

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

CONQUERORS

IN GOD'S WISDOM & COURAGE

JOSHUA 1:8-9

Topic: The Right Worship: Opening Presents (Mt. 2:1-12)

Services: 8 & 10am Service

Speaker: Advisory Elder Ernest Chew

Key Verse: Mt.2:11

1. Introduction: The Advent of Jesus Christ (His two comings, His self-giving and kingdom-receiving).

1.1. The Birth of Jesus, the Right One

- "The adoration of the magi" (Mt.2:1-12).

One of the joys of Christmas: the giving and receiving of presents.

1.2. Boxing Day is not for sports, but for opening boxes and presents, and giving of thanks.

2. The Adoration of the Magi for King Jesus (Mt.2:1-12).

2.1. The story.

2.2. The symbolism of their gifts -- gold, frankincense, myrrh.

"We Three Kings" [John Hopkins, Jr, 1857]: How did the "kings" describe their gifts?

(a) Gold fit for the King of Kings

(b) Frankincense fit for Emmanuel, God with us

(c) Myrrh, fit for the Saviour who would die on the Cross

(d) The last verse summarises the meaning of the gifts

2.3. The significance of their worship (Mt.2:11-12).

3. The Appeal of the Apostle (Rom.12:1-8 and 15:15-16; Eph.3:7-12 and 4:7-13).

3.1. Apostleship. Paul's mission was to proclaim "the boundless riches" of the Messiah (Eph.3:8). His motivation (Gal.2:20).

3.2. His appeal to every disciple: present "your bodies as a living sacrifice your spiritual worship", and be transformed by "the renewing of your mind". Then, by God's grace give yourselves to others in humble service and loving witness (Rom.12:1-10).

3.3. Paul's aspiration: to know Christ more fully and to proclaim Christ to the Gentiles, whom he would present as an offering to God (Rom.15:15-16; see also Col.1:25-29).

3.4. The aim of the ascended Christ's gifts to the church: Gifted persons given "to equip His people for works of service, so that the body of Christ may be built up..." (Eph.4:11-12).

3.5. Apply your gifts. Receive and share God's gifts of grace. Don't store them in boxes!

4. Conclusion: A-Stars from God and to God -- and to the world. (Jn 17; Rom 12:1-8; Php 2:14-16a).

4.1. Jesus is God's Present to us -- "His inexpressible Gift" (2 Cor 9:15).

4.2. We are God's Presents to Jesus -- "those whom You gave Me" (Jn 17:6,9,24).

4.3. We must Present ourselves wholly to God in "spiritual worship" (Rom.12:1-2)

4.4. Present the Word to the world (Php.2:15-16).

4.5. Jesus is Present with us to shed light on our journey and witness. (Mt 1:21; 5:14; 28:20; Heb 13:8; Jn 8:12; 2 Cor 4:6).

4.6. God's Precious Presents are His Children (Mal 3:17; Dan 12:3).

4.7. Present Jesus by representing Him rightly (2 Cor 5:20-21; 1 Jn 2:29).

He is the Via, the Veritas and the Vita (Jn 14:6).

Let us place Him first in our hearts, and then present Him sensitively and respectfully to those who need Him, every day.

What is the point of the Christian life on earth? Dr J.I. Packer: "Glorify Christ every way".

Jesus taught that His true disciples will glorify God by bearing fruit, much fruit, fruit that shall last (Jn.15:8,16).

"Majesty, worship His majesty!" and "...bring our lives as a daily offering of worship to the Servant King."

Reflection Questions

1. Why did the Magi worship Jesus with gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh? (Mt.2:1-12).

2. What are some gifts God has given to and through the church?

What gift has He given you to share with others? (Rom.12:3-10; Eph.4:7-13).

3. How can we shine like stars, pointing people to Christ, "the Light of the world"? (Php.2:14-16; Jn.8:12 and Mt.5:14-16).

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.

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Thanksgiving/Consecration Sunday on 2 Jan 2022

Speaker: Elder Danny Chua (our new Chairman)
 Topic: "Hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering"

2022 Church Theme Verse Heb 10:23 -

"Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful." ESV



**Sermon Series 2022:
 Hebrews
 "Jesus, Our Supreme and Sufficient Saviour"**

The book of Hebrews was addressed to believers who had put their hope in Christ, but were daunted by the reality that following him did not mean less but may even entail greater suffering and hardship. How should Christians in similar circumstances today respond?

As Hebrews exhorts us, we must not give up, but hold fast to Jesus, our supreme and sufficient Saviour. And as we hear the message of Hebrews in the weeks ahead, may the Lord help us indeed to "hold unwaveringly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful."

| Date | Sermon Text | Main Themes | Speaker |
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| 9 Jan | 1:1-4 | God has now spoken and revealed himself ultimately by his powerful and superior Son. | Deacon Jason Sin |
| 16 Jan | 1:5-2:4 | Jesus is the divine Son of God, superior to angels, so heed and trust in his gospel of salvation; don't drift from it and perish. | Deacon Jason Sin |
| 23 Jan | 2:5-18 | Jesus suffered and died, was temporarily placed lower than the angels, and was made like his brothers, for the sake of our salvation. | Deacon Lee Yen Ter |
| 30 Jan | 3:1-4:13 | Enter God's rest/salvation by holding fast to Christ in faith and obedience; don't fall away in sinful unbelief and disobedience. | Bishop Dr Robert Solomon |

Cheer Gift 2021

The Christmas Cheer Gift offering is received each year during Sunday services in Dec. May we prayerfully consider setting aside a Cheer Gift as the Lord convicts and wills. The Cheer Gift will be apportioned to the needy as well as our full-time staff (pastoral, operations & missionary) and associated missionaries as their year-end 13th month supplement and, if in any excess, bonus.

Ways to give:

- ◆ Put in envelopes provided marked "Cheer Gift Offering" and placed in any offering boxes. Cheques must be addressed to "Bethesda Frankel Estate Church", and not to individual or ministry. Envelopes will be available from the tables outside or from church office.
- ◆ Internet banking: (Banking Code: 7171) to DBS 027-001004-0
- ◆ PayNow to UEN 197302391E

Amount received in 2020: \$274,558.00

Amount Collected as of 21 Dec : \$189,299.00

**The Council and Staff would Like
 to wish Everyone a
 Blessed New Year!**



WATCHNIGHT SERVICE (ZOOM)

**100:
 Numbering Days
 Redeeming Time**

31 Dec 2021, 11 pm
 Bro Kenneth Wong



[HTTPS://BFEC.SG/WATCHNIGHT](https://bfec.sg/watchnight)

Introduction to Hebrews on Wed 5 Jan @ 8 pm

The WATCH team is conducting an introduction on the book of Hebrews, on Wednesday, 5 January 2022, at 8:00-9:15pm. This will be conducted online (Zoom meeting details to follow on registration). This session relates to our church's upcoming sermon series on Hebrews which begins in Jan 2022, and is intended to provide participants with an overview of the background, main idea and themes of the book. We look forward to your attendance.

Please register at <https://bfec.sg/hebrews> by 3 Jan 2022.



LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

THE GLOW-HOME-KIT IS READY!!

Visit the link below for ideas and resources for infusing the gospel into your Christmas meal!

<http://bfec.sg/glow>

Sunday Services

- **English Service:**
 8 & 10 am
 Physical meeting
 (for fully vaccinated attendees)
- **Chinese Service:**
 9:30 am (from 26 Dec)
 Physical meeting in Chapel
 (for fully vaccinated attendees)
 Registration & Enquiries: Pls whatsapp to 83560374
- **KSS & JSS:**
 9:45am
 Physical meeting
- **Youth Service**
 12pm
 Physical meeting in Sanctuary

Other Weekly Ministry Meetings:

- **Ladies Group Meeting:** * NO meeting till 2022
- **CPM:** * NO meeting for the rest of the year
- **IFM:** From 9 Jan 2022, every Sun 10—11:45 am @ Kampong Siglap
- **Jesus Club:** meeting 2 evenings monthly over zoom. Interested? Pls contact Fann (9040 9473) or Jocelyn (929 83150)
- **40:31:** From 3 Jan 2022, every Mon 10am - 3pm (Lunch provided) @ Kampong Siglap. Register at <https://bfec.sg/4031>
- **CCsg Limousine fellowship:** Meeting on Sat 8am at multiple venues in groups of 5s. Contact LukeRoy at lukeroytan@hotmail.com for details