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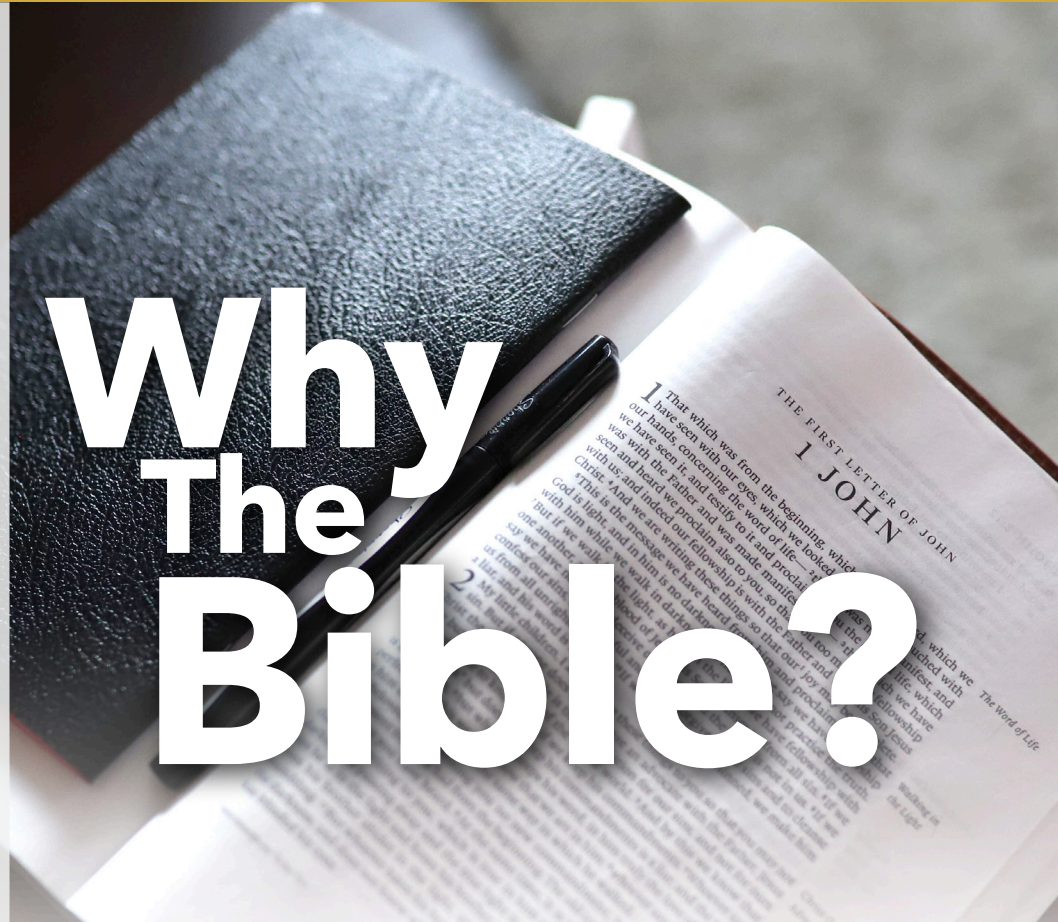
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# Why The Bible?



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There are two words used in Greek which means the Word of God: *Logos* and *Rhema*. *Logos* is the written Word of God and *Rhema* is the spoken Word of God in action.

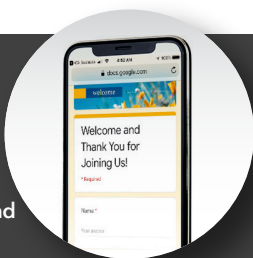
Christians throughout the ages have laid heavy emphasis on what's written in the Bible

because it contains God's covenant to man. A covenant is a one-way contract between a superior authority to a lower subject. Its condition is that you either take it or leave it. It's non-negotiable.

Christians believe that the Bible, which is God's Word, is

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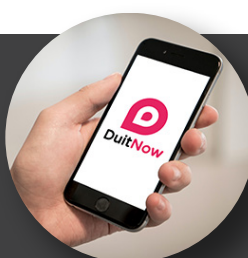
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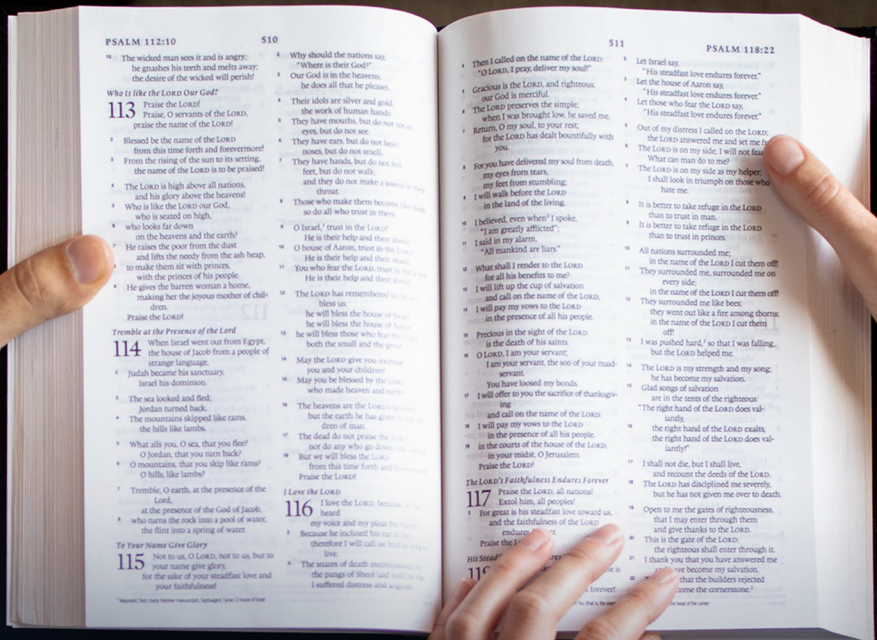
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Today, the Bible is the best-selling book in the world. It outsells the next publication title by millions.



inalienable. You'll have to read the book to see what's in it, much like how you'll have to eat an orange to know whether it's sweet or sour.

The Bible is artificially divided into two Testaments, and there's a 400-year separation between the two. The Old Testament was written before Jesus came and the New Testament written after He came. The Old Testament contains several covenants but the New Testament only has one.

The word 'Bible' comes from the Greek word *Biblos*, which means 'Library'. That's because it is a collection of 66 books written by more than 40 writers over a period of 1400 years. And yet a common thread weaves through the pages: a holy God who loves the world but will punish sin. The Bible also contains the message that salvation is a free gift of God through Jesus Christ His Son.

The contents of the Bible make interesting reading as the authors come from different walks of life-like kings, prime ministers, shepherds, and fishermen. You'll find different writing styles and genres too. But one thing you won't find is religion.

The Bible is anything but a book of "Thou Shall Nots". Except for the book of Leviticus, which contains instructions for the Old Testament priests, the rest of the 65 books are of history, civil and moral teachings, prophecy, poems, prayers, and letters.


Did you know that the Bible is the most hated book in history? It's because its message is revolutionary and radical. It challenges the norms of the world and the edicts of wicked tyrants and dictators.

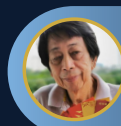
Thousands of Christians have been martyred because of the Bible's call to righteousness. Many have been beheaded, crucified, burnt alive, shot, battered, and whipped to death. Bible translators are not spared either. Many have been executed for the "crime" of making the Bible available to common folk.

However, the Bible is also the world's most treasured book! Many kings, queens, and presidents have taken their oath of office by swearing on the Bible. At the January 2021 inauguration, the Vice President of the USA was seen to have been sworn in on two Bibles.

Today, the Bible is the best-selling book in the world. It outsells the next publication title by millions. The Guinness Book of World Records estimates that more than 5 billion copies of the Bible have been printed.

For Christians who read the Bible regularly, it is the fountain of understanding and wisdom; the foundation of everything that is decent and kind; the very seat of fairness and justice; the true cradle of civilization; the cornerstone of mercy and righteousness.

Why is the Bible so special? You'll have to read it to see for yourself. The inspired word of God must be experienced to know its worth, just like tasting that orange to know that it's sweet. Otherwise, you'll never know! 



**By Merrill Leong**  
Merrill serves with FBC's Alpha, Beta, and Karis ministries.



# Ministry Corner

## Featuring



# Filipino Ministry



By Pastor Louie Aguilar

Ps. Louie is FBC's Filipino Ministry Leader



### What is the Filipino Ministry's vision?

Our vision is to see fellow Filipinos *encounter* Christ, *experience* the saving and sanctifying grace of God the Father, be *empowered* by His Holy Spirit, resulting in the *expansion* of God's kingdom (4E's).

### What is something the Filipino Ministry is thankful for in the past year?

The year 2020 was an eye-opener. God taught us to look, think, plan, and act outside the box, just as Jesus explained to His disciples in John 4:34-35. We learned that every situation is an opportunity to harvest; we just have to lift up our eyes and see. We are thankful to God for opening our eyes to the plight of our families and relatives through this pandemic and giving us the means to reach out to them through Zoom. We are also thankful for the opportunity to share the gospel with them and begin discipling some of them.

### What is the Filipino Ministry looking forward to in the coming year?

In line with FBC's theme of 'Unleashing the Gospel', our ministry's focus this year is 'Carrying the Light to a Darkened World', which is based on 2 Corinthians 4:6. We are challenging members to reach out, share the gospel, and make disciples of their families, relatives, employers and their households, friends, and neighbours. To support this objective, we are organizing activities such as seminars, training sessions, and monthly Bible quizzes to equip our members in the areas of evangelism, Bible knowledge, Bible teaching, and service.

Our regular church activities, namely Sunday Worship, Youth Group, and Kid's Ministry, are continuing online. Members are encouraged to follow up with newcomers and those who have been inactive. The Ministry is also supporting members through prayer, social concern initiatives, and the provision of technical assistance for those experiencing problems with Zoom. Last but not least, regular gatherings for Bible study are also being organized for members who have permanently returned to the Philippines.

### How can FBC worshippers get involved with the Filipino Ministry?

Salvation is for all, and we are accountable to God in the sharing of the Good News to our household and beyond (Romans 10:11-17). As such, we hope that FBC worshippers who have Filipino helpers at home would support them in having a rest day on Sunday and encourage them to attend FBC's Filipino Sunday Worship Service. In this way, FBC worshippers would be taking care of their helpers' spiritual needs too. 🙏

### Filipino Ministry Sunday Online Worship Service:

9:30am - 11:30am

Zoom Meeting ID: 849 0181 5157

Zoom Password: filipino

Find out how to pray for our Filipino Ministry in the Prayer Spotlight section on Page 6!





# Remembering Pastor Rama

9 October 1948 - 17 February 2021

Pastor Ramachandran Ramalingam went home to be with the Lord on 17 February 2021. He leaves behind a loving wife Patricia Mary, children Rakesh, Claire, and Navin, daughter-in-law Rubyn, and son-in-law Dr. Jiaganesh.

Many of us would have seen Pastor Rama on Sunday mornings as he stood at the door waiting to greet worshippers entering the worship hall. His deep but gentle voice could be heard too, as he often led the congregation to seek God's face in corporate prayer.

A member of FBC's pastoral team, Pastor Rama conducted wake and funeral services, wedding blessings, home visitations, Bible studies, and provided pastoral care. He was the ministry leader for Community Care (Social Concerns). He was involved in outreach efforts to the poor and marginalized communities through initiatives such as the Makarios Home, Street Feeding program, Special Teens Ministry, Kenosis Home (a drug rehabilitation home), Burning Bush (a drug rehabilitation home), Crisis Care Home (a HIV halfway house), Persatuan Kebajikan Cahaya Hidup Klang, My Father's Home @ Port Dickson, and was a committee member of Pertubuhan Iringan Kasih (a single mother's home).

Pastor Rama also led the work amongst the needy in the Sunway area, oversaw the Saturday tuition program for underprivileged children, and was instrumental in setting up the Tamil Ministry. His love for the Lord was truly exemplified in his passion for reaching out to the poor and marginalized.

Pastor Rama was a prayer warrior. He would be present at every prayer meeting, whether physical or online. His faithfulness in service could also be seen through his daily devotional writings which he sent out to a great number of people in FBC. He will be remembered for his gentle demeanour, humility, and faithfulness.

We give thanks to God for Pastor Rama's life and faithful service unto the Lord, and rejoice that he is with his Lord and Saviour. Let us remember his family in prayer. May the Lord's peace and comfort be upon them as they grieve the passing of a loved one. 🙏

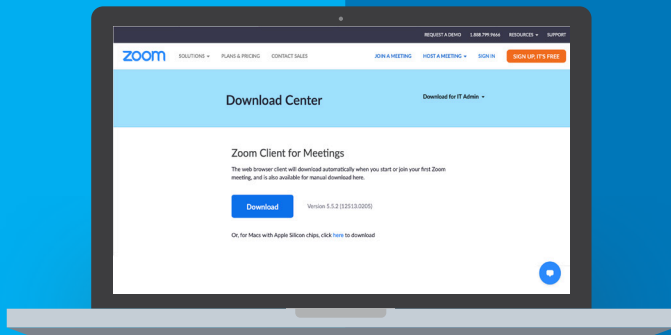


# INSTRUCTIONS ON HOW TO USE



To prepare for the upcoming Sunday Worship Service on ZOOM, here is a step-by-step guide on how to install the ZOOM application on your devices and how to join a meeting on ZOOM.

## ON LAPTOP OR COMPUTER



### STEP 1

Download the **ZOOM** application (app) from this [link](#). Click the blue 'Download' button.

### Download Center

#### Zoom Client for Meetings

The web browser client will download automatically when meeting, and is also available for manual download here.

Download

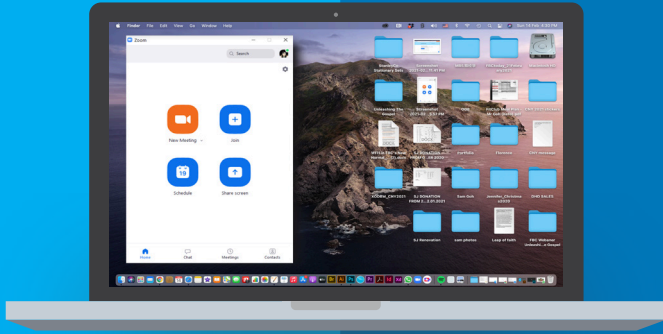
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Or, for Macs with Apple Silicon chips, click [here](#) to d

### STEP 2

Install ZOOM by clicking the '**ZOOMinstaller.exe**' file that appears on the bottom left of screen. When the download is complete, the ZOOM app will open automatically.



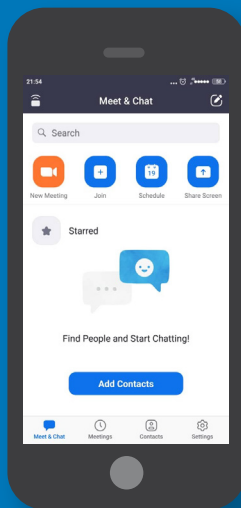


### STEP 3

To join our Worship Service on Sunday, click the ZOOM icon to open the app. Click 'Join a Meeting'. Key in the **MEETING ID** and **PASSWORD**, and click 'Join'. The Meeting ID and Password will be provided in the coming weeks.

Alternatively, you can click on the specific meeting link that will be provided in FBC Today on 14 March.

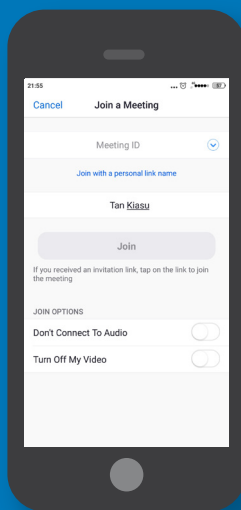
## ON MOBILE PHONES



### STEP 1

#### Download

- For Apple devices (iPhones and iPads), download the ZOOM app from the **Apple Store**.
- For Android devices (Samsung, XiaoMi, OPPO, HuaWei, etc.), download the ZOOM app from the **Google Playstore**.



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You can watch the step-by-step video [here](#). Kindly call the church office should you need any assistance: +03-5621 2623



## | Pulpit Program

February 21, 2021

### The Norms of the Kingdom: Peacemakers & Persecuted

(Matthew 5:9-12)



**PREACHER**

Ps. Joash Chan

February 28, 2021

### The Norms of the Kingdom: Meek and Hungry

(Matthew 5:5-6)



**PREACHER**

Alex Tan

March 7, 2021 (Mission Sunday)

### The Norms of the Kingdom: Salt and Light of the Earth

(Matthew 5:13-16)



**PREACHER**

Ps. Massimo Gei

March 14, 2021 (Zoom Service)

### The Presence of God in Church

(Isaiah 8:1-6)

**PREACHER**

Arnold Lim

## | Worship with Us



### MAIN SERVICE

| ONLINE |

Sundays 8:45am



### YOUTH SERVICE

| ZOOM |

Sundays 9:00am



### SUNDAY SCHOOL

for Ages 0-12yrs

| ZOOM |

Sundays



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## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Filipino Ministry



1. Pray that God will bless FBC's Filipino Ministry and its workers, and that the Ministry's plans will be in line with God's will.
2. Thank God for those who have made a commitment to serve. Pray that their hearts will be filled with humility and compassion.

3. Pray for the hearts of FBC worshippers who have Filipino helpers, that they will nurture the spiritual health of their helpers. Pray that they will support and encourage their helpers to join the online Filipino Worship Service every Sunday morning.
4. Pray that the Lord will bless many households through the members of the Filipino Ministry.
5. Pray for the salvation of members' families and relatives, employers and their households, friends, and neighbours.

## | Upcoming Events



### Is There More to Life Than This?

Every Wednesday  
8:00pm to 9:30pm

**CLICK** to register.



### INSIGHTS FOR The Persevering Disciple

Study on The Book  
of Revelation

Link:

<https://fbc.com.my/gamma>

Password: **fbcgamma**



### How to Share Your Story in 3 Minutes

with David &  
Suzanne Adams

**7 March (Sunday)**  
2:00pm to 3:30pm

Zoom ID :

**849 0529 3765**

Password : **FBCMission**



Every Saturday  
to Thursday  
9:00pm

Zoom ID:

**929 735 694**

Password: **pray**



Encountering God  
**27 February (Saturday)**  
2:00 to 3:30pm

Zoom ID:

**851 5039 1038**

Password: **pray**



**Sunday Worship  
on Zoom**

**14 March 2021**

Stay tuned for more  
information.

**More Information on Upcoming Events**