

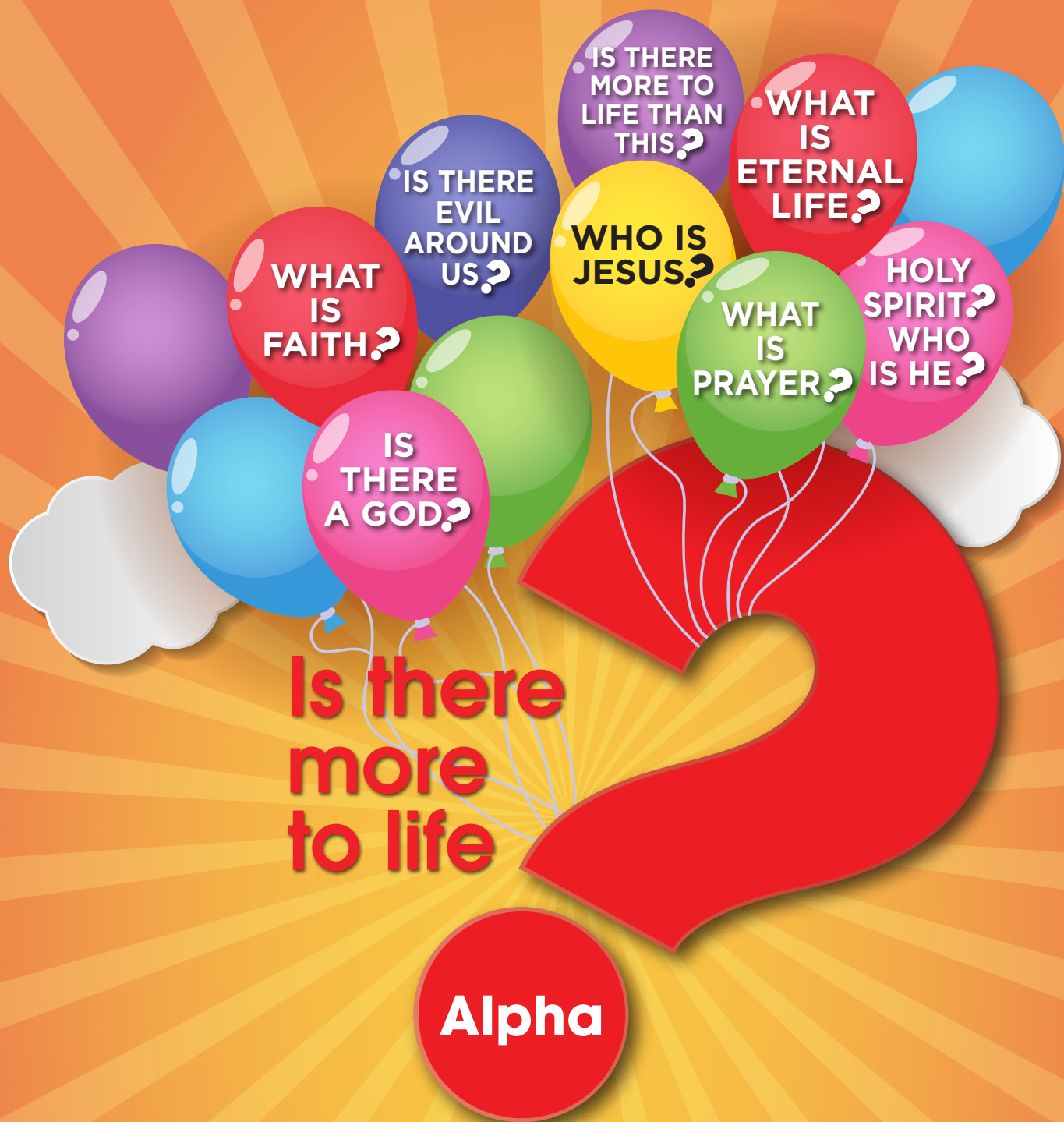
TMC *Clarion*

2016 | Issue 4

Private Circulation Only

LOVE
Whoever follows Me
will never walk in darkness
but will have the Light of Life
PEACE
I am the Light of the World.
In Him was Life, and that Life
was the Light of men. In Him
was Life and that Life was the Light of men. In Him was Life
COME
LORD
JESUS
HOPE
JOY
GRACE

connect | grow | serve



**Is there
more
to life**

Alpha

Explore the meaning of life with us at Alpha

Come and be blessed by Jesus, the ONE who gives us life to the fullest!
Join us for a time of friendly chats; a time of discovering life beyond ourselves.
Share weekly hi-teas with us that are carefully prepared. We have been blessed and
we wish for you to be blessed too!

DATE : Sunday 26th Feb, 2017 | TIME : 3.00pm - 5.00pm

VENUE : Trinity Methodist Church, PJ. 6 Jalan 5/37, 46000 Petaling Jaya

abiding | PASTORAL MESSAGE

- Come Lord Jesus 2

connect | FEATURE

- Life Transformation At The Top 4
- Prayer Of Thanksgiving, From Disciple 3 Class 7
- TRAC Methodist Women Conference 2016: An Enriching Experience 8
- TRAC Methodist Women Conference 2016: Serving With Heart 9
- Finding The Lost 10
- Precious In His Sight 11
- Introducing "Greet*Meet*Connect" aka "GMC" 12

grow | CHINESE MINISTRY

- 耶稣基督是谁 (一)
(歌罗西书一章15~20节) 13
- 你还差一点
马可福音十13—27 14

grow | TESTIMONY

- Jesus Was With Me During My Surgery 16

connect | CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Called Home To Eternal Rest 17
- Trinity Methodist Church Petaling Jaya Welcomes
New and Transferred Members 18

connect | CHURCH ACTIVITY

- A Life-long Learning 21
- United We Stand! 22
- 25th TRAC MSF Annual Camp 2016 26
- MSF Activities 27
- Trinity Methodist Church, PJ Birthday Celebration 30

TMCPJ Vision

Everyone
a Disciple of
Jesus Christ
Matthew 28: 19 - 20

Editorial Board

Liew Pooi Lin
Daisy Naesarajoo
Jessie Thaw Chin Sooi
Andrew Wong
James Chong
Adrian Hare

Editorial Note

- The Editorial Board reserves the right to edit all articles submitted. It does not guarantee that all articles submitted will be published.
- Deadline for articles to be sent in for 2017 Issue 1:
23 February 2017
and email to:
clarion@trinitypj.com
- Articles should be confined to two printed pages or not more than 1,200 words.



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH

6 Jalan 5/37, 46000 Petaling Jaya
Tel: 03 - 79565986, 79565872
Fax: 03 - 79569241
Email: admin@trinitypj.com

AT YOUR SERVICE

Pastor-In-Charge
Associate Pastor
Assistant Pastor
Music Director
Ministry Staff

The Rev. Ting Moy Hong
The Rev. Buell Abraham
Pastor Aaron Ng
Susan Tan
Lewis Loke

Services and Activities

Sunday

Worship Service (Liturgical)	8.30am
Worship Service (Contemporary)	11.00am
Worship Service (Chinese)	11.00am
Worship Service (Liturgical)	5.00pm
MYF	8.30am
Sunday School (English)	8.30am
Sunday School (Chinese)	11.00am

Tuesday

Methodist Seniors Fellowship (1st and 3rd Week)	10.30am
--	---------

Wednesday

MPS Chapel Service	1.00pm
Prayer Meeting	7.30pm

Friday

Prayer Meeting	8.00pm
----------------	--------

Saturday

Prayer Watch	7.00am
Counselling (The Oasis)	2.30pm
Boys' Brigade	2.30pm
Girls' Brigade	2.30pm
Baptism/Membership Class	2.30pm
Methodist Women (3rd week monthly)	3.30pm
MAF (4th week monthly)	3.30pm



Come Lord Jesus

By The Rev. Buell Abraham

Our nation is going through trying times and the question we need to ask ourselves is this; "Is Jesus enthroned in our lives?"

During the 5pm service in September this year, we looked closely at the book of Daniel chapters 1 to 3. We saw Jesus in the midst of the fire even before He came to earth: **"Come Lord Jesus"**.

In Daniel 3: 24 - 25, it says, *"then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished; and he rose in haste and spoke, saying to his counselors, 'Did we not cast three men bound into the midst of the fire?' They answered and said to the king, 'True, O king'.*

"'Look!' he answered, 'I see four men loose, walking in the midst of the fire; and they are not hurt, and the form of the fourth is like the Son of God.'"

My question is, who gave Nebuchadnezzar the revelation that the fourth man was "like the Son of God". We can say many things but I believe what the message of the three men who were put in the fire said:

In Daniel 3:16-18 *"Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego answered and said to the king, 'O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If that is the case, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and He will deliver us from your hand, O king. But if not, let it be known to you, O king, that we do not serve your gods, nor will we worship the gold image which you have set up.'"*

In today's context let me ask: "Do we in our nation, truly fear God like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego?"

As we enter the period of Advent leading up to Christmas, do we truly believe, trust and obey God when we say **"Come Lord Jesus"**? Come Lord Jesus into our lives to be transformers like Shadrach, Meshach, and Abed-Nego.

- Do we truly seek our Lord's presence in all our lives?
- Do we pray to God daily?
- Do we meditate daily on God's Word in our lives?

Our absolute need for Jesus is not always completely obvious what with the many things that cross our minds in our daily lives. The above three questions is to help us ponder whether we know our Saviour? This year 2016, I have been sharing God's Word from Isaiah 52:13 -

53:12 on our Redeemer Jesus. From these verses, we can see four impressions of **"Come Lord Jesus"** into our lives.

Jesus is presenting Himself as a Servant, a Saviour and a Sufferer, for our sins.

- 1) Isaiah 52:13-15 - Servant
- 2) Isaiah 53:1-3 - Saviour
- 3) Isaiah 53:4-9 - Sufferer
- 4) Isaiah 53:10-12 - Sin forgiven by repentance, forgiveness and intercession.

Very early in the life of the church, Christians identified themselves as servants of Jesus Christ the Messiah, the one who *"took our infirmities, and bore our diseases"* (Matthew 8:17). Matthew specifically identifies Jesus as the one who fulfills Isaiah's prophecy (Matthew 12:17-21). So, we have invited Jesus as servant leader into our lives and as our Redeemer who has taught us to serve rather than to be served.

Christians identified the Saviour as Jesus Christ

Come Lord Jesus to redeem our sinful lives through repentance of our sins. Jesus was rejected (Isaiah 53:1), was refuted (53:2) and was misunderstood (53:3). To miss the fact that Jesus was the Saviour is to actually miss out on God's salvation of mankind. Come Lord Jesus.

Christians identified the Suffering person as Jesus Christ from Isaiah 53:4-9

"....Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

"But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him, And by His stripes we are healed.

"All we like sheep have gone astray; We have

turned, every one, to his own way; And the LORD has laid on Him the iniquity of us all.

"He was oppressed and He was afflicted, Yet He opened not His mouth; He was led as a lamb to the slaughter, And as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He opened not His mouth.

"He was taken from prison and from judgment, And who will declare His generation? For He was cut off from the land of the living; For the transgressions of my people He was stricken.

"And they made His grave with the wicked — But with the rich at His death, Because He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth.

During this time of the year, we sometimes forget that Christmas leads to Easter. The above tells us about Jesus coming into our lives through His suffering on the cross of Calvary. Come Lord Jesus.

Finally Isaiah 53:10-12 - The significance of the death of Christ was that the blood was shed for the forgiveness of our sins.

"But it was the Lord's good plan to crush him and fill him with grief. Yet, when his life is made an offering for sin, he will have a multitude of children, many heirs. He will enjoy a long life, and the LORD's plan will prosper in his hands.

"When he sees all that is accomplished by his anguish, he will be satisfied. And because of what he has experienced, my righteous servant will make it possible for many to be counted righteous, for he will bear all their sins.

"I will give him the honours of one who is mighty and great, because he exposed himself to death. He was counted among those who were sinners. He bore the sins of many and interceded for sinners."

To God Be The Glory.



Life Transformation At The Top

Go up for the peak experience
then head down to serve

Luke 9:28-43

By Pastor Aaron Ng

Jesus' mountaintop transfiguration

The mountains are the most ideal places to pray and experience God. On the mountaintop, we can have intimate fellowship with God and experience spiritual uplifting. At the most important junctures, Jesus would retreat, quieten down, and pray earnestly.

At one time, He brought with Him three disciples to the mountains to pray. But the three were useless companions – they fell asleep. Anyway, Jesus was often alone in His experience of internal turmoil and struggles.

Although they fell asleep, the disciples woke up just in time, by the grace of God, to witness the transfiguration of Jesus' appearance and His dazzling white clothes. This was the eternal Christ in His post-resurrection glory! Jesus was not merely a spiritual guru – He is full of glory, honour and authority. He is the sovereign Lord of our lives. O let us come and look up to the mountains and behold the glorious and bedazzling appearance of Christ!

From the mountaintop to the valley and plains

The transfiguration of Jesus in the mountains and His radiant white clothes affirmed His identity as the eternal God, the Son. This was also an anticipation of Jesus' glorification after His death, resurrection and ascension.

Moses represented the Law while Elijah represented the Prophets. The appearance of these two great

representatives of Israel's tradition next to Jesus shows that His identity is unparalleled.

Elijah and Moses discussed with Jesus concerning His departure (or, exodus), which He was about to accomplish in Jerusalem (Luke 9:31). The two luminaries were cheering Jesus on, affirming and encouraging Him to accomplish the mission of salvation. Their discussion was not merely about Jesus' individual fate but involved the prophecies of the Law and the Prophets concerning the Messiah who would accomplish salvation for all nations through His suffering and death.

Jesus the Messiah died on the cross to accomplish salvation, leading the people out of sin and death, which we can term the "second exodus." In Christ, we have received God's promised inheritance, which are the redemption of all things and a renewal of life.

Jesus' mountaintop transfiguration is a kind of "peak experience." We ought to desire this kind of peak experience too. These are like "tonic" to revive and renew us. We gain strength and solidify our faith through such an experience. Have you ever had such a peak experience?

We retreat to the mountaintop to pursue God's presence and to desire the anointing of the Holy Spirit. We need to experience the miraculous signs and wonders, immerse ourselves in the baptism of the Holy Spirit, see visions, dream dreams, and have an extraordinary fellowship with the Lord.

Peak experiences are very good indeed! That's why Peter asked: "Why don't we build three tents to keep the glory and not leave this mountain?" But the tent-building project did not materialise because Moses and Elijah disappeared.

Jesus and His disciples went down from the mountain the next day and a great crowd met them. One of them cried out: *"Teacher, I beg you to look at my only son. An evil spirit seized him. It convulses him so that he foams at the mouth. My son is hurt. Your disciples wanted to cast it out, but they could not"* (Luke 9: 39 - 40).

Not only did the disciples fall asleep on the mountain, but now, back on the plains, they could not cast out a spirit. They were really useless. Then God's only son, Jesus, reprimanded the unclean spirit, healed the only son of this father, and gave the boy back to his father. The crowd was amazed at the majesty of God (Luke 9:42 - 43).

Jesus did not stay long on the mountains. He went down to the crowded valley and plains to heal those in need and cast out demons. Jesus understood that His peak experience was to equip Him to accomplish what was recorded in the Books of the Law and the Prophets. On the plains, in the countryside, Jesus fought against the forces of evil; set free those who were oppressed and enchained; and sacrificed His own life to accomplish salvation for the world.

Coming down from the mountain, Jesus served ceaselessly throughout His entire journey to Jerusalem until He arrived at another mountain, Golgotha, to suffer humiliation and to be crucified on the cross.

When He was crucified, Jesus was not accompanied by the illustrious Moses and Elijah. Instead, He was accompanied by two robbers who were crucified next to Him. This time, the Father did not speak from heaven.

Whether it was the mountaintop or the valley and

plains, whether on this mountain or on that mountain, whether it was the glory of bedazzling brightness or the glory of humiliation, Jesus embraced it all and never flinched!

We must not be contented with the busy service on the "plains," or in this boring and monotonous life. Once in a while, we must "go up the mountain" to experience God and pursue the sweetness and power of being filled by the Holy Spirit. But we need not physically scale a mountain to be refreshed: For example, we can have this experience by listening to an inspiring sermon, or participating in praise and prayer rallies, or signs and wonders conferences.

But these peak experiences come with responsibilities, that is, to "go down to the valley and plains" to serve the needs of the crowd. As we serve, our character will be transformed and subjected to the authority of Christ. This is the way of sanctification!

If we do not "go down to the plains" to serve, then all our so-called peak experiences are merely the pursuit of endless emotionalism. This will not bring any changes to lives or to the world. When we are on "the plains" to serve the crowd, we will see for ourselves the rampancy of evil and the sufferings of the people. We can then truly practice the power of faith and let the almighty power and the brilliant glory of Christ overcome the evil forces of darkness. Serving at the foot of the mountain gives us a broader experience of life, which is filled with challenges and endless surprises.

Some people, even after many decades of believing in the Lord, are still telling the same old testimony. They talk about how they experienced the Lord years ago when they were heartbroken, or when they fell ill, or when they failed their exams, etc. This is akin to Peter requesting to remain on the mountain.

One day, we will discover that this particular experience cannot sustain us on our journey of faith. God wants us to experience His grace and faithfulness anew every day.

If we walk with God, every day will be a new day. We will enter new realms and experience new horizons. We will be able to give fresh testimonies one after another. Forget what is behind and strive forward to what is ahead. Where are your “valleys and plains”? Your “valleys and plains” could be in the workplace, or at school, or in your Small Groups, or in your various ministries, or at home, or in the messiness of human relationships – you need to take up the challenges and make things right.

I will move on, even all by myself

A cloud overshadowed the disciples and a voice said: *“This is My Son, my Chosen One; listen to Him”*. After the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone (Luke 9: 35-36).

The Father spoke, Moses and Elijah departed, and Jesus was all alone. This description shows the importance and uniqueness of Jesus. The encouragement by Moses and Elijah had ceased and even the affirming voice of the Father had passed. The peak experience of Jesus came to an end and now He was alone. Who else could He rely upon?

All He had before Him were three drowsy disciples. Yet, Jesus persevered in His journey to Jerusalem where He would suffer and sacrifice His life to defeat the devil and, thus, accomplish salvation.

There are many people who can’t stand being alone. They must hear the voice of others. If there is no one around, they will turn on the television to be comforted by the sound it makes. God wants to train us to endure loneliness in order to cultivate our tenacity, and to be resilient against failures and frustrations. In this way, we will be able to handle the realities of life, containing blood and tears, joy and uncertainties.

Are you all alone at the moment? Do you feel lonely? Do you feel disillusioned? Do people around you not understand you? Can’t they help you?

Jesus also had to face many important moments alone. The affirmations, applause, and protection from those around us will pass away.

Many who, despite having believed the Lord and having been fed and taught for many years, are unable or unwilling to be leaders or assume the role of teachers. Some even refuse to lead prayers and use the excuse “I don’t know how to pray”. Yet, these are the same people who murmur and complain the most.

Do not throw a self-pity party. You can still journey on despite being alone. It is time to learn to stand up! You are all alone in this journey because God has chosen you. This is an honour for you. God is honing you to accomplish your mission.

Whether we are having the peak experience of the mountaintop or the laborious service of the valley and plains, we will encounter bottlenecks, confusions, and situations where we are incompetent or ignorant. Yet, the word of God proclaims: *“This is My Son, My Chosen One; listen to Him!”* We have no choice but obey the Lord’s instructions and follow in His footsteps. Even though we may be alone, we ought to still stand up to serve, feed, and lead others. Do not wait for others to serve you.

Jesus was filled by the Holy Spirit from the moment He was conceived by Mary. When He received the anointing of the Holy Spirit, He began His ministry: He preached the Gospel, healed the sick, cast out demons, called the disciples, and accomplished His mission by obeying the Father even to His death.

Likewise, let us now “go up the mountain” and pray for the Holy Spirit to fill and empower us, so that despite being all alone and facing various constraints, we can nevertheless rise and “go down to the valley and plains” to take up the challenges and accomplish our mission.

Prayer Of Thanksgiving, from Disciple 3 Class

By Rita See

Our Lord God and Heavenly Father,
We thank You for enabling us to have this fruitful discussion and learning of Thy Word in the peace and calm of our Sanctuary in Trinity Methodist Church, Petaling Jaya.

We praise and thank You for this continued blessing of having the freedom of worship all these years, and pray that You would continue to bless us in this way.

We do know Lord, that all Scripture is God-inspired, and we seek to keep growing in faith, striving to be proficient so as to be well equipped for every good work You have planned for us.

May we be quick to rise to the defence of our faith, be steadfast in our faith and keep pressing on to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ's life, death, resurrection and ascension, and His promised return. May we also reflect Your goodness and mercy in our daily living, so as to encourage others who may be floundering in faith to remain faithful to You and others who have yet to know You, seek to know more of You, and gain the peace and blessings that being a true Christian brings to our lives.

Help us to be mindful to teach our children and children's children to know the Good News of the Gospel.

Let us all glorify Your Name and know that in all things we should go to You in prayer.

We ask all this in Jesus' most Precious Name,

Amen.



An Enriching Experience

By Girlie Wong



The recently concluded 41st Session of the TRAC Methodist Women Conference from 16th to 18th September 2016 in Kuantan was very well organised. It was not hectic. The Conference programme was light and easy without compromising the scheduled business proceedings of reporting, elections and the teaching sessions.

The organisers were very hospitable and had people on hand to see to the needs of the delegates. We were brought to a batik shop while some were taken to eating outlets so that they could have lunch upon arrival on the first day of the Conference.

The teaching sessions were challenging and thought provoking. We were reminded that we are all different but one body in Christ. We were challenged to serve one another with the gifting God had given us. We were also encouraged to answer the call to duty in whatever tasks that are given to us and not to run away from the given responsibility like Jonah.

When God sent Jonah to Nineveh, he rebelled. He ran away to the city of Tarshish which was in the opposite direction of Nineveh. Jonah was not willing to take up the task of speaking out against the evil ways of the Ninevites.

Jeremiah was only 17 years old when he was called to speak out against the sinful nation of Judah. He faced problems in the task given to him. He lacked eloquence and experience and yet he obeyed God. Every Christian has a calling. We may be called to a particular sphere of ministry and what is required of us is obedience. We are to take up the challenge given. We are to be bold and courageous in our attitudes. We were also reminded to be witnesses to our family members, to our people in church; and to our colleagues and friends in our workplaces.

On the whole, the Conference was an enriching experience.

Serving With Heart

By Lai Yen Choo

At the opening of the 41st Session of TRAC Methodist Women Conference, the Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar shared the message entitled "The Servant" which was based on Acts 6:1-7.

In delivering it, he pointed out that God calls all His people to be servants and not to be spectators. To become committed servants, we must first of all serve our family by meeting their emotional, financial and spiritual needs. Basically, we are to make time to provide a listening ear, to give guidance and to disciple our family.

As God's people, we are also to serve the Church, taking care not to abuse the authority/power given to us. Among the points, the Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar made were:

- There must be mutual accountability;
- The position that we hold is all about responsibility and not about authority; and

- This responsibility would entail acquiring skills in addition to utilising our God-given gifts.

At the workplace, God's people are to set good examples of serving with inward joy and peace; to show respect; and to guard the reputation of the company and its employees. Even in our retirement, we should offer our services as mentor/coach.

The Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar ended with this alert to the Church:

"When we encourage someone to take up a position in Church without first knowing if he/she has a servant heart which may be untrained, then we are causing him/her ruin!"



Finding The Lost

By Jessie Chiew



*Everything is meaningless
If God is not at the centre of it all*

Chosen and personally taught by the Lord, we have come to know that every single lost sheep matters to Him. He has called us to get out of our comfort zone to reach out to the lost, the last and the least.

The Lord's compassion, empathy and all-inclusive love makes Him reach out to even the sheep that are not of His pen. He motivates us to bring the good news to those who have yet to know Him that they too may experience His overwhelming, all-encompassing love.

Each single life saved brings Him immeasurable joy!

Yet, even for those who know Him, we can remain lost if we do not continue to seek His face every day and at all times in everything we do. By touching base with Him and staying connected to Him, our hearts will resonate with His, and we move and act in response to His prompting and nudging. We grow lesser as He increases in us, permeating our thoughts and every word that comes out of our mouth.

Persevering to shrink our ego will allow the Holy Spirit to grow and take over to counter the worldly influences and forces that continue to assail us from all directions. Staying in this world and not

conforming to it is like swimming against the flow. We are powerless to do it on our own.

Not a single one of us can ever qualify to cast the first stone!

Grace and mercy came with the Lord. By His mercy, we are not consumed or condemned.

By His grace, we can come to Him at the end of each day to give thanks for His goodness, to remember His presence going before us and following us and to unburden our hearts in having said hurtful words or doing things we should not have done. We are to turn to God constantly to search our hearts and test our anxious thoughts to remove any offensiveness from us.

The Lord has come to richly bless us with His warm and comforting presence. When He delights in us, we can stumble but not fall headlong for *He holds us firmly by the hand.*

As a community of faith, we are to come together regularly to uphold one another in God's love and to urge one another toward love and good deeds. Our Father in heaven watches over us without slumbering. He awaits us to call to Him to show us His way, teach

us His path, guide us in His truth and teach us, for He is God our Saviour and our hope is in Him all day long.

The Lord has called us out of darkness into His marvellous light. He stays by us to light the way. He has reminded us that: *if my people who are called by My name will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn away from their wicked ways, then will I hear them from heaven and will forgive their sin.*

The Lord has given us His measures to live by. We do not have to subscribe to worldly measures. Ruled by conscience and led by the Spirit, we are answerable only to our Creator and Benefactor. When we say words to build up and not to bring down, with us He

is well pleased.

Seeking God's wisdom unfailingly will enable us to rise above our self-centredness and to love as He loves. We are *His treasure in jars of clay*.

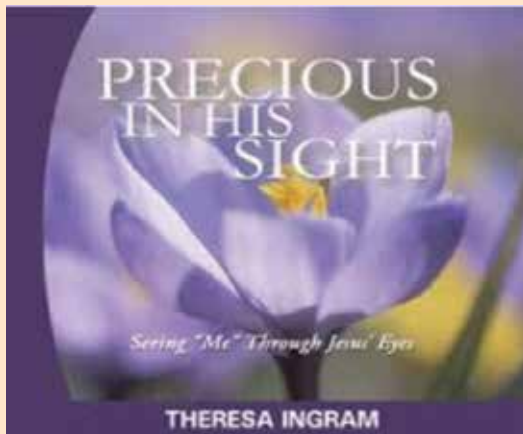
Whatever we do if we do it from the heart everything will fall into place. God has blessed us to be a blessing to others.

*Teach me Your way, Lord,
so that I can walk in your truth.*

*Make my heart focused only
on honouring Your name.*

Precious In His Sight

By Jessie Chiew



Why do we care?
Because He came
to turn our hearts of stone
into hearts for love alone

We cannot walk by
on seeing someone falling
and scraping his knee.

He gave us eyes to see
and hearts to feel
and to respond.

He has beckoned us to
Come follow me . . .

It is a lifelong strife
to know Him,
to learn to be like Him,
to nurture His Spirit in us,
to feel and to love like Him.

His Spirit enables and
empowers us
to reach out

to even one who is hurting
who is seeking
to be shown the way
to come into
His embrace again.
He heals
even on Sabbath.

He is our reason
for loving and doing.
His wisdom
helps us rise
above self.

We praise and extol Him
for His great love towards us.
He comes to tell us
that where our treasure is
there lies our heart as well.

We please God
through the life we live
when we live
more and more for Him
and more and more like Him.

Introducing “Greet*Meet*Connect” aka “GMC”

By TMCPJ Membership Committee

The Church is a community of faith where everybody should feel welcome, whatever his or her age or background. Christian theology stresses the depth and breadth of God’s welcome, teaching that no one is beyond the reach of God’s love.

Welcoming others is part of the response we make to the God who has welcomed us in the first place. It is known that visitors who experience a warm greeting and a hospitable community are more likely to return. When visitors decide to keep returning, they organically develop new relationships within our community of faith.

The Greet*Meet*Connect (GMC) concept was adopted during the recent Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC) retreat, and the Membership Committee was tasked with implementing the programme.

GMC’s primary purpose is to engage with our visitors whom God has brought into Trinity Methodist Church Petaling Jaya (TMCPJ). Through this effort,

we hope visitors will eventually want to be a part of this community of faith.

Our expected take off is in January 2017.

But welcoming visitors should not just be the responsibility of a select few – but of all TMCPJ members. As such, we welcome volunteers to form a passionate and committed GMC team to serve in all the three English-speaking services.

Should you wish to join us in our journey to improve TMCPJ’s hospitality quotient, please get in touch with any one of the Membership Committee members:

1. Tan Hui Khim (Chairman for 2017)
2. Lee Siew Hong
3. Suzie Chin
4. Betty Liew (Mrs Hor Chee Wah)
5. Audrey Si
6. Hoi Hung Wah
7. Wong Lai Fong (Mrs Woo Soon Ming).



耶稣基督是谁（一）

（歌罗西书一章15~20节）

引言

公元一至二世纪的异端幻影派认为耶稣是虚拟人物，从而否认他的人性。公元四世纪的亚流派认为耶稣是受造的人，否认他的神性。过后有涅斯多留派认为耶稣的位格是半神半人，否认他的完整神人二性。公元632年兴起的伊斯兰教认为耶稣是受造的人，只是先知，否认他的神性。1820年兴起的摩门教认为未受浸前的耶稣只是半神半人，受浸后才成为神。耶和華见证人认为耶稣是受造的人，否认他的神性。统一教认为耶稣只是人，不是神，文鲜明才是再世弥赛亚。兴都教认为耶稣是众多神明中的其中一位神。新纪元运动认为耶稣是谁没有关系。

使徒保罗时代也有歌罗西的异端贬低耶稣基督的身份。为了回应当时异端的问题，保罗在歌罗西书里除了与他的其他书信一样关注基督的救赎，更特别在歌罗西书一章15~20谈到基督在宇宙中的地位和基督与创造的关系，阐明耶稣基督的身份与工作。

歌罗西书一章15~20被许多学者认为是新约圣经中其中一段陈述基督论的重要经文。这六节经文也因为美丽的语句而被许多圣经学者看为是一首赞美耶稣基督创造的权能、至高的尊荣与救赎的慈爱的赞美诗。

因此，透过这六段经文，我们不但可以清楚说明耶稣基督是谁，更可以从经文的内容整理出对基督徒与非基督徒的神学与护教信息。

我们把这六节经文分成三部分来探讨，分别是十五和十六节，谈到耶稣基督是造天地万物的主宰、十七和十八节，耶稣基督是宇宙和教会的元首以及十九和二十节，耶稣基督是神和人之间的中保。

一、耶稣基督是造天地万物的主宰（西一15~16）

这段经文这前的13节与14节提到天父把我们迁到他爱子的国里，并且因着这爱子我们得蒙救赎。因此我们能够期待从第15节，经文如何形容这一位爱子是谁和他又做了什么以致我们能够因祂而得救。

第15节上半段说“爱子是那不能看见之神的像”，“神的像”是一个关键片语。“像”的原文希腊文“eikon”是用作形容一个实体的完全形象、相同或代表。因此，这爱子，耶稣基督，是神这位实体的表征，是神完全的形象表现。

哥林多后书四章4节同样说到“基督本是神的像”；希伯来书一章3节也说明基督是“神本体的真像”。简单来说，看见耶稣基督就等同看见那未见的神（约一18；十四9）。这表明了耶稣基督就是神！



第15节下半段的经文陈述一个很重要的理由来支持耶稣基督就是神，因为耶稣是“首生的”，我们必须留意，这“首生”并不表示耶稣基督是被造的。关键词是连接第15节和第16节的“因为”。这个连接词“因为”强调耶稣基督就是全部被造物藉着他得以形成的那一位。

其实第16节有一个原文的词在中文和合本圣经没有被翻译，但是和合本修订版却有翻译出来，就是“ἐν”，意思是“里面”。因此，按照字面，第16节的“因为万有都是靠他造的”应该被翻译成“因为万有在他里面被造”。这样就很明显地说明耶稣不但不是被造的，反而万物都是在他里面被造成的。创世记一章1节告诉我们，起初，神创造天地；耶稣基督就是创造天地的神！创造天地万物是他的工作。

其实第16节有一个原文的词在中文和合本圣经没有被翻译，但是和合本修订版却有翻译出来，就是“ἐν”，意思是“里面”。因此，按照字面，第16节的“因为万有都是靠他造的”应该被翻译成“因为万有在他里面被造”。这样就很明显地说明耶稣不但不是被造的，反而万物都是在他里面被造成的。创世记一章1节告诉我们，起初，神创造天地；耶稣基督就是创造天地的神！创造天地万物是他的工作。

透过第15和第16节经文，我们能够学习第一个神学原则：应当敬拜造天地万物的主宰。启示录四章10~11节告诉我们要“敬拜那活到永永远远的……因为你创造了万物……”。我们不可敬拜别神（出三十四14），应当存这敬畏的心事奉主（诗二11），全地也要敬拜主、歌颂主（诗六十六4）。

还没有信主的人所崇拜的或许是不同的神明、政治人物、明星偶像，或许他们活着的目标就是要赚更多的钱。而基督徒虽然已经跟随耶稣基督，但是我们也可能落入敬拜偶像的情况，意思就是我们做很多事情不是为了敬拜荣耀神。也许我们在教会全职事奉是因为想暂时脱离商场的工作压力而“换一份工作”；也许我们在某一些事奉岗位上是为了满足自己的欲望，譬如在台上领唱只想到自己可以表演歌艺，或者担任事工领袖是为了满足自己能够成为领导人去管理别人的欲望。这一些欲望，就会成为我们“敬拜”的偶像。

求主怜悯，帮助我们远离这些外表看起来殷勤事奉主但内心却不尊主为大的欲望。弟兄姐妹，除了唱诗祷告，但愿我们也存敬畏主的心，在生活中的每一个部分都有好见证，并且以宣扬福音为我们的使命，除了在教堂，更要在公共场所、公司、学校以及家中高举耶稣基督的名！（待续）

1 陈宝成，〈护教学〉（授课讲义：马来西亚圣经神学院，马来西亚，2015），74。

2 鲍会园，《天道圣经注释：歌罗西书》，香港：天道书楼，1991，49。

3 Harold K. Moulton, ed., *The Analytical Greek Lexicon Revised* (Michigan: Zondervan, 1980), 117.

4 Peter T. O'Brien, *Colossians and Philemon*, WBC 44 (Texas: Word Books, 1982), 44.

你还差一点

马可福音十13—27

- 伍国伦传道

耶稣祝福小孩子

《马可福音》强调作主门徒的真谛。耶稣为小孩祝福的故事，与富人求问耶稣永生之道的故事互相呼应，必须一起阅读。

有人带着小孩子来见耶稣，要耶稣摸他们，门徒便责备那些人。耶稣看见就恼怒，对门徒说：『让小孩子到我这里来，不要禁止他们；因为在神国的正是这样的人。我实在告诉你们，凡要承受神国的，若不像小孩子，断不能进去。于是抱着小孩子，给他们按手，为他们祝福。』（13-16节）

经文不是强调小孩子天真纯朴、可爱逗人，而是他们的无能，无助和被边缘化。古代社会小孩子没有权利和地位，对社会也没有贡献。现代小孩子受到极大宠爱和重视，在古代是匪夷所思的。

经文突显小孩子的被动：『有人带着小孩子来见耶稣（13节）、要耶稣摸他们（13节）、让小孩……来（14节）、不要禁止他们（14节）、抱他们（16节）、按手在他们身上（16节）』。

进入神国度的人，要像小孩子那样毫无依赖，除了仰赖神的恩典。他们缺乏能力、容易受伤、常遭厌弃。正因为这样的光景，当他们看到神的恩手，就马上毫无保留地接纳神的管治。他们把神放在第一位，相信与遵行神的话。

门徒责备或拦阻小孩子前来见耶稣，反映他们认为卑微无靠的人是不属于这个信仰群体的。耶稣看见就恼怒他们，因为他们所排斥的正是神国所拥抱的。在神国的人，正像小孩子般卑微、没有地位、无能，但渴慕神。他们没有网络可以依靠，也没有关系可以拉拢，更没有功绩可凭借，只能相信神的怜悯，靠神得生命。他们更无能计算筹划，只能舍弃一切，忠心跟从主，以神的心意和价值为念。



耶稣抱着小孩子，给他们按手，为他们祝福。那些属于“外面，求见的人”现在成为“耶稣怀抱里的孩子”。软弱无能，无助，好像小孩的人，不可能成为跟从者，现在却成为神国的一员。这预示27节所说的：『在人不能，在神却凡事都能。』

财主寻求永生

耶稣祝福小孩之后，他出来行路的时候，有一个人跑来，跪在他面前，问他说：『良善的夫子，我当做什么事才可以承受永生？』（17节）

“耶稣出来行路的时候”是指耶稣行在朝向耶路撒冷的受苦路程。走在这路上，象征作主门徒当受苦服事的生命。这个人跑来，是要跟随耶稣吗？

这人跪在耶稣面前，显示他是敬畏和谦卑的。他称耶稣为『良善的夫子』，流露出崇敬的态度。他是对耶稣真心渴慕的人。

他问耶稣，当作什么事才可以承受永生。“得永生”就是进入神在终末介入，施行救赎并掌权的国度。这是每个犹太人所熟悉，几个世纪以来先知们预言神的国度降临，子民承受产业的蒙福生命。

耶稣的回答令人错愕：『你为什么称我是良善的？除了神一位之外，再没有良善的。』（18节）

耶稣这样回答不是暗示他有罪，不与神同等良善。这话带有修辞作用，在于挑战这个人，当真把耶稣与神同等，遵

行他的命令正如服从神的律法那样。这个人会听从耶稣的话吗？

耶稣引用神透过摩西颁发的律法来回答他：『诫命你是晓得的；不可杀人；不可奸淫；不可偷盗；不可作假见证；不可亏负人；当孝敬父母。』（19-20节）

那人回答说：『夫子，这一切我从小都遵守了。』（20节）

耶稣看着他，就爱他。这证明那人的回答是真诚的。那人优良的出身背景，与之前来到耶稣面前的小孩子成了强烈的对比。然而，耶稣说：『你还缺少一件；去变卖你所有的，分给穷人，就必有财宝在天上；你还要来跟从我。』（21节）

遵守诫命、关爱亲人，乃是没有亏负他人，这都是美事。然而，得永生，进神的国，并非美事，美德可以达成。耶稣要他重新整顿生命的信念和优先秩序，就是“去变卖你所有的，分给穷人，就必有财宝在天上；你还要来跟从我。”

耶稣不是说拥有财产是错，贫穷才对，而是强调“来跟从我”，因为唯有他能够赐永生给人。然而，“跟从我的人或作主门徒”必须放下一些依赖，一些难以割舍的生命外在物，交在主的宝座前。耶稣针对我们各人的处境和软弱发出不同的挑战和呼召。他只对这个人发出『变卖所有，分给穷人』的挑战，因为这个人必须割舍的就是他的财宝！

『变卖财产，分给穷人』也反映神国的伦理：神的子民不仅是对他人没有亏负，还要进一步作出自我牺牲去恩待他人。然而，耶稣应许我们，若如此做，必有财宝在天上。这意味着，我们其实没有失去什么。

这个人会放下可依靠的条件，像小孩那般脆弱和无所依赖，向主耶稣敞开，听从他的话，跟他吗？

圣经告诉我们，这人听见耶稣的话，脸上就变了色，忧忧愁愁地走了，因为他的产业很多（22节）。

这个人跑、跪、求问永生之道、到了解和遵守诫命，甚至耶稣爱他，都显出他是神国度非常合适的候选人。然而，相对于『小孩子』，他们被带到耶稣面前，被门徒拒绝，最后却在耶稣的怀中；这人的结果无疑是叫人黯然的逆转！

他的家财很多，而且一直牢牢地捆绑着他，使他没有勇气挣脱出来。对他来说，变卖所有的代价太高了。一般人都这么想：只有眼睛可见的财宝，哪里有看不见的『天上的财宝』？产业成为这个人的偶像，取代了神的地位。他犯了第一，最大的诫命！

这个人进入神国的拦阻，来自不能放下他所依赖的产业。对其他没有钱财的人，放不下的可以是才学、权势、记忆、骄傲、仇恨、伤害、与某人的关系、某种上瘾、不公平的际遇……。人决意拥抱这些，就难以跟从耶稣，也因而失去生命。正如耶稣在凯撒利亚腓立比路上的讲论，“人救了自己的生命，却丧掉生命（八35）。

这个人离开后，耶稣往周围一看，对门徒说：『有钱财的人进神的国是何等地难哪！』（23节）

门徒很稀奇耶稣的话，因为当时犹太人认为财富是证明神恩待人，接纳人的记号，怎么说富人反而很难进入神的国？有钱人不管做什么事，难道不是比常人更容易吗？耶稣又对他们说：『孩子们，要进神的国是何等的难哪！骆驼穿过针的眼，比财主进神的国还容易呢。』（24-25节）

耶稣这么说，是将进入神国的难处，从有钱财的人推展到所有人。进入神的国有难处的，不仅是有钱人，任何东西被看为『钱财』一样宝贵的，也足以拦阻人进入神的国。门徒听见就分外稀奇，对耶稣说：『这样谁能得救呢？』（26节）

耶稣看着他们，说：『在人是不能，在神却不然，因为神凡事都能。』（27节）

人是不能靠自己得救的，唯有靠神的作为，人才能够得救；因为在神，凡事都能！

结语：

进入神的国是始于神的介入施恩典，而人必须像小孩子一样相信、接受、认同神掌权。越有条件、越有计划的人，越难放下自己，结果是忧愁远离神的国。我们若肯回应主给我们的吩咐，放下心中执着的“那件事”，交在主耶稣的跟前，单单依靠他，他会立刻拥抱我们，按手在我们身上，祝福我们，叫我们在神国里得胜有余！

在神，凡事都能。不要看自己的软弱，放下那“还差一点”，俯伏在主的跟前，好像小孩那样单单依靠神的恩典得救。神要帮助你胜过试探、胜过所有困难、敌人的攻击……

Jesus Was With Me During My Surgery

By Maureen Chen

This is my testimony to give glory, praise and thanks to God for the big part He played during a recent event in my life.

He is the only One worthy of glory and praise for He is my Creator, the beginning and the end, He knows all of me and what is best for me.

In the face of trials, these Scripture verses reminded me:

- I will not be alone, Jesus will be with me always. *Jesus promised His disciples, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age"* (Matthew 28:18-20).

- Not to fear. *"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand"* (Isaiah 41:10).

- Not to waver in times of trouble but remain strong in faith. *"Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith develops perseverance"* (James 1:2-3).

- To be thankful to God. *"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus"* (1 Thessalonian 5:18).

Some of you may remember that I received a kidney from my sister over 14 years ago and by God's grace the transplanted kidney is functioning well until today. However, recently, a problem arose with my non-transplanted kidney.

It was after an annual ultra sound scan in June 2016 that I was informed of a cyst that was growing on my right kidney. Thereafter a CT scan revealed a 4cm mass, suspected to be cancerous. I was advised by my nephrologists that removal of the kidney was the best option. At this point, a little voice told me to be confident of God's purposes and plans and be assured of Jesus' promises if death were to happen: *"that those who believe in Him shall have eternal life"* (John 3:16). So to me life on earth is only temporary, eternal life with God and Jesus is my goal.

When the surgery date was fixed in early August, I was anxious after hearing testimonies of fellow patients who encountered complications with their surgeries. I was thus relieved when I was told the surgery would be postponed till September as it would help me to be better prepared mentally. What pleased me was when my doctors assured me of quick healing and

less pain as the procedure would be done through laparoscopy surgery (pinhole). Unless complications arose, then the doctors would have to resort to open surgery, which would mean more pain, a longer healing process and exposure to other risks. My heart told me that all these would come to pass and all would be well. I was prompted to "go on my knees and present my prayers to the our Gracious God" as I remembered the verse, *"Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours"* (Mark 11: 24).

When I put up a prayer request for my surgery, a friend appeased me with Revelation 8:4 that all our prayers are heard by God, *"for the smoke of the incense, together with the prayers of God's people go up before God from the angel's hand"*.

After the six-hour operation and the anaesthesia wore out, I hardly felt any pain as compared to the days of the earlier transplant surgery. Arriving at the ward, I just felt peace – Jesus must have been with me all this while, guiding the surgeons and the medical team with His wisdom and healing hands.

God is so good! Amen! The surgery was successful! There were no complications and I was discharged on the third day. I was glad that very little painkillers were required after the operation – I had to take an oral painkiller only once when I was at home. Everything seemed to go very well and I had good feelings. My thoughts were of the Trustworthy and True God, my Healer graciously healed me again.

During my recuperation, I was thankful that friends continued to pray for my quick recovery and I was served with their home-cooked food prepared with love and care. I was indeed touched – God sent Jesus as my Saviour and sent my family and friends as my earthly saviours.

After further investigation of the cyst and kidney, the doctors informed that the cyst was of Grade 2 cancer, but since it was contained within the kidney that was already removed, no chemotherapy or radiotherapy treatment would be required.

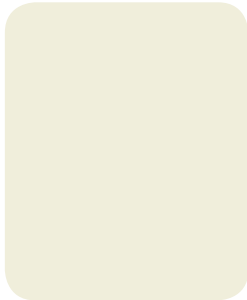
I went back to my normal activities after two months and this trial has strengthened my faith in Jesus. I will steadfastly persevere and await when Jesus returns in all His glory.

"Thank you God for you are the Awesome and Amazing God! My appreciation also, to my loved ones and friends. To God be the glory for ever and ever!"

Called Home To Eternal Rest

"Jesus said, I am the resurrection and I am life. Those who believe in me, even though they die yet shall they live. And whoever lives and believes in me shall never die. I am the Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last. I died, and behold I am alive for evermore, and I hold the key of hell and death. Because I live, you shall live also." - **The Word of Grace - (UMH pg. 871)**

The following members of TMC PJ were called home to eternal rest. Our condolences to their family members.



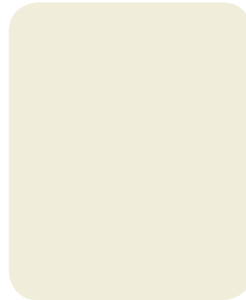
CHUNG THIAN SINN

Called home in
October, 2016



ALBERT KOK LOKE SAN

Called home in
October, 2016



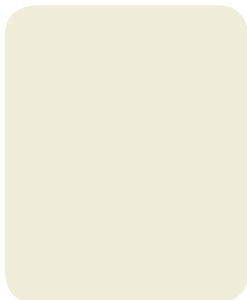
KOH YOOK KUAN

Called home in
October, 2016



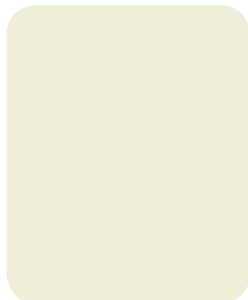
LEE YOKE SEN

Called home in
November, 2016

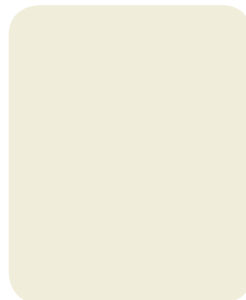


LEE POH PING

Called home in
November, 2016



**PATRICIA PATHMA
PONNIAH**



**CHUNG NGAI SIN
HAYLEY**

Called home in
November, 2016



LAU CHUK MUN CHUCK

Called home in
November, 2016

Removal of membership @ TMCPJ 2nd Local Conference 2016

Cheah Wan Ching
Chin Irene Hee Fong
Chow Catherine
Chow Kerry Kia Li
Chow Pamela
Chow Siang Kang
Davis J Davis (Prof)
Gan Kim Tai
Goh Daniel Kong Beng
Goh Charles Cheng Eng
Goh Peter Kiat Beng
Hwang Mei Lyn
Khoo Peggy Pek Yoke
Khor Judy
Koh Kathleen Jade Ching
Koong Andrew
Lam Derick Kok Choong
Lam Kok Choong (Mrs)
Lau Christina

Lau Peng Hing
Lee Maureen
Leong Shirley Tien Hwee
Lim Mary Poh May
Lim Patrick
Lim Soo Kong
Lim Yeleng Yoke Leng
Ling Lilian Ee Yung
Ng Caroline Peng Lim
Ng Grace Sze-Vey
Ng Hannah Peng Sim
Ng Samuel Kum Choon
Ong Bernard Teck Meng
Ong Sing Kwee
Ong Tit Im
Ooi Kenneth Soong That
Peh Patricia Lee Lian
Quek Siew Kiat (Mrs)
Tan Andy Chin Teik

Tan Hock Soon
Tan Kim Ho
Teh Guat Peng
Tham Suk Wai
Tow Jacqueline Lee Koon
V. Hari Das Sushita
Wells Adrian
Wong Doreen
Wong Jennifer Lai Tin
Wong May Lee
Woo Sharon
Yap Henry Eng-Kee
Yap Mui Foong
Yap Patrick Huah Ju
Yap Sze Foong
Yap Vivien Foong Kim
Yee Joe Fook Yoon
Yong Chi Choon

Transfer Out Of Membership

Annie Zhang
*Chengdu Early Rain
Reformed Church,
China*

Trinity Methodist Church Petaling Jaya Welcomes New and Transferred Members

Baptism by Immersion
on 10th Dec 2016



Jared Dyllan Jebaretnam
s/o Mr & Mrs Leslie N Jebaretnam

Baptism by Sprinkling
on 11th Dec 2016



Yeo Kok Seng



Ooi King Hiok

Baptised By Immersion on 10th Dec 2016 and
Received into TMCPJ Membership on 11th Dec 2016



Jennifer Chang Kwai Ching



Joey Young
(Daughter of Peter & Quinee Young
and Sister of Jean Young)



Chin Tuck Leong
(Husband of Rosa Check)



Lisa Chee Siau Pei



Lee Pak Gong

Youth Confirmation and Received into Membership



Wong Jia Yue
(daughter of Dr & Mrs Wong Chew Ming)

Baptised By Sprinkling / Confirmation / Re-affirmation and Received into TMCPJ Membership on 11th Dec 2016



Mike Tan Joon Say



Mr & Mrs Peter and Quinee Young
(parents of Joey & Jean Young)



Edwin Chuen



Betty Tan Bing Chu



Eileen Dutton (Boey Oi Lin)
(Aunty of Patrick & Annie Dutton)

Members Who Transferred From Other Churches



Chan Kam Peng
(from Bercham
Methodist Church)



Adeline Lim Soon Kiat
(Mrs Tuan, mother of Timothy
& Jeremy) (from Wesley
Methodist Church KL)



Mr & Mrs Loh Yoon Kwai and
Jennifer Hong Fook Ling
(from Wesley Methodist Church KL)



Peter Wong Heng Yuen
(from Canning Garden
Methodist Church)



Moses Samuel
(from Harvard Epworth
UMC, USA)



Mr & Mrs Keith Wee Heng Seng
and Joyce Ong Geok Imm
(with their children Samantha
and Timothy)
(Wesley Methodist Church Melaka)



SK Bhadra
(Damansara Utama
Methodist Church)



Esther Wong Iye Sing &
Son Paul Ng Kah Wai
(Chinese Methodist (Cantonese) Church KL)

A Life-long Learning

By Jessie Chiew



Proverb 3:3

*Love and faithfulness never leave you
Bind them around your neck,
Write them on the tablet of your heart.*

Forty-three years married!

Having gone through the fires of spring and raised two beautiful children (who have gone on to raise their own), it was timely to take one step back to look at marriage from the divine perspective.

Thus we boldly stepped up to the plate to register for the Marriage Enrichment Seminar in the autumn of our lives and fourth quarter of our marital journey, fully convinced that one is never too old to learn as long as the heart is willing.

The Seminar was ably and delightfully conducted by the husband and wife team of Dr Herbert Tan and Ling Ming Tan on 29th and 30th October, 2016.

God always comes through to remind us to be obedient. He has said, *"If you follow my decrees and are careful to obey my command ... I will look on you with favour ... and will keep my covenant with you."* We knew that taking one step back in our journey would allow the Spirit to move us two or more steps forward.

In my younger days, I remember having to polish my badges to make them shine. Relationships need the same level of attention and care so that they continue to illumine our lives.

God has made known to us the path of life. Having followed His command to *go forth and multiply*, surely He will bless us with His presence to work on the *two shall be one*.

The Seminar worked as a pick-me-up to recharge old batteries. It was timely help to carry on working on the life-long objective of oneness which poses more of a challenge when the children have flown the coop.

When we sing praises to Him all the time, God plants the *Song of Songs* in our hearts, our lives and especially our married journey to let us know that we are beautifully and wonderfully made. We can trust God with all our heart and not lean on our own understanding. He tells us that everything is beautiful in its time ...

Autumn is the time to slow down and to bask in the after-glow. It is time to take note of our Benevolent Creator and Ultimate Matchmaker who brought our room-mate and soul mate into our lives. Truly, God has blessed us richly with everything we need to live a joyful and abundant life.

It is time to sit back to enjoy the best of each other, to know that: *love does not consist of gazing at each other, but in looking together in the same direction*. We are to nurture the best friendship bestowed on us in our lifetime – our life-partner and best friend forever.

Marriage is the Divine Plan for us to live the *Song of Songs*, to make joyful music throughout our life time and to mirror God's divine love, a love which has no expiry date.

"O God, grant us the vision to see Your purpose and the courage to follow where You lead."

United We Stand!

By Liew Pooi Lin



The long awaited day had finally arrived, 22nd October 2016. Our TMCPJ Food and Funfair Day was an event jointly organised by Trinity Methodist Church, PJ and the Methodist Kindergarten. This event was not just to raise funds for our new church building but also a day for all the church members to come together and work together as a united family.

It was drizzling in the morning as my aunty and I were driving to Church with the food that we had prepared. As we were on our way, we thanked God for the cool weather, for if it was hot and sunny, we would have been more tired.

It was an overwhelming sight as we entered the Church compound, as early as 8.00am because the area was filled with food, craft and games stalls. Everyone was ready for the BIG DAY.

Words cannot describe what a wonderful time we had. So I will just let the photos do all the telling of this memorable and meaningful event.

If you have missed it this time around, make sure you join us the next time.

As for both of us, we went back home with lots of food and goodies.

To God Be The Glory!

**"Coming together is a beginning;
keeping together is progress;
working together is success."
- Henry Ford**

* According to Mary Bien, Chairperson of the Fund Raising Committee, the target of raising RM100,000.00 from the Food and Fun Fair was met.





Snapshots To Treasure





25th TRAC MSF Annual Camp 2016

By Wong Kim Siong

The 25th Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) Methodist Senior Fellowship (MSF) Annual Camp was held from 4th - 7th October, 2016, at the Vistana Hotel in Penang. A total of 248 participants from 25 chapters attended, including 27 from Trinity Methodist Church, PJ.

The theme of the Conference was entitled "Remember, Rejoice and Renew" and it was elaborated in four sermons by the TRAC President, the Rev. Dr. T. Jeyakumar. He highlighted the following messages by referring to the relevant biblical texts, that is, Luke 17:11-19; Luke 1:39-45; Act 2:42-47; and Deuteronomy 7:1-26:

- (a) Remember to be grateful, showing gratitude and compassion to others, including "outsiders", for the blessings we have received from God;
- (b) Rejoice in our blessings by showing faith and trust in God and His plan for us, and by extending blessings to others;
- (c) Renew our lives through fellowship with members and friends of the church; and
- (d) As people with a renewed life, we should remember who we are and what God has called us to do – to love Him, obey Him and be a blessing to others.

Another inspiring talk was given by the Rev. Elisha Sarvinder, founder of Dignity for Children Foundation. In his talk, entitled "Out-reach to the urban poor", Rev. Elisha narrated how he and his wife started their

ministry on a small-scale by helping poor families among the refugees (mainly the Rohyngas from Myanmar) in Sentul and the surrounding areas. Over the years, they have managed to improve the lives of many children by giving them free tuition, food and financial aid. At present, they have their own centre providing training programmes on living skills to students up to the secondary school level, and also helping some to start their own businesses. Two years ago, they received the rare honour of being visited by the U.S. President Barak Obama, when he came to Malaysia.

Apart from the two main talks, participants at the Conference also had the opportunity to participate in a few activities, including a bus tour to the city or round the island, ukulele workshop and golfing. The highlight of the social event was a variety show performed by some members from the various chapters during the fellowship night. Our TMCPJ members put up a lively cha-cha dance.

This was also an election year. At the AGM held on the second day, a new set of office bearers were elected to serve the next two years. A total of 67 delegates from 24 chapters participated. Almost all the posts remain unchanged. TMCPJ member, Lim Sow Mun was elected as one of the two new auditors and Francis Choo as vice-president. In their evaluative responses, the participants showed great appreciation and satisfaction to the Penang Local Organising Committee of the Conference for their efficiency and hard work. Praise be to God!

MSF Activities

By Loh Yoon Heng and Anne Wong

6th Sept 2016 - Worship and Birthday Celebrations

Attendance: 70

Worship Leader: Lee Choon Har

We sang beautiful hymns, such as *Saviour like a Shepherd Lead Us* and *You are the Seed*. Lee Choon Har spoke of her trip to Nepal for eight days with the International Christian Mission Group. The group consisted of four Malaysians and 11 Australians. There was no proper infrastructure and they had to travel three - four hours to reach the villages which were at the epicentre of the earthquake. They donated cash and clothing and gave testimonies.

Loh Yoon Heng testified to God's grace for her brother who accepted Christ through someone he met in the pasar malam who led him in the sinner's prayer. Months later, her brother passed away.

We celebrated the birthday of the 13 members. Each was presented with a mug with the MSF logo.

13th Sept 2016 - Visitation

Peggy Koh, Betty Lee, Mary Moey, Doris Lee and Loh Yoon Heng were driven by Alex to visit the following persons:

1. Mr. & Mrs. Lau Chuck Mun at 5, Lorong Pantai 6, Bukit Pantai. Had a happy time recalling their younger days. Fruits were presented to them.
2. Mary Kam at 19, Jln 20/8, Petaling Jaya. We made a cake to celebrate her birthday.
3. Cheong Yoong Hoi at 81, Jln BU 10/2, Petaling Jaya. Cheong was brought home from the hospital by ambulance three days prior to our visit. Fruits were presented to him.

20th Sept 2016 - Worship and AGM

Attendance: 45

We had our usual prayer and worship with singing of several hymns before we started the AGM.

The Rev. Buell Abraham chaired the election for a committee to serve a two-year term (2017-2018),

The following persons were elected:

President : Chen Kiat Leong, Peter
Vice-president : Chen Suan Han, Patrick
Hon. Secretary : Wong Kim Siong
Hon. Treasurer : Lim Sow Mun

Coordinators

Spiritual Life : Sheila Vadiveloo nee Wong Foong Kum
Social Concerns : Susan Yong nee Toh Poh Sim
Fellowship : Yeo Chee Chao, Peggy
Membership : Jennie Ng nee Siew Hoon Eng
Music : San Sook Fun, Susan
Programme : Vera Chen nee Yeap Eng Yong
Internal Auditors : Kok Wan Seng, Edward
Dato' Dr. Lim Khaik Leang



Committee Members for Years 2017-2018
L-R: Susan San, Jennie Ng, Peggy Yeo, Peter Chen,
Patrick Chen, Susan Yong, Sheila Vadiveloo,
Lim Sow Mun, Wong Kim Siong, Vera Chen.

4 – 7th Oct, 2016 – 25th TRAC MSF Annual Camp held in Vistana Hotel, Penang.

Twenty-seven members attended the Camp, of which ten were delegates for the AGM. We were given the Task to do the Opening Service. Sheila Vadivello prepared the Worship Order and Wong Kim Siong led the Worship Service. Our group presented an item with music from the cha-cha song, *Cherry Pink* and *Apple Blossom White* and limbo rock. It was well received with other attendees joining in to dance with our group. Our Chapter donated RM1,000 towards the printing of the souvenir book.



18th Oct, 2016 - Worship with Speaker & Birthday Celebration Attendance: 56

Speaker: Woo Soon Ming

Topic: TMC Community Project

TMCPJ has been sending volunteers to teach English to the Orang Asli children in Jelebu, Negeri Sembilan. Woo mentioned that there was a need for more volunteers, who could commit their time for a period of preferably six months. TMCPJ is currently undertaking an assessment on a project in Perak which is scheduled to commence next year.



October Birthday Boys & Girls



Ng Sook Ming presenting a token of appreciation to Woo Soon Ming

1st Nov, 2016 - Worship and Birthday Celebration

Attendance: 56

Leader: Anne Wong

We sang three hymns entitled *Precious Name*, *Hymn Of Promise* and *Tis So Sweet to Trust in Jesus*. Angie Lim, Chew Piak Yeng sang Mandarin and Cantonese songs with Jackie Tong on the drums. All present stood up and sang Happy Birthday and went round wishing each birthday boy and girl individually.



The Entertainers



November Birthday Boy & Girls



Edward Kok presenting a mug with MSF logo to the Rev. Buell Abraham



Edward Kok getting ready to present gifts to the Birthday Boy & Girls



Birthday Girl receiving a gift from Edward Kok

8th Nov, 2016 – Visitation

Peggy Yeo, Betty Lee, Lee Hong Lean, Loh Yoon Heng, and Alex visited the following persons:

1. June Ng, Esther Schokman and Ruby Putra at 3 Jalan Othman, Petaling Jaya Nursing Home. The presentation of biscuits, sharing, singing hymns, praying lifted up their spirits.
2. William Ong at 28 Jalan 26/9, Taman Megah, Petaling Jaya. Bread baked by Hong Lean and fruits were presented to him as our gifts. We sang hymns and prayed and there was sharing by William too.

Trinity Methodist Church, PJ Birthday Celebration with our members aged 80 years and above



APRIL Cleopas Lim



MAY

- 1 Shirley Tham Choi Mun
- 2 Kim Khoo Kheng Oo
- 3 Joy Jayaratnam
- 4 Yap Yun Kin
- 5 Ruby Putra
- 6 Mrs Datin Tan May Lian
- 7 Mrs Sockalingam
- 8 Evelyn Ng Kam Yuen
- 9 Mike Wong Wai Keong
- 10 Chan Chiang Heng

AUGUST

- 1 Yeap Boon Chye
- 2 Choong Yoke Lan
- 3 Tan Lee Lian
- 4 Lee Pek Lin
- 5 Gong Siew Ting
- 6 Late Kok Loke San & his helper
- 7 Foong Khoy Lum





SEPTEMBER

- 1 Victor Oorjitham
- 2 Lee Siew Kheng
- 3 Michael Ang
- 4 Dato Tan Boon Lin
- 5 Chen Yew Seong
- 6 Sun Sau Chun



OCTOBER

- 1 Peggy Moreira
- 2 Ten Yen Wee
- 3 Teo Boon Yeow
- 4 Lee Yoke Sen
(represented by wife Emily)
- 5 C. Natkunasingam



NOVEMBER

- 1 Kam Ewe Kian
- 2 Annie Lim Mui Lan
- 3 Saw Soon Hock
- 4 Lim Cho See
- 5 Ling Siok Kew
- 6 Tan Khik Seng
- 7 Mrs Esther Schokman
- 8 Sun Sau Lin



MINGLE *and* Jingle

WITH US AT OUR

CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

on Sunday 25th Dec, 2016 from 12 noon to 2 pm

Everyone a Disciple of Jesus Christ

Matthew 28 : 19-20