

WEEK 05

EPIPHANY 5

04 FEBRUARY 2018



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Heavenly Father, keep your household the church continually in your true religion; that those who lean only on the hope of your heavenly grace may always be defended by your mighty power, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

10 Ways To Read The Scripture

1. Read the Bible Thoughtfully

2. Read the Bible Repeatedly

3. Read the Bible Patiently

4. Read the Bible Selectively

5. Read the Bible Prayerfully

6. Read the Bible Imaginatively

Allowing the text to come alive in your imagination. Put yourself in the shoes of different characters — for example, in the story when Christ was born, what would it have been like to be Mary delivering Jesus, or Joseph trying to help, or one of the sheep watching from the side? See the story from different angles—it often gives you greater insight into the text.

7. Read the Bible Meditatively

Many Psalms tell us to meditate and reflect upon God's Word "day and night." This is not some new age technique of emptying our minds; rather this is a Biblical concept of filling up our minds with Truth. Take time to ponder Scripture and remember that this is not a 20 minute activity.

8. Read the Bible Purposefully

We must remember that nothing in Scripture is there by accident. When you read look for the aim and purpose of what the author was saying to his original audience.

9. Read the Bible Acquisitively

Don't let your mind grow numb reading words and don't merely read just to receive more information. Read God's Word with a purposeful interest to retain and possess it.

10. Read the Bible Telescopically

Many of us flip our Bibles open and point to a passage, read a few lines, close the cover and call it good. But understanding the context is critical while reading the Scripture. We must remember that all the pieces make up a whole. To read telescopically means we need to view the parts in light of the whole and remember that often the whole is more important than its individual parts (another reason why context is important).

FAMILY MATTERS

Welcome to a gathering of God's people. We gather to worship Jesus. To sing praises to Him, to confess our sins to Him, to listen to His word, to pray to Him, to remember His death and to encourage one another to obey Him in our daily lives.

- Let's welcome Revd Timothy back from his leave to Sarawak. We thank him for preaching God's word to us this morning.
- **Provincial Sunday (Today).** Envelopes and the message are available. We strongly encourage you to give generously.
- **04 Feb (tonight): Men's Fellowship** gathering at the church portico beginning with dinner. Time: 7:00 pm.
- **12 Feb (Mon) — BM Zone Leaders** meeting with Ad Yong. Venue / Time: Grace Hall / 7:30 pm.
- **14 Feb - Ash Wednesday** combined Service. Venue / Time : COGS / 7:30 pm.
- **16 Feb (Fri) - Chinese New Year Thanksgiving service.** Venue / Time : Church / 7:30 am.

- **17 Feb (Sat) -**
 ★ **No Chinese Worship Service in the evening.**
- **18 Feb (Sun) -**
 ★ **Chinese Worship Service** (*3 Chinese Services combined*) at 7:00 am
 ★ **Eng & BM - Worship services** as usual, 9:30 am.
- **18 & 25 Feb - Chinese & English Sunday Schools** in recess, but
 ★ BM Sunday School continues.
- **26 Feb (Mon) - Combined Prayer meeting** (*3 Anglican Churches*) at COGS. Time: 7:30 pm.
- **8—10 Mar : Diocesan Chinese Prayer Conference.** Venue / time: COGS – Grace Hall / 7:30 pm.

 Persons-in-charge: COGS - Ps Hyen Tze; St Michael's Church - Vennie Chang and IAC— Regina Chin.

FOLLOW CHRIST TILL THE END (HEBREWS 3:7-14)

1. Be Warned (Hebrews 3:7-11)

2. Be Encouraged (Hebrews 3: 12-13)

3. Be Steadfast (Hebrew 3: 14)

Questions for Discussion

- ***Read Hebrews 3:7-11.* What lessons can we learn from the experience of the Israelites in the wilderness? How are we warned not to follow their footsteps? Discuss.**
- **How do we encourage one another daily as we face the challenges as a Christian in our society and workplace? Do you have someone to encourage you in times of difficulty? Share your experience.**
- **Share some biblical truths that can help you to be steadfast at the time of following Christ till the end.**

FAMILY MATTERS

- **Pre-marital courses** for those of you who are prepared or intend to get married this year, please register at the church office. We need to prepare you for the pre-marriage courses. Forms are available at the church office.
- **2017 Education Awards** for UPSR, PT3, SPM & STPM candidates. Please fill in a form and hand it in to the church office or to Ps Hyen Tze.
- **2018 AGM.** It will be very much appreciated if the ministry leaders will get your reports done, the earlier the better. Report forms are available on the sidesmen's desk. Thank you. Details to follow.
- Flowers - are contributed by a sister as her thanksgiving for her birthday.

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

- ✧ **For Our World - MOZAMBIQUE**, north of South Africa. Population: 25 million.
 - Management of its fertile agricultural land and vast mineral wealth.
 - For continued peace and stability.
 - The programme : Audio Scripture which is highly effective.

- ✧ **For Malaysia - The handicapped.**
 - For all handicapped persons in school and society.
 - For government aids to these people.
 - For the welfare department to especially look out for these unfortunate group in the streets and kampungs.

- ✧ **For Our Diocese - St Thomas Church, Mile 14 — Sandakan.**
 - Revd Daniu Tawai, Ev Rinchin Kudilou, Ev Anne Anak John and Ev Mickalice Nasrin.
 - For their Sunday service and mid-week meetings.
 - For frequent visitation to members in estates.

- ✧ **For Our Parish - Chinese worship services.**
 - For the three Chinese congregations on Saturday nights, Sunday mornings and afternoons.
 - For the members to attend the care groups in the mid-weeks and to the Sunday worship services.
 - For spiritual growth of the church members.

- ✧ For the sick: Mr Yim Tin Yau, Mdm Chong Nyuk Len, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mdm Teo Joo Lian, Ps N F Soo, Mdm Lee Soi Chin, Mr Eng Fook Kit, Mdm Chang Suk Heng, Mdm Emily Lau, Miss Vivian Chin, Mdm Lai Nyuk Jin, Mdm Chia Soon Yin, Mr Leong Kam Lun, Mdm Tay Phui Teen and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

- ✧ **For personal requests.**

28/01 Services/Attendance/Communicants

Hakka I [Sat] - 7:30 p.m.	223	168
Hakka II [Sun] - 7:00 am	209	190
English [Sun] - 9:30 am	186	140
BM [Sun] - 9:30 am	341	-
Hakka III [Sun] - 2:30 pm	87	65
Mawar Children	36	
Labuk Children (Ch)	85	
Labuk Children (En)	49	
BM Children	-	
Total	1216	563

Order of Service	This Sunday	Next Sunday (11/02/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	Breathe on me, Breath of God (HfTC 226)	This is my Father's world (HOP 24)
<i>Greetings</i>	Jus Ng	Ho Sui Ting
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Ang Pian Ming	Eveleen K W Wong
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Hebrews 3: 7—14 Chung Tze Ken	2 Cor 4: 3—6 Wong Siu Fong
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 1: 1—14 Jus Ng	Mark 9: 2—9 Ho Sui Ting
<i>Message</i>	Follow Christ till the end Rev'd Timothy Jerry	Ps Margaret Chong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Christopher Kwan	Monica Ho
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	The Kingdom of God (HfTC 333)	O how I love Jesus (HOP 388)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Blessed Assurance (HOP 205)	Onward Christian soldiers (HfTC 532)

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 4 (Choo Peng Yeang)	EMMANUEL (Elizabeth Kho)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Mr & Mrs Shim Syn Fah	Mr & Mrs Patrick Lim Mr & Mrs Francis Ng
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen Mark Mak, Annie Liu	Mr & Mrs Terence Fung Francis Voo, Lena Wong
Server	Eddie Wong	Lam Kai Kwong
Prayer Ministry	Betty Kwan Low Mooi Gaik	Denny Chong Lue Fui Hua
Offertory Count	Rosie Chia (C) Yee Chee Hong Betty Kwan Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew	Lily Mok (C) Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Ming Emily Ng, Lena Wong Mark Mak
Washing up	Mr & Mrs Choo Peng Yeang	Monica Ho, Elizabeth Kho

WEEKLY SERVICES
<i>Saturday</i> 7:30 p.m. Chinese
<i>Sunday</i> 7:00 a.m. Chinese 9:30 a.m. English 9:30 a.m. Bahasa M'sia 2:30 p.m. Chinese
CHAPEL PRAYERS Wed - 7:00 a.m. Thur - 6:30 a.m. Sat - 4:30 a.m.
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