



BETHESDA
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CHURCH

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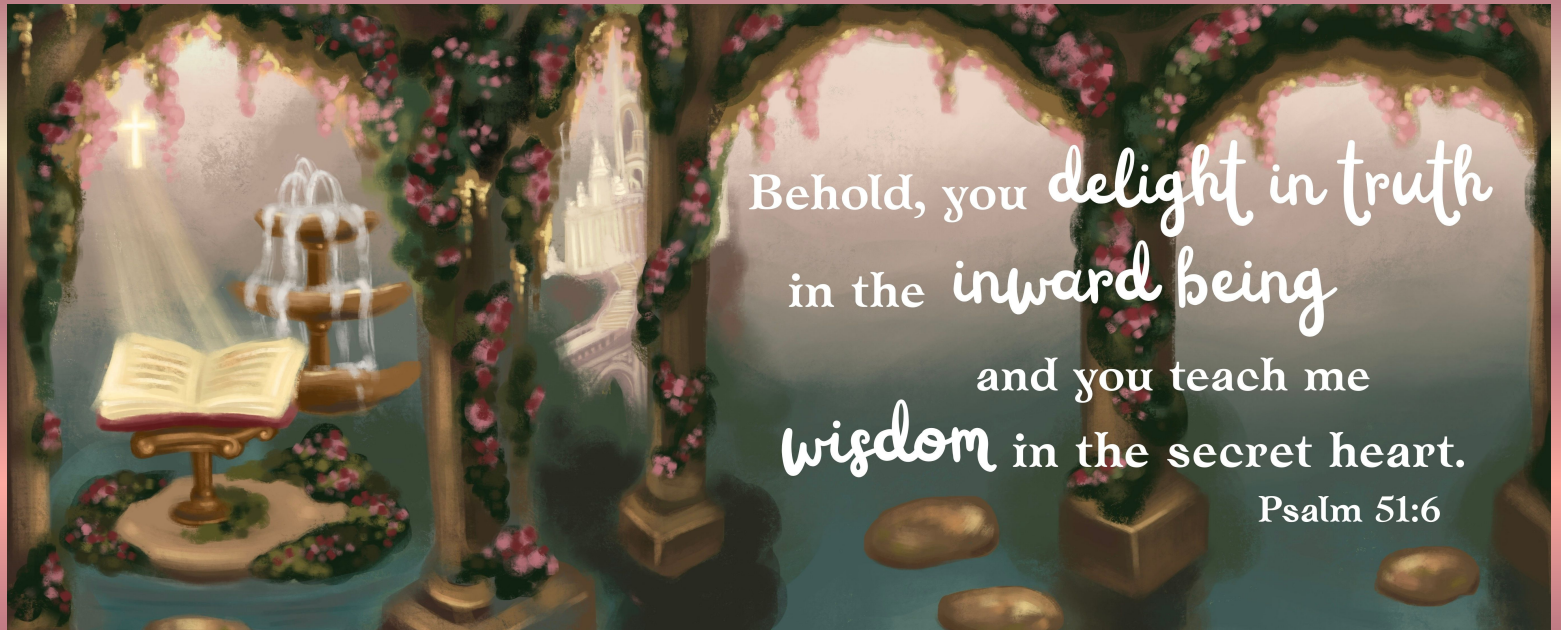
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GROWING Together
IN CHRIST



Behold, you *delight in truth*
in the *inward being*
and you teach me
wisdom in the secret heart.

Psalms 51:6

WORSHIP

THROUGH GIVING

Honour the Lord with your wealth, with the first fruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

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Bethesda (Katong) Church

PURPOSE

For all giving, please specify purpose as follows:

- General Fund (GF)
- Missionary Fund (MF)

THANK YOU

For God loves a cheerful giver.

SENIOR CITIZENS' MINISTRY

Thursday, 13 Aug, 10am @ Main Hall

Exercise: 9am @ 160CR (before the meeting)

Activity Day: Handicraft

LADIES' MEETING

Sunday, 16 Aug, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3

Topic: Dignity, Fortitude and Acumen

Speaker: Mrs Rita Ong

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, 16 Aug, 10:35am @ Annexe, L203 & over Zoom

Topic: A Man and Prayer

MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING

Sunday, 30 Aug, 10:15am @ Annexe, L3

Come and pray for over 500,000 unreached people, who are working or studying, in Singapore.

REGISTRATION FOR BETHESDA KINDERCARE

Priority enrolment is available for children of BKC members until 6 Sep. Please submit your interest at: <http://bfec.sg/bkcpriority>.

SUNDAY PRAYER WITH ELDERS

Two elders will be available after the morning service to pray with anyone who seeks personal prayer support. This morning, Elders Chia Eng Chuan and Leong Che Yeong will be present to spend time with you in private prayer.

HOW BKC HEARD THE GOOD NEWS



As Bethesda (Katong) Church (BKC) celebrates our 90th anniversary, it may be fitting for us to look back and remember how the gospel reached our community. Tracing the story of God's work through the generations reveals anew his providence and grace. Long before we were born, the Lord prepared the way so that we too could hear the good news of Jesus Christ and receive salvation.

BKC's story began during the early days of the Brethren movement in nineteenth-century Singapore. God worked through people such as Philip Robinson, an English merchant and co-founder of Robinsons—a department store. He opened his home for Bible study and fellowship, and established a meeting room in Bencoolen Street where the gospel could be preached. The Lord then raised up others to continue the work. Among them was Mr Ong Tiang Tye, a clerk at Robinsons who preached in Malay. As one of BKC's founding elders, he played an important role in establishing the Peranakan ministry. Faithful missionaries, including Miss G. Grigg and Miss Florence Oldham, also supported the early Sunday School serving children in the Katong neighbourhood.

These accounts remind us that God uses ordinary people through their daily work and vocations. He used merchants, missionaries, elders and Sunday School teachers—men and women from different backgrounds. Whether they preached from the pulpit or worked faithfully behind the scenes, they served as fellow workers in the same Great Commission. Their position mattered less than their willingness to be used by God.

How could we have heard the good news if others had not gone before us? As Paul writes to the Romans:

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!" (Romans 10:14-15, NIV)

As we give thanks to God for those who have completed their task, may their example inspire us to undertake the task he has now entrusted to us. Let us offer God our time, talents and daily work. May we trust him to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, for the glory of his name.

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FOCUS ON PRAYER



TODAY'S SPEAKER

Pray for Dr Justin Joon Lee (Singapore Bible College) who gives us today's ministry message, **"How We Heard the Good News"** (Acts 11:19-26). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

BRINGERS OF GOOD NEWS

Gracious Father,

Thank you for bringing us the good news of Jesus Christ through faithful witnesses. May your hand be upon us as we boldly share Christ with others. Help us grow as devoted disciples, encouraging one another and faithfully teaching your truth, so many will believe and turn to you. This we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

OUR NATION SINGAPORE

Pray the following for Singapore:

- Thank God for the peace, safety, stability, and prosperity that Singapore enjoys. Pray for God to continue to bless our nation as we celebrate our nation's 61st birthday.
- In the area of social defence, pray that Singapore will continue to focus on preserving Singapore's delicate multi-racial and multi-religious society, asking for mutual respect, deep understanding, and protection against divisive forces or foreign interferences.
- In the area of psychological defence, pray for strength and fortitude for Singaporeans to remain united, calm, and resolute in the face of national crises, pandemics, or economic hardships.
- In the area of digital defence, pray for wisdom and discernment to guard the community against online falsehoods, cyber threats, scams, and digital polarization that aim to weaken public trust.
- In the area of civil defence, pray for the Singapore Civil Defence Force and citizens to be vigilant, trained, and ready to respond to medical emergencies, fires, or sudden disasters.
- In the area of military defence, pray for the safety, strength, and readiness of the Singapore Armed Forces and National Servicemen to deter external threats.
- In the area of economic defence, pray that the government can continue to build and sustain a resilient, globally competitive economy in the midst of a volatile, uncertain, complex and ambiguous world.

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Find out more:

- Bethesda Katong Church, Our Heritage. Link: <https://bethesdakatong.org/our-heritage/>
- Monument of Faith: Bethesda Katong Church 42nd Anniversary Souvenir. Link: <https://resources.bethesdakatong.org/books/1978-monument-of-faith.pdf>
- Bethesda (Katong) Church 60th Anniversary 1936-1996 Souvenir Booklet. Link: <https://resources.bethesdakatong.org/books/60a-all.pdf>

MISSION MONTH

Verses of the Week: Acts 11:20-21 (NIV)

Some of them, however, men from Cyprus and Cyrene, went to Antioch and began to speak to Greeks also, telling them the good news about the Lord Jesus. The Lord's hand was with them, and a great number of people believed and turned to the Lord.

SERMON NOTES



TODAY

How We Heard the Good News
(Acts 11:19-26)

Dr Justin Joon Lee
(Singapore Bible College)



NEXT SUNDAY

We've Heard but Who Hasn't?
(1 Chronicles 16:23-27)

Mr Jim Won
(Woodlands Evangelical Free Church)