

## SERMON OF THE WEEK

Theme: \_\_\_\_\_ of Great Commission: \_\_\_\_\_ of Christ Jesus!

Text: 1 Corinthians 9.1-23; Matthew 28.16-20

As a true \_\_\_\_\_, we are also charged by Christ to \_\_\_\_\_ other people to become Christ's disciples also (v 19a)!

### 1. \_\_\_\_\_ should be making Disciples? (Matthew 28.16; Ephesians 2.13)

1.1 Jesus' command to make a disciple is meant for \_\_\_\_\_ who acknowledge His Kingship & Lordship through faith in \_\_\_\_\_! First, the immediate 11 disciples (v 16), then all of us who are \_\_\_\_\_ (see Ephesians 2.13)!

1.2 Because we are \_\_\_\_\_ by the risen Christ, we are also 100% under Christ's authority to help other people to follow Jesus! Our acknowledgement of Christ as our personal \_\_\_\_\_, implies that \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus' Great Commission today!

### 2. \_\_\_\_\_ should we be making Disciples? (Matthew 28.17-18)

2.1 Jesus' command of His disciples to see Him as a revelation as \_\_\_\_\_ (v 16). Our act of \_\_\_\_\_ to the King & Lord, is our act of worship readily to receive \_\_\_\_\_! This is the 1<sup>st</sup> basis of making Disciples!

2.2 The command also reveals \_\_\_\_\_ (v 18). He authorized & it \_\_\_\_\_ because Jesus give the instruction as our \_\_\_\_\_ which is the 2<sup>nd</sup> basis of making Disciples!

### 3. \_\_\_\_\_ should we be making Disciples? (Matthew 28.19-20)

3.1 The process: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ and (2) \_\_\_\_\_ (vs 19b-20) which comes with a promise: \_\_\_\_\_!

3.2 Baptism is a testimony of \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord Christ which includes: (1) \_\_\_\_\_ of one's self and \_\_\_\_\_ in the Lord (see **Romans. 6.4**); & (2) to publically show your \_\_\_\_\_ to the Lord and to His call in your daily livelihood.

3.3 Our Baptism is our acknowledgement: (1) That Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_ person in our lives (see **Luke 14.26**); (2) We take up \_\_\_\_\_ (see **Matthew 16.24**).

3.4 Then, Disciples will be taught all \_\_\_\_\_ (v 20). That is where learning to grow and live by \_\_\_\_\_. Purpose: \_\_\_\_\_ by being transformed by Him (see **2 Corinthians 3.18**).

Reflection: Am I willing to follow and be more like Jesus (Romans 8.29-30) so to grow from one degree of glory to another? Do I want to be transformed (Romans 12.1-2) by Jesus through the Bible & prayer as He is with us everyday? Action: look for a Cell Group & join the Cell Group!



THE ANGLICAN DIOCESE OF SABAH

# The Church of The Good Shepherd

Weekend Worship Services: 10 March 2019



## Message from our Senior Priest



Today, I like to draw you to election of Church Leadership. As the 2019 AGM is drawing near, have we asked the Lord who would He want to be nominated to stand for the election? Have we approached the person concern to accept nomination by filling up the Nomination Form? If not yet, please do so now! Do not wait! Act now! Why?

Because this is our Family Church and we need to have strong dedicated & committed leaders, men & women, to be in the PCC to help manage so that COGS will fulfill God's destiny in Sandakan for His glory & honour! This is the most important reason that every member on the Electoral Roll will pay attention and act responsibly towards God and His Church! I pray that God will grant us a wonderful and blessed AGM this time round, so let us then have a great & wonderful 2019 AGM because God will be leading us especially in the election of new leadership for a new term 2019-2021!

Most important quality of leadership God look for is people who **volunteer to serve joyfully and gracefully** as His servants! In **Nehemiah 11**, we read about these kind of leaders and people (vs 1-2: **Now the leaders of the people settled in Jerusalem**. The rest of the people cast lots ... to live in Jerusalem, the holy city, ...<sup>2</sup>**The people commended all who volunteered to live in Jerusalem**.) Those volunteered are the people's leaders (see v 3a: "These are **the provincial leaders** who settled in Jerusalem ..."). The actual meaning of the word '**volunteer**' indicate their **willingness to sacrifice and make a commitment** to the rebuilding of the ruined Jerusalem City. Only the wall was restored but the City is yet to be rebuild! Hence, people offered to be elected as People's Warden & members of the PCC or even nominated later on are very much making lots of sacrifices and commitment. They do so for the sole purpose of building COGS as God destined us to be. That we will indeed be led by the Lord Himself in spiritual matters and not just policy.

The other qualities of PCC as COGS' leaders include character and reliability! Character in one's attitude towards money and interpersonal relationship. Paul clearly instructed Timothy & Titus (see **2 Timothy 2.14-26 & Titus 2.1-10**) to teach God's people under their care. They are principles for all age groups of men & women to observe. So, nominate people who are with outstanding principled characters, who are willing to give up their time and energy to serve the Lord by serving together like the Jerusalem's provincial leaders in the days of Nehemiah. Commit them to the Lord and pray that God will put the right men & women in to serve Him for His glory!

## COGS Vision

*To Be like Jesus (Rom 8.29) so to fulfill the Great Commission (Mat 28.18-20) by obeying the Great Commandment (Mat 22.37-39) with the empowerment of the Holy Spirit (Acts 1.8) in Sandakan & beyond.*

## Worship Services

**Saturday:**

**7:30pm** (Chi), Church

**Sunday:**

**7:00am** (Chi), Church

**9:30am** (Eng), Church

**9:30am** (BM), Barrett Hall

**2:30pm** (Chi), Church

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## Our Team

### BISHOP

The Rt Rev Melter Jiki Tais

### PRIEST IN CHARGE

The Rev Canon James Lee

### PASTORAL ZONE

Rev Timothy Jerry  
Rev Chin Kah Jin  
Rev Chong Fen Chung  
Rev Albert Lintikan  
Ps Wong Hyen Tze  
Ps Chin Yock Len

### ZONES

Chi. Adult - Rev Canon James Lee  
Eng. Adult- Rev Canon James Lee  
BM. Adult - Rev Timothy Jerry

### MINISTRIES

Children Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)  
- Ps. Chin Yock Len  
Youth Zone (Chi/Eng/BM)  
- Ps. Wong Hyen Tze

## Collect for Today (Lent 1)

Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you fasted forty days and forty nights, give us grace to use such abstinence that, our flesh being subdued to the spirit, we may always obey your will in righteousness and true holiness, to your honour and glory; for you live and reign with the Father and Holy Spirit, one God, for evermore. Amen.

An overwhelming attendance was recorded at the Ash Wednesday Service last Wed. The loose offerings collected throughout this season of Lent will be channelled to COGS Welfare Fund. Please use the designed envelopes on the sidesmen's table.

## 40-Days Lenten prayer

Date: Commenced 07 Mar (Thurs)

It will be held daily at:

Time: 6:30 am, Mawar Centre (Chi)

7:00 am, Chapel (Eng/Ch/BM)



## Excelsis Line-dance

- ◆ New beginners' class has begun on 05 March 2019.

Venue: Grace Hall, Level 2  
Day: Tuesdays, 7:30 pm



## Men's Fellowship gathering & dinner

Date: 10 March (Tonight), 7:00 pm  
Venue: Church Portico

## AGM Briefing for all volunteers.

Date: 11 March (Mon), 7:45 pm  
Venue: Grace Hall, Level 2



## AGM Nomination Forms

Nomination Forms Closing dateline:

Date: 17 March, 2019

Time: 5:00pm

## BB Junior Camp

Date: 23 Mar (Sat)

Venue: Vision School



## BB Enrolment Service

Date: 23 Mar (Sat)

Venue: Church, 7:30 pm

## Sibuga & Mawar Sisters Care Group gathering.

Date: 24 March, Sunday,

Programme: "Welcoming pot-luck dinner"

Venue: Mawar Centre

Time: 7:00 pm

## Children's Bible Camp

Cater for children in  
Primary 3—6

Date: 27—29 March  
(Wed— Fri)

Venue: Wisma COGS

Person in-charge: Ps Yock Len



## COGS 35th AGM

Date: 31 Mar (Sun)

Combined Chinese & English  
Worship Service

Venue: Church, 8:00 am

## BM Worship Service

Venue: Barrett Hall, 8:00 am  
(Breakfast will be served after Service.)



AGM begins: 10:45 am

Venue: Church

Hakka 3 Worship Service @ 2:30 pm is OFF.

St Monica's Primary School has granted us permission to use their parking ground & we will provide shuttle service to & fro, from 7am – 2pm. Security at the parking ground will be arranged.

## Diocesan English Prayer Conference

Date: 11 - 13 April 2019

Venue: St Patrick's Church, Tawau

Register by: 17/03/2019

Fees : RM110 (before 17/03/19)  
RM180 (after 17/03/19)

## Condolences

Heartfelt condolences to Irene Leong and family for the demise of her husband, the late Mr John Leong on 03/03/19.

May God comfort them in times of bereavement.

## Intercession:

- ◆ **Pray for our world - ARUBA:** A tiny island state in the Caribbean Sea. Population: 109,000 million. Pray for:

- ◆ Economy : Heavily dependent on tourism.
- ◆ Church : Pray for unity of church in a nation of which 92% are Christians.



- ◆ **Pray for Malaysia—Road Safety**

- ◆ According to our 2017 figure. Daily road death is around 20. Annual road death exceeds 6000.

- ◆ **Pray for our Diocese - Gereja Kristus Gunung Batu, Kopri.**

- ◆ Pray for Revd Jakobus Chong and all their leaders.
- ◆ For all ministries and mid-week cell meetings.

- ◆ **Pray for our Parish— COGS**

- ◆ Chinese Worship Services (3 congregations)
- ◆ For the members to grow spiritually, and be committed to study the Word of God.
- ◆ Be encouraged to bring the Gospel to the unreached.
- ◆ For the sick: Ps Margaret Chong (St Michael's Church), Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Chan Mei Ngo, Tham Nyuk Mui, Francis Lam, Joseph Luruthusamy, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Tay Phui Teen, Chia Soon Yin, Eng Fook Kit, Chin Tshun Leong, Emily Lau, Chang Suk Heng, Lai Nyuk Jin, Tai Nyuk Min, Chong Hyun Vui.

## RECORD OF OUR FAITHFULNESS

02 & 03 March Attendance/ Communicants		Ministries Attendance			
Hakka 7.30pm	215/171	Kids Children (BM)	78	Discovery Club	97
Hakka 7.00am	205/183	Kids Children (Mawar)	22	BB Junior	96
English 9.30am	178/149	Kids Children (Labuk-Chinese)	72	BB Senior	48
BM 9.30am	260/214	Kids Children (Labuk-English)	38	TOTAL	241
Hakka 2.30pm	60/54	BM Youth	25	Cell Group Attendance	
		COGS Youth	31	Chinese	-
		Impact Youth	14	English	-
		Tadika COGS	133	BM	-
TOTAL	918/771	TOTAL	413	TOTAL	-