



Covenant

DNA of Christ's Disciple



1 Nov 2020

Monthly Bulletin

The Journey from Orientation to Disorientation to Reorientation

The Christian Life is a Journey. And it is not about getting to the destination as quickly as possible, because the Journey is as important (if not more important) as the Destination.

This past 8 months has been a journey that none of us expected or volunteered for. What can we learn as we look back?

Orientation

We spend our entire life orientating through education and equipping so that we will function optimally. We take up courses and invest in trainings that will best set us up for success and progress. These are necessary steps that all of us have to take.

Disorientation

There are also seasons (like the pandemic) where everything we have mastered, developed and comfortable with are thrown into disarray and chaos. Even what we used to believe are called into question. It's a revolutionary upheaval of all that we have built over a lifetime.

End of 2019, I was going through this period disorientation, as a father, a pastor, a believer. I heard God saying, "Keith, don't run. I am going to break you". When you such words from a loving Heavenly Father, they do not come across as cruel or harsh, but a gracious admonition. The process might be painfully disorientating but the outcome can only be good.

"My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him. For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives." Heb 12:5-6

During this unusual time when we cannot come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our pre-recorded worship service at this website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting through various digital platforms.

Welcome!

We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplemakers.

This process of being reproved may not be the most comfortable, when our favourite “toys” are taken away from us, our safety nets stripped away, our security shattered.

Reorientation

The process of disorientation leads to reorientation. This is a necessary step for greater growth and maturity. Otherwise we remain stuck in the rut, carrying on “business as usual”, keeping the status quo because we are too fearful of changes.

What are some areas of reorientation that God is orchestrating in your life? Overhauling the values you have always cherished? Rethink the way you worship? (can you still worship God without singing?) Challenge the way you connect with others? Rekindle your passion to reach out to your community and neighbours?

Let’s not miss the many blessings of reorientation.

~ ~ **Rev Keith Lai** ~ ~

Entering The Throne Room of God

Ps Lai Mui Fong

1 Kings 22:19

MISSION COLLECTION FOR THIS SUNDAY (1 NOV 2020)

Kingdomgarten Preschool Services

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MISSION COLLECTION

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November 2020 - KINGDOMGARTEN PRESCHOOL SERVICES

The next page is a brief write-up of Kingdomgarten Preschool Services for your information.

⁷ So let each one give as he purposes in his heart, not grudgingly or of necessity; for God loves a cheerful giver. (2Cor 9:7, NKJV)

STARTING STRONG... FINISHING WELL

We started strong...

The first kindergarten in Singapore was set up 99 years ago by a Presbyterian church. It marks the beginning of an important mission work amongst preschool children and parents in Singapore. The effort of this kindergarten and other church-based preschools that came along has made a big impact in bringing God's love and the gospel to the children and their families.

At one point, church-based preschools was catering to 20% of the total preschool enrolment in Singapore. We started strong.

but it is now a battleground...

Today, due to commercialism, competition and complacency the percentage of church-based preschools has dropped to below 8%. In the past eight years, approximately 80 church-based preschools closed their doors.

The decline of the Christian Preschool Ministry is played out against the backdrop of a more polarised and secular society. Children are introduced to world views that contradicts the bible. Their understanding of truth, beauty and goodness are distorted.

The Christian Preschool Ministry is collapsing. The mind space of our children has turned from a playground to a battleground. We have a crisis on hand.

Action is needed...

There is an urgent need for the Christian community to step up our support so that we can continue God's work and finish well.

It is with the intention to meet this need that the Christian Preschool Alliance (CPA) was set up in 2019. The mission of CPA is to bring the Christian Preschool Community together to "strengthen the walls" of our preschools and "keep the gates open" so that children can come in and learn the truth, experience God's love and have a strong foundation in life.

CPA will provide leadership, staff development, curriculum redesign, publicity, shared services and education fund support. A team of

full-time staff (Kingdomgarten Preschool Services) and volunteers are involved in this endeavour.

Find out more about what we are doing at www.kingdomgarten.org

How can you help?

We need all the help we can get from every church and Christian so that we can overcome current challenges. Though these challenges are humongous, we believe that our Lord is even greater. Like the little boy who offered his meagre 5 loaves and 2 fish to Jesus, we believe that the little that we offer will not be too small in the hands of our great King. He will bless our offerings so that we can minister to 5,000 children every year. That is our aspiration and prayer.

Today, you can help us reach 5,000 children in the following ways:

- Make a donation;
- Provide pro bono help in the area of your expertise;
- Provide resources that are useful to preschools;
- Support someone to become a preschool teacher/principal;
- Join a church-based preschool as a staff;
- Tell others about the importance of Christian Preschool Ministry; and
- Pray for God's providence.

In the book of Matthew, Jesus called out to us to

"(let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these."

I pray we can have the heart of Jesus. I pray that we can look at children like Jesus does. I pray that we see them not as a burden, but as the kingdom of God.

**We have started strong.
Let us finish well.**



**Christian
Preschool
Alliance**

**Kingdomgarten
Preschool
Services**

Hearing about children around the world missing out on education, vaccines and regular meals because of the pandemic, might make us feel helpless BUT we can do something in our own Singapore! Hope we can pull together to make a difference!



Check out : www.gladiolusplace.org.sg for more information or [Facebook.com/bakersdozensg](https://www.facebook.com/bakersdozensg)

Self-collection/ Meet ups/ Deliveries, beginning 1 Nov 20, will be arranged when you order. Thank you for spreading the word!

You can make a Difference!

Baker's Dozen is having an online bake sale to raise funds for Gladiolus Place, a non-profit residential refuge for vulnerable teenaged girls.

GP is a registered charity with IPC status & operates under a license by the Ministry of Social & Family Devt.

gladiolusplace.org.sg

\$50 / 3 snack tubs

Choc'arts/ Oatmeal Raisin/ Oatmeal Choc Chip/ Oatmeal Cookies&Cream/ Oatmeal Ginger; one flavour per tub of 12 cookies, random allocation

All proceeds to GP; order now!

[facebook.com/bakersdozensg](https://www.facebook.com/bakersdozensg)

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GIVING

Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithing and Offering.

TITHING



Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 025-905375-8

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith

UEN no. **T12SS0164DTTH**

OFFERING



Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :

*“E” for English Service
“C” for Chinese Service
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: 033-016873-0

Account name: Covenant Presbyterian Church

UEN no. **T12SS0164D**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- ✝ The Chinese worship service has resumed from **1 Nov 2020** with all the necessary safety measures in place. The service starts at **9.00am**. For registration details, please refer to our church's website @ <https://cplink.org.sg/>
- ✝ **CPC Prayer Meeting** (Fresh Fire) on 13 Nov (Fri) @ 8pm.
Meeting ID : 298 108 8560
Password: 2768768
- ✝ **Adult & Child Baptism, Confirmation and Transfer-in** on **25 Dec**. Schedule of membership class will be announced closer to date. You may register at the church office or send an email to Hope@cplink.org.sg or Hazel@cplink.org.sg



Changes coming your way:

- 1) Kindly note that effective from **2 Nov 2020** onwards, Mondays are designated as the off day for all Pastoral and Admin staff, the Church office will be closed on Mondays.
- 2) Effective from **15 Nov 2020**, our English worship service onsite and online will start at the new timeslot @ **10.30am**
- 3) We have revamped our weekly bulletin and tithing letter. The bulletin will be consolidated with our tithing letter and released once a month, on the 1st week of each month. The new format will contain an article from the church leadership and monthly events or announcements. All the bulletins can be found in our Church's website: <https://cplink.org.sg/>



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Day Alone with the Lord

Ps Lai Mui Fong