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This World Is Not My Home



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*This world is not my home
I'm just a passing through
My treasures are laid up
Somewhere beyond the blue*

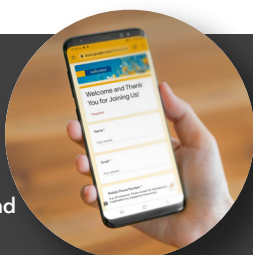
*The angels beckon me
From Heaven's open door
And I can't feel at home
In this world anymore*

Paul the apostle echoes this idea in 2 Corinthians 4:18, saying "We look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal."

Throughout the Bible, there are

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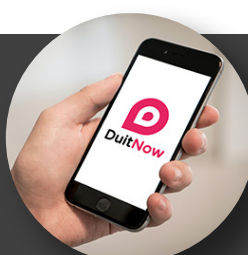
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teachings on the hope of an eternal home for mankind, and it is not in this world or in this life. For this reason, we shouldn't be too preoccupied with pursuing the things and affairs of this world.

It's not to say that we're to abandon all things around us, but that since life on earth is at best only transient, and that there's an eternal home ahead, why waste time on hoarding treasures that are only temporary? Why not invest in things that are of eternal value?

If there is no heaven, as John Lennon wants us to imagine, and life on earth is all there is, then by all means hoard all the things that you want to make yourself happy. But there *is* a heaven that stretches into eternity, and its values are diametrically opposed to what this world offers.

Throughout the Bible, we are encouraged to look for these eternal values which this world does not offer—things like love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

The fruit of the Spirit is the foundation and building block for not only a satisfying and contented life here on earth, but also for eternity.

Christians are called to believe in Jesus, to be a useful people, and not to become so heavenly minded as to be of no earthly use. As is described in 1 Peter 2:9, *"But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light."*

Unlike physical treasures that we've to leave behind when we die, we can carry into eternity the fruit of the Spirit and everything that is built by it. There's no happiness if there's no hope for the future and if there's no heaven, so don't let John Lennon deceive you with his song 'Imagine'.

Throughout the ages, Christians have been encouraged by the promise of Jesus' return and the hope of the resurrection. Paul the apostle encouraged the church to remain steadfast with this teaching in Titus 2:11-13, saying: *"For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation for all people training us to renounce ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright, and godly lives in the present age, waiting for our blessed hope, the appearing of the glory of our great God and Saviour Jesus Christ."*

This verse was a source of hope for many Christians

who were slaves and who toiled in miserable conditions, whether as labourers in plantations, as sex slaves, or in what we call today the "3D" jobs- Dangerous, Dirty, and Difficult.

Jesus had alluded to this hope himself when he said, *"Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world.'" (Matthew 25:34)*

I would like to believe that eternity was created so that we can spend an eternity touring the cosmos that the universe has to offer. Imagine, there are trillions of stars out there to visit!

Pick up a handful of sand from a beach and keep doing that until you've emptied the earth of sand; but if those grains of sand were stars, you'd still have a long way to go. You'll need an eternity to tour the universe.

The Covid-19 pandemic has brought much inconvenience and suffering upon our world recently, but it has also exposed the false glitter of what's unimportant in this world, like luxury brand names, fame, and earthly fortunes. At the same time, we've also been exposed to the true values of life, and it is for us to grasp and cherish.

Life here on earth is too short to waste it on chasing after worldly material goods and things that do not, in the long run, satisfy.

So, whatever pain and suffering we may encounter now, just remember that it's only for a short while compared to the eternity that will come. It says in Romans 8:18, *"For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us."*

*Turn your eyes upon Jesus
Look full in His wonderful face
And the things of earth will grow strangely dim
In the light of His glory and grace* 🕊️





Life Group Splash: Featuring **USJ 3**

Who is USJ 3?

We are a Life Group of 21 members. We are mostly in our 50s to 80s, and have one family among us with two young children. We meet weekly on Fridays.

Describe USJ 3 in 3 words.

Caring and loving.

What does being part of a Life Group mean to USJ 3?

It is a reminder that we have a family in Christ.

What do USJ 3 members enjoy the most about LG?

We enjoy the fellowship amongst brethren and the wisdom obtained and imparted by the Holy Spirit. We are thankful to be constantly growing in the knowledge of the Word together as an LG.

Share one memorable Life Group event.

We had a combined Christmas celebration with members of the Karis Ministry in 2019. We had a full live band at the event! It was wonderful to worship God in songs and singing, especially Christmas carols.

How has being part of a Life Group made a difference for USJ 3 members?

We have grown generally and spiritually. As for one of us, he constantly reminds himself to “walk the talk” in his spiritual walk with our Lord. The closer interaction in a

Life Group setting also allows for the proverbial “as iron sharpens iron, so one sharpens another” to happen. Our LG members are more disciplined and committed when they have to lead in Bible studies. We are also more forbearing and forgiving when we share the Word.

How has USJ 3 been making a difference?

We make a difference through the sharing of the Word and by being a beacon of light through the application of the Word. Some of the things we do as an LG include providing transport to fellow members and affording one another assistance when there is an emergency.

We strive to walk alongside those who are in need of comfort and strength, and encourage one another through the sharing of testimonies. We also intercede for individuals, our church, and our country. 🙏



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FBC NEEDS YOU

Are You Wondering How
You Can Serve God In Church?
Find Your Opportunity Here:



1. Creative & Communications

We are looking for graphic designers. You will be involved in designing our very own newsletter, FBC Today!

We are also looking for videographers and video editors. You will be involved in recording and editing videos that engage the FBC family.

2. AV Team

We are looking for sound engineers. You will be involved in mixing audio for recorded content to help make Sunday services happen!

3. Sunday School

We are looking for teachers. (Men, especially!) You will be involved in facilitating Sunday School classes and building relationships with the children of FBC.

4. Alpha

We are looking for facilitators and befrienders. You will be involved in creating a safe space where people from all walks of life can discuss faith, life, and God.

5. When The Word Comes Alive

We are looking for moderators. You will be involved in facilitating lively and enriching discussion sessions about Christian living. (Questions will be provided.)

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| Pulpit Program

April 25, 2021

Integrity & Transforming Love

(Matthew 5:33-48)



PREACHER
Alex Tan

May 2, 2021

The Lord's Prayer

(Matthew 6:9-15)



PREACHER
John Lee

May 9, 2021

Struggling with Doubt in Church

(Mark 9:14-29)

PREACHER
Arnold Lim

May 16, 2021

True Spirituality

(Matthew 6:1-8)



PREACHER
Dr Peter Ng

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PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

FBC Leaders



(Adapted from Malaysia United Firewall)

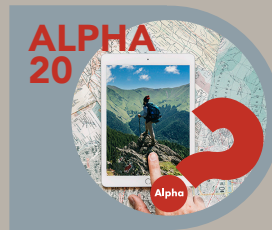
1. Thank God for our leaders' obedience to heed God's call upon their lives as shepherds over the flock in FBC.
2. Plead for God's protection over them and their families.
3. Pray for God to shield them against the fiery darts of the enemy by the strengthening of their faith.
4. Pray that they will only hear the voice of the Good Shepherd, and that the voice of the enemy which brings condemnation and confusion be silenced.
5. Pray that they will have a fresh encounter with God and their intimacy with God will go even deeper.
6. Pray that they will discern God's good, pleasing and perfect will through the renewal of their minds by the Holy Spirit.
7. Pray for boldness and wisdom in leading the church. Pray that they will walk in God's will in their lives and in every ministry in the church, so that they will always be in full alignment with God.

| Upcoming Events



The Lotus & The Cross With I'Ching Thomas

8 May (Saturday)
2:00pm to 3:30pm
Zoom ID: 955 9652 6733
Password: FBCMission



Is There More to Life Than This?

22 July to
7 October 2021
(Every Thursday)
8:00pm to 9:30pm

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The Pastoral Epistles Study on The Book of 1 Timothy, 2 Timothy and Titus

Every Wednesday
8:30pm
Zoom ID: 830 3462 5458
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[CLICK HERE](#) to view the video lessons.
(Password: fbcgamma)



Daily Prayer Meeting
Every Saturday to
Thursday
9:00pm
Zoom ID: 929 735 694
Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting
29 May (Saturday)
2:00pm to 3:30pm
Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137
Password: pray

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)