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Ministry of the Word to Likeminded Reformed Churches in ASEAN

Psa 133:1-3 says,

*"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is
for brethren to dwell together in unity!*

*It is like the precious ointment upon the
head, that ran down upon the beard, even Aaron's beard: that went
down to the skirts of his garments;*

*As the dew of Hermon, and as the dew that descended upon the
mountains of Zion: for there the LORD commanded the blessing,
even life for evermore."*



By the sovereign will of God, from 30 Jun to 7 Jul, we with Dr Samuel Gan ministered in Borneo. We were first at BRC church prayer meeting on Monday night where Pastor shared from Psa 16 on "The 3 Ps for the Christian Life."



The next day we were driven by Shaun and Zoe to Miri for the ministry there. Miri Reformed Baptist Church is in the 2nd largest city of Sarawak (after Kuching) with about 400,000 people, about 47% Chinese and the rest are the tribal people and the bumiputras. God has His faithful remnant here who propagate and stand for the Reformed faith in the teaching of His Word. MRBC was established more than 20 years ago and is the only Reformed church in Miri though there are

other churches. Here the Christian scene is dominated by the charismatic community and God has His faithful witness here in MRBC. The Pastor is Rev Andrew Liu who planned 3 seminars for his members and friends.

Pastor spoke on “**Christian Perspective of Mental Health Concerns**” which was a fruitful time of learning and fellowship, focusing on managing depression from a biblical perspective. There were good questions asked by more than thirty participants including some natives from the Ibans, Kayans and Bidayuh which are the local tribes here. Pastor spoke at another seminar on “**How to Grow Old Graciously**” with practical applications and an octogenarian church member Bro William shared his testimony. Dr Samuel conducted a **Biblical Creation Science Seminar** which was needful as many heard this for the first time with good questions asked and clarified.



The brethren are warm and zealous for the Word and welcomed us with oriental hospitality. Many bought the books we brought and received Creation Science magazines, pamphlets and our church weeklies. We are encouraged by their teachable and humble spirit.

We then returned to BRC for another series of seminars and services in the ASEAN country. BRC was started in 1999 by Pastor Peter Wong with encouragement and guidance from the late Dr Tow Siang Hwa with Eld Terry, Eld George Wong, Bro Johnny, Bill Khoo and some others. Today there is a



congregation of about 30 and they continue steadfastly in their gospel witness in their faithful ministry for the Lord despite trying circumstances. We had three seminars here on "**Repentance and Discovering God's Will**" and "**Christian Perspective of Mental Health Issues**" by Pastor and **Biblical Creation Science Seminar** by Dr Samuel Gan. The seminars had good attendance of more than 30 people. We also visited the local jungle area with Pastor Peter, Zoe and Shaun which brought back fond memories of Pastor's SAF Officer Cadet School training in 1982 during Exercise Lancer.



The highlight was the 26th Church Anniversary Worship Service attended by about 50 people. The service was led by Eld Terry with Eld George translating into Chinese. Pastor Peter translated in Chinese the message by Pastor Jack from Heb 13 on "**The Call to Holiness**" followed by lunch fellowship. The evening service was chaired by Eld George Wong and Pastor Jack preached from Jude



on “***The Vital Imperatives for the Christian***” followed by a farewell dinner hosted by some church members. We were glad to meet Bro Lim Chan You of Tangkak BPC, Bro Johnny of Evangel BPC and Pr Harrison from Sarawak who came to join us as well among others.



What a joy and privilege to share and fellowship with likeminded brethren and churches in another country. We thank God for safety and good health as both Dr Sam and Pastor were down with flu at the start of the trip. We need the gracious help of God daily in our churches and let us remember to uphold our brethren in much intercession in these two churches as they witness for Christ in these last perilous days, “***for without Him, we can do nothing.***” (Jn15:1-6)

Jack & Angie Sin

Reflections on “Approaching God with the Right Disposition”

The following were the 12 sermon titles (with the key memory verses) preached by various speakers during the second quarter of 2025 (April to June) worship services at Sovereign Hope BP Church:

- ~ Approaching God with ***Reverence and Fear*** (Hebrews 12:28)
- ~ Approaching God as ***Students of His Word*** (Ezra 7:10)
- ~ Approaching God with ***Fervency in Spirit*** (Romans 12:11)
- ~ Approaching God with ***Humble Penitence*** (Acts 20:21)
- ~ Approaching God with ***Praise*** (Psalm 103:5)
- ~ Approaching God with ***Faith*** (Hebrews 11:6)
- ~ Approaching God with a ***Burden for His Kingdom*** (1 Corinthians 9:16)
- ~ Approaching God as ***Faithful Stewards*** (1 Corinthians 4:2)
- ~ Approaching God with ***Holiness*** (Isaiah 6:8)

- ~ Approaching God with **Maturity** (Hebrews 5:14)
- ~ Approaching God with **Patience** (Psalm 27:14)
- ~ Approaching God as **Pilgrims** (1 Peter 2:11)

I have been blessed by the messages and the following are my reflections on some of the messages and key verses.

The Apostle Paul in Rom 12:1-2 said
 "...beseech us to present our bodies a living sacrifice unto God..." ...and in Col 3:1-2 "...to set our affection on things above..."

As believers in Christ who are regenerated and born-again by His Spirit (Tit 3:5/John 3:3), **we are to approach God in reverence & fear and humble penitence and living a sanctified life** (1Thes 4:3). Our God is a jealous God (Exod 34:14) and we are to have no other "gods" or idols in our life that come between us and Him. Our God is a Holy God and He will not tolerate any sins in our life. But He is a just and a faithful God who will forgive us of all our sins if we confess them all with a broken and contrite heart (1Jn 1:9/ Psa 51:17)

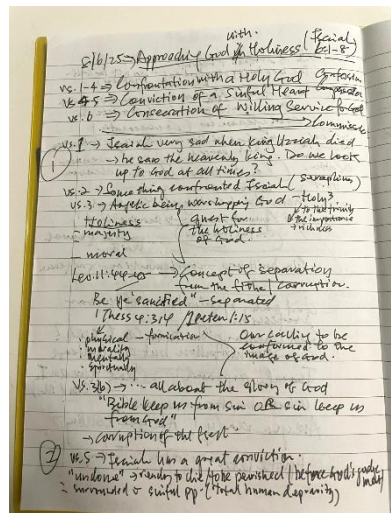
The Apostle Peter in 2Pet 3:18 reminds us ~ *"But grow in grace, and in knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ..."*

"As newborn babes (those who just come to saving faith), desire the sincere milk of the word, that you may grow thereby" (1Pet 2:2).

As we grow in our spiritual maturity in Christ through His Word and His Spirit who strengthens us in the inner man, we will **learn to walk by faith and not by sight** (2 Cor 5:7) and also **living a life of praise with gratitude and thanksgiving always in our heart to the Lord.**

Rom 12:11-13 remind us, *"Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord; rejoicing in hope; patient in tribulation; continuing instant in prayer; distributing to the necessity of saints; given to hospitality."*

As we continue our journey here on earth as pilgrims, let us remain faithful to our calling as good stewards of the manifold grace of God that has been entrusted to us with our time, talent and treasure, to serve one another in the Body of Christ with the spiritual gifts given to us and in one spirit and one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel in witnessing, evangelism, discipleship and missions. (1Pet 4:10/Phil 1:27)



Dn Yue Kay



My 2025 ANNUAL SHBPC CAMP Testimony

When the camp details and registration date were announced, I had enthusiastically signed up to participate in it. The camp theme, ***“Wise or Foolish Living in a Smartphone Era”***, presented a very relevant and intriguing topic in our current fast-paced and ever-evolving technological age. The venue was in Forest City Marina Hotel, Johore, Malaysia, quite near to our home base in Singapore.

The main Camp Speaker was Rev. Tan Eng Boo, who delivered 4 thematic messages based on the main camp theme. Pastor Jack Sin and Joseph Wee were the Morning Devotion Speakers while the other 4 Camp Group Leaders cum Chairmen were Dn Tan Yue Kay, Dn Paul Tan, Albert Ang and Ng Kim Meng.



The overall venue ambience & pristine landscape, facilities & comfort, service quality & efficiency, meals variety, security and staff attitudes /responses were commendable, resulting in an enjoyable & pleasant hotel-stay experience for all the 29 camp participants. Moreover, in this camp setting, we have more time to interact and bond with one another over a meal fellowship or strengthening our friendship ties, to uphold one another in our walk of faith.

The lessons learnt from this camp will enable me to draw nearer to God, to trust, reverence, obey, serve, & praise Him; to pray more & to study His Word and meditate on it, while maintaining a personal relationship with God, to perceive wisdom and understanding and at the same time also being sincere believers in Jesus Christ. This knowledge of wisdom & understanding will help us

NOT ONLY to be more discerning in differentiating truths from scams or falsehoods; eternal life from eternal damnation BUT ALSO in protecting our resources and identities from criminals, especially in our current technologically fast-evolving, chaotic, godless and evil

world. The correct use of technology tools can also help to support widespread true evangelism, although inherent risks do exist.

Hence a comprehensive knowledge & understanding of such high- tech tools, together with wisdom & discernment of the genuine believers, is needed to prevent any misuse or abuse of the gospel to promote doctrinal fallacies. Many of such high-tech tools may become a bane or a boon in the hands of criminals and unbelievers or genuine believers.

As the 2nd most elderly member of SHBPC, (@ 79+y.o.) I am acutely aware of the brevity of my remaining time on this earthly sojourn. Despite my current episodes of some poor health problems and natural degeneration, I am absolutely convinced of God's faithfulness in His unwavering love, peace, and blessings of mercy and grace, that He had bestowed upon various traumatic periods of my life. My personal experiences, though non-spectacular, have galvanised my absolute faith and trust in Almighty God, much to the scoffing and ridicule of the non-believers. I can simply remind them that: ***"With Christ, there's Endless Hope; Without Christ, there's Hopeless End"***.



My family members, siblings, children and grandchildren are still outside God's Kingdom. I have shared the gospel of salvation with them. They have listened but have not been convicted in their hearts yet.

I need to focus more on praying for the Holy Spirit to convict my loved ones of their unrighteousness in their lives and heart and to repent of their sins. I also need to deepen my personal relationship with God; to worship, praise, love, thank and serve Him humbly. However, **I must continue to set a good example for them in striving to live a God-honouring life** to glorify and trust God and obey His statutes, since the chief end of man is to glorify God and enjoy Him forever.

I wish to thank the 2025 Camp Committee and Commandants, Pastor Jack & SHBPC Session, the Guest Speaker Rev. Tan Eng Boo & all the other Group Leaders Chairmen and Morning Devotion Speakers, and those i/c of Music, Photography, First Aid, PA/video & audio recorders, Hotel Facilities and Logistics for a fruitful, edifying, inspiring, enriching & wonderful Church Camp.

ALL GLORY AND HONOUR BE UNTO GOD.
AMEN.

Han Kin Hoong

26/6/2025



Memory Verse

1Thes 2:10 Ye are witnesses, and God also, how holily and justly and unblameably we behaved ourselves among you that believe:

Announcements

1. Welcome to our 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 "***The Place of Spiritual Caregivers (1Thes 2:1-12)***", continuing the new quarterly series on "***Sacred Meditations on Christ and the Coming of the Anti-Christ (1 & 2 Thess)***".
3. Next Sunday, Rev Nathan will bring us on God's Word on "***The Proper Reception of the Word (1Thes 2:13-20)***".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Walking Through the Old Testament (Pastor)
 - Studies in Job (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 New Testament Foundations and the Psalms. **[Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178]**.
6. 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: 625551]**.
7. The **All Asia Creation Ministry International Conference "Teaching Genesis 1-11 History & Science" 22 & 23 Aug** at the Salvation Army Hall (Upper Bukit Timah). Keynote speakers: **Dr Don Batten** (CMI), **Rev Dr Jack Sin** (Sovereign Hope BPC), **Dr Andy McIntosh** (University of Leeds), **Dr Mona Bias** (East Asia School of Theology). Other session speakers from Australia, Hong Kong, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, South Korea, Taiwan, United Kingdom and USA. Kindly register with Dn Yue Kay or via the website.
8. Pray for:
 - **Pit Yuen: Nephew Sean's** continuing studies and internship at Harvard University amidst visa concerns.
 - **Lily Almon:** Singapore Citizenship Application
 - **Ministries: Joseph & Rachel** (AMK Gospel Peace Station & Hokkien Ministries), **CMI Conference** (Aug 22 & 23, Singapore), **Brunei Reformed Church & Miri Reformed Baptist Church.**
 - **Travel: John A** [10-22/7, Philippines]
 - **Medical: Simon** [liver issues and depression], **Pit Yuen** [PET scan on 17/7 and follow-up], **Dr KL & CP's grand-daughter Zoe** [jaundice], **Mrs Philip Heng** [stroke recovery]
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.