

WEEK 06

4TH SUNDAY BEFORE LENT 10 FEBRUARY 2019



THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Almighty Father, whose blessed Son was revealed so that he might destroy the works of the devil and make us children of God and heirs of eternal life, grant that having this hope we may purify ourselves as he is pure; that, when he shall appear again with power and great glory, we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom, where with you, Father, and with the Holy Spirit, he lives and reigns, one God, for evermore. Amen.

Message from our Senior Priest

Many Christians find hard to do one of the things which Disciples would love to do & that is **TO PRAY!** We have learnt that ***DISCIPLESHIP*** is about ***RELATIONSHIP*** & the relationship involves ***COMMUNICATION!*** A true Disciple who follows Jesus will surely loves to be with Jesus not just reading the Bible (which was highlighted on 26-27 January 2019) but also to ***talk and listen*** to Jesus! Talking and listening to Jesus is call ***PRAYER!***

Look at St Paul and all his co-workers in **Colossians 1:9**: “For this reason, since the day we heard about you, ***we have not stopped praying*** for you. ***We continually ask God*** to fill you with the knowledge of his will through all the wisdom and understanding that the Spirit gives.” The reason for that is that the Disciples at Colossae will ***grow stronger & deeper*** in their relationship with God! This shows how important it is to PRAY! We see not only Paul but also Epaphras also prays fervently (see **Colossians 4.12**). He is not known much but I like to say he is like many of our brothers and sisters here at COGS, Sandakan. Silently serve and minister without being known. Brothers and sisters, as Disciples, we too can do so and learn to pray fervently.

Without prayer, things do not happen naturally or supernaturally! This is because prayer is **God's powerful weapon** for His Disciples & Followers! That is why God moves mightily through His people who consistently stays in His presence through continuous communication so that God's will is done on earth as it is in heaven! When we pray here in Sandakan accordingly, especially praying that God's will be done here in beautiful city of Sandakan, He will bring to pass His purposes and destinies!

We can start by short prayers with a start of 15 mins each day. Give ourselves and God that precious ***time of intimate communion*** and then, pray without ceasing throughout the day because God is with us everyday and everywhere! Whatever that may cross our life, just talk and listen to Him which I believe that is the beauty of truly following Him intimately as His Disciple!

I thank God that He is leading people to pray right through from Tuesday to Saturday here! Let us pray not just for ourselves, families, our Church or just Sandakan but also for the Nation! Let us believe God's word in **Jeremiah 33.3**: “***Call*** to me and ***I will answer***! you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know.” Brothers & sisters, COME & CALL upon the Lord who will ANSWER us.



1. Provincial Sunday

We thank God for all who contributed to the Provincial Sunday Offering. Total amount collected: RM4,687.00.

2. 10 February

Children's Ministries

There is no Children's Ministries this weekend.

3. 18 February (Mon)

Keenagers' Fellowship

Venue: Barrett Hall
Time: 8:45 am

4. 24 February (Sun)

Blood Donation Campaign

Venue: Grace Hall
Time: 9:00 am—1:00 pm

5. 26 February (Tue)

**"Excelsis" Line Dance
CNY Jamming Party**

Tickets @ RM25/pax includes dinner & lucky draws. Contact persons: Siu Fong & Monita Lim.
Venue: Barrett Hall, 7:00 pm

6. Baptism Registration

Please fill in your form affixed with a passport-sized photo and return it to the church office. *Closing date: 28 Feb.*

★ **Baptism Service** will be conducted on 27 & 28 April.

7. 05 - 07 Mar

**Sabah Chinese
Prayer Conference**

Venue : St Patrick's Church
Person-in-charge: Ps Hyen Tze.

8. 06 March (Wed)

Ash Wednesday

Combined Holy Communion
Service (Ch/Eng/BM)
Time: 7:30 pm

9. 07 March (Thur)

40-Day Lenten prayer

- ★ 6:30 am — Mawar Centre (Ch)
- ★ 7:00 am — Chapel (Eng/Ch/BM)

The booklets in English & Chinese are available @ RM5/book from the Resource Centre.

10. 31 March (Sun)
AGM

- 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.
Venue: Church, 10:45 am
 - **No Chinese Worship Service** in the afternoon.

11. Submission of AGM reports

Kindly submit your reports to the church office (*Jane*) by 11th February 2019 so that translation can be done accordingly.

10 February 2019

Theme : JESUS' PROMISE OF ANSWERED PRAYER

Text : Galatians 6:1-10 & John 15:9-17

Introduction

Remember: DISCIPLESHIP is about _____. One of the way of building RELATIONSHIP with God is via _____. Because Jesus promised that _____ when we PRAY!

Reflection

1. Jesus' _____ (v 16c)

- 1.1 The _____: In every command God gives, there is always a _____. In v 16c, the promise is _____ (v 16c). It is a promise that _____ who believes & prays even today!
- 1.2 The _____: Jesus gave the assurance of answered prayer to all His disciples who _____. The promise was addressed to the disciples (see John 13.1). The promise also meant for today's all who are _____ and _____ of Jesus (v 16b)!
- 1.3 The _____: The said promise emphasizes on _____ relationship with His children. God is always _____ with all who were chosen by God to be His children!
- 1.4 The _____: To be sure of answered prayers, intentionally love _____ and love fellow _____ because love is the _____ (v 16b, see Galatians 5.22-23)!

2. Jesus' _____ (vs 9-17)

- 2.1 The _____: To bear fruit of _____. It is only possible when we _____ (v 9b). The reason is because Jesus _____ us (v 9a)! To love Jesus also implies _____ (v 12).
- 2.2 The _____: To remain in Jesus' love is by _____ (v 10a). Lovingly obey is the process of _____ the Father looking for in us so to be like Jesus! This is the basis of _____ with His people!
- 2.3 The _____: Do _____ & not just some of what Jesus teaches or only what we like. The attitude is another fruit of the Spirit, namely _____ (v 11)!
- 2.4 The _____: Jesus calls the Disciples, _____ (vs 14a & vs 15b). Jesus wants His disciples to know how close He is as a _____ to all who follow Him!

Conclusion :

FAMILY MATTERS

12. The **Electoral Roll** is on the notice board. Please verify your name by initial.

Please update your particulars.
Thank you.

13. Confirmation Registration

Please hand in your forms affixed with a passport-sized photo, and return your Baptism card as well. Thank you.

Closing Date: **28 February**.

14. Flowers—for this week are contributed by the Sisters' Fellowship.

Services/Attendance/Communicants

Chi (02/02) Sat -7:30 pm	158	116
Chi (03/02) Sun -7:00 am	238	203
Eng (03/02) Sun - 9:30 am	177	141
BM (03/02) Sun - 9:30 am	241	212
Chi (03/02) Sun - 2:30 pm	64	48
CNY Service (05/02), 8:00 am	582	467
Total	1460	1187

Children's Ministries

Attd

Tadika COGS (KG)	133
Chi Children cell - Mawar & COGS	-
Eng Children cell - COGS	-
BM Children cell	86
St Monica's Discovery Club	-
BB (Boys' Brigade) COGS	-
BB (Boys' Brigade) Tai Tong	94
BB (Boys' Brigade) Tiong Hua	100

Youth Ministries

Attd

Ch Youth (Inspired & Impact)	-
Eng Youth (M.A.D.)	-
BM Youth	42

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✂ **For Our World - ALGERIA. (in north Africa)** Population 38 million.

- Economy : Fast growing economy due to gas and oil production.
- Church : The growth of the church is an answer to prayer which is surviving under very difficult situation.
- Population : Human rights abuses are widespread. Pray for peace among the people.

✂ **For Malaysia - National Airlines**

- M.A.S.—for efficient management
- Air Asia—for sensitivity to the travelling public.
- MASwings —for better services to rural areas.

✂ **For Our Diocese — Gereja Anglikan St Andrew, Membakut.**

- Revd Alexander Jabong and Ev Roland Marcus.
- For regular Sunday Services.
- For regular visitation to kampong folks.

✂ **For Our Parish — COGS Members' Activities.**

- Zone leaders to visit all non-regular members.
- Encouragement of more members to attend care group meetings.
- Regular church attendance of all members.

✂ **For the sick:**

Mdm Chin Siew Jin, Mr Joseph Luruthusamy (in KL), Mr Liew En Lip, Mr Pang Ming Chiew, Mdm Chan Mei Ngo, Mdm Tham Nyuk Mui, Sr Low Mooi Gaik, Mrs Chong Fen Chung, Mr Francis Lam, Mr Chin Tshun Leong, Mr Eng Fook Kit, Mdm Chang Suk Heng, Mdm Emily Lau, Mdm Lai Nyuk Jin, Mdm Chia Soon Yin, Mr Leong Kam Lun, Mdm Tay Phui Teen, Mr Tai Nyuk Min and Mr Chong Hyun Vui.

Order of Service	This Sunday (10/02/19)	Next Sunday (17/02/19)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	This is my Father's world (HOP 24)	Only Trust Him (HOP 197)
<i>Greetings</i>	Jus Ng	Stephanie Chin
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Claudia Lopez	Ang Pian Ming
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Galatians 6: 1—10 Thien Lee Yee	Psalm 27: 1—14 Margaret Hon
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 15: 9—17 Stephanie Chin	Luke 22: 39-46 Jus Ng
<i>Message</i>	Jesus' Promise of Answered Prayer Canon James Lee	Jesus' Power in Prayer Revd K J Chin
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Shane Ho	Monica Ho
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	O ! How I love Jesus (HOP 388)	I Hear The Saviour Say (HOP 145)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	Onward Christian Soldiers (HFTC 532)	Our Great Saviour (HOP 46)

Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)	LOGOS 4 (Choo Peng Yeang)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs Ho Sui Loon Mr & Mrs Tommy Lim	Mr & Mrs Benjamin Chow Priscilla Chow, Mark Mak
Sidesmen	Mr & Mrs Chin Nyuk Fatt Mr & Mrs Yuen Kat Min	Yee Chee Hong, Hendry Tan Margaret Ho, Chung Tze Ken
Server	Foo Chee Hiong	Lam Kai Kwong
Prayer Ministry	Ho Sui Loon Annie Liu Ng Ngok Yoon (C)	Ho Sui Loon Betty Kwan Yee Chee Hong (C)
Offertory Count	Dorothy Yong, Margaret Ho Eng Li Fah, Wong Siu Fong Hee Pui Lee	Melissa Ong, Cindy Liew Mr & Mrs Christopher Kwan Francis Voo
Washing up	Maggi Yap, Lily Ho	Mr & Mrs Voon Thau Fen

WEEKLY SERVICES

Saturday

7:30 p.m.
Chinese

Sunday

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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