



## Faith : A Higher Calling

*Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. (Hebrews 11:1)*

Hebrews 11 – the “faith hall of fame” - reveals to us, in part, the nature of how God works and how we are called to listen, respond, and obey.

It features biblical characters such as the murdered Abel, who presented a superior offering than his brother, Cain. We see Sarah, Abraham’s wife, who laughed when she was told that she would have a child. Moses and the Israelites; none of whom (save Caleb and Joshua) made it to the Promised Land, their inheritance that God had provided. The author of Hebrews features such characters as the judges Samson and Gideon, judges who were not faithful to God throughout their lives. Jephtah, who sacrificed his daughter in a foolish vow to God.

And what did these people do? They,

*“through faith, subdued kingdoms, worked righteousness, obtained promises, stopped the mouths of lions, <sup>34</sup> quenched the violence of fire, escaped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, became valiant in battle, turned to flight the armies of the aliens. <sup>35</sup> Women received their dead raised to life again.*

*Others were tortured, not accepting deliverance, that they might obtain a better resurrection. <sup>36</sup> Still others had trial of mockings and scourgings, yes, and of chains and imprisonment. <sup>37</sup> They were stoned, they were sawn in two, were tempted, were slain with the sword. They wandered about in sheepskins and goatskins, being destitute, afflicted, tormented — <sup>38</sup> of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, in dens and caves of the earth.*

*<sup>39</sup> And all these, having obtained a good testimony through faith, did not receive the promise, <sup>40</sup> God having provided something better for us, that they should not be made perfect apart from us.*

*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.*

Are you stumbling? Is your heart downcast? Have you found yourself looking at your feet instead of to the heavens? Where does our help come from? In times such as these, we look to God, the one who is the source of our faith. The Holy Spirit himself empowers our hearts with the very ability to trust in God in such times.

Faith is not simply about optimism or pessimism; it is not just about looking on the bright side (or the dark side) of things. It exists, not ignoring the state of the world, but squarely in the real world. Faith does not mean we don't worry about virus precautions or fail to take them seriously. It doesn't mean we will succeed in all things. It doesn't mean that we are immune from making mistakes. Instead, faith simply means hearing the voice of God, through his Spirit and through his Word, listening to what he is speaking, and learning to obey with our very lives, laying them down to the glory of the Father.

~ Pr Keith Wong ~

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## **TACHANG CHURCH**

Tachang congregation was started by our missionary pastor *Ng Eng Kiat & Anong* in year 2001, almost 19 years ago. One of their church members donated a plot of land to build the church (you can see from the attached photos). This is a significant milestone for this small congregation despite of their limited financial resources. In Thailand, we see temples everywhere but not so for churches. According to Ps Eng Kiat when he first went to Singburi as a missionary some 25 over years ago, there is only 1 church in the whole of Singburi Province as compared to temples in every 100 meters. So having a physical church building in Singburi is a strong testament of their Christian faith especially for the Tachang Church members.

If you recalled our very own church building some 25 years ago, we were also having the same problem as them - shortage of funds. But thanks to the generosity of church members and from other churches, we managed to raised enough money for the church building without taking loans from banks. It is now our turn to bless Tachang Church.

We hope to raise **\$5K** through our individual giving and from the Green Store Fund. Please give generously and may our giving brings much encouragement to our Thai Brothers & Sisters in Christ.



**Proverbs 3:5-6**

**When things don't make sense to us...**

**1. Trust God with...**

- i. L \_\_\_\_\_
- ii. I \_\_\_\_\_
- iii. D \_\_\_\_\_
- iv. C \_\_\_\_\_

**2. Be open to God's \_\_\_\_\_ despite it \_\_\_\_\_**

*For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. (Jeremiah 29:11)*

**3. \_\_\_\_\_ for in your actions & decisions**

**4. Flow with \_\_\_\_\_**

*In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths (Proverbs 3:6, NRSV)*

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

✦ **Mission collection** these 2 Sundays (8 & 15 March) is for **Tachang Church Building Fund**.

All donations can be made via the following 3 ways:

1. Cash
2. Cheque (issued to "Covenant Presbyterian Church", kindly write on the back of the cheque "MC-TCBF")
3. PayNow / QR code - Kindly enter in the remarks column as "MC-TCBF"



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✦ **Fresh Fire** - this Fri, 13 Mar @ 7.30pm Level 2.. Let's come together for a time of prayer and encountering the Lord!

✦ **EASTER Sunday, 12 Apr Infant Baptism & Transfer of Membership.** Do pick up the application form on Level 1 outside Church Office and hand in by **29 Mar** to Hope/Hazel.

✦ **Tithing Going Digital**

In addition to the regular cash and cheque collection for the tithe, we will be launching **Digital Tithing** in Apr 2020! As with regular tithing, a personal Tithing Number will be needed. If you need a Tithing Number (for new tither) or if you had forgotten your Tithing Number, please approach Hope or Hazel, or submit a request via our website. Stay tuned for more details coming up.

✦ **Service E-Bulletin Online**

We are pleased to announce that our Sunday Bulletin can also be found on our website.



## 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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#### **Freedom & Wholeness**

Alfred & Jenny Koay	9856 8733
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#### **Worship**

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#### **Chinese Seniors Alpha Course**

Pr Chin Yoke Fen	9247 9377
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#### **Day Alone with the Lord**

Ps Lai Mui Fong	8183 3394
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