

# The just shall live by his faith

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# Foreword



# “The Just Shall Live by his Faith”

*“Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him:  
but the just shall live by his faith.”* Habakkuk 2:4

Calvary Pandan Church has gone through many ups and downs throughout her short history of forty years. Battles from within and without are to be expected as every church that earnestly contends for the faith once delivered unto the saints will be targeted by the evil one. Some of our past battles included a modern day pharisaic teaching that one can lose his salvation if he were to break more than three of the Ten Commandments; A-millennialism to replace Pre-millennialism (even though the latter is clearly in our church's Constitution as a church distinctive); pseudo-spirituality which is basically a form of modern day pharisaic legalism with a list of do's and don'ts prescribed by young self-appointed leaders; carnal leaders leading the church toward loving the world; and the most deadly of all, an open attack on the perfect Bible. These attacks strengthened the faith of the ones who fought, for they saw the hand of God in delivering them all. They tasted the goodness of God in their lives through these battles. Their prayer lives deepened, for they realized that truly they wrestle not against flesh and blood but against principalities and spiritual darkness in high places. The Lord gave the victory over these enemies of Christ and of Christians.

Will there be more battles to fight in the future? Yes. The battle rages on. The apostate Christianity of the 21st century will evolve and be transformed into the end time harlot church of the Antichrist. That being the case, and as church after church (including many B-P churches in Singapore) fall by the way side, will Pandan remain faithful and still fight the good fight of faith and persevere on in earnestly contending for the faith once delivered unto the saints? As Judah was about to be destroyed by the marauding Babylonians, Habakkuk needed to learn that even when everything was destroyed around him, the just must continue to trust in the LORD and live by his faith. This is where many faithful churches like Pandan stand today. If Pandan has to stand alone, will you stand with Christ?

Remembering the past conjures gratitude and thankfulness within the soul. Focussing on the future instills perseverance of faith and strengthens the hope that is founded on God's promises in His perfect and eternal Word of Life. The end result is to impact us in the present so that the remaining time we have on earth ought to be lived by faith in Christ alone. We must not wane in our focus. Distractions by the seduction and temptations of the world must be cast away. Idolatry and the lusts of the flesh and eyes and the pride of life are enemies of every faithful believer that must be defeated and repudiated at all costs. To win the fight for the faith requires watchfulness and faithfulness that are from above. The conviction to stand with Christ in faith is a personal decision between the child of God and his heavenly Father. But the battle for the faith in these last days is a battle that must be fought together as one body in Christ by all who love the LORD and long for Christ's soon return!

Forty years have passed since the Lord raised up Calvary Pandan B-P Church through the obedience of His servant, Dr Tow Siang Hwa. Sadly, it was in her 40th year that the Lord called Dr Tow home to glory! The love and devotion of the founding pastor of the church for the LORD and the church are known to all who knew him. We thank God for what the LORD has done through his life. He obeyed God's call forty years ago and besides his doctoring duties, he also pastored Pandan and other churches in and outside of Singapore. We are all recipients of God's blessings though the obedience of Dr Tow. The obedient lives of Abraham, Isaac and Jacob to God's call brought blessings to the nation of Israel. The obedience of Moses and Joshua to God's call blessed the future generations of Israelites as they dwelled in the Promised Land. This biblical pattern of obedience to the LORD by God's servants continues on. It will end when the Lord Jesus Christ returns. If He tarries, then it is important that this present generation remembers that their obedience to the Lord's call will bring blessing to future generations. May God help us to be faithful to this high calling in Christ Jesus our Lord.



Let the Word of God be our eternal encouragement and warning.

Jude (KJV)

<sup>3</sup> Beloved, when I gave all diligence to write unto you of the common salvation, it was needful for me to write unto you, and exhort you that ye should earnestly contend for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

<sup>4</sup> For there are certain men crept in unawares, who were before of old ordained to this condemnation, ungodly men, turning the grace of our God into lasciviousness, and denying the only Lord God, and our Lord Jesus Christ.

<sup>17</sup> But, beloved, remember ye the words which were spoken before of the apostles of our Lord Jesus Christ;

<sup>18</sup> How that they told you there should be mockers in the last time, who should walk after their own ungodly lusts.

<sup>19</sup> These be they who separate themselves, sensual, having not the Spirit.

<sup>20</sup> But ye, beloved, building up yourselves on your most holy faith, praying in the Holy Ghost,

<sup>21</sup> Keep yourselves in the love of God, looking for the mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ unto eternal life.

<sup>22</sup> And of some have compassion, making a difference:

<sup>23</sup> And others save with fear, pulling them out of the fire; hating even the garment spotted by the flesh.

<sup>24</sup> Now unto him that is able to keep you from falling, and to present you faultless before the presence of his glory with exceeding joy,

<sup>25</sup> To the only wise God our Saviour, be glory and majesty, dominion and power, both now and ever. Amen.

*Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

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# Our Doctrine



# Our Foundation – The Battle for the Bible

1. What is the doctrine of VPP and why is it so important?

VPP stands for the Verbal Plenary Preservation of God's perfectly inspired Word in the original languages of Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek. It means that all the words (in the original languages) are preserved perfectly. When VPP is applied in the context of the Bible, especially with reference to the doctrine of inspiration, it means that God who inspired all the words of the Bible perfectly has also preserved all the words of the Bible perfectly. The doctrine of preservation began at the exact moment when the doctrine of inspiration began. When the last word of the Bible was written, inspiration stopped but preservation continued, and will not end even when heaven and earth are destroyed. Jesus says in Matthew 5:17-18 *"Think not that I am come to destroy the law, or the prophets: I am not come to destroy, but to fulfil. For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled."*

These twin inseparable doctrines of inspiration and preservation refer to the Word of God in the original languages. The languages are Hebrew and Aramaic for the Old Testament and Koine Greek for the New Testament. These doctrines are not about a translation but are about the Word of God in the original languages. The attackers of the VPP doctrine are attacking the foundation of all translations of the Bible. It is every believer's business to defend this doctrine with all his might. Fence-sitting is a sin, for Jesus says in Matthew 12:30 *"He that is not with me is against me; and he that gathereth not with me scattereth abroad."*

The One who inspires is God. The One who preserves is God. God inspired as well as preserves, and used sinful men. These men were sinful and not perfect men, but they were believers. He superintended over them such that when they wrote God's Word, the words were not the words of men. They were the very Word of God. God breathed His perfect Word through

these men. No one knows how inspiration is actually done but the final product is the very Word of God, and the individual character of the writers whom God used to inspire His Word was retained. For example, Paul's, Peter's and John's epistles were all inspired Scriptures breathed out by God to these godly men, but the distinct nature of these men of God is retained such that the writings have their personality. And the final product is the very Word of God, perfect.

2 Timothy 3:16-17 *"All scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness: That the man of God may be perfect, throughly furnished unto all good works."*

1 Thessalonians 2:13 *"For this cause also thank we God without ceasing, because, when ye received the word of God which ye heard of us, ye received it not as the word of men, but as it is in truth, the word of God, which effectually worketh also in you that believe."* These perfectly inspired words are fully preserved by God perfectly. Psalm 12:6-7 *"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."*

Casting doubts on the perfect Word of God has always been the ploy of the devil. He began his attack on mankind through our first parents when they lived with God in perfect peace in the Garden of Eden. The serpent came to deceive Eve by casting doubt on God's Word so that man would not trust God. Genesis 3:1 *"Now the serpent was more subtil than any beast of the field which the LORD God had made. And he said unto the woman, Yea, hath God said, Ye shall not eat of every tree of the garden?"* [emphasis added] This casting of doubt worked marvellously. The devil has not stopped since then. He casts doubts by attacking one doctrine at a time and by attacking the entire Bible at one time so that all the doctrines will be doubted. He attacked the doctrine of inspiration in the early 20th century and the faithful servants of God defended it by coining the term "verbal

plenary inspiration”. This stabilized the faith of many.

The doctrine of VPP is of utmost importance. It is a very major doctrine that has come under serious attacks. The enemies of God attack from within and without the church. Below are some reasons why the VPP doctrine is life and death to the believer’s soul:-

- **Without the perfect Word of God, no man can be saved.** A sinner is saved or born again by the water and the Spirit. The water is the perfect Word of God that the Holy Spirit will use to bring conviction of sin, leading to salvation in Christ. A wrong or false gospel brings no salvation, only deception. Believing and confessing as a result of a distorted gospel results in no salvation. A sinner is saved through faith in Christ. Christ the living Word is perfect, as revealed in the perfect Bible. A corrupt Bible with mistakes teaches a sinful Christ who also makes mistakes like sinners. The Christ presented to a sinner through a Bible with mistakes saves no one. It further condemns the sinner deeper into sin because he is in delusion.
- **It is an attack on God.** To teach that the Bible has mistakes is saying that God makes mistakes. If God makes mistakes then He is a sinner like sinful man. The God of the Bible is perfect and that means His Word and words are perfect!
- **The last days are here.** Be spiritually alert and do not be deceived. It is a fulfilment of the prophecies of the last days. The Bible teaches that before the Lord returns, Christianity will fall away. This means that Christianity will become apostate. The Christianity of the last days will not save. It spawns only professing believers who continue to live in sin and remain in bondage to sin. Their lives are lived according to what is right in their own eyes, like Israel in the days of the Judges.
- **It will stifle spiritual growth.** A truly born again believer cannot lose his salvation as God has promised. However, if he is ignorant of God’s holy Word, he can be easily deceived. If he believes that the Bible has mistakes, all his doctrines as well as his faith in Christ will be shaken to the core. The question “Can I trust this God who makes mistakes?” will continue to reverberate in his heart and mind. He will not feel like studying the Bible. Each time he reads a verse he will ask if there is a mistake here.
- **It will destroy holy witness for Christ.** There will be no desire for evangelism. How can a believer

share the gospel to a sinner if there is doubt that any part of it could have a mistake, especially the gospel content? This doubt will nag at him like a thorn inside his soul that will not go away unless he is taught the truth that the Bible is indeed perfect and he can trust it with his life and soul.

The devil has upped the ante these last days in his devilish attacks on God through his angels of light masquerading as pastors, elders and “believers”. Today the attack is even more cunning and subtle. The enemies of God begin by asserting that they believe in verbal plenary inspiration but in the same breath they hiss like the old serpent and say that God did not preserve His perfect Word, and therefore the perfect Bible is lost and the Bible that we have today has mistakes. To dull the senses of the gullible and naive ones, they cunningly add that these mistakes are minor, perhaps as low as 1%, and that the mistakes are in names of people, places and numbers only. In their cry to deceive, they also add that man’s salvation is not affected. The amazing thing is that their claim of insignificant mistakes in the names of people, places and numbers was the claim used by the early 20th century enemies of God who attacked the perfect inspiration of God’s Word. When the Word of God is diminished in the eyes of man, no one can be saved. When gullible and foolish professing believers believe these diabolical doctrines, their witness for Christ is shattered and they become the pawns doing the devil’s work. The honour and perfection of God is definitely attacked when they proclaim that the very Word of God has mistakes. It is an attack on God’s perfection. God is perfect and therefore the Word of God that He inspired is without a doubt perfect!

That is how dangerous the attack on the perfect Word of God is. Do not fall prey to their deception. This is not a minor doctrine. This is a major attack by the cunning devil and his minions. They say that the mistakes are about 1%. There are 783,137 words and 3,116,480 letters in the KJV translation of the Bible. 1% of 783,137 equals 7,831 words. 1% of 3,116,480 equals 31,164 letters. The book of Ephesians has 3,022 words. The Book of Philippians has 2,183 words. The Book of Colossians has 1,979 words. The total is 7,184 words. The 1% that the enemies of God claim is minor and few in numbers is equivalent to three New Testament books! How subtle and devilish is their attack! Children of God must be awakened to these attacks and rise to the defence of God’s holy and perfect Word.

2. Can you briefly share how the controversy over the issue of the perfect preservation of the Bible has affected Calvary Pandan BPC in the past 20 years?

First and foremost, the sovereignty of God must be acknowledged in all matters of church life and the believer's life. What God sovereignly allows is all meant for the believer's good. This has always been God's assurance and promise. God's children have to continue in faith and trust in the Lord according to Holy Scriptures to the end of every battle they face and fight. Romans 8:28 *"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."* Having stated the above, it does not mean that there was no pain and hurt.

It was painful to see members (some of them were leaders) of the congregation being deceived by the evil one. No matter how hard we tried to explain with many biblical references to show that the perfect God will always give us a perfect Bible, there seemed to be a scale over their eyes so that they just could not see. The constant refrain from these rejecters of the perfect Bible was "I cannot accept." When asked what their understanding of the doctrine of the perfect Bible was, they kept repeating "I do not know". Yet they could repeatedly reject the biblical sound doctrine of the perfect Bible presented to them! Indeed it was a spiritual warfare. It was not a wrestling against flesh and blood even though the enemies of God were flesh and blood. It was a momentous time for the Lord did all things well for His glory. He gave us a new leadership united in doctrine and zeal for the glory of Christ. The doctrine of VPP is indeed a blessed doctrine. He used this doctrine to bring about the following blessed outcome:-

**The Lord cleansed the leadership of the church.**

This would not have been possible if not for the doctrine of VPP. We did not know that in the midst of the leadership were some who believed that the Bible has mistakes. We prayed and served together for many years not knowing that our belief in God and the perfect Bible were as different as night and day! How true it is when the Lord said that He did not come to bring peace but to bring a sword. All relationships among brethren must be measured, and at times exposed, against our relationship with our perfect Saviour Jesus Christ. The dividing line is the perfect Bible! Matthew 10:32-38 *"Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven. But whosoever shall deny me before men, him will I also*

*deny before my Father which is in heaven. Think not that I am come to send peace on earth: I came not to send peace, but a sword. For I am come to set a man at variance against his father, and the daughter against her mother, and the daughter in law against her mother in law. And a man's foes shall be they of his own household. He that loveth father or mother more than me is not worthy of me: and he that loveth son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me. And he that taketh not his cross, and followeth after me, is not worthy of me."*

**The Lord answers prayers at the right time.** The battle was long and serious and emotionally exhausting. It was also spiritually draining. Prayers were made almost daily, begging for the LORD's mercy to help save the church from these attacks which came from within. There seemed no way out. With man, it appeared impossible. The stalemate tied everyone's hands. Stealth was used to undermine the unity of the pastors. Thank God that confidence in man ebbed away and was slowly replaced by confidence in the Most High to deliver. Crying for mercy and God's glory was the theme of the incessant prayers. Begging for the Lord's intervention to save the church was the constant refrain on bended knees. Finally, on election day the Lord delivered. When the deliverance came it was actually surreal. After battling for the perfect Bible for so long, and then to have it over so suddenly by the removal of these enemies of God in one bold stroke which only God could accomplish, my heart was filled with praise and joy and thanksgiving. The Lord answered prayers and saved His church for His own glory. Truly we could do nothing at all but pray. It was all of God and none of man. Praise be to His holy Name.

**The Lord reveals the true faith in us.** The choice before all of us in Pandan was simple. Either we believe by faith the LORD who inspired the perfect Bible to save and help us grow in Him to be godly witnesses or we believe based upon the words of sinful fallen men and believe the Bible has mistakes. Thinking back to when the VPP issue was hotly debated, the issue seemed complicated and confusing. But after more battling for the faith once delivered unto the saints, the issue became clearer and clearer. By the grace of God, today the doctrine of the VPP is as clear as the polished tempered glass of a Rolls Royce windscreen. It is a simple doctrine whereby the Lord who inspired the perfect Bible to save sinners also preserved every jot and tittle of His perfect Word perfectly. Those who believe by faith they are found pleasing in God's sight, for the Lord said without

faith it is impossible to please Him. Hebrews 11:6 *“But without faith it is impossible to please him: for he that cometh to God must believe that he is, and that he is a rewarder of them that diligently seek him.”* Those who do not believe by faith displease God, for they demonstrate no faith in Him and in His perfect word.

3. In going through these events, what are some spiritual lessons that you have learnt?

**The Lord is faithful.** One of the most important lessons is that the Lord is always faithful. He keeps His holy and perfect Word. All that He describes and promises in Holy Scriptures are truth and amen! Even when we have been unfaithful and have failed Him, He remains faithful. How amazing is the fulfilment of 2 Timothy 2:11-13 in our lives through the battle for the perfect Bible, *“It is a faithful saying: For if we be dead with him, we shall also live with him: If we suffer, we shall also reign with him: if we deny him, he also will deny us: If we believe not, yet he abideth faithful: he cannot deny himself.”* An example was my failure to ensure that a leader be brought into office according to Scriptures. I allowed the nicety of man to dull my senses and admittedly I was duped. The leader got in and when the true colours surfaced it was too late. There was nothing that could be done to get rid of this wolf in sheep’s clothing except to repent and cry to the Lord for mercy. The Lord gave us His holy Word as guidelines on the attributes of spiritual leaders in 1 Timothy 3:1-13 but I failed to take heed. I was unfaithful. But the Lord remained faithful and after my repentance and deep regret and promise not to fail Him in this manner again, the Lord delivered and saved the church. He is indeed always faithful even when we are not.

**The Lord is good.** The Lord is a good God. He works all things out for the betterment of His children who trust Him and look to Him for help and strength. He desires the best for us even though at times we do not know what that is. But the Lord knows. We need to trust Him and whether it is in adversities or otherwise, we must keep on trusting Him to work all things out to the end and trust that it will bring forth goodness that is measured in terms of eternity, not the temporal and fleeting arm of the flesh. The faith of His children will become stronger throughout the adversities. In this instance, it was a battle for the Bible and the faith. The goodness that came out of it was a stronger faith and a deeper appreciation and love for God and His holy Word.

**The Lord is merciful.** He does not deal with us according to our sins and failures but by His mercy and grace. We know that due to our failures and complacency we deserve His punishment. I do not deserve to remain as a pastor to His children whom He redeemed with Christ’s precious blood. Yet in His mercy He forgives and gives a second chance. I repented of my sins grievously for not being sober and watchful enough, which allowed the enemy of God to be let into the fold. This was a terrible mistake and some of the children of God were hurt and stumbled. It was my fault. I truly repented and asked the Lord to forgive me. Thank God He has. Now I need to be more vigilant by God’s grace and to ensure that all the leaders in the Session possess the attributes of spiritual leaders. No one will be made an elder without first writing doctrinal papers and taking an oral exam, which is not a formality. The spiritual well-being of God’s children is at stake, as well as the holy Name of Christ in Pandan.

**The Lord loves His church more than we can ever imagine.** He protects His children just as He promised. He has never left us comfortless and to fend for ourselves as we serve and witness for Him on earth. This is His assurance of never having to fight God’s battle alone. Christ promised that He will be with us always. He wants us to be victorious in Him as a living and holy witness for Him. Matthew 28:18-20 *“And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.”* Very often this desire of God for us is much greater than what we desire for ourselves as Christians.

4. Some people say that we should not fight so hard for these teachings, as it results in divisions and splits. Others may believe in VPP, but do not see it as a doctrine important enough to separate or contend over. What is your response to such statements?

These two positions are spawned by the god of this world to deceive the naive and gullible. As mentioned above, the Lord Jesus said that He did not come to bring peace but to bring a sword, i.e. to bring division. The truth of God will divide truth from error, and right from wrong. It will weed out the false teachers and wolves in sheep’s clothing in our midst. The important lesson

to bear in mind is that when the truth of God's Word is uplifted and promoted, we can never be wrong. All believers are called to be peacemakers as part of our new life in Christ because we have made peace with God in Christ. However, the peace that is experienced at the expense of God's truth is not real peace, but the evil deception of the devil. Such "peace" is sensual and is not from above but from below and is devilish. However the peace that God gives in Christ is always based upon His perfect truth which is from above. It is peaceful and holy and true and righteous.

The ones who say that VPP is a minor doctrine are lying through their teeth. If it is such a minor doctrine, as they claim, then why did they mind so much that they took Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC) to court and threatened eviction? Why did they behave the way they did towards others who taught the doctrine of VPP? The fact of the matter is that they believe it is a major doctrine even though they claim it is not. Only naive ones would believe their double talk. Those who have fallen into their snare have been hurt badly by them. Churches that claimed to sit on the fence and held no position from the beginning have fallen into the pit of believing the Bible has mistakes at the end of it. This is the deadly snare of the devil. All the churches that fought and defended the perfect Bible from the very beginning are saved by this truth, and their members and their faith are preserved intact by the grace of God. The battle for the doctrine of VPP has been a life and death struggle for Christ and man's salvation since the beginning. This battle began in the Garden of Eden when the serpent hissed "Yea hath God said?" (cf. Genesis 3:1) The serpent has not stopped hissing even though many gullible professing believers have succumbed to the hiss of the serpent and laid down their sword of the Spirit and surrendered. Is this not the falling away of the last

days that Christ said will surely come to pass before His return? (cf. 2 Thessalonians 2:1-3).

5. Looking forward, what is your concern for the church and the flock that God has called you to pastor, especially with regards to the issue of preservation, and the use of Modern English Versions?

The primary concern is, if the Lord tarries, will the next generation of leaders fight the good fight of faith and continue to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints? The leaders are the key to the protection of the flock, for they are the under-shepherds of Christ to care for His flock. When the leaders are holy and God-fearing, the congregation will be so. "Like people like priest" is a biblical dictum that must not be ignored or forgotten. This cannot happen when the low view of the Bible enters the church. The next generation must promote the highest view of Scriptures through the numerous Bible Study groups and through constant emphasis on the purity and veracity of the Word of God in every fellowship and the lives of God's people in Calvary Pandan. When that is realized, the choice of the best translation of the perfect Word of God will become the norm. If the Word of God is not studied and obeyed and the people of God regard the Word of God as an appendix in their lives, then the choice of the best translation will be of "whatever is right in their own eyes." May this never happen in Calvary Pandan and in every fundamentalist church that continues to believe in and defend and promote the doctrines of verbal plenary inspiration and preservation. May God be merciful to His people in these last days! May God's people in Calvary Pandan be found faithful till Christ returns!

*Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

# Our Doctrines – What Makes Us Bible-Presbyterians

How did we become Bible-Presbyterian?

The Bible Presbyterian Church is part of the Reformed tradition within Protestantism that traces its origins to the United States of America. The history of the inception of the Bible-Presbyterian Church goes back to the 1930s – a tumultuous period where battle lines were drawn between fundamentalism and modernism. As a consequence of the fundamentalist-modernist controversy, the Bible-Presbyterian Church in America was formed in 1937. Its founders, Carl McIntire, Allan McRae and J. Oliver Buswell Jr., took a firm stand against liberal theology which had begun to creep into the the Orthodox Presbyterian Churches. Notably, the word “Bible” was placed in front of the name “Presbyterian” because the great fundamentalist-modernist controversy was centred around the Bible.

With regards to doctrine, the founders also adhered to premillennialism as opposed to amillennialism, believed in total abstinence from alcohol and the support of all missionaries as long as they were fundamental. In 1948, Carl McIntire issued the clarion call for the “Twentieth Century Reformation” against the rising tide of modernism, ecumenism and neo-evangelicalism. Having heard the cause of the “Twentieth Century Reformation” promoted by Carl McIntire, Rev Timothy Tow founded the Bible-Presbyterian movement in Singapore in 1955. This was followed by the establishment of many other Bible-Presbyterian churches. The Bible-Presbyterian Church thus became one of the denominations amongst the many Protestant denominations in Singapore.

Why are we called Bible-Presbyterian?

The word “Bible-Presbyterian” is made up of two words, “Bible” and “Presbyterian”. The word “Bible” precedes the word “Presbyterian” which means Bible-Presbyterians are Bible first, then Presbyterians.

Bible-Presbyterians therefore maintain a firm stance on the Word of God.

Bible-Presbyterians affirm that the Bible alone is the sole and supreme authority for all matters of faith and practice (*Sola Scriptura*). It is only through the Bible that man may understand who God is, how they can serve Him and how they can discern God’s will in their lives.

The Word of God, fully inspired and fully preserved is the very foundation of the Christian faith. Bible-Presbyterians affirm the twin doctrines of Verbal Plenary Inspiration (VPI) and Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP) of Scriptures. Bible-Presbyterians therefore uphold that the Word of God divinely inspired in the past, is perfectly preserved down to every last jot and tittle as taught in the Holy Scriptures. The Bible is replete with verses testifying of the Verbal Plenary Preservation of Scriptures. In Psalm 12:6-7, for instance, the Bible says, “*The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever.*” In Matthew 24:35, “*Heaven and earth shall pass away, but my words shall not pass away.*” And in Matthew 5:18, “*For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.*” God has supernaturally preserved His words down throughout the ages so that we have in our hands, the very Word of God which is inerrant and infallible. By its inerrancy, the Word of God is wholly without mistake and by its infallibility, the Word of God is incapable of any error whatsoever. By the logic of faith, Bible-Presbyterianism identifies the divinely inspired and preserved words to be the Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek words in the texts underlying the King James Version. The Bible of Bible-Presbyterians is therefore found in the texts underlying the King James Version. These texts are identified and recognized as the Hebrew Masoretic Text of the Old Testament and the Greek *Textus Receptus* of the New Testament. Bible-Presbyterians also use and uphold

the King James Version to be the Word of God in the English Language. It is regarded as the most accurate, most faithful and most excellent English translation of the Holy Scriptures. Bible-Presbyterians use the King James Bible alone as the primary scriptural text for private and public use.

What are the doctrines of Bible-Presbyterians?

Bible-Presbyterians are both Protestant and Presbyterian in their beliefs. They are Protestant because what they believe goes against the errors of Roman Catholicism. Being Presbyterian in their beliefs, Bible-Presbyterians hold firmly to a system of teachings known as the “Reformed Theology” which arose out of the 16th Century Reformation. By the grace of God, the 16th Century Reformation led by Martin Luther and other Reformers broke away from the legalistic and erroneous teachings of Roman Catholicism to return to the true faith taught by the Apostles.

Reformed theology affirms the five Solas, which are Latin slogans that encapsulate the theology of the Reformers put up against the erroneous teachings of Roman Catholic doctrines. The five Solas are (i) *Sola Scriptura* (Scripture alone), (ii) *Sola Gratia* (Grace alone), (iii) *Sola Fide* (Faith alone), (iv) *Solus Christus* (Christ alone), and (v) *Soli Deo Gloria* (Glory to God alone). The five Solas are scripturally-based and embody the truths of the Gospel as described in the Bible. *Sola Scriptura* contends that Christian Faith should be based on Scriptures alone. It is thus contrary to Roman Catholic belief that human traditions must be added to the Scriptures. *Sola Scriptura* affirms that the Bible alone is our supreme authority in all matters of faith and practice. In 2 Peter 1:3-4, the Bible says, “*According as his divine power hath given unto us all things that pertain unto life and godliness, through the knowledge of him that hath called us to glory and virtue: Whereby are given unto us exceeding great and precious promises: that by these ye might be partakers of the divine nature, having escaped the corruption that is in the world through lust.*” *Sola Gratia* contends that salvation is purely through God’s grace alone contrary to Roman Catholic belief that salvation is through grace plus works. The Bible says in Ephesians 2:4-5, “*But God, who is rich in mercy, for his great love wherewith he loved us, Even when we were dead in sins, hath quickened us together with Christ, (by grace ye are saved;).*” *Sola Fide* states that justification comes by faith alone and not by faith

and works as the Roman Catholic Church believes. The grace of God is received not by works but by faith and faith alone. This is taught in Romans 1:17, “*For therein is the righteousness of God revealed from faith to faith: as it is written, The just shall live by faith.*” Ephesians 2:8-9, further clearly states, “*For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast.*” *Solus Christus* proclaims the Lord Jesus Christ to be the sole mediator and Saviour of man. Contrary to *Solus Christus*, the Roman Catholic Church believes Mary to be the “Co-Mediatrix”. But the Bible affirms in 1 Timothy 2:5, “*For there is one God, and one mediator between God and men, the man Christ Jesus.*” The Lord Jesus Christ also said of Himself, “*I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.*” (John 14:6). *Soli Deo Gloria* states that all glory is to be given to God alone, and not angel, man or church. The chief end or purpose of man is therefore to glorify God. The Roman Catholic Church’s addition of works to the grace of God for salvation, veneration of saints and of the Pope, etc., takes glory away from God. Psalm 115:1 says, “*Not unto us, O LORD, not unto us, but unto thy name give glory, for thy mercy, and for thy truth’s sake.*”

Reformed Theology is also Calvinistic. In other words, it follows the teachings of John Calvin, a sixteenth century Reformer who propounded the biblical doctrine of salvation. The teachings of Calvin, often called “Calvinism”, embodies the true Gospel of salvation and presents its elements in a systematic manner. Key to Calvinism are the five points represented by the acronym TULIP. “T” denotes Total Depravity, which means the whole of mankind is fallen into sin; being totally depraved, man is unable to save himself. Romans 3:23 says, “*For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God.*” “U” denotes Unconditional Election which means that the salvation of man cannot be achieved by his own will, choice or merits. Salvation is also not conditioned upon God’s prior knowledge of faith or repentance of a person, but upon His grace and love. The salvation of man is the prerogative of God; He chooses who to save. 2 Timothy 1:9 says, “*Who hath saved us, and called us with an holy calling, not according to our works, but according to his own purpose and grace, which was given us in Christ Jesus before the world began.*” “L” denotes Limited Atonement, which means salvation is only for the elect. Although Christ’s redemptive work is sufficient to atone for all the sins of man, it was intended to

save only the elect. Matthew 1:21 says, *“And she shall bring forth a son, and thou shalt call his name JESUS: for he shall save his people from their sins.”* “I” denotes Irresistible Grace which means God’s call to the elect is effectual and they will surely be saved. Romans 8:30 says, *“Moreover whom he did predestinate, them he also called: and whom he called, them he also justified: and whom he justified, them he also glorified.”* “P” denotes Perseverance of the Saints which means the elect will never lose their salvation because God preserves them to the very end. Hebrews 7:25 says, *“Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them.”*

Being Presbyterian in origin, Bible-Presbyterianism also upholds the Westminster Standards which include the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms, which represent the doctrine and church polity of 17<sup>th</sup> century English and Scottish Presbyterianism. The Westminster Standards were painstakingly drafted by 121 divines at Westminster Abbey in 1643, over a period of five years and has been a blessing to many reformed churches till this day. In it, Calvinistic theological tradition is systematically expounded, covering a complete repertoire of doctrines including doctrines on the Holy Scriptures, creation, salvation, sanctification and the end times.

Being Bible-Presbyterians, we also uphold the doctrine of biblical separation. Biblical separation is a fundamental doctrine that is taught throughout the Scriptures. The basis of this doctrine lies in the holiness of God. God being holy expects His children to be holy and separate themselves from unholiness and ungodliness. 1 Peter 1:15-16 says, *“But as he which hath called you is holy, so be ye holy in all manner of conversation; Because it is written, Be ye holy; for I am holy.”* In the Old Testament, the basis of separation was God’s covenant with Israel. This was to ensure that God’s people separate themselves from heathen nations around them (Exodus 19:5-6; Leviticus 20:26; Deuteronomy 7:1-3). The nation of Israel was to be a national witness to the world and thus must be free from the wicked and corrupting influences of the heathen nations. Likewise, in the New Testament, the Scriptures teach believers to separate from sin, worldliness, false doctrines and not to be unequally yoked with unbelievers (Romans 12:1-2; 2 Corinthians 6:14-17; Galatians 1:7-9 etc.). Believers are commanded

to practice personal separation as well as ecclesiastical separation. Personal separation involves separation from all forms of worldliness and sinful activities. This will involve abstaining from all evil and even the appearance of evil. All believers are called upon to live a holy life, consecrated unto God and to be an effective witness for the Lord Jesus Christ. Ecclesiastical separation involves separation from all forms of doctrinal impurity, unbelief, compromise and apostasy. Bible-Presbyterians therefore must not associate themselves with unbiblical movements, such as the ecumenical, charismatic, and the neo-evangelical movements that go against Holy Scriptures. Instead, Bible-Presbyterians are called upon to *“earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints”* (Jude 3).

The word “millennium” means one thousand years. The doctrine of the millennium concerns the interpretation of events surrounding the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ. Because Bible-Presbyterians hold on to a literal interpretation of the Bible, this leads to a pro-Israel, pre-millennial view of eschatology. This pre-millennial view is opposed to the a-millennial view and the post-millennial view.

Amillennialists believe there is no future thousand-year reign of Christ on this earth. They do not believe in a literal millennium, but a symbolical and spiritual one. To them, Christ is even reigning now at the right hand of God the Father over the Church. At the end of the present age, He will return to judge the wicked and to usher the Church into its eternal state. The postmillennialists adhere to a view that Christ will return after a figurative one thousand years. Postmillennialists have an optimistic view of the world that it will get better and better till perfection, and then Jesus will return. Both amillennialists and postmillennialists often do not interpret prophecies concerning Israel in the Old Testament literally. As such they believe that Israel has already been replaced by the Church and all prophecies concerning Israel are spiritually fulfilled in the Church. Premillennialists, however, believe that at the second coming of Christ, all the dead in Christ shall rise first and those who are alive shall be raptured (1 Thessalonians 4:16-17). After the rapture, the Antichrist who will deceive the world shall be revealed. The Antichrist will rule the earth for seven years, a period called the Great Tribulation (Daniel 9:25-27). During this period, 144,000 Jews from the twelve tribes will come to believe in the Lord Jesus the Christ. The end of the seven years will

culminate in the battle of Armageddon where the Lord Jesus Christ will defeat the Antichrist and his army (Revelation 19:15). The Antichrist and the false prophet will be cast into the Lake of fire. Satan will be bound and cast into the bottomless pit for a thousand years. The Lord Jesus Christ will then usher in the Millennium, and will rule for 1,000 years. Israel will be restored to greatness, and the Lord Jesus Christ will rule from His throne in Jerusalem which will be the capital of the world (Isaiah 65:17-25).

What are the practices of the Bible-Presbyterians?

Bible-Presbyterians strive to ensure all things done in church as well as its ministries are Bible-based. This includes every aspect of doctrine and theology, the teaching and preaching of God's Word, worship, personal lifestyle and testimony.

The style of our worship can be described as traditional or conservative. We believe that the worship of God must be in Spirit and in truth (John 4:24) and in the beauty of holiness (1 Chronicles 16:29). This means that we must approach the worship of God complete reverence and respect. Worship is carried out by the singing of God-honoring hymns, always maintaining the sanctity of worship before a thrice holy God. The contemporary worship style of worship – which includes the using of drums, bands and performers – is rejected. These modern forms of worship are focused

upon man rather than God and serves to satisfy fleshly desires of man.

In terms of church polity, Bible-Presbyterianism upholds the Presbyterian system of church government. The word "Presbyterian" comes from the Greek word found in the Bible, *presbuteros* which means "elder". The Presbyterian form of church government therefore emphasizes church rule by the plurality of elders. In other words, the most spiritual men within the church are chosen and elected into office, thus forming the Board of Elders. The Board of Elders includes the pastor(s) who serves as the moderator of the board, and a group of lay elders elected from the congregation. They undertake the important role of leading the church and are responsible for the spiritual well-being of the congregation. The role of the Board of Elders is to feed, nurture and protect the flock (1 Peter 5:1-3). Deacons are elected office-bearers who have an administrative role in the church. Deacons together with the Board of Elders, form the Session of the church. The Session of the church ensures that all things are run smoothly and biblically in the church. At a higher level of Presbyterian government, there is also the Synod which oversees all Presbyterian churches in a region or country. In Singapore, however, since the dissolution of the Bible-Presbyterian Synod in 1988, the Bible-Presbyterian churches operate autonomously.

*Dn Yap Wai Ho*

# Our Standards – Why We Subscribe to the Westminster Standards

Article 4.1 of our Church Constitution states “The doctrine of the Church shall be in accordance with that system commonly called ‘the Reformed Faith’ as expressed in the Confession of Faith as set forth by the historic Westminster Assembly together with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.”

But what are these Standards and what do they mean to the church?

## 1. What are the Westminster Standards?

The Westminster Standards include the Westminster Confession of Faith, the Westminster Shorter Catechism, the Westminster Larger Catechism, the Directory of Public Worship, and the Form of Church Government. The BPC of Singapore has only adopted the Westminster Confession of Faith, and the Westminster Shorter & Larger Catechism.

The Westminster Confession of Faith is perhaps the most notable expression in creedal form of the truths of the Bible. It was the work of an assembly of 151 theologians called together by Parliament at Westminster Abbey, during the years 1643 - 1648. It was this assembly which also produced the Larger and Shorter Catechisms. The Confession and the Catechisms are used by many churches as their doctrinal standards and are always considered subordinate to the Word of God.

The Westminster Confession of Faith is a declaration of the beliefs of the church in thirty-three chapters covering important themes such as Theology (doctrine of God), Bibliology (doctrine of Bible), Anthropology (doctrine of man), Christology (doctrine of Christ), Hamartiology (doctrine of sin), Soteriology (doctrine of salvation), Ecclesiology (doctrine of the church), Sacramentology (doctrine of the sacraments) and Eschatology (doctrine of end times).

The Assembly produced two other important documents, the Westminster Larger Catechism and the Westminster Shorter Catechism to teach the doctrines in the Confession. The Shorter and Larger

Catechism contains 107 and 196 questions and answers respectively. The Westminster Shorter Catechism, being designed for children, and is relatively shorter and easier to read, whereas the Larger Catechism is more exact and comprehensive in its answers. To catechise means to teach biblical truths by means of questions and answers. This style is a very effective in the teaching and appropriation of truths. Perhaps, this style follows the style of the Apostle Paul in the book of Romans.

After an introduction of man’s chief end and the rule to achieve that end and what that rule principally teaches, it went on to describe what man is to believe concerning God (doctrines of God, of man, of Christ and of the Holy Spirit) and what duty God requires of man (the 10 commandments, faith and repentance, Word and sacraments, prayers and the Lord’s prayer).

## 2. What are the different versions of the Westminster Standards and which is the one that we use?

In 1938, the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore adopted the Westminster Standards with a few revisions made largely with regard to eschatology, and to the relation of the civil magistrate to the church. The details of these changes have been stated as endnotes in our church website and the appendix of the Basic Bible Knowledge (BBK) book published by our church. These BBK books are available in the Tabernacle Bookroom and our church website. The reason for the change is that the B-P Church “believes in the personal, visible and premillennial return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to judge this world and bring peace to the nations.” (Church Constitution Art 4.2.7) Concerning the changes in the church’s relationship to the civil magistrate, we are living in a different context from the churches in England who had Christian magistrates when the Standards were written.

## 3. Article 4.1 of our constitution states that “4.1 The doctrine of the Church shall be in accordance with

that system commonly called “the Reformed Faith” as expressed in the Confession of Faith as set forth by the historic Westminster Assembly together with the Larger and Shorter Catechisms.” Can you briefly elaborate on what that means for us?

This means that we should be familiar with the teaching of these Standards. FEBC offers a course and the texts of these standards with Scriptural references are also found on our website and the BBK book. We cannot say that we know the doctrines of the church if we do not know what is taught in these doctrinal statements. Besides, there are great benefits in reading them. They are sublime confessions written in most beautiful and vivifying language to inspire us to fear and love God. We can learn so many doctrines of the Bible by reading these standards with understanding.

4. As this was a document that was written more than 300 years ago, is it still relevant to us? Is there any use in studying it today?

Each member should peruse them thoroughly and be catechised in these foundational doctrines of the Bible so that they will become strong and discerning, that they may be ‘no more children, tossed to and fro, and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive”. (Eph 4:14)

Personally, these standards have taught me systematic theology and they have also helped me to see the unity of the revelation of God from Genesis to Revelation as a coherent whole. They guide me in my interpretation of Scriptures, teaching me that I should not draw conclusions from one passage that might contradict another. Sound doctrine will lead to sound thinking and decisions making in life. This will enable us to live a life that is pleasing to God. You cannot love the way God wants you to love if you do not have the

truth to guide you (1Jn 3:18). You also cannot worship God aright if your doctrine is wrong (Jn 4:24)!

The doctrines in the Standards are the good old path, where is the good way (Jer 6:16). There are great treasures to be found in these Standards by every seeker there. I grew in the knowledge of the Bible by leaps and bounds when I was a young believer just by diligently studying them and comparing them with the Scriptures. In so doing, I learnt the interpretation of many portion of the Scriptures.

5. Do you think there are any aspects of doctrine and theology that are not covered in the Westminster Standards, especially in light of the developments in Christendom in the years since it was written?

As these Standards were written in the 1600s, there are many contemporary issues that have arisen since, that are not specifically dealt with (e.g. Neo-evangelism, Charismaticism, Dispensationalism, etc.). A case in point is the twin doctrine of VPI & VPP.

Every generation will have their own spiritual battles to fight. The sons of faith must stand on the shoulders of those who fought the good fight. We must build on their legacy and their confessions (of which the Westminster Standards is one), and continue wielding the old sword of the Word of God. The Word of God was the weapon they used, and we must continue using the same. We must stand on their shoulders because we may not need to fight the same battle they fought. They have proven from the Scriptures and “set forth in order a declaration of those things which are most surely believed among” themselves, and has “delivered them unto us” (Luke 1:1-2). But we have our own battles to fight today, and we too need to do so valiantly so that we can pass on the same spiritual legacy to our children.

*Elder Chew Chong Kiat*

# Our Worship – How We Conduct Our Worship Service

1. Can you describe the characteristics of Calvary Pandan’s worship, and why that is deemed as the right Biblical way of worship?

How we should worship God today is amply taught throughout Scripture. What is left is for the believer to discern God’s will and to worship God according to His will. There are a few guiding principles we must bear in mind when determining the correct way to worship God. Firstly, we must remember that how to worship God must be determined by God and not man. It is God who decides how He should be worshipped. Man cannot decide how he wishes to worship God. Therefore, to worship God correctly, he must search His Word and understand His will. However, man may search the Scriptures but if he interprets it incorrectly, in a man-centred and erroneous way, he will fail to discern God’s will correctly, and worship God incorrectly.

The next important guiding principle in knowing how to worship God correctly is knowing who God is, as taught to us in the Scriptures. We need to understand who God truly is, what His characteristics are, what His will is, and what man’s position in relation to Him is. All of this can only be known through His Word. The believer who knows God’s Word well and who understands who God truly is as revealed in the Scriptures will not have difficulty determining what forms of worship are acceptable or unacceptable before God.

The style of worship that CPBPC has adopted is inherited from mother church, Life BPC, in the time of Rev Dr Timothy Tow. There is little historical knowledge beyond that, other than possible links to the American style of conservative fundamentalist worship which Rev Tow may have learnt in his time studying there. The American conservative worship style had its origin from the Puritans, who themselves were the by-products of the Reformation. Although we thank God for the benefit of a godly heritage passed down through the centuries, the actual historical link is not as important as what we

have decided to do today. The question is whether what we practice today is correct. We believe that it is. We believe we have a correct and complete understanding of God’s Word regarding how God should be worshipped. We believe we are worshipping God in a manner that is not man-centred but Christ centred, and that brings glory and honour unto His holy name.

2. How would you respond to some who say that our style of worship is too boring – like attending a funeral service every Sunday!

The Bible teaches in 1 Corinthians 2:14 that “... *the natural man receiveth not the things of the Spirit of God: for they are foolishness unto him: neither can he know them, because they are spiritually discerned.*”

Spiritual things will always be “boring” to the carnal man because he cannot understand it, let alone appreciate and benefit from it. It would not be fruitful to try to explain the beauty and blessedness of the lyrics of simple hymns, the reverential style of worship, and the power of God’s Word simply and faithfully preached over the pulpit. Instead, one must start from the basics. If the person is not saved, then that would be the gospel. If the person professes to be a believer, then one must go back to the basics of faith and the knowledge of God through His Word. Ultimately, a person who knows Christ and faithfully walks in His ways would not make such a comment.

3. Many churches today have introduced contemporary style of music (drums, electric guitars, more upbeat tunes etc.) into their worship to seemingly good results. Why does Pandan not do so?

It depends very much on what one defines as “good results”. The world defines good results by numbers. If what is done increases numbers, the greater the increase, then the better the method. What God’s Word teaches is very different.

*“Enter ye in at the strait gate: for wide is the gate, and broad is the way, that leadeth to destruction, and many there be which go in thereat: Because strait is the gate, and narrow is the way, which leadeth unto life, and few there be that find it.”* Matthew 7:13, 14

This passage of Scripture contrasts a way that is broad and a way that is narrow. A broad way is obviously able to accommodate more than a narrow one. Yet it is the broader way and the one with larger numbers that leads to destruction, while it is the narrow one that leads to life. One of the lessons taught here is not to trust in numbers. Numbers do not necessarily mean good, and in fact it often means the opposite because our present world idolises popularity. This is not to say that a large church is always bad – if a church is large for the right reasons, it is a blessed thing.

Hence, if the numbers in a church increase because of a more contemporary style of worship, one cannot conclude simply by the increase that it is necessarily a good thing, and certainly the means that brought about the increase cannot be seen as good either. In fact, if we study Scripture and if we have a correct understanding of who God is, what His will is, and how He expects man to worship Him, the contemporary style of worship is not only unscriptural, it is in fact man-centred, sinful and abominable in the sight of God. It is not merely another equal way to worship God; it is a way that is rejected by God.

4. There is a committee that is currently in the process of revising and updating our current hymnal – can you share some of the details behind this project?

The decision to produce a new hymnal was a confluence of several ongoing concerns and projects that were occurring at that time. One of these was the need to provide a replacement for the physically aging hymnals that we are currently using. We are unable to reprint the current Revival Hymns and Choruses (RHC) hymnal to replace old and damaged ones because of copyright reasons. Another growing concern that coincided with the need to reproduce the physical hymnal was whether the lyrics of hymns were doctrinally sound and if the authors of these hymns were believers. What resulted was an RHC hymn vetting project where the lyrics and the background of authors were systematically vetted by groups of individuals over several years. These several related concerns led to the Board of Elders (BOE) deciding to embark on a project to produce a new

hymnal. After some years of planning, production is underway. God-willing the new hymnal will continue to contain 99% of all RHC hymns with the exception of a few hymns where major doctrinal errors were found. About 60 plus new hymns will be included that have been sourced from various conservative hymnals of old. These hymns underwent the same rigorous vetting processes before the decision to include them. The new hymnal will also have a better and more robust indexing system that will hopefully help us find appropriate hymns for the appropriate need and occasion. Very importantly, the hymnal will continue to be reproducible and can be edited and improved upon for many more years to come if the Lord tarries. Beyond the ability to continue to have a usable physical hymnal in CPBPC, what this means is that many local and overseas churches can share in the fruits of this work and benefit from it. It is very difficult to find a conservative fundamentalist hymnal today. We thank God for leading us to embark into this project. Please continue to pray for us.

5. What are some Biblical principles and considerations used in vetting and choosing hymns that are appropriate for worship?

Ensuring that the hymns we sing are biblical is very important. The reason is because God’s Word put to music is one of the forms of the instruction of God’s Word that has been given to the church by God.

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.”* Colossians 3:16

What Colossians 3:16 means is that psalms, hymns and spiritual songs are a means to teach and admonish one another in the word of Christ.

As such, it is of utmost importance that what is sung is biblical, failing which, wrong doctrines will be taught to the congregation.

The vetting of hymns consists of three basic parts. Firstly, we must determine if the lyrics are doctrinally sound. Secondly, the authors or lyricists must be professing believers. Thirdly, the nature of the music must promote the correct worship of God according to the Scriptures. The music should not distract or point worshippers to man, but must instead point worshippers to God.

*Elder Lee Kong Sing*



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# Greetings



# Berean

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Pastor, Session Members and Brethren of  
Calvary Pandan B-P Church,

Greetings in the Glorious and Blessed Name of  
our Risen Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the coming  
“Lord of lords, and Kings of kings”! We all in Berean  
B-P Church rejoice with you on the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
of Calvary Pandan B-P Church. We praise and thank  
God for His many blessings of goodness which He has  
showered upon the church all these years with your  
faithful service unto Him. May you continue to be  
“steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work  
of the Lord” and “looking for that blessed hope, and the  
glorious appearing of the great God and our Saviour  
Jesus Christ.”

*Pastor, Session & Brethren of Berean B-P Church*

# Berith

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew, Session, and  
members of Calvary Pandan B-P Church,

Warmest greetings in the blessed Name of our  
Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We rejoice with you on this happy occasion of your  
40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary/Thanksgiving Service. We praise God  
for His grace that has seen you through forty years of  
fruitful labour in the Gospel ministry.

As a church, you have faithfully proclaimed the  
whole counsel of God without fear or favour. You have  
stood firm and steadfast on God’s Word to valiantly  
defend it in these last days of apostasy and compromise.  
We thank God for your fine example of faithfulness,  
fortitude and perseverance.

The work of the Lord is neither easy nor smooth.  
Not many see nor understand the trials and testings  
that accompany the Gospel ministry. In the words of the  
Apostle Paul, “...And who is sufficient for these things?”  
(II Cor. 2:16). Though our strength be small, the Lord’s  
grace is ever sufficient for us: “My grace is sufficient for  
thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness. Most  
gladly therefore will I rather glory in my infirmities, that  
the power of Christ may rest upon me” (II Cor. 12:9).

Keep up the good work of grace which the Lord  
had entrusted unto you. May you continue to be  
“steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of  
the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in  
vain in the Lord” (I Cor. 15:58).

*Co-labouring in Christ’s service,  
Rev Wee Eng Moh  
Pastor  
Berith Bible-Presbyterian Church*

# Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia

# Calvary Tengah Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Rev Quek and the Session of Calvary Pandan BPC,

We praise God, and rejoice with you on the occasion of Calvary Pandan BPC's 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We are also thankful to God for using CPBPC to found like-minded Bible-Presbyterian churches around Asia Pacific, to hold forth the Word of Life in parts of the world where many other churches have fallen away. Through CPBPC's testimony, and many other initiatives and online resources, it has continued to promote and encourage the Bible-Presbyterian movement, even in this part of the world that our church is in. We also thank God especially for CPBPC's loyalty to God's Truth, and your steadfast stand in defending and upholding the Word of God, as not only inspired, but perfectly preserved, throughout all ages for man.

BPCWA will continue to pray: that our Almighty God will always protect and use CPBPC, and that she will be presented "as a chaste virgin to Christ" (2 Cor 11:2) when our Lord Jesus Christ returns for His Bride. May you, with unabated zeal and fervour, continue to strive forward in the years ahead, "for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ".

*In Christ,  
Rev Joseph Poon  
Bible Presbyterian Church of Western Australia*

Dear Rev Quek and brethren at Calvary Pandan,  
With much thanksgiving to our gracious and merciful God, we rejoice with you all on the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Calvary Pandan.

We saw God's faithfulness in watching over you these 40 years. God is unchangeable. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. And He will continue to be with you all as you press on to be found faithful unto Him in His Word and the works He has entrusted you.

*"Know therefore that the LORD thy God, he is God, the faithful God, which keepeth covenant and mercy with them that love him and keep his commandments to a thousand generations" Deuteronomy 7:9*

*Elder Frederick Lan  
On behalf of the BOE,  
Calvary Tengah B-P Church*

# Gethsemane

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Rev Quek Suan Yew and all the brethren of Calvary Pandan B-P Church,

All glory and praise be unto the blessed Triune God, who has nourished and strengthened you to be a faithful and fruitful church for the past 40 years.

We fondly remember the labours of your founding pastor, Dr Tow Siang Hwa, whom the Lord has recently called home to be with Him. May the work of the Gospel continue in faithfulness and love among you for the glory and praise of our Lord Jesus Christ. "For the LORD is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations" (Psalm 100:5).

We also take this opportunity to express our heartfelt thanks for the fellowship you had extended to Gethsemane B-P Church's various ministries and missions.

As you look forward, beyond the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, "Grace be with you, mercy, *and* peace, from God the Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father, in truth and love" (2 John 3).

*Rev Prabhudas Koshy*  
*Pastor*  
*Gethsemane B-P Church*

# Tabernacle

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Pastor, Session and Members of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church,

Tabernacle Bible Presbyterian Church rejoices with you on your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Great is the faithfulness of the Lord!

We are very encouraged and blessed by the ministry of Calvary Pandan BPC in earnestly contending for the faith during these perilous times. Churches all around are falling, but we are heartened that Calvary Pandan BPC remains committed to the forever inerrant and infallible Word of Everlasting Life.

May the Lord be pleased to grant Calvary Pandan BPC many more years of "holding forth the Word of Life" (Philippians 2:16) for Christ's sake. Jesus is coming back very soon.

"For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister." (Hebrews 6:10)

*Yours in Christ,*  
*Rev Clement Chew*  
*Tabernacle Bible-Presbyterian Church*

# True Life

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

I greet you all in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

I praise the Lord for Calvary Pandan BPC, which has been a blessing to Christians and churches in many parts of the developing as well as developed world. Your faithful and courageous stand for the Word of God and the Testimony of Jesus Christ has been an encouragement to many. Your prayerful support of Far Eastern Bible College — God’s training school for pastors, teachers, evangelists, and missionaries in these last days — is also to be commended and much appreciated. May the Lord use you more and more to fulfil the Great Commission and further His Kingdom here on earth until He returns. 1 Corinthians 15:58.

*Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo  
Pastor, True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church  
Principal, Far Eastern Bible College*

# Truth

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

“Dear Calvary Pandan BP Church Pastor, Session and members,

We rejoice with you on the occasion of your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. Indeed, “The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad” (Psalm 126:3).

Thank God for the testimony of Calvary Pandan in standing for the truth, and for the defence of the perfectly inspired and perfectly preserved Word of God.

Truth BP Church is thankful to God for the hospitality of Calvary Pandan, in providing the use of its premises for our worship and other activities since our inauguration.

May the Lord continue to preserve Calvary Pandan, and grant wisdom and faithfulness to the leaders and members, as you burn out for the Lord in His service, until the Lord’s return.

*In Christ,  
Elder Winston Chew  
On behalf of Truth B-P Church*

# Bible College of East Africa

Praise God for forty blessed years. We thank the Lord for His sustaining grace and the faithfulness of His servants at Calvary Pandan BP Church. As Samuel testified, “Hitherto hath the Lord helped us,” (1 Samuel 7:12).

Calvary Pandan began with the obedience of Dr Tow Siang Hwa in fulfilment of a vow he made, followed by many years of faithful obedience to his call. I do not doubt that countless hours were spent on the knees for Calvary Pandan, and I believe that now is the time for our youth to absorb the history of her past, and to reflect on the role she must relentlessly uphold in the Bible-Presbyterian movement.

It is our prayer at BCEA that under the leadership of Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, the heritage of Calvary Pandan will be preserved – not least in matters of separation, bibliology, and eschatology. We praise God for forty fruitful years, and pray in anticipation of rejoicing with the saints for what God has done at, and through Calvary Pandan when our Lord returns.

*Rev (Dr) Mark Kyung Soo Kim  
Principal  
Bible College of East Africa (Kenya)*

Praise the LORD who has established Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church and sustained her during these 40 years. May the LORD bless her with heavenly wisdom and power so that she may glorify Him and magnify His word more than ever.

*“And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.” (Matt 16:18)*

I pray for Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church: (1) to be a faithful local church built “upon this rock” which refers to the confession of Peter, “*Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God*” (Matt 16:16), and not Peter himself; (2) to be an authoritative church of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ because He said “*my church*,” telling us that this Church does not belong to any man, and (3) to be a militant church fighting good the fight for the word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ, knowing that “*the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.*”

Finally brethren! Now I am looking forward to the Golden Jubilee of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church. Let us be faithful until the day of the second coming of Jesus Christ. May the LORD be with you always.

*Rev Park Seung Kyu  
Bible College of East Africa (Tanzania)*

# Bethel

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

To Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, the Session, and Members of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church:  
Greetings in the Blessed Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

On behalf of Bethel Bible Presbyterian Church, we send you our warmest greetings on the momentous occasion of your 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary. We rejoice with you, as you reflect on God's goodness and blessings upon your church over the years. Most certainly, we share with you fond memories of the late Dr Tow Siang Hwa, also our founding pastor, who was instrumental in the establishment of our church, and he will always be remembered as an ambassador for Christ.

The testimonies of your faithfulness, love, and zeal for the Lord's work have reached the shores of Australia, and we have been touched and encouraged by your firm stand for the Lord and His truth in this age of unbelief, compromise and apostasy. May this special anniversary be another milestone that will spur you on: to be an increasingly effective instrument in the teaching and preaching of God's infallible and inerrant Word!

*Thus saith the LORD, Stand ye in the ways, and see, and ask for the old paths, where is the good way, and walk therein, and ye shall find rest for your souls (Jeremiah 6:16a).*

*In the love of our Saviour,  
Rev Paul Cheng  
Bethel Bible-Presbyterian Church  
Melbourne, Australia*

# Brisbane

## Bible-Presbyterian Church & Vietnamese Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, and the Session of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church,  
Our warmest greetings to you in our Lord Jesus Christ's Blessed Name.

We thank God, and praise the Lord for His grace, goodness, faithfulness, and blessings upon Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church for the past 40 years. We do rejoice with you on your special and joyous 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. We are much encouraged by your faithful ministries for God's Truth, and for the extension His Kingdom.

May the Lord our God strengthen you, guide you, help you, and richly bless you and your ministries for His Truth, His glory, and His Kingdom until our Saviour Jesus Christ comes back again.

*"And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb, and by the word of their testimony; and they loved not their lives unto the death." – Revelation 12:11*

*Yours faithfully in Christ,*

*Hien Nguyen  
Pastor of Brisbane BPC & Vietnamese BPC*

# Calvary Batam

Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Pastor Quek Suan Yew, the Session, and Members of Calvary Pandan BP Church:

Congratulations on your 40<sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary! Praise the Lord for raising up Calvary Pandan, and “giveth the increase” that you have become the Mother Church of many outreaches, including the churches in Indonesia.

It is my sincere prayer that the Lord will continue to build you up on the Word of Truth, that you may become a people: (1) joyous in worship; (2) obedient in His commandments; (3) holy in personal walk; (4) loving towards brethren; (5) zealous in evangelism; and (6) bountiful in good works.

May the Lord bless you richly in this happy and blessed occasion.

*In His Service,  
Rev Kiantoro Lie  
Pastor, Calvary Batam BP Church*

# Calvary Jaya

Bible-Presbyterian Fellowship

We praise and thank God for His grace and mercies to Calvary Pandan B-P Church. 40 years is a long time when we consider an average human's lifespan. The Lord has used you to bring His Word many places, including to us. The Lord has also used you to support foreign missions, both spiritually and financially. Quite a number of you also take time to visit foreign missions to give encouragement. All your labour for the Lord is not in vain, even though you may not see the desired results.

*“But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord” (1 Cor 15:57-58)*

Thank you. The Lord be with you all.

*Best wishes in Christ,  
Rev. Lee Kim Shong  
Calvary Jaya B-P Fellowship  
Malaysia*

# Calvary Miri

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

“Many, O LORD my God, thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered.” (Psalm 40:5)

As we, here at Calvary Miri BPC, rejoice with Calvary Pandan BPC on their 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, we are reminded of the Psalm that speaks of the many wonderful works that God has done. We are so appreciative of the involvement of Calvary Pandan BPC in the ministry here in Miri, Sarawak.

Thank God for the team from Calvary Pandan BPC Senior Adult Fellowship, led by Bro Timothy Tan, and his wife, Sis Constance, for their faithfulness; they have been helping us to run the VBS for many years (7 years so far). Indeed, we are blessed, both the young and old, through the VBS, where we can learn God’s words more deeply and clearly. It is such a blessing, by which we can be strengthened by the Words of God.

May the Lord continue to bless you all, brethren, as you minister not only in Singapore but throughout the world. You have done a good work for the Lord; surely the Lord will return the blessing to you all. (Ruth 2:12)

*God bless,  
Marilyn Nanta  
Calvary BPC Miri  
Sarawak, East Malaysia*

# Faith

## Presbyterian Church

Dear Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, Session and Brethren,

On the occasion of the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, Singapore, I send greetings on behalf of Faith Presbyterian Church – Perth.

We are thankful to the Lord for His goodness, and for the leadership and brethren at Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, who defended the Far Eastern Bible College when it was attacked, and courageously stood for the Word of God as He claimed; that He would keep His Word pure throughout all ages.

*In His Service  
Rev Errol D Stone  
Jude 3*

# First

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

Dear Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, BOE, Session, and Members of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, Greetings in the most blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

We rejoice with you on the occasion of your 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We praise God with you all for the many blessings He has poured down upon you, and the faithfulness by which He has kept you hitherto.

We thank God for Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church, which has been standing true to the B-P movement for four decades, ardently proclaiming the saving Gospel of Christ, and courageously defending God's perfect Word. This is both an encouraging and challenging testimony. *"So that ye were ensamples to all that believe in Macedonia and Achaia. For from you sounded out the word of the Lord not only in Macedonia and Achaia, but also in every place your faith to God-ward is spread abroad; so that we need not to speak any thing"* (1 Thess 1:7-8). By your faith and practice, you have shown us an example of what it means to stand for the truth without compromise. We praise God for you.

We are deeply thankful for "your fellowship" with us "in the gospel" (Phi 1:5), which manifests in several ways. On several occasions, we received your generous helps. Some of your publications, particularly the RPG, have been translated and circulated in Myanmar; which, by God's grace, enjoys a good reception and draws encouraging feedback from our readers here. All praise to God.

We wish and pray that the Lord will continue to prosper your works and keep you faithful to the end (Rev 2:10). We will continue to pray for you. *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord"* (1 Cor 15:58).

*Sincerely in Christ,  
Rev Biak Lawm Thang  
Pastor, First Bible-Presbyterian Church  
Yangon, Myanmar*

# Kemaman Life

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

To Rev Quek, the Elders, and all worshippers of God at Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church:

Dearly beloved,

It gives me, and all our members, great joy to rejoice with you all for God's grace and blessings on your church; it is going to be 40 years old. It has indeed been a long journey, but one full of joy, and experiences with the goodness of the Lord in supplying everything you need for the work He has given to you.

I thank the Lord for all His love towards you. Now, you have much, and much more is expected, but our good Lord will provide all that is needed.

*"Finally, my brethren, be strong in the Lord, and in the power of his might."* – Ephesians 6:10

*Elder Dr. Wee Tiong Soon,  
and all worshippers at Kemaman Life  
Bible-Presbyterian Church*



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# History



# Calvary Pandan B-P Church

## The Historical Timeline 1979 ~ 2019

### The First 10 Years (1979-1989)

|      |           |  |
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| 1979 | Jul 8     | Calvary Pandan commenced public worship with about 200 members and friends. Elder (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa delivered the inaugural message.  |
|      | Oct 18    | The Dedication Service of the Church Building was held, followed by a Thanksgiving Dinner.   |
|      | Oct 19-21 | The Annual B-P Conference themed “Our B-P Heritage” was attended by more than 500 at Calvary Pandan.   |
|      | Oct 28-31 | About 40 AFers had a camp at Golden Sand Baptist Centre, Port Dickson.   |
|      | Dec 25    | The first Christmas Day Worship Service, combined with Calvary Jurong, was held at Calvary Pandan.   |
| 1980 | Jan 6     | Sunset Gospel Hour (SGH) had its Inauguration Service with an attendance of over 120. Rev Philip Heng spoke on “The New Man.”  |
|      | Apr 4     | The first Good Friday Combined Memorial Service, with Mandarin interpretation, was held.   |
|      | Apr 5     | Youth Bible Club (YBC) was inaugurated. The YBC later became the Calvary Pandan Youth Fellowship (CPYF).   |
|      | May 25    | The first baptism, reaffirmation and transfer of members was conducted during SGH.   |
|      | May 26-31 | The first (Pandan) Family Bible Camp, combined with Bethlehem, Calvary & Life BPCs, was held. Rev Antonio Ormeo, Pastor of First Baptist Church in Manila, spoke on “Behold, I Come Quickly” (Rev 3:11).   |
|      | Jun 3     | Calvary Pandan had her first Prayer Meeting which was well attended by about 60 members and friends.   |
|      | Aug 2     | Calvary Pandan Adults’ Fellowship (CPAF) had its inaugural meeting. Elder (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa delivered the message, “The Role of the Adults’ Fellowship in the Church.”  |
|      | Oct 5     | Calvary Pandan Mandarin Congregation had her inaugural worship service.  |
|      | Oct 19    | Annual B-P Conference and Ordination of Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa.  |
|      | Nov 2     | An Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (ECM) was held to elect and install Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa as Pastor of Calvary B-P Church.  |
| 1981 | May 8     | Mr Tang Wai Kay was employed for the Chinese work at Pandan after his graduation from Chin Lien Bible Seminary.  |
|      | Jul 24    | The FEBC 13 <sup>th</sup> Graduation Service was held at Calvary Pandan for the first time. Rev (Dr) Quek Kiok Chiang delivered the convocation sermon, “The Harvest and the Harvesters.”  |
|      | Nov 1     | The tape ministry was introduced with the official inauguration of the Calvary Gospel Tape Service.  |
| 1982 | Jan       | The <i>Read, Pray &amp; Grow</i> (RPG) Daily Bible Reading Guide was launched.   |
|      | May 16    | The 3rd Triennial Session Election was held. Separate elections were held at Jurong and Pandan for the FIRST time. Members elected will meet under one joint Session under the chairmanship and pastorship of Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa. The Church Session (1982-1985) |

comprised of:

|             |                        |                   |
|-------------|------------------------|-------------------|
| Pastor      | Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa |                   |
| Elders      | Eld Koh Kim Hiang      | Eld William Seah  |
| Deacons     | Dn Daniel Chew         | Dn Tan Toh Kern   |
|             | Dn (Dr) George Foong   | Dn Tan Wai Leong  |
|             | Dn Peter Goh           |                   |
| Deaconesses | Dns Doreen Chin        | Dns Lai Peck Sing |

Jun 6 The book, "Behold He Comes" authored by Dr SH Tow, was launched.

- 1983 Aug 11 A Missions Committee under the chairmanship of Elder Joshua Lim was formed to coordinate all missionary outreaches of the church. At the same time, Kulai Besar BPC was formally "adopted" as Calvary's Missions Church.
- 1984 Feb 18 Calvary Pandan Mandarin Junior Fellowship was inaugurated.  
Feb 29 Calvary Pandan Mandarin Adults' Fellowship was inaugurated.  
Apr 1 Bible Memory Course (BMC) was introduced so that all could hide God's Word in our hearts.  
Sep 2 Calvary Jaya Bible-Presbyterian Fellowship had her inaugural worship service.  
Oct 23 The hymnal, "Revival Hymns and Choruses" compiled and edited by Dr SH Tow, was introduced and adopted as the official hymn book for Calvary BP Church.  
Nov 30 Hilltop Philippines was inaugurated.  
Dec 29 Calvary Pandan Young Adults' Fellowship (CPYAF) had its inaugural meeting.
- 1985 May 4 Tabernacle Books, a literature ministry of Calvary Pandan, was officially opened.
- 1986 Feb 12 Calvary Missions was inaugurated. About 200 members met at Calvary Pandan for this inauguration.  
Feb 23 Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia (BPCWA) had her inaugural worship service.  
Mar 30 Bethel Bible-Presbyterian Church, Melbourne began with an Easter sunrise service and a week of Daily Vacation Bible School.  
Apr The extension works in Pandan began. With this extension, the seating capacity was increased by 350 and car parking space by 25. The cost of the extension came up to SGD\$709,050 and was completed by the end of the year.  
Jun 8 Mr Mark Heath was commissioned and sent to serve in BPCWA.  
Nov 17 Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church was officially registered under the Societies Act. The Church Constitution was distributed to all members.
- 1987 Jan 25 Thanksgiving and Dedication of Church Extension  
Aug 8 FEBC Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Service at Pandan. Dr Jack Murray.  
Sep Mr Stephen Khoo joined Calvary Pandan..

- Sep  
Sep 5 Junior RPG was launched.  
A FEBC-SCCC-BPC Combined Service in conjunction with FEBC Silver Jubilee Celebration was held at Pandan with an estimated attendance of 1,300 from 4-9.30pm. Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow spoke on “Passing on the Torch,” and thereafter, Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa spoke on “Watchman, What of the Night?”
- 1988 Jun 29-Jul 1 First Fundamental Christian Fellowship (FCF, later became FCM) Camp was held at the Scripture Union Campsite, Sentosa with the theme “Discipleship.” The speakers were Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan and Mr Stephen Khoo.  
Jul 18 A paper on the Bukit Panjang Gospel Outreach (BPGO) was presented to the Church Session after much prayer. With blessings from the session, a protem committee was formed comprising Mr Frederick Lan, Miss Lee Poh Lian, Dn & Mrs Boon Yean Leong.

#### The Second 10 Years (1990-1999)

- 1990 Jan 6 Associate Pastor, Rev Stephen Khoo was ordained as a minister of the Gospel
- 1992 Feb 23 Commissioning Service of Mr Pang Kok Hiong as Calvary’s missionary to Saipan was held at both Jurong and Pandan.
- 1993 Apr/May Some YAFers caused a split and led other young adults out in an “exodus.” They promoted teachings such as Amillennialism and Hyper-calvinism which were against the Church’s stand. A pro tem committee had to be formed to keep the YAF running until a new committee was elected the next year.
- 1994 Jan 16 Our Pastor, Rev Quek Suan Yew, was ordained as a minister of the gospel  
Aug 7 Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (Tengah) had her inaugural worship service at 3.30pm with Dn Boaz Boon chairing. 36 members from Pandan English were transferred to Tengah. This 5th congregation of Calvary BPC was formally known as Bukit Panjang Gospel Outreach (BPGO). Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa delivered the inaugural exhortation. The Protem Committee comprised of:  
Chairman Eld William Seah  
Members Dn Frederick Lan Mr Patrick Law (Treasurer)  
Dn Hendrick Foo Mr Peter Phoa  
Dn Boaz Boon Mr Khoo Peng Keong  
Mr Oon Tik Koy
- 1995 May 6 Our Senior Pastor, Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, was conferred the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity (DD) by Bob Jones University, South Carolina, USA in recognition of his

outstanding and distinctive contribution to the Bible-Presbyterian Churches in Singapore and Southeast Asia.

- 1997 Jun 15 Sydney Bible-Presbyterian Church had her inaugural worship service. Elder Koh Kim Hiang delivered the inaugural message, “Be Strong in the Lord” (Eph 6:10). Eld Koh Kim Hiang sent to be the resident ministering preacher of this new work.
- 1998 Feb Rev Stephen Khoo accepted the call to be Resident Pastor of Bethel BPC.  
Jul 12 The book, “Beyond Versions: A Biblical Perspective of Modern English Bibles” (152 pages) authored by Dr SH Tow, was launched.
- 1999 Jan The issue of Hyper-Calvinism arose a second time. Two YAF committee members did not stand for re-election because of their Hyper-Calvinist stand. They left quietly, but members of other fellowship groups were affected. Some of the church members left with them.  
Apr The book, “Last Days Deception: Excepts from Calvary Contender and Other Sources” (163 pages) edited by Dr SH Tow, was launched.  
Sep 4 Calvary Pandan celebrated her 20th Anniversary.

### The Third 10 Years (2000-2009)

- 2000 Mar The Church Website <http://www.calvarybp.com/> was launched.  
Sep 30 Calvary Pandan Mandarin Congregation celebrated her 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, with a Thanksgiving Service, a 20th Anniversary CD-ROM, followed by a dinner at Jurong Country Club.  
Oct 15 Bible-Presbyterian Church Golden Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocation was held at SGH. Rev Timothy Tow unveiled the John Sung Memorial Plaque.  
Oct 29 The book, “The Way Back” (120 pages) authored by Dr SH Tow, was launched in memoriam of Mr Stephen Tow (1956-2000) at SGH.  
Nov 19 The book, “Better Than Many Sparrows: The Testimony of Vincenz Jancarik” (97 pages) edited by Dr SH Tow, was launched at SGH.
- 2001 Jan Inauguration of Calvary Sibü BPC in Sibü, Sarawak, Malaysia.
- 2002 Feb 24 The chorus book, “Every Home Sings: John Sung Songs and Old-Fashioned Hymns for Every Home” (103 hymns and choruses) edited and translated by Dr SH Tow, was launched at SGH.  
Apr 7 The Sunset Gospel Bible Fellowship (SGBF) was launched. It was previously known as the Sunset Gospel Hour (SGH).  
Apr 13 Calvary Missionary Society (CMS) was inaugurated.  
Jun 23 The book, “The Incredible Chinese Script” (64 pages) authored by Dr SH Tow, was launched at SGBF.

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|      | Oct 27    | The 20 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Read, Pray & Grow (RPG) Daily Bible Reading Guide was commemorated at SGBF. Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa delivered the message, “Is There Not A Cause?”   |
|      | Dec 14    | The Dedication Service for Sydney BPC’s new church building was held, chaired by Elder Koh Kim Hiang. Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa spoke on “Launch Out Into The Deep” (Luke 5:4).  |
| 2003 | Sep 23    | Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church became a legal entity formally registered with the Registry of Societies (Ref: ROS 0302/2002) under the Societies Act and is recognised as an independent body or society of Christians operating on their own, no longer legally linked with two “sister churches” (Jurong and Tengah).   |
|      | Dec 18    | Calvary Tengah Bible-Presbyterian Church became a legal entity formally registered with the Registry of Societies (Ref: ROS 0303/2002).   |
| 2004 | Jan 4     | Calvary BPC Weekly Bulletin assumes a new name and the first Pandan News Weekly was printed. Jurong, Pandan and Tengah had since published its own weekly to cater to the needs of her members as well as provide a new identity and stamp of independency to each congregation.  |
|      | Jan 6     | JTC letter of approval for Renewal of Lease to 31 Dec 2036  |
|      | Jan 16    | The Board of Elders adopted a Statement on the King James Bible.  |
|      | Jul 31    | Calvary Pandan Silver Jubilee Convocation was held at Orchard Hotel.  |
| 2005 | Jan       | Adopted Bethel Deployment Centre, in Chang Rai, Thailand as one of her overseas mission stations.   |
|      | May 8     | Our Pastor, Rev Quek Suan Yew, was conferred the Doctor of Theology (ThD) degree at FEBC 30 <sup>th</sup> Graduation Service. His doctoral dissertation is entitled, “Biblical Polemics: A Critical Analysis of Four Major Modern Religious Movements Which Contribute to the Ultimate Formation of the One World Church in the Light of Historic Fundamentalist Theology” (486 pages). |
|      | Jun 20-21 | The first Combined Youth Conference was introduced at Calvary BPC. The theme was “My Lord & My God” and the speakers were Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, Rev Edward Paauwe, Rev Jack Sin, Rev Prabhudas Koshy and Rev James Chan.  |
|      | Oct       | Inauguration of Calvary Hanura Permai in Pontianak, Indonesia.  |
|      | Nov 5     | Service of Dedication of the newly completed Sanctuary and Extension, costing \$2.1 million. This “A & A” (Addition and Alteration) added to the church approximately 5,000 sq ft of space, including a new Sanctuary on level 3, and additional function rooms for activities.   |
|      | Dec 18    | The devotional, “The Christian’s Daily Remembrancer - International Edition” (792 pages) edited by Dr SH Tow, was launched.   |
| 2006 | Jan 1     | Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church had her inaugural worship service at 2pm in the newly completed Level 3 Sanctuary with an attendance of 310. Our Senior Pastor, Rev (Dr)  |

- Tow Siang Hwa, who also serves as Truth BPC's Advisory Pastor, delivered the inaugural exhortation, "Our Church's One Foundation."
- Jan 8 The Church Session (2005-2008) was installed and publicly affirmed the KJV-VPP stand.
- Jan 14 CPYF commemorated their 25<sup>th</sup> Silver Jubilee Anniversary.
- Apr 1 Calvary Pandan organised a Bible Preservation Seminar. An abridged article of Rev Stephen Houck's "The King James Version" specially prepared and edited by Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa and Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew was distributed.
- 2008 Mar 10 The Board of Elders signed a Resolution entitled, "Praying and Working for Peace and Unity in Pandan." The signatories were Rev (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, Elder Jeffrey Cheong, Elder Chew Chong Kiat, Elder (Dr) Goh Kee Tai & Elder (Dr) Sim Siang Kok.
- Jun 29 Rev Chee Khuen Wah (Pastor, Chinese Christian Church of Jordan) was ordained as a minister of the gospel by Revs Tow Siang Hwa, Jeffrey Khoo and Quek Suan Yew at SGBF in Calvary Pandan BPC.
- Oct Majority of the session of the mandarin congregation, including their pastor Rev. Tang Wai Kay, resigned from their positions because they could not agree with the church's VPP position. More than half the congregation left as well. Mandarin worship service continued in Pandan with support from members of the English congregation.
- Oct 26 SGBF celebrated her anniversary for the first time. A booklet of testimonies entitled, "A Hundred Voices Glorify God" (52 pages) was distributed at SGBF 29<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service. Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew preached on "Here I Stand, I Can Do No Other."
- 2009 Apr 20 Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, founding pastor of the Bible-Presbyterian movement in Singapore, went home to be with the Lord.
- May 3 Calvary Pandan's Basic Bible Knowledge (BBK) course notes, were published into a book entitled, "Basic Bible Knowledge with Westminster Confession of Faith Larger & Shorter Catechism" (406 pages) and made available for purchase at Tabernacle Books.
- May 10 Our Pastor, Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, was announced to be FEBC's new Academic Dean by Elder (Dr) Tow Siang Yeow (President, FEBC Board of Directors), replacing Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo who has become the college's 2nd Principal.
- Jul 18 Calvary Pandan celebrated her 30th Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Service and Dinner at Suntec City Convention Centre.
- Oct 25 The autobiography, "Footprints in the Sands of Time" (247 pages) authored by Dr SH Tow, was launched at the Morning Worship Service.
- Dec 16 Air-conditioning installed in the Fellowship Hall.

#### The Fourth 10 Years (2010-2019)

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| 2010 | Oct 2-3  | 30 <sup>th</sup> Mandarin Congregation Anniversary Thanksgiving Service.   |
|      | Oct 24   | 60 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Thanksgiving Service of the BP Movement commemorated.   |
| 2011 | Jan 1    | Church Bible Study commenced with a series on “A Deeper Look into Proverbs”  |
|      | Oct      | Tabernacle Books organised an Essay Competition “The KJB is God’s Word for the End Times”.   |
|      | Oct 30   | Commemorated the 400 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the King James Bible.  |
| 2012 | June     | Church website revamped and launched at new domain name <a href="http://www.calvarypandan.sg">www.calvarypandan.sg</a>   |
| 2014 | Jan 11   | Inaugural Meeting of the new Adult Fellowship (AF), catering to adults 35-50 years old. Previous Adults Fellowship renamed to Senior Adults Fellowship (SAF).  |
|      | Oct 6-11 | GYF Penang Retreat & 10 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Retreat theme: “Giving Thanks With A Grateful Heart”  |
| 2016 | Jan 3    | Inaugural Meeting for the NS Ministry for Pre-Enlistees and NSFs.  |
|      | Jul 24   | Myanmese and Indonesian Weekly Bible Study started.  |
|      | Sep 3    | Calvary Hanura Permai shifted to its new premises and is now known as Calvary Kubu Raya. Rev Quek led a team from Calvary Pandan B-P Church to Pontiank for the dedication of the new Church building.         |
|      | Sep 23   | FCM commemorated her 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.   |
| 2017 | Oct 29   | 500 <sup>th</sup> Year Anniversary of the Reformation commemorated at both services. Morning Worship Service Message: “The Five Pillars-Broken or Battered?” (Jude 1-4); SGH Message: “Reformation Revisited.” |
| 2018 | Jan      | Adopted Kathmandu Bible-Presbyterian Church in Kathmandu, Nepal as one of our missions stations.   |
|      | Jul 28   | CMC commemorated her 30 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary.   |
| 2019 | Mar 8    | Our founding Pastor, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, was called home to be with the Lord at the age of 93.  |
|      | July 27  | Calvary Pandan celebrates her 40 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary with a Thanksgiving Service and Lunch at Raffles City Convention Centre.  |

*Jason Liew*

# The Church Building

*“Another parable put he forth unto them, saying, The kingdom of heaven is like to a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and sowed in his field: Which indeed is the least of all seeds: but when it is grown, it is the greatest among herbs, and becometh a tree, so that the birds of the air come and lodge in the branches thereof.”*  
Matthew 13:31-32

It has become increasingly rare in land scarce Singapore for a faithful Bible-Presbyterian Church to have in its stewardship premises singularly consecrated to the LORD's service. In this respect, it is prudent to recount and consider the significance of this great blessing that the LORD has bestowed upon us.

Whereas the kingdom of heaven is likened in the gospel of Matthew to a mustard tree where birds of the air come and lodge, our church and its building would be a branch within this tree. Just as branches on a tree stem from other branches and from the tree itself, if one were to do so for our church and its building, it is reasonable to look back the inception of the Bible Presbyterian movement in Singapore in the 1950s.

Subsequent to the founding of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church in 1955 by Rev. Timothy Tow, in 1969, God placed a burden on the heart of Dr. Tow Siang Hwa to branch out and set up a gospel outreach in Jurong, which at the time was beginning its transformation from swampy backwater into the development it is today. Naturally, this had attracted many people to move out west, but there was no church in area to minister to the people. Subsequent to a meeting between Dr. Tow and Mr. Woon Wah Siang, Chairman of Jurong Town Corporation, God provided a 24,500 square foot plot of land and thus paved the way for the establishment of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, which is known to most today as “Calvary Jurong”. On 1 January 1973, Calvary Jurong held its inaugural service.

In like fashion, the congregation at Calvary Jurong grew, and when its congregation reached 400 people, Dr. Tow was burdened to expand further. He called

Mr. Woon again, who readily leased a second piece of land, 98,000 square foot in size. This was divided into equal plots of 49,000 square foot each, one allocated to our church, and the other to Galilee B-P Church. A ground-claiming service was conducted on 1 January 1977. Construction proceeded quickly after, and by 29 April 1979, Calvary Pandan Youth Centre, the name given to the church building at the time, was completed. On 1 May 1979, 80 members met in the A-V studio at the building to seek the LORD's will for the future of the gospel outreach in Pandan. On 8 July 1979, Calvary Pandan commenced public worship with about 200 members and friends. The exhortation given by Elder (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, as he then was, was to double our efforts in the extension of God's kingdom. By 25 May 1980, all debts arising from the church building had been settled.

Through the years, our church building has undergone major renovations on three occasions. To get a closer insight on how the building had changed in this time, and how the LORD has blessed us and seen us through these renovations, we interviewed our pastor, Rev Quek Suan Yew, who prior to his calling practiced as an architect.

As a practicing architect, we anticipated that the simple, and in his words, squarish, design of the church building in the late 1970s would not have resonated with him. We were wrong. Rather, God had used the very design of the church building to speak to him and confirm where he should serve full-time after graduating from FEBC.

Rev Quek explained that the architectural design of the church reflected the philosophy of the church's leadership – form follows function. The church building had been designed ground up with its ministries in mind. Its purpose was simply to provide a conducive location for the worship of God, the study of His Word, and the fellowship of His saints. Outside of this, there was no wastage on mere externals. This showed precisely where the focus of the ministry lay.

In this regard, through the major renovations and minor touching ups that the church has gone through, in terms of architectural philosophy, the church has stayed the same. The guiding principle with each work, whether major or minor, would be to make the church a more conducive place of worship, study and fellowship in a cost-efficient manner. This can be seen from each of the major works that have been undertaken in years past:

- i. Renovation of porch to make it fully covered – to provide a convenient pick-up/drop-off point rain or shine to prevent would-be church goers from being dissuaded by inclement weather;
- ii. Extension of facilities, including but not limited to the New Sanctuary, Lounge etc. – to accommodate increase in congregation size, and we thank God for increases in plot ratio rulings by the government that allow us to increase our gross floor area to further maximise the usage of our space;
- iii. Addition of lift and consolidation of the church’s previous two wing design into a single block – to improve accessibility to facilities on the higher floors;
- iv. Air-conditioning of Fellowship Hall – to mitigate the effects of Singapore’s hot and humid weather so as to encourage people to stay back and fellowship after service;
- v. Retiling of Fellowship Hall floor, renovation of kitchen and replacement of grass – addressing wear and tear for safety reasons, especially for the children who attend our kindergarten.

Through these renovations, the hand of the LORD has protected us in many ways:

- i. Unity in the leadership – whereas it is common for organizations and even other churches to quibble on issues with financial implications as large as renovations, the Board of Elders has been unified in their vision on how to optimise the church building for God’s ministries;



*Ground Claiming Service, 1977*

- ii. Provision of funds – members have always given liberally and sacrificially when the need arises. When the church was undergoing major renovations to build the new sanctuary, the congregation ballooned from 500-600 to 900, and the increase in tithes and offerings covered the construction costs then;
- iii. Protection from circumstances outside of our control – the construction industry is often fraught with financial jeopardy. For example, the main contractor in a neighbouring church went under and ran off with some of the monies paid to it. This caused substantial delay and significant increase to the overall project costs. The LORD has thus far seen fit to allow our various projects to be completed smoothly.

Will our church building change in the years to come? Only the LORD can tell. At present, if the LORD increases the flock, expansion would most likely proceed sideways rather than upwards, pushing the organ side wall of the Main Sanctuary, and to a lesser extent, the Fellowship Hall, outwards.

What is certain, however, is the added responsibility we bear in enjoying this great blessing. Luke 12:48 reminds us that “For unto whomsoever much is given, of him shall be much required”. Having received such a great blessing, we must strive never to take it for granted, but always as good stewards to share it freely and use it to its fullest extent for His glory.

Soli Deo Gloria!

*Joel Quah*

# The Life & Ministry of Dr Tow Siang Hwa



- 1925 Dec 20 Tow Siang Hwa was born in Canton (Guangzhou), Guangdong, China to Dr & Mrs Tow Keng Kee. He was the fourth child, and third son in the family of eight children.
- 1926 Dec Family moved down to Singapore by sea.
- 1933 Senior Cambridge, Anglo-Chinese School (till 1942, 46).
- 1938 Saved under John Sung Revival and heard the consecration call to serve the Lord full-time.
- 1947 King Edward VII College of Medicine (till 1949).
- 1949 MBBS, University of Malaya, Singapore (till 1953).
- 1952 Oct Initiated the Varsity Christian Fellowship (VCF) at the University of Singapore (now National University of Singapore).
- 1953 Established Life Church Youth Fellowship (LCYF) and served as its first President for a year. Graduated from the University of Malaya, Singapore with MBBS. Started work as Medical Officer at Kandang Kerbau Hospital (till 1960).

- 1954  
 Jul 17      Awarded Queen's Scholarship.  
 Married Dr Tan Cheng Im, solemnised by Dr Ford L Canfield of the Overseas Missionary Fellowship (OMF), at Say Mia Tng (Life Church, Prinsep Street).
- Dec 18-24    Served as the camp master for the first ever B-P church camp, themed "Christ Satisfies" with the Rev Wilson Wang—a pastor from Penang—as speaker, held at Telok Paku Primary School in Changi, Singapore.
- 1955      Mar 27      Became a Deacon of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church.
- 1956      Jun 26      Left for Britain on a departmental fellowship under a "791-day self-imposed exile" to train at the Royal Maternity Hospital (RMH) in Belfast, Northern Ireland.
- 1960  
 Jun          Tow served as Honourary Secretary of the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS) (till 1963).  
 Senior Registrar, of Obstetrics and Gynaecology (till 1961).  
 Lecturer, University Department of O&G, Kandang Kerbau Hospital (till 1962).
- 1961  
 Became an Elder of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (till 1970).  
 Acting Head, Department of O&G, University of Singapore (till 1965).
- 1962  
 Senior Lecturer, Department of O&G, University of Singapore (till 1965).  
 Coined the name "Far Eastern Bible College," the flagship theological institution of the Bible-Presbyterians in Singapore.
- 1964  
 Conferred the Doctor of Medicine (MD) by the University of Singapore. His doctorate thesis was entitled, "Hydatidiform Mole: A Prospective Study and Five-year Follow-up Observation of 200 Consecutive Cases."
- 1965      Mar 12      Admitted as Fellow of the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists.  
 Professor & Head, Department of O&G, University of Singapore (till 1969).
- 1966  
 Apr          KKH reaches peak of 39,835 deliveries according to Guinness Book of Record.  
 Started the Christian Medical Fellowship (CMF)—which later became affiliated to Graduates' Christian Fellowship (GCF) as a sectional group in June 1973 and was renamed to Christian Medical and Dental Fellowship (CMDf) in 1980—together with 14 other doctors.
- May 20      Became the first local to be awarded the prestigious William Blair Bell Memorial Lectureship by the Royal College of Obstetricians and Gynaecologists (RCOG) and delivered the annual William Blair Bell Memorial Lecture entitled, "The Influence of the Primary Treatment of Hydatidiform Mole on its Subsequent Course."

- Awarded the coveted Edgar Gentilli Prize for the best piece of original work on Choriocarcinoma and Hydatidiform Mole by the RCOG.
- Oct 14 Admitted as Fellow of the American College of Surgeons (FACS).
- 1967 Oct 12 Professor Tow squared off against the Law Faculty's Mr Tommy Koh (now Professor) in a public debate at the University of Singapore against legalised abortion.
- 1968 Found a cure for Choriocarcinoma (cancer from pregnancy).  
Tow served as President of the Obstetrical & Gynaecological Society of Singapore (OGSS).
- 1969 May 11 Resigned from the Chair of Obstetrics and Gynaecology at the University of Singapore and went into private practice.
- 1970 Mar 4 Presided over Life-FEBC premises usage agreement.  
Left Life BPC to start Calvary BPC.
- Apr 28 Appointed as an Elder of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (till 1980).  
Wrote an open letter together with the Rev Philip Heng (Moderator, BPC) and Dr Quek Swee Hwa (Pastor, Zion BPC) to encourage all Christians in Singapore and Malaysia to join the Singapore-Malaysia Council of Christian Churches (SMCCC).
- 1972 Aug 19 Founded Singapore Anti-Narcotics Association (SANA).
- 1973 Jan 1 Inaugurated Calvary BPC: "the first of over twenty churches built".
- 1975 Mar 30 Launched the *Bible-Presbyterian Banner*, the official organ of The Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore where Tow was editor-in-chief, on Easter Sunday at the Annual Sunrise Service at MacRitchie Reservoir.
- 1976 President, Anglo-Chinese School Old Boys' Association (till 1978).  
Vice Chairman, Board of Governors, Anglo-Chinese School.
- 1977 President, Board of Directors, Far Eastern Bible College (till 1989).
- 1980 Jan 6 Started Sunset Gospel Hour (SGH), an evening service of Calvary BPC (Pandan).  
Oct 19 Ordained as a Minister of the Gospel under the B-P Synod at Life BPC.  
Nov 2 Elected and installed as Pastor of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church at an extraordinary congregational meeting (ECM) (till 1997).



*Dr & Mrs Tow at Cameron Highlands, 1987*

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| 1981 | Jun 8-12 | Served as the Chairman of the Organising Committee of the FECCC 10th General Assembly under the theme “Serving God and Country till Jesus Comes.” Meeting in Singapore for the third time, Tow hosted some 1,300 attendees at the newly-opened premises of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church at Pandan Gardens where the night meetings were held. |
| 1982 | Jan      | Published the first issue of <i>Read, Pray and Grow</i> (RPG) Daily Bible Reading Guide and has served as its editor.  |
| 1983 | Aug      | Served as Supervisory Pastor of Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church and stood in for the Rev Philip Heng when he took sabbatical leave to pursue further theological studies. Tow was supported by Galilee’s assistant pastor, the Rev Frank Low (till 1985).  |
| 1984 | Oct 23   | Compiled <i>Revival Hymns &amp; Choruses</i> (RHC) and adopted it as the official hymn book of Calvary.  |
| 1986 | Jul      | Started Fundamental Christian Fellowship (FCF), which was renamed Fundamental Christian Ministry (FCM) in 1989, as an alternative to ecumenical para-church organisations for students in tertiary institutions.   |
| 1987 | Oct 25   | Supervisory Pastor, New Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (till 1991).<br>Posted an open letter to the Synod Moderator on the Calvary Church doors at Jurong and Pandan and charged the incumbent for failing to “guide the Synod into the truth.”  |
| 1988 | Jan      | Renamed <i>Bible-Presbyterian Banner</i> to <i>Reformation Banner</i> because “the masthead itself   |

[was] fluttering uncertainly, shaken by new evangelical winds of change,” thus requiring “urgent reappraisal,” “soul searching, radical surgery,” and “nothing less than a new and honest initiative to preserve the Bible-Presbyterian Church from the end time disease,” hence the transference “to a more secure masthead” as a “response to the present crisis.” The new Banner came under the aegis of FEBC from 1988 to 1989 before becoming the official organ of Calvary BPC from the October-December 1990 issue until the end of its run in 1993.

- Mar 1 Pulled Calvary out of B-P Synod.
- 1989 Oct 22 Served as Supervisory Pastor, Calvary Batam Bible-Presbyterian Church (till 2014).
- 1995 Conferred *honoris causa* the Doctor of Divinity (DD) degree from Bob Jones University.
- 1996 Sat on the Advisory Council of the Dean Burgon Society (till 2003).  
Nov 30 Elected as Senior Pastor of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church and served a total of 7 three-year terms from 1997 to 2018.
- 1997 Senior Pastor, Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (Tengah) (till 2003).
- 1998 Oct Published *The Defined King James Bible* (DKJB) in which he served as a contributing editor alongside the general editor Dr D A Waite.
- 2005 Oct 24 Wrote letter to encourage members of Calvary BPC who subscribe to VPP  
Dec 20 Hung up his stethoscope on his 80<sup>th</sup> birthday and retired from private practice.
- 2006 Jan 1 Advisory Pastor, Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church (till 2010).
- 2009 Oct 25 Published autobiography *Footprints in the Sands of Time* to share “a lifetime of wisdom in one seating.”
- 2013 Pastoral Advisor, Blessed Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church (till 2017).
- 2015 Nov 1 Penned his last pastoral letter.
- 2019 Mar 8 Called home to be with the Lord.

*Jason Liew*

Fellowship Groups  
&  
Ministries



# Mandarin Congregation

Our church's Mandarin Ministry was established on 5 Oct 1980, approximately a year after the church building was completed. It has been 39 years since then. This ministry was initially founded to provide for the spiritual needs of Malaysian workers, the residents within the neighbourhood, and the parents of our brethren from the English congregation. All these years, we witnessed the Lord's gracious hand upon this ministry. Despite the tumultuous challenges met along the way, God preserved His church and enabled her to be relentless in her efforts to testify for our Lord Jesus Christ.

Preacher Marcus Liew was the first full-time worker in the Mandarin Congregation. He served for only one and a half years. When he left for the USA to further his studies in 1981, Preacher Tang Wai Kay took over. Rev Tang received his ordination in 1989. In the same year, Preacher Pang Kok Hiong also joined us. In 1992, Preacher Pang left to serve in Saipan. He was later ordained in 1994. Preacher Andrew Tan served in the Mandarin Congregation's office upon his graduation from Bible college in 1999. Shortly after Rev Tang's departure in 2008, Rev Ton Soung Kao served for approximately 2 years. In June 2018, Elder Choong Sin Chun began full-time ministry in the Mandarin Congregation upon completion of his studies in Far-Eastern Bible College. The Mandarin congregation session was initially established in 1995. Prior to this, the different ministries in the Mandarin Congregation were led by the Mandarin Ministry Committee which was formed by leaders from the various departments.

The Mandarin Congregation held her first service in the AV Studio (Rm 02-05 to 02-07). Back then, the congregation comprised only 30 people, mostly former members of Calvary (Jurong) Bible-Presbyterian church. About 3 to 4 years since its founding, the Mandarin Congregation grew to more than 100 people. It was then that her worship service was shifted to the main sanctuary. By God's grace, this number grew to approximately 350 before the 2008 saga. God has truly

been gracious towards us by allowing this ministry to grow by the guidance of His loving hands. Shortly after the beginning of the Mandarin Service, we also started several ministries, including the library, Youth fellowship, and children's Sunday school. In the following year, we also started a weekly prayer meeting. In 1982, we started a church choir. In 1984, we started a Teens fellowship and subsequently in 1986, the Adult's Bible Class and Young Adults Fellowship ministries. The Adult's Fellowship was started in 1996.

At the end of Oct 2008, the mandarin congregation witnessed an unprecedented crisis. The mandarin congregation saw a mass resignation from her session along with the departure of a large number of her members. As the Chinese idiom goes, "It takes more than one cold day for the river to freeze three feet deep". As early as 2004, the Mandarin Session had begun tussling with the stand to take with regards to the doctrine of Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP). Through the course of several key decisive events, the Mandarin Congregation session decided to take a strong stand against VPP, and inevitably, the Board of Elders of the church. This led to several breaches of the church's constitution via the hosting of "Extraordinary Meeting for Mandarin members only", through which they coaxed the mandarin congregation into taking their stand on the doctrine. On 26 Oct 2008, the last of many "Extraordinary Meeting for Mandarin members only" was held after the morning service through which the session declared the discontinuation of the mandarin service in Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian church. They also sought to invite those who wanted to continue to worship in a Mandarin service to join them in worship in another venue which they had preemptively prepared prior to announcing their departure. Previously, this plan was made known only to those who were clearly standing on their side. The purpose of the last unconstitutional gathering during the "Extraordinary Meeting for Mandarin members only" was to have this intention made known to the rest of the



*Mandarin Congregation, 2009*

congregation. Clearly, their strategy was to effect the dissolution of the Mandarin Ministry by catching the Board of Elders unaware, and were confident that their strategy would succeed. Thankfully, by God's grace, we were preserved despite their machinations.

During that week of sudden change, hearts were shaken. It was unclear how many would remain to worship in the Mandarin Congregation. Under the careful leadership of our late founding Pastor Dr S.H Tow, the Board of Elders decided to continue the Mandarin Ministry. On 2 November 2008, the Mandarin Congregation continued to hold her service in the original venue. It was attended by 218 adults and 39 children. Of which, 102 adults and 31 were from the original mandarin congregation. The remainder were brethren from the English congregation who came to support us. By the

faithfulness and divine will of God, a third of the original mandarin congregation remained. God's gracious hand helped us. In the past 10 years, the mandarin congregation continuously worshiped in this same location. Not only did we have Lord's Day Worship services, but also fellowship meetings, Sunday School etc. Even though most who stayed behind were the elderlies, with few who were physically able to serve, God moved the hearts of many from the English congregation to serve with us. Where we were wanting, the Lord provided. The gracious hands of God preserved the mandarin congregation.

*"...if God be for us, who can be against us"  
(Romans 8:31)*

*Elder Choong Sin Chun*

# The Sunset Gospel Hour

## The Open Door Ministry!

The Sunset Gospel Hour (SGH) is an evening service that began soon after Calvary Pandan B-P Church was born in 1979. This evening service is meant to augment the morning service for Christians who cannot attend the morning service for various reasons like the call of duty, for sinners who need the gospel and also for believers who wish to attend two services on the Lord's Day. To the best of my recollection and through interaction with Dr SH Tow, SGH was Dr Tow's "baby." He cared for it and nurtured it all his days of service until ill health prevented him from continuing. When we served together in Pandan church, he would ask me to plan the message titles for the Morning Worship Services and he would plan the SGH messages. He ensured that the messages would be relevant to Christians from other churches who need the truth. He would invite speakers from other churches to preach the gospel, and also to warn of the return of Christ like the prophets of the Bible. Many have testified that they are now worshipping in Pandan church because of what they learned from God's Word through the SGH, my wife and I included.

Since the day of my conversion in 1977, God has placed in me a strong desire to study God's holy and precious Word. I wanted to attend either evening or afternoon services to hear the Word of God. In my ignorance I attended all sorts of churches that had evening services, including neo-evangelical and Charismatic churches. It was only by God's grace that I was not poisoned by the teachings of the Charismatics or turned into a Charismatic. The Lord was merciful. Then I was invited to the SGH evening service one Lord's Day. Ever since then I have loved the SGH ministry even before my wife and I became members of Calvary Pandan in 1987. The following are some of the blessings I received from the Lord through the SGH ministry:

a. **Spiritual eyes were opened** – Many of the common and familiar truths taught in Calvary Pandan were never taught at all in my previous church. Some

of the crucial teachings and warnings included who Billy Graham was with his many compromises; the existence of the World Council of Churches that is destroying Christianity with her compromises; the neo-evangelical movement that pleases man more than God; the Charismatic movement that is a tool of the devil to cement and unite all protestant churches through her "tongues speaking" (gibberish that no one understands, not even God); the 16th Century Reformation that restored Christianity back to her original purity; and the battle for the Bible. Upon learning these truths my eyes were opened. The excitement to share with friends in my previous church was unstoppable. This went on till the day God called me into the full-time ministry.

However, in my naivety, I did not know that these truths were despised by some in my pervious church, especially the leaders. Others were indifferent to the warnings. Chastisement started from the leadership. The "targets" were those who propagated these truths to "open the eyes" of the members of the church. The leaders wanted members' eyes to remain closed. Life in the church turned from good to bad, and bad to worse! I was taken off the ministries of teaching in the Sunday School and chairing worship services. Soon the door was shut completely. To remain in that church meant sitting in the pew and doing nothing! The Lord intervened by His grace and mercy. I am very thankful that He opened a new door for my wife and me to serve in Calvary Pandan.

b. **Called to fulltime ministry** – It was during one of the SGH services in 1982, the theme being "Burning out for Christ", that the LORD called me into the fulltime ministry. My wife and I were still in the previous church at that time and I had been working as an architect for a few years. Before my graduation from the university in 1980, I prayed to the Lord that if it was His will for me to serve Him full-time He would first let me work for three years. I wanted to help provide for my younger siblings and see them through their studies,

just as my older siblings provided for me through my studies. At that SGH service, the Lord reminded me of my prayer. I struggled for six months before I finally surrendered my life to the LORD and to give up Architecture. I gave one year's notice to my boss and stopped work in the middle of 1984.

The SGH will always remind me of the above two spiritual experiences in my life, and more. I am very grateful and thankful to the Lord for His amazing and gracious deliverance. If not for the SGH I would probably still be in the previous church not knowing what true Christianity is. I would be serving and worshipping in all sincerity but in ignorance. I would be promoting errors and the ecumenical movement and the work of the evil one, totally oblivious of the truth. By His mercy and grace through the SGH, the LORD led me out of this darkness and into His marvellous light. By this one gracious and providential act of guidance, He saved my family as well. Our three children were able to grow up in a God-honouring environment, knowing godly friends and experiencing Christ-centred fellowship with God's family. This is the best and most rewarding church experience to have before arriving home in heaven to dwell with God's family in an eternity without end!

I thank God for the SGH ministry. Amen.

### **Testimony of Lewis Ting**

I started attending the Sunset Gospel Hour (SGH) regularly around the year 1999.

The biggest blessing from SGH is the God honouring, reverential worship with fundamental preaching and the peace and joy such worship brought to my heart. Such fundamental worship was sorely missed in many places of Christian worship which I attended. I am very thankful that SGH exists to provide Christians in Singapore an opportunity to experience true Christian worship instead of the man-centred worship that is so prevalent around us.

I am particularly disturbed by the view that the worship service is focused on the congregation's enjoyment where it is for them to do what they enjoy doing; God is merely expected to receive and accept what man desires. The Bible has clearly taught us that God is to be worshipped in spirit and in truth. Therefore it was very vexing to attend worship services that promote entertainment and performance by attention-seeking man. It is by God's grace that SGH was started by the late Dr Tow, so that Christians who have their own churches to go to in the morning could attend the SGH in the evening. This was what happened to my family – we started attending SGH.

The next thing that struck me was the sanctity of the pulpit ministry. I appreciate that the pulpit ministry is also well protected with fundamental preachers so that God's people are fed the right doctrines that can help them to anchor their lives squarely on the Word of God instead of the 'itchy ears messages' that are quickly forgotten once the feel-good feeling is gone. The manifestation of "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth (Jn 4:24)" was clear in SGH.

I enjoy singing hymns because of the richness of the message in the lyrics and I felt a sense of reverence unto the Lord when singing hymns; I found these in SGH. This was opposed to worship services I attended where contemporary Christian music (CCM) were used and choruses with shallow lyrics were repeated so often it just vexed the soul. I remember clearly a particular meeting which I attended that was conducted by a well-known Christian evangelistic group. The music was CCM with drums and other instruments and singing was much extended and repetitive. I was so vexed in spirit that when I finally left the meeting halfway, peace came upon me.

I am most thankful to the Lord for SGH because it allowed me to bring my family to experience a sanctifying worship service. At that time my three children were still schooling. I did not know how the

Lord was going to work in them but I know I needed to let them experience the right and good form of Christian worship.

It was my blessing during the SGH that Dr Tow often reminded the worshippers to have family worship and I must say it was indeed a blessing to do it with my family even though I did it only once a week on Sunday night.

God works in mysterious ways. When my son Ivan was in Secondary 1, he decided to move to Calvary Pandan for worship and for service. A year later my daughter Eunice also decided to move to Pandan. My children were all brought up in my previous church and for my wife Amy and I, it was our first church. We were surprised that despite their deep roots in their previous church, Ivan and Eunice were willing to transfer to Pandan on their own accord. Not long later, Amy and I also decided to worship in Pandan despite our emotional ties to our previous church. Eventually, our second son, Joseph was also convicted to transfer to Pandan and we were able to worship together as a family.

God has used SGH to draw us to know His Word and worship Him in reverential fear and truth. Pandan is now our spiritual home. All glory to the Lord Almighty who has done great things!

#### **Testimony of Elder Siow Chai Sheng**

To anyone who is searching for the truth, and has only one hour for this quest, I highly recommend that he spend it at SGH – not the hospital, but the Sunset Gospel Hour. In so doing, he might find relief for his spiritual malaise at Calvary Pandan, the way he might obtain treatment for his physical discomfort at Outram Road. That one hour beginning at 6pm every Lord's Day is God's pouring of grace upon grace on the soul. Most churches in Singapore have worship services in the morning, and it is the rare church that conducts an evening service as well. Thus to many Christians who

are members of another church, Calvary Pandan's SGH is one way to obtain a good dose of spiritual feeding. This was how my wife and I came to SGH years ago though we were then worshipping in another B-P church.

Each week, there was lots to learn about our faith. Related topics, packed in quarterly thematic modules, opened our eyes to "Roman Catholicism, Reformation, godless evolution, ecumenism and the one-world church, biblical separation, the Last Days, cremation or burial..." These are topics that most churches do not preach about in their morning services. Thank God for the years of foundation building at SGH which have stood us in good stead. May we record our thanks to the wordsmith who crafted the titles of the topics. For example, in the 3rd quarter of 2013, the module composed of a series of serious questions that demanded an answer. "Does God ever change His mind? Will those who have not heard of Jesus be condemned? Will babies which die in infancy be saved? Is there sexuality in heaven? Why doesn't God always heal the sick?" Dear reader, is your interest not piqued at these questions?

SGH also warns. It was timely to hear of the Falling Away and Sign of the Fig Tree. It was soul-searching to check one's own Evidence of a True Christian. Often I have left the service in pensive mood, driving home in silence. God's truth can ring in your ears then, and persist into the week.

Thank God for the faithful teaching by the pastors and preachers who speak the whole counsel of God. The work is supported by a background army of greeters, musicians, PA crew, and leaders in pre-service singspiration, worship and Bible verse memorisation. I have found over the years that it is relatively easy to start a work. The same cannot be said of the long-term sustenance of that ministry. Man grows weary; nay-sayers abound; the human spirit flags. But if the work is the Lord's, it is an open door, and anyone who has the audacity to shut it will have to contend with God's

# Adults Bible Class

strength. God has seen fit to keep SGH open for more than 30 years.

Over the years, SGH has also introduced many uplifting songs with inspiring lyrics for me to hum throughout the week. These are possibly personal favourites of the late Dr SH Tow, who had compiled them into *More Songs In the Night*. I recall how he led in pre-service singing, standing behind the pulpit, looking on with a benign smile as he picked *Maybe Today, Let Others See Jesus In You and Let Me Burn Out For Thee*.

The SGH tagline is indeed true – it is good to end the Lord's Day in the Lord's house.

*Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

The ABC ministry was started in Jan 1997 to strengthen the study of God's Word in Calvary Pandan. There were three classes, each helmed by two teachers (with at least an Elder in each class) taking turns to teach each Lord's day after morning service. All worshippers were welcomed. There were over 150 adults estimated to have been attending the three classes.

Then in Jan 2000, two of the ABC classes were converted to a DHW (Dig-His-Word) class where participants were given Bible study notes with questions to attempt at home before coming together to discuss them in groups led by facilitators before coming together for round up by Pastor Quek. The highest attendance was over a hundred. The DHW classes were converted back to two ABCs again in June 2005 when Pastor decided that he should teach the Basic Bible Knowledge (BBK) Class. The books of the Bible covered during those 5 years were Genesis to 2 Kings, Esther, Isaiah, the Life of Christ, and the Acts of the Apostles. The resources were archived into a commemorative CD for distribution in 2006 and are available now in the church website for download.

The ABC started with the survey of the OT and went on to the study of the Acts of the Apostles, Deuteronomy, Revelation, Matthew, the Westminster Shorter Catechism, the Westminster Confession of Faith, Joshua, 1 & 2 Samuel, 1 Kings, Titus, Obadiah, Habakkuk, Haggai, and Zechariah.

Thank God for sustaining these classes through 22 years. It was a tremendous blessing to both the participants and the teachers. As a teacher, I have grown in faith and the knowledge of His will through the preparations and I have learnt much more than any participants. Thank God for His grace and for giving the understanding in His Word. I have been rebuked often for failing to prepare thoroughly for lesson. Nevertheless, God is very gracious to bless each lesson. God alone has sustained the classes and enabled each of us to deliver His word week after week. We pray for His blessings always in the teaching of the Word, for without

Him we can accomplish nothing. God the Holy Spirit alone is the Teacher who sanctifies His people through the Word of life. The greatest joy as a teacher is to see God prospering the Word in the lives of His people.

Here is a collection of testimonies from some participants for our encouragement:

#### **Testimony of Chong Eng**

“I am thankful for the Adult Bible Class. Attending the class is like going back to school all over again, where key points are always highlighted and repeated. One lesson I will remember from the Book of Zechariah is how Joshua’s filthy garment was taken away from him and he was then clothed with garments ready for service, all this while he just stood still and did nothing. We, likewise, stand complete in Christ, ready for service, having full confidence in the finished work of Christ our Saviour on the cross for our sins, justified through faith in Christ. This is a great comfort to me.”

#### **Testimony of Daniel Ting**

“It is through this ministry that I was richly blessed and fed by God’s word to adequately guide me in my walk in the path of righteousness every step of the way, as God’s word is indeed a lamp unto our feet and the light unto our path. The ABC class differs from

the solemnity of the main worship service, being light-hearted at times, but nonetheless equally edifying and encouraging to me.”

#### **Testimony of Fiona Boi**

“I have attended the ABC class for about 4 years and have learned precious spiritual lessons in 2 areas. During the studies on the Westminster Shorter Catechism, I was taught many passages of Scripture from Genesis to Revelation. Before attending ABC classes, there were many books of Bible that I could not understand, especially from the books of prophecies such as Daniel, Isaiah, Ezekiel and Revelation, and even parts of the Book of Matthew on prophecies of the end times. Now, even though I still have much to learn and understand from these books of the Bible, I am no longer lost or puzzled. I am now thrilled to learn more about the promises of eternity and the Second Coming of Christ.

I was taught many precious and practical applications of God’s word in ABC. I learned that God’s word is a wonderful guide to my Christian living, especially on parenting teenagers, how to respond biblically when our loved ones are stricken with a serious sickness, and biblical ways to manage money and earthly possessions.”

*Elder Chew Chong Kiat*

# Junior Worship

The goal of the Junior Worship ministry is to teach the Word of God to the children and to nurture them spiritually throughout the years in Junior Worship. The teachers also share the Gospel so that the children will be brought to salvation at the earliest age possible. Our motto is from 2 Peter 3:18 *“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”*

The Junior Worship Ministry began in the very year our church was founded, 1979, forty years ago. It began with five children and one teacher, meeting in a kindergarten room. The teacher was the late Mrs William Seah.

The Lord gave the increase and after a decade, one class multiplied to three classes of Kindy, Primary and Junior. Then in the following decade, it grew to 6 classes, adding Tiny Tots, Nursery and Teens.

Today, there are a total of 14 classes with an average attendance of about 200 children each Lord’s Day. The Junior Worship Ministry caters to children from ages 2 to 17 years old. It comprises three departments: the Pre-primary for children ages 2 to 6; the Primary for children ages 7 to 12; and the Teens for children ages 13 to 17. The children from Pre-primary and Primary leave for their own singspiration and Bible classes after the offering of gifts and tithes in the morning worship service. The Teens children have their Bible classes after the morning worship service.

The Junior Worship curriculum has seen three changes over the years – from MPA (Missions Publication of Australia) to RBP (Regular Baptist Press) and now our own in-house curriculum. Our current in-house curriculum serves to ensure that errors in doctrine do not creep in as we are living in perilous times. This new Junior Worship curriculum is for the purpose of grounding the children in the fundamentals of the faith. The lessons are also graded according to age.

Throughout the year, the Junior Worship has many activities, such as the Vacation Bible School,

Bible Quizzes, and JW Camps. These activities serve to encourage spiritual growth as well as to promote evangelistic outreach to children. In addition, the Junior Worship Primary also organizes outings, such as Family Day. There is an exhortation of the Word of God to children, parents, and teachers. The purpose of these gatherings is to foster a close relationship between teachers and parents as we support the parents in the spiritual nurturing of the children.

Thank God for raising a pool of dedicated teachers to impart the Word of God to the children. All teachers go through a teachers’ training course. They are required to be diligent in the study of the Word of God, by taking FEBC courses or through various Bible study groups. Each year, the Junior Worship organizes two Teachers’ Retreats with invited speakers. These Retreats focus on doctrine and pedagogy to equip teachers to effectively and accurately teach the Word of God to the children. On occasions where topics are relevant to parents, they too are invited for these Retreats to learn alongside the teachers.

As we reflect on the forty years that have gone past, our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to the Lord, for sustaining and preserving the Junior Worship Ministry. May the Lord continue to use this ministry to save the souls of the children and to nurture them in the most holy faith.

*Dn Yap Wai Ho*

**Testimony of service in the junior worship ministry by Mrs Anne Lim**

*“The LORD hath done great things for us;  
whereof we are glad.”*

Psalm 126: 3

My family was privileged to be among the first batch to be baptized into the membership of the church in 1979. We thank God for His grace and mercies that

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## A first-person narrative

have seen us through many trials and tribulations these forty years. Truly, the Lord preserves His saints and causes them to endure and persevere.

In the early days of the church, when the membership was fewer than fifty, everyone was needed to serve. Within a year or two, I was serving. I learned much from our first full-time staff worker Miss Sim Poh Choo. I watched and worked alongside her and so became confident as I undertook different tasks. God gave me a desire to learn more about my newfound faith. I remember reading many books in our church library and taking part whole-heartedly in the Church Bible Memorization (in the 90's) programme. God also blessed me with an excellent team of co-workers and together we labored for the Lord happily and cheerfully. A deep abiding love for God's Word led me to seek early retirement when I was 56, in 2003, in order to enroll in FEBC. There I studied the fundamentals of the historic faith with much joy, for four years. As I fondly look back all these 40 years, I can assuredly sing with Fanny Crosby,

*"This my song thru endless ages,  
Jesus led me all the way."*

*Mrs Anne Lim*

The official founding of CMC was in the year 1988, and it is commemorating its 31<sup>st</sup> Anniversary in July this year. Little known is the fact that its existence and operations were dated years before, and prior to its current name of CMC, the ministry was known as Junior Fellowship (JF). It all started when a few church members banded together to conduct free tuition for children staying around the church and having them stay back for Bible lessons and to sing gospel songs after tuition. God blessed the humble beginnings of JF, and prospered the evangelistic work started by a few; by the time I joined JF in 1985 as a Primary 3 student, it was a fully functioning children's ministry with dedicated teachers serving every Saturday afternoon. A typical meeting comprises of singing gospel songs, Bible lessons, games, and refreshments – which is very similar to what we are doing in CMC today! The uniform of CMC had also transitioned from its initial green, to yellow, to blue, and finally to today's white.

I stopped attending JF in 1987 when my family moved from Teban Gardens to Jurong East, but I returned to Calvary Pandan in 1998 after National Service; what brought me back to church were the beautiful memories I had during the 3 years I spent in JF as a child. I was baptized in the year 2000 and God called me to serve in CMC, where I started as a Bus Leader. Through the years of serving in CMC, I observed the many programs introduced, and was given the privilege to participate in some of them. To name a few – we started the CMC Library after receiving generous donations of books from church members; we organized more outings and excursions so as to reach out to the parents of our students during these events; we started commemorating our Anniversaries by inviting the parents so that they have the opportunity to hear the Gospel; we started commemorating special events such as Good Friday, Reformation, and Christmas, so that we can teach the significance of these to the students; we organized Annual Camps for the



student's spiritual benefit; for a time we extended the participation age limit of our students to 16 years old by starting the Teens Class so that a previous batch of students continued to benefit from the spiritual activities; and we planned and participated in skits so as to strengthen the students' understanding of their Bible lessons. Thank God for leading and guiding all these decisions since CMC's inception. Soli Deo Gloria!

The average attendance back in 2000 was 50, and it increased to over 100 during the years 2008 through 2013. This has gradually declined since and today it is back to 50. Teachers are actively working with the parents of our students to dissuade them from arranging tuition and enrichment classes between 2:00PM and 5:00PM on Saturdays, but the steepest drop-out rate is observed in the upper primary classes as parents withdraw them from attending CMC due to their impending PSLE. Due to low attendance, CMC had to suspend its Teens Class last year. In addition, our primary source of students is from Calvary Pandan Kindergarten (CPK), which is facing a steep

decline of students enrolled due to multiple factors (i.e. competition from MOE Kindergarten, lower birth rate, and fewer residents staying in the vicinity). Nevertheless, so long as our Lord continues to keep the gospel door open, the staff of CMC shall continue to teach God's Word and to serve.

*"But Jesus said, Suffer little children,  
and forbid them not, to come unto me:  
for of such is the kingdom of heaven."*

Matthew 19:14

*Dn Simon Chua  
CMC Coordinator*



# Calvary Pandan Kindergarten

## History of Calvary Pandan Kindergarten (CPK)

CPK is a Christian kindergarten and an outreach and education ministry of the Church. Her purpose is to provide a Christian pre-school education to her members and the community. CPK was started in 1980 soon after the building of the Church. The first principal was Mrs Seah Siew Yang, wife of Elder William Seah who also served as the chairman of CPK Management Board. Mrs Seah retired in about 1990 due to ill health and was succeeded by Mrs Jansy Low till Mar 2010. Mrs Lilian Aung took over from her before the current principal, Mrs Carrin Ang, joined in 2011 till present.

Elder William Seah faithfully took the kindergarten staff for morning devotion every Wednesday till he stepped down in 1994, when he was called to start Calvary Tengah BPC. Mr Koh Kim Hiang was the treasurer and our founding pastor, the late Dr Tow Siang Hwa, and Dr George Foong, were the committee members. Rev Quek took over as the Chairman from Elder Seah.

Subsequently, Elder Chew Chong Kiat took over as CPK's chairman in 2010 till present. The current committee members are Rev Quek Suan Yew and Elder Choong Sin Chun.

## Our Mission, Vision and Core Values

**Mission:** To provide an optimal and holistic early childhood education for children in a Christian environment

**Vision:** A leading Christian pre-school of choice in the community

**Core Values:** The core values we strive to inculcate in our pupils are shaped and guided by God's Word.

Love @ CPK

- ♥ Love for God and honour towards parents and elders
- ♥ Care and Love for one another
- ♥ Patience and Perseverance in all things

♥ Kindness and Humility at all times

## Our Programmes

Apart from the physical, intellectual, emotional and social development of the children, we place great emphasis on teaching God's Word and praying for God to cause His Word to bear spiritual fruits of salvation, and that the children will develop in Christian character.

A typical Monday begins with Bible stories, using a systematic set of teaching materials that span over 4 years to teach the children God's Word. The rest of the week is started with Singspiration in the Fellowship Hall to teach the children a list of spiritual songs over the four years that they are with us. They consist of traditional hymns and Christian children's songs. The children are taught to recite of the Lord's Prayer and various memory verses that we encourage the children to learn, memorize, and understand.

Where suitable, our teachers will teach God's Word as they teach the curriculum. The children also learn to say grace before eating, pray before going home, and to constantly commit their prayers onto the Lord.

## CPK Today

By God's grace, we will be holding our 39<sup>th</sup> Graduation Ceremony this year. Our enrolment stands at 130-140 with two 4-hour sessions. Our enrolment has dipped due to the lower birth rate and a lot of competition from other Pre-schools. We look to God to bring the children and to keep the doors of CPK open to reach out to more children and their families with the gospel of the Lord Jesus.

God has provided a dedicated team of 17 staff, consisting of the principal, administrator, 7 English language teachers, 4 Chinese language teachers, 3 programme helpers and an in-house cook. They are all Christians who gather daily for a time of devotion every morning to start the day with God's Word using

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the RPG and to commit the work to the Lord. Every Thursday, Pastor Quek Suan Yew, carrying on the tradition started by the late Eld William Seah, will lead the kindergarten staff in morning devotion.

By God's grace, CPK has progressed much over the years. We are now a SPARK-certified Preschool, bearing the assurance quality mark endorsed by ECDA.

We thank God for His goodness and blessings upon the kindergarten. May He enable us to continue to serve Him till His glorious return.

## Testimony of Viola Quek, CPK Senior Teacher

I started teaching in CPK since 2005. Before that, I was working in the accounting industry and serving as a Sunday School teacher in my church. It was through the Sunday School ministry that I realized my love for children and the desire to impart God's word to them. God moved my heart to resign and to join CPK. I thank God that He not only opened the door for me to serve in CPK but also enabled me to obtain the Early Childhood and Leadership certification through CPK. Although there was a huge staff turnover in my fifth year in 2010, God placed in my heart the burden to stay on and continue to serve. I thank God for the devotion time that we have every morning. It not only helps me to stay focussed on God but also reminds me that I need to put my best effort at work to glorify His name as this is God's ministry. I pray that God will enable me to live up to our CPK theme verse, *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it"* (Proverbs 22:6), and be a sunbeam for Christ to the children.

*Elder Chew Chong Kiat*

The theme verse of the OMC is taken from Mark 10:45, *"For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*

The OMC conducts children's Vacation Bible School (VBS) in like-minded overseas churches. Its objectives are to share the Gospel and to help children grow spiritually through the teaching of God's Word.

The OMC was formed in the early 2000s to coordinate and optimize resources amongst the various overseas mission teams from Calvary Pandan BPC ministering to children. We praise and thank God for raising and sustaining His ministry all these years. By God's grace, mission teams were and continue to be sent forth to Sibu BP Church (Sarawak, East Malaysia), Miri BP Gospel Mission (Sarawak, East Malaysia), BDC Chiangrai (Thailand), Kubu Raya BP Church (Pontianak, Borneo) and Kathmandu BP Church (Nepal).

The work of the Lord in overseas missions to children has brought many blessings to members in Calvary Pandan. Many are encouraged to see the spiritual growth of the children and their families. Many have also experienced much joy in co-labouring and fellowshiping with God's people in other BP churches. A few have penned down words to share their experience and blessings received through serving the Lord in these overseas missions to children. We give all praise, honour and glory to God. Amen.

## Testimony by Sister Molly:

With much prayer, I gingerly accepted the invitation to serve as a Preschool teacher in Kathmandu BPC's Vacation Bible School (Oct 14 – 16 2018). The shepherd for this church is Pr Rajan Shrestha. The theme of the programme, based on Matt 13:43, was "Am I outside or inside the Kingdom of God?"

Teaching children is in itself a heavy responsibility (Luke 17:2), let alone children in a mission field who are still grappling with milk doctrines. Further, these Preschoolers had a poor grasp of English and I, a



VBS at Sibu, 2019

pathetic grasp of Nepali. Yet, once again, my gracious Lord removed my unfounded fears and showed me that when I do His work in His way, He always provides and enables (John 15: 4 - 5, Phil 4:13). How so? Dn Robin Boi organized a team of teachers, assistant teachers for the Pre-school, Primary and Teen groups, and kept us focused on our assigned tasks. The lesson outlines written by Sis Xiao Wei were a tremendous help in drafting key points, which were then sent off early to Pr Rajan and his team of teachers for translation. This made the lessons flow rather smoothly. Teaching aids and craft materials, organised by Sis June Siew and her team of teachers, helped to reinforce the lessons that were taught. And then there was the wonderful spirit of camaraderie within the team from Pandan and with those from Kathmandu – what sweet fellowship was formed over karela ko achar, momos and chap chae! Notwithstanding, all were focused with one urgent goal in mind: sharing the good news of salvation that is to be found solely in our Lord Jesus Christ and His soon return as King of kings and Lord of lords. By the Lord's gracious mercies, the children realized this urgency, as reflected in their enthusiastic but appropriate verbal responses and written reflections to heed the Spirit's call. Yet, we must still uphold all of them in our prayers: that

they will continue to heed their Shepherd's call and walk in total obedience to Him alone; for they have indeed "found one pearl of great price." (Matt 13:46)

#### Testimony of Johann Boi

From a tender age, I was exposed to the various mission stations abroad. Although these spiritual lessons were often only a week in duration, the blessings and foreign experiences I reaped would leave an indelible mark on me. From rushing down with the missionaries to buy food for the children, to teaching Christian hymns to the adolescents, these experiences, however small, make up the store of precious spiritual lessons that I hold dear. During one particular visitation trip, the mission team was on our final round of visitation of poor families located in a vast Chinese temple. Stepping in, I discovered that a certain family actually lived within this compound - specifically two rooms created by a random assortment of cardboard. I distinctly remember the hundreds of idols which surrounded the compound, and it was then that I realized how real the need for the Gospel was for these people. Hence, I thank the Lord for providing these outreaches to many who are lost in sin, and I pray that this mission will continue to be blessed by the Lord.

### Testimony of Saravanan

I thank God for the opportunities to visit God's work in Sri Lanka and our mission stations in Miri and Kathmandu and to support in the organizing of activities related to the preaching and teaching of God's Word to our brethren in these countries, such as the Vacation Bible School. There are many blessings that come in serving in these areas, namely:

- (1) When you see the spiritual growth of the adults and children in these churches, you are reminded of the power and importance of God's Word in their lives and ours also. (2 Timothy 3:16-17)
- (2) There is much joy and blessings to serve with the members in these mission stations, even though we be from different nationalities and races. It is the common goal of spreading the Gospel and the edification of the saints that brings us together.
- (3) Through these interactions, we see the sufficiency of the Lord's Grace in seeing us through the activities and how we get to know each other better, in terms of how to pray for one another and support one another. This is God's commandment as stated in Hebrews 10:24-25

### Testimony of Timothy & Constance Tan

We thank God for the privilege and His enabling of us to serve at Calvary Miri Gospel Mission for the past 6 years. The mission team comprises mainly of members of the Senior Adults Fellowship. We minister to the children and adults twice a year by conducting a 3-day Vacation Bible School program. The program consists of Bible lessons, singspiration, art and craft, games, discussion, and home visitation.

It is fulfilling to witness how God has blessed the church not only in attendance but also in fervency of worship, service, and the study of God's holy and precious Word. We are encouraged to see the children and youths grow in stature and spiritual maturity. Some of the girls are serving as Sunday School teachers and church administrators while the boys serve as prayer meeting and worship service leaders. May God continue to sustain and protect the church in the face of charismatism, compromise and liberal teachings and may God enable us to serve Him till He cometh.

*Dn Robin Boi*



*VBS at Kathmandu, 2018*

# Fundamental Christian Fellowship

The Fundamental Christian Ministry (FCM) is an outreach to students in the tertiary institutions of Singapore. It was founded in 1986 as a response to the rising tide of ecumenism and neo-evangelicalism found in other campus ministries such as the Campus Crusade for Christ, Varsity Christian Fellowship and the Navigators.

Currently we have FCM groups at the campuses of 7 different universities and polytechnics across the island. Each group is led by Bible study leaders who are full-time ministers, FEBC students, or mature church leaders from various Bible-believing BP Churches. In each of these groups, they meet for weekly Bible studies, prayer meetings and organise gospel rallies, outings and other gatherings.

Every year, we also have various combined activities for the students from the various groups to come together and study God's Word together. These include the FCM combined meetings, the FCM camp, and FCM day. These events are organised to help the students grow in the knowledge of God's Word and to foster greater fellowship between the youths from different schools and churches.

Through the years, many have testified of the blessings that they have received in being a part of the FCM ministry. Here are a few testimonies from the current students:

## **Testimony of Tai Cae Ryn, NTU**

Praise the Lord for the FCM which has been a blessing to myself and many others. I thank God for this ministry which has always been a constant and refreshing source of spiritual encouragement, especially during the semester. I have received many timely reminders of who I ought to be glorifying in my life, and learned many lessons on how without Christ, I truly am nothing and can do nothing. May the Lord continue to use this ministry as a source of spiritual refreshment and an avenue of service for the FCMers. May we also never forget the FCM motto - My Campus, My Mission

Field - as we continue to point others to Christ. All glory be to God!

## **Testimony of Eunice Choy, NTU**

FCM has truly been a blessing to me both when I was studying in polytechnic and university. Amidst busy schedules, FCM calls for a timely reminder to seek God first before anything else in this world. Thank God for the faithful preaching of God's Word and the close communion of saints in fellowship. May God continue to use each of us as His witnesses for His glory.

## **Testimony of Karina Leong, NTU**

Thank God for FCM to keep me grounded amidst the busyness and difficulties of Uni life. From the messages, I have been reminded of the vanity of life without God, and the need for wisdom and a purposeful life. At the same time, I am reminded of God's mercy towards us and His terrible judgements towards sin. Thank God we have been saved from His punishments of wrath!

Thank God for sustaining this ministry despite the challenges, for us to grow in God's Word in a secular setting, and for bringing fellow BP brethren together to encourage each other. Truly, FCM has been a great blessing to me.

## **Testimony of Joshua Chan, NUS**

The FCM has been as great blessing to me in many ways. It has been a good respite in the middle of the week to refocus on God and His Word. I thank God also for the faithful preaching and Bible studies that have been beneficial and always timely to rebuke and encourage me when necessary. It's my prayer that many others will be blessed by this ministry and enjoy true godly fellowship here in FCM!

*Pr Ko Lingkang*

# National Service Ministry

2 Timothy 2:3, “*Thou therefore endure hardness, as a good soldier of Jesus Christ.*”

The military is a harsh and unfamiliar territory. To our young men who are about to enlist or have already been enlisted, the struggles they face are new and real. Many find it hard to adjust to the new routine and regimentation. Some struggle to attend church due to the stress and fatigue of physical training, while others fall away as a result of temptations from their new-found friends. The battle our young men fighting is spiritual and the preparation for this warfare cannot be taken lightly. If they are not grounded in God’s Word, they will easily be discouraged, and their faith may even be shipwrecked.

Fitting into the age group of the Youth Fellowship, our Full-Time National Service Men were looked after by the seniors of this fellowship group. In December 2015, the Lord laid upon our Pastor a burden to care for the spiritual needs of these young men. The NS Ministry was raised specifically to minister to the NSFs in our church. A committee was formed and we came together in January 2016 for our first meeting. We laid down the twofold objectives for the ministry: to prepare and guide our young men spiritually prior to enlistment; as well as to support and encourage those who are already serving. With the objectives set, we proceeded to planning our activities.

We held our first Pre-Enlistee’s Meeting in March 2016. At this meeting, besides reaching out to enlisting

youths, we extended our invitation to their parents and siblings. We believe it is important to co-labour with the family in praying and supporting their sons in NS. We shared counsel from God’s Word and lessons from our own past NS experiences, so that they may understand and know how to cope with struggles and difficulties faced in NS. Subsequent meetings are held quarterly to coincide with each NS enlistment intake.

Tapping on existing technology, we started a chat group named “Soldiers of Our Lord”. We use this platform to encourage one another in God’s Word, to share prayer requests and to give practical advice on dealing with day-to-day issues in NS.

Not all meetings are well-attended though. We struggled to find a suitable time for our NSF’s to gather for fellowship. Meeting on Saturday did not work out as the turnout was poor. We figured that this was probably because the meeting takes up extra time away from their family and from their precious rest. Thank God, we finally found a slot on the Lord’s Day to meet for sharing and prayer, followed by fellowship over lunch.

It is our prayer and desire that this ministry can be used of God to help sustain and build up the faith of our young men, that they will fight the good fight of faith and will emerge victorious and spiritually stronger after their NS.

*Dn Eric Lim*



# Teenz Fellowship

The Calvary Pandan Teenz Fellowship (CPTF) is part of the Junior Worship (JW) Ministry and it caters to the needs of the secondary school teenagers in Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church (CPBPC). It is a unique ministry and distinct from the JW Ministry in that the Teenz Sunday school lesson takes place after the morning worship service. This allows the teenagers to participate in the worship service with their parents.

The CPTF will have a different theme each year. The main objectives of the CP Teenz Fellowship are to continue to teach the Word of God to the teenagers, avail teenagers opportunities to serve and to encourage Christian fellowship among the teenagers. The CPTF caters to teenagers from 13 to 17 years old where they are separated into 4 different classes according to the levels in secondary school.

The CPTF meets every Lord's day after the morning worship service for about an hour of lesson. Other than the weekly lessons, every second Sunday of the month, the CPTF will minister to the elderly residents of Lentor. On every third Sunday of the month, there is a monthly retreat where there is a cottage meeting in the house of one of the teenagers. On every fourth Sunday, the teenagers will join the Youth Fellowship (YF) for the Young People's Choir (YPC). There are also two CPTF camps during the school holidays of June and December respectively. There is also an annual kite flying activity on National Day and a yearly CPTF gathering on New Year's Eve. These activities are designed to encourage the teenagers to build good Christian friendship among the teenagers.

There are also opportunities for Christian service in CPTF. The Teenz Committee plans and organises programmes and activities for the CPTF, charring and playing the guitar during singspiration as well as participation in the YPC. The teenagers rejoice with the church in her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary!

*Dn Eugene Goh*

# Youth Fellowship

All praise and thanks to God for raising and preserving the Calvary Pandan BP Church Youth Fellowship (CPYF).

The CPYF was established in 1981 with the motto "To know Christ and to make Him known". The singular purpose was to make disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The objectives are for youths to "know Christ" by leading youths to a personal saving faith in Jesus Christ as Saviour and Master, and to "make Him known" by exhorting them to be loyal Christian disciples according to Holy Scriptures that they would be the salt and light of the world in their witness of Christ.

Her motto and objectives remain unchanged through the past 38 years of her existence, and through generations of Christian youths, many of whom are now themselves parents of youths in the YF today.

It is important that history is recounted, that we may see and acknowledge the good and faithful Hand of God, for in the books of history are inscribed the records of our loving and Almighty God in the lives of His children – the church.

It is important to remember our Ebenezers in each generation, and to declare them, that the hearts of more generations of youths may be reminded of the LORD our God. That the LORD our God may be their Lord and their God as well.

*"We will not hide them from their children,  
shewing to the generation to come the praises of the LORD,  
and his strength, and his wonderful works that he hath done.  
For he established a testimony in Jacob,  
and appointed a law in Israel,  
which he commanded our fathers,  
that they should make them known to their children:  
That the generation to come might know them,  
even the children which should be born;  
who should arise and declare them to their children:  
That they might set their hope in God,  
and not forget the works of God,  
but keep his commandments." Psalm 78:4-7*



*Combined Jurong-Pandan Youth Fellowship, 2002*

The spiritual battle is hotter now 38 years on than it was before. Churches are falling away, and so are youth fellowships within these churches. Worldly philosophies have infiltrated churches and demand that youths be made to feel comfortable and that churches ought to meet their needs and adolescent awkwardness at all cost. It is important that the focus of CPYF be not diverted because of such distractions. The church and parents have to dictate what is good for their teenage children, and should not leave them to their own devices and ‘comfort zone’ to their own spiritual detriment.

The efficacy of CPYF is in the power of the Word of God and in the work of the Holy Spirit alone. We thank God for various preachers who have faithfully taught the youths God’s Word every week for the past 38 years, and for older and more spiritually mature youths who lovingly and patiently help younger and new believers grow spiritually in the Lord Jesus Christ in each generation.

Should the Lord tarry, may this landmark in the year 2019 also encourage youths in generations to come to remember the goodness and faithfulness of the LORD our God, and to continue to “*press toward the mark of the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*” (Philippians 3:14), and occupy till Jesus returns!

#### **Michael Lim Boon Wah (2<sup>nd</sup> YF Chairman in 1980s)**

“Serving the Lord kept me close to Him and connected with like-minded Christians in the church. Looking back at my teenage years, I see that God was shaping me as the President of Youth Fellowship to lead teams in the church as JW Superintendent and in my secular job.

Growing up and serving with other Christian brothers and sisters in the Lord kept my path as a Christian. We planned the Bible messages that catered to our teenage challenges and trials. It kept us grounded on God’s Word during our young lives at a time where the worldly things could capture our hearts. I particularly remember that the YF Exco would hang out in my bedroom for a day to plan and discuss the YF matters. My then non-Christian parents were impressed with my Christian friends and welcomed them gladly. I am sure that their testimonies were part of the seeds that were sown in my parents’ hearts when they accepted the Lord in their golden years.

I came over to Calvary Pandan (from Calvary Jurong) when my family moved to Teban Gardens in the eighties. I wanted to serve the Lord in the new church. Serving God is a privilege and we need to be seeking to do that willingly and purposefully.”

*“For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto,  
but to minister”*

Mark 10:45a

**Stanley Tan (10<sup>th</sup> YF Chairman in 1990s)**

“Thank God for the Youth Fellowship which was a source of spiritual feeding. Till today, the lessons learnt and the fellowship with like-minded brethren remain cherished memories.

As a youth, there was a choice between YF or secular activities. Thank God for the commitment then to make YF a priority! There are fond memories of catching up with one another and sharing our joys and struggles over much prayer (and food)!

Looking back, we were blessed to be anchored in YF with Christian friends. For two are indeed better than one, and if we fell, *“the one will lift up his fellow”*. Indeed, *“two shall withstand”* against the devil, and *“a threefold cord is not quickly broken”* (Ecclesiastes 4:9,10,12).”

**Peck Ern-Min (17<sup>th</sup> YF Chairman 2010s)**

“I thank God for the many blessings I have enjoyed during my time in the YF. I remember my first experience with the YF was during the church camp YF night sessions where the youths would gather for a time of fellowship. I thank God that I had to courage to go for the second night. I observed the sweet fellowship which the YFers had when I was 13-14 and determined in my heart that that was what I wanted for myself growing up. I purposed in my heart, by God’s grace, that this was what I wanted for my life.

The Lord has been gracious to give me a good foundation in His Word to move on to working life and

beyond thanks to my time in the YF. Older brothers and sisters in Christ welcomed me even though they struggled to make conversation with me. But I sat and learned as they spoke to one another. I found that even though they seemed far more spiritual than me, they too went through difficulties and trials. They were Christians who struggled just like me with their own problems and spiritual battles. I saw this especially during the gatherings outside of YF and slowly I knew that we were on the same boat, on the same road, with the same Christ. They knew how I felt because they were like me, and they were just a few years my senior.

A brother in Christ taught me to care for each other and encourage each other in the Lord. It should not only be the leaders encouraging the youths. All the youths should learn to encourage each other, leader or not. That is part and parcel of being a part of the body of Christ. I thank God for this lesson.

It is a big responsibility to serve on the committee but one filled with great blessing. Often, people called to lead God’s flock are misunderstood. They labour hard for the Lord and they cannot respect the faces of men. They need to do what the Lord tells them to do even when it may not be pleasant. I saw how older YFers had to gently chide others with a spirit of meekness when some were not good testimonies. I saw how they served the Lord together even though they all had many other responsibilities in school and at home. I followed after their example. I had so much to learn.

As my time in YF is coming to an end, I pray that the Lord will continue to care for the youths in Calvary Pandan. I have been taught of God and experienced His goodness through this decade of serving Him in the Youth Fellowship.”

*Dn Adrian Poh*

# Young Adults Fellowship

The Young Adults Fellowship (YAF) is a ministry that caters to the needs of the young adults in Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church (CPBPC). The YAF is 5 years younger than the church and had her inaugural meeting in December 1984. The age of the young adults in the YAF are range from 23 to 35 years old. Within this age range, there are diverse groups of Christian ranging from tertiary students, fresh graduates, working adults, newly-wedded couples and parents with young children.

The theme of the Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) is “Walk Worthy of the Lord”. The objectives of the YAF are to edify fellow brethren through thematic messages, book studies, exhortations, discussion after messages, sharing of prayer request/thanksgiving, fellowship over dinner, outings and Christian service for the Lord. Through these activities, it is the Fellowship’s desire that YAFers would “*walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God*” (Colossians 1:10).

There are numerous areas of service in the YAF. The Executive Committee plans and organise programmes and activities for the YAF. Other areas

of service include the chairing during singspiration, musician for the singspiration, ushering duties for the Sunset Gospel Hour (SGH), kitchen duties for lunch and dinner, providing food and refreshment after fellowship meetings, putting on publicity materials on the YAF notice board, sub-committees that plans and organise YAF retreats and outings.

Other than the monthly Church Bible Study (CBS), the YAF meets twice a month on two Saturdays at 5pm in church. Meeting dates are listed in the church weekly and on the YAF notice board. Other than the regular monthly meetings, the YAF also organises 2 retreats each year. The first retreat is typically over the Good Friday weekend while the second retreat is usually during the September school holidays. During the annual church camp, the YAF also organises fellowship activities in the night.

The YAF rejoices with the church on her 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary and young adults in church are welcomed to join the YAF in the regular fellowship activities and in our service to our risen Lord and Saviour.

*Dn Eugene Goh*

# Adults Fellowship

Some six years ago, the Lord laid upon the hearts of the leaders of the Church to divide the then Adults Fellowship into two groups of smaller age ranges. The AF prior to this change ministered to members from 36 to 60 years of age and the leaders felt that wide age range posed challenges to the ministry as the spiritual needs of individuals could be rather diverse, especially among those in the extremities of the age range. The Adults Fellowship was therefore divided into the present day Senior Adults Fellowship and Adults Fellowship, with the latter ministering to members between 36 to 50 years of age. By God's mercies and grace, the AF has since grown from strength to strength, year on year to the glory and honour of His name. How we thank God for this wonderful provision of this means of grace whereby brethren can come together to learn God's Word and to provoke one another unto love and good works.

The theme passage of the AF ministry is Hebrews 10:24, 25.

*"And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

Hebrews 10:24–25

The AF ministry tries its best to provide the spiritual support and environment for believers to put to practice Hebrews 10:24, 25. The basis for provoking and exhorting one another unto love and good works must be the Word of God. Hence, of foremost importance is ensuring that AFers are equipped with God's Word, brought to us by the best available preachers, exhorting us through carefully selected messages suitable for the challenges of this age group. To enable AFers to practice Christian fellowship, the AF organises various activities both within and beyond regular meetings. This includes the annual Outdoor Retreat as well as the four-day-three

night Overseas Retreat. Such activities have allowed AFers to strengthen and deepen bonds of friendship and familiarity from which AFers move on to provide support and encouragement in the Lord for one another in times of trials and difficulties.

We thank God for sustaining and prospering the AF these past years. We thank God for how the AF has been a source of spiritual blessing and encouragement to God's children. All praise and glory to our loving heavenly Father who knows our every need and has not failed to provide them.

Soli Deo Gloria!

## Testimony of Dn Simon Chua

At the Session Retreat in the month of March 2013, it was highlighted that many young adults do not transition into Senior Adult Fellowship (SAF) after leaving the Young Adult Fellowship (YAF) at the age of 35. As such, a significant number of adults aged between 35 and 50 do not attend any Fellowship Groups. It was decided that a new fellowship group be started to cater to them, and Eld Lee (then a Deacon) was appointed as the Chairman of the Adult Fellowship (AF), and was tasked with the setup of an Executive Committee (Exco) to plan its activities and subsequent launch. On the 14<sup>th</sup> of July, the Exco met for the first time. Since then, it has met monthly to study God's Word, to pray for His guidance and blessings, and to plan the activities during Exco meetings; we witnessed how God kept His promise to direct the work through the Exco.

*"Commit thy works unto the Lord,  
and thy thoughts shall be established."*

Proverbs 16:3

The Adult Fellowship grew from strength to strength; not just in numbers, but more importantly in spiritual maturity. This is in no small part due to the regular teaching and preaching of God's Word

that members received through the years since AF's inception. The message themes and topics were carefully planned to cater to the challenges that AFers face, with yearly Retreats to mirror the spiritual benefits reaped during Church Family Camps – by setting aside time and going away just to study God's Word and fellowship with brothers and sisters in Christ. As the AF grew, so did the areas of service – apart from contributing towards serving at the church level (i.e. ushers, kitchen duty, and folding of bulletin), the burden for one another grew as we got to know one another better; our lives intertwined especially when we shared freely at group discussions after messages. We laughed together, and we wept together; we supported one another practically and in prayer. We are family – when one suffered loss, the rest grieved and suffered; we went before God together and He comforted us. We went visiting in hospitals and in homes, we pooled our finances together and helped one another in practical terms. We prayed for the salvation of one another's family members. During AF meetings, some served in the Children's Programme so that the adults could concentrate on studying God's Word undistracted. We recently started the Teens Programme so that they too can benefit spiritually from God's Word taught at their level.

*“Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ. And let us not be weary in well doing: for in due season we shall reap, if we faint not. As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.”* – Galatians 6:2,9-10

Today, the average attendance of AF is 100. Those of us who attend can attest to God's spiritual blessings upon us as individuals, and on our families. Our hearts are greatly burdened by the fact that there are 3 times the number of adults within the AF age range who are not attending any Fellowship Meetings, Bible Studies, or Contact Groups. On the occasion of CPBPC's 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, please allow AF to extend to you our right hand of fellowship, and heartfelt sincere invitation.

Come join us for mutual encouragement to walk in the ways of the Lord, and to live for Him.

*“Wherefore comfort yourselves together, and edify one another, even as also ye do.”*

1 Thessalonians 5:11

### Testimony of Saravanan

I thank God for the AF ministry and the many spiritual blessings I have received through the fellowship. Some of them are:

1) The spiritual lessons from the preaching of God's Word. As commanded in Romans 12:2, “And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God”. I am thankful to the Lord that through the preaching of God's Word in the AF, I received guidance to be a better witness for Christ to my colleagues and unbelieving family members and to deal with challenges and temptations that I face as an adult in the working world.

2) Blessings through service in AF in organising activities and special events, such as outings, fellowship night at church camp, gospel service, etc. By serving in these organizing committees I have come to know more brothers and sisters in Christ and deepened the bonds of friendship with many others. I can therefore pray and support them better as commanded in Galatians 6:2, “Bear ye one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ”. I am also thankful that these co-laborers were willing to teach me and I have learnt how to serve the Lord better. *“Iron sharpeneth iron; so a man sharpeneth the countenance of his friend”* (Proverbs 27:17).

I pray that many more adults in the Church will join the AF and experience the joy of participating and serving in this ministry.

*Elder Lee Kong Sing*

# Senior Adults Fellowship

On this joyous occasion to celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Calvary Pandan B-P Church (CPBPC), we rejoice and are eternally grateful to the LORD for the manifold blessings He has bestowed on the church and His people; for leading and guiding our Founding and Senior Pastor the late Rev. Dr Tow Siang Hwa in obedience to His sovereign will to establish CPBPC in 1979; for preserving and sustaining this church all these 40 years in the midst of problems and difficulties; for raising Pastors, Elders and Preachers to faithfully teach, preach and defend God's holy and perfect Word without the fear of man; and for the increase in numbers from fewer than 20 in the humble beginning to more than a thousand worshippers today. We thank and praise God from Whom all blessings flow.

The Senior Adult Fellowship (SAF), formerly known as the Adult Fellowship (AF) prior to Jan 2014, was first established in August 1980, about a year after the inauguration of CPBPC in July 1979. Said Elder Koh Kim Hiang, the founding President of this ministry, "The AF was formed as it was evident that the spiritual needs of the older and younger adult worshippers had to be specially addressed. Initially the meetings were very poorly attended, sometime by fewer than five. The pro-tem committee was very discouraged but plodded on. In answer to prayer, the Lord blessed, and after two years some 60-70 participants were present at specially organised meetings."

In Jan 2014, in line with the BOE's decision to better cater to the needs of the age group between 35 to 45 years old and to address the difficulties experienced by some in transitioning from the Young Adult Fellowship to the Adult Fellowship, a new fellowship called the "New Adult Fellowship" (now called AF) was formed. The original Adult Fellowship was renamed as the Senior Adult Fellowship to cater for age group of 45 years and above.

The SAF will be celebrating its 39<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in August this year. We are grateful and thankful to God for His grace and mercy in sustaining and preserving the AF/SAF all these years, and for good attendance at

the monthly meetings in recent years averaging 125, reaching up to 180 during Church camp or seminars.

Though this ministry has gone through many changes both in leadership and focus over the years, the main objectives have remained the same, namely to provide opportunities for Christian fellowship, spiritual feeding and growth of senior adults in our church. This is achieved through the regular exhortations from the Word of God during the monthly fellowship meetings and Bible studies, prayers and small group discussions. Other activities of SAF include fellowship outings, seminars and retreats.

The main theme of SAF is "*Stablished in the Faith*" taken from Colossians 2:7 "*Rooted and built up in him, and stablished in the faith, as ye have been taught, abounding therein with thanksgiving.*" This is to reflect the maturity that is expected of Christian adults in this age group, and their spiritual responsibility to be good examples for the younger members in the church. The theme for 2019 is "Walking Worthy of the LORD", based on Colossians 1:10 "*That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God.*"

The SAF meetings are held on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month with additional seminars on selected 5<sup>th</sup> Saturdays of the month. The meetings are held at the main sanctuary at 5.00 pm. Approved speakers are invited to speak on contemporary issues and challenges pertaining to practical adult Christian living. The meeting includes singspiration, special items by SAF Chorus, small group discussions, question and answer sessions, testimonies, and sharing by various ministries and mission groups within the church. The meetings end with a fellowship dinner with food lovingly contributed by our sisters in Christ or catered from outside vendors occasionally.

For the weekly church prayer meeting on Tuesday night, some EXCO and members of SAF gather together in room 02-04 to share and pray for one another and for the various ministries of the church.



The SAF organises Bible Study for Every Christian (BSEC) on every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday of the month at 8.00 pm in the new sanctuary. This Bible study is open to all members of the church irrespective of age.

We praise and thank God for blessing His people through the SAF ministry. Quoted below are two testimonies shared by SAF members of the blessings they experienced:

#### Testimony of Chan Whye Mun

I thank the Lord for the SAF where I not only gained knowledge of God's Word, especially related to our age group, but also had the opportunity to encourage and be encouraged by like-minded brethren. Thank God for the privilege to serve in the various areas and be blessed. Fellowship with our brothers and sisters in Christ is indeed an important part of church life.

#### Testimony of Chin Bo Thong

I am thankful to God for SAF (then AF) when my family first joined CPBPC in 2013. Fellowshiping with other believers in a smaller setting on every 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday evening in this new large Church helped my wife and I by giving us the opportunity to get to know more brethren besides those we meet on the busy Lord's Day. We are also thankful to God for sustaining SAF and helping it to remain faithful to the teaching and preaching of God's Word. All glory and praise to our Almighty God.

As senior members of the church in terms of age, we must endeavour to watch and guard our conduct and behaviour carefully, and to live a holy, godly, and righteous life according to the Scriptures, to be exemplary to the younger members of the church and be willing to share our life experiences with and provide coaching and counselling to the younger members in the church. We also seek to actively encourage and edify one another, especially our younger brethren, in our Christian walk with God.

Finally, we thank God for His marvellous grace in enabling CPBPC to remain faithful to the LORD and hold fast to His holy, inerrant, infallible, inspired and preserved Word of everlasting life; to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints; and to practice Biblical Separation from corrupt churches, erroneous movements and false Christian organisations. We who have benefited from God's blessings and goodness in CPBPC must continue to remain faithful and true to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to know and to love Him, to know and to obey His Word, to serve Him faithfully in love and in truth, and to be His holy, godly and righteous testimony. *"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord."* (1 Cor 15:58).

May God continue to be very gracious and merciful to keep and protect CPBPC and His blood-bought children in CPBPC till Christ returns. Amen.

*Elder Ko Swee Chay*

# Golden Years Fellowship

The Golden Years Care Group was started in 2004 with the objective of ministering to the elderly to help them to be fruitful in their evening years. The vision is for them to “still bring forth fruit in old age” and to be “fat and flourishing” in their spiritual walk (Psalm 92:14).

Preacher Lek Aik Wee was appointed coordinator of the group in 2007, a role that he held till 2011. Monthly Bible studies were held in the members’ homes, and outings with Bible studies were organised to encourage the elderly in their faith. The group held its first overseas retreat in Penang in 2008. The retreat brought the elderly closer and the members were helping one another in various ways and keeping watch over one another.

When Preacher Lek left to join the New Life BP Church, Senior Pastor, Dr Tow Siang Hwa pressed on with this good work and gave full attention to the elderly members. He provided pastoral feeding with the monthly Bible studies in church, visitations, and outings with Bible studies to places of interest.

In 2013, the church elders assisted to provide exhortation at the Saturday outings.

Befitting its maturity and mission, the Golden Years Care Group was aptly renamed the Golden

Years Fellowship (GYF) in 2014. Elder Tan Nee Keng took over the oversight of GYF in 2014 when Dr Tow was unable to do so because of health reasons. A committee was formed to help with the work of planning, organising and carrying out the programme of the GYF.

At present, Dn Peck Thian Guan and Dn Chia Chung Seng are the overseers looking after GYF. The regular programme for the GYF consists of a monthly Bible Study on the first Friday and a monthly meeting held outside church premises on the fourth Saturday. There is also a five-day annual retreat held outside Singapore.

GYF has its foundation built by many faithful servants of the Lord who saw the need to bring into its fold the elderly, to encourage them in life’s journey in the latter years. Golden years is not about getting old. It is the golden period when we treasure the fellowship of like-minded Christians and encourage one another to continue serving the Lord in whatever capacity we have, notwithstanding our physical infirmities. They “*look for a city which hath foundations, whose builder and maker is God*” (Hebrews 13:14 & 10:10a).

*Dn Chia Chung Seng*



# Church Choir

By the grace and mercies of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, the Choir ministry has been faithfully serving for the past 32 years since its inception in 1987. We thank God for His faithfulness in bringing choristers into the ministry year after year and making it possible for the Choir to prepare and present hymns and spiritual songs to the edification of saints to the praise and glory of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Many choristers who were at the inception of the Choir are still serving faithfully to this day. Since then, the Lord has added many more into our midst such that the choir today comprises of both the young and senior, serving the Lord side-by-side. We praise God for placing the burden and giving the gift of choral singing unto these individuals to serve Him in the Choir ministry.

The CPBPC Choir aims to fulfil its theme verse Colossians 3:16.

*“Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly in all wisdom; teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing with grace in your hearts to the Lord.” Colossians 3:16*

The Choir puts this passage into practice through the various activities of the ministry. The bulk of its efforts goes into preparing and presenting hymns and spiritual songs during worship services. This is to support the pulpit ministry and to teach, admonish, and encourage brethren in their Christian walk through the ministry of God’s Words in music. Beyond practices and presentations, the Exco also constantly seek to minister to choristers themselves through Bible Studies and fellowship gatherings.

We praise and thank God for not only preserving the Choir ministry all these years but also for preserving Calvary Pandan through many trials and challenges sustaining and preserving us each step of the way. How we thank God for His mercies and faithfulness towards CPBPC.

May the Lord continue to use the Choir to sing with understanding and conviction in our hearts, for the edification and blessing of saints and for the glory and honour of His name.

## Testimony of Ong Su Ling

Words cannot express my heartfelt gratitude to God for sustaining the choir through 32 years. Though we have seen many ups-and-downs during this time, God has been faithful, and gracious, and merciful to see us through.

I have never ceased to thank God that he has called me, an unprofitable and unworthy servant, to serve Him in this ministry. It has been for me, such a privilege and joy.

In 1987, I joined Calvary Pandan as a young believer. At that time, Rev Stephen Khoo, who had just formed the choir, approached me to serve as a pianist for the choir; 32 years have since flown by. The choir, since its inception, has seen many conductors, committees and choristers come and go. Rev Quek and Mrs Quek were once members of the choir, and that was before Abigail, Alanna and Zechariah were born! It is heartening now to see that the children are serving together with me in the choir.

The choir is a unique fellowship group where we can interact with brethren of different age groups. For instance, Deacon Robin who has been a stalwart of the choir, is now joined by his son Johann. Praise God for using the choir to minister His word, to comfort and encourage His saints, and to edify His people.

I have been very much blessed by the sweet and warm fellowship in the choir, through our prayers for one another, through our study of the Bible together, and through the practices that we have together.

I pray that, God willing, we may all continue to serve Him joyfully, faithfully, fervently, humbly, with a singleness of heart and mind to glorify our God. I look forward to the day where we can join the heavenly choir

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to sing praises unto Him with perfect voices!

*“I will praise the name of God with a song, and will magnify him with thanksgiving.”*

Psalms 69:30

## Testimony of Benjamin Tan

I thank God for raising and sustaining the Calvary Pandan choir these past 32 years, and for the privilege to serve Him in this ministry. Even before I joined Calvary Pandan as a member, I enjoyed listening to the choir present on special events and occasions such as the Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC)'s annual convocation. What impressed me then was not so much the technical proficiency of the choir, but the earnestness and seriousness with which the choir members sang, which lent weight to the lyrics of praise and worship of the songs they sang. I thank God for eventually calling me to serve Him in the choir, and for the continued joy of serving alongside godly brethren whose examples in service I continue to learn from.

Since joining, I have learnt that the choir is unique in its ministry of *“teaching and admonishing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs”* (Col 3:16). Martin Luther famously wrote that music is “next to theology”, and rightly so, for the responsibility of teaching and admonishing through song is a heavy one, and one with which the choir continues to take seriously. The choir is also unique in that while we seek to blend and harmonise every member's voice in praise, it is the blending of the hearts, minds and souls behind these voices to focus on Christ, that is all the more important in our service for Him. I pray that the LORD will continue to sustain this ministry that He has raised, that the hymns and songs presented will continue to minister grace to the hearers, encourage and edify saints, and point souls to our Saviour, for His glory.

*Elder Lee Kong Sing*

We thank God for 40 years of His bountiful blessings upon the ministries of Calvary Pandan BP Church - the Audio Visual Library (AVL) being one of them. We praise the Lord for the various milestones through the years:

(1) The AVL, then known as the Calvary Gospel Tape Library, was started in January 1980 by Ms Stella Tan, who was then a full time church staff. The library began with having cassette tapes of recorded messages from morning worship service and later on messages from the evening service when SGH started. Other cassette tape messages were also purchased from CNEC (Christian Nationals' Evangelism Commission).

(2) Video tapes from Creation Science Ministry were first made available for loan in late 1994. In addition, on 18 June 1995, Dr John Whitcomb gave permission for his lectures on cassette tapes to be duplicated and distributed by Tabernacle Books for two years, for the edification of many in Calvary Pandan. After the two years were up, he continued to allow the duplication and distribution of these tapes.

(3) HCF (Home Church Fellowship) Ministry was started on 16 June 1996 to cater to overseas Christians who were unable to find a fundamental church to worship in. With the help of this ministry, Christians overseas could gather for worship in a home by following Calvary Pandan's worship service on video. The Tape Library assisted in the production of these video tapes, which were recordings of Calvary Pandan's worship services.

(4) In 2005, Pandan PA went digital and started the audio recording of sermons on CDs. Shortly after, video recordings of sermons were made on DVDs. In line with the switch, the name Calvary Gospel Tape Library was changed to Audio Visual Library (AVL) in 2006.

(5) The Share-A-Sermon initiative was started in 2010. Calvary Pandan has been blessed with good sermons every week which Christians in many other churches may not have. With this initiative, sermons in CDs could be bought and given out to our Christian friends. CDs were first sold by AVL in December 2010.

Subsequently, Tabernacle Books sold these CDs on AVL's behalf from February 2011.

(6) In 2012, the AVL was involved in the production of the Gospel audio CD "The Reason Why" in Mandarin. It is an audio tract that members can use to reach out to our Mandarin-speaking friends and relatives with the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We thank the Lord for His guiding hand in the entire project, beginning with the idea of having such a audio Gospel tract from a sister-in-Christ, to the formation of a team of brethren working on different parts of the production — translation, audio-recording, and background piano music.

(7) In 2014, the ministry came up with the AVL Title Acquisition Guidelines. This is a broad set of guidelines to help assess the suitability of the new DVD titles to be put on the shelves.

God has provided many faithful servants who served and are still serving in the AVL. We thank God for Brother Foo Tee Jiam who headed the AVL ministry from 1994 to 2013, and Brother Samuel Tham assisted by Brother Ho Li Cheng, who took over the role in 2014.

May the Lord continue to use the AVL for the edification of our members in Calvary Pandan and for His glory.

#### **Testimony of John Fong**

As we celebrate our church's 40th anniversary, I thank God for giving me the opportunity to serve Him in the Audio Visual Library (AVL), which was formerly known as the Tape Library. I also thank God for all the brothers and sisters-in-Christ who co-laboured with me, and for their encouragement, sharing, faithful service, labour of love and edification.

It has been a joy to see our church members, both young and old, coming into the AVL after morning worship service to borrow DVDs for themselves and their loved ones. They shared with us how they were inspired and their faith was strengthened after watching

some of these titles.

It is also heartening for me to see the parents bringing their children to borrow the children's DVDs on topics like Bible stories and character-building based on Bible teachings, especially during their school holidays. This will assist the young parents to teach their children God's word, and it is a wise use of their time. This reminds me of the verse Proverbs 22:6, "*Train up a child in the way he should go: And when he is old, he will not depart from it*".

I pray that when these children grow up, they will not depart from the faith, but become men and women after God's own heart. I also pray that the Lord will continue to cause this ministry to grow and prosper for His glory!

#### **Testimony of Samuel Tham**

As we celebrate the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary of CPBPC, I thank God as I recall how He has enabled me to serve Him in the then 'Calvary Gospel Tape Library' (CGTL) since around 2005. At the time, the library was already almost as old as CPBPC itself. The media that were available for loan comprised of mainly video tapes and cassettes. I was initially a user of the library, but the Lord laid upon my heart to serve Him in the library. Praise the Lord for sustaining me and for the joy that comes with serving Him. I vividly remember working alongside fellow librarians duplicating sermons delivered during the Morning Worship Service and the Sunset Gospel Hour into cassettes - to ready them for loans by worshippers, as well as for delivery to people and outreaches who needed them due to not being able to attend the services owing to debilitating illnesses or being without a suitable church to attend. Even though I was not well-acquainted with most of the recipients, it was very gratifying to know that the sound teaching and preaching of God's Word was able to reach many more brethren beyond the walls of CPBPC and even outside Singapore, especially so when the recordings were not accessible via the Internet yet.

Driven by the march of time and technological advancements, it was indeed a great joy and privilege for me to be able also to play a part in transiting the library media from analogue video tapes and cassettes to digital video discs (DVD) and compact discs (CD), including the renaming of the ministry to AVL. While it was relatively easy to transit to CDs since the contents were mostly sermons delivered in CPBPC, the move to DVD posed a greater challenge because of the dearth of suitable content at the time. As a result, the collection was not growing quickly enough to meet the needs of the users, causing some to stop coming to the AVL. With much prayers and the commitment of the team, thank God that more suitable sources of biblically-sound and God-honouring materials were identified. Although these sources were based offshore and, therefore, more costly to acquire, we soon found the collection growing more steadily and borrowers returning to the AVL – especially children who previously hardly had any titles available on tapes for them. Over the years, some DVDs which were donated by worshippers were also added to the collection. We praise almighty God that the AVL today has almost 1000 unique DVD titles and many audio sermon CDs for circulation.

Another memorable endeavour that the Lord has blessed the AVL with was the production of the gospel audio CD *'The Reason Why'* in Mandarin in 2012. Mooted by an outreach-minded sister, a team comprising of members from the Mandarin and English congregations was formed to translate an old English classic tract by the same title into Mandarin, followed by its audio recording by a team member, complete with background music arranged and played by another. Thank God for moving an able and committed

team who loved the Lord, with a passion to reach the unsaved, and who were able and willing to contribute their God-given talents in areas such as translation, narration, art, music, mobile app development and project management, to bring the project to fruition. Following the launch of the audio CD, including the original audio in English donated by Calvary Tengah BPC, *The Reason Why* was also made accessible and downloadable through the CPBPC website and mobile app, complete with both Mandarin and English versions of the tract in booklet forms. May the Lord continue to use this precious resource to reach the lost, both in and beyond Singapore, with the blessed message of the unfathomable love of Christ our Lord. May He sustain the work and ministry of the AVL such that the Christian faith of many will grow, and the Lord highly glorified and magnified. To God be the glory. Amen

*Dn Han Whie Kwang*



# Tabernacle Books

The Tabernacle Books ministry started in the 80s, a few years after the founding of Calvary Pandan B-P Church in 1979. It was to provide our church congregation as well as members from other like-minded churches with a bookstore where they are able to purchase God-honouring and doctrinally sound books at affordable prices. Over the years, the book room has seen changes in its interior as well as variety in inventory. More space has been allocated, with more shelves, coupled with an improved display of books and other items. Besides books, the bookstore has included in its items for sale KJV Bibles, Chinese Bibles, Bibles in other languages, and a wide variety of stationery and gifts.

Many have laboured in this ministry in the last 30 or so years. The late Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa who planted this ministry was called home to glory on March 8, 2019. The managers, staff, helpers, and church members have “watered” this ministry but God gave the increase.

We thank God also for guiding the Tabernacle Books all these years. By His leading, we are able to stock up Tabernacle Books with God honouring-books, carefully chosen for the edification of the church

members. Today, the task of book selection has become more difficult as there are fewer doctrinally sound books faithful to the Word of God. We have enlarged the book committee with committed people who read books and make prayerful choices.

Currently, most of the Christian books available worldwide are charismatic, liberal, New Calvinistic, or amillennialistic. Books by faithful authors have now diminished over time. So then, we are also called to the ministry of holding the fort for the Word of God. We must do it so earnestly and ever so steadfastly, for the days to our Lord’s return are numbered.

This year, we remember, on our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the church, the grace of God that has kept us and led us in the Tabernacle Books Ministry. Our hearts are filled with gratitude and thanksgiving to the Lord for sustaining and preserving this ministry for the edification of church members and friends.

Pray for us at Tabernacle Books, that we will continue as a ministry to be a witness to the truth of God’s pure Word through edifying Christian literature.

Soli Deo Gloria!

*Peter Sim*

# Book Library

The Calvary Pandan B-P Church Book Library was started in 1979 as an evangelistic outreach to the residents in the nearby estate. In addition, it served to complement the Tuition Ministry, to help students inculcate a reading habit and improve their literacy. The Book Library was open to both church members as well as the public. It was located on the 2nd storey next to the current Audio Visual Library (AVL) before it was relocated to the 3rd storey in the mid '80s.

The operating hours were Wednesdays from 7.00 to 8.30 pm in conjunction with the Tuition Ministry hours, Saturdays from 4 to 5 pm for public borrowing, and Sunday mornings for church members.

The library started with some donated books of secular titles for the children from the Tuition Ministry. At the same time the residential pastor initiated the purchase of Christian books. Miss Stella Tan was employed to source for Christian books from Christian bookshops, namely the FEBC Bookshop, Joy Media (Baptist bookshop), Scripture Union, Tecman, Methodist Bookroom, Bible Society, and others. Suitable books were identified and screened before purchase. Chinese Christian books were selected and managed

separately by a full-time worker. The church funded the purchase of all these Christian books.

The Tuition Ministry was phased out in the early '90s. With increasing affluence and easy access to public libraries, secular books had become readily available. Secular books were taken off the shelves and the Book Library turned its focus to Christian books for the edification of members. Presently, the library has 3121 books for adults and 1699 books for children of different age groups. To encourage readership, library membership fees are waived for all church members.

In the late '90s, for better management of the library, the English section commenced computerizing members' information and book information such as titles, authors, and publishers. In order integrate the borrowing of English and Chinese books by English and Chinese congregants, we are in progress with the computerization of the Chinese books' details.

We thank the Lord for His guidance and many His blessings all these years. May the Lord continue to use the Book Library for the edification of members and for His glory.

*Dn Han Whie Kwang*



*The Book Library, 2019*

# Church Visitation Ministry

# Tracting

Our late founding Pastor Dr Tow Siang Hwa initiated the visitation and the conducting of Lord's Supper in the home of some old and physically infirmed church members. These visitations were usually carried out on 4<sup>th</sup> Saturday afternoons.

These visitations were later broadened to include the visitation of church family members, new members to church, friends and even acquaintances, to comfort them in the Truth and to share the Gospel of Christ.

In 2014, the Session commissioned the Church Visitation Ministry. The Ministry's Main Committee comprises leaders from the Saturday Visitation, Ladies Visitation and Mandarin Congregation Visitation teams. The integration of these visitation teams enables the better use our spiritual gifts that the Lord has bestowed upon those who are called to the Ministry. This will enable us to meet the increasing visitation needs.

The Ministry is guided by 2 Corinthians 1:3-4 - *"Blessed be God, even the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; 4 Who comforteth us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort them which are in any trouble, by the comfort wherewith we ourselves are comforted of God."*

On 26 May 2018, the visitation ministry conducted a workshop titled "Spiritual Depression." This workshop comprised of a theological training with and a discussion with case study; it was attended by more than 80 participants. God willing, on 30 November 2019, a workshop on "Backsliding" will be conducted.

May the Lord continue to prosper and sustain the Church Visitation Ministry that those who are suffering tribulations can be comforted by His Truth and those in darkness will come to His marvellous light. May God's name be magnified and glorified through the Church Visitation Ministry.

*Dn Lim Ah Sang*

The Pandan Tracting Ministry is a ministry of evangelism. We thank God for the precious Gospel of Jesus Christ and for the Great Commission recorded for us in Matthew 28:18-20, where the Lord Jesus commissioned all Christians to go and reach out to the unsaved with the Good News of salvation.

The Lord has strategically placed our church in Pandan Gardens for the past 40 years for a purpose – to be a beacon of light and a witness in this part of Singapore.

We thank the Lord for raising the Pandan Tracting Ministry where members go out biweekly to do door-to-door evangelism and to distribute gospel tracts, not just in the neighboring Pandan and Teban areas, but also in Jurong and Clementi districts. The Tracting Ministry meets regularly on the second and fourth Sundays for a time of exhortation and prayer in Church, and then moves out to the neighboring HDB flats to evangelize. Three groups with two leaders each would move out using the church van and our own cars. We praise the Lord for many of our brethren and also our late brother Patrick Tan, who served God faithfully in the area of evangelism.

The Tracting Ministry also has a team of people involved in the productions of tracts in order to keep a good supply of tracts. The tracts are displayed at the tract rack located at the ground level near the church front foyer so that people can have easy access to these tracts for personal evangelism.

The tracts production team is in charge of sourcing for new tracts, producing new ones, and reviewing and editing the old tracts. The tracts are classified into gospel tracts, doctrine tracts, and festive tracts like Easter, Christmas and CNY tracts. Soft copies of these tracts are also uploaded on the Pandan website and are accessible to the public.

From time to time, other churches (both BP and non-BP) do request for printing of some of our tracts, but with their church address.

We pray and hope that if the Lord tarries, Calvary Pandan will continue to labour hard in the work of

# Contact Groups

evangelism. May the Lord lead and guide this ministry for the proclamation of the Gospel, the saving of souls and for His glory.

*Dn Han Whie Kwang*

## Testimony of Elder Chew Chong Kiat

Since I attended Pandan in 1988, tracts were already available. Elder Frederick Lan (back then he was not an elder yet) was in charge. I took over from him when he left to start Calvary Tengah with Elder William Seah in 1994. I handed the ministry to Dn Han in (2008)

Our founding pastor Dr Tow was very earnest in the production of tracts and he had personally written over a dozen of them, some to warn against false doctrines and many more to share the Gospel. The tract production team wrote and published some other tracts also.

Active tracting was organized since 1990. I recall that we covered the areas in Teban, Pandan, Jurong East, Clementi and Bukit Panjang area in support of the Bukit Panjang Gospel Outreach.

Thank God that the ministry has grown. There are now more members going out to distribute tracts compared to a team of 10 to 20 in the past, and there are now programmes to equip those who go out. May God bring in the lost through this open door.

Thank God for raising and sustaining the contact group ministry all these years. The primary purpose of this ministry is to provide an avenue for God's people to study the Bible deeply. This ministry is different from the fellowship group in many ways. The contact group ministry tends to study God's word at a deeper level, with some CGs taking many years just to complete a book of the Bible. The speakers for a contact group tend to be the same as well. The environment where you study God's word may be different too as quite a sizable number of contact groups are held in members' homes, where the setting is more cosy and conducive for sharing and fellowship.

We thank God that many Pandanites hunger and thirst for God's word. As of April 2019, we have 17 contact groups and 7 Bible studies to cater to the desire of our members to study God's word. With a wide range of topics and different CGs for different profile groups, all Pandanites should be able to find a CG to attend. In fact, so many have been blessed by the CG ministry. Below are two testimonies to illustrate this.

## Testimony of Dr Thomas Quah, coordinator of Hillside CG

When our family (Judy, Joel, Thomas) first moved to Pandan (we were initially worshipping in Galilee, then Philadelphia BP Church), we (meaning Judy and me – JQ has always been very extrovert, and makes friends easily everywhere) very much kept to ourselves, though we were happy to be in a church where the truth is preached, and we could worship in peace.

However, after some time, we were feeling a bit restless, as if there was something missing. What was missing? Fellowship. Just as *“the Lord God said, It is not good that the man should be alone”*. God made us for a 2-fold relationship – between us and Him, and between believers!

This was illustrated too in Matthew 22, when a “lawyer” asked our Lord, *“Master, which is the great*

*commandment in the law? Jesus said unto him, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself.*

So when we were invited to join Gilgal Contact Group (at that time led by Pastor Quek, meeting at the home of “uncle Arthur” and “auntie Li Siah”, we were so glad to accept the invitation. It was there that we not only learned precious lessons from the Book of Hebrews, but also got to know other Pandanites.

Judy and I then started the Hillside Contact Group at our Hillside condo, while still continuing with the Gilgal CG. This was held twice a month, and it took us so 9 years to go through the whole epistle (2009 – 2018)!

I have been greatly blessed by these meetings – both to learn the word of God (both Hebrews and Romans are commonly considered to be real “tough”!) and to know fellow Pandanites (and also some from other churches). Through the experience with the CGs, I’ve been encouraged to delve even deeper into God’s word, and to realize that spiritual growth cannot be “done in a corner”. God has designed us to be part of His ecclesia, and we grow best by being active members of His body!

*“But grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen.”  
(2 Peter 3:18)*

#### **Testimony of Dr Tan Eng Huat, coordinator of Lively Stones CG**

The Lively Stone CG gathers monthly for a systematic study of the Bible under the guidance of Deacon Yap Wai Ho, who helps the members appreciate the simplicity and consistency of God’s Word that can impact lives regardless of educational or social strata. The sharing session during each meeting helps the members to express their thoughts and convictions after the study of each passage and this helps to edify and build up the faith of the members. The sharing and prayer session at the end of each Bible study helps the building up of Christian fellowship. The exegesis of the books of the Bible by a trained theologian is important for the members to be trained to rightly divide the word of truth in the Scriptures. We are reminded in a study of James 1:22-24 that these Bible study sessions should be attended with the preparation of the heart to receive the Word, and carefulness to keep and obey it, if we truly desire to be changed into the image of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Cor 3:18).

May God continue to use and sustain the CG ministry to be a blessing to many, as it has been in the past. May we all strive to know our Lord better through the study of His word for it will be our delight to do so! Soli Deo Gloria!

Psalm 119:15-16  
*“I will meditate in thy precepts,  
and have respect unto thy ways.  
I will delight myself in thy statutes:  
I will not forget thy word.”*

*Dn Leong Chee Meng*

# Myanmese Bible Study

Jesus said in John 17:16-17, *“They are not of the world, even as I am not of the World. Sanctify them through Thy truth; Thy word is truth.”*

By God’s providential care, the Myanmar Bible study, for the domestic helpers in CPBPC and their friends from Myanmar, commenced on 24 July 2016. It is not only a Gospel outreach but it was also designed to build up the faith of God’s children and to encourage Christian fellowship. In these last days where a false gospel and false Christ that is not of the Bible are rampantly preached, we pray that the sisters from Myanmar may be sanctified through the Truth taught in the Bible study that they might bear a godly testimony to their employers while they are in Singapore and eventually bring the glorious Gospel of Christ back to their family and loved ones in Myanmar.

The weekly Bible study is held every Lord’s day, from 11:00 am to 12 noon. It has an average attendance of 10-12 and is conducted by a FEBC student from Myanmar. During the FEBC vacation or when the FEBC student is not available, the overseer together with Bro Arthur as interpreter will take over the Bible study.

The class has already completed the study of the BBK book and has begun the study of the book of Acts. By God’s grace and mercies, one of the domestic helpers has accepted Jesus Christ as her Lord and Saviour and is preparing for baptism on 30 June 2019.

May the Lord continue to sustain and prosper the Myanmar Bible Study for the extension of His Kingdom and for His glory.

*Dn Lim Ah Sang*  
*Overseer, Myanmar BS*

# Indonesian Bible Study

The theme verse of the IBS is taken from John 16:4, *“I am the way, the truth, and the life: no man cometh unto the Father, but by me.”*

The Indonesian ministry started with the Indonesian Bible study with 2 objectives. Firstly, to teach, guide and encourage the Indonesian helpers to grow spiritually through the Word of God. Secondly, the ministry places an emphasis on the Gospel message in the lessons, so that the helpers who are non-believers, can also come to believe in Christ. The Bible Study is conducted in Bahasa Indonesia. The Indonesian helpers are adult women who come to Singapore from different parts of Indonesia. Thank God that we have about 11 students in the Bible study. The Indonesian Bible study class is held every Lord’s day in Room #04-04 in Church. At present, we have Sister Mega, a FEBC student to teach the class every Lord’s day. There is also an Indonesian Bible Study on 1st Saturday of every month.

The IBS was formed in the 2014 when a few of Pandan members saw the spiritual needs of their Indonesian helpers who could not understand the messages preached in English. They also could not read the Bible in English – they could only understand the Bible in Bahasa Indonesia. The IBS helped to coordinate

and facilitate the scheduling of IBS teachers from FEBC to teach the Indonesian helpers. Through this we hope the helpers can continue to grow spiritually with the truth of God’s Word. We praise and thank God for raising and sustaining His ministry all these years

The work of the Lord in Indonesian Bible study has certainly brought many blessings to these Indonesia helpers of Calvary Pandan’s members. Some came to know Christ and many are encouraged and have benefited spiritually from the learning of God’s Word. They have grown in their knowledge of God’s Word and they have also shown greater zeal in seeking God’s will and His Word. Some of them have also gone on to share the Gospel and spiritual lessons they have learned and with their own families in Indonesia. We give all praise, honor and glory to God.

May the Lord sustain and continue to grant spiritual growth for the members in this Bible study. We pray that more Indonesian helpers of our church members will be encouraged to join this ministry so that they can know the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to be a good witness for Christ.

*Dn Milton Ang*

# Missions Stations

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# Bethel Development Centre



## Background/History

Bethel Development Centre (BDC) is a Christian ministry, reaching out to the Lahu tribal people in Chiang Rai, Northern Thailand.

By the grace and mercy of God, this ministry began way back in 1975, when Elder Kamol Harichaikul, the late husband of Leah and the father of Warunee, Billy and Paul, initiated the prayer meetings in the family. They were the only Lahu family in a Buddhist Village named Numlat.

Subsequently, more relatives joined and stayed under the same roof.

After the home going of Eld Kamol in 1997, Eld Chalo, the younger brother of Eld Kamol, took the lead to continue the ministry to serve the Lord in the family.

A year after, he left his secular job and committed himself to serve the Lord full time, starting off with daily family devotions, prayer meetings, Lahu classes within the family, and evangelism work to the Red Lahu villages.

In 1998, the Hong Kong Missionary Baptist Church (HKMBC) visited the ministry, and began supporting it financially. The name “Moses Life Christian Students Centre” (MLCSC) was given to this ministry.

In 2000, the support was cut off from HKMBC. By God’s grace, Eld. Chalo still continued on with the ministry and God brought in more children to stay.

In 2001, two Korean missionary couples showed their token of appreciation to Eld Chalo, for teaching and interpreting the Lahu language for them for two years, by building two hostel buildings for him and the children to stay in.

Between 2002-2004, various mission awareness teams from Singapore visited and were encouraged.

In 2004, the ministry was registered as Bethel Development Centre (BDC) with Eld. Chalo’s desire to follow the Bible-Presbyterian order of worship and teachings from the Word of God. Since then, BDC started the Lord’s day worship service.

In 2005, Calvary Pandan B-P Church officially adopted BDC as one of her overseas mission stations. Since then, Calvary Pandan BP Church has been giving full support to the children hostel ministry.

By God’s grace, Warunee, Billy and Paul graduated from FEBC and went back to serve in BDC.

On 10th February, 2011, the Bethel Bible College (BBC), commenced her first semester.

On 30th October, 2013, Eld Chalo was called home to be with the Lord.

The Lord has been graciously providing all the

needs and preserving His ministry in BDC from her beginning until now.

In obedience to the Great Commission, BDC aims to bring the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ to the Lahu people and nurturing God's people through the teaching and preaching of God's Word.

### **Bethel Development Centre**

BDC runs 2 sub-ministries, namely the Bethel Hostel Ministry (BHM) that ministers to the children, and the Bethel Bible College (BBC) that ministers to the adults.

The following activities are usually open to both the children and adults.

Weekly Activities: Daily Morning and Night Devotion, Tuesday Prayer Meeting, Thursday Staff Prayer Meeting, Saturday Lahu Class, Sunday Worship

Service, Youth Fellowship Service, Adult Bible Study (ABS), Sunday School and Junior Worship Service.

Monthly Activities: Thai Worship Service and BDC Monthly Bible Study.

Annual Activities: Vacation Bible School (VBS) & Family Camp, Daily Vacation Bible College (DVBC) and Gospel Rally. BDC also commemorates Palm Sunday, Good Friday, Easter Sunday, BDC Anniversary, Reformation Sunday and New Year Eve Watch Night Service.

### **Bethel Hostel Ministry (BHM)**

The children hostel ministry aims to lead and bring the children to the Saviour and to nurture them to *"... grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and for ever. Amen"* (2 Peter 3:18).



*Bethel Hostel Ministry*



*Bethel Bible College*

The children staying at the hostel range from Primary 1 to University level.

During their stay, they are spiritually nourished with God's Word through the above activities made compulsory for them to attend, as well as to fulfil the duties given to them.

Thank the Lord for the blessings bestowed upon this ministry. Through the milk and meat of God's Word, many children were brought to Christ. They have professed Christ to be their personal Lord and Saviour and have been baptised.

Many of the children were also able to discern right from wrong through the teachings of God's Word at BDC, and ministered to their parents by voicing out God's Word to point out their sins.

### **Bethel Bible College (BBC)**

We thank God for calling and giving us the privilege to impart the knowledge of God's truth to our own people. This Bible College is established "... for the Word of God, and the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev 1:9).

This ministry strives to proclaim, teach and preach the whole counsel of God (Acts 20:27) from His infallible, inerrant, inspired, and perfectly preserved Word.

Indeed, "Without the Bible College, the Church will die," this saying is true. Many churches are now falling away from the old faith due to their ignorance of God's truth. Sadly, many of them are prepared to compromise and give up their faith in exchange for the things offered by the world. This is especially so for many of the naive churches in these last days.

This was how the Lord had laid the burden upon our hearts to start this ministry of teaching God's Word to our Lahu people.

Thank God for preserving and sustaining this ministry thus far. By the grace of God, BBC currently has 7 to 8 students attending the daily chapel and classes conducted in the mornings from Monday to Friday.

These students are mainly the stay-home mothers, the elderly, evangelists, and handicapped people. Their faithful attendance and transformation of their lives have encouraged us greatly. They have also become a channel of blessings by sharing their knowledge to people around them.

It is our prayer that we will remain faithful to God's Word (Rev 2:10) and to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto saints (Jude 3), for the glory of Christ our Lord and Saviour.

*Weerapong Harichaikul*

# Calvary Sibü

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

One day in 1999, Rev Peter Wong visited me and told me he had met Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa in London. As a result, he came to know about the Bible Presbyterian Church. He challenged me to join BP Church. I told him I had heard about the BP Church, but I did not have a good impression of it. Although I was not interested, Rev Peter Wong kept on challenging me. Finally, I decided to go to FEBC to sit in for 2 months.

In FEBC, I found out that the BP Church has very sound doctrines, which was totally different from what I had heard from other people. I started to consider joining the BP Church. During this time, I joined the BP Church camp in West Malaysia. Rev Peter Wong also introduced Rev Lee Kim Shong from Calvary Jaya BP Fellowship to me. In about a year's time, through prayer and contact with BP Churches brethren, I had a deeper understanding of BP Church. In 2001, I decided to join BP Church to start Calvary Sibü BPC in my home town Sibü.

In Sibü, churches are either ecumenical or Charismatic. I was formerly from Masland Methodist Church, which is an ecumenical Church. Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa told me that once I had decided to join BP Church, I had to be prepared to lose friends. Brethren from ecumenical churches dislike the doctrine of biblical separation. One of my former colleagues said, "You BP church people are extremists." After joining the BP church, I lost all my friends from the Methodist church, as predicted by Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa. We Calvary Sibü BPCERS are lonely in Sibü, but we thank God that Calvary Pandan BPC and Calvary Jaya BPF support us.

In 2009, Sister Julie Wong contacted me and she told me that Calvary Pandan BPC was willing to help Calvary Sibü BPC organize a Vacation Bible School. We thank God that from that time onward, the Calvary Pandan Mission team has come every year to conduct the VBS. Rev Lee Kim Shong also has come to Sibü for many years to encourage us. We really appreciate all who are concerned for us. In 2016, Calvary Jaya BPF decided to let Calvary Pandan BPC fully support of Calvary Sibü BPC.

At present, we have a weekly Sunday Worship Service, Sunday School, Prayer Meeting, Youth Fellowship, Bible Study, BBK Class, Visitation, and Evangelism. In addition to these ministries, we have yearly VBS, Evangelistic Training, Leadership Training, Youth Camp, Church Family Camp, Sunday School Teacher's Training, Christmas Caroling and Christmas Evangelistic Meetings. We focus especially on the evangelistic ministry.

Thank God for Calvary Pandan BPC's support. Without your support, our ministry will be jeopardized.

Thank God for helping us hold strongly to biblical separation although we face temptation from the surrounding people.

Thank God for Calvary Pandan BPC's mission team. You help us a lot. May God bless all of you who are involved in mission works.

Thank God for all the brethren who attend Calvary Sibü BPC. They have chosen the right route. Lastly, thank God for all who support us in prayer.

*Pr Ling Soon Ing*



# Kathmandu

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

Rev. (Dr.) Quek Suan Yew, Session and Members of Calvary Pandan Bible Presbyterian Church, Singapore.

Praise God and congratulations on the 40th Anniversary Thanksgiving celebration of Calvary Pandan Bible Presbyterian Church, Singapore. For 40 years of fruitful service for His Kingdom, God has been so good and faithful to Calvary Pandan Bible Presbyterian Church.

Praise the Lord for the pioneer members of the church and for those whom God has added to the church family over the years.

We pray for God's grace, wisdom, and blessings on the church as it celebrates God's goodness and faithfulness.

*"For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."* (Psalms 100:5)

I am grateful and indebted as I count the many blessing I have received from my alma mater where I spent four years (2005-2008) of my life in theological training. FEBC has really equipped me for my Nepal ministries. I am very grateful for this valuable opportunity given by God to study at FEBC. After I completed the four years course at FEBC, I returned back to Nepal and again served at my previous church as administrator. It was an evangelical church, and it was

my prayer also that if God was willing, I could establish a B-P Church in Nepal and teach God's Word correctly, which I learned at FEBC.

First of all, I would like to thank God, Elder John Loeng, Rev Shachen Pradhan, Pr Ko Linggang, and Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo, who really had the heart to pray for and establish the B-P Church in the land of Nepal. In April 2011, they discussed with me the possibility of starting a BPC in Nepal, and thank God that I had the same burden for setting up a BPC in Nepal and was willing to leave my hometown to move to Kathmandu to serve the Lord as the preacher of the BPC.

With God's leading and provision, my family and I moved to Kathmandu in June 2011. It was a humble beginning for the new BPC. Thank God that from July 2011 onwards, a few of us started gathering together for worship.

On 15th October 2011, by the grace of God, we had the inauguration of the Kathmandu Bible Presbyterian Church in Nepal. It is the first BPC in Nepal which the Lord has raised for the preaching of the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to earnestly contend for the faith. Indeed it is the Lord who has built His Church.

### Ministries of Kathmandu BPC

We praise and thank the Lord for the wonderful privilege that the Lord has given to us to serve at Kathmandu B-P Church, and thank God for continued blessings at the Worship Service. Thank God for an average and regular attendance of about 18-25 at the Worship Service the theme of the church for this year is "Rooted and built up in Him" Colossians 2:7.

### Support from Calvary Pandan BP Church

Thank God for Calvary Pandan BP Church's kind and generous support towards our mission work here in Kathmandu since January 2018.



### **Visiting Ministries**

Rev (Dr) Quek Suan Yew visited us from 31st May to 3rd June 2018 and spoke at for two days at the Adults Bible Seminar and preached God's Word on Saturday's Worship Service. We were also blessed by the pulpit ministries of Elder John Leong Kit Hoong (Tabernacle BPC).

### **Worship Service**

Thank God, we managed to secure a contract for the Church's premises for 6 months (March to August 2019) at Choice Hotels P. Ltd. So, since first week of March (02 March 2019), every Saturday's Worship has been shifted the Hotel Choice at first floor.

Kathmandu Bible-Presbyterian Church holds its Worship Services every Saturday, 11:30 am to 01:00 pm at Choice Hotels P.Ltd, Manjushree Marga, Swoyambhu, Kathmandu, and Lord's Day (Sunday), 11:30 am to 01:00 pm at Kathmandu BPC, Buddha Park Soyambu, Kathmandu. The pulpit is jealously guarded, with only preachers of the same doctrinal persuasion invited to speak.

### **Children's Ministry**

The children are ministered to during each Saturday's worship through the Children's Ministry. They join the church Worship Service with the adults at 11:30 am and proceed to the next room for the children's worship after the offertory prayer.

### **Prayer Meeting & Bible Study**

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study are held every Wednesday from 1:00-2:30pm at Kathmandu BPC. The Bible study and prayer meeting are led by Preacher Rajan Shrestha and followed by a season of thanksgiving and testimonies, where the faith of members are fortified by hearing how the Lord has been good to the brethren.

### **VBS and ABS**

The Vacation Bible School (VBS) and Adults Bible Seminar (ABS) are the ministries of Kathmandu Bible Presbyterian Church (KBPC) to children from ages 4-15 and adults above the age of 16. The objectives of the VBS are to evangelize to children and to teach them the Word of God. This is the fulfillment of the Great Commission in Matthew 28:19-20. Every year, we have a VBS and we invite children of Kathmandu BPC and non-Christian children around the church to attend the VBS. Usually we have around 40-50 children. Non-Christian children attend the VBS and hear the gospel, so it is easier to reach out and spread the gospel through them to their parents, or even others.

We thank God for enabling the team from Calvary Pandan BPC to conduct the Vacation Bible School (VBS) for Kathmandu BP Church from October 14-16, 2018 at Choice Hotel, Kathmandu. Theme of VBS 2018 was, "Am I Outside or Inside The Kingdom of God", Matthew 13:43. At that event, 83 children were from different churches

Similarly, by the grace of God, we conducted a 3-day (October 14-16, 2018) Adults Bible Seminar (ABS) at Choice Hotel P. Ltd. where 50 members from Kathmandu BPC, and other churches of Kathmandu have participated. Elder John (Tabernacle BPC) taught in the Adults Bible Seminar.

### **God's Blessing to the Ministry**

God has been gracious and faithful to Kathmandu BPC and has richly blessed and prospered the ministry over the past 8 years with a growing congregation. It has been a joy to witness the work of God in the lives of our brethren, and their steadfast faith and love toward the LORD amidst their trials and difficulties. Since we are the first B-P Church of Nepal, we want to focus teaching and preaching God's word correctly. Once again, I would like to thank God and also would like to thank our



Board members of Kathmandu BPC. I also would like to thank the board members of Calvary Pandan BPC. It is our joy to engage in mission work together with Calvary Pandan BPC. We encourage everyone to serve God continually, as Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:58, “Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as you

know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord.” All glory and praise be unto our most high and loving God!

*In His Grace,  
Pr. Rajan Shrestha  
Kathmandu Bible Presbyterian Church, Kathmandu,  
Nepal*

# Sydney

## Bible-Presbyterian Church

### A Daughter Church in Australia's Business Capital City

We praise the Lord for raising up Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church. We at Sydney Bible-Presbyterian Church rejoice with the mother church as she celebrates her 40th Anniversary. May the Lord continue to prosper your witness, and the spiritual and material encouragement you give to churches and outreaches related to you.

On this special occasion, we feel it appropriate to briefly recount how Sydney BP Church started with the God-provided leadership of Calvary Pandan BP Church, and to put on record the maternal relationship Calvary Pandan BPC has with Sydney BPC. At the same time, we feel it also appropriate to restate our doctrinal position, and to briefly report on the progress of the church in Sydney and the challenges this church faces.

### The Beginning

In the early 1980s the Lord laid upon the heart of our late Founding Pastor, Dr SH Tow, to raise a Bible-Presbyterian witness for Him in Sydney. But Sydney was not the first Australian city in which the Lord chose to raise up such a witness. Instead, He was pleased to raise up two other witnesses first – the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Western Australia in Perth and the Bethel Bible-Presbyterian Church in Melbourne. Over the next ten years after Dr Tow first had this burden, a few families from our Bible-Presbyterian churches in Singapore emigrated to Sydney. Each time Dr Tow visited Sydney and whenever it was opportune, he would gather these families for family worship. In the late part of that period, in 1996, with the relocation of the late KC Wong and family from Bethel BP Church (Melbourne) to Sydney, a small prayer group made up



*First Family Bible camp, 1998*

of KC Wong's family and the other BP families would gather for prayer, Bible study and family outings. The group also organised vacation Bible schools for children and received help from ministers from like-minded Bible-believing churches.

In June 1997, Elder and Mrs Koh Kim Hiang, who had planned to serve in Brisbane, were providentially redirected to serve in Sydney instead, and were accordingly sent by Calvary Pandan BP Church to serve in Sydney. And so, by the Lord's timing and in accordance to His grace, Sydney Bible-Presbyterian Church was inaugurated on June 15, 1997 in the home of Sister Tan Yock Hoon, at 3 Rushall Street, Pymble. The new-born church adopted "O Taste And See That The Lord Is Good" Psalm 34:8a, as its motto.

By the end of the year, the Lord had given the increase to the point where the congregation outgrew the ability of Sister Yock Hoon's home to accommodate. In a very timely manner the Lord provided a community hall, the Gordon Community Centre, for us to worship in over the next four years.

The Lord was good. In August 2000, He acquired this current church property, 40 Stanbury Street, Gladesville, a place formerly used for Hindu worship, for us to meet the needs of our church. Extensive renovation began in early 2002 and by year-end, on December 14, the church building was dedicated unto the Lord for His glory, as a House of Prayer, "for the salvation of souls and the defence of the faith which was once delivered unto the saints". Dr Tow led in the dedication service.

### **The Purpose**

Over the last twenty-two years we have kept in mind the Lord's purpose for our church:

1. The salvation of souls
2. The edification of Christians through the teaching of God's Word

3. The promotion of godly worship
4. The defence of "the faith which was once delivered unto the saints"
5. The establishment and extension of Christian missions and institutions for the furtherance of the Kingdom of God on earth

### **Doctrines**

Our doctrinal standard is founded on the Westminster Confession of Faith and Catechisms (Larger and Shorter). We practise biblical separation and believe without reservation the Verbal Plenary Preservation of the Bible - namely all the Words of God in the OT Masoretic Text and the NT Textus Receptus underlying the KJV. We also hold that the King James Version of the Bible is the most faithful English translation and this version only is to be used in our church. We also believe in the pre-millennial return of our Lord Jesus Christ to judge this world and to bring peace to the nations.

### **Our relationship with Calvary Pandan BP Church**

We regard Calvary Pandan BP Church as the mother church. We are very thankful to the Lord for all the spiritual and material encouragement we received from her since the very beginning. We are very thankful to the Lord that we had the pastoral care of Dr Tow in the earlier years and that of Rev Quek in more recent years. Annually, they came and spoke at our church anniversary thanksgiving services and at our church family camps. Apart from these annual services they gave to us, they also spoke at various seminars we held in our church over the years. We are also very thankful to the Lord that Calvary Pandan also availed her preachers and full-time staff - Pr Ko Ling Kang, Pr Joshua Yong and Dn Yap Wai Ho, to build up the faith of our congregation members,

particularly that of the youth at their youth retreats. Apart from the services of these servants of the Lord, we also received help from Calvary Pandan's highly experienced Sunday School teachers who came and spoke at our vacation Bible school and to our children at our church camps.

We resolutely want to maintain this relationship with the mother church for the cause of the Gospel and for the preserving of our Bible-Presbyterian distinctive.

### Church Growth

We thank the Lord that over the years, the Lord has faithfully kept the Worship Service, the Sunday School and the church mid-week Prayer Meeting going steadily. Our ministries involve:

1. the children – a Kids' Club which meets twice per month on Saturday.
2. the youth – a Youth Fellowship which meets weekly either on Saturday or Sunday.
3. the young adults – a Young Adults' Fellowship which meets weekly on Sunday.
4. the ladies – a Ladies' Bible Fellowship which meets twice per month for Bible study.
5. the adults – an Adults' Fellowship which meets monthly and has for some time been studying in-depth the Westminster Confession of Faith.
6. the families – a monthly family worship with members meeting as a fellowship known as Agape Gathering.
7. the university students – a uni fellowship which meets weekly.
8. the aged folks – a monthly visit to two aged-care homes.
9. music - a choir which sings at all our special worship services.
10. evangelism – an Evangelism Fellowship which plans and promotes the evangelistic activities of our church.

We are also very grateful to the Lord for providing us ministerial help over the years from other Bible-Presbyterian churches in Australia and Singapore, and also from other faithful Bible-believing churches. We are also very grateful to the Lord for sending teachers from some of these churches, particularly in the earlier years, to train our new teachers and to teach our children on special occasions.

### Our Challenges

1. Obedience to the Great Commission. The challenge is to stir up every member of the church to be evangelistic. We realize that we have not done enough to win souls for the Lord. We realize that we have not adequately carried out our 'Jerusalem' responsibility. We have to do much more in home mission so that we will be ready to be witnesses for Him in regions beyond our 'Jerusalem'.

2. Contending for the Faith. The challenge is for us to maintain our position of biblical separation. There is the need to watch against the health and wealth Gospel and the subtlety of neo-evangelical teachings. There is the constant need to remind our members not to look at the Bible from the eyes of the world but to look at the world from the eyes of the Bible. Contemporary Christian music and modern Bible versions are always threatening to be the substitutes for what we hold dear as God-honouring and truthful since the beginning of our church.

3. The World. In a society that is western culturally, the influence of the world is very strong. The world of course shamelessly interprets liberty as licence. The problem experienced by Bible-believing church is that the morals of the world are accepted by professed believers. So, the challenge for us is to keep our members from being pulled into the world. And the greater challenge is to prevent the world from making in-roads into our church. Biblical separation from the world needs to be vigilantly practised.

4. Political Correctness. ‘The powers that be’ are bent on being politically correct. They would say and do things that are contrary to the laws of God for fear of provoking negative reactions from certain groups of voters. The result is: man-made policies contrary to Biblical teachings are implemented to appease such groups. The challenge for us is to teach our members to obey God rather than man.

Our prayer is that our church will continue to be faithful till He comes again.

*Reported by  
Kim Hiang Koh  
Elder, Sydney BP Church*



# Pontianak

## **Counting God's Blessings and Naming Them One by One**

Congratulations to the Pastor, Session, and Members of Calvary Pandan BP Church on the occasion of the 40th Anniversary of CPBPC. It is with gratitude to God in my heart that I write this congratulation message on behalf of Calvary Kubu Raya BPC. We pray our Heavenly Father will continue to use CPBPC in preaching the Gospel of Christ globally and in defending the faith once delivered to saints in this perilous time. This write up indeed is a testimony of how God has helped and continues to help Calvary Kubu Raya BPC through the Christian brotherly love of the CPBPC.

Calvary Kubu Raya BPC has humble beginnings. It is good to know your church's history. If it's written down, people can always look back and give thanks to the LORD about it. Many have been led by the LORD to plant and water our Father's field and eventually He is also the one who is able to increase the harvest. In this testimony I shall count and name God's blessings one by one to the glorification of His name. Thanks be unto God for His unspeakable gift (2 Cor 9:15).

## **From Calvary Hanura Permai BPC to Calvary Kubu Raya BPC**

One may ask, why does the name of our church start with 'Calvary' and end with 'BP'? It is by God's grace and leading. In 1981, Rev Timothy and his team, including Rev Koa Keng Woo, came to Siantan, north of Pontianak, for mission trips and building projects. There in Siantan, Rev Timothy Tow stayed at the local church, Gereja Kristen Kalimantan Barat (GKKB), where my father, Rev Elyakin Phang Khin Sui at that time was the pastor. He invited Rev Timothy Tow to preach at GKKB Siantan on the Lord's Day. I helped to translate his preaching into Bahasa Indonesia.

In 2000, Dr Tow Siang Hwa started his missions

trips to Sarawak, Borneo. He sent some committee members from Calvary Missions Society (CMS) of Calvary Pandan BPC to visit Sarawak. It was the first time we met Dr SH Tow in the Borneo Missions Conference in Miri.

In January 2002, I received God's calling to study at FEBC. Dr Jeffrey Khoo was a great help and accepted my wife and I as humble full-time students. Brother Ajin joined FEBC about half a year after we started..

In 2004, CMS asked for permission to join the GAPPI Synod meeting in Batam. Calvary Pandan BPC wanted the ministry in Pontianak to be registered as 'Gereja Alkitab Presbyterian Protestan Indonesia (GAPPI) Calvary Hanura Pontianak. In 2005, Br Ajin, Pipit and I completed our studies and graduated from FEBC. We are thankful to God Almighty that in October 2005, the local government granted the approval for the local registration of GAPPI Calvary Hanura Permai.

During the same year, from 30th November – 4th December 2005, Dr SH Tow led 45 brethren from Calvary Jurong and Pandan BPC to attend the first Borneo Missions' Conference in Pontianak. These conferences were conducted by the CMS. The host of this missions conference was Calvary Hanura Permai, and the initial church we started was located at a very small district and at the end of a very narrow alley, 500 meters from the main road. Dr SH Tow and other pastors laid the stones for church building in Hanura Permai on 2nd December 2005. Looking at the size of the initial church building, it was agreed upon that the area was too small for a worship place. We were instructed to search for a bigger land in Pontianak for the building of a new church. Rev Quek Suan Yew and his team came to visit the land nearby Hanura Permai, where the initial church building was first located. That land was perfect in our eyes, but God had other plans for his church. "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the LORD directeth his steps" Proverbs 16:9. The contract of agreement to purchase the land was signed, but the son of the landlord suddenly refused to sell the land.

After 6 years of waiting patiently on the LORD and praying fervently, God finally led us to purchase a land alongside Adisucipto Road. Before the land was bought, Dr Tow had encouraged me to purchase the land. Dr SH Tow shook my hand with these four words spoken three times: "Peter buy the land!" Dr Tow had received an offering from his former Indonesian patient, meant to be used for the purchase of the land for the building of the church.

So that the building of the church would be possible, the LORD led us to gain the approval of 60 non-Christian locals and 90 Christian locals who lived in that area. The acting head of the village of the area helped to obtain approval from the district office so that the building of the church might finally be approved by the Kubu Raya Government. We thank God for the fund provided by Calvary Pandan BPC. Bro Poh Puay Yong and his wife, the late Bro Patrick Tan, and William Quah helped with the design and supervision of the building project. We named it GADA PKK, G for Gereja meaning sanctuary, A for Aula meaning hall, D for dapur meaning kitchen, A for asrama meaning dormitory, P for perpustakaan meaning library, K for kelas-kelas meaning classes, and K for kantor meaning office.

Rev Quek Suan Yew came with some brethren from CPBPC for the dedication of the church on Saturday, 3rd September 2016. This church is a mission church of Calvary Pandan BPC. We are very thankful for the prayers and help given from our Christian brethren from CPBPC.

The weekly activities of the church include (1) morning worship service at Kubu Raya, and SGHF in Siantan, and Sungai Raya Dalam, (2) morning and afternoon Sunday School at Kubu Raya, Siantan and Sungai Raya Dalam, (3) Tuesday prayer meeting in Siantan and Wednesday prayer meeting at Kubu Raya (4) Thursday Calvary Missions for Children (CMC) at Kubu Raya, (5) Friday night Bible study in Siantan, (6) week days visitation, (7) teens and youth fellowship on the fourth Friday of the month, (8) Saturday CMC at

Gang Sayur, (9) evangelism on every fourth Saturday of the month, (10) the LORD's supper on every first Sunday of the month, (11) prayer and fasting on every first Monday of the month, and (12) Golden years fellowship on every Second Sunday of the month.

God did not only provide the facilities for the ministry but also the preachers for preaching His infallible and perfect Word. We thank God we have Rev Elyakin Phang, Ajin, Zakharia, Bong Mung En, Rudy, and I for the pulpit ministry. I preach on the first and second Sunday; Rev Phang, Ajin and Zakharia on third and fourth; and Rudy and Mung En on the fifth. The preaching of God's Word on the pulpit is done in two languages, Bahasa Indonesia and Hakka, and delivered with the help of a translator.

### **Upper Room Bible College (URBC)**

Christ commanded to His apostles to teach the disciples (Mat 28:18-20) and Paul did the same (2 Tim 2:2). When I came back to Pontianak in June 2005, I started the construction of the 3rd floor of my family's residence which was completed in November 2005. This was used for the college which started on Monday 6th January 2006. The LORD led us to name this college as the Upper Room Bible College.

URBC has trained 3 batches of students. The second batch was Rudy and his wife Hendriana. Now they are serving at the gospel preaching post in Siantan together with Ajin. The third batch was Bro Bong Mung En and his wife, Afie, currently serving at Calvary Kubu Raya. Now, we have two full time students, Brother Julimin and his wife, Makdalena, sponsored by CPBPC. At the URBC, notes given from lecturers at FEBC are used as learning materials for the students. The college has since moved to the Church premises. Day classes are from Monday to Thursday and night class is on Saturday nights. Additionally, the college also conducts a Mandarin Class which is held in the original location.

At the new Church premise, we were given an

opportunity by God for the college to re-offer English classes. In 2006, we offered the same program at Sungai Raya Dalam and many came to study English. This program increased the number of people in CMC: from about 30 to 50 plus. Now, God has sent about a hundred plus children.

The College has combined the Saturday night class with prayer meeting and evangelism. At the end of night classes, there will be around 20 minutes of prayer meeting. At the end of the month, the students and I will preach the gospel either at Kubu Raya, Siantan, or Sungai Raya Dalam. I have always taught the URBC students that the desire to evangelise is one of many marks to show that they are truly called by God to the full time ministry.

### **Two Branches of Gospel Preaching Posts in Sungai Raya Dalam & Siantan**

Before Christ our LORD ascended to heaven, He commanded his disciples to be witnesses from Jerusalem unto the uttermost part of the earth (Acts 1:8). Based on this doctrine we expect the same for the church to branch out to as many places as the LORD leads. Thank God that the first SGBF was held on 4th December 2005. It went on for a few years but during a period of time was discontinued due to insufficient manpower. Although the SGBF had stopped, the Sunday school, which was held concurrently with the SGBF, was still being held because of the handful children that came to Sunday School faithfully. Thank God that the SGBF was



*13<sup>rd</sup> anniversary last week of October, 2018*

restarted in January 2018. It is important to have SGBF in Sungai Raya Dalam, as some worshipers who used to attend Sunday School have grown up to be teens and youths, and they too need a place to worship in Sungai Raya Dalam. Now we have 25 regular worshipers and 5 Sunday school students.

In 2015, Brother Ajin received help from CPBPC to renovate his house in Siantan into a two-story structure. This premises is used for the Sunday Worship Services held in Siantan. The ground floor is used as the sanctuary and the second floor for the Sunday School class. God has blessed this ministry. Today, there are around 25 worshipers and 25 Sunday School children. Ajin, Rudy and Hendriana are the ones who take care of this ministry.

### **Calvary Christian Kindergarten**

Matthew 19:13-15 shows us clearly that even our LORD Jesus loved and blessed little children around Him. Thank God that in 2018, He led the church to start the Calvary Christian Kindergarten. The word Christian is used with a special purpose. We pray that children and parents will be led to Christ through the gospel

and become Christians. Pipit currently serves as the principal, where she is assisted by Elisabet and Stefanie. They are all graduates of the Far Eastern Bible College.

Currently, we have 8 students. We are praying that the LORD will send more students for the next teaching year (2019/2020). Thank God that now all the students come to the CMC every Thursday.

We would like to thank God for Calvary Pandan BPC, for the prayers and help from Rev Quek Suan Yew, elders, and deacons, especially Preacher Joshua Yong and Deacon Simon Chua, who are appointed by the Session to assist this ministry in Pontianak to glorify His Name. We believe God will repay all the kindnesses bestowed.

Finally, during Dr SH Tow's funeral, Rev Kiantoro Lie said that the pioneers of the BP movement had gone home to be with Christ. May the LORD continue to strengthen us in His works in these last days. God never changes and we expect similar grace to be bestowed upon Calvary Pandan BPC from now and till we all meet Christ our soon-coming King of kings in the sudden rapture (1 Thes 4:17). Immanuel and Maranatha, Amen.

*Peter Yoksan*

# Testimonies

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## Bro Arthur Aung

*“One generation passeth away, and another generation cometh: but the earth abideth for ever”* (Ecc 1:4). Likewise, many people have been coming in and going out for the past forty years and many souls were saved as a result. I was one of those many souls added to the list who got to know God and were saved in Calvary Pandan B-P Church. Thank God for raising up the late founding Pastor Dr Tow and using him to establish CPBPC.

Not only did God save me, He also gave me the privilege to serve Him in Calvary Pandan. It is not because I am qualified to do the job. It is because God simply wanted to use me to show His handiwork in my life. Literally speaking, I have no paper qualifications, none, nothing in my life. But God called me out of my war-torn country and used me to serve Him. Along the way He taught me to be humble as I was a snobbish person before I knew the Lord.

When I came to visit CPBPC for the very first time in 2001, my sister-in-law introduced me to Founding Pastor, and he asked me where I was from and what I was doing. In my folly, I proudly answered back, “Life science”. I was very influenced by Darwin’s theory I was studying in California at that time. I didn’t know the person who spoke to me was Dr Tow. He didn’t say anything, but gave me a look. Now I think I know what that look meant: that I needed a Savior.

Two years later I came to Singapore and started attending service. It took me four years to get rid of my burden and finally surrender to the Lord and accept Jesus Christ as my Lord and Savior. I didn’t know my wife, my sister-in-law and her family were praying for my salvation. Their patience paid off in 2007. Praise the Lord.

*“For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places.”* (Eph 6:12) This is the answer God revealed to me that helped take away my hatred toward my earthly enemy. Not only that, God also showed me the way to defeat our final enemy, “Death”. I received God’s peace into my heart. It is something I had never felt before. I gained happiness which was lacking in my old life.

Then what? After salvation, I knew I had to serve Him diligently, faithfully and cheerfully.

Why? Because God answered a life-long question I have had since I was teenager.

*“What shall a man give in exchange for his soul?”*  
(Mark 8:37)

Before I became a warden, I had worked in a trading company, a travel agency, NGOs, as an AV technician, social worker, a barefoot medic, and a photographer. I didn’t find satisfaction nor purpose. Now, as a warden, I am a part of an army of soul-saving servants and it is a most satisfying job for me.

What are the challenges? As the congregation is growing bigger, we face more and more good ‘problems’ on a daily basis. The church is open seven days a week hosting lost souls and feeding the folks with sound doctrine continuously. The testimony of our late founding Pastor and our Pastor are the driving force for me to serve and press on in my service. In the past few years, more full-time labourers have stepped forward to co-labour in the Lord’s work. I pray that God will continue to raise the next generation of faithful servants after this generation to serve Him.

*“The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest”* (Matt 9:37-38). Amen.

## Bro Joe Chan

My childhood life was one of a sinner filled with sinful ways and self-gratification. My father passed away when I was 12 years of age, and without a fatherly figure to guide and discipline me, I began to be easily influenced by bad company. Picking up sinful devices such as smoking and gambling while schooling, I was deemed as a problematic and black sheep among my family. I recall that it was about the age of 28 that I suddenly found that life was meaningless, until an ex-colleague of mine invited me to church in 1983.

I was introduced to Mount Hebron BP church where they had a 3pm service, held in Calvary Pandan's AV room every Sunday. After service I was approached by a brother name Henry, who invited me to have a one-to-one Bible study with him the next Lord's day before service. That, to me, was something very unusual because looking back, I can see how our Omniscient God who knows all about our thoughts and intentions (Psalm 139:1-4) has used this brother to bring me back to church the next week even when I had no intentions of coming back. I thank God that through the Bible study and the messages heard that I continued to learn more and more about His great love and amazing grace & mercy towards such a rebellious sinner like me. His Word is like a double-edged sword, cutting and exposing everything in my sinful past life. I just couldn't help but submit and repent of my sins to Him, and in August 1983 I surrendered my life unto my Saviour the Lord Jesus Christ, and allowed myself to be crucified with Him who loves me and gave Himself for me. (Galatians 2:20) Through my transformed Christian testimony and witness that God had worked through me, my mom and my siblings were drawn into God's saving grace, and I would render all the praise and glory to our Almighty God.

In about 1984 the church was then shifted to a new church building at Clementi Bible Centre, located in West Coast.

In 1986 I was introduced to Calvary church worship service through my friend who is now my wife, and I enjoyed the YAF fellowship held there, which my previous church did not have. I thank God for His servants Dr Tow and Rev Quek and their faithful ministry of God's word and in earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

We got married and the Lord provided a humble home within walking distance from the church, and with this privilege we were given every opportunity to attend most of the church activities and at the same time to avail ourselves to serve Him in the children's ministry.

This was during the year 1988 when there were a few Calvarians who felt that there was a need to reach out to the neighbouring children with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ on a Saturday afternoon. I was approached to be involved in this important outreach to the children especially from non-Christian homes.

Back then, a few Calvarians decided that they could start off this ministry by inviting some previous children from the tuition ministry which was held at Calvary BP church every Wednesday night.

Initially there were only a handful of children who responded to our invitation. We only had combined classes back then, and it was only when the numbers grew that we were able to split into different level classes. We decided to call this ministry Calvary Mission To Children, or CMC in short.

In the course of time the Lord has blessed this ministry and the number of children grew. With the Lord's providence, we were not only able to charter a bus to bring children to church and back home, we were also granted willing teachers, helpers and bus leaders who offered their time and effort to serve together in this ministry.

The kindergarten teachers also helped to channel some of their children to CMC during the course of their home visitation to children's homes. These teachers helped to promote the CMC ministry to the parents of these children. From one bus full of children, we grew to

four buses, having an average of about 80 children every Saturday.

Indeed the Lord is faithful and has seen fit to bless His ministry to the children. However, as the ministry progressed, there were also a few challenges that we encountered, such as fluctuating attendance due to tuition and other school activities held on Saturday. We could only commit it to the Lord, praying that through the help from the tracting and CPK ministry, and according to His perfect timing, the CMC ministry may continue to grow not only in number but also spirituality, to the praise of our God Almighty.

The children enjoyed some of our main events very much, such as the yearly Daily Vacation School, CMC Camp, Sports Day, outings, and Bible quiz competitions.

The objectives of Calvary Missions to Children are the following:

- 1) To bring the Gospel to children from non-Christian families.
- 2) To teach the children Bible lessons that they can treasure and apply to their daily lives
- 3) To encourage them to grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
- 4) To create an environment where these children can come together to have fellowship and get to know one another through group activities.
- 5) Our final objective is that eventually we might be able to channel our teens to join the Youth Fellowship which is held every Saturday evening, and join us for our Lord's day Morning Worship Service as well.

Finally I would like to take this opportunity to render all praise and glory to our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for using us, though we are unprofitable servants, to serve Him in this church.

## Sis Jean Lee

It was the Lord who led me to Calvary BP Church in the 1980s. Mrs Joanna Lee, staff worker at Calvary BPC, enlisted my help to produce Junior "Read, Pray, Grow" (RPG) booklets and assist her in the children's ministry. The call from the Lord for full time service came in 1991. I hesitated to respond due to feelings of inadequacy, but I responded to the call when the Lord spoke from Luke 9:62: "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back, is fit for the kingdom of God."

I started to work in the church office at Calvary Pandan BPC in July 1997. The greatest challenge for me was to get to know the members but the Lord sent help in Mrs Anne Lim. I thank the Lord for Mrs Anne Lim who patiently helped me in many ways to settle in Pandan quickly. My responsibilities include providing clerical support for weekly church activities, camps, and various mission trips. Thank God for the many who have come forward to lend a helping hand. Thank God for the privilege and joy in serving Him these past twenty-two years.

None is sufficient for the work, except the Lord enables. Therefore, resting on this, my work and my walk with the Lord is sweeter than the day before.

All glory to God!

## Dn Chia Chung Seng

*“Then said he, unto what is the kingdom of God like? And whereunto shall I resemble it? It is like a grain of mustard seed, which a man took, and cast into his garden; and it grew, and waxed a great tree; and the fowls of the air lodged in the branches of it.” Luke 13:18-19*

In 1979, our Great and Almighty God planted a mission gospel station right in the heart of the young Pandan Gardens estate, which was a very small estate with only a few HDB blocks in the vicinity. The Lord had great plans for His people, and laid the foundation stone for this mustard seed, which today has grown into a great tree. Many of us have lodged here, and found salvation in the Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. This mission station has not only spread out with the gospel of salvation to those residing in the Western part of Singapore, but has also reached out to many beyond the shores of Singapore, with the living Word of Life. I was one of those who have been blessed by the preaching and teaching of God’s Word from this pulpit, through the many faithful servants whom God has sent.

I was in my younger days as a youth, and joined the Pandan Youth Fellowship every Saturday evening from 7.30pm to 9.00pm. YF meetings were held in one of the classrooms at level 3. It was also known as the YF Room, and that easily accommodated every one of us as we were a small group. There was no airconditioning in the rooms – it was serviced by a ceiling fan, with breezes blown in from the YF Room balcony. There were balconies at each of the fellowship rooms on level 3! We were very contented, and enjoyed the fellowship we had in Christ. The current artificial green quadrangle was

previously a badminton court where we often played badminton every Saturday, before YF meetings.

The pioneer church members who moved out of Calvary Church at Taman Jurong to start the new outreach in Pandan numbered fewer than one hundred. Every Sunday during the morning service the main sanctuary seemed somewhat empty, and was not even a quarter-filled. The balcony had a few rows of pews that were literally empty. Over the years, the Lord gave the increase and church underwent a few renovations to cater to the growth in members and regular worshippers. On level 1, the badminton court had to make way for the construction of the middle staircase, and the lift system. On level 2, the main sanctuary was enlarged by extending and building a new PA room and cry room. The current steps with pews behind the sanctuary used to be the old PA room and old cry room. The old PA room used to be where the PA console currently stands. Outside of the main sanctuary, the nursery room and lounge were subsequently added. On level 3, the new sanctuary was once a conference room with two movable partitions. Classroom balconies were removed to extend the size of the room and aircons were installed.

The Lord has been faithful to all of us these 40 years, and provided the lease extension so that we can continue to use this house of God for our Worship Services, fellowship meetings and various ministries, and for the extension of the kingdom of God. As we commemorate our church 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, may we be found faithful in our walk with the Lord, and steadfast, unmoveable and always abounding in the work of the Lord, till He comes!

## **Dn Leong Chee Meng**

*“But by the grace of God I am what I am: and his grace which was bestowed upon me was not in vain; ...”* 1 Corinthians 15:10a

I wasn't born into a Christian family, but I thank God that I had the privilege to attend church since the age of 9 by the invitation of my uncle and auntie, Hendrick and Laura Foo. I am very thankful to them for inviting me to church as a child. That invitation was a very significant event that changed my life. During my growing up years in church, I have received innumerable blessings through various ministries. I shall endeavour to share the blessings that God wonderfully bestowed.

### **Junior Worship: where it all begins**

I have fond memories of my Sunday school teachers and the class outings that we had. Some of the Sunday school teachers were especially kind to me and I still remember them bringing me out for a meal on several occasions. Staying overnight in church during JW camp was always fun and something I continually looked forward to even though I was still then an unbeliever.

### **Teenz Department: where saving grace is found**

Growing a little older, I moved to the Teenz department during secondary school. It was during a Teens camp that I was saved. I thank God for using the Teenz department that led me to accept the gift of salvation. As I matured into a teenager, I thank God that He helped me to have a more serious attitude towards spiritual matters as I started to serve and learn more about Him.

### **Youth Fellowship: where the knowledge of God increases and fellowship abounds**

In Secondary 3, I started attending YF. What a



*Taken during a bible study in my early teens.*

blessing it was to attend the YF! YF was the place where my knowledge of God's word grew and we shared the burdens we faced as youths. I learnt from the older YFers how to be a godly student, and the importance of fellowship. During my NS days, Saturday night at YF was the place I looked forward to going to after I booked out. It was a place where my fellow YFers would take a genuine interest in my wellbeing as I struggled with the challenges of military training.

### **Young Adults Fellowship: where challenges meet encouragement**

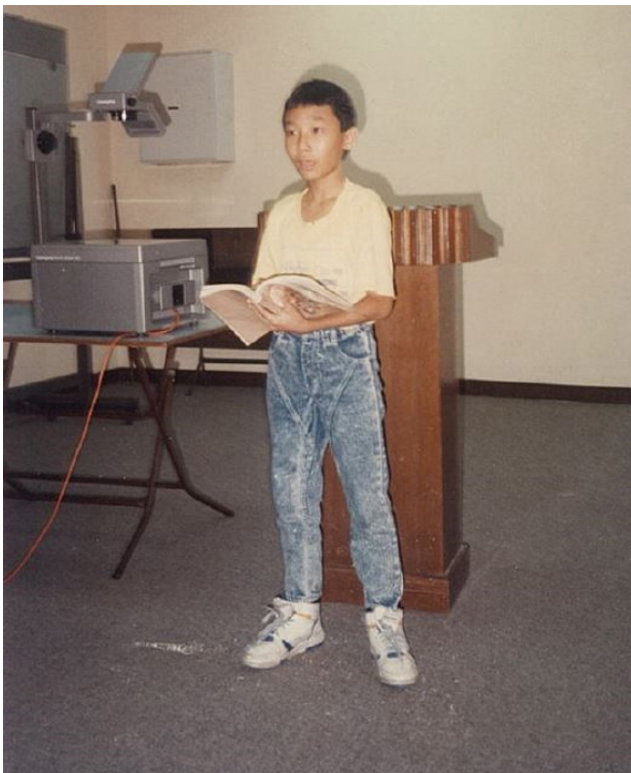
As I started working, I joined the YAF. YAF is an excellent place to serve and grow. I served the Lord even more fervently during the YAF. It was also during this period of time where I experienced many significant life changes, from being single to married, and subsequently, a father to 2 children. I'm very glad that throughout these changing phases of life, there were YAFers who were also facing the same challenges, and we encouraged each other to press on in our service for the Lord even as we tried to cope with the demands of being young parents. When we saw other young parents not giving up in their service for the Lord, we were stirred to do likewise.

### **Adults Fellowship: where the journey continues**

At God's perfect timing, when it was time for me to move to the next fellowship group, a new fellowship group named "the new AF" was founded (the present

AF). I had the privilege to be part of the committee to set up this new fellowship group. It is an exciting and enjoyable time of service, especially with like-minded brethren. I thank God that He uses the AF ministry to bless many to serve Him and I can see how God uses the AF to bring some to attend fellowship group on a regular basis.

As I look back over the 3 decades of my life here in Calvary Pandan B-P Church, I see the faithfulness and goodness of my Lord who has led me every step of the way, and in response I serve actively constrained by the love of Christ. God has raised and sustained these various ministries in Calvary Pandan B-P Church for the edification of many saints. I'm sure these blessings that I have received are not mine alone. Are you making use of these means of grace for your own blessing?



*YF days chairing in the conference room then.*

## **Dn Lim Ah Sang**

### **The wondrous grace of God**

The revival trips of John Sung in 1930s, the raising up of the late Rev Dr Timothy Tow and our late founding pastor Dr Tow Siang Hwa, their calling to be faithful servants in the founding of the Bible Presbyterian Movement, the founding of the Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC), the planting of local Bible Presbyterian (BP) churches, the faithful teaching and preaching of God's Word, the contending for the BP fundamental reformed faith, the raising of "the 3 musketeers" Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew, Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo and Rev Dr Das Koshy to continue the work in contending for the BP fundamental reformed faith, to guard the pulpit ministry and the faithful teaching of God's Word – all these things are truly the blessed divine providential grace of God, poured down upon this tiny island of Singapore.

In 2000, because of the near-death brain haemorrhagic incident of our only child, we came to receive the salvation grace in Christ Jesus through Madam Lim, a 85-yr old mandarin congregation member of FooChow Methodist Church (FMC), also a John Sung convert like our late founding Pastor Dr Tow. As a young believer, Madam Lim's life testimony of how God had seen her through many trials, her prayerful life, and her zeal to witness for Christ, impacted me greatly. Our days and nights in caring for our severely disabled son were very trying and seemingly endless, but thank God for the given child-like faith to surrender, to cast our cares upon Him and to live each day by His grace. I thank God for my desire for God's Word, but the opportunities for Bible study in FMC were few and infrequent. God is faithful and He is a rewarder of them that diligently seek Him. By His providential grace, we were led to a Bible study conducted by Rev Quek for the Methodists and were amazed by how the Word of God was exegeted. For the love of the Truth, my family and I

left FMC despite the close fellowship with the brethren there for so many years.

In CPBPC, I came to realise that not only had our spiritual growth been grossly stunted, we had also been indoctrinated with evil doctrines and errors and unholy practices, such as invoking the name of Jesus to cast the evil spirit out of my son whenever he suffered a brain seizure, flag dancing in the sanctuary to drive out evil spirits, CCM music, use of modern Bible versions, believing that Roman Catholics are also brethren in Christ, believing that it is alright to participate in religious celebration of other faiths, etc. On reflection, I was sad to have accompanied the resident FMC Korean pastor to teach spiritual warfare to the prison inmates and to going to places to cast out the local evil spirits after having been personally tutored by him on the subject. I was then a false witness for Christ.

I thank God for these past 10 years in CPBPC whereby the faithful ministry of the pulpit, the many avenues of Bible study, the spiritual treasure of past sermons and godly articles residing in the website, and good spiritual books from the Tabernacle bookshop have helped me to grow in grace and in the knowledge

of my Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. It is a joy to learn many doctrines and the whole counsel of God. This learning, especially of the great and precious promises, have helped me through many trials in my life and enabled me to reach out to comfort those who are in trials. It has also helped to make amends in the prison ministry, as I faithfully witness for Christ and tell others of the hope in Him, as some inmates have also been indoctrinated with evil doctrines and continue to walk in the flesh while others are still blind, and cannot see afar off.

I thank God for the godly brethren in CPBPC and how their conduct and faith have provoked me unto love and good works.

I thank God for our late founding Pastor Dr Tow in founding CPBPC. Many, including myself, have missed his personal pastoral touch and care, especially his kindness towards my disabled son.

If the Lord tarry, may He give grace to CPBPC to remain faithful in doctrine and in conduct, ministering to lost souls, comforting the wearied souls in trials, and continuing to contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

## **Sis Eileen Poh**

Thank God for Calvary Pandan B-P Church – the preaching of God’s Word here, her ministries, and her people. I have been greatly blessed and have grown much in my faith here in CPBPC. Spiritual growth is often like physical growth – week after week, sermon after sermon, testing after testing, we may not realize how much we have grown till we stop and look back. Some of the blessings that I have received here in CPBPC are:

### **I have learnt that God never moves without purpose or plan**

I came to CPBPC in 2010. God led me, from growing up in a Christian family in Calvary Jurong BPC, to joining an independent Baptist Church for 5 years in my young adult days, and then finally returning back to CPBPC when I became a parent. Looking back, I see how each and every step was charted by God for His specific purpose, in His perfect timing and fulfilled in His perfect way, like a perfectly aligned set of dominoes or an intricately designed watch mechanism. One lesson that I have learnt here in CPBPC is how we must look at our lives through spiritual eyes. Nothing in our lives happens by chance – every sickness, every trial, every person we meet, every single step is charted carefully and meticulously ordered by God, the Author of our lives, for His purpose and glory. We must seek to fulfil this spiritual purpose He has for us in the limited time that He has left us here on earth for.

### **I have come to appreciate the blessing of being a Second Generation Christian**

I have faced many inward struggles and doubts growing up as a 2nd Generation Christian. How could I be sure of my salvation when I am unsure about what change was affected in my life through my salvation,

and when it happened? Coming to CPBPC has been a spiritual breakthrough for me. It is here that I have learnt and am convicted that the salvation work and grace in my life is all of God and God alone, and none of mine. It is here that I have learnt and am convicted that God was the One who, by His sovereign Hand and purpose, had put me in a Christian family. It is here that I have also come to appreciate that growing up in a Christian family has given me this blessing of tasting all of the abundance and goodness of Christian life that God has for us when we follow in His ways, like the nation of Israel. I have also come to appreciate the blessing of having fewer worldly philosophies to unlearn had I known the Lord at a later time of my life. When I see children being faithfully taught God’s Word here in the ministries of CPBPC and Calvary Pandan Kindergarten (CPK), I can see how good it truly is to be taught God’s Word from a young age when their minds are not sceptical and their hearts are tender. And I hope that my children will come to appreciate this blessing of being filled with God’s Word from a young age too; to see and know this good and abundant life in Christ, and that they will want to live this life and follow Christ all their lives too.

### **I have received much encouragement from fellow brethren**

Here in CPBPC, I have been greatly encouraged by the testimony, example, and fervency of fellow believers. The welcoming hands extended to us when we were new in the church; the faithful, steadfast testimonies of many in the face of great trials; the sacrificial love and care that fellow brethren show for each other when in need; the faithful service of many in the many different areas in church; the earnest desire of many to continue growing in the faith despite their struggles and challenges; the willingness of many to share their lives, experiences, and struggles that they may encourage others in the faith and in this Christian sojourn – these

are but some of the blessings that I have received from fellow brethren here in CPBPC, who are also my family in Christ. May God's Word continue to mould our Church to be more and more like the New Testament Church in Acts 2, where we may all be of a common faith in the Lord and His Word and having a common love for God and each other.

*“Then they that gladly received his word were baptized: and the same day there were added unto them about three thousand souls. And they continued stedfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers. And fear came upon every soul: and many wonders and signs were done by the apostles. And all that believed were together, and had all things common; And sold their possessions and goods, and parted them to all men, as every man had need. And they, continuing daily with one accord in the temple, and breaking bread from house to house, did eat their meat with gladness and singleness of heart, Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.” (Acts 2:41-47)*

All glory be to God!

### **Eld Siow Chai Sheng**

It was GPS that brought me to Calvary Pandan BPC. Little did I know it then, but God's Providential Steps had begun in my life as far back as 1970. Back then, I was in National Junior College when I heard the Gospel message at a Christian fellowship meeting conducted after school hours. A college mate at the same meeting invited me to Life BPC where I met Rev (Dr) Timothy Tow, and I was subsequently converted, catechised and baptised by him. When Life BPC later set up a daughter church, New Life BPC, in Woodlands, my wife Soon Chin and I were among those “transplanted” up north. There we worshipped and served for 30 years until Bible issues swamped the church. Since VPP and the perfect Bible were non-negotiable issues to us, we left in 2013. However, God's GPS had earlier signposted for us the way to Calvary Pandan via the Sunset Gospel Hour. The decision to worship here was easy, confirmed by a deep sense of peace and safety, very akin to homecoming, more so as we had (under God's leading as we saw the storm clouds brewing) encouraged our two sons to worship here years ago.

I have often pondered the “what ifs”. What if I had not gone to NJC? What if soccer had proved more attractive as an after-school activity than Christian meetings? What if my friend had been a Lutheran, a Charismatic or an Anglican? Thank God for His GPS. It took 43 years since my college days before I became a regular worshipper at Calvary Pandan's morning service in 2013; it took 48 years before we became members of the Calvary Pandan family in 2018. Mathematically speaking, we have travelled longer than Moses and the Israelites. How can we not thank God for leading us safely across the River Jordan?

During this period, I have seen the B-P movement at its most defining moments, charging at full tilt for the Lord, and at its lowest points, riven by dissent.

My first impression was its astounding church growth, to a large part due to the systematic biblical

training of students in the Far Eastern Bible College. By 1965, the single mustard seed planted by Rev Tow had multiplied to seven churches – Life, Zion, Faith, Galilee, Sembawang, Mt Carmel and Jurong (The Singapore B-P Church Story, p 97). Dr SH Tow’s vision of a charge into Jurong began with Calvary at Jurong (inaugurated in 1973) and Calvary at Pandan (1979). As an example of multiplier growth, Calvary Pandan and its offshoots in turn took the Great Commission into Selangor, Perth, Melbourne, Sydney, Toronto, Pontianak, Miri, Sibul, Tengah, Chiang Rai and Yangon (60<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Bible-Presbyterian Movement, p 124). As for the B-P Church of Singapore, as far back as 1995, Rev Tow had counted “at least 150 churches and parachurch organisations circling the globe” (The Singapore B-P Church Story, p 55). Dear reader, as a comparison, when was the last time you heard of a Bible-believing church being planted?

The second distinguishing mark of the B-P Church then was its stand on biblical separation, both personally and as a church. Indeed, this hallmark is embedded in the Constitutions of B-P churches as Article 6 (unless they have chosen to amend or delete it). All members must therefore adhere to the principle to separate from Charismatic, Ecumenical or social gospel movements, for example. Surely this God-honouring stand was pleasing to our Holy God, for He blessed the B-P Movement with His increase. However, there were dissensions over this “strict” position, even within Life BPC, over Billy Graham’s crusades and other forms of cooperation in the name of evangelism. Calvary Pandan’s late founding pastor Dr Tow’s Banner publication was also unflinching in its warning against Roman Catholicism and Ecumenism.

As the B-P Movement grew, there was an overarching umbrella of governance over all the B-P churches and offshoots. This was the Synod which I viewed as the Singapore version of the Jerusalem Council of Acts 15. The pastors and elders of all B-P churches would meet often to pray together, encourage

one another, and discuss church issues. One could look to the Synod for guidance as the plurality of elders provided safety in decision-making. However, it was also the Synod, or its breakup in 1988, that provided the B-P Movement with one of its lowest moments. As I was a deacon then, I was not privy to the discussion that led to the dissolution. But the B-P Church issued a statement that said “strong differences in interpreting the Doctrine of Biblical Separation, Fundamentalism, and Neo-Evangelicalism” were some of the issues involved. Rev Tow also mentioned other contentions such as tongue-speaking and whether the Genesis flood was local or global, that added to the protracted disagreements (p 217-219). Thereafter, each B-P church went its own way, and did that which was right in its own eyes. Nothing of the foregoing, however, can be compared to the momentous events of the last 15 years or so, when Life BPC sought to evict FEBC from its premises at Gilstead Road over the issue of the perfect Bible, the High Court lawsuit and the final vindication by the Court of Appeal.

It would be remiss of me not to mention the impact Dr Tow had on me. Who can forget his constant and consistent messages at SGH? Armed with the overhead projector and his black and white slides, this watchman of God warned against the “isms” of the day, the Man of Sin, godless evolution, and corrupt modern English bible translations. He was consumed with a passion to save souls. In his book, Footprints in the Sands of Time, he wrote how, as a young child, he was awakened one morning by the mournful wailing of a woman bent over a man who had collapsed and died in the back alley. “Where has the man’s soul gone to? Why must man die?” Such were his searching questions even as a young child. In his SGH message, Dr Tow followed up with OHP images of mushroom clouds over Hiroshima and Nagasaki, victims of US atomic bombing that ended World War II. Again he asked, “Where are the souls of the more than 100,000 victims now?”

In soul-winning, as in all other areas, he did everything with a full-hearted devotion to the Lord, be it church planting from Canada to Australia, helming the church's weekly pastoral letter, and even leading the Golden Years Fellowship members to Penang, many of whom were younger than him in years! The song "Let Me Burn Out for Thee" – curated by Dr Tow in "More Songs in the Night" – embodied his self-denying spirit in his service to his Master. It is not improbable that, as the song goes, he drew so close to the Lord he could not help but feel the throb of the great heart of God.

All this while, we were not Calvinians, and watched him from afar. Yet he was beyond kindness to us, seeking often to have fellowship dinner with us, even in his home where he would personally whip up his legendary noodle dish. Often we have asked ourselves, "Why should we merit his favour, given that we are not even in the commonwealth of Calvary?"

Thanks be to God that Dr Tow has left his legacy, which we have heard and seen as witnesses, to "faithful men" in the spirit of 2 Timothy 2:2. In order not to repeat the mistakes of history, may God grant Calvary Pandan stewards ever faithful to the "B-P" heritage.

The "B" stands for the Bible. We are to observe that Calvary Pandan's "faithful men" remain true to the Bible, as they are now, affirming that it is the very Word of God, down to the last jot and tittle. In all the ministries and activities of Calvary Pandan, the Word of God must be central, as it is now. The Bible is to be appealed to as the final arbiter in all matters. May Calvary Pandan be spared the liberalism and compromise prevalent in the final days of the Synod.

The "P" is for presbytery, or the church leaders. Truly the Lord's mercy is manifested in the unity of the leadership in Calvary Pandan. The Bible exhorts us to give honour and respect to those who rule over us with the fear of God in their hearts and according to His Word, because they have to account to a higher authority. Let us be mindful that in the earlier instances of disagreements in the B-P Church, the dissent came from within the leadership. We do well to pray without ceasing for unity and like-mindedness in the presbytery based on the Word, written and Living.

To all our newfound friends in Calvary Pandan, we treasure the peace and unity here, and take great delight in the friendships forged with you in fellowship meetings and at family bible camps.

Finally, every church needs to grow, even from within. As generations are called home to be with the Lord, successive younger cohorts must step up to the plate. In this regard, we take great comfort in the many youths and younger adults who attend Tuesday night prayer meetings, some arriving in their working attire, and even in their school uniforms. The SGH also is well attended by a wide age group of worshippers.

What will Calvary Pandan's next 40 years be like, if the Lord tarries? When He returns, will He find Calvinians holding the B-P fort out of conviction that the movement is honouring to Him? Every Calvinian must "stand fast ... quit you like men" that the perfect Bible and biblical separation are the bedrock of B-P fundamentalism. May this belief be so unshakeable that he will "purpose in his heart" to defend it at all costs should the test come.

## Bro Benjamin Tan

I grew up worshipping in Life BP Church with my family, under the preaching and teaching of Rev Timothy Tow. Following Rev Tow's departure in 2003 due to the debate over the doctrine of the Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP) of Scriptures, my family and I moved to Berean BP church where we worshipped for several years.

In 2009, at the invitation of a brother-in-Christ, I joined the NUS FCM ministry, where I gradually came to know more brethren from Calvary Pandan. In 2010, my family and I were invited to join the Bible study taught by Rev Quek on Sunday afternoons at 4.30pm, which was covering the book of Joshua then. The faithful teaching of Scripture, the godly counsel and clear biblical principles for holy living, and the words of encouragement and comfort taught through these sessions, greatly ministered to all of us who attended. These Bible study sessions soon became a weekly source of joy and instruction that my friends, family and I looked forward to. In time, I also learnt of the Sunset Gospel Hour service that followed these Bible study sessions, and began attending the SGH services, for what better way to end the LORD's day than to spend it in His house?

By God's provision and leading, I was given the opportunity to participate in several activities organised by Calvary Pandan. 2011 marked the first time I attended Pandan's church camp, together with some church friends. That year, I was also given my first opportunity to serve in Calvary Pandan, at the SGH service. Unexpectedly, my mother was diagnosed

with cancer in 2012 and had to undergo chemotherapy treatment. As a result of my mother's treatment, her immunity levels dipped to very low levels, resulting in her having to stay home, save for required visits to the hospital. My other family members and I took turns staying at home with her each LORD's Day to take care of her. By God's provision yet again, we were informed of the live-streaming and recording of Calvary Pandan's morning worship services, which became invaluable resources that allowed us to worship the LORD and receive the faithful preaching of God's Word each LORD's Day during those months.

Eventually, by the LORD's appointment, my family and I were led to begin regular worship in Calvary Pandan in 2013. While Calvary Pandan was a natural choice given its faithful pulpit ministry, the decision to change churches was neither a quick nor easy one. However, the LORD's working and provision was evident every step of the way, and clearly showed us His Will.

Since joining Calvary Pandan, we have continued to receive numerous blessings, such as (1) the faithful preaching and teaching of God's word, which helped us to regain the peace of worship, (2) abundant provision of opportunities to study the bible, where we can grow in the grace and knowledge of God, (3) provision of opportunities for service, (4) lessons on unity in Christ, (5) provision of godly examples in brethren both young and old, and (6) provision of fellowship with like-minded brothers- and sisters-in-Christ. It is my prayer that the LORD will continue to sustain Calvary Pandan as a faithful witness and testimony for His glory, till He returns.

**Sis Esther Goh**

THE WORD OF GOD

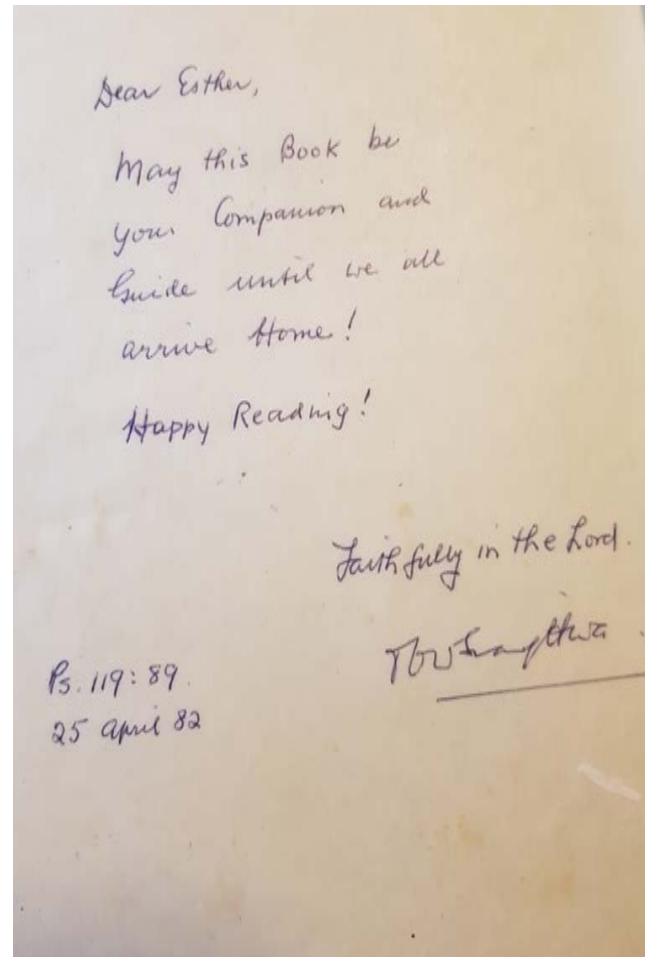
The Word of God – it sanctifies the sinner’s heart,  
At Calvary, Satan’s vanquished, sin and eternal death depart;  
Pardon, peace, faith and life everlasting are bestowed  
By God’s redeeming love that never will grow cold.

The Word of God – is the Christian’s Sword,  
By it many a spirtual battle has been fought;  
With Jesus, Captain of our soul  
Leading onward to victory as we go.

The Word of God – is panacea for all ills,  
With the Holy Spirit, saints of God are filled;  
May our lives beckon others to Christ our Lord  
Eternal praise and glory be unto God.

The Word of God – it will never fail,  
Though from every side problems may assail;  
All its promises therein are true  
For God Himself will always see us through.

The Word of God – is the breath of Him,  
Who sits enthroned above all supreme;  
May this Book of Books our Guide and Companion be  
Till the Roll is called yonder, and we be Home with Thee.





# Memories





Ground Claiming Service, 1977



Church building, 1980-90s



Bible Study Group, 1980s



Ladies Fellowship, 1980s



Young Adults Fellowship Outing, 1980s



Youth Fellowship Camp, 1980s



Calvary Pandan B-P Church 3<sup>rd</sup> Anniversary, 1982



Church Camp at Fraser's Hill, 1982



Adults Fellowship, 1982



Church Camp at Port Dickson, 1984



Youth Fellowship Chinese New Year Visitation, 1985



Young Adults Fellowship Camp at Pasir Ris Chalet, 1986



Church Camp at Port Dickson, 1986



Church Camp at Genting, Awana, 1988



Church Camp at Cameron Highlands, 1987



Calvary Missions to Children, 1989



Calvary Missions to Children, 1990



Junior Worship Teachers' Meeting, 1994



Young Adults Fellowship Retreat, 1994



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Calvary Missions to Children, 1996



Sunday School Primary 6 Bible Quiz, 1996



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Church Camp at Hotel Equatorial Bangi, Putrajaya, 1999



Youth Fellowship Outing, 1999



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Youth Fellowship Outing, 2000



Youth Fellowship, 2000



Combined Jurong - Pandan Youth Fellowship, 2001



Church Camp at Malacca, Hotel Riviera, 2001



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Choir presenting at Church 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, Orchard Hotel, 2004



Young Adults Fellowship Exco Retreat, 2005



Church Camp at Genting, Awana, 2006



Young Adults Fellowship Retreat, 2007



Adults Fellowship, 2008



Golden Years Care Group at Penang, Hotel Equitorial, 2009



Church Camp at Kuala Lumpur, Glenmarie, 2011



Youth Fellowship with Dr Tow, 2011



Combined Youth Conference, 2011



Church Camp at Gambang, 2012



Youth Fellowship at Church Camp, Gambang, 2012



Ushers, 2012



Bring Your Own Bread, 2013



Combined FCM Meeting, 2013



Ladies Fellowship, 2014



Senior Adults Fellowship, 2014



Youth Fellowship at Dr Tow's place, 2014



Church Camp at Putra Jaya, Marriott, 2014



Church Camp at Putra Jaya, Marriott, 2014



Year End Service, 2015



Combined True Life - Pandan Young Adults Fellowship Meeting, 2016



Mandarin Congregation, 2017



Youth Fellowship Camp at Mersing, 2018



Church Camp at Putra Jaya, Marriott, 2018



Church Camp at Kuala Lumpur, Renaissance, 2019

*“For even the Son of man came  
not to be ministered unto, but to minister,  
and to give his life a ransom for many.”*

Mark 10:45

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*“Behold, his soul which is lifted up is not upright in him:  
but the just shall live by his faith.”*

Habakkuk 2:4



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