



# Welcome to our Church



**Our Vision** "To be the bride of Christ ready at His return."  
**Our Mission** "We spur one another to grow as disciples of Christ living out fully God's purposes for our lives."

**Rooted in the Living Word Empowered by the Holy Spirit Abiding in Christ only Daring to Hope and to Love Yielding Fruit To God's Glory**

**Theme:** "Empowered By The Holy Spirit"  
**Topic:** "How does the Holy Spirit Work?"  
**Scriptures:** Acts 2:1-13, Eph 5:15-21, Gal 5:25

**Service:** 8-9.30am and 10-11.45am  
**Speaker:** Chairman Elder Jimmy Tan

## 1. What have we done with the Holy Spirit?

- ⇒ Often neglected, misunderstood, the Holy Spirit (HS) is co-equal in the Trinity (the "Spirit of God", Rom 15:19), thus a Person with personality and feeling, not mere force or certainly not a ghost. He is the one through whom all that God does in the world is accomplished.
- ⇒ In the OT, the HS was involved at Creation, enabled "heroes of faith" to do His work as it could not have been done otherwise (Zech 4:6).
- ⇒ Jesus was conceived by the HS & ministered in the power of the HS to do good, heal, teach, preach, train the disciples. Through the HS, Jesus offered himself without blemish as a sacrifice at Calvary (Heb 9:14) and by the same mighty power, Jesus was raised from the dead (Rom 8:11).
- ⇒ HS, as the "another Helper" promised by Jesus (Jn 14:16), birthed the church at Pentecost. From Jesus = "God with us", it was now HS = "God in us". HS indwells all true believers affirming us as children of God, causing us to bear His Fruit (Gal 5:23), sovereignly distributes to each His spiritual gifts.

Question: Are we filled with Him, the Holy Spirit (Eph 5:18), pervaded by His power and influence?

## 2. How do we "work" with the Holy Spirit?

Andrew Bonar, 19<sup>th</sup> century Scottish minister: "All merit is in the Son, all power is in the Holy Spirit."

The Holy Spirit works powerfully when:

- a) We P \_\_\_\_\_ in the Spirit (Eph 6:18) with P \_\_\_\_\_ & thanksgiving (Eph 5:19,20).
- b) We stay as O \_\_\_\_\_ even as we serve Him (Eph 4:1-16).
- c) We W \_\_\_\_\_ for Him (Acts 1:8) and do what we W \_\_\_\_\_ Him doing (Eph 5:15-17)
- d) We E \_\_\_\_\_ our weaknesses to Him (2 Cor 10:9-10).
- e) We R \_\_\_\_\_ control to Him (Eph 5:18, Gal 5:25).

### Questions:

1. What has been your own experience of the Holy Spirit?
2. The Holy Spirit is God's agent on earth to do His will in and through us. How can you specifically allow Him better access, to keep on being filled with Him?

**My Response:** Our Response during the service is an act of worship. Do write your reflections on a Response Form and place it in either of the Offering bags or in the Black Box at the Hall entrance. **Holy Communion:** We welcome baptized believers to join in the Lord's Supper.

**Offering: Red Bag - General & Ministry Fund/Blue Bag - Missions Fund.**

**It's 2013!** Our Theme Verse "Since we are living by the Spirit, let us follow the Spirit's leading in every part of our lives." Gal 5:25

## New Pulpit Series "Empowered by the Holy Spirit"

We ought to be fully "charismatic" and not charis-phobic or charis-maniac, yet many struggle to live victorious and empowered lives. We hope to begin the year by better appreciating and appropriating His role in our "spirit"ual walk. Specifically, this series hope to look at 4 "actions" of the Holy Spirit:

**Today:** How does the Holy Spirit *Work*? Speaker: Chairman Elder Jimmy Tan

**20 Jan:** How does the Holy Spirit *Enable*? Speaker: Elder Melville Szto

**27 Jan:** How does the Holy Spirit *Save*? Speaker: Elder Danny Chua

## Plugged-on-Prayer (POP) #1/2013, Fri 18 Jan @ 8pm



Come let us consecrate ourselves at the start of 2013. Calling all Cells & Ministries to re-commit ourselves as ONE Church Family. Make this POP a pleasing offering to Him!

## Recent Happenings...

**Grow@noon...** Praise God! About 100 youth & adults came together last Sunday to launch Grow@noon at our Sanctuary.



**Post-TGBCG2 Welcome Lunch...** 70 Guests & Frankelites came together to affirm their new found faith or commitment to explore further. Pray that each will continue to grow by taking part in the courses lined-up.



SHEPHERDS' STAFF



## Appreciation Sunday Lunch cum Shepherds' Staff #1/2013, Sun 27 Jan

For: All shepherds, Cell Leaders, assistant leaders, Teachers & Ministry heads... At the start of each year, we appreciate & commend you, our leaders.

In appreciation of your labor of love, we would like to invite you to lunch immediately after 10am service, at the Tarpaulin, followed by Shepherds' Staff in the Main Sanctuary from 2pm - 5pm. Rev Tan Soo-Inn will lead a special session for us.

Kindly **RSVP to shirleysoo@bfec.org.sg** your attendance for lunch & meeting by next **Sun 20 Jan** (Note: your spouse is also invited to the lunch).

## Last Week's Service...

Luke 8:18 "Consider carefully how you listen."

**Quote:** The Spirit speaks mainly and most clearly through the Word of God.

**Quote:** A consequence of a lifestyle of disobedience is that the more the Spirit speaks, the less our hardened hearts will be able to decipher what He is saying.

**Our Response:** "Father, thank You that You speak to us today through Your Word and the Spirit. We pray for grace to learn to listen to You, to reading Your Word regularly, and to obeying what we hear. May we exercise caution regarding subjective revelatory experiences, and examine them in the light of Your Word. We also pray that we'll humbly listen to what others have to say, since the Spirit may speak to others too. Finally, let us recognize that faith comes by hearing, i.e. is based on what is unseen, that which is eternal."



Frankel Intercessors Ready Everywhere & Everytime

Have A Prayer Request? Write it on in the Response Form so we can alert the F.I.R.E. team to pray with you.

**This month's prayer focus...** May we come before the Lord together to intercede for the work He has set before 5 of our staff – Lindis Szto; Hwang Ching Yun; Elder Melville Szto & Salome and Christ Letchumanan. Copies are available at the entrance.

**Cheer Gift... Last Call** Praise God \$160,771.10 has been received (Last year: \$213,482.45). If you have not done so, you may still contribute by **TODAY**. Place cash or cheques in the designated envelopes available in the pews & at the entrance, seal & place them in any offering bag. Please address cheques to: Bethesda Frankel Estate Church.

## Teaching & Equipping Courses

### 1. Growing in Christ Course

We have organized this 5-session class to anchor new believers as well as equip those who want to help others in the faith.

**Dates:** Starting Today, 20 Jan, 3 Feb, 17 Feb & 24 Feb

**Topics:**

- Assurance of Salvation
- Assurance of Answered Prayer
- Assurance of Victory
- Assurance of Forgiveness
- Assurance of Guidance

**Time:** 12-1.30pm **Venue:** Vineyard (level 2 of the church)

**Register** with Shirley Soo (98159427) today!

### 2. Precept Bible Study on Matthew 1 - 13

Commencing: fortnightly Thu 24 Jan onwards, 7.45 - 10pm.

Breaks for CNY 14 & 21 Feb & Term 1 Holidays.

Cost \$25 (course book & refreshment). **Venue:** Vineyard.

### 3. Hermeneutics 101

Fri 1 Feb (8 - 10pm) and Sat 2 Feb (9am - 1pm)

Free Admission. **Venue:** Chapel.

**For 2 & 3, register with Lim Seow Cheng (91081935) today.**



### Marriage Preparation Classes

This 6-lesson compulsory module for pre-marriage couples will begin in March if at least 3 couples are signed up. For couples intending to marry in 2nd half of 2013 or early 2014 as well as courting couples who wish to discover more about themselves and the marriage covenant before they say "I Do!" Please contact Evelyn for enquiries and registration. **Closing date 3 Feb 13.**



### 9214 Frankel Lights 1 Day Johore Kg Sarang

**Buaya Trip, Thu 24 Jan, 7.30am - 8pm (meet in church by 7.15am).** Itinerary include: Farm visits - pineapple, oil palm, rubber, coffee; See gula Melaka processing; Shopping; Lunch & dinner. Cost \$60 per person. Cheque payable to "Transinex Pte Ltd". Limited seats. Register early with Edwin Tan (9011-7812)

### Congratulations!

We rejoice with Jocelyn & Brian Tan on the birth of their 2nd child, Nathan Joshua Tan on 8 Jan 13. A grandson to Daniel & Irene Tan.



## OTHER MEETINGS THIS WEEK

**9214 (Seniors) Fellowship** (Sun 10am); Exercise (Mon 8am); Frankel Lights (Mon 9.30-11am); Games (Thu 3pm)

**International Fellowship** (Filipino & Indonesian) 3rd flr Classrm 4, 10 - 11.40am.

**Ladies Ministry** Tue 8pm - Speaker: Dr Jane Chan

**Church Prayer Ministry** Fri 8pm Plugged-on-Prayer

**Foreign Indian Workers' Fellowship** Sat 9pm, Grd floor classrm at playground

**Reminder: Please submit any announcement for consideration in the next bulletin by Tuesday.**