

Abide In Christ

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### **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### WELCOME

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

### **OPENING PRAYER**

### **GLORIA PATRI**

SONGS

Only a Holy God Holy Holy Holy O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer

> RESPONSIVE READING Luke 6:43-49

### MESSAGE

How Is Your Spiritual Health Today? Luke 6:43-49 Rev. Benjamin Tsao

HYMN OF RESPONSE

Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

### **TITHES & OFFERINGS**

### **OFFERTORY PRAYER & DOXOLOGY**

### **PASTORAL PRAYER**

### BENEDICTION & THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES**

### **SERMON 18 MAY 2025**

How Is Your Spiritual Health Today? Luke 6:43-49 Rev. Benjamin Tsao

1. How is the quality of your life's action? – it is reflective of your inner spiritual health (verses 43-45)

How should we respond to fruitlessness and an evil heart? – Turn to God in repentance (Jn 15:4, Eze 36:26)

a) How is your spiritual fruit today (verses 43-44)?

b) What kind of work does your heart produce (verse 45a)?

c) How is your speech (verse 45b)?

2. Do you submit to Jesus' teachings, building upon Christ the foundation (verses 47-49, 1 Cor 3:11, 10:4)?

Dear Moriah Family,

"Then I said to them, 'You see the trouble we are in...Come, let us rebuild the wall...' They replied, 'Let us start rebuilding.' So they began this good work." (Nehemiah 2:17-18)

#### A Sacred Journey Together

Last weekend, your Session and Steering Committee gathered for a "BreakThru" Leadership Retreat under the guidance of Rev Oh from Mt Carmel BP Church. This wasn't merely a planning meeting or a team-building exercise, but a sacred journey into the heart of spiritual renewal.

Like Nehemiah surveying Jerusalem's broken walls, we took time to honestly examine both our individual spiritual journeys and our collective leadership. Through prayer, Scripture, vulnerable sharing, and purposeful commitment, we embraced a profound truth: church renewal begins with leadership renewal.



Rev Oh shared with us a framework for understanding spiritual development that deeply resonated with our leadership team:

1. When leaders hit what he calls "The Wall" (spiritual dryness, serving from obligation rather than joy), it's actually God's invitation to a deeper journey

2. Breaking through this wall requires a journey inward. Learning to listen to God's voice, discovering His purpose, and surrendering ourselves completely to Him

3. From this renewed inner life naturally flows outward service that is marked by freedom, joy, and trust in God's sufficiency

#### Wells of Living Water

Jesus promised, "Whoever believes in me... rivers of living water will flow from within them" (John 7:38). Throughout our retreat, we explored how spiritual leadership flows not from duty but from delight, not from striving but from abiding.





The image of living water captured our imagination. When leaders drink deeply from Christ, those waters naturally overflow to nourish the entire congregation.

#### **Building Nehemiah's Wall Together**

A highlight of our retreat was building our own "Nehemiah's Wall" of commitments. Each leader contributed "bricks" representing specific ways we commit to serve from renewed hearts:

- Using words that build up rather than tear down
- Working WITH God rather than merely FOR Him
- Building loving relationships across generations and backgrounds
- Praying faithfully for each other and our church family
- Speaking truth with love and seeking understanding before judgment

These commitments now form a covenant that will guide our leadership in the coming year.



**3. Increasing Visibility**: We recognize the need for greater leadership presence and accessibility beyond the pastor alone

**4. Principled Leadership**: We're committed to leading from clear biblical principles that honour both our Bible-Presbyterian heritage and the living guidance of the Holy Spirit

#### The Journey Ahead

As your leadership team, we are excited to share that we've committed to several specific steps to continue this journey of renewal:

#### 1. Deepening Our Spiritual Lives:

The leadership team will participate in weekly discipleship through an Abide Series focused on spiritual practices that nurture our walk with Christ

#### 2. Strengthening Relationships:

We're forming spiritual friendship groups for mutual encouragement, accountability, and growth



#### An Invitation to Journey Together

While this retreat focused on leadership renewal, the ultimate goal is the spiritual vitality of our entire church family. In the coming months, you'll see these commitments taking visible form in various aspects of church life.

We invite you to join us in this journey of renewal. Just as each Israelite family took responsibility for rebuilding a section of Jerusalem's wall, spiritual renewal at Moriah will require all of us working together, each contributing our unique gifts. As Moses prayed, "May the Favor of the Lord our God rest on us; establish the work of our hands for us" (Psalm 90:17). We believe God has begun a good work among us, and we look forward with hope to all He will continue to do through our church family.

With Christ's love, Ps Daniel Gan Moriah BP Church

## **TITHES & OFFERINGS**



General Fund

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



**Building Fund** 

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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 11 MAY 2025**

### **MBPC BUILDING FUND**

Collection this Week \$ 100

**General Fund and MSP (DBS)** 

A/C Name: Moriah B-P Church

**Church Building Fund (DBS)** 

A/C Number: 029-902817-0

A/C Number: 029-016471-1

A/C Name: MBPC-BF

Info for Giving

Year to date (Current Acc bal + FD) \$ 78,034.50

### **MBPC / SBPC GENERAL FUND**

#### Details of last week's collection

Sembawang B-P Church	\$ 1,819.00
Sembawang B-P Church Moriah (Combined)	\$ 6,653.00
MSP - General	\$ 70.00
MSP - China - Jin Jiang	\$ 210.00
MSP - Northern Thailand	\$ 2.00
Total	\$ 8,754.00

### MBPC/SBPC General Fund Collection (including missions)

<u>Past Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>2025 Target</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u> against Target <u>(%)</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u> <u>Shortfall</u>
\$21,122.24	\$336,272.29	\$800,000	42.03%	\$463,727.71

# PRAY FOR THE PREACHING OF THE WORD TODAY

Rev. Benjamin Tsao (English Service) Rev. Mark Tay (Sembawang BPC) and Ps. Wong Choon Yew (Mandarin Service). May God grant them unction from above for his messages to edify and strengthen the worshippers there.

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES**

Junior Worship Lesson: Paul and the Shipwreck

Truth: I will not give up

**Youth fellowship** Lesson: How Do You Know God's Your Father Venue: Level 3 YAF Room

**31st May 2025 Moriah Family Day! -** Date & Time: 31st May Saturday, 5pm Games, 6.30pm Potluck. Register at the booth outside the Sanctuary this Sunday. All are welcome!

**Palliative Care Explained -** Speaker: Ps. Justin Tan, Senior Assoc. Chaplain of St. Andrew's Community Hospital Date: Saturday 31st May 2025, Time: 3:00pm to 4:30pm Venue: Mandarin Sanctuary



**Abide To-Gather: Arise and Build**: Let's prepare for Church Camp happening on 17 - 20 June by reading Nehemiah 1 - 8.

**Next Sunday** - 25th May Sermon From Denial to Devotion: Peter | John 21:1-22 | Ps. Wong Choon Yew