

**Passion for Truth.** WE NEED TO REDEVELOP our view of friendship and its purposes. In our culture, a friend is someone you enjoy doing things with, or perhaps someone with whom you share your troubles. But history bears witness to other kinds of friendship. In the 1930s, an impressive group of men began to meet in Oxford. C.S. Lewis, J. R. R. Tolkien, Charles Williams, Owen Barfield, and others, called themselves the "Inklings." They talked politics and religion, and read aloud what they were working on. Just imagine: a group of young men hearing Tolkien read the rough draft of *The Lord of the Rings* and Lewis trying out segments of *The Screwtape Letters*! The criterion for being in the Inklings was simply this: Do you care about the truth? Members did not need to agree on the answers, but had to be passionate about the questions. Such a company of friends can be something like a school of virtue, in which we test our theories and practice doing good. ... Within the body of Christ we need to be intentional about the seed we sow, about how our behavior with friends should be preparing us for service out in the world. We need each other to draw us out of our self-centeredness. We need others to hold us accountable, to be like a mirror to help us see our lives and our doing in our faith more clearly. We need each other for mutual encouragement, to push further into serving the world than we might if left alone.

– James C. Howell, From pages 112-113 of *Yours Are the Hands of Christ: The Practice of Faith* by James C. Howell. Copyright © 1998 by James C. Howell. All rights reserved. Used by permission of Upper Room Books.

Today's Question: Are you or have you been a part of a group described above? If so, how did being a part of the group affect your spiritual life?

Today's Scripture: He sat down, called the twelve, and said to them, "Whoever wants to be first must be last of all and servant of all." Mark 9:35, NRSV

This Week: pray for those who affected by natural

### Prayer.

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

For strength, grace and healing for all those who are not well, especially the elderly, and their families and caregivers.

#### Adapted from the 24-7 Malaysia:

Pray for wisdom, knowledge and humility for all leaders to lead the people into truth, justice and righteousness, and boldness for the people to embrace change that leads to freedom and growth. For AG Tommy Thomas, and his team for wisdom, safety and protection.

**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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# Liberating Truth:

## Realigning Our Stories with God's Stories



Welcome to the Father's House  
23 September 2018, Pentecost 18 Sunday



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

Teen and Youth session resumes.  
 Children Ministry Birthday Celebration.

**Schedule for This Sunday, 23-09-2018**

**Pentecost 18 Sunday**

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

*Theme: Joseph in Prison*

**Worship:** Ee Lyn **Asst Lead:** -

**Musicians:** Keith, Benson, Komeil, Jorjee/Jacy

**Scripture Readers:** Allie, Jacy

**Sound:** Don **LCD:** Gim Han

**Altar (Green):** Allie

**Refreshments:** T4: Stephanie & Michelle

**Treasurer:** Ee Lyn, May Jean

**Greeters:** Kock Sheng, Ling Ling

**Worship leading on 23 Sept & Lock up:**

MeiLi

**Text This Sunday, Sept 23:**

OT: Genesis 39:1-23

Gospel: Matt. 5:11-12

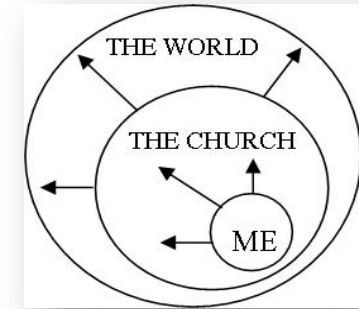
**Readings for next Sunday, Sept 30:**

OT: Exodus 14:5-7, 10-14, 21-29

Gospel: Matt 2:13-15

The BLC Missions Collections are supporting the following:

- > Batu 20, OA Congregation
- > United Voice – Moh Foong
- > Bible Translation Researchers
- > Alongsiders (<http://alongsiders.org>)



**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: 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**

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

**Attendance 16/9/2018**

Adults 89  
 Children 26  
**Total 115**

**Collection 16/9/2018**

Mission 785  
 Giving 3242  
 Tithe -  
 Others -  
**Total 4027**

**Treasurer**

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**Calendar 2018**

- 06 Oct, Sat: Ministering with Millennials @ Harvest Community Church. Organised by PADERI. Register with Rev Siew Woh.
- 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).

23 Sept, Sunday: Meeting for Older Youth Group Leaders



September

October