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## Ministry & Fellowship at Hope BPC, Adelaide

Psa 133;1 *"Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!"*

**By the higher hand of God, we were blessed with a fruitful and refreshing time of ministry of the Word 5 times at Hope BPC, Adelaide and edifying fellowship with the brethren by the kindness of Rev Dr Okman Ki and his Session from 1 to 10 May 2024.**



Hope BPC was started in March 1986 in Adelaide by Rev and Mrs Edward Paauwe as part of the IBPFM outreaches in Australia. The Paauwes laboured and built up the congregation into a vibrant community of saints. The Stone Mansion was bought in early 1994 by the will of God and it was a Balm of Gilead with its 27 rooms for many worshippers and overseas students studying in Adelaide. We first came to Hope BPC in Dec 1994 as part of a YAF Retreat. This is at least

our 4th time here to minister the Word, having been invited on other occasions to preach such as the Anniversary service, camps and seminars. There are altogether 8 BPCs in Australia in Perth, Sydney, Melbourne and Adelaide.

The church has grown from about 15-20 members to nearly 150 worshippers after 38 years and has a vibrant and growing ministry in missions, Sunday school, fellowship groups and other ministries. The Pastor of Hope BPC is Rev Dr Okman Ki. Together with his Session, they have been faithfully serving the Lord in teaching and building up the flock in the Word all these years. As the congregation outgrew the Stone Mansion, the Lord led them in 2017 to

purchase the present premises from an Anglican church at Bedford Square, Colonel Light Gardens with a spacious sanctuary that can take about 300 worshippers and many rooms for fellowship and ministry.



During our stay, Pastor spoke on *“The Precepts of Building Godly Relationship and Courtship”* to the Integrated Fellowship on 3 May to about 50 youths and young adults with many relevant questions asked by the young people. On Sunday, Pastor preached at the worship service on *“The Biblical Elements of the Fear of God”* chaired by Eld John Wong and an afternoon seminar on *“The Precept of Covenant Marriage & Family”* with many good questions asked and discussed chaired by Eld Colin Gan.



Angie had the opportunity to share at the Prayer & Share Ladies Fellowship to 10 senior ladies fellowship on the *“Titus 2 Woman”*.



Both of us also ministered at the weekly Martha-to-Mary (M2M) Ladies Bible Study with 12 moms and 6 children in attendance. We shared on *“The Portrait of a Godly Woman”* followed by a time of sharing when one mother cried while sharing from her heart. We concluded with a time of intercession together before the throne of grace.

On Mon 6 May, we were invited to the home of Dn Kevin and Kristy who have a ministry to the Chinese speaking brethren. After the dinner fellowship, Pastor shared the Word of God in Chinese from the book of Jude on "The 4 Imperatives of a Christian". The brethren appreciated the preaching and sharing in Chinese as the weekly Sunday worship is conducted in English with concurrent translation of the sermon by a team.



We have experienced warm hospitality from the Hopefuls who took good care of us, edifying fellowship with various families and special thanks to Dn Jason and Tabitha for being wonderful host and hostess to us in their new spacious home with their two lovely children, Joel & Joy.



There were so many refreshing moments to renew ties and forge new ones with the families who "booked" us for meals even before our arrival. We were especially glad to have meal fellowship with Rev Ed & Mrs Paauwe, Eld Michael & Alice Lee, Dr & Mrs Gong, Peng Ha & Purdee, Elijah &



Lydia and their little ones Gabby & Mykelle, Chee Wee & Joyce & Sarah, John & Sally Tan, Dn Kevin & Kristy & family, Jon Foong & family, Chef Lydia, Danny & Seong Yeng & Sze Sian, Sung Hee & Marion, Dn Boong & Mariam & Jayden, Houston & Jen and committee members of the Integrated Fellowship.



Peng Ha brought us out for a nature walk at Thorndon Park on the day of arrival, and on our last day in Adelaide to Rundle Mall and the Central Market.



Dn Jason & Tabitha drove us to see the beautiful autumn colours of God's creations at Mount Lofty Botanic Gardens, Adelaide Hills.

We thank God for a delightful time of rest and fellowship with our dear brethren in Adelaide.



Heb10:24,25

*"And let us consider one*

*another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching."*

**We need to uphold one another in much prayers in our respective ministries as we persevere with the work of the gospel in strengthening the flock and the work of missions in these last perilous days as we await the Lord's soon return.**

Jack & Angie Sin

# May Day Seminar 1 May 2024

## Health & Healing for Those with Infectious Disease



Speaker:  
Dr Shawn Vasoo  
Infectious Disease Expert

### Outline:

- Microbes: In Creation, Partners or Pathogens?, and the Bible
- Common infections we see today
- Epidemics and plagues through the ages:
  - The Black Death
  - The Flu Pandemic of 1918
  - The SARS epidemic of 2003
  - The COVID-19 pandemic
  - The HIV pandemic
- Hope and healing



Thank God for a profitable seminar and 35 participants at the Annual May Day Seminar.



Dr Shawn Vasoo & wife Dr Christine,  
Rev Matthew Yong, Pastor & Angie



An Extract from Dr Vasoo's notes:

**Antony van Leeuwenhoek (1632 – 1723)** was a Dutch haberdasher who rose to fame not as a cloth merchant but as a **lay Christian scientist** who had a fascination with the microscope and the tiny unseen world it allowed him to view. Leeuwenhoek started his study of God's smallest creatures as a hobby while in his thirties. **He spent the rest of his life finding great joy in discovering a tiny unseen world, through his homemade microscopes, that he felt glorified God as much as looking at the stars did through a telescope.**



Leeuwenhoek, while not discovering the microscope, more than any other individual made it famous. When all was said and done his hobby made him the father of microbiology and he became the first scientist to report the existence of microorganisms invisible to the unaided eye. According to Gillen and Oliver: "He started bacteriology and protozoology, he advanced parasitology, and he accurately described many human cells, including red and white blood cells, sperm, and other human tissues.... By 1673, Leeuwenhoek was discovering things with his superior microscopes that no human eye had ever seen!"

**Psalm 139:17 How precious also are thy thoughts unto me, O God! how great is the sum of them!**

- Past creation scientists such as Leeuwenhoek and Lister were blessed by God as He revealed (Psalm 139:17a) to them critical insight into His creation.
- Leeuwenhoek felt the tiny unseen world glorified God as much as looking at the stars did through a telescope.

Leeuwenhoek was clearly a visionary and a scientist ahead of his time. In fact, the Royal Society of London, at first, rejected his discoveries since they felt he was an untrained layman. However, several British biologists corroborated his findings and as a result his reputation grew so much that he was later elected as a fellow of the Royal Society.

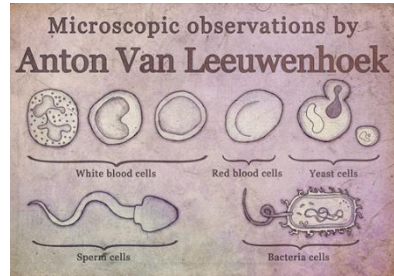
Not only was Leeuwenhoek the first to observe protozoans but he was the first to see sperm cells and their whipping action. But one of his greatest achievements was to demonstrate that the theory of spontaneous generation, which taught that living things emerge spontaneously from inanimate matter, was false. For centuries scientists believed in this theory but **because Leeuwenhoek was a strong Christian, he believed that God created all things according to their kind, and that nothing else could come into existence except through pre-existing life.** Through his work with the microscope, he showed that small organisms didn't spontaneously spring into existence from non-living matter but through the tiny hatched eggs, that often went unnoticed, from the adult parent. **Leeuwenhoek was a strong believer in investigating God's handiwork in nature. His strong desire was to glorify God and benefit mankind through his scientific research.** A sampling of his letters show how Leeuwenhoek ascribed greatness to God for His marvelous creation. In speaking of his opposition to spontaneous generation Leeuwenhoek shared:

*"From all these observations, we discern most plainly the incomprehensible perfection, the exact order, and the inscrutable providential care with which the most wise Creator and*



*Lord of the Universe had formed the bodies of these animalcules, which are so minute as to escape our sight, to the end that different species of them may be preserved in existence. And this most wonderful disposition of nature with regard to these animalcules for the preservation of their species; which at the same time strikes us with astonishment, must surely convince all of the absurdity of those old opinions, that living creatures can be produced from corruption of putrefaction."*

**Leeuwenhoek believed that God made all the tiny creatures the microscope allowed him to see as a testimony of the magnificence of His creation. His microscopes were his tools to give glory to God. Not only was Leeuwenhoek the first micro hunter but he also is the father of advanced parasitology, as well as the first person to recognize the amazing design in microbe motility.**



**Leeuwenhoek not only had a passion for science, but he also had a passion for Christ and it was his sincere desire that his scientific research would help others marvel in the power and creative genius of our Creator. He was indeed a simple man but a giant in the Christian faith. And even at the advanced age of 90 (his age at death) he still had the joy of the Lord in his heart and an awe and wonder at the tiny divine creation he helped others to see.**



## Memory Verse

1Tim 6:6 But godliness with contentment is great gain.

## 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 "**Discipline of Contentment [1Tim 6:1-10]**", the quarterly series on "**Christian Disciplines in the Lord**".
3. Next Sunday, Pastor will preach on "**Discipline of Christian Witness in the Workplace [Col 3:22-25]**".
4. Sunday School classes after the worship service continue as follows:
  - How to Interpret the Bible (Pastor)
  - Studies in 2 Chronicles (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 Old Testament Foundations and the 10 Commandments. Join us for a time of profitable learning. **[Zoom ID:883 9662 4157 Passcode: 218178]**.
6. 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]**.
7. Pray for:
  - Singapore's New Prime Minister, Cabinet and "for all that are in authority". (1Tim 2:1&2)
  - Joseph's Hokkien Outreach on Tuesday 21 May.
  - Camp Committee, Camp Speaker and Devotion Speakers and all Campers at our Annual Church Camp (Jun 11-14), Lotus Desaru Beach Resort on the theme "*Biblical Pathway for Church Growth & Health*". Praise God for the Malaysian visa approvals for Rev David Khobal (our camp speaker) and Eld Habakkuk and pray for safe travel to Singapore.
  - Travels: John Wong (3-23 May), Perry (17/4-5/6)
  - Daniel's medical diagnosis of high blood pressure condition.
  - Kin Hoong's management of heart and lungs condition.
  - Anthony's recovery from radiotherapy and lung cancer.
8. 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.