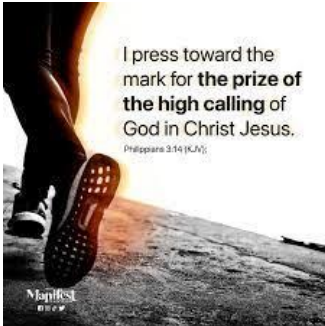


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5Ps for 2025



This is the 12th day of the New Year. Let us consider how we can develop these 5Ps in our lives by God's grace:

1. Be Positive

There may be challenging events in your life, be it in the past or the present, It is important to maintain a constructive outlook as we look to Christ our Refuge and Strength in life and move forward in the will of God and not be discouraged and be defeated by the evil one. Phil 4:8

2. Be Patient and Polite

Learn to wait upon the Lord in the new year and not insist on our timing or rush listlessly in life. (Psa 27:14) Eccl 3:11 says, "*He makes all things beautiful in his time.*"

The Chinese has a saying, "*No one will blame you for too much courtesy – 礼多人不怪*".

Treat others with patience and courtesy whether it is reciprocated or not, even to the hawker, bus driver and the cleaner or the maid and it is often return. Remember, No one dislike a courteous and patient person, and the opposite is also true.



3. Be Persevering

Many give up easily and hence do not taste success. We need to be resolute and resilient and do not do a half job but finish it and complete the course

Perseverance or endurance is the key to victory in our spiritual life and work as well. Gumption is an important quality we need to develop this year. Heb 12:1,2

4. Be Prayerful

There is a means of grace for all believers. Prayer is the breath of godliness and the lifeline to divine supplies. Be humble and pray to God and thank God for your success for without Christ and His blessings, we cannot do well in this life nor in eternity. Phil 4:6,7

5. Be Productive

Let us be diligent in whatever we do for the Lord in the new year, be it our secular profession, studies or service In the Lord. An industrious person is blessed of God and the indolent and idle brings sorrow and defeat. Labour has its own rewards, and sloth and laziness has its consequences too



Remember to apply these 5Ps in 2025. Pray for our church missions in the new year in as we share with others our time, talents and treasure what God has blessed us with. Thank God for His daily provisions in the new year as we persevere to worship and serve Him till He comes.

Psa 65:11

Jack Sin

When God Uses the Ministry of the Word at Vigil Services

Paul in 2 Tim 4:2 says, ***“Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine.”***

At the vigil services of our late brother Anthony on 28 to 31 Dec 2024, God used the preaching of God’s Word to move listeners to seek Him by the work of the Holy Spirit. The Lord brought various people from church, friends, relatives and even neighbours of the Ong family to hear His Word with eulogies by Cindy, Dn Yue Kay and Celeste, and song items by Bro Stephen Ong and Joseph.



Two neighbours of the Ong family are Edith and Tiffany. The former spoke with me after the service as she is interested in serving God as a chaplain in a Christian nursing home. We shared some thoughts with her as we have ministered in a few Christian Elderly Care/Nursing Homes over the years. Her sister, Tiffany who attended all the three nights and sat in front shared that the Word of God ministered to her heart. We shared of the importance of seeking the Lord and regular walk and worship of the Lord and invited her to church. She came for the meaningful Watchnight service and the first service of the new year on 5 Jan and the Chinese fellowship meeting that same night. She shared she learnt much from the Word of God, was encouraged by the Word preached and took down notes during the Sunday school class on Christian Apologetics where we discussed the history and canonicity of the Bible.



Another Ong relative who lives in Kuala Lumpur expressed interest in the Christian faith and requested for the name and address of Evangel BP Church in Petaling Jaya through Cindy, her cousin. She attended the worship service on 12 Jan.

We praise God that He works in the hearts of men and women when we preach the Gospel of Christ both from the pulpit and even at vigil services. Our duty is to share the message of repentance and salvation is of the Holy Spirit.

Paul says in Rom 1:16, *“For I am not ashamed of the gospel of Christ: for it is the power of God unto salvation to every one that believeth; to the Jew first, and also to the Greek.”*

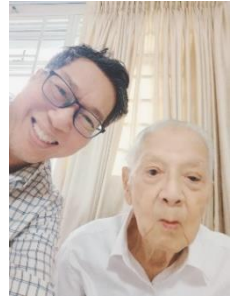
Let us continue to we reach out to all with the Word and the Gospel of Everlasting Life, peradventure some may be edified or saved.

Jack

In Appreciation of an Ambassador of Christ

2Cor 5:20 “Now then we are ambassadors for Christ, as though God did beseech you by us: we pray you in Christ's stead, be ye reconciled to God.”

On 4 Jan, a servant of the Lord, **Elder Khoo Peng Kiat** returned home to eternal rest at 93 years old as a spiritual diplomat on earth after fulfilling a long tenure of duty. **Only those who have finished their work has a right to go home while the rest of us remain behind till the Master calls us when our time is up.**



My wife and I were at his bedside on 3 Jan at 3 pm when we read Isa 26:3,4 and sang “What a Friend We Have in Jesus”, “Amazing Grace” and “Great is Thy Faithfulness”. He opened his eyes and turned toward us and moved his hands. We prayed together with his daughter Amy present. Later, his other two daughters Faith and Grace came and Walter and Nancy too.

I have the joy of knowing Eld Khoo (and Mrs Khoo) for 43 years (for my wife a few years lesser). When I first came to Life BP Church, Eld Khoo was the first Elder to welcome me. When I was called into the full-time ministry In June 1992 by the sovereign will of God, he was also there to encourage me together with the late Rev Dr Patrick Tan and Eld Mahadevan among others.

When I was a student in FEBC, there was a day I was buying theological books for the new semester at the bookstore and was about to pay. Someone from behind pushed my money away and went ahead to pay for the books instead. I looked and it was Eld Khoo who insisted that he will pay. **Such is the heart of the man of God, caring for others without any fanfare and with an affable disposition and that was indelibly marked in my mind till this day.**

Another thing about Eld Khoo is his heart for souls in missions. On a number of occasions at our Pastoral Fraternal, after hearing about the needs in Myanmar and India, he would thrust something in my hands just before leaving and said, “This is for your church missions in Yangon, Myanmar.” I replied, “We

will pass it to the church treasurer to send to the designated missions of SHBPC.” **Such was his concern for souls in the mission fields even though he may not be richly endowed.** This happened quite a few times even when we met for lunch in Ghim Moh or tea at Holland Village often times with Eld Loke Tat Luen as well. He supported SHBPC from the beginning and attended our church anniversaries without fail.



I had the privilege to serve with Eld Khoo for two terms in the Life Church Session in the early 1990s as a young deacon. He was an epitome of a meek peacemaker during fiery debates and altercations, one of which was the buying of Beulah land in 1990. There was a tense moment as some Session members had different views from the Pastor on whether \$7.2 million could be raised in 6 months. Eld Khoo simply said, **“Trust in the Lord” and he was right as we know that today, the rest is all history.**

The other was the crisis of 2003 and Eld Khoo remained true to his God-given convictions, and he took a stand for the Lord, difficult as it was, without being provocative. Perhaps if everyone had acted the same manner, it may be a different place for all of us in the BP movement today.



With Dn Yue Kay at SHBPC

We have much to learn from this meek man in emotional prudence, discreet communication and silent diplomacy, without anger or resentment and the wise economy of words when in crisis or a potential conflict situation.

Such is the legacy of the quintessential Eld Khoo, the ambassador from heaven who has returned to his eternal Home of rest. The church indeed has many unsung heroes and heroines who may not be in the fulltime ministry but mightily used by the Lord in His kingdom on earth.

Conclusion

These verses from Rom 14:7-9 aptly describes Eld Khoo Peng Kiat’s life and death,

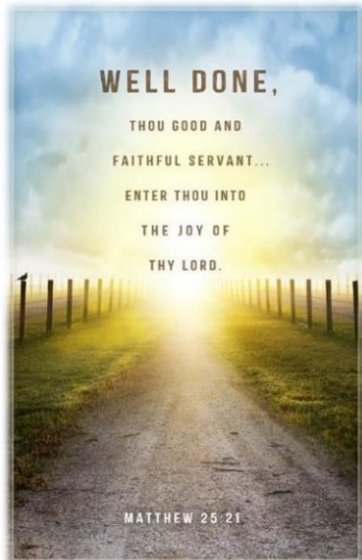
For none of us liveth to himself, and no man dieth to himself.

For whether we live, we live unto the Lord; and whether we die, we die unto the Lord: whether we live therefore, or die, we are the Lord’s.

For to this end Christ both died, and rose, and revived, that he might be Lord both of the dead and living.

Heaven is full of surprises, and we will find out at the *Bema* one day from the Almighty Jehovah who knows all hearts where eternal rewards are given out by the Master.

Jack Sin



*Serving Christ and Exalting the
Sovereignty of God in the Church*

LORD'S DAY PROGRAMME FOR JAN - MAR 2025

January

- 5 Praising God for His Sovereign Election (Eph 1:1-12)
- 12* Intercessory Prayer for the Church (Eph 1:13-22)
- 19 The Spiritual Progression of the Elect (Eph 2:1-12)
- 26 The Character of the Christian Church (Eph 2:13-22)

February

- 2 **7TH THANKSGIVING ANNIVERSARY**
The Sacred Duties of the Church (Eph 3:1-12)
- 9* Appropriating Christ in Our Lives (Eph 3:11-22)
- 16 The Function of the Church (Eph 4:1-16)
- 23 The Demeanour of the Church (Eph 4:13-32)

March

- 2 The Moral / Spiritual Standards of the Church (Eph 5:1-21)
- 9* The Picture of the Christ and the Family (Eph 5:22-33)
- 16 Rules in the Covenant Family (Eph 6:1-10)
- 23 Protection for the Conflict of the Christian (Eph 6:11-24)
- 30 **GOSPEL SUNDAY**
Who is Christ to you? (Matt 16:5-20)



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GUEST SPEAKER

Rev Philip Heng

FEBRUARY

SUNDAY

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2025

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by **20 Jan 2025** for lunch catering purpose.

Memory Verse

Eph 1:18 The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling, and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints,

Announcements

1. Welcome to our Worship Service! If you are here for the first time, do leave us your contact numbers in our guest book before you leave. Those who share the church vision to acquire a place of worship in due time, may designate your offerings to the SHBPC Church Building Fund
2. Pastor brings us God's Word this morning on "***Intercessory Prayer for the Church (Eph 1:13-22)***", commencing a new quarterly study on the "***Book of Ephesians: Serving Christ & Exalting the Sovereignty of God in the Church***".
3. On next Sunday, Bro Joseph will preach on "***The Spiritual Progression of the Elect (Eph 2:1-12)***".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service are:
 - Christian Apologetics (Pastor)
 - Studies in Esther (Dr Kwong Leen)
5. Chinese Fellowship meets on every Sunday night at 7pm via Zoom with both local and overseas brethren. We have systematic studies on New Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. [**Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178**].
6. **SHBPC 7th Anniversary Thanksgiving** will be held on **2 Feb 2025**. Do set aside the Sunday to rejoice together. Kindly register with Dn Yue Kay as lunch will be catered.
7. Do send your prayer items to Pastor and join us for Church Prayer Meeting on Wed at 8pm via Zoom. The prayer list is available in church. [**Zoom ID:863 7527 5431 Passcode: 625551**].
8. Pray for:
 - **Medical: Kim Meng** [fractured left wrist], **John W's daughter** [dialysis treatment], **Simon** (Devi's husband) [full recovery from fractured ribs due to a fall], **Daniel Phang** [back condition, high blood pressure & gout].
 - **Salvation:** Families of Dn Yue Kay, Dn Paul, Agnes & John W.
 - **Church Camp Committee:** Recce and preparations for June 10-13 Camp at Forest City Marina Hotel.
9. Love gifts, Offering and Tithes to the Lord can be given in the following ways:
 - **Cheque** payable to **Sovereign Hope Bible Presbyterian Church** and mail to church address. (Kindly write the full name of the church as indicated.)
 - **Fund transfer** to Church **UOB** Account **392-308-825-1**
 - **PayNow** to Church UEN: **T19SS0116FSOV**Kindly indicate "**Church Building Fund**" if you would like to designate towards this cause.