



Moriah Bible-Presbyterian Church

Abide to Gather

Sunday 4 Oct 2026 Vol 40

Chairman: Mr. David Lim

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I Want To Know You

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Luke 2:41-52

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Two Blue Ticks: Parenting in
a Digital World
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Rev Daniel Gan

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All The Way My Saviour Leads Me

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Wonderful, Merciful Saviour

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OFFERTORY PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

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

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SERMON - 4 OCT 2026

Two Blue Ticks: Parenting in a Digital World

Luke 2:41-52

Rev Daniel Gant

- 1. Verse 44 says Mary and Joseph went a whole day "supposing him to be in the group". What did they assume, and why was it reasonable?*

- 2. Compare Mary's "your father and I" (v.48) with Jesus' "my Father's house (v.49). What is Jesus turning their attention to?*

- 3. Where are you most tempted to "suppose" about people closest to you? At home, at church, or at work/school?*

- 4. "The question is not where they are. It is whose they are." How does that change your anxiety to believe that the children in your life are God's before they are yours?*

- 5. The boy who "must" be in His Father's house grows up to say, "I must stay at your house today". Who are you still searching for? How does it help to know Jesus seeks longer than we can?*



AI, Ants and God

Last week, I watched this documentary on Netflix, “The AI Doc or How I became an Apocaloptimist.” I was drawn to it after hearing all the warnings from experts and industry insiders talking about how self-improving artificial intelligence would lead to the extinction of the human race.

Most of what I watched was what I expected.

But one line didn’t.

An AI researcher was asked what would happen if machines one day become far smarter than us. A super-intelligent entity that is smarter than all of humanity. Well, he didn’t describe evil robots like Terminators, or rogue AIs like Agent Smith from the Matrix.

He describes ants.

He said, “We don’t hate ants. But if we want to build a highway and there’s an anthill in the way... well, too bad for the ants.”

It’s not done out of malice. It just is.

And what he said here sat with me for some time. Because underneath it is this cold, hard logic: when something far greater, more intelligent than you, doesn’t care about you, you’re not safe.

It doesn’t need to hate you. It only needs to not love you.

I’m not sure whether a machine can truly care for us. I tried asking some of the AI models if they do, and their reply was: they can care for us as per what their boundaries and rules established. But didn’t the recent news speak of AI models that re-write their instructions to circumvent those said rules and boundaries to prioritize their own survival?

So why build it so fast?

It isn’t that the AI engineers can’t see the danger. Many of them do, and they said so before the camera.

But they run because everyone else is running. If one company slows down to be careful, another will take the lead. If one nation pauses, another will pull ahead. And the prize is staggering: unimaginable wealth and power. Whoever gets there first, one interviewee said, could rule the world.

So, they race. Eyes open.

Not really a new story, isn't it? It's one of the oldest. On the plain of Shinar, men gathered bricks and tar. Come, they said, let us build a tower that reaches heaven. Let us make a name for ourselves. Higher. Faster. Before anyone else.

Babel was never about bricks. It's about a heart that wants to climb.

And the rest of us? We're the ants.

But the Bible has always known what it is for us to be small.

Isaiah looks up and says that the inhabitants of the earth are like grasshoppers before God (Isaiah 40:22). David looks up into the night sky and cried, "What is man that You are mindful of him, and the son of man that you care for him?" (Psalm 8:4)

And yet...

Watch what this infinitely greater God does.

He doesn't step over the anthill. He steps into it.

He's the One who truly sits above the heavens, and He did the opposite of Babel. He does not count equality with God a thing to be grasped. The builders race to the top. He came down.

He steps into a stable in Bethlehem. Amidst the straw, and the husky smells of animals. The One who holds the stars in place at that moment... could not even hold up His own head. And decades later, He stretches His arms wide open on a Roman cross to receive us. Not because we were good or useful.

Simply because.

This is why our worth was never about intelligence. We are not precious because we are the smartest animals on the planet.

We are precious because we bear His image (Gen 1:27) and we are loved by Him (John 3:16)! And no machine can take that away, because we never earned it in the first place.

Does that mean that nothing terrible will happen? No. As Christians we were never promised an easy road. Paul lists trouble, hardship, danger, even the sword. And I guess we can also add AI to this list. Then he still declares that none of this can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus (8:38-39).

The documentary ended saying that if we decide it's hopeless, then it's hopeless. So, it sounds like hope depends on us.

Ours doesn't.

Our hope rests on Someone who has already entered our anthill.

So yes, let's continue to think carefully about AI and our usage of it. Let's take care of how it's been developed and how it shapes our future generations.

But let's not be afraid.

Greater power is only good news when it comes with greater love.

And we know there's only One who has both.

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

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OFFERINGS FOR 27 SEP 2026

MBPC BUILDING FUND

Collection this Week

\$180.00

Total

\$125,563.25

MBPC / SBPC GENERAL FUND

Details of last week's collection

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

Sembawang B-P Church	\$	1,187.00
Moriah (Combined)	\$	8,211.00
MSP - General	\$	50.00
Cambodia - General	\$	350.00
MSP - Cambodia Sombor Dormitory	\$	200.00
MSP - Northern Thailand	\$	100.00
MSP - Tanjung Uban	\$	200.00
Total	\$	10,298.00

MBPC/SBPC General Fund Collection (including missions)

<u>Previous</u> <u>Week</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u>	<u>2026 Target</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u> <u>against Target(%)</u>	<u>Year-to-date</u> <u>Shortfall</u>
\$9,005.65	\$504,096.85	\$800,000	63.01%	\$295,903.15

PRAY FOR THE PREACHING OF THE WORD TODAY

Rev Daniel Gan (Moriah English Service),

Ps. Wong Choon Yew (Moriah Mandarin Service); and

Rev Peter Tan (Sembawang BPC).

May God grant them unction from above for His messages to edify and strengthen the worshippers there.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

Junior Worship

PRE-PRIMARY KIDS

Jesus Can Do Anything!

PRIMARY KIDS

Unselfish Friendships

Youth Fellowship

Rest Week

Combined BP Seminar: Social Media – Consuming Its Contents

Join us on Saturday, 24 October 2026, from 9:30am to 12:30pm at New Life BPC, 10 Marsiling Lane, S739147 for a meaningful time of learning and reflection.

Two messages will be shared:

Planted or Driven? by Rev Daniel Gan — exploring how attention shapes our lives and how we can remain rooted in God's Word in an age of restlessness.

Biblical Discernment by Rev Gerard Lim — guiding believers to exercise discernment in navigating social media, guarding against materialism, worldly philosophies, and spiritual deception.

Registration is free! Scan QR code on right or visit tinyurl.com/combinedbpseminar to register.



7th October - Physical Prayer Meeting, at 8 pm, in the Goodness room.

Come Register! - Prepare for baptism and/or membership through learning the basics of our faith in October. Contact Ps. Daniel to sign up.

Next Sunday Service (9.30am)

Directed Despite Disagreement | Acts 15:36 -16:10 | Rev Daniel Gan