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### Preach the Gospel to Yourself

Psalm 42, Romans 5:1-3

#### **English Services**

(8 & 10:30 a.m., & 5:30 p.m.)

Prelude
Call to Worship
Worship through Praise
Anthem
Worship through Fellowship
Worship in Music
Scripture Reading
Worship in the Word

Dr. Charles Morris (8 & 10:30 a.m.) Pastor Emer Manaloto

Celebration of the Lord's Supper Benediction (with song)

#### Filipino Service

(3 n.h.)

Paghahanda Tawag sa Pagsamba Pagsamba sa Pag-aawitan Pagkilala sa mga Bisita Pagsamba sa Pagbibigay Pagbasa ng Salita ng Diyos Pakikinig sa Salita ng Diyos Pastor Emer Manaloto

Pagdiriwang ng Banal na Hapunan Pangwakas na Panalangin at Basbas



# Preach the Gospel to Yourself

**Message by Dr. Charles Morris** *on Psalm 42 and Romans 5:1-3* / (3 June 2018, 8 & 10:30 a.m.)

#### DR. D. MARTYN LLOYD-JONES (1899-1981)

- Former MD turned Pastor in London, England
- "...this is the main reason why large numbers of people have ceased to be interested in Christianity" Martyn Lloyd Jones
- "I am greatly encouraged; in all our troubles my joy knows no bounds" (2 Corinthians 7:4, NIV)
- "Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!" (Philippians 4:4)

#### PSALM 42

<sup>1</sup>As the deer pants for streams of water, so my soul pants for you, my God. <sup>2</sup>My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When can I go and meet with God? <sup>3</sup>My tears have been my food day and night, while people say to me all day long, "Where is your God?" <sup>4</sup>These things I remember as I pour out my soul: how I used to go to the house of God under the protection of the Mighty One with shouts of joy and praise among the festive throng.

<sup>5</sup>Why, my soul, are you downcast? Why so disturbed within me? Put your hope in God, for I will yet praise him, my Savior and my God.

#### **ROMANS 5:1-2**

<sup>1</sup>Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>2</sup>through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God ■

#### NOTES:



# The One You Must Keep Believing In

Message by Pastor Emer Manaloto on *John 20:30-31 /* (2/3 June 2018, 3 & 5:30 p.m.)

"Jesus did many other <u>miraculous signs</u> in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But <u>these are written</u> that you may <u>believe</u> that <u>Jesus</u> is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name."

These verses explain the highly selective nature of the Fourth Gospel's contents ("miraculous signs"), as well as its intent ("believing in Jesus"). John's two-fold purpose is to persuade his readers of Jesus' true identity as "the Christ, the Son of God" (apologetic) and to provide the reason for believing in Him, which is to receive the gift of eternal life (evangelistic). So the One you must keep believing in is Jesus, because in being God and Savior, He is your Life-giver. There are two ways people respond to Jesus.

#### I. THE WITNESSES' RESPONSE TO THE SAVIOR THROUGH THE \_\_\_\_\_\_

- A. The Seven Signs of Jesus:
  - 1. The Turning of Water into Wine (John 2:1-11)
  - 2. The Healing of the Official's Son (John 4:43-54)
  - 3. The Healing of the Paralyzed Man (John 5:1-15)
  - 4. The Feeding of the Five Thousand (John 6:1-15)
  - 5. The Walking on the Water (John 6:16-24)
  - 6. The Healing of the Man Born Blind (John 9:1-41)
  - 7. The Raising of Lazarus from the Dead (*John 11:1-44*)
    \*\*The culmination of all signs is The Resurrection of Jesus from the Dead (*John 20-21; cf. 2:18-22*).
  - B. The Two-fold Response of Witnesses:
    - 1. Seeing the signs and believing in the Savior
    - 2. Seeing the signs but not believing in the Savior

#### II. THE READERS' RESPONSE TO THE SAVIOR THROUGH THE

- A. The Seven "I Am" Sayings of Jesus:
  - 1. "I am the Bread of Life" (John 6:35)
  - 2. "I am the Light of the World" (John 8:12)
  - 3. "I am the Gate" (John 10:9)
  - 4. "I am the Good Shepherd" (John 10:11)
  - 5. "I am the Resurrection and the Life" (John 11:25)
  - 6. "I am the Way and the Truth and the Life" (John 14:6)
  - 7. "I am the True Vine" (John 15:1)
- B. The Two-fold Response of Readers:
  - 1. Seeing the Scripture and believing in the Savior
  - 2. Seeing the Scripture but not believing in the Savior

The message of the gospel is here; ready for the response of true faith in Jesus Christ. Two questions face each of us: Have you heard the gospel? Have you believed in Jesus? If you have done it already, then keep believing in Him. But if you have not yet made this life-changing decision, do so right now! "Whoever believes in the Son has eternal life, but whoever rejects the Son will not see life, for God's wrath remains on them" (John 3:36)

## The Shepherd's Voice

#### LENDING A HELPING HAND

With the approval of our Board of Elders, we responded to an urgent appeal for help by our daughter church in Canada, GCF Toronto. Consequently, former BOE Chair, Pastor Marc Sosmeña, joined me in meeting their leaders and mapping out plans for their revitalization. Please pray for GCF Toronto, because having no fulltime pastor for nearly a year resulted in a decline in both membership and morale. Soon after we arrived, their Council of Elders requested P. Marc to stay and pastor them for three months, to help search for a pastor, to mentor their elders on Biblical eldership, and, with my guidance also, on expository preaching.

We also praise God for the opportunity to mediate in a relational issue between the leadership of GCF Toronto and its two daughter churches. We are confident God will be powerfully at work among them all as relationships are healed and forgiveness takes place.

Leaving P. Marc behind at Toronto (1 Timothy 1:3-5), I was invited to speak at GCF Calgary's 8th Anniversary, and after reconnecting with their head pastor (my former youth pastor at GCF South Metro, P. Allan Santos) I will be speaking at GCF Vancouver on June 3. By agreement with the GCF Canada chair, I will start a mentoring relationship with

their head pastor, P. Ike Agawin on preaching and leadership, then return June 8 to the Philippines.

#### **OUR SPEAKER TODAY**

We praise God for blessing us with gifted men in our pulpit as our guests. Through FEBC, our speaker for both Sunday morning Worship Services is Pastor Charles Morris, speaker and President of Haven Ministries (familiar to many as "Haven of Rest," its former name). Starting as a broadcast news reporter, Charles worked as an Editor and Bureau Chief for United Press International (UPI). He also served as Press Secretary for two U.S. Senators, in addition to owning and managing a radio station.

According to the ministry's website, he worked as assistant to the late Dr. James M. Boice before coming to Haven in 2000. Now as both the leader and speaker for the 82-year-old radio ministry, Charles is always thinking of ways to lead Christians and non-Christians to Christ, with Haven's now famous slogan, "Telling the great story...it's all about Jesus."

Charles, and his wife Janet, have co-authored several books including Saving a Life, Jesus in the Midst of Success, and their most recent book, Missing Jesus. Let us welcome with joy Pastor Charles Morris to our pulpit

## Ablaze Devotional

The Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. And he was in the wilderness forty days, being tempted by Satan. And he was with the wild animals, and the angels were ministering to him.

— Mark 1:12-13 (ESV)

#### GCF PRAYER GATHERINGS AT THE CHAPEL

The GCF Hour of Prayer Tuesdays, 6:00 to 7:00 a.m.

Midweek Prayer Service Wednesdays, 7 to 8:30 p.m.

After Jesus' baptism, He saw heaven open. Oftentimes, we think of heaven as something that is up there far away. But in the whole biblical narrative, heaven is the spiritual reality behind the material. Seeing heaven open, then, is a bold declaration of God's presence now manifested in the person and life of Jesus. Mark is telling us to see reality in the life of Jesus.

As the Spirit descended on Him, and a voice declared that He is God's Son and Messiah, we now see Jesus driven out into the wilderness. Here we see how the presence of God looks like. Because He is God's beloved Son, He experiences the extent of God's love even in braving the dry and crusty path of the wilderness. As the Messiah of the people, Jesus identifies with the whole wilderness episode of Israel's (and of humanity's) history. He faced the Accuser and stood victorious, so as to show how stronger He is than the people's failures and bondages. He proved that God's love is powerful to conquer the accusations and temptations of evil.

In times when we experience hardship, we think that God has left us. But looking at Jesus' life, God's Spirit often takes us into a place of hardship so that we'd see the strength of His love. Just as Jesus trusted and walked in the love of the Father, we too are invited to trust and walk in that same love.

May our eyes be fixed on Jesus. Let us brave our lives for His sake, just as He braved our temptations and failings. May the love of the Father lead us into obedience, becoming partakers of His kingdom and witnessing His reign ■

### Ministry Opportunities + Other Announcements



#### JOSHUA AND CALEB MINISTRY

Vision casting of ministry for uniformed personnel Men and women in uniform are invited to join Today (June 3), 12 noon at the Fellowship Hall Registration is at the ministry information booth



#### HARVEST-WETFOOT BAZÃRU

In support of Harvest STM to Japan June 16 & 17 (Sat-Sun) at the Fellowship Hall You may donate your next-to-new items for selling at the bazaar until June 15 (Fri). For more information, please contact 0921 024 4782.



#### YA TALK 3

Perspectives on Career and the Christian Life
June 30 (Sat), at the 6/F Youth Center
2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.; Everyone is invited
Contact 0917 532 7741 to register/for more info



#### **BEAUTY FROM ASHES**

S.H.E. Fellowship, a ministry for God's single women June 30 (Sat), 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Auditorium B All single women and single moms are invited Contact 0917 532 7725 to register/for more info Registration is free

#### STEWARDSHIP REPORT

May 2018

	May Budget	Received, May 1-27
General	9,024,881	5,717,412
Missions	927,000	1,643,397
	Jan. to May	Received.
	Budget	JanMay
General	•	

#### *Flower* Ministry

The flowers this week are given with praise and thanksgiving to our God for His grace and mercy by LC, the Basilad family, the Valera family, the Messiah College and by an anonymous donor.

Please call 632 1354 to 56 for inquiries on how to participate in this ministry.



# An invitation to partner and support: Harvest-Wetfoot Short-term Mission Trip 2018

Harvest, GCF's evangelistic singing team, has long been praying for an opportunity to do a short-term outreach abroad. But it was only late last year that God finally answered our prayers through partnership with the Wetfoot Ministry of the church. Wetfoot will assist us in going to the Land of the Rising Sun, to respond to the long-standing invitation of our missionary Ken Taylor to assist him in his ministry with the Tokyo-based Hallelujah Gospel Family (HGF).

Why Harvest? Since HGF focuses on using Black Gospel in creating opportunities to meet with nonbelievers, the tie-up with Harvest is a natural one. Both use popular music as a gateway to get people to listen to the gospel. We are confident that our experience in conducting worship and music workshops will also come in handy as we assist in HGF's major workshop activities, and its culminating concert in July 2018.

In light of this, we appeal for your support, that as we humbly commit to do God's work in Japan by faith, you would pray for:

- Good health and God's protective covering upon all team members and our families.
- Moment-by-moment walking with the Holy Spirit so the team will be sensitive to God's voice from the preparations all the way to the missions trip, and even back here as we use what we have learned in ministry.
- God's provisions to be sufficient for all the needs of the team and the short-term missions trip.

We believe that nothing is too hard for the Lord. We remain committed to bring the life-transforming message of Christ's love and salvation to anyone and everyone, all for the glory of God whom we serve

**ON THE COVER:** A small herd of deer drinking at a watering hole in India (*Wikimedia*).

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#### DISCIPLE-MAKING GROUP

## Pass by the GGEX (Growth Group Express)!

Sundays, 9:30-10:30 a.m., Room B124 Get a feel of what a Growth Group is like before you participate in one. Come and join us!

#### Life in Technicolor Support Group

for cancer patients

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the month 12:00-3:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Room

#### SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

8 a.m.: Ages 1-3, B415; Ages 4-5, B410; Age 6, B414; Age 7, B403; Age 8, B413, Ages 9-10, B411; Ages 11-12, B409; Transition Age 13, B406

**10:30 a.m.:** Ages 1-2, B412; Age 3, B415; Age 4, B408; Age 5, B410; Age 6A, B402; Age 6B, B403; Age 7, B401; Age 8, B413; Age 9, B411; Age 10, B414; Age 11, B409; Age 12, B405; Transition Age 13, B406 **3 p.m.:** Ages 1-5, B415; Ages 6-9, B402;

Ages 10-12, B403

**5:30 p.m.:** Ages 1-5, B415; Age 6, B402; Ages 7-9, B401; Ages 10-12, B403; Transition Age 13, B404

Nursery: 2<sup>nd</sup> flr. for nursing moms and babies aged one week to 11 months old Yayas: 8 a.m. and 10:30 a.m., B404 Sunday School Parents' Class:

9:30 a.m., B406

If you are interested in joining any of the small groups above, fill out the tear-off form inside this bulletin, drop it in the offering bag or submit it to the Growth Group booth at the lobby. For more information, you can text or call us at **0917** 532 7740.

#### 2<sup>nd</sup> GG Leaders' Assembly

*Topic: How to Start a New Small Group* June 30 (Sat.), 3-5 p.m., Fellowship Hall



## Greenhills Christian Fellowship Know Christ and Make Him Known

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Tel. Nos. 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80, 635 0082 to 83 | Fax No. 632 1357
Mobile No. 0920 961 2964, Mon.-Fri., 8:30 a.m.-5 p.m.
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## How may we SERVE YOU BETTER?

Fill-out this tear off form and drop it in an offering bag/box or at the Ministry Information Booth. Please check all that is applicable:

$\bigcirc$	I am a first-time guest.	
0	I prayed to receive Jesus Christ as my Savior and Lord today.	
0	I would like to know how to become a Christian.	
0	I am interested in becoming a member of this church.	
0	I want to join a Growth Group. (Specify age group:) (Specify group composition:)	
$\bigcirc$	I want to start a Growth Group.	
$\bigcirc$	I want to host a Growth Group.	
	Please share with us some information about yourself:	
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Name of Growth Group (if you already		
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Today is 2/3 June 2018, and I attended the 8 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 3:00 p.m., 5:30 p.m. or 6:00 p.m. (Sat) (encircle the time).		
`	Write below <i>any</i> inquiry or prayer item that you want to ask or share.	
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For hospital or house visitation, dedication service, or funeral service requests, please call or text 0917 532 7794.

### God's Way to Heaven

#### THE GOSPEL

"Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures."

(1 Corinthians 15:3-4).

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT GOD

**God is holy and righteous:** "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord Almighty, the whole earth is full of his glory" (*Isaiah 6:3*). **He requires holiness of us as well:** "Be holy, for I am holy" (*1 Peter 1:16*).

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT MAN

Man is sinful: "For all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God" (*Romans 3:23*). Sin demands a penalty: "For the wages of sin is death" (*Romans 6:23*).

#### THE TRUTH ABOUT CHRIST

Christ is the expression of God's love for us: "God demonstrates his own love for us in this: while we were still sinners, Christ died for us" (Romans 5:8). Christ paid the penalty of our sins and died for sinners: "For Christ died for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, to bring you to God" (1 Peter 3:18). Through Christ, God offers man reconciliation: "God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting men's sins

#### WHAT SHOULD WE DO?

against them" (2 Corinthians 5:18).

Believe and receive Jesus as Lord and Savior: "If you confess with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved" (*Romans 10:9*).

PRAYER: Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, have mercy on me, a sinner. I believe that you died on the cross in my place, to save me from my sins, and I accept you as my Savior, and the Master of my life forever. Amen.

#### Need someone to talk to?

Visit the Emmaus Road Counseling Center at the GCF Mezzanine floor or contact 632 1354 to 56, 635 0078 to 80 or 0917 532 7794 for inquiries.