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Our Direction Towards Jubilee

A Transformational Church Transforming Our Community.
~ One Life at a Time, One Family at a Time.

Welcome

A very warm welcome to all who are worshipping the Lord with us today, especially you who are here for the first time!

As you enter to worship, anticipate an encounter with God Himself, and expect a clear word from the Lord for your life.

May your heart be touched and your life impacted and transformed as you experience the presence of the true and living God in worship!

Your fellow-worshipper,
Pastor Kenny Fam
Senior Pastor

Pastoral Reflection

A Sudden Invitation

You've seen them – at MRT station exits, at entrances to malls. Yes, I'm referring to those pesky insurance agents. We make sure to keep a distance from them, and if you're unfortunate to have to walk near them, try to avoid any eye contact.

So, imagine if one of them suddenly intercepts you and says, "Follow me, and I will make you an insurance agent". "What? Who, me?" What would your reaction be?

Well, it seems Jesus did something similar. One of the verses I memorized as a young Christian, a verse from the Navigators TMS (Topical Memory System), says, '*And He [Jesus] said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men."*' (Matt 4:19, RSV)

When Jesus said this, the gospels of Matthew and Mark said He was walking by the Sea of Galilee when He happened upon two fisherman brothers Simon Peter and Andrew. Going further from there, He met another pair of fishermen brothers, James and John, and similarly invited them. Both gospels recount that all four *immediately* left their nets and followed Him.

Wow, Jesus must have such a force of personality that these men would immediately leave everything behind when He asked them to. That's what has always been on the back of my mind. Both gospels don't detail the circumstances that made them leave their livelihood to follow Him. It was only recently when I read about the same occasion in Luke 5 that I realize why they'd so readily left their livelihood and careers to follow Jesus.[1]

The four had been out fishing all night without success. They'd returned to shore and were washing their nets when Jesus requisitioned Simon's boat so He could use it to preach out on the lake. Jesus, on finishing His preaching, then asked Simon to go further out and put His nets out to fish. They then managed to reap a huge haul of fish that required James and John's assistance.

Simon was awestruck and filled with a sense of unworthiness - he realized he was in the presence of Someone unusual. So, when asked to follow Jesus, he and his brother had no qualms in doing so. They then went up to where James and John were, mending their nets after bringing in the huge haul of fish. Jesus also asked the other two brothers to follow Him and they too, having experienced the unusual haul and seeing their partners leaving their business, did the same and left their family business.

We may have unusual experiences and keep them at the back of our mind, or have an immediate realization of our sinfulness from that encounter. Whether sudden or slow burn, these have prepared us to respond when God calls us to follow Him, even to leaving our careers and livelihood for Jesus. I'm amazed at how God is always there as we go about our lives and – as with the call of these four disciples - uses each moment to bring us to a closer relationship with Him.

By Toh Beng Guan

[1] *Incidentally, Luke does provide background context to many instances where Matthew and Mark give few details.*

Sermon Topics

Theme: Hebrews Series

15 Nov
Christ's Once for All Sacrifice
Hebrews 9-10:18
Pastor Tiffany

22 Nov
Living by Faith
Hebrews 10:19-11:40
Pastor Kenny

29 Nov
Fixing Our Eyes on Jesus
Hebrews 12-13
Pastor Tiffany

Theme: Advent Series

06 Dec
Light in A Dark World
Isaiah 9:1-7
Pastor Tiffany

13 Dec
They Offered Him Gifts
Matthew 2:11
Pastor Ramylal

Services

Sun

English Services
9am & 11am

Mandarin Service
9am

Filipino Service
1.30pm

Indonesian Fellowship
1.30pm

Children Ministry
11am

Sat

English Youth Ministry
3.30pm

Fri

Golden Years Fellowship
11am

GAP (every 4th Friday)
8pm

Last Week's Attendance

Onsite
9am English: 110
11am English: 179
Children (English): 21
Youth (English): 14
Mandarin: 109
Children (Mandarin): 4
Youth (Mandarin): 9
Filipino: 26
Indonesian: 11

Online Streaming (Based on no. of views)
11am Service: 187
9am Mandarin: 55

Tithes & Offerings

General & Missions Fund

Last Week's Collection	$20,858
Budget	$29,863
Cumulative YTD Actual	$1,128,954
Cumulative YTD Budget	$1,343,835

Lease Renewal & Building Fund

Last week's collection	$17,451
Cumulative Collection	$8,276,628
Amount disbursed – Lease Renewal & related expenses	$4,367,005
Balance cash	$3,909,623
Still need	$3,723,372

Ways to give:
PAYNOW

General & Missions Fund QR Code

Rebuilding Fund QR Code

UEN 198804406RCHU

Cheque
For cheques, write "Bethesda Pasir Ris Mission Church Ltd" and mail it to 11 Pasir Ris Dr 2 S518458. Attn: Finance Dept

Bank Transfer
UOB 102-310-143-8
A/C Name: Bethesda Pasir Ris Mission Church Ltd

After the transfer, please email Yee Sze at yeesze@bpmc.com.sg to indicate your name, amount transferred and which fund you wish to give to. Please do not send cash by post.

Announcements

BPMC's Christmas Outreach 2026
1. **Christmas Fest @ Downtown East**
Our 5 churches in Pasir Ris are coming together to collaborate for the above event.

Dates:
Friday, 4th Dec (6.30 - 8.30pm)
Saturday, 5th Dec (5.30 - 8.30 pm)

Venue:
Begonia Terrace @ Downtown East

We invite you to help and participate:
*Befrienders
*Event Volunteers (ushering, crowd management...etc)
*Publicity and flyer distribution for the combined churches effort
*Roaming balloon sculpting

Kindly contact Cindy Ng @ 97721187 for more information.

2. **Carolling at Nursing Homes**
Daniel CG and the Filipino team will be reaching out to the seniors at the following Homes on Saturday, 12 Dec:
St John's Home for the Elderly
NTUC Health Nursing Home (Pasir Ris)
Apex Harmony Lodge

Kindly keep the above two events and all those involved in prayer. Thank you.

Ministry Heads Meeting, 28 Nov, 2pm
We invite all heads of ministries in BPMC to attend a Calendar Planning meeting on November 28th at 2pm.

Our goal is to update and confirm the Consolidated Events Calendar for 2027.

With the inputs of various ministries of the church, we will know at a glance all that is planned for 2027 enabling better communication, coordination and collaboration among all our ministries.

Please register your attendance with Steven at steven@bpmc.com.sg.

See you on the 28th!

Home Blessing & Loyang Point
This Christmas, may we become God's channel of blessing to our community and friends, so that many may also receive the most precious gift.

Nov 28, Sat, 10am-11.30am.

We invite you to come and befriend the community. Please register your participation with Steven at steven@bpmc.com.sg or contact the church office @ 65842428.

Announcements

Youth Ministry: A Call to Disciple the Next Generation
Who will walk alongside the next generation and help them follow Jesus? Could God be calling you?

The next generation needs more than people who can lead activities. They need godly men and women who are willing to invest in their lives, walk alongside them through their struggles, point them to God's Word, pray with them, and encourage them to grow into faithful disciples of Jesus Christ.

The YM is seeking two committed cell leaders — one male and one female — to serve a minimum of two years (2027–2028).

You do not need to be a gifted teacher or preacher. What matters is a heart for God, a love for young people, and a willingness to make yourself available for God to work through you. Sometimes, the most powerful ministry is simply showing up consistently, listening patiently, praying faithfully, and modelling a life that follows Christ.

The YM meets on most Saturdays at 3.00pm at BPMC.

If God has placed a burden for the next generation on your heart, do not dismiss it. Contact Pastor Brandon at brandon@bpmc.com.sg or M:9833 1416 to find out how you can play a part in shaping young people to become faithful followers of Jesus.

Additional:
Follow our Instagram page (@aftertheone_), Facebook page (Bpmc YM), and WhatsApp Channel (BPMC Youth Ministry 2027) to stay updated and involved in the life and ministry of BPMC YM.

Appeal for Volunteers for Meals on Wheel
In partnership with Bethesda Care Services (BCS), we had successfully delivered lunch and dinner to elderly recipients every weekday since 2023. We go out in teams of 2s and 3s daily to deliver packed lunch and dinner to up to 5 locations per team. These meals are paid for and sent to us from BCS daily. We are appealing for more members to join us in this ministry.

Your commitment is just an hour a week; between 1100am -1200noon (lunch) or 3.30pm- 4.30pm(dinner) on a weekday.

Let us be our Lord Jesus' han
ds and feet to love and transform our community - one life at a time, one family at a time.

Those who are interested, please give your name and contact number to Steven: steven@bpmc.com.sg

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Thanking Pastor Kenny for His Service
We would like to inform the congregation that Pastor Kenny's last sermon with BPMC will be on 22 November 2026. Thereafter, he will be clearing his leave.

We thank God for Pastor Kenny's faithful leadership in guiding BPMC through significant seasons of change and challenge. In particular, we are grateful for how he steered the church through the difficult pandemic years, providing spiritual direction, wisdom, and stability during a time of uncertainty. We also thank God for his leadership in facilitating leadership renewal, helping the church navigate transitions, nurture new leaders, and prepare the church beyond Jubilee.

We also deeply appreciate Ps Kenny's faithful ministry in proclaiming and teaching the Word of God. His commitment in expounding the Scriptures with insight, clarity and conviction is something we will miss dearly.

We will also remember him for his dedication in transforming Pasir Ris through the various community initiatives which have made lasting impacts on many.

As Pastor Kenny concludes this season of ministry with us, let us express our heartfelt gratitude for all that he has done and continue to uphold him and his family in prayer. May the Lord bless him abundantly, grant him wisdom and strength, and guide him into the next chapter of his ministry.

Thank you, Pastor Kenny, for your faithful service and leadership. May God's grace continue to be with you wherever He leads you.

With gratitude and blessings,
BPMC

Children Ministry
The Children Ministry is on their year-end break. See you in January 2027.

Condolences
We extend our heartfelt condolences to Linda Lau and family on the passing on of her mother, the late Mdm Choo Lian Chai who went home to be with the Lord on 11 Nov 2026

We extend our heartfelt condolences to Wilson Bok, Janet Bok, Wilfred Bok and family on the passing on of their mother, the late Mdm Toh Ngan Yu who went home to be with the Lord on 13 Nov 2026

Announcements

Are you ready to deepen your walk?

Whether you are a new believer or have been walking with God for decades, this is your invitation to take a step further in growing in Christ and becoming equipped to disciple others.



Join our **INFORMATION SESSION**

EQUIP TO SERVE (ETS)
Introducing a Discipleship Course



Meet *Belinda Poon*
A Discipleship International missionary based in Vancouver, with over 27 years of experience in global missions and 32 years in ETS discipleship training.

What Our Church Family Is Saying

"In my early days as Christian, I was discipled through the Navigator's Col. 2:7 series, the forerunner of ETS. I have been blessed spiritually, as were many brothers and sisters who went through the series with me. I'm sure you will be blessed too." - Elder Chin Ting

"When I was young I was discipled on a forerunner of ETS. It has equipped me to disciple others. After becoming a pastor, I have trained people with this material to deepen their spiritual life wherever I'm pastoring. I see life being edified and built up after people went through the course. I am confident you will experience the same too. Do take up the challenge and make a change in your life"
- Pastor Peter

SAVE THE DATE!
Sunday, Nov. 15

Session 1 - Chinese
11am - 12pm
BPMC WH 3

Session 2 - English
1:30 pm - 3 pm
BPMC WH 2

Kindly help us prepare sufficient materials for everyone by early registration thru the QR code below:

A special door gift awaits !

BIBLICAL CONFLICT RESOLUTION

A PRACTICAL GUIDE TO HEALTHIER RELATIONSHIPS



"We can all be nice from afar, but far from nice when we are close."

SPEAKER

Pastor Benny Ho

Since the fall of man, conflicts have been a part of humanity. It is not a sin to be in conflicts but if our conflicts are not well managed, it can lead to sinful behaviours. This seminar seeks to give us a biblical view of conflicts and how to manage them.

SEMINAR COVERAGE

1. What is conflict?
2. What are potential causes of conflicts?
3. How does conflict develop?
4. What are common mistakes made in conflict resolution?
5. What are some biblical keys to resolving conflicts?

SATURDAY
9 January 2027

TIME
9:00 am – 12:30 pm

VENUE
Hall 2
Bethesda Pasir Ris Mission Church

SCAN TO REGISTER

"If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all."
— ROMANS 12:18 (ESV)

Sermon Notes

CHRIST'S ONCE FOR ALL SACRIFICE

Hebrews 9-10:18 I Pastor Tiffany Tan

1. The System That Kept Score *(Hebrews 9:1-10, 10:1-4)*

2. The Sacrifice That Settled It Once And For All (Hebrews *9:11-28, 10:5-18)*

My Response