



# GALILEE

## BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

"IN GALILEE ... there's a great light"

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### Church Theme Verse 2023:

Luke 14:23

"And the Lord said unto the servant, **Go out** into the highways and hedges, and compel them to come in, **that my house may be filled.**"

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| Pastor           | : | Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan | 9858 4865 |
| Associate Pastor | : | Rev Freddy Yong (MWS)  | 8309 8157 |
| Advisory Pastor  | : | Rev Philip Heng        | 9792 9183 |
| Ministry Staff   | : | Pr David Cher          | 9737 9150 |
|                  | : | Dness Lee May San      | 9618 9160 |

## ORDER OF WORSHIP

### Lord's Day, 25 June 2023, 9.30 am

#### PRELUDE

Pianist: Mrs Magdalene Teo

**INTROIT** #216 "The Lord Is In His Holy Temple"

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Dn Michael Ho

#### PRAISE & WORSHIP

Mr Josiah Wang

**HYMNS** #210 "Praise To The Lord, The Almighty"

- "Great Is The Lord"

- "10,000 Reasons"

#542 "My Life Is In You"

#### INVOCATION

**GLORIA PATRI** #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

**SCRIPTURE READING** [Responsively] Psalm 142:1-7

#### OFFERINGS & TITHES

**DOXOLOGY** #815

(Creche/Nursery/Kindergarten/Primary children leave for Sunday School)

#### PASTORAL PRAYER

**MESSAGE:** "God's Wisdom Rules Over All"  
Job 38:4-42:6

Preacher David Cher

**CLOSING HYMN** "The Perfect Wisdom Of Our God"

#### BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

#### POSTLUDE

### WELCOME

In-Person Worship Service &  
Broadcast Live on  
Galilee Website


### GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE 9.15 am

Preacher: Rev Lim Chee Boon (New Life BPC)  
Message: "Making Disciples of All Nations"  
1 Thessalonians 1:1-10

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| <b>Wednesday<br/>28 June</b> | 7.30 pm  | <b>Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting</b><br><u>Pastor Simon Nagarajan</u><br>The Second Epistle Of Peter<br>Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM<br><u>Rev Philip Heng</u><br>The Gospel of Mark<br><a href="https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151">https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151</a><br><u>Dness Lee May San</u> (Ladies' BS)<br>The Book Of Ephesians<br>Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM |
| <b>Saturday<br/>1 July</b>   | 1.30 pm  | <b>CF/JF</b> – God's Care<br>I/C: Sis Jess Tai  |
|                              | 3.45 pm  | <b>TF/YF</b> – LON Experiential Learning Session<br>I/C: Sis Christy Heng   |
| <b>Lord's Day<br/>2 July</b> | 9.00 am  | <b>Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting</b> (on-site only)  |
|                              | 9.15 am  | <b>MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br>[On site & available on Galilee Website same day evening]<br>Preacher: Rev Freddy Yong<br>Message: "At Man's Wit End"<br>Hebrews 11:29; Exodus 14:13-31  |
|                              | 9.30 am  | <b>ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE</b><br>[On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website]<br>Chairman: Elder Richard Ng<br>Worship Team Leader: Bro Matthew Tan<br>Scripture Reader: Bro Matthew Wee (Psalm 143:1-12)<br>Preacher: Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan<br>Message: "God Is Calling Us" Exodus 3<br><b>All Sunday School Classes on-site</b>  |
|                              | 10.00 am | Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6<br><b>(No Sec/Senior, Adult Sunday School and Senior Catechism classes)</b>   |
|                              | 11.30 am | <b>Agape Fellowship Lunch</b>   |

# MONTHLY CALENDAR

## July 2023

| Worship Service<br>Date/Time   | Speaker/Chairman  | Message  |
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| Lord's Day,<br>02 July, 9.30 am<br>Holy Communion  | Speaker:<br>Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan<br><br>Chairman:<br>Elder Richard Ng | "God Is Calling Us"<br>Exodus 3                                  |
| Lord's Day,<br>9 July, 9.30 am   | Speaker:<br>Preacher David Cher<br><br>Chairman:<br>Dn Sandeep Choppara | "God Demonstrates His<br>Delivering Power"<br>Ex. 6:1-8; 12:1-32 |
| Lord's Day,<br>16 July, 9.30 am  | Speaker:<br>Rev Dr Simon Nagarajan<br><br>Chairman:<br>Dn Kenneth Wong  | "God Is Leading Us"<br>Exodus 13-15                              |
|  <p><b>Youth Worship Service</b><br/> <b>"Pouring Out The Salt, Turning On The Light"</b><br/>           Speaker: Elder Chung Kok Wah<br/>           Text: Matthew 5:13-16<br/> <b>Sunday 16 July 2023, 9.30 am</b></p> |   |  |
| Lord's Day,<br>23 July, 9.30 am  | Speaker:<br>Preacher David Cher<br><br>Chairman:<br>Dn Ricky Chng       | "God Keeps His<br>Promises"<br>Isaiah 9                          |
| Lord's Day<br>30 July, 9.30 am   | Speaker:<br>Rev Freddy Yong<br><br>Chairman:<br>Preacher David Cher     | "God Is Providing<br>For Us"<br>Exodus 16-17                     |

## **Binh Thuan, South Vietnam Mission Trip (10-16 Jun 23)**

Team Members: Eld Chung Kok Wah, Dness Jeannie Yeo, Dness Lee May San, Sis Amy Chung, Sis Lee Chen Chen, Sis Jade Tang, Sis Isabelle Chung, Sis Deborah Chiang (friend of Isabelle).

The objective of the mission trip is to partner with two churches in Binh Thuan Province, namely Song Dinh Church and Phuc Am 1 Church in conducting a 5-days Vacation Bible Camp for children.

83 children registered for the VBS Camp. The children were divided into two groups. The Junior group, aged 7 to 11 years, comprised 41 children and the Senior group, aged 12 to 14 comprised 42 children. However, on the first day of camp, close to 90 children turned up. These children came from both Phuc Am 1 and Song Dinh Church and amongst them, were 20 pre-believing children.

The VBS Camp was held in Song Dinh Church premises whereby the children were provided with meals and accommodation to stay over in the church. The programme outlined for each day is as such: in the morning, all the children would gather in the sanctuary to have a time of singspiration led by Sisters Isabelle and Deborah. The children were taught the camp's theme song – "Do What's Right" and other English Christian children action songs. The children learnt very fast and thoroughly enjoyed the singing. They also took time to memorize the camp theme verse taken from Deut 6:18, "Do what is right and good in the Lord's sight, so that it may go well with you."

Following the general assembly, the children moved to their separate venues for their Bible lessons. Dness May San, assisted by Sis Jade taught the Junior group while Sis Isabelle and Eld Chung taught the Senior group. The Bible lessons were based on Bible characters namely Ruth, Daniel, Peter, Deborah and Stephen, each focusing on an aspect of the theme, "Do What's Right." Although we can't speak the Vietnamese language, God is good at providing three capable Vietnamese interpreters to enable God's Word to be understood by the children. To reinforce the lessons taught, object activities together with craft work and English enrichment lessons were conducted during the rest of the day. Sis Chen Chen led the Senior group assisted by Sisters Amy, Isabelle, Deborah and Eld Chung. The Junior group was led by Sis Jade Tang, assisted by Dness May San and Dness Jeannie. The younger children enjoyed working on worksheets related to the lessons and craft work.

The highlight of the VBS Camp was the Family Gospel Rally held on Thursday evening whereby the children's parents were invited to Song Dinh Church to watch their children sing and perform in a skit.

We thank God for a good turnout of the parents that evening. The children rendered English and Vietnamese Christian songs which they learnt in Camp. Several children in the Senior group presented a skit about the story of Daniel and the King's food - depicting Daniel and his three friends. After being deported into Babylon, they made the right choice to obey the Lord by not defiling themselves with the King's food. They chose to eat veggies and water.

Two children gave their testimonies while Pastor Rev Vo Thanh Phe of Phuc Am 1 Church delivered the Gospel message. Rev. Hoang of Song Dinh Church gave the invitation. We praise the Lord for His mercies as many children (approx. 60) came forward to rededicate their lives to the Lord and some of them receive Jesus Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour. The VBS Camp ended with a Sports Day and we thank God for holding back the rain so that we could play all the planned games. The rain came after the last game and thereafter a beautiful rainbow appeared to the gladness of all, reminding us of God's faithfulness and love. The children were presented with prizes which they received with joy.

Although the team is physically tired, we thank God for His protection, provision and guidance throughout the planning and execution of the program. This is the first time a children's camp is organized by these churches and we are blessed and grateful for what God has done in the lives of the children. We thank God for the unity of the team, working harmoniously with the Vietnamese teachers and kitchen volunteers in enabling the smooth running of the Camp. We also thank God for answering our prayers in providing all the necessary funds for the Camp through His people.

May the Lord continue His good work in the lives of His children in Binh Thuan Province.

All Praise and Glory to God for a Blessed Camp.

Submitted by : Eld Chung Kok Wah & Dness Jeannie Yeo

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## Attendance

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| <b>Worship Service</b><br><b>18 June 2023</b><br><b>(Online)</b> | <b>231</b> |
| <b>(In-Person)</b>   | 171        |
| • Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting                                     | 6          |
| • Sunday School  | 40         |
| • Senior Adults' SS  | 5          |
| <b>Mandarin Worship Service</b><br><b>18 June 2023</b>           | <b>31</b>  |

If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God,  
that giveth to all men liberally, and upbraideth not;  
and it shall be given him.

James 1:5

## Church Announcements

### 1. Holy Baptism

Worshippers seeking Holy Baptism or confirmation in December, please sign up for catechism classes with Pastor Simon or Preacher David Cher.

### 2. South Vietnam Mission Team Presentation

A presentation of a photomontage of the Hanoi & Binh Thuan VBS camps.

3. The Church car park is reserved for a wedding at Calvary Pandan BP Church on Saturday, 1 July 2023 from 9.00 am to 2.30 pm. The connecting gate between the churches would be open from Saturday 1 July to Sunday 2 July for Calvary Pandan's Anniversary event. Parking for Galileans between 9 am to 12 noon on Sunday will not be affected.

# Finding Comfort in God's Strength

*Preacher David Cher, Lord's Day, 25 June 2023*

**B**eloved Brethren,  
Greetings in the Precious Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Thank God for this year's Church Camp just past that gave us the opportune time for **spiritual, physical, and social refreshment**. It is very likely, as we come toward the midpoint of this year, that the burdens and pressures of your work, studies and family are starting to pile up. Doubts are starting to surface in your minds whether you would be able to keep on track with your new year's resolutions made in a mind filled with hopes and aspirations at the start of this year. Would you remain in this sphere of constant discouragement or perk yourself up for the remainder of this year?

First, we must have the intention and focal point to **make time in our busy schedules for God** and maintain a close and intimate walk with Him. If we are not careful, there are so many other things such as studies, work, family, friends, hobbies, games, and social media that would distract us and take away our time for God. Even Jesus Himself set the example for us as in Luke 5:16 "And He [Jesus] withdrew Himself into the wilderness, and prayed". Then, we would have time to have worship and fellowship with God's people, study into His Word, and share our deepest thoughts and feelings with Him in prayer. Doing all these with the right heart, and not doing them mere mechanically, would ensure that our minds are rightly focused on God.

Second, having our hearts and minds rightly focused on God would ensure that we do not attempt to do great things in and through our strength. The great missionary to India, William Carey, encourages us in his very words to "Expect great things from God; Attempt great things for God". We would do well to notice the emphasis on "from God" and "for God". Thus, we must learn to **abide in, and depend on God and His strength in everything that we do**. It is only when we do this that we would, as what John 15:1-10 say, bear fruit for Him. In contrast, when we depend on our

own strength and wisdom, we would not be able to accomplish anything for Him (John 15:5c " ... without Me ye can do nothing"). Our limited human strength would not be able to sustain or keep us going for the long haul. Only God's strength can keep us going for Him (Philippians 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me").

Third, we must know how to respond when challenges and setbacks come our way. As Christians, we must be conscious that we are not immune from such things in our lives. We are always tempted to have our attention fixed on the present trying circumstances especially those that seem like going on forever and there is no way of escape from them. must also not place our focus on such trying circumstances in our lives but instead on God. When our focus is on God, we would be able to **accept that whatever happen in our lives is meant by God for our good** especially when we do not understand what is happening in our lives (Romans 8:28 "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose"). We would then have the comfort or assurance that God always has the big picture of our lives and has His best in mind for us. This would mean that when we encounter challenges and setbacks, we would make the best out of them to stretch and grow our faith in God, and to shine brightly for Him.

May we be determined to always keep our focus on God. This would ensure that we would stay strong and not waver in our walk with Him. Finally, be encouraged that as **we follow God faithfully through all the highs and lows in our lives**, we would experience God's blessings, goodness and mercy all the days of our lives. This promise of God does not only apply to the mere duration of our earthly life, but also to the most wonderful and blessed eternity future we have in Heaven with God our Heavenly Father.