

For unto us a Child is born, unto us a Son is given; And the government will be upon His shoulder. And His name will be called Wonderful, Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.

Isaiah 9:6-7

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# MESSAGE from the Editor...

Greetings brothers and sisters in Christ.

As we would have realised by now, a lot of things in our lives have gone "online". This includes simple things like social media or chat groups all the way to more complex matters such as procedures at government offices, banking and even church services! The push to go online had undoubtedly been hastened by the Covid-19 onslaught. People needed to remain connected and continue with life matters given the protracted lockdowns and social restrictions. Getting online offered us a whole lot of convenience and reconnected us in the midst of isolation. It seemed to be the perfect solution, or so we thought..

I have recently returned to serve in the in-person church service after finishing my confinement period (note how I need to emphasise "in-person" as would have been assumed so in the past). It was great to be able to gather and meet physically at church, an experience which we would have taken for granted before. While chatting with a friend whom I have not met for some time, she commented that I have secretly gone, got pregnant and gave birth without her knowledge. I know she meant it as a joke, but it made me realise one thing. No matter how wonderful technology can work for us, the human connection cannot be established unless we intentionally make the connection, be it online or physically. I sincerely apologise to those whom I have not been in contact with for some time. Let us continue to make that extra effort in maintaining relationship with our brothers and sisters, even if we choose to do it "online".

Shalom and God bless!!!

Editor Li Fan



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# MESSAGE from Rev. Dr. Andrew Tan

Before I move quickly into 2022, I have many things to thank God for the year 2021 despite it being a year of pandemic with lock downs on and off. These are some items I want to thank God for:

a.Despite the on-off MCO, our worship services were carried out smoothly. The MMT personnel and our church worshippers adjusted to the changes smoothly.

b.Our Zone Leaders, Cell Leaders and their members have wonderfully cared for their people during this difficult time.

c.Most of our ministries moved towards online successfully and were able to effectively conduct their ministries. These have come with much effort and adjustment but because they cared about God's work, they were willing to make the necessary adjustments.

d.New Ministries came into being that would not have been possible if not for the pandemic. Sixteen of our Cell Groups have adopted twenty-four families to befriend and help them in kind. And a group of our members are now reaching out to give English tuition to the Rohingya children. Other aids are made available for those in need.



REV. DR. ANDREW TAN

Pastor-in-charge
Canning Garden Methodist Church

At the start of 2022, I spoke a sermon from Romans 12:1-2 calling us to offer our bodies as living sacrifices to the Lord. This of course includes renewing our minds so that we can discern God's will. But we will be motivated to make sacrifices only as we appreciate God's mercy towards us. I pray that each of us will make a specific commitment to serve the Lord as our reasonable act of worship.

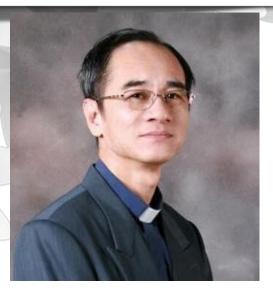
The Lord has given CGMC many wonderful ministries that we can serve in. It is God's kingdom work for which He has called us to serve and for which we want to invest our lives in. Thank God that He has provided the workers in our members, and my prayer is that more workers will come forward to serve the Lord in the various ministries. The writer of Hebrews understands our human struggle to live a life of commitment in the midst of a world that pulls us away from it. So he exalts us:

Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds. Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another-- and all the more as you see the Day approaching. (Heb. 10:23-25)

So let us spur each other on in the work we have so far steadily been doing. Let us encourage others to join in the work we do. Let us exhort each other to serve the Lord heartily. And let us fix our eyes on Jesus who is the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

# MESSAGE from Rev. Yu Chiew Song





求你指教我们怎样数算自己的日子、好叫我们得着智慧的Ⅳ。诗90:72

雨水飘飘,寒风萧萧. 病毒水患,灾情严峻. 惊慌恐惧,不知所措.

复杂困苦环境,看不透的人心, 经历酸甜苦辣,放不下的牵掛, 越不过的无奈,走不完的坎坷; 忘不了的昨天,忙不完的今天, 想不到的明天,真不知的哪天, 已消失在人间,这是真实人生.

生命,每个人只有一次,或长或短, 生活,每个人都在继续,或悲或欢; 一生,每个人都在旅途,或起或伏。 坎坷也好,顺利也罢,难关关过就好。 贫穷也好,富裕也罢,平安健康就好. 相信上帝的掌权并依靠上帝的带领, 勇敢把握每个机会活出美好的人生。

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# MESSAGE from Rev. Richard Leow

2022 Tahun Yang Mencabar.

Saya mengucap syukur kepada Tuhan kerana menyertai kami melalui tahun 2021. 2021 bukan juga tahun yang senang dilalui kerana penularan virus Covid-19, PKP MKN yang memberi kesan kepada tekanan jiwa, Vaksinasi, kematian kawan-kawan, SOP KKM yang merupakan norma baharu yang merupakan rintangan dalam kehidupan dan pekerjaan dan saya jatuh sakit Bell's Palsy yang melumpuhkan tugasan harian saya selama beberapa bulan. Tanpa penyertaan dan penjagaan dari Tuhan, mungkin jiwa saya akan tertekan secara lebih buruk lagi. Selain Tuhan, jemaat, sahabat-sahabat dan saudara-mara juga memainkan peranan berdoa bagi saya, sokongan kepada semangat saya dan membantu dari pelbagai segi pada waktu-waktu kesusahan tersebut. Telah berlangsung dan berlalunya tahun 2021 dengan berhasil juga pelayanan saya bagi Tuhan dan Gereja-Nya.



REV. RICHARD LEOW Associate Pastor Canning Garden Methodist

Tahun 2022, juga merupakan tahun yang mencabar lagi, kerana virus Covid-19 masih menular, SOP KKM masih berlangsung, ekonomi masih meleset, politik negara belum stabil, kemelut politik masih belaku, bahkan tiba-tiba Malaysia belaku inflasi dan masih belum sebebas seperti sebelumnya dalam melakukan pelayanan. Cabaran-cabaran demikian bukan sekadar cabaran tetapi memberi kesan yang buruk kepada jiwa, tekanan-tekanan, kerisauan di hati dan kemarahan yang timbul dari dalam diri.

Mengingatkan saya kembali kepada pengajaran Firman Tuhan bahawa untuk menghadapi sistuasi demikian, haruslah kita tetap di dalam Tuhan, tetap bersama dengan satu Gereja Lokal dan satu persekutuan Kelompok Sel, kerana ikatan kumpulan demikian adalah dicipta oleh Tuhan untuk kita dan kehidupan. Tuhan Yesus memberi Diri-Nya untuk mati di atas kayu salib demikian untuk memulakan jemaat-Nya juga iaitu yang dipanggil Gereja. Contoh Tuhan Yesus menjayakan diri dan kehidupan murid-murid-Nya adalah dalam kelompok yang maksima 12 orang sahaja, sampai akhir, jadi Kelompok Sel merupakan persekutuan yang di ajar oleh Tuhan Yesus untuk diri kita dan kehidupan kita, kerana didalamnya adalah penuh dengan doa, pengajaran, sokongan, bantuan, pertolongan dan keperluan-keperluan kita, juga untuk kita melayani orang yang lain.

Semoga tahun 2022 ini yang penuh dengan cabaran, kita mengharunginya bersama Tuhan, bersama tetap menanam diri kita didalam satu Gereja Lokal dan satu Kelompok Sel, nescaya pasti kita akan dapat melalui cabarannya melalui sistem yang diciptakan Kristus bagi kita untuk melalui cabaran kehidupan. Semoga kita semua berhasil dalam pelayanan yang Tuhan berikan kepada kita di Kelompok Sel dan Gereja-Nya. Tuhan menyertai dan Tuhan memberkati.

# CG ministry reflection

~ Aaron Lim (CG 14)

I have been asked to share my reflections on the year 2021.

2021 has been a rather eventful year for me but tonight, I will focus on the cell group ministry. I thank God and the church for giving me a small group to care for. I have already shared that CG14 comprises mostly the elderly, the youngest, the baby in our group being over 60. Because she is a lady, I will not reveal her age. The oldest will be 92 next year.

Many of us take our youth for granted and some take our cell group meetings for granted too. Often times, it is when something is taken away from us that we realise its value. I say this, because my 92 year old member is too old to live and care for herself and is now in a home. She is bored stiff and complains that we don't visit her often enough. You can really see the joy in her whenever we do. She has dementia and the question she repeatedly asks whenever we are with her is "When is our CG meeting? Can you come and take me for CG meetings? I miss CG meetings. I want to attend CG meetings."



She asks this every 5 minutes and about 10 to 20 times, whenever we visit. Unfortunately, as 'in persons' are not allowed, our CG meetings are on zoom and there is no way she can participate via zoom. So, brothers and sisters advise your members to value the CG meetings while they still can.

#### Challenges

The biggest challenge I faced in 2021 would be to continue holding CG meetings for CG14. None of us are computer savvy. I have not even heard of 'Zoom' before the pandemic. Because we are not able to meet in person, I first tried WhatsApp video chats. I had to teach them how to use their devices for this. There were a lot of disturbances and I had no choice but to switch to zoom. I had to learn how to use the Zoom app, and to share songs, share screen etc. I must mention Sister Candy who very patiently guided me as I learnt. Then came the even more difficult part of teaching my golden girls to use Zoom. I have never been a very patient man, (my wife can testify to that) and teaching some of them was actually stretching my patience to the limit, but with much prayers, I was able to surprise Lana and myself when most of them were finally able to join our Zoom meets. It was not easy and we still face some difficulties, sometimes, but the joy it brought was most satisfying. I thank God that my members, in spite of their age, were willing to learn.

Looking back 2021 was not such a bad year after all. God was with us even through our difficulties and has seen us through the year. My members may be elderly but God protected them and I thank God that none of them were infected by the deadly virus. HE even saw us through our vaccinations and booster shots without serious side effects. Praise the Lord!

2021 was not an easy year, but as God was with us and has seen us through, I look forward to 2022 with confidence, for if God is with us, who can be against us.! So we will let Jesus be our vision, our waymaker, as we cling on to him even more this year.

# Why We Should Begin To Move Toward In-Person Worship

~ Rev Andrew Tan

Why We Should Begin To Move Toward In-Person Worship – by Rev. Andrew Tan

The online worship service provided by our church during the pandemic is a double-edged sword. On one hand, it is a solution to our MCO when we absolutely cannot attend an in-person worship service. On the other hand, it is a convenient option to choose which undermines the full experience of in-person worship. There are both theological and practical reasons to make effort to be back in-person service which I spell out below:

1. The church, by definition, is Christ's body gathered in a locality on earth. The Greek word for "church" is "ekklesia." It literally means "called-out." The Greek city states hold assemblies or "ekklesia" for its citizens who are called out to gather together to speak out on policies affecting their cities. The New Testament writers use this word for church. In our Christian context, the church is called out of the world to God to be a gathered assembly for worship, fellowship, study, prayer, etc. So, the nature of the local church is a body where the members are gathered together.

2.God has made us to have bodies that best interact when we are physically together. We are designed to see, hear, touch and feel. When we meet in person, we impact lives. Our greetings of one another reflect God's love, unite Christ's body, enable hospitality, open doors for ministry, etc. which online meetings cannot. During the worship service, there is nothing like singing together to worship the Lord that encourages one another and glorifies God. If we are to be church ministering to one another, we can only do so effectively when we physically meet one another.

There are of course reasons why we are unable to gather together in full force as during the pre-pandemic years. Let me cite a number of reasons below:

- 1. The SOP only allows us take up to 1/3 the seating capacity. So, we cannot have the numbers that we had before the pandemic.
- 2. Children who are not vaccinated, senior adults, and those who have certain illnesses, are high risks to Covid-19, and are discouraged from attending in-person worship.
- 3. There are those who are highly concern during this season due to the highly contagious Omicron virus.
- 4. Those who are not vaccinated, those who are exposed to those infected, and those who have just returned overseas and have not yet completed their quarantine time cannot be permitted to attend inperson worship.

However, notwithstanding the above reasons why we cannot come back in full capacity as before the pandemic, the following are concerns we need to attend to as believers and worshippers of God:

- 1. Currently, while the Shekinah Sanctuary can take up to 150 worshippers, we only have about half the number, between 60 to 80 worshippers on weekends.
- 2. While there may be those who are genuinely concern about opening themselves to risk in the sanctuary, there are those who expose themselves to even higher risk in certain places but would not expose themselves to risk in worship of the Lord.
- 3. There are those who would only come to in-person worship for reasons "more" than just the worship service. They come to meet their friends, to talk with them after service during coffee time. Now without the coffee time, they have no motivation to attend an in-person worship. This raises a question of motivation of worship.

- 4.Even with the current online worshippers, there are concerns as to how these approximate 120 viewers are approaching the worship service. Typically, from the online YouTube number of viewers, there are about 40 who are logged in before the service begins at 8.00 pm on Saturdays. Then half way during the Act of Praise, the number would reach about 80, and then about 120 before the time of the sermon. The way our worshippers are logging into worship time is unacceptable to the worship of God. The order of service is meant to be attended from beginning to end of service. It is not segmented where worshippers can choose when to enter and when to exit.
- 5. Apparently, there is a high premium we are giving to the convenience of online service, together with the ignorance of the meaning of worship and the non-awareness of the majesty of God.

Let me draw some concluding points to my concerns that I have expressed above:

- 1.We must move towards in-person worship. The Bible's vision of worship and fellowship cannot be realized by online encounters. (It is only helpful when we don't have a choice.)
- 2.Apart from constraints that necessarily prevent us from coming to worship in-person, we should try to worship in-person.
- 3.If we have reasons to worship online, we should observe the following: a) Begin on time and leave only after the end of the service i.e. after the Benediction. b) Attend the online worship with the rest of the church in real time stipulated at 8.00 pm on Saturdays and 8.45 am on Sundays. c) Regard this as your worship time and prepare yourself before the service time begins.



# **CG** leaders retreat

~ Dr Cheah Sene Kar (CG8) & Dr Tai Choo Suai (CG4)

I have learned many things during our cell leaders' retreat but I shall share only one thought; which is the danger of a burnt-out leader. It is important to prevent this from happening so that our leadership is not compromised. Reflecting on this issue, I shall share with you my personal thoughts of a burnt-out leader. I am looking at it from three different perspectives ie.

i.My responsibility as a cell leader (CL),

ii.My focus,

iii.My attitude.

Firstly, my responsibility as a CL is to be right myself before I am able to lead others. When we board a flight, the flight attendants will brief us on the safety measures. They will mention that in the event of an emergency, and oxygen masks from the top drop in front of our seats, we are to help ourselves first. It is only after that, that we will be able to help others. With this in mind, I discipline myself to be diligent in my walk of faith so as to be right first before doing anything else. Apostle Paul instructed Timothy in Timothy 4:12b, "....to set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." Therefore, firstly I need to be right myself in order to set an example and to be an effective leader. If I were to be burnt-out, it would defeat the purpose. The very people that I am supposed to lead will be thinking, "Look! Even my CL is tired and weary. He has lost interest in his duties. How can we be expected to do any better?"

My second perspective is regarding my focus. God has blessed us with many spiritual gifts and abilities. However, I believe that I should focus on only a few things; the few central things that God has called me to do. And do it well. Otherwise, I will become Jack of all trades and master of none. I need to be selective to narrow the scope of my work and to delegate some of my duties to others to enable them to step up and serve. In Acts 6, the Apostles chose to focus on prayer and the ministry of the Word, and left the care of the widows of the Hebraic Jews and Hellenistic Jews to the chosen seven, led by Stephen. The Apostles were selective. Moses, on the advice of his father-in-law, Jethro, delegated some of his duties to others. In this way, he lessened his own workload to avoid burnt-out and at the same time allowed others to step up to higher responsibilities.

My third perspective is regarding my attitude. Sometimes I get discouraged when I put in a lot of effort only to find the outcome is not what I have expected. This happens during edification and encouragement of a fellow cell group member with no progress. It is my expectation that is not right. I need to remind myself that if I have done my best, I need to leave it to God to do the rest. After all it is God's grace that affects everything. Wrong expectations bring about disappointments and discouragement which are precursors to burnt-out. Colossians 3:23 says, "In whatever you do, work at it with all your heart as working for the Lord, not for men." This encourages me that I am privileged to be given the opportunity to do something for God and to do it to the best that I can. Furthermore, I am not working alone but in partnership with God, for Philippians 4:13 tells me that, "I can do all things through Him who gives me strength."

To wrap up my thoughts, I would say that rather than falling into the trap of being a burnt-out leader, I will keep my passion of being a CL burning within me by being a good example to others, maintaining my focus to do my best in the selective areas of work that I am called to do, and to be aware that my role as a CL is always Spirit-led and Christ-centred. By that I mean working for God, working with God and working because of God.

Cell leader's retreat this year was held over 2 days virtually via zoom, and I would like to share a few points that I have learned from last year's cell leader retreat.

- 1. The quality of an inspiring leader that was being shared during CL retreat, namely encouraging, motivated, visionary and lead by example. As I ponder upon these qualities, I am refreshed and encouraged by God's love and His Word that through the power of Holy Spirit, I would like to be that kind of inspiring leader.
- 2. The stronger your relationship, the greater your leadership. These are two examples that I can learn from this above quote. The first example is from the Bible, and King David had group of famous warriors who fought hard for with him till the day they died. All these I believe are due to his close relationship with each one of the warrior. The second example that I would like to share is Pastor Andrew. He has a good relationship with the church leaders and also congregation. He always initiates conversation with anyone in the church. This truly encourages me to build stronger relationship with my CG members more intentionally by being willing to go the extra mile with them. Just like one of the spiritual lessons from the book of Nehemiah: Leadership is not something you do to people, but something you do WITH people.
- 3. "The key issue for churches in 21st century will be church HEALTH, not church growth. Healthy churches don't need gimmicks to grow they grow naturally." (excerpt from "The Purpose Driven Church" by Rick Warren). Every CG member's spiritual health will be our focus in 2022. So we as leaders will discuss, identify and determine 3 KSI (Key Spiritual Indicator) to be monitored among our CG members.
- 4. The testimony of how Pastor Victor and his team in empowering the secondary school students through the programme by Leaderonmics of races is truly encouraging. I have been encouraged and motivated to apply whatever I learned through this CL retreat to empower our CG members.

Dr Tai Choo Suai (CG4)



# Kesyukuran Tahun 2021...

**Ps Richard Leow** 

#### TERIMA KASIH KEPADA COVID-19 TASK FORCE LCEC CGMC

Terima kasih kami dari Pelayanan Bahasa Malaysia ingin ucapkan kepada Task Force LCEC CGMC yang bekerja keras untuk usaha langkah-langkah yang telah diambil untuk mengurangkan penularan virus Covid-19 dan Jemaat-Jemaat BM yang hadir beribadah pada hari Ahad, menghargai usaha-usaha tersebut.

Foto dibawah adalah foto Ibadah BM secara hybrid di KMH, dimana semua penghawa dingin telah dipasang alat UVC (lampu sinaran biru) untuk membersihkan pengudaraan.



#### TERIMA KASIH KEPADA SEMUA STAFF PEJABAT CGMC

Berterima kasih kepada staff-staff pejabat CGMC yang selama kami menjalankan ibadah setiap Ahad, mereka menyediakan keperluan-keperluan kami seperti talian zoom, AV Sistem, lilin-lilin untuk Ahad-Ahad Advent dan lilin-lilin untuk Ibadah Malam Kudus kami. Walaupun ramai jemaat pada tahun ini 2021 balik ke Kampung mereka untuk Krismas kerana tahun lalu oleh kerana sekatan rentas Negeri, mereka tidak dapat balik, kehadiran secara bersemuka ada 80 dan yang lainnya mengikuti dari talian zoom.



#### PENUTUP TAHUN 2021 OLEH KUMPULAN BATAK BM CGMC

Manakala jemaat-jemaat dari suku kaum Batak BM CGMC, mengadakan persekutuan penutup tahun dengan acara perkongsian kesaksian, doa mendoakan dan bermaaf-maafan diantara satu sama lain di kediaman jemaat BM kita Elis John Gamad. Acara dirancang dan dipimpin oleh jemaat BM kita Rita Mariana Panjaitan bersama dengan ahli-ahli. Banyak masakan tradisi mereka dimasak masing-masing dari rumah mereka dan dibawa untuk makan bersama dalam acara ini. Salah satu syarat kehadiran mereka adalah pakai kain sarung untuk mengingatkan bahawa mereka berasal dari Batak. Acara juga di adalam dalam bahasa Batak mereka campur dengan Bahasa Malaysia.



## 我的帮助从造天地的耶和华而来~诗篇 121:2

~ 紫珊(Sandy)

忽然间,一场铺天盖地袭来的新冠病毒,弄得人心惶惶,不知所措,困在家中,度日如年。

我将这段非常时期交托于神的手中,因为祂是掌管一切的主!

为了要保持身心健康,每一天的清晨,一睁开眼睛,感谢神又是新一天的 开始,推开玻璃门,站在凉台上大声的朗诵诗篇23章及121章,并唱赞美 诗'感谢神',来开始我新的一天。

默想神的话语,与神亲近,并泣求神怜悯祂的子民,在祂的时间与旨意之下,尽快的将疫情成为过去。

我们也要保持身体健康,于是做了30至45分钟的快步运动,直到大汗淋漓为止。

吃的方面,只会煮简单的健康餐。

然后上网处理一些事情和学习日文与印尼文,这是脑部的运动也! 赞美主!我有好些以前买下还未看的英文基督教书籍,如寻宝般一本本拿 出来阅读。公共图书馆还暂时关闭,中文书籍只好网购。

赞美及感谢主!在这高科技时代,教会的一切活动都可用Zoom来进行, 比如:

- •主日崇拜
- •牧师用他的福音材料传福音给英文堂主日学孩子的父母,有六位家长已经接受耶稣为他们的救主,有两位将于年尾受洗,哈利路亚!
- •洗礼班课程
- •赞美祷告会 与弟兄姐妹聚在一起,敬拜赞美神及祷告,分享见证,互相沟通。
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- •组长会议
- •策划会议
- •今年的中秋节晚会很特别,于9月17日晚上8点在线上见面,唱歌,猜灯谜,谈天说地,开心得很。分好几个小组来猜灯谜,我们的组虽然只猜中一半,但每一个人都是赢家,可得两个月饼的奖励。 富有爱心的汉波弟兄还特地亲自将月饼拿来我的住处,感恩!

弟兄姐妹,在这疫情期间,让我们继续仰望及倚靠神的力量,不要气馁,照顾好自己,也就是照顾好他人!并学会生活在目前的新常态中,加油!!!

诗篇121:7-8 耶和华要保护你,免受一切的灾害; 祂要保护你的性命。你出你入, 耶和华要保护你, 从今时直到永远。



# Miss not this MYF fellowship at its wholesome best

~ Foo Mey Leng

In tough times when cynicism sets in to cloud our vision, may memories of the MYF best be reminisced with a childlike heart in which faith shines bright dispelling jadedness and weariness. Yi Hui at 13 was literally lost in transition between Sunday School and youth fellowship. The last Sunday of July, we joined "Take a youth to lunch". With 3 sons plus 2 fresh-faced fifth formers, we drove to Greentown Yum Yum Restaurant. Over food and spirited conversation, Yi Hui, Yi Wern and Yi Sheng engaged well with Jia Zhang and Jern Shen. I learnt that MYF meetings were held in the upstairs church hall every Sunday 3pm. On that pivotal first Sunday of August at 3pm, I sent Yi Hui to the upstairs church hall, Jia Zhang took care of this newcomer, the rest was history. Should there be any Friday prayer meet, he would call Yi Hui over for prayer meet, not to be missed. The importance of prayer meet was again emphasised to Yi Hui by senior Jia Jin (now in Germany) who skipped tuition, using his tuition taxi to arrive in church for prayer meet. It transpired that MMM(Music & Makan Ministry) entailed joyous support among the youths and this jovial youth Jyh Shyn was perennially present for the coffeeshop fellowship makan and teh tarik.

Everyone belonged to a CYG with a cell leader. The kindness of the seniors embraced the juniors; this kindness being the ongoing work of the Holy Spirit renewing each young person's thoughts and attitudes. The CYG discourse on Bible and life application coordinated by Pastor Richard and Pastor Elaine together with youth supervisors Uncle Michael and Aunty Elissa, anchored the young minds on the love of Christ and Kingdom values. Tis enchanting because MYF was a reservoir of potential young energy which you tap upon for transport needs, music talents, cabin crew for church fairs, fostering friendship, VBS facilitators, brawn for helping paint stage props and move house. My sons had the privilege to be CYG leaders / VBS facilitators and I myself had the sweetest Form 1 youth Catherine as my VBS cofacilitator. I remembered Yi Hui took home his VBS pupils' handicrafts to reinforce the glue on the interface structure, propped them up to dry under the fan and returned them to church next morning. I remembered on the first VBS morning, Yi Wern's co-facilitator Stephen arrived to church just in time from Singapore with suitcase in tow. We also tracked Stephen's CG night safari excursion to Taiping with vested interest just because he was Yi Wern's co-facilitator. During Yi Sheng's stint as a VBS facilitator, he was feverish but the ever mindful Dr Chang caught hold of Yi Sheng's arm and jabbed him to enable him continue his stage play. Dr and Mrs Chang's home was a veritable WONDERLAND to which youths magnetically congregated because my children vouched there were plentiful board games (Scrabble, Snakes and Ladders), hoops, punching bags, bicycles, swing, slide, for the youths to hang out. Aunty Gueh Imm's home was the central meeting point for the youth leaders to plan MYF activities. My boys gel well with her Timothy who once helped Yi Wern and Yi Sheng secure baseball tickets for NY Yankees vs Black Bulls match playing in Boston. I remembered garden hoses being dismantled from our garden taps for MYF water shooting games. Chopping boards, knives, basins, cutleries, packets of noodles, flour and castor sugar were bundled over to church for cooking demonstrations. Ice boxes with ice cubes were despatched to church for Winter Sonata games. For one MYF event, Yi Hui ransacked his father's wardrobe for batik shirts and neck ties for the youths to wear. The CNY MYF rounds of visitations were legendary. I watched amused as Jason valiantly played Monopoly game with Yi Wern and the Form 1 youths in our living room. I remembered Jason popping by for Yi Wern's birthday to crack the red egg because his birthday was 24 hours after Yi Wern's, so he must eat his red egg, cake and mee too. I remember this endearing youth Hugo running from his home to ours to tell Yi Sheng he had just returned from Australia. It was drizzling, so we gave him a towel to dry his tousled hair. However, before we could drive him back, he had sprinted home like Usain Bolt. In later times, we took him for dinner at Sushi Zento in appreciation of his kind Aussie hospitality. I remember the postcard to the 3 Foo Brothers with this inscription, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding, in all your ways acknowledge Him and He will make your path straight " from Ian, studying in SU who found time to pen Prov 3:5-6 to my 3 sons.

My old classmate who once said the MYF Kingdom values would be GONE WITH THE WIND the moment they joined the competitive world was wrong. I remembered one rainy afternoon when one youth asked if we got food on the table. Certainly there was food aplenty, we heaped extra rice and side dishes onto his plate because of his remark "Aunty, this is the best HOME COOKED food I have ever eaten for YEARS.." moved us to tears. I remembered Jia Zhang with his new driving licence, driving to take Yi Hui play computer games (Defence of the



Dota) in the Spider Web shop after Yi Hui had shown him his room where Yi Sheng slept on the pullout bed board (RINGLET), Yi Wern on lower bunk (TANAH RATA) and Yi Hui on the upper bunk (BRINCHANG). I believe brothers sharing room bonded best,. Later when siblings separated geographically by career choices would cherish the close-knit bonds of sibling love, reminescent of RINGLET, TANAH RATA, BRINCHANG.

My heart was joyful when Yi Wern agreed to be the co-commander for Cameron Highlands youth camp with joy, after much cajoling by Pastor Elaine. I remembered Guo Zhang fetching Yi Sheng to pasar malam, and I questioned "why go to pasar malam?", the answer was, "to eat the best laksa and chou taufoo in town." I remembered Yi Wern had hairy crabs supper with Guo Zhang in Anika Selera. The supper took so long that I anxiously called him up and he nonchalently said, "Still eating crabs with our hands." I remembered Yi Sheng taking guitar lessons under Kerry, later under Wai Sam, both so musically talented. I chuckled until my belly ached when Yi Sheng arrived home late one day telling me that Aunty Pui Ling enlisted him to strum his guitar music following the Christmas carollers rounds with the MSF. I remembered guests at the New Year Eve's concert were mesmerised by Qi Vin's drum playing which was like beautiful poetry in fluid motion, so musically talented. I remembered us giving this youth Hsien Zhang a lift home. Instead of opening his gate, with the remote control, he scrambled up the gate pillar and vaulted over the garden wall into his garden compound, I nearly had a heart attack watching his acrobatic feat. I remembered Yi Sheng's CYG member Nick stayed overn in our home. Once a schoolmarm always a schoolmarm, I queried him," Do your parents know you are staying over?" and "Who are your parents?" to which he respectfully answered, "Yes" and "My dad is Sum Kwan Hoo, my mum is Kee Ai Ling." On Sunday we had family lunch at Ipoh Garden South Yam Yam Restaurant after which Yi Sheng and Nick went to church for MYF. I clearly remembered one CNY, this new youth supervisor Uncle Eric had to make a U-turn back to our house to retrieve this Form 1 youth who was engrossed in playing computer games. After CNY MYF lunch cum games celebration in our house, 1 van load and 1 car load of Form 1 youths already left our house for church where their parents were waiting, with Aunty Josephine overseeing them. After patiently persuading, entreating, reasoning with this Form 1 youth who remained superglued to his seat, unyielding, Eric said that the next CNY, he could still come again to play computer in our house.

One morning at 3am, the shrill ringing of the phone woke up Kok Cheng. Yi Hui on the line said, "Papa, we have finished our computer games, we are stranded, Kerry's car cannot start. Don't bring Mummy along, 5 of us need to squeeze into your car." Kok Cheng urgently instructed Yi Hui and group to walk to Nashmir (brightly-lit 24 hour-restaurant) and wait there for safety. Kok Cheng drove to Nashmir to fetch the errant five, dropping Kai Juen home and then dropping Guo Zhang home with Kerry, then Kok Cheng, Yi Hui and Yi Sheng arrived home at 5.30am. After reminding them not to play computer games (Defence of the Dota) so late, the crucial lesson is that children must never never hesitate to call us parents in times of need. And then again, the touching image of Kai Juen (donning a baseball cap) bidding fond farewell to Yi Wern with a hug in front of our clinic before leaving overseas to study. It was deja vu when Yi Sheng before leaving for uni coached Bryan in Mathematics just as Yi Wern before leaving for uni had

coached this fantastic sprinter Kenneth in Maths. I remember Kenneth did stay several days in our house since his home sans gate sans window panes (stolen by scrap metal thieves) was not liveable. The All Boys Camps at the Tapah Scripture Union Campsite chalked up beautiful memories for the young people even as they did Bible discussion, played basketball, fished for trout in the river, scaled the hilly slopes at night holding a torchlight, got bitten by tenacious leeches, and not forgetting the exciting white water rafting youth outing in Gopeng too. After a game of football/futsal Foo junior could get a lift home from these seniors Andrea, Jyh Shyn, Jia Zhang, Jason Tay and in future, recipient becomes giver (driving licence holder), to pass the kindness on. Come New Year Eve's count-down, bidding the old year Auld Lang Syne, ushering in the new year, the youths streamed into our TV room, emptying the fridge of all drinks and snapping up all foods accessible. They chatted, jested, and snacked till 6am when all would adjourn to FOH SAN Restaurant for early morning dim sum. It seemed a severe sleep deficit did not dent their appetite.

In retrospect, my London trip with Yi Hui to attend the 27th February interview at Leicester University for a medical student place was an eye-opener. The candidates comprised of 2 Singaporeans, 1 Jordanian and 1 Malaysian. The Jordanian parent said it was imperative that his daughter studied medicine in UK, so he anxiously asked if his daughter could enter Leicester University for a medical course. The Uni officer replied, "No comment. 300 applicants for 3 vacancies, you 4 are our last batch of interviewees. Have a safe flight home." The 2 Singaporean girls said, "Bye Aunty, now we have to rush to London HARRODS to queue up for the launching of LV. "I asked them, "What is LV?" Seemed like I dropped a bombshell! Their jaws dropped in shock and they answered "LV is Louis Vuitton." Good thing I did not ask another question, "Louis Vuitton is for what product?" Yi Hui prepared a tight schedule to visit as many places as the manifold charms of vibrant London beckoned. With an oyster card, you could hop in and out of the tube and bus. With half a pound, he played the internet at the convenience shop near our hotel and met Guo Zhang "on-line" in UK who told him to connect with his kor kor Jia Zhang in London. After work, Jia Zhang and Yi Hui had dinner at the Four Seasons Chinese Restaurant in Bayswater. Yi Hui learnt that Jia Zhang played regular football in Hyde Park. So Yi Hui did cross country running in Hyde Park in the brrrrrr cold winter morning much to my anxiety. We later joined a friend, Moo Ling for the Ramblers Club walk in Regent Park, the advantage of Ramblers Club (members age 50's to 80's) was that you could walk slowly, no pressure, plenty of stops for F & B. Moo Ling also took us on a comprehensive tour around London city. After lunch, we bade her farewell and returned to our hotel to rest before taking Angus steak dinner and watching THE LION KING in Apollo Theatre. The next day, we took a train to Cambridge. We saw multitudes of people cycling in Cambridge. Yi Hui said excitedly, "Let's rent a bicycle, it's fun cycling in Cambridge!" I said, "No cycling!" Suddenly, a girl garbed in thick winter clothings, woollen scarf, gloves and helmet riding a bicycle scuttled to a halt, exclaiming, "Foo Yi Hui, what are you doing in Cambridge? "The bicyclist was Janice, a Cambridge law undergraduate. Yi Hui answered, "I'm in Cambridge as a tourist." With a photo taken, she had to cycle hurriedly for her lecture. The Colleges in Cambridge exuded an aura of scholastic excellence. Someone told me "Oxford is swathed in silverish hues, Cambridge is splashed in creamy golden splendour." The majestic College in Cambridge reminded me of the front cover of our Form 5 Maths Log Book.





In London we tasted our first SUBWAY burger. In Greenwich, we headed for the International Dateline, stepping to the right of this line, you lose 1 day, stepping to the left, you gain 1 day. The Maritime Museum and Greenwich Ship Observatory captivated us. In Kensington, we visited the National Science Museum plus other museums and Imperial College grounds. In Knightsbridge, we visited HARRODS to see "LV" and JIMMY CHOO shoes. I took Yi Hui to attend Sunday service in All Souls Church, Langham Place, reminiscent of old times when Kok Cheng who was doing O & G in University College Hospital London, also took me to All Souls Church Sunday services and Pastor Emeritus Rev John Stott was standing at the church porch greeting and shaking hands with every visitor. We visited Madam Tussaud Wax Museum and Sherlock Holmes Museum in Baker Street.

There's an English saying, "Sherlock Holmes' in Baker Street, all's well with the world." We arrived home from UK on 9 March. At home we were greeted with the offer letter from Nottingham University Medical Faculty. We need not travel to Leicester University for the interview after all!!! My heart was feeling on top of the world, deliriously, and joyously thankful when Yi Hui got accepted into local uni for medicine, no need to go to Nottingham. The GBP peaked RM7 to 1 Pound as mentioned by Guo Zhang studying in Nottingham same timeline. In later years we did travel to Nottingham Uni for our youngest son's, Yi Sheng's convocation. Whenever CGMC worship team played this song ".....weak but strong, Cornerstone...." my eyes misted as it evoked fond memories for me of Cornerstone Church of Nottingham where Yi Sheng worships and serves.

Just as God gives first, He always outgives His most magnanimous givers. As you key in the fine Friendship Factor in MYF, the giving of your services (providing transport, music, moving stage props) is a byproduct of kindness received, you pass it on.









**CGMC Family Focus** 



# CG 8 CHRISTMAS HARVEST EVENT (17th Dec 2021)

Ng Pik Yoke (CG8)

Our Christmas Harvest Event was held at the New TS VIP Restaurant (Adjoining Ipoh ICC Club). We were provided with a private room with a wall mounted screen, WiFi for the presentation of our programmes. Before the arrival of our guests, Cell members prepared the room with Christmas decorations and tables for tid-bits and gifts. Sister Mee Li played some background Christmas carols to bring up the festive atmosphere.

Thirteen Cell members and seven invited guests were present. We started with a welcome speech by our CG leader brother Sene Kar followed by an opening prayer and thanksgiving for the food by Lee Hoong Chong. After the singing of some Christmas carols, a five-course sumptuous dinner was served. Brother Mun Khean shared a powerful account of the story of Jesus and His saving grace. Our young and bubbly member Joy-Anne gave a testimony how God had guided and empowered her life. Sister Siew Hong next continued with a frank and encouraging testimony of God's goodness and faithfulness in helping her bring up her three children. God's grace and love was clearly seen in all the Christian brothers and sisters who supported and encouraged her all the time.













The night ended with a birthday celebration of three of our Cell members and a fun game of exchanging of Christmas gifts.

We pray that the Jesus' story, the testimonies and love and joyful fellowship we displayed will touch the hearts of our invited guests that they will not only join our future events but come to worship with us in our Church.

#### To God be the glory!





# CG 4 CHRISTMAS HARVEST EVENT

~ Li Fan (CG4)

I'm thankful indeed for my wonderful CG family, amidst the 2 yearlong pandemic we were able to stay together and meet up almost every week on Zoom. Our CG comprises of many young couples with young kids, so we decided to have our Christmas Harvest event again this year via zoom. Oh how we long for the day we can safely meet up once again, where the kids can meet up and just be free and have fun.

Our theme colour for this year is YELLOW, like the sun ray giving shinning the GIFT OF HOPE, which the message for the year's harvest event. Indeed the birth of Christ is a gift from our loving Abba father, a chance for reconciliation, strength in times of weaknesses, rest in the midst of busyness, peace in times of unrest and a hope for the uncertain future,.

Before our Harvest event, our CG leader's wife Samantha had asked us to reflect on the year 2021 and to pen down things which we were grateful and thankful for. However great or small, we all had been greatly blessed by our loving Abba father !!!

Thank You Father God for all the blessings, seen and unseen, God is good ALL THE TIME!!

And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose.

Romans 8:28

I am thankful that despite all the uncertainties that has been happening because of the pandemic and the lack of physical meetings, we are still able to remain "connected" to each other in our prayers and thoughts for each other. Also, so happy to witness the kids growing and maturing into such sweet, thoughtful and faithful children of God.

KAHMUN

I'm thankful to God that in spite of my struggles God has lovingly used them to help me know myself and my own heart better.

CHRISTINA

Thankful for the assurance of God's Loving Presence in my life through all the ups and downs.

AUNTY LAI YIN

During this season of greetings, I am truly thankful for Jesus, Who is the Savior and Light of my life, for illuminating my heart with his light, bringing healing, peace, joy and love into my family. I am thankful for His love, patience and protection. I am thankful that He brought me to CG4 and surround me with so many kind and beautiful souls, giving me continuous support and security. I am truly blessed.

JANE CHEW

We're thankful for the Lord's protection over our families; and for technology, that even with the travel/safety restrictions in place, we can still video call our parents and siblings

DRIEBERG FAMILY

We are thankful for God's perfect timing in our lives this year. We are thankful for family members and loved ones who were kept safe and healthy. We are thankful for the quality time spent with them. Family is a life jacket in the stormy sea of life.

SEO FAMILY

This year I am thankful for the time I got to spend with my family, and a job that is stable despite the pandemic. I am thankful that God has been with me every step of the way!

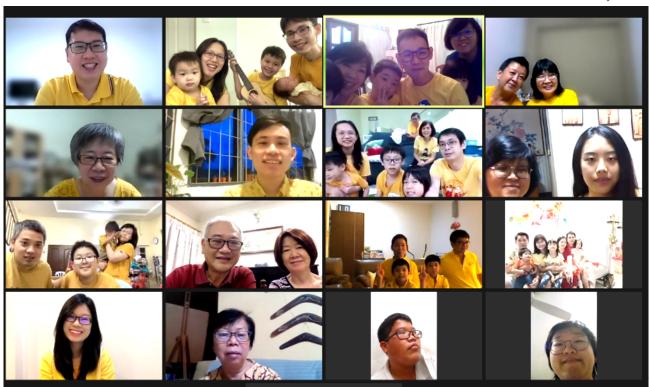
I'm thankful to God for giving me the strength to overcome life struggles and built up my faith and continue to serve Him with a joyful heart.

I'm thankful for His love to me. He helped me to identify my weakness through my daily struggles, I'm grateful that people around me shared their lives with me to help me to overcome life's obstacle, and journey with me.

SAMANTHA

I'm thankful for the little things & staying contented in 2021, looking forward to more adventure.

NICOLE



Thank you God for blessing me and family with lots of love and presents. ALAN

Thank you God for your providence To my family, protection from illnesses and guidance in our lives as we navigate through this pandemic. WAN CHUAN

Thank you God for your providence To my family, protection from illnesses jand guidance on our lives. LAY GOON Thank you Lord for showering me and my family with your love and grace especially to a person who is so undeserving like me. Your love has kept me going even when everything seems hopeless or too difficult.

**EDMUND** 

Thank God for all the fun I have playing with Joel and also blessing us with baby sister Hann Hann..

JOSIAH

Thank you Lord for Your love and faithfulness, and for all the wonderful blessings You have showered upon us. All glory and praise to You my Abba father!!

LIFAN

l am thankful for a year of God's protection and His grace and mercy upon my familu.

SIOW JIN

l am thankful for my family that loves me.

CALEB

l am thankful because I was able to go for glamping at Kua Hill Resort.

HANNAH

I am thankful that I have food to eat everyday.

JOSEPH

l am thankful that I have a wife staying at home to take care of my three munchkins.

CHOO SUAI

This year, I'm thankful that there are no major changes in my life despite the pandemic and many, many lives were significantly affected by lockdowns and the disease. I'm thankful that my parents are well despite the fact that they are aging. I'm thankful that things with my sister have significantly improved, we now even go shopping together! i am thankful that though i haven't seen my brother in almost two years, he is well and safe.

I'm thankful for my husband, whom i know loves me very much though he doesn't express it the way i wish he would. (our love languages are clearly very different 😂). I'm thankful that I have the first row seat view of him growing in the Lord. Though sometimes I think the growth is too slow (slower than a tortoise!), the growth that I do see indeed is incredible and I praise God for it.

I'm thankful for wonderful friends in CG4 who remember me despite not seeing many of them since my wedding. I'm super grateful that God has saved me and graciously shows me everyday that He indeed is my helper, and even when no one around me is able to help, He is my reliable help.

I am blessed, and I am thankful for that

**WENG TINK** 

# **CG 6 CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION**

~ Andrew Ong (CG6)

#### MERRY CHRISTMAS & A HAPPY NEW YEAR from CG6

After being "imprisoned" for almost 2 years, CG6 managed to get together as a group for a thanksgiving lunch on 19 December 2021. Most members made themselves available to usher in Christmas 2021 as well as to welcome the New Year, 2022.

The event followed up with a gathering for tea at the Cell Leader's (Shu Yeoh Khoon) residence on 9 January 2022. We hope that his will be the start of our in-person gatherings according to strict SOP set up by the authorities.

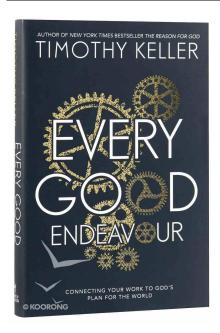
God bless all & stay safe. Andrew Ong





# Book summary ~ EVERY GOOD ENDEAVOUR ~ Timothy Keller

~ Dr Philip Ho



Useful points from the book "Every good endeavour" by Timothy Kellar

- -We were built for work and the dignity it gives us as human beings,regardless of its status and pay
- -Work of all kinds, whether with hands or minds, evidences our dignity as human beings because it reflects the image of God the creator in us
- —Leisure is not just the absence of work, but an attitude of mind or soul in which you are able to contemplate and enjoy things as they are in themselves.
- -If you make any work the purpose of your life-even if that work is church ministry-you create an idol that rivals God
- -What is the Christian understanding of work? Work is not primarily a thing one does to live, but the thing one lives to do.
- -We do not merely need the money from work to survive; we need the work itself to survive and live fully human lives.
- -The bible does not say work one day and rest six,or that work and rest should be equal but that we work six days and rest one day.
- -Work is the form in which we make ourselves useful to others...in which others make themselves useful to us.
- -All work is objectively valuable to others but it will not be subjectively fulfilling unless you consciously see and understand your work as a calling to love your neighbour
- -Colossians 3:23: whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord
- -1. Choose work that we can do well, which fits our gifts and God given capabilities
- 2. Choose work that benefits the human community
- 3.Do work that benefits the field of work by bringing a standard of excellence and improving the profession you are chosen to serve in
- -Every church should set up vocation groups. The purpose of these groups is to share experiences and explore ways that we as Christians can bring our faith to work and make a difference in our respective vocations.

# Book summary ~ I BELIEVE IN PREACHING ~ John Stott

~ Dr Philip Ho

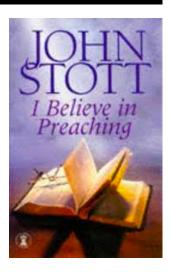
There are 4 ways in which human beings learn.

#### 1.Listening.

This may be the simplest but many people find it difficult to understand and accept purely verbal concepts. We like to "see for ourselves".

#### 2.Discussing.

Discussion allows the listener to interact with the speaker, to give their opinions and have a 2 way dialogue. Luke described Paul as doing "dialoguesthai" which is to reason or argue with. This is a form of vocal dialogue.



#### 3. Watching.

We should embrace modern day technology to enhance our preaching. Visual aids can make a powerful impact. This may be in picture form or videos.

The most important visual example is the preacher himself. Timothy was encouraged to be an example to the believers. (1 Tim 4:12)

#### 4.Discovering.

When we pray or evangelize or put God's word into action we discover for ourselves the truth of the gospel and the power of the Holy Spirit. This level of learning may serve to be the most effective as it utilizes first hand experiences. Our preaching can be pointers that help people to discover God's truth in their own lives.

There are 3 chief obstacles to preaching in the modern world which the preacher must be aware of and address.

#### 1.Anti authority mood

People nowadays want to be open minded, and not see truths as revealed in scripture as absolutes. Modern society is put off by being told what they can or cannot do.

#### 2.TV, Internet, Social media

People become used to being entertained and stimulated. They switch off their minds whenever they feel that the preacher does not measure up to what they expect.

#### 3. Contemporary atmosphere of doubt

Philosophers and Scientists have cast a cloud of doubt on religion. Some people become convinced that religion and faith is not compatible with a rational modern thinking person.

Theological foundations for preaching

#### 1.A conviction about God

It is when we are convinced that *God is light* (and so wanting to be known), that *God has acted* (and thus made himself known) and *God has spoken* (and thus explained His actions), that we must speak and not be silent.

#### 2. A conviction about Scripture

2 Tim 3:16. God has put His Word in human minds and human mouths in such as way that the thoughts they conceived and the words they spoke were *simultaneously theirs as well as God's*.

The bible is *God's Word written*, *God's Word through men's words*, spoken through human mouths and written through human hands.

The preacher is to relay with faithfulness, the *original message as written in the scriptures* but with *modern day application*.

The bible is a living word to living people from a living God, with a *contemporary message* for the contemporary world.

#### 3.A conviction about the church

The church is the creation of God by his Word. God consistently hinged the welfare of his people on their *listening to his voice*, *believing his promises* and *obeying his commands*.

Amos 8:11 Famine of hearing the words of the Lord will cause a decline in the church.

#### 4.A conviction about the Pastorate

1 Tim 3:1 The bible is clear that Overseers (Pastor) is a fine work to desire. The term Priests gives a false impression that their ministry is primarily directed towards God. The term Pastor remains the most accurate term for clergy as it suggests shepherding-intimate knowledge, sacrifice, leadership, protection and care.

The duties are 4 fold: Feeding, Guiding, Guarding, and Healing.

*Gifted lay people* should be encouraged to join the team and to exercise their ministry in a voluntary capacity according to their gifts.

#### 5.A conviction about preaching.

All true Christian preaching should be *expository*. This refers to the *content of the sermon* (biblical truth) *rather than its style* (a running commentary).

Expository sermons do not always mean a verse by verse explanation of a lengthy passage of Scripture.

The opposite of exposition is imposition, which is to *impose on the text what is not there*.

We must study what the *original author* intended his words to mean.

"My endeavor is to *bring out of scripture what is there*, and *not to thrust in what I think* might be there. I have a great jealousy on this head; never to speak more or less than I believe to be the mind of the Spirit in the passage I am expounding".

#### Who is a preacher?

- 1. A town crier/herald (keryx) who has been given a message of good news to proclaim.
- 2. A sower (speiron) who broadcasts the precious seed of God's Word, hoping and praying that some of it will fall on well prepared soil and in due course bear good fruit.
- 3. An ambassador (presbus) who has the responsibility of representing God whose cause he is proud to plead.
- 4. A steward or housekeeper (oikonomos) who has been put in charge of God's household, to be faithful in dispensing the mysteries of God to God's family.

- 5. A shepherd (poimen) who protects the flock from false teachers and leads them to pasture (sound teaching).
- 6.A workman (orthotomeo) who is approved by God and does not need to be ashamed, (2 Tim 2:15) skillfully handling the truth.

In all these pictures of a preacher it is important to note that the preachers are not to invent the message. It has been entrusted to them to proclaim and to sow.

#### Preachers have to build cross cultural bridges.

This is because the biblical context and the modern context are so culturally different. We need to show our congregation that not only is the bible true, but it is *relevant* even in the modern world.

Conservative preachers can expound the bible well and their sermons may be biblical but not contemporary.

*Liberal preachers* give sermons which appeal to the modern world but may not have enough biblical foundation.

As responsible preachers we should strive to give sermons which are *contemporary* and *relevant* yet completely based on *strong biblical based doctrine*.

Dietrich Bonhoeffer asked the question "Who is Christ for us today? What really is the message and its content for the present age?" The younger generation may have heard bible stories in Sunday School and as they move into adulthood there is a danger that these stories seem stale, boring and irrelevant if it is not tied in with modern day issues.

Our job is to show the connection between the *bible* and *present day issues* that people face.

Sermons must grapple with real issues and we must treat our congregation as people facing real questions pertinent to the present world. This is called *Preaching to the times*. Karl Barth prepared his sermons with the *bible in one hand* and the *newspaper in the other hand*.

Our sermons must proclaim the Word of God, but in a way that the congregation can *hear*, *understand*, *relate and respond*.

#### The major questions of human life and existence

These questions are always in our minds and we can address all of them by preaching Christ.

- -What is our purpose? Has life any significance?
- -Where did I come from and where am I going to?
- -What is freedom? Why is there a painful tension between what I am and what I long to be?
- -Is it truly possible to master oneself and love one's neighbor?
- -How to we deal with the issue of suffering?
- -How do I find courage to face sickness and death?

#### **Ethics for Christians**

Justification leads on to sanctification. Faith without works is dead. Our preaching must exhort our congregation to lead lives which follow biblical principles *without being guilty of modern day Pharisaism*.(setting fixed rules on clothing, alcohol, internet, books etc.)

Although good behavior is an inevitable consequence of the good news it is *not automatic*. Our congregation needs to be taught what behavior is expected of faithful believers.

#### Social and political issues

Marriage, divorce, LQBT, Money, Poverty, Increasing Crime in the community, Pollution of the environment, Conservation of natural resources, Abortion, Euthanasia, Racism are some topics we may need to address.

If we avoid them we perpetuate the disastrous separation of the *sacred* from the *secular* implying that these are distinct spheres and that God is concerned with only one and not the other; and we divorce Christian faith from Christian life.

There may be politicians, lawyers, businessmen, teachers, doctors, journalists etc in our congregation and we will do well to help them develop their Christian thinking and so to penetrate their segment of society more deeply for Christ.

The duty of the preacher is to help Christians to develop a *Christian mind*. This is a mind which has absorbed *biblical truths and principles* thoroughly so that it is able to view every issue from a Christian perspective and so reach a *Christian judgement* about it.

By *systematic exposition of the bible* over the years we should be giving our congregation a framework of truth to build on.

Our task is neither to avoid all areas of controversy, nor to provide slick answers to complex questions. It is to teach with clarity and conviction the plain truths of Scripture, in order to help our people develop a Christian mind, and to encourage them to *think with it about the great problems* of the day and so grow into maturity in Christ.

Our congregation will expect us not only to be aware of current controversies but to able to help them respond to it thoughtfully with a biblical perspective.

The best preachers are often diligent pastors who *know the needs and issues* faced by their flock, and understand the human scene with all its pain and pleasure, glory and tragedy.

#### The call to study

Spurgeon said "He who has *ceased to learn* has *ceased to teach*. He who *no longer sows in study* will *no more reap in the pulpit*". The preacher must be committed to a *lifelong journey* of studying the Word. He must not be always trying to make sermons, but to always *seek the truth*, and out of the truth which he has won, the sermons will make themselves.

#### Study of the Word must be

- 1. Comprehensive-sporadic and haphazard dipping into scriptures is not enough and neither should we limit ourselves to our favourite passages.
- 2.Open minded-genuinely desire to hear and heed God's Word. Our cultural beliefs may be a hindrance which we must leave behind to see what God's perspective is.
- 3.Expectant-we need to approach the Word with an awakened ear (Isa 50:4) and like Samuel tell the Lord that we are listening.(1 Sam 3:10). Pastors who read the bible over and over again may fall victim of feeling that they already know each passage well and thus blind themselves to what God is telling them anew.

In addition to studying religious books a preacher must also be well read in *secular books* including *rival ideologies*. This may also be done in a reading group which includes *people from different walks of life*. This enables the preacher to understand the secular mind, in order to combat it with a Christian mind. It would also help to engage with someone who has personal experience in a certain field, if we wish to preach on a particular topic of discussion or expound on a portion of scripture that deals with an issue that we do not have firsthand experience in.

A preacher should be like a squirrel and has to learn to collect and store materials for future sermons.

The clergy and the laity need to complement each other. Suitable lay leaders should be called upon to pastoral responsibilities so that full time pastors do not suffer from burn out. Jesus spent time withdrawing to pray and pastors need to do so too.

#### Preparing sermons

Some people are blessed with native intelligence and fluency of speech. However, these gifts should not be used as an excuse to preach extemporaneous sermons, saying we are trusting in the Holy Spirit's guidance. We must put in the work of preparation to deliver the sermon we are entrusted with.

#### 1.Choosing the text

One of the dangers of taking an isolated text each Sunday is that it gives the impression that the bible is a mere anthology of unrelated fragments, with no common themes or overall message.

It is better to have sermons in series. The series can be decided in response to the perceived pastoral needs of the congregation. This should also be considered as an extension of previous sermon series so that the curriculum is balanced.

#### 2.Meditate on it

What did it mean? (in the original context)

What does it say? (to the contemporary Christian)

We may consult a lexicon, concordance, commentary to save us from misinterpreting the passage, illumine it and stimulate our thinking about it. But they can never be more than aids. They cannot replace our own direct personal encounter with the text.

Other than private study and preparation of the sermon, there is a place for corporate sermon preparation. Preachers can gather to share sermon outline and notes and to give constructive comments.

#### 3.Isolate the dominant thought

One of the chief ways in which a sermon differs from a lecture is that it conveys a major message. A lecture provides a lot of information and students take notes to revise later. For a sermon, as a living word from God to his people, should make its impact on them then and there. The congregation should go home with a clear idea of what the take home message is.

#### 4.Arrange your material to serve the dominant thought

We have to be ruthless in discarding the irrelevant. Do not be sidetracked. Irrelevant material will weaken the sermon's effect.

Structure: the structure of the sermon should build up to the main theme and have a logical sequence.

<u>Words</u>: It is worth taking the trouble to choose our words appropriately, not because we are going to read our sermon, or to memorize it, but because extraordinarily these words that we prepared will come back to us during the delivery of the sermon even if we only bring notes to the pulpit. Choose simplicity and clarity, with vivid and honest descriptions.

<u>Illustrations</u>: the bible is full of illustration and parables. Illustrations help us to show how our message can be applied in contemporary life. Illustrations transform the abstract into the concrete, the ancient into the modern, the general into the particular, the vague into the precise, the unreal into the real, and the invisible into the visible.

#### 5. Add the introduction and conclusion

This must be done only after the body of the sermon has been done.

A good introduction serves two purposes: firstly to *arouse interest and stimulate curiosity*; and secondly to *introduce the theme* by leading the hearers into it. It must neither be too long nor too short.

The conclusion must be more than merely a recapitulation. It must move on to *personal application*. Do not disclose the conclusion too early or you may lose the congregation's sense of expectation. The ending must enable, by the Holy Spirit's power, a persuasion that will prevail upon the people to take action.

#### 6.Write down and pray over your message

We must avoid both extremes of *not writing at all* (good extempore preaching is very rare) and *reading out* the sermons word for word. Our generation demands a relationship between the preacher and congregation which is *face to face* and *eyeball* to *eyeball*.

We should avoid memorizing the manuscript.

The best alternative is to *reduce the fully written manuscript to 1-2 page summary notes* which will be brought to the pulpit with us.

It is on our knees before the Lord that we can make the message our own. Then when we preach it, it will come neither from our notes not from our memory but out of the depths of our personal conviction, as an authentic utterance or our heart.

God's message within us should be like a burning fire, the pressure builds up inside us until we feel we can contain it no longer, then we are ready to preach it.

#### Sincerity and honesty

The sincerity of the preacher has 2 aspects: he means what he says when in the pulpit, and he practices what he preaches when out of it.

Church members have a right to expect that the Holy Spirit is working in the life of the preacher. However, to *masquerade as perfect* would be both *dishonest and discouraging* to the congregation.

So we must admit the truth that them, we too are human beings vulnerable to temptation and suffering, struggling with doubt, fear and sin and needing to continuously depend on *God's forgiving and liberating grace*. In this way the preacher can remain a model of humility and truth.

Sermons need to be seen as well as heard to be effectual. Eloquence, homiletical skill, biblical knowledge is not enough.

Earnestness means a deep feeling the preacher feels for the listeners. We should care about the people and their lostness without the gospel.

Fire in preaching depends on fire in the preacher and this in turn comes from the Holy Spirit.

#### Courage and humility

Prophets such as Elijah and Jeremiah dared to proclaim God's message in the face of opposition. Nathan rebuked King David. Preachers have a responsibility to *courageously proclaim God's message* even in the face of opposition and even if it is not what the listeners desire.

Unfortunately the resolve to be courageous in the pulpit can result in our becoming headstrong and arrogant. *Pride* can become an occupational hazard of a gifted preacher.

In order to be used by God we have to first *humble ourselves* under His mighty hand (1 Peter 5:6). We need the *filling of the Holy Spirit* to experience power in our preaching ministry.

#### **Epilogue**

When we preach we speak in the sight and the hearing of human beings, and they challenge us to be faithful to God's Word. But how much more challenging is the awareness that we preach in the sight and hearing of God? He sees what we do; He listens to what we say.

This should inspire us to greater faithfulness when we go up to the pulpit, being aware that *God himself is listening to His servant deliver the message*.



# My mother

Joy Leong



Watering her bougainvillea.

## June Leong, 90

CG 12

----- JOY LEONG

Ageing in place, my mom, June, lives on her own just two-minutes' walk from us. She joins us at mealtimes. Often after dinner, she sings along to praise songs on YouTube while I wash up, her trained soprano voice still strong and clear.

We live in a retirement village. Neighbours come out to chat with her when she waters her bougainvillea or sweeps her porch. They come over for tea, play Happy Families or Snap and refresh her indoor plants when they look poorly.

I give thanks for those of you who think of her and pray for her. Be encouraged by the evidence of God's love and provision. 1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-18

REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY CONTINUALLY, GIVE THANKS IN ALL CIRCUMSTANCES; FOR THIS IS GOD'S WILL FOR YOU IN CHRIST JESUS.

# My Testimony ~ Whatever...

Candy Lo (CG21)

#### Whatever!

My name is Candy Lo. My life was turned upside down just 2 months ago. This is a story of my miscarriage, Covid voluntary quarantine and breast cancer stage 2 all happening within a month.

On August 25th, I had my miscarriage procedure in Hospital Fatimah. We lost our second son, baby Asher who was 13 weeks old. The next mishap; I was considered to be indirect contact with Covid-19 positive from the ward, because 2 days before my admission there was a Covid case at the very same floor, although all the colleagues were tested immediately and were negative, yet they might become asymptomatic after a few days, so I was worried I might be at risk too. I felt so miserable and feared what if I had contracted and so I volunteered myself to self quarantine for a few days at home. A lot of cries and tears as my 7 year old son missed me so much when I was in hospital, yet he could not even come close or hug me when I was back home. God's hand of protection was so real and He wiped away all our tears. Jesus carried and embraced us closely throughout the mourning season. We thank God that Pastor Andrew and Aunty Anna helped us to have a mini memorial service for baby Asher and also a closure for hubby and son.

While still in deep mourning, yet a mass was discovered during my followup appointment after the miscarriage. A shadow of 3cm mass was discovered when I requested my gynaecologist to help me ultrasound my right breast as I felt a small tiny lump. I was referred to a surgeon, assured by my doctor that this was normal due to hormonal change, yet it was better to go see a surgeon for further advice. I was thinking of delaying the visit to the surgeon as to avoid surgery or any admission to hospital due to phobia of just coming out of the hospital 10 days prior, yet the Holy Spirit compelled me to gather my courage to seek consultation the very next day.

After a series of tests were done; mammogram, ultrasound, core needle biopsy and CT scan, God was really training my patience waiting for all these reports. I remember a lot of crying and doubts during the wait, yet God sent a beautiful double rainbow to comfort and assuring me on His promise to heal and deliver me as He is my Saviour and Healer. Seeing the double rainbow, I had so much relief and I decided to be an "obedient" patient. This gave me hope and strength to face tomorrow.

I proclaim that my body is a temple of God, and no harm and no danger can come near me. I have so much assurance that God already healed me as the initial mass shadow of 3cm, shrunk to 2.1cm in actual after lumpectomy surgery with margin clear and no spread. Yet, another sad news came back that my tumour is the aggressive type called "Triple Negative Breast Cancer" and I was advised to undergo chemotherapy and radiotherapy to eliminate the chances of relapse.



I am being broken, crushed and reshaped by my Potter. I am saved in God's hand. During this period, God never fails to show up and reveal to me how much He loves and cares about me. He wants to heal me not just physically. He brought emotional healing to me revealing my childhood and past that I thought of hiding and forgetting about it. Yet, Holy Spirit showed me daily little by little and I had the opportunity to seek reconciliation and ask forgiveness from many friends and families that I tried to not contact for so long. Many happy chats and signs of gratefulness shown especially during my 6 days of hospitalization.

I was humbled when so many greetings, gifts, care, love and prayers overflowed during the period of my recuperation. Remembered the familiar story about the ten lepers who Jesus healed and only one returned to thank Him. I will do whatever it takes to be the VERY one leper to thank Jesus and tell the world that Jesus has indeed healed me in all aspects of my life. Thank you Jesus, I am forever grateful. (<u>Luke 17:11-19</u>)

From a "wonder woman" to a "wounded woman", yet God is BIG and my issues small. I believe that God will give me strength to endure the chemotherapy and radiotherapy. All doctors can give me good treatment, yet healing comes from God Almighty. I want to thank you all who journeyed and prayed for me. My heart always feels so warm and comforted knowing someone is praying for me. Special thanks to Dr Basel & Sister Priscilla, Dr Gill, Dr Loh, Li Fan, morning watch intercessors, JKC and KIDS ministry, CG21 and all those who uphold our family in prayers.

Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent and praiseworthy – THINK about such things.

Thank you everyone and all glory to Abba Father!!!

# God's saving grace

~ Gladys Koh

Hi everyone, I would like to share a story about God's love for me. God has been so kind to me and He has taken care of me at every stage of my life.

It all began when I was sent to Sabah to serve as a primary school teacher. I was sent to a rural village to teach aboriginal children. I was new to the place and I didn't know anything at all, but God showed His grace to me in a foreign land. The Sabahan people were extremely friendly, and they helped me to fit into the local custom.

One day, while I was driving back from Kota Kinabalu, I got lost due to my unfamiliarity with the road. It was around 6pm when the sun goes down (night falls faster in Sabah). It was raining. The road was getting darker and I couldn't make out the details of the landmarks. So, I took the wrong turning at the roundabout, and soon found myself driving on a strange road. The road was untarred, and it was growing smaller and smaller as I drove deeper and deeper into a forest. I looked around and everywhere was pitch black except for the sound of pebbles on the tyres. Soon, I heard the sound of rushing water, because my car was passing through a stream.

I started to panic. My heart was gripped with fear. I didn't know if I was driving into a river. I just could not see. In desperation, I started to pray. I wasn't a Christian at that time, I was still an atheist. But when faced with such a desperate situation where my life was at stake, I found myself praying to any god that I could remember, which was Jesus. So, I prayed as an unbeliever, hoping desperately that something would happen.

After a while, I saw headlights ahead of me. It was a four-wheel truck. The headlights were so bright in the dark. I immediately flashed my emergency signal, hoping that the driver ahead would notice. Finally, the truck stopped. I pulled up beside it. A man wind down the window – it was a Kadazan man. We spoke in Malay.

I told him I was lost and I really needed to get out of the forest. He told me there was no road ahead – only a village. I was actually heading towards the "pedalaman" (interior) and that was why there was no road, only a mud path. I said, "Please, tell me how to get back to the city." He then gave directions to the nearest highway and said something unexpected, "Don't drive behind me. Stay in front of me where I can see you."

I thanked him and quickly drove ahead. I passed by a Kadazan village and soon came to a junction as mentioned by the man, and this time, I took the right turning.

And hey presto! – I arrived at the highway. I was so relieved to see a road again. You can't imagine the relief I felt when I saw tarred roads and street lamps!

I told everyone in school about this incident. What was amazing was that my car was completely unscathed. There was no damage to my car even though it was a small Viva and it was a rough and bumpy drive in the forest.

This incident kept playing at the back of my mind, and it sowed the seeds of my curiosity to know more about Christ.

7 years later, I became a Christian. Looking back now, I realized God has always been present in my life, watching over me and caring for me. His presence has reassured me that I am not alone, even in the face of great danger. His presence has given me courage to go out and do things boldly, fearlessly with the knowledge that I have a Father in heaven who is watching over me. I know I have someone whom I can always rely on. I can always run to Him in times of need. He empowers me with the confidence to live my life with no worry. I am a much calmer person than I was a decade ago.

And it's all thanks to God because He answered the prayer of an unbeliever on that dark rainy night 7 years ago; for that, I will forever be grateful.

# My testimony of God's love for me

~ Megan Lee

Pastor Andrew Tan has been helping me; counselling on Christian life and general well being of people with disabilities – OKU. Thank you God for being an agent of change and may the Lord of Host continue to help me in my future undertakings...Jehovah Jireh!

I am facing a plateau, being 45 years old and still single. So it was good that Pastor Andrew gave advice on marriage counselling. Thanks! I appreciate your care and concern.

I came to CGMC in 1998; at that time I was having depression as I came back from UPM for tertiary education. I got the Program-Microbiology but there were a lot of stairs to climb and I don't have friends to help as my schoolmates were doing different programs.



So I came back and was depressed. All my life I have wanted to find a cure for my disability - Muscular Dystrophy. But could God straighten a crooked spine? My spine is S-shaped.

Today I still am taking medication for my depression and I still walk using a walker and use a wheelchair when I am outdoors. I graduated from Bachelor of Information Technology in 2002 from USQ, Australia, through a Distance Learning program.

And now I am a reseller @Shopee/megan5062 and Lazada. Although I don't know all the answers to the world's difficult problems but with God's help and through prayer, I can "open doors" for God's healing and strength. And I hope that in time to come, God's abundant care and love can be shared and disseminated to USA, UK, China, Canada, India and Africa.

Thank you CGMC for giving me a chance to live for Jesus and for your love and care and acceptance - DAYBREAK, Disabled Adults and Youth Being Rewarded Encouraged and Accepted at Kinta.



# In loving memory of Dr Lee Swee Lian

~Mimi

In loving memory of Dr Lee Swee Lian (4 Dec 2021)

On Feb 11<sup>th</sup> this year, my school mate Yuh Chyong, who worships in DUMC contacted me. She told me that her Prayer Team has been praying with Swee Lian and asked whether I could connect with Swee Lian and introduce her to a prayer or healing ministry in Ipoh. I texted Swee Lian and she told me that Pastor Anna from Bercham Methodist Church was reaching out to her. Anyway, I invited her to join our Alpha Meeting which was starting soon and she agreed and signed up. During Alpha, she met up with Mooy Ching and they connected. Through Dr Leong's invitation, Swee Lian had been attending their Cell Group, CG 16.

I want to share the lyrics of a song which truly exemplified Swee Lian's faith in God.

When all foundations have been shaken When I'm left standing in the dark And all I feel is my heart breaking You still reign and You're still God

And when it feels all hope has faded
The heavy questions hit so hard
And though my soul may feel forsaken
You still reign and You're still God

Though I can't see what's before me I know that I can trust Your heart And this one truth will be my story You still reign and You're still God

I will declare that You are with me Though voices whisper that You're not You'll never leave me nor forsake me Cos' You still reign and You're still God

And when my enemies surround me
I'll trust the victory of Your cross
And fix my eyes upon You Jesus
For You are God and I am not

You are good and You are faithful As You have been from the start You work in all things for Your glory Cos You still reign and You're still God

By Philippa Hanna

Swee Lian's faith in God was steady and strong. During my conversations and visits with her, never once did she complain or blame God for her situation. She was a person with a beautiful heart and I wish I had more time to get to know her better. A few of us wanted to celebrate her birthday with her, on 22<sup>nd</sup> December but guess she would be celebrating with God first. I take comfort that she is no longer suffering or in pain and that I will meet her again one day.

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#### **English Congregation**

#### \* Confirmation



Emily Sum Jia Suen

#### **Transfer of Membership**



Khong Xuan Xuan, Stephanie



Khoo Eng Keat, John

#### Profession of Faith



Looi Chooi Kuen, Rachel



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Foong Zhi Xian, Eugene



Foong Zi Ying, Chantel



Sylvia Grace a/p Kanaheswaran



Sophia Grace a/p Kanaheswaran



Ryan Michail a/l Kanaheswaran

#### **Chinese Congregation**

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Jonathan Deong Bao Cheng

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# CGMC KIDS (7-12 years old) ONLINE VIMEO VIDEOS + Cell Time (Zoom/Whatsapp/Google Meet)

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# OUR MISSION STATEMENT

to bisciple

every member into Christian maturity and to be effective in the service of God.

TO EVAMOELUZE

the city of Ipoh and to set up congregations in strategic areas.

To TOUGH

a needy community with God's transforming love and justice.

To SEMB

Christian workers into the harvest fields and to be involved in missions.