

Welcome to Bethesda Frankel Estate Church

⁸ Keep this Book of the Law always on your lips; meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be prosperous & successful. ⁹ Have I not commanded you? Be strong & courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go. - Joshua 1:8-9

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: Living In The Kingdom—Royal Duties

Service: 8 & 10am Service
Speakers: Co-opt Elder Jonathan Cho & Deacon Willy Ong

(I) An “Upside-Down” Kingdom

The Parable of the Compassionate Employer / Workers in the Vineyard (Matthew 20:1-16)

1. Why Did The Vineyard Owner (Employer) Not Send His Steward To The Marketplace?
2. Why Does The Owner Keep Going Back?
3. Why Not Just Give Handouts?
4. Why Pay the First Worker Last?
5. Is This Unfairness Or Injustice?
6. Why Equal Pay?
7. Where Do We See Ourselves in this Parable?

(II) An “Inside-Out” Kingdom

- (a) Man’s view of Justice
- (b) God’s view of Justice
- (c) ‘Just’ like Jesus

Discussion Questions

1. Share in your group: How would you define/describe Justice? What do you think are some of your misconceptions about Justice after what you’ve heard in this sermon?
2. Describe God’s view of Justice in one sentence (if possible). What is one thing you have learnt/one new revelation about God’s Justice?
3. Think about your routine each day/think about the past week. Where do you think the Justice of God could have been at work, and what were some opportunities for you to live justly? What would you have done different?
4. Consider/share about some justice issues around you, in which you may have a chance to seek first the Kingdom of God.

My Response: Our Response during the service is an act of worship. Do submit your reflections online to <http://bfec.sg/response> or via whatsapp or sms to 9670 1800.

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

Tithes & Offerings: Giving as "unto the Lord" is the privilege of every disciple of Christ. As an act of personal & corporate worship, we encourage members to participate purposefully through regular giving during worship services.

For Internet Banking:

Bank Code: 7375 Gen & Ministry Fund: (UOB 451-302-912-2)
 Missions Fund: (UOB 451-302-915-7)

For PayNow: QRcode, pls refer to bfec.sg/serviceguide

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 Website: <http://bfec.org.sg> Church Office Opening Hours: Mon-Fri: 9am-6pm Sat & Sun: 9am-1pm



This church-wide journey aims to explore this teaching and encouragement from Jesus to “seek first” His Kingdom and His righteousness, by purposefully and practically examining what the Kingdom of God and His righteousness mean, how this changes the way we live it out in the various arenas of our lives, while honestly considering the real challenges that all of us face today.

Visit <https://bfec.sg/seekfirst> -- a one-stop platform to see how the entire church is journeying together through this Kingdom series! Check out photos of KSS and JSS, encourage each other on the virtual notice board, and take part in weekly challenges based on the sermon topics. Find sermon notes and schedules here too.

Date	Topic	Speakers
UNTIL THE KING RETURNS		
17 Oct	His Kingdom Come	Elder Joshua Quek Mong Hua
24 Oct	“Happily Ever After” - Celebration Service	Elder Jimmy Tan and Deacon Kiang Tzy Peng

We encourage everyone to be part of a cell group for the best experience of this journey. Visit <https://bfec.sg/cell> for the list of cell groups in BFEC!

Class 101 for Baptism/Transfer

Class #3 (26 Oct, 2 Nov, 9 Nov and 16 Nov) with Baptism on Sun 5 Dec

Baptism is a public proclamation of our faith, that we will follow Jesus as Lord, having believed in Him as the One who died for our sins to be reconciled to God.

Come and attend the 4 online baptism classes to prepare yourself & clarify your convictions as we learn more about how to grow & serve together in this BFEC community. The classes will be conducted on Tuesday nights 8 - 9.30 pm.

Membership Transfer: You only need to attend 2 sessions on 9 and 16 Nov. However, you are encouraged also to attend the first 2 sessions.

Application form for Baptism/Membership Transfer : bfec.sg/baptism or bfec.sg/transfer

Closing date for completed form, with one photo: 24 Oct.



Our Worshipful Response

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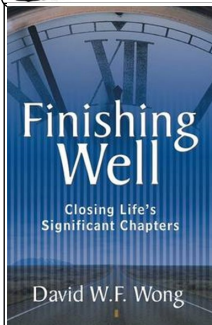


** Note: This is NOT an emergency hotline.**



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.



Rev Dr David Wong will be giving a talk on “Finishing Well—Closing Life’s Significant Chapters” based on his best selling book. The talk will be delivered via Zoom. Date: Monday, 25 Oct 2021 Time: 10am—12pm Registration link: <https://bfec.sg/4031talk> Registration is now open and closes on 24 Oct 2021

This 2 hour seminar is organized by the 40:31 Ministry of Bethesda Frankel Estate Church.



THE PROPHETS ARE NOT CHIM

Speaker: Stephen Chan

Date: 21 OCT Thu

Time: 7:30 to 9:30pm

VENUE: ALBY Events via ZOOM Online

Fee: \$10

The 17 prophetic books that wrap up the Old Testament are, collectively speaking, one of the hardest sections of the Bible to understand and interpret. Yet, they form one of the richest accounts of God and His relationship with His beloved people.

Find out more at: <https://www.alby.com.sg/events/2021/10/21/the-prophets-are-not-chim>



TEACHING WITH STYLE

Calling all pastors, ministry & cell group leaders, teachers and parents! Come and discover how the Teaching with Style seminar can not only help you apply practical communication skills more effectively in your teaching, but also develop a foundation to teaching, training and presenting to your audience that is based on Biblical values.

Date: 3, 10, 17 & 24 November 2021 (Wednesdays)

Time: 8.00pm - 9.30pm Venue: via Zoom

Fee: \$65

Trainer: Rev Nicholas Choo

Registration closes on 22 October 2021

*Upon registration, you will receive the zoom details for the Online Conversation

For more information, contact Joyder Ng at 6304 5286 or email sowerinstitute@bible.org.sg or go to this link: <https://www.bible.org.sg/SIBD/?e=225>

Our Weekly Sunday Services

- **English Services:** 8am & 10am - Physical meeting. (for fully vaccinated attendees)
- **KSS 9:45 am & JSS 11 am:** Via Zoom
- **Chinese Service:** 2 pm Physical meeting
- **Youth Service:** (Physical meeting) 12noon

Other Weekly Ministry Meetings:

- **Ladies Group Meeting:** * NO meeting until further notice
- **CPM:** Fri 8pm meeting via Zoom
- **IFM:** Sun 10.00am (Chapel)
- **Jesus Club:** meeting 2 evenings monthly over zoom. Interested? Pls contact Fann (9040 9473) or Jocelyn (929 83150)
- **Evergreen (Chinese):** * NO meeting until further notice
- **40:31** * NO meeting until further notice
- **CCsg Limousine fellowship:** Sat 10am meeting via Zoom

A Pastoral Update - Seeking Him First, Praying for One Another (Issued 4 Oct 2021)

Dear Frankelites,

How are you doing? We trust that you are journeying with us in our church's Seek First series. I have been much blessed by each sermon, testimony as well as activity generated by our Digital and Creative Outreach team on the Seek First microsite <http://bfec.sg/seekfirst>. It is wonderful that we can stay connected through such means at a time when the lack of physical gatherings can easily make us feel isolated.

As you know, the COVID-19 numbers have been rising nationally during this phase. As the authorities have outlined, we can expect that this transition to the endemic stage in Singapore will come with more infections. But what has also been rising are the vaccination numbers. Based on the medical evidence so far, if one is fully vaccinated, not suffering from underlying health conditions and in the vulnerable age group, being infected with COVID-19 now is not as concerning as if one had contracted it last year.

Regardless of the ongoing news, let us stake our lives on the Good News and so continue to pray for one another - to stay trusting in Christ for His sovereign will, protection and provision. Should it surprise us that He challenges you and me to seek Him first (Matt 6:33) even at such a time?

There is something I would like to share with you for your prayers. We have come to be informed that four Frankelites have contracted the COVID-19 virus at various times over recent weeks. The four cases are unlinked. And as far as we know, all had contracted it outside our church premises. Thankfully, all of them did not experience serious symptoms and are on the road to recovery.

Of the four, only one had physically attended our worship service. The other was a child in JSS. All four had promptly isolated themselves according to the relevant and current protocols. They have also been receiving support from friends and family.

According to the official protocol, it is MOH's role to inform those deemed to have been close contacts. But we have taken the initiative to inform ahead those we know to have been in close contact with them in our church premises so that they can monitor their health and self-administer ART at home. I am sharing this to encourage us to pray for them, and one another, even as we recognize that such developments are becoming part and parcel of this phase.

Let us bear each other's burdens by expressing ongoing care and concern in our cell groups, Sunday School classes, and ministries (Gal 6:2, 9,10). Some of us are especially more vulnerable emotionally and psychologically during such times.

As His royal priesthood (1 Pet 2:9), let us not wait for someone to reach out to us. Instead, you and I can do simple acts of kindness that will go a long way to bless and bring cheer to someone. As salt, we flavour and preserve the spiritual and emotional atmosphere around us. As light, we can shine hope in the darkness of negative news bombarding us each day (Matt 5:13-16). What's more, we ought to seize the opportunity to reach out to someone who does not yet know Him. For they will know Him through you, an ambassador of His love, grace and message of reconciliation (2 Cor 5:18-20)!

Brethren, as we seek to live each day by faith and not fear, may we also continue to heed the prevalent health advisories e.g. reduce your out-of-home activities if you are aged 60 years old and above. During this time, it would be apt to utilize the ART self-testing kit weekly before attending church service too. In BFEC, we will continue to adhere to the protocols every church has to administer - be it safe entry, mask-wearing, or safe-distancing. So I urge you to continue to attend church services physically if you are able.

We look forward to the day we can - young and old - gather physically in greater numbers once more. Till then, if you have any prayer requests, apart from sharing it with your cell group, you may wish to contact the church mainline: 6448 1800 or text us on the Response Line: 9670 1800.

"Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be frightened, and do not be dismayed, for the Lord your God is with you wherever you go." (Joshua 1:9)

In His grace and grip,

Elder Alex Lo
Chairman, BFEC