, patient, and caring. During my school days, I would go to my grandma's place, buy her breakfast, study, and go to school. And during the school holidays, I would accompany her to the temple to do her rounds and rituals. So, all the grandmas and grandpas in the neighbourhood saw me as a filial, religious and good boy. With my religious background and all my religious studying at school, I was quite confident that I would have a good life after this present life, as long as I kept to my standards.

Knowing God

In my secondary school days, I had a couple of encounters with Christianity through several schoolmates and also my sister. However, my heart was not ready; it was hardened. I thought of Christianity as a Westerners' religion that should not get us Asians to be its followers. So, I decided to find out more about Christianity in the hope of finding loopholes I could use in debates with my friends who shared their Christianity with me. I thought that with knowledge of their religion, I would be able to stop them and their reaching out to my other friends.

I started reading the bible then. But was a tough start because I started with the book of Genesis. It was full of names and history

lessons. To my understanding, it was full of punishments meted out by God to His unfaithful people.

As I continued on, my mentality slowly shifted from “my religion is good” to “all religions are good. They all lead good people to heaven.” But somehow, I still didn’t really like Christianity as I saw it as a religion for modern, English-speaking, proud people.

When I began my Polytechnic education, a good friend of mine converted to Christianity. I had known him since Secondary One and we had always been in the same class. His family background was similar to mine. Our families were not English-speaking, not that well off, and spent much time at home helping out with the chores. I was very curious to know why he chose to convert. So, when he shared Christ with me, I went with him for a few rounds of bible study and got to know his “Christian” friends. I realised that I had not been right in judging all Christians English-speaking and proud people (although there are some who are like that).

As I associated with and spent more time with them in study groups and activities, I found that they were like-minded. They not only sought to do well in their studies, they also had the interests of others as their own. And I was one who benefitted from that.

Clinging on to God

As I got to know more about God through bible studies and associations with Christian friends, I realised that Christianity is not about how well we behave but about one man, Jesus Christ, who died on the cross on our behalf. He has redeemed us, taken up and forgiven all our sins. No matter how much charity or how many good works we do in our life, they will not save us from the punishment of God. Jesus Christ has done it all. All we need to do is to put our faith in Him, believe in Him and His word, and have a relationship with Christ.

We need to constantly cling on to Him for strength to go through each day. On our own, we will perish as we are sinful in nature and fall short of God’s standard.

Dr Mike Fong

(Editorial Writers: 06 Sep – Eld Elgin Chan; 13 Sep – Ps Luwin Wong)

PRAYER ITEMS

“But whatever gain I had, I counted as loss for the sake of Christ. Indeed, I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord.”
Philippians 3:7-8

CHURCH

Youth Ministry – "You will seek me and find me, when you seek me with all your heart." - Jeremiah 29:13. Pray for the parents of our youth as they lead and guide their children in the weekly Bible lesson homework. Pray for both parents and youth that they may find joy in learning God's Word together and that the journey together will bring the family closer to each other and to the Lord.

Project Ebenezer – Pray that God’s favour be upon the negotiations with the identified property. Pray that we will receive timely regulatory approval for our proposed ECM. Pray for God to prepare us for the ministry He has purposed for us there.

Missions work – Please pray for our gospel partners in the mission field (Thai-Ezra Evangelical Church, Faith Evangelical Church and SYCC, Malacca), that they will be good stewards of God given resources to expand gospel work in their respective places. Pray for spiritual wisdom, strength and faith as they labour for Christ. May they also be credible Christian witnesses to the communities they are serving. Pray especially for Rev Boonma to cope with his frail health and also for his daughter Nin for strength and encouragement as she cares for her elderly parents.

LOCAL EVENT

Covid-19: Impact on Employment – Covid-19 has brought recession to the global economy, affecting businesses and self-employed small businesses.

- Pray for many who have to close their businesses and for employees who have lost their jobs. Pray also for those who have suffered reduced income.
- Pray for those who seek for jobs that opportunities be open to them.
- Pray for all who need financial help during this pandemic period to be able to have their needs met (Philippians 4:19).

PASTORAL CARE

Birthdays (30 Aug-05 Sep 2020) – We rejoice with our members whose birthdays fall this week: Christina Lee-Teo, Tan Jiayi, Alex Lim, Albert Yeoh, Germaine Ong-Sze and Israel Chan Chuan.

30 Aug – Christine Lei/ 6 Sep – Dns Malar Thomas



SYNCHRONISED PRAYER – Wed (09 Sep), 8.00pm

Let’s pray wherever we are in unity to our Father in heaven
Prayer leader: Dns Justina Ng Focus: Fellowship Ministry

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WORSHIP SERVICES – Praise God that we are able to attend the worship service every Sunday (capped at 50 worshippers). To attend the weekly Service in church at Jerusalem Sanctuary, please register at http://www.hermon.org.sg/?page_id=93. Holy Communion will be served. 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.

PRAYER MEETINGS – We serve a God whose power is unstoppable. We can pray anywhere either by ourselves or in families, small groups or in CGs. Let us join our hearts together on Wed, 09 Sep at 8.00 pm and synchronise our prayers to the Lord. Dns Justina Ng will lead us to pray for the Fellowship Ministry on 09 Sep.

UPDATE OF CONTACTS – If you have any change in residential address, HP or home number, and email, please notify the church office at church@hermon.org.sg. The office is intending to update our membership details by end Aug 2020. Thank you.

INFANT/CHILD BAPTISM CLASS – Hermonite parents who wish to bring their child for infant/child baptism on Baptismal Sun 13 Dec'20 are required to attend a class with Ps Daniel. Please call him at 9751 7740.

PULPIT 2020 – SEPTEMBER

Church Theme 2020: "Keep Strengthening Our Roots" Time: 11.00am

Ps Luwin Wong – 06 Sep (Philippians 3:10-4:1)

Ps Luwin Wong – 13 Sep (Philippians 4:1-23)



Rev Tay Houw Jin – 20 Sep (Romans 15:18-24 – *Missions Sun*)

Ps Daniel Tan – 27 Sep (Colossians 1:1-8)

COVENANT GROUP MEETINGS	
CG & Leader	2020 Date / Time
Agape - Lester Cheng	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
CCK Open Care	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
de Vine - Jennifer Seah	04 Sep, Fri, 9.00am online
El Shaddai - Gillian Lim	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
Immanuel - Karen Sim	12 Sep, Sat, 10am online
Jehovah Jireh - Dns Malar Thomas	11 Sep, Fri, 8.00pm online
Klema - Dn Richard Yew	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
Koinonia (Clementi) - Dn Mike Fong	04 Sep, Fri, 8.00pm online
Koinonia (W'lands) - Simon Toh	11 Sep, Fri, 8.00pm online
Lakers - Dawn Tan	12 Sep, Sat, 3.00pm online
Living Water - Daniel Woon	Today, Sun, 2.00pm online
Morning Glory - Jeanette Ler-Lee	10 Sep, Thu, 9.30am online
New Life - Dn Lee Pang Wee	Today, Sun, 1.45pm online
Paideia - Gene Tan	Today, Sun, 1.30pm online
Young Adults - Ps Luwin Wong	04 Sep, Fri, 7.30pm online

YOUTH BIBLE CLASS	AUG/SEP
Youth (Pr 6 - Post Sec) online	John Chua
CHILDREN BIBLE CLASS	AUG/SEP
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	OFFERING AND PLEDGES			
(Last Week)	Fund	Last week	Month Total	Jan-to-Dec
Service online	General Fund	\$5,363.00	\$44,624.00	\$333,437.40
	Dev Fund	\$4,316.00	\$37,187.36	\$332,987.46

<p>OFFERING TO <u>GENERAL FUND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue cheque to Mount Hermon BP Church • PayNow to UEN S88SS0035HGF1 or use QR Code on the right 	
 <p>OFFERING TO <u>DEVELOPMENT FUND</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Issue cheque to Mount Hermon BP Church – Development Fund • PayNow to UEN S88SS0035HDF1 or use QR Code on the left 	

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: 30 August, 2020
Speaker: Dn Lee Pang Wee
Sermon Title: How does a Gospel Partner make his life count?
Sermon Text: Philippians 3:1-11

1. Count on the True Gospel (v 1-3b)
 - a. Rejoice - in the Lord! (v1)
 - b. Remember - your identity in Christ! (v2)
 - c. Reject - the false gospel! (v3)

2. Count off earthly gain as loss (v 3c-7)
 - a. Your ritual
 - b. Your ethnicity
 - c. Your rank
 - d. Your tradition
 - e. Your rule keeping
 - f. Your zeal
 - g. Your obedience to the Law

3. Count up the surpassing worth of knowing Christ (3:8-11)
 - a. Know Christ (3:8,9)
 - b. Know Christ more (3:10)
 - c. Know Christ perfectly (3:11)

Reflection Questions:

1. Consider the seven sources of false confidence (ritual, ethnicity, rank, tradition, rule keeping, zeal, and obedience to the law). Which source is the most enticing to you? Why? Is there a place for Christian self-confidence?
2. How does Philippians 3:9-11 summarize the gospel? Through which aspect of the gospel you think would help you the most to know Christ more at this point of your life? How would you go about to do so?
3. How might a greater focus on our resurrection hope assist you in living your life in Christ 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

30 AUGUST, 2020, 11.00 am

COMMUNION SUNDAY

Church Theme 2020: "Keep Strengthening Our Roots"

Welcome

Introduction

Reward

Call to Worship

Philippians 2:6-11

Opening Prayer

Worship in Songs

See What A Morning

The Servant King

Reward

Offertory/Doxology

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Text

Philippians 3:1-11

Message

How does a Gospel Partner make his life count?

Closing Song

Reward

Benediction

Three-Fold Amen

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

Speaker: Dn Lee Pang Wee **Worship Leader:** Lenard Cheng

Scripture Reader: Mark Chia **Pastoral Prayer/Communion:** Ps

Daniel Tan **Benediction:** Eld Choo Yoo Keong **Music/Vocal:** John

Chua, Rebecca Li, Lydia Li and Phoebe Li, Macarios Darren

Thomas, Theophilus Darrius Thomas, Evangeline Divina

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Projectionist: Chew Kian Chong **Stewards:** Nelson Chong, Doris

Lim, David & Emily Chong **Safety Officer:** Eld-elect Sim Chow

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NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICE (06 SEP) – COMMUNION

Sermon text: Philippians 3:10-4:1 **Speaker:** Ps Luwin Wong

Worship Leader: Eric Chan **Scripture Reader:** Anant Tyagi

Pastoral Prayer/Benediction/Communion: Ps Daniel Tan

Music/Vocal: John Chua, Rebecca Li, Lydia Li and Phoebe Li,

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