Life Groups & Ministries

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, (Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

O Lord, we hear

Your word I have hidden in my heart, That I might not sin against You.

I will delight myself in Your statutes; I will not forget Your word.

Open my eyes, that I may see Wondrous things from Your law.

I will run the course of Your commandments, For You shall enlarge my heart.

> Forever, O LORD, Your word is settled in heaven.

> Your word is a lamp to my feet And a light to my path.

Therefore I love Your commandments More than gold, yes, than fine gold!

(Psalm 119:11, 16, 18, 32, 89, 105, 127 NKJV)

Our Vision Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

Mission Statement Influence people for Christ to enlarge God's Kingdom.

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LIGHTHOUSE

April 21, 2024

Family News

Come & Go With PAP: The General Authority Of God (Matthew 28:18; Luke 10:19; Mark 16:17; Acts 4:12; Philippians 2:9-11; John 14:13-17)

Billy Graham mentioned that the Bible assures us of two great truths:

First, God is sovereign and all powerful, and nothing happens that is outside of His control. No matter where we are or what we are doing, God's presence still surrounds us.

Second, evil is real, and sometimes evil things happen that are not part of God's perfect will.

God can be trusted. We can trust God's love, His mercy and goodness. God is in sovereign control and we have His permission, authority and power (PAP) to live our lives with confidence in our comings and goings.

The Lord Jesus receives the great authority from God because of His obedience (Matthew 28:18). And in turn, He delegates the **general authority** to those who follow Him in obedience. And there is authority and power in the name of Jesus (Acts 4:12, John 14:13,14).

We are given this general authority in Jesus' name to open and close doors too, but there is a limitation to what we can and cannot do with the given authority. The limitation means that we cannot exceed the boundaries of the given authority unless the Lord permits.

We have this general authority in Christ Jesus to come and go in life with freedom (liberty) and to act on His behalf in doing good deeds. We are subjected to God's sovereign permission through the opening and closing of door (which we must accept) and the guidance of Jesus the Good Shepherd leading us in our comings and goings (which we must obey).

In acceptance and obedience, we therefore learn and discern what God is doing and saying in our lives. There must be a balance of liberty and submission to live the abundant life God has for us.

We need discernment to recognise the right door God has opened for us in our comings and goings. And the general authority of the Lord that we have can help us open doors for others when we have the opportunity. The Lord will then open more doors for us. Amen.

Chek Kong

TODAY

Oh, magnify the LORD with me, And let us exalt His name together. (Psalm 34:3 NKJV))

Morning Prayer @ 8.00am

Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00am (live stream) Praise & Worship Welcome & Prayers The Word Ministry Notices & Birthdays Benediction

Coffee & Tea

Birthdays

22/04 Wingchi Leung (US) 24/04 Jared Tan 25/04 Mee Sin Chin 27/04 Nancy Wong

Life to the full

The thief does not come except to steal, and to kill, and to destroy. I have come that they may have life, and that they may have it more abundantly (John 10:10 NKJV).

Our Lord Jesus desires us who are in HIM through faith to live meaningfully, significantly, radiantly, wonderfully, fully.

The devil prevents to new life in Christ. If he cannot, he will rob lives to make living a misery.

Get up to live our best life in Christ. Yes, in the Name of Jesus and by the power of His Name.

From The Resurrection To Pentecost (31/3 – 19/5)

Our Lord Jesus had 40 days left on earth with His disciples. He must impart all that is in His heart to them to continue His mission. Now for a work beyond Israel. The Good News to all the people of the world. In every part on earth.

It's not going to be by natural strength or human wisdom, or connections or whatever. The challenges, obstacles & the spiritual warfare are way too strong.

The promised Holy Spirit shall descend upon the body of disciples. He shall be the dynamite of the church to advance God's Kingdom into the world.

Not only for the church then. It's for us as well. The Holy Spirit is the power of Christ to bring new life, new hope, new destiny. Alleluia!

2024/2025 Church Theme

COMEEGO

3/03 Introduction 10/03 Through Jesus, In Jesus 17/03 Come 24/3 Go 31/3 The Door 4/7-26/5 PAP (Permission, Authority, Power)

To come and go in life with **PAP** is to live with the permission of God under the authority of Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

So vital the posture of humility that enables us to submit to our God, which leads to miraculous outcomes.

In our God we live and move and have our being. We are in HIM and HE in us. We are with Him and HE with us. We are for HIM and HE for us. We are blessed, really blessed to be in Christ.

Bless the Lord our Lord. Lighthouse, let's never cease to bless the Lord. Know HIM more fully & make HIM known more readily. Jesus, the First & the Last. Jesus the All Authority! Themes for the past 9 years

> **2023/2024** The Good Life

2022/2023 OUTSIDERS

2021/2022

complete **7** perfect

2020/2021 Contrast: Jesus Is The Difference

2019/2020

Who Am I? Jesus Is: Therefore, You Are

> **2018/2019** City On A Hill

2017/2018 Chosen Generation

2016/2017 Higher, Wider, Deeper

> **2015/2016** Forward

Hearts Together In Prayer

21/04 (Sun): The Presence of our Lord Jesus demonstrating in Lighthouse. Increasing Kingdom enlargement & Kingdom influence.

22/04 (Mon): Faithful men, women, boys	23/04 (Tue): The Holy Spirit stirring to
& girls Lighthouse for Jesus. The Holy	reach out for souls & bring in the harvest.
Spirit stirs up a holy fire to more! Amen.	All hearts moved to desire Jesus. Amen.
24/04 (Wed): All hearts stirred to love	25/04 (Thu): Kingdom trust and peace in
God's Word and obey. Holy Spirit fire to	Lighthouse. The power of obedience to
the Lordship of Jesus Christ, Alleluia.	the Lord breaks out. Growing fire. Amen.
26/04 (Fri): The healing, restoring love of	27/04 (Sat): The Presence of our Lord in
Jesus demonstrating. Divine joy spreads.	our Sundays. Everyone touched. Word
Kingdom enlargement. Glory to God!	with divine unction. Our Lord blessed!

"Again I say to you that if two of you agree on earth concerning anything that they ask, it will be done for them by My Father in heaven. (Matthew 18:19 NKIV)