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Grace to you and Peace from God

Our Mission:

“Passion for Christ, Heart for the Lost”
(Phil. 1 : 21; Matt. 28 : 18—20)

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Pre-Worship Hymns	<i>“Every Promise”</i>	Sis Lim Sue San & Sis Mildred Chan
Prelude		
Silent Meditation		
Call to Worship		Dn James Chen
Opening Hymn	109 <i>“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”</i>	
<i>*Gloria Patri</i>		
Hymn	89 <i>“All the Way My Savior Leads Me”</i>	
Responsive Reading	Proverbs 27 :11-27	
Offerings		
<i>** Doxology</i>		
Scripture Reading	Genesis 28	
Hymn	<i>“Every Promise”</i>	
Pastoral Prayer		
Message	“Jacob: A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD”	REV TAN ENG BOO
Closing Hymn	474 <i>“Constantly Abiding”</i>	
Benediction		
Threefold Amen		
Welcome & Announcements		

*** Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the
 beginning, is now and ever shall be,
 world without end. Amen, Amen

**** Doxology**

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise Him, all creatures here below;
 Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
 Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen

**"IT IS NEVER TOO LATE
TO RECEIVE CHRIST EVEN
AT 88 YEARS OLD"**

by Preacher Jenny Chin

"May our Heavenly Father, who is full of mercy, continue to take good care of her. May He strengthen her faith and trust in Him so that she knows this truth deep in her heart. May the Lord grant her an unwavering faith to testify of God's love before all family members. May thanksgiving words be written on to the first page of her new life in Christ. Indeed she was lost but now is found, together with the heavenly angels, let us sing and praise the Lord."

The above short message was sent to me by our council member, Bro Geoffrey Tay. It was a prayer he offered to the Lord for my mother.

Since the day I received Christ as my Savior in 1981, I took every opportunity to share the gospel with my mum. In those days, she attended a few church camps

with me. In the recent years prior to her baptism, many brethren visited her, either at home or in the hospital. They would take the opportunity to share the gospel with her. Other times, they showed their care and concern through chatting with her.

My mum would always respond in a friendly manner. However, if anyone asked her to receive Jesus Christ as her Saviour, she would politely reject. The reason being, she doubted the existence of Jesus, heaven and hell. Since she cannot see Jesus, she was skeptical. And whenever any brethren wanted to pray for her, she would say, "You can pray if you want" she would continue with what she was doing e.g. eating, watching television, or simply looking around with her eyes wide opened. There were times when I tried to read the Bible and pray for her when she is on the bed, she would turn her back to me.

As she ages, her body weakens. She had several

falls but suffered no major injuries. More than ten years ago, she started on her first kidney dialysis treatment. Since then, she has been in and out of hospital frequently. Last year, due to her wound festering in both legs, she had to undergo three amputations on her lower limbs in a short span of 6 months. I thank God that because of such a situation, I encouraged my mum to face the challenges calmly. I often reminded her to count God's blessings upon her. During that period, we were very cheerful. We were able to live our daily life with joy.

Many brethren once commented, "Your mum is really a hard nut to crack" many have shown her their love and care, patiently sharing the gospel with her, yet she still refused to believe. But unknown to all of us, the Holy Spirit has already started His work in her heart.

On 21 Dec 2017, when my mum was about to undergo her second operation

the next day, Elder Soon Huat and Sister Chew Gim went to visit her at the hospital. After they shared the gospel, Elder Soon Huat asked my mum if she wanted to believe in Jesus. Surprisingly, she gladly accepted the invitation. She prayed the sinner's prayer with Elder Soon Huat and received Jesus Christ into her heart.

Soon after, she announced to her children and grandchildren, one by one, that she has already proclaimed "Amen" (that's the way she proclaims, "I am now a believer!"). Since then, whenever we pray, she would put her hands together. On one occasion, she even interspersed unexpectedly a few sentences of prayer by herself. After her baptism, whenever she suffers unbearable pain, she would cry out "Jesus, bring me to heaven". We began to observe many changes in her life. We are assured that her proclamation of Jesus as her personal Lord and Saviour is for real. Praise the Lord!

Prayer Page

“Men Ought Always To Pray and Not To Faint” (Luke 18: 1)

Praise and Prayer Items in Brief

Pulpit Ministry – 18 Feb 2018
Combined Eng/Mand Worship Service. Pray for the Lord’s anointing on the Lord’s messenger - Bro Lim Chien Chong. Interpreter: Sis Shaw Geok Hua Yvonne. Chairman: Dn John Chen. Co-Chairman: Eld Seah Soon Huat. Pray for our instrumentalists: Sis Jasmine Blundell and Sis Loretta Wong. Pray for the Lord’s blessings upon the pulpit ministry.

Usher Ministry – 18 Feb 2018. Pray for Bro Lee Kee Min, Dr Tan Teck Shi and Sis Evonne Tee. *Pray for their safety in the Lord’s work. Thank God for their service to the Lord each Sunday*

Sis Catherine Ng: She will be going back to the mission field soon.

- ◇ Pray for good health and another fruitful year of service for the Lord in 2018.
- ◇ Pray for protection.
- ◇ Pray for the authorities to approve her travel documents needed to stay in the country.

Sis Wendy Leow: Pray for her ministry with the factory workers that she will have opportunities to witness to them and help follow-

up new believers in the faith.

Sis Boon Jin: Pray for safety in the place she lives and travel. Pray for wisdom in follow-up work and the people’s openness to have her minister to them.

Adult Fellowship on Sat 24 Feb: Pray for Rev Nathaniel Tan as he teaches on the subject of PRAYER. Pray for the Lord’s blessings upon the AF in 2018.

Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) on 11 March: Pray for a fruitful time of sharing the blessings of the Lord’s work and the church direction for 2018-2019. Pray for unity of hearts in this meeting.

Church leader’s planning for church direction: Pray for the planning and the working out of this direction.

Loved one’s salvation in 2018: Pray for opportunities to share the good news to loved ones this year. Pray for their openness to come to church and/or to attend a Gospel meeting.

Our nation: As the younger PAP leaders are looking for the next PM for Singapore, pray for wisdom in their selection.

JACOB: A PERSONAL ENCOUNTER WITH GOD

(Genesis 28)

Background:

- ⤴ Rebekah's decision to send Jacob to Haran (Gen. 27:41-45)
- ⤴ Her tactic to get her husband to send Jacob to Haran (Gen. 27:46; Gen. 26:34, 35)

Application:

No sin whatsoever will hinder the plan of God (Rom. 9:17; Hab. 1:5, 6, 12)

I) Jacob is sent to Mesopotamia (Gen. 28:1-9)

- ⤴ Isaac blessed and charged Jacob (vv.1-5)
 - ◇ The charge (vv.1, 2)
 - ◇ The blessing and sending Jacob off (v.3-5)

Application:

- 1) Get a Christian life partner
- 2) Seek parental blessings

- ⤴ Esau, still seeking for the father's blessing (vv.6-9)

II) Jacob's dream and vow (Gen. 28:10-22)

- ⤴ Meeting God in Bethel (Luz) (vv.11-15). See Gen. 28:19
 - ◇ The dream
 - ◇ The vision of God in the dream
 - ◇ The promises given
- ⤴ Jacob's response (vv.16-22)
 - ◇ Worshipped God
 - ◇ Vowed to God

Conclusion:

A personal encounter which changed the life of Jacob.

1. Do you have a personal encounter with God?
2. Are you seeing your life transformed?

Pastor

KINDNESS, CARING, HURRY

In a recent issue of his Daily Hope newsletter, Rick Warren writes: "Hurry is the death of kindness. If you're going to learn to be a kinder person, you've got to slow down! When you're always distracted with other things, you don't have time to be kind.

If you were to take a cross-country trip, there are several ways you could get from one side to the other. A plane would get you there fastest, but you wouldn't see much of the country. You could take a train or even a car, and both would give you opportunities to see even more. But if you really wanted to take in as much as possible, you'd walk. That's because the slower you go, the more you see.

The Bible says, "*Look out for the good of others*" (1 Cor. 10:24b NCV). The first step to kindness is to ask God to give you spiritual radar to be on the lookout for people around you who are hurting emotionally, spiritually, and physically."

Gracians, would you do that?

There are people who are hurting and in pain.

Devotion For Kids

How does sand help eggs hatch?

Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves. Philippians 2:2

Most mother birds sit on their eggs to keep them warm until they hatch. But for the mallee fowl bird, hatching eggs is a true family project. In the fall, the male mallee fowl digs a hole ten feet wide and three feet deep. He then fills it with leaves he scrapes from the ground nearby. The hole stays there until spring, while the leaves rot inside it. These leaves will turn to compost, which will soon help keep his family of eggs warm. In early spring, the male digs a hole on top of the leaves and adds some new leaves. This is where the female lays the eggs a month later. After the eggs are in the hole, the male covers the hole with sand. For the next ninety days, until the eggs hatch, the male mallee fowl is in charge of keeping them the right temperature. He scratches the sand into a huge mound over the eggs to trap the heat from the compost. Then if the eggs get too warm, he scratches sand off the mound so the layer of sand is thinner. If the eggs are getting too cool, he scratches up more sand on top of the mound to cover the eggs with a thicker layer.

The male mallee keeps taking the temperature of the mound so that it always stays at ninety-one degrees.

Maybe there are jobs you are asked to do that you really don't think you should have to do. Try to do them anyway, with a generous heart. The Bible tells you how to be a willing servant like Jesus: "Don't be selfish; don't try to impress others. Be humble, thinking of others as better than yourselves" (Philippians 2:3). God designed the mallee fowl to do its job by instinct, and he designed us to do our jobs with joy.

CHURCH ACTIVITIES

WED	Prayer Meeting	8.00 p.m.
SAT	Adult Fellowship	5.30 p.m.
	<i>(Last Saturday of every month)</i>	
SUN	Worship Service	9.30 a.m.
	Junior Worship	9.30 a.m.
	Bible Class	11.30 a.m.

Last Week's Collections

Offerings	\$ 2,185.60
Tithes	\$ 11,256.00
Building Fund	\$ 975.55

APPOINTMENTS

Prayer Meeting — Wednesday

Attendance on 7 Feb.: 16

No PM on 14 Feb.

Combined Eng/Mand Service Next Sunday:

Speaker: Bro Lim Chien Chong

Interpreter: Sis Shaw Geok Hua Yvonne

Chairman: Dn John Chen

Co-Chairman: Eld Seah Soon Huat

Pianist: Sis Jasmine Blundell

Organist: Sis Loretta Wong

Ushers

This Week: Dn Daniel Tan/Bro Richard Tan
Sis Naomi Neoh

Next Week: Bro Lee Kee Min/Dr Tan Teck Shi
Sis Evonne Tee

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This Week : Sis Evonne Tee/Bro Chea Ruei-E

Next Week: Sis Janice Lee/Sis Carol Lee

Junior Worship (7-10 years old)

This Week: Sis Hannah Yeo

Next Week: Bro Lee Min Sen

Pre-Primary Worship (3-6 years old)

This Week: Sis Tabitha Tan

Next Week: Sis Lynna Seah

Flowers and Refreshment

This Week: Dn Lee Chang Loong & Heng Yee

Next Week: Catherine Ng

Refreshment Duty

This Week: Dn Daniel & Tabitha Tan

Next Week: Dn Jeremy Hor/Bro Lee Min Sen

NEWS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kindly turn off your mobile phones or put them on silent mode!

“The Lord is in His holy temple:

let all the earth keep silence before Him.”

Bread Casters will be having a book table *today* at the refreshment area.

There will be **no PM** on Wed 14 Feb.

Pastor on annual leave from 16-21 Feb.

CNY Combined Eng/Mand Worship Service on Sun 18 Feb at 9.30 am.

Heads of Dept kindly submit your reports for compilation by Tue 20 Feb. ACM Agenda, Mins. & reports will be distributed on Sun 4 Mar.

Sis Catherine Ng leaves for the mission field on 22 Feb.

Adult Fellowship on Sat 24 Feb at 5.30pm in church. Rev Nathaniel Tan (Hebron BPC) will speak on the topic of **PRAYER**.

Floral/refreshment - available slot for Feb 25. Please sign up at the General Notice Board or call Church office.

Session meeting on Sun 25 Feb in church.

Church Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) will be held on Sun 11 Mar after the worship service.

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