



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: "The Marvels of Christmas"
Topic: "The Prophets Foretold Him– The Incredible Prophecies Concerning His Birth!"
Key Verses: "Isaiah 9:6-7"

Service: 8-9.30am and 10-11.45am
Speaker: Elder Jeffrey Goh

INTRODUCTION

1. SOME PROPHECIES CONCERNING HIS BIRTH

- How He Would Arrive
- Who He Was
- What He Would Be To His People

2. HOW THAT MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED

3. THERE IS STILL A MESSAGE TO PROCLAIM

CONCLUSION

QUESTIONS FOR GROUP DISCUSSION

1. Discuss the Prophecies concerning Jesus' birth fulfilled

- The Heir to the Throne of David (Isa 9:7, 11:1-5, Matt 1: 1,6)
- Born of a Virgin (Isa 7:14, Matt 1:18, Lk 1:26-35)

2. Discuss why the Jews rejected the words of God's Prophets (Matt 5:11)

3. Explain how Jesus would to His people be called a Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father and Prince of Peace (Isaiah 9:6)

4. From Malachi to Matthew, God chooses not to speak through man to His people. Why?

5. There is still a message to proclaim after the birth of Jesus. What is this message and how can we do so?

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.

Dear Frankelites & friends,

Welcome to our baptism services today. In the midst of vacations, I am glad we have made time to come together to witness this important milestone for our fellow brother and sisters in Christ.

We are less than a month to another important event in our church calendar - Christmas! It means so much to us that this year our members have put together a special program called, "The Great Big Christmas Giveaway 2".

Listening to the songs and story line, I believe it will be just as good if not better than the first version 3 years ago! But whether you've watched the first one, do come join us. Bring your whole family along!

Warm wishes on behalf of the BFEC family, Elder Jimmy

THE GREAT BIG CHRISTMAS GIVEAWAY 2 A GAMESHOW LIKE NO OTHER! Dates Showtime Sat 22 Dec 7.30pm Sun 23 Dec 7.30pm Tue 25 Dec 11am

Have you secured your admission tickets yet? Sign up at the booth or register online! http://www.bfec.org.sg/christmas/register-now/new-additional-tickets/

Take a minute to pray for TGBCG2! BFEC will begin to pray everyday at 10pm for TGBCG2. Will you pray together with us every night, even if just for a minute? Please use this time to pray for your guests, for the show to run smoothly and for God's name to be glorified.



You can still give to TGBCG2 We thank God for the \$11,400 raised so far to fund special door gifts for all guests. Target: \$15,000. Address your cheque to "Bethesda Frankel Estate Church" indicating "TGBCG2" on the back before dropping it into any offering bag. Please place cash in a sealed envelope, indicating in front, "TGBCG2".

Baptism Services Today

Let us rejoice with our 13 brothers & sisters as they go through the waters of baptism.

Baptisers: Elder Ong Paak Loey Deacon Ng Geok Chye

- 8am Service: Chinese Ministry: Lim Ah Hian 林雅轩 Lee Ah Moey 李秀兰 Zhang Huiwen 张惠文 Wen Xiaomeng 温潇萌 Chua Jong Haw 蔡润浩 Kelvin Yong 杨人杰 10am Service: Jessica Tan Jeannie Lim Isabel Tan Hui-Yi Bertram Lee Darius Lum Eryn Woon Joel Tan Chun Leong

Today, our General Worker, Chua Jong Haw is getting baptized... Praise the Lord!



We also welcome brother Gordon Tan Siak Heng who has transferred in to our church family.

Dec Pulpit Series...

"The Marvels of Christmas" Let us recapture the awe of the prophecies fulfilled at His birth, the miracle of His birth, as well as the amazement of the shepherds and wisemen who encountered Him. May we come away resolved to treasure and respond to the "glory of the One and Only who came from the Father, full of grace and truth" (Jn 1:14).

- 2 Dec: The Prophets Foretold Him... The Incredible Prophecies Concerning His Birth! Elder Jeffrey Goh 9 Dec: The Holy Spirit Conceived Him... The Impossible Miracle of His Birth! Elder Caleb Chua 16 Dec: The Shepherds Find Him... The Indescribable Joy of Discovering Jesus! Dr John Ng * 23 Dec: The Wisemen Seek Him... The Incalculable Worth of Knowing Jesus! Brother Simon Wan * only 9am Service

Please Note: ONE Combined Worship Service on

* Sun 23 Dec @ 9am

* Tue 25 Dec Christmas Day @ 11am (Service will take the form of TGBCG2)



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.

Cheer Gift 2012... This year, our traditional Christmas Cheer Gift offerings will be received during Sunday Services on 9, 16 & 23 Dec. May we prayerfully consider setting aside this gift, to be put in envelopes provided next week marked "Cheer Gift Offering" created for your use. As before, the Cheer Gifts received will be distributed to our full-time, pastoral, missionary staff, associated missionaries and the needy. Cheques must be addressed to "Bethesda Frankel Estate Church" and not to any individual or ministry.



Recruitment for 8am Service...



- Pianist, please contact Lindis Szto and Volunteers to prepare The Lord's Supper, please contact Evelyn Tan.

BFEC Church Camp 2013... Join the BFEC family for a fulfilling time of fellowship, fun & spiritual renewal.

Date: 7-10 June 2013 Venue: Pullman Hotel, Putrajaya Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Siang-Yang

If you miss this, you will have to wait till 2015 for the next camp, so lock the dates in your calendars now! Registration opens in February 2013.



Council Away... Elder Ernest Chew is away from 2 to 9 Dec attending the Advancing Ethical Research Conference at San Diego, California.

OTHER MEETINGS THIS WEEK

9214 (Seniors) Fellowship (Sun 10am); Exercise (Mon 8am); Games (Thu 3pm). Frankel Lights - closed for year-end school holidays. Resume on 7 Jan.

International Fellowship (IF) (Filipino & Indonesian) 10am - 2pm Open Terrace - Thanksgiving & Christmas Celebration

Ladies Ministry Tue 8pm Speaker: Mrs Peck Suat Mui Book study of Micah, Chap 5 & 6

Church Prayer Ministry Fri 8pm Topic: "God's Inexpressible Gift" Speaker: Chua Hoe Chin Chairperson: Soontheri

Foreign Indian Workers' Fellowship (FIWF) Sat 8.30 - 10pm Venue: Sanctuary & Tarpaulin. Dinner: 8.30pm. Service: 9pm. Appeal for volunteers with cars (preferably men) to help ferry the migrant workers from their sites/dormitories at Geylang, Paya Lebar, Ubi, Kaki Bukit to church. Those able to help please contact Letch (HP: 93870245).

Last Week's Service...

Habakkuk 3:2 "LORD, I have heard of your fame; I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD. Renew them in our day, in our time make them known; in wrath remember mercy."

Quote: "It is hard for us to accept that God really does know better than we do. We need to accept that it is better for God's will to be done than for our will to be done."

Our Response: "Father, You are sovereign, powerful, glorious, merciful and just. In the end, people of all nations will bow to You. But here and now, crises occur and circumstances may appear bleak. During such times, we pray for grace to be patient and remain faithful. Please help us to change our perspective from questions like "How long ...?" and "Why ...?", to praying that You will carry out Your purposes while exercising mercy, and to move to confident trust, come what may. May we remind ourselves of the truths we already know*, but need to grasp more firmly in perplexing times. Please help us to rise above circumstances and rejoice in You.

* i.e. reflect on what You have done in the past and look forward to the promised return of Christ.

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