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Church Theme Verse 2024:

"Let us therefore follow after things...wherewith one may edify another." Romans 14:19b

> "he that winneth souls is wise" Proverbs 11:30b

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ORDER OF WORSHIP Lord's Day, 20 October 2024, 9.30 am

PRELUDE

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

PRAISE & WORSHIP

HYMNS # 12 "Praise Him! Praise Him!"

> "There Is A Fountain Filled With Blood" #336

11 "Come, Thou Fount Of Every Blessing"

INVOCATION

GLORIA PATRI #812 "Glory Be To The Father"

Mr Seet Tiat Hee SCRIPTURE READING [Responsively] Psalm 42:1-11

OFFERINGS & TITHES

DOXOLOGY #815

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

PASTORAL PRAYER

MESSAGE: "Preparing The Way For Our Lord"

Matthew 3:1-17; Mark 1:1-13

CLOSING HYMN #443 "O Zion, Haste"

BENEDICTION & 3-FOLD AMEN

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

9.30 am Speaker: Rev Ng Zhiwen

(Zion Bishan BPC) Message: "Blinded By Self-Righteousness" Romans 14:7-13: Matthew 18:6-9: 1 Peter 2:8

GALILEE MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE

9.15 am

Rev Kew See Siong (Zion Bishan BPC) Message: "Jesus Appears To Mary Magdalene" John 20:10-18

In-Person Worship Service & Broadcast Live on Galilee Website

WELCOME

THE WEEK 21 Oct – 27 Oct 2024

Wednesday 23 October	7.30 pm	Bible Study/8.30pm Prayer Meeting Pastor Simon Nagarajan The Book of 1 Samuel Zoom ID: 605 758 5352; Password BS/PM Rev Philip Heng The Second Coming Of Christ https://meet.google.com/hjx-pkcp-dye?hs=151 Sis Lee May San (Ladies' Prayer Meeting/BS) The Book of 1 Thessalonians Zoom ID: 815 6829 8000; Password WEDLADBSPM
Saturday 26 October	1.30 pm	CF/JF – The King Of Glory IC: Sis Lata B
	3.30 pm	TF/YF – "Boy-Girl Relationship" Speaker: Mr Lim Chien Chong (Grace BPC)
Lord's Day 27 October	9.00 am	REFORMATION SUNDAY Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting (on-site only)
	9.15 am	MANDARIN WORSHIP SERVICE [On site & available on Galilee Website same day evening]
		Preacher: Rev Ozuno (New Life BPC) Message: "Consider Your Ways" Text: Haggai 1:1-11
	9.30 am	ENGLISH WORSHIP SERVICE [On site & Live Broadcast available on Galilee Website] Chairman: Dn Samuel Lim Worship Team Leader: Bro Josiah Wang Scripture Reader: Bro Marcus Ho (Psalm 43:1-5) Preacher: Rev David Cher Message: "Revived, Reformed, Renewed" Text: Romans 12:1-2
	11.00 am 11.00 am	All Sunday School Classes on-site Crèche/Nursery/Kindergarten 1 & 2/Primary 1-6 Secondary/Senior Class Adults [Rev Ong Hock Khee] Young Adults [Rev David Cher]
	11.15 am	Senior Catechism [Pastor Simon]



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Attendance			
Worship Service 13 October 2024 (Online) (In-Person) • Pre-Worship Prayer Meeting • Sunday School	236 56 180 3 42		
Mandarin Worship Service 13 October 2024	36		

Look unto me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth: for I am God, and there is none else. Isaiah 45:2

Church Announcements

1. Flowers Contribution today: Dness Joanne Choy

2. Condolences

Our deepest CONDOLENCES to Sis Maureen Teo, Bro Jonathan and family on the home call of her father/father-in-law, late Bro Charles David on 15 October 2024. May God comfort the bereaved family.

Words Weighted with Power!

Pastor Simon, Lord's Day 16 October 2024

rethren, Greetings in the Name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ! Some studies show that an average person speaks six to seven thousand words per day. These spoken words are weighted with power that could influence our environment creating negative or positive outcomes. James in his epistle says to his readers that as the bid in the horse's mouth enables the rider to direct the beast about, and the pilot steers the huge ship that is driven by fierce winds by only a minuscule rudder, and a large forest fire set ablaze for weeks and months by a tiny spark, in the same sense, "... the tongue is a little member, and boasteth great things" James 3:5a. The apostle informs us that the tongue though a small member in our body requires discipline, guidance, and vigilance to avert undesirable relational damages.

The words spoken from our mouths have more power than we can ever imagine. What we say and how we say can either edify or hurt our listeners, either build them up or demolish them, spur them on to greater heights in their pursuits or stumble irreversibly for life. Hence, it is a lie to say 'Stick and stone may break my bones. But words can never hurt me.' Blatant lie! Seriously, we need to speak with care. The Bible reminds us: "Pleasant words are as an honeycomb, sweet to the soul, and health to the bones" (Proverbs 16:24). The above proverb emphasises the sweetness and health that kind words can bring, much like a honeycomb, which is a great metaphor for the benefits of speaking kindly.

The first place to start this speak-kind-words campaign is at home. It is easy to let emotions take control, and sometimes our words can erupt with intensity. However, by consciously choosing to speak with kindness and grace, we can create an atmosphere of peace and unity. This practice is essential for nurturing strong, loving, relationships and ensuring that even in difficult moments, our

interactions remain constructive. The first aid to inflicted verbal injuries is to simply and sincerely say, "I am sorry" to the person concerned (Matt 5:24). Next, take it to the Lord, confess, and commit to the Lord, seeking His grace not to repeat such unacceptable behaviour— "Set a watch, O Lord, before my mouth; keep the door of my lips." Psalm 141:3. It must not surprise us that there are families where family members don't talk to one another. They go about as strangers in the same house. Such an atmosphere must not exist in any of our homes. There should always be mutual respect and cordiality towards one another. God help us!

Now, we come to our church family. If we are not kind and encouraging with our words at home, the same will follow us to the church. I have come across on several occasions how believers lament over their hurts suffered by the ungracious words of some careless brethren. In some instances, the hurting person withdraws from the Lord's service and worse, leaves the church. Someone once remarked if you have nothing good to say, say nothing. We, if not careful, could also give someone such an unpleasant experience. Mindful we must be!

Let our speech be sincere rather than with pretence, let it be plain rather than vague, let it be inspiring rather than discouraging, and let there be compliments rather than complaints. The Bible says, "Let no corrupt communication proceed out of your mouth, but that which is good to the use of edifying, that it may minister grace unto the hearers." Ephesians 4:29.

So be cautious with your words. May the words of our mouth edify, encourage, comfort, strengthen and build up one another, and if need be, to admonish in gentleness and love, to heal and to restore, but never to crush or to demolish. May God help us!