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First Baptist Church Subang Jaya

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One of the most striking photographs of the 20th century was that of an astronaut floating in outer space. That amazing photograph was possible only because of the spacesuit. If for some reason that spacesuit was to fail, the astronaut would perish because he would have been denied air, pressure, and warmth. Likewise, scuba diving and firefighting would be impossible if not for the protection afforded by the safety gear they had on.

Recently, an Indonesian submarine met with disaster when it disintegrated undersea while on a training exercise. All the crew perished. Without the protection of a safe and secure submarine, the crew didn't have a chance at survival. Similarly, we must realize that unless we dwell in the safety of the Lord Jesus Christ, we will perish.

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Jesus is like Noah's ark, in which the human family of 8 and animal specimens were saved from the flood. Jesus was the master that saved the boat and the disciples from sinking when the storm hit. For those of us who put on the Lord Jesus Christ, he is the Saviour who will save us on the day of rapture in the last days.

In a world where the Covid-19 pandemic has brought such havoc to mankind, there's been a lot of emphasis on wearing facial masks properly for protection. That's because there are plenty of folks who don't wear them correctly. Some don't cover their noses and some pull their masks down to speak. Both are big no-nos. And we are encouraged to eat at home to reduce our chances of getting infected.

Paul the apostle tells Christians in Ephesians 6:13-17 to "put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled around your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God."

The armour of God is perfect and does not fail. But it has to be put on carefully, just like our facial masks. Each piece of the Gospel armour must be put on with prayer to ensure that the wearer is properly protected. For that reason, we've to read the instructions carefully. The Bible has to be read and studied with diligence, and we should exercise our minds with prayer.

Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ is more than just putting on the armour of God. Armour is worn as a protection from exterior attacks, and it does no good for the damage from within. It's no use putting armour on a body stricken with sin. It's akin to applying a bandage on a person who has heart failure.

Just as the physical body needs to be fortified with good food and nutrition, the inner man must be strengthened with discipline and fortitude. This produces a spiritual immune system that will prevent the Christian from succumbing to temptations. This is the meaning of putting on the Lord Jesus Christ.

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 15:51-54 about the day of rapture: "Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet will sound, the dead will be raised imperishable, and we will be changed. For the perishable must clothe itself with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality. When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true: 'Death has been swallowed up in victory.'"

Putting on the Lord Jesus Christ is to put on the imperishable. In him, we're suited for eternal life. Have you put him on yet?

O, my precious brother,
When the world's on fire;
You need my Jesus to be your Saviour.
He'll hide you ever, in the Rock of Ages;
In the Rock of Ages just cleft for you.





Ministry Corner Featuring

FBC Soup Kitchen

FBC has launched a Soup Kitchen!
The idea to have a Soup Kitchen as a church-wide project was first mooted sometime in June 2021. A committee was formed to look into the feasibility and logistics.

Meanwhile, FBC got to know of a group of caddies in Tropicana who were in need of help and provided groceries to them on 7 July. We decided to continue helping them by providing them with cooked food on Saturdays.

While on the lookout for a dedicated community to assist, the Love Subang Jaya Fellowship recommended a group of Chin Burmese. We started off by doing a grocery run for them in early August, and included cakes baked by church volunteers. It was decided that cooked food will not be provided as we were advised that their dietary needs are different. So, the care of this Burmese community will be under the Social Concern Task Force.

As the Soup Kitchen project planning progressed, a group of FBC members took on the challenge and volunteered to cook. After much deliberation, the FBC Soup Kitchen was officially launched on 4 August.

For now, in view of the MCO, cooking is done from individual homes. There are no restrictions as to what dishes to prepare so long as there is one chicken and one vegetable dish. 110 packs of meals were prepared on 4 August.

Food distribution was done at FBC following a strict SOP prepared by the church office. A table was set up at the front gate where the food was placed. People who walked in to collect food were required to scan their MySejahtera.







There were also special requests from church members who knew of people in need, and food packs were reserved for these requests. For the time being, delivery is being handled by members who made the requests as we do not have a dedicated delivery team yet.

Of the 110 packs of cooked food, an estimated 54 packs were given to walked-ins, with the balance distributed via special request.

Grace Lai (Chairperson of FBC Chinese Church) helped out with the distribution of the food packs on 4 August and she has since volunteered to cook as well. She has also volunteered FBC Chinese Church as a partner for this church-wide project! With that, this Soup Kitchen has become an FBC Subang Jaya Project.

On 11 August, 148 packs of cooked food were prepared for distribution. Out of these, 98 packs were distributed by special request, and 50 were taken by walk-ins.

Praise the LORD! God is good. All glory to God. United as a church, FBC Subang Jaya can do so much more for the community and share God's love.

God willing, we plan to move on to Phase 2, where we will provide care packs to the needy in addition to cooked food.

When our capacity increases with God's provision of more volunteers to cook, we plan to set up delivery teams to deliver cooked food to the needy. This will be in addition to the distribution of cooked food to walk-ins at church premises.



How can you help to make this combined church project a success?

- Pray
- Volunteer to cook.
- Volunteer to distribute the cooked food.
- Sponsor essential items for the care packs.
- Inform the church office if you know of anyone in need.
- Publicize this Soup Kitchen project. Spread the word!

Contact the church office at

03-5621 2623

if God has convicted you to participate in this church-wide project.

| Pulpit Program

August 22, 2021
The Trustworthiness of Jesus
(Matthew 9:18-34)



PREACHERJohn Lee

August 29, 2021
The Compassion of Jesus
(Matthew 9:35-10:15)



PREACHERDr Peter Ng

September 5, 2021 **The Divisiveness of Jesus**(Matthew 10:16-42)



PREACHERLee Yee Dian

September 12, 2021
The Church as the Glory of God

(John 17:20-25)



PREACHER Arnold Lim

| Worship with Us





Sundays 9:00am





Call office to know more: 03-5621 2623



- **1.** Praise God for unity in the church, enabling us to launch a church-wide project.
- 2. Praise God for all who have stepped up to serve in the Soup Kitchen. Pray that more members will volunteer to serve cook, distribute, and/or deliver food.
- **3.** Pray for the individuals and communities that the Soup
- Kitchen is reaching out to. Pray that God will use this project to meet not just physical needs, but also fill spiritual hunger.
- **4.** Pray for God's protection to be upon all the volunteers as they serve, and continued unity as the body of Christ.

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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 Zoom ID: 929 735 694 Password: pray



Monthly Prayer Meeting

28 August 2021 (Saturday) 2:00pm to 3:30pm Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137 Password: pray

More Information on Upcoming Events