

Obedience. WHY is obedience so difficult and often painful? I'm sure there are many answers to this question, but I confess that there is, for me, something of a mystery here. Christ himself is said to have "learned obedience through what he suffered," even though he was the Son of God (Heb. 5:8). Before his death, Christ agonized and even asked that he be allowed not to die. Yet he submitted to the cross as an act of obedience to the will of God. His famous prayer in the garden, "Not my will, but thine, be done" (Luke 22:42, KJV) perfectly articulates the relationship of obedience to sacrifice. When we are confronted with a decision, we have the choice to do what's right or not to do it. We can obey, or we can refuse to obey. To obey is to embrace sacrifice.

– Daniel Vestal, *Being the Presence of Christ*

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Today's Question: When have you experienced obedience as sacrifice? Share your thoughts.

Today's Scripture: Yet it was you who took me from the womb; you kept me safe on my mother's breast. Psalm 22:9, NRSV

This Week: pray for those without enough to eat.

Prayer.

For God's wisdom to guide the current Council as they prepare for next year's AGM, as well as the Nomination committee.

For the BLC Pastors, community and families. For grace and healing for all those who are facing health challenges, for grace for their families and caregivers.

For Pr. Sivin and his various responsibilities.

For our OA brethren in Camerons for their general well-being, as well as God's providence, protection during this rainy season.

Adapted from the 24-7 Malaysia:

Pray for elected leaders to carry out their entrusted responsibilities with wisdom and humility. Pray for their preparation for the next Parliament session from 15 October to 11 December, 2018.

Pray for the AG, Tommy Thomas, and his team as they advise the government on legal matters pertaining to the nation.

For God's protection, wisdom, continual guidance and authority for the current government officials to set things in right order, and provide a foundational framework of governance that facilitates and rewards truth, righteousness, justice, wisdom, mercy, humility.

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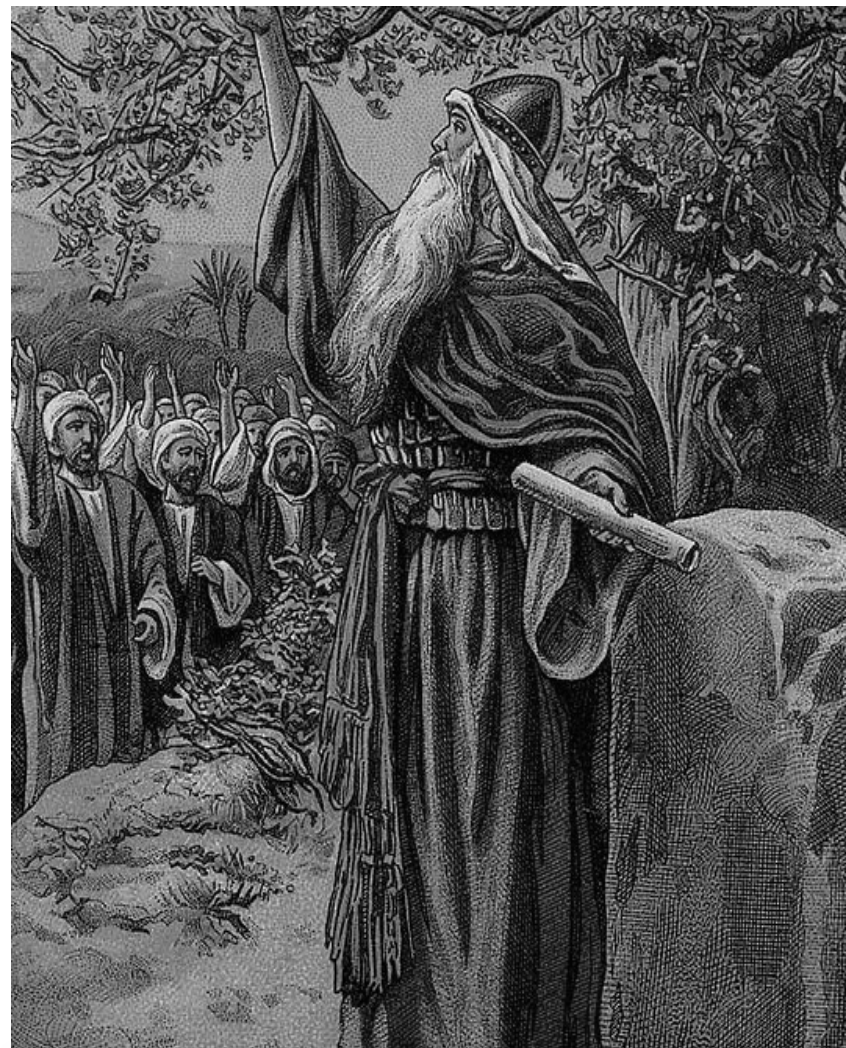
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Liberating Truth:

Realigning Our Stories with God's Stories



Welcome to the Father's House
14 October 2018, Pentecost 21 Sunday



Worship Gathering @ 10.00 am
Do join us on Sundays for prayer @ 9.30 am, before Worship Service @ Refreshment Area.

Youth, Teens and Children sessions resume
 Class Alpha: Carmen Omega: Sheh Ren

Schedule for This Sunday, 14-10-2018

Pentecost 21 Sunday

Preacher: John Cheah

Theme: Serving the Lord with All Faithfulness

Worship: MeiLi **Asst Lead:** Charis

Musicians: Keith, Sheldon, Keat Lim, Joshua, Mynn

Scripture Readers: Kristen, Charis

Sound: Jason/Ee Hern **LCD:** Vanessa

Altar (Green): Elaine Kong-Aman

Refreshments: Renu & Michelle

Treasurer: Kock Sheng, May Jean

Greeters: Suzanne, Po Ling

Worship leading on 21 Oct & Lock up:

Ee Lyn

Text This Sunday, Oct 14:

OT: Joshua 24:1-15, 16-26

Gospel: Matt 4:8-10

Readings for next Sunday, Oct 21

OT: 2 Sam. 11:1-5, 26-27; 12:1-9; Psalm

51:1-9

Gospel: Matt 21:33-41

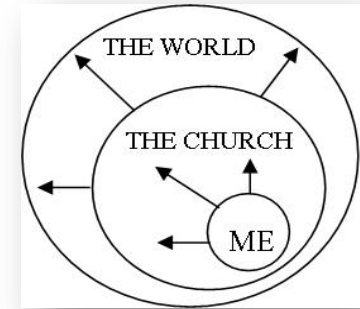
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> Batu 20, OA Congregation

> United Voice – Moh Foong

> Bible Translation Researchers

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Worship

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Worship - Upward

Community

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Community - Inward

To invite people into the Reign of **God**, encourage them to grow in the Body of **Christ**, equip them to be sent into the World in the power of the **Spirit**.
“As the Father has sent me I am sending you” John 20:21

Outward - Mission

Outreach

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Forward - Learning

Learning

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Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

- > Aardvark: Johnben
- > BLC Garden Day: Vanessa
- > New groups.

Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Siew Woh

- > Women Encouraging Women (WEW): PIC - Sheh-Ren
- > Sunday Bible Reading Group: PIC - Ling Ling
- > Thursday Bible Study

Pastoral Oversight: Pr. Takeshi

- > Giving Tree: PIC - Larry Lee
- > Youth (13 years and above) - PIC Ezekiel
- > Youth (12 and below)

Children Ministry: Carmen Loke

Dear Friends, we will like to invite you (if you are not already involved) to serve with us for BLC's corporate worship. If interested, please speak with the the following in the various areas:
 Ee Lyn/Jason – for Musicians & Singers, Sound System & LCD;
 Ee Lyn/Joyce Rama - for Greeters, Altar Deco, Scripture Readers, Holy Communion Prep;
 Joyce/Michelle - for providing refreshments.

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Attendance 07/10/2018

Adults 91
 Children 33
Total 124

Collection 07/10/2018

Mission 594
 Giving 4191
 Tithe -
 Others -
Total 4785

Treasurer

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Calendar 2018

20 Oct, Sat: BLC Garden Day & WEW event – 9 am to 12 noon.

27 Oct, Sat: The Book of Haggai @ The Father's House, from 9.30 am to 1.30 pm by Dr. Anthony Loke. Register with Adeline (012-2402811 via whatsapp).

27 Oct, Sat: Reformation Service @ 8 pm to 10 pm, Taman Midah Lutheran Church. Speaker: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit.

10 Nov, Sat: WEW

17 Nov, Sat: BLC Garden Day

October

November