

## Whom Shepherds Guard

THE SHEPHERDS “went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the child lying in the manger” (Luke 2:16). We associate the lovely tune “Greensleeves” with the beloved carol “What Child Is This?” I find myself intrigued by the phrase “whom shepherds guard and angels sing.” Shepherds don’t sound like very good guards, do they? Lacking armor and swords, they have never been drilled in formations or in protecting against violent attackers. ... Chasing sheep around in the dark doesn’t qualify you to guard a king like Jesus.

But the shepherds stood before Jesus in awe, the way we crowd around a crib that holds a sleeping child. Theirs was a guarding of faith, belief, hope, and love.

— James C. Howell, *Why This Jubilee?*

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**Today’s Question:** What are you guarding this Christmas season?

**Today’s Scripture:** “For he has looked with favor on the lowliness of his servant. Surely, from now on all generations will call me blessed; for the Mighty One has done great things for me, and holy is his name.” Luke 1:48-49, NRSV

**This Week:** Pray for joy.

## Prayer.

Thanksgiving for the God’s gift of Christ.

For Christ’s joy and love to be in our midst, and gratitude for His continual presence in our lives.

### For Malaysia:

**For God’s wisdom, counsel, strength and protection, for the current government** to provide a foundational framework of governance that facilitates and rewards truth, righteousness, justice, wisdom, mercy, humility. Also for protection of our borders and national safety within, and all officers defending the safety of the people and nation.

**For elected leaders** to carry out their entrusted responsibilities in righteousness and humility. Continued prayer for the AG, Tommy Thomas, and his team as they advise the government on legal ongoing matters pertaining to the nation.

**For continual building of bridges in the nation**, and breaking down of racial divide.

### For the world:

Pray for Indonesians who were affected by the Sunday Strait Tsunami.

## Contact Info

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# Liberating Truth: Realigning Our Stories with God’s Stories



Welcome to the Father’s House  
25 December 2018, Christmas Day



### Worship Gathering @ 10.00 am

Please join us for a simple lunch after the Service.

#### Schedule for Today, 25-12-2018

##### Christmas Day

**Preacher:** Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

*Theme: Good News: Love So Amazing*

**Worship:** MeiLi Asst Lead: Sia

**Musicians:** Keith, Yann, Komeil, Vicky

**Sound:** Chee Kah LCD: Gim Han

**Altar (White):** MeiLi

**Refreshments:** Catered Lunch by BLC

**Cleanup:** Everyone

**Treasurer:** Joyce

**Greeters:** Joyce, Po Ling

**Scripture Readers:** Rubini, Allie

**Readings for Today, Dec 25, Tues:**

Gospel: Luke 2:8-20

Psalm 95:6-7

**Text Next Sunday, Dec 30:**

Gospel: Matt.1:1-17

Psalm 132:11-12

**Worship Lead for 30/12:** Ee Lyn

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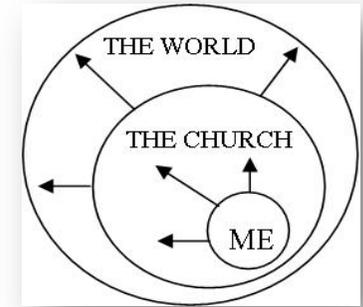
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> Batu 20, OA Congregation

> 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

##### Pastoral Oversight: Rev. Dr. Sivin Kit

- > Aardvark: Johnben
- > BLC Garden Day: TBA
- > 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

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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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.

**Facilities** Anand +017 356 1942

*Glory to God in the highest heaven,  
and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests. Luke 2:14*

## Calendar 2018/19

29 Dec, Sat: WEW Year End Picnic.  
Please whatsapp Sheh-Ren (012-2933565) if interested.

1 Jan 2019: New Year's Day

17 Jan, Thurs: Unity Service @ Luther Lead Centre Mont Kiara. Address: 7, Jalan Duta Kiara, Mont Kiara, 50480 KL.

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December 2018

January 2019