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COMMUNITY



Prayer Corner

1) Pray for the elders, deacons and pastors as they meet on 25 Feb to discuss church governance and leadership structure.
2) Pray for complete healing for Pastor Jingle as she recovers from surgery.

Hope PC Choir Practice for Easter 8 Apr

Practice starts today till 1 Apr, 9.30-10.45am.
Venue: Kabek Hall, Cry room. **Conductor:** Serene Chang. For those who are interested to be part of this ministry, please proceed to Kabek Hall and join in the practice sessions.

MISSIONS CORNER

**EP Missions Consultation 25 Feb
(THIS IS THE LAST SUNDAY TO REGISTER)**

Theme: Short-term Missions in the Gap Year;
Guest Speaker: Jonathan Fuller, OMF International; **Time:** 12noon-3.15pm; **Venue:** Prinsep St Presby Church. *Timo Chua, our pastoral intern will be sharing.* Please remember him in prayers as he prepares his message. For more details, please refer to the Missions Notice Board. As lunch is catered, please register with the WIC.

Kairos Course @ True Way Presbyterian Church

This 9-session interactive course on world Christian mission is designed to educate, inspire & challenge Christians to active & meaningful participation. It looks at 4 main areas of mission concern—the Biblical, Historical, Strategic & Cultural dimensions. **Dates:** Mar 8, 15, 22, 29; Apr 12, 19, 26; May 3 & 12. **Weekday sessions:** 7.30-10pm. **Final session:** 12 May, Sat, 9am-5pm. **Cost:** \$50 (\$30 for students & non-working adults). **Registration closing date:** 19 Feb. For more info, pl refer to the Missions Notice Board. Register with the WIC.

PROJECT 2018 as at 31 Jan 2012

Original Building Fund	\$142,436
Blue Bag Collection	\$219,117
Transfer from General Fund	\$352,000
Balance	\$713,553



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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VISION STATEMENT

A loving community of disciples and servant-leaders

19 Feb 2012

The HOPE PC Bulletin

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SUNDAY

9.30am-10.30am

PRAYER MEETING
Room 309

11.00am-12.30pm

WORSHIP SERVICE
4th Floor

PRAISEBABIES
Room 301

PRAISEKIDS (3-6 yrs old)
Room 304

**INTER -
GENERATIONAL
WORSHIP &
PRAISEHOUSE CLASSES**
1st, 2nd & 3rd Sundays

**PRAISEHOUSE
WORSHIP**
Last Sunday of month
Kabek Hall/2nd floor Choir Room

1:30pm—3:00pm

**FILIPINO SERVICE
& BIBLE STUDY**
Kabek Hall / Rm 309

3:00pm—4:30pm

**FILIPINO
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES
& FELLOWSHIP**

WEDNESDAY

PRAYER MEETING
8.00pm-9.30pm
Room 305

SATURDAY

PRAYER MEETING
7.30am-9.00am
Room 313-315

**POWERHOUSE+
FELLOWSHIP &
CARE GROUPS**
4.00pm-6.30pm
Kabek Hall

YOUTH RECREATION
6.30pm-8.00pm



**'THE BIBLE THAT
JESUS READ**

PART 1'

Matt 5:17-26

Speaker: Rev Luke Thurai

On Sin: The Greatest Counterfeit

This article is adapted from a sharing at Powerhouse+ some time back and I am thankful for the opportunity to communicate some of the ideas here. The purpose of this article is to share an alternate perspective on our current perception of sin, and draw some interesting applications to you, the reader.

Perhaps you might allow me to engage you in some philosophical musings. What is a wrong answer? This question has many philosophical reverberations if you would allow me to expand on this idea further. Let's take the simple arithmetic problem 2+2, for which the only, true answer is obviously 4, and with this framework derive an understanding of a wrong answer. It is clear that you can draw two conclusions.

First, there are **infinitely many wrong, but only one correct answer**. This is rather interesting because it is congruent with the biblical understanding of right and wrong. Jesus himself said that he is the way, the truth, and the light; nobody comes to the Father except through him. This truth is not only singular, but is also absolute, because narrow is the way that leads to heaven, but broad is the road that leads to destruction. This highlights a biblical standard - there can only be one absolute truth, the truth revealed to us according to the Bible. Another observation is that **any wrong answer contains a degree of the truth**. A wrong answer to the aforementioned arithmetic problem has to be related, in part, to the correct answer 4. For instance, the wrong answer 5 is a manipulation of the correct answer by adding the value 1. This is supported by the way in which the Devil tempts us to sin. If you recall Jesus' temptation in the wilderness, Satan did not tempt Jesus by opposing the truth; rather, he manipulated the truth in an attempt to bring Jesus off the straight and narrow. Sin, instead of being merely seen as the opposite of truth, should be understood as a deviation from truth.

The above perception of Sin has significant implications in the Church's struggle with the world, especially the postmodern world of relativism. The Devil will continue to mislead us by feeding us counterfeits of the truth, deceiving us into thinking we are right, when we are, in fact, severely blinded from the one truth. The application of biblical statutes becomes Legalism, and discarded in the name of "Love". Kingdom values are disregarded in order to sell Christianity to the masses. Truthful doctrinal stances become labeled as conservative and are slowly being engulfed by "Liberal Christianity". It saddens me to see how issues such as dating non-Christians, masturbation, homosexuality, alcoholism and the mindless pursuit of wealth have become condoned, or worse, sacrilegiously justified over the pulpit. In the end, we designate these issues as "grey areas" of the faith, when these are simple black and white matters when understood from a biblical perspective.

In this light, it must be our utmost duty as Christians to be most firmly rooted in our biblical understanding of Christ. Paul refers to this process as the "renewing of the mind". Only then are we able to differentiate the counterfeits from the original, and not conform blindly to the patterns of this world. Not only must we be knowledgeable, we must also be passionate for the light, and stay in the light (that is God's righteousness). Let us not play around in the semi-darkness where we are most vulnerable, and let the devil gain a foothold in our relationship with God! Most importantly, let us encourage each other as a church to turn to the Bible and courageously wield it as the strongest weapon we have in our struggle with sin!

Lee Shaowen Joshua

Joshua Lee is currently studying medicine in the NUS. He is the head of the Powerhouse Ministry Team (PMT)

FEBRUARY / MARCH 2012 @ HOPE THE KING & HIS KINGDOM		
26 Feb	The Bible That Jesus Read, Pt 2 Matt 5:27-48	Rev Luke Thurai
4 Mar	Whose Opinion Matters? Matt 6:1-8, 16-18	Ps Chang Chian Hui
11 Mar	The Lord's Prayer Matt 6:9-15	Rev Luke Thurai
18 Mar	Money-Burden or Blessing? Matt 6:19-24	Rev Luke Thurai
25 Mar	What You Seek Is What You Get Matt 6:25-34	Dr William Wan

ANNOUNCEMENTS

"Meet the People Session" on 26 Feb

This session will commence immediately after the worship service from 12.15—12.45pm. Members are encouraged to stay back and be updated on the "Development of PCS Hub".

Church Names

Under the ROS registration procedure, HPC needs to submit two alternative names for our church besides our stated Hope Presbyterian Church. As empowered in the previous ECM to deal with all matters pertaining to the registration, the EDC would like to propose 'Living Hope Presbyterian Church' and 'Eternal Hope Presbyterian Church' as the two alternative names for registration. Since this is not a new registration, we are confident of registering ourselves under the first name, i.e. 'Hope Presbyterian Church'. The alternative names are just to satisfy the ROS' requirements, in case they decide to reject our preferred name. If members do not feel these names are appropriate, they are welcome to give their feedback. The EDC will table this for a short discussion in our Meet-the-People session on 26 Feb 2012 after service. Thank You."

Today's Worship Service

Elder Lim Tau Cheng

Duty Elder

Tan Jeck Min

Worship Leader

Angeline Lim, Clara Seah

Ally Amir, Barnabas Chua,

Michael Lim, Lester Yong,

Murni Chuang

Musicians & Singers

Goh Jie-ren, Leong Woh

Cheong, Eric Soo,

Koh Hing Song

AV Crew & Projectionist

Sunny Neo, Joy Khoo,

Grace Chen, Karen Peng,

Faith Ong

Ushers

Next Week:

Lennia Low

Duty Pastor

Matthew Ang

Worship Leader

Clara & Charmaine Goh,

Tim Teoh, Jeremy Low,

Theresa Kang,

Moe Yamamura,

Joevan Lim

Musicians & Singers

Jeremy Tay, Emelina Teh,

Quay Cheng Huat,

Stephen Low

AV Crew & Projectionist

Wong Wai Meng, Alvin Lim,

Lian Tian Tse, Jason Toh

Ushers