

BECOMING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND LIVES AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIVES



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PRAYER NEEDS

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

We pray that God will:

- * Bless our Sunday School in its new effort to encourage all of our P3 - P6 children to spend quiet time with God daily using the recommended materials given.
- * Help our children and their families to engage in spiritual conversations amid all the anxieties and uncertainties, to look to God and seek after Him with all their hearts.
- * Provide ways for His workers to reach out and stay in touch with children and families to offer hope and encouragement during such times of need.
- * Strengthen relationships and bind us close amid social-distancing measures.
- * Continue to be gracious and merciful to protect all from harm's way.

PERSONAL NEEDS

- * **Molly Loh (ZMS):** She has been diligent and persevering with her physio exercises. Praise God, she can now walk with a tripod stick and even up and down the stairs with it. Thank God she was discharged from hospital.

Church News & Activities

Suspended until further notice:

AWANA Club

Sunday School

Adult Bible Class (11.00am)

International Fellowship

SAF BS & Lunch Fellowship

Easter Sunrise Service is cancelled

Good Friday Service

"Relentless Love" (John 13:1)

10 April @ 9.00am

Live Streaming link will be provided nearer the date.

Mingle (A BPCIS Event)

In view of the current Covid situation, MINGLE will proceed via a different platform and approach. We encourage you to continue signing up for this event and to encourage others to do so. Please sign up at www.bpcisevents.com

Deepest Condolences to...

Deaconess Sylvia & Benedict Ong and family (ZES) on the Home-going of Sylvia's mother, **Mdm Lai Mei Lian** on 14 March 2020.

BPCIS PASTORAL WORD ON COVID-19 CRISIS

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Another test of our faith is upon us with the imminence of the total crippling of our way of life and worship in the devolving Covid-19 pandemic. Two polarized views challenge us. Continuing as the church gathered in corporate worship (if not congregational then groups of no more than 10 as the government directives allow); or the church scattered, worshipping with only our own families or even individually.

But they are not contradictory. Leviticus 11-15 have strict clean and unclean segregation rules to uphold both holiness towards God and responsibility towards man. Hence the Lord cited as the Great Commandment from the OT on loving God with our heart, soul, mind and strength with the addition, "You shall love your neighbour as yourself" (Deut 6:5; Mat 22:37-39). They are two sides of the same coin.

The Church is now called to fulfil this commandment. The government having a macro view of the developing Covid-19 situation is attempting to avert the spiralling of not just religious gatherings but our very way of life. If the spike is not arrested, the next step will be the nation being on lockdown. The accompanying personal, economic, social and ecclesiastical costs will be disastrous. It is a clear and present danger.

The suggested numbers, whether 250 or 10 are not about limiting the number of people worshipping. The more people move around, the more the risk of transmission and national crisis. Limiting unnecessary movements also contribute to the continuation of essential activities like going to school, work and even going out to buy food and groceries. The BPCIS hence strongly encourages our churches and worshippers:

1. Understand the seriousness of current situation and the dire consequences if matters worsen.
2. Adhere to the advisories and appreciate that the spirit behind them is to guard our well-being and freedom.
3. Curtail non-essential people-movement at least until 30 April.

Times, places and forms of worship may change. But we worship an unchanging God. Let us be found faithful. Church history tells us that the church dispersed is no less than the church gathered. In fact, they thrived and flourished!

— *Pastor Daniel Tan, Moderator, Presbytery of BPCIS*