



Sermon Notes



Chapel of the Resurrection

To build a God-fearing, Christ-centered and Spirit-filled Fellowship of Disciples, Committed to Worship, Prayer, Scripture, Evangelism and Church-planting, Blessing the Nations in Schools, Communities and Missions.

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Rev. Lee Kong Kheng (Chinese Congregation)

COLLECT FOR 11 - 12 August 2018

ELEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Heavenly Father, You anointed Your Son Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit and with power to bring to us the blessings of Your kingdom. Anoint Your Church with the same Holy Spirit, that we who share in his suffering and victory may bear witness to the gospel of salvation; through Jesus Christ, Your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

THE GOSPEL OF SELF

"Stand by the roads, and look, and ask for the ancient paths, where the good way is; and walk in it, and find rests for your soul" (Jeremiah 6:16)

Mark Sayers, in his book *Disappearing Church*, gives an incisive critique of the post-Christian culture of the West. He lists 7 characteristics of this culture:

1. Individual freedom, happiness, self-definition & self-expression;
2. Traditions and religions that restrict individual freedom, happiness, self-definition & self-expression must be reshaped, deconstructed or destroyed;
3. The world would improve as individual freedom grows;
4. The primacy social ethic is tolerance;
5. Humans are inherently good;
6. Large scale structures and institutions are evil;
7. External authority is rejected and personal authenticity is lauded.

Sayers says that the post-Christian culture is, "a unique kind of culture...one that promotes elements of the universal Christian vision...while deconstructing the Christian tradition and any convention that attempts to limit individual freedom and autonomy". It is a new form of Gnosticism, a beautifully architected landscape of individuals committed to self-development.

For Sayer, the problem is that the church tries to fit in, in order to be relevant, but unknowingly, it is eating itself alive theologically and ethically in the process. The end result for the church is the "Gospel of Self". This gospel "does not call the individual to account rather believes that the central of life is to be happy and to feel good about oneself". This is the gospel of "liberal Christianity"; and, of the "prosperity- gospel" and "hyper-grace" churches.

For Sayers, only a cruciform, cross-centred church will be able to hold together in the post-Christian world. He calls us back to costly obedience to Christ: "The churches that do not fade and disappear ... will be churches that preach, teach, and live out the truth that we are called to live as slaves of Christ, a fragrance of selflessness in a culture of selfishness." He calls us to embrace faithful orthodoxy, to withdraw from the world and to be a creative minority.

- Rev. Dr Timothy Chong

MEMORY VERSE OF THE MONTH

"how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power. He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him."

Acts 10:38 ESV

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Prayer Points



Monday (13/8) – COR: Discipleship

Pray that COR will be a Spirit-filled Fellowship of Disciples - that the Word of God will dwell richly in us; transforming us to be more and more like Christ and bearing fruit that last.

Tuesday (14/8) – COR: Staff Development

Pray for the monthly Staff Development time at Pasir Ris Family Service Centre and Sonshine Childcare Centre to equip staff holistically for their personal and professional growth.

Wednesday (15/8) – Diocese: Life in the Spirit Course

Pray that this vital teaching and equipping session will have a powerful impact so that we as a Diocese will continue to advance God's Kingdom in the power of the Spirit. It will also empower us as we participate in evangelism, moving towards Celebration of Hope (COH) 2019.

Thursday (16/8) – Singapore: Year of Prayer

Pray for unity in seeking God with one heart, one soul, one mind and one purpose. Pray for a return to God in repentance for personal, corporate and national sins. Pray that we will consecrate ourselves to seek the Kingdom of God and His righteousness.

Friday (17/8) – World: Lithuania

Pray for a new spiritual impetus, especially for Baptists and Pentecostals. Pray also for churches to become genuinely indigenous, not just carbon copies of popular Western expressions of the Church. Pray for God to raise up those gifted in evangelism, and for unity among the churches. (Source: Operation World)

Saturday (18/8) – The Sick

Pray for those you know who are not well. Pray that in this difficult period, there is hope and trust in the faithfulness of God. Pray also for God's healing grace and touch.

If you have any confidential prayer requests, please email suatngoh@cor.org.sg.

Service Timings



ENGLISH CONGREGATION

Saturday Praise Service (SPS)

Sat, 4.30 pm, Sanctuary

Sunday Worship Service (SWS)

Sun, 10.00 am, Sanctuary

Mustard Seed Service (MSS)

Sun, 10.00 am, Shaw Hall, #03-09

KINGDOM CHILDREN CHURCH

Joyful Preschoolers

3 to 4 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #01-16
Sun, 10.00 am, #01-16

Caring Kindees

5 to 6 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-15
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-15

Explorer Kidz

7 to 8 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-11
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-11

Praise Kidz

9 to 10 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-11
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-11

Faithful Kidz

11 to 12 years old
Sat, 4.30 pm, #02-11
Sun, 10.00 am, #02-11

CHINESE CONGREGATION

Mandarin Service

Sun, 1.45 pm, Sanctuary

New Life Service

Sun, 1.45 pm, #01-14

Canto-Hokkien Service

Sun, 10.00 am, #01-14

Children's Service

3 to 12 years old
Sun, 1.45 pm, #01-16, #02-11

EXTENSION CENTRE

Century Christian Fellowship

Sun, 4.00 pm
407 Jalan Kayu

Announcements



1. Condolences

Our deepest condolences to Alysa Goh (MSS) whose grandfather, the late Mr. Wong Wing Pin, passed away on 1 August 2018. Please keep her and her family in prayer.

2. COR Staff Retreat

The staff team will be away on a retreat from 13 Aug to 15 Aug. The church office will be closed during this period. Please keep the staff in prayer.

3. COR Friendship & Evangelistic Dinner

Date: 27 October 2018 (Sat)
Time: 6.30pm - 9.30pm
Venue: TO BE CONFIRMED
Speaker: Judith Halim
Cost: \$260 per table of 10, subject to a minimum of 50% pre-believers.

Pray and invite now!

Booking starts on 4 and 5 August 2018. ONLY 13 tables!

Please contact Joann for further information at 9851 5292.

4. Pray Singapore!

Set aside 7 October to join the church in our nation to pray at the National Stadium from 4.00pm to 7.00pm. Admission by ticket only.

Cell leaders or individuals, please let your following service ICs know by 18 August how many tickets you require.

SPS - Pastor Loke Chi Shyan
SWS - Rayman Thomas
MSS - Pastor Ian Chew

5. SPS Retreat 2018 - Thank You

Date: 1- 4 December 2018
Venue: Forest City Phoenix Hotel, JB, Malaysia

Single - \$455 per pax
Double - \$275 per pax
Triple - \$245 per pax

All are welcomed. Register now at tinyurl.com/spsretreat2018

Please contact Munching at munchin91@gmail.com for further enquiries.

Sermons

THIS WEEKEND		NEXT WEEKEND	
SPS 11 Aug	Divine Exchange – Healing In The Atonement Isaiah 53: 3-5; Romans 8: 1-25 Rev. David Lee	SPS 18 Aug	Church As A Healing Community Rev. David Lee
SWS 12 Aug		SWS 19 Aug	
MSS 12 Aug	Faith Without Works Is Dead James 2:14-26 Ian Chew	MSS 19 Aug	The Power Of The Tongue James 3:1-12 Nicole Nai

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