



Welcome to our Church



1 Thessalonians 5:8: But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, putting on faith and love as a breastplate, and the hope of salvation as a helmet.

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

Topic : Persistence Under Persecution

Scriptures : Acts 4:1-31, 5:17-42, 6:8-15, 7:54-60

Services : - 8am & 10am service

Speaker : - Dr David Tan (Wycliffe)

Acts 4:31 After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

Introduction - The lack of persecution may actually be an anomaly. Even today, there are many places in the world where Christians are being persecuted.

Q1. When will Christians face persecution?

Christians will face persecution when we are **counter-cultural** while the mainstream culture rejects Christ, and **we continue to obey God despite opposition from men.**

Q2. How should Christians face persecution?

Christians **should not resist** those who persecute us, but should be **filled with the Holy Spirit** so that we can be **bold and courageous to persist in speaking the truth, and in proclaiming Christ in our ministry.**

Q3. What will be the result of persecution?

Suffering - some will be delivered, but not everyone will escape death. "...they will put some of you to death." (Luke 21:16)

It is through persecution that the Great Commission will be fulfilled. We are faced with the stark reality that suffering and persecution are part of God's plan. It is a core part of God's strategy for the fulfilment of the Great Commission which he has given us.

Conclusion

Reflection Questions

- Are we counter-cultural and faithful in obeying God rather than men?
- Are we filled with the Holy Spirit so that we can be bold and courageous to persist in speaking the truth and proclaiming Christ in our ministry even if we face opposition?
- How can we pray for and support missionaries, and brothers and sisters-in-Christ who work or live under "hostile regimes"?

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. **Holy Communion:** We welcome baptized believers to join in the Lord's Supper.

Tithes & Offerings: Giving cheerfully & sacrificially of our finances is part of our worship. Giving serves as a constant reminder that God is our provider, & we seek to honour Him with our tithes & offerings. **Red Bag** - General & Ministry Fund, **Blue Bag** - Missions Fund. Please address your cheque to: "Bethesda Frankel Estate Church".

Pioneers & Partners in the Acts of the Holy Spirit

3 Apr	Plan & Passion: Partnership with the Holy Spirit	Elder Alex Lo
10 Apr	People Power: Serving People; Praying People	Bro Henry Tan
17 Apr	Preaching & Proving: Saving & Healing Power of the Gospel	Dr Tan Lai Yong
TODAY	Persistence Under Persecution: Speaking Truth in the Midst of Persecution	Dr David Tan (Wycliffe)
1 May	Purity Under Pressure: Internal Challenges	Elder Melville Szto

Frankelites on Missions

Mission Trip to Temerloh — 6 to 8 May

A team of 11 will bring provisions & clothing, teach in the Sunday School, & work on a water piping project for a local church. Prayers & love gifts appreciated. Contact Kong Kin Piew (98562804 kpkong@mylittleweb.net) for details.

Love Karimun Project Briefing TODAY

Serve as a friend and more. For those keen to be involved in the Love Karimun Project, meet Henry Tan TODAY (24 Apr) 2.30pm at the Upper Room to find out more.

Who's My Neighbour Project — 1 May

A special BFEC project to reach out to our immediate neighbours on 1 May from 12 noon to 3.30pm. Lunch will be provided. We will pack & distribute hampers on the same day. Please sign up at the booth outside the Annexe. For more details, contact Siew Hian at 91396543.

BFEC's 42nd AGM Combined Worship Service on Sun 15 May, 9.30am

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING It is the privilege and duty of members to participate in this special "annual general meeting" worship service as a time for celebration and thanksgiving. All, including non-members, are welcome. Every time we gather as believers, the Lord is present, even on AGM Sunday.

Affirming your membership is indeed right. As such, Article 5 of our Articles of Association states: "All members of the church shall at such intervals and in such manner as may be required by the Church Council, affirm their membership, failing which, such members shall be transferred from the Register of members to a subsidiary register upon which their membership shall ipso facto be suspended, provided that the Church Council shall have discretion to restore a person where a reasonable explanation has been given."

Let us make it our goal to affirm our membership at this AGM service. I am confident the Lord will be pleased and all of us mutually blessed.

In Him,
Elder Alex Lo, Chairman, BFEC

- **Election of New Deacon** The Elders are pleased to commend Kelvin Ng for election to serve the Lord as Deacon at the coming AGM
- **Annual Report & Audited Accounts** are available for members. Please sign for it at the church office. (One copy per family)
- In the interest of giving more opportunities for prayerfully considered questions and answers within the constraints of time during the AGM, **the Council invites members who have questions/suggestions to submit them in writing to the Church Secretary** either by hand or email to seowcheng@bfec.org.sg, **by 8 May 2016**. Remember to include your full name. During the AGM, priority will be given to oral clarifications arising out of answers to pre-submitted questions.
- **Creche, KSS, JSS** will be open. Parents, please note & bring your children to the worship segment first at 9.30am.
- **Grow@Noon youth** will join in this service and not meet separately on this date.
- **Chinese Service members** will jointly participate in this service from the Chapel (via video cross-over at 10am).
- Regular Frankelites who are non-members are all welcome to join in this AGM service.
- As before, the AGM will end with **lunch fellowship**.



Frankel Intercessors Ready Everywhere & everytime
Have A Prayer Request? Write it in the Response Form so we can alert the **F.I.R.E.** team to pray with you.



Our Condolences and Love to...
Lindy, Desmond, Thaddeus & family, on the homecall of Lindy's grandmother, Mdm Katherine Chin, on Sunday 17 Apr 2016.



Christians At Frankel Estate, Let's Eat And Fellowship
Choice of Spaghetti Bolognese or Bacon Aglio Olio, with a special dessert, at \$4 a serving. Served with love by the International Fellowship Ministry.
Cafe Leaf **Guests, please let us host you on the house.**

Family Day Combined Service, 8 May, 9:30am



Join us for a special combined service to reflect on the importance of family. Special items will be put up by KSS, JSS, Grow@Noon and the Young Adults ministries.
A celebration lunch will be served after the service. There will not be separate 8am & 10am service that day.

moMentum 2016 tickets are sold out.

Pray that the 66 Frankelites who have signed up, will catch the vision of moMentum 2016, to be the revival generation that defends the Truth in love, & become the godly change a morally-bankrupt world needs to taste & see.



Suntec Convention Centre | 1 May 7.30pm - 10.00pm | 2 May 9.00am - 6.00pm



Join over 200 brethren at Partners in the Harvest (PITH) 2016 Ready Feet Conference to be held at JogJakarta, Indonesia from 18 - 21 July. Organised once every three years, PITH presents several key brethren missions work in South East & East Asia. There is an optional practicum (21 - 23 July) where you can join an interfaith peace camp, experience a village homestay or learn how to use sports to befriend those from different faiths. Conference costs only US\$140 for twin sharing which excludes airfare. Do contact Elder Alex Lo (alex.lo@bfec.org.sg) who will be leading a team to the conference or visit <http://pith-ao.org> for more information.

OTHER MEETINGS

- **Cell Groups...** 51 cell groups meet during the week. To join one, contact Shirley Soo Tel: 62414622 Email: ShirleySoo@bfec.org.sg
- **9214 (Seniors):** Bible Study & Fellowship (Sun 10am @ ClassRmA1); FrankeLights (Bible Study) (Mon 10am-11.30am @ Vineyard) Games @ Upper Rm (Tue 6pm, Thu 3pm, Sat 9.30am)
- **Ladies' Group:** Tue 8pm @ Annexe
5/4 Mrs Leong King Ting 12/4 Mrs Peck Suat Mui
19/4 Mrs Janet Armstrong 26/4 Mrs Ang Woon Chuan
- **Church Prayer Ministry:** Fri 8pm @ Chapel
8/4 Michael Mak : Parable of the Loaned Money (Matt 25:14-30)
15/4 Marcus Wong : Parable on the Friend at Midnight (Luke 11:5-8)
22/4 Melville Szto : Parable on the Unjust Judge (Luke 18:1-8)
29/4 Paul's Tan's Cell Group Open sharing
- **Peranakan Ministry:** 2nd & 4th Sat 4pm @ Chapel
23/4 Hati sebagai seorang hamba : Mr William Tan
14/5 Yesus, Penglibatan dan Tauliah yang Besar : Pastor Felix Lo
- **Foreign Indian Workers' Fellowship:** Sat 9pm @ Class Rm A1
- **International Fellowship (Indonesian & Filipino):** Sun 10am - 11.40am @ Lvl 3 Excel Room & Class Rm C3
- **WAG:** Sat 30 Apr 7.30pm - Speaker: Jonathan Cortes
Topic: Ushering Christ's Return (Matthew 24:14)
Venue: Home of Ng Kim Geok, 9 Eunus Crescent #08-2695
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