

WEEK 03

EPIPHANY 3

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THE CHURCH OF THE GOOD SHEPHERD

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Welcome to a gathering of God's people.

COLLECT FOR TODAY:

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look on our infirmities; and in all our dangers and necessities stretch out your right hand to defend and to help us, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We thank God for the gathering of 83 Clergy and Pastors (69 clergy and 14 Pastors) at the Retreat and Conference of the Diocese of Sabah from 16—18 January, 2018 in Kota Kinabalu. This is a yearly event of the Diocese where the clergy and pastors set aside their time to listen to God, fellowship with one another, plan for the new year and receive reports from the churches. We are grateful for the growth in 2017.

31,407 - Total average weekend Sunday attendance -

1,760 persons were baptized

1,999 were confirmed

6,691 - Total average weekly attendance of Sunday/children cells.

3,921 - Total average weekly attendance of the youth fellowship/cell ministries.

All glory be to God! Let us continue to work towards the 5 strategies set by Bishop Melter in the Year of Restoration:

- **Restoring true worship**
- **Reaching out (Mission)**
- **Raising up godly leaders for the next generation (Man-power)**
- **Raising up resources (Finance & Man-power)**
- **Impacting society (Witness)**

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.

We 'welcome back' Ad T C Yong, Revd K J Chin and our pastors Yock Len and Hyen Tze from the Diocesan Clergy & Pastors Retreat. Revd Timothy & Marry are on leave back to Sarawak.

- **27 Jan : Chinese Youth Ministry** resume.
Venue / Time: Grace Hall from 4:00 pm - 5:30 pm. Persons-in-charge: Ps Hyen Tze and Claire.
- **28 Jan - Sibuga & Mawar sisters' care group gathering.** Venue / Time: Mawar Care Centre, 7:00 pm.
- **29 Jan - Combined Chinese and English Intercessors training (for 3 Anglican churches)** by Ps Sim Shiu Kee who is the Chinese Prayer

Coordinator for the following event:

- ★ **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.
- **14 Feb : Ash Wednesday** combined Service.
Venue / Time : COGS / 7:30 pm.
- **16 Feb (Fri) - Chinese New Year Thanksgiving** combined Chinese & English service. Venue / Time : Church / 7:30 am.
- **17 Feb (Sat) -**
★ No Chinese Worship Service in the evening.
- **18 Feb (Sun) -**
★ Combined Chinese Worship Service at 7:00 am
★ Eng & BM - Worship services as usual, 9:30 am.

FOLLOWING THE LORD WHOLEHEARTEDLY (Joshua 14:6-15)

1. Commit to Follow God (Joshua 14:8, 9, 14)

Jos 14:8-9,14 but my brothers who went up with me made the hearts of the people melt with fear. I, however, followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.⁹ So on that day Moses swore to me, ‘The land on which your feet have walked will be your inheritance and that of your children forever, because you have followed the LORD my God wholeheartedly.’ ...

¹⁴ So Hebron has belonged to Caleb son of Jephunneh the Kenizzite ever since, because he followed the LORD, the God of Israel, wholeheartedly.

2. Eager to act upon God’s Promises (Joshua 14: 10a, 12)

Jos 14:10a Now then, just as the LORD promised **Jos 14: 12** Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

∞ Determine to Finish Strong

Jos 14:10- 12 “Now then, just as the LORD promised, he has kept me alive for forty-five years since the time he said this to Moses, while Israel moved about in the desert. So here I am today, eighty-five years old!¹¹ I am still as strong today as the day Moses sent me out; I’m just as vigorous to go out to battle now as I was then. ¹²Now give me this hill country that the LORD promised me that day. You yourself heard then that the Anakites were there and their cities were large and fortified, but, the LORD helping me, I will drive them out just as he said.”

Questions for Discussion

- Read Joshua 14:6-15. In your opinion, what does “following the LORD wholeheartedly” mean? Do you see areas in your life that you are being half-hearted in following the LORD? How do we encourage one another to follow the LORD wholeheartedly?
- Caleb’s request to have a piece of land was based on God’s promise (Joshua 14:9, 12a). Name THREE of God’s promises in the Bible. How do you turn the promises into prayer and present your request to God? Share your experience.
- How can we finish strong in our journey of faith? What are some of the obstacles that can hinder us to finish strong?

FAMILY MATTERS

- 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 for this Sunday are contributed by COGS Sisters' Fellowship.

Lord, teach us how to pray ...

✧ **For Our World - MONTSEERRAT**, in the Caribbean Sea, a tiny island state. Population 6,000. Dependant territory of the U.K.

- Economy—heavily dependant on the UK. Jobs are difficult to come by.
- Christians— Fellowship and unity are essential for Christians who meet almost entirely in homes.
- Leaders—pray for training and development of leaders.

✧ **For Malaysia - The homeless.**

- For homeless people in towns and cities.
- For the Government to provide for the poor and homeless people.
- For churches to be sensitive to homeless people.

✧ **For Our Diocese - St Philip's Mission — Segama.**

- Revd Anderias Banabas.
- For all leaders and care group leaders.
- For regular visits to church members within the estates.

✧ **For Our Parish - EMMANUEL ZONE.**

- Elizabeth Kho and her group assistants.
- All members will be encouraged and to be zealous to attend weekly Bible-study groups. .
- For both spiritual and numerical growth.

✧ For the sick: 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.**

14/01 Services/Attendance/Communicants

Hakka I [Sat] - 7:30 p.m.	216	177
Hakka II [Sun] - 7:00 am	238	163
English [Sun] - 9:30 am	193	167
BM [Sun] - 9:30 am	288	263
Hakka III [Sun] - 2:30 pm	90	68
Mawar Children	26	
Labuk Children (Ch)	95	
Labuk Children (En)	45	
BM Children	73	
Total	1,264	838

Order of Service	<i>This Sunday</i>	<i>Next Sunday</i> (28/01/18)
<i>Introit Hymn</i>	All creatures of our God and King (HfTC 13)	Now thank we all our God (HfTC 33)
<i>Greetings</i>	Ho Sui Ting	Stephanie Chin
<i>Praise & Worship</i>	Evelyn Poon	Claudia Lopez
<i>Collect for Today</i>		
<i>Bible Reading</i>	Joshua 14: 6 - 15 Hendry Tan	Daniel 1: 8 - 21 Thien Lee Yee
<i>Nicene Creed</i>		
<i>Gospel Reading</i>	John 2: 1—11 Ho Sui Ting	Mk 1: 21 - 28 Stephanie Chin
<i>Message</i>	Following the Lord wholeheartedly by Ad T C Yong	Resolve to follow Christ by Ps Margaret Chong
<i>Response Hymn</i>		
<i>Intercession</i>	Margaret Chu	Shane Ho
<i>Confession</i>		
<i>Offertory Hymn</i>	"The Lord's My Shepherd" (HOP 294)	"Day by Day" (HOP 296)
<i>Holy Communion, Lord's Prayer, Thanksgiving, Blessing & Dismissal</i>		
<i>Thanksgiving Hymn</i>	When the roll is called up yonder (HOP 418)	Now I Belong to Jesus (HOP 377)
Serving One Another :		
Cell Group Leader	LOGOS 2 (Dr Robert Ong)	LOGOS 3 (Ho Sui Loon)
Welcome Team / Visitors Centre	Mr & Mrs David Ngui Dr Robert & Melissa Ong	Mr & Mrs Tommy Lim Mr & Mrs Francis Lo
Sidesmen	Jimmy Kho, Stephen Ho Emily Ng, Melissa Wong	Ngu Ngok Yoon Liew Vun Men, Lily Ho Ho En Han
Server	Foo Chee Hiong	Charles Chong
Prayer Ministry	Mr & Mrs Frankie Poon	Ho Sui Loon Stephanie Chin
Offertory Count	Alice Chang (C) Mr & Mrs Loh Leong Len Hee Pui Lee Ho Sui Loon, Francis Voo	Ngu Ngok Yoon (C) Dorothy Yong, Eng Li Fah Wong Siu Fong, Margaret Ho
Washing up	Jonathan & Amanda Ong	Lily Ho, Ho En Han

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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