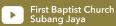
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# **Ladies' Praise & Thanksgiving Zoom Gathering:** A Reflection

The FBC Ladies' Praise & Thanksgiving Gathering via Zoom 14th August 2021 was attended by 140 ladies. To each and every lady who attended the Gathering, I am confident that you have been encouraged, comforted and ministered to by the worship songs, powerful testimonies, earnest prayers and uplifting devotion.

Our Faithful and Almighty God orchestrated the whole event. At

every stage of the planning, organising, coordinating and even the running of the gathering, we were blessed by God's presence, wisdom. leading, provision, protection and favour.

Pearly and I are humbled to be given the privilege to be involved in this gathering. Words cannot adequately describe our gratitude and thanksgiving to our Abba Father for His patience and guidance.

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gathering was really daunting and seemingly impossible. So, Pearly and I prayed and waited on God. We confessed our weaknesses. acknowledged the sovereignty of God. surrendered in obedience. The moment we admitted that this Gathering was God's special project for the ladies and we were just His tools, we enjoyed His peace and joy.

In hindsight, the whole gathering was girded by the prayers of many individuals and groups. As we prayed, waited, trusted and obeyed, God in His mysterious and amazing ways revealed His plan to us, step by step.

First, He gave us the verse from 1 Peter 2:9, which says: "But you are a chosen people, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's special possession, that you may declare the praises of him who called you out of darkness into his wonderful light."

The theme "Loved by God. Chosen by God" followed. Then, God brought different ladies with their different giftings to serve in the various roles. were of different generations, backgrounds and race, but all are beloved daughters of the Living God.

Yih Shan, Michelle, Kaye and Carol used their gifts of singing and music to lead the ladies in a wonderful time of worship. The lyrics of all the songs were touching and many of us were moved to tears of gratitude and joy.

Carrine, Rhalyn, Linda, Suet Wei and Felicia answered God's call to share their personal testimonies. Mary, Pari, Serena, Caroline and Rosie lovingly prayed for these sisters after their sharing. One of my quests from another church told me that she was very touched by the love and care the ladies in FBC have for one another.

The devotion by Phyllis was uplifting and timely. God knows that in this unprecedented and prolonged period of the pandemic, many ladies needed to be

reminded that they are Loved by Him and are Chosen by Him. They needed to be reassured that God is a personal, caring, able and loving Father, and He is just a prayer away.

God also brought younger ladies who are IT savvy to help us. Alissa and Joy helped with the technical side of things, like Zoom hosting, screen sharing and spotlighting. Caroline and Evelyn helped us take photos, and they were on standby to help with screen sharing too. And Rachel helped with the editing of the testimonies.

I thank God for this priceless experience of being totally dependent on Him, being led by Him every step of the way, and knowing that His timing is perfect and His will is good.

I wish to thank all the ladies who had sent Pearly and me their reflections and personal sharing about the Gathering. I hope that you will be blessed by their messages in the following section.





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When I was called to give my testimony, I asked, "What is the theme?" It was 'Loved by God, Chosen by God.' Saying no was at the tip of my tongue, but my tears welled up. So, I said yes. But I struggled. I didn't want to revisit my past because I felt I did right for my family. When I wrote pages of many versions, I felt it sounded so pathetic, as if I deserved praise. It was only at the last hour of a new draft did I get it. I saw my weaknesses, my faults, my blindness. God is kind and He chiseled me slowly through this journey. He is the one who deserves the honour, glory and praise.

- Carrine Andersen, FBC

The testimony shared by sister Felicia affirmed that indeed we have a merciful and compassionate God. Though Felicia's mum got baptised at a ripe old age of 80, she still enjoyed the last decade of her life experiencing God's love! I truly saw God exhibiting goodness and compassion through the shared testimonies. I am so convinced we have an amazing Father God. As Matthew 19:26 says, with God all things are possible!

- Cindy Han, FBC

I felt the utmost privilege and blessing to be involved in the Ladies' Gathering. The theme "Loved by God, Chosen by God" has impacted me, for I know I am chosen. I was once lost, but now I am found. With a grateful heart, I am thankful to God for this precious gift of salvation. All the heart-warming testimonies and devotion confirmed how great our Lord is. They have created a deeper desire in me to be faithful in my journey of faith. May God's blessing be with the Women's Ministry.

- Jenny Lai, FBC

After attending "Loved by God, Chosen by God" via Zoom on 14th August 2021, I was indeed touched and blessed by God. After listening to the testimonies of the few sisters who shared, I realised that I'm not alone in my struggles in life. We have found favour in God's sight. For that, I want to give thanks and glory to our God. Indeed, we were chosen to share and to encourage one another in our journey of life so that we need not bear it all alone. And we are loved by God too. The Women's Ministry is doing a great job, and together we can testify of God's grace, mercy and goodness. Finally, I want to share this Bible verse that encourages me when I'm tired. Colossians 3:12 says, "Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience."

- Heaney Ong, FBC

I have been trying to "grasp how wide and long and high and deep is the love of Christ", and listening to the ladies' testimonies gave me a glimpse of the magnitude and depth of God's love. Hearing about the ladies' encounters with our Lord assured me that our God is real and personal. I liked this Ladies' Gathering because there was a healthy mix of the young and old. In my church, because of two services, somehow we are segregated by age—youngies and oldies in different services. The inter-generational idea is a great one!

- Paddy Chan, visitor

I was very encouraged and edified by the Ladies' Gathering as I heard testimonies of the Lord's faithfulness, goodness and love. It was a joy to hear a diversity of testimonies to show what an intentional and personal God we serve. I also enjoyed worshipping and praying with my sisters-in-Christ as our gathering unified multi-generations. As a result of the gathering, I was able to connect with new friends.

-Sarah Searle, FBC

Firstly, I must thank you ladies for organising this very timely Praise & Thanksgiving Gathering. This event has given believers an avenue to express our thanksgiving, love for God, and also share our worries and concerns during this unprecedented and difficult pandemic time. Lots of confidence and courage have rebuilt during the praying for and supporting of one another.

- Sze Foon, FBC

God is very merciful and compassionate towards those who repent and seek His face earnestly. From the testimonies of the ladies, I believe that God's blessing rested on them as they obeyed, feared and trusted in the Lord. I feel very strengthened and encouraged in my faith through the sincere testimonies of the ladies. Praise God for giving these ladies the boldness and strength to share their heartfelt testimonies. All glory to God.

- Yuit Siong, visitor

Through the sharing and personal encounters of the five sisters, I was much encouraged, inspired and reminded that God is always there for us. He made women in His image for a special reason. We are loved and chosen by Him as His special possession, by Him who has called us out of darkness into His wonderful light.

- Vickki Ng, FBC

It was truly encouraging to hear the testimonies shared by our sisters during the gathering. How our merciful God was their refuge and strength when they were going through a rough patch in their lives. I have learnt that it is God who quickens our hearts to turn to Jesus. Although undeserving, we are loved by Him and chosen by Him.

- Wong Siew Choo, FBC

Click here for more personal reflections from the ladies!

# **Inside FBC**Bible Interpretation Course



# Shalom!

I thank God that the Council of Elders has organised a Bible Interpretation Course beginning on 25th September 2021. The course is designed to equip all leaders and future leaders to interpret the Scriptures accurately. We are living in the most challenging time of our lives. Yes, most challenging because the world has forgotten about God's moral law and are uncomfortable with it. This is because it intrudes into people's lifestyles, telling them how to live and who they are to be. People on the whole do not like to be told what to do.

This course will help us to understand the different times, different cultures, different peoples, and different settings in the Bible. For instance, a non-believer once asked me, "If your 'God is Love', why does He allow suffering?" Also, a friend of mine said, "I have read the Bible from the beginning to the end and don't find anything interesting in it." I told him it is because he read it as a storybook. He read the Bible without recognising his condition as a sinner and without seeing himself as someone who is part of God's plan.

For us to be able to answer questions that others may ask us, we must first be able to interpret the Bible setting accurately— not according to our opinions, but according to what God is saying. To interpret the Bible responsibly requires hard work. Remember, courses and Bible studies are not academic qualifications. However, it does help us to:

- (a) Have a deeper respect for God.
- (b) Know how to handle God's word correctly.
- (c) Live a life that glorifies God.
- (d) Support others in their walk with God.

As leaders of FBC and all who believe in the finished work of our Lord, we are priests (1 Peter 2:9). It is our responsibility to interpret God's word accurately, according to what He wants to convey to us, not adding or subtracting any words. If we desire to be more like our Lord Jesus, we have to study His word. It is necessary to educate ourselves in personal devotion and Bible study, to be a source of help to the young in faith, to not be influenced by false teaching, and to be ready to step in when there is a need. Therefore, when we are invited to join a study, I hope that we will all gladly accept it, for it is an honour to study and interpret God's word.

Blessings.

Your under rower in Christ, Ps. Moby Noah



# | Pulpit Program

September 19, 2021
The Anatomy of Unbelief
(Matthew 11:1-24)



**PREACHER** Alex Tan

September 26, 2021 The Yoke of Jesus (Matthew 11:25-29)



PREACHER
John Lee

October 3, 2021

Genuine Repentance
(Psalm 51)



**PREACHER**Ps. Massimo Gei

October 10, 2021

Jesus the Lord of the Sabbath

(Mattew 12:1-13)



**PREACHER**Dr. Peter Ng

# | Worship with Us

- MAIN SERVICE
  | ZOOM |
  Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am
  - YOUTH SERVICE | ZOOM | Sundays 9:00am
  - SUNDAY SCHOOL for Ages 0-12yrs | ZOOM | Sundays





- 1. O Lord, You are our strength. You are our rock, our fortress, and our saviour. You are our shield, the power that saves us, and our place of safety. We call on You, Lord, who is worthy of praise.
- 2. When we cry out to You in our distress, when we pray to You for help, we thank You that You hear us from Your sanctuary. Our cries reach Your ears. You reach down from heaven, rescue us, and lead us to a place of safety.
- **3.** Help us to keep Your ways, O Lord. Help us to not turn away from You to follow evil. Help us to follow Your regulations and decrees, and keep ourselves from sin.
- **4.** O Lord, You light a lamp for us. The Lord, our God, lights up our darkness. You give us Your shield of victory. Your right hand supports us and You keep our feet from slipping.
- **5.** The Lord lives! Praise to our Rock! May the God of our salvation be exalted!

# | **Upcoming Events**



Romans
From Wretchedness
To Righteousness
A new Gamma series starting
22 September 2021
Every Wednesday
For more information, contact
Church Office at 03-5621 2623



Sermon on The Mount Explore the Teachings of Jesus on the Beatitudes Every Tuesday 8:00pm - 9:45pm

To register/ for more information, contact Lammy Tan at 012-386 8460.



Is There More to Life Than This?

Every Thursday 8:00pm

**CLICK HERE** to register for the next Alpha program starting January 2022.



Daily Prayer
Meeting
Every Saturday
to Thursday
9:00pm
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Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting 25 September 2021 (Saturday) 2:00pm to 3:30pm Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137 Password: pray



FBC (E) Members Special Meeting

3 October 2021 (Sunday) 3:00pm

Zoom ID: 914 5121 9747 Password: fbc

**More Information on Upcoming Events**