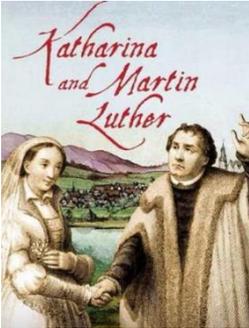


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## Blessed 496<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary to Martin & Katie Luther

June 13, 1525 was definitely a day for the history books. Martin Luther and Catherine von Bora were married at the Black Cloister in Wittenberg, Germany. As was the custom at that time, they were married on a Tuesday. Only a few very select guests were present. Johannes Bugenhagen, who was the local parish pastor, officiated. Lawyer Johann Apel served as the official witness for the University of Wittenberg. Justus Jonas was Luther's good friend and the Castle provost. Lucas Cranach and his wife Barbara served as representatives of the city council and may have stood in Katie's parents' place. It was Martin's hope that not publicizing the wedding would keep nasty rumours to a minimum. Unfortunately, the secrecy only heightened the wild speculations about Martin and Katie's relationship. A more formal public ceremony and celebration would be held in two weeks' time.

This painting is "Luther's Wedding" by Konrad Weigand-Rebecca DeGarmeaux.

Martin Luther was a caring husband to Katie or Katherina as much as a faithful Reformer for Christ and as this first Protestant ex priest and a previous nun got married, both of them were good models for exemplary marital and family bliss for many new Christian families in Protestant churches in the 16<sup>th</sup> century and beyond.



The Christian marriage and family need our commitment and attention and are not to be neglected. Cherish your loved ones including your spouse, parents and children and do not take them for granted as you may not have one another for long.

We do not only learn theology from the Reformers (and their spouses) but practical married and family life too. Katie respected her husband and was an excellent homemaker and took care of the 6 children and the housework, preparing and cooking the meals for the many guests from time to time and the wellbeing of some of the Wittenberg University students too. Wikipedia has this to say,



“Katharina immediately took on the task of administering and managing the monastery's vast holdings, breeding and selling cattle and running a brewery to provide for their family, the steady stream of students who boarded with them, and visitors seeking audiences with her husband. In times of widespread illness, Katharina operated a hospital on site, ministering to the sick alongside other nurses. She assisted him with running the estate duties as he couldn't complete both these and those to the church and university. Katharina also directed the renovations done to accommodate the size of their operations.”

Sadly, many marriages and homes are dysfunctional and breaking down as many may have ignored the Word of God and their loved ones and neglected our duties to each other and to our homes. Do we need to reach out and make up with our son or daughter or any loved one in the family? May the Lord help us to be a blessing to our loved ones and others.

It is time to reclaim our marriages and families in the Lord. A broken home is worse than a deadly virus; it is a daily domestic Pandemic affair that refuse to go away where couples are all masked up in hindered communication and our relationship epitomised by a cold and lifeless social and emotional distancing. Make an effort to care and reach out to a family member who is neglected or downcast and need much prayers and encouragement.

I have an announcement to make - The marital and family lockdown is over. You may freely talk, smile, laugh, eat with and embrace your husband and wife and children again and enjoy this blessed relationship in the Lord. There is no place like home where Christ is honoured and family worship is conducted to the edifying of the members in the house. Let us lead our homes in the service and worship of God and in fear of and knowledge of the Lord to the glory of His Name.

Let us prayerfully remember Christ's love for the church and that He gave Himself for her that we should also sacrificially emulate. Can we strive to follow Christ and with His sovereign leading, revive our marital and family life again by his mercies and strength and serve Him faithfully in his church?

Jack Sin

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# A Christian Home

Barbara B. Hart

Finlandia  
Arranged by Jean Sibelius



1. O give us homes built firm up-on the Sav-ior, Where Christ is  
2. O give us homes with god-ly fa - thers, moth-ers, Who al - ways  
3. O Lord, our God, our homes are Thine for - ev - er! We trust to



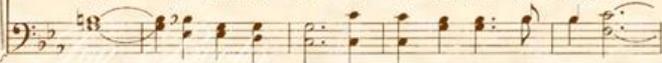
Head and Coun-sel - lor and Guide; Where ev - ery child is  
place their hope and trust in Him; Whose ten-der pa - tience no  
Thee their prob-lem, toil, and care; Their bonds of love no



taught His love and fa - vor And gives His heart to Christ, the cru - ci -  
- place - mol nev - er both-ers, Whose calm and cour - age trou - ble can - not  
en - e - my can sev - er If Thou art al - ways Lord and Mas - ter



fied: How sweet to know that though his foot - steps wa - ver  
dim; A home where each finds joy in serv - ing oth - ers,  
there: Be Thou the cen - ter of our least en - deav - or -



His faith - ful Lord is walk - ing by his side!  
And love still shines, tho days be dark and grim. A - men.  
Be Thou our Guest, our hearts and homes to share.

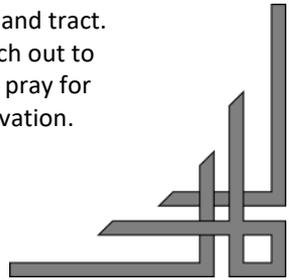




Thank God that Aunty Jenny was able to attend church worship service again on 6 Jun. Do continue to pray for divine grace and strength in her health conditions.



Appreciating our foreign workers with a little snack and tract. Let us reach out to them and pray for their salvation.



**Lessons in Godly Prudence  
from a Wise King**  
Studies into Ecclesiastes



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- 6 The Intervention of God (Eccl 9:7-18)
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- 27 **Gospel Sunday: Fruitful Aging and the Chief Purpose of Man (Eccl 12:1-13)**



## ***A Sharing on the life of my mother - Mdm See Sew Eng***

Mom left us on 11 June 2021, rather abruptly. We had anticipated this to happen for some years but it is never enough to prepare us to face the fact that mom has left. She has gone to a place she has never been there before. It is scary to think of being in a new place, especially where there is no turning back to try again, as it will be for all eternity. But though we are deeply saddened we no longer have mom with us, we are comforted to know that she is not alone trying to find her way in the unknown, for she knows

Someone in the new place who has received her. That Someone is the Lord of lords and King of kings, Creator of heaven and earth and mom is there with Him now.

Dad left us in 1987 at the young age of 55. Our key verse to remember him by was 2 Timothy 4:7. He “fought a good fight”. He fought against many challenges in life, including fighting a deadly cancer which he succumbed to. But thankfully he knew the Lord and passed on to glory. How do I characterise mom? I thought of one word: “endurance”. She was a hairstylist, owned a salon but gave up her shop when the first child came. From then on, there was no turning back, as she devoted herself to being full time housewife to raise up 4 children, helping financially by providing hairstyling services in the home. She persevered and never complained about the small income we had to live on.



She was a stern person who held strict discipline in the family, dictating when we go out and when we stayed in the house. Even though there were many earthly woes, she held on to her role as a mother who loved and sought what was best for the children. This included preserving the

family’s Chinese traditional idol worship. So, when I trusted the Lord at 18 years old, I knew it would be impossible for her to allow me to be baptised. The opportunity came for me to tell her was when she was cutting my hair (she cut our hair for all 5 of us, including dad’s), as the only time I could talk to her without facing her was when she cut the back of my hair! So, at the opportune

moment I said, “Mommy, I want to be baptised”. She stopped for a while, then continued, and to my utter surprise said: “Yes, go ahead, bring your elder brother along too and get him washed (as he had been misbehaving).” My mother had observed my changed life and knew it was good for us. This was one incident which I will certainly talk about with mom when I see her in heaven. She was willing to put aside her long-held traditions for the good of the children. My mom was the last in the family to come to repentance and accept Jesus as her Lord and Saviour. She was baptised in 2011 at nearly 80 of age.

When I left for Africa as a missionary from 1991 to 2000, she was terribly upset with me, more so because she was not yet a believer then. It was also agonising for me throughout those 8 years, as I often thought that I may never see her again. Sometime after I was back in Singapore, I felt led to tell her that with God’s help, I would care for her to make up for the years I was not with her. It



was a bold statement, almost reckless, as we did not have the financial resources nor the space to accommodate her. In 2013, an emergency arose when I had to bring mom over to stay with my family, and from then on Rachel and myself became her caregivers. She started off staying with us in a cramped 3-room flat but the Lord quickly provided a 4 -room flat to ensure a comfortable stay for her, with her own room and toilet. This year, 2021, completes 8 years of promise! God heard my conversation and

sovereignly provided all that was needed for me to make good my promise. Malachi 3:16.

The recent few years have been especially demanding as her mobility, feeding and communication became severely impaired. Despite all the suffering, she quietly trusted God and never set her face against God, nor blamed God for anything. On the eve of her departure, I had a brief visit with her at hospital. As I prepare to leave, she gave me a strange look and seemed to mumble in Hokkien, “It is enough...”. Unknown to me, but not to the Lord, the 8-year chapter of staying with me was due to end, which also marks the end of her 89-year chapter on earth. Mom has a good voice but when her health deteriorated, she could not sing anymore. Now she can sing again, beautifully, with all the angels.



Taken on eve of mom’s homegoing to glory.

Joseph Wee

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# There's a Land That Is Fairer Than Day

*The glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp — Revelation 21:23 NIV*

1. There's a land that is fair - er than day, And by faith we can  
 2. We shall sing on that beau - ti - ful shore The me - lo - di - ous  
 3. To our boun - ti - ful Fa - ther a - bove, We will of - fer the

see it a - far; For the Fa - ther waits o - ver the way To pre -  
 songs of the blest, And our spir - its shall sor - row no more, Not a  
 trib - ute of praise For the glo - ri - ous gift of His love, And the

pare us a dwell - ing place there. In the sweet by and  
 sigh for the bless - ing of rest. In the sweet  
 bless - ings that hal - low our days.

by, by and by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore; In the  
 by and by, by and by,

sweet In the sweet by and by, by and by, We shall meet on that beau - ti - ful shore.

WORDS: Sanford F. Bennett, 1836-1898  
 MUSIC: Joseph P. Webster, 1819-1875

SWEET BY AND BY  
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## Memory Verse

*Eccl 11:9* Rejoice, O young man, in thy youth; and let thy heart cheer thee in the days of thy youth, and walk in the ways of thine heart, and in the sight of thine eyes: but know thou, that for all these things God will bring thee into judgment.

## Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! For our visitors, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave.
2. Pastors speaks today on “**Wise Counsel for Young and Old (Eccl 11:1-10)**”, continuing the quarterly sermon series on “Lessons on Godly Prudence from a Wise King – Studies in Ecclesiastes”.
3. Pastor Jack speaks next Sunday on “**Fruitful Aging & the Chief Purpose of Man (Eccl 12:1-13)**”.
4. Pastor will be speaking to Thai Grace BPC on 20 Jun, this afternoon at 230 pm and to the Biblical Fundamental Church of Chile on 21 June at 7am (Mon morning). Those interested to attend may approach him for the zoom link.
5. Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday 27 Jun:
  - WCF Shorter Catechism Class – Pastor Jack
  - New Testament Survey – Dn Choo Siang
  - Studies in Numbers – Dr Kwong Leen
6. Chinese Fellowship meets on Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The Jun prayer list is available from Dn Choo Siang.
8. Monthly Neighbourhood Bible Class meets on the first Friday of each month in church on the study of 2 Samuel. The next class will be held on 2 Jul in church.
9. The Pandemic book can be purchased through Dn Yue Kay (Hp: +65 97450311) or via email at [sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com](mailto:sovereignhopebpc@gmail.com).
10. Do kindly observe the safety measures of the church and assist with the weekly cleaning of the premises.
11. 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**

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