

最新消息 (12/28/2024)

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基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 28, 2024

We cordially invite you to join us for the last service in 2024, as we close out the year 2024 with praises and prayers.

Tomorrow, we welcome Michael Mordenga to share God's word with us.

His message is titled: "THE POWER OF THE COMMUNITY"

1 Corinthians 1:10

"I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought." 1

Cor 1:10

We look forward seeing you tomorrow!

With Blessings

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 21, 2024

Advent 2024

“Peace Is a Person”

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Peace in the biblical story is a person, not a thing.

The Father is called “the God of peace.” Jesus is called “the Prince of Peace.” The Spirit is called “the Spirit of peace.” The Trinity is pervaded by peacefulness.

In the book of Revelation, we see behind the curtain of the universe into God’s throne room, and we read that around the throne was a “sea of glass, clear as crystal” (4v6).

The sea in Ancient Near Eastern mythology was the place of chaos, not peace. It was the home of the chaos dragon, Leviathan; it was always churning and never at rest.

But in the throne room, the sea is like glass. It has been calmed by God’s presence. The atmosphere around God is perfectly calm and still.

That’s why enjoying the peace that Jesus brings is ultimately about enjoying his presence. It’s about asking, in moments throughout your day, “How do I practice the presence of Jesus right now? How do I enjoy him?” We need to habitually sit before God, with his loving gaze upon us, attuned to his presence and peace.

When we’re turned up by waves of anxiety and fear, we can pause — if only for a few minutes — and awaken our souls to Jesus. We can lean on the one who overcomes chaos with a single word and who brings our hearts to perfect rest, like a sea of glass.

And in this Advent season, we are especially invited to ponder the names given by the prophet Isaiah: Jesus, the prince of peace. Jesus, called Immanuel, God with us.

May you experience the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ, in this season.

Tomorrow, both NCAC Chinese and English will come together in Joint Worship as we celebrate the baptismal of our very own brother Ricky Hong, with Pastor Steven Wong and our dear Jon Moe delivering God’s words.

His message is titled: "THE ULTIMATE GIFT - New Life"

Ephesians 4:22-24

We look forward seeing you tomorrow!

With Blessings

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最新消息 (12/14/2024)

牧者分享：

在《培育高 EQ 靈性》這本書中，作者指出的第三個情感不健康的現象是——『渴望錯誤的事物』：

『當我問人們：『將你的心願、希望與夢想告訴我他們往往啞口無言。』他們回答：『你為甚麼問這個問題？我唯一的心願、希望與夢想，不就是應該要服事神嗎？』並不盡然，神從未要求我們泯滅自我，當我們成為基督徒時，我們不是要成為『非人』。

事實恰恰相反，神的用意是：當我們跟隨祂時，我們無拘無束地發展更深刻與更真實的自我，這個我乃是祂所創造的。神賦予我們每一個人某些重要的特質，讓我們能夠以獨特的方式反映並表現祂。聖靈使我們成聖的過程，有一部分乃是除去我們累積的虛假架構，讓我們真實的自我得以形成。』

作者所要說的是，有時候當我們以為丟棄萬事來跟從神的時候，就仿佛意味著我們要放下所有自己信主前所真愛的事物，例如，友誼、藝術、音樂、娛樂、笑聲與大自然。因為這些事物似乎會佔據我們生命的重要位置，以致我們無法跟進深的跟從主。這樣做的話無疑增加了聖俗二分的思維，將這個世界的物質分為聖潔與邪惡兩部分，各自受不同的勢力（上帝與撒旦）所管轄。但事實上，這樣的二分法就是高抬了撒旦在創造中的位置，認為它的影響力足以與神並駕齊驅，分庭抗禮。這種想法忽略了神在創造時對受造物的觀點，祂看所造的一切都是美好的。

此外，宗教改革家——馬丁路德提出『信徒皆為祭司』，這就是一項重要的改革。指出每一個基督徒上帝對他都有其呼召。這呼召並不局限於教會的事工，而涵蓋生活的各個層面。如果一個人他的興趣和愛好能帶來益處、造福他人或促進個人成長，那麼它們也可以是實現神旨意的一種方式。舉例說：一位對繪畫有興趣的人可以用藝術來傳達福音信息或表達信仰；一個喜歡運動的人可以通過團隊精神和健康的生活方式，見證基督徒的價值觀；一位喜歡音樂的人可以在教會或社區中帶領敬拜；一個喜歡烹飪的人可以用這項技能服侍有需要的人，或邀請朋友參與福音聚會。

路德強調基督徒在基督裡得著自由，這包括自由地享受神所創造的美好事物，而無需以苦行僧的態度放棄一切。這是因為，我們對神的愛不需要通過否認生活中的美好來證明，而是應該在神所賜的生活中活出祂的愛。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 14, 2024

Advent 2024

“ Week Three – Candle of Joy”

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Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, “advent”, of Jesus Christ’s Nativity at Christmas time, as well as Christ’s expected return in the Second Coming.

This week, we will cover Week 3 – Candle of Joy.

This candle reflects the joy that comes through Jesus’ arrival, and through the salvation he has gifted us.

During this third week of advent, this Sunday celebrates the passage of Philippians 4:4-5, its verses extolling readers to “rejoice” for “indeed the Lord is near.”

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Philippians 4:4-5.

Joy goes beyond momentary happiness. Like the happiness a child might experience when they unwrap a gift that they’d hoped for on Christmas day.

It’s an extreme happiness that cannot be deterred by present circumstances. This type of joy comes from God alone. Joy can often be experienced when a Christian thinks about salvation, eternal life or Jesus.

It’s an eager anticipation about wonderful things to come. The shepherds experienced this as they ran to Bethlehem to see Jesus.

8 And there were shepherds living out in the fields nearby, keeping watch over their flocks at night. 9 An angel of the Lord appeared to them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were terrified. 10 But the angel said to them, “Do not be afraid. I bring you good news that will cause great joy for all the people. 11 Today in the town of David a Savior has been born to you; he is the Messiah, the Lord. 12

This will be a sign to you: You will find a baby wrapped in cloths and lying in a manger.”

Luke 2:8-12.

Joy is a gift from God, He alone can fill us with joy. It’s also a fruit of the Spirit because we experience joy when we spend time with God. And no one can take joy from us, no matter the situation we are in.

Joy matters because, while we wait for Christ to come again, we don’t have to despair. God has given us a joy that no one can take away. We have light even in the darkest moments.

Joy is essential to the Christian experience. We cannot get far without it, and we need it as we, like the shepherds, anticipate the coming of our Saviour.

Tomorrow, we welcome back Rev CY Yan to share God’s word with us.

His message is titled: “MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE”

Phil 2:1-4

Afterwards, join us for Christmas lunch as we sit down for a simple meal with one another.

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

Your English Ministry Team

最新消息 (12/7/2024)

牧者分享：

《培育高EQ靈命》一書的作者指出，有關十大情感不健康得門徒的表現之二，那就是忽視悲傷、憤怒及恐懼的情緒：『我們當中許多基督徒滿心相信憤怒，悲傷與恐懼是罪，是應該避免的；這些看法顯示在我們的靈性生活中有些事情錯得離譜。憤怒既危險又不討人喜歡，悲傷表示對神的應許缺乏信心，沮喪當然顯明神旨意以外的生活！恐懼呢？聖經裡充滿『應該一無掛慮』和『不要害怕』的命令。猶如絕大多數的基督徒，我所受的教導是，幾乎所有的感覺都不可靠，並且不可信賴。它們反復無常，是我們靈性生活中最不應專注的事.....』

事實上，在聖經中我們的主耶穌也並不是沒有情緒的，他會哭，會憤怒，會悲傷等等，這些也是神所造的形象的一部分。神學的角度我們會說『位格』，位格意思就是有其個人性情 (personality) 的。但在今日普遍的教導中，我們很多時候的信仰表現是『嘗試麻木我們的人性，而非讓其在恩典的影響之下，自由奔放地發展所有的能力。』

在信仰的世界中，事實 Fact，信心 Faith，感覺 Feeling，這三個層面的關係其實是息息相關的。一般來說，我們是嘗試透過學習真理 Fact，讓其產生正確的信心 faith，然後校正我們的感覺 feeling。學習真理猶如一架正在行駛的火車的車頭，當其有效拉動的時候，車就走在正確的路上，我們個人的感覺亦然。

但錢幣的另外一面是，往往我們的感覺是比學習真理來得快以及所承載的信息量更多更複雜，當有情緒來襲的時候，我們更要有正確的態度來面對。首先，情緒是神創造的一部分，不是錯誤，也不是敵人。相反，情緒是一種信號，能幫助我們察覺內心的狀態。否認或壓抑情緒，可能導致更大的內心壓力，甚至會阻礙我們與神的溝通。

情緒本身並非對錯，但我們需要分辨其來源。某些情緒可能來自罪或錯誤的價值觀，例如嫉妒、驕傲或懼怕人（箴 14:30；加 5:20-21）。另一些情緒則可能是對環境或人際關係的正常反應，例如憂傷或焦慮（腓 4:6-7）。透過禱告和聖靈的光照，我們可以察覺情緒是否反映了內心的問題，並將其交託給神。

情緒可以引領我們更深地倚靠神，而非遠離祂。無論是喜樂還是憂傷，都可以成為禱告的內容。大衛的詩篇中，他常以負面情緒開始，但透過與神的對話，最終轉向信靠和讚美（詩篇 42:11）。這提醒我們，情緒是一種邀請，讓我們更深入地經歷神的同在與安慰。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 7, 2024

Advent 2024 - "Week 2 - Peace Is Slowing Down" © Practicingtheway.org

Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, "advent", of Jesus Christ's Nativity at Christmas time, as well as Christ's expected return in the Second Coming.

Last week, we mediated on the topic of "Peace is Being Present."

Week Two of our 2024 Advent journey considers the topic of "slowing down."

Japanese theologian Kosuke Koyama describes love as having a speed and it's slow, not fast. In the same way, peace has a speed. It's a measured pace, hand-in-hand with Jesus, letting him lead us and restore us.

One reason we don't experience the peace of Jesus is because we don't move at the pace of Jesus. Dallas Willard said the best way to describe Jesus' posture was "relaxed."

We need to slow down, often quite literally, to embrace his peace. Theologically, you don't have a body, you are a body. And much of our anxiety is bodily — it's the result of hurrying, stress, and noise pollution on our central nervous systems. The movement and busyness of modern life is like a war of attrition on our peace.

It's been said, "The soul often is re-educated by the body." And so, yielding to Jesus and experiencing his peace includes submitting our bodies to his wisdom — getting good sleep, driving slower, getting out in nature, and practicing Sabbath.

We slow down using our minds too, by meditating on Scripture and letting God's words fill our imaginations and quiet our bodies. Through the language of Psalm 23, we can picture the Good Shepherd leading us, unhurried, beside quiet waters — his hand keeping us close and directing our attention to the beauty all around.

Psalm 23

The Lord is my shepherd, I lack nothing.
He makes me lie down in green pastures,
he leads me beside quiet waters,
he refreshes my soul.

He guides me along the right paths
for his name's sake.

Even though I walk
through the darkest valley,
I will fear no evil,

for you are with me;
your rod and your staff,
they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me
in the presence of my enemies.

You anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.

Surely your goodness and love will follow me
all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord
forever.

Reflect:

What is your body communicating to you about your current pace of life? What might be driving that pace?

What are some of the simple practices you could adopt to slow your body down?

How does Psalm 23 open your imagination to the ways Jesus seeks to lead you? If you'd like, take a moment to close your eyes and walk in the presence of the Good Shepherd, letting the steps of Jesus dictate your pace.

This season let's deliberately and intentionally make time to slow down.

Tomorrow, we welcome back Dr. Dennis Ngien to share God's word with us.

His message is titled: "MAKE MY JOY COMPLETE"

Phil 2:1-4

Afterwards, please join us for time of fellowship and snacks and then stay behind for Sunday School hour.

Christmas Lunch on December 15th

Please join us for lunch after service on December 15th! The sign-up sheet is on the door of the Fellowship Hall. Please pay \$10 to Samuel Leung if you would like to attend. We will order some food and have a simple meal together before Christmas!

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 30, 2024

Advent 2024

“ Week One - Peace Is Being Present” © Practicingtheway.org

Advent 2024 starts on Sunday, December 1 and lasts until Tuesday, December 24 this year.

Advent is a four-week season dedicated to reflective preparation for the arrival, “advent”, of Jesus Christ’s Nativity at Christmas time, as well as Christ’s expected return in the Second Coming.

During this important event on the church calendar, each week of Advent focuses on a different theme – hope, peace, joy and love.

Christians from different denominations and backgrounds celebrate Advent in different ways but all will focus on the anticipation of waiting for the arrival of Christ.

We are so glad to share the following with you. Our hope is to travel with you along by making space this Advent to reflect on Jesus, the prince of peace.

Week One – Peace is Being Present

read Psalm 131:1-4

My heart is not proud, Lord,

my eyes are not haughty;

I do not concern myself with great matters
or things too wonderful for me.

2 But I have calmed and quieted myself,

I am like a weaned child with its mother;

like a weaned child I am content.

3 Israel, put your hope in the Lord

both now and forevermore.

When we are consumed by future plans or fret about unknown hardships to come, we risk becoming people who can’t be “present”.

Some of us fixate on future goals because it helps us escape present pain. Others look ahead out of fear and a desire to control.

Both of these can steal our peace and make it difficult to be present to Jesus and to those around us.

With Jesus, we don’t need to avoid what’s right in front of us. We can face the pain, confusion, or chaos, because He is waiting to meet us there.

The sooner we turn to Jesus and accept our contingency, our dependence and our limitations, the sooner we become more deeply content, and calm.

And with that peace, we become more present to God, to ourselves, and to those we love.

Reflection:

What is stealing your peace in this season of your life? Take a moment to offer to Jesus anything that comes to mind.

What is your typical response when feeling anxious or confused? How might Psalm 131 inform your response?

How have you seen Jesus meet you in your confusion or pain? How did you create space for him to meet you there?

We pray that the above will help you to engage in the presence of peace of Jesus this Advent season.

Last Sunday, Pastor Faith gave us a “guide” in helping us to make decisions in this complex world. Do you remember the takeaways from Paul’s teaching found in 1 Cor 8, and 10:31-33?

First, we approach each decision to set the tone with love and knowledge. By affirming what’s true and taking into consideration cultural and situational sensitivity, we always refer back to the Greater Purpose which is to honour God and bring glory to Him.

Let’s remember and model ourselves after Paul in making good, wise decisions that will honor God.

Tomorrow, we welcome back Rev. Simon Sit to lead Holy Communion and to share God’s word with us.

His message is titled:

“HOW TO PREPARE FOR CHRISTMAS”

LUKE 1:11-17

Afterwards, please join us for time of fellowship and snacks and then stay behind for Corporate Prayers during Sunday School hour.

Reminder: there will be a Special Membership Meeting (SMM) at 12:45PM Sunday. It’s important that you participate in voting for the proposed bylaws. If you absolutely can’t stay, please fill out a proxy and give to Board Chair Elaine or Secretary Keith.

See you tomorrow!

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最新消息 (11/23/2024)

牧者分享：

在《培養高 EQ 靈命》一書，作者提出我們可以透過檢查我們信仰的表征來為自己的屬靈健康把把脈。第一類最常見的屬靈現象就是：『利用神以逃避神』。其表現如下：

- 『——當我做神的工作是為了滿足我自己，而不是祂。
- 當我以祂的名義為祂做祂從未要求我做的事。
- 當我的禱告其實是要神遂行我的意願，而不是我降服於祂的旨意。
- 當我為了博得重要人士的好感而表現『基督徒的行為』。
- 當我專注於某些神學論點，『凡事都要規規矩矩地按著次序行』，甚於關心神的真理，那些論點乃是關乎我自己的恐懼和未決的議題。
- 當聖經的真理切合我的目的時，我便選擇性地加以應用，但是我卻逃避要求我做出重大生命改變的真理。』

以上所說的現象，值得我們注意，有時屬靈的問題固然包括慵懶和躺平，但與之相反的積極進取，我們也需要有所警醒。因為我們可能一方面大談上帝，另一方面卻藉此離祂遠遠的。面對上帝的要求，如果是對自己較為有利的，較容易辦得到的，我們便選擇心悅誠服的聽取。但如果這些命令是要求我們直接面對自己生命問題時，我們便會選擇退避三舍。

這些現象背後除了是對神的逃避，其實反映是自我的破碎，無法在一個現實中的我與理想中的我作出整合，只能任由彼此出於分割的狀態。正如亞當在伊甸園中因犯罪後“躲藏在樹木中間”（創 3:8），我們也本能地想用宗教的外在行為或屬靈的成功掩蓋內心的羞恥與空虛。我們對神的逃避，其實是對自我赤裸裸真實的逃避，因為我們害怕直視那個需要救贖的自己。

利用神的名義卻遠離祂的人，最終會感到深層的不滿與孤獨，因為他們失去了與生命之源的真實連結。無論外表看起來多成功或敬虔，內心卻像一片無水之地。這就像耶穌指責法利賽人“外面洗淨杯盤，裡面卻充滿貪婪和放蕩”（太 23:25）一樣，他們忙於清潔外在的宗教行為，卻忽略了內心最深層的更新與悔改。

我們要承認，連最熱心的服事都可能成為一種逃避的藉口，因為它能給我們短暫的掌控感與安全感。但若我們願意放下這些“安全堡壘”，祂將引導我們經歷真正的轉化。這不僅僅是小修小補，而是全然的重建。這過程中，神常使用一些難以逃避的境遇來拆毀我們的假面。可能是一次讓我們無能為力的失敗，可能是祂使我們在服事中感到“枯竭”，甚至是祂暴露我們最深的恐懼與傷痛。這些都是祂的恩典，因為只有在完全失控中，我們才會再次將主權交還給祂，祈求被真光照。為此，我們必要重新經歷八福中的第一福：『心靈貧窮的人有福了，因為天國是他們的。』

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 23, 2024

“Black Friday”

Next Friday, November 29th, 2024, is called “Black Friday”. It is the Friday after Thanksgiving in the US. Traditionally it marks the start of the Christmas shopping season and is the busiest shopping day of the year in the US, and indeed, in many parts of the world.

The term “Black Friday” had a different meaning in its origin, but eventually solidified by the 1980s as the “pivotal point” where retailers purportedly shifted from loss (“in the red”) to profit (“in the black”).

We all remembered images of Black Friday shopping maniac where people lined up for hours, then rushed and fought into a shop to grab the “Door Crasher” items, right at midnight. All in the pursuit of goods and apparent worship of stuff. Can we say that if we are enticed to spend, spend and spend, sometimes more than we can afford (or acquiring things we don’t need)... that is generally not spiritually healthy?

On the other hand, Black Friday allows us to partake and support businesses and stimulate the economy, as businesses can drive more sales than any other time of the year. Therefore, we might say we are doing something good to the economy and supporting the retailers and their employees.

How should Christians respond to Black Friday? Here’s some suggestions:

Gather Things for Specific People In Need – brave the overcrowded stores and longlines to take advantage of sales that enable you to be more generous with others. Black Friday can make more of our own limited resources so we can help others more. E.g. shop for a specific person in mind, to meet a specific need

Buy Gifts that Matter – Black Friday makes it possible to use a small amount of money to buy gifts that are meaningful and useful. E.g.: Buy staple everyday items like coffee, tea, or toilet paper at discount and give them to those in need.

Pt Your Savings Towards A Gift – here’s an idea: put whatever you save purchasing things during Black Friday towards a gift to others. E.g.: I save \$75 off this jacket, then I donate \$75 to a charity to buy mosquito nets or water purifying supplies for a foreign family. “Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matt 6:19-20)

Address Your Love of “Stuff” – before you leave the house to shop Black Friday, take a moment to pray to God, asking, “Why do I think I need this?”. Be intentional about gift giving and about personal purchases rather than being driven by the word “Sale”. Ask God to give you self-control. Ask him for strength to battle the urge to spend. “For God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control” (2 Tim 1:7)

Make Room, Clean House – we all likely have too much stuff in our closets and drawers, basements and garages. How about instead of going out to shop on Black Friday and acquire more things, take the day to sort, declutter and donate all your unwanted, unused or useless stuff. Paul encourages us to live “But be sure that everything is done properly and in order.” (1 Cor 14:40)

We know that our hope is not in foolish things that are bursting in our closets and garages. We know better to trust in Jesus and the eternal hope of being with God one day.

This Black Friday, let’s pray for God to make us strong and courageous in our pursuit of justice, good stewardship and freedom.

Let’s take actions to deliberately reach out and help those in need around us.

Let’s make a Good Black Friday!

Tomorrow, we welcome Pastor Faith Lau from Mississauga Chinese Alliance Church to share God’s word with us.

Her message is titled:

“Decision Making in A Complex World”

1 Corinthians 8, 10:31-33

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最新消息 (11/16/2024)

牧者分享：

《你要如何衡量你的人生》最後一章『僅此一次的錯誤』中，作者提到：

『亨利·福特說：“如果你需要一台機器，但是你不願意購買它（考慮財政壓力，資源有限等邊際成本後），那麼最終你會發現，你付了足以購買它的錢卻沒有擁有它。”

某件事“只做一次”的邊際成本看起來是微不足道的，但是它的完全成本可能要高出很多。然而在個人生活中，我們很容易自然而然地、無意識地被邊際成本的學說誤導……許多人都曾經這樣說服自己：我們可以違反自己的規則一次，下不為例。就這樣，我們為這些小選擇做了辯護。所有這些事情在第一次發生時都不會被認為是改變人生的決定。邊際成本總是很低的，但是每個這樣的決定都有可能越滾越大，最終使你成為自己不想成為的人。也就是說，邊際成本的考慮使我們看不到這僅此一次的行為真正需要付出的代價。

……如果你向基於邊際成本理論的“僅此一次”屈服，那麼你將為最終結果感到後悔。我學到的是：以 100% 的堅持來保持原則要比以 98% 的堅持來保持它更容易實現。如果你從未越界，那麼你的道德界限就足夠強大；如果你破例一次，那麼沒有什麼可以阻止你一而再再而三地破例。』

書本的作者嘗試以經濟學的角度指出，人們很多時考慮的總是『邊際成本 Marginal cost』，試圖做些小修小補，或者覺得犯些錯誤是微不足道的，只要提醒自己下不為例就可。但卻不肯花大的代價『完全成本 total cost』來作出全盤的梳理和改變，結果最後因為只想小修小補所要賠上的，可能遠高於一開始就痛下血本而花的代價。

這點最近自己也是深有體會，比方說是子女的教育，教會的事工發展等問題上，若果我們只從邊際成本的角度去考慮事情的話，很多事情也可以用一百種理由說服自己不去做，或者裝作看不見。但若果從長遠的好處來說，有些事情還是需要有所堅持，還是需要爭一日之長短，痛下一番功夫。

當然，作者這裡要藉此談到一個更深入的問題，就是其實為何我們要持守道德的正直，不要屈從於僅此一次犯錯的誘惑呢？因為 100% 的堅持要比 98% 的堅持更容易實現。這點真是至理名言。100% 的堅持就是要下血本的完全成本 Total cost，別讓那看似無關緊要的 2% (marginal cost) 摧毀了 98% 的堅持和嘗試。現在再思考耶穌所說的：“你們要完全，像天父完全一樣。” 仿佛就能明白更多。若果我們總是保留著 2% 的空間給自己犯錯的話，那麼肯定在成聖的道路上難以走得更遠。

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5. 11 月 24 日新移民家庭聚會：『聖誕樹玻璃球製作』，將於午膳後 1:30-3:00 舉行。這是一個親子活動，歡迎邀請新移民家庭報名參與。查詢及報及請聯絡 Pastor April。網上報名：<https://forms.gle/6dHVFqMZ8jwc6HSY6>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 16, 2024

“Rest”

Last week, we concluded on the mini-series “Rest” with some inspiration and encouragement from sister Irene. She helped us to navigate this important topic with 3 main take aways:

1. “Rest Requires Boundaries” – it is important to set boundaries to protect ourselves, help us to grow stronger and better equipped to help others.
2. “Rest is Holistic and Cyclical” – the entirety of rest includes physical, emotional, mental, and, in the core, spiritual. We can’t simply focus on one aspect and ignore the others. The key is to strike a balance that works for you, and you alone.
3. “Rest is Pre-Requisite to Hear and Experience God” – It was God who designed Sabbath for man as we see in Gen 2:2-3 “2 On the seventh day God had finished his work of creation, so he rested[a] from all his work. 3 And God blessed the seventh day and declared it holy, because it was the day when he rested from all his work of creation.”

Or in Ex 20:8-9 “Remember to observe the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 You have six days each week for your ordinary work, 10 but the seventh day is a Sabbath day of rest dedicated to the Lord your God.”

So... what have you done this week to rest?

Rest isn’t automatic. It’s a skill that must be learned... cultivated. These days, we live each day with a drive that is bordering near the neurotic. We often hit the floor running at 6:00 a.m., then drop, exhausted, at 12:00 midnight... scarcely able to remember what transpired during those 18 hours of relentless actions and words.

It seems that, if God is going to get our attention, He’d better make an appointment, or take a number.

We place such a high priority on achievement we actually feel guilty when we accomplish nothing over a period of several days.

We can’t seem to do ‘rest’.

Let’s start with the mini-exercise of ‘taking 5 deep breaths’ whenever we want to step on the journey of relaxation.

Would you follow me, now, at this point, to do 5 slow, in-and-out, audible breaths?

One... two... three... four... and five !

Some practical tips:

Focus only on the priority relationships

Say “No” to non-priority

Disconnect from work

Make work life balance a relentless goal

Prioritize health / sleep

Reduce decision fatigues

Create “recharge” routines

Protect mental space

Afterall, I believe a relaxed, easygoing Christian is miles more attractive and effective than the rigid, uptight brother who squeaks when he walks and whines when he talks.

Tomorrow, we welcome back Dr. Dennis Ngien who will share God’s word

His message is titled: “Polluted Well”

1 Peter 2:1-3

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《你要如何衡量你的人生》(How will you measure your life)，第八章提到著名電影企業Pixar 皮克斯崛起的故事。這個企業曾經製作出《海底奇兵》、《玩轉腦朋友》等一系列叫好又叫座的電影，背後成功的因素究竟有哪些？作者指出：『首先，它 (Pixar 電影) 的創作過程與眾不同。大多數電影製作公司設有開發部門，電影相關的創意主要從這裡產生，再由導演負責將想法轉變為電影。而皮克斯不同，它沒有將開發新想法的任務交給一個專門的小組，也沒有讓導演只負責將他人的想法付諸實施。相反，皮克斯意識到導演們更有動機去按照自己的想法創作電影，所以皮克斯專注於幫助導演提煉靈感。針對一個故事，皮克斯的開發小組負責每天為其輸入新的想法，這個過程是在整個公司範圍內進行的。』

這段文字指出 Pixar 成功的不同之處在於：專注於提煉靈感，每天都為導演輸入新的想法，將重要的資源都放在此處。這點正好呼應上週講道提到，我們如何才可以避免『刻舟求劍』——這類複製粘貼式的信仰實踐呢？答案莫過於此。一個組織/教會是否能夠『活』起來，除了取決於有多少雙手參與其中，其實還有一個隱藏的元素，就是有多少個腦袋在背後參與運轉，力求在意念上做到去蕪存菁，避免蕭規曹隨的現象。

以新移民事工為例，看不見的運作包括如：盡可能多的了解不同教會新移民事工的類型，分析和研究其中的理念和手法，放在自己教會是否能做到無縫銜接，有哪些地方要作微調？隨著移民潮的逐步褪去，過往適切的事工如資訊講座等，是否仍然適用？這便牽涉到很多『看不見』的意念在高速運轉。

有見及此，也請各位為之祈禱的事項包括：第一，移加青年團職員會即將成立 (新移民工作開展一年後)，感謝主迄今為止已有數位年輕人願意承擔做職員的角色，期盼導師和職員之間的合作，有如上文所說，是一個可以提供提煉靈感的平台，所做的能夠適切移加青年的需要。

第二，在移民事工逐漸穩固的基礎上，我們也關注整體中文事工的優化和發展，特別是有關重組門訓部的需要，此部門在整體規劃一個人從未信到成為門徒的過程中，提供理念建構和資源管理的角色上尤其重要。所以，如果你有興趣在門訓方面交流或提供意見反饋的話，歡迎與我聯絡。

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基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 9, 2024

“Remembering”

World War II ended on September 5, 1945. It's now been seventy-nine years of unbroken peace for us here in Canada.

But in the world as a whole, there had been continuous conflicts throughout that period – Korea, Vietnam, Cambodia, Bosnia, Rwanda, Iraq, Afghanistan, Ukraine, Middle East... the list of brutal conflict is long, and sad. What has changed on the world stage is that conflicts are no longer global in scale, and they don't involve amassed armies. No longer do thousands of young men die on battlefield. No nuclear bombs have been dropped in hostility.

But war itself has not stopped. It is now smaller, more intimate, and causes more civilian suffering than in the past. There are more people displaced in the world today than there were at the end of WWII. So, what exactly should we be doing on this Remembrance Day?

First of all, we must never forget that war is a terrible and terrifying thing.

Second, we can, and should, be thankful.

That last global conflict is now a lifetime ago.

That young men and women are still enlisting in armed forces, offering their service to help put an end to brutality around the world.

For Canada and a few developed countries, a long period of lasting peace.

For the freedom that Canadians have enjoyed this lifetime. A freedom bought by the dedication and willing self-sacrifice of military members.

For the freedom to cast our votes for the political party that form our government.

On Remembrance Day, we honour the people who were willing to give up everything, so that you and I can live together peacefully and respectfully.

Last week, sister Irene spoke to us about “rest”, quoted from Matt 11:28-30. Jesus brings rest when we trust in God and accept Jesus' gentle yoke of grace.

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matt 11:28-30

Some reflection questions for us:

Jesus' invitation to rest is open to everyone, it's an inclusive invitation. What does it tell you about God?

What does it mean to take Jesus' yoke upon yourself?

What burdens are you currently carrying that make you feel weary? How can you bring them to Jesus?

I pray that we will continue to seek out real rest, in Jesus and through Him.

Tomorrow, sister Irene will share God's word on how to rest

Her message is titled: “How To Rest?”

Matthew 11:28-30

Afterwards, join us for a time of fellowship, snacks and then stay behind for Sermon Deepdive during Sunday School hour.

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

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新消息 (11/2/2024)

教會動態

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 2, 2024

“Meet Jesus at Life’s Intersection”

Last Sunday, we heard from Rev Dycke Kaan about how Jesus meets people at the intersection of their life’s moment

The story about Jesus and the Samaritan woman (John 4:4-26) reveals how Jesus knows about the deepest need for that Samaritan woman and He meets her at this critical juncture of her life and totally transforms her.

“Road less travelled” – going through Samaria is a deliberate attempt to reach those who are marginalized and often overlooked.

“Who has the bucket?” Asking water from a woman who only comes to the well during high noon shows how Jesus reaches out to connect with her, a woman who is despised by her own people.

Then Jesus, knowing what she needs, boldly calls out her sin and points her to the True Living Water, Christ himself. As we all see, the woman is totally transformed at the end and becomes a witness for God (John 4:29, 39).

Some reflection questions for us:

If Jesus crossed barriers to go to Samaria, in what ways can we, as Christians today, cross cultural, social, or racial barriers to reach others with the gospel?

What can we learn from Jesus' interaction with the Samaritan woman about reaching out to people who are considered outcasts or marginalized?

How does Jesus lovingly address the woman’s past? What does this teach us about balancing truth and grace when sharing the gospel?

Are there people in our communities who are overlooked or marginalized? How can we as a church reach out to them as Jesus did?

I pray that we will continue to reach out and share the Gospel with others, one at a time.

Tomorrow, we welcome our very own sister Irene Moe to share:

Her message is titled: “What is Rest?”

Matthew 11:28-30

“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.

Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”

Matt 11:28-30

For Holy Communion, we are delighted to have Pastor Steven Wong to lead.

After Service, please join us for snack, followed by Corporate Prayers time during Sunday School hour.

See you tomorrow!

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最新消息 (10/26/2024)

牧者分享：

《你要如何衡量你的人生》(How will you measure your life)「第三章 你的戰略與你所說的一致嗎」，其中的內容寫到：

「你可以忽視與配偶的關係，一天又一天過去，表面看來似乎並沒有惡化。每晚回到家後，配偶還在那裡，孩子也總是會有新的表現不好的地方……你期望 20 年後，可以兩手叉腰地說：“我養了一個好孩子。”但是，事情不會按照你想象的那樣發生，沒有付出怎麼能夠得到回報？事實上，當你審視許多卓越人士的個人生活時，也經常會看到上面所提的生活模式的影子。儘管他們認為家庭對他們來說很重要，但事實上，他們把越來越少的資源放在對他們而言最重要的事情上。

任何一個戰略——不論是企業戰略還是個人生活戰略——都是從數百次日常決定中產生的，它是關於如何安排時間、精力和金錢的決定，是關於如何分配人、財、物的決定。生活中的每一個有關如何分配精力和金錢的決定，都表明瞭你真正在乎的是什麼。你可以盡情地談論自己的生活，談論有什麼清晰的目標和戰略，但是如果你投入的資源和你的戰略方向不一致，這些談論都毫無意義。如果最終不能有效實施，你的戰略只能是一個良好的願望。

怎樣確保實施的戰略是你真正想要的呢？那就看看你的資源流向哪裡去了，我們可以通過資源配置過程來探究這個問題的答案。」

作者所說的這點，雖然對於我們來說可能是老生常談的道理，但是有時我們若果坐下認真審視自己資源真正的投放，大概就知道自己所做的與計劃是否一致。比方說，如果一間教會經常高舉傳福音作為目標，但每年真正投放在該項目的資源只有年度支出的不到 5%，那麼結果往往是事與願違的。很多時我們期望用最小的資源辦最大的事，偶爾奏效或會有的，但要成為常態是不可能的。

其實新移民事工的發展亦然，一方面是出於恩典和機遇，但另一方面要發展起來也得益於各方面人力和時間的投入。在此基礎上，中文事工很感恩得到長議會的認同和支持，聘得部分時間同工林傳道一同加入拓展福音的工作，盼望在新移民家庭這個領域上我們能有新的突破和發展。事實上，一間教會的資源投放可以在很多地方，例如購置教會物業，支付各種外包的服務，但我更情願相信「人才難得」的道理，所謂三軍易得，一將難求。無論甚麼時候，不論是荒年或者豐年，都應該未雨綢繆，做好人才儲備的工作，假以時日，將會帶來超值的回報。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 26, 2024

“Mission Sunday Partie Deux”

Last Sunday, we heard from Rev Dick Kaan about how Jesus was focusing on “one person at a time” in his interactions as captured in the gospels.

One person at a time.
Not 8.2 billion in the world.
Not 6.4 million people, or 700K Chinese people in Toronto.
But one person at a time.

examples: Jesus heals a sick woman in Luke 8:42-48
Rich young ruler in Luke 18:18-25
Blind beggar receives his sight Luke 18:35-42
Paralyzed man in Matthew 9:2
Lost Sheep Luke 15:1-7

One person at a time.
What matters is the person in front of you.
Who has God put in your mind to share His Love with?
What would you share with them?
How about that Jesus loves them, gives himself for them, and now freely invite them to follow Him.
“I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.” Galatians 2:20

To listen to last week’s message, follow this [link](#).

Are you ready for Part Two? Would you like to hear more?
Then, I invite you to join us.

Tomorrow, we are delighted to have Rev Dick Kaan once more to share about importance of mission, being mission-minded, being missional and taking part in the Great Commission.
The message is titled:
“Viewing the missions field with a zoom lens”
Scripture: Luke 15: 3-7

Afterwards, we will have our usual snack time, followed by sermon deep dive during Sunday School hour, and International Lunch.

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See you tomorrow!

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最新消息 (10/19/2024)

牧者分享：

《你要如何衡量你的一生》(How Will You Measure Your Life?) 是哈佛商學院教授克萊頓·克里斯坦森 (Clayton Christensen) 出版的一本暢銷書。這本書以商業理論為基礎，探討如何在個人生活中追求真正的成功與滿足。記得多年前讀過已經印象難忘，現在重讀又有新的體會和領受。

作者在第六章「你的孩子還是你的嗎？」中，援引一個著名的例子，指出今日教養孩童所遇到的問題。Dell 起初以其直銷電腦的商業模式聞名，但在成長過程中，為了降低成本和提高效率，它將越來越多的電腦組件和技術製造外包給像 Lenovo 的廠商代工，這樣做雖能在短期內提升利潤，但長期卻削弱了 Dell 的競爭力。「外包 outsourcing」的做法看似方便，但潛藏的危機卻不少。

而在教養的事情上如何也相仿：「大多數父母都認為他們應該為孩子提供資源，你可以與你的鄰居或朋友的孩子進行比較，你的孩子參加了多少活動，在學習什麼樂器，在練習哪項運動，這是很容易測量並讓你覺得開心的，但這種疼愛實際上卻阻止了孩子們成為你所希望的人。

除了學習新技能，孩子們還應該有許多其他的事情。關於能力的理論告訴我們，孩子們需要被挑戰，需要解決困難的問題，需要培養價值觀。當你發現自己正在為孩子提供越來越多並沒有讓他們真正參與進去的經歷時，你並沒有在訓練他們取得成功所需要的應用能力；如果你把孩子交給別人來提供所有的經驗，這其實是將自己的責任外包，實際上你失去了將孩子培養為受人尊重和贊揚的人的寶貴機會。」

最近我也有類似的經驗，就是教導女兒學習英文，的確她可以被 outsource 去上各種的英文補習班。但我發現她在學習過程中，最滿足的莫過於學懂如何去翻閱字典，然後自行查找她自己想要寫作的詞彙，再抄在自己的小小詞典本上，留作他日可以隨時記取。一旦這種習慣被養成，將來受益的地方可遠不止英文。

其實，在信仰的歷程上，外包的現象也是很多的；別人為我們準備好的屬靈盛宴，靈修心得等，幾乎順手拈來。但有沒有真的讓我們信仰變得堅實？還是越來越疲弱？對我來說，在信仰成長中最得幫助的，莫過於就是初信不久後，被邀請帶領查經的經歷。由於當時經驗欠奉，只好拿起一些教導 OIA 查經法的書生吞活剝。好不容易堆砌成了一次查經內容，但卻不能回答組員臨時提出的問題，結果甚是尷尬，自己也感挫折。幸而當時年輕，有種越挫越勇的傻勁。再咬咬牙，再多幾次的「獻醜」，便開始察覺有質的提升。現在重看，要感謝的正是往昔這種「硬橋硬馬」的操練。

「你的信仰還是你的嗎？」「有沒有將你自己的信仰責任外包？」這是一個我們需要持續叩問的問題。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 19, 2024

“Mission - Heart for Harvest”

For the next two Sundays, we will focus on mission.

Jesus our Lord, who took on the sins of the world at the cross, died and after resurrected from the tomb, appeared to the disciples in Galilee.

Then, he gave them (and us) the Great Commission.

16 Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go. 17 When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. 18 Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. 19 Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, 20 and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.” (Matt 24:16-20)

This is the instruction of our Resurrected Lord Jesus Christ to all of us to spread the gospel to all nations of the world. And it's been the essential concept that has been used to support the missionary activities of many Christian denominations, including our own Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA) Canada.

Today, C&MA Canada is a group of more than 400 local churches across Canada that aims to be a Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, and Mission-focus movement. We send out 150 international workers serving at least 65 least-reached people groups.

Some of them are familiar to us; like the Burnetts in Thailand, Kevin and Carol in Cambodia, and our very own speaker, Rev Dick Kaan.

Also to remember, the Great Commission is given to all of us. It's not just some oversea endeavours in other parts of the world, it is also about impacting the lives of people who God put around us.

So, how can you take part on a daily basis?

Be led by the Spirit – have an open mind and be sensitive of what the Spirit tells us to do and quickly to obey it. The Spirit is the one that gives us the power to do what the Bible says and guides us into all truth (John15:26). Build relationships and share the Good News with those around you. We are the salt and light of the world and through us, we can bring glory to God.

Give to support the mission work. Through giving, we have the ability to partner with all like-minded believers to make even bigger and more global impact of the Kingdom.

Friends, would you take some time this week to pray for mission and missionaries around the world this week? Pray and ask God to show how you can participate in this important work.

This Sunday we are delighted to have Rev Dick Kaan to lead Mission Week message.

The message is titled: "Viewing the missions field with a zoom lens"

Scripture: Luke 15: 3-7

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牧者分享：

「Yak Shaving (薙牛毛)」這個詞最早來自麻省理工學院 (MIT) 的一個電視短片，這個短片的情節描繪了主角為了完成一項簡單任務，卻被牽扯到一系列繁瑣且無關的次要任務中，最終以薙牛毛為荒誕結尾。這個現象被命名為「薙牛毛」，意指過度延伸的多餘工作，使原本的目標被無限延遲。後來，「薙牛毛」廣泛應用在 IT 行業，成為那些因為解決小問題而陷入無窮無盡的次要任務中的代名詞。

事實上，這個現象也可以發生在不同的場景；想像你是一位牧師，某天下午要坐下來撰寫講章。然而，當你開始寫講章時，你突然發現你的電腦需要軟體更新才能使用講道資料庫。於是你點開更新頁面，但發現更新需要更高版本的作業系統。你決定升級系統，但系統告訴你需要更多硬碟空間。然後你開始清理電腦中的舊檔案，結果發現了一堆過去的教會照片，心想：「嗯，我應該把這些照片整理一下，然後上傳到教會的 Facebook 頁面！」接著，你花了兩個小時整理照片，還順便檢查了教會網站，然後發現網站有些鏈接失效了。心想：「哎呀，這樣不好，會影響新朋友對教會的第一印象。」馬上著手修復，在这一切的折騰過後，天已經黑了，連講章的開頭都還沒寫。最初的目標完全被忽略了。

以上所說，雖是笑談一則，但類似的影子確實在我們每天的生活之中上演。在教會的生態中，我們要忙著處理這樣那樣的事情，很容易被別人提出的各種議程 (agenda) 所牽著走，忙著去接不同的訂單；但到頭來，我們真正的福音使命卻被遺忘。「薙牛毛」現象，當一群人捲入其中時，情況就會愈演愈烈。一個人開始「薙牛毛」已經夠糟糕了，但當一群人試圖合作時，很可能最終還會給那頭牛做個美甲。這也是為什麼個人企業家和小組織更容易完成事情，只因為他們有更少的機會去「薙牛毛」。其吊詭的地方在於，越是要成就大的事情，就越要追求怎樣將架構變小，化繁為簡，化整為零。

當然，並不是說『大』就是正確，但有時候心態的確會決定發展的上限和境界。觀乎很多家庭式教會都樂意舉辦『大』聚會，花費一番大功夫來呈現教會合一，但其實合一不是人手能做出來，而是查驗上帝在教會中已有的作為。反觀，發展具規模的組織，必然會在分齡牧養/劃分功能組別等的發展上，訂定好框架，明確賦權，有效地避免「薙牛毛」的現象。因此，與其追求某種虛設的集體氛圍，或者滿足層出不窮的訂單，還不如將好鋼都用在刀刃上，把最適切的資源合理地規劃在最具潛力的項目上，這樣長遠才能帶來質與量的成長。

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你的同工

黃傳道

教會動態

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 12, 2024

“Thanksgiving”

By Charles Swindoll

This weekend, Canadians will celebrate Thanksgiving on Oct 14, 2024. Thanksgiving is my favourite holiday of all.

First, it highlights the home and family. It is synonymous with “stuff” that can be found only at home – warmth of a family kitchen, kids and grandkids, family reunions, saying prayers before that special meal, big game on the TV, friends dropping by, pumpkin or apple pie, cinnamon rolls, and six million calories.

Second, it is also a time of quiet reflection upon the past and an annual reminder that God has, again, been ever so faithful. The solid and simple things of life are brought together into clear focus, so much so that everything else fades into insignificance.

It’s also less “commercialized” - unlike Halloween, Christmas...

Thanksgiving is good for our roots. It deepens them and strengthens and thickens them, making our trunks and limbs more secure in the threatening gale of our times. Thanksgiving has a way of blocking out the gaunt giant of selfishness and ushering in the sincere spirit of gratitude, love and genuine joy.

Friends, take some time this weekend to say a prayer:

For a friend whom you haven’t connected with and are now thinking about them

For a neighbour whom you haven’t said “hello” in a while

For a brother/sister in Christ whom you know might be going through tough times

For your church leaders who have faithfully served God and his church

For your dear love ones whom you haven’t paid enough attention these past few weeks

And most of important, have a grateful heart for what Jesus had done for you.

Take time to prayerfully read the following passages:

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

“Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.”

1 Chronicles 16:34 (ESV)

“Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good; for His steadfast love endures forever!”

Colossians 3:15-17

“Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.”

Happy Thanksgiving!

This Sunday we welcome an old friend Pastor Ricky Yu to share God’s word.

The message is titled:

“To thank our Father like Christ our Lord”

Scripture: John 11.40-42

Pastor Ricky Yu was raised in Hong Kong, and came to Toronto during his high school years. He was baptized while attending New Covenant Alliance Church (yes, our own church!) as a member. He surrendered his life to Jesus and received God's call to ministry during his college years. He has graduated from Redeemer College, Ambrose seminary, and Tyndale seminary. He is currently the pastor in English ministry development for Scarborough Mandarin Alliance Church. He likes driving around and playing basketball anywhere across Toronto "

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Pastor Ricky.

Afterwards, we will have our usual snack time, followed by sermon deepdive during Sunday School hour.

We hope you can stay behind.

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

Your English Ministry Team

最新消息 (10/5/2024)

教會動態

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 5, 2024

“Treasures in Heaven”

Self storage has experienced fascinating market trends in the 21st century. In the US, the industry is currently valued at \$44B (as in billions) and is expected to hit \$50B in 2029. In Canada, the industry generates \$1B in revenue in 2024.

Driving this expansion is the ever-increasing demand for extra space. As populations rise and living spaces shrink, people are accumulating more belongings than they have room for at home.

Soaring housing costs also created the self storage surge. When new condos under construction are seemingly getting smaller each year, it forces people to consider smaller and more affordable housing options. With less space for belongings and growing families, many are having to turn to self storage for relief.

Moving, downsizing, need for temporary storage, decluttering, preservation of items, home renovations, working from home: all these contribute to reasons why people use self storage units.

Of course, there is also the increasing desire to accumulate material things in our lives.

Often, we get tempted by fancy marketers, big budget companies spending thousands to promote their products. Some people are affected by symptoms of low self-worth, leading to compulsive buying, hoarding and cluttering.

Our society focuses on materialism, fame, prestige, wealth, competition, achievement, and success. It teaches us that we are inherently worthless. We live with the conviction that we aren't good enough.

So, we buy, accumulate, fill the gap, cling to the past, please other people, fear of change, fear of failure. We accumulate to boost our perception of our self-worth.

But as Christians, we know that it is not material possessions that make up our self-worth.

Jesus Christ, our Lord, taught us that true treasures are not material wealth or earthly possessions, but rather spiritual riches accumulated through:

- Faith – trust in God and follow His commands
- Good deeds – showing love, kindness, compassion to others
- Selflessness – sacrificing personal interests for the sake of others
- Humility – recognize we are dependent on God

“19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. 21 For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” Matt 6:19-21

“3 Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. 2 Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things. 3 For you died, and your life is now hidden with Christ in God. 4 When Christ, who is your[a] life, appears, then you also will appear with him in glory.” Col 3:1-4

We are what we love.

What do you love? Where is your heart?

Ultimately, everything we need can be found in Jesus Christ.

Here are some suggestions for us to consider:

Prioritize spiritual growth – focus on developing our faith and character

Invest in others – share your time, resources, attention and love with those God put in your life

Live selflessly – put God's will and others above your own desires

Gratitude – carry an endless supply of gratitude in your attitude toward life

Grow your heavenly treasures!

This Sunday is Holy Communion as we welcome Rev. Susanna Tan to share God's word.

The message is titled: "The Salt and the Light of the World"

Scripture: Matthew 5:13-16

Rev. Susanna was trained in three different theological Seminaries. She pastored 4 different churches since first graduated from Hong Kong Theological Seminary. She has retired from her last church, Rexdale Chinese Alliance Church last March, after serving there for 26 years. She is now serving together with her husband Rev. Herman Tang.

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Rev Tan.

Afterwards, we will have our usual snack time, followed by special sharing at the Corporate Prayer time, to align with Mission Month.

Mission Dept: We have invited Pastor Alice Ho, Director of Cross-Cultural Mission Engagement at CCACA to share with the EM congregation during Corporate Prayer on Oct 6th. Pastor Alice Ho resides in BC, and will join via Zoom to talk about an upcoming STM to Peru and other mission related info.

We hope you can stay behind.

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

Your English Ministry Team

最新消息 (9/28/2024)

牧者分享：

最近讀到 Pastor Brad Whitt 的勸勉，對於我們這些在牧會角色中的人來說十分有益：「給牧者和領袖們的一個想法：如果你被一些重要的信念掌控，那麼你不會被許多小事打擾。以下是 Pastor Brad Whitt 作為牧者的十大重要信念：

1. 聖經是神的話語，對我生活、家庭和事工的每個領域都有權威。
2. 神對我生命的呼召是不可避免和無可否認的。
3. 我與神的個人關係是作為基督徒最重要的責任。
4. 我的家庭是我的第一個、也是最主要的「會眾」。
5. 教會/事工中的一切都取決於人際關係的好壞。
6. 不要像闖入瓷器店的牛那樣橫衝直撞，而要像籬笆上的原木般沉穩有力。Don't be a "bull in a china shop," be "a log on a fence."
7. 如果你在帶領，卻沒有人跟隨，那麼你只是在散步。
8. 成長的牧者帶領成長的教會。
9. 牧者是教會的溫度調節器。
10. 不要在教會中尋找你的身份，應該在耶穌裡找到你的身份。」

上述的分享，相信對於牧者或者教會領袖和願意委身的信徒來說，是頗具洞見的。而在這十大信念中，『成長的牧者帶領成長的教會』，這個提醒對我言猶在耳。很多時候，我們都在尋找教會增長的秘訣，無論是針對不同的事工浪潮，或者學習不同的教會模式，這些都可以是有益的嘗試；但這一切行動的背後，是出於一種恐慌性的藥石亂投，抑或是基於對上帝在前面所鋪張的境界的展望，帶來的結果可以是完全不同的。所以，在表面增長的背後，我們還要撥開雲霧，看到背後那部真正的永動機。

若我們侍奉者沒有保持成長，教會的成長終究有限。作為牧者，自然也是責無旁貸。我究竟是原地踏步，抑或是保持成長？對我而言，唯一的優勢（也可以是劣勢），就是服事的年日尚淺，很多領域於我都是嶄新的嘗試，所以我期望自己儘可能做到，好像喬佈斯所言：『Stay foolish, Stay hungry』。雖然我做不到在每一個領域上的成長都感到孜孜不倦，但我發現至少有一樣，就是每當我在預備宣講神的話語時，仍深感不足，仍期望被上帝的話語所激勵和打動。

感謝主，這或許就是我背後成長的永動機，連帶推動閱讀和寫作祈禱等一系列的信仰活動，形成了一個輸入和產出的良性循環，也會直接帶動侍奉的參與。侍奉是冷是熱，便正如上述第九點所言，是教會的溫度調節器。因此，有哪天我不再 stay foolish, stay hungry，以為自己得著了，飽足了，可能就是『收爐』之時。至於各位，保持你們信仰仍有溫度和持續成長的路徑，是哪裏呢？信仰之路，路漫漫其修遠兮，總少不了你的勉勵，彼此督責和代求。

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3. MSG 小組 9 月聚會：主題「基督的身體」。請聯絡組長有關組會時間，一同參加。
4. 九月課程主日學課程：『聖經人物淺談』由黃薛冬梅姊妹帶領；『（讀唱）詩篇之樂韻』由黎昌弟兄帶領；慕道課程：『信仰探索班(八月-九月)』，導師：宋翁智能姊妹；『信仰基礎班 (3) 價值觀重整』，導師：林曼琪姊妹，李郭美媚姊妹

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 28, 2024

“Truth & Reconciliation”

Each year, September 30 marks the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation.

The day honours the children who never returned home and Survivors of residential schools, as well as their families and communities.

Public commemoration of the tragic and painful history and ongoing impacts of residential schools is a vital component of the reconciliation process.

Both the National Day for Truth and Reconciliation and Orange Shirt Day take place on September 30.

Orange Shirt Day is an Indigenous-led grass roots commemorative day intended to raise awareness of the individual, family and community inter-generational impacts of residential schools, and to promote the concept of “Every Child Matters”. The orange shirt is a symbol of the stripping away of culture, freedom and self-esteem experienced by Indigenous children over generations.

On September 30, we encourage all Canadians to wear orange to honour the thousands of Survivors of residential schools.

This National Day for Truth and Reconciliation, explore the rich and diverse cultures, voices, experiences and stories of the First Nations, Inuit, and Métis peoples.

To learn more:

Indigenous peoples and cultures - [link](#)– learn about unique history, languages, cultures and spiritual beliefs of Indigenous peoples in Canada
Reconciliation – [link](#)– learn how the Government of Canada is working to advance reconciliation and renew a nation-to-nation relationship with Indigenous peoples.

Residential schools – [link](#) –Truth and Reconciliation Commission

As Christians, we should also pause and acknowledge what ultimate truth and reconciliation are.

Or should we reflect on who is the ultimate truth and reconciler?

Jesus Christ, our Lord, is the “way, truth and the life” (John 14:6). The whole universe, the arc of history, the message of salvation, the purpose of the world revolves around Him. After his ascension, this truth is revealed by the written Word of God in the Bible and by the Holy Spirit dwelling in us. As Christians, we are charged with bearing witness to this truth.

“Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbour, for we are all members of one body.” (Eph 4:25)

“Do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15)

Jesus is also the ultimate reconciler. He accomplished the most difficult reconciliation imaginable, between a Holy God and sinful men.

“Consequently, just as one trespass resulted in condemnation for all people, so also one righteous act resulted in justification and life for all people. 19 For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man the many will be made righteous.” (Roman 5:18-19)

“and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of[a] your evil behavior. But now he has reconciled you by Christ’s physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation.” (Col 1:20-22)

Ultimate truth and reconciliation are found in Jesus Christ. We as Christians are first and foremost called to be ambassadors of this ultimate truth and reconciliation to the world around us. But since Christ is sovereign over all things and our faith impacts all of life, we are called to advance truth and reconciliation in earthly matters as well.

Practically, we can do so many things to work toward reconciliation and restoration.

Wear orange on Monday

Take steps to build relationships with some of our Indigenous neighbours,

Support those who are partnering with Indigenous communities to bring the gospel message of hope and love Jesus provides

Join in taking care of Creation which our God has so beautifully created

Continue to have conversations with our children and family about this important topic

This Sunday, we welcome again Dr. Dennis Ngien to share God’s word with us.

The message is titled: "Reach the End, not the top"

Philippians 3:12-16

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Dr Ngien. Brother Samuel will be our worship leader.

After the Service, please stay behind for a time of fellowship and community lunch!

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

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最新消息 (9/21/2024)

牧者分享：

接續上次的分享，雅各的移民之路充滿困窘，但同時也是光明可期的，因為上帝的介入，成為這趟旅程的同行者。雅各睡醒了，說：「耶和華真在這裏，我竟不知道！」17 就懼怕，說：「這地方何等可畏！這不是別的，乃是上帝的殿，也是天的門。」18 雅各清早起來，把所枕的石頭立作柱子，澆油在上面。19 他就給那地方起名叫伯特利；但那地方起先名叫路斯。

雅各雖然被很多人視為充滿心計的小人，但他有一樣事物是值得稱讚的，就是他對神聖事物的感知！他醒了，他的屬靈眼睛變得炯炯有神。知道自己所站立的地方就是聖地。於是，他帶著敬畏的心，將當初那個用來保護自己，給自己安全感的石頭，樹立起來，當作柱子，澆油在上面。我們見到他的改變，最開始這塊石頭是保護自己的記號，最後卻變成了一個與神相遇之後的印記。短短的一個相遇經歷，我們見證了幾個重要的改變：『一個躲避家人的人躲進了上帝懷內；一個害怕兄弟的人懼怕神；一個普通的地方變成了神聖的地方；一塊石頭變成了聖殿。』

與神相遇的經歷，讓平凡的事物變成神聖，並且賦予新的價值。就好像我們當中有剛剛信主的人，本來是藉著救生艇計劃來到多倫多，但在神的祝福下，救生艇甚至成為了那只挪亞方舟，要拯救我們的生命。原來，上帝過去一直都在我們生命作工，只是我們視而不見，就好像雅各說：『耶和華真的在這裡，我竟不知道。』

當然，有神同在的應許並不意味著一個輕鬆的生活。雅各的生活仍在繼續，他仍要搭上之前計劃的路程。『31：40 我白日受盡乾熱，黑夜受盡寒霜，不得合眼睡著，我常是這樣。41 我這二十年在你家裏，為你的兩個女兒服事你十四年，為你的羊群服事你六年，你又十次改了我的工價。42 若不是我父親以撒所敬畏的上帝，就是亞伯拉罕的上帝與我同在……』

當他在二十年後，回顧自己這段移民旅程時，他表示受盡了苦頭，但他最大的學習和得著，就是上帝與他同在，一起跨過了大大小小的人生困難。就好像我自己也經常分享，來到加拿大我們一家人幾乎什麼都沒有帶，連 BB 車也扔掉了才上機。但我發現，真正可以帶走的是，一個 WhatsApp 組裡面的 100 人，是那些年間，從過去到現在都一直在給我們一家人支援和祈禱的同行者，足見上帝同在的印記。

所以，你說這個晚上雅各與神相遇的經歷了甚麼？如果從生活難易角度來說，可能並沒有改變過多少。不過上帝同在的應許，改變了這趟人生旅程的體驗，將我們的世俗旅程從一場觀光探險，轉變一次朝聖之旅。Transforms our secular journey from a touring expedition into a sacred pilgrimage.

人生困途的意義就是，雖身處在不完美的人生，但卻能夠沿途發現上帝完美的旨意，得見祂的同在。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 21, 2024

“A.I.”

According to some, Artificial Intelligence (A.I.) is already revolutionizing our society and our way of life. It transforms many industries, including healthcare, finance, education, and much, much more. AI has already improved efficiency, reduced costs, and increased accuracy in various fields. Today, machines are generating articles, books, illustrations, and computer code that seem indistinguishable from content created by humans.

What’s remarkable is how quickly this transformation has taken place right now, in front of our eyes. The release of ChatGPT by OpenAI in November 2023 introduced the world to a rapid succession of AI models:

February 22, 2023: Microsoft released the AI-powered Bing Chat.

March 1, 2023: OpenAI introduced ChatGPT API for developers to integrate into their apps.

May 23, 2023: Microsoft announced that Bing would power ChatGPT Web browsing.

Apr 18, 2024: Meta introduced Llama 3.1, its most capable AI model.

Sep 13, 2024: Apple announced Apple Intelligence coming to the iPhone 16.

The pace is simply maddening.

And we haven’t even discussed the risks of AI, which include:

Deepfakes, privacy violations, algorithmic bias caused by bad data, job losses spurred by automation, market volatility, socioeconomic inequality, and of course, “sky net” – uncontrollable self-aware AI.

Want to know a form of intelligence that has no downside risks?

It’s called: “Almighty Intelligence” a.k.a. Biblical Intelligence.

Let’s watch this video from Billy Graham on the topic of the Almighty God – the creator of all Intelligence. [video](#)

What can we hold true?

1) The Bible is True and Trustworthy – God’s word, the Bible, is the standard of truth that will not change even in the AI age. The Scriptures are immovable goal posts and guides to judge what is good and pure or untrue and unholy. It will never generate what it thinks you want to hear.

Consider Psalm 19:7-9:

“The law of the LORD is perfect, reviving the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple;
the precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes;
the fear of the LORD is clean, enduring forever;
the rules of the LORD are true, and righteous altogether.”

2) AI does not and cannot threaten God’s Sovereign Rule – throughout history, major revolutionary changes have occurred like the printing press, telegraph, internet, and yet through all these, our sovereign God has remained on his throne. We need to rest on the promises of God, instead of trusting our ability to guard ourselves from the risks of advancing technologies. God promises us that He is with us to strengthen and uphold us (Isa 41:10), He will provide our needs (Matt 6:25-34), the church will prevail (Matt 16:18), and our Lord King Jesus will one day return (1 Thes 4:13-18). AI will never surpass the power of an almighty God.

3) Christians have a mission / responsibility to advance the Gospel. Jesus died on the cross to forgive the penalty of sin and break the stronghold of the enemy. AI cannot do this. As Christians, we will do well to diligently cling to the truth of gospel and boldly share to all the world. Let’s do everything in our power to achieve effective communication of the gospel as obediently and faithfully as possible.

So, while AI is here to stay, we must learn to live with it and to wisely use it to advance God’s kingdom.

This Sunday, we are delighted to have Rev. Glen Eyre to share God’s word with us.

His message is titled: “Faith, Love and Hope. Virtues of Christian Living” 1 Thessalonians 1:2-10

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Rev. Eyre. Brother David will be our worship leader.

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最新消息 (9/14/2024)

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上次提到移民的歷程有時如同雅各一樣，只能在路上撿來石頭充當安全感的來源，甚是窘迫和無奈。但正是囫途，成為我們通向信心的要道。在這窘迫之間，雅各發現前面的窗戶為他打開了，有光照了進來。『創 28：12 夢見一個梯子立在地上，梯子的頭頂著天，有上帝的使者在梯子上，上去下來。13 耶和華站在梯子以上，說：「我是耶和華——你祖亞伯拉罕的上帝，也是以撒的上帝；我要將你現在所躺臥之地賜給你和你的後裔。』

經文提到，就在雅各睡夢之中，他夢見了特別的事情，就是有一道天梯貫穿天地之間，有上帝的使者在中間來去往返，並且在這個梯子的最頂端站著有上帝。中國人經常說，日有所思，夜有所夢。為何雅各會夢見梯子？有聖經學者認為，這個景象正好和創世記前面巴別塔的故事互相呼應，在巴別塔的故事中，人企圖用自己所有的聰明才智一起來建造一座通天塔，以此來宣揚自己的名，證明人可以與上帝同等。

『人往高處看』，『扶搖直上』，無不指向這種不斷往上攀升的人生。雅各何嘗不是？他花盡心機來欺騙家人，無非就是不願屈居人下，要不惜一切向上爬。其實移民的心態或多或少都相似。一般都是帶著一個憧憬，要去到一個更美的地方，很少有人說要移民去第三世界國家。我們樂於向高處爬，但又未必知道終點在哪裡。

因此，上帝這個時候向雅各顯現帶著深意，祂讓雅各發現，原來人生這個天梯攀爬到盡頭並不是他心中所想的金銀財寶，而是上帝自己本身。我想，這個故事最令人意想不到的，上帝並沒有因為他人生上半場的過錯而責備他，讓他羞愧。相反，祂是以一個支持者，同行者的姿態出現，願意與他展開人生的下半場。上帝願意成為與他一起構築前方夢想的人。

對於一個 dreamer 如雅各的人來說，他曾經造著各種異想天開的夢，被渴望成功的欲念所充滿。所以，對這類人來說，真正需要的福音是什麼？就是他需要是被上帝的應許所充滿，這樣才能完成心靈的蛻變，勇敢地踏上未知的移民之路。『15 我也與你同在。你無論往哪裏去，我必保佑你，領你歸回這地，總不離棄你，直到我成全了向你所應許的。』『“I am,” “I will keep,” “I will return,” “I will not leave,” “I have done,” “I have promised”』短短的一節經文，上帝作出了六個行動與承諾。

不知道上面所陳述的，哪一個應許是你現在最需要的？你現在又以什麼來編織你人生的夢想？究竟是個人的慾望，抑或是出自上帝強而有力的應許？（待續）

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 14, 2024

“Keeping Your Word”

By Charles Swindoll

Today, there is a breed of man/woman that is almost extinct. They are those who keep their word.

General Douglas MacArthur, on the eve when Philippines was falling into the hands of the enemy during WW II, said only 3 words as he stepped into the escape boat bound for Australia. “I shall return”.

9 days later, in the port of Adelaide, he then said: “I came through and I shall return.”

Two and half years later, on October 20, 1944, he stood once again on Philippine soil and said: “This is the voice of freedom. General MacArthur speaking. People of Philippines: I HAVE RETURNED!”

MacArthur kept his word.

Today, whether an executive or apprentice, teacher or student, Christian or pagan, blue or white-collar worker, rare indeed are those who keep their word.

The term “credibility gap” is a prevailing problem infiltrated amongst our society today.

Jurors often doubt the testimony of witness in the court. Parents have reasons at times to doubt their children’s word (and vice versa). Citizens often doubt their politicians. Employee often doubt their employers (and vice versa). Spouse at times doubt their partners.

Precious few do what they say they will do without a reminder, a warning or a threat.

This is also true amongst Christians.

Listen to what the Bible says:

“Therefore, each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to his neighbour” (Eph 4:25)

“And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of Lord Jesus.” (Col 3:17)

“When a man... take an oath to obligate himself by a pledge, he must not break his word but must do everything he said.” (Num30:2)

Let’s look at the mirror today, and ask yourself:

1. When you say “yes, I will pray for you” – do you?
2. When you tell someone they can depend on you to help them out – can they?
3. When you say you will be there at such and such a time – are you?

Granted, no one is perfect. But if you fail, do you own up to it? Do you admit your mistake to the person you promised instead of making excuses?

I encourage all of us to take heed and try our best to be a person of integrity. One who is an encouragement and can encourage others.

Our Lord Jesus is the ONE who promised He would return. He, too, will keep His word. He’s never broken one promised. There is no credibility gap with Him.

Christ will return!

This Sunday, we welcome again Rev Simon Sit to share God’s word with us.

The message is titled: “Living A Life That Counts”

Hebrews 11:24-28

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Pastor Sit.

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最新消息 (9/7/2024)

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上個星期的長周末，我有機會與一眾移加青年前往 Muskoka 參加營會，神賜福這次活動，不僅有美好的天氣，燦爛的星空，也有彼此之間美好的互動，熱情的敬拜與信息分享。是次信息的分享主題名為『人在囧途』，圍繞著有關生命的尋索之旅，藉此探討移民歷程中的挑戰與機遇。作為新移民中的一員，自己首先在預備的過程中，也得到激勵和提醒。

『人在囧途』，『囧』字一度是網絡的流行潮語，所謂望文生義，這個字更像一個表情符號，代表著驚訝、無可奈何、尷尬、無助、窘迫的狀態。這就是囧字在時下處境的理解和用法。不過，原來『囧』字在古時的意義則是 180 度完全相反的。『囧』原來是指將窗戶打開，迎接光明的意思。所以，中文裡面的炯炯有神，和這個字也是表達相同的意涵。

踏上移民之旅，可以說就是人在囧途，有時候遇上困窘難堪的處境，但同時在這個困局，又能夠窺見光明，鼓起幹勁踏上路途。配合是次信息的人物就是雅各，經文創世記 28:10-22；

『10 雅各出了別是巴，向哈蘭走去；11 到了一個地方，因為太陽落了，就在那裏住宿，便拾起那地方的一塊石頭枕在頭下，在那裏躺臥睡了。』雅各因為要躲避哥哥的追殺，被迫踏上移民之旅。他的處境似乎非常不妙，沒有喘息的空間，只能隨便在路邊找了塊石頭，當作枕頭就睡覺。有研究聖經的人說，他拿這塊石頭，其實是用作抵禦野外的猛獸。

但無論這塊石頭是單純用來枕頭，抑或作防禦之用也好，足夠證明雅各這次離開家門，到一個新的地方展開新生活，並沒有想象中的順利，甚至可以說有些落魄和無助，陪伴他的只有路邊的那塊石頭。俗語說，人離鄉賤，當我們走在這條移民路上的時候，我們去找石頭，為了應付高昂的租金和生活成本，可能我們都要勉強自己，找不到自己本身的專業，也要放下身段，甚麼工作也試試。雖然不太理想，但至少好像石頭一樣也能夠提供一定的安全感，姑且『袋著先』。

有時，當我們以為帶上足夠的石頭上路，都會遇上不少狼狽的事情。比如有次我們一家人要在 DownTown 去 North York 上教會，碰巧下大雪再加上地鐵故障，眼看就要遲到了。我們急忙打車，但結果被數度拒載，因為我們沒有帶上 car seat。那刻覺得很怯慌，但萬幸不是遇上大病或什麼緊急事故。所謂人在囧途，說的就是這種帶點窘迫與尷尬的旅程。（未完待續）

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 7, 2024

“The Mediterranean as We Know It Is Vanishing”

Parts of southern Italy and other Mediterranean regions, including Greece and southeastern Spain, are experiencing one of their worst droughts in decades. It is particularly devastating, experts say, because the lack of rainfall has been made worse by the higher temperatures caused by climate change.

Harsh Mediterranean droughts also brought “water wars” – this is where water is being prioritized based on the benefits it brings to the region.

“First come people, then the golf courses, then you.” –paraphrased by one orange farmer after being told by local official. In many places, starved for tourist dollars, officials do not object to water consumption by tourists during the drought. Agriculture, it seems, has been sacrificed to make way for tourist benefits.

Severe and prolonged drought events have affected Europe for more than two years and Northern Africa for six years, causing water shortages and hampering vegetation growth.

The European Commission had published extensive research in this area calling attention to this severe problem and is rallying for governments to work together to adapt and implement mitigation strategies to reduce effects of drought, invest in early warning systems, increase water efficiency of existing /new technologies, plant more drought resistant crop and improve access to water resources.

For Christians, we also experience “droughts” from time to time. Along the way, we will absolutely face many life’s circumstances which require us to endure and persevere. How do you respond to these unfavourable seasons of life?

According to Jeremiah 17, we have 2 possible responses:

#1 Trust in Man - The Bible says “... Cursed is the one who trusts in man, who draws strength from mere flesh and whose heart turns away from the Lord.” (Jer 17:5). The outcome? “That person will be like a bush in the wastelands, they will dwell in the parched places of the desert...” (Jer 17:6)

2 Trust in the Lord - “But Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” That person receives blessings as he is like a tree planted by the water, whose roots spread far out by the stream. Our God is trustworthy, faithful and He provides for us, day after day. The tree is living, it has green leaves, and never fails to bear fruit. (Jer 17:8)
When we trust in Jesus, abide in Him, and stay close to Him, we will be provided with strength and power to persevere and face our challenges courageously. Like a tree planted by the water, we will bear fruit continually. We will be filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control (Gal 5:22-23).
In Whom Will You Trust?

This Sunday, we welcome again Rev Dick Kaan to share God’s word with us.

The message is titled:

“Blessed Are the Peacemakers”

Matthew 5:9, Luke 15:17-24

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Pastor Kaan.

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最新消息 (8/31/2024)

每月的第一週是基約的聖餐崇拜主日，聖餐上的餅與杯是主耶穌與世人立約的標記，是基督耶穌愛和恩典的表達。當一同領這餅，一同喝這杯時，表示這份恩約與我們的關係，而基督也與我們同在。此外，這合一和具體的禮儀上，不但能強化屬靈的身份 — 就是一群蒙神揀選、蒙基督救贖的群體，更能加深在基督裏互為肢體的結連。當領聖餐時，細嚼這餅、細嚐這杯，都要存敬畏和感恩的心，請好好預備自己的身心靈，早點回到教會，親嚐上主白白的恩情，重申自己曾與上主所立的恩約。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 31, 2024

“Back To School”

This week, it’s “Back to School” time.

Labour Day Weekend usually signifies the return of school for many families. As kids, teens and young adults return to classrooms across the country, back-to-school stress is certainly on the minds of many students and parents alike.

The top stressor? Change in routine.

Not just the child, but the entire family system has to adjust to the schedule of going back to school.

Best way to deal with it? Plan, communicate and, if necessary, practice.

Another stressor is “social pressure”.

It’s an important one because kids’ social skills were impacted by COVID pandemic and haven’t really experienced what’s it like prior.

What can parents do?

First, give them as many opportunities to practice being a good friend. The more they practice, the better they can be at navigating social skills, friendships and how to deal with bullying. Just as important, having a good relationship with your child can help tremendously. Be curious. Ask questions rather than giving lectures so that parents get to find out what their experience is like at school.

For Christians, our biggest concern for our children is how to protect them from the world and keep pointing them to Christ during these impressionable and vulnerable years.

While we can’t protect our children from everything, it doesn’t mean all things should be permissible. The Bible gives us a lot of insight into what honors and dishonors God. We need to teach our children to understand that if it goes against God’s Word, they must not do it.

An excellent guide would be Philippians 4:8 “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable – if anything is excellent or praiseworthy – think about such things.”

Also, teach our children that Jesus is the answer to every uncertainty, every fear, and every temptation they will ever face. Show them they can turn to Jesus when they are struggling and best way for them to learn is to see it in us.

Are you a model which your child can imitate at time of challenges? Do you pray with your children, share with them how God has been working in your life and answering prayers? Do you share Bible verses that had encouraged you in the past with them?

Let’s be encouraged that our God is faithful, powerful and loving.

Remember “For no word from God will ever fail.” Luke 1:37

On Holy Communion Sunday, we welcome again Rev CY Yan and special guest Aaron Mok to share what God is doing in Myanmar.

The message is titled: “The Darker It Is, The Brighter You Shine”

Philippian 2:14-16

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Rev Yan and Aaron.

After the Service, please stay behind for a time of snacks, fellowship and Corporate Prayer.

See you tomorrow!

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最新消息 (8/24/2024)

牧者分享：

最近重溫，意大利經濟學家巴萊所發表著名的『二八定律』，指出世界上 80%的財富其實是掌握在 20%的人手中，由此引申出一種黃金定律，就是在某個領域當中，發揮關鍵作用的只需要 20%的人，其餘的 80%相對是次要的。

以下是一些人士對於『二八定律』的擴充應用及見解：

- (一) 20%的人有目標 80%的人愛瞎想
- (二) 20%的人想辦法改變自己 80%的人想辦法改變別人
- (三) 20%的人明天的事情今天做 80%的人今天的事情明天做
- (四) 20%的人按成功的經驗做事情 80%的人按自己的意願做事情
- (五) 20%的人可以重複做簡單的事情 80%的人不願意做簡單的事

時至今日，我也發現上述有關人生規劃，二八定律等的道理，於我而言，一點不陌生，甚至已經成為某種信念。尤記得讀大學的時候，自己可以說得上是個不務正業的學生，沒有好好花時間讀自身的專業，卻花了大部分時間去看一些時間管理，人生規劃等類的書籍。或者這就是大學所賦予真正價值的體現，給與你適度的空間，無論走堂也好，做兼職也好，讓你在過程中不斷發現自己。所以，『好讀書，不求甚解』，就是大學時代留下給我的一份珍貴禮物。

當然，從信仰的角度，其中有很多說法值得被檢視——為何要成功？為何要成為 20%的人？等等。但對我而言，其中的一些信念如，『重複做簡單的事情』，『想辦法改變自己，不去改變別人』，『有目標，不愛瞎想』等，都大大的幫助了我，使我信仰的路走得更遠，甚至在成為牧者之後，這些座右銘更顯得重要。

這個整理過程讓我反思，其實一個信徒是生命中有幾多信念是真正來自純粹的基督教信仰？問這個問題，就好像在問有沒有從天而降的基督教？離開了猶太社會，希羅文化的背景，就沒有今日的基督教。

誠然，對我來說，基督教的價值並非與世俗文化全無界線，端在於是否以恩典作為承載和實踐。正如約拿書給我們看到，恩典具有顛覆性，失去恩典的視角，看所有事物都是唯我獨尊的。有恩典的視角，也敢於向主流的、不健康的看法說不。就如神學家 Volf 所言，基督徒進入這個世界，『應該擁抱二『不』一『是』，不是全然轉化，不是妥協迎合，但要向參與說是。』

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 24, 2024

When You're an Imposter

She's sitting in front of a make-up table, preparing to sing in front of an audience. She picks up a tissue to wipe away some stray make-up, but the make-up turns into tears.

She sobs, "I just sometimes feel like a loser still, you know?"

A pause.

"I know it's crazy... but I still sometimes feel like a loser kid in high school. I'm sorry. I just want to be a queen but sometimes I don't feel like one."

She is Lady Gaga. It's 2011. Her album *Born This Way* has sold more than one million copies in its first week. Two years earlier, she spent 150 weeks on the UK Singles Chart and was the most downloaded female act in a year in the US. And she's about to step on stage at the Madison Square Garden as part of a worldwide concert tour that will gross \$227.4 million.

By every measure, she's a smashing success; miles removed from being a "loser kid." Yet, like many of us sometimes do, Lady Gaga felt like an imposter.

Professor Pauline Clance coined the phrase "imposter syndrome" in 1978 after studying 150 "successful" women: students and professors, lawyers, nurses, and social workers. She found that the women were particularly prone to "an internal experience of intellectual phoniness," living in perpetual fear that "some significant person will discover that they are indeed intellectual impostors."

Imposter syndrome is the feeling of:

"Why am I here?"

"When will they find out that I'm a fake and don't belong?"

"I'm only where I'm at because I'm lucky."

We find examples in the Bible too:

Moses: When God called Moses to lead the Israelites out of slavery, Moses felt inadequate and unsure, saying, "Who am I to go to Pharaoh?" (Exodus 3:11). He doubted his abilities, asking for ever more proof that he could lead the Jews.

Gideon: Gideon, a judge and military leader, felt like an unlikely candidate for his role. He said, "My clan is the weakest in Manasseh and I am the least in my family" (Judges 6:15) and puts God to test. Despite his initial doubts, God used him to achieve great victories.

The Apostle Paul, recognizing his own history as a persecutor of Jews, wrote, "I am the least of the apostles and do not even deserve to be called an apostle" (1 Corinthians 15:9). Despite this, he would go on to be a great (the greatest?) evangelizer for Jesus.

Paul overcomes his imposter syndrome by humbly, yet confidently, leaning into God:

"But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace to me was not without effect. No, I worked harder than all of them — yet not I, but the grace of God that was with me." (1 Corinthians 15:10).

Rather than letting his feelings stop him, Paul used those feelings as motivation to trust fully in God's grace and in so doing, propel him forward.

When we feel like imposters in our lives, recognize that Paul, like Moses and Gideon, all found their strength in God. With Him, we can be confident in the plans He has prepared for us.

This Sunday, Rev. Francis Tam will be speaking at NCAC.

His message is titled: "Serving with All Your Heart" Colossians 3:23-24

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最新消息 (8/17/2024)

牧者分享：

不知道有多少人像我一樣，有關注剛過去的 2024 巴黎奧運？除了高水平的競技運動吸引眼球之外，還有茶餘飯後的眾多周邊話題，同樣博取觀眾的視線。

性別爭議疑雲：在拳擊運動中，引發了激烈的討論，如何確認男女性別，尤其是如何確保不會出現『男打女』的不公平現象發生？這確實是牽涉到奧林匹克的對賽精神。但經此一役，不少人才發現，如何作出分別原來並不容易。通常情況下，XY 染色體組合被視為男性，XX 染色體組合被視為女性。然而，這種二元劃分並不涵蓋所有情況，還有 XXX, XYY 等其他狀況。我對這方面認識有限，但足見性別議題的複雜性。

爆紅與網暴：澳洲霹靂舞女選手 Rachael Gunn，以其獨創的『袋鼠舞』而引發眾多的關注，相信有看過的人第一反應，也會因為她的表現而忍俊不禁，欣賞她的自信和創意；但也有不少人，尤其是澳洲國民因為她的表現而感到十分羞恥，除了創下三戰全零分的記錄，還讓人質疑奧運選拔的質素，他們不禁揶揄：『給我一杯酒，我上去我也行』。但無論如何，她都以自己的方式留下了印記。

宗教幽默與譴責：在奧運開幕禮上有一個模仿《最後晚餐》的名場面，引起法國天主教與部分基督教團體或個人表達抗議，認為這是對基督教的羞辱。但也有基督徒表示，不要過度反應，基督教被羞辱不是很正常的嗎？正如耶穌並沒有做錯過一件事，卻被眾人嘲諷，羞辱以至死。這點也確實值得反思，當基督教擁有話語權的時候，如何可以做到『不以惡報惡，不以辱罵還辱罵，倒要祝福』等，但又不曾將信仰從公共場合中抽離，默不作聲。

雖然上述都是一些獨立事件，但在整理一番後，背後似乎也牽涉著某個主要的信仰問題：『我是誰？』1. 我是誰，讓肉體抑或科技來定義？2. 我是誰，讓真我抑或他人評價來定義？3. 我是誰，讓基督教抑或基督來定義？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 17, 2024

“On Forest Fires and Firefighters”

I've been reading “Think Again” by organization psychologist Dr. Adam Grant. He tells a story about 15 men who dropped from the Montana sky in 1949 – elite wildland firefighters parachuting into the Mann Gulch forest fire.

The fire blazed fast, consuming the length of two football fields in less than a minute. Despite all efforts, the firefighters had no choice but to flee. With safety in front and the fire close behind, the crew ran desperately up a steep incline to escape the flames. After eight strenuous minutes of running, the firefighters decided to drop all their heavy axes, saws, shovels, backpacks, and other equipment.

So sensible... but so late. Why did it take 8 precious minutes for professional firefighters to finally decide to drop the heavy, useless tools that only slowed them down?

Twelve firefighters died in Mann Gulch. They may have lived if they'd dropped their tools just a little bit earlier and run just a little more quickly.

This isn't an isolated incident. Dr. Grant found that between 1990 and 1995 alone, 23 firefighters died trying to outrun fires while running uphill, carrying heavy equipment and backpacks that were of absolutely no consequence to them. Experts say most would have lived, had they simply dropped their gear.

One firefighter survived by letting go of his 25 pound chainsaw. Yet, he wasted precious seconds looking for some place to safely stow his (useless) chainsaw before getting back to the business of fleeing from the oncoming flames!

IT'S ABOUT OUR IDENTITY.

"It might seem obvious," writes Dr. Grant, "that your first move would be to drop anything that might slow you down. For firefighters, though, tools are essential to doing their jobs. Carrying and taking care of equipment is deeply ingrained in their training [and] ... discarding your equipment means admitting failure and shedding part of your identity... Dropping one's tools creates an existential crisis. Without my tools, who am I?"

Most of us don't regularly fight forest fires. But all of us frame our identity around... something. Your successful career? Your academic achievements? Your loving family? All good things, but not if they become so core to who you are that you build your entire identity around them.

Bad stuff happens. You mess up a presentation and receive a poor performance review. You trip over a complicated exam question and get a poor grade at school. You're hurt by a loved one through careless words. Like the foolish builder in Matthew 7:24-27 who built his house on sand, there will one day come a storm that topples that house. If your work, school, or even family are the “essential tools” of your life, you'll cling on to those tools even when they fail you. And you'll also be forced to ask “Without work or school or whatever... who am I?”

Jesus invites us to follow Him and to find our identity in the eternal truth of His words. Jesus is the only equipment you need; he's our solid foundation and with Him, no winds (or fires!) will bring us down.

This Sunday, Dr. Dennis Ngien will be speaking at NCAC.

His message is titled: “An Interpretation of Love” Philemon 8:18

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 10, 2024

“Christ Be Magnified”

How does Christ get glorified in the Olympic Games?

This week, EWTN (Global Catholic Television Network) ran a story about how Christian zeal is happening behind the scenes in the Games.

It started with the replication of the Last Supper Scene at the Opening Ceremony. It sounded like our enemy is at work – creating controversies and conflict.

But, that did not dampen the spirit of evangelism amongst the athletics and participants. International groups (Youth With A Mission) are present in Paris to make God known to others. Meanwhile, in the Athletic village, missionaries / athletics are working to make connections and help others to develop relationships with Christ.

They speak to athletes who may not have won medals about their worth in life, their identity with God who loves them. This is reminiscent of “Chariots of Fire”.

It’s an historical sports drama film, written by Colin Welland and produced by David Puttman, based on the true story of two British athletics in the 1924 Olympics: Eric Liddell, a devout Christian who runs for the glory of God and Harold Abrahams, an English Jew who runs to overcome prejudice.

Liddell, who discovered that the heat for his 100-metre race will be on a Sunday, refused to run the race because of his Christian convictions and respect for the Lord’s Day.

A solution was found when Liddell’s teammate offered to give his place in the 400-metre race on the following Thursday. Before the race, the American coach remarked dismissively to his runners that Liddell had little chance of doing well in his now far longer 400-metre race. Liddell, however, was encouraged by a note given to him by one of the American runners. The note quoted the following verse:

“Therefore the Lord, the God of Israel, declares: ‘I promised that members of your family would minister before me forever.’ But now the Lord declares: ‘Far be it from me! Those who honor me I will honor, but those who despise me will be disdained.’”
1 Samuel 2:30

Liddell defeated the American favourites and won the gold medal. The British team returned home triumphantly.

After the Olympic, Liddell returned to do missionary work in China and was mourned by all of Scotland following his death in Japanese-occupied China.

This is one of the stories that inspires us to boldly claim the name of Christ.

Do we do that? Do you stand for Christ amongst your co-workers, your classmates, your relatives/friends? Do you tell them about God? Do you share your faith journey with them?
Let’s do everything we can to magnify Christ – our Lord and Saviour!

This Sunday, we welcome once again Rev CY Yan to speak.

His message is titled: “We Belong to God” Mark 12:13-17

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Rev CY Yan.

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最新消息 (8/3/2024)

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基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 3, 2024

“Athletes in Action”

Have you been keeping up with 2024 Paris Olympics?

It's been over one week and there are already many, many stories about athletes from various countries and how they compete in the Olympics.

Which sports or countries have you been following?

Did you watch Simone Biles being crowned as the greatest gymnast of all time?

How about our own Felix Auger-Aliassime and Gaby Dabrowski winning Canada's first ever medal in mixed doubles Tennis? Or Kylie Masse winning medals in swimming at 3 Olympic Games? Or Mohammed Ahmed finished 0.67 secs shy of a bronze, with the result of Canada's best ever Olympic result in men's 10K, last achieved 112 years ago?

Did you follow China, the country with the most Gold medals? There was also the story of the Chinese Olympian who was proposed to by their fellow athlete after stepping off the podium.

Above are just a few snippets. There are so many stories to follow at the Olympics.

For instance, have you also heard of the IOC Refugee Olympic Team? It's a team of 37 athletes, all originally refugees, who compete in 12 different sports at the Paris Olympics. Their objective? To represent the 100 million displaced people around the world and to bring hope and peace.

Thomas Bach, IOC President, states “The IOC Refugee Olympic Team sends a great signal about what an enrichment refugees are for our Olympic community and for society at large. Watching them compete is a great moment for all of us, and we hope everyone will join.”

This week, on the YouVersion Bible App, we have selected Athletes leading our daily devotions. Daniel Roberts, who does hurdles and track and field, shares:

“But blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord, whose confidence is in him.” Jeremiah 17:7

In Jeremiah 17, God is calling out the Israelites for their idolatry, for trusting in other gods and forsaking Him and His teachings. God makes it clear that these choices have led and will lead to terrible consequences. And yet, God sends Jeremiah to bring a refreshing reminder.

Jeremiah calls those who trust Him “blessed,” even, as chaos, sin and idolatry reign around them. He said the people who trust in God “will be like a tree planted by the water that sends out its roots by the stream. It does not fear when heat comes, its leaves are always green. It has no worries in a year of drought and never fail to bear fruit.” Jer 17:8.

Who do you trust?

Who gives you confidence in life?

Whom do you worship and follow?

Take heart knowing that trusting God will give us an abundant life in Jesus, full of spiritual fruits even when sin is all around.

This Sunday, we welcome once again Pastor David Li from Toronto Simpson Chinese Alliance Church to worship with and speak to us.

His message is titled: “Grateful Servants” Matthew 20:1-16.

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Pastor David. After the Service, please stay behind for a time of snacks, refreshment, and fellowship.

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VBS Closing Ceremony on Aug 1, 2024

Praise the Lord VBS Closing Ceremony last Thursday saw many campers and their parents having a good time celebrating VBS. Pray that VBS has left some “gospel seeds” in the campers and one day they will know more about Jesus.

Pray that our church has left positive impressions in the kids and their parents/ family so that they would come back and visit NCAC.

最新消息 (7/27/2024)

牧者分享：

2024 年至此已經過去了一半有多的時間，回望這個短暫的上半年，我們在今年所定下的計劃，有多少已經兌現，有多少仍然在努力中，又有多少在不知不覺中隨流失去了？求主的恩典繼續在我們身上工作，叫我們不至於懈怠，能為主打美好的仗。

適逢在這半年之交，正好跟基約家的肢體分享一下新移民事工的狀況。在過去這幾個月，我們的工作主要涵蓋幾個方面：第一，大手佈道，透過網上平台認識新朋友，我們所舉辦過的講座包括有，政府資源服務資訊，移加情緒支援，安省教育系統，理財資訊等講座，接觸移民超過 160 人次。

第二方面，我們透過舉辦英文會話班，開始與移加朋友有實體的接觸和認識，從 3 月至 6 月每週有接近 25 人參與，彼此建立美好的關係，並計劃在 9 月復課。透過不同的福音渠道，我們不單結識了移加青年，也認識了家庭及兒童群體，在此基礎上，我們嘗試了每月一次的家庭聚會，每次聚會有接近 20 人出席（連同孩子），反響超過我們所想所求。

第三方面，我們也藉著週日的信仰活動，去帶領人認識信仰，建立生命。在信仰研討班中，約有 12-15 人每週固定的出席。最近我們更開設『認識洗禮』班，鼓勵他們進一步委身信仰。過程中，我們見證生命的轉化。有決志的，也有投入教會生活的，例如他們積極參與全教會嘉年華的籌備，下月的龍城廣場佈道等；更值得欣喜的是，他們甚至自發籌備外展活動（如釣魚），吸引新移民參與教會生活。這幅畫面正是我們所期待的門徒成長循環：當他們領受福音後，再將福音傳給其他的新移民。

一路走來，我們見證五餅二魚的神跡在我們當中發生。雖然我們在資源或許有所缺欠，但建造生命的工程卻不代表是個耗資巨大的工程，因為我們的上帝是信實的、是顧念人需要的。今年為止，在新移民事工的發展暫時錄得是三位數的支出。是的，你沒有看錯。說到這裡，就不得不感謝與我們一起締造這個見證的基約成員，你們每一個主動的愛心付出，無論是接載，款待，教學及求職上的幫助，都有如小男孩手中的餅和魚，得到上帝的悅納和大大使用。

事工未來的挑戰，鑒於港人移民計劃即將於 2026 年結束，最近新移民的數目正以肉眼可見的速度減少，實在需要更懂得如何把握福音的機遇。其次，如何幫助兒童落戶教會，使家長也能安心投入中文崇拜及教會生活等，我們也需要更多的智慧和幫助。願你們的祈禱與我們同在。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 27, 2024

“Olympic Spirit”

This week, the Olympic Games Paris 2024 officially begin.

From July 26 to August 11 (Olympic Games), and from August 28 to September 8 (Paralympic Games), the world's eyes and ears will tune to the frequencies and excitement that are sure to be generated in the City of Paris and its surrounding areas, for the love of sports, competition and, most of all, friendship and inclusion.

The Olympic symbol contains five rings, interconnected with a specific order of colours, symbolizing how the games bring the five continents of the world together in friendly competition.

The core values of the Olympics are excellence, respect and friendship.

Striving for excellence and encouraging people to be the best they can be.

Demonstrating respect in many different manners: respect towards yourself, the rules, opponents, environment, others, and the public.

Celebrating friendship, an event that brings people together every few years.

True Olympic spirit is found not in gold medalists, fame, or fortune, but, as the Agence France-Press puts it, “it is found in its purest sense in those that come last.”

Finishing the Course. That's the idea! Finishing first is not the true meaning of the Olympics – finishing well is.

There are lots and lots of material available on motivation to get started and provide creative ways to spark initiative. But, there isn't enough knowledge on how to “finish well”.

Eugene Peterson once wrote: “It is not difficult to get a person interested in the message of the gospel; it is terrifically difficult to sustain the interest.... There is a great market for religious experience in our world; there is little enthusiasm for the patient acquisition of virtue, little inclination to sign up for a long apprenticeship in what earlier generations of Christians called holiness.”

Does your spiritual journey feel weary some days? Is the road called Faith getting longer and the hope wearing a little thin? Are you wondering whether it's worth it all? Or seeing your dream further away than you had hoped?

Don't lose heart. Our God is whispering this to you:

“Let us not lose heart in doing good, for in due time we will reap if we do not grow weary.” Galatians 6:9

“Therefore... be steadfast, immovable... your toil is not in vain in the Lord.” 1 Corinthians 15:58

“Be of sober spirit, be on the alert... After you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace... will Himself perfect, confirm, strengthen and establish you.” 1 Peter 5:8,10

No matter what happens, continue your journey with the true Olympic spirit: persevere with the strength that God provides and supports us with.

Takeaways:

Go back and finish something you quit too soon.

Make a list of projects you are working on. Post it where you will see it each day. Check off each project you finish.

When the time is right, reward yourself with an evening of fun. Celebrate with a friend!

This Sunday, we are delighted to have Pastor Bosco Tung speak to us.

Pastor Bosco Tung is a dedicated disciple of Christ, focused on Christian unity and strategic mission development. He is actively serving at Unionville Alliance Church and contributes nationally to the Lausanne Movement Canada, working to catalyze impactful collaborations both locally and globally.

The title of his message: "The Whole Church Sent: Taking the Whole Gospel to the Whole World" Matthew 9:35-38

Please give a warm NCAC welcome to Pastor Bosco and his family.

After the Service, please stay behind for a time of snacks, refreshment, and fellowship. We will then engage in Sermon Deep Dive during Bible Learning hour (11:30-12:15) to bring the sermon to life.

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VBS Closing Ceremony on Thursday Aug 1, 2024

We are so grateful for God's unfailing love & protection and that He brought a group of youths & university students to run the program under Jon's leadership. They exuded love and kindness with every gesture; it's no wonder the campers love them & were glued to them every minute of the day.

The Board of Elders thank all those who served this year. Without your support & hard work, VBS wouldn't happen. You all played critical roles - the front desk admin, kitchen helpers, or the cooks - all being faithful, diligent and joyful. It's such a blessing to know that we can rely on you. Thank you for the hours you've spent assisting the Children's ministry.

Everyone is invited to join the VBS Closing Ceremony next Thursday. Let's mingle with the parents & chat with the campers. Let's share their joy and excitement, enjoy the company and the refreshments!

最新消息 (7/20/2024)

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接續上週對 Interstellar 《星際啟示錄》這部電影所引發的信仰反思。上次的分享提到有關五維空間的概念，引申了對於上帝的無所不在等屬性的探討，而這次將在此基礎上，討論上帝的愛。

上帝的全知全能與上帝的大愛，對很多人來說，其實不是一個不證自明的命題，因為這兩者加在一起似乎是不能夠調和的，甚至是矛盾的。例如，有人雖認同上帝大有權能，卻不能感受到上帝的愛，認為祂是冷漠的；有人對上帝的愛深有觸動，類同人倫的愛，但對上帝的永能和神聖事物卻未能有所洞察。

而這部電影中，我認為作者充分地展現了權能與愛之間的吊詭性。處身在黑洞中，縱使主角 Cooper 已經站立在上帝的視覺，甚至擁有闖進歷史的能力，但此刻的他卻不能夠保證——可以得到地球另一端女兒的響應，從而了解遠方的父親一舉一動背後的含意。

『超越時空的愛要如何才能得到這個塵世的響應？』這個看似是基督教所熟悉的信仰命題，同樣也是這部電影拋給觀眾的一道問題。而對於作者來說，媒介的存在就是破解這道難題的關鍵所在。在電影中，正是父親在離開地球之前所留下給女兒的『手錶』，這手錶作為彼此關係的紐帶，成為了傳遞和破譯信息的鑰匙。

這裡給予我兩點很重要的信仰反思：第一，愛是什麼？正如保羅說，有什麼能夠使我們與神的愛隔絕？難道是生，是死？是刀劍，是患難嗎？愛能勝過時間和空間這些維度的限制。第二，上帝的愛需要媒介 (Medium) 傳遞。這裡並非指上帝的愛不帶著能力，而是因為遷就接收者所處維度的限制。為確保他們能夠順利接收，而設立了中保 (Mediator)，為此基督成為人與神之間的中保。基督在歷史上所留下的足跡，並在十字架上的工作，成為了我們詮釋上帝的愛的鑰匙。

正好想起這首詩歌 Love Was When 《愛就是》：

Love was when God became a man, locked in time and space, without rank or place. Love was God born of Jewish kin; Just a carpenter with some fishermen.

Love was when Jesus walked in history. Lovingly He brought a new life that's free. Love was God nailed to bleed and die, to reach and love one such as I.

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 20, 2024

“Sudden” Global Tech Outage

This week, a flawed software update sent out by a little-known cybersecurity company caused major computer outages around the world on Friday, affecting airlines, hospitals, emergency responders and scores of other businesses and services.

The fallout was immediate and harmful. Airlines canceled flights and airports fell into chaos in America, Europe, and Asia. In the United States, operators of 911 lines in multiple states could not respond to emergencies. Parts of Britain’s National Health Service reported problems. New driver’s licenses could not be issued in some areas. Some television broadcasters could not even go on the air.

The cascading effects highlighted the world’s reliance on Microsoft and cybersecurity firms like CrowdStrike that provide the world’s technological backbone. When a single flawed piece of software is released over the internet, it can almost instantly damage countless companies and organizations that depend on those software providers to conduct everyday business.

The pace of this breakdown is simply maddening. In a matter of hours, some major functions that people of this world rely simply became unavailable, out of service, closed, and shut down.

Blame it on our technological advancements!

But, there is another kind of breakdown that is happening slowly, imperceptibly, tolerably...

It’s called “erosion”.

For example, have you ever taken part in a high-school chemistry experiment where a hapless creature was inside an oversized beaker of water, with a Bunsen burner with a very low flame... the water was being heated up very slowly, the frog was never aware of the change... and the end result was...you guessed it!

The Bible also recorded the erosion of a great man – King Solomon.

Blessed with royal blood, extremely intelligent, he had wisdom, loyalty, diplomacy, faithfulness, efficiency, and a winning attitude as a complete package. Most of all, “Solomon loved the Lord” (1 Kings 3:3) and carefully walked in His ways. God blessed Solomon with remarkable achievements, power, international influence and wealth beyond any measures!

Then things slowly began to change.

Almost as soon as he had attained the mastery of man and God, Solomon began to seize the reins of compromise and wrong and drove himself to pride, lust and idolatry. He became irrational, sensual, suspicious, and confused, and died a debauched cynic, “all vanity and striving after the wind” (Ecc2:26b).

Erosion is never sudden. No garden “suddenly” overgrows with weeds/thorns. No church “suddenly” splits. No building “suddenly” crumbles. No marriage “suddenly” breaks down. Slowly, almost imperceptibly, certain things are accepted that once were rejected. Things once considered harmful are now secretly tolerated.

Take heed, you who stand: take heed, lest you fall! (Charles Swindoll)

Be careful about changing your standards so that it corresponds with your desires.

Be very careful about filling your thoughts with self-importance.

Be alert to the pitfalls of prosperity and success.

Just stay balanced. Remember Solomon – a great man of wisdom who deteriorated into a vain fool.

This week: write down 1 area of thought or action that you’ve begun to tolerate in your life. Read the Bible to get God’s perspective on that matter. Then pray to God for helping you to see his Will.

This Sunday, we welcome our very own Rev Amy Wong to speak to us. Pastor Amy (as I’d like to call her) was once our Children’s Pastor at NCAC; God has since called her to another field to pastor His flocks. We are simply glad to see her again.

Title of her message: “Abiding in Christ” John15:1-17

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PS: Don’t forget to pray for VBS! Week#2 went smoothly and we thank God for that!

VBS Prayer List:

- Ask for God’s blessing over NCAC’s VBS and all who will be involved.
- Pray for the camp staff, teachers, volunteers, and workers who will serve during VBS. Ask God to receive their hours of preparation as a pleasing offering and for the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through them.
- Pray for the children who will attend VBS and the families they represent. Ask God to begin preparing their hearts to respond to the Good News they will hear at VBS. Pray for their physical safety and emotional well-being during the week.
- Pray for those who are unchurched in our community who will join our church for VBS. Ask God to open the hearts of NCAC’s congregation to welcome, serve, and build relationships with everyone who enters our doors.
- Pray for those who will share the gospel during VBS and those who will follow-up with children, students, adults, and families. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them clarity, guidance, and discernment.
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Interstellar《星際啟示錄》這部電影是近來難得的五星作品，在我第一次接觸它的時候，已經覺得甚有信仰的意涵。電影主要講述了一名退役飛行員 Cooper 在地球面臨生態危機的背景下，與女兒 Murphy 告別，踏上了尋找新家園的星際旅程。經過險死橫生的旅程後，Cooper 意外進入了未知的黑洞，一個本以為會吞噬一切的地方，卻幫助他破譯了科學的難題，實現了人類的遷徙和延續。

重看之後，再整合幾點個人的信仰反思——第一點：黑洞是什麼？

在電影中，黑洞原來就是一個五維空間（5-Dimensions），比我們所熟悉的四維空間（3D，加上時間）多出一個維度。在人的世界裡，我們無法回到過去或者前往未來，只能按照時間的線性流動前進。但五維空間的概念允許這種線性時間流動的打破，主角可以在時間中自由穿梭。維度的不同，代表看到的視野不同，身處在 5D 空間的主角，對於只有 4D 視角的我們，無疑就是站在一種『上帝視角』。他觀看到了全局，他能夠自由地在時間和空間中移動，看到不同時間點的事件，並且於不同的時間點和地點存在和影響事件。

同樣道理，假如上帝真的存在，並且是一種超然的存在，祂能夠看到和掌控的維度，就必然比我們多；故此，我們無法以肉眼看見祂的存在似乎也是必然，但祂卻能夠在時間軸中，看到有關我們的過去、現在和未來的一切，並且能夠任意地切換到這些場景之中，不需要花時間沿途折返；祂也可以在同一時間在不同地方出現，留下祂與我們相遇的印記。凡此種種，正好闡述了上帝的全知全能，無所不在的屬性。

闖入黑洞與闖入上帝的世界，有何類似的地方？黑洞的存在，對很多人來說可能是一種未知，懼怕與懷疑，我們對待上帝的態度亦然；但同一時間，闖入黑洞也可能是一趟意想不到的旅程，能夠拓展新的維度，翻轉我們的世界。同樣地，與神相遇之旅讓我們得見屬天的維度，以屬天的眼光在去審視自己和世界，一切便變得不再一樣。

上帝的無處不在對很多人來說，可能是一種敵意與不友善。但如果我們打開屬天的視覺去看，上帝的無處不在給予我們的鼓勵是，上帝能夠走訪我們的歷史，雖然不能逆轉過去、改寫悲劇的發生，但如果我們是嘗試與上帝一同重訪（revisit）我們的過去時，我們便會發現祂曾留下的記號和心意，藉著整理和詮釋，我們可能會讀出愛的信息，從中得到醫治與救贖。因為，到頭來我們會驚訝的發現，那一位由此至終並沒有離開過：『It was You. You were my Ghost!』（待續）

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黃傳道

教會動態

1. 邀請你，於明日早上 11:15，一同參加基約教會的實體及網上主日崇拜， 講員：郝繼勇牧師；與你分享信息「門徒訓練 101：不可能的任務」誠邀你及你的親友一起參加。以下是連結。歡迎通知和轉發親友們，為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題和報告
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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 13, 2024

A Sheltering Tree

Much of North America was under the extreme heat in July 2024. The vast majority of the U.S. – over 100 million people – are currently being affected by heat wave, with power-outs, black-outs, and health-related incidents. At least 7 cities broke or tied their all-time temperature records this week and several cities were poised to see new heights.

When the searing rays of the sun burn their way into our day, there is nothing quite like a sheltering tree – a true friend – to give us relief in its cool shade. Its massive trunk gives security as thick leaves of love wash our face and wipe our brow. Beneath its branches have rested many discouraged souls!

A true friend, whose genuine, deep, solid friendship is like a sheltering tree. It is a precious gift.

Let's look at some "sheltering trees" in the Bible. When Elijah was ready to quit, depressed and threatened, he was about to throw in the towel and hand in his resignation. God gave him rest, good food, and a tree named Elisha, who "ministered to Elijah" (1 Kings 19:19-21). Elijah rested in the shade of Elisha's sheltering tree.

Paul also had similar experiences. He had several "trees" that sustained him in life. There was Barnabas, who stood by him when everyone else ran from him (Acts 9:26-27, 11:25-26). Then there was Silas who was his traveling companion. We can also count Timothy, Dr Luke, and many others.

Even Jesus enjoyed the friendship of Lazarus, Martha and Mary (John 11:5).

But there was one specific tree that deserves our attention.

When David was hunted and haunted by Saul the madman, whose singular purpose was to kill David, there stood a sheltering tree by the name of Jonathan.

No matter how hard he tried, Saul could not chop down that sheltering tree!

Loyal and dependable, Jonathan assured David. "Whatever you say, I will do for you" (1 Samuel 20:4). No limits, no conditions, no bargains, no reservations.

Why would Jonathan do that? Why would he go all the way for David?

Because he was committed to the basic principles of a friendship. Because "he loved him as he loved himself" (1 Samuel 18:1). It was love that binds their lives together. The kind of love that causes men to lay down their lives for their friends, as Jesus put it (John 15:3).

Under whose tree are you refreshed, my friend?

Or, who rests beneath yours?

Our lives are short, our time on this earth is fleeting. In a flash, you will be at the stage where you may look back and regret about a few things. Lest not be the loss of a true friendship.

Therefore, let's be busy about pruning, watering and cultivating – and planting – our trees.

This week,

Do something special for one of your close friends this week.

Reach out to a friend and let them know you cherish their friendship

Make something special that serves as a constant reminder of your friendship.

This Sunday, we welcome our very own Jon Moe to speak to us.

Title of his message: "Two Souls, One Body" James 1:5-8

After the Service, please stay behind for a time of snacks, refreshment, and fellowship. We will then engage in Sermon Deep Dive during Bible Learning hour (11:30-12:15) to bring the sermon to life.

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

Your English Ministry Team

PS: Don't forget to pray for VBS! First week went smoothly and we thank God for that!

VBS Prayer List:

Ask for God's blessing over NCAC's VBS and all who will be involved.

Pray for the camp staff, teachers, volunteers, and workers who will serve during VBS. Ask God to receive their hours of preparation as a pleasing offering and for the Holy Spirit to be at work in and through them.

Pray for the children who will attend VBS and the families they represent. Ask God to begin preparing their hearts to respond to the Good News they will hear at VBS. Pray for their physical safety and emotional well-being during the week.

Pray for those who are unchurched in our community who will join our church for VBS. Ask God to open the hearts of NCAC's congregation to welcome, serve, and build relationships with everyone who enters our doors.

Pray for those who will share the gospel during VBS and those who will follow-up with children, students, adults, and families. Ask the Holy Spirit to give them clarity, guidance, and discernment.

Pray for churches around the world who will conduct a VBS or other evangelistic outreach this summer. Pray for God's Kingdom to be expanded. Thank God in advance for the blessings and opportunities He will provide through VBS.

最新消息 (7/6/2024)

牧者分享：

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 6, 2024

On Monday, We Start Our 2024 VBS

V.B.S. stands for Vacation Bible School, a program running from July 8th to August 2nd, right here at NCAC.

The origin of the Vacation Bible School program can be traced back to Hopedale, Illinois USA, in 1894. It started when a Sunday schoolteacher felt that she was limited by time constraints in teaching the Bible to children, so she started a daily Bible school to teach children during the summer.

It slowly evolved into a national organization – World Association of Daily Vacation Bible School in 1922.

Today, we have publishing houses providing themed curriculum programs for easy preparation and including marketing tools. Therefore, many churches run their own Vacation Bible School programs consisting of weeks-long program of religious education which include Bible stories, religious songs, arts and crafts, cooking and culinary art, field trips and other experiences.

The goal of any VBS is to help kids learn about Jesus, build relationships and have fun.

NCAC has a long history of VBS experiences in the Birchmount Community.

Our church has been running VBS programs every year since the beginning of the church formation. Each year, we run VBS for multiple weeks – 3 or 4 weeks long – to provide our neighbourhood kids a place to have fun, meet new friends, interact with older kids/young people and... To learn about Jesus.

It takes a lot of effort –planning, recruiting, preparing, executing, managing, overseeing – to run weeks long programs and we are thankful that God has consistently provided us with good leaders, enthusiastic volunteers and caring supporters.

This year's theme is "Scuba – Dive into a friendship with God!" –published by Group Publishing. It's an amazing underwater adventure where kids will experience the ever-flowing, never-ending love of God. Kids will be immersed in the Word and discover what living water is really all about!

Let's pray for our 2024 VBS. We ask for God's blessing over NCAC's VBS and all those involved. We send prayer support to our VBS staff, volunteers, supporters and, most important of all, to the campers!

This week, will you take 5 minutes each day to do that? The prayer list is at the end of this email. Thank you very much!

This Communion Sunday, we welcome Rev. Gerald Hogenbirk from C&MA to speak to us.

Title of his message: "The Power of Wheat"

Matthew 12:23-26

After the Service, please stay behind for a time of snacks, refreshment, and fellowship. We will then have our Corporate Prayer time (11:30-12:15) when we come together to pray, pray and pray!

See you tomorrow!

With Blessings

Your English Ministry Team

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最新消息 (6/29/2024)

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盧雲在《愛中契合》一書提到，不同年紀的信徒，都有其不同階段特色的信仰歷程，對於成年人來說，對其信仰最大的挑戰莫過於二字——『沉悶』：

『踏入成年階段，我們最常感到的是沉悶和乏味。在很多的工作中，絕頂枯燥的日程活動中，再也看不到任何意義。很多人都重複說著，『我不在乎』。這句口頭禪正好表達了這種質素。沉悶的意義是？表明了『經驗的孤立性』。就是說，我們的生命經歷，似乎與過去和未來都沒有聯繫。每一天都不過是另一天，滿是冷漠、灰暗，天天如是，沒有兩樣。

沉悶是生命的斷裂感，當中滿載千千萬萬不同的文字、思想、意念和舉動，斷片零章，有如一池死水中漂浮的垃圾。正是從這個角度看，一種成熟的信仰蘊含著創造性的功能：把人生種種孤立的現實連結起來，構成一個有意義的整體。將碎片組合起來，會看到一幅意想不到的圖畫。它整合分裂的自我，連起支離破碎的人格。它是尋道的心的靈感，是富創意的群體的基礎，是人類不斷更新的恆久動力。』

不知道上述的一番話有沒有引起你在信仰歷程中的共鳴？的確，信主久了，會很容易感受到一種沉悶的感覺，千篇一律的信息，啟奏式的祈禱，與現實似乎不掛鉤的讀經靈修等等。這樣的信仰生活困擾著很多人，但可惜的是，身處其中又無法走出困局。沉悶是對活潑信仰生命的一種損耗，久而久之，只餘空殼。

怎樣可以破局呢？對盧雲來說，關鍵在於如何將人生軌跡中不同的點整合變成線。因為每一個生活的片段都不是孤立存在的，當他們連成一條線的時候，可以清楚看到生命的軌跡，從而讀出嶄新的意義。對很多人來說，這樣的操練似乎只能留待在退修的時間才可以做。但其實不然，我們生命的這本書，實質是可以隨時取閱的，只是翻閱的時候需要花上時間和專注，切忌隨手翻閱或者輕輕帶過。因為若我們自己也對自己的生命也不感興趣，沉悶也就難免常常登門造訪了。

此外，設有 Pastor 『和你傾』平台，如你有任何信仰的疑難，或者牧禱需要，歡迎在此提出：
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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 29, 2024

On Monday, We Celebrate Canada Day

On Monday, we celebrate Canada Day (French: Fete Du Canada) formally known as Dominion Day (French: Fete du Dominion). Our country is 157 years old; 157 years since the Canadian Confederation, which occurred on July 1, 1867 when the United Canadas, Nova Scotia, and New Brunswick were united into a single dominion within the British Empire called Canada.

People celebrate Canada Day with a variety of activities, public events, parades, fireworks, concerts, citizenship ceremonies (any of you got your Canadian citizenship on Canada Day?) and, of course, barbecues and family gatherings. In fact, there is no central recipe for how to celebrate it – a reflection of the endlessly decentralized nature of the federation. No matter how you do it, we should celebrate our uniqueness – Being Canadian!

Our national icon is a beaver - how awesome is that!

We should be proud that our country is often listed on top as the most beautiful country in the world, with our seas to seas gorgeous, well-developed urban centres and expansive wilderness lands.

We are a model of inclusiveness as we foster multi-culturalism and welcome new immigrants from all over the world and encourage them to honor their cultures and diversity.

We are a beacon of democracy for the rest of the world. We have started and continue to progress in recognizing and reconciling Indigenous Rights in our country while admitting we have also a long way to go.

Our Charter of Rights and Freedom recognize religious freedom, freedom of expression, reflection of our openness, diversity and tolerance toward individual's understanding of his/her faith, self or spirituality. All in all, this lands us as having the 3rd Best Quality of Life Ranking in the World.

Having said all that, as Christ's followers, we should all be reminded of our "citizenship" is not of this world, but in the eternal hope to come.

"But our citizenship is in heaven, and from it we await a Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will transform our lowly body to be like his glorious body, by the power that enables him even to subject all things to himself." Philippians 3:20-21 ESV

Scripture here is teaching us to live on this earth according to the values of heaven. We are committed to the agenda of the one who is sovereign in heaven, the King of kings and Lord of lords. In all we do, we are to seek God's justice and mercy, for God's purposes and glory.

"O God, We Pray for Our Country Canada. We thank you for putting us on the land we call Canada, our home and native land. Open our eyes in gratitude for all we have been given. Humble our hearts, that all people will rise strong and free. Help us walk lightly on the land, help us to protect and steward our natural resources, and all creatures we share this land with. We ask for your forgiveness for the harms we have inflicted on First Peoples of this land. Let our repentance be more than words, but acts of true reconciliation.

God, make our land glorious and free, for all people. Let us walk in unity, celebrating diversity and learning from one another. May we walk in harmony and peace.

Your will be done."

This Sunday, we welcome Rev Nathan Kwan from Markham Chinese Alliance Church to speak to us.

Title of his message: "Finding the Way in the Wandering"

Exo 2:11-22, 3:11-17, 4:10-16

Afterward the Service, please stay behind for a time of snack and refreshment and fellowship. We will then engage in Sermon Deep Dive during Bible Learning hour (11:30-12:15) to bring the sermon to live.

See you tomorrow.

With Blessings

Your English Ministry Team

最新消息 (6/22/2024)

牧者分享：

這個星期在預備講章的時候讀到《人間信仰》一書，作者梁家麟提到一個故事：『與一位闊別數年的姊妹交談，她感喟這些年間經歷多番波折，覺得上帝離她的生活甚遠，許多過去在教會慣聽的信仰理論，如今似乎都已失效，無法提供讓她心悅誠服的價值和意義，信仰於是乎落在一個僵固的狀態裡；她沒有認為信仰錯誤，僅是覺得其不相干——與現實、與自己皆不相干。』

我問她：『且別批判教會流行的信仰理論，想想，在最近一段時間內，你有沒有與上帝遭遇過？有沒有真切地發現上帝是上帝？』她說沒有。我跟她說：發現一貫持守的宗教理論空洞虛假，是一點不奇怪的事；問題端在於我們自己是否必須依附這套宗教理論，我們的生命有沒有接上活水源頭，信仰能否不斷更新和發展而已。』

這裡作者提出了很多信徒可能有過的經歷，成長時期可能建基於某種信仰說法，經過時間不斷的洗禮，發現其逐漸變得失效。當然，要注意的是，信仰的生命不會失效，但信仰的理論或系統是有可能失效的。就好像我們手上的智能電話，每過一段時間，就會自行或者強制更新系統，若我們堅持不去更新的話，就會嘗到苦果，除了不能使用一些新的功能之外，甚至會逐漸與周邊使用新系統的人失聯。

作者提出的方案是，有關信仰的更新並非是不斷改換系統，訴諸不同的信仰說法或神學理論，而是要將自己接到那位永活的上帝時，我們的生命才能不斷更新而變化。因此，不妨帶定期向自己發問，便能夠知悉自己與上帝之間的網絡是否暢通無阻：『你最近有真實的經歷上帝嗎？上帝最近對你有哪些方面的管教和提醒？.....』

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 22, 2024

This Week, We Experience Summer Solstice

This Thursday, we would have experienced what is known as “the longest day of the year”. Summer solstice arrived at 20:51 UTC on June 20, 2024 (4:51 p.m. EDT). A solstice isn’t a whole day. Instead, it’s the moment when the sun is farthest north in our sky. No matter where you are on Earth, the sun rises and sets farthest north on your horizon.

For us in the Northern Hemisphere, the June solstice marks the shortest nights and longest days of the year. For the Southern Hemisphere, the opposite happens – they get the longest nights and shortest days.

After the solstice, the sun will begin moving southward in our sky again.

Traditionally, summer solstice has been a time of celebration, bonfires and revelry – inspiring stories like Shakespeare’s *A Midsummer Night’s Dream* and even placement of architectural wonders like Stonehenge and Great Pyramid of Giza.

For many pagan cultures, midsummer was a time of ritual and sacrifice as human worshiped the sun as the source of life.

Surprisingly, Scripture invites us to be worshipping by the sun instead of worshipping the sun.

Take Psalm 19 – the psalm that tells us “heavens declare the glory of God” – calls attention to the orbit of the sun as it traces a path across the sky.

It rises at one end of the heavens

And makes it circuit to the other;

Nothing is deprived of its warmth (v.6)

In Genesis 1:14-19, Scripture alludes to the role of the sun’s orbit in delineating “signs to mark sacred times, and days and years”

The natural world is one of the primary ways God has revealed himself to humanity since the beginning of time. While we are more accustomed to knowing God through texts and speeches, saints throughout history have found him through his creation.

But nature’s revelation also carries a kind of warning, reminding us of where we stand in relationship to our Creator. As much as we might try to minimize our dependence, the natural world has a way of bringing us back to reality.

We simply cannot escape the testimony of creation; We are dependent creatures (being made) whose only hope is our Creator.

I can’t help but to think how spectacular our planet is. Sir David Attenborough once said “It seems to me that the natural world is the great source of excitement: the greatest source of visual beauty; the greatest source of intellectual interest. It is the greatest source of so much in life that makes life worth living.” – on the beauty of the natural world.

But even as God generously reveals himself as the source of our lives, he also shows himself to be generous—and this grace changes us.

In the Sermon on the Mount, Jesus appeals to the sun’s orbit to teach a new ethic of the kingdom of heaven. As children of our Father, he says, we must love not only our neighbors but also our enemies and pray for those who persecute us. And we must do this because this is what our Father does.

Our Father “causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous” (Matt. 5:45). He doesn’t differentiate between those who deserve the warming rays of the sun and those who don’t; he extends the grace of life to all—even to those who resist or hate him.

When we feel the glow of the sun on our faces, when we feast under its lengthening rays, we remember that our lives are sustained by its warmth in very real and practical ways. The energy that shines from heaven allows plants to grow and sustains all those who call this earth home. That light falls on everyone—regardless of whether we love and worship the Creator or not—and it is the same light that instructs us in his ways.

When self-reliance and ingratitude tempt us to forget the source of life (Jer. 5:24), we pray that God’s kindness will, like the sun, continue to shine on us and lead us to repentance. We pray that we will be open to what this light teaches us and that we will be made more like our Father in heaven—a Father so rich and so kind that the rays of his love permeate the whole earth, so that nothing can be hidden from them.

This Sunday, we are delighted to have our very own Pastor Steven Wong from the Chinese congregation to speak to us.

Sermon Title: "How Close Are We to Sin?" Gen 2:16-17, 3:1-7

Afterward the Service, please stay behind for a time of snack and refreshment and fellowship. We will then engage in Sermon Deep Dive during Bible Learning hour (11:30-12:15) to bring the sermon to life.

See you tomorrow.

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最新消息 (6/15/2024)

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最近看到一則貼文，分享基督教作家保羅區普(Paul David Tripp)在《危機四伏的呼召》一書，也成為我的提醒，當中提出陷在麻煩中的牧者迷失時的九個跡象：

1. 忽視問題的明顯證據：「他對孩子的暴怒，不是偶發事件，而是其中一個證據。他經常在事工會議之後抱怨領導同工，這是另一個證據。」
2. 對自己心裡的問題盲目：「殘存罪中一個更嚇人的成分，就是欺騙，這是一個必須認知和承認的重要事實：罪令人盲目！」
3. 缺乏靈修生活的事奉：「從個人靈修生活得到燃料的事奉，乃是根植於謙卑，誠心的認罪。」
4. 沒有向自己傳講福音：「你若不是在真正的福音裡安息並一再向自己傳講福音，就會去倚賴另外的福音來滿足你不安的心靈。」
5. 沒有聆聽最親近之人所說的話：「其實他若是嚴肅看待親近的人跟他說的話，他們這樣的關心是能夠直搗他內在最根本問題的。」
6. 事奉成為重擔：「所有這些事情加在一起的影響，就是你發現你的事奉愈來愈不是殊榮和喜樂，反倒愈來愈是重擔和責任。」
7. 開始沉默的生活：「你試圖做無人能行的事——屬靈的獨行俠。」
8. 開始質疑自己的呼召：「由於我不是以準確的眼光看自己，也由於事奉成為重擔，我會開始質疑自己蒙召事奉是否正確，而不是去察看自己的品格和回應。」
9. 耽於幻想另外的生活：「他愈來愈覺得幻想做其他事情更舒服，但他也害怕跟任何人講出來。」

上述的幾點分享，雖然主要的對象是牧者，但我相信對於大部分信徒來說也是適用的。其實信仰生活中最大的挑戰，未必是事奉的強度或者複雜程度，更多的是缺少內省，對自己的認識不足。而這種內在的靈性健康是需要建立在對呼召的確認，以及每日向自己傳福音的生活之上。後者更是一個頗具挑戰性的操練，特別當我們自以為通曉福音的時候。

怎樣將福音這個好消息融入在每日學習與自己的和解，怎樣將自己從一些錯誤的價值觀和別人否定的眼光中釋放出來？這便是硬核 Hardcore 的操作——能否有效的轉化和修正這些內在的衝突，完全反映出我們是否真正的明白和擁有福音。所以，關鍵的不是我們聽過多少次福音，而是我們有多少次真實地應用福音，來校正自己的生命。這是我們每一個，無論是信徒或者牧者都需要面對的考驗。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 15, 2024

This Week, We Celebrate Father's Day

Father's Day is an opportunity to honor and celebrate the fathers, grandfathers, and all paternal figures who have made significant impacts on our lives.

The initiative for a dedicated Father's Day came from Sonora SmartDodd in 1909, inspired by a Mother's Day sermon. Dodd, who admired her father's ability to raise his children as a single parent, campaigned to set a day to honor fathers like hers. The first celebration took place in Spokane, Washington, in 1910.

From its humble beginnings, Father's Day gradually gained popularity and was finally recognized as a national holiday in the United States in 1972, nearly six decades after its first celebration. While it is a secular holiday, many people integrate their religious beliefs into their celebrations, reflecting on the paternal care shown in various faiths.

Traditionally, we give Dad a gift like shirt & tie (another one?), shaving & skincare products, books and music (AC/DC please), and for the adventure type, outdoor & sport equipment (new golf clubs). There're also "experiences" like cooking lessons (yes, Dad definitely needs those!), health and wellness retreats (Yoga for Dad to unwind), cultural experiences (concert tickets), music lessons (so that he can sing better in the shower), and DIY Beer Making kits (yes!).

Father's Day provides us with an opportunity to express our gratitude for the love, guidance, sacrifices our fathers and "father-figures" have made for us. It's essential to remember, honour and appreciate the significant role fathers play in our lives.

We also recognize that for some, Father's Day may evoke mixed emotions or feelings of loss. To those who may find this day challenging, our thoughts and prayers are with you. We hope you can find comfort in these Bible verses:

"As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him." Psalm 103:13

Just as earthly fathers show compassion and care for their children, our Heavenly Father demonstrates boundless love and mercy towards those who honour Him.

"The father of a righteous child has great joy; a man who fathers a wise son rejoices in him." Proverbs 23:24

Fathers take great pride in seeing their children grow in wisdom and righteousness. This verse highlights the joy that comes from witnessing the positive growth and character development of their offspring.

This Sunday, I invite you to join us in Worship Service as Rev CY Yan will be our guest speaker.

Title of Sermon: "The Richness of His Colourful Church" Roms 13:3-5

I've heard some exciting feedback about this message when it was last delivered to Cantonese congregation at NCAC. Can't wait to hear God's word from His servant!

To get the most out of Rev Yan's message, I encourage you to complete the attached survey (what's your colour?).

Afterward the Service, please stay behind for a time of snack and refreshment and fellowship. We will then engage in Sermon Deep Dive during Bible Learning hour (11:30-12:15) to bring the sermon to life.

See you Sunday.

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最新消息 (6/8/2024)

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有不少未信主的，或者慕道初信的朋友會問及一條問題，為何在十誡當中要求我們不可『造偶像，雕刻偶像』等等，但一方面，聖經也說到偶像其實並不算什麼，那些人手所雕刻的偶像不過是死物，並沒有任何特異功能。

有關這個問題，神學家莫特曼曾有下面的見解：我們被禁止造像 (image)，因為我們所敬拜的是一位永活的上帝 (living God)。他提到：『我們為何製造別人的像？我們何時這樣做？當我和太太在一起的時候，我不需要她的圖像。假若我只是在腦海裡產生她的圖像，而非與她活潑地相處，那我就不是真正地在場，她對我來說也不是生動的。圖像帶有偏見，也對彼此活潑的相處構成損害。』

『當我太太不在場時，我就喜歡望著她的照片。照片讓不在場的她當下再現，只是當她本人再次出現並我在一起時，照片就沒有需要了。對彼此活潑的相處而言，照片是有損害的，因為它把對方固定於某個過去的狀態，從而妨礙了對方此刻生動的在場。不斷把圖像破壞，其實是一份愛。愛解放了我們，使我們得以擺脫把別人或自己固定下來的圖像。愛充滿好奇地關注人們相互的轉變.....』

不知道你從這段文字的領受是什麼？對我來說大概有兩點：第一點，其實製造偶像與刻舟求劍的行為相仿，其最大的盲點就是嘗試將一份人與神之間湧流不息的關係，定格在某個瞬間；第二點，如果下次被另一半問及『為何你總是不喜歡留影？』時，不妨大膽引用上述的觀點。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 8, 2024

This Week We Remember D-Day

Operation Overlord, better known as D-Day, was the largest seaborne invasion in history. Launched on June 6, 1944, it targeted roughly fifty miles of coastline in Normandy, France. D-Day's success guaranteed the defeat of Nazi Germany.

The United States and Britain led the invasion. Australia, Belgium, Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Greece, the Netherlands, New Zealand, Norway, and Poland also participated. In total, 156,115 troops, 6,939 ships and landing craft, 10,440 aircraft, 450,000 tons of ammunition, and 17 million maps were used in the invasion. The Germans had just 50,000 troops.

Canada played a key role as the 3rd Canadian Infantry Division and 2nd Armoured Brigade were tasked to storm "Juno" beach, an eight-kilometre long stretch of beach. The Canadian soldiers took heavy casualties but took control of the beach by end of day.

The Allied victory on the beaches of Normandy changed the course of the war. It gave Allied forces a foothold in Western Europe to begin the drive toward Germany.

All of us reading this email today were not born to live that day. Yet, we must remember those who fought there, died there and literally saved the world there. Let us be worthy of their sacrifice. Let us preserve, defend and fight for freedom and democracy. That is the test for us.

President Franklin D. Roosevelt's D-Day Prayer says it all: "Lead us to the saving of our country, and with our sister Nations into a world unity that will spell a sure peace a peace invulnerable to the schemings of unworthymen. And a peace that will let all of men live in freedom, reaping the just rewards of their honest toil.

Thy will be done, Almighty God.

Amen."

This Sunday, I invite you to join us in Worship Service as we will hear from Rev Jeff Chan of Mississauga Carmel Mandarin Alliance Church. His sermon is titled: "Judge Not" Matthew 7:1-6.

Pastor Chan will be joint with C-Mo and daughter Adelaide. Let's give a warm NCAC welcome to Pastor Jeff and Family! After the Service, please stay behind for a time of snack and refreshments and fellowship.

See you Sunday.

With blessings
Your English Ministry Team

PS: Thank you for those who came to our Spring Carnival today! It was a great success as we welcome our neighbors as well as many of our own people gathering to enjoy fun, food and fellowship!

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 1, 2024

Today is June 1, 2024. Time flies and it seems so quick that before we know it, we are already heading into the 2nd half of the year! As the weather gets warmer and the flowers are blossoming, as we head outdoors and get closer to nature. Let's take time to enjoy the warm sun (with sunscreen of course!).

Next Saturday is a perfect opportunity to come outside, join your church community in the NCAC Spring Carnival (see below). We have an exciting line up of activities for all ages ~ bouncy castle, video booths, demonstration, Music & Praise, games and food for everyone to enjoy. Most importantly, let's invite your friends and neighbours and show them God's love.

Lately, I have been reading a book called "How Will You Measure Your Life?" (Clayton M Christenen, James Allworth, and Karen Dillon). One thing that strikes me deeply is what the author calls "the trap of marginal thinking". He describes how one small decision i.e. "just this once" may seem to be negligible, but what is often forgotten is the evaluation of the "full cost" which will always be much higher. To live a life of integrity, as God has intended for us, the author says "100 percent of the time is easier than 98 percent of the time". It's easier to hold to your principles 100 percent of the time than it is to hold them 98 percent of the time. The boundary - your personal moral line - is powerful, because you don't cross it; if you have justified doing it once, there's nothing to stop you doing it again. The only way to avoid the consequences of uncomfortable moral concessions in your life is to never start making them in the first place.

Decide what you stand for. And then stand for it ALL THE TIME.

What does God want us to do? Be a man (woman) of integrity and follow Him, all the time. "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Prov 3:5-6 NIV

Join us tomorrow in Worship Service as we welcome Rev Simon Sit (retired Senior Pastor of NCAC) to deliver a message entitled ""HOW THEN SHALL WE LIVE?" First Peter 1:1-2; 2:11-12.

Afterwards, do stay behind for a time of snack, coffee/tea and fellowship. Then join us for our Monthly Corporate Prayers where we lift our prayers to God.

See you Sunday.

With blessings

Your English Ministry Team

最新消息 (5/25/2024)

牧者分享：

在團契生活中，我們經常遇到某種處境，當別人提出一些日常煩惱，或禱告需要時，我們總會不經意地嘗試為對方指出一些解決方案。我們期待能夠幫助別人，但有時又可能幫倒忙，帶來彼此的尷尬，這是常有的事。

基督教作家 Parker Palmer 在他的著作《隱藏的整全》中，曾經提到一個理想的信徒相交藝術必須注意四個『不』：不修正，不拯救，不勸告，不互相糾正。乍聽之下，似乎和我們平時所了解的不同，我們不應該用愛心說誠實話，互相勸誡等等嗎？

我想，Palmer 的建議是特別想要針對一個現象，就是『有時我們很想為肢體所提出的問題提供意見或者答案，背後隱藏著另一面：它意味著，如果你接納我的意見，你肯定可以解決你的困難。如果你接納我的意見但沒有解決你的困難，那是你努力不夠。如果你不接納我的意見，我也已經盡了我最大努力，因此我受到保護。無論結果怎樣，我不再需要擔心你或被你的問題困擾。』

『提供解決方法背後所隱藏的一面是：渴望彼此保持距離。這是互相放棄，同時又顯得關心的策略。我們不深刻的聆聽，而是急忙修正別人，藉以逃避更深的參與，這樣怎能了解別人？刻在很多生命中的那種孤立和不被看見的感覺，部分是由於此種幫助模式，容許我們將彼此打發掉。』

越是喜歡給別人答案的人，越可能對人沒有耐性，希望藉著提供方案來打發走別人。因此，若對方沒有提出請求需要答案時，暫且將建議藏起，也不失為一種相交的智慧。正如古語云：『君子藏器於身，待時而發。』甚麼時候藏，甚麼時候動，是一門藝術。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 25, 2024

As we journey through life, we will all have our share of joys and troubles. The psalmist in Psalm 46 inspires great confidence and faith in God in all circumstances. The first two verses of Psalm 46 read, "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear ..." These first two verses bring so much confidence... GOD IS... our refuge, our strength, our very present help. His help is not fleeting but a constant, unchanging presence in our lives.

The psalmist tells us that God is our refuge and strength. What is a refuge? It is a place of safety amid a storm and comfort during a time of crisis. God is always there to help, providing refuge, shelter, security, and peace. God is not only our refuge but also our strength. God's strength is limitless; He empowers us to overcome challenges and gives us the courage to press on. This Psalm reminds us that God's power is complete, and his ultimate victory is not just a possibility but a certainty. He will not fail to rescue those who love him.

As followers of Christ, we know our hope doesn't depend on this world, especially when trials ambush us. The LORD is our strong tower; He is always our present help in these turbulent times. His presence always surrounds us, reminding us that we are never alone.

What does He tell us to do? "Be still and know that I am God" (Psalm 46:10). We can come to a place of strength and know that God is ultimately in charge. He has promised never to leave or forsake us; we are never alone. Call on the Lord to be your refuge and strength.

May the Spirit of God be with you.

Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (5/18/2024)

牧者分享：

接續上次分享有關 The Hunt 這部電影給我帶來的信仰反思。The Hunt 這部電影除了探討主角因為一次被誣告，而帶來社死（社會性死亡）的不幸遭遇外，其電影名字也帶出了想要批判的社會現象，就是一群表面上沒有太大影響力的旁觀者，他們隨時都可以化身成為獵人，對認定的獵物作出瘋狂的圍捕。

事實上，每個社區的旁觀者也可能是一位獵人，真相對他們來說或許並不重要，他們也沒有興趣深究；他們所需要的只是一個支點，一個道德的制高點，如『堂堂一個大男人竟然侵犯小女孩，簡直天理不容！』一旦認定對方是這樣的對象，他們便不肯輕易將槍放下，要看到獵物至死方休。這就是獵人的本性，也就是人的天性。

這給我的反思是，在今日各種反權威的風潮下，人的心態有時會變得矯枉過正，旁觀的人只要風聞任何權力或權貴，有任何疑似失德失態的問題，就隨時拿起獵人的槍，準備加入狩獵的遊戲。他們相信自己這樣是替天行道，但忘卻自己潛藏的嗜血本性。

其實在教會這個比較講求人治、德治過於法治的場景中，這個問題也是值得注意的。尤其當我們以為自己對聖經通曉，對各種誡命了如指掌的時候，我們更容易找到道德的制高點，對各種我們看不慣的人和事作出審判和制裁，這就是律法主義者的雛形。律法主義之所以是可怕的，就是因為它讓人思想變得機械化，根本不深究事實的真相，不作情景的分析判斷，只是胡亂地將上帝的誡命當槍使。

究其竟，律法主義者何時會將槍舉起？答案是隨時，因為他們更樂意跟隨天性而非真理。何時將槍放下？就在他們真正明白福音真義之時。

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基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 18, 2024

Hello everyone!

Luke, the author of the Acts of the Apostles, vividly recounts the transformative event of Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples. This divine intervention empowered Peter, who, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, delivered his first sermon to Jews and non-believers. His words, guided by the Spirit, opened the scriptures and urged the listeners to repent and be baptised. The impact was profound, with about 3,000 people embracing the new faith and taking the good news of Christ back to their homes across the known world. This event, known as the birth of the Christian church, continues to hold immense relevance in our modern Christian journey, reminding us of the power and guidance of the Holy Spirit.

In Christian tradition, the day of Pentecost is traditionally understood to be the church's birth. The Christian church was born through the power of the Holy Spirit. We see a picture of the early church as God intended. "They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and prayer" (Acts 2:42). Everything we read about the early Church centred on the power of the Holy Spirit working in the hearts of Christian believers. They followed the Spirit's lead, looking to Jesus for strength and direction. Shouldn't this be our goal? I sometimes wonder if the early Christians were around today, would they even recognise what we call Christianity? Is the Holy Spirit noticed in our lives?

On this Pentecost Sunday, let the vision prayer of the Christian and Missionary Alliance (C&MA) be ours as well:

"O God, with all our hearts, we long for you. Come, transform us to be Christ-centred, Spirit-empowered, Mission-focused people, multiplying disciples everywhere."

May the Spirit of God be with you.

Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (5/11/2024)

牧者分享：

最近有機會重溫一部冷門但非常精彩的北歐電影，名叫 The Hunt，中文翻譯作《狩獵》/《誣網》。故事主要講述男主角 Lucas 在一家幼兒園工作，他個性善良，這使得他得到了其中一位早熟女孩的喜愛。面對小女孩的示好，主角當然婉拒，但卻引來的軒然大波。

小女孩報復性的謊言使主角背上了性侵兒童得到指控，這讓他失去了一切，除了工作還有榮譽，以及社會的生存權。儘管後來小女孩終於承認自己不過是撒謊，但並沒有改變人們對 Lucas 的惡意。這部電影所給予我個人的信仰反思有點幾點：

第一，何謂弱者的權利：孩子在社會中的弱勢群體，人們總是毫無保留的站出來支持孩子。所謂稚子無罪，就算他們真的犯了錯，但我們都會很快忘記。相反，我們卻不容易淡忘對嫌疑者的惡意和壞的印象。

這讓我們反思，當一個群體之中，當自認為弱勢的一方，能聰明地運用自己的身份和權利時，其實一點也不弱，甚至可能會再造成極大的殺傷力。我們要小心自己的言辭，特別在製造不同的輿論和『講是講非』的過程中，有否故意誇大失實，在贏得別人的同情，同時也毀掉別人的名聲？

有時我們損失的可能是幾滴眼淚，幾張紙張，但被指控的一方，則需要活在別人惡意的審斷和不友善的目光之下，惶惶不可終日。過去在哥林多前書我們思想過，信仰堅強的人應該如何背負軟弱的人；而這部電影卻補充了另外一面，其實自認為是弱者的一方，不能因為自願帶上『我就是軟者』的名號，就順理成章地成為『受保護動物』，若不他們不願意自我約束的話，也會成為傷人的猛獸。

(未完待續)

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 11, 2024

Hello everyone!

Every year, on the second Sunday in May, we celebrate Mother's Day. We thank God for mothers! When asked about France's greatest need, Napoleon emphatically responded, "Mothers!" Many of us would feel a sense of gratitude and joy as we think about our mothers. The Scriptures repeatedly elevate motherhood for us.

Hannah, Samuel's mother, is one of the most well-known women in the Bible. She was authentic, and she didn't hold back from expressing her emotions to God. We read from 1 Samuel, chapter 1, that when she went to the Tabernacle to pray, she poured her soul before the Lord (1 Sam. 1:15). She indeed left her burden with the Lord. The Matthew Henry Commentary says, "She had by prayer committed her case to God and left it with him, and now she was no more perplexed about it. She had prayed for herself, and Eli had prayed for her, and she believed that God would either give her the mercy she had prayed for or make up the want of it to her some other way." She also understood that God's gifts to us should be used to honour Him. When we honour God, He honours us. (1 Samuel 2:30). Hannah exhibited an inner strength and trust in God that superseded understanding, especially in her day.

Hannah's story is a powerful testament to one's unwavering faith in the Lord, even amid the harshest adversities. Her example serves as a constant reminder that the same Lord who remembered Hannah and answered her prayers is with us in our waiting, hearing our prayers and promising to be with us. This message of faith and hope in the Lord is one that we can all take comfort in and draw strength from, knowing that our prayers are heard and answered.

Happy Mother's Day from our family to yours!

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 4, 2024

Hello everyone!

We are all busy, aren't we? But what does God think about our busyness? We live in busy times, and our calendars are usually filled with activities. In our culture, we like to tell everyone how "busy" we are. In many people's minds, busyness equals productivity. Being busy is not always a bad thing. Being busy and fruitful is good, but busyness can sever our connection with God and cause us to miss opportunities He has placed around us. It's not just important, but it's urgent to maintain this connection for our spiritual well-being.

Jesus was never too busy to teach, heal, or share the good news. He made time in his busy schedule to break away from the crowds and be with God alone. For instance, there were times when Jesus woke up early in the morning, before the crowds gathered, to spend time with God in prayer and meditation. This practice allowed Him to stay connected with His Father and maintain God's Mission.

Life can often become a whirlwind of busyness, but Jesus offers us a place of rest from our labouring. This rest is not just physical but also mental and spiritual. It's a state of peace and tranquillity that we can find in Him, even in our busy lives. No matter what the day may hold, it's crucial to stop, dedicate it to God, and remind ourselves that it's through His strength that we will accomplish anything today. Seek and acknowledge His guidance and support at every step of your day, providing comfort and reassurance amid life's challenges.

Are you ready to take a moment and ask yourself, 'Am I busy for the right reasons?' Corrie Ten Boom once warned that if the devil can't make you sin, he'll make you busy. So, let's prioritise our connection with God and ensure it remains strong amidst our busy lives.

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (4/27/2024)

牧者分享：

上次的 Joint MSG 聚會，有機會和大家分享自己關於小組的一些願景，當中提到如何在 MSG 小組的基礎上，另外開展一個 3-4 人的門訓小組；這個看法主要參考自：《以關係為導向的門徒訓練：生命的改變從親密的門徒小組開始》自這本書，以下是書本的簡略描述：

「所謂「以關係為導向」的門徒訓練，就是以三到四人的小組為平台，在親密、透明、彼此立約守望的關係中去教導真理及實踐真理，以確保耶穌的生命真實地在裏面長大，再以同樣的精神與方式去扶植其他人跟隨主，繁衍出新的門徒的關係網絡。今日許多渴望教會增長的教會領袖訴諸最新的佈道策略或針對慕道友的聚會。但是沒有帶來增長並不一定表示對人缺乏關懷，可能是因為未能有效地帶領已有的信徒作門徒。」

在我閱讀的過程中，最吸引我的地方不是它所描繪的增長數字，而是觸及到過去在成長的一些掙扎與共鳴。以我成長的群體為例，雖然有不少是對屬靈生命甚有追求的肢體，但似乎缺乏一個平台彼此更多的砥礪和成長。雖然有非常穩固的每週聚會，很難做到真正的靈裏契合。又鑒於組內情況參差，步子也不能邁得太大，能做到維繫見面及簡單聊聊屬靈的事情已經似乎很不錯了。當然，有自覺性高的信徒，並不會坐困愁城，他們懂得外出覓食，所以坊間的查經班，聖經課程等永遠是不乏市場的。

其實這種追求進深的成長模式，也可以在教會的場景中進行，按上述書本所言，在 3-4 個人的小組平台上演，這是每個小組的核心/內閣，彼此履行立約精神，守望與成長，再由此推行出去。所以，如果教會要向前邁進，就必須扭轉很多信徒對教會的理解，將教會當成「療傷處」，成為彼此慰藉，週末喘口氣，訴訴苦，可以圍爐取暖的場所。但更重要的是，教會同時是一個屬於基督的「兵工廠」，應該接受裝備成為精兵/門徒，帶上光明的兵器，更剛強地在世行走。

本週開始，特設 Pastor 『和你傾』平台，如你有任何信仰的疑難，或者牧禱需要，歡迎在此提出：
<https://forms.gle/6Qr4xxcoMAuqnpTw5>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 27, 2024

Hello everyone!

How has your week been? Our usual answers are "good" and "fine." Honestly, how has it been for you?

David, the writer of Psalm 23, would reply, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life." David trusted that God would care for him, no matter the circumstances. Look at the first word, "Surely." David didn't say "maybe" or "possibly." He believed in a sure God who made promises and proved himself faithful in caring for David's every need. We learn something crucial about the second word, "follow", which means "to pursue, to set off after someone to catch him." Based on the word "follow", God's goodness and mercy do not just follow behind us each day - they are pursuing us to catch us every day even though we do not deserve "goodness and mercy."

Goodness is one of God's attributes. He is a good God all the time. God's goodness also includes His salvation, forgiveness, grace, acceptance of His children, etc. Why is God's goodness following us? It is primarily to change our hearts and strengthen our faith.

Let God's mercy and goodness continually find you wherever you go. No matter how fast we run, we cannot outrun God's goodness. His goodness and mercy will pursue and overtake us. We don't know what lies ahead, but each day, take a moment to stop, turn around, and thank Him for his goodness and mercy, which will surely follow all the days of our lives.

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (4/20/2024)

牧者分享：

接續上次的分享，保羅在哥林多前書中所要討論的問題，如果要簡單歸納，就是教會內以及教會外的問題。對於教會外的問題，他的關注似乎沒有我們今天這麼多，例如職場，子女教育問題等，但只要細心查看，其實涵蓋的也是人類所需的基本。古語有云：『食色，性也。』吃喝和性慾，乃人性的根本。而在書信中，保羅也就著『性和婚姻』以及『吃偶像祭物』等兩大議題展開了深入的討論。讓我們看到，保羅並不是不吃人間煙火之人，他的眼光所關切到大眾的需要。所以，只要我們認真的查看，其實保羅所談及的這些問題背後的大原則，也可以應用在我們普遍的生活場景之中。

『保羅要我們看到，上帝是要藉著婚姻來操練和提升我們的信仰；婚姻就是最好的信仰修煉場所。他挑戰我們，在婚姻裏最能夠呈現出返璞歸真的信仰。夫妻相愛親熱比個人獨自祈禱尋求神更優先，夫妻廝守一生比配偶是否有同一信仰更為優先；他挑戰我們，好的夫妻關係就是好信仰的明證，好信仰不需要太多外在的屬靈包裝。』（第三講）

『保羅在第九章沒有刻意提到有一類信仰「堅固」的人，是因為他期望大家就是作這種人。當我們好像保羅所說，「對軟弱的人，我就作軟弱的人」的時候，他就是一個不折不扣，如假包換的信仰堅固的人。只有一個情況，當我們何時懂得為別人放下自己，我們的信仰何時就會變得強大起來。但要留意的是，我們要做到的是信仰的強大而非強硬，強硬是對於某些相對的觀點立場非常頑固，例如某些哥林多人堅持自己有吃喝祭物的自由，是無論如何都不可以放下的。』（第四講）

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 20, 2024

Hello everyone!

Did you know that every 24 hours, you have approximately 60,000 thoughts? Interestingly, our three-pound brain processes these thoughts daily using “100 billion neurons that connect at more than 500 trillion points through synapses that travel 300 miles/hour.” Have you ever paid attention to your thoughts? What is concerning is that 75% of these thoughts are negative, and 95% are repetitive.” Hence, breaking free from negative thinking patterns and cultivating a more positive life can be challenging, allowing you to move forward.

The Bible often speaks about the power of the mind and our thoughts. Our minds are influential, and our thoughts shape who we are and will become. In 2 Corinthians 10: 5b, we are told to “take captive every thought and make it obedient to Christ.” What a great reminder. This means submitting these thoughts to Christ's authority and aligning them with His truth. We must ask ourselves whether these thoughts honour and glorify God or are they self-serving and harmful. Secondly, do these thoughts align with God's Word?

The answer to capturing your thoughts is in Psalm 46:10: "Be still and know that I am God." Take time each day to reflect on God's blessings in your life. Let the truth of God's Word reveal your thoughts and actions. Invite Him to guide your thoughts, actions, and decisions. What you think matters to God. He wants us to think thoughts that lead us toward peace and confidence, not fear and anxiety. What we allow into our minds determines our present and, consequently, our future.

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最新消息 (4/13/2024)

牧者分享：

在過去的幾個主日，我們有機會一起研習哥林多前書的信息，相信在過程中或多或少也會增進各位對於這卷書信的認識。當然，對於一個傳道者而言，他一定是受益最深的那一個，因為他有機會最近距離的感受到，當上帝的話語被解開時，所發出的亮光是何等的榮耀，能做的只能是俯伏和敬拜。

而我所禱告的是，如果聽眾的記憶尚存餘溫，那麼我希望他們會記得全書的綱要：對保羅而言，耶穌被釘十字架和從死裡復活，不單是他口頭的認信，更加是他處理信仰問題的核心框架。一旦離開這個基本的框架，我們在處理教會或者個人信仰問題時，就有可能出現偏差。

除此以外，在此也節錄出一部分我認為對我個人也具有反思的講道內容，盼也能勾起各位一些共鳴和回顧：

『今日，如果教會得了病，千萬不要採取自我隔離，將自己應有的角色和功用隔離開去，但求明哲保身；而是好像保羅所說，「從來沒有人恨惡自己的身體，總是保養愛惜。」如果我們真是說自己是屬基督的，請保養愛惜他的身體。』（第一講）

『潘霍華曾經說：「一個人如果愛他理想中的教會過於愛基督的教會，那麼不管他對教會的用心有多誠懇，崇高，他最終都可能是基督教會的拆毀者。」這句話很重要，給那些理想主義者當頭棒喝，我們固然可以不斷地改革教會，但無論人的努力有多少，都不會得著一個完美的教會，它也必須等到它的主人，耶穌基督榮耀再來的時候才得著完全。這句話同時也帶給悲觀主義者安慰，因為我們的確沒有辦法，也不需要浪漫到以為，我們能夠為教會的命途負上全部責任，我們必須全然信賴那位教會之主，因為他在教會建立之先已經明言：「我要將我的教會建立在磐石上，陰間的權勢不能勝過它。』（第二講）

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<https://www.youtube.com/live/Lx3LzISieSs?si=HgHrNUKcow-B0zDx>

此外，忻牧師也邀請各位在明天之前，完成一個問卷調查，好讓明天的講道能有更多的學習互動，請點擊填寫 https://qualtricsxmklxj8x4kp.qualtrics.com/jfe/form/SV_eXRSF51u77vJmvmk

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 13, 2024

Hello everyone!

How do you know the resurrection happened? What changes in our lives because of Easter? The most compelling evidence of the resurrection's truth is the empty tomb because Jesus walked out of it one morning. Scriptures mention numerous historical witnesses on the risen Lord. Apart from scientific and historical evidence, the transformation of His disciples was a powerful witness of the Risen Lord. The apostles were witnesses of the resurrected Christ – they witnessed in word and by their life and action. At the time of Jesus' death, the disciples were scattered, terrified and doubtful. Only after the resurrection did they come together boldly and begin the church that endures even today. The Apostle Peter wrote, "For we were not making up clever stories when we told you about the powerful coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. We saw his majestic splendor with our own eyes" 2 Peter 1:16.

As the apostles proclaimed Christ's resurrection, the early church multiplied. There are many good works we can do, but some of those good things the world does as well. What is the one thing that separates us from everyone else? Preaching the gospel of the Risen Lord. Because of His resurrection, you and I have good news for ourselves and others. As believers, we have access to this resurrection power. It allows us to overcome any challenge or difficulty we face, live Christ-centered lives, and be bold witnesses for the Risen Christ.

What difference did Christ's resurrection make in your life? Are you living in the power of the Holy Spirit?

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 6, 2024

Hello everybody!

We just celebrated Easter Sunday, also known as Resurrection Sunday. The usual question after Easter is, "What's next?" One question I often ponder is, "Why did Jesus stay around for 40 days after He came back from the grave instead of going immediately to heaven?" Have you ever considered what happened during the forty days between Jesus's resurrection and ascension to heaven?

In Acts 1:1-3, we read that Jesus spent 40 days from the Resurrection to the time He ascended into heaven. Though we have yet to have a detailed account of everything Jesus did with His disciples over those 40 days, we know this time was meaningful. What we are sure of from reading the scriptures is that Jesus spoke two profound words which gave the disciples hope and challenge: WAIT and GO. His disciples and friends needed to WAIT for the promised Holy Spirit power before they could EMBARK on God's mission. The period of waiting was crucial to their empowerment for God's mission. A.B Simpson, the father of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, writes about waiting until we are clothed or filled with the Spirit. He said, "These waiting days were necessary to enable the disciples to realise their need, their nothingness, their failure, and their dependence upon the Master. They had to get emptied first before they would get filled."

We live in the midst of an impatient culture. We are so concerned with being creative and practical that we no longer wait to be empowered by the Holy Spirit. Just as Jesus' disciples were instructed, we are to wait for the Holy Spirit, His guidance and direction, before we even attempt to witness and do things for Christ. The Holy Spirit enables us to accomplish the things we would not be able to do with our strength. On the day of Pentecost, the disciples were filled with the Holy Spirit, such as the world had never seen, and the world had never been the same.

Are you making decisions in life apart from the help and guidance of the Holy Spirit?

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/30/2024)

教會動態

今日星期六是緊接著星期五受苦節和星期日復活節中間的一天，在一般教會的傳統來說，我們會比較重視受苦節和復活節，但就較少著墨在星期六這天。我們雖然較少重視這天，但不代表這天的信仰意義是較少的；如果說受苦節和復活節的重點是放在記念主耶穌的身上，那麼這星期六這一天的焦點可以說落在我們信主的人身上。

昔日門徒在受苦節這日經歷主耶穌被害，受死，他們之間大部分人也逃難四散。他們內心的光景可以說是陷入極度的迷茫，一方面是自責和愧疚，另一方面可能是感到過去所寄託的希望幻滅。能夠想象得到，這種愁雲慘霧的情緒完全覆蓋了星期五這天。好不容易撐過來了一夜，迎面而來的就是星期六，他們該作何種心情來面對這新的一天呢？

有些門徒選擇繼續沉溺在昨日的情緒，走不出來；有些門徒卻依稀記得，主在上十字架之前不是曾經三次提過：『人子必須受害，而且在第三天復活嗎？』在絕望的背後似乎仍然存在點點的希冀。所以，星期六的主角應該是屬於門徒的，這一天他們關於信仰的思考和感受，可能之前任何一天都要多，也更為複雜和矛盾。他們必須面對一個真實的信仰張力：如何在絕望和盼望之間，找到面對今天和明天的勇氣？

其實，對於我們很多信主的人來說，我們的光景何嘗不是活在星期六這天？有時我們會對信仰充滿懷疑，又會感到失望，特別對於無法理解的苦難發生（如同人子被釘在十字架），沒有想到一條出路。同樣地，有時我們又會對信仰存在某種盼望，因為我們也曾經與主一同走過某些人生的歷程，我們也記得他的信實，他的可靠。這種吊詭性成為了信仰中不可切割的張力。

神學家莫特曼曾經說過：『誰仍在盼望，誰就有行動的勇氣』。聖經記載：當聽到主復活的消息時，彼得和約翰的反應：『兩個人同跑，那門徒比彼得跑得快，先到了墳墓』。當其餘門徒仍選擇沉默時，從來不發一語的約翰，卻有了極快的行動。他向我們展示了盼望的一面。就像 When you believe 這首歌所提到『Though hope is frail, it's hard to kill』，真正的盼望雖然微弱，卻是難以撲滅。

所以，星期六是屬於我們的一天，是屬於考驗的一天，也是重整信仰的一天。它可以是百感交集的一天，也可以是通向盼望的新一天。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 30, 2024

Good afternoon, everyone!

In Luke 24:13-35, we read the journey to Emmaus began in blindness, disappointment, and anguish. But it finally ended with the disciples' hearts strangely warmed and joyful return to Jerusalem. In verse 15, a ray of hope entered the scene: Jesus drew near the two disciples. The long, discouraged walk to Emmaus became a joyous walk back to Jerusalem with renewed strength.

From this beautiful incident, we learn to recognise the difference between knowing about the love of Christ and experiencing the love of Christ. How can we continue to experience the risen Christ in our lives during the entire Easter season? Like the disciples, when we invite him into our hearts and life's journey. The Bible tells us that we can know Jesus, really know Him, experientially and relationally.

Finally, the passage records how the two disciples returned to Jerusalem to share their reassuring encounter with the Risen Lord. They were no longer lonely travellers but were now ambassadors for Christ. The world waits to hear the message of Easter from Christ's disciples—HE IS RISEN! Our Lord is Risen! Let us all boldly share this truth and live in that experience.

Together with my wife Florence and daughters Jasmine and Rahel, I want to wish God's endless blessings upon you and your loved ones this Easter. May the resurrection of Christ bring renewed hope, faith and joy.

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/23/2024)

教會動態

昨晚在瀏覽面書 (Facebook) 一些新移民群組時，留意到一則信息，有位新移民朋友提問：『究竟宣道會在加拿大是否認可的宗教組織？例如基約宣道會.....』初讀到的時候真是心頭一顫：一方面沒有想到我們的事工能製造些許的網上迴響/noise，但另一方面也聯想到，其實新移民朋友如果從來沒有去過教會，對教會認識有限，要辨別哪一家是純正信仰的教會也不易。再加上，這裡的教會不同於內地的三自教會，並非自此一家，自然就不設所謂的官方認證。

碰巧近來因宣道聯會的功課要求，讀到《福音的核心——宣信、四重福音與十九世紀福音派神學》一書，其中對宣道會特色的詮釋，也可供我們溫故知新。以下將是該書的一些整述。

在序言中，梁家麟博士寫到：『一直以來，宗派有三個主要的構成元素：教義、禮儀和教制。必須承認，宣道會在這三方面都沒有顯著特色，亦不算重視。這與她長期堅持自己是一個宣教運動而非宗派有密切的關係，我們從未致力發展宗派的教義和禮儀，所以今天在這三方面維持相當的多元性。』

『不過，正如我曾在多處指出，普世教會各宗派在這三方面都難以穩守，宗派構成的元素已有所轉變；今天宗派的三個構成元素是：經驗、群體和使命。是相同的屬靈經驗、相同的群體聯繫方式，是共同認定的福音使命，將不同的堂會和信徒結連在一起，建構共同的身份和使命.....華人教會在這三方面都有大可為的空間。』

換言之，宣道會並不以某一種教義、禮儀和教制明顯有異於其他的宗派，但正因如此，卻騰出了空間讓成長於不同背景的信徒，因著福音的緣故，成就一個可以彼此合一的平台。因此，如果我們真的了解宣道會的背景，就不會因為一些教義，如聖餐、靈恩問題等產生激烈爭論以致分裂。正如宣道會創辦人宣信博士，在他的同工隊伍中，有由來自浸信會、弟兄會、門諾會，衛理公會等的夥伴，彼此合作無間，足見合一非一律。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 23, 2024

Good afternoon, everyone!

Imagine the anticipation people in Jerusalem felt, gathering for Passover and anticipating the Messiah. Jesus entered Jerusalem to fulfil a prophecy people had anticipated for centuries through his actions. As Jesus, the Prince of Peace, enters Jerusalem to fulfil God's redemptive plan, the crowd in Jerusalem grows with anticipation, shouting, "HOSANNA!" (e.g., Matt. 21:9-10). The term means "Save us!" They cried to Jesus from Psalm 118:25-26, a passage with clear messianic implications:

Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest!

The gospel and God's redemptive plan of salvation is the most exciting thing that has ever happened on this planet. As Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, He heard the sounds of the crowd cheering for Him. Scripture sadly notes the glorious shout, "Hosanna, Hosanna, Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord" to "Crucify Him, Crucify Him!" just a few days later. What has happened to their excitement and anticipation? What took away their excitement?

Many Christian communities will observe March 24 as Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday remains a momentous day in Jesus's life, reminding us of his mission and ultimate sacrifice for humanity. Today, are we genuinely excited about Jesus and His redemptive plan? What is your excitement level about Jesus? Are you excited about our Christian walk? What evidence is there of your excitement?

As we approach Palm Sunday and Holy Week, will you join me in praising God by lifting up your "Hosanna, Hosanna" to our mighty Savior? I believe wholeheartedly that the Risen LORD is here with us now!

Are you still excited about Jesus?

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/16/2024)

教會動態

感謝主的恩領，新移民事工除了正在進行的青年事工部分以外，最近我們還嘗試探索新移民家庭的領域，感謝弟兄姊妹的主動響應和參與，本週六將開始第二次的家庭聚會，請記念報名的 20 多位來賓；此外，也有賴英文會話班起到一個承接新朋友的橋樑作用，當中接近 30 位的學員，有單身的，也有已婚的新移民，是一個具有潛力的禾場，請繼續以禱告來承托。

最近在思考講道的題目時，屢屢浮現出『Hospitality』一詞，中文可以譯作接待/款待，或者好客之道。如很多學者所指，Hospitality 其實是一門失落已久的屬靈操練，卻是早期教會所高度重視的一種信仰實踐。因為他們看待款待與救恩是息息相關的。

一方面，作基督徒的我們應接待來自各方的客旅，因希伯來書的作者曾勸勉我們說：『不可忘記用愛心接待客旅，因為曾有接待客旅的，不知不覺就接待了天使』（來 13:2）；但另一方面，我們這樣做，其實也是為客旅（特別是未信者），提供了一個場景（教會），讓他們可以在其中學習如何接待上帝，開放自己讓上帝走進個人的生命。所以，同一件事，無論是主人還是來賓，我們也是在經驗接待上帝的功課。

事實上，一個人為什麼會移民？其實移民這個動作背後，某程度已經是一種帶有信仰的行動，因為他們內心有一種追求更美好家鄉的願景，只是可能未知道終點在哪裡，在世生活似乎並無一個完美的落腳之地。而基督徒的歷程也可能相仿，不過他們在尋索中了解到，基督信仰如何與自己的經歷接軌：『他們承認自己在地上是客旅，是寄居的，說這樣話的人是表明自己要尋找一個家鄉.....就是上帝為他們所預備的一座城』（來 11:16）由此指出，基督徒的生活應該就是一場朝聖之旅，最終要抵達那座——上帝之城。

因此，在這個朝聖的旅程上，我們期待來自各方的客旅最終可以在目的地相會。若是路上偶然相遇，請不要忘記用心的款待，因為對方或會因你的愛心之舉，而選擇跟你一起——結伴前行。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 16, 2024

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Lent is a season set aside for taking stock of what we love. It gives us a unique opportunity to reflect our love in our relationships with God and our neighbours. Following Christ can be challenging and filled with great temporal sacrifice, but it promises future hope. Take some time to ask Him for continued strength and faithfulness as you walk with Him.

Read the passage, Reflect on what it teaches and Respond as the Holy Spirit leads.

READ - John 12: 20-28

20 Now, among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks.

21 They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus."

22 Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

23 Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified.

24 Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit.

25 Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life.

26 Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor.

27 "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say--' Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour.

28 Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up, that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him."

REFLECT

- When certain Greeks requested to see Jesus (12:20-22), Jesus talked about His coming death on the cross. Why is the Cross important and influential?

- What does it mean to you that whoever loves his life will lose it, and those who hate what the world offers will gain much more?

RESPOND

- What does "take up your cross" mean to you?

- Like the Greeks, how would you respond if someone asked you to introduce them to Jesus or why you are a Christian?

May this Lenten season bring you much closer to God.

The Lord be with you!

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/9/2024)

教會動態

上一次的教牧分享是，如何掌握『談判技巧』能夠活化我們在傳福音方面的應用，所著眼的地方是如何與陌生人展開對話。而這次的焦點放在如何與認識的人作對話，考慮到教會中各種月會例會等，我們需要在其中學習聆聽，以及有效地回應他人的意見，對話成了信仰生活中必不可少的元素。以下所摘取的幾點有關談判的技巧，我認為對自己也甚有啟發和裨益。

1. Believe in mutual gain. Win-win is an attitude, not an outcome. 相信雙贏，而雙贏更多的是一種態度，而非結果。
2. Focus on trust, relationships & interests. 對焦在信任，關係和效益。

今時今日提到雙贏，相信也是無人會反對的一種溝通方式。但就一般所見，雙贏這種說法被提出，多半是對話不太順利，有一方處於不利，或者接近談崩的狀態，然後得益的/有利的一方嘗試作出一些妥協和讓步，以致局面不會太過於失控。因此，所謂的雙贏，可能是一種息事寧人的操作，著眼點都是基於結果而作出因勢利導，避免輸家過於難受以致全盤退出。

但真正雙贏的是從對話的態度開始的，我重視的是我的意見被採納，我的意見總是顯得比別人稍勝一籌，抑或是我重視彼此之間共事的關係？就前者而言，我的意見可以被一時採納，對方也可能勉強順從配合，但自這次合作之後永遠失去了他的後續參與。而後者呢？我的意見或者暫時被擱置，但贏得的卻是長久的肢體合作關係。相較之下，哪一樣的得著/損失更大？『贏咗場交，輸咗個家』，這樣的警示常言猶在耳。

3. Summarize early and often 盡早作小結，經常作小結
4. At impasse, be graceful to avoid deadlock 當對話陷入僵持時，要有風度避免進入死胡同

後兩點雖看似是瑣碎的，但也不容忽視。前者提醒我們，溝通的重點不在於話多，而在於懂得要讓人把注意力放在你內容的亮點之上，這才重要。故需要不斷作小結，而且盡早，不要留到最後。否則便是讓聽眾處於雲裡霧裡，不得要領。而後者，與其說是對話的藝術，更多的是一種胸襟的鍛煉。形勢不利，應及時止損，明白放過別人是放過自己，也不失為一種處世的智慧。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 9, 2024

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Take some time this week to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ; Read the passage, Reflect on what it teaches and Respond as the Holy Spirit leads.

READ - John 3: 14-21

14 Just as Moses lifted up the snake in the wilderness, so the Son of Man must be lifted up,[a] 15 that everyone who believes may have eternal life in him.”[b]

16 For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. 17 For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. 18 Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God’s one and only Son. 19 This is the verdict: Light has come into the world, but people loved darkness instead of light because their deeds were evil. 20 Everyone who does evil hates the light, and will not come into the light for fear that their deeds will be exposed. 21 But whoever lives by the truth comes into the light, so that it may be seen plainly that what they have done has been done in the sight of God.

REFLECT

- John 3:16 is a well-known, much-loved verse and is remembered by many. Do you think it is well understood?

- “For God loved the world that He gave His only Son...” How does this understanding of God’s love affect the way you think about your relationship with Him?

RESPOND

- If we could see ourselves and the world the way God does, how would that change our thoughts, words, and actions?

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Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/2/2024)

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 2, 2024

Good afternoon, everyone!

During the Lenten season, Christians usually do three traditional things: praying, fasting, and almsgiving. Saint Augustine of Hippo once said: “Do you wish your prayer to fly toward God? Make for it two wings: fasting and almsgiving.”

Take some time this week to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ; Read the passage, Reflect on what it teaches and Respond as the Holy Spirit leads.

READ - John 2: 13-17 Jesus Cleanses the Temple

13 The Passover of the Jews was at hand, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple he found those who were selling oxen and sheep and pigeons, and the money-changers sitting there. 15 And making a whip of cords, he drove them all out of the temple, with the sheep and oxen. And he poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. 16 And he told those who sold the pigeons, “Take these things away; do not make my Father's house a house of trade.” 17 His disciples remembered that it was written, “Zeal for your house will consume me.”

REFLECT

- Why did Jesus have to cleanse the Temple?
- What does this passage teach us about the sanctity of worship spaces?

RESPOND

- What distractions exist in your life that are keeping you from truly worshipping God?
- How could we demonstrate our christian "zeal" for the Lord Jesus today?

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最新消息 (2/24/2024)

牧者分享

這個星期長假期有機會重溫了一部電影 The Negotiator (港譯：有數講)，講述兩個談判專家彼此角力，節奏明快內容精彩不在話下，其中有關一些談判技巧也值得反思和學習。

如何展開對話？

1. Don't forget the warm-up 任何有效的對話以前，都不要忘記先寒暄一番
2. Understand their interests early 切法盡早了解對方的興趣，關切的事情
3. Develop a joint agenda and begin with easier issues 謀求一個大家共通的議程，並且從最簡單的議題開始

這幾點我認為對作為福音使者的我們，也有重要的提醒。無錯，傳福音應該單單依靠聖靈的大能，但又不代表我們不需要關切如何鋪展福音的對話。最典型的例子是，耶穌與撒瑪利亞婦人的談道，可以說是這種福音對談的藍本。(從猶太人文化問題——男女之別開始，到打水的日常問題，再到活水和敬拜的信仰問題)

一言以蔽之，傳福音時我們不能只有自己的 agenda，也要關注對方當下關心的事情，然後再試圖在我與你的 agenda 之間找一個可切入的共通點。這看似是簡單，但實質也不容易，因為這需要傳福音者本身慣於做信仰整合的功夫，才能見縫插針；否則就只能單向地照本宣科，提供一個別人未經請求的建議 unsolicited advice，最終導致雙方都『有數講』。

當然，在傳福音的世界中，盼望仍存，對話未必往往就終止在目前。所謂念念不忘，必有迴響。任何我們以為拙劣的對話，如果能夠引發對方後續自我的對話：『內心的掙扎，有時自責，有時為自己辯護』(羅 2:15)，那麼就是騰出空間讓聖靈親自與之『講數』，可算一種成功。因為聖靈才是真正的談判專家，既是安慰者(或作辯護律師)，也是督責者——叫人為罪，為義，為審判自己責備自己。

你的同工
黃傳道

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 24, 2024

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Lent is a season of reflection and preparation for Easter, commemorating Jesus' 40 days of fasting in the desert. It is also a time to observe and commemorate the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ, who, we believe and affirm, is the Son of God, our Savior. Let's reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ; take some time to Read the passage, Reflect on what it teaches and Respond as the Holy Spirit leads.

READ - Mark 8: 34 - 38 - The Way of the Cross

"34 Then he called the crowd to him along with his disciples and said: "Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. 35 For whoever wants to save their life[a] will lose it, but whoever loses their life for me and for the gospel will save it. 36 What good is it for someone to gain the whole world, yet forfeit their soul? 37 Or what can anyone give in exchange for their soul? 38 If anyone is ashamed of me and my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, the Son of Man will be ashamed of them when he comes in his Father's glory with the holy angels."

REFLECT

- Based on verses 34-38, what is involved in being a follower of Jesus?

RESPOND

- What does it mean to be a cross-bearing Christian for you today?
- In what way does your relationship with God influence your life?

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最新消息 (2/17/2024)

牧者分享

昨天星期五新民事工舉行了線上的講座，邀請到政府部門 Service Canada 及 CRA 的相關人士在線分享有關移民的資訊，這是事工發展方面的新嘗試，將漁網撒向更遠的地方。經過這幾個月摸索和發展，我們得以慢慢勾勒出事工的藍圖，可以與大家分享更多，歡迎交流和意見。

總體而言，這個事工的發展可以分成五個階段，在不同的階段你也可以參與在其中。（詳細可以參閱電郵附圖）

第一階段：稱之為廣撒漁網的階段，透過不同形式的大型網上聚會，例如邀請 Service Canada，華咨會等分享移民資訊，期盼與移加或者準備移加的人士建立第一層的關係網。同時，我們也設立『移加幫緊你』群組，定期發放有關新移民的活動、求職資訊。至今群組已超過 100 人。

第二階段：在前面工作的基礎上，將參與者與教會的肢體作個人層面的連結，例如透過 ESL 英語會話班，求職講座等活動。事實上，這是迄今為止我們與新移民建立關係的重要途徑。他們無不表示，無論是一對一的模擬面試或者履歷點評等，都對他們非常受用；再加上在他們工作方面持續的跟進和關心，果效就更為顯著。

第三階段：將個人的關係逐步移師至教會的層面，透過『移加同行小組』、崇拜後的愛筵等，將這層關係網逐步推廣至不同的弟兄姊妹之中，相信人與人之間的相遇會產生不同的化學作用，有更多的交集 cross-linking。所以，如果你有任何資源，無論是人脈，經驗等，都可以不吝嗇的與人分享。^{[1][2][3]}

第四和第五階段：這是事工的願景，藉著肢體的關係，我們將人帶到上帝面前，期望他們能夠藉著信仰研討班，參與崇拜等，能夠與我們的上帝有神聖的相遇，建立與神之間關係。我們更期望挑戰他們，成為門徒，以新的身份參與在這個民事工之中，形成一個良性的成長循環。

最後，還是要補充一句，任何理論都只會停留在理論，若非加上各位的禱告承托，對上帝國度的關切和參與，這個關於生命的工程才可成事。

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As Lent is the time to reflect on what it means to be a follower of Christ, let's take some time to Read the passage, Reflect on what it teaches and Respond as the Holy Spirit leads.

READ - Luke 4:1-13 - Jesus Is Tested in the Wilderness

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, left the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, 2 where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. He ate nothing during those days, and at the end of them he was hungry. 3 The devil said to him, "If you are the Son of God, tell this stone to become bread." 4 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man shall not live on bread alone.'"

5 The devil led him up to a high place and showed him in an instant all the kingdoms of the world. 6 And he said to him, "I will give you all their authority and splendor; it has been given to me, and I can give it to anyone I want to. 7 If you worship me, it will all be yours." 8 Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" 9 The devil led him to Jerusalem and had him stand on the highest point of the temple. "If you are the Son of God," he said, "throw yourself down from here. 10 For it is written:

"He will command his angels concerning you
to guard you carefully;
11 they will lift you up in their hands,
so that you will not strike your foot against a stone."

12 Jesus answered, "It is said: 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' [e]" 13 When the devil had finished all this tempting, he left him until an opportune time.

REFLECT

- Why is it important to resist temptations?
- How do you feel when you give into temptation?

RESPOND

- How are your own responses to temptation as you read this event?
- Are there other Scripture verses you can lean on that might help you resist the devil?

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最新消息 (2/10/2024)

牧者分享

適逢今天是農曆的大年初一，是中國人的新年，在此向各位送上龍年的問候，祈願在新的一年里裡，我們個人能更經歷主恩，愛主愛人的心更多；教會方面，也甚願我們能夠一起經歷在質與量方面的成長。

說起龍年，循例也要說說有關龍的故事。話說早前有一段時間我要負責接小朋友放學，大概要走15分鐘左右的路程。路上，有時我也會和他們講講一些中國的成語故事。而『葉公好龍』是其中一個他們愛聽的故事，『從前有個叫葉公的人，他非常喜歡龍，居室都雕著龍的圖案。天上的龍知道葉公愛龍成癡，於是親自下凡，來到葉公家裡，想讓葉公看看真龍的模樣。本來以為葉公看到真龍會十分高興，沒想到葉公居然嚇得魂飛魄散，臉色蒼白。』

沒有想到，這個故事也可成為我們信仰話題的切入點。當分享完後，我問小朋友：『如果說，我們都愛上帝，有一日上帝真的來到我們面前的時候，我們會否好像葉公那樣懼怕？』當然，對於他們來說，這樣的問題並不以為然。但對於講故事的我來說，卻甚有啟發。

當我們說朝思暮想的是上帝的時候，若上帝以出其不意的方式來出現在我們眼前，我們也未必能夠領會，甚至會有所排斥。但如果我們的上帝是那位『要在曠野中開道路，在沙漠中開江河』的上帝，那麼在新的一年里，我們就要預備好，以信心的眼睛來查看祂的作為，有時的確未必以我們所期待的方式呈現，但祂卻是真實的臨到我們當中。

事實上，葉公好龍的故事一早提醒我們，有一種敬拜，只是一廂情願的敬拜，本質不過是拜偶像；真正的上帝非同偶像，豈可為人手所雕刻，為人的思想所拘禁？近來有說，建議將龍的英譯將 Dragon 變成 Loong，原因是前者在西方形象不佳，而後者則顯得親民友善。有人評論說，如果這種說法成立，那麼我們將狗翻譯成 Gou 而非 Dog 的日子也就不遠了。

同樣地，你的上帝有沒有被再次翻譯？翻譯成聖誕老人？或是其他更容易入口的詞彙？

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黃傳道

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 10, 2024

Do you remember playing hide and seek as a child growing up? Young children enjoy playing hide and seek. Some studies say, “Kids hide when overwhelmed, overstimulated or triggered into intense emotions.” They love to hide behind the curtains, and it becomes obvious especially since there is a huge dent in the curtain and their feet sticks out. Researchers find that “children believe the other person cannot be seen, heard, or spoken to when their eyes, ears, or mouth are obstructed. They also believe that mutual eye contact is a requirement for one person to be able to see them.

What can you do when discouragement, fear and anxiety overtake you? The answer to that is found in Scripture. In Psalm 32:7, David tells us to make God our hiding place: “You are my hiding place; you will protect me from trouble and surround me with songs of deliverance.” Interestingly, David says that God is not a physical hiding place but your personal hiding place.

In life, there will be moments of troubles, difficulties and stress that will inevitably overwhelm us but we can always turn to God in those moments. When you can't face your tomorrows, run to God, our hiding place, who is just a prayer away.

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 3, 2024

Let me share a humorous story about taxes:

“A man was standing before a crowd, taking a lemon out of a bag and squeezing it dry. He said, 'If anyone can squeeze another drop out of this lemon, I'll give them 100 bucks.' Many people tried, but no one could get any juice from the lemon. Finally, a man came up and squeezed two drops of lemon juice. Handing him his \$100, the first man asked in wonder, 'Who are you?' The second man replied, 'Income tax officer'.

Taxes are real, and February is the start of the tax month. Preparing and submitting tax returns can "emotionally impact people regardless of whether we expect to pay taxes on our income or receive a tax refund." In a study by UFile, “Almost half of all Canadians find the idea of preparing their own tax return stressful.” Even in Jesus’ day, Jews paid taxes both locally to the Jewish temple and to the pagan government in Rome.

Have you ever thought of doing taxes as a blessing? When doing your taxes, do you stop to thank God for the job you have and for the ability to make a living? It is the Lord who has given us the job. The Bible clearly shows that God ordained work, even before the fall of humanity. God blessed and commanded Adam and Eve in Genesis 1:28, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Moreover, God gives us instructions about work. In Exodus 20, God says, “Six days you shall labour and do all your work, but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God.”

We all need a job to make a living and survive. Without it, we feel anxious and concerned because we cannot provide for our basic needs and support our family. All honest work is honourable in God’s eyes, too. We should always thank God for our ability to earn a living. This attitude will change our attitude in our work, stewardship of our finances, and all we possess.

Remember Romans 13: 7 “Give to everyone what you owe them: if you owe taxes, pay taxes; if revenue, then revenue; if respect, then respect; if honour, then honour.”

The Lord be with you!
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最新消息 (1/27/2024)

牧者分享

在新一年的開始之際，想透過在平台與大家發放教會的需要，也期望各位能以禱告的心來響應，以致用行動來作出回應。

今年教會期望繼續在新移民的工作上耕耘，以致帶領更多人認識上帝。我們現正醞釀舉辦一個英文會話班，幫助新移民能夠練習口語，加強語言方面的自信，助他們更夠好地融入本地的職場生態及日常生活。呼籲有興趣的肢體參與一同服事！（現已有超過 10 名學員報名）

ESL 教師：不需要經驗，只要個人有耐心，知道如何激發和鼓勵學生，並能夠流利地講英語。

內容：將是面對面的學習，每週六上午或下午兩小時的課程。該項目將每月舉辦 4 次，以互動的方式，提高語言能力。老師們將接受培訓。每位老師將負責一個小組的學生（2-3 人）。每周的主題將提供給老師，他/她將與他們的小組一起坐下來評估以及修訂學生的學習進展。ESL 項目的詳細信息將在 2 月中旬最終確定。

期望：每位老師，如果可能的話，每月承諾最少出席兩次，因為持續的出席和反饋將幫助學生在掌握語言能力方面的信心。當然，如果時間有限制，但又樂意參與嘗試，我們也非常歡迎。

除了新移民的工作，我們幼兒崇拜方面也期盼各位的行動參與，我們現在招募兩位學前兒童的教師：

於英文崇拜時段服事：9:30 - 10:45am，或於中文崇拜時段服事：11:15 - 12:30 pm。老師將為聖經課程準備幻燈片，包括根據指定的課程準備詩歌，並與孩子們分享（兒童數目約 1-3 名）。遊戲和禱告時間是活動的一部分，包括小吃（由教會提供）。培訓將由 Jon 提供，有一個培訓將於 2024 年 1 月 28 日星期日崇拜後進行，如無法參加此次培訓，我們可以安排另一個時間舉行。

我們擁有的義工越多，可以輪替的機會就變得更充裕。對於 EM（英文堂會友），最好在中文崇拜時間幫忙，因為 EM 主日學是混合式的，而不是崇拜。對於 CM（中文堂會友），靈活性則更大。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 27, 2024

Have you ever been in a situation where you got a free upgrade to a business or first class on a flight? Surely, you will be thrilled and surprised if you upgrade. You are then free to enjoy the ultimate travel experience in comfort and luxury and have access to all the perks. These days, it seems, we are overwhelmed with reminders to “update,” “upgrade,” “renew,” “revise,” and even “rejuvenate.” Have you thought of a spiritual upgrade or spiritual download?

In John 15:14-15, we read Jesus' most extraordinary words. He calls his disciples, “You are my friends”. Praise God, what a spiritual upgrade!

“14 You are my friends if you do what I command. 15 I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you.”

Just take a moment to imagine the Son of God, the one through whom all things were created, looking at his disciples and saying, “You are my friends”. Can you imagine how the disciples would have felt hearing this assuring relationship, a friend of Jesus, the Saviour?

Everyone wants to be everyone else’s friend, but what is a true friend? According to psychologists, friends can be divided into four categories: acquaintances, casual, close, and intimate friends. Each of those categories describes a deeper level of friendship and intimacy.

What does it mean to be Jesus’ friend? There is much difference between a servant-master relationship and a friendship relationship. The servant and master relationship is characterised by duty, whereas the latter is a relationship and love. Jesus says we are no longer mere servants; we are His friends who have a stronger relationship and know God’s purpose and plans for our lives. The truth is that a spiritual upgrade takes desire and effort on our part to be a friend of Jesus.

Are you a friend of Jesus today?

The Lord be with you!
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最新消息 (1/20/2024)

牧者分享

這個星期有機會回顧了一齣舊電影，名叫 Everyone's fine 《幸福窩天倫》（港譯），依然叫我十分感動，有很多作為父親的共鳴和提醒。

劇中的主角 Frank Goode 有四個兒女，在妻子離世的幾個月之後，發現和自己兒女的距離越來越遠，於是他決定獨自啟程去探望自己的兒女。每探望完一名子女後，父親不忘問對方："What's going on in your life?" 而作兒女的總是回答："I am fine." 作父親的，當然察覺到他們不過是在強裝看起來很好，實質上各人都有生活的難處。而他們更瞞著父親關於小兒子 David 的死訊，他是因為不堪當藝術家的壓力和母親的離世，而導致輕生。

這段旅程仿佛走訪了大多數人作為父親的一生：我們肩擔起家庭收入的重擔，但卻沒有好好花時間聆聽子女的聲音，與子女同行多數落在妻子的身上，導致在子女眼中，我們可能是一個盡責但嚴苛，顧家卻不懂聆聽的父親。"I am fine" 代表子女從來沒有忘記父親的期望，也不想令他失望，但又不忍戳破彼此無法真誠溝通的真相。

直至收到 David 的死訊，作父親的是那麼的自責，如果他不是堅持要 David 成為一位畫家，而不要成為沒有出色的塗鴉匠，也許他就不會.... 如果可以重來，他對年幼的 David 說："I'd be proud of you no matter what you did." 這個醒悟，也正好呼應了劇終他在妻子墳前所說："Everyone's fine." 照每個子女的本相，不論他們作何職業，成就如何，在父母的眼中他們都很好。

對我而言，這部電影以 Everyone's fine 為名，仿佛就帶有雙重的意思：一方面是指子女要在父親面前強裝一切都很好，因為子女認為父親可能會覺得他們不夠好，於是只能言不由衷。這突出兩代人的隔閡；但另一方面，這句話同時也是一位父親的心聲：照你們的本相，每個在父親眼中都很好。由此也嘗試指出，如何能跨越兩代人的隔閡？答案可能就在於這轉念之間。

這部電影也可能是我們和天父之間關係的寫照：有時我們總覺得自己表現得不夠好，達不到上帝的標準，但我們會積極參與很多事情，強裝起來與上帝的關係很好，不過是以另一種形式迴避這位父親；事實上，我們可能忘記了上帝造我們，是看我們每一個都是好的，並不需要我們作甚麼才能證明我們存在的價值，這就是因信稱義的核心。

雖然有人認為基督教的信仰似乎很廉價/簡單，不用做什麼就可以得到救恩。但我並不這麼認為，因為若非我們能夠真正觸摸到這位為父的心，否則我們仍然離此道甚遠。因此，關係的轉向，隔閡的移除，關鍵在於我們應將眼光聚焦在上帝看我們的『好』，而非我們自己事事強裝起來的『好』。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 20, 2024

Can you imagine that 40 per cent of our actions are not conscious decisions but habits? Someone has aptly said, “We first make our habits, and then our habits make us.” Truly, “Habit is a cable. —We weave a thread of it every day, and at last, we cannot break it.” We all have habits, both good and bad. According to some studies, it takes 21 days to form a new habit. On the same note, breaking a habit is just as simple - it only takes 21 days to break a habit.

Interestingly, the scripture speaks about an interesting habit of Jesus. In Luke 4:16, we read, “ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day, he went into the synagogue as was his custom. Jesus stood up to read, “As was his custom.” Reading past those words is easy, but it carries a powerful lesson for us. Jesus regularly attended the weekly services in the synagogue. Even as a young lad, Jesus's knowledge of the scriptures impressed the Jewish teachers. During the days of Jesus, the synagogue was where the families came together for prayers and reading of the law. “As His custom was,” indicating the life of Jesus was a pattern and his habit.

Historically, people of faith have created habits and routines instead of making resolutions to accomplish. Developing good habits is crucial for our spiritual growth because our habits shape our character and define who we are. Eventually, this activity becomes a part of our everyday routine and actions.

Paying attention to our spiritual growth can be challenging in our fast-paced and busy lives. Beginning the year with the desire to develop good spiritual habits will nurture our relationship with God and help deepen our faith. This year, set goals for starting new spiritual habits- such as making time for the Bible, having regular prayer time, regular church and cell group attendance, or even developing faith conversation.

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最新消息 (1/13/2024)

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自去年12月起，我們每逢第一和第三個主日崇拜便會舉行『移加同行小組』。感謝主，迄今為止這個小組的運作良好，除了有教會的弟兄姊妹昔日移民經驗的分享，也聆聽到很多新移民的故事。上週，我們更有幸來個新嘗試，邀請到移加青年Lillian帶領聚會，又有細Ben分享移民點滴，這個配搭非常美好，各自又能獨當一面，相信到場參與者也完全認同。

作為參與者的角色我也十分享受其中。這次聚會的主題是“回顧與前瞻”，其中的一條分享問題是：“如果要總結過去的2023年，以下詞彙對你來說比較深刻：『失望、後悔、盡力、高興、感恩等』”，而我選擇的是“後悔”一詞。話說，我在2023年曾經答應過自己，會在畢業之前走覽完整個多倫多大學的校園，好好的感受一下當中的歷史與人文氣息。結果呢？心動卻沒有行動，直到搬離之前也沒有達成目標。

乍聽下去這只不過小事一樁，又何必介懷呢？究竟是無病呻吟，抑或是另有內情？有時，我對自己的一些想法也會覺得有趣，需要更多和自己對話。安靜下來，我發現這種感受更多是源於一種失望，就是覺得自己來到加拿大這個新地方，以為能夠呼吸新空氣，有新轉變。但終究也未能超脫在香港時的節奏和生活模式，總是營營役役的為自己設定目標，然後馬不停蹄地奔赴下個目的地，從來沒有好好的停下來欣賞身邊的風景。

神學家莫特曼在The living God and the fullness of life曾說：『人受造，為的是以上帝為樂。人誕生，為的是以生命為樂。人活著，並沒有任何不能辜負的倫理目標或理想狀態。生命自身就是美善的，此時此刻的存在就是好的，美妙的。我們活著，不為別的，就是為了活著。誰要是在功利效益之處尋找生命的意義，就無可避免地會陷入生命的危機——尤其當他患病，傷殘或者年老的時候。絕不可以濫用生命，把它當作達到目標的手段。誰被來自上帝與生命的喜樂深深觸動，就不會再提出哪些恐懼的生存問題：為了什麼而活著？』

事實上，當我每次放下自己以為的目標，專心致志的做一些鎖事，例如好好的煮一頓飯，把碗洗得乾乾淨淨，確實會有種釋放和享受生命的感覺在其中。『我們活著，不為別的，就是為了活著。』我想，無論是失望或是後悔也好，可能也在提醒我，如果我們只是將生命當作一種達成目標手段的話，那麼我就是欠了生命一份神跡。

願意在新的一年里，我們能夠在這條尋索生命的道路上彼此互勉，代求祝謝。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 13, 2024

We all like novelty in one way or another. Novelty can make us excited and cheerful. It could be meeting a new friend, learning a new skill, buying a new home, travelling to a new country, or even getting a new outfit. Interestingly, our brains are made to be attracted to novelty. Even in this new year, we always seek a new move from God.

Isaiah 43:18-19 is a popular verse among Christians in the New Year. It reads:
“Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.” (Isaiah 43:18-19)

The prophet Isaiah urges the people to forget the former things and look forward with a renewed mind that God is renewing their lives for the greater good. They must open their eyes and see God to experience the new things that God is doing.

In the same way God spoke to Israel, He wants us to know He can build a path in the wilderness and make a way where there seems to be no way in our lives. Sadly, there are moments when our hearts are troubled with memories of the pain, hurt, and betrayal experienced over the years that hinder us from seeing God’s doing. God gives us signs that He is doing a new thing in our lives and says, “Do you not perceive it?” We need to learn to discern the signs and prepare ourselves accordingly.

This week, pray and ask God to show you where you need refreshment, strength, and determination. Ask God to spiritually prepare you for the new things the Lord longs to do in your life. Waiting patiently for the Lord’s doing will never be in vain. It will help prepare your heart for the new thing He wants to do in His desired season.

Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (1/6/2024)

牧者分享

新的一年開始之際，有人會訂下不少的新年目標，也有人會許下對新一年的憧憬。作為一個信徒，相信我們也會期待在靈命方面所有成長。我們固然願意追求成長，但當想到具體要往哪個方向成長時，又會感到空泛，不知從何著手。

對你來說，有何是不可或缺的屬靈素質？在《牧養就是回到原點》這本書上提到一個頗有趣的見解：『一個人智力平平，也可以當牧者；但一個人如果沒有幽默感，肯定不能長時間承擔牧職。對生命的不和諧有一笑置之的能力；對上帝認真，對自己卻不那麼較真；欣然接受會眾的古裏古怪，而不會氣得想親手扼死他們。這是莫大的恩典。』

在作者的眼中，幽默是不可或缺的屬靈素質。因為幽默具有擾亂性特質 (disruptive quality)，有助我們理解上帝作為背後的顛覆性。缺乏幽默感，使我們難以深入體會，如耶穌比喻帶來的衝擊，十字架帶來的逆轉是多麼的戲劇性；簡言之，他們未能對上帝一些出人意料的作為發出會心的微笑。故此，缺乏幽默感的人，他們對恩典存在的氣息感應較為淡薄，甚至可以說是毫不敏感。這就不難理解，為何他們可能會成為別人眼中的悶蛋，甚至是難以親近的人。

反過來說，一個經常體會到從上而來恩典的人，會煥發出一種肉眼可見的活潑生命：對神對人認真，但不較真，在很多人生議題上顯得靈活變通。我想，這不是為人性格圓融之故，而是一個真正被恩典觸摸的人，是應該習慣被從上而來的屬天事物所 surprised，故而在面對各式各式的人或事也不會太過 surprised，他也不一定要堅持走自己的單程路 (one way thinking)，因為他也隨時預備好被挑戰和修正。（正如我們在讀到耶穌言行的時候，所要具備的心態）

求主幫助，在新的一年里更加添我們的幽默感，不單促進我們待人接物的親和力，團隊的默契，讓我們更多感受到從恩典而來的生活氣息。

你的同工
黃傳道

教會動態

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5. 教會於 2024 年一月份開始回復每主日中文堂崇拜後午膳，並以自由奉獻形式收費，以為鼓勵弟兄姊妹朋友有更多機會認識和交誼。

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 6, 2024

Each new year allows us to turn a new page or start over again. It could be returning to the gym, quitting a habit, or even starting a new resolution. In my reading, I found an interesting and reflective prayer of Rev A.B. Simpson, the founder of the Alliance church and the 'Alliance Vision Prayer' for the New Year. The first part of A.B. Simpson's prayer helps us to reflect to be focused and challenges us to trust in God:

What shall I ask for the coming year?
What shall my watchword be?
What would'st Thou do for me, dear Lord?
What shall I do for Thee?

Lord, I would ask for a holy year,
Spent in Thy perfect will;
Help me to walk in Thy very steps-
Help me to please Thee still.

Interestingly, A.B. Simpson sought a holy year to spend in His will and to walk and please God in every way. Isn't that an excellent New Year's resolution by A.B. Simpson? Spend time answering the questions raised by A B Simpson, and let it be your prayer for this year. Let's join Rev A.B. Simpson, the founder of the Alliance movement, in seeking God for a holy year. Let this be the year where God and His plan for your life take precedence.

Let me also encourage you to find time to use the 'Journey through the Alliance Prayer Vision Prayer', a seven-week prayer devotional during the year.

Blessings
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (12/30/2023)

教會動態

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5. 年終感恩祈禱會，請您於 12 月 31 日晚上 7 時，歡迎親臨教會或在線參加。黃傳道也將提供有關移加新民事工的最新情況，鼓勵任何有心支持和了解該事工的肢體出席交流。

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 30, 2023

How do you feel standing at the doorsteps of a new year? Are you feeling excited, nervous or even anxious about the new year? Whether you are eager or excited, please take a little time to ponder and take stock of your life. The process may take some time, but reviewing the past is always beneficial. Invite God into the process as you reflect on the past year and look ahead to the new year.

Here are some questions to guide you as you review the past year and prepare for the new:

Reflect for 2023

“Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.” Ps. 139:23-24

What is the most important lesson I have learned this year?

How would I define my relationship with Jesus and with others?

Renew for 2024

“Whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice behind you, saying, “This is the way; walk in it.” Isa. 30:21

What are my prayers for the new year?

What do I want to see God do in my life in 2024?

Reflecting on the questions, I have prayerfully chosen one word, “deeper”, to guide me throughout the coming year. God calls us to go deeper with Him. God has a word for us each year based on our journeys. Ask God for a word encompassing how you approach the New Year. It could be words such as “Discipline”, “Persevere”, “Focus”, “Contentment,” or “Faithful”. Stay focused on the word for an entire year, asking God to help at all times. Remember, though we will undoubtedly face both trying and joyful times ahead, we can trust God’s faithfulness that “He will never leave you nor forsake you” (Joshua 1:5) throughout the New Year.

What is your one word for the New Year?

Together with my wife Florence and daughters Jasmine and Rahel, we pray that God's goodness and mercy will follow you throughout 2024. God bless, and have a Blessed New Year from our home to yours!

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (12/23/2023)

牧者分享

這個星期二放學後，家中的兩位小朋友興高采烈跟我分享：『今日學校有 backward day！』這可是更新了我對這邊學校文化的了解。說罷，他們還即席示範一遍何謂 backward 的操作，例如平日我們總是以掌心向外的方式向別人揮手道別，現在他們卻是以掌背向外的方式與人揮手；還有，就是將“好 good”說成“壞 bad”，將“是 yes”說成“非 No”。看著他們一遍遍的演練，感覺非常有趣和新鮮。

按照我的理解，這種教學方式大概是逆向思維的一種，有時一反常態的作出思考和行動，往往會帶來給我們新的衝擊，從而發現可以有全新的視覺來觀看這個世界。因此，有時我也給自己一個挑戰，不要滿足於說/寫一些屬靈的八股，如果能夠達至可以翻轉一下別人對於傳道者/傳統信仰的刻板理解也是好的。

適逢聖誕佳節的到來，我們應該想到，最顛覆/turn upside down 我們世界觀的一件事，莫過於就是主耶穌的降生。正如馬利亞的尊主頌提到：“他叫有權柄的失位，叫卑賤的升高。他叫飢餓的飽餐美食，叫富足的空手而回。”（路 1:52-53）這首尊主頌道出了主耶穌的降生，就是要將這個世界的秩序，世人所擁抱的價值觀，完全翻轉。

所以，每當我們讀到耶穌在福音書中的行動，很多時候其實都是他有意而為的一番逆向/backward 操作，每每看得群眾嘖嘖稱奇，看得宗教領袖摸不著頭腦，甚至咬牙切齒。因此，讀耶穌的故事時，如果我們只是當下歡喜快樂的領受，卻沒有深入去感受這 backward 背後帶來的衝擊，可能就會錯過了經文的意義。

聖誕節的到來正是一個適時的提醒，不要過於順應這個社會的慶祝文化，反倒應該作適度的抗衡/backward，這樣才能與這個節日真正的意義接軌。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 23, 2023

It's Christmas time again! December is usually filled with exciting events such as gatherings, shopping, cooking, decorating, wrapping gifts, visiting families, enjoying Christmas carols, and even finding gifts for those we love. It's exciting and wonderful! But have you, like Mary, ever stopped and pondered on Christmas in your heart?

In Luke's story of the birth of Jesus, it says "But Mary treasured up all these things and pondered them in her heart." (Luke 2:19). First, when the angel showed up, she was puzzled; second, when the shepherds arrived and told her what the angel had said, that this baby is the Messiah, and lastly when the lad Jesus was found in the temple teaching, then they went back home to Nazareth. Mary treasured all these things in her heart, including the words spoken by the angels and the shepherds.

In Greek, "treasured" means "to preserve (from perishing or being lost)" or "to keep within oneself, keep in mind." The second word, 'pondered' in Greek, means 'to bring together, to converse, to bring together in one's mind.'¹ What did Mary ponder on and treasure? Mary wasn't just storing things away in a mental storage bank; instead, she examined events, reflecting on what had happened and what it had meant. She pondered the terms that were said of Jesus, such as "Saviour," "Messiah," and "the Son of the Highest." In her soul, she was working this out: what the angel, the shepherds, the Holy Spirit, and many others told her about Jesus. Mary's pondering reflects her deep faith and trust in God.

As we reflect on what Mary pondered, we are reminded of the importance of reflecting on our lives and considering what Jesus means to us. What does His Lordship, Messiah and His greatness mean to our lives today?

With my wife Florence and daughters Jasmine and Rahel, it is our prayer that this Advent season be a time of warm reflection on and gratitude for God's many gifts, especially for the inexpressible gift of His Son Jesus Christ. God bless, and Merry Christmas from our home to yours.

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (12/16/2023)

牧者分享

來到加拿大至今已經大概有一年半左右的時間，不過迄今為止對於別人口中的“加拿大移民“的看法仍是有所不適。老實說，我是不太習慣別人動輒稱自己作“新移民”，我更願意稱自己的身份不過是“移居”。移居的說法，我想至少是在心理上給自己有多一條退路，並非要孤注一擲的融入這個地方，而是給自己一種試錯和冒險的心態，必要時可以且戰且退。

來到這裡，不乏接觸同路人的機會，故而經常提到如何融入當地生活的話題。有不少的人表示，“既然來到這裡，一定要設法融入主流社會，盡量搬離一些華人聚居的地方，搬去本地人為主的地方居住。將來小朋友入讀學校也是如此如此，否則就會落於人後。”聽完多數我也沉默不語，雖然總是覺得和自己想法不太相合，但也不覺得有什麼要去反駁的。這可能反映我開頭的觀點，我的心態是移居，因此不會未必體會到那種要不惜代價融入的緊迫感。

我的想法是，無錯，故地可能有種種不宜居的原因，以致我們需要移居。但這不代表我們一換個地方，就需要否定從前的一切。至少，我仍然珍愛講廣東話，我甚至開始體會到能夠駕馭或精通一門語言，其實是一種莫大的專利。我仍然熱衷與港人作伴，同煲同撈。

再甚者，作為基督徒，我認為根本不需要太過於操心要擠入主流的想法，除非我們不能接受基督徒的身份本身就是社會非主流的，正如希伯來書所說，基督徒本就是這世界不配有的人，不被認同，不受待見也是等閒之事。有時候，守素安常也不失為一種智慧，太過急於改換身份，可能連自己的基本身份也未能守住。

當然，我也不鼓吹作一個『古墓派』的信徒，主動自絕於這個社會。只是我認為在新的環境中，不用太急於和自己的歷史和根源作切割。否則就有機會把洗澡水和嬰孩一起倒掉。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 16, 2023

Imagine growing up as a child in the White House and accessing all the perks and privileges there. Can you imagine being specially driven to school with security personnel watching your travels and surroundings to provide a safe passage? In the White House sports arena grounds, you are given the privilege to invite your friends and loved ones for sporting and fun-filled activities. When you go for a stroll or walk, you feel safe. In public, people are excited to see you and want to take a picture with you. Not only do you enjoy all the privileges and perks in the White House, but you are also housed in the best hotels and resorts and brought to the best sightseeing places when you go on holiday. When you attend rallies or special functions with your parents, you are warmly welcomed and acknowledged as the "child of the president." What a privilege and honour!

Unfortunately, many of us will never experience such privileges and perks. But do you know that you are more privileged? According to scripture, we are more privileged than the child of the president. Paul reminds us in his letter in Galatians 4:7, "since you are his child, God has made you also an heir." What a powerful reminder – we are heirs of the God Almighty. These are very powerful words and words that aren't to be taken lightly. But the apostle also cautions that there is no inheritance without son-ship, saying, "And because you are sons, God has sent forth the Spirit of His Son into your hearts, crying out, 'Abba, Father!' (Galatians 4:6). What does it mean to be joint heirs with Christ? Before we become a child of God, we are sinners and slaves to sin. But the day we acknowledge Christ as our saviour and live a life surrendering to His will and plans, we are adopted into the family of God and become heirs of His kingdom.

Are you a child of God? Are you His heir?

Blessings!

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (12/9/2023)

牧者分享

一晃幾個月，原來已來到主日學的最後一課。作為傳道人，接受要教學的任務是理所當然的。事實上，自從神學畢業之後，我自己也一直都有擔任母院的網上神學課程的導師，幾年下來，接觸的神學生和信徒領袖也是不少。但總的來說，所儲下的經驗仍不足以完全面對每次教學的挑戰，特別是面授課程，對象是全新的面孔。

美國有名的基督徒教育學者 Parker, J. Palmer 在其著作《教學的勇氣》(The Courage to teach: exploring the inner landscape of a teacher's life) (這本書是我會反覆再讀的) 中提到，無論學生和老師其實很多時候帶著懼怕進到課堂，他們都竭盡所能避免可能的衝突，為了避免衝突：“學生可以說：『不要問我是怎麼想的，告訴我事實就可以了。』而老師可以說：『這就是事實，記住它們就可以了，不必多想。』為此，學生躲藏在筆記本背後，或者三緘其口；老師則藏身在講台，證書以及權威之後。”

若真如 Palmer 所言，教學上最容易的莫過於在每一個意見上都表現出有十足的定見，發言最好又能一錘定音，這也是好多人對於傳統好老師的印象。但事實上又是否如此呢？至少對我來說不一定這樣。據我的經驗，一個能帶領學生探索真理的老師，一方面是注意不要把學生帶進相對主義（彷彿什麼觀點皆可接受），另一方面又要提醒學生不要只是聽信一家之言，造成狹隘。但這樣的做法無疑如履薄冰，最後可能兩邊也不討好。

其實，這也充分反映了信仰的本質就是一條冒險之旅；有人喜歡別人給予現成的答案，但也有人喜歡追尋答案的過程；而我應該是後者，如果有人問起“預定論”有多少個說法，“靈恩運動”有多少個流派，只要翻翻書我也能娓娓道來，但這也又有何益處呢？因為多數人在聽取意見時，都只不過在揀選合自己心意的答案，並沒有多少人領受之後願意服膺在真理面前，試著去驗證或者實踐，所以最後雖進其門卻不得要領。

信仰的道路上無疑會遇上很多問題，但不需要太急於將它挪走，因為它們未必就是你阻礙前進的敵人。正如 Palmer 所引的：“對你心中的疑難要有耐心，要試著珍愛這些問題，不要急於尋找答案。因為即使有了答案，你也不可能身體力行。重點在於，要經歷生活中的一切，包括經歷問題，那樣你才有可能逐漸地，不露痕跡地沿著漫長的生活道理，走進問題的答案中。”

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 9, 2023

Can you imagine Christmas without colourful lights? Decorations and gifts are a great part of the Christmas celebration. The early 'Christmas trees were lit with candles, then glass covered with candles inside, or metal lanterns with small wicks hung like ornaments on the tree branches.' Since the candles were a fire hazard, buckets of water were kept near the Christmas tree for emergencies.

Though the history of Christmas trees has many roots, it is widely believed that Martin Luther, the 16th-century Protestant reformer, was the first to add lighted candles to a tree. One evening, as Luther was having his winter evening walk and working on his sermon, he was in awe and left speechless, seeing the star's brilliance twinkling amidst the evergreens. He returned home and then decorated a tree to recreate and admire the scene that captured his imagination of Christ's birth.

Christmas lights have always had special meaning. It is also a symbol of hope that we can share in the words of the prophet Isaiah: "The people that lived in darkness have seen a great light;" Jesus is the Light of the world. If we follow Him, we have the light of life. In these troubled times, let's look above the clouds of adversity and see the Light of the World. Christ can drive out the darkness that we experience in our lives. Let's keep this special season as a time of affirmation that we have faith in the one who is the Light of the World.

Today, many people, perhaps countless millions, live their whole lives in darkness. Let's be reminded of those trapped in darkness who need the gospel's good news.

Though Christmas lights will be turned off in January, one Light continues - Jesus, who will always be the Light of the world!

Blessings!

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (12/2/2023)

牧者分享

感謝神，上週讓我們在新移民事工方面有一個不錯的開始。感謝一眾參與事奉的弟兄姊妹，無論是台前或是幕後的付出，都讓參與者可以感受從基督而來的香氣。以下是其中一些講座參與者給予我們的鼓勵，願意我們也一同在禱告當中記念和讚美上帝在我們當中所成就的作為。

“The Workshop was informative and beautifully organized. Please thank the speakers on our behalf. Of course, it wouldn't have been successfully run without the technical and logistical support by the Church members. I admire the passion and enthusiasm the Church in rendering assistance to newcomers in Toronto. Keep up the good work. God blesses! All of you are in my prayers.”

“I joined online today. I left before it ended but I still found it very useful and practical. The two speakers pin point the tips for making resume, cover letter, job interviews. The Q&A session was also great. Actually, I am very touched that the church is putting so much efforts to help Hong Kong ppl to adapt to Canada. Even one to one consultation. Really appreciate and thank you for all the work.”

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 2, 2023

December is one of the busiest months of the year for travellers. As family members and individuals arrive and disembark after their trip, you would notice faces of expectation to receive them. It can be an emotional time for parents, children, grandparents, relatives and friends; there are tears of joy and laughter at the first sight of return.

Luke's Gospel urges us to have a similar posture of expectation this Advent season. Advent means that the Lord comes and comes to us differently. First, Jesus came to us at a specific time in history in Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. Second, He comes to us in grace. Christ comes to us in the Holy Communion and through the Word of God. He arrives in the person of the beggar, the needy, the suffering, and the oppressed. Third, the Lord will come to judge the living and the dead in the Second Coming. We must be ready to receive and welcome Him when He comes, however He comes.

The Advent Season is also a time to reflect on how we can prepare our hearts and homes for Christ's birth. I believe it would be wonderful to echo the prayer by Henri Noumen, which captures the spirit of this season:

"Lord Jesus,
Master of both the light and the darkness, send your Holy Spirit upon our preparations for Christmas.
We who have so much to do and seek quiet spaces to hear your voice each day,
We who are anxious over many things look forward to your coming among us.
We who are blessed in so many ways long for the complete joy of your kingdom.
We whose hearts are heavy seek the joy of your presence.
We are your people, walking in darkness, yet seeking the light.

To you we say, "Come Lord Jesus!" Amen.

Let hope live in your hearts, and let's share the hope of Christ with all we meet.

With prayers and blessings
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (11/25/2023)

牧者分享

今個星期六早上是新移民事工的第一個外展活動，是有關新移民求職講座，報名線上講座和實體出席的預計超過 90 人，還沒有計算我們三個事工部門一起事奉的眾多肢體；為此，我們要向神獻上感謝，祂親自邀請我們和祂一起同工，為的是要讓我們一起經歷福音的真實和生命的豐盛。

話說最近在教導約翰福音『五餅二魚』的神跡，我自己也有被神的話語所激勵。當上帝挑戰我們去回應這個世界的需要時，我們會有什麼反應？我們第一時間想到的是什麼？可能是『我的不能，我的不足』，『主啊，我沒有這些資源去解決問題』；但是我們有沒有同時想到，我所擁有的是什麼？只要我們將所擁有的，哪怕是很微小的，都交在神的手中，這樣便能為神所用。^[1]

就像保羅所說：『因為人若有願做的心，必蒙悅納，乃是照他所有的，並不是照他所無的。』（林後 8:12）回想這個事工之始，我也是嘗試以禱告的心“膽粗粗”的採取行動——首先邀請弟兄姊妹填寫對有關對新移民的調查問卷；然後，按著願意響應的肢體，我們一起按著各人所能夠獻上的能力和恩賜為主擺上，最終促成了這次講座。

在這個過程中，很體會一件事，上帝不會只是感動一個人，如果祂要成就自己的工作，祂也會感動其他人一同迴響，就像亞拿尼亞和保羅的故事。因此，我所學到的是交託和耐心，既然上帝的工作不會徒然往返，何不讓子彈多飛一會？至此，我相信這顆子彈還在向前飛往，不止往未信者的心，還要飛進你和我的心。

為此，我邀請更多的肢體為此事祈禱，無論是個別的互動跟進，或是後續生命的故事，都將它們交在上帝的的手中。我們雖然沒有辦法保證事工的成效，就像五餅二魚神跡過後，也有不少不再跟隨耶穌，但我們可以確信的一件事，只要我們願意奔赴主所託的使命，就必然經歷上帝的能力與同在，這應許是直到世界的末了。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 25, 2023

An American Indian was visiting New York City during the busiest month of the year for the first time. Unexpectedly, he turned to his friend, a New York resident, and said, "I hear a cricket." "You are crazy", replied the friend. The American Indian insisted that he heard the sound of a cricket. Again the friend said, "How can you hear the sound of a cricket in a busy hour like this?" "Yes, I hear it again," said the visitor and steadily walked to the corner of a building, dug into the leaves underneath and pulled out a cricket. His friend was totally shocked. Furthermore, the visitor replied, "It all depends on what your ears are tuned to hear. Let me show you". Digging into both his pockets, the American Indian pulled out a handful of coins and dropped them on the pavement. As soon as the coins fell on the pavement, people even half a block away turned their heads. The American Indian smilingly said, "It all depends on what you're listening for or what you want to listen to."

In 1 Samuel chapter 3, God called Samuel, the young lad, three times. Samuel thought it was Eli the priest who wanted his attention. But on the fourth time when Samuel said, "Speak, for your servant is listening," his life was forever changed.

We hear different voices daily but can instantly recognize the voice of a loved one in a crowd or over the phone. Even though we may have been saved for years, we still must always be alert and ensure we are hearing God and not heeding the voice of the world. Discerning the voice of God and the voice of the world can be our biggest problem. In John 10:27, Jesus says, "My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me." Furthermore, Jesus states that His sheep will not follow the voice of the stranger because they do not know it. His voice they know and follow. Interestingly, the more we know about the character of God the more we will know His voice. It is important to recognize that the voice we choose to listen to significantly impacts our lives.

When was the last time you heard God speak to you? Are we putting anyone else's words above the words of Jesus? During the season of Advent, let Jesus be the loudest voice in your ear. By embracing the voice of God, we embark on a journey of hope, purpose, and transformation.

With prayers and blessings
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最新消息 (11/18/2023)

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如果有人問，作為一個牧者，你的領導風格是如何？（事實上，這幾乎是每一個面試都必問的題目之一）在此，我是很樂意分享相關的看法，期望我們教會肢體作為一個團隊，能夠有更美好的配搭。^[1]

如果用足球的術語來比喻教會這個團隊，我發現作傳道的角色比較適合像自由人/清道夫，他並不是一個常常需要爭取「入波」的前鋒。作為清道夫，首要的工作要做好防守，閱讀球場的形勢，找出漏洞，填塞缺口，同時呼籲隊友站好崗位。（換算在教會的場景，就是牧者需要正確的診斷教會的狀況，繪製出清晰的發展藍圖，鼓勵肢體起來一同建造教會）；

當做好防禦的事工之後，清道夫還要把握轉守為攻的時機，留意隊友的跑位，適時送上助攻，望其能夠取得「士哥」（在信仰來看簡單不過，就是建立弟兄姊妹，讓他們也可以領人歸主罷了）。我想，這兩項是他在球場上最重要的工作。

當然，若球場上已方進攻不力，自由人還要多向前跑動，參與前線的進攻，爭球入球機會。只是他應該擁抱的心態是，不需要常常建功，只期望能夠偶有佳作。他清楚自己的使命不過是解危舒困，以及向隊友作出範式演示。他根本的責任在於閱讀形勢，為隊友送上助攻，成全隊友（成全聖徒，各盡其職）。他得著權柄，不是因為取得很多入球，為自己贏得光環，而在於捨己、奉獻，樂於做「傳」、「送」的角色，甘心為他人作嫁衣裳，成為眾人的僕人。

因此，在這個團隊中，我們需要有人緊守崗位，有人向前穿插帶動進攻，更需有人把握機會取得入球，你預備好了嗎？只要你不是常作壁上觀，相信我們總能在場上找到你。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 18, 2023

Looking in the mirror before heading to school, a little girl frowned and teared up with these words, “My hair won't go the way it's supposed to. My friends will laugh at me all day.” The mum, while trying to help fix her hair, said, “Dear, you look great and amazing.” Like the child, we forget that every one of us is wonderfully made in our Father's beautiful image. When you look in the mirror, what do you see of yourself?

On the first page, in the first chapter of the first book, the Bible explains that each of us is made in the image of God. This is affirmed in Genesis 1:27, “So God created human beings in his image. In the image of God, he created them; male and female he created them.” God created us to be like God but we aren't “little gods”.

The 17th century was defined by the words of the French philosopher Rene Descartes, “I think therefore I am.” On the other hand, the 21st generation identified with these words “I feel, therefore I am.” However, as Christians, we hold a different view altogether. God's design is for every believer to be like Him, not just in nature but also in character, He wants us to be conformed to Jesus Christ. (Heb. 1:2). We are called to “put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.” (Ephesians 4:24) Although our bodies are subject to sin, we are created to respond like God, to walk like Him and live a christ-centered.

Have you ever thought of yourself as being in the image of God? How might this thought impact the way you live today? We too are like mirrors reflecting God. What special perfection of God is shining out in your life?

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 11, 2023

Do you know that about 18% of Canadians experience winter boredom called "winter blues" during this cold season? As each day gets darker and colder, we may occasionally experience winter boredom.

Studies show that "winter blues are fairly common and are usually marked by feeling low - energy, sadness, boredom, disruption in our sleep schedule and even less interest in activities one usually enjoys." Some may even stop going for their regular walks and having a conversation with their neighbours. We go to work and try to head back as quickly as possible. Do any of these sound familiar? Are you looking for ways to beat the winter blues?

These cold seasons not only make one feel lethargic in one's work but it can also affect our relationship towards God. At times, doing our devotions daily becomes a challenge and stressful. Since God designed the seasons and the different climates, I don't think He is surprised when we experience winter blues.

Our winters can be difficult as days go by when the temperatures are below freezing and we rarely see the sun. Here are several Bible verses to meditate and pray during the winter,

"The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it." - John 1:5

"You, LORD, keep my lamp burning; my God turns my darkness into light." - Psalm 18:28

"You set up all the boundaries of the earth; you created the cycle of summer and winter." - Psalm 74:17

"Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God." - Psalm 42:11

Some practical suggestions:

Let the natural sunlight shine in your home and remember these words "Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord has risen upon you." (Isaiah 60:1

Make time with God a daily priority – (Ps 119:130)

Have a realistic daily schedule

Text a friend who may need encouragement and stay connected with others. (Matthew 5:16)

Lastly, trust God's promises to be with us and to grow us through these seasons.

With prayers and blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (11/4/2023)

牧者分享

延續上週的話題『把握時機』。很多時候我們提到要把握時機，會不自覺將之等同於『活在當下』的看法。正如有人說：『Don't look forward to tomorrow, don't miss yesterday, to grasp today. 不懂憬明天，不留戀昨天，只把握今天。』這種說法雖好，但卻未必於聖經所說的相符。

事實上，昨日今日和明日，這三者並非割裂的關係，其實是息息相關的。要真正的把握今日，我們必須審視這三者之間的關係。第一種普遍的關係：昨日很重要，它影響今日及明日。其實這是以一種展望 (Projection) 的角度來看時間，透過回顧昨日來展望今日和明日。比方說，有人曾戀愛失敗，這個經驗教他不敢展望明天戀愛的成功；又或者好像香港農場餐廳的老闆，過去成功的經驗叫他今日仍不會放棄，縱使欠債累累，仍然期望重塑昨日的輝煌。

與展望的態度不同，基督信仰卻提出另一種不同的角度，就是期盼 (Anticipation)。透過將焦點拋錨在明天，以此來修正我們的昨日和今日。期盼的意思是，我們不必受過去歷史的陰影所羈絆而舉步維艱；相反，我們應該是被終局的榮耀所照亮而欣然前行，迎向神所應許的那個新天新地和榮耀的指望。所以，我們應體會保羅所說『忘記背後，努力面前』，應該掙脫過去的束縛（無論是失敗的或成功的昨天也好），要向著標桿直跑，迎向神想要我們所成為的人 (being the person in the becoming)。

乍聽起來似乎有點複雜，但實際的應用可能很貼身。以事工為例，假如我們只是以 Projection 的角度來計劃工作，有時會因為過去的失敗，對於很多事工早已不抱期望，或者早早關閉；相反，有時我們又會因為曾受益於某種模式帶來的成功，而想要固守下去，最後可能變成守株待兔。

若是以期盼 Anticipation 的心態來發展事工，我們首先應該看到的是可能性 (the becoming church and me)，著眼的不是某個時刻的得失成敗，而是上帝從上召我/我們所要我們成為的那個人/那間教會。所以，如果當我們發展事工時，只想到是如何防止失敗或保證成功，那麼我們經歷的只有是步步為營或者裹足不前，而不是以活潑的信心和勇氣來把握福音的機遇。畢竟，信仰的本質就是一場冒險。因此，把握機遇絕對不止於盲目地活在當下，把握機遇必須與信心和盼望掛鈎的。

如果你看到這裡仍沒有失去耐性，請不妨以這個故事作為這個分享的總結：

在雪地上，有一位父親就對兒子說：「咱們來比賽吧，跑到前面那棵樹，看看誰在雪地上走出的路線最直。」兒子聽了很高興，心想，如果要比誰先跑到那棵樹，肯定是父親贏，但要是比誰走出的路線更直，那可就不一定了。所以他十分小心地走著，一直死死盯著自己的雙腳，然後將一隻腳慢慢放到另一隻腳前面，就這樣，好不容易才走到樹旁。這時，父親早已經站在樹底下了。兒子回頭一看，卻發現父親竟然比自己走得要直得多。父親看著兒子吃驚的目光，微笑著說：「兒子，其實要走成一條直線，最有效的方法不是盯著腳，而是死死盯住前方的目標。只有眼睛始終不離開梅樹，集中精力一點，才能走出一條直線。」

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 4, 2023

t's that time of year – again! Clocks will “fall back” one hour at 2 a.m. on Sunday, November 5, 2023. Don't forget to change your clock before you head to bed. Time changes may be annoying at times. Do you know that this time change is used in over 70 countries and affects one billion people every year? Turning our clocks forward or backwards doesn't move our life back, it only moves forward. As the old saying goes, ‘Don't look back, you aren't going that way.’”

How do you know what is going to happen tomorrow? Interestingly, in 2 Chronicles 12, we read that the men of Issachar were a great help when David prepared for war. They were not ordinary men but these were men who “had an understanding of the times”, could discern what was happening and why it was happening. They understood the times they lived in, and acted accordingly. Truly, such discernment is valuable to face challenges with the many decisions we face each day. Unfortunately, many today are so preoccupied with their personal daily lives; that they cannot discern the times and are entangled with worldly pressures.

As believers in the world today, how well do we understand the times we are living in? In the book of James, we read that if we truly “understand the times”, we will recognize where to go to find the solutions we seek. God wants us to know His Wisdom, to use it and to have the divine guidance to handle life and live in these times. The Lord has given us the promise and makes his wisdom available to us, “If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you.” (James 1:5) Wisdom enables us to make godly and wise decisions that are beneficial for you and others.

Our heavenly father is perfectly wise. Let's humbly ask His wisdom, believing that He gives so that we may endure in these times.

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隨著即將步入冬季，加東時間將於11月5日調整到冬令時間。事實上，在社會上早有聲音呼籲應該取消這個做法，因為有些調查指出，無論調整多一個鐘，或是少一個鐘，其實會對人的生理時鐘帶來混亂，甚至構成健康的威脅，降低工作效率。

對於新移民像我來說，這樣的調整是一個相當新鮮的事情；而且，我發現自己來到加拿大之後，開始多了留意與『時間』相關的問題。在剛剛抵步多倫多後，首先想到的就是時差的關係：『假設我是星期五晚上7點從香港出發，來到多倫多也是星期五晚上7點，時間上可以說是無縫接軌；那麼我是否可以說，人生多賺了24個小時？經常旅行的人，會不會賺到更多時間？』

這個想法雖然有點不設實際，但能反映人的一些渴望——能不能夠賺取時間？談到信徒與時間的關係，《以弗所書》五章16節『要愛惜光陰/redeem the time』。對於這個譯法向來也有不同的理解，因為原文的時間time是Kairos（時機/機會），而非Chronos（時鐘的時間），所以更好的譯法是『要把握時機』。

面對Chronos『時鐘的時間』，我們是無計可施的，它只能不斷流逝，無法逆轉。但面對Kairos『時機/機會』，我們卻多了一個選擇，要不是白白讓機會流逝，就是要好好的把握時機。保羅補充說『要把握時機，因為現今的世代邪惡』（弗5:6），面對這個罪惡的世界，我們如果要賺取更多時間可能是不智的，而更明智的做法是，把握每一個機遇，將自己和別人帶到上帝面前，歸回上帝。這也正合redeem the time的意義，就是把握每一個救恩/福音的機遇。

早前在分享中有談及過新移民事工的福音機遇，得到弟兄姊妹的響應，也感謝在旁禱告守望的肢體，現在我們嘗試更具體的回應這個機遇，舉辦關於求職工作坊，邀請各位也透過簡單的分享行動一起參與，讓更多的新移民能得著福音的機遇。

邀請你，將下面的文字連同附件的宣傳圖片一起分享：

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 28, 2023

Do you like driving over potholes? No one enjoys driving over the potholes, as potholes are a safety risk for all road users. Each year due to the changing weather season, potholes seem to pop up on most of our streets. No matter how carefully you drive, some potholes are rather impossible to miss and there is no way to drive around or avoid them. What do we do then? If hitting a pothole is unavoidable, it is strongly suggested by auto professionals to take our foot off the gas to slow down before driving over it. We are also advised not to apply the brake as braking can cause loss of control and damage to the car.

As we all travel down the road of life, we can't help but see that in some circumstances, it is full of potholes. There are moments that you just can't miss them all no matter how hard you try. What's a spiritual pothole? It's anything that disrupts your spiritual journey with God. What causes these interruptions? It could be seasonal distractions, disappointments, illness and even temptations. At times, these potholes or circumstances reveal to us the condition of our hearts. There are times when life's potholes just shake us. A smooth road reveals very little of our character, whereas difficult circumstances can reveal much about a person.

When you hit a spiritual pothole, what do you do? Do you go through it, turn around or run fast from it? Has something ever disrupted your faith journey? Are you still on your spiritual track after hitting a spiritual pothole? When we go through a spiritual pothole that tests our faithfulness, it is prudent to check our spiritual tires – whether they have gone out in pressure and whether our spiritual wheels have lost their alignment. In 1 Corinthians 16:13, we are warned to “Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.” We need to reflect on how we handle the spiritual potholes and see if we are still aligned with God's will and be firm in our faith and love for God. Develop the habit of regularly checking it.

Finally, let's be encouraged by the promising benediction we read in Jude 1:24:

“Now to him who is able to keep you from falling, and to make you stand without blemish in the presence of his glory with rejoicing, to the only God our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, power, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.”

With prayers and blessings
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最新消息 (10/21/2023)

牧者分享

俗話說：「人無遠慮必有近憂」，剛過去的這個星期是我女兒的7歲生日，在慶祝之際也略略感到一些中年危機，就是開始擔心起她將來的信仰之路。聯想到將來只會不斷擴大的文化和語言隔閡，再加上教會生態的不同，我如何能夠有效的在信仰上幫助她呢？^{[1][1][1][1]}_{[SEP][SEP]}

最近讀到一位神學院老師與他的學生（剛為人母）的對話：

「如果孩子將來長大不去教會，不用擔心；如果孩子長大後不是基督徒，也不用擔心。妳只要繼續愛他，做他最好的朋友，妳的愛，妳的生命，就是上帝不離棄他的最好見證。上帝說，『這孩子真麻煩呀，我愛他，特別把他交給妳，由妳當他的媽媽最好。』妳以上帝的愛繼續愛這孩子，妳就已經做了福音美好的見證，妳不需要在任何人面前感到自卑，妳反倒要喜樂，對上帝要有信心。」

她愕了一愕對我說：「老師，這孩子出生後這個月，我每一天都很擔心，我禱告說，『上帝啊，這孩子聰明不聰明不重要，將來做什麼也不重要，最重要的是，他必須是基督徒，他不能離開教會，要不然，他是傳道人的孩子，我們真失敗，真沒有見證。』」她深深吸了一口氣，緩緩地說，「沒想到，一踏進神學院大門，第一個看見我的老師就對我說這番話，但我覺得，好像是上帝直接回應了我的禱告。謝謝你，我希望我以後不再為這件事擔心了。」

這番話對我有幾個提醒：首先，養育子女不是工廠的流水作業，將他送去教會然後讓他成為基督徒就完事。相反，只要你願意，這孩子會是你一生最好的信仰師傅。其次，這位老師不是說孩子上教會做基督徒不重要，而是說不用過分擔心。畢竟，我們哪一個能用憂愁使別人信主呢？不可失去的應該是盼望，而不是別人對你子女的期望。尤記得我這個女兒，她出生時值香港異常動蕩的時刻，而我為她所取的這個名字「爾臨」，承載的正是我當時作為一位神學生的禱告——「主啊，願你的國降臨！」誠然，我需要的正是這種盼望。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 21, 2023

Recently, I came across an inspiring story about commitment in our daily routines. The story goes like this; it was a busy morning in the hospital. An elderly gentleman in his eighties rushed in at 8:30 a.m. to remove stitches from his thumb. He appeared to be in a rush and was constantly looking at his watch as his next appointment was at 9 a.m. The nurse attending to him informed him that it would take almost an hour before he could see a physician and remove the stitches.

She noticed that the elderly gentleman kept constantly looking at his watch. She politely asked the elderly gentleman, "What are you doing this morning that you're in such a rush and constantly looking at your watch? He answered saying that he needed to go to the nursing home to have breakfast with his wife. The nurse asked if his wife would be upset if he came for breakfast late.

With a sad voice, he replied that she no longer recognised him, as she had been suffering from Alzheimer's disease for the past 5 years. Being surprised with his answer the attending nurse probed, "And you still go every morning, even though she doesn't know who you are?" With a sincere expression, he said that though she didn't know me, I still knew who she was.

What a great story on a strong commitment to one's daily routine. German poet and scientist Johann Wolfgang von Goethe (1749-1832) articulates the importance of making a commitment. "Until one is committed, there is hesitancy, the chance to draw back, is always ineffectiveness." To find an example of what total commitment looks like, one need not look further than Jesus Christ. The great apostle Paul stated "And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (Philippians 2:8).

Commitment to our daily routines urges our spirit to be sincere and attain the best in all the things we do for God. Scripture also challenges us saying "So whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do it all for the glory of God." (1 Cor. 10:31) It is easy to get our daily habits mixed up with commitment like going to church; reading the Bible; attending to our daily responsibilities, praying etc. These things can become second nature without true purpose in mind. If something is important in our life, we commit ourselves to it. Likewise, If serving God is important to us, we must commit ourselves to serving him. Truly, what we do and how we live and act measure the depth of our spiritual commitments.

Commit your all to Jesus. God will see you through!

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牧者分享

不覺之間已經入職有一個多月的時間。隨著在教會參與不斷的深入，叫我有更多機會以教導和講道在會眾中間參與，在真道上彼此造就。

一個傳道人，特別是面試的時候，經常會被問到：「你認為自己的恩賜是什麼？」對於這類的問題，我感覺很犯難。一方面可能是東方人的性格使然，我只會說我對某些事工和託付更有 passion (熱忱和負擔)，過於說自己有某種恩賜；另一方面，有沒有恩賜這回事，不是自己說了算，因為他所掌握的資訊遠不能說客觀。

坦白說，在華人的文化中，一般能面對面和傳道人說出的評語 comments，多數是正面的和帶鼓勵性的；至於負評，可能要醞釀多時才會傳到當事人的耳中，而後他自己有也未必勇氣去面對。因此，造成的現象是，如果一個傳道者不想活在一種雲裡霧裡的狀況中，他必須有足夠的自省能力，還有.....下面這點。

最近在讀盧雲的《負傷的治療者》時，看到這段話尤其深刻：「人們在婚禮聆聽對新婚夫婦的訓勉，在葬禮聆聽牧者對安息者兒女的安慰，不只是為了好奇。他們聆聽時期盼真切關懷能使牧者在分享苦樂之餘，能發出觸動心弦的肺腑良言。很少人喜歡一篇切合所有人的大眾化講章，相反，很多人都全神貫注於數句為少數人而說的話。」.....「我發現，在我看來最私隱，最個人，最難理解的那種感受，結果竟是許多人共有的表白。」

或許，聽眾最期待聽到的是，在經過種種屬靈外衣的包裹之後，一個傳道者除了能口吐大量的屬靈用語外，他是否還有能說出真話/人話的能力？或許，這不單是對傳道者的期待，其實我們也期待著被這樣的自己所震撼，感動。

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黃傳道

教會動態

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5. 10月21日星期六早上9-12時，教會設有「社交情緒學習講座」，詳情請參閱附上的海報。歡迎透過鏈接報名 <https://forms.gle/9NycejZV91TmwfKN7>

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 14, 2023

Last Tuesday, October 10, was marked as World Mental Health Day. The World Health Organization reports that “450 million people currently struggle with mental illness, making it the leading cause of disability worldwide.” According to The Centre for Addiction and Mental Health (CAMH), “In Canada, it affects more than 6.7 million of us. In fact, one in two Canadians have—or have had—a mental illness by the time they reach 40 years of age.”

According to the Canadian Mental Health Association, “Everyone has mental health and will experience challenges regarding their mental well-being, but not everyone will experience a mental illness.” One has to understand that “Mental health and mental illness are often used interchangeably, but they are not the same thing. Mental health is all about how people think, feel, and behave.” On the other hand, mental illness is a condition that affects a person's thinking, feelings, and behaviour affecting day-to-day living and may also affect the ability to relate to others.

Though mental health is given much importance and a modern term these days, it is not a new issue in the Scriptures. Since the fall of Humanity, God’s people have suffered—mentally, emotionally, and physically. In Psalms, King David expresses his emotional cries to God in deep pain or true joy.

I pondered and reflected on how God invites those struggling with mental health. In Hebrews 4:15-16, when one is going through a deep valley experience, we have Jesus whom we can talk to and who understands what one is going through and what we need at any given moment. Why Jesus? Because He’s been there!

“For we do not have a high priest who is unable to sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who has been tempted in every way as we are, yet without sin. Therefore, let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in time of need.”

God cares about your spiritual and mental health. His desire is that we have peace and joy in our minds and hearts. When we struggle to understand our own emotions or feel the heaviness of pain, loneliness, or even fear, we can always turn to God and His Word. The Lord invites and calls us to come to him boldly. He understands our needs and will respond with grace, love and compassion (1 Peter 5:7).

With prayers and blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (10/7/2023)

牧者分享

過去的星期三有機會參與「大多市華人福音教牧同工團契」，這是我首次以教牧同工的身份參與這聚會。是次聚會的主題是「新舊對立 vs. 共融」，主要是探討最近兩年增加的新移民教牧與舊有教牧之間的磨合，教會出現的新氣候等等。

席間聽到兩位新移加教牧分享，在多倫多教會服事當中的心路歷程，當中所不少地方（例如如何在家庭和教會中取得平衡，察驗教會中潛藏的敏感話題等）讓我頗有共鳴。此外，也有本地資深教牧分享最近兩年的變化，面對不少新移民的湧入，讓他們在發展上也有所改變。例如，有教會本來預期粵語堂發展逐漸式微，正部署慢慢以英文堂為主導發展，現卻被這波移民潮打破，要重新規劃；有教會表示，儘管他們很想接待更多新移民，但如果沒有更多的領袖興起，他們的新移民事工就要到達瓶頸。

總的來說，從他們的分享中聽到的是一個可喜的教會生態，雖然挑戰不少，但是面對機遇大部分教會還是躍躍欲試的。上主日郝繼勇牧師也分享到，「舉目觀看，莊稼已經熟了」。在我們身處的處境中，上帝有沒有讓我們看到潛藏福音的機遇呢？

華理克牧師 (Rick Warren) 在他的著作《直奔標桿》分享到：「如果你選修衝浪課，這門課會教會你所有你必須知道的有關衝浪的知識：如何選擇正確的器材、如何正確使用浪板、如何辨識一個「可衝」的浪、如何抓住浪潮並且能衝得持久，而最重要的是，如何滑下浪潮，而不翻板。但是絕對沒有人會教你「如何造浪」..... 今日，許多關於教會增長的書籍與研討會都落在「如何造浪」的案白里。他們試著製造聖靈的浪潮，使用各種花招、節目、或行銷技巧來製造增長。但是增長無法由人來製造！只有神能叫教會增長…… 我們作為教會領袖的職責，正如有經驗的衝浪者，要能辨識聖靈的浪潮，並乘上浪潮。我們的責任不是造浪，而是辨識出神在這個世界上如何工作，並努力加入他。」

所以，弟兄姊妹，邀請你們一起舉目觀看，以禱告來辨析這個新移民的浪潮。如果在我們當中對新移民事工有負擔的肢體，可以以初步的行動回應，就是填寫有關新移民事工問卷，<https://forms.gle/e99lBn1DcvIs5ik49> 讓教會知悉可以如何對這個浪潮作出回應。

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基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 7, 2023

It is the time of the year when families and friends gather for Thanksgiving to say what they are thankful for and express gratitude to one another. Did you know that the first words God spoke over Adam and Eve were words of blessing? We read in Genesis 1: 28-29:

“God blessed them and said to them, “Be fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it. Rule over the fish in the sea and the birds in the sky and over every living creature that moves on the ground.” Then God said, “I give you every seed-bearing plant on the face of the whole earth and every tree that has fruit with seed in it. They will be yours for food.”

Similarly, Jesus’ last words over the disciples as He was ascending to Heaven were words of blessing too. We read in Luke 24:50-52:

“When he (Jesus) had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. 51 While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven.

God blesses us in countless ways—spiritual, mental, emotional, and even material. The importance of verbal blessings is expressed throughout Scripture. Scripture teaches us that words either give life or death. Words can either build up or even tear down a person. Hence, our words have a great influence on the lives of those around us and they can either encourage or discourage us. Similarly, speaking words of blessings on a person can bring hope, joy and encouragement to our loved ones, friends, colleagues and others.

In the book of Proverbs we read “Pleasant words are as a honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones” (Proverbs 16:24). This Thanksgiving weekend, it is easy to isolate ourselves and focus on our own joy and situations. Remember, we are surrounded each day with people we can bless. Never miss an opportunity to encourage or speak words of blessing to those around us.

Enjoy the Thanksgiving weekend!
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (9/30/2023)

牧者分享

繼續在《牧養，就是回到原點》中尋找信仰對話。作者韋利蒙 (W. H. Willimon) 在書中提到一個很發人深省的故事：

「有一人寫信告訴我，多年前他蒙召投身牧職，他到離家不遠處的神學院唸書，而下的功夫是僅僅夠他挺過去的那種。他說他與別人相處融洽，也知道怎樣討會眾歡心。在第一家教會四年，他都提供這個‘套餐’，而且很管用。接著在第二家教會，他宣講同一系列的信息，同樣對會眾關懷備至，四年時間，那同樣管用。他現在於第三家教會服事，他說自己已經枯幹了。他需要更新，但他不知道應該到哪裡尋找足夠的神學知識，讓他檢視自己的事奉是否妥當。他問我能否讓他來度一個假期，花時間補回他錯過了的神學。我們嘗試幫助他，但因為他有家庭顧慮，不能過來。你知道之後發送什麼了嗎？.....他在休假期間喪命於酗酒。」

這個故事固然是向傳道者來說話，但其實對信徒也是有相當的提醒。它提到一種「夠用」或者「得過且過」的信仰態度，對信仰的危害是大的。有時我們誤會了，恩典固然是「夠用」的，但這恩典卻是叫我們要在信仰上剛強起來（多 2:12），不再原地踏步。此外，有時我們企圖以一套經驗（一本通書）在教會中行走，但時間一過，會發現不夠用，雖然我們未必會像故事中那人走到悲慘的結局，但相似的地方是，到頭來發現信仰之路無以為繼，難以走到終點。

有不少人事奉枯竭 (burn-out)，原因固然有很多，但再細察下去，其實很多人只是靠著「一口氣」事奉下去的，這一口氣可能是年輕時某個培靈會或營會的奮興，或者某次特殊的信仰經驗，自此勇敢地踏上了信仰之旅。但多少年過去，也只能靠這口氣勉力支撐下去。有點像刻舟求劍，他記住的是那一刻的感動，他渴望將經歷都停駐在那一點，但沒有發現自己已經悄悄地被遺下。這個現象，或許更值得我們服事上帝的人留意。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 30, 2023

Seasons are God's creation. It's strange how fast it switches from the warmth of sunny days to the chilly autumn wind. Autumn brings cooler breezes and beautiful autumn colors, but also the "falling away" of leaves. This is the time when trees let go of all the additional leaves and focus back on their core. Interestingly, falling leaves from the trees will help nourish next year's growth. It's a season of pruning in preparation for winter.

Every season serves an important purpose and presents its own set of benefits and challenges. We all have different seasons in our lives. We experience seasons of joy, sadness, loneliness, mourning, laughter, and even a season of new beginnings. In life, every new season often brings new changes.

But did you know that just as God has purposes for the seasons of nature, he uses seasons in your life to speak to us, to help us learn, to prepare for the long winter season? God uses them to speak to us and to teach us about His ways. In scripture, there are more than 65 verses referring to seasons. As it says in Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 "For everything, there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven: a time to be born, and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up what is planted"

How have your weeks been lately? Were there days you had to work long hours to meet several deadlines, get kids back to school, start a fresh school semester, or even attend the many social events? While there are struggles in any of life's seasons, there are also blessings from God to be enjoyed.

Autumn is a beautiful season that signifies both the year coming to an end and the approach of the New Year, May you have the strength and wisdom to journey through autumn with faith, courage, and an open heart and be ready for the challenges of winter.

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson

最新消息 (9/23/2023)

牧者分享

今個主日是中秋福音聚會，在一般意義來說，是一個讓我們邀請未信者參與教會，認識福音的好機會。但若我們未能邀請到新朋友，這種福音聚會的意義對你來說又有幾多？是否只是一種陪坐？

曾幾何時，我也有類似的感覺，對於已經相信福音的人來說，他們似乎沒有需要再次聽到相同的信息。直到後來我看到一個基督徒作家寫到：「如果我們真的相信福音有大能，能夠改變我們的生命的話，我們甚至應該天天向自己傳福音。」的確，這句話道出了福音的真正意義，福音並非方程式，而是面對生活的一種態度 (A way of life)。若果我們不常常去咀嚼福音的內涵，又不檢視自己的行事是否與福音相稱，我們便不能分辨自己信的究竟是宗教，還是福音。

凱勒牧師 (Timothy Keller) 在其著作《21 世紀教會學》曾對「福音」與「宗教」有過這樣的比較：(節錄部分)

面對上帝時：

- 宗教說：「因為我順服，所以我被接納。動機是出於懼怕和不安全感。我順從神，為了從祂得好處。」
- 福音卻說：「因為我被接納，所以我順服。動機是出於感恩和喜樂。我順從神，為了討神喜悅，活出祂的樣式。」

面對自己時：

- 宗教說：「由於我根據自己繼承的傳統和行為表現，來評斷自己是否被接納，導致我內心創造出很多偶像：天賦、道德、個人紀律、社會地位等等。不論我聲稱多麼相信神，我的盼望、意義、幸福、安全和價值都取決於這些事物，因此非有它們不可。」
- 福音卻說：「我生命中有很多美好的事物，如家人和工作等等，但這些都不是我終極的需求。它們對我來而言並非必不可少。因此，當這些事物受到威脅，甚或失去，我不至於太過焦慮、苦毒或絕望。」

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5. 下週三 9 月 27 日是教會的中文祈禱會，歡迎踴躍參與。

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 23, 2023

Have you scheduled a routine, in-person health check-up with your family physician this year? Regular medical check-ups are highly recommended to help find potential health issues before they become a concerning medical problem. Today, preventative health care is becoming common as people are more concerned about their health conditions.

If you ask your friends what it means to be "healthy," you will be given various suggestions, particularly on physical health. Unfortunately, spiritual health is not often a topic of conversation today. Spiritual wellness or health may not be something that people think much of, but its effect on our lives is unavoidable. Research shows that "spirituality can benefit both the mind and the body. Whether someone is coping with cancer or clinical depression, spiritual exercises help them increase acceptance, decrease negative emotions, find meaning, and deepen their relationships with others."

As regular physical check-up is needed, we need a regular spiritual check-up. Are you being watchful over your spiritual life? Paul tells the church at Corinth, "Examine yourselves, to see whether you are in the faith. Test yourselves" (2 Corinthians 13:5). On the other hand, in 3 John 1:2, the apostle makes a special prayer for believers about their spiritual health. He writes, "Dear friend, I pray that you may enjoy good health and that all may go well with you, even as your soul is getting along well."

Examining your spiritual health is not meant to be a guilt trip. It is an exercise to humbly and truthfully see yourself as God sees you. God wants you to prosper in every way. It is important to take care of your body, enjoy life, and not forget to take care of your soul because good health starts from the inside.

Interestingly, the Puritans in the 16th and 17th centuries often asked each other this question, "How is it with your soul?"

Today, How is it with your soul?

Be spiritually Healthy! May God's goodness and mercy follow all the days of your life (Psalm 23: 6)

The Lord be with you!
Rev Dr Vinson

最新消息 (9/16/2023)

各位主內弟兄姊妹和慕道親平安：

牧者分享

如同許多不同的職業，大概作傳道人也需要人手一本【牧者的自我修養】手冊。

故此，最近我也在重溫《牧養就是回到原點/The Pastor》一書，書中第十章的標題是「牧者就是先知：奉耶穌的名說真理」，其中有一段相當有洞見的發現：「大部分先知都是巡迴講員，對此不需感到意外。傳道者所以馴良，是因為對著自己要去愛的人去說難入耳的真話，是艱難的事……一旦建立了個人關係，你就很容易就會傾向遷就他們的需要。同時兼具人性和誠實，確實毫不容易。大部分初露頭角先知，隨著時間過去都會給馴化為無傷大雅的堂會牧者……」

「無傷大雅」這幾個字看起來是那麼友善而且人畜無害，但同時，如果是對一個傳道者蓋棺定論的評價的話，可以說是「傷害性不大，但侮辱性極強」。再細讀上面的文字，或許就會更體會舊約中有些假先知，只能向會眾說“平安了，平安了”的信息。事實上，牧者與會眾有著某種高度互動的關係，往往是在互相揣摩和你進我退的張力之中匍匐前行。

記得很久以前有條神學功課的問題是：「使徒保羅是否一個好人？Is Paul a nice guy?」一般人的印象保羅應該是一個好好先生，但某些記載也顯示他是極具個性，未必太好相處的人。例如他會和隊友爭吵，不輕易妥協，甚至憤而離隊；他也被自己牧養的會眾批評——「他的信又沉重又厲害，及至見面，卻是氣貌不揚、言語粗俗的。」用無傷大雅的角度來看，保羅的氣質很可能被某些人視為「不雅」。

可見，神所用的人也是有多面性的。但我們看保羅，有時我們只會選取他好的一面，因為我們都喜愛塑造一個看起來是能登大雅之堂的保羅。綜觀而言，保羅的生命固然塑造了很多信徒的生命，但同時，也有很多信徒只容許自己「理想中的保羅」來塑造他們。因此，究竟誰在塑造誰？

這裏，容讓我們再次延續對「輕與重」的思考，一個追求「無傷大雅」的信仰觀，對教會這群體的真正影響，到底有多輕或多重？

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黃傳道

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 16, 2023

Imagine Jesus placing His hands on your shoulders, looking into your eyes, calling your name and repeating this charge “As the Father Has Sent Me, Even So I Am Sending You” (John 20:21). These were the words of Jesus after his resurrection, to the disciples hiding, in fear of the religious authorities.

Do you know that we are called 'sent people'? God sent Jesus to be our Saviour, but God was not finished sending. As the Father sent Jesus, so now he has sent the apostles, and through them, you and I also. Christ's mandate is our mandate. Our mission is to continue His work. Missions is important to God, and therefore it must be important to every one of us. This means that it is our responsibility and privilege to seek those who are lost and to help them live in relationship with God.

As God first breathed into Adam the breath of life (Gen 2:7), Jesus breathed on the disciples, empowering them for service and said, “Receive the holy Spirit.” These disciples, through the power of the Holy Spirit, would now preach, teach, heal, and share the joy of salvation.

Let's remember during this Mission month that we are built for something bigger than just living our everyday life. As one theologian said, “We must be global Christians with a global vision because our God is a global God.” We were built to be part of what God is doing in the world.

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最新消息 (9/09/2023)

各位主內弟兄姊妹和慕道親友平安：

牧者分享

感謝主的恩領，讓我在 9 月 1 日正式展開了在基約的服事，期望在未來的日子，能夠與各位弟兄姊妹一同在真道上互相砥礪，一同成長。

過去的一年於我而言十分充實的，一方面適應在加的新生活，另一方面全時間進修兼顧子女的生活。與此同時，我也有參與半職事奉，為的是要讓自己從書海中拉出來，不要讓牧養的功夫變得生疏。但鑑於時間的制約，一天只有 24 小時，有時忙碌過後未有好好整理生命，所以服事起來總是感覺有些許缺失。感謝主，讓我可以順利完成進修，也經過了一個月的休息，可以有全新的面貌進入全職的服事。

最近在靈修和禱告時，有節經文是時常徘徊在心中。「除了這些外表的事以外，我還有為眾教會操心的事天天壓在我身上。有誰軟弱，我不軟弱呢？有誰跌倒，我不焦急呢？」（林後 11：28-29）神讓我體會，踏入牧養的場景就是要體會那種生命的重量。有時我會想，像保羅這樣有豐富經驗的屬靈人要處理問題，為何不是舉重若輕的呢？既然交托了，豈不釋懷了？何必事事縈繞心頭？

在思考這個輕與重的問題時，《生命中不能承受之輕》這本書給了我一些啟發，作者米蘭昆德拉說：「你在乎的人對你毫不在意，這樣的輕是你無法承受的一種磨難。在乎的人不在意自己，則彼此並不會有多大的關聯，不會產生責任，所以是輕的……在生命中，有些擔子雖然是重的，但卻讓我們感受到生命的真實和存在。」

在教會這個場景中，究竟哪些事孰輕孰重？當要處理那些我以為又大又難的事情的同時，有沒有造成了對別人不能承受的輕？這確實對我進入新的場景事奉一個很好的預備和提醒，也需要各位常常給我禱告，「遇事能知輕重，面對生命時不會舉重若輕。」

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5. 下週三 9 月 13 日是教會的中文祈禱會，歡迎踴躍參與。

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 9, 2023

Last Tuesday's heat was crushing in our province, with temperatures reaching as high as 33C in Toronto and the humidex making it feel like 41C. It was the hottest day of this week's heat wave, which sparked a heat warning from Environment Canada, warning residents "to stay hydrated and check on vulnerable family members and friends." Why is extreme heat so dangerous to the human body? According to the World Health Organization "Heat conditions can alter human behaviour, the transmission of diseases, health service delivery, air quality, and critical social infrastructures such as energy, transport, and water." On the contrary, in physical science, heat is vital in our daily life and is essential to all aspects of life. The key word here is "Balance"

Likewise, there must also be balance in our Christian life. Accomplishing a balance between our personal, professional and spiritual lives can be lifelong and challenging. In Mark 1:35-28, we read an incident, of how Jesus balanced it all " Jesus got up, left the house, and went away to a secluded place, and was praying there. Simon and his companions searched for Him; they found Him, and said to Him, "Everyone is looking for You." He said to them, "Let us go somewhere else to the towns nearby, so that I may preach there also; for that is what I came for." We may ask how could Jesus walk away from needs that only He could meet. Even though the people would prefer Jesus to choose differently, Jesus was looking to God, not others to determine his priorities.

Someone once said "We don't want to be so heavenly-minded that we are no earthly good and... We don't want to be so earthly-minded that we are no heavenly good." Balance is essential to our growth. When our lives are out of balance, it can lead to exhaustion, frustration and even an unfulfilled life.

This week, take some time to assess how you use your personal time, time with family, spiritual gifts, activities and finances for God. It can be painful but every effort of getting it all together and building a balanced, healthy and productive life is essential. The answer to a balanced life is not necessarily more or harder work but to turn to the Holy Spirit for guidance and to heed His voice.

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Rev Dr Vinson

最新消息 (9/02/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

九月是差傳年會月，我們將會有宣教士和講員在主日崇拜講道，分享他們的宣教經歷和差傳信息。

神不願意有人沉淪滅亡，世人需要主、需要聽到福音。神可以選擇任何方式宣揚祂的救贖計劃，但神揀選我們 - 祂的兒女 - 向世人傳福音、分享基督捨身的愛。耶穌說，要收的莊稼多，工作浩大，需要很多人出去收割。或許神沒有呼召你和我作宣教士到海外傳福音，但我們可以在禱告和經濟上參與，也可以參加短期宣教來支持世界各地努力傳福音的宣教士。普世宣教是所有信徒的使命，無論在本地或海外、或者那一部分，都需要我們齊心協力、互助互勉，一起努力建立神的國度。

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讚美神，神是信實的。黃仲堅傳道順利通過加拿大宣道會的考核，並於 2023 年 9 月 1 日正式上任基約宣道會中文事工牧者一職。感謝神揀選黃傳道來帶領我們，願神加添力量給黃傳道來牧養我們的屬靈生命，教導我們在真道上成長，帶領我們一起傳福音，願榮耀歸於真神。

亦請大家為實體及網上事工的發展、每主日的崇拜及教導、牧長，部門領袖和會眾的靈性、戰爭止息、社會安寧和大家的健康禱告。求神使用我們廣傳福音、相愛合一、直至主再臨。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 2, 2023

It's school time again! Back-to-school season always brings many emotions. A new school year starts with a lot of excitement with many exciting things to look forward to: new classes, new school supplies, teachers, professors, or even new schoolmates or a new school.

The back-to-school season is an exciting time for parents and educators to bring back the joys of learning to our kids. After spending a summer full of sun, fun activities, traveling and sleeping in, it is now time to 'hit the books.' After the first month of school, and back-to-school excitement is gone, families get back to their daily routine. But, what happens when the excitement wears off and what needs to be done? In such moments, Aristotle would advise one to reflect, "The roots of education are bitter, but the fruit is sweet." Going back to learning might seem to be a bitter and tiring process but in the end, it's all worth it! Likewise, Anthony J. D'Angelou would add "Develop a passion for learning. If you do, you will never cease to grow."

As the school year is a time to "Hit the books" again, it would be a wonderful time to ask whether we find time to "Hit the Book (Bible)" regularly. People make time for what they deem important and valuable, spending hours playing sports, going to movies, meeting up with friends, doing outdoor activities and many more. But sadly, few make time to meet God in His Word daily. Jesus said to those who had believed him, "If you continue to follow my teaching, you are really my disciples" (John 8:31) - the idea of being a "lifelong learner" of God's word and living out the gospel. A.W. Tozer speaking about God's word, said, "The Bible is not an end in itself, but a means to bring men to an intimate and satisfying knowledge of God, that they may enter into Him, that they may delight in His presence, may taste and know the inner sweetness of the very God Himself in the core and center of their hearts."

Do you know that Christians are referred to as 'People of the Book'? If you are asked today, are you a "People of the Book (bible)" person what is your response? Would you boldly confess that you are truly a student of God's word? Has reading the bible become a delight or duty in your life? Do you get easily distracted when you sit down to read God's word? Something for you to ponder this week.

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最新消息 (8/26/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

美國作家戈登·麥克唐納博士 (Dr. Gordon MacDonald) 說：「教會能做的事，世界幾乎都能做，甚至會比教會做得更好，但有一件事世界做不到，它不能提供恩典」。麥克唐納博士指出了教會最重要的貢獻 -- 恩典 -- 人不配，但不用付代價就得到。我們每個人都是其中之一。

我們必須清楚認識到，無論是痛苦被治愈、罪愆獲寬恕、或者生活無憂、感覺良好，這一切都是出於神的恩典。可惜的是，有人不明白神白白賜恩典給我們的意義、有人不接受神無條件的恩典、有人明白了又接受了卻結不出與悔改的心相稱的果子。更多的時候，我們沒有流露出神在我們身上的恩典給世人看見。

本身是基督徒的作家菲利普·揚西 (Philip Yancey) 有 12 本著作獲得金獎。他在回顧其信仰之旅時說自己曾經走過許多彎路、進過無數死巷。面對這些挫折，推動他繼續前進的是對恩典的追求。他一度對教會失去信心，因為他在教會很少看到基督徒見證神的恩典。他重回教會是因為他在別的地方找不到恩典。

求神施恩，幫助我們不論做甚麼，都要讓世人看見我們身上有世界不能提供的 -- 恩典。

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最後，感謝讚美神！長議會已接納聘牧委員會推薦黃仲堅傳道為中文事工牧者職位的正式候選人。求神在這段期間繼續掌管和引導。請弟兄姊妹為此禱告。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 26, 2023

Imagine picking up the newspaper and seeing two captivating headlines. Which article would you read first? Do you read the good news or the bad news first? Quite often people find bad news more interesting than good news. Interestingly, media concentrate on the bad things in life, rather than the good – Why? According to the Pew Research Center’s media study, “media’s choice in stories plays more of a role on the audience’s preferences than the other way around.” Moreover, “Negative news provoked stronger physiological reactions and garnered more attention than positive or neutral news on average”.

When you receive bad news, what is your first response? How do you respond when there are bad things that affect you? Do you get angry or do you get depressed? In life, it’s easy to dwell on the negative when life is hard, disappointing, or painful. When we receive bad news, people often get scared and worried. Scriptures help us to respond in such times. Firstly, I have found Psalm 112 to be an immense help to guide us in such a situation. We read in Psalm 112: 7 “He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the Lord.” Instead of preparing ourselves for bad news, God wants us to place our trust in Him. When bad news comes to shake your confidence and produce anxiety, the solution is not only to pray to God but also to “trust fully,” knowing God is in control. The Lord wants us to simply trust no matter how bleak things look. The apostle Paul also writes, “Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things.” (Philippians 4:8). As believers of Christ, we are called to feed our minds with blessings from God and the good things we can find in our lives or situations. Take time to remind yourself of these:

- God, who made a way before, will make a way now
- With God’s help, I overcame in the past and will overcome now
- I will take steps of faith and be courageous

Remember, no matter what you face this week, God triumphs over all our bad news.

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最新消息 (8/19/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

甚麼是以聖經為準則的世界觀？就是用神的話語為基礎來觀察世界。全能全知的神永恆不變，祂的話語也永不改變。神創造了宇宙萬物，統管萬有，是唯一的主宰，永恆的真理，祂的話語就是一切的準則。

面對世界接二連三的災禍、無日無之的恐怖襲擊和動盪不安的社會環境，我們有甚麼看法和反應呢？以聖經為準則的世界觀會改變我們的看法和反應嗎？

作為神的兒女，我們必須透過聖經的視角來觀察世事以作回應。也就是說，我們必須承認和接受神的話語是我們生活、動作、存留的準繩和指引。以聖經為準則的世界觀是基於神無誤的話語，拒絕或漠視神的話語就看不到世界的本質和真相。因此，每天學習聖經很重要，因為神的話語會引導我們走向正確的人生方向。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 19, 2023

Have you seen a small fish emblem on some cars or even in churches and wondered what it meant? At first glance, it may seem like just a simple fish but it in fact represents Christianity in the early church. Early Christians used a wide variety of symbols such as an anchor, a dove, or a six-pointed star to express their faith and as a religious symbol in times of persecution.

Before the cross became a symbol of Christianity during the 4th century, the fish symbol was used by early Christians to express their identity as believers in Christ. Though there were several theories about what the symbol was, one would realise that many aspects of Jesus' life are associated with fish such as Jesus feeding the 5,000 with 2 fishes and 5 loaves and calling his disciples "fishers of men". The early believers found a way to make an acronym by using the first letters of the word. It's spelt as ΙΧΘΥΣ. The name 'Jesus' is written in Greek letters. The Greek word in each letter represents, namely: Ι (Iesous—Jesus), χ (Christos—Christ), θ (theou—of God), υ (huios—son), σ (soter—savior). What does this mean? The emblem is a reminder of this timeless truth that "Jesus Christ God's Son is Savior."

Early Christians recognized fellow believers through this symbol when they were being persecuted by the Roman Empire. It is said that when one person drew the first arc of the fish in the sand and the other completed the drawing, thereby secretly revealing their Christian identity. The fish symbol was also scratched on walls or rocks to point the way to where Christians were secretly meeting. But in the 1970s, the symbol experienced a renaissance and it became a well-known sign for the followers of Christ.

Today, how do you identify yourself as a believer in Christ or how do people know you're a Christian? And how do you know if someone is truly a Christian?

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「我兒、要留心聽我的言詞、側耳聽我的話語、都不可離你的眼目、要存記在你心中。因為得著他的、就得了生命、又得了醫全體的良藥。」（箴言 4:20-22）

神告訴我們要留心所聽、所見、和所想的。神希望我們更多聆聽主耶穌的恩言，眼裏看到主耶穌的同在，細心默想主耶穌的言行。

要學像主耶穌就必須仰望祂。當我們仰望主的時候，就會越來越像祂。多聽主的話，定睛在祂身上，以主作榜樣，我們的靈命會更健康、更堅強！

關心世界大事、留意經濟和時事動態沒有甚麼不對。但不要被這些事佔據我們全部的人生，以致沒有空間讓神來掌管我們的生命、失去我們力量來源的福氣。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 12, 2023

We are beginning to see stores displaying advertisements such as: “Act Now, This Offer Won't Last Too Long”; “End-of-Season Sale”; “Limited-Time Promo Offer”; “Clearance Sale” and other creative phrases. Such end-of-season promotions are always part of marketing strategy to stimulate consumer interest, drive sales and help move shipments. As consumers, we want to get the most out of the sales. Hence we need to consider the type of promotions available and decide instantaneously or wait for another season to make the purchase.

Similarly, in life, each of us will have moments where wisdom is needed to help us make choices and decisions. Some decisions can't wait, but making big or major decisions usually takes thought and time. Life often throws us new challenges such as facing an unusual incident at work, starting a new job, and a new school year, etc. What should we do when we have to make a difficult decision? In such times, scripture reminds us to gain Godly wisdom and guidance. Importantly, how do you get wisdom from God? James answers this question in his writing saying:

“If any of you lacks wisdom, let him ask God, who gives generously to all without reproach, and it will be given him. But let him ask in faith, with no doubting, for the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea that is driven and tossed by the wind. For that person must not suppose that he will receive anything from the Lord; he is a double-minded man, unstable in all his ways. (James 1:5-8 ESV)

Wisdom is precious and necessary and it is found in God alone. The Bible defines wisdom as the ability to discern the depth of situations and respond with proper action at the right time. Some decisions are made on a whim whilst others require more thought, As Christians, it is important we learn how to apply Godly wisdom to all areas of our lives.

Have you encountered crossroads with two paths before you and you didn't know which path to consider? God knows our shortfalls and limitations; we are urged to ask not for solutions to our problems but to ask for wisdom to handle the situation wisely. Ask God in faith for wisdom for making daily decisions, assessing opportunities, and the daily tasks that you are faced with. In Proverbs 16:16, we read the greatness of wisdom, “How much better to get wisdom than gold, to get insight rather than silver!” James also warns us that when we ask God for wisdom we are not supposed to be like waves, which are never steady. Instead, we must ask believing that He will hear and answer our request as He wills.

In what areas of your life can you ask God for wisdom?

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最新消息 (8/5/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「你當默然倚靠耶和華、耐性等候他，不要因那道路通達的、和那惡謀成就的、心懷不平。」
(詩篇 37:7)

甚麼是默然？原文是停止、靜止、沉默的意思。神是在告訴我們，要完成祂吩咐我們的工作，不在乎我們忙碌的事奉，也不在乎我們沸沸揚揚的討論；而是安靜下來，調整心態來順應神在我們生命的作為，並且遵行祂的旨意。

先知以利亞剛剛才經歷神透過他行了神蹟奇事，但在大難臨頭之際卻把神忘得一乾二淨。結果陷入了沮喪、孤單和絕望之中，在曠野顧影自憐、灰心喪志。

我們是否和以利亞一樣，只是顧著看眼前的境況、忙著聽別人的意見、把思想和時間集中在周圍的環境而忘記神？但願我們轉眼仰望主的威榮，而不是困擾我們的環境；讓我們專心倚靠神，不要忘記祂的恩惠。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 5, 2023

August is upon us. Do you know who this month was named after? August was named after the first Roman emperor of the ancient Roman World, Augustus Caesar (63 B.C.–A.D. 14). Today, August in the northern part of the world is the last month of summer before school opens. The new school year also signifies a fresh start and an opportunity to reassess their goals and set new ones.

We are living in a fast-paced world where things never slow down. It might be a good time to be still before God, reassess our goals, and set new ones for the next half of the year. In Genesis, after God had spent six days creating the world, he set the seventh day aside, “Then God blessed the seventh day and sanctified it, because on it He rested from all His work which God had created and made.” (Genesis 2:3). God didn’t rest because he was tired, but rather He took a ‘purposeful stop’. As we survey several Bible passages, we read that God is in the business of restoration and renewal.

When we review the last 7 months we have spent, it’s easy to rejoice over the things that have gone well and be contented. But let me urge you to spend this month to ‘Look back” and also “Look forward” by asking these questions:

Review

What am I grateful for?

How have I grown and what lessons did I learn?

Renew

What areas in my life do I need to prioritise and strengthen?

What relationship with the Lord needs to be restored?

How would my life be different at the end of the year?

Let me encourage you to start by reading Scripture. Allow God’s Word to guide you and give you the wisdom and discernment you need. Pray for God’s strength to finish the year well.

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最新消息 (7/29/2023)

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「我赤身出於母胎、也必赤身歸回。賞賜的是耶和華。收取的也是耶和華。耶和華的名是應當稱頌的。」（約伯記 1:21）

約伯時刻不忘禱告讚美神，他相信神的話，並且倚靠神。約伯雖然不明白天災人禍為何突如其來的加在他身上，也不知道一場和他有關的屬靈爭戰正在天上激烈地進行；但他信心堅定，對創造他的神毫不懷疑。

約伯的屬靈歷程 - 當中的感受和說話 - 表明他的心態，他最終知道是誰在掌管一切。我們是否一樣呢？如果我們也不知道、不明白為何前路荊棘滿途、寸步難行，我們會否同樣信心堅定，承認我們的一切都是來自神呢？無論神賞賜、或收取，但願我們都以神為樂，因為祂是正直良善、信實全能的真神、我們的救主。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 29, 2023

It was on their first wedding anniversary that Russell and Darlene arrived in New Guinea on August 18, 1938, with a burning passion to labour for Christ among the tribal people. Within a few years, in 1942, the Japanese invaded the East Indies and treated New Guineans with extreme brutality. When Russell was taken by the Japanese, Darlene didn't even have time to say goodbye, but Russell last words remained in her "Remember one thing, dear: "God said He would never leave us nor forsake us." Later, Russell died in the concentration camp where else Darlene was imprisoned in a military camp. Darlene, who survived for 4 years, was sent to forced labour, starvation and was finally singled out for execution. She remembered the charge one of the other missionaries gave her. "Lassie, whatever you do, be a good soldier for Jesus Christ." That challenge became her constant prayer: "Let me be a good soldier for You." On the day of execution, hearing the footsteps of the guard, she was grasped with total fear and found herself singing 'Only Believe' written by Daniel Reader, that she learned in Sunday school in Iowa:

Fear not, little flock, whatever your lot,
He enters all rooms, "the doors being shut"
He never forsakes, He never is gone,
So count on His presence in darkness and dawn.

Sadly, both Russell and Darlene were victims of much brutality. Amid their persecution, they found strength in God's grace - which is the power of Christian living.

Christians are described in many ways in the Bible. We are called believers in Jesus, children of God, the bride of Christ, disciples, heirs and the list goes on. However, there is something unique about being called a soldier of Christ. A good soldier is not just any other soldier. A good soldier is firm on the Lord's side, always ready for the master's call and to risk their life to fulfil the mission entrusted. A good soldier does not become easily entangled in things that are a hindrance to his primary focus but readily follows the commands of the Commander. He/she has no heart for retreat but lives with endurance under hardship.

The Church is God's army and God is looking for soldiers. As soldiers of Christ, we will always be exposed to different battles in this world. The Lord is looking for people who are as eager to risk their lives to fulfil the mission entrusted to them. The question we all need to ask ourselves today is "What kind of soldier am I?"

May God help you to be tough, strong and be a GOOD soldier for Jesus Christ!

The Lord be with you!

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最新消息 (7/22/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「這是耶和華所定的日子。我們要在這一日歡喜快樂。」（詩篇 118:24）

當我們細心思考以上經文、明白其中的含義後，必定會頌讚感謝神。這句經文彰顯了神永不止息的愛和無限無量的恩典。它提醒我們，每一日都是神賜給我們最好的禮物，因為每一日都是恩典、每一日都有機會。

主耶穌說不要為明日憂慮，只要好好地面對今日要處理的就夠了。過去的日子不論多麼不堪回首，今日一切都是新的；過去無論有多少問題困擾我們，今日我們有足夠的恩典和力量來面對。

神賜給我們有生命氣息、有所愛的人、有工作能力、可以享受祂一切的供應，神定的日子有永恆的目的，祂的恩典使我們每一天都能充滿喜樂和意義。我們每天應當存著感恩的心歡欣地過活，因為我們有祂的恩典可以為主而活、榮耀神的名。我們有今天的機會凡事以神為樂、生命更豐盛，因為這是神所定的日子，我們今日要歡喜快樂！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 22, 2023

Have you observed that more people are taking walks during this season? Truly, summer is a beautiful time to be out for a morning or evening walk. Walking is one of the most popular forms of exercise worldwide. Walking for just 10-30 minutes a day is proven to be great for physical and mental health. It is a great opportunity to explore our local neighbourhoods, parks, or nearby trails. Today, walking has become a popular activity because it provides a way to connect with our kids, partners, pets and friends.

In Genesis 3:8, we read, “The LORD God walking in the garden in the cool of the day,” What a surprise, ‘God was walking in the garden in the cool of the day’. In Hebrew, the term “walk” refers to repetitive and habitual movement in general. It means that God wanted to spend time with Adam and Eve and thus appeared in Spirit through His presence. We also read that Joshua and Caleb walked throughout the Promised Land with a desire to see it as God saw it.

Likewise, walking in our neighbourhood can help build Christian relationships. ‘Prayer Walk’ is a time to step out in faith and cover the communities we live and work with specific, and strategic prayer. It is a form of intercessory prayer interceding and praying for God's Kingdom to come in our neighbourhood, campus or even workplace. I encourage you to devote certain days of your routine walks to “Prayer Walk”. At times, you can also take different routes so you can cover the places God has placed in your heart.

Things you can do during Prayer walking:

BE ALERT - Look out for God's work in the Community and ask for God's protection.

BE ATTENTIVE - To the leading of the Holy Spirit to how you can pray for the community. Pray it over every house you pass.

BE READY - Pray that Christians/ churches in your neighbourhood would be bold, have faith, and be courageous in their witness.

Let's put our walking shoes on, or grab a friend, or a whole group and put ourselves in our neighbourhoods. Be a prayer warrior where God has placed you.

Have a blessed summer!

Rev Vinson

最新消息 (7/15/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「修復 Restore」一詞在聖經中出現過 136 次。聖經充滿了醫治和修復的例子。當一切希望似乎快要幻滅的時候，修復所蘊藏的承諾帶來了希望。

從我讀的文章內容來看，聖經中修復一詞包含四種意思：「取代」、「更新」、「重生」和「歸回」。

- 「取代 Replace」：神用肉心取代我們的石心。（以西結書 36:26）
- 「更新 Renew」：專心遵從聖經的教導，使我們的心意不斷更新變化。（羅馬書 12:2）
- 「重生 Revive」：因著耶穌的復活，我們得以重生，一個新的、永恆的生命。（羅馬書 6:4）
- 「歸回 Return」：耶穌在十字架上拯救的大能，使我們可以歸回父神。（羅馬書 5:10）

修復不是一蹴而就的。我們當然希望馬上脫離苦苦掙扎的泥沼，但不論我們有多心急，修復是一個過程，需要時間。在這個過程中，我們的心要不斷更新、讓創傷慢慢癒合，同時要轉離罪惡歸向神，更要祈禱親近神，與神建立親密的關係。並在修復路上與良師益友結伴同行，彼此勸勉，互相建立。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 15, 2023

Summer is a beautiful season! A recent study shows ‘Summer wins hands-down as Canada’s favourite season, with 57 per cent rating it number one.’ Besides, July-August is a peak tourist season across Canada with major cities and national parks swamped with tourists from around the world. Thanks be to God for the long days of bright sunshine, the long-awaited school vacation, and the opportunity to be outside and enjoy God’s creation. On the other hand, Summer is marked as a time of extreme dryness and heat. We need more water than usual to sustain strength and growth.

Summer is a good time for a ‘spiritual reset’. A spiritual reset is a vital way to recalibrate with God, His Word, His priorities, His people and His heart. The apostle Paul understood the importance of a spiritual reset. In his letter to the believers in Philippi, he wrote, “Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do; 'Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 3:13-14). Like the Apostle, we need to press on to run the race. It takes effort on our part to grow and mature as believers. Like the summer season, we need more spiritual food than usual to stay nourished. We can then come out of this season stronger.

This summer, I encourage you to make it a priority to reflect on your life, refocus on God's purpose, re-evaluate priorities made, and approach life with a new desire to move forward.

Is it time for a spiritual reset in your life?

Have a blessed summer!

Rev Vinson

最新消息 (7/8/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「你要專心仰賴耶和華，不可倚靠自己的聰明。在你一切所行的事上，都要認定他，他必指引你的路」（箴言 3:5-6）。這兩節經文所蘊含的智慧，世人難以理解；卻是基督徒每天面對各種不同環境的金石良言、處世之道。

世界告訴我們事在人為、人定勝天，人有能力處理任何事情，不需要神介入我們的計劃和工作。但真心相信神的，必會全心倚靠神，不帶一點懷疑；因為知道祂的話堅立在天，永不改變。神是信實的，祂不能否定自己，絕對不會失信於我們。神無所不在，當我們看不清前路時，祂會指引我們。

我們希望掌控一切，會盡量對那些無法控制的環境或事情敬而遠之。然而，詩篇 46:10 說：「要靜止」。是叫我們安靜下來、停止不動，不要力圖倚靠自己的聰明和能力。

唯有當我們願意放開緊握的拳頭，捨棄自以為可以把握的東西，將注視著雙手的眼睛轉向神，才會看到神向我們展示的真理。要知道，神已把真理的靈賜給我們 - 聖靈 - 無論我們處於甚麼境況、祂必將真理顯明。（約翰福音 14:17）

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 8, 2023

When you sneezed, what did people close by say to you? Did they say, "Bless you!" When someone sneezes, more often you say or you would hear the word "Bless you!" This phrase first originated as "God bless you." As society has become more secularised, the word 'God' is often omitted, and "bless you" seems to be more common these days. But have you ever wondered why we say that?

There are varying reasons as to the origin of this response. But the most widespread tradition is that the phrase 'God bless you' originated in Rome when the bubonic plague was a devastating global epidemic in Europe and Asia. Sneezing was one of the plague's main symptoms. At that time, it is believed that Pope Gregory declared the phrase "God Bless You" to be used as a tiny prayer with the hope that this might call upon the mercies of God to intervene and protect the person from the deadly virus. By 750 AD, almost 150 years later, saying 'God bless you' after someone sneezed became a common prayer in all of Christendom – a tradition which still exists today in many societies.

This phrase is seen in the Bible and also as a benediction to bid a person Godspeed.

"The LORD bless you and keep you!" – Numbers 6:24

Truly, God is the source of all blessings. When we say, "Have a nice day," we do mean it. Likewise, when you say sincerely, "God bless you," and understand the scriptural truth behind those words, God's blessing can change that person's life! As we bless another, we are praying that God would do them good and bless them.

Today, we don't need to hear another 'sneeze' before saying the word "God bless you" but we can say these words to those who need God's blessings or experience God's goodness.

Be a blessing to Others!

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最新消息 (7/1/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

基督徒一起事奉神是美事，當中需要互相協調和合作，其重要性不可忽視。為什麼重要？

首先，神的工作龐大、複雜繁多，基督徒的事奉本來就是被呼召來配合神作工。既然是配合神，便要互相協調和合作。其次，神的工作重要、影響深遠，是「多個瓦器」一同蒙受神的大能來完成（哥林多後書 4:7），不是「某個瓦器」。縱觀教會歷史，不論是個人、群體、甚至教會運動，當自以為可以獨自完成所有神的工作時，就會出現危險和災難。

既然協調和合作的重要性不證自明，為何知易行難呢？原因很多，歷來在教會最明顯的有兩個：「恐懼妥協」和「自我中心」。

門外是一望無際的禾田，莊稼已熟，可以收割了。我們願意走出各自緊閉的大門一起去收割嗎？如果我們所事奉的是神的工作，就要按照祂的方式去做；無論是創建、執行、支援、或是服侍的，都以祂的形象為依歸，而非我們自己。神必定按祂的旨意成就，超過我們所想所求。

唯有當我們一起高舉耶穌基督、以主為中心、將榮耀歸給祂的時候，我們才會不怕妥協、放下自我，互相協調和合作。但願小組透過七月聚會主題「教會要彰顯神的榮耀」能幫助您更好地理解協調和合作的重要性

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 1, 2023

This weekend, we celebrate Canada Day, a very special day to remember and give thanks for. We live in this beautiful country, blessed with many magnificent landscapes and richness of resources. It is a nation of freedom that gives opportunities to pursue our dreams, as the anthem goes “God keep our land, glorious and free!” Remarkably, millions of people from various nations have chosen Canada as their new dream home. In 2020, Gallup ranked Canada as one of the world’s friendliest nations and most welcoming country in the world – and far more tolerant than the United States – for immigrants. About one in four Canadians have come to the country as an immigrant, the highest among G7 nations. In 2022, Canada admitted more than 437,000 new permanent residents. The Immigration, Refugees and Citizenship Canada agency responsible for this strongly encourages that “No matter where they’re (immigrants) from or why they’re here, a warm Canadian welcome can make a difference. Help make your neighbourhood a better place for everyone to live in.” What a wonderful way of welcoming those who begin a new chapter in Canada!

Welcoming and providing a friendly environment for everyone should be natural for the church too. Similarly, when someone visits our church for the first time, what is his or her experience? Would they say our church is friendly and hospitable? In scripture, Christian hospitality is one of the primary ministries of the church. It is easy to be welcoming as long as the people we welcome are familiar to us. Jesus taught us that this kind of friendliness doesn’t say much about our faith, “If you love those who love you, what benefit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them.” (Luke 6:32)

I’m delighted with how receiving we are as His church. If we can’t welcome visitors in a friendly manner, who can? Lyle Schaller, a church consultant, shows through his research that “the more friendships a person has in a congregation, the less likely they are to become inactive or leave.” Let us be intentional in our efforts to build loving, caring relationships not only with our church families but at all times keeping an eye out for new people around and reaching out to them. That friendliness to visitors could further lead to building strong Christian relationships.

Finally, ponder on this question "What can I do to help our Nation and church to become more friendly and hospitable?"

Be a blessing to the Nations!
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (6/24/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

看見弟兄姐妹在父親節的福音主日努力邀請家人和朋友來崇拜，熱情招待他們留下來午膳，其他弟兄姐妹則忙著燒烤美食，實在感謝讚美神。一起聚餐將人與人的距離拉近，不但加強歸屬感，同時幫助教會建立外展事工。

教會會眾齊心一致遵照主耶穌吩咐的大使命傳福音，值得感恩和讚賞。主耶穌的降生和在世時候的命令，清楚指出基督信仰就是帶著使命的信仰。主耶穌這些命令就是我們的使命，包括：「你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒」（馬太福音 28:19）；「你們要作我的見證」（使徒行傳 1:8）；與及「父親怎樣差遣我，我也照樣差遣你們」（約翰福音 20:21）。

這些是耶穌升天之前在世最後的說話，是我們應該重視的囑咐和訓勉，作為我們首要的任務。

讓我們鼓起勇氣向未信的家人和朋友傳福音。我們相信生命會改變，也看到已經改變的。求主施恩憐憫，引領我們的家人和朋友踏上信仰之旅歸向祂。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 24, 2023

We all have expectations in life. It is rather impossible to have no expectations in life. Those expectations may involve our career, our life affairs, or specific activities or talents. Families and friends too have expectations from us. One of the challenges many face is wondering how they can live up to all of the expectations. At times, these expectations can leave us frustrated and wondering if we can ever make it and be successful in life. One of the utmost dangers is giving in to despair and concluding that there is just no point in trying to be our best in life. On the other hand, there is greater fulfillment and satisfaction when our expectations worked out our way.

As I stop to consider these 'expectations', I asked this question "Does God have expectations of us? Does the Lord expect a lot from those who claim to trust Him?"

To me, one of the most interesting verses in the gospels is a statement by Jesus in Luke 12:48, "to whom much is given, much is required." The central message of this verse is responsibility. Those who have more knowledge of Christ and His works in their lives have a greater responsibility to the Lord. Moreover, the Lord has entrusted us with a variety of gifts, talents, and abilities. Because all that we have is a gift from God, He expects us to use these gifts to advance his kingdom regardless of how much or how little we have received.

Since we've been given much; God expects much from us too. God expects those blessed with spiritual or material possessions to use those blessings for good. Today, what have you done with the knowledge and gifts you have from Christ?

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「成為一國之父是莫大的榮幸，成為一家之父是更大的喜樂。」— 納爾遜·曼德拉。

你同意這個說法嗎？父親的角色源自神 - 我們的天父 - 是神聖的使命和呼召。父親和母親都是孩子整體健康發展的支柱。父親管教兒女，一方面要照著聖經的教導制定規則讓兒女遵守；另一方面要照顧、保護和提供生活所需，使孩子身、心、靈得到安全感。

成為父親是一個學像神的機會，像神愛護我們一樣去愛護我們的兒女。神愛每一位作父親的；所有盡心、盡力、盡責撫養和照顧家人的父親，神都是他們最强的後盾。

讓我們以感恩之心並感激之情為父親們禱告，作為慶祝父親節方法之一。求神賜福給他們，能以身作則，行事為人公平正直，為兒女樹立榜樣；帶領兒女跟隨神，和神建立關係，走向喜樂人生之路。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 17, 2023

Can you imagine the emotional fear and anxiety one would encounter when moving to a new country due to political and economic reasons? Moving to a new country is a huge decision. According to the International Association for Refugees (IAFR) Canada, “100 Million children, women and men are currently forcibly displaced in the world”. In Canada, “almost one in four people (23.0%) counted during the 2021 Census are or have been a landed immigrant or permanent resident in Canada” (Statistics Canada). Unfortunately, “9.1 per cent of immigrants lived in poverty in 2020.” How can we help or serve those in need?

The Galatians believers in scripture were serving their community in various ways through their good works. Yet, the apostle Paul Galatians 6:9, instructs them saying “And let us not grow weary of doing good, for in due season we will reap, if we do not give up” (Galatians 6:9). Likewise, in Ephesians 2:10, he reminds the believers that they are “created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.” According to the Scriptures, good works are not simply doing the rare or extraordinary things, rather, they are anything we do in faith. It is easy to “serve” when there is recognition for the service. What about serving when there is no reward or when no one else sees the act of kindness?

Serving others was an essential part of Jesus’s ministry. As Christians, we have an opportunity to do good and not grow weary in doing so. Look around the church family, community and even your home. As God never weary in doing us good, see where you can spread seeds of His love in people’s lives through a good deed. Do pray and plan in your schedule each week to connect with people who might need encouragement or a helping hand.

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最新消息 (6/10/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

基督徒要每時每刻遵守法律嗎？還是在某些情況下，基督徒必須有意識地拒絕遵守世上的法律？

根據聖經的教導，我們不單凡事要服從政府、並要尊重他們。如果我們不這樣做，我們其實是對神不敬，因為是神設立政府來管理我們。

不過，使徒行傳 5 章 28 節記載當使徒們被帶到公會前、大祭司問他們說：「我們不是嚴嚴的禁止你們、不可奉這名教訓人麼。你們倒把你們的道理充滿了耶路撒冷……。」彼得和眾使徒回答說：「順從 神、不順從人、是應當的！」

所以很明顯，只要世上的法律不與神的命令相抵觸，我們就必須遵守世上的法律。一旦世上的法律與神的命令相抵觸，我們就要拒絕遵守世上的法律而遵從神的命令。

然而，即使在那種情況下，我們也要服從政府行使對我們的權力，彼得和約翰被公會的人鞭打後的表現，做了明確的示範。他們選擇順服，默不作聲，甚至在離開公會時、心裡歡喜，知道受辱是因為遵從了神的命令。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 11, 2023

Do you know that there are several websites, which allow students to rate their college professors and instructors? For a moment, I was asking how would Jesus have scored on such a site.

Strangers, disciples, Jews, Pharisees, everyone found Jesus amazing. When reading the gospels, the interesting word “Amazed” appears often. The first thing that captured the attention of the teachers of the Law was the teaching of Jesus. At the age of 12, He was already amazing them with his understanding of the Law (Luke 2:47). We read that many who heard his teaching were amazed (Mark 6:2). The disciples were amazed that Jesus could command the wind and sea (Matt. 8:27; Luke 8:25). The crowds were amazed that He could cast out demons and heal any disease (Matt. 9:33; 15:31). Many were astonished at the “gracious words that were coming from his mouth” (Luke 4:22). But most of all, the disciples were in awe that a dead man had risen (Luke 24:12, 41). No one had seen anyone like Jesus before.

How have you been amazed by God recently? When was the last time that you were amazed by God? God wants us to live amazed by His goodness in our lives. He wants to take notice of the truly wonderful things He does for us each day. Why? Because when we live amazed, we will never be without hope! The words of that old hymn “Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus” are true. When I turn my eyes upon Jesus, “the things of earth . . . grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.”

Is Jesus still amazing to You and Me?

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最新消息 (6/3/2023)

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兒童部五月份的主題是「敬拜」，背誦金句是「你們當尊崇耶和華我們的神、在他腳凳前下拜·他本為聖。」(詩篇 99:5)

孩子們學習到敬拜的重點是將榮耀歸給神並專注於祂，不需要在意別人的看法。神喜悅的敬拜是當我們心無雜念，忘我地、盡情地去稱頌、感恩、讚美祂。

我們必須「用心靈和誠實」敬拜神(約翰福音 4:23-24)。用心靈敬拜表示全心專注於朝見主面、思想被真理的聖靈全然更新。只有當我們的思想從牽掛世界和生活的事物、轉化為一切在乎神、依靠神的時候，我們才能用心靈敬拜。

你會每天這樣敬拜神嗎？但願我們敬拜讚美神時，單單專注於神！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 3, 2023

What are your favourite travel souvenirs? Many people like to take a little something home as a reminder of their travels and vacation. At times, we buy these souvenirs or novelties for friends and families to show that they were in our thoughts while we have been away on vacation.

Throughout the Bible, God would have people do certain things to help them remember something He did for them. We read in Joshua 4 that when the Israelites passed into the land of Israel across the Jordan River, God miraculously stopped the waters allowing a safe and dry crossing. The Lord commanded them to set up twelve stones of remembrance from the Jordan River.

What is the significance of these stones? We see God encouraging Israel to set up stones to help them remember the gracious work of God who helped them cross the river. These twelve stones were to remind the present and future generations of what God did for the people of Israel so that they would fear the Lord and that all peoples of the earth would know of the mighty hand of the Lord. (Joshua 4:21-24)

Do you have memorial stones which remind you of the gracious work of God? Maybe they are not a pile of stones like the days of Joshua. Remembering is important. Take a moment and think about key moments in your life where God has helped you, answered you, or worked in your life. It's so easy to get busy and forget that God has been working in our lives.

Furthermore, let's create living stones for the next generation. Are we reminding them of God's blessings? Let's constantly challenge the next generation with the great deeds of the Lord so that they would desire His mercy and favour.

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"NOT BY MIGHT, NOR BY POWER, BUT BY MY SPIRIT" Zech .4:6
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最新消息 (5/27/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

丘吉爾曾經說過：「我們靠取得，維持生計；但靠著付出，我們可以書寫生命。」給予他人令自己感覺良好。我們都曾從做好事中體驗過那種快樂和滿足感：當我們給予他人時，它會激活大腦中有關快樂、社交和信任的區域。無私為他人的行為會釋放大腦中的內啡肽，為自己和我們幫助的人帶來幸福快樂。

給予他人其實是提醒我們神已經給予我們的福氣：一切生活所需的，以及通過耶穌基督賜給我們永生。神給予是因為愛，祂道成肉身成為基督，解決了我們永恆的需要。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 27, 2023

Hello hello!

Please see the bulletin for tomorrow attached and the devo this week from Michael Hyunh below -

All For Jesus

Colossians 3:15-24

For some of us, Sunday mornings may be our favourite time of the week. Why? Because we usually dedicate Sunday mornings to worship God. We go to church, sit in the sanctuary, greet and mingle with beloved brothers and sisters, join in the singing of the hymns, pray together as a congregation, take bread together in Holy Communion, and listen to God's word through His servants. We feel the presence of Christ amongst us as it is stated in Col 3:16 "Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit." (Col 3:16).

Indeed, what joy we feel when we participate and join in to praise and worship God! When we leave church at Sunday noon, we are encouraged, energized and eager to do His work. Some of us may even feel that the religious part of our life has been satisfied, at least for that week.

Then life gets busy and God gets pushed further and further away from our mind as the week goes on.

We engage in many other "secular" activities such as commute to work, do house chores, do exercises, watch TV, surf web and social media, fix the car or whatever, sing a hit song, mall shopping...etc. Secular stuff.

Where is Jesus in all these?

Col 3:16 reminds us that the message of Christ indwells us in activities like teaching, singing, and being thankful, but verse 17 goes even further. It emphasizes that as God's children, "whatever [we] do, whether in word or deed, [we] do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus." (Col 3:17).

We do it all for Him.

This week, as you prepare to come on Sunday, take time to reflect whether you pay tribute to our Lord Jesus only on Sundays, or He should be an integral part of your life - all the time.

May the Lord bless you richly!

最新消息 (5/20/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

你可曾留意到有不少人在困境、絕望中與神面對面相遇？想想在祭壇前準備獻以撒的亞伯拉罕，面對紅海及燃燒著的荊棘的摩西，在歸家路上還沒有見到以掃前的雅各，站在耶利哥城厚厚的圍牆前的約書亞，以及在各種重大考驗當中的大衛…

今天神亦盼望能面對面與你相遇，好叫你在現今的處境中能更認識祂、明白祂的旨意和行你當行的路。在你的生命中，無論何時、何境況都要尋找祂。祂在等候你，尋找的必能尋見祂。

當我們在悲傷痛苦、絕望、和再沒有夢想的境況中遇到祂時，祂自己和祂在聖經上的話能將我們的心靈再次喚醒過來。上帝會給我們帶來安慰和幫助我們明白祂的話語。在絕望中，聖經的話能給我們帶來盼望、安慰、平安及祂與我們同在的肯定。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 20, 2023

Hi everyone,

Please see the following devo from Jon this week.

Hope to see you all tomorrow!

Verse of the Day: Philippians 4: 4-9

4 Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! 5 Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

8 Finally, brothers and sisters, whatever is true, whatever is noble, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is admirable—if anything is excellent or praiseworthy—think about such things. 9 Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me—put it into practice. And the God of peace will be with you.

In the past few weeks during children's Sunday school, we have been going through what it means to worship God. The theme of the lessons is that we can worship God every day. Worship doesn't end when the last chord is played, or when the worship leader tells us to sit down. The above verse talks about how worship looks like every single day. Do you listen to worship music each day? That's great, do you do prayers, and devotions? Amazing! Verses 4-7 shows us how to pray and petition God.

If you would like to go deeper verses 8-9 gives us an idea of what to pursue each single day. Most importantly, verse 9 tells us to put into practice what we have learned and received from God. But what we receive from God is his word – The Bible! Are you reading each day, or diving into his scripture? The Bible is God's word, it is the main way God talks to us, and were we get to know him. We talk to God through prayer and there are times where he responds to us directly, but the #1 source of God talking to us through His Word.

Worship doesn't just stop at 10:45 on Sundays but continues through the week through prayer and diving into God's word. As NCAC journeys together this year to trust God, live in unity, and serve faithfully, let's remember to communicate with God daily, and make sure that we are hearing from him through reading the Bible as well.

Blessings,

Jon

最新消息 (5/13/2023)

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每年五月的第二個星期天，我們都會為母親們紀念和慶祝母親節。讓我們花點時間反思和感謝作母親所擔任的各種關鍵角色。她們每個人都會以不同的方式塑造她們的孩子，這些在聖經中都得到了強調。

箴言 31:26-29 描述了母親在家庭中扮演的重要角色：“她開口就發智慧；她的舌上有仁慈的法則。她觀察家務，並不吃閒飯。她的兒女起來稱她有福；她的丈夫也稱讚她，說：“才德的女子很多，唯獨你超過一切！”

母親教導孩子們信仰的原則、家庭事務，並且支持教會發揮著重要作用。一個好母親改變一切，母親的重要性不言而喻。

感謝所有母親無私的奉獻、無微的愛與全然付出。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 13, 2023

Hi everyone,

Please see the bulletin attached and the sharing below from Susana Tong:

Years ago I had the opportunity to serve as a teacher in a nursery class. One of the children shared with me during prayer time that he would occasionally have nightmares at night. In his nightmares, there were always different kinds of monsters chasing after him. He would get really worried and frightened by these dreams. I was eager to pray with him, asking God to keep the nightmares away so he could have restful sleep.

That evening, after some thoughts, I realized the focus of my prayer should be different. Instead of praying for the problem or nightmares to go away, I neglected to share with the student that it was alright to have nightmares, in fact, adults encountered nightmares too. I wanted to share with him that God was bigger than any nightmares. He was a God big enough to overpower and overcome any monsters in his life. God was the one who could give him peace and joy in his heart even when things seemed frightening.

As a mother, my natural instinct is to protect my children from any fears and difficulties in life. I am reminded however, by this incident that my hope and prayers for my children are not asking God to simply take their problems away, but to assure them that it is okay to have fears and worries. We need not shy away from them. My prayer is for God to reveal Himself to them through the different challenges they encounter. They have to experience for themselves what a powerful and loving God they have, for He is the only one who can truly give them peace, strength and courage to face the trials of life.

What is your prayer for your child today? Are you willing to let go and let God do his work in your child's life?

“Show me your ways, O Lord, teach me your paths, guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God, my Saviour and my Hope is in you all day long” Psalms 25:4-5

最新消息 (5/6/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

神有很多事情超乎我們的想象，有時甚至會令人目瞪口呆得說不出話來，例如神的愛。如果我們願意進一步去認識神，就更能感受到祂那奇妙獨特的慈愛，是極其震撼、無法以言語來形容。

神是我們最堅強的後盾，等待著我們來到祂的身旁給予我們支持。神叫祂的獨生愛子在十字架上犧牲，向我們顯明在祂的愛裏沒有懼怕，我們可以毫無阻攔地來親近祂。神應許我們說，我們親近祂、祂就必親近我們。

至高的神全然聖潔、無所不能，卻願意用永恆無盡的愛俯就世人。神設法除掉我們的罪，使我們潔淨，我們豈能不歡欣感謝神呢？當我們思想到尊貴的神如此恩待憐憫我們時，但願我們沉睡的靈被喚醒，以全然敬畏的心來俯伏敬拜祂！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 6, 2023

Hi everyone,

Please see this week's devotion from Brian Wong:

Philippians 2:1-2

Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

Last week we explored the two-fold calling of unity: 1) being united with other Christians, as different members but of one body; and 2) being united by the Spirit. This week we look at the connection between the two.

Paul's writing in Philippians 2 uses a conditional (i.e., "if-then") statement to remind us of what our relationship with Christ (or the Spirit) has done for us and then to use that to spur us into action. We see: 1) IF we have any encouragement from being united with Christ; 2) IF any comfort from his love; 3) IF any common sharing in the Spirit; 4) IF any tenderness and compassion; 5) THEN make my [Paul's] joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.

There's a lot to unpack in these two verses. We can ask ourselves whether any of the four IF statements have resonated with us lately. If so, then ask whether we have been motivated to any action listed in the THEN statement.

I particularly note "being one in spirit and of one mind". This jumps out to me as being led by the Holy Spirit (recall last week: being united with the Spirit). So, it seems like a positive reinforcement relationship: being led by the Spirit, leads to growth in our personal lives (evidenced by fruit of the Spirit), leading to growing with others as different members of the same body, leading to being one in spirit and mind.

This week, examine whether you have been in tune with the Spirit and church body lately. If not, I encourage you to pray and invite the Spirit to lead you this upcoming week.

最新消息 (4/29/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

你能修理嚴重損壞的東西嗎？或許我們可以修理有故障的電器；可以透過輔導來修補破裂的關係。然而，罪帶來的破壞只能由神自己來修復。

舊約記載以色列和猶大的百姓敬拜神只有外在的儀式，卻無敬拜的實質；並且對神不忠心，隨從外邦人去拜假神。雖然這些百姓任意妄為地得罪神，但神沒有放棄祂的子民，不厭其煩地差派許多先知去叫他們認罪悔改、回轉歸向祂。遺憾的是，神同樣的一番說話，對今天的基督徒仍然用得着。

神有能力也樂意修復罪帶來的傷害，因為祂願人人都悔改得救；神是公義的，卻以憐憫為懷，祂親自在十字架上除掉罪的阻隔，與我們和好。神呼喚罪人回家的大門是敞開的，祂正張開慈愛的手迎接奔向祂的人，我們只有在那裏才能得著安慰、平安和完整的人生。

你會繼續在信仰之路上邁步前進、並且相信陪著你的神是為你的最佳利益著想嗎？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 29, 2023

Ephesians 4: 4-6

There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to one hope when you were called; one Lord, one faith, one baptism; one God and Father of all, who is over all and through all and in all.

What is “unity”? Today we’ll take a short dive into how the idea of unity plays a two-part role in the Christian walk.

Paul reminds us that there is one body and one Spirit. One body tells us that our calling as Christians is not for individual accomplishment or recognition, but rather our calling is to be a functioning member of a greater team. This idea is brought up again in 1 Corinthians 12:14, “For the body does not consist of one member but of many.”

Similarly, one Spirit refers to our unity with Christ and the necessity to be in-tuned with the Spirit. There are over 100 verses in the Bible on being led by the Holy Spirit – this should help us understand how important it is to the Christian walk! The Spirit guides, leads, protects, and helps us in many different ways.

How exactly do we know if we are living by the Spirit? Recall Galatians 5:22-23 where the fruit of the Spirit is listed (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control). If you have been struggling in any of these aspects of your life recently, consider asking the Spirit to intercede.

To conclude, the idea of unity is two-fold: 1) being united with other Christians, as different members but of one body; and 2) being united with the Spirit. Being united in the Spirit will often lead to growth in our personal lives and in our interactions with others.

最新消息 (4/22/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

父母陪伴子女成長，全力保護他們不受任何傷害。然而，無微不至的照顧，保證不了他們以後生活一定輕鬆愉快。我們立志為主而活，仰望從神而來的保守與平安，但我們身處的世界，大多數人卻是對創造宇宙萬物的神嗤之以鼻。

我們跟隨神、傳揚福音、宣講真理。但這樣做，或會將自己置身於被人譏笑、拒絕、忽視等難堪的境地。那麼，面對這些壓力，我們如何繼續堅守信仰、站立得穩？如何能夠信靠順服，迎難而上？

神沒有應許祂的兒女免受苦難，但神是信實的，必定扶持信靠祂的人。先知耶利米一生忠心順服，堅定不移地遵照神的旨意而行，值得我們學習。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 22, 2023

What do you do when the odds are against you? When you are overwhelmed, what is your first reaction - where do you go and what do you do? Do you try to get God's perspective on the problem? Have you been in such an "Odds Are Against You" type of situation?

King Jehoshaphat had been in a similar situation. In 2 Chronicles 20, we read that Jehoshaphat received a message that three enemy nations were coming to fight him at the same time to conquer his nation. Jehoshaphat's first reaction was fear – which can be normal too. Later, Jehoshaphat set himself to seek the Lord and prayed, "O our God, will you not judge them? For we have no power against this great multitude that is coming against us; nor do we know what to do, but our eyes are upon You" (2 Chronicles 20:12). The Lord heard and told Jehoshaphat, "Do not be afraid nor dismayed... for the battle is not yours, but God's" (2 Chron. 20:15-17)

King Jehoshaphat and his army did something totally unexpected and strange. He ordered the worship team to be out in the front line to sing and praise the Lord. Remarkably, the enemy started fighting among themselves and destroyed each other.

I like the words of Dr E. Stanley Jones (a missionary in India), who wrote "I am inwardly fashioned for faith, not for fear. Fear is not my native land; faith is. I am so made that worry and anxiety are sand in the machinery of life; faith is the oil. I live better by faith and confidence than by fear, doubt and anxiety. In anxiety and worry, my being is gasping for breath — these are not my native air. But in faith and confidence, I breathe freely — these are my native air."

When the odds look like they are not in your favour, do you let that fear destabilize and discourage you? When you're no longer likely to win your expected target or even your goal, what do you do? How do you respond?

The Lord be with you
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (4/15/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

最近，槍械暴力無日無之，我們不禁要問：為甚麼人會變得如此暴戾？這一代人為何充滿暴力？

以西結書 45:9 說：「要除掉強暴和搶奪的事、施行公平和公義」。身處甚麼環境，就受甚麼影響，所以我們應當營造美好和良善的環境，和睦共處。年輕一代耳濡目染，容易受周圍事物影響，更要培育他們的品德，幫助他們不沉迷於從電視和電子遊戲來獲取滿足感。輔助和支持他們建立健康的心態，例如幫助別人，對他們大有裨益，因為助人為快樂之本。

想要止息暴力，固然要放下槍械，也要放下我們以為可以操控的東西，取而代之的是拿起聖經，學習神的話語，遵循耶穌給我們的誡命：首先愛神，並愛我們的鄰舍。同時要寬恕人，就像神寬恕我們一樣。聖經清楚講明神白白的寬恕了我們，使我們可以恢復與神和好的關係，永遠與神在一起。

讓我們學會寬恕得罪我們的人，求主加添力量，使我們謙卑，以恩慈待人，正如主也是這樣待我們，給我們作了榜樣。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 15, 2023

Suppose you were given one month to rest and relax by your company. In addition, they assured you that you would not be disturbed or asked to do anything during that said period – what would you likely do in that one month?

2 Chronicles 2:14 gives us some important tips for us today from the life of King Asa in such moments. As King Asa “did what was pleasing and good in the sight of the Lord his God, God gave the land of Judah ten years of undisturbed peace”. King Asa did not feel that this period of peace was a time to relax. He rightly knew that the period of peace that the nation enjoyed likely would not last forever, and this proved true. King Asa embarked on certain reforms: Firstly, he removed the unholy things from the land of Judah and made God and His will as the main priority. Secondly, he prepared for the future by building defences and fortifying the cities with walls.

Unfortunately, like many other rulers in Judah, King Asa did not end well. When he faced disaster, he did not see the opportunity that God was presenting him. He soon forgot his battlefield lessons and relied on his self-sufficiency attitude and wealth resulting in war and destruction. This attitude displeased God greatly.

King Asa’s life is a great reminder to best use our time of peace. We are called to build our spiritual defences, even during those moments. This will surely help us to be prepared for uncertain times in the near or far future. Though it can be discouraging to experience spiritual attacks, we should be prepared and ready to face the enemy. What spiritual defences are you building to be better prepared for times of unexpected spiritual attacks? Are you ready and prepared when the going gets tough by the day?

With prayers and blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (4/8/2023)

親愛的弟兄姊妹、家人、朋友：

明天就是復活節主日！基督復活是我們信仰的中心，宣告著一個好消息：耶穌基督是掌管生命的主，提醒所有人，主的愛是無條件的，只要相信祂，罪必得赦，並有永生的盼望。雖然這個不公義的世界充滿了艱辛和苦難，很多人對社會不滿，對明天沒有希望，但神的信息給世人帶來了希望、平安和安慰。真的，沒有什麼能使我們與神的愛隔絕，神完美永恆的愛不可能會被釘死在十字架上，或被埋在墳墓裏。阿們！

明天的復活節洗禮主日聯合崇拜，不但讓我們一起聚集紀念基督的復活，也有機會再思神的信息：「探看那空的墳墓」——岑唯信牧師的講道。基督復活的事實，是我們傳福音的好機會、向這個失落的世界分享相信這位已經復活的主的喜樂。

我們同作基督的肢體，將一起慶祝和見證：2 位姐妹的洗禮（灑水禮）和 8 位兄弟/姐妹加入教會。讚美主！

神的信實和良善是應當稱頌的！盼望明天上午 10 點 30 分在教會見到你和你的家人，若未能出席，也可以在網上參加直播：https://youtube.com/live/uHK_10ak3dw。

祝你有一個美好而蒙福的復活節，願神的祝福臨到你和你的家人！

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 8, 2023

Dear brothers/sisters, families, and friends:

Tomorrow is Easter Sunday! The Resurrection of Christ is the centre of our faith, which proclaims the Good News that Jesus Christ is Lord and is reminded of the unconditional love, forgiveness, and eternal hope for all who believe in Him. In a world that is filled with so much social discontent, hardship, and suffering, only God's message can bring you Hope, Peace and Comfort. Truly, nothing can ever separate us from the love of God. Perfect undying love cannot be killed on a cross or held in a grave. Amen!

At our Joint Easter Baptism Sunday service, we will gather as His community to remember Christ's Resurrection and be reminded of "A look at the Empty Tomb" - a message by Rev Vinson. The resurrection of Christ also presents us with a new opportunity to share the joy of the Risen Christ with our needy world.

Together as the body of Christ, we will celebrate and witness: baptisms (by sprinkling) for 2 sisters, and 8 brothers/sisters joining the church membership. Praise the Lord!

We are really excited about God's goodness and eagerly looking forward to seeing you and your family tomorrow @ 10: 30 AM in person or via live-stream:

https://youtube.com/live/uHK_1Oak3dw

May you have a wonderful and blessed Easter and may God's blessing be upon you and your family!

Board of Elders and Pastoral Team

最新消息 (4/1/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

明天是棕樹節主日，耶穌基督騎驢進入耶路撒冷，這一天提醒我們祂掌權的方式超越世人的想像、也不是人所能計謀的。古往今來，世人期待一位驍勇善戰的領袖來帶領他們衝鋒陷陣，但神永恆的計劃卻是差派祂的獨生愛子為世人的罪而死、然後戰勝死亡，使世人脫離死亡的捆綁。

基督被釘在十字架上的刑罰，本是人類的罪行必須受到的譴責。但我們知道這是神的旨意，耶穌甘願順服、走上苦路、犧牲、獻出自己、為我們的罪付出代價。耶穌，多謝祢賜我們救恩之樂，哈利路亞！

耶穌說：「復活在我，生命也在我；信我的人，雖然死了，也必復活。」（約翰福音 11:25）在這個受難週，求神引導我們的心思意念，想一想甚麼對我們最重要：基督，我們的救主！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 1, 2023

This Sunday, we will join the global Christian community in commemorating Jesus's triumphal entry into Jerusalem. Can you imagine the jubilant atmosphere as Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey? A large excited crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches and spread them on the road. Can you hear the thunderous shout, 'Hosanna to the Son of David!' 'Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! 'Hosanna in the highest heaven! " "Hosanna!" which means "Save us!" or "Please save us!" from Psalm 118:25.

The crowd was excited! They were filled with anticipation hope and wonder! Why were they excited? Was it because of the excitement of the Passover feast? Their excitement was not only about the feast but also about the man who was coming to town! They had heard about the miracles he had performed. Others believed that Jesus is the Messiah and will re-establish David's kingdom by crushing the Roman rulers. Unfortunately, their excitement was short-lived because Jesus didn't offer the people the kind of help they wanted. By the end of the week, they shouted "Crucify Him."

As Christians, we want to be excited about Jesus because excitement raises hope and encourages us to move forward.

Today, in the midst of all the things that are happening in your life, are you still excited about Christ? What evidence is there of your excitement? On Palm Sunday morning, when you encounter Jesus how would you prove to Him how excited you are?

Are You Excited About Jesus?

Have a blessed Holy Week.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (3/25/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

你是否忙到沒有時間親近神？在這段預苦期間，為何不嘗試挑戰自己，用行動來實踐門徒訓練？

彌迦書 6:8 提到我們的信心與行為是並行的，經文簡潔有力地闡明了神對我們的期望：「行公義、好憐憫、存謙卑的心與神同行。」存謙卑的心與神同行是行公義、好憐憫的依據。神已為我們做好的一切與祂同行的基礎，包括所需要的力量和熱誠，神都供應給我們。

其次，神要我們好憐憫，是因為人心剛硬自義、喜歡論斷別人。神要我們記著：「作為我的子民，你要有好憐憫之心——因為那是你所領受的。」最後，行公義亦應兼備可發展的機會，意味著我們不單是授人以魚，也要授人捕魚，使受者最終可以自力更生。

主對你有甚麼期望呢？你願意踏出你的舒適區，進入主要你去的領域嗎？

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<https://youtube.com/live/N7xHy1tQ7aQ>

明日是教會的年度會友大會，我們除了要討論及通過教會的預算外，也要為一些重要的事項做決定。邀請你來參加，為過去一年豐盛的恩典感謝神。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 25, 2023

When you ask someone, "How do you prefer to communicate?" many would respond saying they prefer texting to phone calls or even emails. Do you know that over 560 billion text messages are sent every month worldwide? Moreover, the number of monthly texts sent had increased by more than 7,700% over the last decade. Texting has become the most effective way to communicate with people.

Interestingly, the first message by God is in Genesis 3:9 "Where are you, Adam?" What an attention-grabbing text! Sadly, Adam and Eve ran and hid when they heard God approaching not knowing that they can't hide from the Omniscient God. The question being asked was an opportunity given to Adam to bring himself to God and confess his sin and situation.

It's an ultimate text message with a question that the Lord continues to ask you today. God is calling us by name and because of His love, he searches for us to assure us of His presence. As God called on Adam, He is asking us today: Where are you in your faith? Where are you in your relationship with your family? Where are you in your relationship with people at your workplace or where are you in the church?

How are you going to answer God today?

The Lord be with you

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (3/18/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

耶穌在馬太福音 6:21 指出一個真理：「因為你的財寶在哪裡，你的心也在那裡。」

有人認為事業有成、家庭美滿就是人生最重要的財寶，有人覺得金錢重要，於是營營役役、用盡方法獲得更多財富。耶穌語重心長的告誡我們，如果我們看重地上的財寶，心思意念就會放在世界的事情上，將神擱置在一旁。

言下之意就是基督徒不可能既愛世界又愛神。如果我們愛神，就要全心全意忠於神，過一個榮耀神的生活。你如何使用你的時間、注意力和精力呢？用於積攢地上的財寶、抑或天上的財寶？

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<https://youtube.com/live/til02I2K5j4?feature=share>

實體及網上成人主日學第一季一月至三月新課程有「耶穌生平」（導師：葉軍）和「約拿書」（導師：杜馮美蓮），另有適合慕道者的福音班。時間是早上九時四十五分，內容請參閱週刊報告，歡迎參加。

另外 3 月 22 日 晚上 8:00 有粵語網上祈禱會，請一同參與。

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MSG 小組三月份聚會主題是【要真知道神】請聯絡組長時間，一同參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 18, 2023

“The United States Supreme Court will hear oral arguments on April 18 over whether an Evangelical postal worker has a religious right not to deliver mail on Sundays” came up in the recent Christianity Today publication. According to a survey, many Evangelicals were not against postal workers delivering parcels on Sundays, but there is a long history of this opposing idea. Interestingly, in 1828, Sunday mail delivery was of debate even in the presidential contest. After some years of appeals, in 1930, the postal service agreed to deliver mail to three Seventh-day Adventist Communities on Sunday instead of Saturday (which is their Sabbath). Then in 1888, the ‘American Sabbath Union’ comprising several evangelical denominations advocated for a Sabbath law which was later defeated by US Senate in 1889. Since then, there have been discussions and appeals to oppose working on Sabbath.

The importance of the Sabbath to Christians is probably not new to most of you. In Genesis 2:2, we read that “By the seventh day God had finished the work he had been doing; so on the seventh day he rested from all his work.” The verse doesn’t say God “needed” to rest because He was tired; it simply says that He did. It was a purposeful stop. God is at all work all the time. Even the Lord of the Sabbath, Jesus healed a man who had been unable to walk for 38 years (John 5:1-18).

In AD 321, Constantine, the first Roman emperor converted to Christianity declared Sunday a legal day of rest. Moreover, as both the Resurrection and the beginning of Creation occurred on the first day of the week, the church soon observed that day instead. By the end of the first century, Sunday worship was the norm.

The Sabbath is a gift and a lasting covenant between God and His people and we too are invited to be part of it.

Today, how important is the Sabbath to you?

The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (3/11/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

以賽亞書 30:18 說：「耶和華必然等候、要施恩給你們，必然興起、好憐憫你們，因為耶和華是公平的 神，凡等候他的都是有福的。」

神揀選以色列民族作祂的選民，帶領他們出埃及並賜他們一切所需用的，但令人難以置信的是，以色列人不但對神厚賜給他們的恩典毫無感謝之心，反而不斷悖逆神、離棄神、故意敵擋神。

要批評以色列人的忤逆和背棄很容易；譴責他們寧可隨從異族拜偶像卻拒絕神的拯救也不難。但當我們願意自我檢討，其實我們並不比以色列人好 -- 遇到疑問和困難時、我們選擇尋找世人的方法解決；我們偏行己路、不走神的義路；我們寧願倚靠自己、遠離那位用自己的寶血買贖我們的主。

以色列人的失敗，我們應引以為鑑，避免像他們硬心不聽天父慈聲的勸告而犯下大錯。在這個預苦期，讓我們存感恩的心，學習忍耐等候，因為神必守信施恩給我們的承諾。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 11, 2023

“True friends are hard to find” and “Show me your friends and I’ll show you your future”. I’m sure you have all come across these familiar phrases at some point in time. Do you agree with these statements? There are several benefits to developing genuine and close friendships. It is not only beneficial emotionally but friends can help us with both big and little struggles. I believe most of us will agree that having a true friend generally involves those who are trustworthy, empathetic and honest from the heart.

In the bible, we read that Abraham was called a friend of God. (James 2:23) He is the only person in the whole Old Testament who is given that incredibly high honour. There are several instances in the Bible where God reveals His eagerness to befriend His people.

The idea of seeing God as a friend would amaze and baffle most of us. God wants to be our friend and abide with us even more than we want to be with Him. In the gospel of John 15:15, Jesus affirms, “I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master’s business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you. “

Friendship with God is not a privilege just for Abraham; it belongs to all who love and follow Jesus (John 15:12–17). Truly, Jesus is our greatest friend. Like the great old church hymn “What a Friend we have in Jesus, all our sins and griefs to bear!”. With Christ as our friend, we are not alone but He is always with us in the middle of our circumstances.

Are you longing for true friendship? God wants to be your true friend. Today, how does it change your perspective to know that God has chosen to make you His friend?

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Blessings
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最新消息 (3/4/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

彼得前書 5:6 說：「所以你們要自卑、服在 神大能的手下、到了時候他必叫你們升高」。彼得主要是教導當時那些作領袖的長老應該有的屬靈品德，同時亦勸告所有信徒要以謙卑的態度彼此相待，在神面前更要如此。

我們都渴慕得榮耀，這種渴慕沒有甚麼不對。重點在於基督徒的觀點要合乎聖經的教導，要仔細留心神說怎樣才可以得著榮耀。神是愛我們的天父，必按祂的旨意讓我們得著屬天的榮耀。

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預苦期是一個給我們靜下來反思、讓心靈成長的機會。不妨撫心自問，我們是否害怕一旦以謙卑待人，就是貶低了自己、使自己變得一文不值、不被認同？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 4, 2023

Have you ever stood near the fireplace during the winter season? On a cold winter day, we hurry close to the fireplace to enjoy the heat and keep ourselves warm.

Apostle Paul penned his last letter to Timothy to advise and encourage him to face a tough and looming future. He urged him to ‘fan into flame the gift of God.’

“I have been reminded of your sincere faith, which first lived in your grandmother Lois and in your mother Eunice and, I am persuaded, now lives in you also. For this reason, I remind you to fan into flame the gift of God, which is in you through the laying on of my hands.” (2 Timothy 1:5-6)

Paul uses the metaphor of fire, telling Timothy to fan into flame, or “rekindle” the gift of God. The Greek tense used here is continuous (“keep fanning into flame”), implying an ongoing effort to constantly use the spiritual gift given to him for God’s sake. However, it doesn’t mean Timothy’s fire had gone out. The fire of the gift of God is capable of going out through neglect and it needs to be stirred up occasionally. Similarly, General Booth, the founder of the Salvation Army, once warned his subordinates saying, “The tendency of fire is to go out; watch the fire on the altar of your heart.”

How do we fan this flame to burn despite the many daily demands in our life? We fan the flame by submitting to the Holy Spirit; by allowing Him to rule and control our everyday lives.

Today, what needs to be rekindled in your own faith journey? And what gifts has God given you that need to be constantly in use? Take a moment, and ask God to help you identify areas of your life where you believe the Holy Spirit has gifted you to do something for Him.

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最新消息 (2/25/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

我們繼續談有關預苦期的意義。預苦期期間三件主要事情是祈禱、禁食（克己以免分心、並專注於神）和捨棄。

預苦期的祈禱是讓我們靜思己過，知道需要神的寬恕，並且悔罪，仰望神的慈愛和憐憫。

預苦期間常見的禁食或捨棄，是一種刻苦己心的操練。用意是在此期間捨棄一些平時我們常常做的事情，來提醒我們耶穌的犧牲。也可以用來作為與神更親密聯繫的時間。

耶穌在受難日為我們被釘十字架而死，承擔所有我們因罪應受的刑罰，赦免我們一切的過犯。然後祂在復活節的星期天從死裡復活，讓我們有機會與神回復永恆的關係。

你願意善用你的時間，在這段期間透過祈禱、禁食和捨棄來親近神嗎？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 25, 2023

In Matthew chapter 11, John the Baptist sends word to Jesus to ask him this painful question in all honesty: “Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?” Jesus could have easily given John a direct affirmative answer but instead pointed to the fruits of his ministry that characterized his purpose. Jesus wanted John to hear for himself that in Christ “the blind see, the deaf hear, lepers are cleansed, the lame walk, the dead are raised...and the poor have the good news preached to them.” (verse 5). John the Baptist is being reminded that these works were fulfillments of messianic expectation (see Isaiah 35:5–6 and 61:1) and that he was doing the work of the Expected One.

How do we show others that we are Christians? For us who are called to be disciples of Jesus, could people identify Christ in us by the fruits of our ministry? As believers, we all have the responsibility to show Christ to others and make a difference in the lives of others. When we represent Christ in our workplace or school or families, others will be drawn to Christ because they see that there is something different in our lives.

During the season of Lent, let’s reflect on this question “Am I confident that the people who meet me today will see Christ in me? Will they see the works of Christ in my life?”

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最新消息 (2/18/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

中文、英文和兒童 3 部事工都有主日學是我們莫大的福氣。很多弟兄姊妹渴望多了解神的話語，踴躍參加主日學，這也給了一班優秀及盡心盡責教導的老師莫大的鼓勵。

這並不是說不參加主日學的人不屬靈，而是他們錯過了教會提供給大家，在基督裏成長的一個非常有效的機會。

在主日學裏，大家會分享一些經驗，才發覺經文可以怎樣應用在生活之中、但有時又誤用了、有時卻沒有應用或不懂得如何應用等等，這些分享亦給我們知道不單只是自己在掙扎。除了 MSG 小組，主日學也是一個可以互相鼓勵的地方。

上主日學使我們能夠深入剖析聖經的精髓、挖掘出藏在神話語中所隱藏的珍寶。大家討論聖經經文，一起學習其中所記載著漫長歷史裏錯綜複雜的文本、與其上下文，別人如何處理某段經文，我們又如何可以將某些經文應用到生活當中。

主日學是訓練我們作耶穌門徒的一部分，是我們在基督裏屬靈培訓其中最重要環節之一。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 18, 2023

February 22 marks the beginning of the Lenten season for Christians, which ends before Easter. Lent is a time of self-examination and reflection. In the early church, Lent began as a season of fasting and preparation for baptism by new converts. Nowadays, Christians focus on their relationship with God, growing as disciples, humbling themselves before God, and to focus on praying to God for guidance or preparation.

During the season of Lent, there is a common perception that you “give something up,” during Lent. We can give up some form of comfort or adopt some spiritual practice that leads to self-examination, ultimately renewing our lives and soul. Some of the most effective Lent habits are ‘adding something to your life,’ such as prayer, quiet time or weekly reflection.

This Lent, I encourage everyone to consider some form of fasting and prayer. To fast is to do without food. It is also essential to know that everyone who fasts should drink enough fluids on the day of fasting. Let me recommend starting with just one of these options during Lent:

- Skip a meal once a week (maybe your breakfast)
- Or do not eat between meals (eg. your snacks)

During those moments of fasting, set aside intentional time to focus on God, read the Bible and spend time praying. Pray for strength, guidance or even a special need in your life and do remember the church family.

Remember, Jesus told His disciples when they could not cast out a demon that “This kind cannot be driven out by anything but prayer and fasting” (Mark 9:29). Truly when we add fasting, we may find our prayer to be more effective, as well as our confidence and faith in God strengthened.

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最新消息 (2/11/2023)

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有一首寫於 60 年代後期的老舊基督教讚美詩歌，歌詞其中一句「世人知道我們是基督徒因為愛」，靈感來自聖經約翰福音 13 章 35 節，耶穌說：「你們若有彼此相愛的心、眾人因此就認出你們是我的門徒了」。真的這樣嗎？現實中不是那麼簡單。事實是，如果我們生命中沒有耶穌基督，我們的愛和非基督徒所表現的愛心很難區別。

一般人的觀點認為基督徒必定是屬靈的、都是好人、比其他人更幸福快樂，事實卻並非如此。基督徒和非基督徒只有一個重要的區別：基督。這是唯一的，別無其他。耶穌希望我們清楚明白這一點。所以我們應該問：我們生命中有基督嗎？我們是否有努力不懈地深入認識耶穌？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 11, 2023

The recent deadly magnitude 7.8 earthquake and its many aftershocks in southern Turkey and northern Syria grieves all of us. This is said to be one of the strongest earthquakes to hit that region in over a century. Sadly, more than 23,000 people have been killed—a death toll among the worst in history, surpassing the 2011 Japan disaster. There are numerous calls on the international community to help release emergency humanitarian funds to provide aid and rescue resources.

In the midst of the deaths and trauma caused by this terrible tragedy, we should join the global Christian community in prayer and solidarity. Let's pray for God's presence to be felt by those who are grieving, injured and displaced as well as for those who have lost their homes and livelihoods.

Natural disasters of this kind show us the uncertainty of life. How can you and I live with confidence in these uncertain times? Though these days are uncertain, as people of God we have a certain future. Apostle Peter answers to the believers struggling with the uncertainties of life saying "We also have the prophetic message as something completely reliable, and you will do well to pay attention to it, as to a light shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts" (2 Peter 1:19). Though the future may seem uncertain, God's word has the ability to give us meaning in the midst of any circumstance. God's Word is sure and trustworthy, it talks about how we ought to live, and what life is all about. Praise God! The wonderful thing about relying on God's Word is that it gives us stability, a sense of purpose and meaning in these precarious times.

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一月是令人最容易感到抑鬱的月份。12月的節日氣氛，使人放開心懷，出手闊綽，盡情花費享受。然而踏入1月，據報很多人會突然情緒低落，失去動力，並且要為所花費的埋單而煩惱。

當我們在生活中感到孤單寂寞、沮喪、悲傷，精神不振的時候，會依靠專業人士的提議，做一些能夠幫助我們的事，例如：出外散步呼吸新鮮空氣、結識新朋友、做義工、加入自助團體、聯繫朋友或尋求輔導等等。

但原來我們有更好的倚靠，並非孤立無援，因為神創造我們，已經與我們建立關係，不會撇下我們不顧的。詩篇 34:18 告訴我們：「耶和華靠近傷心的人，拯救靈性痛悔的人」；以賽亞書 41 章 10 節：「你不要害怕、因為我與你同在，不要驚惶、因為我是你的神，我必堅固你、我必幫助你、我必用我公義的右手扶持你」。神看重和我們的關係，不會離棄我們，祂的應許永不改變。

即使我們獨自一人的時候，也不孤單，因為神與我們同在，這是信實可靠的。當我們讀經、禱告時，神就對我們說話，並在我們的心懷意念之中保守我們。基督降世時起名叫耶穌，意思是「神的拯救」，因為祂是永遠與我們同在、拯救我們脫離絕望的神。

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更在此祝願大家身體健康，事主蒙恩！

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 4, 2023

Today is February 4, 2023. However, on February 4, 1874, which was 149 years ago, Frances Ridley Havergal wrote the hymn “Take my life, and let it be Consecrated, Lord, to Thee” just five years before her death.

The lyrics to the hymn are as inspiring as the story behind its composition. In 1874, during her home visit, Frances was spending some time with a small group, out of which some were unconverted and others were unenthusiastic Christians. She felt a deep burden for them and prayed “ Lord, give me all in this house.” By the end of her visit, God answered her prayers. All who came there were rejoicing in the joy of knowing Christ. That night, Frances was too happy to sleep and while lying awake she spent the time praying and writing this hymn:

Take my life, and let it be
Consecrated, Lord, to Thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

At the tender age of four, she began memorizing Bible verses and wrote her first poem at age seven. When Frances was 11 years old, her mother became terminally ill. On her deathbed, she told her crushed daughter these words “Fanny dear, pray to God to prepare you for all that He is preparing you.” Frances treasured her mother’s words and made it her lifelong prayer. When Frances wrote the hymn, “Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to Thee,” she meant it truly.

Personally, I am drawn to her mother’s prayer “Fanny dear, pray to God to prepare you for all He is preparing you.” Here are some questions to ponder: “What is God preparing you for?” and “Do you have a sense of how God is using your present circumstances to prepare you for His plans?” Like the song, when we place our every moment into the loving hands of God, our lives can have a profound impact on someone’s eternity and us.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (1/28/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

基督徒遵從神的旨意，在世度餘下的光陰，是聖經的教導。不論是準備中的計劃，或是將要作的決定，每天求真理的聖靈來引導，讓我們知道怎樣做才合乎神的旨意。

成長的基督徒無論做甚麼，都會以神為中心，專注於主。基督徒的屬靈生命不是靜態的，乃是不進則退。我們要靠著神的恩典和應許，在神面前謙卑順服，讓聖靈引導，帶領我們在靈命路上前進，逐漸成長。這樣，那些張狂、自誇、不願順服、行事為人與蒙召的恩不相稱等的事都會逐漸遠離我們，我們屬靈的生命便不會倒退回到嬰孩時期。

但願我們心存謙卑，敬畏順服神，因為祂是創造我們，並賜下一切美善的獨一真神。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 28, 2023

In a world of eight billion people, it's easy to feel insignificant and insufficient. During such moments, the greatness of God's creation that David describes in Psalms 8 appears less radiant when we are overwhelmed with the many tasks ahead or bogged down in the mundane tasks of life.

Here in Psalms 8, David from the rocky hills of Judea with his father's sheep ponders on the vastness of God's creation. David is mesmerized by the beauty of nature that he couldn't help but wonder why a great and mighty God would care so much for us mere mortals. And why did God choose to invest so much in humanity? Why should He even care about your physical, spiritual, mental and emotional well-being? Why? We may not yet fully see why God is so mindful of us.

After feeling insignificant, David declares (Ps 8:5-8) that we are made a little lower than angels. Interestingly this does not mean a position of lowliness but of great honour! God made this wonderful world, and then he gave it to us to take care of it, enjoy it, and help make His name great. God has granted us responsibility to tend to earth – what an incredible responsibility!

Perhaps, you might be feeling low or you are in a season of your life where you think nothing you do really matters. It is okay to feel small sometimes. However at such moments, we need to remember that we are significant, valued, and are incredibly loved by God.

God is so mindful of us. Isn't that amazing?

The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

最新消息 (1/21/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

今年農曆年初一剛好是星期日，除了是福音主日之外，教會還準備了賀年午餐和影相時間，讓弟兄姐妹和家人、朋友、小組合照。

新年期間我們會和家人一起慶祝、與朋友相聚，互相祝福。今年，我們可以使這個特別的農曆年初一成為不單只是一個傳統文化節日，更是我們將神的祝福帶給他人的好機會。除了互相問候、祝賀之外，盡量認識及細心聆聽新來的朋友的心聲，在適當時才作分享。但不是要長嗟短嘆自己經歷過甚麼不如意的事，而是分享神在我們生命中的恩典和祝福、是我們生活力量來源的見證。透過自己的見證，或許能鼓勵對方放開心懷，願意分享更多他們自己的事。

世人不知道的是 - 人人都需要耶穌。想要我們的家人及至愛親朋得到神的祝福，為何不邀請他們來教會，讓他們有機會認識耶穌基督，得到與我們一樣的人生至寶？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 21, 2023

During the dark days of the civil war, it is said that a group of ministers met President Lincoln at the White House. One of the ministers queried Mr Lincoln asking, "Is God on our side?" The President replied in a profound manner, "The question is not whether God is on our side. The question is whether we are on God's side."

We read about a similar incident in the life of Moses. When Moses came down from the mount after receiving the Ten Commandments from God, his minister Joshua and himself came down to a hostile and sinful sight. Moses asked, "Who is on the Lord's side?" (Exodus 32:26). This is one of the best-known questions in the Old Testament.

All of us face decisions as to whether we will stand for what is right in the sight of God daily. We must take one side or the other. No one is neutral toward Christ. Jesus says, "Whoever is not with me is against me" (Matthew 12:30).

God doesn't take sides, he is his own side. It is our Christian responsibility to get on his side. He doesn't get on our side while we reject His truth, and prefer to hear the voices of the world.

Hence, one of the things we will discover is that we must be on the Lord's side, rather than trying to get him on our side. To be on the Lord's side is to acknowledge Him as our King as well as our Saviour. It is to render to Him our reverence, obedience, love and devotion.

If the same question is raised to us today, "Who is on the Lord's side?", would our answers be swift and sure? Ensure that you are on God's side at all times. God's side is the winning side and it leads to a lively hope and assurance in Christ.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings
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最新消息 (1/14/2023)

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我們被呼召，要往普天下去傳福音，宣講耶穌基督救贖世人的信息。然而，我們必須清楚知道，耶穌說祂會與我們同在直到世界的末了，不僅僅是一句安慰我們的話，更是祂回來的憑證和應許，是要激勵我們持續不斷地實行大使命，直到祂再來。

耶穌說「往普天下去」，意思是要我們和人一起走信仰之旅。當我們邀請人一同踏上通往天國之路時，就是往普天下去了。

下星期日是農曆年初一，也是福音主日，方志偉牧師會講福音信息。求神幫助我們主動並積極地和未信的朋友建立關係，讓我們有機會與他們同走信仰之旅，使他們和我們一樣，得著在基督裏的永恆盼望。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 14, 2023

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to Him belong
They are weak, but He is strong.

When Karl Barth, the renowned 20th Century Swiss-German theologian was once asked by a student to summarize his theological learnings in a single sentence. Barth answered saying, "In the words of a song I learned at my mother's knee: 'Jesus loves me, this I know, for the Bible tells me so.'"

Anna Warner, the author of the timeless popular song "Jesus love me this I know". wrote it as a poem in her novel, Say and Sea, to comfort a dying child with no chance of recovery. Anna and her sister Susan Warne became writers after their father passed away. They wrote novels to supplement the family's income due to the economic crisis in 1857.

It is said that soldiers would sing the song for solace and consolation when they were on the battlefields during the American Civil war. When the sisters died, the Military Academy honoured them by burying them at the Academy cemetery — an exception to the practice and rules of the day. This song is sung in many countries since its publication in 1862.

As the song goes, the cross shows how much God loved us. In spite of our weaknesses and failures, Jesus still loves us. Thankfully, God knows that "Little ones to Him belong, they are weak but he is strong (Philippians 3:12–14). Similarly, the Apostle Paul shares that Jesus loves us at all times " Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble, hardship, persecution, famine, nakedness, danger, or sword? (Romans 8:35)

Praise God! His love is unending, never changing and unconditional.

Blessings
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最新消息 (1/7/2023)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

過去一年無論是成功、滿足或快樂，是悲傷、挫折或掙扎，都成為過去，所以許多人在新年會有新的願望。而作為神的兒女，我們應當仰望神，更新我們的屬靈生命，使我們對神的信心和愛主愛人的心不斷加深。

耶利米書 29 章 11 節 告訴我們：「耶和華說、我知道我向你們所懷的意念、是賜平安的意念、不是降災禍的意念、要叫你們末後有指望」。新年伊始，求主加恩，賜下平安和信心，叫基督的愛激勵我們常常禱告、勤讀聖經、省察悔改、成為聖潔、合乎主用，使我們不但自己和家人的生命有永恆的盼望，也將這盼望的光帶到世界每個角落。

聖經勸勉我們要將身體獻上、當作活祭、為主而活；無論作甚麼，都要為榮耀神而行。我們生命中的一切，神都知道，況且神滿有慈愛和憐憫，使我們每天心裏有新的指望。因此無論所遇何事，都要感恩稱頌、謳歌讚美神。

凡要是蒙召在基督裏同作聖徒的，在基督裏都成為一體了。基督是我們之首，我們就是基督的身子，並且各自作肢體，沒有高低貴賤之分，總要彼此相顧。求神幫助我們在新的一年里繼續行在光明之中，有從上而來的平安、健康和喜樂。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 7, 2023

Have you come across this timeless proverb “ Early to bed and early to rise makes a person healthy, wealthy and wise”? This saying indicates that the importance of having sufficient sleep and beginning the day early has a positive impact on the physical health, mental health and overall development of a person.

In a similar way, the prophet Isaiah writes “ Arise and Shine, for your light has come...” (Isaiah 60:1). This phrase is not given as a suggestion but a command given from God. The two commands are ‘Arise’ and ‘Shine’. The word “Arise” calls all believers to stand out; cease walking according to the patterns of this world. The world might demand that we live to fulfil solely our fleshly desires, but we must refuse and remain on God’s plan and purpose. Secondly, the word “Shine” calls us to be active. It is not good enough to only rise but to reflect His light and His glory so that others will be drawn to that Light.

Our light has already come. Jesus came into the world as the "true light, which gives light to every man," (John 1:9). The Lord Jesus came to put the darkness out. Christ is the true Light of the world prophesied by prophets, evident in scripture and even preached by the apostle Paul. Those who accept Him already reflect the glory of the LORD. No matter how negative our past or current status may be, God can make us arise and shine.

“Arise, shine, for your light has come, and the glory of the Lord rises upon you’. Claim that statement every day of your lives, for His honour and His glory.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

LIVE STREAM SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

最新消息 (12/31/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「從前你們是暗昧的，但如今在主裡面是光明的，行事為人就當像光明的子女；光明所結的果子，就是一切良善、公義、誠實；總要察驗何為主所喜悅的事。那暗昧無益的事，不要與人同行，倒要責備行這事的人；因為他們暗中所行的，就是提起來，也是可恥的。凡事受了責備，就被光顯明出來，因為一切能顯明的，就是光。」(以弗所書 5:8-13)

在年終送舊迎新的此刻，我們需要神的話語來反省，提醒自己每日的行事為人都要像光明的子女，因為我們是神的兒女，活在神恩典的光中，應當遠離罪惡，效法耶穌基督，成為世上的光。

2022 年將盡，我們應該感謝讚美神過去一年的賜福，好像大衛的詩歌：「你以恩典為年歲的冠冕，你的路徑都滴下脂油。」(詩篇 65:11)。神為我們所預備的將來是光明的、是我們未曾想到的。神的心意是要我們在祂恩典之中的生命越來越豐盛。相信神不變的應許，我們在新的一年里必然會活得更豐盛。

神應許與祂的兒女同在，永不撇下我們，求聖靈堅定我們的心。在我們生命每段路上，願神厚賜恩典和力量。

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明日成人主日學將暫停一次，下週日(一月八日)正式開始二零二三年第一季網上成人主日學，一月至三月新課程有「耶穌生平」(導師：葉軍)和「約拿書」(導師：杜馮美蓮)，另有適合慕道者的福音班。時間是早上九時四十五分，內容請參閱週刊報告，歡迎參加。

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願神的慈愛和恩典充充滿滿的加給你和你的家，祝你一家人新年蒙福

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 31, 2022

Think of the days ahead and what do you see? Are better days ahead for you? Today the world's social, political and economic environment would worry us to death. The Psalmist faced the future with courage and confidence saying, "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me." He speaks with confidence, faith, courage and hope as he faces the future. Goodness is one of the attributes of God. He is a good God all the time. The Psalmist has no questions about the goodness and mercy of God. As he looks back over his lifetime of numerous successes and failures he bore a testimony that God always deals with his own goodness and mercy. Interestingly, the Hebrew word for 'follow' means to run after, chase or pursue. It is never stopping, never ceasing in its pursuit of you. Just picture goodness and mercy relentlessly hunting you down all the days of your life. These things will keep pursuing us or chasing us as long as we remain in His plan and His fold. This is the blessing and inheritance for every child of God who has faith in the wonderful shepherd. In the New Testament, Jesus reveals Himself to be the Good Shepherd of Psalm 23.

Our devotion to God may falter, but His devotion to us never does: 'If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful...' (2 Timothy 2:13) Even people around us may disappoint you, but God's goodness and mercy are certain and inevitable. That is a confident assurance! Let God's mercy and goodness continually find us wherever we go. Let Christ be the shepherd of our lives.

As the dawn breaks on a new year, together with my wife Florence, daughters Jasmine and Rahel and I want to wish you a blessed New Year. It is our prayer that you and your loved ones will experience God's peace, joy and love throughout 2023.

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最新消息 (12/24/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

過去三個星期的「將臨期」，我們分享了「盼望」、「平安」和「喜樂」，最後這個星期是「愛」。不同教會的主題次序可能有所分別，但無論教會的傳統是什麼，聖誕節要傳遞給世人的信息就是「愛」、「盼望」、「平安」和「喜樂」。這是基督徒信心之旅的核心價值和信念，幫助我們堅毅地走主要我們走的路。

聖誕節絕對和「愛」有關。馬利亞許配了給約瑟、但約瑟還沒有迎娶她，當他發現馬利亞懷了孕，約瑟因為愛，就不願意明明的羞辱馬利亞，只想要暗暗的把她休了。馬利亞愛耶穌，身為母親的她不見了年幼的耶穌，著急的四處尋找。最重要的，神愛世人，甚至差祂的獨生子降世，在我們還作罪人的時候為我們死，向我們顯明了祂毫不保留的愛。耶穌在世一生傳揚的就是愛：神的愛和兩條大誡命：愛神、愛你的鄰舍（馬太福音 22:36 - 40）。

「將臨期」花環上四支洋燭，其中一支代表愛，象徵主耶穌降世的原因：神的愛。沒有神的愛，就不會有聖誕節，沒有神的愛，我們不會走主要我們走的路，我們的生活，動作，存留都是徒然的。靠著神的愛，我們才能夠把得救的福音傳給萬民，生命才有意義。生命裏有主，我們才會有盼望、平安、喜樂和愛。耶穌到世上來是作光、要照亮世界，帶領我們走出黑暗，進入光明。藉著耶穌，我們可以也必須成為別人的光。求聖靈使我們明白，充滿我們的心，向世人展示聖誕節的真正意義。

感謝神愛我們，差派祂的獨生子降世。這個星期日是慶祝耶穌基督降生的聯合崇拜，同時為受洗的弟兄姊妹慶祝，他們會分享得救見證，公開承認耶穌基督是他們個人的救主和生命的主，榮耀歸於神。

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年終除夕粵語祈禱會將於 12 月 31 日(星期六)晚上七時半舉行，弟兄姊妹可回到教會實體參與或透過網絡參加。弟兄姊妹請預留時間參加，回顧神恩，支取信心踏進新一年。

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願神在這個聖誕節讓你的生活充滿愛、喜樂和平安！

基約宣道會長議會同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 24, 2022

Christmas comes and Christmas goes, but what difference does the celebration of Christmas make in our lives? The Christmas narrative has become so familiar that we feel there's nothing new to consider. Nine in ten Americans say they celebrate Christmas, and three-quarters say they believe in the virgin birth of Jesus. However, only about half see Christmas primarily as a religious holiday, while one-third view it as more of a cultural holiday. (Pew Research Study)

Why was the birth of Christ necessary? The great truth is that the eternal God became one of us; He became a human being in the person of Jesus Christ. And why did God do such a thing? Because He loves us! Because we needed a Saviour! We need to remember that we are celebrating more than just the birth of our Christ. Christmas is about the salvation and hope given to us by Jesus through freedom from our sins and the wages of sin is death. Jesus Christ came into this world to redeem and save us. As believers, we frequently forget the depth of our separation from God because of our sins. Let's remember to celebrate the birth of Christ not only at Christmas time but also throughout the year, that Christ came to call us out of darkness and adopt us as His sons and daughters. Let me encourage you today to hold onto His loving hands and surrender yourself to God's love this Advent season!!

On this Advent season, my wife Florence, daughters Jasmine and Rahel and I would like to extend our warmest Christmas greetings to you. May you experience God's peace, joy and love throughout this Christmas season and throughout 2023!

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This is a gentle reminder that the deadline to update any changes to your place of residence or contact numbers is December 31, 2022. Do take a moment to update electronically through the "Sign Up Today" link. THANK YOU!

If you have further questions, please feel free to contact either Peggy, Samantha or Elaine.

最新消息 (12/17/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「將臨期」第三個星期的主題是「喜樂」，因為耶穌降生賜給世人救恩，叫一切信祂的、不至滅亡、反得永生。

耶穌的降生關乎全人類，所以聖誕節是普天同慶的日子。基督徒更應當歡欣和感恩，因為這是來自神的喜樂，不是一時的快樂或滿足感。是神在第一個聖誕節賜給世人一份特別的禮物，只有相信耶穌的人，才會獲得的。

神賜給我們的喜樂不取決於發生在我們身上的事、這個世界的環境或我們與誰在一起，也不取決於我們在聖誕節互送的禮物。世上任何事物都無法給我們完全的喜樂。除非有主在我們的生命中，否則我們無法體會那份帶著盼望的喜樂。羅馬書 15 章 13 節：「但願使人有盼望的神、因信、將諸般的喜樂平安、充滿你們的心、使你們藉著聖靈的能力、大有盼望」。昔日充滿在牧羊人、天使、博士、天軍以及瑪利亞和約瑟心裏的喜樂，是帶著能力、滿有盼望的，今天仍然會充滿我們的心，不會因時間的過去而減少。

當我們在「將臨期」準備慶祝救主降生，充滿喜樂之際，求主施恩，幫助我們默想聖誕節的意義，將大喜的信息傳給萬民，直到地極。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 17, 2022

Douglas Copeland, a Canadian writer and artist once interviewed Microsoft software programmers outside of Seattle for one of his books regarding life after death. He was curious to find from these brilliant minds their beliefs and ideas about life after death. He concluded through his findings, that not even one of them gave a thought to what life might be after death. On the other hand, most of them believed that there is something more after this mortal life. What happened in Bethlehem 2,000 years ago is so important. Truly, the birth of Jesus gives us hope not only in the present but also in the future.

Jesus came not only to bring hope. Paul describes Jesus Christ as “our hope” (1 Timothy 1:1) and “the blessed hope” (Titus 2:13). Jesus taught his disciples (and therefore us) to look beyond this world. The hope of Christmas was not only that Jesus was born into the world but that He’s coming again. Advent is a wonderful reminder of the hope we have because of Jesus Christ.

Is the hope of Jesus real and alive in you?
The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (12/10/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「將臨期」第二個星期的重點是「和平」，和平這個詞希伯來文是 shalom，意思是「完全」或「福祉」。以賽亞書稱耶穌是「和平的君」，然而耶穌降生不是為世界排難解紛，而是要將我們從罪惡裏拯救出來，使我們在基督裏得以完全。相信耶穌是神的兒子，接受耶穌為救主的，必得與神和好的福祉 (shalom)。

耶穌降生其中一個特別之處，是有天使向牧羊人報喜訊，宣告：「在至高之處榮耀歸與神、在地上平安歸與他所喜悅的人」(路加福音 2 章 14 節)。昔日有一些狂熱猶太人，希望耶穌 - 他們期待的救世主 - 帶領他們以暴力推翻羅馬政權的暴虐統治，從而得到他們想要的和平。但耶穌的意念不是世人的意念，祂帶來的不是世人所想象的和平，而是「平安」。

首先，祂賜給我們的平安是永恆的。耶穌釘身十字架擔當了我們的罪，讓我們有機會接受救恩後，有聖靈住在我們心裏，使我們內心有真正的平安。

其次，我們要與人和好，尤其主內肢體，應當放下分歧，和睦共處。因為我們是連於元首基督的一家人，並且有共同目標：要使世人知道唯有在耶穌基督裏才有真正的平安。

耶穌說：「我留下平安給你們、我將我的平安賜給你們。我所賜的、不像世人所賜的。你們心裡不要憂愁、也不要膽怯。」(約翰福音 14:27)。我們在世上有苦難，但我們可以放心，因為神應許給我們平安。縱然世界黑暗混亂，令人不安，但當我們能夠專心仰望依靠神的應許，內心必定會平靜安穩。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 10, 2022

It is so hard to believe that Christmas is just 2 weeks away! Christmas is the most anticipated and busy season of the year. While the Christmas season can be such a fun time, we may sometimes feel like we are in a race to get everything done to celebrate the wonderful season: Christmas parties, buying gifts, getting the house decorated and church events... there is just so much to do!!!

December also tends to be a time of family Christmas traditions. Every family has their own special Christmas 'traditions' that they carry out year after year. According to the dictionary, the word 'tradition' is defined as "the handing down of statements, beliefs, legends, customs, information, etc., from generation to generation, especially by word of mouth or by practice." While some Christmas traditions are religious in nature- such as attending church, others are less formal and might include decorating the Christmas trees, watching movies and more. Interestingly, in Japan, although Christmas is not a national holiday, many still observe it. On that day, many families gather around dinner with KFC chicken (KFC for Christmas) rather than with the traditional turkey. 'KFC for Christmas' birthed out a marketing campaign. It is said that people in Japan order their KFC boxes a few months in advance to observe Christmas day.

Whatever is important to us comes out in the traditions we create. Family traditions can become an aid that holds a family together as well as set the stage for sharing the Christ of Christmas. What are the "Christmas Traditions" you want to pass on to your family and friends that share the good news of Christ's birth? Let it be our prayer, that in the midst of all our Christmas joy and fun, we will take time to worship our Lord Jesus and use our traditions to share the reason for the season – Christ is Born!

The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (12/3/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「將臨期」(Advent) 是由聖誕倒數四個星期日開始至聖誕前夕為止的一段期間，是慶祝彌賽亞－耶穌基督降生的準備與等待期。「將臨期」(Advent) 來自拉丁文，簡單翻譯是「將臨」或「到達」。「將臨期」不單是為紀念和慶祝耶穌基督第一次降生做準備，也是為接受耶穌做救主成為基督裏新造的人慶祝，更是對主早日回來的期待和盼望。

「將臨期」的第一個星期日是讓我們把思想集中在「盼望」上，記住神給這個沉淪墮落世界的盼望，就是透過耶穌賜給我們的。

加拉太書 4:4-7 說：「及至時候滿足、神就差遣他的兒子、為女子所生、且生在律法以下、要把律法以下的人贖出來、叫我們得著兒子的名分。你們既為兒子、神就差他兒子的靈、進入你們〔原文作我們〕的心、呼叫阿爸、父。可見、從此以後、你不是奴僕、乃是兒子了、既是兒子、就靠著 神為後嗣。」

在這段經文裏，保羅完善地闡述了因為耶穌基督降生所帶給世人的盼望，才是我們今天慶祝聖誕節的原因！我們原來都是罪的奴僕，沒有神的介入，我們會一直被罪捆綁，最後毫無指望地走向死亡。但神是愛，為了拯救世人，差派祂獨生的兒子耶穌基督降世，為我們的罪獻上，使我們得以擺脫罪的鎖鏈，成為神榮耀永恆天家的一份子。

耶穌基督降世是神賜給全人類的禮物。在這個「將臨期」，當我們準備紀念和慶祝主耶穌降生時，願我們和家人翹首以盼著這份寶貴的禮物。求神施恩，使這個「盼望」可以切實地振奮我們的心靈。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 3, 2022

Festive seasons are a great time to travel, explore new destinations and spend quality time with loved ones and friends. Have you ever been at the airport and seen the excitement of returning loved ones during the festive season? As people disembark, you will notice glowing expectations on the faces of children, families, grandparents and friends in the crowd looking for the special someone or something they were waiting for. At the first sight of the expected person amid the crowd, there are tears of joy, laughter and even sadness. It is an emotional time for everyone as the moment has finally come to meet the person.

Likewise, Luke's Gospel urges us to have that posture of expectation this season--to search in the crowds for God's gracious gift – the Lord Jesus Christ!

Advent means that the Lord is coming. But He comes to us in different ways. First, Jesus came to us at a specific point in history at Bethlehem about 2000 years ago. Second, Jesus came to redeem us from our sins and iniquities. He comes to us, as the Holy Spirit, to be our counsellor and guide in our life. He will surely come to judge the living and the dead in the Second Coming. Jesus also comes in the form of the needy, the sick and the oppressed (Matt. 25:35-40).

Advent is a time to stir up our faith in the Lord. Today, do you recognise His coming and are you ready to receive and welcome Him when He comes, and however, He comes?
The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Rev Vinson

最新消息 (11/26/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

宋尚節，著名華人基督教佈道家，在 1920 及 1930 年代對中國大陸、台灣和東南亞等地華人的復興運動中發揮了重要作用。

1920 年宋尚節前往美國，用五年時間獲得化學博士學位。因為深信神呼召他委身事奉，所以繼續留美在紐約協和神學院讀神學，之後才返中國。回國途中，他把所有學術獎項都丟入大海，以表示他對福音事工的完全奉獻，只為父親保留了博士文憑。

宋尚節的福音事工不單遍及中國，他也積極向東南亞的華人傳福音。估計國內外合共有超過 100,000 名華人因此信耶穌。

宋尚節患有腸結核病，但他沒有退縮，反而繼續努力傳揚福音，甚至有時在講道期間要側著身體才能稍微減輕痛楚。神後來接他回天家，在世寄居 42 載。

是什麼激發宋尚節如此努力傳福音？有多重要？正是因為耶穌說：「往普天下去，使人作門徒」這段經文。耶穌不只吩咐宋尚節，耶穌是吩咐每一個相信祂、願意跟隨祂的人！

我們應當承擔起大使命，發揮作用，將福音傳到地極，使萬民得救。耶穌說：「人子來、為要尋找拯救失喪的人」(路加福音 19:10)。願神施恩，打開我們的心眼，使我們看見莊稼已經熟了，要把握每個機會，盡心盡力搶救更多的靈魂。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 26, 2022

The parable of the prodigal son is one of the best-known stories that the Lord ever told. Moreover, this thought-provoking story of the father and two sons is very familiar to all of us. Even the great Dutch painter Rembrandt turned Jesus' most famous parable into one of his masterpieces — The Return of the Prodigal Son.

In this parable, the younger son desires to get out of the restraints and constraints of living within the family home. Hence, he demands his share of the inheritance and severed himself from his father's household, beliefs and even spiritual heritage. He goes to a distant land with no intention of returning. It is a disturbing scene.

When this younger man's journey was marked by hurt, disappointment, resentment, and unfulfilled expectations, he came to his senses and realized that his suffering resulted from his choices. He resolves to go back to his Father and ask to be treated as a hired hand since he is no longer worthy to be his son. On reading this parable, I tend to ask this question, why did the son return back to his father though he left with no intention of returning home? What was going through his mind when he was contemplating returning home? And what gave him the boldness to turn back home?

One of the reasons that brought him back was that he knew his father well. His father's love and care drew him towards home. The response of the Father touches my heart. True to the prodigal son's belief, his father runs to him, which would not have been done during his time at all, and welcomed him back with wide-open arms with a kiss. He doesn't mind that his son looks and smelled bad or even seems to hear what the son is saying about being a hired hand.

Jesus told the story to show God's great love and mercy. Today, how well do you know about your Heavenly Father? Do you believe and know that God loves you? Throughout history, God has never stopped loving His people. Scripture reminds us that 'God loved us before we ever loved Him' and God wants us to know Him personally and to experience His presence in our lives. Even the Psalmist is inviting us to "Taste and see that the LORD is good" Ps 34:8.

Let this be our prayer "Lord, I want to know You better!"
The Lord be with you.

Blessings
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「愛神」對你意味什麼？格萊福的聖伯納德(St. Bernard de Clairvaux)是一位生活在 12 世紀的修道院改革者和創辦人。聖伯納德的講道極具感染力，吸引無數人聽，更有數以百計的人跟隨他到修道院修道。在其《論愛神》一書中，他談到了愛的四種層次：

第一層次的愛是我們「為了自己而愛自己」，這大概是我們最能理解的生命光景。第二層次的愛是我們「為了自己而愛神」，因為神供應和拯救了我們。

「為神而愛神」是第三層次的愛。經歷神多次垂聽我們的禱告及應允我們的要求，嘗過神豐盛的恩典後，我們現在愛神，不再是祈求神滿足我們的需要。

第四層次是「為神而愛自己」，是純正，沒有私心的（不是為了獲取而付出）。我們愛，因為我們被愛。我們關心別人，因為耶穌關心我們。這個層次的經驗是罕有和短暫的。

伯納德叫我們愛神必須要有清潔的心、正直的靈和聖潔生活。願我們繼續努力，純全地愛主耶穌。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 19, 2022

My name is _____. What's your name? This is how we usually introduce ourselves when we meet someone new. Names are important and remembering someone's name when we see them again, makes a person feel important and helps to build the relationship. Someone once said that all of us go through life with three names: the name given to us by our parents; the name given to us by others – how we are seen by them, and lastly, the name we give ourselves based on our character.

In Psalm 139: 14, David marvels at the knowledge and works of God, affirming that each one of us are "fearfully and wonderfully made." When I think of these comforting verses, "I am fearfully and wonderfully made," and, "how precious are your thoughts towards me," I sense that God created me in an intricate and unique manner with His ever-present presence in my life. But there have been moments I have pondered on these questions: Why would God be so concerned with me? And why would He even care about me even though there is nothing that would possibly draw God to me? And I can't imagine God's creativity that went into designing and making me with love and care.

In recent decades our culture has steadily devalued humans – disability, sickness, and poverty do not lessen the value of human life. Every human life matters to God. Scripture reminds us that it is NOT because of anything we have done, but because of his powerful love for us. We see that love is on full display in these verses from Psalm 139. But when we acknowledge the truth that we are God's unique design, it is awe-inspiring. We can have peace and joy in our hearts in whatever ailments we face in life because nothing happens without His knowledge. God knows our names, our joys and even the hardships that come in our life.

God made you to be special, distinguished, and unique. Likewise, the more we see others as God sees, the more we will see the eternal value within them. Consider how unique you are in God's sight!

Reflection: How do you really see yourself today?
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神不單呼召宣教士往世界各地宣教，也包括我們。大使命是所有基督徒的屬靈戰爭，宣教士在前綫，我們在後方，缺一不可。

我們的首要任務是祈禱 -- 摩西手裡拿著神的杖站在山頂上，他何時舉手、以色列人就何時得勝 -- 如果神感動你為一些宣教士祈禱，就專心為他們的信心、異象、智慧、健康、平安、家庭、勸勉、策略、禾場、莊稼等等恆切禱告。其次是奉獻於宣教事工，把錢財運用在擴展神的國，使福音透過宣教士傳到世界每個角落，做一個神所喜悅、有愛心又忠心的好管家，像那個把一切養生的都獻上，被耶穌稱讚的窮寡婦。

傳福音給未得之民是宣教士和教會的共同使命。神說：「上陣的得多少、看守器具的也得多少」(撒母耳記上 30:24)。「莊稼多，工人少」，你願意承擔大使命，與宣教士一起將救恩傳到地極嗎？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 12, 2022

In the book of Ephesians, Paul wrote about the 'mystery of Christ' (Eph 3:4) which God has chosen to reveal through His Son Jesus Christ. What is that mystery?

The culmination of history is that "the Gentiles are heirs together with Israel, members together of one body, and sharers together in the promise in Christ Jesus" (Eph 3:6).

The Gentiles were not an afterthought. When the Gentiles were redeemed, their position was no different from that of the Hebrews.

Once we become aware of this truth, we have the responsibility to share it with others. That is the ministry which all of us Christians are called to perform. We become a 'minister', someone who takes part in sharing the gospel truth with others. And Paul also made it clear that those who minister are given the grace through the working his power to preach to the Gentiles "the unsearchable riches of Christ" (Eph 3:7-8).

And that's why we need to support Mission, locally and globally.

November is NCAC Mission Emphasis month, where our church and its community of believers will focus on the importance of Mission, we will take part in learning the Biblical truth, and to experience the hands of God's amazing work through the life stories of C&MA missionaries (International Workers) and other organizations' unwavering commitment to spread the Good News of Jesus Christ to other parts of the world where the Gospel light has not yet shone brightly.

Tomorrow and next Sunday, we are privileged to have two well-acclaimed speakers, Rev. Dr. Francis Tam and Rev. CY Yan, to share their stories and views of Mission.

Rev. Dr. Francis Tam will share "Keeping His Commands" John 15:9-14.

Verse for Reflection: Acts 13:47b

"I have made you[a] a light for the Gentiles,
that you may bring salvation to the ends of the earth."

We thank God for Jesus – saviour and Messiah of all humanity. We praise and worship the Only True God who has a heart for all those who are still lost, and who encourages us to keep his commandment – to spread the Good News about Jesus Christ and to make disciples of all nations. And surely Christ will be with us always, to the end of the age (Matt 28:19-20). Amen.

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Christmas is a meaningful and joyful season - a season where we share our love by exchanging gifts with family, friends and even colleagues. Let's make this season a joyful moment for needy children around the world by filling a box filled with memorable gifts. To participate, please pick up an Operation Christmas shoebox in the foyer. All filled box has to be returned to Charlotte Pang by November 13 with \$10 for freight charges (required by samaritan purse).

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兒童部十月份金句是約翰福音 8:12 「耶穌又對眾人說、我是世界的光。跟從我的、就不在黑暗裡走、必要得著生命的光」。在這節經文裏，耶穌用光照亮世界做比喻，闡明祂就是獨一真理、長存之道、永恆生命之光，人若跟從祂，就不會行在黑暗中。

約翰福音 8:12 中有兩個應許，先決條件是要跟從耶穌。第一個是得救的應許，有耶穌的光我們就不再活在黑暗之中，因為光一來，黑暗就消除，我們不再被罪轄制，得享永生。第二個應許是信主的必成為世上的光，耶穌降世作世界之光，跟從祂就得著生命的光，並且成為世上的光。

作世上的光不單是應許，也是耶穌的吩咐（馬太福音 5:14-16）。人看到月亮發光，其實是看到太陽的光被月亮反射；同樣，基督徒也要反射耶穌的光。靠著聖靈的大能，我們遵守主命、行公義、好憐憫、傳揚福音，讓世人在我們身上看見耶穌永恆生命的亮光。

願我們凡事誠實守信、忠主托付、榮耀神。十一月是宣教月，但願我們能將這光帶到世界上每一個角落，因為主不願見有一人沉淪，乃願人人都悔改，祂願萬人得救。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 5, 2022

Do you remember playing the childhood game, “Follow the Leader”? It is said that there are at least 17 variations of this interesting game. In this game, the players who procrastinate or lag behind the leader’s actions are out of the game. Where else, the player who stays in till the end becomes the new leader. Though it is a fun-filled game, it calls for focus and determination.

It’s no different for followers of Jesus Christ who are called to follow Christ. In his writings, the apostle Paul urged his readers to follow his example and invited them to “Imitate me as I imitate Christ”. Even in his letters to the believers in Corinth (1 Cor. 11:1), Philippi (Phil. 4:9) and to Timothy, such an invitation was given. The apostle encouraged Timothy to “set an example” even though he was young (1 Tim. 4. 12).

At the outset, it seems like a simple call but when we first dig into scripture we are urged to become more and more like Christ. Throughout scripture, we are also told to imitate mature godly believers and faithful churches. On the contrary, we are forewarned to be careful not to imitate evil and to avoid even the appearance of evil (1 Thess. 5:22).

What a bold statement by the apostle urging believers to follow him as he followed Christ. It is natural for any kid to imitate their parents. Ronald Heifetz, an expert on leadership and practice once said, “worry not that your child listens to you; worry most that they watch you.” Think about yourself for a moment. Could you say, "Imitate me as I imitate Christ?" And “What is something that you would not want others to imitate about your life?”

We thank God for Jesus our greatest example, His Living Word to inspire, and for the Spirit of Christ living in us to guide, equip and bless us.

The Lord be with you.

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基督徒行事為人要聖潔是神的命令，彼得前書 1:15 這樣說：「那召你們的既是聖潔、你們在一切所行的事上也要聖潔」。

生命和生活得以聖潔是神的恩典，羅馬書 1:4 稱聖靈為「聖潔的靈」（新譯本），神的兒女有聖靈住在心裏，必蒙啓導。在聖靈大能的引領下，我們重生得救的生命就能活出基督的樣式。

基督徒可以像耶穌一樣生活聖潔，只要我們同耶穌一樣順服聖靈的引領，就如【成聖須用工夫】歌詞：「讓主前來管理意念和性情，隨從聖靈引領」。行事為人順服聖靈的掌管，就會生活聖潔。生活聖潔不代表我們完美無瑕，而是像保羅所訓勉的：「這不是說、我已經得著了、已經完全了、我乃是竭力追求、或者可以得著基督耶穌所以得著我的〔所以得著我的或作所要我得的〕」（腓立比書 3:12）。

神鑒察人心，知道我們的心思，願我們一生聖潔，榮耀主名。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 29, 2022

If you ask most people which holiday is related to the last day of October, many will answer “Halloween”. However, in the Christian circle, October 31, the last day of October is Reformation Day, remembering the Protestant Reformation, being driven by a young German monk named Martin Luther. Do you know the contribution of Martin Luther? Luther fought to return Christianity to its roots, giving utter importance to the reading of scripture and that our redemption is based only on faith in Christ.

One of the things that captivated me was Luther’s speech when asked to recant his statements, the “95 thesis,” and other writings, which were considered heretical, and a threat to the Roman Catholic Church's authority. Luther confidently refused to withdraw his position and writings before Charles V, the Holy Roman Emperor at the imperial assembly. A deep silence settled over the room, Luther courageously replied with these words:

“Unless I am convinced by the testimony of the Holy Scriptures or by evident reason-for I can believe neither pope nor councils alone, as it is clear that they have erred repeatedly and contradicted themselves-I consider myself convicted by the testimony of Holy Scripture, which is my basis; my conscience is captive to the Word of God. Thus I cannot and will not recant, because acting against one’s conscience is neither safe nor sound.”

It is said that Luther concluded the speech with these famous words, “Here I stand; I can do no other. God help me. Amen.” Luther knew that he would be declared a heretic and could be burned at the stake if he fails to recant, but he refused to compromise. This boldness of Luther appeals to me. His courage and bold influence were also felt worldwide and even in theological circles. Many of the freedoms within Christianity we experience today, are the results of Luther’s life and accomplishments causing the most significant impact on our modern world.

Today, it might be easy for us to take a bold stand in certain situations. Likewise to be bold in our Christian faith and testimony is important to our spiritual growth and true boldness should always be centred on Christ. We need to stand for God’s Name and Glory – to live out the gospel and witness Christ boldly without any fear. Remember our saviour’s words in Matthew 10: 28, “Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell”.

I hope you have a wonderful Reformation Day ahead.

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自疫情爆發中斷後，潤別三年的多倫多湖濱馬拉松終於回歸。上個星期日有超過 20,000 名跑手參加。跑馬拉松既辛苦又乏味，如果以為是囊中物或視作消遣，絕無機會奪標。若要成功，參賽跑手必須有正確的心態：專注目標，積極備戰，心無旁騖，直奔終點。

要摘取桂冠必須有所付出，要得神喜悅就要全心全意信靠順服。

「你們若順從耶和華、耶和華必與你們同在。你們若尋求他、就必尋見。你們若離棄他、他必離棄你們」（歷代志下 15:2b）許多基督徒認自己是信，行事為人卻仍按著一向的思想方式和價值觀，未能在神面前完全順服。沒有順服的信，只是視神為一條危急用的救命繩，或是其他用途之一。自認信但沒有順服，是對神的本體、大能及應許缺乏信心。羅馬書 1 章 5 節說：蒙召屬主的人信且順服。怎樣才能在神面前完全順服呢？

神學家詹姆斯·蒙哥馬利·博伊斯 (James Montgomery Boice) 說，信就是順服，是命令，不是基督徒可以選擇的。如果可以選擇，使徒保羅怎麼可能成為一位甘心順服耶穌的僕人和門徒呢？一個如此悖逆的人怎麼可能跪在耶穌腳前？只有一個答案，這是出於神的恩典。只有神的恩典能帶來這種改變，只有恩慈的神願意這樣做。

願神恩慈的愛激勵我們，使我們無論順境逆境都有順服的信。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 22, 2022

Lately, an old and classic church hymn "Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father" has been ringing in my mind. Thomas Chisholm, who acknowledged new blessings from God every day in the midst of many struggles throughout his life, composed this well-loved hymn, which was 1 out of the 1,200 songs he had written.

During his early years as a church minister, Thomas's health went on a downhill slope, which then affected his pastoral ministry and forced him to resign from his church. Subsequently, he and his family continued to experience many financial issues and difficulties. When Chisholm passed through many trying experiences, he drew renewed strength from Lamentations 3:22-23, which inspired him to pen this breath-taking hymn:

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.
There is no shadow of turning with thee.
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.
As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Chorus:

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see.
All I have needed thy hand hath provided.
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

2. Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
Sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Towards the end of his life, Chisholm affirmed his unfailing faithfulness in God, and he wrote: "My income has not been large at any time due to impaired health in the earlier years which has followed me until now, although I must not fail to record the unfailing faithfulness of a covenant-keeping God, for which I am filled with astonishing gratefulness."

Today, the wording or singing of this hymn might sound a bit old-fashioned, but it is a powerful reminder of the faithfulness of God in an individual's life. There are many foundations upon which people place their trust and hope, to some it is business, to others it may be career foundations and the list goes on. But there is one foundation in life that is a firm foundation at all times and in all things – that is the Lord Jesus Christ (Is. 33:6; 1 Peter 2:4-6). When we build our lives on a firm foundation in Christ, we can withstand whatever comes our way. God is always faithful!

Are you building your life on the solid foundation of Jesus Christ?

Have a blessed weekend!

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以弗所書 2:10「我們原是他的工作、在基督耶穌裡造成的、為要叫我們行善、就是 神所預備叫我們行的」。神對所創造的每一個人都有特別的計劃。神賜給各人獨特的天賦和才幹，是要我們在世上用來擴展神的國度。

恩賜雖有不同，功用也有分別，但運用在不同的職事上，就能成就神的旨意，因此所有人都重要。（哥林多前書 12:12 -31）

你認為自己微不足道？不，神已為你預備適合的職事。要信靠神，祂會裝備你，引導你，你會發現越事奉越快樂，並在神為你預備不同的事奉崗位上充滿喜樂。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 15, 2022

When David Livingston, the courageous missionary to Africa was conferred the degree of Doctor of Law in 1896, he stood to share his missionary story in Africa. There was complete silence as Livingston spoke with a crushed left arm that was torn by a lion. Livingston was determined to go back to Africa to minister and he proclaimed these words “But I return without misgivings and with great gladness. For would you like me to tell you what supported me through all the years of exile among people whose language I could not understand, and whose attitude towards me was always uncertain and often hostile? It was this: 'Lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world!’” On those words I staked everything and they never failed me! "

What a great testimony and powerful evidence that God never leaves us and that His presence is always assured. These were the last reassuring words of Jesus to his disciples and even to us when we feel alone or even feel intimidated by people and situations around us (Matthew 28). You and I are never alone; the Lord is always with us when we place our confidence in Him. Christ does not only assure us of His presence but helps us to carry out all of the work entrusted to us with the power and strength that the Lord has given us. Furthermore, the Lord assures us through Isaiah 43:2 “When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and when you pass through the rivers, they will not sweep over you. When you walk through the fire, you will not be burned; the flames will not set you ablaze.” It is not the nature of God neither to forget nor forsake his people. (Isaiah 49:15).

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中秋重陽剛過，感恩節又到了。回想這一年以來的生活點滴，未必覺得可以事事感恩，然而，適逢感恩節週末，值得默想保羅對帖撒羅尼迦教會所說的話：「要常常喜樂，不住的禱告，凡事謝恩，因為這是 神在基督耶穌裡向你們所定的旨意」（帖前 5:16-18）。

為美好的事物而高興和感謝是有道理的。但是壞的、困難的、痛苦的呢？

身處在一個墮落的世界，生活和生命上的困苦傷痛實令我們感到悲哀。但神告訴我們，「萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處」，祂正將每一件可怕的，困難的，愁煩的事，轉化成對我們有益的。苦難和悲痛可以是一條領我們到神面前的通道，沒有走過這通道，我們就不會獲得這份神為我們所預備的至寶貴的禮物。

要走過神賜給我們的人生道路，需要對神有信心。無論任何環境，我們需要神的恩手來帶領，相信神愛我們，祂所作的是為我們的益處，是我們生命充滿喜樂和感恩的由來。神昔日如何，在 2022 年此時此刻，也必一樣。

祝您與家人和所愛的人感恩節快樂。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 8, 2022

It was little Tommy's turn to pray for dinner. Before he prayed, he glanced anxiously at the dishes. Then, he bowed his head and quietly said "Lord, I don't like the looks of the dishes, but I'll thank you and eat it anyway." Like little Tommy, can we be thankful when we as a nation have lost 45,394 persons to Covid 19 (as of October 7, 2022)? Similarly, can we be thankful when we are facing a difficult situation of some kind? While it may be hard time to give thanks amid pain, the prophet Habakkuk instills in us what it means to be thankful even in a painful season of our lives. He describes the calamities of what would happen in Habakkuk 3:17,18 :

"Though the fig tree should not blossom, nor fruit be on the vines, the produce of the olive fail and the fields yield no food, the flock be cut off from the fold and there be no herd in the stalls, yet I will rejoice in the LORD; I will take joy in the God of my salvation."

Prophet Habakkuk knew that his people would go into exile and lives would be lost. The city of Jerusalem and its temple will be destroyed and the nation will be ruined. Yet, he tells God that he will rejoice in the Lord no matter what happens. What was the reason for his thankfulness? Habakkuk wasn't thanking God for all the things that were happening in his nation. Though He was going through tough times, he refused to take his eyes off the LORD and His covenant of grace. The prophet affirms by saying "I will rejoice in the Lord, I will be joyful in God my Savior."

Habakkuk teaches us that thanksgiving is possible even when life is hard when the enemies are surrounding you, and when you don't understand what God is doing in your life. Thanksgiving is not just a day, but also a lifestyle to this prophet.

Today, living in the midst of a fearful world, what we believe about God is going to be the firm foundation to help weather the storms of life and its effects on our life and faith. Dear church, don't lose your confidence in God, continue to persevere, do God's will and live by faith. (Hebrews 10:35-38).

This week, as we celebrate Thanksgiving, let us give thanks to God for His countless blessings, and let's bless the Lord in the hours of pain—as well as in the times of gladness. (Psalm 34:1).

On this Thanksgiving, I'm thankful for all that you do for God, His church, His kingdom and our Nation.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving!

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太陽早升晚降是必然的。萬物有時，凡事都有定期。在薛牧師開啟人生新篇章之際，相信主對他也有新的托付。我們感謝薛牧師在過去七年遵行主的大使命，盡心盡力扶持我們的靈命成長，使我們在主裡蒙福。讓我們銘記薛牧師的提醒砥礪前行：「殷勤不可懶惰。要心裡火熱，常常服侍主」（羅 12:11）。這是他語重心長的叮嚀，也是忠誠交托的仰望。能夠貫徹並延續異象與使命，雖然不容易，卻絕非無路可走，最要緊的是有信心和熱誠。

就像保羅所說，服侍主必須要心裡火熱，專心一意。願我們靠著聖靈掌管好自己的心，能耐心地期盼著主所應許那將會來的喜樂。並以真心真意，熱誠專一的態度，在基督身體中彼此善待。

保羅進一步敦促我們服侍主和在肢體生活中要「盡心，盡性，盡意，盡力」，不要以己為念，要以神為念。首先是使用我們的屬靈恩賜在教會中互相服侍。保羅的教導指出基督徒必須虛己。作為基督徒，我們的目標是彼此相愛，互相建立，將盼望放在永恆上，耐心等待天父的供應。

求神親手牽引基約教會的步伐，供給我們所需要的，並在我們的生命中顯明祂的道路。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 1, 2022

In the parable of the persistent widow, Jesus asked a rather strange but important question that struck me during my reflection. “However, when the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on the earth?” Interestingly, in the Greek text, this phrase reads literally as, “will He find the faith.” The missing article has a deeper meaning. The fact that Jesus had to ask this question... seems to say that He desired a certain kind of faith. It does not mean a religious activity but points to a particular kind of belief. Just what is the faith that Jesus Christ is looking for? The word faith is used in different ways in our English language. The Greek word ‘faith’ in this text implies trust and confidence that demonstrates itself in obedience and faithfulness. Thus, the only way Jesus will find faith in your life and mine is if we are obedient to His word and faithful in our Christian walk.

However, in asking this question in Luke 18:8, Jesus challenges us to persevere in our faith against all odds. Though the Bible is clear about the importance of faith, Scripture forewarns that in the last days “many will lose faith, and people’s love will “grow cold” towards God (Matthew 24:10,12). As such, the apostle Paul challenges us in 2 Corinthians 13:5 to “Examine yourselves as to whether you are in the faith, test yourselves” (2 Cor. 13:5).

If you feel that you are losing your trust in God, ask God to rekindle your love for Him. Put aside doubts, and questions and surround yourself with strong Christian friends who will journey with you through your times of doubt.

When Jesus returns he will surely find religion, religious enthusiasm and even religious legalism but will He find the faith He is looking for?

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『我不是以為自己已經得著了；我只有的一件事，就是忘記背後，努力面前的，向著標竿直跑，要得神在基督耶穌裡從上面召我來得的獎賞。』(腓立比書 3:13-14)

人生怎樣才算無憾？對基督徒而言，相信是向著天國的標竿直跑，努力實踐神給自己福音的召命；而對於今年即將退休的自己(薛牧師)來說，這亦是我的人生寫照。

回想自己，蒙神呼召，23歲獻身事主，28歲進入神學院受訓，31歲畢業與師母開始全職事奉。先後從事四個崗位，擔任過三間教會主任牧師。在2020年12月滿六十五歲，正是疫情告急之時，我向主求，能與教會羊群共渡過逆/疫境。直到2022年10月滿六十六歲才從牧養教會之位退休，足足全職事奉36載，感謝主恩，用我一生，貢獻神國。

聖經裏沒有現代社會那種退休後，停止工作、全時間休閒的概念。在聖經裏，只有民數記八章24-26節有提到利未人工作年齡的限制。利未人年輕的時候開始服侍，身強力壯，足以搭建、搬運會幕及一切聖物，但定明超過五十歲的利未人應該退休。其實，重點並非以五十歲作為退休年齡，而是看什麼年齡之後，無法有效執行工作。利未人除了搬運沉重的會幕，還要仔細檢查不同疾病如皮膚病。在還沒有眼鏡的年代，一般超過五十歲的人近距離都看不清楚了。然而，摩西年滿八十歲了，仍扛起領導以色列人的重任(出7:7)。可見不同的人、不同的職務，這個標準偏差可以很大。

不過，退休的利未人並不表示要停止工作，工作年齡限制的目的，不是要讓有生產力的工人停止服侍，而是要按照個人經歷，重新指派更得心應手的工作職務。退休之後，利未人可以「在會幕裏，執行任務時，輔助他們的弟兄」(民8:26)。年長的利未人轉移至不同的方式來參與在神家中的職責、服務社羣；換言之，即退而不休。

有時，有些能力如判斷、智慧、洞見...等，也可能隨年齡增長，越加成熟。像利未人，我們在年長的時候，也不該全面停止有意義的工作。也許是有需要、也必須要退下原來崗位，但是能力與智慧仍具有價值。可以繼續以另外身分，服侍他人。可以全時間投入教會、社福機構，也可以花更多時間與家人相處，加入其他年輕成員的人生旅程。退休或年長者最有價值的事奉，就是指導、激勵、祝福年輕人。由此看來，退休後階段應該會是人生歷程之中，最有成就感的時段。可惜有些人，在天賦、資源、歷練、經驗、人際、影響、智慧，最有助於他人的時候，卻消磨在休閒、娛樂中，有些人甚至失去生命目標。

所以，退休生活只是換了另一種形式，延續事奉神，過得充實亦能豐盛多彩。退休不是享世福，而是開展另一些服侍。我們應該善用時間，既然退休後不用被固有工作捆綁，相對自由得多，我們便有機會選擇不用為口奔馳也能榮神益人的服侍。不過，身體當然亦開始有輕微的衰退，所以，當注意飲食控制、服藥與運動，保持身體活力，讓未來年日交在神手中，任祂使用。

在人生的不同階段，神給人有不同經歷，也可有不同的使命。問題是我們對神的呼召有多敏銳，還是只會逃避，耽於逸樂。因此，大家不妨用另一個角度來看“Retired”(退休)。其實，只要換上一個字母，Re-tired就成了Re-fired(重燃，不是解僱)；或取retired的廣東話諧音，Retired就成了Re-tired(換呔)；當換上了車呔，車子便可走更遠的路。車呔的書面語是輪「胎」，換呔後，生活事奉都仍可以靠主，脫「胎」換骨，煥然一新。

不妨想一想，不要在生命終結時，讓自己只留下一副骸骨給後人憑吊悼念。神既可使枯乾的骸骨長肉，給它們生命氣息，組成一隊大軍(結37:8-10)，我們這一副軟弱不全的軀體，也可在離開世界以前，靠著神的大能，在人生中創造不朽的貢獻、甚至傳奇，成為後人的美好回憶、見證神。但願為主能喚醒終日為口奔馳的你，能擁有退而不休、為主繼續打拼的衝勁，早點為自己人生的下半場作好適切的裝備。

退休在即，卻並非意味我與師母的事奉旅程結束，目睹教會，禾場及信徒牧養的龐大需要，若主許可，仍盼為此獻出一分力。最要緊還是能活得精彩，以榮耀至高神為己任，退休後仍可繼續傳揚福音、榮神益人，這是我倆的願景。牧師祈盼牧養的教會能夠貫徹並延續異象與使命。雖然不容易，卻絕非無路可走，最緊要是有信心和熱誠，「Where there is a will, there is a way」!

隨著退休，自己每星期與大家的分享會告一個段落，十月後的通訊將由長執或領導同工撰寫。最後，勉勵大家：「殷勤不可懶惰。要心裡火熱，常常服侍主。」(羅12:11)這是語重心長的叮嚀，也是忠誠托付的仰望。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 24, 2022

Let's Go Organic!

When you do your weekly groceries, do you go for 'organic' or "non-organic" items? As organic foods tend to cost more, we may ask, "Is organic food really worth the cost?" Interestingly, a study reveals that "two-thirds of Canadians purchase at least some organic food every week, with younger people buying more." Though organic foods don't look that much different from non-organic, 'organic food is more expensive because of the strict Organic certification standards required on the farm and facilities.' Thus it takes time, care, labour and cost to safeguard the organic standards.

Organic love for God can be costly like organic food. Organic love for God is not simply saying we love God, but loving the things that He loves and keeping away from things that displease Him. If we truly love God the first step is to surrender our hearts to God entirely (Romans 12:1). Furthermore, all our choices and activities should be built on questions such as: "Am I doing this based on a true love for God?"; "Am I willing to give up whatever pleasant things that God wants me to surrender?"; "Am I willing to take up painful things He wants us to carry?". We can't talk about loving God without any form of commitment, sacrifice and wholehearted surrender, which can be difficult. Eating organic foods may improve your physical well-being but to progress your spiritual health we need to live as an organic Christian.

When speaking about love for God, Scripture cautions us that in the last days, many will see their love for God "grow cold" (Matthew 24:12). If our love grows cold, how will others hear the good news of Jesus Christ? It would be hard to share the joy of the gospel with a cold and hardened heart.

Regularly, I find myself reflecting on this question, 'Is my love for God organic too?' But I do know this: I never want to stand before the throne of God unable to honestly answer the question of Christ, "Is your love for me (Christ) real?"

The Lord be with you!

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『你們是世上的鹽。鹽若失了味，怎能叫它再鹹呢？以後無用，不過丟在外面，被人踐踏了。你們是世上的光。城造在山上是不能隱藏的。』（太五 13-14）

英國在位時間最長的君主，也是世上在位時間最長的女性君主，英女王伊利沙伯二世，於9月8日與世長辭，享年96歲。她為人謙遜，保持着她七十年來身為國君的高貴與尊嚴。她的堅毅、從容、溫和、和優雅贏得了全球大部份人民共同的尊敬和愛戴。

女王常在公開場合提到基督信仰。在聖誕廣播中，女王多次談到耶穌降生的故事，和如何持續鼓勵全球各地的基督徒。她曾說：「儘管耶穌被流離失所，在他短暫的一生中遭受迫害，但基督所傳達的不變的信仰，並非報復或暴力；簡單地說，我們要彼此相愛。」她還說：「雖然要跟隨這件事並不容易，但我們不應該氣餒。相反地，它激勵我們更努力地嘗試。永遠對那些為你的生命帶來愛與快樂的人們心存感激，並找出可以分享這份愛的方式，無論何時、無論在哪，都盡我們一己之力。」

在九十歲生日之時，她出版了新書《The Servant Queen And The King She Serves 僕人女王與她所侍奉的君王，暫譯》，談她自己的信仰，以及對摯愛父親喬治六世的紀念。在書的前言，女王寫著：「我一直以來都非常感激你們的代禱，以及上帝堅定不移的慈愛。我確實看到了祂的信實。」

為神做見證乃是上主的吩咐，基督徒有如上主在世上的展覽品及圖象，是不能隱藏的，別人從我們身上去認識主耶穌是怎樣的。因此，我們或多或少，或好或壞，都在見證主耶穌。見證主是我們的責任和自然流露！我們是如何在見證主呢？

願我們在等候耶穌基督再來的時候，能夠成為祂的見證人，引領更多人認識基督；我們讓主蒙羞的地方，也求主赦免，並賜予修和機會；求主在我們各人生命的工作，亦能成為我們信徒群體的凝聚、激勵與力量！

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教會關顧部於明天崇拜後舉行迎新會，歡迎新朋友參加。迦南團契亦將於9月24日（星期六）早上10時舉行網上及實體聚會，歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與杜太/Elaine Kong 姊妹聯絡。

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遠東廣播在本教會舉行粵語實體及網上特別講座，由蘇冠強博士主講“以巴恩怨二千年 - 錢幣在說話”認識歷史、考古和聖經的關係。多倫多實體專場將於9月24日星期六 7pm-9pm，9月25日星期日 7pm-9pm 在本教會舉行。主題。“以巴恩怨二千年 - 錢幣在說話” 鼓勵弟兄姊妹踴躍參加。

最後，請為教會實體及網上事工，戰爭止息，社會安寧和大家的健康禱告。也請為崇拜，教會牧長，部門領袖和會眾的靈性禱告，求神使用教會各項事工。

在此祝願大家身體健康，事主蒙恩！

基約宣道會長議會，薛牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 17, 2022

Good afternoon

I hope you're doing well.

Have you ever seen people write important or even urgent reminders on the palms of their hands? I remember as a student in school, I witnessed some kids write important notes on the palms of their hands.

In Isaiah 49:16 we read the beautiful prophecy of hope and promise for God's children "See, I have engraved you on the palms of my hands" What a powerful and loving picture of God that my name means something to God. Those words not only inspire me, but they assure me that God is thinking of me. It reveals the depths of God's sincere love that my life, my family, the battles I may face and the joys are all in His hands. The Hebrew word "engraved" means "cut into", "to carve", and "to inscribe". This act of God implies that we are safe in the permanence of His love. Well, who did this engraving? It was the Lord Himself and not us. It is the initiative of God's love and mercy.

There are moments in our lives when we feel utterly alone, fearful, forgotten and even feel that something is wrong with us. When we see those nail-pierced hands of Jesus, we do not only see the scars He bore for us from the death on the cross, but we also see our names engraved on the palms of His hands. It is a great reminder to know that Christ loves us so much and that He is thinking about us all the time. We are so special. You and I are always before Him.

Just imagine your name written on the hands of our Savior! How about us, is God's name written in our hearts? (Jeremiah 31: 33).

With prayers and blessings!
Rev Vinson

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9.30 AM

Do you know that God can bring us out of our comfort zone and guide us to fulfil His purpose? This week, Rev C Y Yan will share how the first-century Christians were scattered everywhere, preaching or sharing God's word. He will focus on the theme "Scattered to be Gathered, and Gathered to be Scattered" from Acts 17: 26-28.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service, if you cannot join in person.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES @ 11.30 AM

Today is the last session on Spiritual discipline. Jon and Irene Moe will conclude the studies "that will help to develop habits and practices that will aid in developing a deeper spiritual connection with God. Please join us at 11.30 am on Sundays either in person or online.

INTERESTED IN BAPTISM OR CHURCH MEMBERSHIP?

Baptism and church membership is an opportunity to understand the Christian faith and the nature of the church before becoming a church member. Baptism/Membership classes will begin in November. If you are interested or want to know more, please contact Rev Vinson or Elder Michael.

最新消息 (9/10/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『我觀看你指頭所造的天，並你所陳設的月亮星宿，便說：人算甚麼，你竟顧念他！世人算甚麼，你竟眷顧他！』（詩篇 8:3-4）

疫情年間，好不容易又到中秋，中秋節是我們華人很重視的節日之一，亦是提醒我們與家人一同團聚，欣賞這輪明月照耀大地，象徵著圓滿和團結的日子。

凝望月圓，神的話再次對我們說話。創世記 1:16-17 說，神創造日月，為要普照地上。不單在晝、也在夜裡光照著我們；提醒我們人生光明的時候如是，就算在黑暗難耐的日子祂也如是，月光照亮著我們，引領我們步向黎明。詩人在詩篇 89:37 提醒我們，神向祂子民所立的慈愛之約，如月亮永遠堅立；每當我們對神有懷疑，凝望明月，看見神慈愛的證據，便再一次給我們安慰。主耶穌在路加福音 21:25 提示我們，在神的永恆計劃裡，日、月、星辰也成為神向我們顯出祂屬靈時間的差役，在這末世的時候要時常保持警醒，自潔等候，爭取時間拯救失喪的靈魂。在詩篇 8:3-4 詩人驚嘆，在月亮之下，人算甚麼，就是連地上的微塵也不如，但神竟眷顧他；提醒我們，每當凝望月圓之時，就是再一次將自我、自義和自傲完全放下，因為除了無言的頌讚，也想不到人可以做甚麼了。

臨近中秋的日子，傷聞英女王伊利沙伯二世的逝世，全世界哀悼，不禁想起古人的話：「一年容易又中秋」，意思是一到中秋，年已過半；是感嘆時光易逝。發覺人生的時間也是如此飛逝，一日、一月、一年、最終一生，都如飛而去！在這未來短短歲月裡，除了我們未能識透將要發生的事，世界的局勢可能會有不可預知的事情發生，我們現在所著急的是甚麼事情呢？人生的週而復始，再一次叫我們珍惜在身邊未認識主的人，在我們有限的人生中，讓他們去認識這位叫人永生生命的主。在變幻莫測的世代裡，讓他們看見相信這位永恆不變的主，才是他們所要找緊的那一位。

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加基約教會的中秋節實體及網上福音主日崇拜，蘇穎智牧師會從香港以視像形式，與你分享「平安 - 這麼遠，那麼近」的下半場信息「風雨中伴你行」，並有現場見證分享。誠邀你及你的親友一起深入探索這個主題，尋著在人生風雨中伴你同行的平安。以下是連結，亦可在當日點擊 <https://gospel.ncac.ca> 網上收看。歡迎通知和轉發親友們，為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題和報告。 <https://youtu.be/XyRTdZz0H-4>

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今週三(9月14日)晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會。請預留時間參與，守望代求。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 10, 2022

Precious Jesus,

Help me to keep my eyes on You and think great thoughts of you. It's easy for me to grow discouraged when I focus on less important things - the news, the economy, loved ones' problems, my own problem, and so on. This world is full of trouble, but I don't want difficulties to be my primary focus. Please keep reminding me that You are with me and You have overcome the world. You are nearer than the air I breathe, yet you infinite God - King of kings and Lord of lords. You are also my loving saviour and faithful Friend. In You, I have everything I need!

One of my favourite ways to increase my awareness of Your greatness is to praise You. This connects me with You - Father, Son, and Spirit - in a glorious way! Worshiping You pushes back the darkness, expanding Your kingdom of Light in the world. I'm blessed when I praise You through reading or singing the Psalms. Filling my mind with biblical truth strengthens me and equips me to resist discouragement. As troubles come my way, it's crucial for me to draw near You and spend time thinking about who You are - my Saviour and Friend who is Almighty God!

In Your Exalted Name,

Amen

John 16:33; Revelation 19:16 NASB; Revelation 1:8 NKJV

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9.30 AM

This week Pastor Vinson returns to speak from Exodus 17:1-7: Is the LORD Among Us or Not? This is part of the continuing "When God..." series.

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BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations and best wishes to Christine and Brian Wong! Please join Brian and Christine in welcoming baby Madeline Nok-Lam Wong (黄诺琳) born on September 9, 2022. May God's guidance and blessings be upon them as they embark on this wonderful parenting journey.

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS

最新消息 (9/3/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

耶穌說：『我留下平安給你們；我將我的平安賜給你們。我所賜的，不像世人所賜的。你們心裏不要憂愁，也不要膽怯。』（約翰福音 14:27）

到底面對暴風雨的人，他們最需要的是甚麼呢？主耶穌在走上十架前，和門徒一同吃逾越節的晚餐，當宴席將要完結，空氣中瀰漫著不安的氣氛，祂給門徒留下「最後」的話。這些安慰的話，是因為祂知道門徒並不明白將要面對的境況。

「願你平安」，是以色列人見面的祝賀語，「你可以平平安安的去」，是他們的送別語。耶穌不是說門徒不會遇見苦難，乃是說他們在苦難中還能夠有主耶穌的平安，而他們所需要的正是這種「平安」！

若以世人的眼光，耶穌這時候怎麼可能會有平安？祂沒有地位、沒有財富、沒有軍隊，沒有權勢人士的支持，甚麼都沒有，又即要面對殘酷的十字架死刑，這可以有甚麼平安可言？但耶穌所賜的平安和世人所賜的平安不一樣。世人所賜的平安不過是無災無難，安全穩妥，萬事順利的狀態。耶穌所賜的平安，是心裏的平安，是從天降下來的平安，全然不在乎環境的好壞。

耶穌也親自經歷逼迫患難，卻仍流露一種寧靜、莊嚴、奧妙的平安。願我們都如下面的詩歌一樣，能在何時何地都能捉緊賜平安的主的雙手。

<信心的等待>

明天怎麼你還是不知道，越想得到的總會得不到，人生就像一片雲霧，出現少時就不見到，何必計較那得失終老，在這幽谷之中我宣告，不必怕因有祢同在，別人笑我為甚麼等待，因我知道盼望因祢你而來，耶穌捉緊我雙手，有祢的恩典我便足夠，讓我可清心見祢面，使我必得見光，耶穌捉緊我雙手，仰望那財寶在天上，愛慕神的，抱著平安，感謝祢為我所編寫的一切。

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基約宣道會長議會，薛牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 3, 2022

When we talk about wisdom, where does it come from? Many of us say it is from experience or age. But those can be influenced by many outside factors. What if you had a relatively easy life, or what if you had many hardships? The book of James is a short but powerful book that explores the topic of wisdom.

When we get to chapter 3, we see the distinction between early wisdom and heavenly wisdom. Earthly wisdom is described in verses 14-16, James describes what he considers to be earthly wisdom: in verse 14 earthly wisdom is described as possessing bitter envy, selfish ambition, boasting and denying the truth. In verses 15 and 16, James states how this wisdom does not come from heaven, and such characteristics will cause disorder and evil. When we contrast this to the Gift of wisdom from God found in verse 17: pure, peace-loving, considerate, submissive, full of mercy and good fruit, impartial and sincere.

The wisdom that is spoken about is taken from various parts of the Bible: Psalm, Proverbs, and Jesus' sermon on the Mount. For a quick but punchy read, the book of James provides you with a direct message telling you how to get the gift of God's wisdom, and what it provides for you.

Blessed Reading!

Jon Moe

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9.30 AM

Have you ever planned something to work out one way but went the opposite way? And what do you do when your plans fall apart? This week we will focus on the theme "Our Plans and God's Purpose" from Exodus 5: 1-9.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service, if you cannot join in person.

Prayer Meeting - Sunday, September 4th, 2022

Join us this Sunday @ 11:30 am as Elder Michael Huynh leads us in our monthly corporate prayer meeting. Come join your fellow brothers and sisters as we pray for the church, neighbourhood, matters in our world, and each other. All are welcome!

Sunday School On Spiritual Disciplines

Returns on September 11th and 18th. Irene and Jon will continue the study on "spiritual disciplines that will help to develop habits and practices that will aid in developing a deeper spiritual connection with God." Please join us at 11:30 on the above-mentioned dates.

最新消息 (8/27/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『這家就是永生神的教會，真理的柱石和根基。』（提摩太前書 3:15）

自從神創造萬物以來，「家」就成了我們生命中所渴望的寶貝。「家」給予我們溫暖和歸屬，為我們帶來希望和愛；「家」給予我們滿足和夢想成真的機會。我們有了「家」，就能從中得到扶持、成長、建立和快樂。但可惜不是每個人，都能享受或甚至擁有可愛溫馨的家庭。

其實，家之所以能成為一個家，最主要原因並不是有錢，有樓房，有吃有穿，有享受，這些都是次要的。因為單單只有這些，而家人之間沒有親密的關係，沒有由衷的關懷，沒有從心中發出的熱愛，沒有彼此支持鼓勵，沒有對家人的感激而流露對這家的努力和珍重，以致為這家發揮自己的才華，這個家便是有名無實。

同樣，教會之所以能成為教會，不能單單只看重有奉獻，有地方，有活動便行。教會要發揮作用，在乎每個信徒的靈命都成長、成熟，和成聖。信徒靈命成長，會使教會更妥善地達成主耶穌的工作，令教會整體更好發展，邁向完善，更充分流露基督的香氣，更能幫助家裏每一個人，表現出教會是真理的柱石和根基。

聖經上說：「又要彼此相顧，激發愛心，勉勵行善。」（希 10:24）我們在教會裏互為肢體，應當有真正的情誼。肢體之間的互動和相處，如同在一個屬靈大家庭中過日子一樣。弟兄姐妹們彼此互動，互相關懷幫助，彼此體諒接納，互相代禱守望，互相提攜勸勉，使教會的功能得到進一步發展。在主耶穌的恩典帶領和保守下，大家活出一個「家」該有的愛和生活方式，因為我們本來就源於一位慈愛的大家長—耶穌基督，我們生命的主。

但願我們各人甘心放下自己，降服在主耶穌基督的面前，讓祂使用支配，作成他的工，同心合意，興旺福音。倘若你盼望有一個「家」的生活，就讓我們成為教會大家庭中的一份子，共同參與，共同追求、共同喜樂，共同長進，一同牽手，相互攙扶，走進神的家中去！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Aug 27, 2022

Have you ever been in a situation when you had to say these words “Where are you God, in the midst of my pain? How can I trust your kindness in the midst of this suffering?”

In 2 Tim 4:17, Paul was standing trial for sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. The apostle had been slandered, and sadly no one came to his defence at the time of need. In the midst of feeling hurt and abandoned by his close friends, Paul tells Timothy that God alone stood with him and gave him the strength to keep standing in the place where God had called him. He writes:

"But the Lord stood at my side and gave me strength,
so that through me the message might be fully
proclaimed and all the Gentiles might hear it.
And I was delivered from the lion's mouth"

It is human DNA to avoid pain or even witness the suffering of others. Some of us may have felt alone during moments of pain and adversity. Our friends may have reacted differently to our struggles, some even expressing indifference and others may have turned away from us in our time of need. Only the Lord stands with us and strengthens us in all seasons of our lives. When God is with us and for us, He will never, ever leave us all alone!

On the contrary, will the Lord be with us when we are involved in things that are displeasing to Him? The answer is both yes and no. As the Omnipresent God, He is with us in a general sense but He may not be with us in situations which He is not pleased with.

As you go through each day, pray to seek His presence and trust that He alone is our strength and protection. If God has determined to stand with us, who then could ever stand against us? (Romans 8:31).

Reflection: Is the Lord standing by your side?

Blessings
Rev Vinson

SUNDAY SERVICE BULLETIN AND CHURCH NEWS

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9.30 AM

Have you ever planned something to work out one way but went the opposite way? And what do you do when your plans fall apart? This week we will focus on the theme "Our Plans and God's Purpose" from Exodus 5: 1-9.

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最新消息 (8/20/2022)

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『要穿戴神所賜的全副軍裝，就能抵擋魔鬼的詭計。』（以弗所書 6:11）

相信在這兩三年間，面對疫情，我們很多人已學會如何「裝備」自己。就是每天都要做好防疫措施——口罩、面罩、手套、體溫測量、社交距離、酒精搓手液、清潔消毒用品等等。這些「裝備」令我們想起聖經告訴我們的屬靈「軍裝」。保羅所說的是屬靈的爭戰，不是屬肉體的，所以必須用上屬靈的兵器，因那些邪惡的力量是肉眼看不見，除非我們有足夠的裝備，否則必定身、心、靈受傷害。

為此保羅勉勵我們：1. 要靠賴神，作剛強的人。完全順服在神的掌管之下，讓神成為堅固教會的力量。2. 要拿起神所賜的全副軍裝，在磨難的日子與邪惡對抗。3. 要站立得穩。用全副軍裝的支撐，包括有真理、公義、平安的福音和信心。4. 要倚靠救恩來防守，和神的話像寶劍來作戰。5. 最後更要警醒禱告。按聖靈所啟示的，隨時隨地多方面，為神的國度事工來禱告；以致能站穩、警醒和放膽開口傳揚福音的奧秘。

正如在面對疫情的日子，國民每天都為同一目標而努力，就是「不要讓病毒在社區爆發，減低醫護負荷量」，因此大家需要合力，一起對抗病毒。同樣，信徒在屬靈爭戰上也必須同心協力，一個也不能少。

教會建立的目的，是為延續耶穌基督在世上所開展的一切工作。耶穌在地上與魔鬼爭鬥，得到完全的勝利後，已升天並坐在父神的右邊。教會要延續祂的工作，就須穿上全副軍裝，直到主將來在榮耀中降臨。我們要時刻警醒，因為教會只要一天仍在地上，便會遇到逼迫和魔鬼的攻擊。但我們不用懼怕，靠着主剛強壯膽，神會裝備我們，使教會最終得勝有餘。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Aug 20, 2022

We live in a world filled with an alarming need for security gadgets like security locks, security cameras, security lights and even security dogs. When you enter any store, you will notice that cameras are placed at all corners to monitor every movement. Even though we are not doing anything wrong, it just feels strange and at times a little uncomfortable. In our society, everyone wants to have the security of a stable and secure life.

In Psalm 139: 7-10, we see David expressing God's presence in our lives:

7 Where can I go from your Spirit?

Where can I flee from your presence?

8 If I go up to the heavens, you are there;

if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

9 If I rise on the wings of the dawn,

if I settle on the far side of the sea,

10 even there your hand will guide me,

your right hand will hold me fast.

David considers this profound truth of God and marvels at it, and this truth should encourage us too. When God's presence is always with us – it should not be disturbing or uncomfortable but rather a reassurance of his love and care for us.

In whatever circumstance you are living right now, you can find great comfort and encouragement that you are not alone. When we put our faith in Christ, God gives us His Spirit, who always dwells in us and with us. Staying aware of His presence inspires us to know He cares for us and is always with us.

Reflection:

Are you aware of God's presence in your daily life?

Have you ever considered that God knows even the most minor actions of your life?

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Rev Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9.30 AM

What is your initial reaction when you hit a detour or come to a dead end? What will it take to keep you going on an unexpected detour, especially if it is a long detour? This week we will focus on the theme "Detours and Dead Ends: Staying on God's Path" from Exodus 13: 17-22, 14:10-14.

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最新消息 (8/13/2022)

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『你當剛強壯膽！不要懼怕，也不要驚惶；因為你無論往哪裡去，耶和華——你的神必與你同在。』
(約書亞記 1:9)

你有人生的使命嗎？是甚麼呢？你人生接近結束時，你期望你可以完成甚麼的事呢？在決定讀神學的時候，我已經確定了人生目標，就是期望能建立滿有福音生命力的教會來榮耀神。

當約書亞接續摩西的使命，要帶領以色列百姓過約旦河，進入迦南地的時候，他的心情既剛強又懼怕。這與我們面對教會成長和挑戰的心情極為相似。而魔鬼的詭計，就是讓人害怕，當人膽怯時，魔鬼不用打仗就可得勝。以色列的十二個探子進迦南，回來有十個是膽怯的，因此除了約書亞和迦勒之外，那一代的以色列人都不能進入迦南，全都倒斃在曠野。當基甸帶領幾萬大軍出去抗敵衛國時，神首先要淘汰的便是膽怯之人，總共有兩萬兩千人，因為他們會嚴重影響軍心士氣。而當約書亞、尼希米、但以理剛強壯膽時，他們不但蒙福，更為神在該世代打美好的仗。

神呼召約書亞承接摩西的工作，今日也呼喚我們來實踐神所交託的使命。這仍然是我們成為基督徒最重要的事，我們每人都有神交託的使命和呼召。無論我們在何境遇，在教會、在職場、在求學、在家庭、或在自身的成長中，非常重要的就是完成神所交託的任務。

教會今年的年題「雙重連結、豐盛更新！」；正是讓我們思想如何實踐神的使命，增長和結果子。我們要為神發熱心，作擴展天國的福音夢，但同時要準備承受困難，只是我們無須膽怯，因為有神同在的應許。當體會到聖靈每日同在，就不能停在「原地踏步」或「閒坐」的日子，卻要為主而活，按神的吩咐而行。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Aug 13, 2022

When a valuable or treasured article looks shabby – we feel the need to restore it. While looking at that shabby but precious object, you may ask, "How did this object get into that state?" Time may take a toll on things that are kept for years without care. Even the absence of care, being forgotten or even an accident might have caused the loss of its initial beauty. These treasures or valuables need restoration. Therefore we spend time, energy and even money to restore a shabby item to bring it back to its original beauty. Once it is restored, it regains its beauty and becomes valuable again.

In Psalm 23, David writes about restoration saying, "**He (God) restored our souls**" What does restoration mean here? Firstly, we see the loving shepherd going after his sheep and ensuring that all of them are safely brought back to the flock. Secondly, He restores them by feeding their hunger and thirst. Finally, He guides them on the paths of righteousness for His name's sake.

God delights in restoring and improving on the original. Interestingly, He's not delighted with just bringing us to the status quo but making us effective, fruitful, productive and filled with joy and purpose. The Lord restored the health of Naaman from leprosy (2 Kings 5). Even the life and fortune of Job were doubly restored (In Job 42:10).

Even today, God is in the restoration business. He always has a plan to heal and restore us whether it is in our health, finances, brokenness, anxiety, loneliness or even the imperfect relationships in our lives.

If Jesus hands you a paper to write the areas in your life that you need Him to restore, what would you write?

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Rev Vinson Samuel

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9:30 AM

Do you know that as Christians we have the power of the Spirit? This week we will look at a faith community that was generous, thankful and truly committed. We welcome and thank Rev Dr Aaran Tang to share on the theme "**A New Beginning, Power, and Mission**" from Acts 2: 1-4.

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SANDWICH RUN AND FOOD BANK WITH TAC

NCAC is preparing sandwiches for the needy in Downtown Toronto on August 20 at 9.30 am in the church kitchen. We will also be collecting items for the food bank. Please contact Charlotte for more details or leave items in the church foyer for pick up.

最新消息 (8/6/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

耶穌說：『溫柔的人有福了！因為他們必承受地土。』（馬太福音 5: 5）

「溫柔」原文的意思不是體貼、或善解人意。這個字詞應用在馬匹上，可解作「受馴服、受控制」；應用在藥物上，可解作「除去痛楚」。門徒的生命之所以「溫柔」，是因為信主的人將自己放在串神的主權和管理之下，讓自己的生命和力量帶有除去痛楚的功效。我們不能靠自己成為「溫柔的人」，是主的工作和應許使我們在天國中有分。

世上越多狂傲的人和勢力，溫柔良善的人就越顯得可貴。面對罪惡和不義，世人都傾向動用血氣和集結的力量相搏，甚至不斷延伸擴大使用武力的理由，結果在抗衡不義的時候，自己也成為不義。任何力量都需要受到從上頭而來的約束，基督徒更要因為尊崇神的主權而克制，並相信惟獨在主的引導管理下，發揮出來的力量才是良善和有益。

所以，當世界變得不像你預期，我們仍然要持定「不是倚靠勢力，不是倚靠才能，乃是倚靠我的靈方能成事」（亞 4: 6）這個真理。無論是社會參與，或是傳揚福音、將人心奪回歸向主，我們都不是與屬血氣的爭戰，因此，也不應使用屬血氣的想法和手段。我們必須藉著真理的亮光、經驗的反省、禱告，和識辨。無論我們在地球村那個角落生活，我們都要相信，有一條道路比起「爭鬥或逃走」更好，那就是詩人所說的：「你當倚靠耶和華而行善，住在地上，以他的信實為糧。」（詩 37: 3）求主興起溫柔良善的人，又讓我們在其中分。

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今週三（8月10日）晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會。請預留時間參與，守望代求。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Aug 6, 2022

Let me share an interesting and an anonymous thought-provoking quote that attracted my attention recently:

“The past is like using your rear view in your car – it’s good to glance back and see how far you’ve come, but if you stare too long, you’ll miss what’s right in front of you”

What a reflective quote! Reflecting on the past offers us the opportunity to consider how our personal experiences shaped our faith journey to date. Additionally, when we continually move forward without looking back, we lose sight of all the joys, achievements and developments we have experienced. Inversely, if we always look toward our past and not forward, we will never know what it means to move on. Oftentimes what keeps us from growing in our faith is continually dwelling on ‘who we used to be’ or ‘the things we used to do in the past.’

This week, ask the Holy Spirit to reveal the goodness and grace of God. Give some thought to ‘the things in your past that you’re proud of or what have contributed to your growth and testimony.’ Secondly, consider the instruction of the Apostle Paul to the believers to “press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus” (Philippians 3:14). The word ‘*Press onward*’ is more than simply going forward, rather it implies that something is preventing one’s advancement, and the person must push through it. What are the things that are hindering you from moving forward and following the higher calling God has called you to? Surrender them and draw strength from God as you press forward.

REMEMBER! Christ is our ultimate goal – look back to thank God and look forward to trusting His faithfulness.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Rev Vinson Samuel

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9:30 AM

Have you ever read through Matthew 20 and gotten upset? This week we will focus on the theme "**When God Seems UNFAIR**". Come and worship with us this Communion Sunday to thank God for His assured presence in this new month.

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『我處在兩難之間；我情願離世與基督同在，因為這是好得無比的』（腓立比書 1:23）

曾有一位牧者說過，傳道人一生其中最重要的工作，是預備好信徒迎接死亡。當每位信徒對死亡都沒有恐懼，甚至期待透過死亡，把他帶到天父面前的時候，傳道人一生的牧養工作就結出美好的果子。

改教先鋒馬丁路德講過一篇道，題目是《預備死亡》，向信徒作出十二項提醒，包括靈性上和物質上的準備。他第一項提出的是，人臨死前應該對一切財產和個人物件安排妥當，否則會引起親屬和朋友間的爭吵和誤會。他也提到要饒恕每一個觸犯過我們的人，以及承認自己犯過的罪。但在這方面，馬丁路德有一個很特別的提醒。他指出若我們在離世前過分注視自己的罪，會感到羞愧甚至恐懼。人會在魔鬼的誤導下，因著以前犯過的罪，懷疑自己是否上帝所揀選的兒女。馬丁路德指出，人若有此疑惑，就會多想死亡的可怕，而非將要與神同在的喜悅。人會因此而失去信心。

由於人在離世前自然會想到自己的罪，這個誘惑是大的。他提醒信徒，面臨死亡的人，看罪的眼光要轉變，不要看其他人犯的罪，也不要良心去審判自己的罪，這應該是人在健康之時做的；但在離世前，他鼓勵人從恩典的角度看罪，具體來說，就是讓你靈性的眼睛，看著耶穌被釘在十字架上的圖畫，讓神兒子的犧牲覆蓋你的罪。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Jul 30, 2022

Do You Have a Favourite Song or Genre of Music?

What is your favourite song or type of music and why do you like it? From the radio to malls to our smartphone devices, songs and various kinds of music are all around us. The ancient Greeks would prescribe certain types of music to help improve peoples' well-being and emotions. According to present-day studies, "Music exerts a powerful influence on human beings. It can boost memory, build task endurance, lighten your mood, reduce anxiety and depression, stave off fatigue, improve your response to pain, and help you work out more effectively." Research has shown us that "the brain will release certain natural chemicals when listening to music. They are also known as "feel-good" chemicals." At the same time, research also suggests, that "listening to sad music can stimulate the pituitary gland to produce prolactin, which induces calmness and relaxation and is also related to empathy."

One of my favourite devotional songs is "Count Your Blessing," written by Johnson Oatman in 1897. Interestingly, Johnson could not sing as well as his father who was a known singer in Christian circles, instead, he wanted to make some musical contributions and present the gospel from a young age. For the next 30 years, Johnson Oatman wrote 4 or 5 new gospel songs each week. He did not want to be paid for his hymns, but his publisher insisted... so Johnson agreed to accept \$1 per song. Eventually, he had written 5,000 songs and this was his way of "preaching the Gospel."

During the Welsh revival in the 20th century, 'Count your blessings' was one of the hymns sung at every service, which calls us even today to rise above our everyday struggles, discouragement and even resentment and to remember the many blessings, which the Lord has poured upon each of us. It does not mean, however, that we deny our struggles and act like everything is fine. The hymn encourages us to acknowledge that we are "tempest-tossed" or "burdened with a load of care" and to bring our worries to God in prayer. When we go to God with all our worries we will begin to realise that we do not need to be discouraged because "God is over all."

As we begin and end the day, take a moment to remember and thank God for just one blessing of that day. Unquestionably, you'll find that "it will surprise you what the Lord has done."

Wishing you a blessed and wonderful long weekend!

Rev Vinson Samuel

WORSHIP WITH US ON SUNDAY @ 9:30 AM

Come and worship with us each Sunday at 9.30 am. As we come to the end of July, let's thank God for His presence and provision. We will focus on the theme "Our Needs and God's Provision - Give Us This Day Our Daily Bread" from Mathew 6:9-13.

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『我是阿拉法，我是俄梅戛，是昔在、今在以後永在的全能者。』(啟示錄 1:8)

一杯普通的清水可以做到的事情是不可思議的。在平常的日子裡，它可以令人精神為之一振；但若在炎炎烈日的熱浪中，卻可能是救命的一杯水。

就如神的性情，有些時候，我們細味默想，會精神振奮，心靈得啟迪；但有時候，當我們仿佛陷在無底深淵，神的性情就會是從深淵中將我們拯救出來的天梯。我們會陷在什麼的深淵？

恐懼的深淵：事情會再像以前一樣嗎？出門安全嗎？如果我再次與他人建立關係，我會感到失望或者受到傷害嗎？如果工作申請再次被拒絕怎麼辦？焦慮的深淵：會不會有第八波、第九波？經濟的前景會惡化嗎？我現在有工作，但可能隨時有變，就像上次一樣嗎？無望和無助的深淵：面對年邁的父母身體每況愈下，或家中青少年子女所持的人生態度，或者精神抑鬱的配偶所面對的壓力... 一切一切你想幫助，但卻是無助。

朋友們，在我們的絕望和無助中，記住我們的上帝是大能的神。在人不能，在神卻凡事都能。「主耶和華阿，祢曾用大能和伸出來的膀臂創造天地，在祢沒有難成的事。」(耶利米書 32:17)

在我們的恐懼中，請記住我們的神不單有能力，而且祂是我們的神，我們屬於祂，必能堅固我們到底。「你不要害怕，因為我與你同在；不要驚惶，因為我是你的神。我必堅固你，我必幫助你，我必用我公義的右手扶持你。」(以賽亞書 41:10)

在我們的焦慮中，請記住，我們不僅屬於祂，祂更顧念我們並且喜悅我們親近祂。「你們要將一切的憂慮卸給神，因為祂顧念你們。」(彼得前書 5:7)「凡勞苦擔重擔的人，可以到我這裏來，我就使你們得安息。我心裏柔和謙卑...」(馬太福音 11:28-29)

這些經文都在述說着神的屬性，讓這些經文都深藏在你心中，以神的性情更新我們的心靈。你若曉得我們的神就是那位全能者、是創天造地的神，是那位為萬國帶來公義擁有無上權威的主，祂是已經戰勝死亡的復活主，並且最終要消滅死亡的權勢(啟示錄 20:14) - 我們還有何足懼呢？

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今年的兒童暑期聖經班，於7月4日至7月29日舉行，詳情請聯絡-Jon, Elaine 和 Peggy。而網上兒童崇拜，包括幼兒和學齡孩童，將在暑期時間(7至8月)會暫停。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Jul 23, 2022

YOU Give Them Something to Eat!

Do you know that approximately “10% of the world’s population (811 million) — regularly go to bed hungry?” (World Vision). It is also estimated that "14 million children under the age of five worldwide suffer from severe acute malnutrition." Though we as a global community have the ability to feed every human being, it is unfortunate that ‘humans worldwide waste about 17 per cent of food that’s produced, measuring more than 930 million tonnes. Sadly, "an average Canadian wastes 79 kilograms of food at home per year.”

In John 6:1-14, we come across the familiar story of Jesus feeding the five thousand. It is also a story about a little boy who gave his lunch consisting of a few loaves of bread and fish to Jesus. Why did God use this little lad to feed the multitude? Jesus willingly chose to use the food from the young boy, as this young lad was willing to share the little food he had. This gesture teaches us that our possessions, abilities and gifts are never too small to serve God. God is not asking us to give what we don't have, instead He's asking us to give what we do have. Jesus uses what we bring to Him, even if all we have to offer consists of five small loaves of bread and two fish. Well, do you think this little lad went away hungry? No, the Lord Jesus would have given back much more than he anticipated. You and I can never "out-give" God.

Let’s ask ourselves these questions:

- Am I thankful for what I have?
- Do I think of my food as a gift from God?
- In what ways am I helping my friends, colleagues, and neighbours in their varying degrees of need?

The Lord be with you!

Rev Vinson Samuel

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『求…榮耀的父，將那賜人智慧和啟示的靈賞給你們…並且照明你們心中的眼睛，使你們知道他的恩召有何等指望，他在聖徒中得的基業有何等豐盛的榮耀…』。(以弗所書 1:17-18)

「呼召」(Calling) 這個詞有揀選、委任、託付等意思。我們很容易以為「呼召」是與先知或非常特別的人有關，未必與自己有關。從聖經對「呼召」的意義，第一方面是歸信基督，神對所有人發出邀請。凡願意接受耶穌為救主的人，他可以放心接受神的「呼召」。第二方面是服侍主，神「呼召」不同的人在他的國度中承擔不同的責任，在不同崗位上服侍。第三方面是見證神。在家中煮飯照顧孩子、在工作上盡忠，在教會參與服侍，都是回應神的「呼召」。神要求我們在小事上忠心。無論我們的責任和崗位是甚麼、在最沒有人注意的事上都盡心盡力去完成，來回應神的「呼召」。

神看重我們內在的生命，「呼召」最根本是要成為一個神所喜悅的人、行在神的旨意中。當我們在尋找人生方向的時候，往往是神向我們說話的時候，神的「呼召」就解答我們心中的疑問，去或留？轉工？創業？…等。很多人只是從人的眼光思考前途的問題；忘記「先求祂的國和祂的義」，忽略神的旨意。有時作了決定才禱告，要求神確認。若果我們思考人生前途的問題，需要安靜下來禱告，求問神的心意，聆聽神的「呼召」。當我們清楚自己的方向、定位的時候，我們就全心全意投身神交託的事，回應神的「呼召」。這兩年多的疫情令全球發生巨變，教會面對內憂外患，信徒面對從四方八面而來對信仰的衝擊。所以，我們需要回歸於神，倒空自己，聆聽神的「呼召」。尋求神的心意，同心合意推動教會的事工，按恩賜投入，在聖靈的帶領下動員起來，成為黑暗中的明燈。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Jul 16, 2022

Have you ever walked into someone's home and felt an atmosphere of warmth and affection? Most of us have read the biblical story about two sisters, Mary and Martha, and their brother, Lazarus, who lived together in Bethany, a small town in Judaea. In Luke 10:38, we read that Martha graciously welcomed Jesus and His disciples into her home. The home of Mary and Martha was one of the homes that were remembered for their hospitality. They were faithful followers of Jesus, and Scripture gives three significant accounts of Jesus' interaction with this family.

Numerous passages reveal Jesus entering a house and participating in hospitality (Mark 1:29; 5:40; 7:17,24; 9:28; Luke 7:36; 8:51; Mt. 8:14; 9:28; 13:36). It was one of the reasons that the religious leaders complained that Jesus was "a friend of tax collectors and sinners". Interestingly, Jesus did most of his teaching while at the table over a meal.

Hospitality had a central role in the early church, as believers were willing to share the little that they had, thus creating a new identity in a hostile culture. Hospitality is more than just a meal or welcoming someone into our homes but rather meeting their needs, listening, sharing and reaching out to strangers. (Matthew 5). Writer Henry Nouwen penned: *"Hospitality, therefore, means primarily the creation of a free space where the stranger can enter and become a friend instead of an enemy. Hospitality is not to change people, but to offer them space where change can take place."*

Let's challenge ourselves to make our homes and churches places where everyone can feel at home. Think of ways to show and offer hospitality when opportunities arise. Each time we welcome someone into our homes and church, we are given another opportunity to practise loving like Jesus.

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SANDWICH RUN AND FOOD BANK WITH TAC

NCAC is preparing sandwiches for the needy in Downtown Toronto on August 20 at 9.30 am in the church kitchen. We will also be collecting items for the food bank. Please contact Charlotte for more details or leave items in the church foyer for pick up.

最新消息 (7/9/2022)

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主人說：『好，你這又良善又忠心的僕人，你在不多的事上有忠心，我要把許多事派你管理。可以進來享受你主人的快樂！』(馬太福音 25:21)

每個信徒的生命都有神豐盛的屬靈恩賜。我們所得的恩賜各有不同，是聖靈隨己意分給各人的。神賦予我們不同的技能和才幹，要我們用來事奉，而神的要求是不會超過我們的能力範圍之外。神已賜予也托付了你，你是神忠心的僕人嗎？

神對我們在事奉上的表現，不是與其他人相比來作評估，而是看我們怎樣運用祂所賜的能力和供應，在生活中彰顯神的美善和榮耀。神願我們為祂的榮耀使用我們的恩賜，但由我們自己做決定。

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今週三(7月13日)晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會，請預留時間參與，守望代求。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Jul 9, 2022

A carpenter was employed to restore an old farmhouse in the countryside. However, a flat tire made him late for work. At work, he faced numerous issues with his supervisor and workers. After a hard day's work, he sat silently as his friend drove him home. When he reached home, he walked towards the front door and stopped briefly at a small tree. He stood there for a moment, looked and touched its leaves, and then entered his house with a cheerful smile. He felt relieved and refreshed after touching that tree. Wow! What a sudden change and what brought that transformation? The carpenter dubbed this small tree his "burden tree". Though he recognised that he couldn't avoid problems, he didn't want to carry them into his home and rob the joy of his loved ones. Each day, he stopped and touched the small tree, symbolically transferring all his daily worries to the tree so he could join his family in joy and excitement.

This story is a reminder that we all carry various burdens. At times, we carry them to our workplaces, schools, homes and even to our beds thus weakening our spiritual and emotional health. However, we don't need to carry them alone. Scripture reminds us that we can "cast our burdens unto Jesus because he cares for us" 1 Peter 5:7. If God cares about birds of the air, lilies of the field will He not care for us more. (Matthew 6:26, 28). Whatever worries that may be bothering and weighing you down, we are called to cast it unto our kind and loving God.

As Jesus often withdrew "to lonely places and prayed," (Luke 5:16) let us ask ourselves if we have a quiet or lonely place where we sought intimacy with God instead of the sympathy of others? God wants us to come into His presence to experience joy and peace daily. Find a lonely place, take some moment to touch the cross of Christ and surrender that burden to Jesus regularly.

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SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Does your life matter to God? Yes! Our life always matters to God!. This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "Living a Life that Matters" from Eccl. 12: 9-14.

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最新消息 (7/2/2022)

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『以耶和華為神的，那國是有福的！他所揀選為自己產業的，那民是有福的！』(詩篇 33:12)

聖經上說，世界上有那一個國家願意以耶和華為神，神必定賜福。又指出地上國家真正的主權是在於天上的真神(詩 22:28)，沒有權柄不是出於神的(羅 13:1)。只是當神將權柄賜給人之後，掌權者是否樂意認知這點，而願意以神為他的神，以耶和華為他國家的主呢？

歷史中，當尼布甲尼撒王建立巴比倫大帝國時，驕傲的不將榮耀歸給萬軍之耶和華，神將他趕出離開世人中間，吃草如牛，身被天露滴濕，頭髮長長，好像鷹毛；指甲長長，如同鳥爪(但 4:33)。如此，直到日子滿足，他悔改轉向神，神恢復他的尊榮與王位。他才認識耶和華是真神，因此，寫了但以理書第四章中的見證(但 4:34)。以賽亞先知曾警誡世人說，誰開始棄絕了神，那一個國家就漸漸衰敗(賽 60:12)。聖經中的話語一直應驗著。

昨天是加拿大 155 週年的國慶日。我們為這國家感恩，又相信這個地土是神願意賜福的，但是如今的屬靈裡後退的光景使人擔憂。從過往的歷程顯示，國家越來越遠離立國時之基督教信仰的基礎，從墮胎、同性戀、協助自殺、大麻等都合法化之後，整個國家也失去了「對與錯」的觀念，將人權當成個人偶像，為了滿足己身的慾望而任意妄為。每年有超過十萬無辜的胎兒，在政府認可為合法下被殘殺，年輕人受精神憂鬱、毒品的威脅，嚴重的同性戀問題帶來的咒詛。加拿大通過許多邪惡法律，急需代禱者站在破口守望禱告，撥亂反正。

我們要為加國在神面前認罪，懇切禱告：求主赦免國家的暴力、毒品、色情、戀童癖、同性戀、放縱情慾；赦免我們流無辜人血、合法墮胎、合法大麻；求神賜下悔改的靈，使人心回轉歸向神；求神拯救同性戀的靈魂，救恩臨到百姓，恢復神應當受尊崇的位置，潔淨加拿大教會，醫治我們的地土，國家能以耶和華為神，領袖能真認識神；求神向我們施恩，使我們脫離咒詛，進入祝福。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – Jul 2, 2022

In Genesis 18, God promised Abraham and Sarah a child far beyond the typical childbearing age. They had a moment of disbelief at the promise of God. This was unthinkable, inconceivable and the promise of God looked impossible to them.

On hearing the promise, Sarah laughed saying “I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?” (Gen. 18:12). Sarah’s question prompts a greater question from God in verse 14: “Is anything too hard for the Lord?”

Have you ever thought that there is something too hard or too difficult for God? If nothing is impossible to God, then why do we doubt His promises and why do we worry? Both the Old and New Testaments speak about God’s love, hope and a future for those who are faithful and who trust in Him. Jeremiah knew His God and acclaimed “Ah, Sovereign Lord, you have made the heavens and the earth by your great power and outstretched arm. Nothing is too hard for you.” (Jeremiah 32:17). What is impossible with man is possible with God (Luke 18:27).

As God revealed himself as El Shaddai - God Almighty, who holds all power and might, let's live a life of obedience and trust Him to fulfil His purpose.

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CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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CORPORATE PRAYER @ 11AM

We invite you to join us as we gather for prayer at 11 am after our Service. This week, apart from our regular prayer needs, we will focus on our In-person Vacation Bible School.

最新消息 (6/25/2022)

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『耶穌又對眾人說：若有人要跟從我，就當捨己，天天背起他的十字架來跟從我。』（路加福音 9:23）

中文聖經和合本的翻譯，可以見證一個人怎樣付代價跟從主：和合本聖經是在 1919 年出版的，主要由美國公理會宣教士富善牧師（Chauncey Goodrich, 1836-1925）翻譯而成。1865 年，他到中國學習中文，從事聖經翻譯。那時他攜同妻子一起來中國，但不久他的妻子因病去世。後來他續弦，結婚幾個月後，他的妻子又因瘧疾逝世。第三任妻子生下一男一女。男孩一歲多離世；女兒於十二歲時離世。富善雖然遭受嚴重打擊，他沒有離開中國，即使他第三任妻子離世，並與他一同從事翻譯的五位同工相繼離世，他仍堅持他的事奉，因為他愛神也愛中國人。和合本出版時，惟有富善牧師由始至終親見其成。他為神和中國人付出一生，他的家人妻子全葬在中國。他可以說是愛神勝過愛他的妻子、兒女和自己的性命。富善牧師在中國宣教整整六十年，他為中國教會留下的寶貴遺產。盼望我們看和合本聖經時，當存感恩的心，因為有神僕及其家人的血和淚在其中。

耶穌基督呼召我們跟從祂，第一要我們捨己。人怎樣捨己？最好的方法就是仰望耶穌基督，因為仰望祂就得著力量。耶穌先為我們受苦，成為我們的榜樣。最後為人捨命；永生神為人死，而且死在十字架上。耶穌捨命是因愛我們，為我們付出尊榮和生命，這是極重無比的代價。愛並不抽象，是看你捨棄多少。你願意為主捨棄甚麼？

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今年的兒童暑期聖經班，將於 7 月 4 日至 7 月 29 日舉行，人數有限，請早報名，參加者和義工的報名表格及詳情，請聯絡-Jon, Elaine 和 Peggy。而網上兒童崇拜，包括幼兒和學齡孩童，將在暑期時間 (7 至 8 月) 會暫停。

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在此祝願大家，身體健康，事主蒙恩！

基約宣道會長議會，薛牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 25, 2022

It's time to celebrate Canada Day on Friday, July 1, 2022. For many Canadians, it is a time to remember and celebrate the enactment of the Constitution Act that united three British colonies into a new country called Canada. Interestingly, bible verses have been inscribed on the Parliament buildings and other official sites. It is said that around 15 Scriptures verses are in the Peace Tower on Parliament Hill.

The red coat of arms, which is the order of Canada - Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam, has scriptural references too. This circular symbol is seen on Canadian passports, banknotes, military badges, and public buildings. The scriptural verses in the coat of arms are significant to our country to remind our identity and our aspiration for this nation.

Firstly A Mari Usque Ad Mare – “He shall have dominion from sea to sea” (Psalm 72:8).

The coat of arms bears a crown and Canada's official motto: A Mari Usque Ad Mare. This Latin phrase “dominion from sea to sea” is from Psalm 72. Psalm 72 suggests "dominion" as a synonym for the country. Thus, this biblical verse is said to have been inspired by our founding fathers as the choice of Dominion as the title for Canada.

Secondly - Desiderantes Meliorem Patriam – “They desire a better country” (Hebrews 11:16). This is another Latin phrase as well, which means “longing for a better country,” This is another biblical reference, a reading from Hebrews 11: 16:

But now they desire a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he hath prepared for them a city.

This New Testament quotation reveals the aspiration of the founding father for the nation, where the better country is the City of God.

It is believed that our founding fathers shared their Christian faith in their aspiration for this Nation. Though this great nation has faced many challenges in various forms, it has overcome many because of the grace of God and the devotion of its people. With open arms, Canada has always welcomed many worldwide to help them create a better life for themselves and their families.

Apart from celebrating Canada day with get-togethers, parades and celebratory events, do hang a Canadian flag and take a moment to seek God to “keep our land, glorious and free” and let it be our strong desire to be a good citizen to ‘guard’ this nation from all adversaries or ideologies that separate our oneness and love from our God Almighty!

With prayers and blessings!

Rev Vinson Samuel

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Someone once said "Worship is more than singing. It's more than just lyrics to a song. Worship is standing in the presence of God and declaring praises to His name."

This Sunday, we thank and welcome Irene Moe to share the theme "To Be or Not To Be Still" from Psalm 46.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service.

THE LAST SESSION ON GALATIANS @ 11 AM

Come and join us as we complete the study on Galatians led by Brian Wong.

最新消息 (6/18/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『父親怎樣憐恤他的兒女，耶和華也怎樣憐恤敬畏祂的人。』（詩篇 103:13）

今星期是父親節，藉此先恭祝各位爸爸-父親節快樂！

「慈母嚴父」的形像很深刻印在不少孩子腦海中。無論是怎樣，做兒女不要輕易抹煞父母養育之恩，也不要忘記他們的教導，培養及管教。而父母最要緊的是要幫助兒孫走正路，帶領他們認識神，相信主耶穌基督，不要忽略他們靈命的成長。這才是父母留給兒孫最大的產業。

昔日耶穌講浪子的比喻，故事中那位父親，就像天父的愛，日夜在門口望著他的小兒子回來。當他看見浪子就動了慈心，離遠跑去抱著他的頸項，連連與他親嘴，無條件接納他回家，重拾父子相處的關係。今日，天上慈愛阿爸父，何嘗不是每時每刻等待我們各類的浪子回轉、悔改歸家、重投主的懷抱中、享受父神的大慈愛及主耶穌救贖的大恩典嗎？一個罪人悔改，在天上也要這樣為他歡喜！頌主聖詩【父神之愛】的副歌說：「父神之愛，聖潔豐盛，偉大無限無量，滔滔大愛，永不止息，聖徒天使歌唱。」

聖經上說：「神愛世人，甚至將祂的獨生子賜給他們，叫一切信祂的，不至滅亡，反得永生。」（約 3:16）當我想到天父為了愛你愛我，以至選擇將自己最愛的獨生子耶穌基督獻上釘身十字架時，這樣的愛實在太不可思議了！

盼望我們繼續努力，主動分享這份奇妙神聖的父愛，把握明天的父親節佈道會，邀請你身邊仍未認識主耶穌的親友參加和收看，讓他們也能有機會聽到福音，接受天父這份最珍貴的禮物！

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今週三（6月22日）晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會，國際同工賓得力牧師夫婦會與我們分享，請預留時間參與，守望代求。

迦南團契亦會於6月25日（星期六）早上10時舉行網上及實體聚會，主題：「我仍可回應愛我的神嗎？」講員是陸超明牧師，Susan Li主持，歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與杜太或 Elaine Kong 姊妹聯絡。

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在此祝願天下的父親和大家，身體健康，心境暢快，家庭溫暖，工作順利，事主蒙恩，廣傳福音，榮耀基督！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 18, 2022

Father's Day usually brings out different thoughts and emotions in all of us. Some of us may have loving memories of our fathers and some of us may have strong emotions when it comes to our fathers. Studies have shown that our relationship with our earthly fathers will influence how we view our heavenly Father. Do you have a loving and close relationship with your father? You probably view God as the same and have an easier time trusting him. If your relationship with your father is strained or distant, then you may have issues trusting God and seeing him as loving. Being a parent is one of the most difficult things to do, and most fathers out there do their best.

Our heavenly Father is our perfect example of what a loving father should strive to be. Let's Take a look at 2 Samuel 7:14-15:

14 I will be his father, and he will be my son. When he does wrong, I will punish him with a rod wielded by men, with floggings inflicted by human hands. 15 But my love will never be taken away from him....

Speaking through Nathan, God promised David that he would treat David's son as his own child. No matter what sins David's son committed, and no matter how harshly he was disciplined, God promised that he would always love him.

God is the only perfect Father. But the way he loves his children is a model every father should aspire to.*

As we prepare for the upcoming Father's day lunches, dinners and events, let's remember that no matter what our relationships are like with our earthly fathers, we have a Heavenly Father who is perfect and always is looking for the best for us.

Blessings,

Jon Moe

*taken from June 26, 2020 Article from Allison Sakounthong

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Karl Barth once said that "worship is "the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life." That's because it gets us ready for what's to come."

This Sunday, Rev Dr. Derek Burnett will share "The Foundation of Missions" taken from Colossians 4:2-6.

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聖經上說『於是神察看他們的行為、見他們離開惡道、他就後悔、不把所說的災禍降與他們了。』(約拿書 3:10)

這是一句難翻釋的舊約經文。全知的神都會後悔嗎？中文聖經和合本常用「後悔」來翻譯原文聖經這個希伯來字，容易令人誤解神因做錯事而懊悔，或事前預測不到一些事情發展而作的反應，衝擊神的全知。

有聖經學者解釋「神後悔」為一種「擬人法」，意思是聖經作者按人的心理來描述神的作為；也有學者認為「神後悔」不是意志，而是指情緒上，即是神沒有改變初衷，卻因失望而悲苦，神的後悔是表明祂憂傷的情懷。

人做錯了事，會後悔，甚至會改，就如我們常說的悔改。但神「後悔」只有改，即「改變心意」、「改變時間方式」，卻沒有悔(因祂不會做錯事)。故此，「神後悔」可以解釋為神改變心意，而「神不後悔」則解釋為神不改變心意。持這個觀點的學者，其中有鄭炳釗博士，都是較有系統和深入討論這個聖經難題，是值得我們查考和接納的觀點。

神的屬性和品格是不會改變的，例如神是：愛、全能、聖潔、永恆、獨一、公義等。但神不是無論如何都不會改變的，但也不像人般飄忽不定。事實上，神有時會因著觀察到我們的慘情、(如在創世記 6:6「於是耶和華後悔造人在地上，心中憂傷。」)、或因祂僕人的代求(如在阿摩司書 7:2-3「蝗蟲吃盡那地的青物、我就說主耶和華阿、求你赦免、因為雅各微弱、他怎能站立得住呢。耶和華就後悔、說、這災可以免了。」)或因為人的悔改(如在約拿書中的尼尼微城人)而改變心意。這是我們得救的盼望和成長的動力，也是祈禱的意義——是見到神的憐憫和恩典，不是白費心機。

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今年父親節(6月19日)教會會舉行福音主日，主題「路盡歸回天父處」，由陸超明牧師分享，請為邀請慕道親友禱告。

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願神祝福大家事主得力、平安健壯！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 11, 2022

Meditation as a Christian?

In today's world, we are constantly engaged in something that requires our attention. How often are we checking social media, bingeing the latest show, or playing that idle game that we have been on for the past couple of years? When was the last time we tuned it all out? Was it after the big storm when we had no power? Was it when you couldn't get WIFI while travelling? How about the last time we put everything aside to meditate on God or His word?

When we hear the word meditate, we immediately think of the eastern practice of meditation: clearing your mind, thinking of nothing, and detaching from the world. Christian meditation is much different. Richard J. Foster said in its simplest form, Christian meditation is the ability to hear and obey God's word". We do need to detach from the world, but we also need an attachment to truly have the inner fullness to give ourselves to God freely:

"20 Here I am! I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears my voice and opens the door, I will come in and eat with that person, and they with me."

Revelation 3:20.

Some of us may be scared to mediate since it calls us to enter God's living presence. It is intimidating, but remember, you were created by God who delights in our communication and meditation is another way for us to communicate with our loving Father. Your goal is to centre the attention of the body, emotions, mind and the spirit upon "the glory of God in the face of Christ" (2 Cor.4:6).

Like prayer, it takes time and practice, but it is a spiritual discipline that will help you develop a closer relationship with God and all you to hear from him.

Blessings,
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SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

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聖經上說：『仰望為我們信心創始成終的耶穌。』（希伯來書 12:2）

相信沒有人可以預測世界的走向將會如何，2022 年都已經有很多影響深遠的事件正在發生。身處這個風起雲湧、動盪不安的時代裡，我們應該如何自處？信仰對於我們的意義又是什麼？

在我們的信仰中其中一個重要的基礎就是信心。但事實上我們從來都是小信的人，正如在馬可福音，那位兒子被啞巴的邪靈所纏繞的父親對耶穌所說：「我信！但我信不足，求主幫助。」(可 9:24) 我們常常在信與不信之間。信心是不能用什麼指數來量度，或是用大數據來分析，例如我們返教會的次數，奉獻多少或事奉崗位等等。信心就只有在我們信心不足的時候才顯示出來，當我們遇到困難、試煉和挑戰的時候，我們才知道我們的信心是怎樣的光景。

道成肉身的耶穌，作為一個百分百的人，祂也是以信心來面對十字架的苦難和挑戰，祂也曾在客西馬尼園苦苦掙扎。當我們信心不足的時候，我們要仰望我們信心的創始成終者耶穌，祂完全明白我們的感受，因為祂也曾經歷過同樣的掙扎，祂必定能夠幫助我們渡過任何苦難和黑暗的日子。在充滿挑戰的日子中，讓我們常常仔細想想主耶穌，祂必定賜下信心和力量。

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今週三(6月8日)晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會。請預留時間參與，守望代求。

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MSG 小組六月份聚會主題是【要靠主常常喜樂】請參閱附件，並聯絡組長時間參加。

今年父親節(6月19日)會舉行福音主日，主題「路盡歸回天父處」，由陸超明牧師分享，請為邀請慕道親友禱告。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 4, 2022

Do I really have to Pray for Politicians I oppose of?

Regardless of who the winner of the provincial election was, scripture offers our Christian response to our political leadership. In his pastoral letter to Timothy, apostle Paul does not advise a revolution when leadership was bad but spells out our Christian responsibility in 1 Timothy 2: 1-4:

“Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayer, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence”
1 Timothy 2:1-2.

Firstly, he urges the church to pray for all people. No matter who it is, our communities need our prayers and help. In the midst of our community efforts, the church should stay focused on the most important thing—the sharing of the gospel. According to Statistics Canada, "Christianity, however, is in sharp decline. In 2011, 67.3 per cent (about 22.1 million people) of Canadians said they were affiliated with a Christian religion. In 2019, that number had dropped to 63.2 per cent." Secondly, he urges us to pray for those that are in political office. Are we only to pray for those we supported in the recent election? No! In New Testament times, the Roman Empire was worse than almost any national government in the 21st century. Today, many of the problems we see in our societies today cannot be solved solely by activism or by lobbying. Instead, believers are called to pray, and we need to become prayer warriors. Let's take heed to what the apostle has written and pray for our leaders and ask God to guide their ways. Our government leaders need us; they need us to pray for them with all diligence. As followers of Christ, we should long for our leaders to know the Savior too.

Pray that our nation will increasingly see that God is our only refuge and strength in the midst of all the troubles of this world.

Blessings
Rev Vinson Samuel

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Karl Barth once said that "worship is "the most momentous, the most urgent, the most glorious action that can take place in human life." That's because it gets us ready for what's to come."

This Sunday, it is a joy to hear from Rev Edwin Tsang on the theme "A Lesson of Faith" from Joshua 3:7-17.

Join our live-stream service at 9.15 am if you are unable to join us in person.

MONTHLY CORPORATE PRAYER @ 11 AM

We invite you to join us as we gather for prayer after our service at 11 am after our Service. This week, apart from our regular prayer needs, we will give much focus on our children Ministry and the upcoming In person Vacation Bible School.

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『求你保護我，如同保護眼中的瞳人；將我隱藏在你翅膀的蔭下』（詩篇 17:8）

許多人在自己或在親友遭遇人生困難坎坷、經歷到驚嚇、或疾病纏身時，往往會從一首聖詩中得到安慰和信心，那就是《天父必看顧你》。其中歌詞：「任遭何事，不要懼怕，天父必看顧你」鼓舞人心。

這首詩歌的歌詞作者是珊薇·馬丁夫人(Civilla D. Mardin 1866-194)，旋律是她丈夫，沃爾特·馬丁，衛理公會牧師 (Walter Stillman Mardin 1862-1935) 所譜上的，馬丁夫人精通音律，出生在加拿大斯高沙省。馬丁牧師是一位著名的佈道家。兩人因為對音樂的共同愛好，彼此產生愛慕，並結成了連理，婚後兩人生了一子。師母隨牧師到處旅行佈道，倆人合寫了許多安慰人心的詩歌。

說來有趣，詩歌主題的起源不是這兩位音樂才華洋溢的夫婦，而是他們九歲的兒子！可以說是一家人共同所創作，其中的美好往事，感人至深。1904年，牧師夫婦帶著兒子，到紐約州一間神學院編輯聖詩歌集。期間，牧師答應了當地教會的邀請在主日講道。到了主日清晨，師母突然病倒。由於憂心妻子的病情，牧師打算取消行程，留在家中照顧妻子，正要拿起電話推辭講道時，九歲的兒子突如其來說：「爸爸，如果天父要你今天去講道，難道祂就不能在你不在家時照顧媽媽嗎？」這句話大大震撼牧師的心，頓時深受譴責，心覺是聖靈的提醒，於是照原來的邀約前往教會。那個早上，神賜福信息，多人決志歸主。到了傍晚他趕回家中，發現妻子不但身體已大為好轉，而且還根據兒子所講的那句話，創作了一首讚美詩，取名為〈天父必看顧你〉。牧師看了妻子寫的詩詞後，大為興奮和感動，立刻在琴前，懷著感恩的心，譜上了旋律，在短短一個小時內《天父必看顧你》就這樣誕生了。從此這首詩歌流傳到世界各地，成為一首膾炙人口的著名聖詩。

詩人在《詩篇 17:8》用「保護眼中的瞳人」和「隱藏翅膀的蔭下」來形容天父對我們的愛和保護，說到當我們的眼睛受到一些外力的攻擊的時候，我們的眼皮很自然地就會閉下來，要保護我們的眼球；當一群小雞受到一個外力的攻擊的時候，母雞很自然地就會伸出他的翅膀來保護牠的小雞。的確，當我們全心全意仰望及倚靠著神的時候，祂必看顧，並賜下人意外的平安與喜樂。人生的境遇常常是我們沒有辦法去預測的，會遇到高山、會遇到低谷；會遇到困難；會遇到愁煩；我們可能會遇到一些經濟的缺乏，或會遇到危險。但是不要忘記，天父是我們愛的源頭，祂會保護、看顧我們。正如詩歌所言，「凡所需祂必供應…凡所求祂必垂聽…」我們的天父是一位時時看顧、處處看顧我們的神。親愛的慕道朋友們，你願意得到這樣的愛和眷顧嗎？！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 28, 2022

The recent massacre at Robb Elementary School in South Texas took the lives of 19 children and 2 adults. This gruesome incident occurred just a few days before the summer holidays shattering the dreams of the young victims and devastating families. We hear voices speaking against such acts of violence and calling for more to be done on gun control. It is reported that each year, more than 1.6 million people worldwide lose their lives to violence. According to Statistics Canada, "about one in three homicides in Canada in 2020 involved a firearm, nearly half by a handgun".

Someone once said, "You turn on the television, and violence is there. You go to a movie, and violence is there." Sadly, society has developed a taste for violence that violent and action movies heighten TV viewership. Though there is no solid evidence of children engaging in violence after playing a violent video game but studies reveal that "children exposed to violent media may become numb to violence, imitate the violence, and show more aggressive behaviour."

We live in a world that is deeply in need of peace and reconciliation. Violence and pain are not God's plan for humanity. But when sin entered the world, conflict and discord followed. Scripture tells us that God wants us to be reconciled with others. Jesus taught us to pray, "Forgive us our sins, as we have forgiven those who sin against us" (Matthew 6:12). He wants us to live in harmony and peace and realize that He can help set us free.

In what ways are you an agent of peace and reconciliation in this world? This week, ask God to show you, the people with whom you need to be reconciled – it could be an old school friend, a family member or someone at your workplace or church community. Remember in your prayers the families affected by the loss of their children in Uvalde, Texas. And let's continue to pray and promote racial harmony in our communities.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
Rev Vinson Samuel

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

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This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "Wise Living - Little Things Matter" from Eccl. 10:1-10.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

It is said that the Book of Galatians is one of the two books of the Bible that fueled the Reformation. We will study its relevance to the church today. Brian Wong will lead the study.

Come and join the church family in this study journey today at 11. am

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『不要效法這個世界，只要心意更新而變化，叫你們察驗何為神的善良、純全、可喜悅的旨意』（羅馬書 12:2）

十九世紀丹麥神學家和哲學家祈克果，在其著作《勇氣與謙卑》中，呼喚人從各種虛假中醒悟，作一個真正的基督徒。當時的丹麥，幾乎所有人都是基督徒，大部份人一出生就受洗成為信徒。信仰對當時的人來說，只是一種習慣，基本上是可有可無的。所以，祈克果的著作都環繞著一個問題：在人人都自稱是「基督徒」的所謂「基督教國家」裡，我該如何成為一個基督徒？我如何可以衝破虛假，作一個真正在基督裡活著，並活出基督的人？

祈克果讓人反思，信仰到一個可怕的地步，不是對信仰提出懷疑或反問，因為真理本身就是真理，正所謂真金不怕洪爐火。乃是外表仍然「維持著老樣子」，仍然會返教會、參加聚會、事奉等，但生命的信仰內涵卻已經「變得模糊」，信仰真理已經在生命裡被削弱變得模糊不清。漸漸「會按著人的意思塑造神的要求」，而不是「按著神的要求來重新塑造自己」。

除了聖經和教會、在塑造我們的價值觀外，今日在職場、朋輩、媒體、社會裡，不同的價值觀都同時在塑造我們的心思意念。若果我們不能透過祈禱、讀經、靈修、屬靈書等，持續有信仰反思、生命反思，我們的心意便做不到更新而變化，不能在「虛假中醒悟」，以致最後可能便落到以上祈克果提及信仰的可怕地步—外表仍然「維持著老樣子」，生命的信仰內涵卻已經「變得模糊」。願聖靈時常幫助、提醒我們，叫我們的心意更新而變化，做個真基督徒！

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迦南團契將於5月28日(星期六)早上十時舉行網上聚會，主題：「慈母愛，主恩典」主持：江顧燕玲、杜馮美蓮。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請聯絡她們。

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很高興歡迎李穎瑜姊妹擔任教會行政助理一職，協助教會事工有效的配合及發揮，願主賜她勇氣和力量，忠心努力事奉神。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 21, 2022

A 75-year-old elderly grandad and his young grandson were having a brief conversation at a football game. When the game was about to go to the last quarter, the grandad who just turned seventy was feeling a little regretful. He looked at his grandson and said, "It's not easy getting old. I guess I'm in the fourth quarter now." To his astonishment, the grandson replied, "Don't worry, Grandpa, maybe you'll go into overtime."

In the busyness of our days, it's a good idea to pause and thank God for each day. In Psalm 118: 1, we read "Oh thanks to the Lord, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!" Truly, God's love is steadfast and will never end or be exhausted. Thus, the psalmist compels us to rejoice and be thankful every day and even on difficult days. At the close of each day, you would realise how God's goodness and mercy have followed you this day as they have every day of your life (Psalm 23:6). Praise God!

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SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

We worship not just because of who God is, but also because of what He has done. We will continue with our sermon series "LIFE UNDER THE SON" and focus on the theme "Live Well, Live Wisely" from Ecclesiastes 2: 1- 11.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

This would be the last session on Philippians. Please join in the study and discussion of this encouraging epistle, led by David and Susana Tong.

Come and join the study via zoom.

JOIN OUR NEW STUDY SERIES!

It is said that the Book of Galatians is one of the two books of the Bible that fueled the Reformation. Beginning next Sunday, we will study its relevance to the church today. Brian Wong will lead the study.

Come and join the church family in this study journey.

最新消息 (5/14/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『耶穌說：「我不是對你說過，你若信，就必看見神的榮耀嗎？」（約翰福音 11:40）

美國牧師 Craig Groeschel 在其著作《危險的祈禱》一書中，反思過去的禱告生活，發現自己有一段祈禱很差勁的日子——內容重覆、心不在焉、不冷不熱、流於表面與形式，甚至害怕參加教會的祈禱會。讀到 Groeschel 牧師的剖白，你內心有否覺安慰，原來自己並不孤單。

Groeschel 牧師反思的結論是，他的祈禱一直並沒有走出過安舒區，僅是一堆祈求神為他成就的事。於是禱告生活逐漸變得枯燥，與神的關係失去活力。所以，他挑戰我們操練《危險的祈禱》，在祈禱時用信心，更加大膽地向神敞開，不單只祈求神為我們做些甚麼(for us)，更祈求神在我們身上作工(in us)，和祈求神透過我們去作工(through us)。

求主為我們作事，本身並沒有錯，慈愛的主關心我們生活面對的種種，不管有多瑣碎。不過，如果我們的祈禱只停留在這個層面的話，我們與神的互動也難以進深。跟從耶穌，從來不是一件「安全」的事，正如昔日耶穌邀請彼得行出波濤洶湧的水面上，經歷信心的神蹟。只要我們越多認識神的屬性，更明白祂對我們的心意，我們就能欣然踏出安舒區，去經歷「危險的祈禱」，看見神的榮耀！

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我們很高興並歡迎李穎瑜姊妹擔任教會行政助理一職，她的技能和經驗會為教會事工及運作的發揮和配合更有，願主賜她勇氣和力量，忠心努力事奉神。

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基約宣道會長議會，薛牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 14, 2022

PERFECT AGE !!

At what age are people usually happiest or even contented? I came across a study, which specified a particular age at which our lives would be most happy. A national survey, suggests that "Canadians are happier after age 55 and when they earn a higher income, but also indicates most don't consider money as a key factor affecting their happiness." The survey also noted that "people living in the East Coast and Quebec reported a high level of happiness coming in at 56% and 55% respectively. Whereas around 52% of BC residents feel happy. Ontario came in at the bottom of the list with only 47% reporting having a high level of happiness."

Interestingly, some of the reasons for happiness include the least amount of stress at that age, higher salary, lots of vacation, kids being independent and home mortgage fully paid.

The Bible never says there is a particular or perfect age for happiness. However, the bible speaks about a perfect Saviour who wants us to live a life full of hope, joy and peace through Him. I am so thankful that no matter what is going on in our lives - Jesus is with us and will never leave nor forsake us.

Let us strive to lead a life each day knowing that the Lord is with us to be our guide, strength and joy.

Blessings

Rev Vinson Samuel

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Satisfaction and contentment are two of the challenging virtues for us to cultivate in this contemporary culture. This Sunday, we will begin a new Series "LIFE UNDER THE SON" and focus on the theme "Living in Light of Eternity" from Eccl. 1:1-6, 12-13.

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最新消息 (5/7/2022)

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『婦人焉能忘記他吃奶的嬰孩，不憐恤他所生的兒子？即或有忘記的，我卻不忘記你…母親怎樣安慰兒子，我就照樣安慰你們；你們也必因耶路撒冷得安慰。』(以賽亞書 49:15; 66:13)

今星期天就是母親節。按教會安排，每年仍然會在母親節當日致送一份少禮物給當中的母親，作為一點的心意。看到在座當中的母親，接過母親節禮物時，整個情景拼湊出一幅美麗和溫馨的圖畫，心裏面也默默地為這些母親祝福，

感激她們為兒女、為家人所付出的一切。事實上，當母親還在，當家人還在，我們便當好好珍惜與家人相聚的時間。「母親」，這個名字象徵無私的、犧牲的愛。「眠乾睡濕」，正是母親的寫照。對於大部分人來說，母親的愛都是深深印在他們的生命之中。然而，我又知道，不同經歷的人對「母親」這個名字會有不同的感受，甚至負面的感受。對於一個自小缺乏母愛，又或是被母親惡待的人來說，「母親」卻似乎是一個很陌生的名字，甚至是一個可怕的名字。神將愛賜給人，又讓人在人倫的關係中去經歷愛，去學習愛與被愛。然而，因為人的罪與自私，人世間的愛是沒有完全的，唯有神的愛才是完全。「我們愛，因為神先愛我們。」(約翰壹書 4:19)

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 7, 2022

Good afternoon, everyone!

Hope your afternoon is going well and trust you are making plans for Mother's day tomorrow.

We're all familiar with the saying, "A picture is worth a thousand words," which is attributed to an emperor in the Xia Dynasty of China about 4000 years ago. Recently, I came across this simple but thought-provoking picture: a reminder of who we are as His church.

Isn't this picture a great reminder? Jesus says we will be known by the way we love each other in John 13:34-35 "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples if you love one another."

As Jesus saw our worth and loved us in the midst of our sinful condition, we are commanded in scripture to express that love to one another. May God give us a new commitment to love each other and to love our neighbours.

Please see the attached Sunday service bulletin and hope to see you on Sunday. If you are unable to join us in person, join us via live stream:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pv3s5GVTKYw>

Enjoy the warm weekend.

With prayers and blessings
Pastor Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (4/30/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『又要彼此相顧，激發愛心，勉勵行善。你們不可停止聚會，好像那些停止慣了的人，倒要彼此勸勉，既知道那日子臨近，就更當如此。』（希伯來書 10:24-25）

有一首詩歌名叫《同路人》，來自齊唱新歌內，猶記得第一次聽到的時候；十分觸動我的心靈，與它產生了和應。未知當大家聽過和唱過，有那些歌詞使您產生共鳴？歌詞這樣寫着：

「念那天起步，懷內滿掙扎；誰料覓真理，路遠又險窄。越過眾山嶺，還望你鞭策，迷路我驚慌，盼為我導引。自你同上路，懷內滿興奮；同實現真理，路遠能呼應。俗世多圈套，常望你督責，求為我祝福，努力不後退。」

詩歌「同路人」提醒我們，走在信仰的成聖路途，有如攀山越嶺，時而平坦康莊大道，時而狹窄的沙石鋪路，甚至梯級滿佈，經過各種考驗和難關才能抵達目的地。沿途中有不少天路客、同行者伴隨左右，成為彼此勉勵前行的力量。副歌說：「碰到挫折我掛慮，肩擔重壓我困累；一生幾多試與煉，你為我祈禱。見到快慰開心事，但願樣樣你分嚐。為你感謝神：同路極珍貴。」

神總喜歡在各人的旅程上分派不同的同路人扶持我們，讓我們可以結伴同行，不輕易放棄！弟兄姊妹，你已找到信仰路的同行者嗎？願你不但找著同行者，也成為別人旅途的同路人，支持別人，不屈不撓地走畢整個信仰旅程，直到見主的臉！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 30, 2022

Good morning, everyone!

I hope with all the things happening in the world and in your life - you are able to agree with this verse:

"Let us acknowledge the LORD; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will appear; he will come to us like the winter rains, like the spring rains that water the earth." Hosea 6:3

God has been good to us. He is the same yesterday, today, and forever. He hasn't changed in any way. Praise God! This Sunday both our congregations will resume our weekly Sunday services after more than two years. It's a time to acknowledge God's faithfulness and to seek His favour. We love to see you all at church this Sunday at 9.30 am for worship and corporate prayer. This Sunday, Rev Dr Huckle Choi will be our guest speaker and we will also come together for Holy Communion. If you are joining us for in-person service, please note the following:

FOR SUNDAY SERVICE & SUNDAY SCHOOL:

- do covid symptoms self-check before coming to church
- no Eventbrite pre-registration is required
- free sitting (members can adjust their level of social distancing according to personal health needs)
- Mask is required in the church building

If you are unable to join us, please click the link below to join via live stream:

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With prayers and blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (4/23/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『應當一無掛慮，只要凡事藉著禱告、祈求、和感謝，將你們所要的告訴神。神所賜出人意外的平安，必在基督耶穌裡，保守你們的心懷意念。』（腓立比書 4:6-7）

你是一個常常感恩，感謝神的人嗎？感恩能帶來快樂，多感恩的人有正面的情緒，能擴闊思維，增加應付事情的資源。例如感恩的人會與幫助他的人建立互動關係，增強人與人之間的連繫和支持，在困難的時候就能發揮保護網的作用。另一好處是幫助我們建立抗逆力，不懂感恩會傾向自我埋怨，抽離自己，不願意去解決問題，甚至會否認問題的存在等。

基督教信仰的信息是神給人無條件的恩典，聖經的教導強調感恩是信徒一種應該向神表達的情操，藉著感恩經歷神的保守和平安。

有一首詩歌「感謝神」自己很喜歡，節錄幾句歌詞：「感謝神賜我救贖主、感謝神豐富預備、感謝神賜溫暖春天、感謝神淒涼秋景。感謝神禱告蒙應允、感謝神未蒙垂聽、感謝神我曾經風暴、感謝神豐富供應。感謝神賜路旁玫瑰、感謝神玫瑰有刺、感謝神賜喜樂憂愁、感謝神屬天平安。感謝神賜明天盼望、要感謝直到永遠。」

歌詞提及人生縱然無常，生命有順境及逆境，有苦與樂，但神的慈愛、平安和福樂卻永恆長存，我們要常懷感謝的心，對神有信心及盼望。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 23, 2022

Are there times when you feel as though you cannot understand God or His ways? Similarly, the journey to Emmaus (Luke 24:13 -35) began in confusion, disappointment and even anguish. But it ends with the warming of the disciples' hearts, the opening of their eyes, and their return to Jerusalem. The long discouraged walk to Emmaus finally became a joyous run to Jerusalem with renewed strength and hope.

From this beautiful incident, we also learn to recognize the difference between knowing about the love of Christ and experiencing the love of Christ. In the biblical Greek, there are two words for “to know.” One of the word means, “to have knowledge of” and the other means, “to know by experience.” When writing to the Philippians believers, Apostle Paul said, “This is my one thing. I press on because I want to know Him.” He didn't want to only know about Jesus but wanted to also experience Him in his life.

The Emmaus narrative reveals that Christ wants us to not only know of Him but to experience Him in our life. Knowing God is an ongoing journey of walking with him.

In the end, the two disciples hurried back to the Jerusalem community so they could share their experience of the Risen Lord. Praise God! Now they are no longer lonely travellers, but ambassadors for Christ.

Let us live each day in his Light, and be his Light in the world!.

Blessings
Rev Vinson Samuel

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

The resurrection of Christ changed everything. Jesus' victory is not for Himself, it is for us and for all of humanity. But how can we live a resurrected life? This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "Living the Spirit of Easter" from John 20:19-23.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Sunday School will resume today with an interesting study on the 'book of Philippians'. David and Susanna Tong will lead the study.

Come and join the study via zoom

最新消息 (4/16/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『我當日所領受又傳給你們的：第一，就是基督照聖經所說，為我們的罪死了，而且埋葬了；又照聖經所說，第三日復活了。』（林前 15:3-4）

明天就是復活節，曾閱讀過愛斯基摩人一個古老的傳統意念，就是當他們晚上入睡之時，看自己死了。清晨破曉起床，他們又活了。因此他們不看重自己的年歲，每一天生活有新的意義。這讓我們想到生與死，是我們不能把握，正如傳道書作者所言：「無人有權力掌管生命，將生命留住；也無人有權力掌管死期；這場爭戰，無人能免。」（傳 8:8）我們既不能掌握壽數的長短，當仍然有生命氣息的時候，就要趁着今天，好好善用。

要活得有意義，就要思想是否有復活為本的生活。我們信主耶穌的人是否有認清一個事實，就是我們因基督有一個復活的生命。這個生命與舊有的生命本質是不同。從前的生命是為己而活，今天的生命是為神而活。（羅 14：7-8）因著耶穌基督的復活，使我們無論是生、是死，總叫基督在我身上照常顯大。（腓 1：20）所以，你們若真與基督一同復活，就當求在上面的事；那裡有基督坐在神的右邊。你們要思念上面的事，不要思念地面的事。因為你們已經死了，你們的生命與基督一同藏在神裡面。（西 3：1-3）因著耶穌基督的復活，我們所傳的滿有意義、我們所信的也不致落空、我們既可以從罪中得釋放、我們也可以充滿復活的盼望。（林前 15:14-18）

的而且確，耶穌基督的復活是整個信仰的核心，感謝神！我們有著復活的生命，使我們藉著我們的主耶穌基督得勝死亡的威嚇、魔鬼的權勢和罪的枷鎖。（林前 15：57）當我們轉念仰望復活的基督，深信我們的生命定必不再一樣。

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另外，以下是上週五(4月15日)，受難節詩歌聚會「神的羔羊」更新版的連結。歡迎觀看並推介給親友。<https://youtu.be/yxsoKMwg8j4>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 16, 2022

The season of Lent and Easter is the busiest time of the year for churches. We have four major events within eight days, beginning from the celebration of Palm Sunday, through the serenity of Maundy Thursday, to the suffering of Good Friday and ending with the joyfulness of Easter Day itself. Which of these days speaks to you the most? For some, Palm Sunday has a special meaning. Like the enthusiastic crowd that greeted Jesus by spreading palm branches and shouting 'Hosanna', a Hebrew expression meaning "save us and help us", they too share their hope for change and deliverance. For others, the sacrament of Communion is special by celebrating it on the "exact" day, sharing a meal with one another on Maundy Thursday. Through receiving the bread and wine, we come into union with Jesus and fellow Christians both now and in the past.

The Friday before Easter Sunday is known as "Good Friday" or "Dark Friday". On this day, we remember the cruel death of Jesus Christ on the Cross. For this reason, some avoid attending church because of the emotion it stirs within them. Finally, we reach Easter Day. On this day, Jesus appeared to His disciples, who had locked themselves in a room. We rejoice in our risen Saviour, who is risen for us and for the entire world. The events that happened that first Easter continue to be the power, hope, and peace for many Christians.

Which of those days speaks to you the most? This entire season is a time of spiritual renewal and growth - a time for us to experience and reflect on the sufferings of Jesus in light of our own personal sins and unrighteousness.

This Easter, let's join the millions of Christians around the world in worship and know God in Jesus has done something uniquely special for you and for the entire humanity.

Together with my wife Florence, and daughters Jasmine and Rahel, I want to wish God's endless blessings upon you and your loved ones this Easter. May the miracle of Easter bring renewed hope, faith and joy.

Blessings
Rev Vinson Samuel

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

EASTER SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

The resurrection of Christ changed everything. God's love is greater than our pain and fear and because of what He did on the cross, we can experience His love and mercy every day. This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "A Look at the Empty Tomb: The Message of Easter" from John 20:1-9.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service, if you are unable to be there in person.

SUNDAY SCHOOL UPDATE

There will be NO Sunday school session today. Sunday School will resume next Sunday at 11 am via zoom. David and Susanna will be leading an interesting book study on 'Philippians' on April 24, May 8, May 15 and May 22, 2022. JOIN US!

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『看哪，你的王來到你這裏！祂是公義的，並且施行拯救，謙謙和和地騎著驢，就是騎著驢的駒子。』
(撒迦利亞書 9:9)

下星期就是復活節，在之前一個星期，被稱為「受難週」，或稱為「聖週」。而本主日是「棕枝主日」，是聖週的開始。棕枝主日是記念耶穌騎驢進耶路撒冷的情形，沿途民眾高舉棕樹枝吶喊「和散那！奉主名來的王是應當稱頌的！」，這是耶穌最後一次進入耶路撒冷的情景，也是耶穌在受難前在群眾面前展現榮耀的時刻！

這位君王不是駕著戰車、騎著駿馬而來，祂只是騎著一匹驢駒。祂高貴，卻又謙卑。祂尊榮，卻又平凡。祂是王，卻無帝王的威風。祂是主，卻像奴僕伺候自己的門徒。祂是王，卻沒有登上王宮的寶座。祂的「寶座」設於各各他山，祂作王的稱號高懸於十架之上。這就是萬口稱頌、萬膝跪拜的萬主之主、萬王之王。祂威嚴與尊貴，卻又降到最卑微，竟然甘願承受屈辱和忍受十字架的苦楚。永恆、無限的神竟然道成肉身，進入有罪的人群中，祂明知道自己會死的，但祂依然默默的騎著驢驅向前行，被人出賣，經歷死亡的恐懼掙扎，被鞭打，被凌辱和譏諷，被父神離棄，但祂堅定行完神的旨意，為的就是叫我們得著生命。主透過祂的犧牲和救贖很具體告訴我們：神很愛你。「因祂受的刑罰，我們得平安；因祂受的鞭傷，我們得醫治。」(以賽亞書 53:5)

願我們進入這一週都更多安靜思想神的深恩厚愛，耶穌基督已是復活得勝的王，一切的景況祂掌管，祂坐著為王，祂的大愛令我們無懼風雨，讓我們全心信靠祂！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 9, 2022

When he had received the drink, Jesus said, "It is finished." With that, he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. (John 19:30). I have often wondered about the word 'it', what does it mean? Does it refer to "sin"? Death? Jesus' mission? Suffering? The scripture doesn't address this at all. And hence we often read into this bringing our own biased background, views and values. Perhaps we have been taught that "it" refers to our sin. So, we could be saying that Jesus has paid the price for our individual and corporate sin, willingly and obediently, as he came to fulfil the prophecies from the Old Testament.

As I looked into this further, it became increasingly clear that Jesus was referring to the completion of an old course, an old way that is now gone. The old account which had existed since God's creation is now paid off and wiped clean. And with Jesus' resurrection, he is ushering in a new beginning, a new way of living, a new Kingdom.

Jesus' death and resurrection is the finishing of the old world and starting of the new. The Greek word "Tetelestai" is in perfect tense which means that the action has been completed in the past and yet it is still happening in the now. So, when Jesus said "it is finished.", he meant that it was finished in the past, it is still finished in the present and will remain finished in the future. This is important for us to understand. Our Lord, who died willingly on the cross, has completed the work God sent him in the first place, and who by rising from the grave three days later, has now brought a new Kingdom and a new living. Jesus provides the only solution to man's sin and the only way to God through Himself. "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6). It is only through the death of Christ that Christians can put to death their sin and put on Christ.

We are not to fear physical death or eternal death as the power of Christ has overcome Satan and claimed victory over death. He is now in heaven preparing a place to welcome us home someday.

Written by Michael Huynh

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE PALM SUNDAY @ 9.30 AM

"Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest heaven!" Join us for the Palm Sunday service. We will focus on the theme "Behold, Your King is coming to You" from Mark 11: 1-11. JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am for Service Preview and Service.

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Join our last study session on "A Life of Worship" Leah Chan will be leading the study.

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

To support and further the overall church ministries, including the area of digital ministries, we are looking to fill the Administrative Coordinator position. The job description and details have been posted on the church website as well as relevant external sites. If you have any questions relating to the job and its process, please feel free to contact Elaine Kong at: 416 288 1770 or send your email to office@ncac.ca.

"Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting." Psalm 139: 23-24

Today, many on their social media accounts share their 'status updates' Their post reflects their current location, a joyful moment, an event of the day, a situation at work or even the last meal they enjoyed. During this Holy week, take time to reflect and jot down your current spiritual and emotional 'status updates.' In Psalm 139, the Psalmist pleads with God to direct and lead him "in the way everlasting" – a way that is filled with joy and leads to life.

May the Light of the Lord shine on you this Holy Week.
Blessings
Pastor Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (4/2/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『求你將我放在你心上如印記，帶在你臂上如戳記。因為愛情如死之堅強，嫉恨如陰間之殘忍；所發的電光是火焰的電光，是耶和華的烈焰。』(雅歌 8:6)

『你們雖然沒有見過他，卻是愛他；如今雖不得看見，卻因信他就有說不出來、滿有榮光的大喜樂。』(彼得前書 1:8)

愛的表現至少有哪些呢？假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會時常想念著他。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會喜歡聽到有關於他的事情。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會喜歡讀到有關他的事情。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會想要凡事討他喜悅。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會愛他的家人與朋友。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會盡力維護他的名譽和他的尊嚴。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會爭取機會與他說話。假如我們深愛著一個人，必定會喜歡和他常在一起。

原來，當我們愛一個人，在情感上，我們會不自覺地流露出至少以上八個方面的表現。同樣，若我們真正愛神，這些愛的表現也是隱藏不住的。

因此，值得思想的是，我們面對自己所愛，都會有以上情不自禁的表現；面對神，你的表現又是如何？你有將祂時常放在心上如印記嗎？真正的基督徒，與神之間的愛，絕不是隱藏的、秘密的、捉摸不透的事。這份愛必是可以被察覺的，可以被聽到的，可以被感受到的。「若有人愛神，這人乃是神所知道的。」(哥林多前書 8:3)

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網上成人主日學四月份起有春季新課程，由中國神學研究院提供的：「耶穌生平」和「舊約神學淺說」，另有適合慕道者的福音班。時間是早上九時四十五分，內容請參閱週刊報告，歡迎參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 2, 2022

What do you think about when you say the words “I’m Thirsty”? Do you start to wonder what you want to drink? Are you outside Starbucks, or your favorite bubble tea place and have a craving that you want to satisfy? Or did you come back from a run, or a softball game and are feeling dehydrated? I know for myself it is all those things that were previously mentioned.

But when looking at John 19:28, what do we see when we read it? It is very easy to look at it and say that it is nothing more than Jesus saying that he is thirsty. After all it was falsely accused, humiliated, tortured, and nailed to the cross so that he could die. We could easily look at the passage and think that it was a throwaway line with little significance. However, this can be further from the truth. In declaring “I thirst”, Jesus was fulfilling the Psalm of lamentation found in 69:21 (which was written by David). He needed a drink to raise his voice one last time to complete his mission.

This shows us 3 things:

Jesus was Physically a Human - he wasn’t playing around or pretending to be human. He suffered and died in the flesh for our sins. Jesus Had Extensive Knowledge of Scripture - Jesus knew about the prophecies regarding his suffering and death. And he was willing to fulfill it.

He was determined to complete His Task – Asking for the drink was to ease his throat and strengthen himself to cry out in a loud voice – so that he could bring his mission to completion.

When I reflect on this passage, the thing that stands out to me is how committed Jesus was in completing his mission. It was so important for him, that he was willing to suffer one of the most gruesome deaths so that we can be freed from the price of sin. He drank vinegary posca from the sponge (which probably didn’t taste that great) to ensure that he would be able to cry out and complete his task. I could not imagine anybody else doing that for us, and I continue to be amazed by Jesus and am humbled by what he did for all of us on that day.

Written by Jon Moe

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

What was the conflict between Jesus and the Pharisees? Why did Jesus challenge the Pharisees on several occasions? This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "We are called to BE WATCHFUL" from Luke 11: 37-43.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 am if you are unable to join us.

CORPORATE PRAYER @ 11 AM

We invite you to join either In-person or via zoom to intercede and seek God’s favour for our church, community and nation.

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JOIN OUR TEAM!

To support and further the overall church ministries, including the area of digital ministries, we are looking to fill the Administrative Coordinator position. The job description and details have been posted on the church website as well as relevant external sites.

If you have any questions relating to the job and its process, please feel free to contact Elaine Kong at: 416 288 1770 or send your email to office@ncac.ca.

WELL DONE!

Congratulations to all who took up the challenge to complete the New Testament in 90 days (January to March).

Drop me a note, sentence or even a phrase describing your experience.

"Give us this day our daily bread" Matthew 6:11

When we pray “Give us this day our daily bread” we recognize our dependence on God as the provider for all our needs. This phrase: “daily bread” referred to much more than food. We need God in all areas of our life (physical, spiritual and mental), and this is a daily need. Through this prayer, Jesus is urging us to talk to God every day about everything and every burden.

What needs will you pray for today?

Psalm 37:4 says we can, “Depend on the Lord; and trust Him for He will take care of you.”

Blessings

Pastor Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/26/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『你趁著年幼、衰敗的日子尚未來到，就是你所說，我毫無喜樂的那些年日未曾臨近之先，當記念造你的主。』(傳道書 12:1)

在電影「童夢奇緣」中，十二歲的光仔是個不快樂的小孩，自從媽媽自殺後他便沒再長高。光仔一直認為這是爸爸與新媽媽的錯，因此一直討厭這個家，他終日渴望快些長大後，能夠離開那個不愉快的家庭！有天他遇上撿廢瓶傻傻的流浪老人，自稱提煉了一種能夠快速成長的藥水。光仔喝後竟然迅速地成長！以為從此脫離家庭的枷鎖，但萬萬想不到，神仙水令他急速衰老。正當他追求到他的夢中情人，還發現了一個有關媽媽自殺的真相，想與家人重修關係時，他已經變成一個衰弱的老人了，並無奈地迎接死亡的噩耗！戲中有句精警的說話：「生命是一個過程，可悲的是它不能重來，可喜的是它也不需要重來！」

或許，人生就是這樣：「經過了失，才知擁有的寶貴；嘗過離別，才知重逢的喜悅；曾流過淚，才知安慰的溫暖！」在聚的時候，多想到離，我們便會珍惜每次相聚的機會。因為過了今天，便永遠失去今天，就算今天之後尚有明天，甚至以後尚有千百個明天，也一定不是今天。

昔日，馬利亞曾拿著一斤極貴重的真哪噠香膏，獻在耶穌腳前，卻惹來門徒的非議，因香膏可賣三十兩銀子賙濟窮人。若從資源運用與經濟角度來看，門徒的提議是無可厚非，只是遭耶穌拒絕。耶穌說：「由她罷、她是為我安葬之日存留的。因為常有窮人和你們同在，只是你們不常有我。」(約 12:7-8)

主耶穌欣賞馬利亞的行動，因為她珍惜與主一起的時光。因此，趁著還有今天，我們可以努力的事奉主！趁著還有生命，我們珍惜與家人的相處！趁著還有機會，我們將餘生奉獻給主！但願當我們走到人生的盡頭，縱然昨日不可以重來，卻因「珍惜」了每個神所賜美好的「今天」，那段感恩的回憶，足以令我們歡呼地說聲：「我已無憾地活過了！」

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教會網上會友年會將在明日3月27日下午三時舉行，請基約會友們留意電郵資料包括議程、年報及Zoom連結等，備時參加。查詢請聯絡黃錦輝。

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多謝大家參與透過宣道總會救助烏克蘭募捐行動，三星期收集到捐款共\$8,590。若仍想奉獻和得悉近況，歡迎到以下宣道總會連結 <https://www.cmacan.org/three-video-updates-on-our-ukraine-response/> 請繼續為俄烏戰爭和在戰火慘況中的烏國人民禱告。

今年4月2日至5月1日是穆斯林齋戒月，宣教部鼓勵大家加入與全球數百萬的基督徒同心為穆斯林世界未得之民禱告。祈禱指南已準備好英文成人、兒童、繁體和簡體，歡迎點擊以下鏈接訂購：繁體：<https://ebook30days.com/tw/traditional/>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 26, 2022

Matthew 27 describes the road to Jesus' crucifixion and specifically, verses 34-44 describe Jesus' torment on the cross. It was not enough that He had been physically traumatized from beatings on the road to Golgotha, or that He was being rejected by the people who had previously sung praises to Him, He also needed to be crucified. Crucifixion was an intentionally slow death that brought extreme torment on its victims. The position of the body on the cross restricted blood flow to the heart and lungs and brought heavy pain when breathing or moving.

Based on the pain Jesus felt on the cross, it is no surprise that in Matthew 27:46, Jesus cried out, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" However, the meaning of Jesus' words goes deeper than physical pain -- at this point, Jesus' suffering went to a spiritual level. Jesus had taken our sins upon Himself and became separated and forsaken by God the Father so that we (as believers) do not have to be.

It is a powerful reminder that although our salvation is freely given to those who accept Jesus as Lord and Savior, there indeed was a significant cost borne by Jesus on behalf of us.

Written by Brian Wong

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Is the church a movement or a monument? What made the early church unique? Are we supposed to be bold in our faith? This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "We are called us to BE BOLD" from Acts 4: 8-20.

JOIN US ONLINE! - at 9.15 for service preview and service.

ONLINE SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Today, we will find answers to the important question "How to worship beyond Sunday?" Leah Chan will lead the study

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NEW TESTAMENT IN 90 DAYS (JANUARY TO MARCH)

You are almost there! If you have been following the New Testament readings - you will be done in 5 days. So KEEP GOING AND WELL DONE!

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THANK YOU!

We thank all members for their prayers and generous donations for humanitarian aid to help Ukraine.

As of March 20, we have received \$8,090. All donations will be channelled via the Christian & Missionary Alliance (C&MA). Continue to pray for God's intervention and peace in that region.

"Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Matthew 6:26.

Isn't that a great reminder from God? Jesus tells us "Are you not much more valuable than they?". Knowing that our "heavenly father already knows our needs" helps us to face the future.

I hope that you maintain a joyful hope knowing that God has His eye on you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson Samuel

最新消息 (3/19/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『這天國的福音要傳遍天下，對萬民作見證，然後末期才來到。』(馬太福音 24:14)

在過去的日子中，我體會教會不單止是一個屬靈的家，令弟兄姊妹在這裡經歷主的愛和牧養，我還體會教會也是一個佈道及宣教的基地，很願意顧及近處和遠處的福音需要。除了努力佈道外，每隔一段時間都會有宣教士親身來到教會分享，使我們在敬拜、團契及服事的同時，也切切記念前線的宣教需要。

其實參與宣教是基督徒的本份，有人說在教會以內的就是宣教士，有教會以外就是宣教的工場，在羅馬書十章 15 節分享到「傳福音報喜信的人，他們的腳蹤何等佳美！」。而根據「約書亞計劃 joshuaproject.net」最新的統計，在全球 79 億的人口中，仍有 30 億人為未得之民，他們中間沒有足夠的信徒，可以將福音傳給整個族群，他們極需要宣教士的幫助，數字雖然龐大，但以人類學中族群的角度去看，全球人口可分為 17,440 個族群 people groups，未得之民共有 7,414 個族群，以全球教會的數量及資源而言，普世遍傳是可行的。

因此，讓我們學習參與宣教及關心差傳，以禱告及行動關心我們的宣教士。我們鼓勵各弟兄姊妹，在個人靈修、和小組團契時加入為宣教士代禱的環節，大家可以每次拿一位宣教士的代禱資料，一同學習為他們定期禱告、一同為宣教事工作定期奉獻，以及思考如何進一步支持他們。

以下連結可以幫助大家掌握宣教士最新的情況，和代禱消息，<https://thealliancecanada.ca/product-category/international-workers/> ; <https://chinese.ccaca.org/missions/iw-sharing/> 就讓我們在 2022 年繼續實踐行動，與眾宣教士一同在未得之民中見證主恩

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今週三 3 月 23 日晚上八時會有在差傳月的網上粵語祈禱會。有國際同工莊敬牧師及謝文卉牧師與我們分享。弟兄姊妹請預留時間一同參加。

迦南團契：將於 3 月 26 日(星期六) 早上 10 時舉行網上聚會，主題：「成為福音的管子」主持：杜馮美蓮及江韻燕玲。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與杜太/Elaine Kong 姊妹聯絡。

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現在逢週二早上十時至十一時有基約「網上讚美操」，由驗證老師 Peggy 授課，以 Zoom 視像形式舉行。歡迎基約弟兄姊妹及新來賓參加。歡迎聯絡 Peggy。

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MSG 小組三月份網上聚會主題是【宣教月：藉我賜恩福】，請聯絡組長有關組會時間參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 19, 2022

"Woman, here is your son" John 19:26

Being a mother, I cannot begin to imagine Mary's heart-breaking pain of watching her son going through the death of crucifixion before her very eyes. After all, what did her son do to deserve this kind of sentence and cruelty? She could do nothing but to stay with Him at the foot of the cross and witness the whole ordeal. How sad that it had fulfilled what Simeon told Mary when she and Joseph presented baby Jesus at the Temple, he said to her "And a sword will pierce your very soul" (Luke 2:35).

On the other hand, Christ knew the tremendous grief His mother was experiencing over His death. With love and compassion, he established a bond between His mother and His trusted disciple; to help ease their grief and pain. We experience that same love and compassion for us when God brings people into our lives to ease our grief and pain during tremendous loss. When a dear relationship is taken away through death, separation, divorce, abandonment, betrayal or neglect, Jesus understands the pain and knows how to provide for us. We can count on God in times of our deepest grief and sorrow.

Both the disciple and Mary submitted to Jesus' arrangement, "and from then on this disciple took her into his home" (John 19:27). Their act of obedience reminded us that in spite of the inevitable human loss, we can count on God, to free us from the past and continue on life's journey, by embracing God's arrangement and provision with faith.

Written by Catherine Tsang

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

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SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Why do Christians worship on Sunday? Is Sabbath a day of rest and worship? Come and join our study on "A Life of Worship" led by Leah Chan.

FOOD DRIVE FOR TORONTO ALLIANCE CHURCH (TAC)

We're collecting food items to share with TAC on April 16th. Please consider donating some of these food items and leaving them for collection in the church foyer: Canned goods (meat, veggies, fruit and soup), instant noodles and juice boxes.

NEW TESTAMENT IN 90 DAYS (JANUARY TO MARCH)

Well Done! If you have been following the New Testament readings in 30 days - you will be done in 13 days. So KEEP GOING!

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最新消息 (3/12/2022)

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『不要因這大軍恐懼驚惶；因為勝敗不在乎你們，乃在乎神。』『洪水泛濫之時，耶和華坐著為王；耶和華坐著為王，直到永遠。』（歷代志下 20:15; 詩篇 29:10）

俄國總統普京自 2 月 24 日對烏克蘭發起入侵戰爭後，導致烏國很多百姓十分恐懼，封鎖之前，首都基輔有大量民眾逃往烏西部地區躲避戰爭，但是仍有很多民眾選擇留在首都基輔，以此來鼓勵在前線英勇抗戰救國的同胞。由於他們是手無寸鐵的百姓，所以，便選擇地鐵站裡面來作他們的防空避難處所。而就在人心惶惶、充滿不安的時候，有一群基督徒從人群中站立起來唱詩敬拜，他們藉著讚美來表達他們的心聲，他們歌頌：信心、寬恕、救贖、憐憫、和平與公義。

打仗的時候，不是人心恐懼，紛紛逃離嗎？為什麼他們會有如此的舉動呢？難道唱詩敬拜就能得勝敵人的槍炮嗎？

聖經上記載，曾經有亞蘭、摩押、亞捫和米烏尼四國聯軍要圍攻猶大國的時候，國王約沙法便禱告呼求耶和華，神就藉先知雅哈悉告訴他說：「不要因這大軍恐懼驚惶。因為勝敗不在乎你們，乃在乎神」。於是，約沙法便作出一個令人不可思議的安排，那就是設立歌唱的人，使他們穿上聖潔的禮服，走在軍前高唱聲讚美。結果，眾人唱歌讚美神的時候，神使敵軍四散逃跑，他們得大獲全勝。（歷代志下第二十章）

這就是敬拜的力量。如今烏克蘭大敵當前，那邊的弟兄姊妹，選擇以禱告讚美來求神保衛自己的家園，這種臨危不懼的信心，實在是我們效法的榜樣。

是的，誰能戰勝屬天的軍隊呢？洪水泛濫之時，神仍坐著為王。只要我們持守信念，選擇站在真理、公平與公義的一方，就已經得勝了黑暗的權勢，並屬靈的惡魔。

讓我們一起為那邊在戰亂中的教會和弟兄姊妹代求守望，又記念在水深火熱中的無辜老百姓，也要為許多尚未聽到福音的人禱告，更可以參與奉獻行動，去供應救援物資上給烏國人民。（捐款可寄到教會，或電郵 donate@ncac.ca，註明“Ukraine”。

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<https://youtu.be/eJv5yBwtXBQ>

感謝神，基約實體崇拜已重開，並保持網上崇拜。在全面重開之前，中英文主日實體崇拜仍然會是隔週輪留舉行，人數仍然要有上限，參加者需要預先在網上登記及作確診徵狀問卷測檢，出席時需戴上口罩，維持 2 米(6 尺)社交距離。目前未有實體活動給兒童，幼兒室也暫不開放。每次實體崇拜的網上登記會在當週週一上午 9 時至週六下午 6 時，登記時間會在當週週一上午 9 時至週六下午 6 時。登記中文實體崇拜請用以下連結：<https://chinese-worship-at-ncac-registration.eventbrite.ca>。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 12, 2022

Luke 23:43 - "Today you will be in Paradise"

Lent is a season of fasting and praying that ends with the joyous celebration of Easter. It alludes to the 40 days of fasting that Jesus endured, as He was led by the Holy Spirit into the wilderness prior to His call to public ministry.

At the end of His earthly ministry, Jesus was nailed to the Cross together with two other criminals on each side. All hope seems to be gone – the hope that Jesus would be the Messianic deliverer who would topple the Roman military, and bring freedom to the Jewish nation.

Some of you are experiencing the loss of hope because you do not yet know Jesus, and you find that life is bleak with the ongoing pandemic, wars, fears, worries and life's challenges. You may also be facing multiple losses, including declining health, loss of a loved one, loss of a job or other tangible and intangible losses. Here the reply of Jesus to the second criminal's petition gives us new hope.

The second criminal confesses his sin and belief in Jesus, and made a request that Jesus remembers him. The criminal's petition expresses a hope that this is not the end of the story, and that he will attain to life when the Messianic Jesus returns with power. Jesus' reply was that he will immediately enter into paradise. The emphasis on "today" tells us that this hope will be fulfilled in the immediate present.

Thus, as we enter this Lent season, let us be assured that new and fresh hope is provided when we confess and renounce our sins, and come to believe and trust in the Lord Jesus as our King and Savior. Our mourning will then turn into dancing (Psalm 30:11). By confession and the compassion of Jesus, we will experience immediate victory and deliverance. The Holy Spirit will help us to shift our perspectives from a bleak outlook of life's temporal sufferings to an awareness of an eternal bliss with Jesus Christ in heaven. When we call out the name of Jesus, and acknowledge Him as our Lord and savior, it yields immediate results. Are you calling His name today?

Contributed by James Lam

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

God used Paul's difficult circumstances not only to provide opportunities for Paul to advance the gospel, but his example gives the church the confidence to proclaim His word. This Sunday, we will focus on the theme "Advancing the Gospel" from Acts 28:28-31.

[JOIN US ONLINE!](#) For Service Preview and Service

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Have you ever asked this question, "Does God accept my worship?" and "What is true worship?" Come and join our new study series on "A Life of Worship" led by Leah Chan.

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SUPPORT THROUGH PRAYER

Join the "Crisis in Ukraine Urgent Prayer" organised by CCCOWE (Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelization)

ON: March 19, 2022

TIME: 2 pm to 3 pm (EDT) in English, Cantonese and Mandarin.

[CLICK HERE TO REGISTER](#)

最新消息 (3/5/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

「願神憐憫我們，賜福與我們，用臉光照我們，好叫世界得知祢的道路，萬國得知祢的救恩。」(詩篇 67:1-2)

3月6日和20日是差傳主日。基約差傳年會在主日舉行，這樣的安排已有多年。今年會特別在三月和十一月以雙週舉行，主題是「藉我賜恩福」，並邀得譚文鈞牧師及忻晉宇牧師為中英文講員。

教會主日講道是神藉祂的僕人向我們講話、訓勉，讓我們認識神心意的聚會。對於宣教差傳，聖經在舊約和新約神都有很多的默示，使萬民作祂的門徒。在差傳主日，我們會邀請宣教士或在差傳牧養上有經驗的神僕，透過他們的經歷和藉聖經提醒我們，盼望真理的聖靈指教我們，對神在宣教差傳的心意有更深的認識。

我們從前都是在黑暗中死蔭裡的人，雖然不想被罪捆綁，但又脫離不了犯罪的律；因著主耶穌為我們釘死在十字架上並且復活升天，我們有脫離罪得著永生的機會！主耶穌也吩咐接受祂救恩的人要背起自己的十字架跟從祂，我們不只是個人享受得贖的恩典，神也願意我們將這個福氣告訴萬族萬民！這救恩也是人類在戰爭和苦難中終極的盼望。

求神透過兩次差傳主日的講員對我們說話，開闊我們對神國度的認識。讓我們仰望主、與祂建立更親密的關係。

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今週三(3月9日)晚上八時將有網上粵語祈禱會。歡迎參加，為烏克蘭和疫情守望代求。

目前烏國人民因被俄國侵略而陷在戰火慘況中，教會將在在三月六日至廿日期間收集善款，透過宣道總會，供應救援物資上給烏國人民，歡迎參與奉獻行動，將捐款寄與基約宣道會(或電郵 donate@ncac.ca)，並註明“Ukraine”。請為千萬烏國人民禱告。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – March 5, 2022

The First, Forgiving Word of Jesus on the Cross

Sometimes the hardest three words to say are, "I forgive you." The word forgiveness is so simple that even a child can understand it. To forgive can be one of the most difficult things to do, especially when someone has hurt us

When Christ hung on the cross, he uttered words of forgiveness amid death, "Father, forgive them; for they know not what they do" (Luke 23:34). The verb used here suggests that Jesus was continually praying these words – "Father, forgive them; Father forgive them; Father forgive them. . . ."

But who did Jesus have in mind when he offered this prayer? And for whom was he asking forgiveness to be extended? Could it be one of the following?

The soldiers who had nailed Him to the cross?

The religious leaders who collaborated with the Roman government to sentence him to death?

The disciples who deserted him after his arrest?

The crowd who shouted at the top of their voice "Crucify him"

Or could it be you or me? Are we numbered among those for whom Jesus is interceding at the cross?

Forgiveness is so important that, while dying on the cross, Jesus took the time to forgive those who were crucifying Him. As much as God hates sin he desired a relationship with us, God sent his Son to pay the price for our restoration. Remember, each time we recite the Lord's Prayer, we recite the Lord's conditions for forgiveness: "forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us." Thankfully, there is hope for us in Christ.

As you hear these words from Christ "Lord forgive them", what do they mean to you?

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

IN-PERSON COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

March is Mission month. David Bosch, an influential missiologist in Transforming Mission said "the church is not the sender but the one sent" and "The church is seen as essentially missionary."

We are excited to have Rev Dr Francie Tam, Executive Director of Chinese Coordination Centre of World Evangelism to speak on the theme "Anonymous Ambassadors" from Luke 10:1-12

Join our Live-stream, if you are unable to be in person.

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IN-PERSON CORPORATE PRAYER ON SUNDAY @ 11 AM

We invite you to join either In-person or via zoom to intercede and seek God's favour for our church, community and nation.

JOIN the church family via zoom, if you are unable to join in person:

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LENT IS UPON US

Lent which began on is a time that invites us to quieten our hearts, reflect on Christ's sacrifice and embrace the hope that comes through His resurrection.

Grab a Lent devotional for daily readings. If you are looking for one, YouVersion has an interesting daily Lent devotions by N T Wright.

[Please click here to visit "Lent for Everyone" by YouVersion and start the reading plan.](#)

DONATE TO UKRAINE RELIEF EFFORTS

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Please pray for the millions of Ukrainians and kids who are caught in the middle of an escalating war and humanitarian crisis.

最新消息 (2/26/2022)

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『…耶和華的言語必出於耶路撒冷。祂必在列國中施行審判，為許多國民斷定是非。他們要將刀打成犁頭，把槍打成鐮刀。這國不舉刀攻擊那國；他們也不再學習戰事。』(以賽亞書 2:3-4)

烏克蘭局勢急劇變化，俄羅斯於二月廿四日對烏克蘭採取軍事侵襲行動，要吞滅烏克蘭，不僅舉世譁然，世界各地都抗議譴責(除了中國、北韓等國家)，西方及民主國家亦採取制裁行動，全球各界領袖發表聲明，呼籲停戰，連俄國人民也站出來遊行抗議。

面對一個追求民主自由的國家，被野心強權的大國侵襲，大家心裏都很難過與擔憂。或許大家能從新聞得知概況，我願意在以下分享一些從宣教同工收到的消息，加上一些補充，作為代禱方向，希望大家切切記念這國家。

1. 總統：現任總統澤倫斯基雖不是在政治上有經驗的人，但為保衛國家、民主和自由，留守首府，不肯逃離。他是猶太人，願他能在危機及無助中，曉得帶領國家倚靠仰望那位昔日拯救以色列百姓過紅海的上帝、又以火車火馬圍繞以利沙的上帝，並有智慧如何面對攻擊。
2. 軍方：據報俄國已襲擊烏國多方的軍事設施，現正在猛攻首都基輔，已有數百烏國士兵陣亡，總統也呼籲捐血，願主醫治，安慰傷亡者的家人，又求主給領袖、軍方有智慧、謀略、能力，可以抵抗襲擊。
3. 盟友：西方民主國家，和國際上烏國的「盟友」，都在給予支援與幫助，願他們能作出適切合宜及有效的實質幫助。
4. 俄方：據報已從東、南、北面侵略、進入烏國，求主阻止，粉碎野心者的惡謀。
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無論是烏國人民，宣教士和信徒都正處於危難之中，讓我們在遠方為俄羅斯與烏克蘭的局勢祈禱。求主施行公義，責備發動戰爭之侵略者，討流無辜人血的罪，祈求各國領袖和平地解決一切爭端，並使各方盡力避免使戰事擴大，早日止息戰爭。又求主安慰無辜犧牲者的家人、醫治傷者，並感動烏克蘭的鄰國開放邊境，讓烏克蘭人民有避難之所。又求主護佑烏克蘭人民以及當地教會信眾，願主保守烏克蘭！願戰爭止息，願和平降臨！阿們！

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MSG 小組三月份網上聚會主題是【宣教月：藉我賜恩福】，請聯絡組長有關組會時間參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 26, 2022

Do You Like Solving Jigsaw Puzzles?

To many, solving jigsaw puzzles is a way to wind down at home after a hard day, spending family time together or even a personal hobby. John Spilsbury is said to have produced the first jigsaw puzzle in the 1760s in London. He produced it to teach geography by attaching maps on sheets of hardwood and cutting along national lines. According to Guinness World Records, the world's largest jigsaw puzzle with 551,232 pieces was completed by 1,600 students of the University of Economics of Ho Chi Minh City (Vietnam). Remarkably, the sale of jigsaw puzzles grew by 370 per cent due to enormous interest during the early days of the pandemic in 2020. Studies show the benefits of puzzles even in childhood development; improving Physical, Cognitive and Emotional skills.

A jigsaw puzzle has a very modest truth; that each piece of a puzzle is important and we need all the pieces to complete the puzzle. But one has to be passionate and patient to complete the big picture that it is intended to be.

A jigsaw puzzle is an apt depiction of the Body of Christ – the church. The church is one unit with many members forming one body. As Christ's body, every part of the body has a specific function and represents a unique place in it. Just as each piece of a puzzle is important, each member of the body is important and can minister to the other members of the body. When one piece is missing from a puzzle, not only its absence is obvious but also no other piece can replace it – thus becoming an incomplete picture.

On the other hand, when the various parts become closely interconnected, it magnifies each other's gifts and glorifies God's intention. When we are truly united in love as the body of Christ, the world will know that we are Christians by our love.

As we prepare for the Lent season that begins on March 2, take some time to reflect on these questions:

What is my place and role in the body of Christ?"
Am I tightly knit with the church body?
How do I see myself as part of God's big picture?
The Lord be with you!
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

What is Discipleship? What are its attitudes? This Sunday, Michael Mordenga, Campus Minister with Campus One80 will share this Christian discipline from Philippians 3:4-17.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM TODAY

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"AN EVENING WITH VICTOR AND BETTY"

The Mission Department has also invited an IW couple, Victor & Betty Chin from Mexico, to share with us in an evening on March 2 @ 8 pm.

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ARE YOU READY FOR LENT?

Lent begins with Ash Wednesday on March 2. It is a time that invites us to quieten our hearts, reflect on Christ's sacrifice and embrace the hope that comes through His resurrection.

Grab a Lent devotional for daily readings. If you are looking for one, YouVersion has an interesting daily Lent devotions by N T Wright.

Please click here to visit "Lent for Everone" by YouVersion and start the reading plan.

One of our greatest privileges is turning to God together in prayer.

Take some time to pray for:

- the people of Ukraine and the people of Russia; for their countries and their leaders.
- all civilians who have been displaced and for families who have been separated from each other.
- the various world leaders involved in diplomacy over Ukraine.

最新消息 (2/19/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『他們唱新歌，說：你配拿書卷，配揭開七印；因為你曾被殺，用自己的血從各族、各方、各民、各國中買了人來，叫他們歸於神，又叫他們成為國民，作祭司歸於神，在地上執掌王權。』(啟示錄 5:9-10)

啟示錄告訴我們，耶穌基督不單是亞伯拉罕後裔的救主，祂也是萬國萬族的救主，三一神是萬國萬族的神，願意萬國萬族得救。這也延續了啟示錄的信息，並聖經所帶出的福音：惟有相信耶穌基督，真正悔改的人，才能進入神的國。

歷史中最偉大的「跨文化宣教士」就是耶穌基督。祂離開天庭，步入世間，服侍我們這群不配的人，甚至犧牲在十架上。祂深愛世人，沒有忘記我們、沒有放棄世界，為我們預備救恩。面對不明朗的明天，也許我們都有悲觀、無奈、擔心、不知將來.....讓我們都記念主耶穌的大愛，反思在複雜的處境下，如何將基督耶穌的救恩傳給遠處和近處的未得之民。我們可以為前方的宣教士獻上禱告，求主加能賜力讓他們在挑戰中仍能傳講福音。

而我們身在多元文化的加拿大，也可實踐大使命，只要往社區走一趟，就能看見未得之民的身影，有不同種族、階層、年齡的人在我們身邊。我們願意學習耶穌的榜樣，成為「跨文化宣教士」，服侍不同類別的朋友，將基督的愛帶到他們中間嗎？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 19, 2022

During winter, I enjoy watching the snow fall down. It is refreshing and comforting watching the snowflakes fall to the ground. Every tiny snowflake is beautiful and amazing, but did you know that in one cubic foot of snow there are 18 million individual snowflakes and none of them is alike? Most of the time, we don't see a difference but God created each one of them differently. Yes, every snowflake is unique.

The snowflake illustrates how God created different things in the same way but still allows them to be completely unique. Just like the uniqueness of the snowflake – each and everyone one of us is unique.

In Psalm 139:14, David is in complete awe and overwhelmed by the majesty of a God who created him in such an intricate and unique way:

For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful, I know that full well.

"I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Beautiful words, right? Yes, we are reflections of God's glory and He has given us unique abilities as well.

Though the cold and dark winter can affect us emotionally and physically, let us remind ourselves with these words "I am fearfully and wonderfully made." Praise God! God has made each of us special and unique.

Have a blessed family day!

Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

What is God's Mission of God in this world? Does Mission begin and ends with God? This Sunday, Re C Y Yan, Director of Connections East Asia will explore the theme 'Missio Dei' " from Psalm 67.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM TODAY

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TNT in 90 DAYS (JAN - MAR)

Praise God! You have completed the four gospels and Acts of the Apostles. Well, what practical life lessons did you from Acts? When reading the book of Romans, remember the words of Martin Luther who said "This letter (Romans) is truly the most important piece in the New Testament."

Click [here](#) to download the 90-day New Testament reading plan.

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最新消息 (2/12/2022)

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『弟兄們，你們蒙召是要得自由，只是不可將你們的自由當作放縱情慾的機會，總要用愛心互相服事，因為全律法都包在愛人如己這一句話之內了。』（加拉太書 5:13-14）

最近在電視和網絡看見有關反對強制接種疫苗「自由車隊」的新聞，由於有不少貨車繼續進行封鎖的示威活動，引致渥太華、多倫多及其它城市地區的中心道路癱瘓、溫莎市大使橋關閉，全安省進入緊急狀態，威脅着邊境的運輸，影響了民生、安全、就業與製造業。今天疫情下社會的衝突和動盪實在令人憂心。

在西方國家民主政制和自由潮流影響下，市民追求「自由、民主、抗議」的權利，是自然的事。加國以言論自由見稱，以這些行動來表達訴求似乎是合理的。但可悲的是，人類追求的自由及行動，總是產生許多紛爭，破壞關係，造成分裂和傷害。

主耶穌強調更深層次的自由，是從魔鬼撒但權勢，和從罪惡捆綁中得釋放的自由。（路 4:18-19、加 5:1）使徒保羅更強調，信徒在基督裡的自由，不是自私自利或任意妄為那種世俗的自由，而是彼此相愛和彼此服侍的那種自由。是屬靈的，不是屬肉體的（羅 8:1-11、林前 6:12-20、加 5:5-6）；信徒如此倚靠聖靈行事（加 5:25），最終就會「得享神兒女自由的榮耀」（羅 8:21）。

「自由」必須受神的旨意所規範，選擇作有益的事來為主而活（林前 6:12-20）。使徒保羅更給我們一個真自由的模範：「我雖是自由的，無人轄管，然而我甘心作了眾人的僕人，為要多得人…無論如何，總要救些人。」（林前 9:19-22）換句話說，真「自由」不是一種自私自利，而是捨己為別人好處的自由！

基督徒雖然享受更深層次的釋放和自由，還是可以與市民同甘共苦，追求「自由、民主、抗議」的權利，只是有底線：基督徒可以和平抗議，可以合法遊行，來表達公義的訴求，但不能任意妄為、不能陷入罪惡、更不能有暴力行為、傷害自己和別人。

我們除了為國家代禱「求平安」（耶 29:7），也需要學習諦做和平，使人和睦。（太 5:9）在今天被魔鬼被仇恨撕裂的地方，學習做和平之子。讓聖法蘭西斯的禱文，成為我們的祈禱和做人處事之道，在今天被撕裂的社會中，做神的和平之子：「使我作你和平之子，在憎恨之處播下你的愛；在傷痕之處播下你寬恕；在懷疑之處播下信心……在絕望之處播下你盼望；在幽暗之處播下你光明；在憂愁之處播下歡愉……主啊，使我少為自己求，少求受安慰，但求安慰人；少求被瞭解，但求瞭解人；少求愛，但求全心付出愛。」阿們！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 12, 2022

FREEDOM! FREEDOM! The recent and ongoing 'Freedom Convoy' protest has not only taken a center stage in the social and political arena in our nation but has also gone global. Freedom movements or protests are on the surge in many nations, escalating inequalities and economic crises. Due to the ongoing pandemic and strict restrictions enforced, many have gone to the streets demanding democratic freedom, economic freedom and freedom of choice.

As I was reflecting on the "Freedom Convoy" and protest movements, I was asking myself what would be apostle Paul's appeal on this issue. In his last letter to the believers in Galatians 5:13-14, he warns:

"For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another. For the whole law is fulfilled in one word: "You shall love your neighbor as yourself."

The apostle was worried that the Galatian believers would give away their God-given freedom and get trapped once again in slavery to the old law and adopting worldly lifestyles. Consequently, he warned saying: "do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh," Freedom is being liberated from one's ego-centrism, to shun evil, to do what is good in God's sight and through love to serve one another.

Freedom is at the very heart of the gospel and of godly living. God has given us wonderful freedom in Jesus Christ. Christ's redemption has brought us freedom from every kind of bondage - not freedom to do anything nor freedom to sin. As people living in the power of the Holy Spirit, we should let the Spirit dominate every aspect of our lives.

Reflection:

Are you experiencing true freedom in Christ?

What are you doing with your freedom?

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Freedom! What is Freedom? This Sunday, we will focus on Apostle Paul's understanding of this topic and on the theme "Anchor of the Soul: Faith, Hope and Love" from Hebrews 10:19-25.

[Click here to Join our Service preview and service at 9.15 am. See you!](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM TODAY

Join us again! For the next three Sundays, Victor Lai will be leading an exciting study "The Gospel, Others and You: Sharing Jesus with your friends" This week, Victor will focus on the topic " Motivations for Evangelism"

TNT in 90 DAYS (JAN - MAR)

Praise God! You have completed the four gospels and Acts of the Apostles. Well, what practical life lessons did you from Acts? When reading the book of Romans, remember the words of Martin Luther who said "This letter (Romans) is truly the most important piece in the New Testament."

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Sunday Service Bulletin - FEBRUARY 13,

最新消息 (2/5/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：平安！

『我願你凡事興盛，身體健壯，正如你的靈魂興盛一樣。』(約翰三書 2)

身為華人，我們慶祝西歷新年之外，還有慶祝農曆年。如何過一個有意義、既喜樂又感恩的新年呢？我們從聖經可尋得以下的亮光：首先，以新春為中國人的感恩節。「你以恩典為年歲的冠冕；你的路徑都滴下脂油」(詩篇 65:11)，當向萬福源頭的上帝感恩，祂的眼目時常看顧我們，又獻上以感恩為祭的祝願，述說神在我們身上年歲的冠冕、見證祂。

另外，生命除舊更新。「又要將你們的心志改換一新，並且穿上新人；這新人是照著神的形像造的，有真理的仁義和聖潔。」(以弗所書 4:22-24) 為過去一年自我省察，在主裏自我更新，期望新一年更能討神喜悅。還有，當數算生命的成長。「求祢指教我們怎樣數算自己的日子，好叫我們得著智慧的心。」(詩篇 90:12) 新一年又加一歲，靈性也努力多進一步。祈求生命的主宰指教我們得著智慧的心，在短暫人生中，能愛惜光陰，珍惜眼前人，傳揚福音，每時每刻能作神喜悅之事。最後，是活好今天盼主來。「這不是說我已經得著了，已經完全了；我乃是竭力追求，或者可以得著基督耶穌所以得著我的」(腓立比書 3:12) 立志要站穩崗位，活好今天，求祂幫助我們事奉主，成全祂要得著我們的，並明白祂在我們身上的旨意。

基督徒的生活就是信仰，當以感謝為祭、生命更新、靈命成長、活在主裡，就可以過一個新造之年了。今年送牛迎虎，縱然逆境、困難仍在，但讓我們以新的眼光、新的心態和新的力量去面對，就必有主同在，聖靈加力，與神同行。

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今週三 (2 月 9 日) 晚上八時將有網上粵語祈禱會。歡迎參加，為疫情守望代求。

現在逢週二早上十時至十一時有基約「網上讚美操」，由驗證老師 Peggy 授課，以 Zoom 視像形式舉行。歡迎基約弟兄姊妹及新來賓參加。如需要查詢或報名，請歡迎聯絡 Peggy。

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MSG 小組 2 月份網上聚會主題是【雙重連結、多結果子】約翰福音十五章 1~17 節，請參閱附件，聯絡組長有關組會時間參加。

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願神祝福大家平安蒙福、主恩滿溢、愛主更深、榮神益人！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – February 5, 2022

Can you name the song that we sing every Sunday service without fail? Most of you got it right - yes, it is the "Doxology"! Every Sunday, together with millions of Christian around the world, we raise our voices to sing to praise God through the doxology first published in 1709.

Thomas Ken, wrote this classic hymn which has been a part of church tradition for centuries, yet few know the story behind these words:

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise Him, all creatures here below.
Praise Him, above ye Heavenly Host.
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen.

Born in England in 1637, Thomas Ken became an orphan as a child. He grew up living with his married sister, Ann, and her husband, Izaak Walton. After his priestly ordination around 1662, he was appointed royal chaplain to King Charles II. In 1680 When Ken was serving as an Anglican priest, he wrote this simple song of praise for his students at England's Winchester College in 1674. He silently cautioned the boys only to sing the hymn in the privacy of their dorms as hymns without scriptural verses were forbidden for singing in those days.

During his episcopacy, Ken took a number of courageous stands refusing to publish the "Declaration of Indulgence" by the Roman Catholic church and rejecting the reign of King William and Mary. Due to his firm belief and decision, he lost his bishopric. Sadly, on March 19, 1711, Bishop Ken died in poverty. His body was carried to his grave by six of the poorest men in his parish, to fulfil his final request.

Thanks be to God for believers like Bishop Thomas, who stood firm for the greatness of the Lord without conforming to Roman Catholicism and the Monarchy. The "Doxology," which was first sung privately, became one of the most powerful hymns sung in countless languages throughout the world.

Let's continue to sing sincerely and affirm our thanks to our sovereign Saviour.

And let our lives be a doxology to the Lord!

The Lord be with you!
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

What would it be like to have breakfast with Jesus? This Sunday we will focus on the theme "Breakfast with Jesus - the Power of the Holy Communion" from John 21:4-14.

Prepare your communion and join our Service preview and service at 9.15 am. [Click here to join!](#)

MONTHLY CORPORATE PRAYER @ 11 AM

We invite you to join us as we gather for prayer after our service at 11 am today. Let's intercede and seek God's favour for our church, community and nation.

TNT in 90 DAYS (JAN - MAR)

Praise God! You have completed the four gospels! May the Holy Spirit enlighten you as you meditate and realise the power of the Holy Spirit in 'Acts of the Apostles.' It's not too late to join the church family to read the entire New Testament - that is only 3 chapters a day.

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最新消息 (1/29/2022)

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『耶和華說：我知道我向你們所懷的意念是賜平安的意念，不是降災禍的意念，要叫你們末後有指望。你們要呼求我，禱告我，我就應允你們。你們尋求我，若專心尋求我，就必尋見。』(耶利米書 29:11-13)

耶利米描述了被擄巴比倫並非只是對罪的懲罰，而是使他們悔改，使他們歸向神的計劃。耶利米預言說，當 70 年的流亡生活結束時，時候滿足了，神將在一群聖潔的餘民心中運行，讓他們全心全意地尋求祂。神要因此垂聽他們的禱告，從天上應允他們，成就歸回的應許。

神要賜給我們平安，我們怎能得到平安？人們認為沒有遭遇患難、危機是平安。但離開神的人不會有平安，莫名其妙常常會不安、懼怕。因為聖經說在罪中的人都在神的憤怒之下，是可怒之子。罪使我們與神隔絕。我們與神同在，與神綁在一起時，才有平安。沒有享受神的同在時，沒有平安。享受與神同在時，才有真平安。

藉著耶穌基督的十字架，我們的一切罪債才能得到赦免，我們與神和好。神願望藉著祂的獨生子耶穌，我們與神建立親密的關係。我們在耶穌基督和聖靈裡，才能享受真平安。約 14:27 「我留下平安給你們，我將我的平安賜給你們。我所賜的，不像世人所賜的。你們心裡不要憂愁，也不要膽怯。」世人不能給我們真盼望，世人給的盼望是暫時的、虛假的。基督才能給我們永遠的盼望，在基督裡才有真盼望，因為在祂裡面有永生。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 29, 2022

Throwing aside one's coat might seem insignificant to us today. When we need more space, we usually get rid of the old or unused clothing that has been in the closet for a prolonged period.

In Mark 10: 46-52, we read the story of Bartimaeus, a blind beggar sitting by the roadside. When he heard that Jesus of Nazareth was passing by, he began to cry out "Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!" Jesus hears and responds to his cry. Why would Mark, the author of this gospel even mention such an action in verse 50 "Throwing his cloak aside, he jumped to his feet and came to Jesus?"

During the time of Christ, it was custom for the government to issue 'beggar coat' to beggars and other invalids as an identification to allow them to beg for money and collect alms. But when Jesus called Bartimaeus, he throws off his cloak, jumps to his feet, and runs to Jesus. Through this act, he demonstrated that "I won't need this identity anymore, I'm about to receive my sight!" Moreover, it also demonstrates that he no longer identifies the way the Israelites identified him. Remarkably, there is no mention that he searches around for his cloak.

Can you envision Bartimaeus living with this beggar's identity? All of us struggle with our own identity at some point in our life. We all have a cloak(s) that represent something in our lives that deters us from living the life God has planned. Sometimes the things that we are most attached to are the very things that are holding us back. Either our cloak can hold us back or make us feel comfortable - thus hindering our progress.

Bartimaeus's encounter with Jesus gave him a new identity. He became a member of the community of disciples, looking to Jesus the Author and Perfecter of his faith.

Reflect:

- What is that 'important' thing that is holding you down?
- Are there things in your life that are hindering you from journeying with Jesus?"

The Lord be with you!

Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Are you ready to get on the road less travelled? This Sunday we will focus on the theme "The Next Journey: Travelling the Road Less Travelled" from Jeremiah 6: 16-20

[Click here to join our Service preview and service at 9.15 am.](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON "PAUL'S MESSAGE ON GRACE" @ 11 AM

Today is the last session on "Paul's Message on Grace." Catherine Tsang will lead an important study on "Glorification"

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Are you following the suggested daily readings? If yes, you would complete the gospels by Monday (Jan. 31, 2022). It's not too late - Join the church family to read the entire New Testament - that is only 3 chapters a day.

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聖經中談論「信心」最多的一卷是希伯來書。並用先賢作例子，去說明他們都因著信，以至蒙神的喜悅、得神的賞賜，究竟他們所信的是什麼？當仔細的看，便會發現這些信心偉人的「信」，是相信神的應許必會實現，於是把尚未兌現的應許當作事實去相信去生活，即或到死那一刻，還未得著所應許的，但他們仍然相信。

這些日子，不少人都遇上生命中又大又難的經歷，不少人也嘗到主的恩典夠用。苦難是鍛鍊信心的功課。明白人生中難免苦難，但神應許在祂裏面有平安；神沒有免去我們的患難，卻在患難中保守了我們的心懷意念，並加添力量，使我們能承受得住。祂說：「你的日子如何，你的力量也必如何。」所以，在不可避免的患難臨到時，最關鍵在於我們用什麼的態度來面對，這兩年來，教會中見證著很多患難中亮麗的生命，他們能勝過患難，關鍵在於相信的對象是耶穌，不是環境或自己的力量如何，這個信心更在患難中持續不斷加添。

約書亞記以「上帝的信實」為開首與結束，讓我們知道神的應許必會實現：祂曾應許將迦南地賜給選民，儘管這班蒙揀選的人多番讓神失望，但神守信應許，帶領他們從曠野進入迦南應許之地。迦南美地就是在曠野新一代以色列人的明天，同樣，這「迦南地」亦是指我們的「明日」，上帝對每一個人都有著美好的應許及恩典。應許是出於神，但應許的實現也與人的回應有關。聖經說明：神早已按著祂的計劃及大能動工，而進駐迦南是約書亞和以色列民的責任，他們必須踏出信心腳步，並獲取那美好之地。

神在我們各人身上都有美好的心意，或許面對未知的將來沒有絕對把握，但願我們都在這一年學習以信心來全然順從神的帶領，堅持信靠祂的話語。

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新春將至，教會將於下一個主日崇拜(1月30日早上11:15 a.m.)舉行福音約會，由藍志誠牧師分享「疫境逢生」好信息。人相信福音，才会有真平安和有盼望的將來。以下是邀請揮春，鼓勵大家轉發給親友們，誠邀一同參加，領受祝福，歡度農曆新年。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 22, 2022

All of us have an unwritten personal rule of life. Someone once stated, “What we give our attention to is the person we become.” Studies reveal that up to 40% of our daily actions are driven by mere habits. Furthermore, the study affirms that our subconscious mind can either work for us or against us. But our lives are more than getting up, going to work, eating and sleeping. Do you have personal rules in place that you are following? The word ‘rule’ can bring to mind images of policies and legal requirements. On the other hand, personal rules are a personal signpost to help shape our spiritual journey to become Christ disciples. These rules are based on your gifts, life situation, and God’s calling.

In the third century, the Christian monasteries wrote rules covering all aspects of life on their walls. These helped in their single-mindedness: keeping God at the centre of their individual and collective living. Similarly, John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist movement, gave his societies ‘3 Simple Rules’ to help them apply their faith to their everyday lives: 1. Do No Harm 2. Do Good 3. Stay in Love with God.

In Philippians 3, the apostle Paul speaks about his life, as “I know that I am not yet what God wants me to be.” Truly, God continues to teach us to do His will as we continue to walk in faith.

Do your unwritten rules closely match the heartbeat of God? Like the apostle, what would you like to add, change or even prioritize to be “what God wants me (you) to be?”

The Lord be with you!
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Do you have a Word from God for 2022? This Sunday we will focus on the theme "When God Gives You a Word" from Jeremiah 1 : 4-10.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL ON "PAUL'S MESSAGE ON GRACE" @ 11 AM

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TNT in 90 DAYS (JAN - MAR)

Are you following the suggested daily readings? If yes, you would complete the first three gospels by Monday (Jan. 24, 2022). It's not too late - Join the church family to read the entire New Testament - that is only 3 chapters a day.

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JOIN TOGETHER IN PRAYER

Ontario public schools opened for in-person classes on January 17, 2022. Please pray for families with school-aged children and all the educational staff.

Pray for our nation and world as the Covid-19 pandemic seems to be surging again.

最新消息 (1/15/2022)

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『願你的國降臨；願你的旨意行在地上，如同行在天上』(馬太福音 6:10)

『願你的國降臨，願你的旨意行在地上如同行在天上』，這是我們生命的優先次序。我們要先求神的國、神的義，在神面前禱告，願祢的國降臨。怎麼降臨？當神的旨意行在地上時，祢的國度就降臨。當我們這樣禱告，樂意遵行神的旨意，降服在祢面前時，神的國就能降臨在你我的生活中。

今天我們常站在自己的地位上，為著自己而禱告；很少是站在神這一邊，為著神的國和神的旨意禱告。主禱文不僅是一個榜樣，更啟示了神的心意，表明神願意與我們同工。只當我們藉禱告與神同工的時候，才能帶人進神的國，成就神的旨意。

保羅在羅馬書裡告訴我們：「神的國不在乎吃喝，只在乎公義、和平，並聖靈中的喜樂」，和平是包括了神跟人之間的和好及人與人之間的和好。保羅並不是輕看「吃喝得好」、「經濟好」、「壽命長」、「健康好」等今生的美事，但這些美事卻不是神的國所看重的。今天我們所關心及祈求的是什麼呢？是神的旨意嗎？我們真的盼望神的國降臨嗎？

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迦南團契將於 1 月 22 日(星期六) 早上 10 時舉行網上聚會，主題為「慶祝農曆新年」，由杜太主理。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加。

「網上讚美操」以 Zoom 視像會議形式舉行。每逢星期二早上 10-11 時，歡迎有興趣人士參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 15, 2022

Hi everyone,

How have the first two weeks of 2022 been? Maybe things have been going really smoothly -- praise God for that! Maybe things aren't going as you had planned and you're feeling a bit discouraged.

In Matthew 14:22, we see that Jesus led his disciples onto a boat that would later be buffeted by the waves of the sea. Jesus led the disciples to a place of apparent danger. This faith-testing and life-threatening storm was no accident. However, Jesus met the disciples on the water when the time was right. Peter even bravely and faithfully took steps towards Jesus on the water. Despite eventually being distracted by the waves, Peter grew in his faith and relationship with Jesus through this encounter.

Whether life has been smooth or rocky lately, let's continue to fix our eyes on Jesus and trust that our faith is being tested continuously for a higher purpose.

Attached is the bulletin for this week's sermon. You can also find the link to tomorrow's online service here:

https://youtu.be/PsFO-3m_-qs

Jan-16, 2022, NCAC English Online Worship (9:15-10:30 AM) Worship starts at 9:30 AM

In Christ,
Brian

最新消息 (1/8/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『西門彼得回答說：主阿，你有永生之道，我們還歸從誰呢？』(約翰福音 6:68)

我們是歸從耶穌嗎？我們信心的對象是耶穌而不是環境嗎？我們有信心時，環境也會起風浪。我們可能是一直忠心跟從耶穌，又用心去明白耶穌所講的道，但仍會遇到風暴，且是超級風暴。在這艱難環境下，或許我們會問：我每主日都參與教會聚會，投入事奉，又有奉獻，為甚麼還會遇到不如意的事或意外，是否耶穌不理我？我們的人生遭遇風浪，這是現實，而神會藉著風浪去塑造我們的靈性，叫我們更有信心，更認識神。神做事不一定按照我們的時間表和速度，但祂仍在掌管一切，我們或會覺得祂遲了，但不會太遲。

神要求我們明白並遵行祂的旨意。這是一個生命成長的功課，透過實際的經歷，我們的生命得以成長。而生命的長成所引出的結果，就是結實。結實的顯出有不同的程度，有三十倍，有六十倍，有一百倍。結果子一百倍是生命長成最美的結局。

生命的經歷本身就是一個屬靈爭戰的經歷。今天，疫情的嚴峻是令人不安的、生活上無數的未知數亦令人擔憂、身體健康狀況可能是我們的關注、家國大事也經常在我們的腦海中；這一切可能令我們感到失望、驚恐和焦慮。也許，我們需要問自己在這一切的生活情況裡，究竟神的旨意是什麼呢？我們信心的對象是耶穌還是環境呢？

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一月第二個週三 (1 月 12 日) 晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會舉行。請預留時間參與，守望代求。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 8, 2022

Every year giving gift cards has been one of the most popular holiday gifts. Did you receive a gift card this year? But what if someone instead presented a gift card for “TALENTS”, with an expiry date - how would you spend it?

In Luke 19:11-27, the nobleman gives each servant a set amount of money. After successfully receiving the kingdom, the nobleman returns and asked what they have profited with the talents given to them. From this parable, we learn of three different attitudes. First, some people openly reject him. Second, the faithful stewards who put it to good use and lastly some hide what they have been given.

It is believed that over 25 per cent of all gift cards given are never used. It is said that the longer you hold onto a gift card, the more likely it will go to waste – finally losing the card. We all have things that God has given us (time, talent, and resources). But the question is how do you want to spend the gift of time, talent and resources God has given you this year? Remember to use it before it is lost, forgotten or expired!

Let me encourage you to make a commitment and invest in the gifts that God has given you.

God's blessings to you all!
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

"This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us be full of joy and be glad in it." Ps. 118:24. This Sunday we will focus on the theme "Something Has to Change: A Call to Gospel Living" from Ephesians 5:15-20. [Click here to join our Service preview and service at 9.15 am.](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL ON "GRACE" @ 11 AM

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最新消息 (1/1/2022)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道親友：恭祝您新年蒙福！

『你以恩典為年歲的冠冕；你的路徑都滴下脂油。』(詩篇 65:11)

對任何人來說，2021 年確實是充滿動盪與不安的一年，去年經歷的一切毫無疑問是充滿變化。在疫情下，市民生活不再正常，無論是衣食住行，甚至工作，均大受影響，再加上長期留在家中抗疫，不少人都感到極大壓力。或許，2021 年過得不平靜，很多事讓人措手不及。不過，當我們停下來驀然回首，就不禁感嘆，要感謝上主的恩典，我們儘管走得驚險倉猝，但卻是安穩走過了這一年。在剛踏進 2022 年的一刻，勉勵大家，讓我們繼續努力靠賴上主，剛強壯膽地前行！

有一首詩歌：「眼光」，歌詞十分激勵人，在困境中不要失去屬天的眼光：「不管天有多黑，星星還在夜裡閃亮，不管夜有多長，黎明早已在那頭盼望，不管山有多高，信心的歌把它踏在腳下，不管路有多遠，心中有愛仍然可以走到雲端。誰能跨過艱難，誰能飛越沮喪，誰能看見前面有夢可想，神的心看見希望，你的心裡要有眼光。」正因如此，讓我們提醒自己在 2022 不忘以下幾方面的學習：

堅定向上看：雖然全球疫情仍在肆虐，仍要堅定地舉目向上看，因神是全能、全在、全知的神。勇敢向前看：看到不單是現今疫情的嚴峻，令人心驚膽慌；而是看到神是昨日、今日、明日的主。祂是昔在、今在、永在的神；祂的屬性與應許永不改變。祂仍是掌管著未來，明天將會更好、更光明。謙卑往內看：時常省察內心，鑒察心靈。我與神、自己、家人、朋友、教會、社區的關係如何呢？讓我更盡心、盡性、盡意、盡力愛主我們的神，也要愛人如己，愛家人、鄰舍。忠心往後看：回顧過去一年，有沒有虧欠神、虧待人呢？沒有省察的人生是虛度的、危險的；在神的恩典中讓我們鑒察自己的生活。此刻，祝願大家在新一年，更多經歷神的同在、更多服侍見證主，更深認識主。

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各級學校今週復課，青年團契和兒童網上崇拜，一月七日及八日再會開始。青年團契是在週五晚 7 時 30 分舉行。兒童網上崇拜是逢週六下午 1 時 30 分舉行。查詢以上活動，歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – January 1, 2022

This year, many of us long for stability in our lives, peace and unity in the world. We like to live a predictable life without having to deal with unexpected surprises. In order to continually live in this unpredictable world, we need encouragement and a solid footing.

Paul, the apostle knew that God's word provides this stability to live in this ever-changing world. To the Thessalonian church, which was like a ship being tossed in a storm, Paul prays for their spiritual stability. It was his earnest prayer that they would stand firm on the teachings that he had given to them. Yes, the word of God is "useful to teach us what is true and to make us realize what is wrong in our lives. It corrects us when we are wrong and teaches us to do what is right." God's word enables us to be "thoroughly equipped for every good work" (2 Tim 3: 16-17). When we look up to God and not ourselves, we become stable knowing that He will lead us.

This year, do you have a plan to draw closer to God, and be rooted in your faith? Do you have a consistent plan to read His word? Daily Bible reading is an excellent habit that can benefit us and give us stability in many ways. Let me encourage you to join the church family to read the New Testament in 90 days. It is our prayer that you are blessed by the practice of regularly and thoughtfully dwelling in God's Word.

Find strength, stability and joy in God's word this year!

God's blessings to you all!
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

As we step into the New Year, let us celebrate and remember God's love and faithfulness. On this first Sunday of the year, we will focus on the theme "Not by Might, But By My Spirit" from Zechariah 4:6-10. [Click here to join our Service preview and service at 9.15 am.](#)

VIRTUAL CORPORATE PRAYER SUNDAY @ 11 AM

Make it a point to join our first virtual corporate prayer for 2022 on Sunday at 11 am.

TNT in 90 DAYS

Let's journey the year 2022 by committing to read the New Testament in 90 days - that is 3 chapters a day to complete the entire New Testament. Be part of this journey beginning today, January 1, 2022. [Click here to download the 90-day New Testament reading plan.](#)

THANK YOU!

What a Year! As I look back on 2021, I am filled with thanks to God and inspired by your prayers and support in ministry. Thank you for standing with the English Ministry Team (EMT) and partnering to invest in various ministries of the church.

We appreciate all your support and let's continue to journey together to "love God, love people, and make disciples for Christ!"

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『不要懼怕！我報給你們大喜的信息，是關乎萬民的；因今天在大衛的城裡，為你們生了救主，就是主基督。你們要看見一個嬰孩，包著布，臥在馬槽裡，那就是記號了。』(路加福音 2:10-12)

今年聖誕節，因新冠肺炎的新變種病毒奧密克戎 Omicron 出現，並急劇蔓延，令致全國新冠病毒確診個案激增，現今安省可能已超越一萬宗，令人感到焦慮、惶恐和不安，動搖了對聖誕節那份歡慶基督降生的熱心。

事實上，昔日主耶穌降生時，沒有很多人為他慶祝，迎接他的來臨，人生活得很不安寧，他們渴望救主來臨解救他們。耶穌的出生，乃應驗以賽亞先知的話，「必有童女懷孕生子，人要稱他的名為以馬內利。(以馬內利翻出來的意思就是「神與我們同在。）」(太 1:23)

馬太福音記載，當約瑟預備迎娶馬利亞時，他發現妻子已懷孕，但嬰孩不是自己的。可以想像他內心的感受，簡直是一場惡夢。當約瑟想暗暗解除婚約時，天使就夢中向他顯現，告訴他不要怕迎娶馬利亞，因她所懷的孕是從聖靈來的。約瑟就順服，安然地娶馬利亞過門。約瑟樂於聽從神的話，甘願放下自我，脫離疑慮、害怕和軟弱，最終，他發現神愛世人的行動，是要將人從罪、自私和軟弱中拯救出來。

「耶穌」這個名字，就是要將人從罪惡裏救出來。人的罪惡，離不開自私和軟弱，不樂意為別人而活，自憐和自覺無力去服務他人。約瑟首先領悟了這道理，離開不信，自私和軟弱，成為領受聖誕真義的第一個人，也同時領受了神同在的真正平安。你是否也同樣領受這份聖誕的平安和喜樂？

盼望在這聖誕節，我們每一個人都能領受這份聖誕的平安和喜樂。願意像約瑟，離開疑慮，自我和軟弱，願意信靠神，樂意為別人而活，接受天父所賜給我們的聖誕禮物—「以馬內利」主耶穌基督自己。以致我們有勇氣、有力量繼續為世人得救、世界和平、為教會、國家的前途和人類的苦難禱告，並懷着信心在這令人失望的境況中，尋找到掌管這世界和賜予人新生命的主，讓我們從紛亂中一同轉向基督，重燃希望！在這黑暗的生活中，尋找主的恩光，享受耶穌基督降生所賜給您真正的平安。祝您聖誕快樂！

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<https://youtu.be/X4LvZC3RVyU>

鑒於現今加拿大及安省新冠病毒確診個案激增，為保障會眾和家人友鄰的健康並在社區的見證，基約會暫停以下四週日的實體中英文主日崇拜 (12/26, 1/02, 1/09, 1/16)，只維持網上崇拜。懇請為疫情受控禱告。鼓勵大家各人儘快種植疫苗，和加強劑，好保障健康安危。

網上成人主日學九月至十二月課程是「申命記」和「哥林多前書」，亦有「福音慕道班」，時間是明天早上九時四十五分，內容請參閱週刊報告，歡迎準時參加。一月二日會放假一天，一月九日開始有陸超明講授合班課程「靈命進深的關鍵」。

青年團契及兒童網上崇拜現在假期休息，一月七日及八日再繼續，查詢歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

最後，請繼續為疫情受控，接種疫苗，大家平安禱告。也請為崇拜，為教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神使用教會各項網絡事工。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 25, 2021

Good afternoon,

First and foremost: Merry Christmas!

In Matthew 2:9-11, we learn about the journey of the Magi. Best estimates suggest that the Magi travelled weeks to months before they arrived in Bethlehem. God's guidance of the Magi through the placement of a star reveals His absolute control of His creation. When they arrived to where Jesus was staying, they bowed and worshipped Him and presented Him gifts worthy of a king.

Let's take a moment today to reflect on our relationship with Jesus. Let us pray that He will continue to guide our decisions and lives as we enter into a new year. Let us humbly worship Him as Lord, Saviour, and King of our lives.

Attached is the bulletin for tomorrow's online service.

Here is the link for tomorrow's online service: <https://youtu.be/Dswl5TJaNS4>

Dec 26 NCAC English Online Worship (9:30-10:30 AM)

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youtu.be

Looking forward to worshipping together online tomorrow.

In Christ,

Brian

最新消息 (12/18/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『愛裏沒有懼怕；愛既完全，就把懼怕除去。』『神差他獨生子到世間來，使我們藉著他得生，神愛我們的心在此就顯明了。』（約翰壹書 4:18, 9）

近日全球陸續出現新冠病毒變種 Omicron 個案，染病及死亡的個案急升，令加拿大和各地國家加強防疫，來面對新危機。當一波又一波的疫情高峰湧來時，人們似乎沒有不懼怕的理由。使徒約翰卻告訴我們「愛裏沒有懼怕」！原來，可以勝過「懼怕」的秘訣是「在愛裏」！

佈道家唐崇榮牧師在一次講道提到，在 2008 年中國四川大地震裡，一位母親被巨石頭壓在身上，她即時把還不滿三歲的孩子抱在懷裡，用背上有限的力量頂住那塊大石頭，結果那塊大石頭把她壓死了。那母親知道不能再支撐下去，一面抱著孩子一面打在手機打信息寫著：「兒啊，如果你可以活著，你要永遠記得，媽媽愛你。」然後斷就了氣。當拯救隊聽到有孩子哭聲音把石頭搬起來，發現那母親已經死了，因著母親偉大的愛孩子得以活著，並且留下了滿有愛的信息。

唐牧師：「聖誕就是上帝為了愛我們，從天降臨到人間；就是基督降生在馬槽裡；就是那活著來，要為那死在罪裡的人捨己；就是那『聖潔的』降臨，幫助那『不潔淨的』；就是那永恆的要賜給人永生…聖誕就是神主動將他的愛子賜給我們，又按照他的計劃使他的愛子背負所有世人的罪死在十字架上，又按照他的大能從死亡之中復活，將永生的生命帶給我們。」

聖經說：「神愛我們的心在此就顯明了。」耶穌愛你，愛我們所有的人，他來就是為了消除生命中的一切「懼怕」，醫治我們心裡的創傷和身心靈各樣的疾病，他來為了開啟我們屬靈的眼睛，讓所有的人得到自由，尤其是被罪，被一切纏累所捆綁的人，讓我們獲得新的生命。

聖誕就是神愛我們的心顯明。讓我們以一種感恩的心活在神的面前。讓我們領受聖誕主的愛而活出愛，讓愛在我們裏面得以完全。「那在我們裏面的，比那在世界上的更大。」（約壹 4:4）我們還懼怕什麼呢？！

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「網上 zoom 參加」無需登記，查詢請聯絡團契與組長、或致電 416-288-1770 留言。zoom 連結：<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86289494674?pwd=a3VuVEgxQTVUMVkyYk1wZ253Y0cyZz09> 電話 +1 647 374 4685; 會議號碼: 862 8949 4674; 密碼: 001490。

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最後，請繼續為疫情受控，接種疫苗，大家平安禱告。也請為實體及網上崇拜，為教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神使用各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 18, 2021

Is God's Love Limited?

Do you feel close to God when you do something religious, and detached when you are not? Many in this world genuinely think that they are acceptable to God based on how good they are.

However with the arrival of the new variant, many are seeking answers to “Where is the love of God?” And “Is God testing our patience?” At times we struggle to understand our sufferings because our God is full of love and mercy.

The fourth candle of Advent is the Candle of LOVE. Its light is meant to remind us of the love that God has for us. He “crowns us with love and compassion.” He knows us intimately and nothing is hidden from God; our lives are before Him. (Hebrews 4:13)

Karl Rahner, an influential catholic theologian, in his book ‘The Eternal Year’, suggests, “When one experiences the absence of God, one’s image of God is no longer working. The only way to rebuild trust in the face of such absence is to let go of the image and surrender to the mystery.”

God calls us to surrender and trust His love, which will hold us no matter what we face. Let me encourage you today to hold His loving hands and surrender yourself to God’s love this advent season!!

May the love of God surround you and your family this Christmas.

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for our Online Sunday Service to celebrate and remember God's Love. On this fourth Sunday in Advent, we will focus on the theme "Where is He who is born King of the Jews?" from Matthew 2:1-12.

[Click here to join our Service preview and service at 9.15 am.](#)

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE - DECEMBER 26, 2021

Joining the church family for the In-Person Sunday Service at 9.30 tomorrow? Please book using the booking link:

- [Click here to book for In-person Sunday Service \(booking closes Saturday at 6 pm\)](#)
- [Click here to Complete Covid -19 Health Screening \(please complete the screening and show the result before entering the church premises for Service\)](#)

Please contact Charlotte Pang if you need further information or decide to join after the in-person booking closes.

EM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In this Christmas season, EMT would like to collect winter clothing, toys and non-perishable food for the Queen and Bathurst community through Toronto Alliance Church.

[Click here for further details.](#)

PRAYER TO END COVID -19

Let's take some time to pray:

- God's protection and presence on government authorities, health care professionals and workers.
- Strength and healing for those who are suffering from the new variant.
- For many who find themselves isolated during this time of the year.
- We would find ways to respond compassionately to those we see in need.
- [Click here for the resources \(ie vaccination booking and etc\)](#)
- [Click here for the Ontario Newsroom latest updates](#)

TNT in 90 DAYS

Let's journey the year 2022 by committing to read the New Testament in 90 days. Be part of this journey which will begin on January 1, 2022.

[Click here to send a note to COUNT YOU IN on this journey.](#)

最新消息 (12/11/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『看哪，我的僕人，我所扶持、所揀選、心裏所喜悅的！我已將我的靈賜給他，他必將公理傳給萬邦。他不喧嚷，不揚聲，也不使街上聽見他的聲音。壓傷的蘆葦，他不折斷；將殘的燈火，他不吹滅。他憑信實將公理傳開。』（以賽亞書 42:1-3）

在 12 月 3 日的爾道自建中羅潔盈博士與我們有以下的分享：

這首「僕人之歌」（以賽亞書 42:1-9）所描述的，當然是指向基督的，因為沒有人能同時俱備以上所有神僕人的特質，然而這些都是對於所有神的僕人的提醒：神的僕人即使在被壓傷和感覺將要被摧殘的苦難中，卻仍舊「不喧嚷、不揚聲」；被聖靈充滿，「不灰心，也不喪膽」，因祂「憑公義召你，要攙扶你的手，保護你，要藉著你與百姓立約，使你成為萬邦之光」，直到上主的公理得以彰顯。

「光」是將臨期中最重要的象徵符號。當我們思考基督是清晨日光和萬邦之望時，現今與二千年前耶穌誕生的處境相比，是天淵之別。伯利恆在政治上是一個不重要的小村莊，但它被預言將成為「新大衛」這位彌賽亞的出生地（彌 5:2；路 2:4）。耶穌的出生帶來的是啼哭聲，因為昔日希律王下令殺死伯利恆兩歲以下的所有男嬰。先知所預言彌賽亞要帶來的和平，依然尚未發生。

教會傳統在一年中黑暗最長、光線最短的時候慶祝主的誕生，提醒我們：即使因個人的罪或環境的壓迫而心靈黯淡無光，這一切都不能掩蓋上主必定降臨所帶來的希望。在預備慶祝聖誕這普天同慶的日子時，我們能否騰出空間，去歡迎這位伯利恆的主角？能否學效這位君尊義僕，鼓舞灰心的人、扶持軟弱的人、援助困苦的人，以謙卑溫柔的生命將公理傳開？

我們今天會怎樣回應羅博士給我們的挑戰呢？我們是否願意見到主耶穌再來地上？我們是否已經預備好迎見主耶穌的再來？今年聖誕的真正主人翁又是誰？今天我們的生活模式又是否與我們蒙召的恩相稱？我們今天所走的路是否跟隨著主耶穌所留下的足印？

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加基約主日網上崇拜。客座講員陳偉業牧師會與你分享信息「耶穌基督的聖誕足印」。以下是連結，歡迎通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題和報告作參閱。

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年終除夕網上粵語祈禱會將於星期五（12 月 31 日），晚上七時半舉行。請預留時間參與，回顧神恩，支取信心，踏進新一年。

兒童網上崇拜是逢週六下午 1 時 30 分舉行。學前兒童（1 歲至 5 歲）網上崇拜是每月第三個週六早上 10 時至 10 時 20 分舉行。青年團契是在週五晚 7 時 30 分舉行。以上活動歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

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薛牧師在 12 月 9-12 日休假；岑牧師在 12 月 21-31 日休假。請代禱。

最後，請為實體及網上崇拜，疫苗接種和抗疫，為教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 11, 2021

“Then the angels said to them, ‘Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy which will be to all people. For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord.’” Luke 2:10-11.

This Sunday marks the third Sunday in Advent. Many Christian churches this Sunday will light a pink candle to symbolize Advent joy. The angels’ message to the shepherds was one of “good tidings of great joy.” What do you think of when you hear the word “joy” during these times? Surveys indicate that for many people Christmas is one of the most stressful times of the year though it is meant to be a time of joyful celebration. Biblical joy is different from what most people think of as joy.

Scripture reminds us that after reporting the message the Shepherds returned “glorifying and praising God for all the things they had seen and heard, which were just as they had been told.” The good news has everything to do with who Jesus is. The good news of Christ continues to be good news for all who will listen and respond to live a Christ-centered life.

Whatever our circumstances may be God orchestrates them for our good. Our joy in everyday life comes from understanding our position with Christ: who He is, who we are in Him. It comes from an interactive relationship with the God of the universe. True joy is what happens deep inside our soul and spirit. God’s presence in our lives gives us joy and His presence protects our joy.

Reflection question: Do you have God’s joy?

Have a meaningful third week of Advent!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for our In-Person Sunday Service to celebrate and remember God's Love. On this third Sunday in Advent, we will focus on the theme "Born a Child but yet a King" from Matthew 2:1-12.

Click here to join our Live-stream Sunday Service preview and service at 9.15 am.

MINISTRY SHARING

Join us this Sunday Service to thank God and to hear what the Lord has been doing in the lives of University students through the ministry of Victor and Danielle Lai.

EM CORPORATE PRAYER

Wednesday, December 15, 2021, is the last Corporate Prayer of the year. Do come and join the church community.

EM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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古代教會慶祝聖誕節與現今教會有所不同。先賢先聖紀念聖誕的目的不單在回顧救主昔日降臨人間，更是前瞻、盼望耶穌基督再次來臨；所以稱聖誕日前四週為「將臨期」。在這段期間，教會一方面準備慶祝聖誕，記念耶穌道成肉身的降世，成就祂在人世間的救贖計劃。另一方面，教會也提醒信徒耶穌雖然已經死在十架，且復活升天，但是祂會再降臨：以君王的身份來到世上，作永久之王，祂的國要降臨此地，一切的邪惡及罪惡都要消滅，不信者要受最終的審判，而接受祂救恩的人，就會永遠與神同住，沒有眼淚及憂傷，神的公義及慈愛完全彰顯。對跟隨基督的人，這是在這短暫而不美善的地上人生裡最終極的安慰與盼望。

當我們活在這個充滿黑暗的時代，世界負面的信息，可以使我們對人生失去盼望；因為疫情的升級和新冠變種病毒 Omicron 而感到憂慮，因為全球經濟衰退而為自己的工作及收入憂心，因為健康危疾的陰影而感到絕望，或因身邊發生的事情，叫我們不知如何面對明天。

然而，「將臨期」是幫助我們記得耶穌基督的救世恩情未變。祂是與我們同在，使我們知道祂的降世是為着拯救我們。「將臨期」更提醒我們因着信基督而有的盼望：我們今日所見的黑暗會有限期，主要再來作王，祂的公義及恩典將會完全地展露在世間。罪惡與邪惡將要被消滅，苦難會過去，神的國將要降臨。因此，我們雖然身處困局中，仍然可以帶著盼望去積極面對。因着主的再來，我們可以勇敢地靠主度過每一日，祂的恩典夠用，那使人有盼望的神必會降臨。所以，我們可以用信心祈禱，祈求神的國降臨，求祂的心意成就在此時此地，就如成就在天上一樣。

「聖誕節」快到，人們總會感受多一點人間溫情暖意。不過生活於繁複都市的現代信徒，加上疫情，都會不自覺落入忙亂、煩惱和不安的氛圍中。「將臨期」這一個教會寶貴的遺產，迫使我們返樸歸真，重新聚焦在我們對主的渴慕是否純一真摯。你渴望耶穌再次來到人間，將你從這罪惡的世界中救拔出來嗎？神永遠與你同在是你今天活在世上最切慕的事情嗎？

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教會聖誕慶祝會仍然會於平安夜(12月24日)晚上 7:30 以實體及網上舉行，請弟兄姊妹預留時間參加，同時抓緊佳節好時機去傳福音，邀請未信主的親友參加聚會，亦請為一班負責聖誕慶祝會的弟兄姊妹預備工作及同心事奉代禱。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – December 4, 2021

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The candle for the Second Sunday of Advent symbolizes Love. Some traditions call this the "Bethlehem Candle," symbolizing Christ's manger and had its origins in the prophet Micah who prophesied Jesus would be born in Bethlehem.

The Bible is full of examples of God's enduring love. Scripture tells us repetitively that God wants us to know just how much He loves us all. Even as the Bible tells us God is love, many of us still struggle to understand that truth. Is there a situation in your life that causes you to question the love of God? Have you ever doubted God's love?

To remind the believers in Ephesus of God's love, the Apostle Paul wrote:

"Christ's love is greater than anyone can ever know, but I pray that you will be able to know that love. Then you can be filled with everything God has for you." Ephesians 3:19-21

Furthermore, in another letter, the same apostle re-assured believers saying :

"And I am convinced that nothing can ever separate us from God's love. Neither death nor life, neither angels nor demon, neither our fears for today nor our worries about tomorrow—not even the powers of hell can separate us from God's love" Romans 8:38

Although we are undeserving of His sacrifice yet God did it. Why? Because He loves us. Through the cross of Christ, we see God's passionate pursuit of us. God's love knows no bounds; it is unconditional.

Today, living amid uncertainties God is asking us "Have you ever doubted my love for you," and "Will you accept my love?" Let's take some time to pause, reflect and be assured how wide, how long, how high and how deep God's love is for us.

Have a meaningful second week of Advent!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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「在這彎曲悖謬的世代作神無瑕疵的兒女」，是神向每位信徒的心意。怎樣才能作神無瑕疵的兒女呢？信徒如何在末世為主作見證？保羅提到兩方面：首先，凡所行的，都不要發怨言。其次，要誠實無偽。此外，保羅也提醒信徒要在黑暗中為主發光。耶穌呼召我們不單叫人聽見我們的好行為，也要看見我們的好行為，便將榮耀歸給天上的父(太 5:16)，這才是重要的。人不獨要聽見福音，更喜歡看見福音。當人問光在哪裡，但願他們與那些被福音改變的基督徒相處後，發現原來光就在這裡，「你們顯在這世代中，好像明光照耀。」(腓 2:15)我們有沒有將聖經所教導的生命的道表明出來？生命的道不是光說不做，是要表明出來，讓人家看見，原來基督徒在生活上跟黑暗之子不同。今天世界需要光，耶穌說我們是世上的光，光來自基督徒。未信的親友可會因我們的好行為，歸榮耀予神呢？

今天我們聚集在一起成為一個地方教會，我們是否已向世人表明了我們是會(1)盡心、盡性、盡意、盡力來敬拜三一真神，並專心遵行祂給教會的一切命令，(2)尊聖經為神的說話，為我們行事為人的準則，好叫我們活出榮神益人的生命，(3)以基督為我們的頭，信徒互為肢體，務要順服在祂的主權底下，以真誠及摯愛，彼此相交，(4)發揮恩賜，彼此服侍，互相造就，在基督裡共同成長，(5)盡力傳揚基督的福音，關懷普世宣教事工，履行主交託給教會的使命。我們的教會是否是一個合神心意的好教會？

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教會在這個聖誕節期間希望透過多倫多宣道會(TAC)為 Queen 夾 Bathurst 社區收集冬天衣物、玩具、罐頭食物及金錢，詳情請參閱週刊報告。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 27, 2021

November 28, 2021: First Sunday of Advent

Tomorrow is the first Sunday of Advent. The Advent season occurs four weeks before Christmas is a time to celebrate the arrival of Jesus and to prepare for His second coming. During this season, the Advent wreath has taken centre stage in many Christian traditions. It was used as a Christian devotion from the Middle Ages to prepare the hearts and minds for Christmas.

Did you know that each Advent Candle has a name and special significance? The wreath and candles symbolize the Christmas season. For example, the circle of the Advent wreath, which has no beginning or end, symbolises the completeness and eternity of God. The evergreen symbolises renewal. Lastly, the four Advent candles represent the four weeks of Advent.

This week, let's reflect on the first purple candle which is often referred to as the Prophet's Candle. This candle represents HOPE, as Isaiah predicted the Messiah's arrival. It reveals God's presence and forgiveness towards humanity.

"Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign: The virgin will conceive and give birth to a son, and will call him Immanuel. "(Isaiah 7:14)

Amid our own uncertainty, the Hope candle serves as a reminder of the hope we have in the coming of our Lord, "As the light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it" Jesus is our Hope! Take some time this week, to pray and reflect on the prayer of St. Thomas Aquinas:

"Grant me, O Lord my God, a mind to know you, a heart to seek you, wisdom to find you, conduct pleasing to you, faithful perseverance in waiting for you, and a hope of finally embracing you. Amen."

I hope you have a wonderful first week of Advent!

Blessings

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CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

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SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AM

Today, we will begin a new study series on the Ten Commandments also known as "Decalogue".

Irene Moe will conduct today's session in the fellowship hall and via zoom.

Meeting ID: 990 3160 8322 Password: 892898

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疫情叫我們明白：(1)人的限制與微小，所以我們要在神面前自卑；(2)人性有罪，要在神面前認罪悔改；(3)一切醫治來自神，只有神才能主控一切。因此，我們需要改變那種自以為是的生活態度，從而轉去信靠那為我們預備赦免與醫治的神。

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我們的教會也許同樣面對各種的試練和挑戰，需要神的引領。但願在這彎曲悖謬的世代，我們真能作神無瑕疵的兒女。教會是基督用祂自己的寶血所買贖的，祂差派我們作這地方的燈台，將愛和盼望帶到社區當中。但願神幫助我們能不斷更新，被祂所用。

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教會在這個聖誕節期間希望透過多倫多宣道會(TAC)為 Queen 夾 Bathurst 社區收集冬天衣物、玩具、罐頭食物及金錢，詳情請參閱週刊報告。

聖誕慶祝會將於平安夜十二月二十四日晚上 7:30 以實體及網上舉行，請弟兄姊妹預留時間出席。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 20, 2021

Good afternoon,

In Matthew 8:18-22, through the statements of two individuals, we learn that there is a personal cost to following Jesus.

Firstly, in response to a man who claimed that he would follow Jesus wherever He goes, Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." This illustrates that following Him is not easy.

Secondly, a man told Jesus that he would first bury his father before following Jesus. At the time, the culture was that burials took place on the same day after the person dies. Therefore, it is plausible that the father was still living when the statement was made. Nonetheless, we learn that following Jesus requires commitment and urgency.

This week, let us reflect on whether we have been living lately for ourselves or for Jesus. Similarly, have we been putting off our faith with the assumption that we can start back up tomorrow?

Attached is the bulletin for tomorrow's online service. Let's prepare our hearts in advance!

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最新消息 (11/13/2021)

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『但那等候耶和華的必重新得力。他們必如鷹展翅上騰；他們奔跑卻不困倦，行走卻不疲乏。』(以賽亞書 40:31)

疫情已經持續了差不多兩年，在等候疫情過去之中，我們會否感到困倦？感到疲乏呢？對於事事講求效率，生活節制急速的現代人，忍耐等候從來都是不容易的，特別是當我們不知道還要忍耐等候多久，也不知道可以做些什麼來改變眼前的困境的時候。以賽亞先知鼓勵我們，「等候耶和華的必重新得力。」其實等時間過去，和等候耶和華是完全兩回事。耶和華上帝才是我們等候的對象，因為祂是永在的神、創造天地的主，祂才是能力和力量的源頭。

是的，我們正面對各種的試練和挑戰，我們不知道還要忍耐等候多久，或許在等候中我們會感到困倦、感到疲乏，但在等候中我們可以依靠那位永不疲乏、永不困倦的主。我們的身體和行動受到各式各樣的限制，但我們的心靈仍然可以靠主如鷹展翅上騰，自由平安地翱翔在神的國度裡。願永在的神，創造地極的主幫助我們。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 13, 2021

Each year on November 11th, Canadians set aside to remember those who have given their lives for the freedom of others. Sadly for some the day will pass without them even giving any thought to the real meaning of the day. It is said that more than 115,500 Canadians died in the First World War, the Second World War and the Korean War. The freedom we enjoy today came at a tremendous price—it was bought and paid for by our soldiers, both past and present. Freedom is never free, it always comes at a cost.

Wearing of the poppies is a common feature during Remembrance day. The poppy has become a lasting memorial symbol to the fallen was first realised by the Canadian surgeon John McCrae in his poem 'In Flanders Fields'.

We, in the Christian Church, also have a symbol. It's the Cross of Jesus. The Cross represents Jesus and the sacrifice that he made for the sins of the world when he was crucified. As believers, we share in this victory by being baptized, forgiven of our sins and "reborn" into a new life in the Christian community,

Reflection:

- Today, what comes to mind when you think of the Cross? Do you really glory in the cross?

Have a blessed weekend!

With prayers and blessings
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for an In-person Sunday Service to celebrate God's faithfulness. Rev Philip Der, senior Pastor of St Christopher's Anglican Church will bring the Lord's word.

[Click here](#) to join our online Sunday Service preview and service at 9.15 am.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AM

Today, we will begin a new study series on the Ten Commandments also known as "Decalogue".

Irene Moe will conduct today's session in the fellowship hall and via zoom.

Meeting ID: 990 3160 8322 Password: 892898

EM COMMUNITY OUTREACH

In this Christmas season, EMT would like to collect winter clothing, toys and non-perishable food as well as monetary support for the Queen and Bathurst community through Toronto Alliance Church. [Click here](#) for further details...

VIRTUAL CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION -DECEMBER 18 @ 7.30AM

We will have our online Christmas celebration on Dec 18 at 7:30 p.m. We also encourage you and your friends to join the celebration. Stay tune for more detail.

BOOK BY 6 PM TODAY

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最新消息 (11/6/2021)

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『我必快來，你要持守你所有的，免得人奪去你的冠冕。』(啟示錄 3:11)

潘霍華是一位年輕出色的德國神學家。他生於 1906 年，成長於一個優秀傳統的基督教家庭。他忠於基督，也熱愛自己的國家。他性情和藹，熱愛生命，並且天才橫溢，思想深遠，二十四歲就成為柏林大學的系統神學講師。當希特拉發動歐戰，潘霍華就堅拒參軍，因為他堅決反對將「人」當作偶像來崇拜，何況明知這人將會帶國家走向滅亡的路。他加入了反納粹的地下工作，即使他很清楚這隨時要他賠上自己的性命。當德軍節節得勝，地下工作更叫人灰心喪膽的時候。他仍堅決地表示：「我們若承認是基督徒，那就絕對沒有為自己利益打算的餘地。」

戰亂期間，他被好友送到美國生活定居，然而不久他就堅決回去，因為他相信：「假如現在我不跟我的弟兄姊妹和同胞一起分擔當前的試煉，將來我便沒有資格與他們一起重建復原後德國的基督徒生活。」在他人生最後兩年，被納粹秘密警察送到集中營，但他流露出的基督的勇氣和愛心，感動每個接觸到他的人。他在營中請求准許服侍其他的病人和犯人，安慰憂傷煩悶的人。在最幽暗的日子，他仍然活得像一個耶穌的僕人一樣。但就在在盟軍宣告勝利的前幾天，他在集中營被處決了。享年只有 39 歲。

有人曾質疑他說：「為何要將自己置身於這麼水深火熱的境地？耶穌豈不是會隨時回來嗎？到時你所做的一切和承受的痛苦，就會變得毫無意義了，豈不是浪費。」潘霍華回答說：「如果耶穌明天就回來，那麼，我明天就可以竭了我所作的工；然而，今天仍有我尚待完成的工作，我必須繼續抗爭下去，直到那一天的來臨。」

基督的再來對潘霍華而言，不只是對未來的一種憧憬和安慰。也是對活在當下所需的指望、信心、勇氣和方向。對你是否如此？求神幫助我們更明白主再來的意義，增添我所需的信心。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – November 6, 2021

On November 07, 2021 at 2am, most of our watches and devices will change back its Daylight Savings Time from 2 to 1 am. There is a common saying, "We fall back an hour in the Fall and spring forward an hour in the Spring." According to some experts, "some people will experience a shock to their bodies' internal clock when the time changes, much like the jet lag experienced after flying across time zones." For many, the extra hour will allow for an extra hour of sleep.

As I reflect on this, I am reminded that God's clock never changes. He has an appointed time for us to be born and an appointed time to depart this earthly life. The time for Jesus' arrival was just right, according to God's time (Galatians 4:4-5). At the appointed time, Christ rose again from the dead and will return for His bride, the church at the appointed time. We read that not even a sparrow falls to the ground apart from God's providence (Matt. 10:29).

In our modern age, we are accustomed to immediate results. When we don't see God working within our time, distrust and doubts can easily invade our minds. We even wonder if God had forgotten about us. We need to recognize that God does not work according to our timing because His timing is always perfect.

Always remember that God's timing and will is perfect. I encourage you today to trust in God's appointed time and His will to fulfil. Working within His timing, lets us put the faith we profess into practice. Like David, we are called to take heart and prayerfully wait for the Lord:

"I am still confident of this: I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and take heart and wait for the Lord. (Psalm 27:13-14)

As you step into this new month, surrender wholeheartedly your desires and plans to Him. Wait for His leading and act only when He commands.

The Lord be with you!

With prayers and blessings
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CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

ONLINE COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for Online Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and focus on the theme, "Renewing Our Vision" from Isaiah 6:1-11. [Click here to join Sunday Service Preview at 9.15 am.](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AM

Join us for the Old Testament study series "God's Story Through the Old Testament Times". Today's session will be conducted via Zoom by Michael and Anki Huynh.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE BOOKING - NOVEMBER 14, 2021

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『我們四面受敵，卻不被困住；心裡作難，卻不至失望；遭逼迫，卻不被丟棄；打倒了，卻不至死亡。身上常帶著耶穌的死，使耶穌的生也顯明在我們身上。』(林後 4:8-10)

舉重是體育運動中，最令人驚訝的項目之一；世界級的選手，往往能舉起自己體重兩、三倍的槓鈴。但真正的大力士並不是人類；而是微不足道的螞蟻！據資料顯示，螞蟻能拖動其體重 1400 倍和槓抬其體重 52 倍的物品，軟弱之體，竟有如此力氣，真是不可思議。若信徒對信仰的承載力，如螞蟻般大，真的多麼好！

回望教會的歷史，離不開苦難與逼迫。很難想像，第一世紀的基督徒，只因堅持信仰，便被關入監牢，或受酷刑，或被燒死，或無情地被放在鬥獸場中，等候被吞噬！信徒時刻要面對信仰的堅持和取捨。在今天的社會，信仰的環境看似自由，但卻暗湧處處，加上魔鬼的推波助瀾，稍一不慎，便遭拖跨。我們會感受到生活與信仰的挑戰，時而互相角力，產生重担。那麼，基督信仰的承載力如何展示在人生之中？使徒保羅形容天路客生涯的體驗是「痛而不苦、殘而不廢」的生命。(林後 4:8-11)

對信仰的持守，對基督的持定，取決於甚麼？首先，認定主有能力使我們面對挑戰；如經上所記：「我們有這寶貝放在瓦器裡，要顯明這莫大的能力是出於神，不是出於我們。」(林後 4:7) 另外，不忘「……靠著愛我們的主，在這一切的事上已經得勝有餘了。」(羅 8:37) 在主的愛裡，戰無不勝，因祂已奠定勝局。最後，在面對誘惑試探時，學習凡事讓基督居首，因磨練會加強信仰的承載力，和對主耶穌的信靠順服。如此、在耶穌基督的大能下，生命中可會有不能承受的重担嗎？

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現在逢週二早上十時至十一時有基約「網上讚美操」，由驗證老師 Peggy 授課，以 Zoom 視像形式舉行。歡迎基約弟兄姊妹及未信主來賓參加。如需要查詢或報名，請歡迎聯絡 Peggy。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 30, 2021

Good afternoon,

In Matthew 6, we learn about prayer. Prayer is a way to intimately communicate with the Saviour and Creator of the world, who is our Father in Heaven. Praying is like having a direct line to God.

However, we see that in Matthew 6 prayer can also be used in a way that is self-serving and displeasing to God. In verse 5 it says, "And when you pray, do not be like the hypocrites, for they love to pray standing in the synagogues and on the street corners to be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward in full." The intended audience of these types of prayers was people -- not God. The earthly reward that they have received is public attention.

When we pray, we should talk to God from our hearts. A prayer that delights in Him, is a prayer that glorifies God. How has your prayer life been lately? We can all take a moment to reflect and pray humbly before God today.

Please find the bulletin for this week's service attached to this email.

In Christ,

Brian

最新消息 (10/23/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『不要懼怕！我是首先的，我是末後的，又是那存活的；我曾死過，現在又活了，直活到永永遠遠；並且拿著死亡和陰間的鑰匙。』(啟示錄 1:17-18)

面對疫情，我們可以在聖經中尋找與我們處境相似的人物來學習，聖靈跨越時空的能力，能讓我們可以從這些與神同行的人物身上得安慰及力量。使徒約翰因信仰被困於拔摩海島上。但被困讓他更透徹明白生命的本質，給予我們積極得勝的人生態度。

威榮的復活主用溫柔的手按在約翰身上，安撫他說：「不要懼怕，你眼前的主才是生死背後的掌管者。」怕及驚慌是源於生命受到威脅，疫情逼我們要直視死亡，而在生死面前，我們都顯得軟弱無力、束手無策；但我們不要忘記一個事實，死亡在基督裡已不能再成為威嚇我們的權勢，因為祂早已在十架上得勝死亡，這也是歷世歷代殉道先驅可以無視生死的原因。我們可能沒有殉道烈士般勇敢，面對死亡毫不畏懼，但不要忘記，生命的掌管不於人、也不於病痛及命運，乃單單在戰勝死亡的基督手上。死亡的確可怕，但不要忘記誰是生命的掌權者，得勝的基督將會帶我們出死入生，那我們何懼之有？

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加基約主日實體及網上崇拜。薛牧師會與你分享信息「成為至死忠心的好信徒」。以下是連結，歡迎通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。
<https://youtu.be/OsLrWSDSdbc>

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今週三 (10月27日)晚上八時有粵語網上祈禱會。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求。

教會在10月至11月舉辦「網上幸福小組」，現有兩組，分別於10月25和10月26開始，每星期一次，透過不同主題，輕鬆對談，分享真幸福的福音機會，目前有12位BEST(未信主來賓)參加，請為他們認識耶穌代禱。查詢歡迎聯絡 Gary Xu。

兒童網上崇拜是逢週六下午1時30分舉行。青年團契是在週五晚7時30分舉行。以上活動歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

MSG 小組10月主題是「感恩帶來加倍的祝福」請參閱附件，聯絡組長時間一同參加。

秋季有洗禮班和會友班，於10月24及31日下午3時上課，請鼓勵未洗禮的組員、團友和信主親友參加、中文洗禮會在12月19日舉行。索取登記表格、查詢、預約另外時間上課或洗禮，歡迎聯絡牧師、長老或組長。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 23, 2021

If you were asked, which holiday is associated with knocking on the door? I guess many of us would immediately answer it as “Halloween.” Halloween is the evening before the ‘All Saints’ Day’ on 1 November. There is another important historical event in history where the knocking of the door took place. On October 31, 1515, Martin Luther, an energetic thirty-three-year-old, pounded his 95 theses on the door of the All Saints Church in Wittenberg, Germany that would change history forever. Martin Luther shook the world 500 years ago for the sake of the gospel truth.

This event is widely considered the birth of the Protestant Reformation. As a Catholic monk, Luther was disappointed by the practices of the church he respected. The main idea of the 95 Theses was that the Church’s teachings on salvation were incorrect and that the Bible revealed God’s true will and the central source of religious authority.

Luther was frustrated by the Church practice of selling indulgences, which allows people to buy spiritual salvation. To him, this approach to sin and penance goes against the most important aspect of his Christian faith. Luther believed that if God really did send his only son, Jesus, to die on the cross for the sins of humanity, then why were indulgences even necessary? Salvation is through faith in Christ and by divine grace only.

When Luther was asked to retract his 95 theses, he refused due to his commitment to God. Later, he was expelled from the Church of Rome for being instrumental in the freedom of a Christian and criticising the Catholic church’s authority as hateful and corrupt.

Martin Luther’s love for God and scriptures became a great inspiration to the Christian church in his time and today. He had a strong conviction and dedication in helping the community to see God from a totally different perspective. While in exile, Luther translated the New Testament from ancient Greek into German making it available for public reading. It wasn’t until 1999 that the Catholic Church acknowledged Luther’s doctrinal justification.

Similarly, we need to stand with Martin Luther for God’s truth and declare, “Here I stand, I can do no other, so help me God.” By the power of the Holy Spirit, let’s stand upon the truth of the gospel. Take some time on 31 October to thank God for believers who are standing firm for the gospel of Jesus Christ.

May you experience His presence and power throughout this week.

The Lord be with you!

With prayers and blessings
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION ON-LINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for Online Sunday Service to celebrate God’s goodness and focus on the theme, “Facing the Future with God” from Isaiah 41:8-20. [Click here to join Sunday Service Preview at 9.15 am.](#)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AM

Join us for the Old Testament study series “God’s Story Through the Old Testament Times”. Today’s session will be conducted via Zoom by Michael and Anki Huynh.

VIRTUAL NIGHT FELLOWSHIP, OCTOBER 29 @ 8 PM

The downtown men’s group is inviting ALL of the men of NCAC (whether you are in another small group or not) for a (virtual) night of fellowship on Friday, October 29 at 8 pm. This will be a great opportunity to meet some new faces or connect with old friends!

ADULT BAPTISM / MEMBERSHIP IN DECEMBER

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IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE BOOKING - OCTOBER 31, 2021
IN-PERSON SUNDAY SUNDAY SERVICE - OCTOBER 31st, 2021
Joining the church family for In-Person Sunday Service at 9.30 am?

最新消息 (10/16/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『我一約翰就是你們的弟兄，和你們在耶穌的患難、國度、忍耐裡一同有分，為神的道，並為給耶穌作的見證，曾在那名叫拔摩的海島上…要把所看見的，和現在的事，並將來必成的事，都寫出來。』(啟示錄 1:9, 19)

新冠疫情全球蔓延，無人可以倖免於難；無論是學生、公司、各行各業的打工仔，各種形式的聚會及公眾娛樂，皆大受影響；教會的恆常聚會，也無奈地暫停或半停，如常的生活頃刻被剝奪。我們很自然便將問題轉向神「為何要苦待世間」、「為何容讓這疫症發生在祢愛的人身上」……

使徒約翰寫啟示錄的時候，正正是被困於拔摩海島上。他被逼與人隔絕、停止了一切傳道的工作、人際往來及教會生活。但我們看不到他有任何負面的想法；相反，他拒絕埋怨，突破消極環境，活出「被困阻不了鼓舞」的態度。他深信一日仍未見主面，一日仍有所作為。於是，他把握生命最後的每一分每一秒，為他所關心的教會、弟兄姊妹帶來最後的叮嚀，他寫信給七個同受患難、同得國度、一同在忍耐的教會，並用神的話鼓勵處於艱難日子的信徒們。

在疫情中，很多人會選擇「捱過」的心態，等待回復正常的一天。疫症至今已持續了十九個月，若採取消極的態度，就白白浪費了可以有所作為的日子。然而、教會有信徒在疫症橫行時，拒絕自保、不坐以待斃，仍主動的顧念有需要的人；又有姊妹們親手製作口罩送給人，更有長者親手製作「感恩心」、「十架」等珠鍊飾物贈送給人，來鼓舞灰心的人和病患的人；亦有些小組員努力學習、用「幸福小組」在網上與未信親友分享福音。這樣的見證真正體現出基督徒在困難中選擇作出不一樣的態度，無論任何處境仍然可以主動去愛。

面對疫情，願我們學效使徒約翰，在被困的情況下，依靠主，得聖靈的幫助，活出「雖被困卻阻不了鼓舞」的積極態度。

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加基約主日網上崇拜。薛牧師會與你分享信息「成為充滿初愛的好信徒」。以下是連結，歡迎通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

<https://youtu.be/tlu3oBPuBeU>

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迦南團契月會將於 10 月 23 日 (星期六) 早上 10 時舉行網上聚會，有黎昌弟兄分享主題「謝主隆恩」。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

現在逢週二早上十時至十一時有基約「網上讚美操」，由驗證老師 Peggy 授課，以 Zoom 視像形式舉行。歡迎基約弟兄姊妹及未信主來賓(簡稱 BEST) 參加。如需要查詢或報名，請歡迎聯絡 Peggy。

教會首次舉辦網上「幸福小組」。現時有兩組，分別於 10 月 25 和 10 月 26 開始，每星期一次(於平日晚上或週末)，透過不同主題，輕鬆對談，分享真幸福的福音機會！誠意呼籲弟兄姊妹邀請及陪同未信主的親友參加，亦為他們認識耶穌代禱。歡迎盡快與 Gary Xu 查詢及報名。

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秋季有洗禮班和會友班，於 10 月 24 及 31 日下午 3 時在網上上課，請鼓勵未洗禮的組員、團友和信主親友參加、中文洗禮會在 12 月 19 日舉行。索取登記表格、查詢、預約另外時間上課或洗禮，歡迎聯絡牧師、長老或組長。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 16, 2021

For many Canadians, the Fall season is the best time of year. It is said there's no better time to visit Canada than in the fall. The temperature begins to drop and the colours change to bright red, orange, and yellow hews. Finally, the leaves dry up and begin to fall. It is evident that some trees like oaks and beeches keep their leaves longer than others, but their leaves finally drop after a heavy storm or with strong winds.

As I watch the leaves fall each day, I am reminded of Apostle Peter's encouragement to the scattered believers to "Cast all your anxiety on him because he cares for you" (1 Peter 5: 7). Peter encouraged them not just to give their worries over to God but also to commit their whole future to Him. He says to cast "all" to God who cares for us affectionately.

This teaches an important lesson about surrendering to God. It is telling God that we are not big enough to deal with our worries and uncertainties but giving them to God to take over. It is about giving it to God and allowing God to show His presence through us and also through our situation. Be reminded, when we are weak and tired, the Lord's hands are strong, powerful and loving.

What is God asking you to surrender today?
May you experience His presence throughout this week.
The Lord be with you!

With prayers and blessings
Pastor Vinson

CHURCH UPCOMING EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for In-Person Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness. This week we will give attention to the disciples plead "Lord, Increase Our Faith" from Luke 17: 5-10.

All our In-Person Sunday Services will be live-streamed simultaneously for those who are unable to join in person. Click here to join Sunday Service Preview at 9.15 am.

BOOK BY 6 PM TODAY FOR IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SUNDAY SERVICE - OCTOBER 17, 2021

Joining the church family for In-Person Sunday Service at 9.30 am? Please book using the booking link:

- Click here to book for In-person Sunday Service (booking opens from Monday 9 am to Saturday 6 pm)
- Click here to Complete Covid -19 Health Screening (please complete the screening and show the result before entering the church premises for Service)

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AM

We will continue with the Old Testament study series "God's Story Through the Old Testament Times". These sessions will be conducted onsite and via Zoom by Michael and Anki Huynh.

EM CORPORATE PRAYER, OCTOBER 20 @ 8 PM

Let's come together to thank God for His abiding presence and to intercede for our nation, church, and also for our In-Person services and ongoing ministry.

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最新消息 (10/9/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『要常常喜樂，不住的禱告，凡事謝恩；因為這是神在基督耶穌裡向你們所定的旨意。』(帖撒羅尼迦前書 5:16-18)

還有兩天就是加拿大的感恩節(十月第二個週一)，是北美洲的重要節日，大家知道感恩節的由來嗎？

十六世紀，一批飽受迫害的清教徒，離開英格蘭，乘坐木帆船五月花號，往新殖民地(美國)去；在那裡，他們可以按聖經的教導敬拜上帝。可是當他們抵達普利茅斯港的時候，正值嚴冬；因為饑寒交迫，超過半數人染病身亡。在這生死存亡的關鍵時刻，當地友善的印第安人為他們帶來了食物、生活用品和生產工具。又給他們種子，教導他們用魚來堆肥，種植玉米等農作物。在印第安人幫助下，他們學會了狩獵、種植，並在來年迎來了豐收。他們邀請印第安人來慶祝，感謝上帝的祝福，也感謝印第安人的幫助。開始了第一個感恩節。

感恩實在是信心的表現。清教徒登陸前，已經有一半人坐船時死去，他們登陸後，超過半數人染病身亡，更成為一個沒有自己的國家，也失去教會的人；但他們舉行感恩節。令人更深的思考到：我們經歷神的保守和賜福，是多麼容易感謝神。可是，當我們遭遇不如意的事情，當壞事臨到如患了重病，失業，被人傷害，感染病毒，事事碰壁，還有理由感恩嗎？現在疫情因為 Delta 變種病毒再度升溫，接種了疫苗也未必能夠倖免感染；在這個生活艱辛的社會裏，我們聽到的都是埋怨的聲音。基督徒也是一樣埋怨神嗎？

聖經說：「凡事謝恩。」「凡事」是指所有一切事，包括愉快的事、悲哀的事、順境時和逆境時的事情。「凡事謝恩」是表明一個人確認發生在他或她身上的所有遭遇都有神的意思，都是後來對他或她有幫助的。「凡事謝恩」也是對生命的欣賞和超越眼前困境的動力，讓我們走過黑暗，進入光明的盼望。我們真需要學習「凡事」謝恩，確信神的同在和洞悉神美好的旨意。不論是在怎樣的情況中，存感恩之心。要不然我們的內心所存的是不滿、抱怨、痛苦、失志，以及自傲、自滿。

感謝救主耶穌有憐憫賜下救恩；聖經清楚告訴我們，在末後的日子，世人所經歷的事情，信徒也同樣經歷，不同之處是有神的保守。一宿雖然有哭泣，早晨便必歡呼，雖然在患難中，神的兒女也能有感恩的理由，因為神的應許說：「萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處。」今年感恩節 您有那些感恩的事項呢？求神賜您有感恩的信心，以致在這世代中能安然居住見證基督。

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今週三 (10月13日) 晚上八時有網上粵語祈禱會。請預留時間參與，守望代求。

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秋季有洗禮班和會友班，於 10 月 24 及 31 日下午 3 時在網上上課，請鼓勵未洗禮的組員、團友和信主親友參加、中文洗禮會在 12 月 19 日舉行。索取登記表格、查詢、預約另外時間上課或洗禮，歡迎聯絡牧師、長老或組長。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 9, 2021

During a family meal, a young lad was asked to pray for the food. Before he prayed, he curiously looked at the dishes before praying. Then, closing his eyes, he sadly prayed, "Lord, I don't like the looks of it, but I'll thank you and eat it anyway." What an honest prayer. Though the food dishes were not to his liking – he thanked God and ate the food served for dinner.

Sometimes it's hard to celebrate the goodness of God as we spend another year in this pandemic. Though God allows us to go through struggles, He does leave us to face the challenges.

Throughout history, Thanksgiving coincidentally is celebrated following noteworthy events. The Canadian Thanksgiving dates back to 1578 after Martin Frobisher's third voyage to Canada. History records that Frobisher hosted a big celebration as a token of thanks to the people of Nunavut for providing a safe passage. To mark this safe passage, Martin Frobisher and his crew dined together, gave thanks and communion was observed.

On the second Monday of October, together with Canadians we will observe and celebrate Thanksgiving Day primarily to give thanks for a good harvest and other blessings in the past year. The Lord has been so good to the early settlers and continues to show His goodness to this nation.

Whatever circumstances you may find yourself in this thanksgiving season, do not doubt God's goodness towards you. He has never ceased to be faithful and kind. God seeks to do good things because it is in his very nature to do so. He wants to bless us, embrace us and care for us.

Reflect and thank:

- Rejoice and Praise God for his goodness throughout the year
- Remember and thank God for the people who came alongside you when you needed help
- Recall specific situations or events you are thankful to God.

Have a blessed Thanksgiving day!

TO ALL CHURCH WORKERS, VOLUNTEERS & HELPERS

On behalf of the whole church family, please accept our thanks and appreciation for the time and labour you've invested in our church ministry throughout the year.

You have truly been a blessing to our church family!

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for Online Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and focus on the theme, "The Wisdom and the Power of God" from 1 Cor 1:18 - 2:5. We welcome and thank Rev David Li, Pastor of Toronto Simpson Chinese Alliance Church for bringing the Lord's word.

Join us for Service Preview at 9.15 am.

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE BOOKING

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE - OCTOBER 17, 2021

Joining the church family for In-Person Sunday Service at 9.30 am? Please book using the booking link:

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All our In-Person Sunday Services will be live-streamed simultaneously for those who are unable to join in person.

CHURCH WEEKLY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 11 AM

We will begin another Old Testament study series "God's Story Through the Old Testament Times". These sessions will be conducted by Michael and Anki Huynh.

ADULT BAPTISM / MEMBERSHIP IN DECEMBER

If you are interested to be baptised or want to be part of NCAC through membership, please contact Rev Vinson or Elder Michael Huynh. Baptism and Membership Classes will begin soon.

[Click here](#): to download the Baptism/Membership Application form

最新消息 (10/2/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『這是耶穌所行的頭一件神蹟，是在加利利的迦拿行的，顯出祂的榮耀來；祂的門徒就信祂了。』（約翰福音 2:11）

請問：你遇上了生命中的頭一件「神蹟」未？我們常會以為「神蹟」一定好奇特，一定好容易認得出來。但事實並非這樣。約翰福音記載了耶穌第一個神蹟—婚宴中「水變酒」的事蹟。原來除了耶穌的門徒，當時無人認得出這個神蹟來，原因是耶穌用的方法實在太簡單。

曾聽過見證說：有一家的男士，有過兩任太太，但不幸都相繼死去了，這位男士真的不敢再娶，因為他認定自己有「黑死老婆」的命運。但後來，經教會信徒的愛心服事，他信了主，並且心中有平安與喜樂，有勇氣面對自己的陰影。另有一家的男士已七十多歲，他因為教會為自己太太舉行安息禮拜，感受到教會辦的安息禮拜比其他宗教所辦的喪禮更平安，便決定信主，連帶出席安息禮拜的親弟也信主，他們信主後滿有喜樂。還有一家的太太因為車禍差點死亡，後來在腦部重傷下，她的先生向耶穌祈禱說：「如果祢救回我的太太，我便相信祢。」後來，這位太太不但沒有死，還康復起來，現在更可為全家煮飯，先生信了主，這個奇蹟實在叫醫生們也驚訝。

原來「神蹟」並非單指到那些看起來超神奇的事；「過紅海」「死人復活」等等。「神蹟」可以顯得好平凡，如果我們對神的作為不敏銳，一樣會不認得出來。「神蹟」這字在約翰福音是「記號、指標」，意思是神的榮耀。神今天仍然在我們日常平凡生活中行「神蹟」，讓相信的人，仍然能夠親身經歷祂的同在。很多時，活在忙碌的生活中，我們的眼睛太窄小，看不見神正在改變一個又一個生命。原來，生命的改變無時無刻地發生，只要我們停下來去留意，便能在其中看見神的作為。面對一個又一個神蹟與生命的改變，我們看見了主的真實

我們可以藉著多明白聖經，增強自己的屬靈洞察力，幫助自己更能認出神在自己身上的作為。當你與神的關係愈深，你就愈敏銳祂的作為。耶穌在聖經上說：「尋找的，就尋見；叩門的，就給他開門。」其他人的體會，你未必可以明白。但只要自己踏出一步，你就能夠經歷這個深愛你的神。如果你還未遇上「神蹟」，盼望神讓你認出祂在你生命中美好的作為，見證神的作為何等偉大。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – October 2, 2021

God knows his people are in need of encouragement especially during the most difficult times in their lives. God is fully aware of what to say when we need to hear it most to give hope and courage. God's words always encourage us when we feel discouraged, helpless and fearful.

These verses are a great encouragement to me:

"The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases; his mercies never come to an end; they are new every morning; great is your faithfulness" Lamentations 3:22-23

"My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth." Psalm 121:2

Take some time this week to remember the people who've come alongside to encourage you. Thank God for the encouragers!. Then ask yourself, "When was the last time I encouraged someone during these difficult times?"

May the Lord fill our hearts with His love and fresh hope today.

With prayers and blessings
Pastor Vinson

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for an In-person Holy Communion Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness! This week, we will focus on the theme "Living in God's Providence" from Acts 23: 1-11.

[Click here for Live-stream Sunday Service from 9. 15 am onwards.](#)

Sunday Service Bulletin - October 3, 2021

PLEASE BOOK BY 6 PM TODAY FOR IN - PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE - OCTOBER 3, 2021

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ENGLISH MINISTRY WEEKLY EVENTS AND ZOOM LINKS

最新消息 (9/25/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『他們遭遇這些事，都要作為鑑戒；並且寫在經上，正是警戒我們這末世的人。』（哥林多前書 10:11）

一般德國人對於自己國家在一戰二戰所犯下的錯，都有深切的反思與醒悟。德國首都柏林處處都有提醒德國曾經犯罪犯錯的建築物；有記念被屠殺猶太人的「柏林猶太博物館」、有在市中心記念戰爭中無數失去兒子的母親雕塑座「悲傷母親抱著死去兒子」，提醒眾人戰爭的可怕。不同的建築物，不僅提醒自己國民，還供世人觀看自己曾經犯下的錯誤。這種胸襟胸懷，實在令人欣賞與尊重。1985年5月8日，德國第六任總統魏茨澤克（Richard von Weizsäcker）發表紀念二戰結束40週年演講。他對因二戰而犧牲的每一位受難者道歉，並毫不保留地籲請國民必須記住德國人曾經犯下的罪行，他說：「我們對這一天愈誠實以對，我們就愈能面對我們造成的那些結果，並負起責任。」

他說：「我們的年輕世代對於當年發生的一切，青年人雖不必負責，但是他們必須對那段歷史產出的後果而負責。我們這一代所虧欠他們的，不是滿足他們的夢想，而是給予他們正直。我們必須協助青年人去理解，為什麼記憶這麼重要；我們必須幫助他們，清晰地看到歷史真相…記憶，才是唯一通向和解的道路。」魏茨澤克真誠並發人深省的演講，帶來了國際社會的肯定、並且「治癒」、「解放」了一代的德國人。德國的青年人，不再在罪過中活著，而是覺得被接受了、被認真看待了。

誠實面對、直視所犯過錯，從來都是通向和解、釋放的唯一出路；不論是個人的錯、領袖的錯，或是群體的錯。否則，謊言、謀算便會伴隨罪惡不斷發酵。認罪悔改，更新改變，這也是基督信仰的核心價值，願我們能靠基督向神對人實行出來。

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網上幸福小組：教會即將在10月至11月首次舉辦，每星期一次(於平日晚上或週末)，透過不同主題，輕鬆對談，分享「真幸福」的福音機會！誠意呼籲弟兄姊妹邀請及陪同未信主的親友參加，亦為他們認識耶穌代禱。截止報名日期是9月30日，歡迎盡快與 Gary Xu 查詢及報名。

基約特別會友會將在明日9月26日下午三時舉行，選舉長議會新長老。請會友們留意長議會電郵。回覆或查詢，請聯絡文書，一同參與支持及代禱。

下次中文實體崇拜是10/10，網上登記會在10/04上午9時至10/09下午6時，連結會在下次通告。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 25, 2021

Do you know what was the most shared and bookmarked scripture passage in the year 2020? Millions worldwide in 2020 and interestingly in the year 2018 sought Isaiah 41:10.

The Lord comforts His people in Isaiah 41:10 saying:

“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”.

We need such an encouraging and comforting reminder. The Lord does not want us to spend every moment without hearing His word of assurance: “Fear Not”. It’s been said that there are 365 “Fear Not” in the Bible — one for every day of the year!

The first occurrence of God saying, “Do not fear” comes to Abraham in a vision:

“Do not be afraid, Abram. I am your shield, your exceedingly great reward.” Genesis 15:1

Abraham's trusted shield is the Lord Almighty. Hence, Abraham does not have to be afraid. In those days, soldiers used the shield to protect themselves against the endangering attacks of the enemy. Unlike most shields, which protect only from one direction, God and His word is a shield to those that put their trust in Him,” (Prov. 30:5)

As Christians, we have seen the Lord's gracious hand in our own lives in numerous situations. He desires to be our defence, shield and fortress. He invites us to place our trust in Him and rest on the promises found in His eternal Word.

The promise given to Abraham is also assured to us. Write your name in this promise and remind yourself of His protection every day:

Do not fear, _____ . I am your shield, your very great reward.
The Lord be your comfort and shield!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson Samuel

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for Online Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and focus on His word "The Gracious Hand of God" from Nehemiah 2:1-9.

[Click here for Sunday Service. preview at 9.15 am.](#)

Sunday Service Bulletin - September 26, 2021

JOIN OUR NEXT IN - PERSON HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE - OCTOBER 3, 2021 @ 9.30 AM

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最新消息 (9/18/2021)

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『我觀看祢指頭所造的天，並祢所陳設的月亮星宿，便說：人算甚麼，祢竟顧念他！世人算甚麼，祢竟眷顧他！』(詩篇 8:3-4)

下星期就是中秋節，古人有話說：「一年容易又中秋」，意思是一到中秋，一年很快就要過去了；是感嘆時光飛逝！人生也是如此，一日、一月、一年、最終一生，都如飛而去！每每回頭總驚覺，失去許多的時間與機會，是永遠無法挽回或重來。特別在今年，整個國家，甚至世界各地，都繼續被疫情困擾，很多計劃好的事情，要無奈地取消或延後！相信在這一年半來，大家很體會到在人生裡有不少事情，真的不是可以由我們掌控。

因此，今天中秋提醒我們，我們所重視的是甚麼；神給予生命氣息，我們是否帶著神賜予我們的使命去過每一天；在測不透的日子中，無論環境不如所想，仍然用生命去見證神嗎？

另外，中秋節亦提醒我們與家人和弟兄姊妹一同團聚的寶貴；疫情大大限制了我們一同相聚敬拜和團契的活動，很少機會可以聚在一起，也不能作埋身牧養。我們需要在禱告中求主保守我們合一的心，更看重主給我們這一份關係。

最後，「一年容易又中秋」提醒我們，2021年很快便會終結，在未來短短幾個月裡，除了人未能識透將要發生的事，世界局勢可能會有不可預知的變化，我們現在所著急的是甚麼呢？我們要珍惜在身邊未認識主的人。在有限的人生中，幫助他們去認識這位能賜人平安和永生的神。在變幻莫測的世代裡，讓他們看見相信這位永恆不變的主，才是所要找緊的保障。讓他們在這日子裡，與我們同得盼望。

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今週三(9月22日)晚上八時會有網上粵語祈禱會：基約第一屆幸福小組成員會與弟兄姊妹分享推動幸福小組的原因及計劃，同時解答相關問題及同心代禱。歡迎出席，同心支持及了解，守望代求。

今星期六(9月25日)早上10時有迦南團契網上月會，主題為：「腦得精靈-腦部健康」特別邀請多倫多認知障礙症協會教育部主管黃翠珊小姐分享。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

兒童網上崇拜是在週六下午1時30分舉行。青年團契是週五晚(9月24日)7時30分舉行。以上活動歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

MSG 小組9月主題是「把握時機」，請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

基約特別會友會將在9月26日下午三時舉行，選舉長議會新長老。請會友們留意長議會電郵。回覆或查詢，請聯絡文書，一同參與支持及代禱。

下次中文實體崇拜是在9月26日，網上登記會在9/20上午9時至9/25下午6時，歡迎到網上登記，連結為：
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最後，請為實體及網上崇拜，明日的中秋福音主日，疫苗接種和抗疫，為教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 18, 2021

YOU ARE CHOSEN AND LOVED

Did you vote? Which party or person are you supporting in this election? Can you support our party? These are everyday questions we may have as we approach the tail-end of the elections in Canada. As we approach the final days of the election, many polling stations are starting to see larger crowds and even Elections Canada warns of delays on election day.

In terms of choice, voters tend to lean on candidates who can address their everyday issues and provide safeguards for the future. More than 28 per cent of those surveyed said that the economy would be most the important policy issue that will determine their vote.

As I reflect on the choice of the voters on the person/party they are voting for, there are several passages to affirm that we are chosen and loved by God. The Apostle Peter writes to remind the dispersed believers:

"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy (1 Pet. 2:9-10).

Peter reminds believers that we are special in the sight of God. It is important to remember that there was a time when we were living in darkness and unworthy to be God's people. But in His great mercy, God found us in our time of trouble and need. He chose to forgive us of our shameful sins rather than condemn us for them. He took our aimless lives and gave them a new direction and meaning. As His church, we are a new nation and a new race— a divine creation that comes from being saved by Christ. God rescued us by calling us out to be His.

Today, we can find our identity and purpose in this life through a relationship with Jesus. As a child of God, we are chosen and loved by God. This loving God wants us to BE His Church in a world that is seeking peace and hope. The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson Samuel

SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

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Click here to join Livestream at 9.15 am.

BOOK BY 6 PM TODAY FOR IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE

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最新消息 (9/11/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『若是你們中間有兩個人在地上同心合意的求什麼事，我在天上的父必為他們成全。』(馬太福音 18:19)

曾看過一個報導，在澳洲伯斯有一名乘客，尼可拉斯·泰勒 (Nicholas Taylor)，乘搭火車時，不慎將腳卡在月台和車廂之間的空隙。工作人員無法使他脫困，便召集大約五十多名乘客，在車廂旁邊一字排開。眾人一起數到三，同心協力地把車廂推開一點，最後終於讓泰勒脫險。

使徒保羅在寫給初代教會的書信中，曾經提到信徒同心合意地服事是大有能力的。保羅知道腓立比的信徒將會為信仰付上代價，就鼓勵他們說：「你們同有一個心志，站立得穩，為所信的福音齊心努力。凡事不怕敵人的驚嚇。」(腓 1:27-28) 又鼓勵羅馬教會的信徒要彼此接納同心，如同基督接納他們一樣。說：「但願賜忍耐、安慰的上帝，叫你們彼此同心，效法基督耶穌，一心一口榮耀上帝、我們主耶穌基督的父。」(羅 15:5-6)

經過十八個月的隔離，教會現在可以重啟，再次恢復實體崇拜，背後是很多弟兄姊妹同心的努力。無論在疫情變化下，實體崇拜能維持是長或短，我們都要獻上感恩，並且珍惜。因為知道同心的力量。當我們與其他聖徒連結，不僅能我們能忍受逼迫，不怕驚嚇，還使我們能傳揚神的偉大。

撒但喜歡製造分化，逐個擊破，但只要我們藉著神的幫助，「用和平彼此聯絡，竭力保守聖靈所賜合而為一的心」(弗 4:3)，撒但所作的一切終將失敗。

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各級學校現已開課，每月第三個週六的學前兒童崇拜、將在9月18日早上十時至十時二十分再重新在線上舉行，歡迎1歲至5歲小朋友在家長/監護人陪同下參加。青年團契是週五晚(9月17日)7時30分舉行。以上活動歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 11, 2021

In mid 19th century, Karl Marx became the most uncompromising critic of religion with his declaration that "religion is the opium of the people." He was a firm antagonist to religion and capitalism. Marx's writings were an attempt to purge Christianity out from society. Furthermore, he admitted his objective, "My object in life is to dethrone God and destroy capitalism."

When you look at the early life of Karl Marx, it is astonishing. Karl came from a line of Jewish scholars and his father was an attorney with a Lutheran Christian background. Being raised in a Christian environment, Karl Marx and his siblings were baptised on August 26, 1824. Later he was confirmed in church at 15 years old and for a while led a very committed Christian life. History alludes that as he continued his education, all appearances of Christianity sadly continued to disappear.

When reading about Karl Marx's life, I deliberated on these questions "What brought this contrast change to condemning the Christian faith he professed earlier? and "How did Karl Max's baptism and confirmation affect his later life?"

Baptism isn't the end; it's the beginning of a wonderful relationship with Christ. Baptism is the point at which you become a new creation in Christ and begin to live a new and committed life for Christ. On the other hand, Scripture reminds us in Hebrews 10:26, that if a person goes "on sinning deliberately" (Hebrews 10:26), he or she is not living as a baptized person. To such people in his time, Apostle Peter's doesn't say, "you're baptized so you're good" but repeatedly confronts them to remain faithful in their Christian walk (1 Peter 4:12-19).

Similarly, the Apostle Paul encourages the Christians in Colossians 2:12, who have been buried with Christ in baptism, to live out their baptism every day.

Take time this week to ponder on this question:

- What does baptism mean for me?
- Am I fully living out my Baptism?

SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for Online Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness! This week, we will focus on the theme "New Beginning" from Ezra 3:1-8 [Click here for Sunday Service](#). preview at 9.15 am.

BOOKING FOR IN-PERSON - SEPTEMBER 19, 2021

IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Join us for In-Person Sunday on September 19! Please book using the booking link:

- [Click here to book for In-person Sunday Service](#) (booking opens from Monday 9 am to Saturday 6 pm)
- [Click here to Complete Covid -19 Health Screening](#) (please complete the screening and show the result before entering the church premises for Service)

All our In-Person Sunday Services will be live-streamed simultaneously for those who are unable to join in person.

See you at church!

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EM CORPORATE PRAYER – SEPTEMBER 15th @ 8 PM

Let's come together to thank God for His abiding presence and to intercede for our nation, church, and especially for our In-Person services and ongoing ministry.

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PRAYING EACH DAY

Praise be to God! He extends His grace and mercy to us in the present and also for the future. His mercy does not run out due to His love for us.

Every morning, let it be our prayer and " Let us then approach the throne of grace with confidence, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help us in our time of need." (Hebrews 4: 16)

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (9/4/2021)

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『求祢指教我們怎樣數算自己的日子，好叫我們得著智慧的心。…』(詩篇 90:12)

狄更斯《雙城記》中有句名言：「這是最好的時代，也是最壞的時代」，正好是現在疫情持續下的寫照。曾有一篇網文，令人深受激勵。

「如果你不相信疫情是神允許的，你就浪費了這次疫情。凡事的發生都有神的允許，我們學到了甚麼？(太 10:29)；如果你只注意外面的防疫，而沒有防備心內裡的「罪疚」，你就會浪費了這次疫情！不要只想著勝過疫情，而是疫情提醒你要勝過罪性。(詩 51:10)」

「如果你拒絕考慮生命短促，人生下半場如何調校，你就會浪費了這次疫情。(路 9:25)；如果你盼望疫情盡快止住，只為返回舊常態生活，而不尋求明白神的心意，你就會浪費了這次疫情。(西 3:1)」

「如果你沒有好好利用這次疫情，見證基督的真實和榮耀的福音，你就在浪費這次疫情；如果你沒有好好利用這次疫情，讓它成為自我成長的第一步，你就在浪費這疫情。」

基督徒在任何一個地方都不是偶然出現，我們在任何處境都有神的美意。讓我們化危機為轉機，化轉機為生機。

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迦南團契網上興趣班會在今星期六 (9月11日) 早上十時舉行，主題為：疫情下生活點滴，自由分享。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

學校快開課，週六的兒童崇拜將在 9月11日再重新在線上聚會。查詢請聯絡 Jon, Elaine 或 Peggy。

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教會九月重開主日實體崇拜和主日學，並繼續保持網上崇拜及網上主日學。會有 26 至 50 個座位 (單人加上同一家庭的)，需要預先當週在網上登記及網上作確診徵狀問卷測檢。能登記的可參加當日實體主日學，若未能登記的會在網上繼續參加崇拜及主日學。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – September 4, 2021

In Genesis, we read six days after creating the world, God saw that everything that He created was beautiful and just the way He wanted. But on the seventh day, God rested. In Genesis chapter 2, the word “God rested” appears three times. Why do you think God rested? Can you imagine an all-powerful God resting? Does it mean that God was tired or exhausted? Though Genesis 2:1-3 does not clearly state why God rested, one reason is clear – God rested not because He was exhausted but to provide for His creation, to maintain it, and to love it.

Interestingly, the word ‘Sabbath’ comes from the Hebrew word “to rest” or “cease”. Sabbath has its origin in Genesis 2:2-3, which states that on the seventh day God rested, blessed and sanctified it.

God rested so that we can understand the importance of rest in our own lives and follow His example. As humans, we need to be refreshed both physically and spiritually but God does not.

Jesus said, “Come to Me, all of you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.” Jesus never said come to me and I will give you rest, and then return back just to pick up those same burdens. Until we cease from our labour and struggles and allow the Holy Spirit to live the Christian life, we will be weary in life. Christ compassion and grace will enable us to rise above the circumstances of life. The presence of God is the answer our restless hearts are searching for!
Do you follow God’s example of rest?

SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us for an In-person Holy Communion Sunday Service to celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness! This week, we will focus on the theme "Seek the Peace and Prosperity of the City" from Jeremiah 29:4-14.
Click here for Live-stream Sunday Service. at 9.30 am.

CHURCH REOPENING FOR IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAM SERVICE IN-PERSON SUNDAY SERVICE BOOKINGS FOR SEPTEMBER

Yes! we're open for Holy Communion Service this Sunday. If you want to join us in person, this Sunday please book using the link by 6 pm today. Following this, we will meet again on September 19, 2021. Please use the link to book your tickets:

- Click here to book for In-person Sunday Service (Sept 5 @ 9.30 am)

- Click here to Complete Covid -19 Health Screening (please complete the screening and show the result before entering the church premises for Service)

All our In-Person Sunday Services will be live-streamed simultaneously for those who are unable to join in person.
See you at church!

CHURCH WEEKLY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES ON SEPTEMBER 12, 2021

Sunday School will begin with a new series “The Lord’s Prayer” on September 12, 2021. Zoom details will follow.

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COUNSELLING INTERN

James Lam is joining NCAC as a volunteer intern commencing Sept 2021 until March 2022 as part of the completion of his M.Div. degree (majoring in pastoral counselling) with Tyndale Seminary.

For those who wish to book appointments for counselling, please email James. All counselling sessions will be held confidential, and free of charge".

PRAYER FOR THE WEEK - Romans 15:13

This is my prayer for you that God the author of joy and peace will fill your hearts and homes as you walk daily in obedience and in fellowship with Him.

Enjoy the long weekend!

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (8/28/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『…只要凡事放膽，無論是生是死，總叫基督在我身上照常顯大。因我活著就是基督，我死了就有益處。…』(腓立比書 1:20-21)

新冠疫情在夏季出現了一小段時間的緩和後，專家指出加拿大“毫無疑問”已經進入第四波疫情。聯邦首席衛生官強調，在 DELTA 變種病毒的威脅下，第四波疫情是無可避免。接種兩劑疫苗，可以降低疫情打擊。但病毒本身可能對人體帶來長期損傷，人人皆可以沾染和傳播病毒，因此必須保持警惕，維持戴口罩等預防措施。

人往往以「福無雙至，禍不單行」來看周遭所發生的事，人生好像只得由福禍來定義，令人想起歷史上兩個人物非一般的視野。第一位是約翰·穆德 (John Mott)。他是十九至二十世紀重要基督教領袖。這位曾獲得諾貝爾和平獎及長期領導 YMCA (基督教青年會) 的佈道家及社會工作者，1912 年被邀請免費參與鐵達尼號 (Titanic) 首航，並鼓勵他藉比認識其他達官貴人，以增加對其機構的資助，但他婉拒，並選擇與同工乘另一艘較平凡的輪船拉普蘭號 (SS Lapland) 到紐約。結果當他知悉鐵達尼號沉船一事，他與同工相目而視並說：「主必定還有東西要我們做。」留意他不是說「好彩！」或「感謝主！」當人只從表面來得出福與禍的結論，約翰·穆德却用非一般的眼光來看福與禍。基督徒若從主的角度看，或許更有力地面對當下的境況。

另一位是約翰·哈珀 (John Harper)。他是一名牧師，同樣是在 1912 年，他和女兒都上了鐵達尼號，不同的是，當船撞向冰山後，他幫忙協助其他人上救生艇，並大喊：「讓婦女、小孩和未信主的人先登上救生艇。」最終他葬身大海，其六歲的女兒則獲救。哈珀牧師這句話透視了真正的屬靈視野，未信主的在世上並無指望，這才是真正的禍。基督徒不只是注目逆境，而是逆境下未信主的人之真正需要，而甘願作無私的行動，這才是真正的福。

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加基約主日網上崇拜。特別講員簡戴德牧師會與你分享信息「你在跟我開玩笑嗎？」。簡牧師是加拿大宣道會駐法國巴黎的歐洲國際同工。以下是連結，歡迎通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

<https://youtu.be/1Wmi-K1GmWE>

網上成人主日學八月份是最後一課，學習「雅歌書」，由區應毓牧師主講，亦有「福音慕道班」，時間是明天早上九時四十五分，歡迎準時參加。九月新課程會有「申命記」和「哥林多前書」，請參閱崇拜週刊預告。

教會計劃九月重開實體主日聚會。目前安省因疫情第四波、停留在重啟經濟第 3 階段，措施之下不限制宗教場所人數，但要維持 2 米 (6 尺) 社交距離，參與者必須戴上口罩。教會相信大部份成人會眾已接種了兩劑疫苗，有基本保障，各部門領袖和事奉人員對防疫措施達成了共識，並可以在起伏的疫情中學習事奉，九月會重開主日實體崇拜和主日學，並繼續保持網上崇拜、網上主日學及其它網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 28, 2021

Have you ever wondered why some people seem to experience real and authentic joy in their daily lives even in the midst of difficult times? While others find it difficult to find or experience joy in their lives no matter how hard they search. What brings joy in your life? How you answer this question says a lot about you. In my devotional reading, I came across Psalm 122, where King David finds his joy - going to the Lord's house to worship.

David writes: I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the Lord.

This ascent psalm speaks of David's heart that is heading towards Jerusalem. He is coming home – a place of unity and security. When he looked at the city of God, there is sheer joy and absolute pleasure in attending to worship God in Jerusalem. David is drawn to this place because it is a place where glad hearts thank God for His goodness.

We are re-opening our church building for an in-person service on the first Sunday of September at 9.30 am (September 5, 2021). I trust that many of us miss the gathering in our church building for worship, fellowship, study, community and even snack time. Our Church has not been closed these past many months—only the building. We have been blessed by the new ways of gathering and community through this digital culture. We are deeply grateful for those who sacrificed their time to help our church community to happen and continue. We remember with thanks those of you who have continued to contribute financially to the church during this challenging time.

Like the Psalmist, let's gather together as one church family to offer our sacrifices of thanksgiving - the core of worship (verse 4). It is praising God and thanking Him for what He has done for us over these months.
To God be the Glory!

SUNDAY SERVICE AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Let's worship our awesome God!. This week, Rev Dick Kaan will share the Lord's word on the theme "Are you kidding me?" from Luke 5: 1-11.

[Click here for preview and Sunday Service. at 9.15 am](#)

CHURCH REOPENING FOR IN-PERSON AND LIVE-STREAM SERVICE

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NCAC RE-OPENING PLAN

After much discussion with various departments, Elders Board prayerfully decided to proceed with reopening for in-person Sunday worship and Sunday school in September (to read further)

We value your prayers for the re-opening plans.

CHURCH WEEKLY EVENTS AND INFORMATION

EM CORPORATE PRAYER - SEPTMBER 1, 2021 @ 8PM

Le's come together to intercede for our Church-reopening plans and for the many who are affected by Covid 19.

SUNDAY SCHOOL RESUMES IN SEPTEMBER

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INSPIRATIONAL VERSE - 2 Timothy 1: 7

2 Timothy 1:7 speaks of boldness, trust and power to love in this world of uncertainty. Our confidence is in God, who is powerful, faithful and ever-present with us. Take time this week, to reflect and to memorise 2 Timothy 1:7.

May you experience His abiding love and grace throughout this week.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (8/21/2021)

各位主內的弟兄各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『你們要記念被捆綁的人，好像與他們同受捆綁；也要記念遭苦害的人…』(希伯來書 13:3)

據報導，記者近日聯繫到阿富汗唯一女市長扎麗法·加法里 (Zarifa Ghafari)，希望採訪她，但她回答說：「現在不行，我正在逃亡，希望能保全自己和家人的性命。我們的處境非常困難，有些朋友正在努力保護我們的安全。我不怕死，但事關家人安全，謝謝。」這位阿富汗最年輕 29 歲的女市長，因為阿富汗武裝組織塔利班的奪權而陷入困境。當年任命她為市長的阿富汗總統加尼早已出逃。

當塔利班武裝分子進佔首都喀布爾(Kabul)後，數以千計民眾湧入首都機場，盼能登上飛機逃亡，現場一片混亂。有人民抓住要離開的美軍軍機，但不幸失手，從高空墮下死亡，令人慘不忍睹。基督教機構「敞開的門」(opendoors.org)說：「對於阿富汗人民來說，這是令人心碎的一天，對於基督徒來說更是危險的時間。」據調查，阿富汗是全球作為基督徒最危險國家的第二位，僅次於北韓。當地人口大約 3800 萬，基督徒有大約幾千。在阿富汗公開以基督徒身份生活並不可能，歸信者將面對可怕的後果，最容易受逼迫。

保羅說：「我勸你，第一要為萬人懇求、禱告、代求…他願意萬人得救，明白真道。」(提前 2:1, 4) 阿富汗是全球最貧窮的國家之一，九成民眾活在貧窮線之下。伊斯蘭教法是該國法律，也是塔利班宗教和執政的根據。目前大量阿富汗百姓正處於驚恐狀況，並以各種方式求生或逃往國外。求主拯救在逃的人民和無法逃離的百姓，尤其保護女性及兒童平安。更求主保護阿富汗的少數信徒，使他們不會被塔利班宗教警察發現。祈求聖靈在人的內心工作，讓人民得著主的救恩，明白真道。

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今週三 (8 月 25 日)晚上八時，會有網上粵語祈禱會。請參加，守望代求。

迦南團契的網上月會，將於今星期六 (8 月 28 日) 早上十時舉行，主題為：「長者社區資源和服務」，講員有杜太和翁太。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

週六的兒童網上崇拜將在學校開課後 (9 月 7 日) 再重新聚會。青年團契是今週五晚 (8 月 20 日) 7 時 30 分舉行，歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe 弟兄。

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另外，長老提名委會經過五個月，邀請過 22 位中文及英文人選，至今有 2 位姊妹和 1 位弟兄願意被提名。所以，歡迎會友按基約教會會規 9.03 條，在 9/19 早上或之前，連同和議者，聯絡薛牧師提出另外人選，有關提名委會曾邀請過的人選，可向薛牧師查詢。

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姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 21, 2021

“Do you want the good news or the bad news first?” If this question were asked of you, what would be your answer be? According to personality studies, most people prefer to hear the good news first. On the other hand, there are people who prefer to hear the bad news first but giving good news before bad news is more likely to motivate them. (Personality and Social Psychology Bulletin, UCR Today)

This week let me share a piece of good news and bad news too. THE GOOD NEWS IS ... we plan to reopen our church for in-person Sunday service starting in September. There isn't a more beautiful experience than people gathering together to worship God together as one body of Christ. In worship, we express our gratitude to God for everything He has done. We are called to "encourage one another and all the more as you see the day approaching." Yes, our coming together will be encouraging to the family of God.

But the bad news is ...the Covid 19 cases are on the increase again. It is said that we are now in the fourth wave due to the aggressive Delta variant. On reading this, we begin to ask: "Will there be further restrictions?" or "Will there be another lockdown?" and "Will all our plans be put on hold?"

In the good times and in the bad times, our God is always worthy of praise and worship! Apostle Paul reminds us to "Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." (1Thess. 5:18). This verse reminds us that as Christians, we ought to give thanks "in" all circumstances and not "for" all circumstances. God wants us to focus on Him and His faithfulness to us, rather than on our circumstances. So, whatever the circumstances we may face, we are called to have our confidence in God. We can be thankful that all things work together for our good if we belong to Him, even the circumstances we face may be grim. Let's give thanks 'IN' all circumstances because He will never leave us nor forsake us. Furthermore, His spirit is in us to comfort, guide and lead us.

Let me encourage you to take a moment to worship God for who He is and share His love with someone else!
WEEKLY EVENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Let's worship our awesome God!. This week, Irene Moe will share the Lord's word on the theme "Great Expectations" from 1 Kings 19:1-18.

[Click here for preview and Sunday Service.](#) at 9.15 am

NCAC RE-OPENING PLAN

After much discussion with various departments, Elders Board prayerfully decided to proceed with reopening for in-person Sunday worship and Sunday school in September (to read further)

We value your prayers for the re-opening plans.

Let's Pray for

- our church re-opening plans in September
- our government, medical professionals and essential workers
- people with higher risk and families who are under financial stress

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VERSE FOR THE WEEK - Romans 8:38-39

Isn't it amazing to know the love of God for His child? It is in times of intense challenges, grieving and even loss that we need to be reminded that "nothing can separate us from the love of God that is ours in Christ Jesus our Lord."

May you experience His abiding love and grace throughout this week.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (8/14/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『你們要思念上面的事，不要思念地上的事。』(歌羅西書 3:2)

一個人最大的轉變，莫過於人生觀與價值觀的扭轉。正因為這個轉變，讓一個重生得救的基督徒在世行事為人跟世人有著不一樣的樣式。這個變化的關鍵，在於有了「永恆」的觀念，使我們認識到在地上的日子都是暫時的，像客旅的一個中途站而已。無論是主耶穌或是使徒們，都藉聖經來引導我們去認識及明白這將來的事之重要性，遠比地上一切的事都重要、價值都要大。例如對財物：「不要為自己積攢財寶在地上；地上有蟲子咬，能鏽壞，也有賊挖窟窿來偷。只要積攢財寶在天上；天上沒有蟲子咬，不能鏽壞，也沒有賊挖窟窿來偷。」〈太 6:19-20〉，或對苦楚：「我們這至暫至輕的苦楚，要為我們成就極重無比、永遠的榮耀。原來我們不是顧念所見的，乃是顧念所不見的；因為所見的是暫時的，所不見的是永遠的。」〈林後 4:17-18〉

因著這「永恆」的認識，令我們的生活產生了變化。不再熱切追求物質的事物，卻積極追求有永恆價值的事，讀聖經裝備自己、為主作見證、多向人傳福音、關懷身邊的家人和弟兄姊妹、承擔事奉的擔子等等、都是因為這永恆價值的推動。另外、視信仰上所受的苦楚為至暫至輕，沒有灰心失意。更以神的國、神的家為念，而不是老是在戀慕著世上的人、情與物上。

願我們都能有這非一般的屬靈眼光，不被魔鬼迷糊我們的視線，叫我們雖然在地上活，卻不被地上的事所纏累，提起我們下垂的手、發酸的腿，為屬天的獎賞而努力！

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加基約主日網上崇拜。薛牧師會與你分享信息「選擇思念的事」。以下是連結，歡迎通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。
<https://youtu.be/DCx36CwUtWY>

網上成人主日學八月份是合班，學習新課程「雅歌書」，由區應毓牧師主講，亦有「福音慕道班」，時間是明天早上九時四十五分。。歡迎準時參加。

今週六(8月21日)有學前兒童網上崇拜，在早上十時至十時二十分舉行，歡迎1歲至5歲小朋友在家長/監護人陪同下參加。請聯絡 Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。青年團契是週五晚(8月20日)7時30分舉行，歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe 弟兄。

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教會現正着手籌備九月重開計劃。雖然因疫情第四波的出現，政府未必有更大放寬限例，但希望有更多會眾接種了疫苗，教堂地方及事奉隊工能有足夠準備，能安全地重開實體聚會，並提供實體與網上崇拜。請為各部門團隊能作好相應準備，並為變種病毒可能引起的未知數代禱。

未填寫教會重新開放網上問卷的會眾，今日是最後一天，邀請您將寶貴意見、感受和意願，以不記名的方式回應教會。若希望用電話表達意見，請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy 姊妹，又或致電教會(416-288-1770)留言。希望大家踴躍回應！連結是：<https://forms.gle/AXi2XaTVTs6TMNqj9>。

最後，請為安排重開，疫情和疫苗接種，為教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願神祝福大家健康平安、主愛同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 14, 2021

As the province allows all businesses to operate with certain restrictions, there seems to finally be some light at the end of the dark tunnel. Not only is it welcoming news to businesses but also to churches, as this allows in-person service with a larger capacity along with certain restrictions. Some churches would view these limitations as 'interruption', as it creates barriers to the church to return to the way things were before the crisis. On the other hand, others see these limitations as 'disruption' – to leave old methods of ministry and to experiment with new strategies for digital ministry.

Amidst this, churches and church leaders are giving much attention to this question, "What Will Post-Covid church look like?" Certain changes will become permanent in the structure of a post-Covid church, such as: Social distancing will become obvious in all we do; more online or virtual strategies will be implemented; small worship services with hybrid format (in-person and online) will become a new normal to cater for a larger audience. Barna Group, a religious research organization sees the current situation as 'a healthy disruption' with this finding, "This is a great moment for the church - a good healthy disruption and we should not be too quick to get back to the normal ways of doing things. There is wisdom in taking our time and thinking things through."

The journey in the 'new normal' will be challenging as we ponder on: "How can we be relevant?" and "What should our priorities be?" But as His Church, we are called to persistently continue to make Christ Vision as Our Mission in every situation. His mission for us remains the same:

- To Glorify God (Psalm 96:1-3, 10; Psalm 145:3)
- To Build Up Believers (Eph. 4: 12, 15-16)
- To Make Disciples (John 15:16, 2 Tim. 2:2)

Though the future is still uncertain, one thing is for sure - Christ is our guide who knows the way. As Jesus calls us to a new normal, a new way of living through the transforming power of His Spirit, let's listen, discern and be led by the Holy Spirit in this 'new normal.'

WEEKLY EVENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Let's worship our awesome God!. The topic for this Sunday is taken from Jonah chapter 2, on the theme "Jonah and The Sovereign Grace of God"

[Click here for preview and Sunday Service.](#) at 9.15 am

NCAC RE-OPENING ROADMAP

Elders Board is planning for reopening in September when our AV team and worship team are ready for hybrid worship services when building facility and support teams can get ready, (to read further)

We value your prayers for the re-opening preparation.

EM CORPORATE PRAYER - AUGUST 18, 2021 @ 8PM

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VERSE FOR THE WEEK - Romans 8:14

Isn't it amazing to know that as a child of God, the Holy Spirit wants to direct our path? Walking in the Spirit is not going to be easy —but we can be assured that He will guide, lead and always be with us.

May you experience His power and presence throughout this week.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (8/7/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『操練身體，益處還少；惟獨敬虔，凡事都有益處，因有今生和來生的應許。』(提摩太前書 4:8)

萬眾矚目，眾所期待的 2020 東京奧運，因著疫情被逼延期，終於在今年 2021 年 7 月 23 日至 8 月 8 日舉行。加拿大有 371 名運動員參賽，涵蓋 39 個體育項目，到目前已取得 23 個獎牌。

運動員需靠長時間苦練集訓，才能在賽場上佔一席位爭奪獎牌，而艱苦的訓練和比賽都令他們遍體鱗傷。來自荷蘭的奧運金牌泳手 Maarten Van Der Weijden (馬騰·范·德·韋登) 因長期泡水令手脚起皺如紙皮、曾兩奪奧運金牌英國划艇手 Alex Gregory (艾力克斯·葛瑞格里)，其雙手因過度磨擦而嚴重脫皮和流血、為菲律賓奪得歷史上第一面金牌的 30 歲菲律賓選手戴亞絲 (Hidilyn Diaz)，不斷舉重令雙手手掌起繭滿佈水泡，滿手傷痕累累、更有運動員因長期踩單車而嚴重靜脈曲張、另外一位 22 歲受訪的運動員，向記者揭示她那雙長滿了繭粗糙的手，令人目不忍睹！這些青春年華的女孩子，不都是愛漂亮的嗎？肌膚的嬌嫩和細膩，不是她們所珍惜的嗎？我們不難看出背後的原因。這種堅忍不屈的運動精神，確是令人敬佩！這正表明一位專業的運動員應有如此刻苦的熬煉，是不計較流出多少血汗，更不惜付上一切代價，為的是要在比賽中有最佳的表現，最後脫穎而出，拿到獎牌，凱旋而歸，亦印證每面獎牌都得不來不易！

使徒保羅曾多次用運動作比喻來強調操練身體的「益處還少」；但只有敬虔，今生能得到祝福、來生領受永恆的福份。勉勵信徒要培育靈命的成長，應該像運動員鍛鍊身體般去操練信仰上的敬虔。過敬虔的生活，是豐盛生命的開始。保羅更在林前 9:24-25 清楚指出，運動員竭盡所能，以圖在競賽中獲勝，得到獎賞。但是他們所得的，只不過是能壞的冠冕而已。在地上得冠冕的光榮，確是人人夢寐以求，但這只在今生擁有。基督徒不斷在靈命上的操練，卻是要得不能壞的冠冕，能存到永遠。

世上的運動員為地上的獎牌而作出忘我克己的地獄式訓練；我們身為天父的兒女，豈不是更要努力去操練自己是靈命，事奉和品格，在信仰上更敬虔的渡日，追求神的旨意嗎？

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今週三 8 月 11 日晚上八時會有粵語網上祈禱會。有從法國回來的國際同工宣教士 Rev. Dick Kaan 簡戴德牧師與我們分享。請預留時間一同參加，與我們在海外的國際同工一起禱告。

迦南團契於今星期六 (8 月 14 日) 早上十時有網上興趣班：「長者預防慢性疾病的健康飲食」，由區芷晴 Jennifer Au 註冊營養師主理。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

教會現安排重開「讚美操」外展事工，目的是提升身心靈健康及建立社區鄰舍的關係，從而適時地向他們分享福音。試辦班先以 Zoom 網上進行，對象暫限於弟兄姊妹及所認識的親友，邀請大家在 8 月 8 日下午 2 時，參與事工異象及詳情分享 (用中文主日學 Zoom 連結)。有意參加或查詢，請與 Peggy 聯絡，亦請為此代禱。

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為此邀請會眾填寫教會重新開放網上問卷，將您的寶貴意見、感受和意願，以不記名的方式回應。若希望用電話表達意見，請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy 姊妹，又或致電教會 (416-288-1770) 留言。希望大家踴躍回應！問卷的有效日期是 8 月 1 日至 8 月 14 日，連結是：<https://forms.gle/AXi2XaTVTs6TMNqj9>。

最後，請為安排重開，疫情和疫苗接種，為教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – August 7, 2021

Team Canada claims its first-ever gold medal in women's soccer – what a historic win and a piece of long-awaited news for many Canadians. Soccer being my favourite sport since young, I watched the final penalty kicks by Sweden and Team Canada – what a powerful and nerve-racking moment for both teams. Finally, Team Canada won! This year, Canada continues to add to its medal tally at the Tokyo Olympics. For all Olympians and athletes to achieve their big dreams, it requires much focus, determination, sacrifice, perseverance and hard work until the close of the race. Perseverance is also an essential character in successful Christian life too.

Just as athletes are crowned with medals and wreaths, God rewards those who persevere to the end. The Apostle James writes in James 1:12, "Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." Jesus himself speaks about the rewards that we will get in heaven when we earnestly seek God and His will.

The question is how to persevere? John 15 tells us to remain in Christ, abide in Christ, and dwell in Christ. But when our lives are distant from the vine (Christ), we can become weak and find ourselves declining in faith. We can also find ourselves struggling with perseverance and wonder if we can make it.

Let it be our prayer that we would lead life with a purpose, drive, strength, and confidence, knowing that we will finish well and be rewarded by the Lord Jesus who awaits us.

WEEKLY EVENTS AND CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Let's worship our awesome God!. Our study for this Sunday is taken from a familiar parable on the theme 'Be A Sower!' from Luke 8:4-8.

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NCAC RE-OPENING ROADMAP

With key public health indicators and province-wide vaccination rates continuing to improve, Ontario is easing restrictions on in-person gatherings. Elders Board is planning for reopening in September when (read further in Service bulletin)

NCAC REOPENING SURVEY

The church is working diligently to safely reopen our church doors for in-person worship services. This survey will help the leadership to hear your opinions, feelings and even comfort level about returning to in-person worship. For further details, please contact Elaine/Peggy directly or leave a message with our church office @ 416 288 1770.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR SURVEY \(BY AUGUST 14, 2021\)](#)

[Click here - Ontario Reopening - Open for Step 3](#)

[Click here - To download vaccination receipts as proof of vaccination](#)

[Click here: Helpful links, resources and the importance of getting vaccinated.](#)

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The Apostle Paul first letter to the believers in Corinth, he reminded with these words, "Whatever you do... do it all for the glory of God (1 Cor. 10:31) What is the one thing you are doing that you should not be doing? And what is the one thing that you are not doing that you should be doing? Finally, what is the one thing that would help you in your relationship with God, family, career and etc.?"

May you experience His power and presence as you PRESS ON to live a Christ-centered and Christ-glorifying life.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (7/31/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『你們也當這樣跑，好叫你們得著獎賞... 他們不過是要得能壞的冠冕；我們卻是要得不能壞的冠冕。』(哥林多前書 9:24-25)

進入夏季初，四處充滿著體育熱潮，先有 NBA (國家籃球協會) 之北美男子職業籃球聯盟賽程的完成，立即接著有東京奧運的開始，讓全世界各地的人歡呼聲不絕，再次見到因疫情而久違了的興奮情緒。在各項賽事中，大家見到運動員堅毅不朽，屢敗屢戰，逆境中仍努力調整策略、堅持不作個人表演，選擇信任隊友。

這種體育精神，正正源於籃球的發明者：詹姆士·奈史密斯 (James Naismith) 這位 125 年前發明籃球運動的基督徒體育老師。當時，他在寒冷的冬季被任命尋找一種既容易學、又「能打發學生時間」的室內遊戲。沒想到竟發明出風靡全世界的運動比賽。對他來說，籃球比賽的價值和精神，遠遠超過「一種遊戲」，而是一個能體現基督徒生命的方式。

詹姆士認為運動能體現基督信仰精神，他曾分享：「籃球比賽一定要玩得很乾淨(卓越和專業)，這是最好能夠突顯基督徒在團隊中忍耐、等待的品格，而不只是不容氣的奪標。」曾有人更指出：「運動開闢了一條認識基督的道路；人們藉著基督徒運動員的喜悅見證，以及他們以團隊形式的比賽，可以做福音好消息的使者。」可見，體育所談論的價值若只圍繞金錢名利就顯得太庸俗，最令人津津樂道的還是金錢名利所換不到的精神：運動員的堅毅不朽。

在基督徒的生命中，也有一種屬於我們的體育精神。保羅在腓立比書三章十三節至十四節提出的四個要素；第一，忘記背後；第二，努力面前、劣境中不言放棄；第三，團隊精神；第四，向著天國永恆的標竿直跑。你有這種信仰的體育精神嗎？

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並為此邀請會眾教會重新開放問卷，將您的寶貴意見、感受和意願，以不記名的方式藉著填寫問卷回應教會。若是希望用電話表達您的意見，請直接聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy 姊妹，又或致電教會 (416-288-1770) 留言。希望大家踴躍回應！問卷的有效日期是 8月1日至 8月14日，連結是：<https://forms.gle/AXi2XaTVTs6TMNqj9>。請為各部門團隊在七至八月能作好相應準備，並變種病毒可能引起的未知數代禱。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 31, 2021

I came across an interesting analogy of the cup spilling over - that reveals how people can respond differently in times of grief and life-altering situations.

"You are holding a cup of coffee when someone comes along and bumps into you or shakes your arm, making you spill your coffee everywhere.

Why did you spill the coffee?

"Because someone bumped into me!!!"

Wrong answer.

You spilled the coffee because there was coffee in your cup.

Had there been tea in the cup, you would have spilled tea.

*Whatever is inside the cup is what will spill out.

Therefore, when life comes along and shakes you (which will happen), whatever is inside you will come out. It's easy to fake it, until you get rattled.

So we have to ask ourselves... "What's in my cup?!"

When life gets tough, what spills over?

Like the analogy, we go through struggles, temptations and emotions in our Christian journey but how do we respond to such changes. What's in your cup? Whatever is inside us spills out. Jesus rightly said, "For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks." (Matthew 12:34). The mouth cannot draw up anything but what is already in the heart. As such, for this reason, Solomon wisely advises in Proverbs 4:23, "Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it."

At times, God strategically allows us to be in various situations to know who we are and whom we trust. When we have the Holy Spirit in our lives, He enables us to understand and see our situation from a different, more helpful perspective and respond in a Christ-like manner. How amazing it is to realize that His Spirit lives within us - but the question we ought to ask is, "do I pay any attention to the Holy Spirit's leading?"

WEEKLY EVENTS AND CHURCH NEWS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

This Sunday, Rev C Y Yan will speak on the theme "Breaking Free from Favouritism" from James 2: 8-10. Join us for Holy Communion, to remember the Lord's sacrificial love. [Click here for preview and Sunday Service.](#) at 9.15 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Topic: 'The Apostle's Creed' - last session

Led by: Charlotte Pang

EM CORPORATE PRAYER

August 4 @ 8 PM

VIRTUAL SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - August 1 @ 2 PM

AGENDA: CHURCH RENOVATION Contact Michael Huynh for further details

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NCAC REOPENING SURVEY

The church is working diligently to safely reopen our church doors for in-person worship services. This survey will help the leadership to hear your opinions, feelings and even comfort level about returning to in-person worship.

For further details, please contact Elaine/Peggy directly or leave a message with our church office @ 416 288 1770.

[CLICK HERE TO SUBMIT YOUR SURVEY](#) (BY AUGUST 14, 2021)

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Let us echo the words of A B Simpson, founder of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, "Spirit of Power! with heavenly fire, Our souls endue, our tongues inspire; Stretch forth Thy mighty hand, Thy Pentecostal gifts restore, The wonders of Thy power once more Display in every land."

May you experience His power and presence as you walk in fellowship with Him.

Have a restful long weekend. The Lord be with you!

Blessings
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最新消息 (7/24/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『這天國的福音要傳遍天下，對萬民作見證，然後末期才來到。』（馬太福音 24：14）

今週是教會差傳年會最後的一週，神藉祂的僕人向我們訓勉，讓我們認識神心意。在差傳月，我們邀請在差傳牧養上有經驗的牧者和宣教士，透過他們的經歷和信息提醒我們，更有真理的聖靈指教我們，對神在宣教差傳的旨意有更深的認識。

對於宣教差傳，聖經在舊約和新約神都有很多的默示，使萬民作祂的門徒。獨一的真神揀選亞伯拉罕並他的民族歸向祂，正如〈創 12:2-3〉所記：「地上的萬族都要因你得福。」神不單止祝福一個人、一個民族，祂是要藉以色列民叫萬國得福。

我們從前都是在黑暗死蔭裡的人，雖然不想被罪捆綁，但又脫離不了犯罪的律，並沉淪滅亡的結局；但因著主耶穌為我們釘死在十字架上並且復活升天，我們有脫離罪得新生的機會！主耶穌也吩咐接受祂救恩的人要背起自己的十字架跟從祂，我們不只是個人享受得贖的恩典，神也願意我們將這個福氣告訴萬族萬民！正如亞伯拉罕，神揀選你豈不也是要你叫萬國萬族得福嗎？願祂的道臨到你心。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 24, 2021

On July 16, the province of Ontario moved to Step 3 on its reopening plan. We thank God for all medical professionals, frontline workers and numerous volunteers for their effort and commitment to our Nation. Amidst the reopening of businesses and various sectors, there have been ongoing discussion and strategies to become a 'herd community' since the pandemic is not behind us. In the last few weeks, you would have come across articles such as "Is Canada on track to reach herd immunity?", "Will Canada reach its goal of becoming a herd community?" and "An injection of hope: Herd immunity - where are we now? Public Health Canada refers to 'Herd immunity' as "a state where a significant proportion of the population is immune to an infection (either through vaccination or natural infection), leaving few people susceptible to being infected and transmitting the infection.

There continues to be a recurring message and initiatives about everyone's involvement in continuing the fight together so that we can become a 'herd community' or 'herd immunity'. Similarly, the head of WHO reiterated in a statement that "it's everybody's business and we should all contribute to stopping this pandemic," especially since it is difficult to predict how long the virus would last and continue to affect us.

Truly, the role of every individual is vital in the continued fight against COVID 19. This pandemic teaches us to push back against the narrative of individualism, to remember that we all depend on each other and to work for the common good. Being there for one another and to work interdependently is not new in the scripture. We are called to be the church and to care for one another.

You've probably heard the phrase, "Don't just GO to church, BE the church!" God wants us to be the church that keeps its eyes and ears open to the people around us and finding ways to show them love in any way we can. Though as a church we too struggle with this 'new normal' or 'new reality' but we are called to function as Christ body to promote a loving and caring community. Scripture warns us that when believers fail to care for one another and work interdependently, the body of Christ loses its power to do ministry no matter how wonderful the church may appear on the outside.

Remember, you are the church, and wherever you go, the Lord goes with you and He will never leave you!

NCAC RE-OPENING ROADMAP

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We will invite and help our ministry teams and volunteers to get ready in July and August. As the Delta virus variant remains a continuing threat, causing uncertainty ahead, we urge your continuing prayers.

SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Come and join us to praise God for His faithfulness and be challenged to live a life for Him. This Sunday, Rev Dr Hudson Taylor IV. will speak on the theme "Give Me a Man" from 1 Samuel 17:10. Derek and Bonnie Burnett will also update us on their Mission work in Thailand. The sermon (Youtube video) will be available ONLY for a week after it is aired.

Join us from 9.15 am for a Sunday Service preview.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, JULY 18 @ 11 AM

Like the early church, let's devote ourselves to the study of the Word. We will continue on 'The Apostle's Creed.' with Charlotte Pang leading the session.

SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING, August , 2021 @ 2 PM

Elders Board likes to call a membership meeting on August 1st, Sunday at 2; 00 pm to support Renovation matters.

Zoom link, agenda, and the proxy will be emailed to members for registration. Please contact Michael Huynh to register or for an inquiry.

If you are looking for information on vaccines, vaccinations and reopening steps, please visit the links provided.

[Click here - Ontario Reopening - Open for Step 3](#)

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NCAC ANNUAL MISSION CONFERENCE MONTH

July 2021 is our Mission Emphasis month on the theme "NCAC: Our DNA". Keynote speakers include Rev. Dr Dave Hearn, Rev Brem Frentz, Rev Curtis Peters, and Rev. Dr James Hudson Taylor IV. We thank all keynote speakers, missionaries and IWs (international workers) who shared their mission journey to rekindle our passion for Missions.

Though our Annual Mission month ends this Sunday, let's continually be His Church to fulfil the Great Commission given to each one of us.

VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The Lord calls His believers the "salt of the earth" and the "light of the world". In Matthew 5:16, Jesus is encouraging us to have an influence everywhere we go. We are Christ ambassadors!

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

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最新消息 (7/17/2021)

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『那些分散的人，經過各地，傳揚福音真道。』『好叫世界得知你的道路，萬國得知你的救恩。』(使徒行傳 8:4; 詩篇 67:2)

著名的聖經及宣教學者萊特 (Christopher J. H. Wright) 在「宣教中的上帝」一書中向我們解釋宣教不僅是聖經某些章節或記敘的教導，而是整本聖經就是上帝宣教的結果。上帝的宣教乃是透過上帝的子民，在上帝創造的世界中，救贖上帝所創造的一切受造物。聖經告訴我們是誰、從何而來、往哪裡去、世界為何陷入今日的亂象、我們的終局是甚麼、如何改變世界。整個故事，亦即是整本聖經的脈絡，構成了上帝的宣教。這是我們需要更新的聖經觀。很多時我們會問上帝：「上帝如何融入我人生的故事之中？」但真正的問題是在我們選擇職業、人生方向等的事情上，應該問上帝：「我小小的生命，如何融入上帝宣教的偉大故事？」。這是我們需要更新的人生觀。

因此，宣教差傳不只是宣教士、牧者傳道、或差傳部的「專屬」事。我們每一位篤信聖經、學習聖經的信徒應該要參與上帝的宣教。教會作為宣講聖經的群體，更應以參與上帝的宣教成為教會的核心，教會所有活動都是圍繞如何建立和差遣門徒去參與上帝的宣教。差傳不只是一年辦一次差傳年會和海外短宣，更要關心本地非華裔群體的福音需要。差傳不只是青年人被差遣到原著民地區服侍，而是教會不同年齡群體可以參與的服侍。差傳不只是宣教士的工作，而是每一位弟兄姊妹共同承擔的使命。

“On Mission Everyone Everywhere All the time. (隨時隨處、人人宣教)”是加拿大宣道會近年的差傳願景，便是希望把差傳「日常化」、「生活化」、「普及化」和「本地化」。盼望在不久將來，能見到大家起來參與及活現「宣教 Everywhere All the Time」！

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迦南團契將於今星期六(7月24日)早上10時網上舉行，主題為「長者高血壓指引」，由 Dr. Jason Kwok 郭詠觀醫生主講。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 17, 2021

Recently, I came across a true story that happened during the Vietnam War. Howard Rutledge was a United States Navy pilot during the early days of the Vietnam war. When he was finally captured, he was made to spend several miserable days before being released when the war ended. When Howard was interviewed about his time spent at the Prisoner of War camp, he boldly replied with these words: "During those longer periods of enforced reflection, it became so much easier to separate the important from the trivial, the worthwhile from the waste."

What a profound statement – periods of enforced reflection helped Howard to understand what is important in life. What lessons has God taught you in these times? What do you think are the most important things in life? Rick Warren, a well-known evangelical pastor and author said, "If you don't live by priorities, you'll live by pressures. Either you determine what's important in life or other people will determine it for you."

Can you imagine, that in all of our life situations and decisions, we can discern what God has planned for us? This is quite assuring and wonderful to remember that God has the best plan for us. Interestingly, Scripture gives us insight and was also the prayer of the Apostle Paul: "... that you may be able to discern what is best" It was the desire of the Apostle that believers learn what was most important in life, to avoid costly mistakes and live a life honouring God.

Scripture reminds us that God delights in giving us wisdom when we are at the crossroads of choices. In James 1: 5, we read "If you need wisdom, ask our generous God, and he will give it to you. He will not rebuke you for asking."

In his letter, the Apostle James reminded the believers, to ask in faith - believing that God will give us wisdom. Secondly, God expects obedience when He reveals His plans. He is willing to lead those who want to be led. Finally, His desires are always consistent with His word. When we take His path, God reassures our hearts and minds with His peace and assurance.

The story of Howard ends in him realizing that it took prison for him to understand what he most importantly missed out in his life, which is knowing God. Yes, when we draw near to God, He draws near to us to guide and lead us. Today, what messages are you sending to God and other people through your words, deeds and decisions?

Let's continue to seek God for His wisdom.

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VERSE FOR THE WEEK

1 John 3:17, instructs us not only to live godly lives but challenges us to carefully consider our response to the world around us. God is calling his people to be a blessing and to provide hope to those who are in need and fearful.

Have a blessed week ahead!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (7/10/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『願你們平安！父怎樣差遣了我，我也照樣差遣你們。』(約 20:21-22)

教會與世界有一種微妙的關係。「教會」希臘原文的意思，是神在世界中呼召出來的群體。這個群體除了蒙召成為基督的身體，同時也是蒙召成為宣教和承擔使命的群體。教會是為了向世界見證神而存在的。

聖經上說，耶穌基督復活後向門徒顯現，隨即差遣門徒領受福音使命。教會的蒙召和本質就是差遣。神選擇差遣祂愛子來到這個世界，以至教會也是同樣受差遣到這世界當中。教會不應與世界分離。我們需要進入世界，卻要留心不要貪愛世界。教會是世界中的一個屬神的群體，讓世人因教會的見證而認識基督。

宣道會的創辦人宣信博士(1843-1919)，出生加拿大愛德華王子島 Prince Edward Island 一個很敬虔的家庭。宣信清楚神的呼召，立志獻身傳道；原本是安省咸美頓 Hamilton 長老會的牧師，後來在美國牧會。1876 年神給他一個異象，夢見失喪靈魂的落魄，讓他對海外宣教極有負擔。宣信在美國牧會相當成功，引領了不少人歸主，甚得弟兄姊妹的肯定和愛護。但直到有一次，宣信要求長老們接納他在意大利貧民區街頭佈道所、接觸到的一百位決志者時，長老們意外地加以拒絕。自此以後，宣信更清晰從神領受、希望組成一間「由(歸信主的) 稅吏和罪人組成的教會」，因此毅然辭去高薪厚職，憑信心在一所「冰冷沉鬱而無用的跳舞廳」中，開始一個不隸屬於任何宗派的福音聚會，由七個人開始，其中更包括一名從前是酒徒的慕道者。神最終沒有呼召宣信成為海外宣道士，卻使用宣信推動普世宣教運動。他對全球福音運動的貢獻，遠遠超越宗派的籬笆。

教會既是被神差遣的群體，也就必須是承擔使命的群體。教會每個信徒都受差遣進入世界為主作見證，我們每人都蒙召實踐大使命，深願我們都在生活中把握每一個機會，向人分享福音的好處。

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<https://youtu.be/7PQfUW7ZB1w>

今星期三 (7 月 14 日)有差傳月粵語網上祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。將有在巴拿馬服事的國際同工宣宣教士 Rosa Leung 黃毓珠師母與你分享心路歷程。請預留時間一同參加，與我們在海外的國際同工一起禱告，關心他們。

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今星期六 (7 月 17 日)有學前兒童網上崇拜，在早上十時至十時二十分舉行，歡迎 1 歲至 5 歲小朋友在家長/監護人陪同下參加。另外，兒童網上崇拜是週六下午 1 時 30 分，青年團契是週五晚 (7 月 16 日) 7 時 30 分舉行。以上活動歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe, Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。

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教會現着手籌備重開計劃。隨著疫苗接種人數增加，政府漸放寬限例。長議會計劃九月能安全地重開實體聚會，並提供實體與網上崇拜。影音部、崇拜部及行政部在七至八月將邀請及幫助事奉人員，作好相應準備。因仍然要面對變種病毒可能引起的變數，敬請忍耐和代禱。

最後，請為疫情和全體會眾會接種疫苗，為教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用各項網絡事工。

願神祝福大家健康平安、主愛同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 10, 2021

During my time in America, my wife and I had the opportunity to watch the World Wrestling Federation (WWF) match live. It was a fascinating and exciting experience for us.

Interestingly, the bible mentions such an incident. Yes, it was Jacob who wrestled, not knowing that he was wrestling with God. Before this encounter, Jacob was living far away from home for several years. When God instructed Jacob to return to his home in Canaan and promised to be with him, Jacob was afraid. He was afraid of Esau because of what he did in the past to snatch his birthright and blessings.

When the time finally came, Jacob felt the need to be alone before his encounter with his brother. While waiting, Jacob was "greatly afraid and distressed" and thus poured his heart out to God and "wept and prayed for his favour". (Hosea 12:4). At that very moment, Jacob encountered God himself, wrestled with Him and finally experienced God's grace. He realised that he needed God's blessing to move forward and reunite with his brother.

Nothing could change Jacob but only a face-to-face encounter with God. It is a beautiful picture of a faithful person who struggles with God for His guidance. But after encountering Him, there was a transformation in his life - a new name and a renewed life.

Have you ever struggled or wrestled with God about your faith, needs and apprehensions? Does this image in any way resonate with your experience of God? And how often do we wrestle for the blessings of God in our lives?

Even in my pastoral ministry, there have been moments when I have wrestled with God. Wrestling with God isn't necessarily always a bad thing. In fact, wrestling with God can become a blessing, as it will lead us to trust His guidance. Many times, we wrestle with ourselves more than we wrestle with God.

Like Jacob was alone with God, most of our victories are achieved by being alone with God. Today, we can approach God with our heart-searching questions, doubts and struggles because God is there to guide us. Will you be like Jacob, and acknowledge who we are, and not let go of God?

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Join us from 9.15 am for a Service preview.

SUNDAY SCHOOL, JULY 11 @ 11 AM

Come and join us for the second session on 'The Apostle's Creed.' Charlotte Pang will lead this series.

This week remember to thank God for the many missionaries who live far away from their families to serve others with God's love. Pray for God's grace to be poured out in their lives and ministry.

Quotes from A.B. Simpson, founder of The Christian and Missionary Alliance

- "Prayer is the mighty engine that is to move the missionary work."

- "The Christian is not obedient unless he is doing all in his power to send the Gospel to the heathen world."

The Ontario government announced on July 9, 2021 that the province will move to Step 3 on Friday, July 16 at 12.01 am. Please visit the links for information on vaccines, vaccinations and steps to reopening

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VERSE FOR THE WEEK

God loves us and has a wonderful plan for our lives – but it probably isn't the plan we have in mind. Seek His plans and embrace the journey God has planned for your life with perseverance. Memorise Hebrews 10: 35-36 and seek God's counsel at all times.

We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for the church family and nation.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (7/4/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『…因為耶和華用膏膏我，叫我傳福音給貧窮的人，差遣我醫好傷心的人，報告被擄的得釋放，被囚的出監牢…安慰一切悲哀的人…』(以賽亞書 61:1-2)

今年加拿大的國慶日充滿哀傷、羞愧和悲憤，因為近月來在幾所前原住民寄宿學校遺址附近、發現一共近千個無標記墳墓和兒童遺骸，令人震驚。昔日寄宿學校的歷史，對原住民群體傷害尤深；這些墳墓的發現也加劇了原住民群體傷口的疼痛。面對悲劇，我們心中的悲傷與沉重之感實難以言喻！讓我們誠懇地為他們和加國禱告：

祈求神的安慰臨到每一個原住民家庭，願他們心中的悲傷哀號被主聽見，求主醫治撫平他們的傷痛。又祈求神憐憫，昔日教會沒有行在愛中，反倒讓無數無辜的小生命受虐受害，求主赦免我們的過錯。祈求神讓加拿大原住民群體、教會、政府能透過具體的行動，踏上復和之路。更祈求神讓加拿大的華人教會有機會服侍原住民群體，成為和平之子，在絕望之處播下盼望。原來加拿大原住民與早期華人移民有著一段深厚關係，加上彼此在文化傳統上有相似之處，為華人參與原住民事工帶來優勢。

時間、道歉或賠償可以沖淡原住民群體的歷史怨恨嗎？未必都能。人要先得著基督無條件的愛，使不再沉淪在怨恨中，並且在神的真理中悔改順服，仇恨才能化解，因為只有基督能將人與人之間的怨仇除去，恢復和好的關係。願原住民群體、教會、政府都能先回到主的跟前，被祂的愛來醫治，再以愛的行動來修補破裂關係，相信主必賜幫助。

宣道會信徒相信末世只會愈來愈敗壞，我們無需因為社會敗壞而喪氣。我們的責任是盡忠，傳揚福音，總要救些人。社會黑暗不是我們逃避的藉口，反而是上主呼召我們犧牲的記號。我們的主是全地的主，也是原住民群體和加國的救主，這正是差傳的心聲。阿們！(以上部份禱告節錄加拿大威克理夫聖經翻譯事工通訊)

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7月4日(星期日)是最後免費領取教會三十五周年堂慶紀念杯。歡迎在下午二時至五時到會址(1490 Birchmount Road)獲取。一家一隻，派完即止。

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迦南團契興趣班將於7月10日(星期六)早上十時網上舉行，主題為「每日笑一笑 醫生都唔要」，由Marinda 杜太及Toby 主理。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情請與Elaine Kong 或Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

兒童網上崇拜是週六下午1時30分舉行。請聯絡Elaine Kong 或Peggy Lee。青年團契是週五晚(7月9日)7時30分舉行，歡迎聯絡Jon Moe 弟兄。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – July 4, 2021

Trust you had a restful Canada day! On July 1st, many Canadians might have spent the day in reflection on where we are as a country. Surprisingly, in April this year, the U.S. News & World Report announced its annual ranking of best countries; it ranked "Canada ... first out of 78 countries, surpassing other industrialized countries such as Japan, Germany, Switzerland and Australia, which rounded out the top five." Thanks be to God for the many accomplishments and for sustaining us in this nation.

Did you notice that there is so much social injustice, racism and violence in the world today, and it seems only to be growing? Even in our country, you would notice the growing number of injustice incidents reported. University of Toronto researchers reported that there has been a rise in Anti-Asian discrimination in Canada and the revelation of the horrific legacy of residential schools unearthed lately. As a result, there were calls to either cancel or scale back celebratory events associated with Canada Day this year.

In the present climate of tension and struggle, we need to come together as one people, seeking for the Lord to heal our land and strengthen His people. The prayer of St. Clement of Rome, 1st century-101 AD is an ideal prayer guide:

We beseech You, Master, to be our helper and protector.
Save the afflicted among us; have mercy on the lowly;
Raise up the fallen; appear to the needy; heal the ungodly;
Restore the wanderers of Your people;
Feed the hungry; ransom our prisoners;
Raise up the sick; comfort the faint-hearted.
In Jesus Name... AMEN

Although we will never get all the answers to all the natural disasters, hate crimes and immeasurable acts of violence, we know that as Christians, we are called to trust God, share His love and pray continuously. (Philippians 4:6)

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EM CORPORATE PRAYER- JULY 7 @ 8 PM

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VERSE FOR THE WEEK

As His church, let us be united and bring forth the good news of Jesus Christ. Reflect on Isaiah 52:7 and seek opportunities to share His love.

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The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson
New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (6/26/2021)

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『…忘記背後，努力面前的，向著標竿直跑…』(腓立比書 3:13)

感謝神！在神恩典帶領下，今年基約宣道會渡過了三十五個年頭，大家都感到欣慰。我們除了回顧教會元首，耶穌基督所賜的厚恩外，更重要的，就是同心合意立志，再次獻上自己，求神使用卑微的我們，為廣傳福音、為更多人得着主愛、歸入主的名下作出貢獻。

孔子說「三十而立，四十而不惑」。三十五歲正是經過了充滿活力、夢想明天的青年階段，開始進入早期成年的後段，還很年輕。但每個人的“三十五”都要面臨諸多重要的問題，無論成功與否，都渴望有改變。聖經上說「事情的終局，強如事情的起頭，存心忍耐的，勝過居心驕傲的。」(傳 7:8) 人生重要的好改變，就是在謙卑自己去按照內心的召喚重新調整人生方向，腳踏實地，堅定不移朝著神給人生目標前進。不論過往發生了許多的事，經歷了許多的轉變，讓我們在主裏再重整旗鼓，重拾初心，重燃愛心。在使命、方向上，繼續承傳「宣道會精神」，在本地及海外開拓天國，建立教會、廣傳福音、相愛合一、教導學習、敬拜成長、和差遣服侍。也更準備自己，進入另一個新的十年、二十年、三十五年。也許會與過往很不一樣。也許會遇上未曾遇過的風浪，但是讓我們不忘記，昔日神如何幫助以色列人渡過重重難關。今天，也同樣地幫助我們渡過種種困難。因祂實在是我們在患難中隨時的幫助！

深信神在前面託付給我們的，是我們「眼未曾看見，耳朵未曾聽見，心裏未曾想過」的流奶與蜜之地。所以不要對神說：我的困難有多大！要對困難說：我的神有多大！讓我們專心跟隨神，信任倚靠主。鼓勵大家，忘記背後、努力面前，直奔標竿、繼續加油！

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加堂慶主日網上崇拜，欣賞 35 年感恩特輯和中英文堂聯合詩班獻唱，一同領受神的祝福！特別嘉賓鄧廣華牧師會與你分享勉勵信息「神同在的教會」。以下是連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。
<https://youtu.be/M-ksILDAnAw>

為慶祝三十五周年，教會特別製作了紀念杯。免費贈送，歡迎在 6 月 27 日(星期日)或 7 月 4 日(星期日)下午二時至五時到會址(1490 Birchmount Road) 獲取。一家一隻，派完即止。

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兒童網上崇拜是週六下午 1 時 30 分舉行。請聯絡 Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。青年團契是週五晚(7 月 2 日) 7 時 30 分舉行，歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe 弟兄。

宣道會華聯會網上「聯合宣教大會 JMC 2021」：將於今週末 7 月 2-3 日開始。目前全國已超過 1600 人報名。費用全免，疫情阻不了宣教心，請立即按以下連結登記：
<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQeUy8lyrkdj43GcT00eGDd0tXb5liXXJgTCVsQ2C8AHkg/viewform>。或參閱 <https://chinese.ccaca.org/jmc/jmc-2021/> 並所附的海報。參加者將會六月收到聚會的 Zoom 連結。有關 7 月 2-3 日開幕聚會，國際同工咖啡廳，宣教座談會等詳情和 YouTube 直播連結，請參閱崇拜週刊。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情和疫苗種植，為教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願神祝福大家健康平安、主愛同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 26, 2021

The first thought that comes to my mind when I think of our Church Anniversary is gratitude – it is a time to be thankful to God for the past and look forward to the future.

A few years ago, I read about the beginnings of the English ministry at NCAC, which helped to understand the history of our church. From the readings, it became clear that the leadership and members of our church were enthusiastic to see the gospel not only transform our lives but the lives of others as well. They prayed, supported and laboured in various ministries, and supported financially to help take the good news of Jesus beyond the walls of our church. This is a true testament to how we should view each other as the body of Christ and be a gospel focus church. I'm thankful that God has been so good to us from the beginning till now.

As we look back, we can learn from the past, trust God for the present and look into the future with hope in Christ. In order to do that, let's abound and stand together in the prayer as penned by the Apostle Paul to the church in Philippi:

Philippians 1:9-11

9 And this is my prayer: that your love may abound more and more in knowledge and depth of insight, 10 so that you may be able to discern what is best and may be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, 11 filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ—to the glory and praise of God.

STRONGER LOVE (v9) – Love already existed and flourished at Philippi but the apostle wants this Christian virtue to increase, deepen and intensify. Real love is always active. Secondly, we need to test all things so that we will love only what is best, and nothing inferior or false. Let's grow in our love for God, the church family and may that love extend to those around us. Let's also thank God for each other in the body of Christ.

DEEPER LIFE (v10) - And then Paul adds, "so that you may be... pure and blameless for the day of Christ"(v10). He tells us that we need to develop greater moral purity and blamelessness. We need to pray and guide each other to be found to be without flaws, pure and acceptable for His second coming (1 Cor 4:5).

FRUITFUL LIVING (v11) - The phrase 'filled with the fruit of righteousness' appears several times in the Bible. This fruit is something that grows when life is centred on Jesus (John 15:5). Apart from him, we cannot achieve righteousness. It is only through him that the fruit of righteousness can be made more apparent in our lives. The fruit of righteousness is a life that is continually transformed by Jesus and bear fruit.

Today, as each of us are taking to steps to be truly his disciples, let us be in constant reminder that we are one in Christ and are partners in the gospel together.

In closing, I would also like to add that we need to support and help one another to courageously obey Jesus by following Him so that His grace and mercy will go out into this needy world.

May the Lord help us to be His Living and Loving Church as we step into another year.

To God be the Glory!

35th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY - JUNE 27, 2021

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English Service Preview @ 9.15 am ([Click here](#))

Cantonese Service @ 11.15 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Join us for the last session on "Luke, the gospel that saves us all," with a major focus on God's reconciliation with humans. This week James Lam will lead the session.

From next Sunday till the end of July, we will be studying a new series on "The Apostle's Creed." Charlotte Pang will lead the sessions.

If you are looking for information on vaccines, vaccinations and step to reopening, please visit the links provided.

[Click here](#) - physicians primarily in York Region answering questions and addressing facts.

[Click here](#) - Ontario Reopening - Open for Step 1 and 2

[Click Here](#) - To download vaccination receipts as proof of vaccination

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INSPIRATIONAL VERSE TO START A NEW YEAR

As His church, let us be united and press forward without wavering in our love for Christ. Take some time to reflect and memorise Hebrews 10:23 holding to our confession.

We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for church family throughout these years.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (6/19/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『我不以福音為恥；這福音本是神的大能，要救一切相信的。』（羅馬書 1:16）

相信最近幾個星期，大多數人都有問過別人：“你打了疫苗嗎？”或是“你打了第二針嗎？”這是當下人們最關注的問題之一，因為這是能否重返往日自由生活的關鍵。其中包括：到餐館飲食的自由、旅行的自由、與親友相聚的自由、工作和實體敬拜的自由等等。大家都期盼疫苗能給我們免擔心和恐懼的自由。

但其實我們更需要問另一個更重要且關乎永恆的問題；就是：“你願意相信並接受主耶穌作你個人的救主嗎？”新冠病毒是一種毀滅性的疾病，給身體健康造成巨大的危害，和各種無形的傷害。包括：失去至親的悲痛，需要被安慰。社交隔離而孤單沮喪，需要被關懷。失去工作和生活經濟，急需盼望。雖然疫苗可以保護我們免受病毒的感染，但只有耶穌所賜的福音才能真正拯救一切心靈破碎的人，重建並更新我們軟弱的生命。

聖經提醒我們對福音的大能要充滿信心，因為福音是百分之一百有果效的。儘管大部分疫苗是安全有效的，但沒有一種能夠有百分之百的保證。而主耶穌卻告訴我們“凡靠著祂進到神面前的人，祂都能拯救到底，因為祂是長遠活著，替他們祈求。”（希伯來書 7:25）福音更賜人永生。疫苗可以保護我們在屬世的生命，但只有主耶穌才是那唯一有“永生之道”的主宰。（約翰福音 6:68）是的，福音能戰勝更致命的疾病。存在於人生命中最致命的病毒，就是引入死亡的罪性，只有主耶穌基督能戰勝。“因為罪的工價乃是死；惟有神的恩賜，在我們的主耶穌基督裏，乃是永生。”（羅馬書 6:23）

所以在我們確保自己接種新冠疫苗的同時，也請務必記得，我們需要主耶穌作自己個人的救主，並要熱切盼望地與別人分享福音！

今週是父親節。邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加網上崇拜，一同領受神的祝福！特別嘉賓譚品立師會與你分享父親節福音信息「成功路上再蒙福」。以下是連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

<https://youtu.be/wQczbha3nZs>

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今星期三（6月23日）將有粵語網上祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，守望代求。

兒童網上崇拜是週六下午1時30分舉行。請聯絡 Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。青年團契是週五晚（6月25日）7時30分舉行，歡迎聯絡 Jon Moe 弟兄。

MSG 小組六月份主題是「順從聖靈，領人歸主」，歡迎聯絡組長組會時間，同心參加。

迦南團契亦將於6月26日（星期六）上午10時舉行網上聚會，主題為：“屬天的智慧”，由翟偉培（Patrick）先生主講。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

宣道會華聯會的「聯合宣教大會 JMC 2021」快於7月網上舉行。聚會將包括7月2-3日兩天的在線 ZOOM 網上直播的宣教和宣教士項目。費用全免，請快速按以下連結登記報名：

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSeQeUy8lyrkdnj43GcT00eGDd0tXb5liXXJgTCVsQ2C8AHkkg/viewform>。詳情請參閱 <https://chinese.ccaca.org/jmc/jmc-2021/> 並所附的海報。疫情阻不了宣教心，歡迎今日就報名。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情和疫苗種植，為教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願神祝福大家父親節快樂，健康平安。所有為父的，父親節力氣更新、主愛同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 19, 2021

Imagine you're with your friends at a restaurant. After looking over the menu, you decide to order the main course. But your friend orders a salad to accompany the main course. Without realising, you may also say, "I'll have the salad too." We all tend to imitate people either consciously or subconsciously. I came across a study conducted with 190 undergraduate students, who were on their way to an ice cream parlour with a friend. The study concluded that people were more likely to order the same size as their companion but not the same flavour. Though there are moments that we want to do the exact opposite to express our uniqueness in a group by making a different choice from others.

There may be times you realize that after spending a long period with someone, you start behaving or talking like them. Research suggests that in social situations, we tend to unconsciously imitate the people around us, and researchers have termed it as 'the chameleon effect'.

Today, personalities, politicians, athletes, competitors and even church leaders want to have a following. But when we see the life of the apostle Paul, we observe that the apostle Paul was not afraid to challenge the believers to 'imitate him'. In 1 Corinthians 4:16, the apostle states: "Therefore I urge you, imitate me". To imitate means to get as close to the original as possible. Paul asked to 'imitate him' because he was imitating the Lord Jesus Christ. On several instances, we hear him say, "do what I do" because he was teaching them to follow the way he lived his life as it reflected what Christ did in the scriptures. He does not want the believers to only be 'an admirer of God' but to also be "imitators of Christ." (Eph 5.1) In I Timothy 4:12 Paul urges Timothy, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity."

There are Christians who may call themselves followers of Jesus Christ, but they continually behave as they please. They may twist and turn the meaning of imitating Christ. Imitation is not about "faking it" but about active change.

All of these scriptures speak of the need to imitate Christ, imitate God or imitate those who are strong in the faith and to mark how they live.

And so the question we need to deliberate today: Whom are we letting to influence us and whose example are we following?

ONLINE SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Today is Father's day!. This week, we will focus on Jesus' invitation "Come and Have Breakfast!" from John 21: 4-17.

JOIN US at 9.15 am for worship preview and updates.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is meant to acknowledge the invaluable contributions of fathers in families and society. We thank and ask for God's blessings on all fathers who are special in the sight of God, family and also to the church.

The Elder Board, EMT and ministry teams wish all fathers, "A Happy Father's Day".

SUNDAY SCHOOL @ 11 AM

Join us for a new series on "Luke, the gospel that saves us all," with a major focus on God's reconciliation with humans. This week Rev Vinson will lead the session.

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The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (6/12/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『於是耶穌對門徒說：若有人要跟從我，就當捨己，背起他的十字架來跟從我。因為，凡要救自己生命的，必喪掉生命；凡為我喪掉生命的，必得著生命。』(馬太福音 16:24-25)

最近收到不少關於緬甸軍變局勢的消息，軍方為控制局面殺戮了很多和平抗議者，包括年青人及兒童，到目前已超過一仟多人喪生，五仟多人被逮捕，數仟人受傷。軍方不僅控制了全國學校，還燒燬工廠、封鎖道路。今至上數千人失業，食物短缺，銀行、醫院關閉，很多人缺少容身之處，也有很多人在出逃中，軍方仍在宵禁的夜裡闖入民宅抓人。政局動盪，周邊出現內戰，疫情亦似捲土重來，基督徒和教會也面臨極大的考驗，令人想起聖經裏不少為著福音的原故受逼迫的門徒。

昔日耶穌告訴彼得，他會因福音的緣故被逼害、囚禁，甚至殉道。(約翰福音 21:18) 當回顧教會歷史，不難發現二千多年前到今，有不少跟隨耶穌基督的門徒，因著堅守福音的原故而遭受歧視和逼害，甚至犧牲自己的性命。作為跟隨耶穌基督的門徒，是一條背起十字架的道路；主對每一個跟隨祂的門徒有不同的召命，我們是否願意付上任何代價，背起自己的十字架來跟隨主呢？願神加能賜力給每一個願意跟隨祂的人。

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還有一星期就是父親節網上福音主日，在 6 月 20 日上午 11 時 15 分直播，由譚品立牧師主講「成功路上再蒙福」，分享父親的信心如何使全家蒙恩得福。請弟兄姊妹用以下預告通知未信主親友們，邀請他們一同收看。<https://gospel.ncac.ca>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 12, 2021

On June 11, the province entered Step 1 of Ontario's economic reopening plan. Many of us may have sensed an excitement in the community whilst waiting expectantly. Is this the end of Covid-19 and are we able to go back to our normal routines? No - the pandemic is far from over. Several nations are still in the midst of the 2nd and 3rd wave, resulting in the loss of lives and suffering. Though the Covid-19 vaccines are proving effective in bending the curve, different variants are still of concern, creating much fear.

Some time in the future Covid-19 will not be with us as a pandemic but as an 'endemic'. A pandemic refers to a global epidemic that extends to several countries or continents affecting numerous people. On the other hand, "endemic" - is an infection that has a constant presence within a geographic location existing perpetually. An endemic can also lead to an outbreak, anywhere and any time. An example is dengue fever, which is still found in many countries and at times becoming an outbreak.

Reflecting on this, I am reminded of SIN which started as an 'Endemic' but is still a pandemic. Scripture reminds us that SIN came into this world through one man (Romans 5: 12) and now all have sinned (Romans 3:23). Today, we don't talk about SIN and don't see the gravity of sin too. We need to confront again the message of the Bible about SIN. We don't catch sin but we are born sinners. The apostle Paul saw SIN as a perplexing mystery and writes "But if I am doing the very thing I do not want, I am no longer the one doing it, but sin which dwells in me." (Romans 7:20)

As believers, we will always be fighting SIN. Spiritual conflict and temptations are not going away. Though SIN will no longer reign over us, though it is still resident within us.

Praise be to God! The apostle does not stop there. He sees the prescription for SIN when he says, "But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." (1 Cor. 15:57). "For just as through the disobedience of the one man the many were made sinners, so also through the obedience of the one man (Jesus) the many will be made righteous" (Romans 5:19).

Remember, we are all infected with sin and no one is exempted. We can be forgiven and made right with God, "In Him [Jesus] we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins, according to the riches of His grace" Because of His grace poured out through Christ, we can be forgiven for all of our sins." Thank God for Jesus – for His forgiving and sanctifying work.

Reflection: Is there anything in your life that you need to confess to Jesus and surrender before it gives way to sin?

ONLINE SERVICE @ 9.30AM

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See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for church news.

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EM CORPORATE PRAYER - JUNE 16, 2021 @ 8 pm

Let's come together to pray for our nation, church and community for God's intervention during this turbulent time.

FATHER'S DAY - JUNE 20, 2021 @ 9.30 AM

Father's day is the third Sunday in June. Come and join us to praise God for His blessings on our Fathers and hear a testimony of God's blessings.

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English Service @ 9.30 am

Cantonese Service @ 11.15 am

NCAC MISSION EMPHASIS MONTH

July 2021 is our Mission Emphasis month. Let's be challenged as His Church to fulfil the Great Commission given to each one of us. The Mission Department has lined up Mission speakers from 2021 Joint Mission Convention (JMC) to inspire and rekindle our spirit in Mission during our Sunday Services.

Invite your friends to our Services who might be interested to see what God is doing in our Nation and in the world.

INSPIRATIONAL VERSE TO START A NEW WEEK

Take some time to reflect on Romans 5:8 asking God to fill your life with His unfailing love and grace.

We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for the nation and church family.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (6/5/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『義人雖七次跌倒，仍必興起…』(箴言書 24:16)

人難免會有軟弱和失誤，我們也曾經失敗過。聖經告訴我們，馬可年輕時，也曾在一次傳道旅程中離開保羅和巴拿巴，「不和他們同去做工」。因此，當保羅再次進行宣教之旅時，「就以為不可帶他去」(使徒行傳 15:38)，甚至為此和巴拿巴起了爭論。然而，儘管馬可先前犯了錯，但多年後卻有令人驚奇的改變。當保羅孤獨地在獄中等候處決，為主殉道時，他要求馬可前來，還說馬可「在傳道的事上於我有益處」(提摩太後書 4:11)。聖靈甚至啟示馬可，讓他寫下了馬可福音。

馬可的生命歷程讓我們明白，神不會拋下我們單獨面對自己的過犯和失敗。神是我們的朋友，祂的愛勝過我們一切的過犯。當我們跟隨這位救主，祂就會將我們所需的幫助和力量賜給我們。每當你對耶穌傾心吐意時，祂總是垂聽，因祂賜下的安慰和盼望無人可及！你曾經面對哪些過犯或失敗？疫情中你有什麼挫折？當你把這些交託給神，祂必幫助你。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – June 5, 2021

Has the pandemic brought nations and countries closer than before or has it moved the world farther apart? Some would affirm that this pandemic has brought communities and even families together in various ways. Though it has pushed us further into a digital world and changed the way we behave and interact but it has provided us with various ways of connecting, reaching out and helping those in need. A recent poll revealed that "A majority of Canadians feel like the COVID-19 pandemic has brought us all closer together, while our neighbours to the south feel the opposite." There are also those who are optimistic that vaccines can bring us closer to ending the pandemic. But will it bring the world to be more compassionate or promote competition?

I was saddened to read articles on the 'vaccine war' in several developing countries in these times. With headlines such as: "COVID-19 spawns vaccine wars"; "When It Comes to a Travel Restart All Vaccines Are Not Equal", "Saudi Arabia and EU bars travellers who received Chinese-made jabs" "EU's welcome to vaccinated Americans doesn't extend to travellers who've received Chinese-made jabs", and "China to only allow foreign visitors who have had Chinese-made vaccine"

Furthermore, the poorer nations are caught in this vaccine "political warfare". It is heartbreaking to see the negative outcome in these nations as reported by CNBC:

- "Out of more than 700 million Covid-19 vaccine doses administered globally, more than 87% have gone to wealthier countries, according to the WHO."
- Low-income countries have received just 0.2%, a top WHO official said at a press briefing Friday.
- On average, 1 in 4 people in high-income countries have received a coronavirus vaccine, compared with just 1 in more than 500 in low-income countries.

Throughout history, challenging global events have led to great transformations. What transformation is happening now? Is compassion relevant today? And what is our Christian response? In the gospels, we often come across this phrase "When he (Jesus) saw the crowds, he was moved with compassion for them." Jesus was never too busy to stop and take the time to make a difference in someone's life. Biblical compassion means that when we see the problem, we are stirred to do something about the situation to alleviate it. Just as Jesus had compassion on us, He wants us to have compassion for those who need it.

As a child of God, it is important to ask ourselves these questions amid the political vaccine war: "Am I moved with compassion when I hear about the medical needs of people in the poorer countries and even in the less fortunate communities of our nation? And "What am I doing to show the compassion of my Saviour to those in need, including my nation?"

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The vaccination rollout is happening and could soon be your turn. If you are looking for further information to understand the pros and cons of the vaccine, please visit the links provided.

Click here - physicians primarily in York Region answering questions and addressing facts.

Click here - "Covid 19 Vaccine Hesitancy: 12 Things you Need to Know" from John Hopkins.

Click here - Ontario extending Accelerated Second Dose Booking

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In our culture of division and separation, the gospel presents a different way. We are all one in Christ Jesus by His sacrificial love. Take some time this week to memorise Galatians 3:28 and pray for the unity that comes only in Christ.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson
New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (5/29/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『神是我們的避難所，是我們的力量，是我們在患難中隨時的幫助。所以，地雖改變，山雖搖動到海心，其中的水雖匉匉翻騰，山雖因海漲而戰抖，我們也不害怕。』（詩篇 46:1-3）

「神是我們…」在經文出現了三次，表示神與祂子民親密的關係。我們都希望疫情過去，天下太平，平安無恙。但現實中充滿許多個人和社會性的危機，我們有時會感到世事變幻莫測，好像地動山搖，山巔都會移到海洋中心。

作為神的兒女，我們不用害怕。因為我們非靠人的力量，非靠刀靠槍，以及人間堅固的堡壘；乃靠我們永活的神。神是我們的避難所與力量，更是患難中隨時的幫助。我們的根基是建立在耶穌基督這磐石上，就是遇到地裂山崩、海水洶湧，房子都不會因雨淋、水沖及風吹而倒塌。敵人頂多可殺掉我們的身體，但惟有神保存我們的靈魂，賜下永生。神必會幫助我們到底，與我們同在。

身處的環境隨時都會有變化，疫情就要培養對神信靠的心。或許神要我們經歷一些風浪，是要鍛鍊我們的信心。神既然容許風浪臨到，為要熬鍊我們，我們就學習堅心倚靠祂。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 29, 2021

Hi everyone,

Pastor Vinson is on vacation this week. This email is sent on his behalf.

Romans 12:1 - Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God -- this is your true and proper worship.

Worship is often a word that describes a state of being in tune with God at a given moment - we worship on Sundays; we worship through singspiration; we try to worship God throughout our days by being in tune with His Word. However, in Romans 12, we are struck by a hard reminder that true and proper worship requires us to give up ourselves as a living sacrifice. Sacrifice requires more than a few moments of our day when things are convenient. Rather, sacrifice should mean giving ourselves to the point that it makes us uncomfortable.

By truly stripping ourselves of what we believe brings security or comfort, will we truly be able to worship God without reservation. God wants control of our lives but He also understands our heart and he wants to fulfil our innermost desires. The amazing thing is: He has the ability to do so!

I encourage you to reflect on what you've been grasping to this week and ask God to take that upon Himself so that you can worship Him wholeheartedly.

Please join us for service tomorrow morning at 9:30am for a study on Luke 24:13-31. You can access the service at: <https://youtu.be/VpusBrRer2k>

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Please also find the bulletin attached to this email for announcements.

Take care and have a blessed week!

In Christ,
Brian and Christine, on behalf of Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (5/22/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

『…你的日子如何，你的力量也必如何。』(申命記 33:25)

生活像是一面鏡子，你若對它笑，它就對你笑；你若對它哭，它的反應也是對著你哭；你若對生活抱有積極的態度，它就幫助你樂觀面對壓力、挫折，推動你進取；假若你對它抱有消極的態度，它也消極地對待你。

聖經記載，當十二個探子偵察迦南地回來，其中十個探子說當中的居民身量高大、是吞吃人的巨人，而以色列人在他們眼中有如蚱蜢一樣軟弱微小(民 14:32-33)。這壞消息使百姓信心全失，喧嚷哭號，且向摩西發怨言，甚至想背叛神，回埃及去。唯獨迦勒和約書亞有截然不同的表現，他們不怕群情洶湧，勇敢的鼓勵百姓剛強壯膽倚靠神。

如何渡過每一天，在於你做人處事的態度和行為，很大程度，這是受到你的信念和價值觀所影響。信靠神，神就成為你的力量和隨時的幫助；信靠自己，所走的路就艱辛得多！你的生活力量從何而來？經文勉勵我們，日日信靠神，力量就增多，就能剛強壯膽，在風雨飄搖的世代裡，無畏無懼。因為日子如何力量也會如何。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 22, 2021

Just imagine what life would be like without any rules or laws. Imagine there are no rules when driving the car, playing a sport or game. In the recent weeks, you might have seen or heard of people from different cities rail against rules during this pandemic. To many, these rules are seen as an affront to their freedom, and such people also argue that rules are "not for them" and "they are there to be broken".

It is exciting to see what a Google search on 'rules for living, or ways to secure good life' can result in countless results from different sources with various information. Social media platforms are also flooded with someone's advice about how you should conduct yourself for a better life.

I came across 3 simple rules/guidelines that John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, gave his societies (i.e. Small groups) to help apply in their everyday lives. The 3 guidelines were simple:
"Do no harm. Do good. Stay in love with God."

Reading further on these, I recognize that these 3 simple rules are still amazingly relevant to many of us these days. Amid our desires, our faith requires us not to harm but always seek the good of all and not failing in our love for God. These rules help us to relate to one another and even our relationships on social media. But why do we need to have so many rules? In fact, why should we even have any rules in the first place? Many social scientists see the importance of rules and guidelines as the very foundation of social and economic life.

Do you have personal guidelines/rules that help shape and guide your decisions? We all have to decide what kinds of things become rules for how we live our lives. Personal rules help you stay focused on what's important and continues to align us with our own values. Because every choice or decision we make reveals every standard we set for our lives. A clear rule or standard way of living can be a foundation to our lives each day – in the way we talk and, in our actions, – even if it may not seem as appealing as the world's way.

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Do you feel unsure about your next steps? Allow the Lord to direct your steps as you keep in step with Him.

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Psalm 37:23-24 and ask the Holy Spirit to guide you in being able to take delight in who God is.

The Lord be with you!

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最新消息 (5/15/2021)

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『你豈不曾知道嗎？你豈不曾聽見嗎？永在的神耶和華，創造地極的主，並不疲乏，也不困倦；他的智慧無法測度。疲乏的，他賜能力；軟弱的，他加力量。』(以賽亞書 40:28)

經過了一年多的疫情，困在家中、在網上聚會和工作，我們和世人一樣，不免會感覺疲乏。大家都知道我們正在經歷一生沒有經過，歷史上也很少出現的日子。雖然現在開始進入大量接種疫苗的時期，但是政府和專家都認為、現在各處出現的變種疫情情況、比以前更加嚴峻，不能掉以輕心；而且估計這種病毒很可能會一直存在，並非完全沒有道理。

長時間的困難會令人灰心和疲乏，也容易對神的屬性和作為產生懷疑。這是在疫情中會出現的心情。故此，雅各告訴忍受著試煉的聖徒：「不要看錯了。各樣美善的恩賜和各樣全備的賞賜都是從上頭來的…在他並沒有改變，也沒有轉動的影兒。」(雅各書 1:16-17) 神也通過以賽亞先知告訴祂的兒女，看看天上的月亮星星，看看銀河系吧；從太初到現在，一切還是這麼偉大奇妙，還在按著神權能的命令毫無偏差地運轉著。在我們的神那裡，一切都是光明可喜愛的。(以賽亞書 40:21-26, 28-29)

一年多來，在疫情中我們特別蒙神保守，各處的教會和聖徒也是一樣，是無庸置疑的事實。還有更實在，讓人有很大的激勵和盼望的事情就是，在樂園那裡也好，主回來以後的千禧年也好，或將來的新天新地，都是沒有疫情，沒有災病的地方。你不需要防疫，不需要戴口罩，而且一切的環境一定是非常的優美壯觀，因為我們父神所創造的就是這樣。

你灰心嗎？你疲倦嗎？我們認識的神是掌管宇宙和一切的主宰，就是主耶穌基督的父，也是我們的父神。我們實在是神所深愛的。患難生忍耐，忍耐也當成功，使我們成全、完備，毫無缺欠。神叫萬事互相效力，在我們疲乏的時候，神的應許和同在，讓前面的盼望更加的實在和吸引。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 15, 2021

What was your immediate reaction to the latest news flash, “Ontario Extending Stay-at-Home Order Until June 2” In many sectors, the extension has brought questions, anxiety and even frustration. Health, finances, and the future continue to overshadow our thoughts these days. Many are waiting and hoping that the stay home order will finally be lifted, allowing us to look forward to a long-awaited summer.

On hearing the news flash, there were moments that some of us even sighed, “How long will this pandemic last. It’s been more than a year since the coronavirus affected and brought changes — jobs, school, vacation, gathering and various plans. When will this come to an end?”

In Scripture, we are reminded that even the Psalmist lamented to God asking: How long? In Psalm 13, He utters his heartfelt question: “How long, O Lord? Will you utterly forget me?” which suggests that he is at the end of his rope, and cannot hold on much longer. David, the writer of this psalm, is bringing himself to God and pouring his heart to God. There are times in our walk of faith when God is silent. About one-third of all the psalms are laments. These psalms show us that we can bring our grief and sorrow to the Lord.

Although we tend to focus our prayers on ourselves, God desires for us to lament for others. Do you know people in your community, neighbours, workplaces, schools and/or in the church who are lamenting right now? We may not fully comprehend what they are going through, but we can continually pray for them.

Think and pray for those people as you read Psalm 13. Take some time to PLEAD for the grief, confusion, or sorrow, with the One who created the world and us.

Pray for countries, and cities, as they seek to help manage this challenge.
Lament for those who feel forgotten and unseen during these turbulent times that they may experience God’s unfailing love.
Encourage a friend who is in need and be a listening ear to those who suffer.
Ask for God’s comfort for those who are experiencing great loss and those who are grieving today.
Devote yourself to prayer - trusting on the faithfulness and goodness of God.

David started in utter despair, but after five verses he was ready to praise God because he trusted Him. He knew that God would make all things new for a better tomorrow if he continued to trust.

Is the ongoing pandemic either reorienting or reaffirming your trust in the power of a good and loving God?

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Let’s continue to lament for the world and communities around us, trusting in God’s unfailing love.

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最新消息 (5/8/2021)

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『你要使父母歡喜，使生你的快樂。』(箴言 23:25)

明日是母親節！是我們心中最難以忘卻的日子，是全世界共有的節日，也是最觸動感情的節日。就是在疫情下、全天下很多人都在用感恩的心紀念母親，慶祝母愛的偉大。

在這段疫情的日子中，母親份外不易為。為了躲避感染病毒、很多母親減少外出，或天天在家，既要照顧家人，又要忙碌上班。為兒女的健康安全和教育而費枕忘餐。有懷孕的母親們更要擔驚受怕，事事寧可犧牲小我保著胎兒。然而，環境雖然艱難，但母親總是默默耕耘，堅韌不倒的，面對逆境卻從不放棄。因此今年的母親節，也許顯得份外有意思，叫我們更會心地體會母親的辛勞與愛心。

聖經很注重親情，勉勵所有子女的要敬愛父母、要行孝。中國人說「養兒一百歲，常憂九十九」。研究也顯示，無論兒女有多大，媽媽還是會為兒女掛念擔憂，即使到了自己生命中最後的一天。沒有孩子時，不理解這含義，真應了「養兒方知父母恩」這句話。所以我們做兒女的，要懂得疼惜媽媽，要讓你的媽媽心裡歡喜快樂。若母親仍健在，應當珍惜，好好表現你的孝敬之心。如果只能回憶母親，也該喚起甜美的慰藉。即使你的母親有不稱職的地方，也該感謝神賜給每個人都有母親。

母親節也是肯定姊妹之節日；肯定姊妹過去、現在並將來的地位，和對教會的貢獻。當耶穌在十字架上的時候，就是一群婦女姊妹、堅持陪在耶穌的身邊；當耶穌復活的時候，就是首先向婦女顯現。這群單純愛主的姊妹，不論已婚、單親或單身，實在成為歷代教會的最大幫助。

願神祝福所有母親們：“母親節蒙恩”！願神記念您們為子女、為家人所付出的一切。願神永不止息的愛臨到您們，增加祂在您們生命裡屬天的福氣。又願神保守幫助每一位媽媽都有懂得敬畏神的心、有懂得疼惜媽媽的好兒女。願神大大祝福大家，母親節快樂！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 8, 2021

Mother's Day is this Sunday, May 9. It is a day that allows us to not only remember our mothers but to bring to mind all that they have done for us. All over the world, families will gather in homes, restaurants and even churches to thank God and celebrate and honour mothers.

Today, many find various ways to honour and express ones' love and appreciation for their mums. Flowers are one of the most common Mother's Day gifts. Other gifts include boxes of chocolates, greeting cards, bags, or even jewellery. Unfortunately, some present gifts out of obligation or to quench any feelings of guilt. According to Readers digest Canada (April 28, 2021), "The average Canadian spends \$111 on Mother's Day, making it the most shopped-for event after Christmas." Interestingly the same article reports "Sons tend to spend more (\$123) than daughters (\$99)".

Sadly, many people will simply stop with an annual gift. Do we sincerely take into consideration all that the Lord says about honouring our mothers? Exodus 21:12 does not say honour your mother only on a designated day, but we are to give honour to her every day. The Greek word for honour means "to respect, prize, and value." How you treat your parents does matter to God; whether you are two or sixty years old.

But how will you honour her, respect her or even bless her? Jesus saw the importance of honouring his earthly mother. Even at the cross, Jesus thought not of Himself but His mother, making sure not to leave her without any provision. He instructed the "disciple whom he loved" to take care of her as if she were his mother (John 19:25-27). Jesus gives us an ultimate picture of what it means to honour ones' parents.

And part of the responsibility of honouring one's parents is the duty to ensure that they are cared for, even in their old age. Christ did not neglect that responsibility. If your mother is still around, give thanks for her presence in your life. If, your mother has passed on from this life, keep the memories of her alive in your heart.

On this Mother's Day, let's change our usual question from "What will I buy for my mother" to "How am I honouring my mother and how can I do that better this year?"

Happy Mother's Day!

MOTHER'S DAY SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 am for a special worship preview. This week, we praise and thank God for our Mothers through worship, testimonies and sharing. Our sermon focus is " Modeling the Gospel at Home" from 2 Timothy 1:3-7. See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for other announcements. See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!

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EASTERN CANADIAN DISTRICT (ECD)

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

The God who knit us together in our mother's womb (Psalm 139:13) and He placed us into her arms at birth will neither leave us nor fail us. Take some time this week to memorise Isaiah 66:13.

Thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers for the nation and church family. The Lord be with you.

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最新消息 (5/1/2021)

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「其實明天如何，你們還不知道。你們的生命是甚麼呢？你們原來是一片雲霧，出現少時就不見了。你們只當說：「主若願意，我們就可以活著，也可以做這事，或做那事。」(雅各書 4:14-15)

「新型冠狀的變種病毒」已從個別地區擴散到全球，發現確診的個案接踵而至，爆發趨勢令各個國家猝不及防，各國醫療系統更承受著前所未有的負荷。確診數字再次高升，各國重新加強一切防疫措施和邊關限制，人們暫無法自由往來和相聚。若要回復疫情前的正常生活，恐怕還需忍耐一段時間。

「計劃趕不上變化」正好形容疫情第二年所帶來的改變。本以為疫苗的研發和生產，會帶我們很快走出疫情。但疫苗的供應和人願意種植疫苗的速度，能否趕上病毒的變化？是另一個未知數。一粒帶菌的飛沫即可改變世界原有的模樣，和整個世界的動向。面對不繼變種的病毒，人在當中顯得何等渺小，看來強大繁榮的國家，也顯得脆弱不堪。

與此同時，疫情讓我們認清誰是生命的主人。雅各書的經文以「一片雲霧」來形容生命的有限。人生的成就，際遇和機會，甚至連平日的作息和飲食，事無大小，沒有不經過上帝的照料和允許的。人們以為自己可以掌控生命，決定去留，其實都只是虛幻，一切要仰賴造物主的供應和眷顧。經文又以「主若願意」提醒我們，謀事在人成事在天，一切主權在於神，「日常」不是必然，要對平凡的每一天心存感恩。

縱然疫情揮之不去，盼望我們更多禱告，改變心態，將神的主權放在我們的生活和計劃中，以謙卑的態度度日。立志過敬畏上帝的生活！

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加網上崇拜，並分享聖餐，一同記念主。請準備餅或麵包與葡萄汁，一同領受神的祝福！嘉賓講員忻晉宇牧師會與你分享「劫後重生」的信息。以下是連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

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網上成人主日學五月新課程有「詩篇」、「約翰福音」和「福音慕道班」，時間是明天早上九時四十五分，歡迎準時參加。以下 Zoom 連結，可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會

「幸福小組研習」的基約網上跟進分享會在今星期三（5月5日）晚八時第二次舉行。今次有組員經驗分享，網上實戰個案，並薛牧師作問題解答，補充資料，彼此交流，分享心得。歡迎參加，

迦南團契今星期六（5月8日）早上10時有網上興趣班，主題為「坐著做運動，有益又輕鬆」由江顧燕玲示範。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，詳情請聯絡 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li。

兒童網上崇拜是週六下午1時30分舉行。請聯絡 Elaine Kong 或 Peggy Lee。青年團契是五月7日(週五)晚7時30分舉行，請聯絡 Jon Moe 弟兄。

MSG 小組五月份主題是「走出沮喪」，內容可參閱會眾版資料、歡迎聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

下星期天是母親節，鼓勵子女記念在疫情日子下母親的需要，及早預備心意或禮物，贈送慰問母親。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情和疫苗種植，為教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願神祝福大家健康平安，主愛同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – May 1, 2021

Everyday, we are overwhelmed with news of disasters, crime, racial conflicts and the surging numbers in Covid-19 cases both nationally and globally. Our natural reaction is to question, “Why do these things happen?” and “Why is there so much suffering in the world?”

Similarly, when suffering strikes, many Christians will question God “Why me? I’m your child; I belong to your family. Don’t I deserve better than this?” Many Christians have more difficulty with the problem of suffering than non-Christians. Many Christians are of the notion that God and suffering are not compatible. Why? Christians hold the notion that nothing happens apart from the will of God, that God is good, loving and kind. And how can a good God allow this?

But the truth is God is no stranger to pain and suffering. Isaiah 53 records the horrifying suffering of the Messiah. Jesus allowed himself to be tormented, agonised and finally crucified. Christ knows our pain and suffering. He experienced deeper suffering and greater temptation than anyone else will ever. Scripture states vividly the tenderness and compassion of Jesus for those who suffer because He’s been there and experienced it (Hebrews 4:15,16).

Christ knows what it means to suffer. He meant it when He told us: “Come to me, all of you who are weary and carry heavy burdens, and I will give you rest.” Jesus wants us to approach Him with all our worries in prayer. As God comforted His people in times of trouble – He wants to fill us with comfort and hope.

Know with every pain you suffer, He hears, knows and understands how you feel. Corrie ten Boom once said, "Never be afraid to trust an unknown future to a known God."

As you step into a new month, do approach Christ confidently in prayer and trust Him wholeheartedly!

ONLINE COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 am for worship preview and preparation. This week, we will focus on the theme "Partnership in Ministry" from Acts 18: 1-11.

See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for other announcements. See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

Join the study on "Mathew: What is the Kingdom of God." Michael Huynh will conclude this series.

EM CORPORATE PRAYER - MAY 5,2021 @8PM

When we read Acts, we see constant references to prayer – the early Christians recognized that without Christ they can do nothing. Let’s come together for a time of prayer – praying for our nation, families, church family, missionaries and community.

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LET'S PRAY

- for our government, medical professionals and workers
- for people with higher risk
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- for business-facing financial difficulties
- for vaccines supplies and rollout

IT'S FIRST RESPONDERS DAY!

We want to especially remember and extend appreciation to the many professionals and front line workers for taking the risk and making sacrifices in saving lives.

Thank you!

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

What a powerful assurance to those who are in Christ. Let's be constantly reminded that Christ is there for us at all times. Take some time this week to memorise Matthew 11:28.

We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for the nation and church family. The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (4/24/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「你們也因著祂，信那叫祂從死裡復活、又給祂榮耀的神，叫你們的信心和盼望都在於神。」(彼得前書 1:21)

在美國一所臨時疫苗中心，有一個人注射疫苗後，利用那十五至廿分鐘的觀察時間，取出大提琴即場獻奏美妙動聽音樂。當時在場的人，有人若無其事照舊滑手機，有些人則認得出他就是國際知名的大提琴家馬友友，眾人為他即席演奏而喜出望外。替馬友友注射疫苗的護士說：「當時大多數人都在忙，等待注射的人也有點焦慮，然而他的演奏在這個時刻帶來很大的治癒。」

全球已達三百萬人因疫情死亡；安省變種疫情嚴峻，處高危狀況。在這個今天不知明日的事，不論是疫情、經濟、社會氣氛等很多事都在轉變中。人最怕的不單是變種的病毒，更是不能掌握和控制眼前發生的事，而這些恐懼是會蔓延及傳染。然而，經文提醒我們，人能因著從死裡復活的主耶穌，得着有信心和盼望。同樣，我們在基督裏的信心及盼望也能傳給其他人，這就像馬友友的即席獻奏的美妙樂聲，對焦慮地等待注射疫苗的人，讓他們感到舒緩及輕省。

在這漫長抗疫之路上，我們能並肩「與喜樂的人一同喜樂，與哀哭的人一同哀哭。」(羅 12:15)，成為其他人的治癒、盼望和同路人。因為「惟有主的道是永存的。所傳給你們的福音就是這道。」(彼前 1:25) 既是如此，在這個迷惘、徬徨的年代，「願賜盼望的神，因著你們的信，將一切喜樂和平安充滿你們，使你們藉著聖靈的能力滿懷盼望。」(羅 15:13)

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今星期三 (4月28日) 將有粵語網上祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 24, 2021

As usual, his mom packed a lunch for her son before he left home that morning. She wanted to take care of her son's needs, but she didn't know that Jesus used her love for her son into one of Jesus' greatest miracle.

Whenever we learn about the feeding of the five thousand, we hear about Jesus, the crowd, or the disciples, but at times we neglect the little boy, who is also central to the miracle. The boy willingly shared the little food he had. We also notice how Jesus chose to use the food offered by young boy to feed the five thousand.

Can you imagine how the little boy felt – as he watched everyone eating his fish and barley bread? He would have hurried back to his mother and testified how Jesus used his lunch to feed the large crowd.

Jesus still heals and feeds, and he uses us to do it. It was not about the size of the gift, or the expected return from the gift, but instead it was the willingness of the boy to help in any way he could. The food may look inadequate for the crowd, but it was more than enough through the work of Christ, so much so that there were leftovers.

There will be many inconveniences, challenges, and frustrations in times like these. This crisis is one where God calls each of us to be a blessing to others. Our possessions and abilities are never too small to serve God. We can influence the world on a much broader scale if we share our resources.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 am for worship preview and preparation. This week, we will focus on the theme "And the Disciples were called Christians" from Acts 11: 19-26; 13:1-3.

For Sunday Service bulletin and announcements click [here](#). See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

We are His! What a powerful promise and assurance to those who are in Christ. Let Psalm 100:3 be a constant reminder to whom we belong.

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Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (4/17/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「當趁耶和華可尋找的時候尋找他，相近的時候求告他。」(以賽亞書 55:6)

過去兩個多月來，疫情愈趨嚴峻，我們彷彿被掉進一個「失去」的深淵中。疫情讓人失去了自由、失去了一個個的寶貴生命、失去了正常社交、失去了子女應有的學校生活，失去了與親友和弟兄姊妹的實體接觸。過去以為必然的人與事，原來我們可以在沒有預告下，隨時會失去。既不能再抓住子女什麼時候可以復課？也不知何時疫情完結可以回復正常生活？那我們當抓著什麼呢？以賽亞先知提醒我們：「當抓緊神！」

主耶穌說：「你們要常在我裡面，我也常在你們裡面。」(約 15:4) 在疫情中當抓著與主相繫，讓心思意念更貼近主。祂體恤我們的軟弱，知道我們身處的困難，主願意透過祂的話教導我們、指正我們、引導我們、堅固我們、安慰我們、滋潤我們疲憊的身心靈。

在疫情中也當抓著了解神的心意，昔日耶利米面對著艱難的環境，好像什麼也做不到，主不但沒有離開祂的僕人。主更鼓勵耶利米在艱難中不要放棄禱告求問神。神許下諾言將他不知道又大又難的事指示了他。好使他在艱難中知道當如何按主的心意生活。(耶 33:3)

面對著全國的疫情嚴峻，市民因封鎖令、留家令等禁令而足不出戶，猶如在家中坐監。面對著未知的明天，我們當抓緊神，安靜求問，忠心侍奉主，等候祂在這艱難的日子向我們說話，以信心跟隨祂一步一步的帶領，越過這個疫情。

邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加網上崇拜，領受神的祝福！薛牧師會繼續與你一同分享聖靈系列信息之「聖靈裡的事奉」。以下是連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。 <https://youtu.be/zMBPIxz4msY>

網上成人主日學四月課程有「利未記：神同在於會幕」。時間是明早早上九時四十五分，歡迎準時參加。

迦南團契於今星期六(4月24日)早上10時有網上聚會，主題為「聖靈是我老友記」，陸昭明牧師主講。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

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MSG 小組四月主題是「聖靈的恩賜」，請聯絡組長組會時間，同心參加。

最後，請不要忘記種植疫苗，為人為己為家人，齊心抗疫，並為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 17, 2021

God is Near, Even When He Feels Far Away

When is God closest to us? The ongoing wave of the pandemic could make us feel that we are constantly under attack: physically, mentally, emotionally and even spiritually. Many are feeling more disconnected today than ever before. I am sure the majority of us were broken-hearted at one time or another and also for various reasons. At such time, we may think God is closest only when He hears our prayers or when things happen in our favour. At such times, we tend to think that God is near to us. I don't disagree. But Psalm 34:18 offers us something different: God is near us when we are weak, broken, and in despair. Though our lives might be primarily stripped of normality, His presence does not depart from us as He is always near us.

When we are at our lowest, God knows us intimately. He knows the words we speak even before we say them. We can't escape from His loving presence. (Psalm 139:1-6). God gives us hope to rise again. Consider and be on the lookout for the unexpected ways God might be working in the crisis.

I came across a story about being steadfast in crisis moments. In 1527, Martin Luther wrote a letter to a fellow church pastor on what needs to be done when the plague strikes one's city. Luther wrote, "Do not flee from risk. Do your job. Use medicine. If you are sick, keep away from others. Most of all – remain steadfast." What a great reminder!

Though there are many inconveniences, challenges, and frustrations in times like these, know that You are not alone. The Lord is near – be steadfast.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 am for worship preview and preparation. This week, we will focus on the theme "The Turning Point: Saul Meets Jesus" from Acts 9: 3-19. See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for other announcements. See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

Join the study sessions on "Mathew: What is the Kingdom of God." Michael Huynh will conduct this series.

EM CORPORATE PRAYER - APRIL 21 @8PM

When we read Acts, we see constant references to prayer – the early Christians recognized that without Christ they can do nothing. Let's come together to pray for our nation, families, church family, missionaries and community.

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

What a powerful promise and assurance to those who in Christ. Let's be reminded of His promises by memorising Luke 12:6-7 for this week.

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Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (4/10/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「祂對我說：我的恩典夠你用的，因為我的能力是在人的軟弱上顯得完全。所以，我更喜歡誇自己的軟弱，好叫基督的能力覆庇我。」(哥林多後書 12:9)

「天生我材必有用」是唐代古詩中的詩句。讀者不難發現李白那份懷才不遇、壯志未籌的失落與唏噓。若問，基督徒的人生，可有懷才不遇這回事嗎？聖經告訴我們，神所賜與的才華必為其所用，在天國裡不會有多餘和閒置的人。神的兒女在天父面前均有獨特的召命；成為建造天國的器皿，所以是一個也不能少的！

澳洲生命鬥士力克胡哲弟兄 (Nick Vujicic)，天生無手無腳，只得左下肢有一個「小鼓槌」連兩根腳趾。他曾被拒到正常學校上課、被同學奚落，甚至想自殺。不過，信主後他想通了，認定殘疾是「上天的禮物」，於是他努力不懈地練成穿衣、吃飯、打字、游水……結果今天他活得非常精彩。神使用力克巡迴世界，宣講激勵人心的見證，給萬人帶來希望，成為別人的神蹟。

面對人生的不幸，有人會逃避與隱藏；力克卻選擇在神的恩典中，表述福音的大能。面對人生坎坷的際遇，能勇敢地迎向，而不自怨自艾，這是生命歷鍊後的見證。是藏在瓦器中的寶貝！

人軟弱、有限制，是神意料中事，但人生能否被主用；其分別，不在乎能力的強弱或恩賜的多寡；是在乎交多少在神手中！在客觀條件上，我們有的都比力克多，但事奉的果效卻成反比！道理何在？皆因力克自知不足，卻肯被神用；所以神能用。主正等候我們的回應；起來吧！

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今星期三 (4月14日) 將有粵語網上祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求。

MSG 小組幸福外展網上培訓的第三和第四堂，將分別在今週二和週四 (4月13, 15日) 晚 8p.m. 舉行。由啟創「幸福小組」的教會楊錫儒牧師講授，加拿大華福主辦。中文事工為鼓勵弟兄姊妹參加，全數支助參加費用，未參加的，請與組長和長老或中文事工委會登記，取連結登入。請不要錯過，燃點福音熱。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 10, 2021

In my devotions, I opened up my Bible to the book of Numbers. In Numbers chapters 13-14, after a long journey from Egypt, the people of Israel had finally arrived to the land God had promised them - the land of Canaan. God instructed Moses to send 12 spies to view the land before the rest of the Israelites could enter. After 40 days, the spies returned and brought back mixed reports. However, they all agreed that Canaan was a good and fruitful land flowing with milk and honey.

The first group of 10 spies said, "We are not able to go up against the people; for they are stronger than we... a land that devours its inhabitants, a land that devours its inhabitants, and all the people that we saw in it are of great height. There we saw the giants... and we were like grasshoppers..." (Num. 13:31-33). On the other hand, Joshua and Caleb presented a confident report. They confidently stated, "we are well able to overcome it." (v. 30).

Though the 10 spies were accurate in content but were weak in their faith. They lacked the faith to believe that God would deliver the land into their hands. Although Joshua and Caleb didn't deny what the other 10 spies reported, they recognized how big their God was, and that made all the difference. Joshua and Caleb remembered the power of God that had brought them this far and would still be with them to see them through.

Sadly, the Israelites sided with opposing spies, thus failing to trust God's word and the power of God. They complained, wishing they were back in Egypt or even regretting that they didn't just die out in the wilderness (14:2).

The ongoing effects of the pandemic can challenge our faith and trust in God. Like Joshua and Caleb, uncertain times such as these, are a great motivator to look back and remember how God always comes through! The God we serve today is the same as the God of Numbers 13. "Don't look at the circumstance in front of you, look at the miracles behind you. Let it be our prayer that the Holy Spirit would open our eyes to the God who goes before us.

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Join the study sessions on "Mathew: What is the Kingdom of God." Michael Huynh will conduct this series.

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SMALL GROUP

Being part of a small group is truly beneficial for the Christian life and experience. Be part of our church community by joining our Small group.

Contact the Small Group leaders and see details in the church bulletin.

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Did you know that you are so much more than flesh and blood if the Spirit of God lives inside of you? The Lord dwells in us - AMEN!. Let's be constantly be reminded of this fact by memorising Romans 8:11 for this week.

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Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (4/3/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「天使對婦女說：不要害怕！我知道你們是尋找那釘十字架的耶穌。他不在這裡，照他所說的，已經復活了…」(馬太福音 28:5-6)

明天是復活節。今年的復活節與以往任何一年的復活節截然不同。面對新冠病毒肆虐，為控制疫情，安省封鎖關閉，政府雖然繼續推行疫苗接種，市民仍然感受到疫情威脅的嚴重。復活的主，知不知道我們的艱難呢？答案是肯定的。祂一定知道。

所以復活的主走到一群驚懼的婦女面前說：不要害怕！(太 28:10)；祂又親自走到以馬忤斯路上與門徒同行交談(路 24:15)，祂又親自走到門徒中間說：願祢們平安！(路 24:36)；在傷心欲絕的馬利亞面前也細心對話(約 20:15-17)；即使如我們一樣多疑的多馬，復活主也不厭其煩的親臨實証。(約 20:27)

耶穌從來沒有說在世上的日子是容易的，祂在世的經歷也充滿險惡，然而這一切都不足以讓我們退縮、畏懼、終日愁雲慘霧，因耶穌告訴我們：「在上，你們有苦難；但你們可以放心，我已經勝了世界。」(約十六 33)

願勝過死亡復活的主，與我們同行，安慰鼓勵我們。面對未知的將來，仍憑信心一天一天走過。加油，天路客！加油，同行者！

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – April 3, 2021

What do the disciples do on Saturday?

Can you visualize what was in the minds of Jesus' disciples the day after He was crucified? Undoubtedly, their minds would have been filled with unexplainable questions because of their close relationship with Jesus. They would have remembered their time with Him – reflecting on his teachings and miracles, and on the same note having a sense of guilt for deserting Jesus in time of need.

Swiss painter Eugene Burnand, (born in 1850) painted a magnificent painting, portraying the room filled with the disciples on Saturday, the day after Jesus was crucified. In his drawing, three of the disciples sat in deep thought, while the other eight stood nearby agonizing Jesus' death. Their faces looked grim, abandoned or even lonely. In the picture, Peter is pictured on the far right, with his face buried in his hands, feeling guilty for denying knowing Jesus just a few hours earlier. John the beloved, who sits next to him, would have tried to comfort his hasty friend; but words would not go that far.

These men could not have known that everything would change again in a matter of days. Just as Jesus had predicted his death, he had also predicted that he would rise again on the third day. We know Jesus eventually He did but at the time, his disciples didn't know. But they had to wait patiently.

All of us have felt that pain of loneliness that forces us to ask, "Why are you not here, Jesus?" Even some might feel it this present time we are living which feels a lot like an extended Holy Saturday. Feeling unsure when things would go back to normal again. Like the disciples, we can also experience times when we have to wait on God's promise to come to pass. As one who endured the silent Saturday wrote: "Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord's coming." (James 5:7)

The Saturday in between Good Friday and Easter Sunday is marked mostly by silence and reflection. Silence by the Jews as they observed the Sabbath. God allowed the Saturday to be a time of reflection and to wait patiently on Him. We cannot celebrate Easter morning without first passing through the stillness of Saturday.

Let us allow this time to deepen our faith and strengthen our discipleship, as we sit, waiting and praying.

Questions for reflection:

Have you ever felt as if God was silent towards you?
What causes you to become impatient when waiting for the Lord?
What do you do as you wait?

ONLINE EASTER COMMUNION SERVICE @ 9.30 AM

Join us from 9.15 am for worship preparation and preview. We welcome and thank Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon for sharing the Easter message. We thank God for Jenny Huynh and Charmaine Lau for joining the church family. See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for other announcements.

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NO SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW

We will not be having Sunday School tomorrow. Please mark your calendar to join our New Sunday School Programme to begin from April 11, 2021.

EM CORPORATE PRAYER - APRIL 7 @ 8PM

At times life can be overwhelming. Prayer helps us to direct our focus on God. Let's come together to pray and encourage one another.

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Christ is Risen! Let's take some time to reflect on Jesus' life, and His death and resurrection. Let's memorise John 11:25-26, to serve as a reminder of the new life assured in Christ.

We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for the nation and church family. We thank God for all His blessings and wish you an Easter full of joy and hope.

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (3/27/2021)

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「有許多上來過節的人聽見耶穌將到耶路撒冷，就拿著棕樹枝出去迎接他，喊著說：和散那！奉主名來的以色列王是應當稱頌的！」(約翰福音 12:13)

今日是「棕枝主日」(Palm Sunday)，是主復活前一個主日，也是「受難週」的開始。棕枝主日是紀念耶穌在世最後一個星期的遭遇，進入聖城、受難、死亡及復活。這節期給我們重新思考彌賽亞與我們的關係。

經文描述耶穌騎著驢子進入耶路撒冷，百姓聚集在城門口，揮動棕樹枝歡迎耶穌，喊叫：「和散那！」。和散那的意思是向神祈求拯救，也是向神稱頌。百姓的行動，都是迎接君王的方式。昔日每當大君王進城時必會騎著戰馬，可是，耶穌竟一反常態只騎著驢駒進城，暗示自己不像世人所期盼的彌賽亞。而且，當耶穌進城後，更在同一個星期的週五被出賣、受審、被離棄，眾人都大叫：「釘死祂！」，最後釘在十字架上，死了且被埋葬。百姓曾抱著盼望，期待基督成為得勝政權的彌賽亞，但期望落空了。似乎沒有人明白十字架的意義，那其實是受苦的彌賽亞得勝罪與死亡的大勝利。

你一直以來所景仰的是一位怎樣的彌賽亞？你會欣然接受這受苦被棄的耶穌為彌賽亞嗎？每當你遇到困難，祈求神的幫助與拯救時，又能否欣然接受神的回應？你一直需要的是你想像的拯救者抑或是耶穌基督？盼望每當我們再唱「和散那，和散那…」的時候，我們都感激地承認耶穌基督，是為拯救我們這罪人而死，使我們得自由、得救恩、得著永恆盼望的彌賽亞。因為除祂以外，別無拯救！

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今年會友年會將在明日3月28日下午二時在網上 Zoom 舉行，有重要議題需要會友們同心參與。

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願神祝福大家，主恩同偕、有信有望有愛！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – MARCH 27, 2021

My Way or God's Way

It was a jubilant atmosphere among the people of Israel when Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey on the first day of the week. I have always imagined those people lining the streets of Jerusalem, joyfully waving their palm branches and shouting, "Hosanna to God in the highest! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord." Hosanna means "Save us, we pray!" Many of them had heard or seen Jesus perform many miracles and wondrous acts. There were many in the crowd who had waited a long time for the promised Messiah. The crowd wanted Jesus to save them by overthrowing the Roman rulers who had conquered their land. But Jesus didn't offer the people the kind of help they wanted. He offered them the help they needed most – deliverance from sin to a new life with God. Jesus came to save them from their sins and establish a spiritual kingdom. Entering Holy Week, I am reminded especially that in these uncertain times we are living, only Christ is able to save us. There is no doubt that Jesus saves but the real question is, "From what does Jesus save us?" Jesus saves us, however, from so much more. "Hosanna, Jesus save us from guilt to righteousness." "Hosanna, Jesus saves us from hopelessness to confidence in Him!" We can cry out, "Hosanna, Jesus save us from loneliness to refuge in Him." "Hosanna! Jesus save us from eternal death to eternal life." What does hosanna mean to you today?

Hosanna, Jesus saves me from _____.

And when we shout Hosanna may we remember that it is only Jesus who saves! Let's wait expectantly because God is working in all of this, He works all things for the good of those who love Him and come to Him.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 am for worship preview and preparation. This week, we will focus on the theme "What Are You Looking For?" from Mark 11:1-10; 15-17. See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for other announcements. See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

Join the last study sessions on "The Crucified Life: Seven Words from the Cross." This Sunday, Rev Vinson will conclude on Jesus' last word from the Cross"

ALERT! NEW SUNDAY SCHOOL PROGRAMME

Starting April, we will start a new set of Sunday School classes aim to equip us to be a better disciple of Jesus.

The learning will be built on 3 dimensions of our faith: Truth, Life and Way, to deepen our relationship with Jesus and to enrich our spiritual life.

See the Sunday bulletin for further details. Mark your calendar to join us!

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MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

As we take some time to reflect on Jesus' life, and His death and resurrection, let's remind ourselves of the love of Christ by memorising 2 Corinthians 5:15.

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Blessings
Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (3/20/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「堅心倚賴祢的，祢必保守他十分平安，因為他倚靠祢。」(以賽亞書 26:3)

新冠肺炎爆發至今滿一周年，加上病毒變種，全球各地每日的感染人數仍處於高水平。疫苗的研發和大量生產，為我們帶來一線曙光和希望。疫苗初現世時，人們提出很多問題：注射後能否有效抵禦病毒？是否從此不再感染？會否出現副作用？對病毒變種的病例能否奏效？有數名香港市民接種疫苗後不治、是否與疫苗有關？對這些問題、專家和數據都不繼研究，提出答案。有信徒問我：「牧師，你是否會接種疫苗？」我想到，為己為人為家人，打防疫針是合情合理的事，若身體已存有健康的問題或病痛、應先諮詢醫生作決定。但若果人對一些東西仍有懷疑，當然建議暫時不要接受，直至到相信為止。

我不是否定接種疫苗的疑慮，而是想強調「信心」運用在生活每一層面上的重要性。「信心」對人產生的力量，在心理、生理、意志、甚至在在歷史中，都有極重要的影響。摩西憑信回應呼召，領數百萬以色列人出埃及走曠野，經歷天天有食物吃，有水用的奇蹟；以色列人憑信過紅海，截斷了強權的追殺；但以理憑信進入火窯也不拜金像；保羅憑信走遍羅馬帝國傳福音，也叫猶推古復活。

我們害怕病毒，迫切期待疫苗出現，現今疫苗研發成功，人又怕接種。讓我們相信上主的權能和保守。聖經上說：「不要怕，只要信！」(可 5:36) 又說：「應當一無掛慮，只要凡事藉著禱告、祈求，和感謝，將你們所要的告訴神。神所賜、出人意外的平安必在基督耶穌裡保守你們的心懷意念。」(腓 4:6-7)

願我們祈禱「叫基督的平安在你們心裡作主」(西 3:15) 說“主啊，求你使我剛強壯膽，在軟弱中信得過你會加力量；在混亂中信得過你會指引正路；在不義中信得過你會賞善罰惡；在無助中信得過你會抱我而行。奉主耶穌名求，阿們。”

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迦南團契將於今星期六 (3月27日) 早上10時有「活在我心中」網上聚會，有翟林展麗牧師主講。歡迎年長弟兄姊妹及有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

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願神祝福大家，主恩同偕、有信有望有愛！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – MARCH 20, 2021

I came across a story about a man who was gradually losing his memory and it was affecting his daily activities badly. After a full medical examination, the surgeon said that a risky operation on his brain might help restore his memory, but the surgeon also cautioned that the surgery would be very risky as it could possibly sever a nerve which could cause total blindness.

Then the surgeon asked, "So, which would you rather have, your sight or your memory?" The man thought for a while and replied, "My sight, because I would rather see where I am going than remember where I have been."

The man realised the importance of sight than memory - he wanted to be able to see where he was going than live with blindness. He understood that being blind meant he would be living a life not knowing where he was going.

If you were asked the same question, what would your answer be? In Ephesians 1:18, Paul the apostle, prays for spiritual eyes among his fellow believers:

"I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened, so that you will know what is the hope of His calling, what are the riches of the glory of His inheritance in the saints, and what is the surpassing greatness of His power toward us who believe."

The Apostle prays for spiritual enlightenment, that these believers might be able to see what God has done, and is doing for them, and to live a life with the power of God.

God sees what we cannot see and know what we do not know. In 2 Chronicles 16:9a, it affirms, "For the eyes of the LORD run to and fro throughout the whole earth, to give strong support to those whose heart is blameless toward him." Truly, God sees the big picture of our lives, and He's aware of every little thing that happens and wants to direct our path.

The Lord Jesus came that we may have life and light. He's looking to strengthen those who are willing to wholeheartedly place their trust in Him. He gives us spiritual eyes to see! Praise the Lord.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

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The Lord is our helper! As our present, future and destiny rest in the hands of our faithful Lord - Fear will not be our master. Let's memorise Hebrews 13:6 for this week.

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你喜歡吃哪一種水果呢？是香甜多汁、鮮艷奪目的，還是清脆爽的？相信大家一定都會選擇好吃的水果。耶穌用好果子來比喻敬虔的生活（路加福音 6：43-45），而在今天經文，保羅也用好果子教導我們聖靈的工作。

生了病或快枯竭的樹不能結出好的果子。同樣，死在罪中的人也不會結出聖靈的果子，反而不能脫離犯罪，例如姦淫、污穢、仇恨、爭競、忌恨、以及其他很多的罪。然而，在耶穌基督裡得了新生命的人，卻能夠結出好果子來：「仁愛、喜樂、和平、忍耐、恩慈、良善、信實、溫柔、節制」。

哪一種果子更吸引人呢？自然是好果子了。可惜的是，我們都不能靠自己結出屬靈的果子，靠刻苦己身註定會失敗，惟有藉著聖靈在我們裡面動工，我們才能認識耶穌，結出滿有聖靈的生命果子。願我們順從聖靈，在每日的生活中彰顯出敬虔和愛的生命。

請問，你的生命結出哪種果子呢？保羅所指聖靈的果子，可以幫助我們去反省自己是否與耶穌同行。應當祈求聖靈，每一天都在我們心裡動成聖工作，好叫我們結出上好豐富的屬靈果子。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – MARCH 13, 2021

Matthew 4: 8-11 exemplifies the third and final temptation Jesus faced in the wilderness. The devil attempted to tempt Jesus by, "All this I will give you, if you will bow down and worship me." By offering Jesus all the kingdoms, Satan goes against God's ultimate plan of salvation and tries to turn Jesus away from fulfilling God's will. His motive is to bring a radical shift in the direction of Jesus' mission. Jesus knowing the will of the Father rebuked Satan and said, "Away from me, Satan! For it is written: 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve him only.'" Jesus reaffirms His commitment to the Father to fulfil His redemptive plan.

How can this event in the life of Christ relate back to us and how can we apply it to our lives? This demonstrates that God's plans and purposes are always greater. We are called to trust His plan and to continually submit to Him. As God's people, we have to make worship and our daily walk with God our priority. Loving God sincerely results in worshipping Him and doing those things that please Him, even when there are consequences.

This year, the English Ministry Team (EMT) will continue to see "God as primary" in all we do. We want to "Be the Church" and focus our ministry using the acronym AMEN to draw our objectives:

ADORE through **WORSHIP** - God does not want us to place anything before Him. His desire is that we worship Him and Him alone. He wants to come first in our lives. Pray for EMT's initiatives for online and hybrid worship services.

MULTIPLY through **SMALL GROUP AND LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT** – we plan to move towards building a strategic small group culture that will multiply our groups and develop leaders for the future.

ENGAGE through **SUNDAY SCHOOL AND OUTREACH**. From April onwards, we will introduce a discipleship framework for our Sunday school that will happen after our Sunday Service. It is our focus to provide a wholistic study of His word, and to make faithful disciples for Christ. In the area of Outreach, let's make all effort to reach out to our friends and community with the unfailing love of Christ.

NURTURE through **CARE AND CONCERN**. We want to watch for the spiritual and social well being of the church community in a way that reflects Jesus' care. As reminded in Galatians 6:10, "let us do good to everyone, and especially to those who are of the household of faith."

As the Apostle Paul prayed a powerful prayer for the Ephesian Christians — a prayer I encourage you to pray for yourself, your loved ones and the church for the year, "...having the eyes of your hearts enlightened, that you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints..." (Ephesians 1:18). As we follow Jesus, the Father empowers us to make a lasting difference in the lives of many.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

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EM CORPORATE PRAYER - MARCH 17 @ 8PM

Let's come together for a time of prayer - praying for our nation, families, church and community.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Don't forget to set your clock before you go to bed. Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 14 at 2 am.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

And whenever we find ourselves being tempted to neglect our time with God, we must remind ourselves that " we shall not live by bread alone, but every word that comes from the mouth of God." Let's memorise Matthew 4:4 for this week. We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for the nation and church family. The Lord be with you.

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「你們蒙召原是為了此；因基督也為你們受過苦，給你們留下榜樣，叫你們跟隨他的腳蹤行。」(彼得前書 2:21)

本周是大齋期(又叫預苦期)的第三個主日。在教會年曆中是復活節前的四十天，從聖灰日(Ash Wednesday)至受苦週(Passion Week)，期間不計算主日，因每主日都是記念基督復活的日子。

自古以來，信徒在此期間多會透過靈修操練，讀經祈禱、禁食節制、克己和悔罪，紀念十架的基督，思念主的受苦受死，默想上帝救恩與犧牲，進入悔罪和更新的生活，並懷著盼望，預備自己的心去慶祝耶穌的復活。

基約不是禮儀教會，不太強調節期；然而，鼓勵信徒在這段期間讀經祈禱、反省悔罪，體會與基督一同受苦，感受神對人的愛、寬恕和恩典是重要的。尤其在今天疫情下的社會，藉著對困苦、軟弱、和饑餓的經歷，體會貧乏者的痛苦，對靈性成長有大裨益。在預苦期內，人的心靈更當轉向神，反省自問：「基督這樣愛我，我愛主比這一切更深嗎？」

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – MARCH 6, 2021

Just as nations and people begin to gather steam for the supply of Covid -19 vaccines, then comes the unwelcomed news of short supplies and brutal winter weather postponing the delivery of these vaccines across many nations. Such delays can often produce anger and frustration. In fact, life frustrations and unease can often lead us to quit and give up, but as believers we have the privilege of looking to Jesus for guidance and comfort.

Today on March 6, 1738, George Whitefield wrote about an exceptional moment in his life. In his journal, George, a 23-year-old Oxford man, foretold the event that took place in his journey to America – a journey he was anticipating. The ship that George Whitehead was sailing anchored off the shores of Gibraltar for 2 weeks. Instead of being discouraged or frustrated with the prolonged delay, Whitefield seized the opportunity and went ashore in anticipation to what God might have in store for him. On shore, Whitefield shared and ministered to the many English soldiers who were stationed at Fort of Gibraltar. On March 6, 1738, he penned that on the last day, “many come weeping, telling me what God has done for their souls, desiring my prayers and promising me theirs in return.” A two-week delay in his journey could have easily caused frustration but instead the young Whitefield knew that God had a greater plan for him.

Similarly, we read stories of such delays and God’s plan in the Bible. We read an incident of great urgency with which Mary and Martha, the sisters of dying Lazarus, experienced in John 11. Mary and Martha were frustrated that Jesus had not responded to their request earlier to visit their dying brother. In the story, did you notice that Jesus never hurried? Even though Lazarus was dying, He delayed coming to see him until Lazarus was dead. Jesus wanted to do something greater than heal a sick man – He wanted them to have faith and trust Him. From this story, we can learn that God’s timing is always best.

In our life, we will be continually faced with struggles, hardship and deal with unfortunate circumstances. But how do you react when your plans get interrupted? In weariness, we might cry out, how long must I wait, God? When will you show up for me?

If you are experiencing some delay or going through a time of interruptions and delays, be encouraged – this season is not without meaning and worth. Even in such times, God is in it with you, God sees the whole picture and knows what He is doing.

Today, you and I can view interruptions as obstacles or opportunities – the choice is ours.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 and for worship preview and preparation. This week, we will focus on the theme " God is seeking for True Worshipers" Psalm 122. See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for other announcements. See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

Join us for study sessions on “The Crucified Life: Seven Words from the Cross.” This Sunday, Rev Vinson will conduct the session on “Jesus’ 3rd word from the Cross”

VBS 2021

VBS for 2021 will continue to be a virtual/online summer camp. It will still be a 3 weeks program from July 12- July 30. If you are interested & would like to be a volunteer, please contact Elaine or Peggy for an application, deadline for submission is April 4.

NEW BABY!

Congratulations to the proud parents, Omed and Shadan, as they celebrate the birth of their son Malik on February 27, 2021. The parents are thankful to the church family for their prayers and support.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING - MARCH 28 @ 2PM

Mark your calendar for the church Annual Membership Meeting on March 28 at 2 pm through Zoom. Join the church family to remember God’s blessings and provision during 2020 and looking forward to 2021.

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight saving time begins on Sunday, March 14 at 2 am. Don't forget to set your clock next Saturday before you go to bed.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Let me encourage you to memorise Luke 4:8 for this week and let nothing stop you from worshipping and serving our living Lord.

We value all your support, encouragement and prayers for the nation and church family. The Lord be with you.

Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
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最新消息 (2/27/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「耶穌回答說：馬大！馬大！你為許多的事思慮煩擾，但是不可少的只有一件；馬利亞已經選擇那上好的福分，是不能奪去的。」(路加福音 10:41-42)

聖經上記載主耶穌到訪馬大及馬利亞的家庭，馬大因忙著接待耶穌及門徒等相關事務，心裡忙亂，甚至向主發怨言。主耶穌向馬大一方面肯定她的辛勞付出，卻又向她發出溫柔的邀請說：「但是不可少的只有一件。馬利亞已經選擇那上好的福分…」，這「上好的福分」究竟是指甚麼呢？主耶穌接著就向我們展示，「上好的福份」就是「禱告」親近神，而禱告的內容就是主禱文，即以神為中心的祈禱。(路 11:1-4)

今天，在疫情下，許多以往看似平常的事也不是必然，停課、停工、停聚會、停接觸等等，彷彿一切都停頓。然而，疫情下，求主教導我們學效祂在不同的遭遇中，作個常常禱告的人。疫情下，你也許會「心裡忙亂，甚至心懷怨言」，許多事情要押後甚至取消，人際互動的機會也失去很多，「但是不可少的只有一件」，是「上好的福分」，你選上了嗎？求主教導我們……

所以，邀請你，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加網上崇拜，領受神的祝福！忻晉宇牧師會與你分享「你們禱告要這樣說」的信息，以下是連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

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網上成人主日學，仍然是明早早上九時四十五分，課程繼續有「認識啟示錄」，「屬靈基要真理站」和「福音班」。歡迎準時參加。以下 Zoom 連結，可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會：

迦南團契將於 3 月 13 日（星期六）早上十時舉行健康講座聚會「新冠疫苗知多少」，講員是郭詠觀醫生。歡迎弟兄姊妹及新朋友參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

復活節是洗禮和轉會好機會，三月份有預備班，以網上或電話進行，歡迎聯絡牧師、長老、或組長作安排。

兒童網上崇拜仍然是週六下午 1 時 30 分舉行。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。青年團契是三月 5 日(週五) 晚 7 時 30 分舉行，請聯絡 Jon Moe 或英文牧師 Rev. Vinson Samuel。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願神祝福大家，禱告得力！主恩同偕！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – FEBRUARY 27, 2021

Do you like waiting in line? When it comes to waiting for our turn in the doctor's office or the traffic signal to turn green, it's no secret that such waiting times can aggravate us, and we would like to avoid it at all cost. Waiting is a practice that seems counterproductive to many of us today.

The Washington Post published an incident about people who were frustrated whilst waiting for the elevator in a high-rise building in Manhattan. The tenants were upset and grumbled about the long wait for the elevator during lunch hours. The building management studied the problem but could not find ways to speed up the elevator's service. They also asked for suggestions from people who complained. Interestingly, one of the employees came with a surprising proposal. He noted that people were bored waiting for the elevator, so to avoid that boredom, he suggested installing floor-to-ceiling mirrors near the elevators. The mirrors would allow people to look at themselves and others while waiting. When the management implemented the employee's suggestion, complaints dropped to nearly zero.

Lent is a season of waiting. There are countless examples of seasons of waiting in the bible. Waiting on God was one reason David was called "a man after God's own heart", he waited in the cave before he was appointed as King. Other examples include: Noah waited for the rain; Daniel waited throughout the night surrounded by a den of lions.

Waiting does not necessarily mean abstaining from all activity. So, what can we learn while we are waiting? We can learn to trust God with anticipation as we wait to fulfil only His plan and purposes. John Piper writes "To wait on God means to pause and soberly consider our own inadequacy and the Lord's all-sufficiency, and to seek counsel and help from the Lord, and to hope in Him (Ps. 33:20-22; Isa. 8:17)... The folly of not waiting for God is that we forfeit the blessing of having God work for us. The evil of not waiting on God is that we oppose God's will to exalt Himself in mercy."

As we spend waiting moments, the Psalmist reminds us that sometimes all we have is God's presence. Having patience and trusting in the Lord is one of the essential life principles we can ever learn.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 and for worship preview and preparation. This week, we welcome Rev C Y Yan to minister to us. The theme is "How to Pray." from Matthew 6:9-13. See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for details. See you tomorrow!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

Join us for study sessions on "The Crucified Life: Seven Words from the Cross." This Sunday, Rev Vinson will conduct the session on "Jesus' second word from the Cross"

ONLINE CORPORATE PRAYER

At times life can be overwhelming. Prayer helps us to direct our focus on God. Let's come together to pray and encourage one another.

COMMUNITY FOOD DRIVE

Tomorrow is the last day to give your donations through the Community Outreach team to bless the needy and homeless community who are affected badly by the pandemic. Please see the Sunday bulletin for contact details.

NEED PRAYER?

If you have any specific needs or someone to pray with you, please let us know. Send your request to: contact@ncac.ca

SMALL GROUPS (SG)

Be part of our church community by joining our Small group, a place to belong and grow. Contact the SG leaders if you need further information.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Let me encourage you to memorise Psalm 130:5 for this week and allow Christ to work continually in your lives to show His way, teach and to lead you into the Truth.

Once again, thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers for the church family. The Lord be with you.

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (2/20/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

聖經上說「你們雖然不好，尚且知道拿好東西給兒女。何況天父，豈不更將聖靈給求他的人嗎？」
(路加福音 11:13)

曾讀過一個見證，說在馬路中間的安全島上，有一位媽媽拖著她的小女兒，四周的人都聽到她們的對話。當時小女孩的穿著有如公主般漂亮，一隻小手拖著媽媽，另一隻手拿著兩粒朱古力，可是她不住地在飲泣，原因是她得悉媽媽正帶她去探望親人，並打算把她暫托在親友家中，稍後才回來接她。小女孩聽後卻不從，並且不停地喊叫著說只要跟著媽媽，其他地方都不願去。

那位媽媽以為給女兒朱古力，把她打扮得漂亮，女兒便高興。但卻不知道其實女兒真正的滿足是要與母親在一起。她不希望分開，只希望和媽媽同處。若被帶到親友家中，相信她唯一的盼望便是歸回母親的身邊。

同樣地，我們有時像那母親般，誤以為有豐富的物質，溫飽和舒適屋子，或把物質和忙碌的生活放在靈性之前，就會滿足人心靈的渴望，卻忘記使人真正滿足是來自神那份的憐憫和同在。如那位小女孩般，她感到自己的渺小、無助，所以向母親發出呼喊，懇求母親的同在、憐憫她、體恤她並不撇下她。

禱告可說是人神對話的恢復、人對神倚靠的心的恢復。若進到禱告的心境時，當前的問題、困難已不是最重要，最重要是我們終於走到主身旁。若我們不知道怎樣禱告，可以靠著聖靈隨時禱告。因為天父已賜下聖靈給祂的兒女，引導幫助我們。

所以，邀請你和親友，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加網上崇拜，有薛治平牧師分享。信息是「最美的禱告」，領受神的祝福！以下是連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

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網上成人主日學，仍然是明早早上九時四十五分，課程繼續有「認識啟示錄」，「屬靈基要真理站」和「福音班」。歡迎準時參加。以下 Zoom 連結，可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會：

今星期三 (2月24日) 有網上粵語祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求。

MSG 小組二月主題是「委身基督、活現教會，逆境使命」，請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。兒童網上崇拜仍然是週六下午 1 時 30 分舉行。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。青年團契是二月 26 日 (週五) 晚 7 時 30 分舉行，請聯絡 Jon Moe 或英文牧師 Pastor Vinson Samuel。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – FEBRUARY 20, 2021

Show...Teach...Lead, Lord

What do you do when asked to choose between two good choices or two wonderful opportunities? How would you decide, and how do you know for sure that you are making the right choice?

In today's scripture reading for Lent, David tells God about his life and declares:

“4 Show me your ways, Lord,
teach me your paths.
5 Guide me in your truth and teach me,
for you are God my Savior,
and my hope is in you all day long.” Psalms 25:4-5

David's primary concern was not his enemies – it was his God. He wanted to get closer to the Lord and His plans for his life. The heart of David's prayer was the Lord: “your ways... your paths... your truth...” He knew that only God's ways are perfect, and only His way leads to blessings.

There are seasons in our life that God reminds us that we do not know the way forward - we need His way, path and truth. Scripture also warns us that our ways without God's leading could lead us to an uncertain future, “There is a way that seems right to a man, but its end is the way to death.” (Proverbs 14:12)

Like David, we may understand the Word of God, but we need the LORD to give us insight, discernment and understanding. Today, we are called to choose the right path. However, choosing the right path does not mean we are free to walk carelessly. We are called to obey the Lord and to walk in a manner that is pleasing to HIM.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30AM

Join us from 9.15 and for worship preview and preparation. Let's glorify and seek His guidance in our lives and families. This week, we will begin a new series entitled 'ASCEND' Our theme for this week is " Beginning Your Journey." See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for details. See you tomorrow!

SUNDAY SCHOOL @11AM

Join us for study sessions on “The Crucified Life: Seven Words from the Cross.” This Sunday, Rev Vinson will conduct the session on “Jesus' first word from the Cross”

DROP US A PRAYER NOTE

If you have any specific needs or prayer requests, please let us know. contact@ncac.ca

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Let's reach out and bless the needy and homeless community who are affected badly by the pandemic by donating non-perishable and other essential items. To help, please see the Sunday bulletin for contact details.

MEMORY VERSE FOR THE WEEK

Let me encourage you to memorise Psalm 25:4-5 for this week and allow Christ to work continually in your lives to show His way, teach and to lead you into the Truth.

Once again, thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers for the church family. The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

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Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
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最新消息 (2/13/2021)

各各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「祢以恩典為年歲的冠冕；祢的路徑都滴下脂油。」(詩篇 65:11)

又到農曆新年，是除舊歲，迎新春的喜慶日子。中國人有不少過年的習俗。基督徒過年習俗，背後應該也有一個核心意義。

「年廿八洗邋邋」：是大掃除、除去惰性的意思。指改變惡習、積極耕耘，換來豐碩收穫。而我們污穢的內心必須藉著聖靈，靠著耶穌基督的寶血，得以潔淨。(彼前 3:21)

「年廿九貼揮春」：紅紙的原意是辟邪，後來是寫上人的心願。基督徒的揮春可能會寫上「福杯滿溢」、「靠主得力」之類。更重要的是，這些話語是刻在心裡，使我們有美好的見證。(箴 3:3-4)

「年三十圍年飯」：一家人吃圍年飯是合一的表現。基督徒更要有愛心、和平，竭力保持一家人的合一。(弗 4:2-3)

「年初一穿新衣」：喻意新景象。基督徒要藉著主耶穌來更新整個生命，這是裡裡外外的更新。(西 3:9-10)

「年初一恭喜祝福」：拜年所講的吉祥說話，可能只是慣性、沒有從心裡說出的。但基督徒應該以上帝的名真誠祝福親友。(詩 118:26)

「年初三赤口日」：年初三不拜年，為防招惹口舌是非。基督徒必須學習良善，以至口中所說的，都是良善。(彼前 3:10-11)

雖然疫情使我們在新春佳節，未能彼此見面，或如常到教堂內關心祝福。但愈是艱難的時刻，愈要彼此激勵。因此，教會盼望能在網上與大家共聚佳節，與弟兄姊妹、和你的親友鄰舍打打氣，一同堅持，共渡難關。

所以，邀請你和親友，於明日早上十一時十五分，一同參加網上崇拜，有薛治平牧師分享。信息是「過牛年」。崇拜之後，到下午 2 時，再參加教會的農曆新年網上慶祝，同來團拜，領受神的祝福！

以下是網上崇拜 YouTube 連結 和農曆年慶祝的 Zoom 連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。

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另外，在二月 17 日(星期三)晚八時，會有「幸福小組研習的跟進分享會」。有薛牧師作問題解答，補充資料，彼此交流，分享心得。歡迎已在上幸福小組研習會，或有意新加入，或想了解更多弟兄姊妹和組員，參加出席這跟進分享會，請用新連結

迦南團契會在二月 20 日早上 10 時，舉辦「識用 Zoom、唔會悶」講座，歡迎任何有興趣人士來參加。有興趣認識及學習如何使用 Zoom 者，不要錯過這機會。詳情請與 Susan Li 或 Elaine Kong 聯絡。

MSG 小組二月主題是「委身基督、活現教會、逆境使命」，請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。兒童網上崇拜仍然是週六下午 1 時 30 分舉行。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。青年團契是二月 19 日(週五)晚 7 時 30 分舉行，請聯絡 Jon Moe 弟兄。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟
位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

LATEST COMMUNICATION – FEBRUARY 13, 2021

LIVING LENT DAILY

An interviewer asked a farmer, "Why do you prune your apple trees?" His response was, "To let the light in." Lent is a time to discern and prune our lives so that God's light can come in. Next Wednesday, Feb. 17, 2021, is the start of Lent.

Traditionally, Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, lasting around six weeks, and ends on Easter Sunday. The primary focus of lent is to set aside time to reflect on Jesus Christ—to consider his suffering and sacrifice, life, death, burial, and resurrection. It is a season for self-examination and to recommit our lives to God and turn from the distractions, bad habits, and sins and resolute to draw closer to God.

At this time, most people ask themselves "What should I give up for Lent?" How have you decided to observe Lent this year? Many people choose to fast or give up something during the 40 days of Lent to help them remember the sacrifice Jesus made on the cross. According to Christianity Today, (Feb. 11, 2018), the things people give up: "Social networking topped the list, followed by Twitter, alcohol, chocolate, and swearing." Instead of fasting, some people choose to serve or sacrifice something they hold on to during Lent.

Let me encourage you to spend time before Lent to evaluate, as Paul says "examine yourselves to see if your faith is genuine." (2 Corinthians 13:5). In the silence of our hearts, let us ask whether we have a serious spiritual life and if there are matters that we need to look at more honestly.

Let us ask the Holy Spirit to face issues honestly. In the words of John Wesley, "Simply begin" with these:

LOOK UP - Establish a time of daily Bible reading or pick up a Lenten discipline and commit to reading it along with intentional prayer.

LOOK OUT - Each week, send notes of encouragement or collect a canned food item to donate to a food ministry. Do something that benefits others or brings positive change in their lives.

LOOK IN - Each week, make it a point to join a church activity to share your journey.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @9.30am

Join us from 9.15 and for worship preview and preparation. Let's glorify and seek His guidance in our lives and families. This week, our focus is " Unless the Lord Builds." See the attached Sunday Service bulletin for details. See you tomorrow!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW @ 11AM

Join the study series on " New Testament Treasures". This week, we will study " Zealous for Good Works" by Michael Huynh from 11 am to 12noon.

ONLINE CORPORATE PRAYER - FEBRUARY 17,2021

At times life can be overwhelming. Prayer helps us to direct our focus on God. Let's come together to pray and encourage one another.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH

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新年快乐!

Have a blessed Chinese New year and enjoy your family day!

Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

English Pastor

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (2/6/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「惟有你們是被揀選的族類，是有君尊的祭司，是聖潔的國度，是屬神的子民，要叫你們宣揚那召你們出黑暗，入奇妙光明者的美德。」(彼前 2:9)

今年我們以「活現教會，逆境使命」為 2021 年教會主題，經訓是彼得前書二章 9 節，給會眾和事工提供成長進深的方向。

在疫情及隔離的日子，教會信徒一切活動，皆是透過在互聯網上進行。教會不再是一座建築物，乃是一羣神的子民。這本來就是教會的真實意思。但怎樣在生命中連於基督，互為肢体，怎樣在生活中成為基督的手和足，愛神愛人，怎樣四面牆壁之外成為基督的口和心，宣揚福音，活出主耶穌的樣式，都是要神復興我們作門徒的屬靈新常態和新方向。

彼得前書的信息提示我們：基督徒的尊貴身份是應對苦難的根本，離罪成聖是減少苦難的不二法門，信靠遵從神是得勝苦難成全使命的終極幫助，在逆境的危機中實踐使命契機。相信這是神對我們個人與教會的邀請和挑戰。

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而 MSG 小組二月主題是「委身基督、活現教會，逆境使命」，內容可參閱附上的會眾版資料、請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

今星期三 (2 月 10 日) 有網上粵語祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求。

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而基約教會中文堂亦緊接，在 2 月 14 日 (星期日) 下午 2 時舉行農曆新年主日網上 Zoom 慶祝：鼓勵弟兄姊妹邀約親友同來團拜，領受神的祝福！

Zoom 連結和電話：都可進入農曆新年聚會，中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會。方便大家參加：

最後，請不要忘記為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – FEBRUARY 6, 2021

BEING THE CHURCH, AGAINST ALL ODDS

While the church sanctuary was undergoing some renovations, I came across a thought-provoking article with the question, "Are we building our lives around the church or the church around our lives?"

Today, Christians tend to place themselves at the centre of the world and then try to make God and church fit around them. We tend to do the same thing with the gospel too. The gospel has degenerated to something that is about us and meeting our needs. When reflecting on North American Spirituality, the late Eugene Peterson notes, "The great weakness of North American spirituality is that it is all about us... And the more there is of us, the less there is of God."

The gospel is not only about us, but it is about God! It is about God's presence and power breaking into the world of sinful humanity in a new and dynamic way.

This year, our church theme "BEING THE CHURCH, AGAINST ALL ODDS." This theme is a call to be the church that God wants us to live. The word "church" was used in Christian circles to refer to a building, but the Greek word (in which the New Testament got translated) never conveyed a building, it always refers to groups of people. Realizing that the "church" constitutes a body of believers is simple but can be profound.

While we may ask what we want from the church, we ought to ask the more fear-provoking question, "what does God want from me" rather than "what we think God wants from me."

Instead of working hard to bring our deeds into the presence of God, maybe He is inviting us to do something surprisingly different. This week, make time with God to listen to His voice through His word, worship, songs or even prophetic words and be the church where God has graciously placed you.

ONLINE COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE @9.30am

Join us from 9.15 and for worship preview and preparation. Let's glorify and seek His guidance in our lives. This week, our focus is "Communion, Covenant and Commitment". See the attached Service bulletin for worship details. See you tomorrow!

SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW @ 11AM

Join the study series on " New Testament Treasures". This week we will focus on the two main Sacraments of the church: Baptism and Communion from 11 am to 12noon.

SMALL GROUPS (SG)

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COMMUNITY OUTREACH

Let's reach out and bless the needy and homeless community who are affected badly by the pandemic by donating non-perishable and other essential items. To help, please see the Sunday bulletin for contact details.

In Conclusion

As we step into this new month, let's continue to focus on our relationship with Jesus. We should all feel in awe that the creator of this world wants to have a relationship with us. Let us strive to love our Lord and Savior more each day.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (1/30/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我是葡萄樹，你們是枝子。常在我裡面的，我也常在他裡面，這人就多結果子；因為離了我，你們就不能做什麼。人若不常在我裡面，就像枝子丟在外面枯乾，人拾起來，扔在火裡燒了。」(約翰福音 15:5-6)「次日早晨，天未亮的時候，耶穌起來，到曠野地方去，在那裡禱告。」(馬可福音 1:35)

基督的信仰是以相信並接受基督耶穌的救贖恩典為開始的，然後一生繼續與主連結，好像葡萄樹枝必須始終連結在葡萄樹上，才能成長結果。耶穌基督在世時，訓練門徒的方式就是把門徒帶在身邊，常與他們同在，無論言教或是身教，隨時教導。當耶穌完成使命，回去天上，就賜下聖靈給每一位相信祂的人，應許與他們同在，做他們隨時的幫助。聖靈藉著聖經繼續『教訓、督責、使人歸正、教導人學義…』(提後 3:16-17)。聖靈與聖經是我們與基督連結不可或缺的導管，當我們在聖靈的引導光照下靈修與禱告，就使我們這枝子與基督葡萄樹連上了。

雖然知道靈修是基督徒十分必要、絕不可少的基本功，但是在信徒的分享中可以察覺，真正落實日日靈修的恐怕還是沒很多，其中涉及諸多難處。原因其一是老我的本性反抗；其二是撒旦的阻擋。可見，靈修也是一種爭戰，且是一生的爭戰，又是對老我情慾與撒旦的爭戰。願我們倚靠聖靈的寶劍，砍斷私慾的網綁，使我們日日有強烈的靈修渴望，如鹿渴慕溪水，使我們常與基督連結。

你滿意自己的屬靈狀況嗎？疫情發生給我們契機，關注自己的屬靈生命，但成長在乎平時的屬靈操練，和日常生活的見證。我們是在艱難中才尋求神，還是每時每刻也渴望親近神呢？

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JANUARY 30, 2021

On January 25, 2020, Ontario confirmed its first case of the Covid-19. At that time, many continued on with their lives like they always had – travelling to the office, vacationing, visiting friends, dining out and attending other social events. But as the number of Covid-19 cases started to surge, federal and provincial officials began implementing a series of measures since March 2020 that have fundamentally altered our lifestyle. These measures resulted in the closure of educational institutions, workplaces, restaurants and recreational facilities. The way we communicated with one another seemed to change overnight.

The pandemic also led to an explosion of new words, signs and phrases which we rarely used before Covid-19, such as; pandemic, asymptomatic, new-normal, self-isolating, social-distancing, quarantine, shutdown, sanitize, wash hands, vaccine, etc. We began to adopt the 'new normal'.

The changes COVID-19 brought in and around us is a reflection of how our lives can be transformed when we know and accept Christ as our Saviour. When we know and accept Christ, this encounter brings a "New Normal", and we begin to take on His characteristics.

As believers, we begin to live in a new way – walking in courage and confidence that comes in knowing Christ. We tend to see the world around us and ourselves from scriptural and spiritual lenses. Over time, there is a radical change in our moral character – from the practice of sin to the love of God. Our minds become more and more renewed, and the gospel truth begins to transform our lives. We become familiar with words such as love, peace, forgiveness, grace, humility, reconciliation, mercy and much more. Eventually, God's love changes us as we follow Jesus. The power to change takes place in the context of this loving and sincere relationship with God.

Today, can you boldly confess that knowing Christ as your saviour has brought a constant transformation in your life? Is the presence of Christ still evident in your life? And is your faith-life thriving? Lastly, does the Holy Spirit bear witness with your spirit, that you are a child of God?

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW @ 11AM

Join the study series on " New Testament Treasures". This week we will focus on 'Partners in Fellowship' from 11 am to 12noon.

CORPORATE PRAYER - FEB 3 @8 PM

Do consider to join the church family for a time of sharing and prayer. We will pray for our nation, families, communities and for one another.

WOMEN IN LEADERSHIP

Thank you for joining the "Women Eldership Forum" by Dr Marilyn Draper on January 17, 2021. For further resources and readings on this subject, please see the attached document.

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In Conclusion

As the Apostle Paul intercedes for the believers in Philippi "And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ"(Philippians 1:6), let it be our prayer that God will complete His plan in our lives.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (1/23/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕呢？難道是患難嗎？是困苦嗎？是逼迫嗎？是飢餓嗎？是赤身露體嗎？是危險嗎？是刀劍嗎？」(羅馬書 8：35)

這是使徒保羅堅定表示的信仰把握。人生有各樣患難、困苦和遭遇，是不能避免的。有些是不能預測，忽然臨到，攪亂我們生活，要額外付出精神、金錢和代價等來應付，甚至是對我們的信心，有所衝擊。

在疫情的日子，收到親友和弟兄姊妹的親人不幸的消息，心裏難過。因疫情又不能到醫院關心和了解，除了為他們禱告之外，祇能致電或短訊問候和安慰。當有所認識的人患病，或要離開我們，為他們身體狀況，我們擔憂，卻不能作甚麼。人的能力是有限，人的說話也不能說盡心中的關懷，只有默默祝福，求神安慰、保守和醫治。

人的軟弱、疼痛和死亡，是人生命中最關鍵的事。幸好，我們有神的話語賜下成為力量；主的愛能澆灌我們的內心；聖靈的安慰能使我們除去悲痛；主的復活應許使我們對將來產生盼望，這對我們有莫大幫助和鼓舞。那麼，今天面對的疫情和不測，都無足懼怕，這一切都不能遮蓋我們，使看不見前景和雲彩，因為基督的福音能在黑暗中成為曙光和指引。我們要為所擁有的恩典 --- 就是耶穌的救恩，向神獻上感謝。深深相信，2021年每一天都是神所賜福的，每早晨這都是新的，祂的誠實，極其廣大。(耶利米哀歌 3:23)

「然而，靠著愛我們的主，在这一切的事上已經得勝有餘了。因為我深信無論是死，是生，是天使，是掌權的，是有能的，是現在的事，是將來的事，是高處的，是低處的，是別的受造之物，都不能叫我們與神的愛隔絕；這愛是在我們的主耶穌基督裡的。」(羅馬書 8：37-39)

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今星期三(1月27日)有網上粵語祈禱會，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求。

迦南團契亦會於今星期六(1月30日)早上10時，於網上舉行興趣班，製作迷你合桃酥，由林陳慧英姊妹示範，歡迎所有興趣人士參加，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

以下的 Zoom 連結和電話：都可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會。方便大家參加。

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位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

LATEST COMMUNICATION – JANUARY 23, 2021

“Beep Beep” is the familiar sound of the flightless bird, Roadrunner, from the Warner Bros. cartoon. This old popular cartoon called the Road Runner was a powerful American entertainment for many decades. This cartoon had only two characters: one was a hungry coyote, smartly named “Wile” and the other was a rather simple but smart fast bird named the “Road Runner.” Wile spends his life trying to catch the Roadrunner who frequently displayed his intelligence outwitting his foe. After many years and numerous episodes of endless chase by Wile, he finally caught the Roadrunner. When he did, Wile looks at the face of the Roadrunner, and then held up a sign which read, “*Okay wise guy, you always wanted me to catch the Roadrunner and now what do I do?*” He spent his whole life trying to catch the Roadrunner but now that he did, he didn’t know what to do with him.

Have you ever felt like Wile Coyote? You spend your life continually pursuing something and when you finally achieve it, you are left with asking “Now What?”

That is what the early Christians and many believers today feel right after their conversion. Proverbs 29:18 remind us, “If people can’t see what God is doing, they stumble all over themselves; but when they attend to what He reveals, they are most blessed.” In this verse, Solomon describes that God gives us a vision, direction and insight, and without His leading, we are bound to dry up and perish.

All of us need a God-given vision for our life. Without it, we begin to wander and flounder in life purposes. When Helen Keller was asked, “What would be worse than being born blind?” to which she replied, “Having sight but no vision.” What an insightful testimony from Keller who had spent almost her entire life blind and deaf but lived a life with purpose.

It's very important for every person to have a vision, and we should not live a life drifting aimlessly without the knowledge of who we are or what we can do with our life. Scripture reminds us in James 1:5 to ask God for his plan, “If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God...”

Ensure you are living to fulfil God's vision and purpose!

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @9.30am

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SUNDAY SCHOOL TOMORROW @ 11AM

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In Conclusion

Once again, let me thank you for your prayers, continued support, encouragement to the church family and beyond.

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Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (1/16/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我們為你們眾人常常感謝神，禱告的時候提到你們…不住的記念你們因信心所做的工夫，因愛心所受的勞苦，因盼望我們主耶穌基督所存的忍耐。」（帖撒羅尼迦前書 1:2-3）

沒想到踏進新一年的第一個多，疫情突變得更嚴峻，受感染和死亡人數急升，全省再度封城。今次的世紀疫症，究竟神要我們學習甚麼呢？或許是考驗我們的信心，對主的認識，或對生命主權的認知，要我們在信仰實踐上作反省。

信心是從日常生活中操練出來，但這是過程，不是焦點。信心的焦點乃是神永遠的旨意。帖撒羅尼迦教會在保羅時代備受逼迫，但他們選擇不放棄信靠神，一直尋求長進，更深的經歷主，這是他們對神信心的表現。

因著愛主愛人的原故，他們不辭勞苦。縱使在患難苦困中，他們仍能堅持站在神的那邊；愛人助人，傳主的福音，熱切盼望人能認識這又真又活的神；又忠誠地與弟兄姊妹彼此勸勉，遵守主道，全心全意的事奉。並且因著主耶穌基督常存忍耐。不是普通的忍耐，而是長期的忍耐；不是一時咬緊牙關的忍耐，而是長期飽受著別人對他們的誤會、踐踏、反對和鞭打。他們不會因要減輕承受這些痛苦而放棄在主前的等候。在信望愛這三方面，他們都有扎實的根基及表現，因為他們不是在乎順的日子有這表現，而是在患難中活出信心的模範。

求主讓我們學效帖撒羅尼迦教會的榜樣，憐憫我們在這疫情中所面對的困苦，幫助我們能勇敢地面對世界，面對今天的境況，學習以信望愛為自己為別人祈求。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JANUARY 16, 2021

Where is God in My Anxiety?

Some years ago, Amazon released the most-popular highlighted verse, readers connected most through Kindle. According to its finding, the specific passage is Philippians 4:6-7.

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

We have all experienced anxiety in one form or another – either through our circumstances, events and people in our life. Have you ever noticed how worries and anxiety can drain our joy and strength? We can either choose to live filled with anxiety and worry or in peace and contentment.

The Apostle Paul says the solution to anxiety or worry is the pouring out of one's heart to God in faith and prayer. Paul, who wrote those words, knew more about suffering than us. He wrote those words not knowing if he might be beheaded for declaring his commitment to Jesus Christ.

George Mueller was a 19th-century evangelist, a man of great faith and prayer. He said, "The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith, and the beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety." When we leave it to God, he takes care of it. The devil wants us to feel depressed, miserable, and not exercise faith in God when we go through life events. Be reminded that the Lord knows your needs and sees your circumstances. God will give us peace beyond understanding that will guard our heart and mind as we endure and stand firm in the Lord.

In the bible, it states that God would never give us more than we can handle. We are called to talk to God about what we're going through. Furthermore, we should allow God to speak to us about our situation and be thankful at all times – because God is sovereign.

Do you think God cares about your anxiety?

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @9.30am

Join us from 9.15 for worship preview and preparation. Let's come together to glorify and seek His guidance in our lives. This week, our focus is on " Right Thinking Leads to Right Living". See the attached Service bulletin for worship details. See you tomorrow!

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CORPORATE PRAYER - JANUARY 20 @8pm

Let's pray together for our nation, church and community as we seek God's intervention during this tumultuous time.

Church Updates

WOMEN ELDERSHIP FORUM

JAN. 17, 2021 @ 2pm

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In Conclusion

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最新消息 (1/9/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！新年蒙恩！

「若有人在基督裡，他就是新造的人，舊事已過，都變成新的了。」（哥林多後書 5:17）

曾經有一份醫學雜誌報告 [Stanford University, Northrup]，人體內的細胞，每七至十年便會完全更換一次，有些重要器官的細胞換得更快一些。從生理的角度看，每七至十年我們就是一個「新造」的人！聖經說：「在基督裡便是新造的人」；可見從屬靈的角度來看，一個與基督聯合，不斷被更新、成長的人，才是一個「新造的人。」因此，成長是新造的人必經的過程。但成長對於許多人來說，是極其困難的事，因為成長包含了改變。

常見許多人的年紀或信耶穌年日已不少，但生命成熟程度卻不成正比。在工作或事奉上，雖然很有表現，但人格的成長、待人處世，卻令人敬而遠之。究其原因，就是沒有一顆願意不斷被神更新的心志，他們仍然過著「五十年不變」的生活和人生觀。但試看一條毛蟲，若要成為蝴蝶，蛻變是生命必經的階段。沙粒要成為珍珠，必須藏在蚌的體內經歷痛苦的煎熬，才能變成一顆有價值的珍珠。

故此，屬靈成長是沒有捷徑，也不是多讀一兩個神學課程就可以達至，乃是透過生命一點一滴的經歷基督，無論是成與敗、得與失，喜與悲，累積而成的結果。正如一位德國神學家潘霍華所說：「成長的基督徒就是負起生命的一切責任與困難，成功與失敗，一切經驗與無可奈何之事！」可是許多人，面對生命的困局，只會怨天尤人，甚至將問題隱藏在工作、事奉或責任背後，而不願意正視自己生命的盲點，努力付出成長的代價。

因此，新一年你有甚麼更新的目標呢？你盼望屬靈生命成長嗎？你願意立志，被神塑造成為一顆榮神益人的珍珠嗎？

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今週三(1月13日)晚上八時會有網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老或組長。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JANUARY 9, 2021

God With Us!

Imagine yourself being in Noah's situation – locked in the Ark for 370 days. Noah never knew how long the stay in the ark would last. He spent seven days on the ark before it even began to rain. Then the rain fell for forty days and nights. Patiently, Noah waited yet another 150 days with expectation. I do wonder if Noah and his family had a hard time remembering what day it was. I wonder if the walls became tiresome. I wonder if they also felt the way we feel now during this time of uncertainty.

The Bible is silent about Noah's personal emotions during the long time he spent in the ark, but we know that he was a man of firm faith who took God at his Word (Hebrews 11:7). When we are in such a situation, like the Psalmist we would cry out, "How long, O LORD, will you forget me forever?" (Psalm 13:1 NIV). Does this sound familiar to you?

After a patient expectation from Noah, the book of Genesis accounts, "Then God remembered Noah." (Gen. 8:1). This simple phrase: "God remembered Noah" tell us a great deal about our God. When Scripture tells us God remembers, it doesn't mean He ever indeed forgot about us. It could mean what God had been doing in the hidden places is now clear, revealed and brought to the light. God sometimes places his servants in situations, which we have no control over. However, God did promise that they will be safe, and we can see this promise fulfilled here. When Noah came out of the first, there would be many tasks ahead of him; cleaning the ark, plant grains and vegetables, provide for the family and even built a home. In his thoughts and on his heart, first and foremost was worship (Gen. 8:20). He remembered God. He showed it by coming out of the ark, building an altar and then sacrificing some of all the clean animals and clean birds as sin offerings — thus coming to God again as a sinner. Even as we begin this year, God reminds us that He has not forgotten about you. God can't forget His own, and that's what Scripture shows us; "...a woman may forget her suckling child, but God will not forget you". Be encouraged that God remembers. He remembers us in our affliction, our suffering and even in our joy. And just as God actively remembers, we are called to do the same.

As we go through the year, let's remember that Jesus is there for each one of us.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @9.30am

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DROP US A NOTE FOR PRAYER

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Church Updates

ROLE OF MEN & WOMEN IN CHRISTIAN MINISTRY JAN. 17, 2021 @ 2pm

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最新消息 (1/2/2021)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！新年蒙恩！

「我們不致消滅，是出於耶和華諸般的慈愛；是因他的憐憫不致斷絕。每早晨，這都是新的；你的誠實極其廣大！」「我想起這事，心裡就有指望。」(耶利米哀歌 3:22-23, 21)

每當新年來臨，人通常會有新寄望。特別是 2020 年，對大多數人是失意和不堪回首的一年時，更會令人對新一年有特別的期望。面對 2021 年，你有什麼寄望呢？

2021 年將會是怎樣的一年？由於新冠病毒的肆虐，剛過去的大除夕，人心低迷，在街上慶祝倒數的人數稀少，雖然疫苗出現，但數量不足和注射速度緩慢，再加上變種病毒傳染迅速、經濟低迷、並各樣的人禍，許多人都會認為這一年，仍然是一個使人憂鬱，甚至是極少盼望的一年。事實真是如此嗎？從世俗角度來看，確是如此；但若從屬靈的角度看的話，就大為不同。因為不管環境如何惡劣不堪，權能永生的上帝仍然掌管一切。

聖經應許說：「看哪，我要做一件新事；如今要發現，你們豈不知道嗎？我必在曠野開道路，在沙漠開江河。」(以賽亞書 43:19) 又說：「耶和華說：我知道我向你們所懷的意念是賜平安的意念，不是降災禍的意念，要叫你們末後有指望。」(耶利米書 29:11)

所以、如果你來信靠神的話，2021 年可以是充滿希望的一年，我們仍然可以有新年的新希望，只不過，更要記得我們在主耶穌基督裡的永恆盼望。這樣，我們就不會因為新年的新希望沒有實現，而感到沮喪失望。相反地，會因為在主裡面的慈愛和恩典，而充滿希望。

明天是 2021 年的第一個主日崇拜，於早上十一時十五分在網上舉行，有薛牧師分享。信息是「喜樂年年」；之後有聖餐，請備心靈、餅或麵包與葡萄汁，一同記念主。鼓勵大家，邀請家人親友一起參加。以下是網上崇拜的連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題、大綱和報告作參閱。 <https://youtu.be/NDODWavZvLQ>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JANUARY 2, 2021

Blessed New Year!

How did you begin the New Year, 2021? Like millions of people, did you start with some resolutions for the year? Because it is the first of the year, it is common to look back at the past year and pen some personal goals and commitments to start afresh.

It is believed that the tradition of making New Year's resolutions began during the reign of Caesar. In those days, resolutions were of a moral nature, resolving to be kind and compassionate to others. What an excellent way to begin the year!

One of the greatest theologians in American history and who was instrumental for the First Great Awakening, Jonathan Edwards, had a spiritual compass and guide for life direction. He kept a diary and penned guidelines, which he called "Resolutions." I was captivated when reading the preface, in which he wrote ""Being sensible that I am unable to do anything without God's help, I do humbly entreat Him by His grace to enable me to keep these resolutions, so far as they are agreeable to His will, for Christ's sake." True to his preface, Jonathan Edwards began every day with these two commitments: "Resolution One: I will live for God. Resolution Two: If no one else does, I will." What a profound reminder!

Today, we recognize that it can be a challenge and hard to stick to many of the resolutions, made for several reasons. Like Jonathan Edwards, truly, we need God's help and strength in keeping our resolution. Looking at Scripture, it's clear that God wants us to acknowledge our need, not hide from it. Whether you are in need of spiritual strength, or physical strength to realize your commitments, God has it and He wants to help you take hold of it.

Let me conclude with an inspirational quote from William Barclay "A man will never become outstandingly good at anything unless that thing is his ruling passion. There must be something of which he can say, 'For me to live is this.'"

Can you sincerely say that you want to glorify God in all your resolutions?

ONLINE HOLY COMMUNION SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30 am

Join us from 9.15 am for worship preview. This week we will focus on the theme, "Watchwords for the New Year" Let's join as one community to gather around the Lord's table. See you tomorrow!

SMALL GROUP

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ONLINE PRAYER MEETING, JANUARY 6th @ 8 pm

Come and be part of our first prayer meeting of the year on January 6th at 8 pm.

SUNDAY SUNDAY BEGINS ON JANUARY 10

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WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRY

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PLEASE PRAY

- For God's protection and mercy for the nations, government authorities, health care professionals & workers, our community, friends and families.
- For God's grace and healing on those who are suffering and their families.

As we begin the year 2021, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, involvement and financial support given to the church. Kindly go through the attached Sunday bulletin for church announcements and updates.

Stay safe and healthy. The Lord be with you!

With Blessings
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最新消息 (12/26/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「誰能使我們與基督的愛隔絕呢？難道是患難嗎？是困苦嗎？是迫害嗎？是飢餓嗎？是赤身露體嗎？是危險嗎？是刀劍嗎？」(羅八 35)

保持社交距離，同心抗疫的日子將快一年。2020 就在各樣防疫措施中渡過，整年就活在應變的模式裡，沒有人想過事情會如此發生，彷彿從現實走進虛擬世界裡，可接觸的就是面前的手機和螢幕。

「然而，靠著愛我們的主，在這一切的事上，我們已經得勝有餘了。因為我深信，無論是死，是活，是天使，是掌權的，是有權能的，是現在的事，是將來的事，是高處的，是深處的，是別的被造之物，都不能使我們與神的愛隔絕，這愛是在我們的主耶穌基督裏的。」(羅八 37~39)

唯有主的愛是真實的，在任何環境裡，神賜下祂的同在。雖然為抗疫我們需要彼此隔離，但沒有甚麼能夠阻隔主的愛。2020 的冬至、平安夜、聖誕節、大除夕也許未能與至親的家人和弟兄姊妹面對面，但是在主愛中，我們的心卻可以彼此結連，我們也許未能彼此握手，但卻能經歷被主的慈愛四面環繞擁抱著。

快將踏入 2021，我們必定面對新的挑戰，願能以感恩的心回顧，以信心迎向新的一年，讓主的愛與恩典把我們連結在一起，期盼生命經歷突破，心意更新而變化，時刻察驗何為神的善良、純全、可喜悅的旨意。願弟兄姊妹在真理中站立得穩，信仰生命建立在磐石上，無懼狂風暴雨，靠主屹立不倒。

明天是今年的最後一個主日，崇拜信息是「歲首到年終，神看顧」，於早上十一時十五分，在網上舉行，有薛牧師分享。相信會帶給您和家人祝福。鼓勵大家，邀請家人親友一起參加。以下是網上崇拜的連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/u7l6qGE75ko>

今週四 12 月 31 日晚上 7:30 p.m. 會有網上「年終感恩祈禱會」，這已成為基約的傳統之一，不知道你曾否參與過？2015 年是我第一次參加，印象深刻，當晚不同的弟兄姊妹聚首一堂，一起敬拜，一起數算主的恩典；聽著各人不同的見證，不單多了一份認識和親切感，更多是滿溢著對神的感恩情懷，一同見證著神在不同人身上奇妙的作為，一同向神獻上感恩的禱告。今年將是我第六年參與，亦趁此機會，跟大家分享聖經中相關的教導，鼓勵你參加。請留意以下連結，索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老或組長。

網上成人主日學十二月合班課程「脫胎換骨的更新」，明日是最後一堂，由陸超明牧師講授，歡迎準時參加。而新一年會開始新一季，課程有「認識啟示錄」，「屬靈基要真理站」和「福音班」。

上週四晚教會舉行的平安夜網上節目，中文堂有 176 多人參加，包括新來賓有 49 位，英文堂有 53 人，來賓有 10 位，感謝神亦多謝大家的支持和禱告。

快進入新一年，教會將於 2021 年 1 月 17 日下午 2 pm 在網上 Zoom 舉辦「教會中男女事奉的角色」講座，由天道神學院 Dr. Marilyn Draper 教授，分享有關女長老的兩個立場。Draper 博士應長議會邀請，來幫助會眾重溫女長老的議題。歡迎聆聽，敬請代禱。講座會有問題解答時間、歡迎在一月三日前提交問題給長老收集轉交 Dr. Draper 教授。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願神在新的一年里祝福大家！健康平安，主恩滿溢！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – DECEMBER 26, 2020

For many of us, COVID-19 pandemic has been a life-changing experience in 2020. As we come to the end of another year, let's reflect on the blessings that have been showered on us and be thankful. However, is it possible to rejoice and be thankful for everything, especially in an unprecedented year? It is easy to give thanks when our circumstances bring joy and satisfaction, but it can be a challenge to be thankful amidst challenging times. We can quickly become bitter and frightened, and many may even blame God. Some Christians may even struggle to rejoice in the Lord, in all circumstances, all the time.

The apostle Paul offers three clear directives, challenging us a better way: rejoice, pray and give thanks. He writes, "Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you" (1 Thess. 5:16–17). Are these challenges possible or impossible? The answer depends on how we perceive it.

Paul struggles are similar to some of the issues we find ourselves in today. He understood being isolated away from his church community and family. Paul was in prison, and yet he was not worried about his circumstances. He was able to put his trust in God through the storms with prayer and gratitude. We are living in a time almost comparable to the apostle. The pandemic and widespread fears have isolated us, restricted year-end dinners with friends, family and colleagues.

But the apostle rose above his circumstances to rejoice in God by instructing his triad of Christian practice—joy, prayer and gratitude— which are intimately bound together. Following his example is challenging yet rewarding. Just as Paul rejoiced in who the Lord was despite his difficult circumstances, we too can rejoice in the Lord in our difficult circumstances.

We all know that this year's year-end events will not be what we are familiar with, but we can still give thanks. God promises to fill us with an unexplainable peace when we stay prayerful and thankful.

As you look back over the year 2020, what are you thankful for?

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9.30am

Join us from 9.15 am at ncac.ca for worship preview. Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon from Singapore will bring the message. See you tomorrow!

SMALL GROUP

Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

PLEASE PRAY

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- For our world, nation, leaders, front line workers, our community and our families.

WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRY.

The Elder Board invites all members to join an Online Seminar (with Q & A) by Dr Marilyn Draper of Tyndale Seminary on January 17 at 2 pm through Zoom. The C&MA paper is attached.

As 2020 comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your prayers, involvement and financial support given to the church. THANK YOU

My wife Florence and daughters, Jasmine and Rahel, join me in wishing you and your loved ones a blessed 2021!

May God's blessings be on you and bestow each of you and your loved ones a joyful, healthy and peaceful new year.

With prayers and blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (12/19/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「太初有道，道與神同在，道就是神…道成了肉身，住在我們中間，充充滿滿地有恩典，有真理，我們也見過祂的榮光，正是父獨生子的榮光。」(約一 1、14)

在疫情嚴峻之此時，我們除了有幾天聖誕公眾假期外，慶祝會和旅遊、到教會崇拜、或與親友共聚，都無法在今年聖誕佳期享有了。那麼，聖誕的意義到底還剩下甚麼？

其實，聖誕所真正要紀念的，就是主耶穌基督為我們降生。祂就是那太初與神同在的道，也就是創造宇宙天地萬物，掌管天上地下、屬靈世界、物質世界的主宰。

今日疫症層出不窮，天災人禍無日無之；是非顛倒屢見不鮮，黑暗勢力橫行無忌。假若我們看不見宇宙之中，那位基督仍然坐在天上寶座，那「道」仍在掌權，祂的慈愛與公義永不受攔阻，世界正向著萬民得贖的末世進展，那我們真的不知道為了什麼而活。感謝神，每年一度的聖誕、正是向我們再次述說、天地之間還有上帝的真理，祂是知道一切，祂仍在掌權。這使我們活著有方向：就是努力一生使人認識那「道」，讓屬天的盼望、仁愛、公義彰顯於世間。

「道成了肉身」，表明我們的主耶穌為了愛我們的緣故、以愛的犧牲，甘願降臨塵，在飽嘗人間苦痛中，在身懸十架上，表明「以馬內利」神與我們同在的愛。

面對鬱、悶、悲、憤，生、離、死、別。假如沒有聖誕的主、甘願獻出降卑的愛，和永生的盼望，人不知我們的苦惱可向誰訴？不知我們往何處尋覓出路？

「我報給你們大喜的訊息，是關乎萬民的。因今天在大衛的城裡為你們生了救主，就是主基督。你們要看見一個嬰孩，包著布，臥在馬槽裡，那就是給你們的記號。」(路二 10-12) 天使的訊息給了我們力量，擺脫外在環境的危險壓迫而喜樂；給了我們安慰，突破人與人之間的隔離，在孤單中仍感受到愛。縱然有悲傷的事，縱然不能返到教會，或與親友共聚同吃聖誕美食，縱然沒有了禮物的饋贈，縱然未能到外面旅遊；因著那「道成了肉身」的愛，我們也能安靜默想基督的愛，也能感恩滿足地留在家中品味聖誕的歡欣，也能透過各種媒體與人一起分享屬天的喜訊。弟兄姊妹，今年聖誕對你到底有何意義？你計劃如何有渡過？如何慶祝呢？

明天是聖誕主日，崇拜信息是「明光闖進」，於早上十一時十五分，在網上舉行，有忻晉宇牧師主講。相信會帶給您和家人祝福。鼓勵大家，邀請家人親友一起參加，分享聖誕於你的意義，一起同心說「阿門」。以下是網上崇拜的連結，請通知和轉發給親友們，及為他們禱告。另附上崇拜週刊，講道主題和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/ET7aRs2xIOA>

今週四 (12月24日) 晚 7:30 pm，會有平安夜特備網上外展節目，慶祝聖誕，內容豐富，歡迎用邀請家人親友一起參加。

網上成人主日學合班十二月課程「脫胎換骨的更新」，由導師陸超明牧師講授。歡迎準時參加。而 MSG 小組網上聚會主題是「最偉大的愛—基督降生」，請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

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MSG 小組幸福外展網上培訓，將於明年在 1 月 (12, 14)、4 月 (13, 15) 及 7 月 (6, 8) 晚 8p.m. 共分六次舉行。由啟創「幸福小組」的教會楊錫儒牧師講授。中文事工為鼓勵弟兄姊妹參加，全數支助參加費用，請與組長和長老或中文事工委會登記，到時取連結登入。請不要錯過！儘早登記，在新一年一起燃點福音熱。請參閱海報。

最後，請不要忘記為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願主祝福大家「以馬內利」，聖誕快樂，健康平安，主恩常在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – DECEMBER 19, 2020

GOD WITH US!

Christmas is the most joyous time of the year! It is a time of joy, peace and love. It is a festive time for families to spend with their loved ones and to share God's blessings to those in need.

During this season, in many countries and churches, the nativity scene with images of Mary and baby Jesus, angels, shepherds and stable are added to the festive display!

But the reality is that, in those nativity plays where kids and angels sing, they bear little resemblance to what happened at the time Jesus was born.

Matthew recounts the story that Joseph and Mary fled because of fear of persecution and to comply with the decree to register in their native town.

After three days of challenging travel, Mary and Joseph arrived in Bethlehem, with no room in the inn, and they were forced to find lodging, probably in a cave where animals were staying. The story also narrates that they were warned to "Arise, and take the child and his mother, and flee into Egypt..." (Matt 2:13).

Jesus's birth was amidst military occupation, poverty, and oppression. His earliest years, according to the Gospel of Matthew, were spent as a displaced person in a foreign land. Some may ask why the promised Messiah was born in such a terrible circumstance?

Jesus chose to take up residence, not in a palace, but a stable. He identified with our brokenness and came down to be with us. The amazing message of Christmas is that God identifies and dwells with us.

Today, due to the recent rise of the COVID-19 pandemic, it has led to a significant loss of human life. This virus is impacting society, businesses, families and every person, some more drastically than others. Like our Saviour, let's journey with those who are affected by the pandemic by asking God's comforting hand to rest upon them. I encourage you to find ways to help those who are lonely and suffering silently, so they will know that Jesus came to live among them so that we can experience His love, comfort and grace first-hand!

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE @9.30am

Join us from 9.15 for worship preview. Rev C Y Yan will bring the Christmas message. Come and join us on Sunday!

CHRISTMAS CELEBRATION ON DEC, 24 @8pm

Come and join us with your friends and families to remember the coming of Christ into this world. Contact David Tong if further information is needed.

PLEASE PRAY . . .

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- For our world, our nation, our leaders, our front line workers, our community, and our families.

WOMEN IN CHURCH MINISTRY.

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As we celebrate Christmas, I want to take this opportunity to thank you for your loving care and support towards our family. My wife Florence and daughters, Jasmine and Rahel, join me in wishing each and every family and members of NCAC a wonderful and blessed Christmas!

With Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (12/12/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「以馬內利，懇求降臨，救贖解放以色列民；淪落異邦，寂寞傷心，引頸渴望神子降臨。清晨日光，懇求降臨，藉主降臨，歡慰眾心；衝開長夜幽暗愁雲，驅散死亡深沉黑影。」【以馬內利來臨歌】(詩集：普天頌讚，93)

明顯地，今年的聖誕節與往年很不同，因疫情嚴峻，街上的市民大部分仍然戴著口罩，各種聖誕聯歡會相繼取消，出外聚餐和聚會受規管。有些家庭，經濟在疫情下出現困難，有些工作更是首當其衝，失業、生意不景，生活捉襟見肘。前路彷彿灰暗無光，漆黑的夜晚籠罩著內心的深處。各行各業、政府、學校、由社會領袖到平民百姓，只能見步行步，期待剛面世的疫苗，能有效安全地拯救世界，等候重返昔日的生活。

然而，聖誕的歌曲悠然響起，閉塞的心豁然開朗，宣告：「歡欣！歡欣！以色列民，以馬內利，定要降臨」。提醒我們在黑暗、絕望及困境中，仍然堅持等候救主，唯有祂才能帶來終極的救贖與釋放。」詩歌提醒我們，歡欣的基礎不是疫苗，不是環境。我們能夠歡欣，是「以馬內利」，因為主耶穌基督的降臨！

聖誕節並不是只停留於記念二千多年前歷史上出現的耶穌。只停留「過去」並不足夠，以馬內利也是「現在」，主耶穌是活著的神，祂今天介入我們的生命處境，明白我們的經歷，我們此時此刻正經歷上主的保護與平安，祂的名稱為「以馬內利」—神與我們同在！聖誕更要提醒我們，耶穌基督會第二次降臨。祂會帶著榮耀，從天降臨審判萬國萬民。因此，我們千萬不要忘記聖誕節期「將來」的意義，祂要來將一切都更新！在神所定的日子，神的帳幕在人間，祂要親自與我們每一位同住，作我們的神！

因此，在聖誕節，除了記念耶穌基督「過去」的事情，也不要忘記「現在」及「將來」的向度，這都是同樣重要。「以馬內利」給我們力量、安慰、信心、盼望，讓我們面對每天的生活。

明天是洗禮主日，崇拜信息是「愛的交換」，探討在「將臨期」如何活出上主愛的喜訊，準備好迎接祂來臨的重要功課，有薛牧師主講。更有見證新葡洗禮(林漢標弟兄、李黃愛勻姊妹、洪茵茵姊妹、黃秉忠弟兄)的特備項目，相信會鼓勵您和家人，帶給大家祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。並請通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，洗禮見證，講道大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/5TQiYXIFAuc>

明日下午 12 月 13 日(星期日) 2 pm，中文堂舉辦事奉同工退休會，於在網上舉行，主題是「疫情中和疫情時代教會事工策略」，講員為鄧廣華牧師。歡迎所有的弟兄姊妹參加。

聘委會(Search committee)亦高興宣布，本會英文堂會友 Jonathan Moe 弟兄接受了長議會聘請，12 月 1 日起，成為全職同工，擔任兒童和青年事工主任(Children Youth Ministry Director)。聘委會亦結束了兒童青年牧者的尋聘。讓我們歡迎支持他，並為他的事奉及家人代禱。

進入十二月，網上成人主日學合班會有新課程「脫胎換骨的更新」，由導師陸超明牧師講授。歡迎準時參加。

而 MSG 小組網上聚會主題是「最偉大的愛—基督降生」，請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

兒童網上崇拜在 12 月 19 日(星期六)下午 1:30pm 舉行兒童聖誕慶祝會。歡迎聯絡 Jon, Elaine 或 Peggy。青少年團契 F.O.G 會在 12 月 18 日(週五)晚 7:30pm 舉辦「聖誕聯誼」歡迎聯絡 Jon.

以下的 Zoom 連結和電話: 都可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會。方便大家參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – DECEMBER 12, 2020

Christmas day will be upon us in 13 days. The season of Advent is usually filled with holiday meals, gifts, and other festivities. But this year, with all the provincial restrictions, it will likely be a quieter celebration.

Instead of the usual celebration, we will have smaller family dinners, Christmas gatherings through Zoom, house gathering banned in most places, and traditional Christmas services cancelled.

Reflecting on this, Psalm 137 comes to mind. In this Psalm of lament, we are reminded that our familiar ways of life can be ripped away, and we can find ourselves in unfamiliar circumstances too.

In Psalm 137, God's chosen people thought that nothing would befall them, was forced into exile. They hung their harps upon the willows (Ps. 137:2), which reminded them of joyful moments, but they no longer used their musical instruments. The heart of the Psalm asks a question, "*How can we sing the Lord's song in a strange or foreign land?*" (Ps. 137:5). As a result, they had lost their song. They refused to sing. With much grief and anguish, God's chosen people sat by the rivers of Babylon, weeping when they remembered Zion.

In the midst of uncertainty, God invites us to unburden our hearts to Him – to share our feelings and predicaments honestly in prayer. Eugene Peterson says, "it is easy to be honest before God with our hallelujahs; it is somewhat more difficult to be honest in our hurts; it is nearly impossible to be honest before God in the dark emotions of our hate... in prayer, not all is sweetness and light. The way of prayer is not to cover our unlovely emotions so they will appear respectable, but expose them so they can be enlisted into the work of [God's] kingdom." God wants us to bring our every thought to Him in prayer.

Finally, the Psalmist places his trust in God. No matter what happens, he continues to trust God and let God live in him.

It is my prayer that our heart will be open to what others are experiencing. Let nothing stop you from drawing near to Christ and let's keep singing psalms and reflecting on His goodness and speaking well of him.

Keep Seeking... Keep Singing... Keep Speaking of Him.

NCAC HIGHLIGHTS

Praise the Lord! this week, we thank God for members who will be getting baptised. Let's continue to praise God for their testimony and pray for their Christian growth.

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ENGLISH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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- [Online Sunday Service](#) at 9.30 am at www.ncac.ca. We encourage you to join us from 9.15 am to prepare for Service and to see how you can be part of the church ministry. This Sunday, we will witness the baptism from our Cantonese congregation.
- Sunday School - there will be NO Sunday School in the month of December. Sessions will resume in January 2021.
- [Online Corporate Prayer](#) - Join us this Wednesday, December 16 @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer. [This link](#) and password will connect you to our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Online Prayer: Meeting ID: 812 9928 8043 Passcode: 009188
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Blessings

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最新消息 (12/5/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

聖經說：「...等候我們的主耶穌基督顯現。他也必堅固你們到底，叫你們在我們主耶穌基督的日子無可責備。」
(哥林多前書 1:7-8)

踏入十二月，提醒我們聖誕節快到了。基督徒年曆也踏入「將臨期」作慶祝聖誕節前的準備與等待期。意思是，除了記念彌賽亞救主降生，也期待主耶穌再次降臨。我們校正心靈和行動，做好準備。

當我們活在這個充滿黑暗的時代，被這個世界的負面信息，使我們對人生失去盼望；又可能因為新冠狀肺炎疫情的失控或親友健康的安危而感到憂慮，我們也可以因為全球經濟衰退而為自己的工作及收入憂心，我們亦可以因為政局的黑暗而令我們感到絕望，我們可以因身邊的事情叫我們不知如何面對明天。

然而，「將臨期」是幫助我們記得耶穌基督的救世恩情未變。祂是與我們同在，使我們知道祂的降世是為着拯救我們。更提醒我們因着信基督而有的盼望：我們今日所見的黑暗是有限期，而且祂要再來作王，祂的公義及恩典將會完完全全地展露在世間。罪惡與邪惡將要被消滅，神的國將要降臨。因此，我們雖然身處困局中，我們可以帶著盼望去面積極面對。我們因着主的再來，我們可以勇敢地靠主度過每一日，祂的恩典夠用。我們可能在生活的經歷中，不是一世平安，但那使人有盼望的神必會眷佑。所以，我們可以用信心祈禱，祈求上帝的國降臨，求祂的心意成就在此時此地，就如成就在天上一樣。

明天是聖餐主日，崇拜信息是「你等候什麼呢？」，探討在「將臨期」和生命中「等待」的重要功課，有薛牧師主講。更有新禮堂裝修落成奉獻典禮的特備項目，相信會鼓勵您和家人，帶給大家祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。並請通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/RHUgJOAGIo>

今週三 12 月 9 日晚上八時會有網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老或組長。

進入十二月，網上成人主日學合班會有新課程「脫胎換骨的更新」，由導師陸超明牧師講授。歡迎準時參加。而 MSG 小組網上聚會主題是「最偉大的愛—基督降生」，內容可參閱附上的會眾版資料、請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

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還有，為感謝弟兄姊妹這一年在基約的大家庭中一起的同行和同心的事奉。關顧部為每一個家庭預備了一份聖誕小禮物來表達對你們的感謝和祝福。在十二月聖誕期間，中文事工團隊將會將小禮物送到各家庭門外以表問候，願主在疫情下繼續保守和扶持各位。若你是住在多倫多以外地區，或教會通訊錄未有你最新聯絡資料，又或是我們有疏忽，歡迎聯絡牧師長老，安排領取禮物。

最後，請為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – DECEMBER 5, 2020

Today is International Volunteer Day (IVD). This much-awaited day takes place every year on December 5; to celebrate the contribution, the commitment and passionate work of volunteers worldwide.

"Together We Can Through Volunteering" is the focus of IVD for this year, amid the Covid-19 pandemic. In the age of the Covid-19 pandemic, showing our help may look different than the past years. We remember the numerous volunteers worldwide for their time, energy and labour, which is an inspiration for us all.

In an era where the social safety net is uncertain, various congregations have stepped up to provide a vital service to the community. *On this note, I want to thank God for our church family. Here at NCAC, each one of you have made a sacrificial contribution to the church during this pandemic, reaching out to fellow believers well being, helping out when there was a need, and making a donation to non-profit organizations. Thank you for all that you do.*

Interestingly, the season of Advent is not just a time of 'waiting "alone but finding time to express our gratitude to God for pitching His tent with us. It's one thing to receive salvation from Jesus, but it's even more significant to thankfully live out the salvation that we have received.

Like the wise men who expectantly awaited the birth of the Saviour, and went to great lengths to be in His presence to worship Him, let us be stirred as we wait for Him.

Reflection:

- *When was the last time you fell at Jesus' feet and thanked Him?*
- *Do you yearn for Christ as much as He yearns for you?*

NCAC HIGHLIGHTS

Sanctuary Dedication - Praise the Lord! This Sunday as His Church, let's join the Dedication of our church Sanctuary and facilities for God's glory. The dedication is broadcasted tomorrow in both our Worship services. Thank you for your prayers, encouragement and financial support.

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ENGLISH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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With blessing

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最新消息 (11/28/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我並不是因缺乏說這話；我無論在甚麼景況都可以知足，這是我已經學會了。我知道怎樣處卑賤，也知道怎樣處豐富；或飽足，或飢餓；或有餘，或缺乏，隨事隨在，我都得了秘訣。我靠著那加給我力量的，凡事都能做。」(腓立比書 4:11-13)

當時的保羅身在獄中，並沒有得到豐富的供應，但他仍能如此鼓勵腓立比的信徒。今天身處在這疫情之中，你覺自己在實際的環境中是富足，還是缺乏呢？你的心靈狀況也會被此影響嗎？

有人為此經文用「溫度計」Thermometer 及「衡溫器」Thermostat (自動調溫器) 作比方。溫度計的運作是熱升冷降，反映周圍的溫度，也完全取決於周圍的溫度。衡溫器不一樣，它有設定好的溫度，不論天氣熱或冷，總能調節環境到適中的溫度。保羅的生命乃是衡溫器，不是被順或逆境去牽動心靈的狀況，而他是無論什麼景況都可以知足，並且得了秘訣。什麼是保羅的秘訣呢？從 13 節可見那加給保羅力量的就是主，保羅生命的滿足源於他對主堅定的信心。

願主耶穌幫助我們能明白這秘訣，只要我們定睛在主身上，就會看到主大過周圍環境的一切。使我們無論處貧窮、富足、有餘、缺乏，都能如保羅一樣，得到平安。願主也幫助我們今天在這「疫」流之中，不要做「溫度計」，隨著逆境向下滑，而是能作「衡溫器」，就算周圍環境再差下去，仍能靠主「疫」流而上。

明天崇拜信息是「和諧同心的喜樂」，繼續探討在亂世中喜樂的秘訣，有薛牧師主講，相信會鼓勵您和家人，帶給大家祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。並請通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/-22MqKJm680>

網上成人主日學合班課程，十一月繼續有「崇拜與你、你與崇拜」。由導師吉中鳴牧師和徐韓嘉恩講授。歡迎準時參加。

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另外預告十二月，中文堂會舉辦事奉同工退修會，於 12 月 13 日(星期日) 2 pm 在網上舉行，主題是「疫情中和疫情時代教會事工策略」，講員為鄧廣華牧師。而網上成人主日學合班會有新課程「脫胎換骨的更新」，由導師陸超明牧師講授。還有在 12 月 24 日(星期四)晚 7:30 pm，會舉辦平安夜慶祝聖誕，特備網上外展節目，歡迎所有的弟兄姊妹參加。以上聚會都請預留時間，留意連結參加和推介。

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最後，感謝神和你的奉獻，禮堂翻新工程已完成，影音部裝設器材和測試也接近尾聲。祈求疫情早日緩和至結束，以致能逐步恢復使用。請為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – NOVEMBER 28, 2020

I hope everything is going well with you and your family.

Throughout the past few weeks, my inbox has been overflowing with flyers relating to Black Friday sales on November 27, 2020. Apart from Black Friday, the pre-Black Friday sale and many other advertisements on countless deals are part of the flyers. I realize that in recent years, Black Friday sales have begun to infringe upon the American thanksgiving and Christmas season. In many ways, it has become a bigger event than Christmas. And now, it's Black Friday for weeks instead of just one day.

The beginning of the busy shopping season overshadows the commencement of a far quieter season – the Advent. The weeks leading up to Christmas day are properly called Advent, which comes from the Latin word *adventus*, meaning "coming."

One of the sentiments allied with Advent is yearning. A season designed to yearn and cultivate our awareness of God's actions— past, present, and future. We wait, we prepare, and we reflect on Christ to fulfil His promises to His people; to remind that Jesus is coming again at the end of the age to receive us as His own.

At times, 'waiting on the Lord' to speak to our heart can be difficult; as a society, we're all constantly running around, doing as much as we possibly can within the hours of the day. Scripture assures us in Psalm 147, "Blessed are all who wait for the Lord."

This year, Advent begins tomorrow, Sunday, November 29. Whatever you do this Advent, do not let the hustle and bustle of the holiday season stop us from observing the holiness of the season. This first Sunday of Advent, let's fill our hearts with the Hope of Christ! If you can, please watch the music video "[Mary, Did you Know.](#)" and follow the Advent readings (see attached).

Take some time to sit in, waiting to hear the voice of God speak to your heart. "Be not afraid."

ENGLISH MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS

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- [Virtual Sunday School](#) - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. Come and join our last session on the parables of Jesus.
- [Online Corporate Prayer](#) - Join us this Wednesday, December 2 @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer. [This link](#) and password will connect you to our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Online Prayer: Meeting ID: 812 9928 8043 Passcode: 009188
- [Save the Date](#) - Virtual Christmas Celebration is planned for December 24. Contact David Tong if you need more information.
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Embrace the Advent season! The Lord be with you.

With Blessings

Pastor Vinson

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最新消息 (11/21/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

主耶穌說：「我留下平安給你們，我把自己的平安賜給你們；我給你們的，不像世界所給的。你們心裡不要難過，也不要恐懼。」(約 14:27 新譯本)

有人形容，信主的人是兩棲動物，既是屬地，也是屬天；兩個身份同樣真實和並存。主耶穌早已言明在地上會有的苦難，面對屬地的苦難，我們難免掛慮不安；然而信主的人也是屬天的，正活在主耶穌所賜的平安裏面！

基督的信仰從來不是教人趨吉避凶，縱使會面對人生種種的困境，我們仍可以因著有「主耶穌自己的平安」坦然面對，全因知道誰掌管明天！要體會這平安，唯一的方法是堅心跟隨主，不離左右，而不是另覓蹊徑！

踏入十一月底，當快進入聖誕月份，加拿大疫情卻繼續嚴峻，令到禁聚限制升級，多倫多將再度「封城」(Lock down)，市民要警覺，加緊防疫。這些變化，令人更體會「動盪變遷，世事難料」的現實。但交織在心的，不單是掛慮和不安，更是神恆常同在的恩典慈愛、人的美善關懷，和教會福音的見證！若問，展望未來，前路又該如何走下去？相信這些時候，不是我們問主耶穌該如何走下去；而是主耶穌問我們決定要怎樣走下去！就如主耶穌曾問十二門徒，會否像許多其他人一樣，遇到難明不解的時候，便選擇離開祂，不再與祂同行。願我們如彼得一樣，意志堅定地回應祂：「主啊，祢有永生之道，我們還跟從誰呢？」(約 6:68) 若能如此，我們定可在任何的環境：或順境、或「疫/逆境」，對神、對人都能繼續「情真義真」，勇敢的走下去，並好好的靠主為主過每一天！

明日崇拜信息主題是「生命的改變」。有「恩啟迪心靈牧養事工」的創辦會長蔡偉雄牧師為講員，相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。並請通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

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今週六 11 月 28 日早上十時迦南團契將有每月的網上聚會，主題為『疫情中數神恩』。歡迎弟兄姊妹及新朋友參與，詳情和 Zoom 連結，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡，或電郵 office@ncac.ca 索取。

網上成人主日學合班課程，十一月繼續有「崇拜與你、你與崇拜」。由導師吉中鳴牧師和徐韓嘉恩講授。歡迎準時參加。

另外預告十二月，中文堂會舉辦事奉同工退修會，於 12 月 13 日(星期日) 2:00 pm 在網上舉行，主題是「疫情中和疫情時代教會事工策略」，講員為鄧廣華牧師。而網上成人主日學合班會有新課程「脫胎換骨的更新」，由導師陸超明牧師講授。還有在 12 月 24 日(星期四) 晚 7:30 pm，會舉辦平安夜慶祝聖誕，特備網上外展節目，歡迎所有的弟兄姊妹參加。以上聚會都請預留時間，留意連結參加和推介。

最後，感謝神和你的奉獻，禮堂翻新工程已完成，影音部裝設器材和測試也接近尾聲。祈求疫情早日緩和至結束，以致能逐步恢復使用。請為疫情，教會，牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – NOVEMBER 21, 2020

I hope today, with all the things going on in our nation and in your life - you can still agree with the verse below:

"Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail."

Lamentations 3:22

It is hard to believe that Christmas is almost a month away. It's the season when we prepare ourselves to receive God's gift of Jesus. It is a time of "getting ready" for the celebration of Christmas. Christians have celebrated Advent for centuries.

While the Christmas season can be such a fun time, it can also be a hectic time of the year. December also tends to be a time of preserving family Christmas traditions. The dictionary defines 'tradition' as "The transmission (or passing) of customs or beliefs from generation to generation." Traditions are powerful for a family. For one thing, they bring families closer together. Certain family traditions hold some of the most special memories for many of us. Many parents hope that someday their kids will pass their family's and their own Christmas traditions down to their children.

Today we need we ask ourselves, what are the "Traditions" we want to pass on to our family and friends? Hopefully, amid all our Christmas fun, let's keep Christ as the centre of our celebrations. Let's strive to make new memories by giving our family and friends a gift that is better than anything bought from the store – to acknowledge Christ as their saviour and worship Him as Lord of their lives.

May we continue to shine the light of Jesus this Advent.

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- Save the Date - Virtual Christmas Celebration is planned for December 24. Details will follow.
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With Prayers and Blessings

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最新消息 (11/14/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我的心哪，你當默默無聲，專等候神，因為我的盼望是從他而來。」(詩篇 62:5)

相信全球也在盼望疫情可以早日完結，生活及經濟可以回復正常，可以享受沒有口罩無拘無束的日子、或開始可以計劃一下旅遊。

目前安省疫情嚴峻，每日都有新增確診個案，上升的趨勢仍未停止。世衛曾發出警告，指肆虐全球的新冠肺炎病毒，恐怕會成為地方性流行病 (Endemic)，或像愛滋病毒一樣永遠不會消失，就是有疫苗，人們必須學習與病毒共存。

疫情不知何時可以完結，或不會完全結束。本來所祈盼的，屢次遭到打擊。若我們的眼光一直放在疫情上，若我們所期盼的都只專注在疫情結束時，確實會很容易沮喪。

今天的經文從內容可見，是由大衛在受惡人欺壓時，呼求神寫的。「默默無聲」及「專等候神」，就是詩人在困境中，專心靜候神，不被大環境所影響。詩人提醒，上帝是苦難中信靠的對象，祂是賜盼望的主。

今天若我們的焦點只在疫情快點過去，錯將盼望只放在回復正常生活上，我們很容易會失望。在疫情中，讓我們操練，無論外在環境如何，我們都能專注地信靠神，因為真正的盼望是從祂而來的。

明天崇拜信息是「活出福音的喜樂」，繼續探討在亂世中喜樂的秘訣，有薛牧師主講，相信會鼓勵你。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。請儘快通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – NOVEMBER 14, 2020

November 11, 2020, marked 100 years of Remembrance in Toronto. At the 11th hour on November 11, many citizens would have paused to remember the courageous soldiers who fought for the country and to mark the moment that World War I ended. Though there were no public gatherings this year due to the COVID-19 pandemic, you would have noticed people wearing poppies and others visiting several war memorials across the nation to pay their respects.

Remembering people who make sacrifices or impacted our lives is also significant. Apostle Paul mentions how thankful he is for his forefathers who served God (2 Tim 1:3). The Apostle reminded Timothy the benefit of remembering those who brought a positive influence for his spiritual life, *"I call to remembrance the genuine faith that is in you, which dwelt first in your grandmother Lois and your mother Eunice, and I am persuaded is in you also"* (2 Timothy 1:5). Though the passage doesn't tell us much about them directly, we see their influence in Timothy. Timothy had the benefit of being taught by his mother and grandmother. Timothy's grandmother Lois was the first member of the family to believe in Christ. She shared her story of faith with Eunice, her daughter, who in turn believed in Christ. The faithful witness and example of Timothy's grandmother and his mother were among the means God used to bring Timothy to pass the rich Christian heritage. Paul intends for Timothy to pass his faith to succeeding generations as well: *"What you have heard from me through many witnesses entrust to faithful people who will be able to teach others as well."* (2 Tim. 2:2)

Take some time this week, to remember people who shared God's love to you: people in the community of faith who came along in your spiritual journey and those who helped shape and influence your faith in Jesus.

Thank God for each person by name.

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- Corporate Prayer - Join us this Wednesday, November 18 @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer. This link and password will connect you to our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Online Prayer:
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最新消息 (11/7/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

聖經記載說：「有人用褥子擡著一個癱子，要擡進去放在耶穌面前，卻因人多，尋不出法子擡進去，就上了房頂，從瓦間把他連褥子縋到當中，正在耶穌面前。耶穌見他們的信心，就對癱子說：你的罪赦了。」（路加福音 5:18-20）

因疫情的影響下，很多人未能如常外出，一直困在家中。聖經中有一個人，他長期在家中，但與我們不一樣，我們是因疫情的緣故留在家中，而他卻因身患危疾——癱瘓病，即全身動彈不得，不能獨自外出，只能留在家中。當時既沒有電視，又沒有互聯網，每天都在非常沉悶無助下渡過。再加上，他起居飲食均要別人照顧，可幸他身邊有一班關心他的朋友，當他們聽聞耶穌能醫百病，於是心想耶穌能醫治他們的朋友，便決定帶著癱子到耶穌面前。假若你我是癱子本人，當聽到朋友提出找耶穌醫治，定必心裡想著：「耶穌？真的能醫好我嗎？」然而，朋友們二話不說的把他放在褥子上，儘管面對龐大的群眾，也無阻他們的信心及決心，甚至將別人的屋頂拆開，誓要將癱子帶到耶穌的面前。耶穌十分欣賞癱子的朋友們，竭盡所能，為要讓所愛的朋友得到醫治。

今日，當面對疫情，我們自己和所認識的親友，或許會灰心、失望，禱告彷彿未有任何回應，仍處於困境中。但癱子的朋友們卻因相信耶穌，身體力行地將癱子帶到耶穌面前，最後如願以償。

此處提醒我們，當我們到主耶穌面前求，祂總不會讓我們失望而回。雖然不知道疫情何時完結，但仍然相信這天總會來臨。我們只管繼續為有需要的人祈禱，將所認識的親友帶到耶穌的面前。讓主耶穌的醫治大能臨到眾人身上。相信親友得到主耶穌的拯救後，會十分感恩！因有你關心他。

明天崇拜是福音主日，有朱杞祥先生主講『撒該與你』。分享這位人物昔日所遇見的經歷及決定接受主耶穌，如何扭轉他的生命，及帶來生命的出路。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。請儘快通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – NOVEMBER 7, 2020

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While many of us adore the warm weather this week, our immediate southern neighbour is polarised by its recent elections. Due to my earlier stay and study in America, I have been reading the effects of its impending results. One of the questions that come to me is, 'what issues or topics dragged an enormous turnout to the polling station in various American counties?' What are peoples concerns, issues or things that matter most that drew large numbers to the polls?

I glanced through some research to find some answers and seek clarification. The Pew Research centre poll on August 13, 2020, noted four crucial issues that are influencing the election. The Center reports, "nearly eight-in-ten registered voters (79%) say the economy will be very important to them... and 68% of voters say health care ... while 64% cite Supreme Court appointments. 62% of voters say the outbreak will be a very important factor in their decision about who to support in the fall."

Reflecting on this, a couple of things come to my mind that brings hope and comfort. First and foremost, I am reminded about the importance to trust that God sees and knows everything that we are facing daily. God knows every longing of our hearts, and He is aware of every thought we have, along with every need we carry. Though we do not understand a lot of things in life, we are called to surrender and trust Him, no matter what we are going through right now. We need to have faith that God is totally in control and knows all things.

Secondly, if we aren't careful, worries and anxiety will steal our joy in the Lord. Like Mary, when faced with misunderstanding and rejection uttered, "I am the Lord's servant, May your word to me be fulfilled" (Luke 1:38). We are to look to God and realize that He loves us and will help us through every uncertain situation. We can live free from fear and live in joy.

Let's place our trust in God's plan and infinite wisdom - particularly when we do not understand the things that are happening in our personal lives and throughout many nations.

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS: Pray and Participate

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最新消息 (10/31/2020)

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「但我倚靠你的慈愛；我的心因你的救恩快樂。」(詩篇 42:5；13:5)

幾年前有一部創意十足的動畫電影《玩轉腦朋友 Inside Out》。以小小故事，帶出深刻寓意，令人感動。電影試圖探討人類各種情緒如何影響在成長階段中作出的種種決定。故事講主角萊莉腦裡面五個情緒的角色：「阿樂」、「阿愁」、「阿燥」、「阿憎」、「阿驚」。

電影中有兩幕頗有意思：其一，當萊莉看到爸爸需要外出辦事。萊莉腦中「阿愁」這個內心的情緒對自己說：「爸爸丟下我們，他再也不愛我們了，太哀傷了...」。這時，萊莉腦中的「阿樂」立即跳了出來，「阿樂」不想讓「阿愁」的這個情緒主導萊莉自己。所以，「阿樂」嘗試地讓萊莉自己浮現出一些快樂的念頭和經驗。其二是原來一直被忽視的阿愁是能激發人振作的同伴。因為只有哀愁才可洗滌人生。在人情冷暖和世態炎涼中，能親歷到家人朋友的關懷和鼓勵，是人生低谷中的一柄扶手梯。如果沒有「阿愁」，萊莉可能全然不知道家庭和對她的重要。人生原本就是有樂有哀的，一面倒的快樂並不代表幸福。人生的喜跌，才令人更珍惜眼前所有，並且增長勇氣，催我自新。

回到現實裡，發現不少弟兄姊妹感到納悶、煩躁，究竟疫情何時才可以終結。很多人都想去公園或湖邊走走，吸口新鮮空氣，但原來很多人都去了那裡，結果又擔心傳染。

電影中的「阿樂」代表正面情緒的角色，其它是負面的同伴情緒。面對這刻的疫情，「阿愁」、「阿燥」、「阿驚」是否經常出現在我們的腦海，仿佛忘記了「阿樂」？當詩人面對「阿愁」與「阿燥」這兩個朋友時，他裡頭的「阿樂」也馬上跳出來。正如詩人說「但我倚靠你的慈愛；我的心因你的救恩快樂」，故此他仍要繼續「仰望祂、稱讚祂」。憂悶和煩躁是人類共有的情緒病毒，它不會因為我們是基督徒就能免疫。疫情中可以做，以及最需要做的，就是將我們的心境轉向上帝，歸回上帝。

明日是聖餐主日，信息主題是「亂世中喜樂的秘訣」，相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。https://youtu.be/pvf_o7FJlgE

兒童網上崇拜繼續在週六下午 1:30-2:30pm。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。而青少年團契 FOG 在十一月六日週五下午 7:30pm 有交誼之夜節目。請聯絡 Jon Moe。

網上成人主日學十一月有合班新課程「崇拜與你、你與崇拜」。由導師吉中鳴牧師和徐韓嘉恩講授。與大家一同深入淺出地探討聖經中「敬拜」的描述和真義，潮流文化及疫情對崇拜的衝擊，音樂在敬拜中的角色，以及敬拜者在理性、感性和靈性的更新。歡迎準時參加和推介。以下的 Zoom 連結和電話：都可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會。方便大家參加。

另外，教會於 11 月 8 日會舉行網上福音主日，由朱杞祥先生主講『撒該與你』。分享這位人物昔日所遇見的經歷及決定接受主耶穌，如何扭轉他的生命，到今時今日又如何對你的生命，同樣有密切的關係，及帶來生命的出路。請儘快通知和轉發連結邀請親友們，及為他們禱告。<https://www.ncac.ca/gospel-sunday>

最後，禮堂翻新工程已接近尾聲，之後影音部會作裝設器材和測試。請為工程，教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願主祝福大家，健康平安，主恩常在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – OCTOBER 31, 2020

The recent number in Coronavirus cases has hit hard on our province and country, with many regions recording hundreds of cases. Countries such as the US, India and Brazil have the most confirmed cases, and there is a renewed increase across Europe. Together with the rise in cases, spikes fear and anxiety. At times, it is human to let fear grow bigger than God.

As I was thinking of the recent spike in cases and the consequence on the minds and lives of many – I reflected on Jeremiah 29:7. Look at what God calls us to do:

But seek the welfare of the city where I have sent you into exile, and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare you will find your welfare. (Jeremiah 29:7 ESV)

The words of Jeremiah was directed to the Israelites, who had been uprooted from their homeland and taken into Babylonian captivity. In such circumstances, it would be so easy to complain or even grow bitter. But God said to the Israelites in exile, who are in a place in life where they don't wish to be, “to seek the welfare of the city.” Not only does God tell the exiles to “seek the welfare of the city,” he also tells them to “pray to the Lord on its behalf.”

The word “welfare” is the Hebrew word “shalom” which means peace and wellbeing. The people of God, who are in exile, are to seek the flourishing of their enemy. They have to see and ensure that God is honoured and to pray for people to come to know Him and the peace He gives.

What a powerful call by God! Today, it is important for us to be law-abiding citizens or residents, but it is also important as believers to intercede for our city and cover it with prayer. Let's find a time this week to “to seek the welfare of the city” and “pray to the LORD on its behalf.”

CHURCH HIGHLIGHTS: Pray and Participate

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EM HIGHLIGHTS: Please join us!

- Online Sunday Service at 9.30 am at www.ncac.ca. We encourage you to join us from 9.15 am to prepare for Service and to see how you can be part of the church ministry. Don't forget the Fall time - turn back your clock one hour at 2 am on November 1st.
- Virtual Sunday School - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. Join Catherine Tsang to explore "Introduction to Parables" and "Why Jesus taught in Parables?"
- Corporate Prayer - Join us this Wednesday, November 4 @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer. This link and password will connect you to our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Online Prayer:
- Small Groups (SG) - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

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Blessings

Pastor Vinson

最新消息 (10/24/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我的心默默無聲，專等候神；我的救恩是從他而來。惟獨他是我的磐石，我的拯救；他是我的高臺，我必不很動搖。」(詩篇 62:1-2)

隨著近日感染新冠病毒的人數增多，全國的疫情進入了第二波。面對疫情持續肆虐，政府宣告了新措施。在人不知所措下，只會不斷地尋找出路，然而難以得著。當詩人正面對危險、艱難、困境時，他並沒有大聲吶喊，卻選擇「默默無聲，專等候神」，詩人來到聖殿，因他知道天父比一切都大，一切皆在上帝手中，沒有解決不了的事情！故此，他選擇信靠天父，等候再等候，深信天父會用祂的方式拯救他。

詩人在第 6-7 節中，除了磐石、拯救和高臺外，還提到神是拯救、榮耀、力量和避難所。剛開始時，他看見神，同時看見很多仇敵，詩人在面對人生的艱難和不穩妥，不單呼喚自己回歸神，也呼喚世人回歸神。無論環境如何，都要先與神相連，因神比一切更重要，祂是我們的天父，我們是祂的兒女，可以徹徹底底地信靠祂。

同樣地，當我們面對艱難、困苦，我們的神仍與我們一起。困境未必即時消失或改變，心情依然，但那位加能賜力、愛我們到底的天父會與我們一同面對。當存著信心，仰望神的作為，就不怕敵人的欺凌。神是我們的倚靠，讓我們專心等候祂！

神呀！求祢給我一顆智慧的心，讓我每天呼吸每口氣時都心存感激，能明白擁有祢，祢的平安及恩惠湧流著我心；並能數算自己的日子，專心依靠祢，能享受在祢豐盛的慈愛裡。阿們！

明日信息主題是「主的道不被捆綁」。有多倫多短宣中心總幹事彭偉賢牧師為講員，相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。

因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

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今週三 10 月 28 日晚上八時會有粵語網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老或組長。

最後，禮堂翻新工程已接近尾聲，請為工程，教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – OCTOBER 24, 2020

With a few days left to go for the 2020 American election, all eyes will be on its result and subsequently, its impact on the world. A recent Gallup poll notes, "American presidency has a major effect on their fundamental attitudes about the nation as a whole and, on a personal level, their standard of living." Even a vast majority of investors believe the presidential race will affect the stock market, according to a recent survey from Hartford Funds.

Its effect is felt here in Canada too. An article entitled "Why Canadians can't look away from the US vote" records that "Arguably no other country outside of the United States has as much at stake economically as the election campaign enters its final, dramatic weeks. And Canadians are feeling it."

What is our Christian response? First and foremost, God is sovereign and is in control of everything. We read in the Word that He is the one who has established the authorities. Even if we agree or don't like the way things are going in local and global politics and governments, we are called to pray for these leaders.

When Paul wrote his epistle to Timothy, persecution was a growing threat to believers. The Roman Empire was far worst in their treatment of people, particularly the Christians. And yet, Paul does not advise a revolution but calls us to pray for our leaders (1 Tim. 2:1-2), and to live in unity (Eph. 4:3). The political climate and personal circumstances do not change Paul's charge to believers in 1 Timothy 2:1-4:

"First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Savior, who desires all people to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth."

Even Jesus calls his followers to pray for their persecutors. Many of the problems today cannot be solved by activism and protest but by prayer and God's intervention alone.

As Christians, we know and have experienced the power of prayer. So let's earnestly ask God to establish good governments that allow us to live "peaceful and quiet lives" and eventually liberate us to evangelize to those who are lost.

Let's pray!

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- Virtual Sunday School - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. We will complete our study on 2 Timothy and thanks to Michael Huynh for leading the last three sessions. In November, we will focus on 'Understanding the Parables'.
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最新消息 (10/17/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「就對他們說：要收的莊稼多，作工的人少。所以，你們當求莊稼的主打發工人出去收他的莊稼」(路加福音 10 章 2 節)。

疫情凸顯了網絡及通訊科技的功能。世界各地的教會都不得不暫停常規聚會，許多事工都改用線上交流的方式進行：直播崇拜，透過 Zoom 等視訊會議軟體來開展事工及處理行政事務。人們比過去更常使用網路通訊工具和社交媒體，這種新的教會聚會形式在未來仍將繼續存在。

在疫情期間，許多人暗暗審視生命的意義，他們自己的生命根基和方向，以及對他們而言什麼才是真正重要的事物。他們也許被焦慮的情緒籠罩著，其中包括對死亡的恐懼。這一切都意味著，聖靈正悄悄地在許多人的心靈之田耕耘，使之成為沃土，預備好領受上帝話語的種子。

我們有大好機會去宣講耶穌基督的福音，藉此服事那些已成為沃土、預備好領受真道的心靈。主耶穌在兩千年前所說的話不僅適用於當時的處境，也同樣適用於現在和未來。祂對門徒說：「要收的莊稼多」(路加福音 10 章 2 節)。祂還說：「舉目向田觀看，莊稼已經熟了，可以收割了」(約翰福音 4 章 35 節)。考慮到收成可能相當豐富，祂說：「所以，你們當求莊稼的主打發工人出去收祂的莊稼」(路加福音 10 章 2 節)。

若主耶穌今天要打發我們盡力運用網絡及通訊平台去收祂的莊稼，我們又會怎樣回應呢？是否願意接受祂的差遣？讓我們一同禱告，祈求主賜我們一顆火熱、謙卑和愛別人靈魂的心，使我們在這末後的世代中，致力於迫切而清楚地將福音傳給有需要的人們。

明日是差傳年會的第三堂信息，主題是「超越界限、傳至萬邦」。繼續有華人福音普世差傳會加拿大主任李傳頌牧師為講員，分享宣教異象的信息，相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

https://youtu.be/ud4GIQ_IJxg

請繼續為宣道會環球基金的需要代禱。宣道會環球基金今年仍需在年底前多籌募更多的經費去支持全球二百多位的國際同工(宣教士)。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – OCTOBER 17, 2020

After the death of King Saul, in 1 Chronicles 12, we read that the people from different tribes assembled at Hebron to make David the king. However, a small number of chiefs from Issachar who "understood the times, to know what Israel ought to do" knew when it would be time for this specific event to take place. They were able to discern the situation and understood God's timing. These men of Issachar realized that God was making changes in their nation, and they needed to respond to those changes appropriately. They understood the impact of the movements of God in their world and therefore provided important guidance. This understanding caused them to know what Israel ought to do, not what Israel desired to do.

There is a vast difference between knowing and understanding. The main focus of 'knowing' is acquiring more information but 'understanding' helps to see the importance of this information and how to apply it.

Today, there is a great need to understand the times. What a difference it makes when we have an understanding of the things we're experiencing and know it from God's viewpoint. God wants us to understand the times we are living in and to respond appropriately to the circumstances that surround us. There would be moments God wants us to step away from the familiar and comfortable, and make the right decision in our everyday situations. "Understanding the times" calls us to action, not to fear and dismay.

Thankfully, we have the Holy Spirit to lead and guide us! Let us become like the children of Issachar - able to understand the times and to know where the spirit of God is guiding us.

Church Highlights: Pray and Participate

- **Sanctuary Renovation and Church Reopening:** Let's continue to pray for the upgrading of our sanctuary and the Church Reopening steps. Please visit the church website and Facebook for renovation progress and Church Reopening survey:
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EM Highlights:

Please join the church family in our online Sunday services, virtual small groups, prayer meetings and Sunday schools:

- **Online Sunday Service** at 9.30 am at www.ncac.ca. We are honoured to have our District Superintendent, Rev Curtis Peters to conclude our Mission Emphasis month. We encourage you to join us from 9.15 am to prepare for Service and to see how you can be part of the church ministry. Also, join us for the 5-minute Bible Trivia Countdown to test your bible knowledge.
- **Virtual Sunday School** - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. We will continue with the book study on 2 Timothy taught by Michael Huynh.
- **Corporate Prayer** - Join us this Thursday, October 21 @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer
- **Small Groups (SG)** - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

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Blessings
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最新消息 (10/10/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我們曉得萬事都互相效力，叫愛神的人得益處，就是按他旨意被召的人。」(羅馬書 8 章 28 節)。

危機無可避免，如何在危機中發現機會，為人生下一段旅程做好準備？以下有幾項實用的建議。一、相信聖經真理，神必定使萬事為我效力，使我受益。二、神掌管一切。三、神的道路高過我的道路。四、別太快做評斷。五、看神，別看環境。六、回憶以往如何從危機中發現機會。七、降服於神的心意。八、常懷感恩。九、決心將危機視為轉機。十、慎選屬靈伙伴。十一、順服神，將所有結果交給祂。

現在疫情再起第二波，嚴重程度比第一波更甚。七個多月來的抗疫，眾人已經有「抗疫疲勞」的象徵。要經歷在軟弱、疲乏中的突破，得著智慧與能力，關鍵便是「等候」。「等候」並不是靜態的，也不是沒有行動、無可奈何的消極態度，好像我們一點辦法都沒有，只好等著什麼都不做。

在聖經中講到「等候」時，至少有兩個意思：第一是表明預備好接受神的賜福。就好像我告訴另一個人我肚子餓了，他答應要給我麵包，在那之前，我會把手洗乾淨，把手伸出來準備拿取麵包。第二是等候得著神的引領。若是不認識路，不知道要如何到達目的地，有人願意帶我去，但我需要等待他來。所以等候是積極的態度，是帶著渴慕、盼望的心，不僅相信事情必定發生，而且希望事情早點發生。

我們必須耐心等候，但若我們的生命沒有更新，就會想以自己的本領去做些什麼；在等候中我們不但越來越清楚神的心意，而且得著從祂來的能力與智慧來完成祂的心意。

明日忻晉宇牧師的信息是「『疫』境前行」。相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福，在這『疫』境中可以得到力量繼續前行。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/ZISvcqPM4aA>

網上粵語祈禱會將於星期三(10月14日)，晚上八時舉行。請預留時間參與，為疫情守望代求及同心一起來等候神。Zoom 連結和電話與以下網上成人主日學連結相同。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – OCTOBER 10, 2020

This season of COVID 19 has been a trying and testing period for many of us. We recognise that this pandemic is putting a lot of extra burden on us—but it's also stirring desires in us to help one another. Though over the last few months, many would have missed gathering with the church to worship and encourage one another. Indeed, it has been a test to determine how we see the church — is New Covenant Alliance Church just a building, or a community of believers?

I came across a once a children's hymn that later found its way to the church hymnal written by Richard K. Avery and Donald S. Marsh:

I am the church!
You are the church!
We are the church together!
All who follow Jesus,
all around the world!
Yes, we're the church together!
The church is not a building,
the church is not a steeple,
the church is not a resting place,
the church is a people.

The church is not something we attended weekly. It's about us and and "We are the Church together." When the New Testament mentions "the church," it refers to "the gathered ones," or believers called into community with God. It speaks about the people—the body of Christ—who received the Holy Spirit and sent to tell the Gospel. Though we are unable to gather in our building, we remain the church. Our love and relationship with Christ and each other in the Spirit joins us. This is the way that the body of Christ is most effective.

Let us echo and live out the words of the hymn, "*I am the church! . . . We are the church together!*"

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- **Virtual Sunday School** - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. We will continue with the book study on 2 Timothy which will be taught by Michael Huynh.
- **Small Groups (SG)** - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

Happy Thanksgiving from our family to yours. Wish your thanksgiving is filled with love, joy and peace.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

■
Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (10/3/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「舉目向田觀看，莊稼已經熟了，可以收割了」(約翰福音 4 章 35 節)。

在疫情期間，許多人暗暗審視生命的意義，什麼才是真正重要的事物，生命根基和方向。許多人被焦慮的情緒籠罩，其中包括對死亡的恐懼。這一切都意味著，聖靈正悄悄地在許多人的心靈耕耘，使之成為沃土，預備好領受上帝話語的種子。

主耶穌在兩千多年前所說的話，不僅適用於當時，也同樣適用於現在和未來。祂還對門徒說：「要收的莊稼多，做工的人少。所以，你們當求莊稼的主打發工人出去收祂的莊稼」(路加福音 10 章 2 節)。因著疫情，我們有大好機會去宣揚耶穌基督的福音，藉此服事那些已成為沃土、預備好領受真道的心靈。

疫情令許多信徒產生了緊迫感。甚至一些年輕人，他們自我反思，想知道該如何度過自己的一生。為此，讓我們一同禱告，祈求主復興自己，更興起新一批見證人、傳道人和宣教士，在這末後的世代中，迫切而有好見證，清楚地將福音傳給有需要的人們。

信徒必須抵擋誘惑，以免回到過去的舒適區、安於現狀。而且不要只在教會的四面牆之內開展事工。却重新思考誰是真正的鄰舍。存憐憫的心，慷慨解囊，周濟窮困及有需要的人。當感受到周圍世界的需要時，很可能就會睜開雙眼，看到已經成熟的莊稼，很多人也可能會走出去，向這個極度需要基督的世界活出愛和真理。

面對疫情的威脅，教會仍然充滿信心和盼望，向這被死亡的恐懼所籠罩的世界宣告耶穌基督的福音。這一切都因為，我們所敬拜和跟隨的主耶穌已戰勝了罪和死亡，正是這個失落和充滿傷痛的世界所面臨的終極問題和答案。

明日是聖餐主日，也是差傳年會的第二堂信息，主題是「超越限制、傳至萬邦」。繼續有華人福音普世差傳會加拿大主任李傳頌牧師為講員，分享宣教異象的信息，相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。(而英文崇拜講員就有差派到泰國的宣教士賓得烈牧師夫婦 Rev. Derek and Bonnie Burnett 為講員。)

因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。
<https://youtu.be/xu3NKq5n2xo>

MSG 小組十月份網上聚會主題會是「超越限制，傳至萬邦：使徒行傳 13:1-12」，內容可參閱附上的會眾版資料、請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

薛牧師會在 10 月 5 日至 19 日稍作休息，請代禱。

兒童網上崇拜繼續在週六下午 1:30-2:30pm。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。

網上成人主日學課程繼續有「以弗所書」，「環遊聖經站下」和「福音班」。歡迎準時參加和推介。以下的 Zoom 連結和電話：都可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會。方便大家參加。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – OCTOBER 3, 2020

As I write this note, looking out my window, I see trees going through changes. What was once a tree deep in green shows signs with vibrant shades of red and orange. Soon the leaves will fall to the ground. With shorter days and longer nights, we find ourselves changing into new routines. The colour change, the weather change - it is about change. But to change means that something must go.

With all the physical changes that happen around us, what changes are happening within us? God who brings the seasons, can change my life too. While change can be disturbing in some cases, with our lives pulled apart, change can also be a wonderful experience pointing toward a promising future.

The great news about God working in our lives is that He's ready to help us make changes that will benefit us. In Isaiah 43:18-19, God says, "Do not remember the former things, nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing..." I encourage you to ask God to bring newness in your relationship with Him, to give you the strength to make new choices that will glorify God.

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- Online Holy Communion Service at www.ncac.ca. Rev Derek will be speaking to us on the theme, 'Go'. We encourage you to join us from 9.15 am to prepare for Service and to see how you can be part of the church ministry. Come and join the church family for Holy Communion.
- Virtual Sunday School - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. We will start a book study on 2 Timothy entitled, 'Entrusted'.
- Corporate Prayer - Join us this Thursday, October 7 @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer. This link and password will connect you to our 1st and 3rd Wednesday Online Prayer:
- Small Groups (SG) - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

Have a blessed week ahead. The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

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最新消息 (9/26/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「愛在我們裏面得以完全，我們就可以在審判的日子坦然無懼。因為祂如何，我們在這世上也如何。愛裏沒有懼怕；愛既完全，就把懼怕除去。」(約翰壹書 4:17-18 上)

疫情之下，擔憂和懼怕似乎成為人的常態。當第二波的疫情高峰湧來之時，人們似乎沒有不懼的理由。使徒約翰卻告訴我們「愛裏沒有懼怕」！原來，可以勝過「懼怕」的秘訣是「在神的愛裏」！

「愛裏沒有懼怕」，有「光」的地方，自然就沒有了「暗」；同樣，有「愛」的地方自然就消除了「懼怕」。「愛」是互動的，也是雙向的，唯有彼此相愛，愛才得完全，才能全然驅除「懼怕」。

今天不少人以為：「愛對方就是佔有對方」，約翰卻要藉著「主為我們捨命」指出真愛的原則：真愛乃是犧牲自己為對方，不是犧牲對方來為自己！「因為祂如何，我們在這世上也如何。」

在末世的時代，我們應當如何預備，才能使自己在「審判的日子」坦然無懼？就是讓神的愛進入到我們的群體、進入到我們的生活不同層面，使我們領受愛而活出愛，讓愛在我們裏面得以完全。犧牲越大，愛就越大；犧牲越小，愛就越小。「那在我們裏面的，比那在世界上的更大。」(約翰壹書 4:4) 我們還懼怕什麼呢？

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<https://youtu.be/IY3qkOCTmWw>

在這疫情期間，教會一直致力幫助我們的社區。現在支援社區有一項新行動，在 10 月 17 日之前，向多倫多市區無家可歸者提供 100 袋的三明治午餐。如您有興趣作志願者協助，發放基督的大愛，請聯絡 Ben Lee (itsbencslee@gmail.com 或 416-303-7458)。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – SEPTEMBER 26, 2020

Which season is your favourite season, and why? I would have to say summer is mine! As we all know, the fall season finally arrived on September 22, 2020. God has designed the seasons, and though each one is distinct, they all work together to bring life and growth. The end of each season can be challenging or even painful to some.

Fall is a time of harvest and time to prune plants in preparation for winter. Some would find it difficult to see the leaves fall from trees, the fields emptied of its crops, and the daylight shortening in the fall. We all go through cycles of experience and different phases of change in our lifetime as well. There are many challenging transitions in life, and I am often reminded during these moments of how God does have a perfect plan for my life, regardless of the season I find myself in. I have learned to trust Him and His plan.

As Christians, we can celebrate God's faithfulness and presence amid changing seasons and life cycles. God promises in Isaiah 41:10: "Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God; I will strengthen you, I will help you, I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Praise God for His faithful presence!

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The Lord be with you in this Fall season!

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Pastor Vinson



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最新消息 (9/19/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

耶穌說「所以，你們要去，使萬民作我的門徒，奉父、子、聖靈的名給他們施洗。凡我所吩咐你們的，都教訓他們遵守，我就常與你們同在，直到世界的末了。」(馬太福音 28:19-20)

普世宣教是宣道會的基因。按宣道會的傳統，堂會每年都舉辦「差傳年會」。我們教會一年前更將「差傳週末」改為「差傳月」。然而，面對當今疫情的告急，繼續以整個月關心差傳，會否過多？是否適切時代的需要？

回想宣信牧師 (Rev. A. B. Simpson) 1880 年創立宣道會的時候，已奠立兩翼齊飛的方向，一個是「靈命進深」(Deeper Life)，另一個是「差傳使命」(Mission)。按此方向，假若我們用人生之半時間關心佈道宣教，其實絕不嫌多。況且，使萬民作主的門徒，也是耶穌吩咐每個基督門徒的大使命。然而，面對全球疫情肆虐，加上經濟和安全越趨緊張，若把普世宣教的參與和奉獻放輕一點，也不失為過吧？這是你的疑問與掙扎嗎？曾閱讀過一篇與此相近的文章，就讓我們以史為鑑，回到 1918 年，一個與今天所面對頗相似危機的年代來思考。

1918 年，全世界爆發「西班牙流感」(Spanish flu)，五億人受感染，死亡人數高達至 5 千萬人，政府下令教會停止聚會，教會的差傳年會也被迫延後舉辦。此外，1918 也是第一次世界大戰結束之年，全國經濟及人力資源受到戰事極大的影響。面對社會百廢待興，宣道會的宣教工作有否放緩下來？當翻查歷史，我們會驚訝地發現，1918 年竟然是美國宣道會繼續大力推動宣教的一年，其果效甚至超越戰前情況。

首先，宣道會不斷增加宣教士及工場的同工，人數由 1914 年的 259 人，增至 1918 年 300 人。其二，宣教工場之慕道及受浸人數不斷增加，截至 1918 年，四年內各地共有 5,630 名信徒受洗，遠超過去的成果。受洗人數最多是非洲剛果，其次是中國、智利及印度。其三，就是新宣教站的增加，之前四年時間，共增加 226 個新的宣教站，地點主要位於中國、印度支那半島、印度、剛果、南美及蘇丹等地。其四，差傳總收入及宣教上的支出也增加了，若比較 1918 年與之前兩年，總收入增加了一半；若比較之前四年，則增加 112%，可見當時宣道會所得的奉獻並沒有因第一次世界大戰及西班牙流感而減少，而用在宣教工場的支出也持續增加。

這段宣道會創立初期的歷史，提醒我們，社會環境雖然困難，但宣道會卻仍然努力投入宣教，俗語說「有危就有機」，神興起福音上的機遇。但願這個「愈艱苦愈奮進」的宣教基因，也植根於我們生命中，叫我們一起在宣教行動與奉獻上學習跟隨主。若想了解加拿大宣道會的宣教，歡迎點擊 <https://www.cmacan.org/> 並 <https://www.ccaca.org/>

明日是基約 2020 差傳年會展開的第一堂信息，主題是「超越界限、傳至萬邦」。特別邀請到華人福音普世差傳會 (www.gointl.ca) 加拿大主任李傳頌牧師為講員，李牧師將分別在明天 9 月 20 日, 10 月 4 日, 10 月 18 日, 三個主日分享宣教異象的信息，相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。(而英文差傳崇拜講員有註泰國宣教士 Rev. Derek and Bonnie Burnett 牧師夫婦及宣道會本區區牧 Rev. Curtis Peters.)

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另外在 9 月 23 日(中文)及 10 月 7 日(英文)分別有差傳祈禱會，請一同參與。

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迦南團契將於九月 26 日(星期六)早上十時舉行網上聚會，主題為恩雨之聲之『江湖得勝者』，歡迎弟兄姊妹及新朋友參與，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

MSG 小組九月份網上聚會主題是詩篇 1 篇「要做蒙福的人」，內容請參閱會眾版資料、請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。兒童網上崇拜繼續在週六下午 1:30-2:30pm。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – SEPTEMBER 19, 2020

A person's last words often have great significance. Last words even command extra respect, no matter how the person lived their life. Just before Jesus ascended, He told His disciples, "Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you always, even to the end of the age" (Matthew 28:19–20). These final words of Jesus holds great meaning for Christians. The Great Commission that Jesus gave His disciples more than 2,000 years ago hasn't changed, and today it remains the essential task that every believer has the privilege to fulfil.

Jesus wanted His disciples to witness about His sacrificial death and love, but He also reminded them that they aren't in it alone. Jesus is with us as we go, tell, and make disciples. He promised to always be with those who fulfil His Mission.

What an assurance, you and I are not alone! Christ, our saviour assured to be with us, "And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." These words reveal the heart of Jesus, they are all about what we are supposed to be doing as his followers with His presence in us.

Reflection

- **Think of the people you know who need to hear the good news of the Gospel.**
- **How can you make a difference in their life?**

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EM Highlights:

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- **Online Sunday Service** at 9.30 am at www.ncac.ca. We will be having Mission speakers for the next few Sundays to minister to us. We encourage you to join us from 9.15 am to prepare for Service and to see how you can be part of the church ministry. See you tomorrow at 9.15 am!
- **Virtual Sunday School** - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. Anki Huyuh will be completing part 1 of an exciting subject: 'New Testament Treasures'.
- **Small Groups (SG)** - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

Thank you for your generous support towards our Month-Long Food Drive for Toronto Alliance Church Food Pantry. Let's continue to be a channel of blessing.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Pastor Vinson



Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (9/12/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

耶穌說「我是好牧人；我認識我的羊，我的羊也認識我...並且我為羊捨命。」(約十 14-15)

主耶穌認識祂的羊，祂能叫出每一隻羊的名字。我們可以來到祂身邊，祂會照顧我們，保護我們。相反，若是雇工，不是牧人，不是門，從他們進入的並無生命，他們只是有外表，遇上在有危險時會丟下羊群不管，並不顧念羊。

當我們觀看疫情的新聞，匯報的只是數字；主耶穌卻是知道他們的名字，明白和知曉他們的需要。雖然我們受限聚令的影響下要隔離，主耶穌卻不受影響，祂一直與我們在一起。

同時，耶穌說：「我另外有羊，不是這圈裡的；我必須領他們來，他們也要聽我的聲音，並且要合成一群，歸一個牧人了。」(約十 16)，「另外有羊」就是那些未認識主耶穌的人。聖經提醒我們，耶穌就是道路、真理、生命；藉著祂，人能到天父那裡去。我們可以透過耶穌得著一切，並且會越來越豐富。同樣，我們也要讓身邊的人也得著自由及豐盛，讓他們認識並進入這門。透過互聯網絡，聯繫一些未信親友，發一些慰問或祝福給他，也同樣能分享主的愛。

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<https://youtu.be/KKDmw1rUKmk>

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迦南團契將於九月 26 日（星期六）早上十時舉行網上聚會，主題為恩雨之聲之『江湖得勝者』，歡迎弟兄姊妹及新朋友參與，查詢詳情，請與 Elaine Kong 或 Susan Li 姊妹聯絡。

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最後，禮堂翻新工程下星期就準備開始，請為工程，為重開堂址而制定適當的草案，教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工。

願主祝福大家，健康平安，主恩常在!

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – SEPTEMBER 12, 2020

Many of us would be surprised to realize it had been six months since the pandemic reached our shores, shutting down the city, businesses and changing our daily routines. We have learned new ways of doing things whilst social distancing and isolating. We heard and even witnessed the challenges and suffering of so many people. Through this experience, we have come to realize a deep sense of gratitude for those who are on the frontline, putting their lives on the line to save others.

I tried to analyze some of the lessons I've learned from these difficult circumstances. As a church community, the pandemic has changed the way we do church. With church worship, meetings and activities suspended, we looked for various ways to be a church together. I believe not only God is renewing the church but possibly initiating a new cultural era for His church.

On a personal level, though I realize human life is fragile by itself, our strength comes from God and being part of a community during the pandemic time. The most important lesson for me is to hold tight to what is sacred. Faith in God is the only thing that has any true worth; there is nothing that could ever take that place. I believe that God is sovereign and in control of everything.

If someone would ask you as to how you are dealing with the pandemic and what you have learnt, what would you say? |

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- **Sunday Service** at 9.30 am at www.ncac.ca. We encourage you to join us from 9.15 am from this Sunday onwards - this will help you to prepare and to be aware of our church highlights. Say "Hi" in the chat too.
- **Virtual Sunday School** - 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. Anki Huyuh will be conducting an exciting subject: 'New Testament Treasures' from August to September.
- **Virtual Corporate Prayer at 8 pm on September 16, 2020**
Join us again for a time of sharing and prayer.
- **Small Groups (SG)** - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin

- **Food Drive** - the month-long food drive will end on September 20. Please support the Toronto Alliance Church Food Pantry. Please contact the Small Group leaders or David Tong, if you want to contribute.

Once again, thank you for your support, encouragement and prayers for the church family. See you online!

The Lord be with you

Blessings

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最新消息 (9/5/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「時候將到，如今就是了，那真正拜父的，要用心靈和誠實拜他，因為父要這樣的人拜他。」(約翰福音 4:23)

從今天的經文來看，教會崇拜生活是否能回到疫情前，不是我們能否敬拜神的關鍵。經文帶出敬拜的實意，敬拜神不只靠實在的地方或實體的聚會，而是我們是否用對了心態，即要用聖靈和真理來敬拜。而敬拜更不只是主日的崇拜，而是我們每天敬拜生命的實踐。

隨著政府放寬疫情限聚令，少部份教會也隨即嘗試恢復有限制性的實體聚會。而我們就像其它教會一樣，仍在忍耐等候，特別是我們決定要進行大堂翻新工程，並從調查瞭解了會眾對重返教會聚會的感受。但就算能回復實體聚會，以往的教會生活及信仰習慣經過一輪「疫」轉後，是否能完全回到疫情前一樣？

也許回到實體教會生活之前，是一個很好的機會，讓檢視一下在過差不多七個多月沒有實體的聚會下，我們的信仰生命是否有長進。

我們在這期間，是否仍能甘心情願，心靈和誠實的參與網上崇拜？坐在家中，是否仍能以尊崇的態度敬拜神？以電子媒體聚會，是否仍能專注親近神？沒有實體的小組或團契聚會，你仍有關心弟兄姊妹嗎？對於真理的追求，會否懶散下來？在教會以外仍能於工作中、家中或鄰舍中作鹽和光嗎？實體教會在生活中的成份少了，會令你信仰在生活中的成份也少了嗎？一天「疫」轉後，我們的信仰生命能落實於生活到底有多少？

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https://youtu.be/lcDHYa7_OU

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MSG 小組九月份網上聚會主題是詩篇 1 篇「要做蒙福的人」，內容請參閱會眾版資料、請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

兒童網上崇拜繼續在週六下午 1:30-2:30 pm。請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – SEPTEMBER 5, 2020

As our school reopens, countless questions plague many parents and even society. Will the kids be safe at school? Would they like their new teachers? How would they interact with their friends in a safe-distancing manner?

Apart from the routine of making those bagged lunches, snacks, ride to school and help with piles of homework, there is nothing more powerful than praying for them. Parents, your prayers are important for your child. Praying for our children must top our list of priorities. Though we do not know all that goes on each day in our children's lives, God can. God sees and is present at every moment of their lives. You and I should do our part of regularly praying and planting faith in them in these challenging times.

Scripture reminds us of God's love for the little ones in our lives. Let me encourage you to pray over your child each day before sending them to school. Each morning, remember the things most important to your child - friends, teachers, tests, activities and school. Pray for God's protection over each child in our schools. Pray that God would guard every child in every step of their way. Ask for God's blessings and favour to surround their lives; His face would shine on them, be gracious to them, and give them great peace. Numbers 6:24-26.

Write your child's name and pray over them each day:

Lord Jesus, bless _____ and keep him/her; may your face shine on him/her. Turn your face toward _____ and give him/her peace. Amen.

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Blessings

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最新消息 (8/29/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「惟喜愛耶和華律法，晝夜思想，這人便為有福！」詩篇 1:2

很多時候，當我們生命中遇到難處，或感到前路茫茫，便很想能夠在聖經裏找答案、找指引和安慰；甚至希望可以有一或兩節金句成為當下的座右銘；這本是人之常情。然而卻會否感到「經」到用時方恨少？一時間我們無法找出那一段聖經是神當下要對自己說話！

不少信徒曾立下決心：「我不想再重蹈覆轍地迷茫不安下去，過了這關後定會好好將神的話藏在心裏，日後隨時有祂的話得到幫助。」；可惜之後會認真讀好神的話，牢記聖經的人卻不多。到下次再遇到迷失艱難時，只好又無奈地落入那無盡的循環當中，實在令人惋惜！

有傳道人說：「有心唔怕遲，「疫」境都係讀經時。」在疫情的日子，實在是好的提醒。願我們都能一同立定心志，努力堅持，好好的將神話藏在心裏，晝夜思想；既可以如詩人般享受「祢的話語在我的上膛多麼甜美，在我的口中比蜂蜜更甜。」，也能在有需要時，讓「祢的話成為我們腳前的燈，路上的光。」(詩 119:103, 05)

明日崇拜信息是「詩篇第一篇：作蒙福的果樹」、相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是網上崇拜的連結。又附上週刊和最新家事報告供參閱和備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/ELCPrvevdZc>

特別會友會已在上週日順利網上舉行，會友們通過了崇拜禮堂翻新工程，和了解會重開調查問卷結果。工程和問卷的資料，可以留意教會網址，會友專區 <https://www.ncac.ca/members/> 和教會面書 Facebook。

基約的 Facebook 面書 (<https://www.facebook.com/ncac.ca>) 經多年後，現再重開，作分享教會活動消息，會眾交流，和認識新朋友的平台，歡迎弟兄姊妹連接到自己的面書 FB 戶口來“follow” 並好好使用。

別外，以下的網上 Zoom 連結和電話，都可進入中文成人主日學，中文主日崇拜，粵語網上祈禱會，迦南團契，長者小組，和組長月會。用同一個連結，方便大家參加。

最後，請為禮堂翻新工程，教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工，造就信徒，廣傳福音。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – AUGUST 29, 2020

The words in the ‘Doxology’ are certainly familiar to all of us. It’s one of those words that we sing at every worship service but do we understand its history and reason? Understanding its origin and reason can make a difference in the way we worship the Lord.

The words in the “Doxology,” came from a man named Thomas Ken, who was an Anglican bishop in the late 17th century. Ken took several courageous stands because of his beliefs, even refusing to publish documents in support of Roman Catholicism. He was imprisoned and punished by losing his bishopric. He finally died in poverty in 1711.

Ken wrote the lines of the doxology as the last stanza for each of his morning, evening and night hymns to be sung with the 14 stanzas each day. The hymns, together with the ‘Doxology’ lines reminded that though our needs are different each moment of the day, God is the giver of all good gifts. We are created and loved by God at every moment.

So let us sing out our own doxology to the Lord each day, remembering His goodness and unfailing love in our lives.

Church Highlights:

Special Membership Meeting - The Elder Board appreciates your presence, encouragement and support for our church renovation project and valuable input to the Church Reopening Survey. Please visit the church website (members-only zone) and Facebook for renovation progress and Church Reopening survey:

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最新消息 (8/22/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「求你指教我們怎樣數算自己的日子，好叫我們得著智慧的心。」詩篇 90: 12

在疫情下，生活的節奏被打亂了，計劃被擱置了，繁忙的日程也停頓，與同住家人的相聚時間反而多了，學習神話語的機會多了，渴望敬拜和與弟兄姊妹團契的心也增加了。實在有「失而復得」的感覺。縱使世事難料，但萬事卻有神的旨意。

高銘謙博士在《數算自己的日子》文中提到「數算自己的日子」有以下的意思：

1. 叫我們明白自己的年日又短又苦。
2. 叫我們知道自己會有限期的。
3. 叫我們能謙卑下來，做好心理準備接受自己的限制。
4. 叫我們好好珍惜眼前的一切。
5. 叫我們為到過去的日子而感恩。

「『數算日子』叫我們學習感恩，而感恩的心態叫我們敬畏神，心存謙卑，享受人生……若你能看見，便要好好的感謝；若你能聽見，便要多聽一點。不要讓生命極為重要的東西，看成理所當然，要好好享受生命中神所賜的一切。」有人問「誰會珍惜，當你還擁有？」，實是很好的提醒。

明日崇拜信息是詩篇九十篇的「沒有空跑的人生」、相信會帶給您和家人神的祝福。因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜。以下是網上崇拜的連結。又附上週刊和最新家事報告供參閱和備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/OyThrdv7EnQ>

請不要忘記明日的特別會友會，將會在 8 月 23 日下午二時正 2:00 PM 在互聯網舉行，商討兩項議事：接納教會資產物業策劃委員會建議教會崇拜禮堂翻新工程，和分享教會重開調查問卷結果。請會友們儘快向長議會文書黃錦輝登記，同心參加。

別外，今週三 8 月 26 日晚上八時會有粵語網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老或組長。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – AUGUST 22, 2020

Every time I turn to the news media, I realise that uncertainty is all around us. The second wave of the resurgence of the virus has further heightened uncertainty over the economy, finances, physical and mental health.

Today, many nations are caught in the race to find a vaccine or antibodies for Covid-19. Everyone is anticipating a solution to this pandemic. Interestingly, when reading the bible, it is often more important to address the cause of the disease through a ritual than find a medical cure. In 1 Samuel 6, the priests directed the Philistines to return the ark of covenant together with a guilt offering. In John 9, when the disciples saw a blind man from birth, asked Jesus, “Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”

A catastrophe or unforeseen moments is an opportunity to re-evaluate what is truly important. It teaches us about the brevity of life, how life should be lived and keenly listening to the voice of the Holy Spirit.

What is the spirit of God urging you these days? Or what scripture verses or passages have been reassuring you in these times?

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- **Food Drive** - there will be a month-long food drive from August 23 to September 20 in support of Toronto Alliance Church Food Pantry. Please contact the Small Group leaders or David Tong, if you want to contribute.

Thank you for your support, encouragement prayers for the church family.

Blessings
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Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (8/15/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「祢的話是我腳前的燈，是我路上的光。」（詩一一九 105）

若要在黑暗的環境裡走動，人很自然就會想到要有光，因為只有這樣才能看到出路，就算是一點點微光，在黑暗中都能帶給人盼望。

而當人身處艱難或邪惡的日子，有時也會形容是在「黑暗的日子」裡。這時更需要有光，使人能看見盼望。而聖經告訴我們，神的話就是照亮我們前路的光，無論是遠處的未來，或是腳前的境況也能為我們提供指引。

在疫情這段時間，各個範疇的國民也受到影響，有些不知前景如何，又或有些在憂慮恐懼之中。但身為信徒的你，又是如何面對？是用自己的經驗與智慧？是用盡一切自己的方法去找出路？還是回到神的話語中，每天都讓神以祂的話帶領祢？

若我們平日沒有認真閱讀神的話，當患難來到，我們滿腦子就只有自己的方法，卻找不到神的話去回應。願主憐憫，提醒我們，縱然遇上「疫」境，仍能緊緊捉緊神的話，疫流而上！

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最後，請為教會牧長，各部門領袖，和會眾的健康安全靈性禱告，並求神繼續使用教會各項網絡事工，造就信徒，廣傳福音。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – AUGUST 15, 2020

The eagerly awaited Summer Olympics by millions around the world was postponed from July 23, 2020, to August 8, 2021, due to the current situation. Japan, the hosting nation began with enormous preparation to mark this event as a lifetime experience to all athletics and participating nations. Unfortunately, this year there was mounting pressure to postpone or cancel this historical event to a later time.

As I was thinking of the anxiety of the hosting nation and strenuous preparation by the athletics, I was reminded of our Christian race in Hebrews 12:1-3. Interestingly, our race of faith cannot be postponed or delayed. We are called to run the race and run the race of faith. How are we to run? There are some verbs in Hebrews 12:1-3. The first is "listen." We are to listen and learn from the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. The second verb is "throw off." We are warned to "throw off" everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles in this race. Finally, the third verb is: "fix." Our eyes have to be set on Jesus. Jesus is our focus as we run the race of faith.

The questions we all need to ask ourselves in this race are: Is it possible for Christians to 'run the race' that God wants us to run?; What are the few ways to build our perseverance to run the race of faith and lastly, Why is it so important to keep our focus on Jesus?

As you run the race, consider the enmity and hatred thrown down upon Jesus. However, He endured till the end and was victorious so that we can stay in the race and run with faith.

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Praise God! Victoria and Michael Tung have been blessed with a baby girl Amelia Grace Tung on Saturday, August 8, 2020. Congrats to proud parents Michael and Victoria!

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Blessings

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最新消息 (8/8/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

聖經羅馬書 13：8 說「凡事都不可虧欠人，惟有彼此相愛要常以為虧欠，因為愛人的就完全了律法。」

疫情居家避疫，影響有好有壞，新冠疫情導致的封鎖，據調查報導，世界各處有關家庭暴力的報告增加了三成 (30%)。在大陸及多個國家更造成離婚潮，但奇怪的是，在日本自殺率較去年同期大跌兩成 (20%)。日本專家估計是因為多了家人的支援，不用返學的亦減少了學校欺凌。可見疫情帶來了危機、也帶來生機。

您呢？六個月來你的家庭關係有無變化？多了針鋒相對抑或閒話家常？身處疫情、社會動盪、經濟衰退... 一家人豈不更應「有福同享，有禍同當」嗎？逆境更見真情嗎？。

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<https://youtu.be/XmZithsJOKQ>

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另外，您有完成填寫教堂重開調查問卷嗎？明日就是收集截止日期：請記念及參與。幫助教會在重新開放聚會場所上的考慮和準備，以下是網上調查問卷的連結。如果您希望通過電話完成這個不記名調查問卷，請直接聯 Elaine/Peggy 或留言教會電話 @ 416 288 1770 。

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最後，請為教會牧長和各部門領袖禱告，他們要為堂址裝修及重開制定適當的草案，以保障會眾的健康安全及暢順運作。教會亦會繼續用網絡事工發揮關鍵作用。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – AUGUST 8, 2020

The last few Sundays, I conducted the Sunday school session on the "Armour of God", from Ephesians 6:10-18. In this passage, the Apostle reminds believers about the reality of spiritual battle and the protection available in Christ. Christians are called to put on the armour comprising of: the Belt of Truth, the Breastplate of Righteousness, the Gospel of Peace, the Shield of Faith, the Helmet of Salvation, and the Sword of the Spirit. God provides this armour for the believer.

During the study, I realised that in the list of armour we have a breastplate, a helmet, footwear, and a shield, but nothing is protecting the soldier's back. No backplate to cover the back half of a Christian. Did Paul overlook this critical part, which is very vital? Could this be intentional? Is this because we are instructed to engage without fear?

In my study, I learned the reasons for not having the backplate:

Firstly, to PRESS FORWARD - Roman Soldiers did not have protection in the back. They were trained not to flee or retreat in a battle. They had to press forward in the battle no matter the cost. Likewise, God wants us to fight, move forward and overcome the enemy in every battle.

Secondly, to STAND FIRM - In Ephesians 6:10-20, Paul emphasises on our active part for spiritual defence, such as, "be strong" (v 10); "put on" and "stand firm" (v 11); "take up," "resist," and "stand firm" (verse 13); "stand firm" (verse 14); "taking up" (v 16); and "be on the alert" (v18).

The Bible tells us the devil must flee from us (James 4:7). Praise God! God has provided everything you need to successfully stand up to the devil, to resist him, and to defeat him. Let's always press forward and stand firm in our faith and love for Christ.

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS

LAST DAY - complete the 'Church Re-opening Survey' (excerpt):

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各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「人心籌算自己的道路；惟耶和華指引他的腳步。」「人心多有計謀，惟有耶和華的籌算才能立定」(箴言 16:9; 19:21)

在疫情發生之前，不知道你本來有沒有什麼計劃，例如去什麼地方旅行，買什麼，做什麼，或是計劃與誰在一起。而現在又能實現多少呢？

這次的疫情打亂了不少人的計劃，四個多月前，有誰會想到口罩及消毒用品成了日常的必須？有誰會想到原本暢順的工作或平穩的收入變成可有可無？有多少學生會想到竟然會放一個比暑假還要長的「假期」？又有多少教會想到竟然要停止實體聚會，變為網上聚會？

神造我們有思考的能力，有責任去籌算自己的人生，但今日經文卻提醒我們，最後能否達到目的，完全在乎神。不是守株待兔，而是要知道誰在真正掌權。更提醒我們，在使用神所賜的智慧去計劃之餘，清楚每一步都需要祂來引導。這是對神的順服，也是對祂的信心。

除了過去的計劃被疫情打亂，在面對前景，若要計劃未來幾個月內的事情，你我都心中有數，就是充滿變數。近日在考慮教堂重開和裝修的事情上，體會到儘管我們能計劃，但卻沒有能力完全計算疫情的變化和可能帶來之影響，必須繼續順服神一步一步的帶領。您又有什麼計劃？別忘了尋求神心意，也讓祂引領你的每一步。因為謀事在人，成事在神！

因此邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加教會的網上崇拜。明日崇拜有聖餐時間，請預備餅和葡萄汁，一同記念主耶穌為我們的罪受難和犧牲。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊，講道主題大綱和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/GXtiaf61Oqk>

另外，請不要忘記參與教堂重開調查問卷。為了幫助教會在重開聚會場所上的考慮和準備，我們在7月19日至8月8日，以電郵，電話和教會網站，邀請所有凡參加基約宣道會，18歲或以上的每個會眾和親友，完成一個不記名的調查問卷。問卷只需10分鐘即可完成。我們未決定將何時重開教堂，但我們知道需要深思熟慮，使能夠一起安全地重返教堂聚會。我們想考慮您的顧慮。您的意見是重要的。如果您希望通過電話完成這個調查問卷，請直接聯Elaine/Peggy 或留言教會電話 @ 416 288 1770。以下是調查問卷的連結。

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MSG 小組八月份網上聚會主題是詩篇 131 篇「斷過奶的孩子」，內容可參閱附上的會眾版資料、並請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

而今星期六 (8月8日) 晚上七時半，將有聯合 MSG 小組聚會，在網上舉行。主題是「仲夏歡聚暢談夜」。敬請所有組員及弟兄姊妹預留時間參加。

繼兒童夏令營後，兒童網上崇拜將於週六下午 1:30-2:30 pm 再開始。參加請聯絡 Elaine 或 Peggy。

最後，請繼續為疫情能過去，為調查問卷，堂址裝修，部門領袖和彼此禱告。求神繼續使用教會的網絡事工，發揮關鍵作用。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – AUGUST 1, 2020

This weekend is a long weekend break in the middle of the summer – a time to be away from a busy and hectic life.

Throughout the Gospels, Jesus often withdrew to step away from the world, and even from His disciples, to be alone with His Father. There were times when he turned the crowd away so that he could retreat into solitude and prayer. While retreats have the potential to change our focus, it also encourages us to reflect on who we have been and who God desires us to be in the future.

What would happen if you took a full day from your routine to be alone with God? What might be the results?

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Community Involvement (excerpt):

"NCAC has been reaching out to help our neighbourhood and communities through the donation of disposable and reusable masks, food drop off, volunteer to serve/deliver meals to organizations such as Mon Sheong LTC, Youth Unlimited, Participation House and CareFirst Senior and Community Service."

Please let Michael Huynh (huynhmic@yahoo.com or 416-727-2881) if you are interested to help.

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- **Wednesday Corporate Prayer** - Join us this Wednesday, August 5th @ 8 pm for a time of reflection and prayer.
- **Small Groups (SG)** - Be part of our church community by joining our Small group. Do contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin.
- **Join the 'Experience God Evangelize with Smartphones' training on August 24, 2020** - An interesting way to reach out to this generation. Please view the enclosed flyer and video by members who attended.

Once again, thank you for your support, encouragement to the church family and beyond through your prayers, giving and ministry involvement.

Wishing you a safe and wonderful Civic holiday long weekend! The Lord be with you.

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最新消息 (7/25/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「主耶和華—以色列的聖者曾如此說：你們得救在乎歸回安息；你們得力在乎平靜安穩；你們竟自不肯。」(以賽亞書 30:15)

神學家尼布爾 (Reinhold Niebuhr 1892 –1971) 在 1934 年寫下祈禱文《The Serenity Prayer 寧靜禱文》說：

“神啊，賜予我平靜的心，接受不可改變的事；給我勇氣，改變可以改變的事；並賜我智慧，去分辨這兩者的差異；活在當下；珍惜當下；迎接艱難，作為進入平安的途徑；按照主的方式，面對這罪惡世界本相，而非照我所願；堅信主歸正妥善，一切更新；若我順服祂的旨意，今生我得蒙相當的喜樂，來生與主同享永世無上的喜樂。阿門！”

全球大流行的疫情是個好機會，讓弟兄姊妹去省思體會人生的「老師」- 平靜中的力量，教導我們在主耶穌裡學習美好的功課。不論你在這段日子正在處理累積的壓力及負面情緒，或是將來的機遇及挑戰，鼓勵你們同頌禱文，反思該如何處世，接觸內在的自己；常存感恩，接納現實，調整心靈，適時轉化，不活於過去，不憂慮未來，乃是專注此刻，重建目標，走在主的平安之中！

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又請記念及參與教堂重開調查問卷，現在安省政府已容許所有宗教場所，可以 30% 的容量為限，重新開放聚會場所。但必須遵守政府《宗教聚會場所健康與安全指南》有關的規定，以保障所有人的健康，防止疫情傳播，避免受感染。為了幫助教會在重新開放聚會場所上的考慮和準備，我們在 7 月 19 日至 8 月 9 日，三星期間，以電郵，電話和教會網站，邀請所有凡參加我們基約宣道會，18 歲或以上的每個會眾親友，完成一個不記名的調查問卷。問卷只需 10 分鐘之內即可完成。進行這項調查是為了瞭解您對重返教會聚會的感受。我們未決定將何時間重新開放聚會場所，但我們知道需要深思熟慮，使能夠一起安全地重返教會聚會。我們想考慮您的顧慮。您的意見將是重要的。如果您希望通過電話完成這個不記名調查問卷，請直接聯 Elaine/Peggy 或留言教會電話 @ 416 288 1770。並請禱告，繼續發揮網絡事工關鍵作用。調查問卷的連結是：
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(教會是由蒙神呼召被救贖的弟兄姊妹們組成，教堂是大家聚會的地點。其實疫情期間教會一直沒有停關，只是變換了聚會的地點和方式在網上，所以不是"重開教會"，只是考慮逐步恢復在教堂裡的聚會，所以叫"教堂重開"。)

感謝神，三個星期的網上兒童夏令營剛完滿結束，多謝您的禱告，並十分多謝 Jonathan Moe, Elaine 及一班活力導師和義工的辛勞，給 47 位兒童美好的佳音。請繼續為小孩子會參加接著的兒童網上崇拜，及為眾家長們禱告。

最後，請繼續為疫情能過去，為裝修維修堂址的計劃，為部門領袖們商討重新開放教堂的草案禱告。求神繼續使用教會的網絡事工，發揮關鍵作用。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JULY 25, 2020

In the Parable of the Talents - recounted in Mathew 25:14-30, Jesus tells the story of three servants to whom the Master entrusted his property, before embarking on a long journey. The Master trusted all three servants in the story.

Reading the parable, you will notice that the Master gave to each of his servants' different talents .. "to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability "(verse 15). Each of them was given the responsibility according to what He knew they could handle. One talent would be the total payments over 20 years for thirty workers. Jesus doesn't say what motivated the other two 'faithful servants', but the servant with the least talent acted out of fear.

It got me to thinking a couple of things from this parable: The trust and confidence the Master had on his servants by "entrusting" his wealth into their care. What happens when people who mean to be faithful make decisions based on fear rather than on hope and trust in God, the Master? What has God entrusted to me? Finally, with the talent given to us, how are we changing our society, our workplaces, our schools, and our social circles? The Apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:10 reminds us that, "As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace."

WEEKLY HIGHLIGHTS:

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Community Involvement (excerpt):

"NCAC has been reaching out to help our neighbourhood and communities through the donation of disposable and reusable masks, food drop off, volunteer to serve/deliver meals to organizations such as Mon Sheong LTC, Youth Unlimited, Participation House and Carefirst Senior and Community Service."

Please let Michael Huynh (huynhmic@yahoo.com or 416-727-2881) if you are interested to help out as quickly as possible!!!

EM Highlights:

We're all looking forward to the day the building doors are open once again, but that time isn't now. Till then, we will continue to operate our online services, virtual small groups, prayer meetings and Sunday schools.

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Have a blessed weekend. The Lord be with you.

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最新消息 (7/18/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「那時，天國好比十個童女拿著燈出去迎接新郎。其中有五個是愚拙的，五個是聰明的。...所以，你們要警醒，因為那日子、那時辰，你們不知道。」(約翰福音 25:1-13)

魁北克省現成為加拿大首個省份，要求省民在公眾室內場所要戴口罩。許多西方國家原本認為配戴口罩，對防疫沒有太大作用。但經過被新冠病毒肆虐後，都紛紛要求國民必需要戴口罩，以阻斷病毒的傳播。專家指出，疫情爆發之初「及早部署」，採取封鎖或嚴格社交疏離政策的國家，並迅速擴大國內的病毒檢驗能量，較其他國家更能有效控制疫情。因為防疫需要及早部署，才能減少疫情帶來的嚴重後果。

就像經文，十童女的比喻中，被稱為是愚拙的童女，都是沒有足夠準備。而主耶穌於比喻之後作了結論，提醒信徒們要儆醒，因為主再來的那日子，我們不知道。被讚許為聰明的童女，都是在新郎來到以前，另外預備了油，也就是這比喻中「儆醒」的表現！

同樣，今天我們也必須為自己的生命及早作準備，儆醒自己與神的關係及生活的見證。坦然無懼的迎接主再來，享受祂所預備的筵席。

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<https://youtu.be/LZakVQHvPuQ>

今週三7月22日晚上八時會有粵語網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老或組長。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JULY 18, 2020

I came across a story of a church minister who was earnestly praying for a friend who was very ill, to the point of death. He was persistent in his prayer, asking God to spare his friend's life and add some more years to its length. During his prayer, he felt God asking him "Would you be willing for Me to take those years from your life, in order to add them to his?" At that moment, he felt his heart beating fast, and his body becoming feeble. He struggled for a while to answer that question. Finally, the minister uttered, "Lord, Your will be done".

To pray "Thy will be done" is a commitment to knowing God's will as revealed in His word. We are also praying for obedience, wisdom, guidance and means to accomplish it. Thus, we are asking for His plan with the sincere desire to fulfil His will.

Jesus is a wonderful example to do God's will. To his disciples, He affirmed, "My purpose is to do the will of Him that sent me and to finish His work" (John 4:32). And everything about Christ and His life lined up with that purpose. Like Jesus's suffering and death, the will of God may involve going through difficult waters.

C S Lewis noted, "There are two kinds of people, those who say to God Thy will be done, and those to whom God says, All right, then, have it your way." Do you want God's will to be done in your life? Do you understand what is involved in knowing and doing God's will? What steps have you taken to know God's will, or to know His plans for your life?

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Amidst Pandemic" from Psalm 4:1-8
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Our Church can't wait to welcome you back. But before you walk through the church doors, we want to remind you that reopening and staying open is a team effort. We're doing all we can to make sure you're safe and comfortable, and we want to hear your feedback from the survey. But even when we haven't been able to come to church, God has used this time to bring us together as His Church and to reach out in service towards one another and our community. Let's continue to seek God's guidance and wisdom.

The Lord be with you!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson



Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

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最新消息 (7/11/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我未受苦以先走迷了路，現在卻遵守你的話。你的命令常存在我心裡，使我比仇敵有智慧。」(詩篇 119:67, 98)

英國廣播公司 (BBC) 曾有一則新聞，盤點疫情的六大「好消息」，是在疫情陰霾下的另類報導：「污染減輕，生態復甦，人性光輝，守望相助，創意無限，思考反省。」讓我們瞭解到世間萬事有好有壞，有危也有機，再惡劣的環境也可能有正面的作用，就看我們以怎樣的心態面對。

苦難可以磨練人的心志，對人的成長關鍵重要，苦難也是貫穿聖經的主題和教導。在新冠病毒肆虐全球的苦難中，我們從中又有甚麼得著和經歷呢？詩人對受苦有很深刻的理解：「我未受苦以先走迷了路，現在卻遵守你的話。」(詩 119:67)「我受苦是與我有益，為要使我學習你的律例。」(詩 119:71)

詩人承認自己未受苦以先走迷了路。疫情前，我們不也是常常迷失在競爭、忙碌、彼此意見不合、憂慮、各樣慾望之中嗎？疫情中，當我們安靜下來，發現遵行神的話語，就是愛神愛人，愛身邊的人遠比上面所提更為重要，我們真正不能失去的是心中的那份愛。

在疫情發生的四個月中，教會的生態發生了一些改變。實體崇拜改為網上崇拜，弟兄姊妹在家中自律身心，心靈誠實地一起崇拜；牧長同工藉網上分享和會議與弟兄姊妹同行，大家多了讀經禱告；各年齡層的弟兄姊妹用不同的方法開組會、大家學習聖經課程、分享抗疫物資、彼此電話關心，忠心奉獻，同心推廣福音。這些都是我們對神的渴慕，是信心的操練，也是愛心的表現。感謝神！我們的生命在这一切行動中得到深化，更有力的見證上帝，疫情中恩典夠用！

現在經濟重開，之前新聞所盤點的「好消息」，眼看又可能消失，舊患又故態復萌。祈願你不忘記，神藉祂話語在疫情日子中，給我們的提醒和智慧，應該自勉又互勉，把好的改變帶進生活「新常態」。

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<https://youtu.be/uPGdpdgdwOA>

現在網上崇拜和網上成人主日學，都可以在開播當日，用電話收聽，方便未能上網絡或無網絡裝致的親友和長者，請通知他們，鼓勵參加。電話號碼，會議號碼和密碼，與成人主日學相同，而網上成人主日學時間是在星期日早上九時四十五分。鼓勵您參加，一起學習神話語的機會。各班資料請參閱崇拜週刊。

最後，請繼續為教會各部門領袖禱告，他們要商討適當的重開草案，包括了解會眾對重開的意向，亦請記念行政部考慮堂址裝修上的需要，請與我們一起禱告尋求神，並等候主的帶領。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JULY 11, 2020

July 12, 1739, records an important event in Christian History. It is a time to remember and reflect on how God worked in the life of David Brainerd. During the early days, Brainerd wanted to follow his brother Nehemiah, whom he greatly admired, to become a church minister. However, his disagreements with God hindered him. He dissented against the doctrines of original sin and the sovereignty of God. He felt that the divine law was too rigid and that there was nothing he could do through his effort to commend himself to God. Though he desired to be a minister, he was not even a member of a church and was uncertain of his personal salvation.

That Friday morning in July 1739 became a turning point in Brainerd's life. As he strolled through the forest, he realized that he was spiritually lost and the way of salvation was entirely by the righteousness of God.

After his mission with the Indians in Massachusetts, Brainerd died in the house of Jonathan Edwards at the age of 29. His diary became a devotional classic influencing many in missionary service.

As you read about Brainerd, do you identify with any of the struggles of his conversion? Have you found yourself questioning or struggling with God? What an assurance and great reminder that God meets us amid our doubts and disbelieving questions. God wants us to experience His presence and greatness daily.

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- **Join Virtual Corporate Prayer at 8 pm on July 15, 2020**
To join Zoom Meeting, click:

Do email us should you have a prayer request or even something exciting that God has done in your life. For regular church updates and events, please kindly go through the attached Service bulletin and visit our website at www.ncac.ca.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings

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最新消息 (7/4/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「凡自己謙卑像這小孩子的，他在天國就是最大的。」(太 18:4)

從網上閱讀留意到，美國全國廣播公司 (NBC) 在四月中開始了一個兒童版新聞報導，從孩子的角度報導他們對新冠病毒的關注，並解答各地孩子們的提問。節目製作認真及很有質素和創意，足見他們對孩子們的重視。

疫情期間孩子都被逼留在家中。平日他們都要到學校、補習社、興趣班等由「專人」負責招呼，現在不少家長形容要全天候在家中照顧孩子是一件苦差，猶如「困獸鬥」。據報家居令導致不少家庭關係緊張、失去和諧，我們實在需有所警別。

主耶穌說每一個孩子在天父眼中都是珍貴的，應被愛顧而非被拒絕。不是每一個孩子都容易「揍」，但若能多加忍耐，啟動他們的活潑心靈，疫情也可以成為他們學習世情、學懂負責任及關愛別人的契機、認識到主耶穌的愛和救恩。父母更可引導孩子明白人的限制及依靠天父的重要性。大人們也需學習如孩子一般單純地相信疫境終會過去，不為明天憂慮，只為當下雀躍，流露童真。

自疫情限聚令開始，我們就刻意將教會事工陸續轉到在網上舉行，感謝神，使我們一切努力都在見證神的恩典。其中兒童事工更是十分令人感恩，現在已有四十一位孩童報名參加暑期夏令營、請為他們及事奉同工禱告。

明日網上崇拜有聖餐時間，記念主耶穌為我們的罪受難和犧牲，讓我們思念主在十字架上的大愛。

因此我們邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜，以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/FLu3KLOIAHw>

今週三 7 月 8 日晚上八時會有粵語 Zoom 網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老 Francis 或組長。

「勝過憂慮」是 MSG 小組七月網上聚會的主題，內容請參閱附上的會眾版資料。並請聯絡組長有關組會時間，同心參加。

最後，請為教會牧長和各部門領袖禱告，他們要開始商討過程，為重開堂址而制定適當的草案，以保障會眾的健康安全及暢順運作。教會會繼續用網絡事工發揮關鍵作用。

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LATEST COMMUNICATION – JULY 4, 2020

Hi everyone

Trust you had a wonderful time celebrating Canada day, even though the celebration might have been quieter than the previous years. Let's continue to pray for God's blessing on our Nation.

I find it very fascinating to read about how the Lord came to Jacob as a wrestler. In Genesis 32:24, the passage tells us that "a Man wrestled with him until the breaking of the day" This might be an angel or the Lord Himself. Jacob named the place "Peniel," which means "face of God."

Jacob's wrestling with God has spiritual lessons too. Jacob was at a crossroad. He was in the midst of his past issues: deceived his father on the deathbed; stole his brother's birthright, and the threatening struggle with Esau. But God comes at this time because He wants Jacob to realize his struggles and he really needs to seek God.

We all wrestle with issues, and as believers, we struggle daily with decisions and even faith issues. In times of struggle, it's easy to blame our surroundings, people, or even the enemy. During the struggle with Jacob, God shows His patience, gentleness and love. We realize that God meets us in our dark moments and longs to give us hope. What a reminder, when we face challenges in our lives God meets us. Hence, we should not allow discouragement to dampen our faith but grow in faith, for God is faithful to His promises (Heb. 6:18)

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- **Virtual Sunday School** from 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. James Lam will be conducting the lessons.
- **Small Groups (SG)** - contact the SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin.
- **EMT Leadership** - The church appreciates the ministry of Victoria Tung who faithfully completed her ministry term. We welcome Enoch Chan to EMT wef 1st July 2020.

Regarding Re-opening the church, the church leadership is assessing the situation closely every day, praying for guidance and discernment. We will let you know when we are ready to open up the building in a safe way for us to worship together. Meanwhile, please keep the leadership in your prayers.

Thank you for your continued prayers and generous support to the church family and community. If you have any specific needs or requests, please let us know.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

English Pastor

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (6/27/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「你要逃避少年的私慾，同那清心禱告主的人，追求公義、信德、仁愛、和平。」(提後二 22)

過幾天就是加拿大國慶日，而上星期是加國抗疫 100 日。自世衛三月十一日宣佈新冠病毒為全球大瘟疫後，各國都相繼進入緊急抗疫。抗疫成效在全球來說屬於 A 級水平，包括有紐西蘭，澳州，香港，台灣等國家。這些國家在疫情初襲時，已願意聽從健康建議，包括戴口罩、勤洗手等，社交距離等預防。傳媒曾讚這些國家對疫情的措施，「快而進取」，包括隔離令及使用追蹤手帶。市民強烈的防疫意識特別是關鍵。

預防之重要，不只用在抗疫，對罪亦是一樣。經文是保羅提醒提摩太，要逃避任何能引發他產生惡念的東西，逃避私慾如此重要，是因為罪是由始而生。「私慾既懷了胎，就生出罪來；罪既長成，就生出死來。」(雅各書一 15) 罪惡的行為就是私慾不加約束的結果，而再發展下去就是走向死亡。

在新冠病毒肆虐的大環境下，提早加以防範，才能提高抗疫的成效。同樣地，我們也可以用積極進取的態度去面對罪，就如經文提到和敬虔的信徒一起去追求屬靈的事情。在這個充滿罪惡的世界中，我們仍可趁私慾未成罪以先，作好防範的警覺，免得我們因罪而滅亡。也讓我們以積極的行動，同心追求屬靈生命的長進。

因此我們邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜，以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

https://youtu.be/Krg1Ls6EQ_Q

上星期我們有父親節福音主日，若你有推介未親友收看收聽，十分多謝。請跟進關心他們，幫助他們探索信仰及認識耶穌，並為他們禱告。歡迎您聯絡我們傳道部或 Eric 弟兄。

免費網上互動兒童暑期夏令營很快開始，舉行日期是 7 月 6-24 日。已有 38 人報名，因名額有限，報名請家長和親友們盡快電郵給 Elaine 姊妹或 Peggy 姊妹。

兒童網上崇拜在星期 7 月 4 日週六下午 1:30-2:30pm 有兒童福音崇拜，請為講員及小孩子禱告。

現在網上崇拜和網上成人主日學，都可以在開播當日，用電話收聽，方便未能上網絡或無網絡裝致的親友和長者，請通知他們，鼓勵參加。電話號碼，會議號碼和密碼，與成人主日學相同，而網上成人主日學時間是在星期日早上九時四十五分。鼓勵您參加，一起學習神話語的機會。各班資料請參閱崇拜週刊。

最後，因疫情未過，政府給教會重新開放的限例嚴謹，不易進行，宣道會區會也勸堂會不要急進。教會目前在場地和堂址維修上先做準備，領袖們各部門亦商討，為制定適當的草案，以保障會眾的健康和安全及暢順運作。教會繼續用網絡事工發揮關鍵作用，請禱告。

願主祝福大家，加拿大國慶日愉快，健康平安，主恩常在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – JUNE 27, 2020

Hi everyone

Happy Canada Day! On July 1st, Canadians across this great Nation will be celebrating this memorable day with flag rising, parades, and events. Many cities, towns, and even neighbourhoods will plan celebrative events and other expressions of honour for the Nation.

I came across Canada's national anthem and was captivated with the phrase,

**"God keep our land glorious and free!
O Canada, we stand on guard for thee."**

What an inspiring statement that reflects the Nation's dependence on God. Additionally, Psalm 127 affirms, "Unless the LORD watches over the city, the guards stand watch in vain." The watchman's watchfulness was no assurance of security if the Lord did not watch over the city. Furthermore, the anthem hails all residents to "stand on guard" for the Nation.

During Ezekiel's day, many things were going on in society that is similar to our days (Ezekiel 22:23-31). God was looking for persons to step in and guard the broken, defenceless territory. In biblical times, cities were surrounded with high walls to help defend from attacks. Thus, a broken wall creates a physical gap in the city's ability to protect itself from invading enemies. God is still looking for persons who are willing to 'stand on guard' by 'standing in the gap' in both action and intercession for the nation.

Reflecting on the Nation's anthem and God's call to stand in the gap, I believe it is a Christian responsibility of every believer and church to take time and reflect: **"How are we standing 'on guard' for this Nation? As mentioned in Ezekiel, am I willing to 'stand in the gap' for God's blessing on this Nation? How can I use my gifts, talents and resources, and be a part of God's plan for this land?**

Do join us again for our virtual services and ministry:

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- **Join Virtual Sunday School** from 11 am to 12noon after Sunday Service. James Lam will be conducting the lessons.
- **Join Virtual Corporate Prayer at 8 pm on July 1, 2020**
- **Join Small Groups (SG)** - talk to SG leaders and see details in the church bulletin.

Once again, thank you for your continued support, encouragement to the church family and beyond through your prayers, giving and ministry involvement.

Enjoy the holiday!. The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Pastor Vinson



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最新消息 (6/20/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「凡認耶穌為神兒子的，神就住在他裡面，他也住在神裡面。」(約壹 4:15)

曾分享過一個見證，是從一位女牧者的文章中留意到的。有一位意大利醫生在當地疫情最嚴重時，見證說：「我一生從未經歷過如此的噩夢：此刻，我們不再是醫生了，而是要分類那些應該救、那些要回家等待死亡的降臨。.....一位七十五歲的老牧師入院；他呼吸極困難，入院時帶著一本聖經。叫我們詫異的是，老牧師雖然呼吸困難，他卻握著垂危病人的手，唸聖經給他們聽！我們一班醫護人員，身心俱疲、渺無指望，卻在一刻喘息時間，聽著他讀聖經。.....每日眼看著一個一個死去，我們真的虛脫無望了！.....我們忽然醒覺：要向上帝求救了！.....簡直不能置信，我們一直都是無神論者，此刻竟然每天祈禱，求上帝賜平安和力量予我們堅持下去，好好照顧病人。昨日，那位老牧師離世了！.....然而，老牧師在他極艱難的病情下，竟然在我們絕望之時帶來真正的平安！.....我看到自己在世上竟如微塵，真盼一息尚存都能幫助別人。今日，我非常慶幸能回轉歸向上帝，縱使我依然在苦難當中。我信靠上帝！」

在疫情下，有一事是肯定的，就是父神救贖的慈愛仍然要臨到世人。我們身邊有沒有還未回轉歸向父神的親友呢？願意我們在疫情中將福音傳達給他們，邀請他們認識接受耶穌為救主，讓主住在他們裏面。住在主裏面，是一種倚靠，也是一種保護，讓他們平安得力，度過每一天。

明日是父親節，我們將會早上十一時十五分，舉行首次網上福音主日，有曾永光牧師主講。我們邀請您，又請您邀請未信主親友收看，為未信者的得救祈禱。請轉發推介所附上宣傳預告資料，而跟進和配合行動，請聯絡組長或傳道部，多謝您支持。以下是明日網上崇拜的連結，另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱。

<https://youtu.be/NbNAaawVw9I>

今週三 6 月 24 日晚上八時有粵語 Zoom 祈禱會。連結請留意教會電郵。鼓勵參加，守望代求。

在疫情下如何能牧養長者，是我們一直關心的。感謝神，現在網上崇拜可以在開播當日用電話收聽，未能上網絡或無網絡裝致的親友和長者，都可以參加敬拜，請通知鼓勵他們參加。Zoom 電話號碼是 +1 647 374 4685，會議號碼與成人主日學的相同。

很高興現在有新同工 Jonathan Moe 弟兄加入，協助牧養青年人，恢復在疫情下青年團契(FOG)聚會，並在今週五 6 月 26 日晚上七時會舉行網上聚會。請家長們鼓勵子弟參加，關心青少年人，多謝您支持。

最後，願主祝福大家和每一位父親，都能夠過一個愉快，有意義的父親節！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – JUNE 20, 2020

Good afternoon everyone

Tomorrow is Father's Day. We thank God for all fathers for their love and rejoice in God's faithfulness in their lives. Father's Day was initiated after hundreds of men died in the worst mining accident in American history – thank God for their love and sacrifice. Happy Father's Day to all fathers and fathers to be.

As we take time to celebrate Father's day, I want to share another celebratory moment in the life of Christ. This week, I was reflecting on the last journey of Christ. Matthew 21: 10-11 states, "When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

The passage illustrates the various reaction and excitement to Jesus on a borrowed donkey. We see the obedience of the disciples to secure the donkey, the generosity of the donkey's owner, the fulfilment of the prophecy of Zechariah, the excitement of the crowd and the praise of God. This journey of Christ will conclude with a resurrection. Who are we, and what is our role in the group? What part do we play in celebrating Christ's rule?

Let's celebrate our resurrected Christ by living a life of worship and thanksgiving. Join the Church family to experience the presence of Christ through:

- **Online Worship Service @ 9.30 am.** As you would be planning your weekend schedule, it would be great for you to aside an hour of worship to our saviour. We love to see you all this Sunday at 9.30 am for Service.
- **Virtual Sunday School** on Sunday from 11 am to 12 noon – by James Lam on "Coping with Depression and Loneliness".
- **Weekly Prayer Pointers** by Brian Wong:
 - Pray that we can dedicate ourselves to being more Christ-like in all respects, including in what we say.
 - Pray that we can look to praise God despite our circumstances.
 - Pray that we can ask for God to help us control our tongues.

Feel free to email us should you have a prayer request or even something exciting that God has done in your life. For regular church updates and events, please kindly visit our church website at www.ncac.ca.

Hope to see you all this Sunday!!!

With Prayers and Blessings
Pastor Vinson



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最新消息 (6/13/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「你們必須忍耐，使你們行完了神的旨意，就可以得著所應許的。因為還有一點點時候，那要來的就來，並不遲延。」希伯來書十 36-37

初期教會信徒遭受極大逼迫，在試煉中他們的信心就開始動搖。聖經希伯來書勉勵當時的信徒要忍耐，直到「行完神的旨意」。在逆境中學習忍耐到底，可以得著所應許的。

這段經文同樣也成為我們今日的勉勵。最近疫情似乎稍有點紓緩，政府戰戰兢兢地進入重開經濟的初步階段，並告訴宗教團體如何有限度性地開放實體聚會。牧師和長老們及「應對疫情事工領袖團隊」為此禱告和商討。我們優先考慮的是會眾的健康及安全，尤其是孩童和長者，並在社區的見證。當大家對當下的限聚令都顯得急不可耐，信徒也切盼能早日回到聖殿崇拜聚會。「一點點時候」是讓我們明白神有祂的計劃，祂並沒有忘記，也是磨煉信徒的耐性，試驗信徒的信心，為要成就神最完備的工。

「忍耐等候」是信徒要學習的重要功課，人通常不喜歡等候，等候最難之處在於不知道要等多久，有人忍耐了一時，卻不能忍耐到底。「忍耐等候」其實是關乎信心的功課，就如雅各書一 3-4 所說：「因為知道你們的信心經過試驗，就生忍耐。但忍耐也當成功，使你們成全、完備，毫無缺欠。」

求主加添我們信心，使我們能忍耐成功，直到行完神的旨意，在逆境中也能看到恩典，心存盼望來相信「還有一點點時候，那要來的就來，並不遲延。」疫情還未過，病毒仍活躍，請與我們一起禱告尋求神，並等候主的帶領。

因此我們邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中，或與家人，或和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜，以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

https://youtu.be/405pvV9_1l4

會友年會將會在明日 6 月 14 日下午二時在網上舉行。年會需要有足夠人數或委託才可以開始，所以請儘快致電黃錦輝 (Michael Huynh) 長老

網上 Zoom 成人主日學已開始，時間在星期日早上九時四十五分。分別有福音班，「箴言」班，及「環遊聖經站」班。鼓勵您參加，一起學習神話語的機會。各班資料請參閱崇拜週刊。

最後，不要忘記，下星期 6 月 21 日是父親節，我們將會舉行首次網上福音主日。時間是上午十一時十五分，有曾永光牧師主講「記恩、思恩、傳恩」的好信息。請邀請未信主親友收看，並為未信者的得救祈禱。現附上宣傳預告資料，請儘早使用，轉發推介，小組的配合行動請聯絡組長，並留意教會網頁。多謝您支持。

願恩惠及平安與您及家人同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – JUNE 13, 2020

Hi everyone

Recently Florence C Mo and I attended a funeral where I was asked to conduct the burial. Conducting a funeral under current restrictions is much harder for families because the loved one who passed away really deserved a gathering involving family, relatives and friends. A funeral is a part of the grieving process to be able to share our grief with other people that we love and not being there to say our final farewell is heartbreaking.

At the burial ground, I read and meditated on John 14 in which Jesus says, *“I will not leave you as orphans.”* Surprisingly that passage became much more meaningful to me in the situation we are living now. In the first century world, the image of the orphan had a far more significant outlook. Orphans and widows were also metaphors for the most vulnerable in society.

This is one of the most comforting promises that Jesus spoke to His disciples before He died. Though the disciples were not physical orphans, Jesus was speaking about the condition of their hearts. These words remind us that we are not destined to live alone without an identity or direction. The word of Jesus does not end there. Furthermore, Jesus affirms them by saying, *“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another advocate to help you and be with you forever...I will come to you ...Because I live, you also will live.”*

At some point in our lives, we want or even need to hear these comforting words as tragedies can leave us to feel like orphans. Most of us have experienced loneliness at some point in our lives. Jesus becomes our closest friend during these periods of loneliness and uncertainty. We have been given an Advocate who will come alongside us, which is greatly reassuring. As the Holy Spirit inspires and comforts us, we bring comfort to the hurting hearts of many people who seek peace and assurance.

Church Service and Activities:

Online Worship Service tomorrow at 9:30 am - The worship of God is what binds us together as a community of faith. Kindly go over the bulletin before the Service begins. Come and join us!

Virtual Prayer Meeting, - Join us for our Virtual Prayer on Wednesday at 8 pm through Zoom. To join, please open your Zoom app and type the meeting number and password when asked:

You probably heard that the province is allowing churches to start meeting again with a limit to 30% of the seating capacity of the facility. The church leadership is assessing the situation closely every day, praying for guidance and working on plans of restarting services that are focused on the safety of each and every one of us. We will let you know when we are ready to open up the building in a safe way for us to worship together. Meanwhile, please keep the leadership in your prayers.

Weekly Prayer Pointers:

- Pray that we may actively pursue a living faith and that we may put what we learn into action.
- Pray that we may love those around us through more than just words.
- Pray that we will overcome evil with love, as Christ loved.

Blessings

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最新消息 (6/6/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「我呼吸不了，請放開我的脖子，不要殺我！」

黑人男子喬治·佛洛伊德在美國明尼阿波利斯市警方暴力執法的虐待下，反復地哀求著警員。警方用膝蓋跪在他的頸部，時間長達 8 分鐘 46 秒，最後令他窒息而死。這事導致從美國到世界各地，都爆發了抗議和衝突浪潮。種族歧視，暴力和不平等問題，再加上當下的全球新冠肺炎疫情，暴露出人類進入廿一世紀，仍然無法解決的罪行。聖經說「恨能挑起爭端，愛能遮掩一切過錯。」(箴 10:12) 世人唯一出路是歸向神的公義，和基督十架赦罪的寬恕。

聖經記載耶穌在十架上的第一句話，是為釘他之人向天父代求：「父啊，赦免他們，因為他們所做的，他們不曉得。」(路廿三 34)。耶穌在仇敵手中忍受極大痛苦時，祂所求的不是「報復」，而是「饒恕」，這也應驗了以賽亞先知的話，祂「為罪犯代求」(賽五三 12)。

聖餐就是記念主耶穌為我們的罪，受難和犧牲的大愛，是記念人類蒙救贖得寬恕的開始。主耶穌十架的救贖，拆毀了人與神之間隔斷的牆，祂以自己的身體廢掉冤仇，在十架上減了冤仇，使人有了饒恕和永生的盼望。「報復」帶來的是同歸於盡的局面，而「饒恕」卻帶著愛和醫治的力量。「饒恕」並不是「放棄公義，軟弱的表現」，並不是宣告那人「無罪」，而是把申冤審判的主權交還給神。饒恕是要付代價的。正如神赦免我們，是付上犧牲祂兒子的代價，我們也是被呼召如此來饒恕別人。因為寬恕能叫我們脫離罪惡的枷鎖，是能夠扭轉時局的關鍵。

明日網上聖餐崇拜，讓我們思想主在十架上的饒恕祂和所教導我們的主禱文，藉饒恕去化解傷痛、扭轉時局。因此我們邀請您，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜，以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。另又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。
<https://youtu.be/CcJF-29-tf8>

會友年會將會在 6 月 14 日下午二時在網上舉行，現附上長議會信函及委任表格，好作安排及登記。請儘快電郵回覆黃錦輝 (Michael Huynh) 長老 huynhmic@yahoo.com

今週三 6 月 10 日晚上八時會有粵語 Zoom 網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老 Francis 或組長。

「蒙神喜悅的禱告」是 MSG 小組六月網上聚會的主題，內容請參閱附上的會眾版資料。並請聯絡組長有關組會時間、同心參加。

父親節我們將會舉行網上福音主日。日期是 6 月 21 日上午十一時十五分，有曾永光牧師主講。請邀請未信主親友收看，並為未信者的得救祈禱。現附上宣傳預告資料，請使用，轉發推介，配合行動請聯絡組長，留意教會網頁。多謝您支持。

最後，願主祝福大家，健康平安，主恩常在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – JUNE 6, 2020

Hi everyone

June is here! A time for us to enjoy the summer days.

During the week, my readings brought me to John 3:16. Arguably, John 3:16 is one of the most memorised scripture passages in the entire Bible. This verse is regarded as the most concise expression of the Christian faith. Martin Luther once said, John 3:16 is "the gospel in a nutshell," Dwight L. Moody had the words, "God is love," written above his pulpit. Where else, St Augustine observes that the entire bible 'does nothing but tell of God's love.'

But why did John, the apostle of love, wrote this profound verse. But as profound it may seem, in my study, I realised that this verse is even more significant when you understand the context. Firstly, the sign of the cross, considered as an instrument of cruelty, violence and death, has become for us a sign of forgiveness, mercy and love. God sent Jesus as the Saviour of the world to reconcile us to God. And those who believe in him will have eternal life. Secondly, John wrote to warn against the world that we live in and the daily temptations that surround us. Elsewhere in the book of John, he cautions against loving the world because the 'world' represents everything contrary to a life of faith in God. The love of the world and the love of God cannot coexist.

It is one thing to know that God loves us, and the other is to ask if we love God. If we love God, we love what God loves and hate what God hates. Scripture warns us to guard against elements that appeal to our sinful nature and pride. God's children live in a way that shows their love for Father and not the world. They live to fulfil God's will. Let it be our prayer that we will overflow with God's love and onto everyone we meet in these challenging times.

Here's the weekly update about what is happening at Church.

Virtual Holy Communion Service – @ 9.30 am tomorrow, and we will observe the Holy Communion together.

Children and Youth Program Director (CYPD) – Come and meet our new CYPD during our Sunday Service tomorrow.

Virtual EM Sunday School – Our virtual Sunday School will begin on June 14 from 11 am to 12 noon. James Lam has lined up with some timely topics for study and discussion.

Virtual Annual Membership Meeting (AMM) June 14 @ 2 pm – it's the time of the year to adopt and decide on church matters. Please go through the attached AMM documents and send in your registration or proxy to Elder Michael Huynh - huynhmic@yahoo.com asap. And join the church community through Zoom on June 14 at 2 pm.

Weekly Prayer Pointers:

1. Pray for the brokenness in our world. As Christians we have received love and compassion from our Lord Jesus Christ. As Christians we should also stand out in how we love others.
2. Pray for the gradual reopening of economies that they may be informed and gradual, keeping in mind the risks of opening up too quickly.
3. Pray for our church that we can continue to grow closer to each other and to Christ.

Kindly go through the attached service bulletin for scripture reflections, ministry opportunities and church updates. For other church updates, please visit our church website at www.ncac.ca.

Thank you so much - we appreciate your prayers, encouragement and support during this unusual season. May you continue to experience God's love and radiate the love of Christ to all those around you. See you on Sunday.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings
Pastor Vinson

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
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最新消息 (5/30/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹及慕道的親友：平安！

「因此，我在父面前屈膝，（天上地上的各（或作：全）家，都是從他得名。）求他按著他豐盛的榮耀，藉著他的靈，叫你們心裡的力量剛強起來，使基督因你們的信，住在你們心裡，叫你們的愛心有根有基，能以和眾聖徒一同明白基督的愛是何等長闊高深，並知道這愛是過於人所能測度的，便叫神一切所充滿的，充滿了你們...」（以弗所書 3:14-21）

保羅的祈禱對教會描述為「家」。又說，教會就是以天父為首的群體，我們彼此之間就是弟兄姊妹。作為這大家庭中的成員，我們被基督的愛維繫著。除了個人感受基督的愛，也需要群體間弟兄姊妹的共同經歷。因此，縱使在疫情中，我們仍可透過戶聯網分享彼此的需要和代禱慰問，一同敬拜事奉。

基督的「愛」是不受環境、種族、階層所限制，而這愛是超過人所能測度的。我們未信前彼此不認識，當我們因著信進入這個「家」，學習彼此相愛，與弟兄姊妹建立深刻而長遠的友誼。神要透過教會顯明祂的大能及福音的奧秘，所以信耶穌的人，要委身基督、委身教會。憑信能讓聖靈內住在我們生命中，進而使人的愛心「有根有基」，更深明白神的愛。

在這艱難時刻，不僅要咬緊牙關，並向神求改善疫情，更應求神改變我們眼光和價值觀，及讓我們裡面的人剛強起來。盼望我們藉著禱告祈求，讓神在你我的生命(教會)發揮「可能」、和「轉化」，讓彼此間的生命變得堅毅，神能照著運行在我們心裡的大能大力，成就超過所求所想的，讓神得著榮耀。願你以這段經文作為禱告，彼此祝福、祝福教會。

因此我們邀請全會眾，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的網上崇拜，以下是明日網上崇拜的連結。又附上崇拜週刊和最新家事報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

<https://youtu.be/2uvbG-lf6z8>

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LATEST COMMUNICATION - MAY 30, 2020

Dear all

Pentecost is on Sunday, May 31st, 2020 - tomorrow!. Together with Christians across the world, we will celebrate Pentecost to remember the promise of Christ. Jesus promised his followers that, although they would not see him after his Ascension, they would receive the Holy Spirit to comfort, inspire and guide them. This event is recorded in Acts of the Apostles. Acts chapter 2 begins:

Acts 2:1 -4 - When the day of Pentecost came, they were all together in one place. 2 Suddenly a sound like the blowing of a violent wind came from heaven and filled the whole house where they were sitting. 3 They saw what seemed to be tongues of fire that separated and came to rest on each of them. 4 All of them were filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues[a] as the Spirit enabled them.

The Holy Spirit was given to live inside those who believe in Jesus and to reflect God's character in the life of a believer. What a wonderful promise to us as His disciples - God resides in us through the Holy Spirit.

Just a few important prayer pointers and updates from our Sunday Bulletin:

a. Join our Online Worship Service at 9.30 am tomorrow

b. Reflections for the Week – contributed by Brian Wong

- Read: Acts 26: 29

"Paul replied, 'Short time or long—I pray to God that not only you but all who are listening to me today may become what I am, except for these chains.'"

Reflection: Reflect on Paul's heart for the Gospel.

- What stands out to you the most about his attitude during his Missionary journey? (A good summary can be found in Acts 26)
- What was Paul's attitude towards suffering? What did Paul endure during his life?
- Who is on your heart this week that you should reach out to?

Prayer Pointers:

- Pray for our lives to be transformed like Paul's was. For us to love Jesus and the Gospel without reproach.
- Pray for the global conflict between China and the United States and its impact on economies and on lives of people, including those in Hong Kong.
- Pray for the unrest as a result of what has happened in Minnesota this week. Pray for God's love to be shown and for His justice to be brought, according to His will.

Virtual Prayer Meeting: Join us again for a time of sharing and intercession on June 4 at 8pm. Zoom details will follow in our congregational email.

Homemade masks Virtual demonstration: If you are interested in making homemade masks, have a sewing machine, and know a little bit about sewing, a virtual demonstration will be conducted on Sunday, June 14. Please contact Roberta Lau (lau.roberta@gmail.com) by Sunday, June 7 for more details.

Continue to be people of hope!

With prayers and blessing
Pastor Vinson Samuel



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最新消息 (5/23/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的親友：平安！

聖經說「凡事都有定期，天下每一事務都有定時。生有時，死有時；栽種有時，拔出有時；殺戮有時，醫治有時；拆毀有時，建造有時；哭有時，笑有時；哀慟有時，跳舞有時；丟石頭有時，撿石頭有時；懷抱有時，不抱有時；尋找有時，失落有時；保存有時，拋棄有時；撕裂有時，縫補有時；沉默有時，說話有時；喜愛有時，恨惡有時；戰爭有時，和平有時。」(傳道書 3:1-8)

這段經文列出十四對排比的「有時」，道盡了人生不同的際遇，讓人明白和承認人的限制和神的主權。願我們在疫情中把握時機，更多靈修親近神，更多讀聖經，並在禱告中體會神的心意！讓我們在不同的「有時」中看到自己不能測透的美好人生，順服神，努力裝備自己。

至今，安省確診人數趨勢仍未下降，若我們的焦點只在疫情快點過去，錯將盼望只放在回復正常生活上，我們很容易會失望。在疫情中，讓我們操練，無論外在環境如何，我們都能專注地信靠神，因為真正的盼望是從祂而來的。

以下是明日網上崇拜的連結，誠邀您預留時間，並邀請親友，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加。

<https://youtu.be/Gia7G6ZuHoQ>

今週三 5 月 27 日晚上八時會有粵語 Zoom 網上祈禱會。鼓勵你參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。連結請留意教會電郵。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老 Francis 或組長。

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基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION - MAY 23, 2020

'**Wash your hands**' – is a familiar slogan due to the prevailing pandemic situation we are living in. Health authorities are continually addressing the importance and benefits of handwashing – which helps prevent the spread of diseases and a form of good hygiene practice too. Did you know that the Bible speaks about handwashing? Interestingly, there are passages in the Bible that mention hand washing. In the Scripture, there were different reasons for handwashing: separation, sanitation and sanctification. For example, the letter by James was written to awaken believers to the errors of their ways and to challenge them to accept the new truths in Christ. James writes:

*Come near to God and he will come near to you. **Wash your hands**, you sinners, and purify your hearts, you double-minded. James 4:8*

James uses hand washing to teach a simple but profound truth from a spiritual perspective. It is about the importance of seeking the forgiveness of Christ and being accountable to God daily. Washing your hands was symbolic for purifying and sanctifying our hearts and minds. Isn't that a great reminder from God?

The next time when you wash your hands, it is an opportunity to reflect on your spiritual state. Some things we could reflect: Am I living a life that is pleasing to God? Did I seek God's forgiveness today? Am I fulfilling my responsibilities to my family and the needy world around me?

As I write this letter, I am constantly reminded that even at these times, we can still experience God's mercies and love. Praise God that the blood of Jesus truly cleanses our hearts and makes us right with God.

Join us for our online worship tomorrow at 9:30 am. The worship of God is what binds us together as a community of faith. Kindly go over the bulletin before the Service begins.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

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最新消息 (5/16/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的親友：平安！

聖經記載說「挪亞因著信，既蒙上帝指示他未見的事，動了敬畏的心，預備了一隻方舟，使他全家得救。因此就定了那世代的罪，自己也承受了那從信而來的義。」（來 11：7）

近日在閱讀中，想到挪亞的故事。昔日洪水的災難，對挪亞心靈的考驗極大。試想挪亞傳義道近一百年，卻沒有一位親友相信他，是極大的悲哀；進入方舟後是四十晝夜的大雨，白天沒有太陽，晚上沒有星月，是無邊無盡的黑暗。接著挪亞一家八口被困方舟，在大水上飄蕩一百一十天，方舟才停在亞拉臘山上，像是一種無方向無目的的生活。挪亞一家八口在方舟中整整度過了三百七十天。

此刻超過六十天的抗疫，可以幫助我們理解挪亞的處境；被困在方舟的日子真難熬！面對如此困境，挪亞在生命深處對神完全的信靠，帶領他渡過無邊的黑暗，和不知的未來。讓我們學效挪亞，耐心等待，持守信念，忠心敬拜服侍，多禱告多反思，學要學習的功課，練淨生命，得著挪亞一樣的信心，在神面前得稱為義！

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<https://youtu.be/EgSyJCsBCWs>

另外請留意幾則新消息：

1. 成人主日學事工將會上網，於下主日 5 月 24 日透過 Zoom 視頻平台開始，時間在星期日早上九時四十五分。分別有福音班，「箴言」班，及「環遊聖經站」班。鼓勵您參加，一起學習神話語的機會。各班資料請參閱崇拜週刊。
2. 兒童暑期聖經班將會是免費且上網，為確保孩子們，導師和義工在疫情下的安全和健康，今年教會將舉辦免費的網上互動夏令營。因名額有限，會按照先到先得的原則接受報名，家長和親友們只需要盡快電郵給 Elaine 或 Peggy 姊妹便可。
3. 我們愛隣舍的行動，在過往一個月，教會支持社區隊工已經向四個慈善機構捐贈 1,230 口罩，(包括孟嘗安老院、參與之家，耆輝會，青年無限機構，聖伊莉莎白基金會)。又捐贈食物乾糧一個特定機構，提供了兩名志願者送餐長者，並為 COVID 救濟籌集資金 \$2,200 多元。我們正在繼續製作可重複使用的口罩，一周內再捐贈 100 個口罩。我們繼續呼籲有志願者協助送餐服務和捐贈欸給耆輝會 Carefirst。詳情請參閱崇拜週刊。
4. 教會繼續在物色兒童及青年事工的牧者，彌補空缺，在仍未有合適人申請時，因事工的需要，聘牧委員會按於二月提議，以短期合約形式，物色招聘人選，作兒童及青年事工主任 (Program Director)。目前已有入選在考慮中，請代禱。查詢請聯絡聘牧委員會成員。

最後，不要忘記，繼續為疫情，為弟兄姊妹，教會和未信親友，守望代求。附上明日的崇拜週刊和最新家事報告及代禱快訊作參閱，以備心敬拜。

若有需要支援和代禱、請聯絡組長，職員或牧師長老，或留言教會辦公室 416-288-1770 或電郵至 info@ncac.ca

願主祝福大家主恩常在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION - MAY 16, 2020

Today is May 16, and on this day in 1569, a significant incident happened in Christian history. Dirk Willem, an Anabaptist, became a martyr for his belief in baptism and was against war. The aftermath of this view led him to his execution on May 16, 1569. Dr Rex Butler, a professor of church history of Baptist Theological Seminary writes,

“During the winter of 1569, Dirk was arrested in Asperen, Holland, by the Roman Catholic authorities. Dirk was condemned to burn at the stake, not only for having been re-baptized himself but also for re-baptizing other believers in his home. However, he managed to escape from prison by fashioning a rope from knotted rags and climbing over the wall.

The burgomaster of Asperen hired a thief-catcher to capture Dirk. Dirk’s flight took him to a frozen stream, which he began to cross. The thief-catcher hesitated but followed after him. Being a heavily built man, however, he broke through the ice and was forced to cry for help from the only person available – the man he was pursuing. One can only imagine the thoughts that crossed Dirk’s mind, but ultimately the thought that prevailed was Jesus’ command: “But I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you” (Matt. 5:44). Dirk turned back and rescued the thief-catcher.

When they reached the shore, the thief-catcher would have released Dirk in gratitude, but the burgomaster, having caught up to them, insisted on taking Dirk back to prison. There Dirk remained until the day of his execution, May 16, 1569. He was tied to the stake, and the fire was lit. The winds that day, however, blew the flames away from his upper body, so that he suffered long. He cried out repeatedly, “O Lord, my God!” until finally, the executioner dispatched him to his death.”

Dirk’s death was agonizingly and his screams were heard for miles. What a sad but influential incident in Christian history. As I was reflecting on this incident, it dawned on me that stormy days could either deepen my faith or dim my confidence in God. When God allows us to go through tough times—it’s not to hurt us, but to make us stronger in faith.

Let us affirm our hope and confidence in God and seek His guidance in our lives. Come and join the church family as we gather together to glorify God in worship and praise. We will continue with our online worship tomorrow at 9.30 am.

Kindly go through the attached service bulletin for scripture reflections/prayers, virtual prayer session, ministry opportunities and church updates.

Enjoy the beautiful weather today and have a blessed weekend. The Lord be with you.

Blessings

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最新消息 (5/9/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的朋友：平安！

「點亮心情，疫情下歡慶母親節！」

明天是母親節，在疫情肆虐全球的隔離期間，即使我們所愛的人不在身邊，我們卻有更多時間關心他們。母親節是一個關心媽媽，向媽媽致敬的美好機會。神告訴我們，要榮耀父母，讓他們得祝福，自己也蒙福。「要孝敬父母，使你得福，在世長壽。」這是第一條帶應許的誡命。」（以弗所書六章2節）神的應許，在疫情中更顯為有意義。如果媽媽因為隔離而獨處，請提醒她，她永遠不會孤單。因為她認識耶穌，耶穌愛她。如果媽媽已經不在身邊，願主安慰恩待你。

藉此節日，牧師預備了兩樣電子版禮物，贈送給您，您的母親，家人和親友們，作為心意，說出敬意。一樣是「天使心母親節特刊」，另一樣是「大廚師家常菜譜」。祇要你到下面的連結，便可以收到。疫情期間，是撒福音種子絕佳時機，鼓勵大家轉贈未信親友們，並送上祝福的話。電子版禮物連結：

https://issuu.com/tmea/docs/naahm-202005_ebook?fr=sODY2NzEzMTY4Mzk

<http://www.dachu.co/node/dishes>

另外牧師也預備了特別母親節信息「長闊高深的愛」，在明天主日早上十一時十五分，我們教會的網上崇拜中，與大家分享、誠邀各位預留時間，並邀請親友參加，同渡充滿愛及溫暖的母親節。附上明日的崇拜週刊和家事分享及代禱快訊作參閱，以備心敬拜。開播連結是：

<https://youtu.be/1R8mw7O3g1I>

明日在網上崇拜，大家更可以欣賞到，一羣參加兒童網上崇拜的兒童們繪畫創作 - 「獻給母親的謝言」，來讚揚母愛。兒童網上崇拜參加人數近日有增加，令人十分感恩。歡迎繼續推介，時間是週六下午一時半至二時半，詳情可請聯絡 Elaine 姊妹或 Peggy 姊妹。

不要忘記，今週三5月13日晚上八時有粵語網上祈禱會。連結請留意教會電郵。鼓勵你通知其它弟兄姊妹，備時參加，為疫情，為彼此和教會，守望代求。索取祈禱事項請聯絡長老 Francis 或組長。

感謝兄弟姊妹在疫情期間繼續對教會的奉獻。財政部跟銀行已達成自動存款電子轉賬服務，並在過去兩星期內運作順利。從本週開始，財政部祇僅向進行首次電子轉賬的兄弟姐妹，發送電郵以確認他們的奉獻金額。如果您奉獻選擇電子轉賬，電郵地址是：donate@ncac.ca

最後請繼續為加拿大各級政府和教會領袖及教牧同工祈禱。若有需要，支援和代禱、請聯絡組長，職員或牧師，長老，或留言教會辦公室（416-288-1770）或電子郵件 info@ncac.ca

願主祝福大家和每一位母親，身體健康，主恩常在，過一個愉快，有意義的母親節。

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION - MAY 9, 2020

Hi everyone

Isiah 66:13 is an encouraging and wonderful reminder of God's love. God, in His own words, likens His love and comfort to each one of us to the role of a mother. God has promised to be like a mother to us - Praise God! We thank God for His love and also for revealing His nature through the love of mothers.

This week, I am sending pictorial updates for an easy read. Kindly participate in our church life and use the reflections for your personal devotion. Explore the Discovery Bible Study tool, an exciting study method for small groups and families. Don't forget to read the attached service bulletin for tomorrow's service and other church news.

As I end this note, let me thank you for your continued support, encouragement to the church family and beyond through your prayers, correspondence, giving and ministry involvement.

See you tomorrow online for Mother's Day Service. Happy Mother's Day to all mothers and mothers-to-be from our family to you.

The Lord be with you.

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

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Rev Dr Vinson Samuel

English Pastor

New Covenant Alliance Church

最新消息 (5/2/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的朋友：平安！

「但願使人有盼望的上帝，因信將諸般的喜樂、平安充滿你們的心，使你們藉着聖靈的能力大有盼望！」（羅 15：13）

聖經這節經文提出了基督徒的人生、與一般人一樣會有艱難、困苦、哀傷。但不同的是，一個真正信耶穌的人的悲傷、不會導致絕望。因為上帝使人有盼望、有信心和聖靈的能力～忍耐。當別人在風暴中已停止前進、已經放棄的時候，基督徒仍可靠著聖靈的能力和忍耐，繼續堅持、繼續前進、走出疫境。

明天早上十一時十五分是我們的網上主日崇拜、歡迎你邀請家人、並所通知的親友們，一同參加。明天也是每月的聖餐主日、請弟兄姊妹預備餅和葡萄汁、與牧師一同記念主。開播連結是：

https://youtu.be/OwZTLBQ_Sg4

多謝您對教會的奉獻和支援社區疫情需要、因需要大、請繼續支持。有關電子轉帳奉獻到教會的方法和支援社區的參與、並其它消息、請參閱附上的崇拜週刊報告。五月份小組聚會，查考經文在詩篇書一三九篇，主題為「神必引導保護你」、相信對您十分有幫助、請聯絡組長、一同參加。

若有其它查詢或需要，支援和代禱、請聯絡組長，職員或牧師，長老。或留言教會辦公室（416-288-1770）或電子郵件 info@ncac.ca 讓我們繼續用禱告為我們這城市及國家求平安! 求神醫治大地。

願神保守你和家人安康！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION - MAY 2, 2020

Hi everyone

Ever had one of those days/weeks where it seems everyone is on edge and worried about the future? Whether you are watching the news, reading people's posts on social media, I believe fear and anxiety has gripped many.

What I love about God and His word is that He helps us to draw strength and confidence in His Word. Isaiah 43:2 was a powerful reminder of God's presence and ever-present help.

Isn't Isaiah 43:2 a great reminder from God? Though there are times, we experience challenging situations; God continues to be our strength and power. This season may be the season of challenges, but every season has an end, so take comfort in these encouraging words of faith.

Let's continue to seek and trust God, knowing that He is sovereign. We encourage you to join us online for Holy Communion Service (via our church website at www.ncac.ca) at 9. 30am tomorrow. It would be wonderful if we can participate during the Worship time and have Communion together. The attached Service bulletin will provide information on activities, scripture reflections, and prayer pointers for the week.

Please know that you are being thought of and prayed for regularly. Let's continue to pray for all persons impacted by the virus and let us continue to be people of hope.

See you tomorrow!

Blessings

Pastor Vinson

Rev Dr Vinson Samuel
English Pastor
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最新消息 (4/25/2020)

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的朋友：平安！

耶穌說：「你們禱告的時候，要說：我們在天上的父...」(路加福音 11:2)

「阿爸，父！」這是何等親密的稱呼，充滿著愛和恩情。因著主耶穌在十字架上成就的救恩，我們才有成為「神兒女」的特權。作為「我們」的天父，祂藉著禱告眷顧和鼓勵我們，藉著祂的話語顯明祂的心意，在疫情危困中、讓我們學習信靠祂，使我們靈命上不斷成長。禱告是目前最重要做的事。是唯一可靠不變的事情。請您或與您的家人一起禱告。向聆聽和關懷我們的天父祈求。

明天早上十一時十五分是我們的網上主日崇拜、邀請你和家人、並所通知的親友們，一同參加。開播連結是：

<https://youtu.be/MWXC1b6PPUY>

明日晚上八時，有全國眾華人宣道會堂會為疫情而設的特別祈禱會，歡迎參加。讓宣道會的大家庭在這次因疫情所帶來史無前例的挑戰和影響中，一同來尋求神的面。這特別祈禱會將在 zoom 平台上進行，約 45 分鐘，有敬拜，信息，和分組祈禱時間。請按最適合你的語言和時間參加。日期：四月 26 日〔主日〕時間：東岸(多倫多時間) 8:00 pm 粵語，英語 7:00 pm，普通話 9:00 pm。

疫情讓我們有機會愛我們的鄰舍。歡迎參與教會的支助社區行動，4月30日前捐款給「Carefirst Covid-19 救濟基金」去支援長者，捐款將可增雙倍，因為有 Gore 互助基金會捐相等捐款來匹配 matching。你可以奉獻到基約宣道會的慈惠基金 (Love fund) 並指定 "Carefirst Covid-19"，或直接到 <https://www.canadahelps.org/en/dn/5034> 選擇捐款「Carefirst Covid-19 救濟基金」。

教會還有其它的消息，請參閱附上的崇拜週刊和報告。

最後請繼續為加拿大各級政府，前線醫護人員祈禱。又為教會領袖及教牧同工祈禱，求主賜下智慧能力在當前危急的疫情下，更好地為神家事奉；為眾肢體祈禱，求主賜下平安。若有查詢或需要，支援和代禱、請聯絡組長，職員或牧師，長老。或留言教會辦公室 (416-288-1770) 或電子郵件 info@ncac.ca

現在願主耶穌的恩典和慈愛，常與您同在！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – APRIL 25, 2020

Hi everyone

It's Saturday . . . I can't believe its Saturday already.

Though Church buildings are closed for the past month, churches found ways to celebrate Easter and continue with online worship services. Even physical distancing is mandated in many countries, today churches are finding ways to reach out to those in need and to share the love of Christ – Praise the Lord!

This Sunday, why don't you invite your friends and family to join us for Sunday Worship at 9.30 am by visiting our church website www.ncac.ca. It would be an excellent opportunity to be in one platform at the same time worshipping our Lord and Saviour.

Join us for another time of sharing and prayer this coming Wednesday (April 29) at 8 pm. Meanwhile, take time to pray for the prayer pointers in our Service bulletin shared by Brain Wong:

1. Pray for a joyful and patient heart despite difficulties.
2. Pray for thanksgiving that we can have assurance in an unwavering and faithful God.
3. Pray for thanksgiving for everyone working on the frontlines. Pray specifically for someone you know.

How the church loves well is important. Our church leadership has adopted initiatives to support our neighbourhood community, and there are volunteer opportunities to help. Please contact either Michael Hynuh or David Tong if you are available to be part of this support group. This week, challenge yourself to encourage someone or pray with a friend who is experiencing anxiety or uncertainty. The most powerful thing we can do is reach out and let someone know you care.

For other church events and updates, please visit our church website at www.ncac.ca. and read the attached Sunday Service bulletin.

Trust and pray this email finds you in good health and spirit. We are keeping you and your loved ones in our thoughts and prayers. The Lord be with you

Blessings

Pastor Vinson



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最新消息 (4/18/2020)

「喜樂的心乃是良藥；憂傷的靈使骨枯乾。(箴言 17:22)

在指望中要喜樂，在患難中要忍耐，禱告要恆切。(羅馬書 12:12)」

各位基約的弟兄姊妹及慕道的朋友：平安！

我們所深信的神是那位愛我們、關心和引導我們未來的神。明天會更好、乃是因為我們深信神必然垂聽禱告、成就禱告，這盼望就牽引著我們過渡苦難的環境。

單靠理性不足以面對疫症，處身於一個充滿惶恐的日子中，心理與靈性的健康尤期重要。理性教導我們防疫措施，是重要的，但信心更為重要。心靈質素強健的人，加上身體健康，做適當的運動，配合均衡飲食，爭取睡眠休息，我們體內的免疫系統會產生作用；生活習慣不健康，平時也易於招惹感冒，這大家應該都知道的。所以要保持開朗樂觀，因為我們有復活的主；聖經亦云喜樂乃良藥；我們跟隨耶穌，安心也是一種良藥。

然而，在疫情影響下，難免出現緊張，焦慮，恐懼，驚慌，憂慮，憤怒，內疚，悲傷等負面的情緒，究竟我們應如何健康面對及處理，以致能化解負面情緒，減少人際衝突，正面抗疫，生命有成長呢？感謝神，我們教會的關顧部及小組團契部，今週六 4 月 25 日晚上 7:30 pm-9:00 pm 會舉辦一個「疫情中的逆轉」，有關疫情下情緒管理的網上互動講座，由泉源輔導中心專業治療講師李潔雲傳道主講。敬請同心參加並推介給親友。

教會繼續安排每主日的崇拜錄影，並把影片的連結透過教會電郵，群組及教會網頁發放，讓大家保持敬拜生活。因此我們邀請全會眾，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加網上崇拜，以下是明早崇拜錄影在網上實時直播的連結：<https://youtu.be/Dlc0PKNaFTk>

教會電子轉帳奉獻現在可以自動轉帳 (auto deposit)，不需要輸入保安問題和答案。方法詳情請參閱崇拜週刊或教會網頁。

主教導我們要愛我們的鄰舍。感謝神，教會已經成立了一個支援社區隊工，幫助疫情危機中社區的需求，歡迎參與幫助，詳情可參閱崇拜週刊。如果有弟兄姊妹願意服侍和關顧我們身邊的人 (例如：為長者購買食物，送午餐，打電話問安等)，或自己有需要，或有任何建議幫助有需要的人，請聯絡支援社區隊工成員。

其它查詢或需要，支援和代禱、請聯絡組長，部門職員或牧師，長老。或留言教會辦公室 (416-288-1770) 或電子郵件 info@ncac.ca 現附上明日的崇拜週刊和家事分享及代禱快訊作參閱，以同心事奉，備心敬拜。

願主耶穌的恩典和慈愛，常與您同在!

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

最新消息 (4/11/2020)

「願頌讚歸與我們主耶穌基督的父神！

他曾照自己的大憐憫，藉耶穌基督從死裡復活，重生了我們，
叫我們有活潑的盼望」

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的朋友：平安！

明天是復活節。復活節是基督教獨特及重要的日子。

今年復活節十分有意思，病毒疫情令人像活在死陰幽谷中，如同受難節的哀傷，但復活節的來臨，有如黎明的曙光，帶來一線生機和盼望。世人看復活節可能祇是一種精神，但主耶穌的復活，不祇是精神，乃是千真萬確的歷史事實，更是今日就可以經歷的恩典和將來榮耀的盼望。因為主耶穌的復活，帶給我們復活的盼望，所以我們信靠祂，仰望祂，也就使我們有了復活的生命。所以感謝神「復活主的大能」，這是今年復活節所要傳達的信息。

因此我們邀請全會眾，於明天早上十一時十五分，在家中與家人和所通知的親友們，一同參加基約宣道會的復活節網上崇拜，一同來迎接這黎明的曙光，與普世信徒們來歌頌和慶祝，主耶穌復活了，祂已經戰勝死亡，打碎罪的枷鎖，要賜人盼望。

以下是明早復活節崇拜的錄影在網上直播的連結，歡迎到時點擊進入，並推介給親友。

<https://youtu.be/yJvELkn4CLk>

或可按各堂主日崇拜時間 (英文 9:30 AM, 中文 11:15 AM) 到教會網頁 www.ncac.ca 上打開連接視頻一同敬拜。現附上明日的崇拜週刊和報告作參閱，以備心敬拜。

另外、亦鼓勵弟兄姊妹使用電子轉帳方法作奉獻 (Interac Electronic Transfer Offering)，支持神家。不同銀行或有不同的電子轉帳方式/設定。下面只是一個基本的做法。基約宣道會電子轉帳奉獻方法 -

1. 登入您網上銀行的帳戶。
2. 進入電子轉帳的部分。
3. 新開 (或加上) 一個新的聯絡或收件人的帳戶姓名 (例: NCAC)
4. 然後請輸入基約教會奉獻的電郵地址: donate@ncac.ca
5. 在「Message (信息)」部分輸入以下資料：
 - a. 奉獻者姓名和/或奉獻號碼。
 - b. 奉獻者地址 (第一次奉獻者，請填寫您的地址)
 - c. 奉獻分類。例如:常費- \$200; 教會維修 - \$100; 宣教 - \$150; 慈惠 \$100; 其他 (請註明) (如沒有分類，所有款項將被放入常費基金)
6. 輸入保安問題和答案: 為方便原故，請保安問題用“offering”。保安答案用 “ncacoffering”。若是別的，請必須告訴 Francis Lee 長老 (1-647-278-3702)。

奉獻亦可以用支票以郵寄方式寄回教會財政部收，並註明指定的基金。用支票，不要寄現金。教會地址: 1490 Birchmount Rd. Scarborough, ON. M1P 2E3。多謝大家。

願主耶穌的恩典和慈愛，常與您同在!

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

最新消息 (4/04/2020)

「不要驚惶、因為我是你的神」

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的朋友：平安！

以賽亞書 41:10 說：「你不要害怕、因為我與你同在·不要驚惶、因為我是你的神...」

神的話語滿有能力！當中記載了許多應許是超越人的境況和所面對的環境與災禍。特別在這惶恐時候，我想透過這經文提醒大家我們的神是如何偉大，即使我們感到焦慮和孤立，祂永遠是與我們同在的神。唯願我們與人隔離時卻與神更靠近！

鼓勵您和家人或親友，今週透過教會網站或教會電郵連結視頻，參加以下聚會，得力量、仰望基督為堅固的根基！

- 明天 4 月 5 日早上 11:15 am 的聖餐崇拜。
- 週三 4 月 8 日晚上 8:00-9:00 pm 的 Zoom 祈禱會。
- 週五 4 月 10 日早上 10:30 am 的受苦節特別聖餐聚會，主題為「苦難同行」。
- 週六 4 月 11 日下午 1:30-2:30 pm 的兒童崇拜。
- 四月份小組聚會，查考經文在哥林多後書一章，主題為「同受苦楚，用得安慰」。

奉獻：如果您要奉獻，或支持神家，可以使用以下方式：

- 基約宣道會電子轉帳奉獻 (Electronic Transfer Offering) 方法 - (不同銀行或有不同的電子轉帳方式/設定。下面只是一個基本的做法。)
 1. 登入您網上銀行的帳戶
 2. 進入電子轉帳的部分
 3. 新開/加上一個新的聯絡人/收件人的姓名
 4. 然後請輸入我們教會奉獻的電郵地址: donate@ncac.ca:
 5. 在「信息」部分輸入以下資料：
 - a. 奉獻者姓名和/或奉獻號碼
 - b. 奉獻者地址 (第一次奉獻者，請填寫您的地址)
 - c. 奉獻分類 (如沒有分類，所有款項將被放入常費基金)

例子:常費-\$200; 教會維修-\$100; 宣教-\$150; 慈惠-\$100; 其他 (請註明)

 - 6. 輸入保安問題和答案: 為了方便原故，答案請使用“ncacoffering”。若是別的答案，請必須告訴 Francis Lee 長老 (1-647-278-3702)。
- 奉獻亦可以以郵寄方式寄回教會財政部收，並註明指定的基金。用支票，不要寄現金。教會地址: 1490 Birchmount Rd. Scarborough, ON. M1P 2E3

以上詳情請參閱教會網站 www.ncac.ca。隨信附上的崇拜週刊及小組聚會資料。另外請代禱記念在疫情下失業或經濟上遇困難的弟兄姊妹和親友，為此也提供有關在當前危急的疫情中加拿大緊急應變福利計劃 (CERB) 的資料供參考。

牧師長老、職員同工和組長繼續肩負牧養的工作，並與教會的弟兄姊妹一起共渡難關。我們隨時為您提供援助。如果您自己有需要或您有任何建議幫助有需要的人，請立刻聯絡組長，職員或牧師，長老。或留言教會辦公室 (416-288-1770) 或電子郵件 info@ncac.ca。

讓我們在受難節期間，存著感恩的心領受並紀念主耶穌為我們成就的偉大救恩。願神保守你平安！

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

二零二零年三月廿八日更新

「隔離的是疫情，割不斷的是家人的愛」

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的親友：平安！

是的、「疫情絕不能夠隔離我們與神的愛，隔離不了我們與弟兄姊妹的愛」

感謝神，教會使用網絡工具可以繼續邀請弟兄姐妹們在主日一同讚美和敬拜，並且默想在耶穌裡面的安慰。這正是今主日崇拜，牧師信息的主題：「同受苦楚，同得安慰」。深信必定會使您和您家人得幫助。

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堂址除指定工作人員外，仍然未能開放。教會所有項目會暫停或更改、包括所有兒童活動、青少年活動、主日學、團契或小組聚會。事工會議、小組組會和聯繫會改用網絡媒体進行。

我們邀請全會眾在家參加網上崇拜直播。歡迎到教會網站 www.ncac.ca 參加崇拜並推介給親友。並附上最新的崇拜週刊供參閱、備心敬拜。另外更附上四月份「爾道自建」釋經靈修資料供閱讀、保持與主親近。

網上崇拜具體的安排如下：

1. 請大家按各堂崇拜時間在教會網頁上打開連接視頻：
https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJbie5JMAXrADmt_zTa6PXQ/live
2. 以上直播視頻通常會在崇拜時間 5-10 鐘前啟播。會眾可以提前打開以上連接，作好調試，以備及時觀看並參與崇拜。
3. 歡迎會眾在 YouTube 視頻下方的討論區留言並點贊。弟兄姊妹相互勉勵的話語相信會對其它親友觀眾帶來鼓勵和共勉。
4. 直播結束後，大家也可以在基約教會的網站主頁 (<https://www.ncac.ca>)，點擊“中文崇拜重播”翻看錄製的視頻，與別人分享信息。
5. 鼓勵弟兄姊妹使用新增設的電子奉獻方法 (Electronic Transfer Offering)。基約宣道會電子轉帳奉獻方法－(不同銀行或有不同的電子轉帳方式/設定。下面只是一個基本的做法。)
 - a) 登入您網上銀行的帳戶
 - b) 進入電子轉帳的部分
 - c) 新開/加上一個新的聯絡人/收件人的姓名
 - d) 然後請輸入我們教會奉獻的電郵地址: donate@ncac.ca
 - e) 在「信息」部分輸入以下資料：
 - 奉獻者姓名和/或奉獻號碼
 - 奉獻者地址 (第一次奉獻者，請填寫您的地址)
 - 奉獻分類 (如沒有分類，所有款項將被放入常費基金)
 - 例子: 常費-\$200; 教會維修-\$100; 宣教-\$150; 慈惠-\$100; 其他 (請註明)
 - f) 輸入保安問題和答案: 為了方便原故，答案請使用“ncacoffering”。若是別的答案，請必須告訴 Francis Lee 長老 (1-647-278-3702)。
6. 奉獻亦可以以郵寄方式寄回教會財政部收，並註明指定的基金。但請用支票，不要寄現金。教會地址: 1490 Birchmount Rd. Scarborough, ON. M1P 2E3

以上如有更新，我們會即時向弟兄姊妹公佈。大家也可以留意基約教會的網站 www.ncac.ca

若有查詢或需要，支援和代禱、請聯絡組長，職員或牧師，長老。或留言教會辦公室 (416-288-1770) 或電子郵件 info@ncac.ca

最後請繼續為疫情迅速蔓延得到控制祈禱，並為病人的康復和醫務人員的安全祈禱。為本地、各地受災的人民、社區、國家和我們在世界不同地區服侍的宣教士祈禱。請弟兄姊妹保持團結聯繫，照顧有需要的人，在祈禱中互相支援，求主賜下平安。

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

二零二零年三月廿二日更新

邀請全會眾在家參加網上崇拜直播

各位主內的弟兄姊妹以及慕道的朋友、平安！

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網上崇拜具體的安排如下：

1. 請大家按各堂崇拜時間在教會網頁上打開連接視頻：

https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCJbie5JMAXrADmt_zTa6PXQ/live

2. 以上直播視頻通常會在崇拜時間 5-10 鐘前啟播。會眾可以提前打開以上連接，作好調試，以備及時觀看並參與崇拜。

3. 歡迎會眾在 YouTube 視頻下方的討論區留言並點贊。弟兄姊妹相互勉勵的話語相信會對其它親友觀眾帶來鼓勵和共勉。

4. 直播結束後，大家也可以在基約教會的網站主頁（www.ncac.ca），點擊“中文崇拜重播”翻看錄製的視頻。

5. 鼓勵弟兄姊妹使用新增的電子奉獻方法 (Electronic Transfer Offering)。基約宣道會電子轉帳奉獻方法 -

(1). 請電郵奉獻致: donate@ncac.ca

(2). 在“信息”部分輸入以下資料：

a. 奉獻者姓名和/或奉獻號碼

b. 奉獻者地址:(第一次奉獻者，請填寫您的地址)

c. 奉獻分類(如沒有分類，所有款項將被放入常費基金).

例子:常費-\$200; 教會維修-\$100; 宣教-\$150; 慈惠-\$100; 其他(請註明)

(3). 輸入保安問題和答案: 為了方便原故，答案請使用“ncacoffering”。若

是別的答案，請必須告訴 Francis Lee 長老（1-647-278-3702）。

6. 奉獻亦可以以郵寄方式寄回教會財政部收，並註明指定的基金（常費、宣教、教會堂址維修、慈惠、感恩）。例如，常費/100 元、宣教 / 50 元等。

教會地址: 1490 Birchmount Rd. Scarborough, ON. M1P2E3

以上如有更新，我們會即時向弟兄姊妹公佈。

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最後請為加拿大各級政府和教會領袖及教牧同工祈禱，求主賜下智慧能在當前危急的疫情中更好地為神家事奉；為眾肢體祈禱，求主賜下平安。

基約宣道會長議會，牧師及同工們謹啟

LATEST COMMUNICATION – MARCH 22, 2020

Please Join NCAC Online Worship

Dear brothers, sisters and friends of NCAC

Jesus said, "In this world, you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world" (John 16:33)
This is an unprecedented time in the history of the world. So many things have changed in the last few months, and the wave of change doesn't seem to slow down. These events remind us of the words of Jesus' in John 16:33. In times of trouble like these, we need to remember the rest of what Jesus told us: He has overcome the world. He will never leave us or forsake us.

During this COVID-19 pandemic period, we will continue with our Sunday worship services through our online and live stream platform. Worship time remains to be 9:30 AM (English) and 11:15 AM (Chinese). Our Church building is temporarily closed, except for designated personnel. Hence, all church group activities and programs will be suspended or changed. All communication and group meetings will be via online or social media.

Join the church family to worship online at home. An E-bulletin of this Sunday worship service of March 22, 2020, is attached for your reference and preparation. To participate in our online worship and giving here are some steps:

To Worship - Live Stream

1. Visit our Church website at www.ncac.ca
2. Open the connecting link on NCAC web page according to the worship time:
<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCDk-h1Zi0VRtZdACnT8LCPQ/live>
Live streaming will usually start 5-10 minutes before the worship time. Open the above connection in advance, to make adjustments for smooth viewing and participation in worship.
3. Leave a message and click 'like' in the discussion area below YouTube. Your message will bring mutual encouragement to each other and our viewers.
4. To review the recorded video, click 'English Worship Replay' on the home page of the Church (www.ncac.ca).

To Give by E-Transfer

During this uncertain time, we encourage you to use our new E-Offering. NCAC e-transfer offering instruction -

1. Please send to the designated email address: donate@ncac.ca
2. Enter the following information in the "Message" section:
 - a. Name of donor and/or offering number of donor
 - b. Address of donor (necessary for a new donor)
 - c. Allocation of the offering amount (if not specified, the total amount will go to the General Fund). Example: General - \$ 200, Building Repair - \$100; Mission - \$100, Love Fund – 100, others (please specify)
3. Enter the Security Question and answer: Please use "ncacoffering" for the answer. If use different answer, please communicate the answer to the Elder Francis Lee (1-647-278-3702).

To Give by Mail

- You can also send your offerings by mail to the church address 1490 Birchmount Rd. Scarborough, ON M1P 2E3, to the attention of Finance department and specify fund to direct to (General Fund, Mission Fund, Building Repair Fund, Love Fund, Short Term Mission Fund). E.g. GF/\$100, MF/\$50, etc.

We would like to ask you to pray for all levels of our government, Church leaders and Pastors in Canada for godly wisdom as they navigate these stormy waters. Pray that we will be steadfast in our love and faith in Christ. Ask the Lord to show us ways to encourage our neighbours and those in need. Not forgetting to intercede for all nations and persons impacted by the virus. And let's continue to be people of hope.

We want you to know that your church family continues to be there with and for you during this time. For support, prayers and inquiry please contact our Pastors, Elders, group leaders, or leave a message with the church office (416-288-1770) or church email info@ncac.ca.

The Lord be with you.

Sincerely
NCAC Board of Elders, Pastors and all Ministry leaders

LATEST COMMUNICATION – MARCH 16, 2020

To all, greetings in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. May God keep you safe and grant you peace.

Yesterday, we were successful in broadcasting our Chinese and English Sunday Worship services. Thank you for the positive and encouraging feedback. Please remember to tune in for the next few Sundays and join us in praise and worship.

The Online Mobile Offering is still not ready. We expect to have it up and running in the next few days. In the mean time, you can mail in your offering to the church office and specify which fund to direct to (General, Mission, Building, Love fund...etc). Thank you for your patience. Please check back for any updates.

In Christ,

Board of Elders.

March 14, 2020 (10 pm) Updates from the Elders Board:

Dear brothers/sisters in Christ, members of NCAC,

Tonight, we are writing to communicate new cautionary measures that will take effect immediately to support Public Health recommendations to slow the spread of the Covid-19 virus in our city.

The church has activated its contingency plan as follows:

- 1) Starting Monday March 16th and until April 6th or further notice, there will not be Sunday Worship Services held at 1490 Birchmount Road. Note: Sunday service on March 15 will continue (only Worship, all other programs canceled) however you are welcome to stay home and watch live stream if necessary.
- 2) There will be live streaming of the English and Cantonese worship services available from ncac.ca website.
- 3) All ministry programs and activities are suspended including MSG and small group meetings, prayer meetings, Sunday school classes, choirs, children program, nursery and all others. Only designated personnel are permitted in the church building for specific tasks.
- 4) If you are scheduled to serve in worships, the Chinese or English worship departments will be contacting you about alternative arrangements.
- 5) The church is empowering your leaders to stay connected with you to provide physical, emotional and spiritual support and encouragement during this period. During these extraordinary times, your pastors, Elders and leaders are here for you. Should you have any prayer requests or need any support, or have any suggestions re: COVID-19 precautions, please contact any pastor or Elder or leader or church office (416-288-1770) or email info@ncac.ca
- 6) Please check church website (www.ncac.ca) or your email inbox frequently for new updates.
- 7) You are encouraged to use Online Mobile means for offering. Please visit church website for more details.
- 8) Despite the turbulent situation, we need to put our trust in God for His protection and provisions. We should stay more united as the body of Christ, see this as an opportunity to care for those who are in need, and stay connected to support each other in prayers.
- 9) Please keep praying for the pandemic to get under control, and for the recovery of patients and safety of medical staff.

二零二零年三月八日通知

預防新冠狀病毒 (COVID-19) 傳播措施，直至另行通知：

由於世界各地新冠狀病毒疫情爆發，基約宣道會現正採取以下的預防措施，以維持教會有安全及健康的環境：

1. 請注意公共及個人衛生，善用裝置在教會內之消毒搓手液，經常洗手，如有需要請佩戴口罩，減少感染機會。參見：多倫多公共衛生對預防新冠狀病毒的建議。
2. 凡從中國內地、香港、伊朗、意大利、南韓、星架坡、和日本或最近受廣泛感染的國家返回多倫多的弟兄姊妹，請自我隔離 14 天，不參加崇拜、基約 NCAC 聚會和基約 NCAC 地點以外任何其他與教會有關的活動，包括但不限於小組聚會。
3. 鑒於您在 14 天後沒有流感樣症狀，我們歡迎您，並在兩周後參加我們的崇拜和其他教會活動。此措施亦適用於新來賓或非經常參加教會活動的朋友，以及城東國語宣道會和西班牙社區宣道會的信徒。
4. 如果您與上述地區的人們有密切接觸*，請在參加教會堂或參加教會活動前、自行隔離 14 天。（*世界衛生組織標記為衛生保健提供者和家庭成員，以及任何在感染者出現症狀後在確診病例 3 英尺範圍內的人。）
5. 請留意個人健康狀況。若感不適，請留在家中，衡量是否應儘快就醫。
6. 現時教會所有崇拜及部份活動將繼續如常進行，請查詢教會網站有關影響之活動。
7. 從 3 月 15 日開始，教會網站會提供主日粵語及英語崇拜視頻直播，讓需留在家的弟兄姊妹可以參與崇拜。
8. 請為世界其他地區的冠狀病毒受害者、其家人及醫護人員祈禱，求神施憐憫和醫治。
9. 若對以上措施有任何疑問，請與牧師、長老或教會辦事處聯絡。

March 8, 2020 Communications:

Special measures to prevent the spread of the Coronavirus epidemic (COVID-19) , until further notice:
Due to the coronavirus outbreak, NCAC is taking the following precautions in keeping a safe and healthy environment at the church:

1. Please protect yourself and others by strictly observing public health advice. Wash your hands frequently. Wear face mask for extra protection if necessary. Wall mounted sanitizers are available for use in common areas in the church. See : Toronto Public Health's Advice on Precautions against Coronavirus ◦
2. If you have returned from mainland China, Hong Kong, Iran, Italy, South Korea, Singapore and Japan or countries that are recently known to have widespread infection, please Self-quarantine for 14 days and refrain from attending worship services, gatherings in NCAC and any other church related activities outside of NCAC, including but not limited to small group meetings.
3. Given you have no flu-like symptoms after 14 days, we welcome you and join us in worship and other church activities after the two weeks. This also applies to guests, newcomers who do not regularly attend the church's activities, and congregants of ETMAC and Community Spanish Alliance Church.
4. If you have been with close contacts* with people from the above areas, please also self-quarantine for 14 days before coming to church or joining church activities. (*The World Health Organization flags health care providers and household members, as well as anyone who has been within 3 feet of a confirmed case once the infected person had symptoms.)
5. Please watch out for your medical conditions. If not feeling well, please stay home and quickly consult a doctor if necessary.
6. Currently all church worship services and some programs will continue as usual. Please check church's website for any further updates.
7. Starting from March 15, live streaming video of the Sunday English and Cantonese worship services will be available on this website for those who cannot attend the services.
8. Please pray for God's mercy and healing for the coronavirus victims, their families and supporting medical staff in affected countries and other parts of the world.
9. If there are any questions or concerns about these precautions, please contact Pastors, Elders or the church office.