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The Importance of Corporate Intercession in a Local Church

Prayer is the powerhouse of the church. It was Charles Spurgeon who said that the **spirituality of a church can be measured by the substance and demeanour of its weekly prayer meeting.** We need to ask ourselves, is there a genuine evangelistic concern? Is there a heartfelt longing and prayer for the conversion of unsaved family members? Is there a global vision and a fervent desire for our country's revival and the propagation of the gospel to other countries?



What is true prayer? John Bunyan defines **prayer 'as a sensible, sincere and affectionate pouring out of the heart or soul to God through Christ in the strength and assistance of the Holy Spirit for such things as God has promised or according to His word for the church with submission in faith to the will of God'**. (*John Bunyan, Praying In the Spirit*, n.p.1662)
The church should be rallied at the throne of grace to intercede for the spiritual well-being of the members of the church and to praise and thank God corporately to the edification of saints and much more in the midst of these perilous days of grave danger and calamities and pestilences and wars.

Reasons for Corporate Intercession

Charles Spurgeon, the prince of preachers in the 19th century England emphasised on corporate prayer:

'In 1866 Spurgeon instituted daily prayer meetings at the Metropolitan Tabernacle in London at 7 in the morning and again 7:30 each evening'. (The Life & Work of C.H. Spurgeon Holden Pike, Edinburgh, Banner of Trust, 1991)
The main Tabernacle prayer used to take place on Monday evenings attended by over 3000. To provide for participation, there was even supplementary times for prayer with smaller groups within the church. **The church was flourishing because the people were praying, and the Lord richly blessed and prospered their ministry.**

The Word of God recorded for us many instances of a church prayer meeting. When the 120 leaders and early Christians were praying in the upper room, it later led to the election of an Apostle and the inauguration and revival of the early church with 3000 souls saved and baptised in the will of God. (Acts 1:14,24 2;39-41) The Apostle Peter was incarcerated and the church was praying for him (Act 12:12). As they were praying, God answered, and Peter was delivered from prison, and He appeared in front of them as an answer to their corporate praying. God is sovereign and He answers prayers according to His own will

Paul has enjoined the Corinthians to help him by praying corporately for him always. In 2 Cor 1:11, he said, *'Ye also helping together by prayer for us, that for the gift bestowed upon us by the means of many persons thanks may be given by many on our behalf'*. The first church of Europe in Philippi has its genesis in a prayer meeting for woman (Act 16.-13). It was through this prayer meeting that Lydia and her household was converted and was used greatly of the Lord to spread the gospel to Europe. Paul always asked the church to strive together with him in prayers to God. Rom 15:30 says, *'Now I beseech you, brethren, for the Lord Jesus Christ's sake, and for the love of the Spirit, that ye strive together with me in your prayers to God for me'*.

Appointment with God

It is customary for us to make engagements on our mobile phones or diary. If you are invited to meet the President, would you remember the appointment?



Each time we attend a church prayer meeting, we have an audience with the King of kings and Lord of lords. The prayer meeting to seek God is important and should supersede all other occasions. When was the last time you attended the church prayer meeting, or have you not attended it at all? We make it a point to attend the Sovereign Hope BP Church Wednesday night prayer meeting since its inception and we will continue to set aside Wednesday night to seek the Lord in corporate prayer (even amid the pandemic). We find it needful to come regularly to join the church to uphold one another before the Lord in prayer and to hear the sharing of others in their needs and thanksgiving to the Lord. We encourage more to **come for the prayer meeting to engage in fruitful and fervent time of intercession for one another before the Lord.**

Conclusion

We stand in urgent need of a personal and corporate revival in ourselves and the church. **Revivals always seem to have their genesis in prayer meetings. How can the church grow and fulfil its calling unless the members commit her to the Lord in frequent prayer both privately and corporately?** We thank God for some Chinese evening service participants and oversea missionaries from India and Myanmar who have been attending the church Wednesday night prayer meeting regularly.

We would like to urge and strongly encourage all members and friends to make it a point to unite with the church in intercessory prayer once a week and hear the word, testify of God's goodness in our lives and pray together as a church family. Come and be blessed by the expository teaching of the word and collective singing of hymns and bless others through our testimonies and sharing of God's grace upon your life so that others will be exhorted too. **May the Lord provoke and spur us to cultivate, consecrated and vibrant prayerful lives both individually and corporately as a church.** We hope more will be burdened to seek the Lord together at the mid-week corporate prayer meeting.

Jack Sin

(For a deeper study on this subject, read *John Bunyan, Praying in the Spirit, 1862*)



A short, surprising refreshing visit by our Eld Loke Tat Luen on 22 May 2022.



Sovereign Hope BPC
2022 Camp Committee
Joseph & Rachel, Pastor Jack, Paul Tan,
Paul Kong, Dn Yue Kay



Fellowship Lunch together with
the Church Camp Committee.



SOVEREIGN HOPE
bible presbyterian church

16 - 18 JUNE THU - SAT
2022

CHURCH CAMP

Biblical Precepts for a
Vibrant Christian Walk
Camp Speaker: Rev Dr Jack Sin

DAY 1 8:30am - 4:00pm
Morning : Message
Afternoon : Workshop
Evening : Free and easy

DAY 2 8:30am - 6:00pm
Morning : Message
Afternoon : Outing to Pulau Ubin
Evening : Free and easy

DAY 3 8:30am - 1:00pm
Morning : Message

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Singapore 509866

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* Stay-in Campers : Camp fees includes breakfast only.
All other meals on our own.

Endless Hope Or Hopeless End

**26 June 2022
Sunday 10:00 am**

Speaker: Rev Dr Jack Sin.

**Come and find a
lasting HOPE for our lives for eternity**

VENUE:

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160, Paya Lebar Rd, 04-06,
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Those interested, can contact DnYue Kay at 97450311

Memory Verse

2 Cor 4:7 But we have this treasure in earthen vessels, that the excellency of the power may be of God, and not of us.

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Sunday Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastor speaks this morning on “**Of Light & Darkness**” (2 Cor 4:1-7), continuing the new quarterly series on “**Biblical Paradoxes of Life Expounded**”.
3. Pastor speaks next Sunday on “**Of Holiness & Worldliness**” (1 Jn 2:15-21).
4. Sunday School classes continues after worship service:
 - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
 - Studies in Deuteronomy – Dn Kwong Leen
5. There will be **Evangelism this afternoon**. All are encouraged to join the outreach to Macpherson estate.
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. Included in the programme is a study on Church History in China on alternate Sundays. Join us for a time of profitable learning.
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.
8. **The Church camp will be from 16-18 June at Changi Cove Hotel** on the theme “**Biblical Precepts for a Vibrant Christian Walk**” by Dr Jack Sin. Registration forms are available from Dn Yue Kay. Day trippers are also welcome.
9. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class will next meet on **Fri 3 Jun 2022, 7.30pm in church** on the study of 2 Samuel. Come and join us!
10. Those who wish to bring a new friend to the worship service, kindly inform the safety officer Dn Yue Kay or Pastor at least a day in advance.
11. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
12. 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**