



Covenant

DNA of Christ's Disciple



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Times

JOINING THE LINE

In mid-January my colleague visited Lim Chee Guan to buy bak kwa. He described to me the long snaking queue through the streets of China-town and how people switch queues because there was a shorter line to the nearby new branch which opened half an hour earlier. He picked up the delicious bak kwa and bacon which he and his wife enjoyed the succulent meat thoroughly.

The other common sight is the long long queues outside Singapore Pools branches after the new year holidays. For a change I didn't notice these long queues for the TOTO jackpots. Instead the ones I saw were outside the NTUC and Mustaffa -- folks queueing for face masks and sanitisers. Shortly afterwards, the queues appeared in the NTUC supermarkets in a rush to stock up on rice, vegetables and toilet paper. I heard that even the supermarkets in Johor Baru were not spared by anxious Singaporeans.

We may think some of the queues silly. But for the people in the queues, it is dead serious to those in the queue. Society is in a panic. Suddenly, the greed for wealth and passion for enjoyment turned into panic by the threat to life and health by the virus.

A family member asks 'is the world ending?'. Yes, the signs are there - increasing frequency and intensity of signalling events -- earthquakes, pestilences (SARS, H1N1, COVID19 etc), famines, wars and rumours of war (Iran, Syria, Afghanistan..), volcano eruptions, floods, droughts, fires, persecution of Christians.

Surely these are part of the birth pangs Jesus spoke about in Mathew 24. Yes, the world is ending but not yet. Jesus said do not be alarm, he will come again and make everything right. He hold back His return so that more will come into His salvation.

Welcome!

God's blessings be upon you as you join us for a time of worship and fellowship here at Covenant. If you're a visitor, please refer to the back page for some helpful information that will enrich your time with us. We trust that you will be refreshed as you encounter Christ anew.

To be a God-fearing, Christ-centred, Spirit-led community, touching and transforming lives through holistic worship, healthy body life and passionate outreach.

Colossians 1:1-2

Be not alarmed. These things must happen. Our response to these news is not to join the fear or panic in gossip and rumour mongering. But to exhibit the love that conquers the greed and fear that is in Christ our Lord. Let's lovingly find ways to help our neighbours see through the panic or fear to their need for a peace that only Jesus can offer - in a world destined for greater troubles ahead. My prayer is that we can be the salt and light in these challenging times to act from faith rather than fear. Let's seek to demonstrate the love of Christ and let's help our friends to join the right line.

~ Elder Ho Chye Hoi ~

COVID-19 ADVISORY

- † **Entry Screening** - As part of the safety measures, temperature check and declaration questionnaire will be taken before entry to church. Please do make arrangement to come early. If you are feeling unwell, please do stay home and rest.
- † **Locking of external gates during weekdays** - As we will be opening the doors to ventilate the premises, the external gates will be closed during weekdays for security reasons. Please contact the Church's office or the pastoral staff if you are visiting. Contact information is posted on the gates.
- † **Food & Drinks hygiene** - In order to maintain food and drinks hygiene, please be advised on the following:
 - To wash cups from the refreshment table before and after use; or bring your own water bottle/ cups
 - Do not share the disposable stirrers, please use one at each time and dispose it after each use.
 - Avoid sharing food that might be exposed.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **Precept Upon Precept Bible Study on the Book of Genesis.** The next book which PuP@Covenant will be embarking on is an extensive study of Genesis. This whole study has 4 parts, which will expect to take more than half a year to cover. Class starts from 1 - 22 Apr (every Wed), @ 7:30pm in CPC, L2.

✦ Please register with Alfred Ong HP: 9633 5515 or Sam Wong HP: 9665 9157.

✦ **1st Grandparents Retreat!** Venue: Changi Cove
Date: 1 - 2 May 2020

2D1N includes 2xLunches, 1xDinner, 1xBreakfast
Cost: \$190/pax, \$380/couple (for Twin Sharing & Members). Registration Begins NOW!

Register with Mui Fong @ 8183 3394

Speakers Address:

Evelyn Khong (Family Life Educator), **Isaac Chng** (Founder of Social Enterprise ProAge), **Benjamin Chan** (ED of Empower Ageing Limited), **Desiree Tan** (ALPHA Coordinator).



Worship Time

English Services	9am & 11am
Chinese Service	9.30am
Chinese Saturday Service	10am
Sri Lankan Service	2pm
Discovery Group (English)	9.30am - 11am
Sunday School for K1 to P6	11am - 12.30pm
Crèche for Nursery & below	11am - 12.30pm
Youth & Young Adult Fellowship	11.30am - 1.30pm



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Youth and Young Adult (YaYA)

Pr Keith Wong	9295 2452
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Freedom & Wholeness

Alfred & Jenny Koay	9856 8733
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Worship

Ryan Kong	9752 9260
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Chinese Seniors Alpha Course

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Day Alone with the Lord

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