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Beginning the Year as Stewards with the Assurance of a Sovereign Saviour



Psa 65:11 *“Thou crownest the year with thy goodness; and thy paths drop fatness.”*

As we enter into a New Year, we are conscious that we live in a fallen and turbulent world with what is happening in the Middle East and Ukraine, reminders that we live in perilous end times where His Second Coming is imminent. **Things can change very quickly but they can only do so in accordance with God's unchanging love. God has a purpose according to His sovereign plan and He is still on the throne** (Dan 4:35).

Psalms 31:15 says, *“My times are in your hand.”* **This means that whether in health and debilitating sickness, our career and family, prosperity and adversity, wealth and poverty, and any trials and testings in life, even depression or disappointment and the possible home going of our loved ones in 2024 - all these are in the guiding Hands of our blessed Lord.** He decides the length of our days according to His wise and holy will.



This precious phrase also means that from the beginning of our lives to the end of it, we are held by “the everlasting arms” (Deut 33:27). and we are glad and comforted and can live life with peace of mind. We are to pray and cast our cares and trust in Him who takes care of us, our family, and our church (Psa 55:22). We are also to be responsible to do our part as well.

Not only are we in the Everlasting Hand of the Lord, but everything that surrounds us is in His Providential hand. Even at the close of our lives one day (as some who we know have returned home to be with the Lord last year), we are under the Providential Hand of our God. Our lives will not close until the hand of God our heavenly Father allows it. **We shall not die before our time (even if we**

want to or try to) and nothing can happen to us without the permission of God. Eccl 8:8 says, *“There is no man that hath power over the spirit to retain the spirit; neither hath he power in the day of death: and there is no discharge in that war; neither shall wickedness deliver those that are given to it.”*

All the people, things and events which are part of our life on earth are in the Sovereign Hand of our God. We are kept by His amazing grace and mercy, and we dwell in the sovereign palm of God's hand! We are not left to fate or luck, but we are absolutely at His divine disposal. **No mere mortal can defy the sovereign will of God. Everything that concerns us is arranged by His providential hand and nothing happened by chance. This should give us the confidence and assurance and must spur us to serve Him with greater fervour and zeal in the year ahead.**

The first Sunday of each new year is our Dedication Worship Service in Sovereign Hope BPC. Since our inception, we dedicate before the Lord the stewards who are serving in our church including our Session members, Sun Sch teachers, ushers, AV crew, musicians, worship chairman, those who help with the writing, editing and printing of the weekly, cleaning the church, evangelism, visitations, missions, counselling, discipleship and other ministries too. Christian Stewardship is a privilege and sacred duty. We thank God for every opportunity that we can render worship and service to Him, and it is required of stewards that they be found faithful (1Cor 4:1,2). We are also soberly reminded of what Peter says in 1Pet 4:10-11, *“As every man hath received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God. If any man speak, let him speak as the oracles of God; if any man minister, let him do it as of the ability which God giveth: that God in all things may be glorified through Jesus Christ, to whom be praise and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.”*



As we begin 2024, may the Everlasting, Providential and Sovereign Hand of God fill us with peace and hope and comfort. Let us go on to be faithful custodians of the manifold grace of God and serve Him till He comes.

Jack Sin



Ministries @ Sovereign Hope BPC

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Rev Dr Jack Sin
Dn Tan Yue Kay
Dn Paul Tan

Worship Chairmen

Dn Tan Yue Kay
Joseph Wee
Albert Ang
Thng Poh Huat

Music & Choir

Janet Ang
Daniel Phang
Dn Paul Tan
Angie Sin
John Almon
Lily Almon
Marilyn

Ushering & Offering

Dn Paul Tan
Paul Kong
Cindy Ong
Agnes Ng
Devi
John Wong
John Almon
Samuel

Media Ministry

Dn Paul Tan
Joseph Wee
John Wong
Ng Kim Meng
Angie Sin



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Christian Education

Rev Dr Jack Sin
Dr Tan Kwong Leen
Tan Chan Ping
Han Kin Kheng
Angie Sin

Missions & Evangelism

Rev Dr Jack Sin
Dn Tan Yue Kay
Dn Paul Tan
John Wong
Samuel Wong
John Almon
Lily Almon

Care & Visitation Ministry

Rev Dr Jack Sin
Dn Yue Kay
John Almon
Peter Ong
Angie Sin

Refreshments & Cleaning

Dn Tan Yue Kay
Han Kin Hoong
Han Kin Kheng
Tan Chan Ping
Chin Pit Yuen
Aunty Chwee Lian
John Almon
Lily Almon
Angie Sin

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Lord's Day Programme for January to March 2024

JANUARY

- 7 **Christ**, the Name above All Names (Heb 1:1-14)
- 14* The Warning & Work of **Christ** (Heb 2:9-18)
- 21 Admonitions from the Wilderness (Heb 3:1-14)
- 28 Precious Promises & the Power of God (Heb 4:1-16)

FEBRUARY

- 4 **6th Thanksgiving Anniversary**
Equipping a
Worshipping
Working &
Witnessing
Transformed
Church Community
(Rom 12:1-13)
- 11* **Christ**, the Perfect Great High Priest (Heb 5:1-14)
- 18 Appeal to Spiritual Maturity (Heb 6:1-12)
- 25 Understanding Christ & the Sanctuary of God (Heb 9:11-28)

MARCH

- 3 The Lamb of God & Challenges to the People of God (Heb 10:11-25)
- 10* Examples of Faith Tested & Tried (Heb 11:1-16)
- 17 Counsel for the Christian Race (Heb 12:1-17)
- 24 Sacred Duties of Every Believer (Heb 13 :1-17)
- 29* **Good Friday**
The Vicarious Atonement Explained (Rom 5:6-19)
- 31 **Resurrection Sunday Service**
The Implications of the Empty Tomb (1 Cor 15:1-23)

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A Devotional Sharing
- Dn Tan Yue Kay -

Romans 12:11 ~ Not slothful in business, fervent in spirit; serving the Lord.

The word “business” here refers to any responsibility or activity in which we might be engaged, not just career or financial obligations.

Apostle Paul exhorts us not to be slothful, or lazy, in anything that we do. Whether you are parenting, or studying, or working, or ministering.

You should do it to the very best of your ability. As King Solomon so wisely advised, whatever your hand finds to do, do it with thy might (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

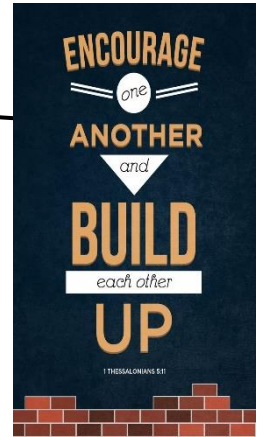
Sadly, sometimes we confuse our personal rights with our Christian rights, and we begin to grumble and complain and get by with as little as we can. But Christians should be the most conscientious and virtuous employers, husbands and wives, or citizens, no matter where they are or what their circumstances.

Why? What is the motivation for such constancy and integrity, even in the midst of a lazy and selfish culture? Apostle Paul reminds us simply that we are “Serving the Lord”>

No matter what responsibility or opportunity we may be given, we are ultimately to understand that if comes from God and that we are to perform the duty for his sake, for his pleasure. We are serving the Lord.

Do not settle for a mediocre effort and do not have an ungrateful disposition. As you change diapers, or give presentation, or sell products, or take tests, whatever you do, do it with all your might in service to the Lord.

Dn Yue Kay



***Christmas Outreach at New Vision Evangelical Church,
Yangon, Myanmar (Preacher Myitta)***



Reaching out at Christmas with the Gospel and encouraging church members with gifts of rice, cooking oil, noodles, eggs and purchase of 10 chairs with the love gift from Sovereign Hope BPC.



Watchnight Service at Sovereign Hope BPC



Memory Verse

Heb 1:10 And, Thou, Lord, in the beginning hast laid the foundation of the earth; and the heavens are the works of thine hands:

Announcements

1. Welcome to our **Dedication Sunday Worship Service!** If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund.
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "**Christ, the Name above All Names (Heb 1:1-14)**", commencing a new quarterly series on "**The Majesty & Supremacy of the Son of God (Book of Hebrews)**".
3. Next Sunday morning, Pastor will preach on "**The Warning & Work of Christ (Heb 2:9-18)**".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service continue as follows:
 - Westminster Confession of Faith - Pastor
 - Studies in 2 Chronicles - Dr Kwong Leen
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on Kingdoms, Covenants and Canon of the Old Testament and the Parables of Jesus. Join us for a time of profitable learning. [Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode:625551].
6. Pray for our brethren in their:
 - Health: Janet's full recovery from hand and leg op, Kin Hoong's Lung CT scan on 10 Jan, Anthony's treatment plan.
 - Travels: Joseph & Rachel (18/12- 7/1), Marilyn (8/12-7/1), John & Lily (25/12-mid Jan).
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode:218178]
8. We need willing hands and hearts to assist in the weekly cleaning of the premises. Do let Dn Yue Kay if you are available to serve in this area.
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**

Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.
