



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: "Habakkuk (OT) - Answering Life's Toughest Questions"

Service: 8-9.30am and 10-11.45am

Topic: "Where is God when I need Him?"

Speaker: Dr Philip Satterwaite

Scripture Texts: Habakkuk 1:1-11

'O LORD, how long shall I cry for help, and you will not listen?' (Hab. 1:2)

Introduction

'O LORD, How long?' 'Where is God when I need him?' 'Why doesn't God *do* something?'

'I don't know what God is doing.' 'Is this all there is?' 'Everything is so frustrating.'

The historical setting: late C7; Judah alone; Babylonian power on the rise.

Habakkuk: an unusual prophetic book, in the form of a *dialogue*.

1. Wickedness and Injustice in God's People (1:2-4)

- Wrongdoing, trouble, destruction, violence
- The law 'becomes slack', is 'paralysed'; justice is 'perverted'
- These are *covenant* violations; God's people has forgotten its calling
- But wickedness in God's people is not Habakkuk's main focus.

2. God's 'Amazing' Response (1:5-11)

- The Babylonians (Chaldeans): a swift and violent invasion
- Remember the covenant curses (Lev. 26; Deut. 28)
- Judgment on Judah is now inevitable (cf. 2 Kings 21)
- The Babylonians: a righteous people? Hardly!

3. What Kind of a Solution is this?

- A little drastic?
- On reading Habakkuk after Nahum: Nahum's joy, Habakkuk's bewilderment
- Habakkuk and the modern world

Conclusion

Our calling: to witness by our lives

Our calling: to wait in faith.

Questions for Discussion

- 'Where is God when I need him?' What is right about asking a question like that? And what is wrong?
- Wrongdoing, trouble, destruction, violence, perverted justice: do we see these things or their equivalents in parts of the church today? In ourselves? What should our response be when we see these things in the world around us?
- Habakkuk at least faces reality in its most troubling aspects: is there a comfort to be found in that?
- Is it enough to say that we must 'witness by our lives' and 'wait in faith'?

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.

New Pulpit Series starting next week... **Habakkuk (OT)**
Answering Life's Toughest Questions

As a spokesman for a country in crisis, Habakkuk had major issues with God's discipline method. Just where was he when they needed him most? Why wasn't he doing anything about the injustices that threatened his people? Was he even fair? Or trustworthy? Perhaps you relate in some way to these questions. His Word delivers answers to both Habakkuk's and your genuine search. This series is helmed by Dr Philip Satterthwaite, working together with two home-speakers, brothers Daniel Lau and Samuel Ng.

4 Nov: "Where is God When I Need Him" (1:1-11) *Dr Philip Satterthwaite*

11 Nov: "God, Are You Really Fair?" (1:12-2:5) *Brother Daniel Lau*

18 Nov: "Does God Leave Sin Unpunished?" (2:6-20) *Brother Samuel Ng*

25 Nov: "Will I Get Through This?" (3:1-19) *Dr Philip Satterthwaite*

Plugged-On-Prayer, this Friday, 8pm in Church

A church-wide plugged on prayer session for TGBCG2. It takes much work, especially prayer, to run a successful Christmas event. Let's come united as ONE family to pray for TGBCG2 and other church related events.



7 weeks to TGBCG2...



Who are the unsaved friends or loved ones that God has placed in your heart?



Let us pray for them to be saved this Christmas!



Prayerfully write their names on the perforated tab of the booklet and put them inside the jar at the registration booth outside the church hall.

A group of faithful prayer warriors will join you in praying for them. Let us trust God to move them to come to TGBCG2!



Dates/Showtime	
Sat 22 Dec	7.30pm
Sun 23 Dec	7.30pm
Tue 25 Dec	11am

Please Note:

- There will be only **ONE Combined Worship Service** on
- * Sun 23 Dec @ 9am
- * Christmas Day @ 11am (Service will take the form of TGBCG2)

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: Mrs Eileen Satterthwaite

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

Peranakan Service Sat 4-5.30pm Topic: "Shine For Jesus" Speaker: Rev Douglas Goh Chairperson: Shirley/Evelyn Khoo

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



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.

Missions Prayer Focus... This month, let's pray for: Elder Roland & Ying Kheng Tan; Ng Tjoh Dju; Chow Hung Peng and Desmond & Lindy Teo. Pray also for the 4th Bible Distribution Trip, 3-10 Nov 12.



Our Condolences & Love to...

- Monika & Jimmy Tan on the homecall of Monika's sister Ta Sovanna (Sylvia) on 26 Oct 12 in Taiwan.
- Mdm Tan Chee Chee, Andrew & Winnie Teo, on the homecall of Andrew's father, Mr Teo Teck Ann on 28 Oct 12.

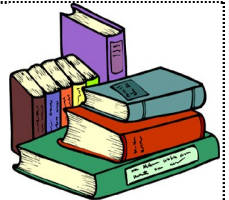
Appreciation & heartfelt thanks...



- ⇒ Elder Jim & Monika, together with the family of Monika's sister, Ta Sovanna (Sylvia Kuo), are deeply grateful to all Frankelites (including F.I.R.E.) who prayed & expressed love & concern during their recent bereavement.
- ⇒ Mdm Tan Chee Chee, Andrew & Winnie Teo would like to thank Council, Frankelites & FIRE warriors for praying and walking beside them during their recent bereavement.

Bookshop at your door-step...

BFEC Library is having a Book Bazaar at Tarpaulin today and next Sunday after worship services. Used books, contributed by church members will be sold at \$2 & \$5 each. In the spirit of 40-days of Community, receipts from the sale will be channelled to RADION International.



Every Day with Jesus Nov/Dec 2012

Is on sale at the church office.

Congratulations to...

Andrew Ang & Cheryl Chan on their Holy Matrimony yesterday, 3 Nov 12, solemnised by Elder Jimmy Tan.



Café Leaf... SK2 Fragrant Lemon

Chicken Rice with Egg Topping and Chin Chow dessert @ \$4. Served by Patrick Lee's group. Let us fellowship over lunch with one another.

