



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: "Empower By The Holy Spirit"
Topic: "How The Holy Spirit Speaks"
Scriptures: Acts 15: 1-21

Service: 8-9.30am and 10-11.45am
Speaker: Emeritus Bishop Robert Solomon

Introduction

Why this text?

A Troubling Question for the Church

The Jerusalem Council and what happened there.

We need to reflect on how the Holy Spirit spoke to the church on such a crucial matter.

The Spirit Speaks Mainly through the Word

1. The Spirit spoke most clearly through the Word.
2. But was not what the Pharisaic party insisted biblical?
3. The Reformation teaching on the Spirit and the Word – a lost connection today.

The Spirit Can Speak Outside Scripture But Will Never Contradict Scripture

Peter's experience

What the Spirit Says to You Must be Tested by What the Spirit says to Others in the Church

1. Peter, Paul and Barnabas.
2. Col 2:18-19
3. *Impressions*, by Martin Wells Knapp (1853-1901)

Conclusion

1. God still speaks today.
2. "Consider carefully how you listen" (Lk. 8:18).
3. Two implications.

Questions

1. Do you agree that the Holy Spirit speaks to us today mainly through the Word of God? Share from your experience what you have learned about the relationship between the Spirit and the Word.
2. How should we view the Bible – a "manufacturer's manual" or "constitution for living in the Kingdom" or a "personal letter from God" or a combination of these? How would our views affect the way we listen to the Holy Spirit when we read the Bible and meditate on it?
3. If Christians do not hear the Spirit speaking through the Word, what would be possible problems? Why are faith and obedience, and a desire to listen important in this process?
4. In what other ways do you think the Holy Spirit may speak to Christians? Share from your knowledge and experience. What can go wrong in over-relying on such experiences, and what precautions need to be taken?

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 *Speak*? Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon
- 13 Jan:** 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!

Let's lift up GROW@Noon



Our Youth Ministry, **Grow@noon**, is launched today!

- G**lorify God
- R**elationships – build godly fellowship and good bonds
- O**utreach
- W**ord - that we live in and by God's Word

Every Sunday
12-2pm
Sanctuary
For youths aged 13 to 18
Bethesda Frankel Estate Church
4 La Salle Street S(456930)

Join us on 6th January 2013 for the opening party!
12-2pm followed by food and fun.

Caplain's Bible Studies // Prayer Meetings // Annual Camp //
Island Trips // Bible Study // BBOs // Community Outreach
Programmes // Amazing IGIRace // Holiday Activities



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.

HAVE A BLESSED 2013 From BFEC Council:

May God's abounding love secure you, His joy strengthen you & His peace safeguard you as you in turn bless others!

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.



Cheer Gift... To date, \$137,005.10 has been received for the Cheer Fund Offering. (Last year: \$213,482.45). If you still wish to contribute, please do so today. Cheer Gift envelopes are available at the entrance.

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: Sundays 13 Jan, 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 the church office (64481800) or contact Shirley (98159427) or email shirleysoo@bfec.org.sg
Closing date: 8 January 2013

2. Precept Bible Study on Matthew 1 - 13

Commencing: fortnightly Thu 24 Jan onwards

3. Hermeneutics 101

Fri 1 Feb and Sat 2 Feb

For 2 & 3, please refer to the enclosed flyer for details.
Register at the table outside the annex (after Worship services) or with Seow Cheng at seowcheng@bfec.org.sg



SHEPHERDS' STAFF



Appreciation Sunday Lunch cum Shepherds' Staff #1/2013, Sun 26 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 **20 Jan** (Note: your spouse is also invited to the lunch).

Last Week's Service...

John 3:5 Jesus answered, "I tell you the truth, no one can enter the kingdom of God unless he is born of water and the Spirit."

Quote: "Regeneration is NOT reincarnation... To be re-born physically would mean that we will again be stained by Adam's sin. We need spiritual regeneration in this life, in order to receive eternal life."

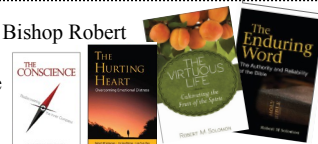
Our Response: "Father, thank You that because of the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus, the new birth involving the Spirit and becoming Your child are made possible to all who receive Jesus and believe in His name, with ensuing abundant/eternal life. We acknowledge Your love and grace, as spiritual regeneration is humanly impossible. We praise You for the mysterious ways in which the Spirit works: He cleanses us as we repent, dwells in us and transforms us to be more like Christ. We pray that we will be filled with the Spirit day by day, so that we will walk in the light and grow in increasing sanctification."



From Elder Jim & Monika: On behalf of our extended family, we thank all Frankelites for coming alongside with His comfort during the homecall of Monika's dad. Words cannot express our gratitude for your thoughtfulness.

Book Table - Emeritus Bishop Robert

Solomon's books are on sale today. Check it out at the table outside the Annex.



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 Betty Ong

Peranakan Service Sat 4-5.30pm Topic: "Recollection: Spiritual Overhaul" Speaker: Mr Matthias Quake Chairperson: Harry Gay

Church Prayer Ministry Fri 8pm Topic: "Help From The Holy Spirit" Speaker: Letch Chairperson: Esther Liew

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