

"Though the fig tree does not bud & there are no grapes on the vines ... though there are no sheep in the pen and no cattle in the stalls,

yet I will rejoice in the LORD,
I will be joyful in God my Saviour."
Habakkuk 3:17-18



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A WEEKLY BULLETIN FOR INTERNAL CIRCULATION ONLY

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SUNDAY SERVICE: We will resume weekly on-site Sunday worship services from March 2021. Meanwhile, we will also continue with the online Zoom broadcast for those who are unable to join us physically.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP: Sunday, 7 Mar, 10:15am over Zoom

Topic: Meditation on Psalm 50 — Offering Thanks
All men are welcome to join the Fellowship. Please WhatsApp to Elder Paul Chan at 98171378 for the new meeting link for 2021.

BETHESDA (KATONG) KINDERGARTEN (BKK): Priority registration for enrolment in BKK for Bethesda Frankel Estate Church / Bethesda (Katong) Church members.

Children born in the following years will be eligible for enrolment:

- * 2020 for Playgroup (when child turns 18 months)
- * 2019 for Pre-nursery classes
- * 2018 for Nursery classes
- * 2017 for K1 classes
- * 2016 for K2 classes

Hard copy of the application forms are available from the church office. Please return the duly completed form to BKK or email the soft copy to bkk@bfec.org.sg. The last day for submission is 17 March 2021.

ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL (SLH) HONGBAO PROJECT 2021

We have closed our cash collection for SLH. However you may still donate through the following link or QR code:

<https://www.slec.org.sg/slhb>. The QR code will expire on 31 March 2021. Do give generously as the Lord leads you.



bit.ly/SLHB21

WORSHIP THROUGH GIVING

Honour the LORD with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops. Proverbs 3:9

Via PayNow

Log in to your mobile banking app. Make transfer to UEN: 19500088K or scan the QR code.



Bank Transfer/ATM

UOB A/C No. 388-314-965-1

By Cheque

Crossed cheque made payable to "Bethesda (Katong) Church".

For all giving, please specify the purpose as follows:
General Fund (GF);
Missionary Fund (MF);
COVID-19 Support Fund (CV)
or Disaster Relief Fund (DRF).

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In His Time

“For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.” The Preacher reminds us that God’s sovereignty extends over time itself. God’s timing is not necessarily ours. God fulfills his purpose as he deems fit and he brings all things to its perfect end at a time of his choosing. God is the God of grace and his redemptive plan follows a timetable that shows grace upon grace as his Holy Spirit works to conform the redeemed ones to the image of his Son. In today’s passage, Jesus is fully aware of God’s sovereign timing as seen in his decisions and actions and his faith to move confidently to fulfill God’s redemptive plan.

Three times in these verses, it was said of Jesus “my time has not yet come” (John 7:6,8,30). Jesus’ decisions were guided by his consciousness of his Father’s will and timing, not by pressures exerted by people nor by his own motivations and desires. This is unlike most of us who move in the flesh rather than in the Spirit, motivated by our own needs and desires and praying to bend God’s will to ours. We think we have succeeded when good things happen and we often take the glory due to God. And, when unintended consequences are not to our liking and we suffer as a result, we cry out to God to rescue us. What a difference from Jesus who moves unafraid and was confident because he knows that nothing can harm him before God’s appointed time.

God has given his redeemed ones two precious gifts. In verse 39, Jesus promised the Holy Spirit to enable the new life to be lived in full for his praise and glory. We carry in us the gospel of grace that is the aroma of life to some and the aroma of death to others, yes, some will find us repugnant (2 Corinthians 2:15,16). The second is the gift of time (Psalm 31:15). Until God’s appointed time and God’s assessment that our task in this life is complete, we are emboldened to live our lives to the full while breathing the gospel and bearing the fruit of the Spirit — love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control — so much needed in the world today. Even in suffering which inevitably comes our way in the course of life, we can take comfort and joy that all these are designed by God to work for our good (Romans 8:28) so that we can be conformed to be like his Son (Romans 8:29). “So teach us to number our days that we may get a heart of wisdom” (Psalm 90:12).

FOCUS ON PRAYER

The praying church grows by worshipping God and serving people



1. TODAY'S SPEAKER

DANNY GOH: Pray for Rev Dr Danny Goh (QuadC) who gives us today's ministry message on the topic “**At The Right Time**” (**John 7:1-44**). Pray that we will have attentive hearts to this message given to us.

2. PRAYER OF THANKS — JESUS THE MESSIAH WHO GIVES US THE HOLY SPIRIT

Adapted from John 7:1-44

Dear Lord Jesus,

We acknowledge and believe that you are the Messiah who has been sent by God the Father. Thank you for teaching us what is from the Father and for your invitation that all who are thirsty should come to you and drink. Thank you too for your gift of the Holy Spirit to all who believe in you. In your name we pray. Amen.

3. ST LUKE'S HOSPITAL

Pray the following for St Luke's Hospital:

- * Thank the Lord for the work at St Luke's Hospital that continues in this pandemic.
- * Pray for God's protection on all the workers from COVID-19 and other diseases.
- * Pray that God would give the staff joy in their service for him and that he would bring those staff and patients who do not know him into his kingdom.
- * Pray for continual donations and funding for the hospital to continue its work.
- * Pray that those who pass through the doors of St Luke's Hospital will encounter God and come to receive him as their Lord and Saviour.

TODAY

At The Right Time
(John 7:1-44)

SPEAKER

Rev Dr Danny Goh
(QuadC)

SERMON NOTES

THEME

Living Faithfully In Times Of
Trouble

VERSES FOR THE WEEK

John 7:28-30 (NIV)

²⁸ Then Jesus, still teaching in the temple courts, cried out, “Yes, you know me, and you know where I am from. I am not here on my own authority, but he who sent me is true.

You do not know him,
²⁹ but I know him because I am from him and he sent me.”

³⁰ At this they tried to seize him, but no one laid a hand on him, because his hour had not yet come.

NEXT SUNDAY

Opposition For Following Jesus
(John 9:1-41)

SPEAKER

Elder Paul Chan