



MORIAH BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Abide in Christ

Sunday 14 April 2024 Vol 16

John 8:37-47

Chairman Mr. David Lim

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ORDER OF WORSHIP

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

SONGS

You're the Word of God the Father
God the Uncreated One
Oh the mercy of God

RESPONSIVE READING

John 8:42-47

MESSAGE

True and False Children of God
(John 8:42-47)
Rev. Robert Chew

HYMN OF RESPONSE

In Christ Alone

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

CORPORATE PRAYER

BENEDICTION & THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

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Sundays

English Service 9.30am

Junior Worship 9.30am

Adult Bible Class 11.15am

Mandarin Service 9.30am

Junior Sunday School 9.15am

Sunday Bible Class 11.00am

Elders

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TITHES & OFFERINGS



General Fund

“Give unto the LORD the glory due His name; Bring an offering and come into His courts” - *Psalms 96:8*



Building Fund

MBPC Mission Fund

There are many categories for Missions Fund – Please ensure you key the correct category in the reference no. section. If you are unsure, please kindly seek assistance before completing transaction.



MISSION CATEGORY	REFERENCE TEXT
MSP - Cambodia	MSPC
Cambodia Sombor Dormitory	CSMD
MSP - Tanjung Uban	MSPTU
MSP – Northern Thailand	MSPNT
MSP - Jing Jiang	MSPJJ

OFFERINGS FOR 7 APRIL 2024

MBPC BUILDING FUND

Collection this Week
\$3,032.00

\$2M Target 06/2026
\$389,896.53

MBPC/SBPC GENERAL FUND

No. of Pledgers to-date:
28

Our land lease expires
in 2026

Details of last week's collection

Sembawang B-P Church	\$ 6,302.00
Moriah (Combined)	\$ 11,448.00
MSP - General	\$ 520.00
MSP - Cambodia General	\$ 100.00
MSP - China Jin Jiang	\$ 120.00
MSP - Thailand Maechen	<u>\$ 1,302.00</u>
Total	<u>\$ 19,792.00</u>

Info for Giving

General Fund and MSP (DBS)
A/C Name: Moriah B-P Church
A/C Number: 029-016471-1

Church Building Fund (DBS)
A/C Name: MBPC-BF
A/C Number: 029-902817-0

Apr-2024	Amount (\$)	Target(s)	vs. Target
Collection Last Week	\$ 19,792.00	\$ 18,000	110%
Month-To-Date	\$ 19,792.00	\$ 18,000	110%
Year-To-Date	\$ 189,350.60	\$ 252,000	75%

20/20 Questions for Nominated and Re-Elected Deacons

Deacons are one of the two church “offices” as stated in 1 Tim 3:8-13, and as the elders and pastors of Moriah-Sembawang, we want to be careful and discerning in our selection for deacons as they are crucial in building up the life of the church.

To that extent, we have invited our nominated and re-elected deacons/ deaconess to answer these questions honestly, to help us think carefully and thoroughly as to their suitability for this important role. We aim to understand their faith, commitment to service, and readiness to uphold the responsibilities and duties of a deacon/deaconess.

We invite you, the congregation, to go through their answers to these questions, and please give feedback to any of the elders and Rev. Daniel Gan (danielgan@moriahbpc.org) if you have any concerns or further questions.

Your input is invaluable in ensuring we choose the right individuals who are well-prepared and fully committed to serving as deacon/deaconess in Moriah.



Nominated:

Jervina Eng Shi Min



Re-elected:

Kenny Khoo Ming Sang



Re-elected:

Daniel Hoo Mau Hong

1. How long have you been a Christian? Please give a brief account of your conversion.

Daniel Hoo: I have been a Christian for over 35 years. I accepted Jesus as my personal Lord & savior after a catechism class at my previous church, Galilee Bible Presbyterian Church. The then-elder, Elder Su, led me through the sinner's prayer.

Kenny Khoo: I have been a Christian for 40 years; I came to know Christ at 15 when I read the Gospel of John, and after having explored Buddhism.

Jervina Eng: I've been a Christian since I was a child. When my family shifted to the east in 2000, we tried attending a few churches and finally settled in Moriah BP Church. I was 6 years old. My first encounter with God (as far as I can remember), happened when I was 16. While waiting for O Level results, like every other student, my self-confidence dropped, and anxiety consumed me. But I remember vividly that the main gist of my Quiet Time leading up to results day was that when one door closes, God will open another, and to always cast my cares unto God. Cliché, but those words calmed my anxious heart and gave me assurance. I took my first step towards God.

2. Why do you desire to be a deacon/deaconess?

Kenny Khoo: Jesus commanded: Love one another (Jn 13) and feed my sheep (Jn 21). Being a deacon is one way where I can fulfil the command. Serving as a deacon enables me to live within the grand plans of Christ for His local church.

Daniel Hoo: I believe that the Lord has called me to serve in this capacity and to use my gifts for His glory in this manner.

Jervina Eng: To be honest, I've never thought of being a deaconess. In my memory, we have never had a deaconess in Moriah, so the desire to be one has never crossed my mind until Pastor Daniel spoke to me. We then went through sessions of the Deacon study on things like how deacons came about and what is expected of a deacon in terms of behavior and service to the church. I prayed about this carefully and have decided to take on this role to better support the pastoral team and the church.

3. Has anyone gone through with you on what they expected of you as a deacon/deaconess?

Jervina Eng: Yes, I have gone through the Deacon Study with Pastor Daniel.

Daniel Hoo: Yes, Rev Robert and Elder Max reviewed the expectations prior to my nomination as a deacon.

Kenny Khoo: No.

4. Do you think you have the experience and the skills necessary to do the work for which the pastoral staff and elders have considered you?

Daniel Hoo: Yes. That being said, I have many imperfections and faults, which make reliance on Jesus an imperative. I believe there is room for improvement and scope for being a better servant leader.

Kenny Khoo: Yes, I believe so, for much has been learnt over the last 2 terms.

Jervina Eng: Being in Moriah for 20+ years has helped me to know our congregation better and familiarize myself with the way we do things here. It will be a learning journey, but I believe with heart work and a strong support system, I will be able to contribute better.

5. If you are married, what does your spouse think of you serving as a deacon/deaconess?

Kenny Khoo: My wife, Jennifer is supportive; she also helps me by serving in the gaps.

Daniel Hoo: My wife, Eunice, is supportive of my service in the church.

Jervina Eng: Not married yet.

6. If you have children above 13 years of age, what do they think of you serving as a deacon/deaconess?

Daniel Hoo: Both my daughters, Nicole and Rachel, are supportive.

Kenny Khoo: Honestly, this is an area of struggle. They probably thought that I was not good enough for it when I first started. But I believe they are getting used to the idea, and probably could not imagine me not serving.

Jervina Eng: Not applicable.

7. In which areas have you been serving in the church? And how long?

Jervina Eng: I have been serving in the following ministries: Teen Fellowship (also known as Youth Fellowship now): on and off since 2017, Young Adults Fellowship: since 2017, Worship Team: since 2018, Social Media: since 2020, Steering Committee: since 2021, Moriah Café: since 2023, Echo Christ: since 2024. I'm also involved in serving in these: Mission Trips, Women of Worth, Choir, Junior Worship.

Kenny Khoo: I started serving in the Audio/Video ministry and Missions Committee. Also served as a teacher in SBC, advisor to Grey Matters Ministry, chairman of Building Fund, and now, Chairman of the Childcare Committee.

Daniel Hoo: I lead the worship service ministry and have been serving in this area for the past 3-4 years. I have been a church musician for the past 25 years since I started attending Moriah in 1999. I play the piano and keyboard at worship services, rejoice with families as a wedding pianist, and minister to grieving families at funeral services. I love singing and have been a choir member as well as a choir conductor both in my previous church as well as here in Moriah. In 2017, the Lord laid a burden on my heart, and I set up Echo Christ, a vocal ensemble comprising singers who love the Lord and love singing. In addition, I regularly volunteer in the rummy-o sessions run by the Grey Matters ministry and am a member of the childcare management committee and building fund committee.

8. Look at 1 Timothy 3:8-13. Do you think you meet the qualifications as Paul laid down for deacon/deaconess?

Kenny Khoo: All except my children. I am still praying for their salvation and love for Jesus.

Jervina Eng: From my answers below, I know I am nowhere near being a perfect deaconess, but I strive to embody the characteristics mentioned in 1 Timothy 3:8-13 and serve well in the house of God.

Daniel Hoo: Some. By the grace of God, as He shapes and molds me, I trust that I will gradually better reflect the Lord Jesus in my service.

9. Are you dignified? What do you think that means?

Daniel Hoo: Sometimes. I think that means behaving in a manner worthy of respect.

Jervina Eng: Someone who is humble, shows respect, and is being respected. I would like to believe I am.

Kenny Khoo: NIV interprets it as “deserving of respect”. But “deserving of respect” is often seen from a human point of view. I am only deserving because of the grace of God.

10. Are you double-tongued? What do you think that means?

Jervina Eng: Someone who doesn't guard their tongue from gossip or disclosing unnecessary information. To a certain extent, I feel I do, but this is something I've been trying to work on.

Kenny Khoo: No, I am not.

Daniel Hoo: No. I think that means being devious in speech.

11. Do you think you are marked by greed?

Kenny Khoo: No.

Daniel Hoo: No.

Jervina Eng: I do not think I am marked by greed.

12. Do you “hold the mystery of the faith with a clear conscience”? In other words, do you sincerely and solidly believe in Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior?

Daniel Hoo: Yes.

Jervina Eng: Yes.

Kenny Khoo: Yes.

13. Do you think you have been “tested”? How? How do you think the “test” has gone?

Jervina Eng: I believe that now, I’m being “tested” by God to step up to serve despite my struggles in work and life. As to how the “test” would go, I pray that I will be faithful to the end.

Kenny Khoo: Always being tested and trialed by God’s refining fire. Every test builds faith and molds character.

Daniel Hoo: Yes, many times. Many have ended somewhat badly. I have learnt painful lessons from some of them and paid hefty prices for others.

14. Do you tend to slander others, to speak ill of them in front of others, to gossip?

Kenny Khoo: I believe this is in control.

Daniel Hoo: No.

Jervina Eng: This is something I’m working on.

15. Are you sober-minded, and able to “keep your head” in heated situations? Do you have a heart to be peacemakers in the life of the church?

Daniel Hoo: Somewhat. Due to my outspoken and forthright manner, peacemaking isn't exactly my strongest suit. But I realize that the Lord is working to “smoothen my rough edges” and refining me to be salt of the earth.

Jervina Eng: I do not think I'm someone who acts rashly. I would usually assess the situation before making any decisions.

Kenny Khoo: Learning to defer to the preference of others where it has no negative effect.

16. Have you been faithful to the work that has been assigned to you? Do you take responsibility for them, whether in successes or failures? Do you procrastinate?

Jervina Eng: Serving in various ministries over the years has exposed me to different tasks in the Church. I do not see them as successes or failures, but rather areas we've done well in and lessons we can learn from.

Kenny Khoo: Yes; but I do procrastinate the administrative aspects. Too much to juggle between work and ministry (both church and outside).

Daniel Hoo: There have been periods in my life, even during my term as deacon over the last 3 years, where I have been mired in the dark recesses of a valley. During those periods, my commitment to service in church waned. I admit I served perfunctorily, sometimes without my heart wholly engaged in what I was doing. But God is gracious. He never gave up on me. I acknowledge my shortcomings and am thankful to those who stepped up and bridged the gap in areas where I was wanting. I am thankful for the community of loving brothers and sisters who have been very kind in words and manner. These mentors were never judgmental and have patiently and quietly come alongside me to encourage me.

In general, I am a person of action and often think, speak, and work at a frenetic pace. But at times, I am also guilty of procrastination, especially when the tasks are unpalatable for one reason or another.

**17. If you are married, how well do you think you're doing as a husband/wife?
As a father/mother?**

Kenny Khoo: I can do a lot better.

Daniel Hoo: Both as a husband and a father, I am a work in progress.

Jervina Eng: Not married yet.

18. Look at 1 Tim 3:13. What do you think it means for you to “serve well as a deacon/deaconess”? How will serving well increase your confidence in the faith that is in Jesus Christ?

Daniel Hoo: I think that if I can model my service after Jesus, who is the ultimate servant leader, I'd have served quite well as a deacon. I believe that the Lord will equip me for His work. That He has chosen an imperfect creature such as me is a great honor. I don't see myself (or anyone for that matter) as indispensable in the Lord's service. God's work will go on regardless of whether I serve or not. That He has allowed me to play a part, I accept with humility as a great privilege.

Jervina Eng: Being able to spot and meet tangible needs of the church; being peacemakers; being a support to the church while the pastoral team focuses on more important matters; amongst other roles. I believe serving well will create opportunities for personal and spiritual growth, which will increase my confidence in the faith that is in Jesus Christ.

Kenny Khoo: I am wary of just looking at measurable KPIs. But yes, I believe my desire to serve well reflects my love for Jesus, and hence the faith that I have.

19. Do you use social media of any kind (Twitter, Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, etc.)? How do you think Paul's description of a deacon/deaconess applies to how he/she should engage social media?

Jervina Eng: Yes, I do. And I also believe that we need to be careful of our actions and words that we put out there, and the media we expose ourselves to so that we do not stumble others and ourselves.

Kenny Khoo: Nope... not very much.

Daniel Hoo: I use Facebook. I don't have time for the other platforms. I think our online profile should be consistent with our offline persona. Pride and boasting should not be evident in the way we engage others as well as the way we profile ourselves.

20. Have you read our church's constitution? Do you have any questions about the way our church functions? Will you be happy to abide by that constitution and defend and explain it to other members when necessary?

Kenny Khoo: Yes, but that was some time ago. Nonetheless, as a member of Moriah, I stand ready to defend and explain.

Daniel Hoo: Yes, partially. Yes, I have questions about certain provisions in the constitution, although this is not the appropriate platform to conduct this discussion. Yes, my status as a member of Moriah means that I am submitting myself to abide by the constitution.

Undoubtedly, I must be prepared to defend the constitution as well as explain it to other members where necessary.

Jervina Eng: Yes, I have read the church's constitution and will be happy to abide, defend, and explain to other members when necessary. No questions.

PRAY FOR THE PREACHING OF THE WORD TODAY

Rev. Robert Chew (Moriah English Service), Rev. Peter Tan (Sembawang BPC) and Rev. Chai Muei Huying (Mandarin Service). May God grant them unction from above for his messages to edify and strengthen the worshippers there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

Junior Worship 14 Apr -

Lesson: Naaman & the Servant Girl

Super Truth: I will learn to be humble at all times.

Childcare is hiring a principal - Scan QR code on right for more information.



Notice for 2024 Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

28 April (Sun) 12pm @ Moriah

- ACM materials availed at Moriahbpc.org website.
- Access instructions sent to your registered email
- 2 deacons (Kenny Khoo, Daniel Hoo) for re-election
- 1 deaconess (Jervina Eng) nominated
- Contact the church office to address any issues.
- Members can order their free pre-ACM lunch bento (oyster sauce chicken, seasonal vegetables, rice) by replying to acm2024@moriahbpc.org or contacting the church office (provide name, mobile).

Next Service 21 Apr - In a Blink of an Eye (John 9:1-41) Rev. Daniel Gan.