

MORIAH BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Abide in Christ

Sunday 31 March 2024 Vol 14 1 Peter 1:3~5

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WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

OPENING PRAYER

GLORIA PATRI

SONGS

Christ the Lord is Risen Today
How Great Is Our God
Then Sing My Soul/Give Thanks

SPECIAL ITEM BY ECHO CHRIST

It's about the Cross

BAPTISM & REAFFIRMATION
OF FAITH

RESPONSIVE READING

1 Peter 1:3-5

MESSAGE

A Living Hope (1 Peter 1:3-5)
Rev. Chai Muei Huying

HYMN OF RESPONSE

I serve A Risen Savior

TITHES & OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY PRAYER & DOXOLOGY

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION & THE LORD BLESS YOU AND
KEEP YOU

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BAPTISM, REAFFIRMATION OI	F FAITH
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SERMON NOTES	A Living Hope (1 Peter 1:1-3) by Rev. Chai Muei Huying

HYMN OF RESPONSE

TITHES & OFFERINGS



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



Building Fund

General Fund

MBPC Mission Fund





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 24 MARCH 2024

MBPC BUILDING FUND

Collection this Week \$1,605.00 \$2M Target 06/2026 \$386,864.53

No. of Pledgers to-date: <u>28</u>

Our land lease expires in 2026

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

MBPC/SBPC GENERAL FUND

THE COLD COLUMN	
Sembawang B-P Church	\$ 1,464.02
Moriah (Combined)	\$ 8,656.20
MSP - General	\$ 20.00
MSP - Cambodia General	\$ 162.00
MSP - Cambodia Sombor Dormitory	\$ 100.00
	\$ 10,402.22

Mar-2024	Amount (\$)	Target(s)	vs. Target
Collection Last Week	\$ 10,402.22	\$ 18,000	58%
Month-To-Date	\$ 53,551.13	\$ 72,000	74%
Year-To-Date	\$169,558.60	\$ 216,000	83%

EASTER BAPTISM SERVICE - 31 MARCH 2024

TESTIMONIES

CHILD BAPTISM

Lucien Tung Shun Jie

ADULT BAPTISM

Stephanie Yeo Su Fen Kwan Sing Ming Chan Chee Kong Xavier Grant Currin

REAFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Koh Guat Ngo

Stephanie Yeo Su Fen

From an infant, I was baptised as a Catholic and always thought that Mother Mary was the only way to approach God. As such, I did not have a personal direct relationship with God. We were always taught to confess our sins to a priest at a confession box.



Faith was far from my mind as everything felt very religious. Going to the Catholic church on Sundays felt obligatory because of my mother and thus, I felt disconnected from God. Even my daily night prayers were rehearsed and rote. My life revolved around worldly pursuits. The basis of my security back then was relationships and I had a fear of abandonment.

The first time I was exposed to Christianity was in Secondary school. My initial thought was that I entered a cult. My maternal cousin brought my sister and me to City Harvest church for the first time and we were flabbergasted with the extremities of worship as well as how casual everything appeared. The church goers were jumping and singing, speaking in tongues, and the bread and wine were taken in a seemingly flippant manner.

We were raised in a Catholic Church, which emphasised on order, rituals and ceremonies. No jumping while singing, no speaking in tongues and the congregation was not allowed to drink the wine.

This was sacrilegious to us.

Some years later, my boyfriend (now husband) brought me to a Christian church, and I am very thankful to God for letting me keep an open mind.

The pastor who was preaching then, addressed a problem I was struggling with, and it made me think "is he talking to me?" I thought that perhaps God was using this pastor to speak to me about my issues.

I have never felt that way throughout the years in my life while I was attending a Catholic Church. I have never felt a connection to God through the Catholic priest. Therefore, I decided to attend sermons in the Christian church with my boyfriend (now husband) while also attending the Catholic church with my parents.

It was rather stressful as I had to hide it from my mother, who is against Christianity.

Stephanie Yeo Su Fen

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Eventually, I decided to put my trust in Jesus instead of my Roman Catholic religion when we got married, and I started only attending the Christian church.

I'm now more committed to knowing God on a personal level. I'm thankful I can pray and talk to God directly without having to go through Mother Mary. I have since gained more brothers and sisters in Christ, whom I'm very thankful for helping me grow in the faith. I've also developed a desire to hear more of God's Word through sermons.

I know about Moriah B-P church through my husband. I am currently in a home care group (One in Christ). I hope to be more integrated in the community. To be stronger in my Christian faith and to draw closer to Christ, so as to be a good role model for my son.

Lucien Tung Shun Jie

The Lord has blessed us with our son, Lucien during a period of darkness. Conceiving Lucien was a blessing to us and to my Father-in-law, who was stricken with a serious illness which required a major operation back then. And revealing the news of my pregnancy added a second wind to his life, as he was looking forward to getting well and spending time with his grandchild.



Lucien was born during the first lockdown (circuit breaker) and we felt he was a "light" blessed to us by God. Lucien loves the story of Noah's ark and enjoys flipping through the pages and has a great love for animals.

As Christian parents, we pray that God will grant us wisdom and patience to be good role models and guide Lucien in the ways of the Lord. We pray for him to be Christlike, to be a kind and compassionate individual who will care and love the people and animals around him. We pray that he will draw close to God and not stray from his faith as he traverses through life.

- Daniel & Stephanie

Kwan Sing Ming

In 2000, when my daughter went to Moriah BPC, I followed her to the Sunday Worship.

For many years, I listened to the sermons and I see this useful as it made me awakened. Jesus is a powerful God and He has saved us and the sick, poor and sinful people. He promises to raise us up to Heaven.



For many years, I watched my daughter transform into a new person and I found out Jesus have saved her. I thank Jesus for His love and guiding us through our lives. I wish to join Christ our Saviour, and serve our fellow Christians and the church.

Jesus lives for us and gives us eternal life, our Lord and Saviour.

Chan Chee Kong

I grew up in a non-Christian family. While growing up, my life has always been carefree, I have no worries and I was a free thinker. But I always ask myself this question.



"What is my purpose in life?"

As I reached my adulthood life, my educational journey has taken priority over other matters. I dreamt about achieving excellence with my good grades, and pursued good skills in order to have a bright future.

My first encounter with Christianity was through my overseas travel to Liverpool, United Kingdom when I pursued my undergraduate studies in 1977. When I arrived at Liverpool Railway Station, I was alone and clueless on how I'm going to integrate into British culture which is culturally different from my home country, Malaysia.

I was alone in a foreign land and I was anxious. But help came unexpectedly from a group of Christian students from Malaysia who took me in as I was without any arranged accommodation and was homeless. My heart was deeply touched and grateful for their grace in helping a stranger in need.

Chan Chee Kong

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But I was still not a Christian. My life was only turned around after my marriage. My wife, Angeline, had persistently encouraged me to seek life as a Christian by attending church service. That was how I ended up coming to Moriah BP Church.

Through God's providence, I was introduced to Pastor Daniel in April 2023. Pastor Daniel initiated, introduced and encouraged me to walk with him on exploring the values and meaning of Christianity. With his patience, guidance and exploring the seven sessions together, I was enlightened about the Gospel of Jesus Christ, about His love, His care and eternal life.

This has had a great impact on me and so, I have decided to embark on the journey of Christianity, to learn more about Jesus, the Son of God, and to understand how I am to grow spiritually.

After accepting Jesus Christ as my Saviour, my life has become more meaningful and now I see life in a different light.

Finally, God has revealed the answer to my question: "What is my purpose in life?

Koh Guat Ngo (Angeline Chan)

I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior during secondary school, albeit with limited understanding of theology and the Bible.

At that time, being a Christian surrounded mostly by non-believers, I faced numerous rejections and experienced isolation. I felt like a seed that fell on rocky ground, sprouting up briefly but eventually withering away due to lack of roots (Matthew 13:5-6).

Shortly after my baptism, I drifted away from the church and returned to the secular world. From then on, I lived as a free thinker.

Koh Guat Ngo (Angeline Chan)

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At the age of 50, I began attending Sunday services at different churches whenever I felt troubled or faced health issues. Our merciful and loving God did not forsake me; He arranged for a faithful colleague faith to guide me in this journey to know Him. She also encouraged me to seek out churches that biblical teaching and preaching, which led me to Moriah BP Church.

Upon retiring at the age of 62, four years ago, I started attending MBPC Sunday services more regularly with my husband. By God's grace, he also recently accepted Christ.

Together, we enrolled in BSF Bible study to deepen our understanding of God's word and truth. Through this journey, we have discovered more joy and peace as our lives are being transformed.

I am grateful to the pastoral staff for arranging my reaffirmation of faith and for my husband's baptism. We are committed to walking with Jesus as children of God.

Therefore, we would like to commit by becoming members of MBPC, in joining the body of Christ to stay connected and to grow spiritually alongside all members of this church.

Xavier Grant Currin

Upon reflection, I have realised that when I was younger I felt like a "Forced Christian". But I wasn't always like this. When I was a child I was always eager to go to Sunday school, learn about God, and listen to bible stories.



However, there came a time when I was unsure about my faith for several years, due to me not realising that I could confide in God and thinking that God did not exist nor care about me after, my grandfather and my first stepfather, John who was a pastor died within a short time frame.

Xavier Grant Currin

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Additionally, on my biological dad's side, he was always struggling with alcohol and relationships. Even now when I visit him in South Africa he still seems engulfed in his addictions.

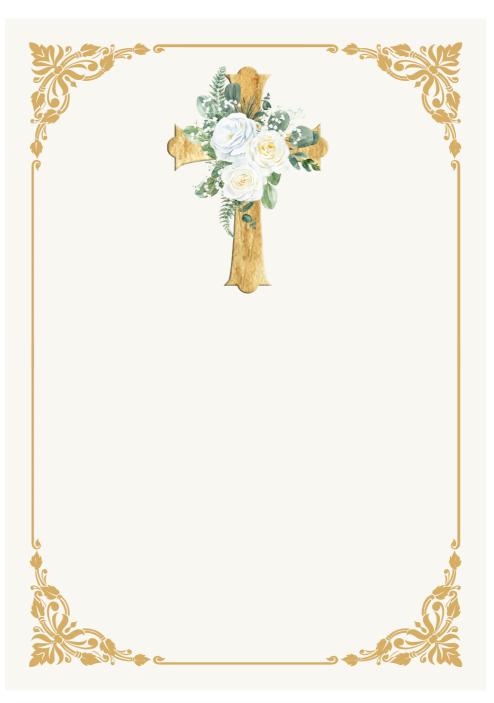
I was even bullied in school and felt alone at times in school. However, I was always grateful that I could come back to a home and loving family and was lucky enough to have been given a third father, who took us to Singapore. But I still felt like my prayers were never answered no matter how hard I tried. Since then I was always reluctant to follow my grandmother or parents to their respective churches every Sunday.

However, after I came to Singapore, I decided to go to my local Church after some time with my family. And I found Moriah.

Initially, I only wanted to go because I thought the wisdom I would receive would benefit me, not because I wanted to improve my relationship with God.

Yet, with their straightforward messages about the true meaning of being a Christian, my faith started to build up again. Now I am adamant about improving my relationship with the holy trinity and I always give thanks to him through Prayer for enabling me to be alive and thanks to Jesus as I realise the extent of his ultimate sacrifice as I mature.

As I improved my relationship with Jesus, which has only happened for the last year or so, I have noticed that what my life revolved around has slowly changed from a sinful and materialistic perspective to a peaceful, kind and loving perspective of all those around me. I also feel like Pursuing a Christian life is more fulfilling than anything else materialistic.



Pray for the preaching of the Word today: Rev. Chai Muei Huying - Bilingual Services (English, Mandarin), Rev. Peter Tan (Sembawang BPC) May God grant them unction from above for his messages to edify and strengthen the worshippers there.

DOXOLOGY - Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise him, all creatures here below; Praise him above ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

PASTORAL PRAYER

BENEDICTION - THE LORD BLESS YOU AND KEEP YOU

The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord lift His countenance upon you,
And give you peace, and give you peace;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you,
And be gracious, and be gracious;
The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & NOTICES

31st Mar Junior Worship - He is Risen.

After Worship - Please proceed to childcare courtyard to have fellowship and lunch buffet.

Next Service 7th Apr

- Bless are those who mourn (Matthew 5:4) Mr. Gn Chiang Tat.