



To live is Christ, to die is gain. (Phil 1:21)

Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church

ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2011

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I believe in my soul that there are more at this day being lost for want of decision than for any other thing. D.L. Moody

Word from our Advisor

I thank God once again for the privilege and opportunity to serve as the Advisor for Truth Adult Fellowship. Truly it has been a blessed time of liaising and working with all the committee members of the Adult fellowship.

The theme for 2011 is 'Fear God and keep His Commandments', taken from Deuteronomy 10:12-13. I thank God for the faithfulness and commitment of all the committee members, working so well together in the regular monthly meetings, coming out with the topics and getting the speakers to speak to us to build us up to be obedient to God's Words. We were further treated to more feeding of God's Words from the book of Revelation which was imparted to us practically by Rev. Dr Quek Suan Yew. I am also encouraged to see all projects of the AF successfully carried out. The Retreat held in November for 2 nights was reasonably well attended and all of us were blessed by the messages preached by Preacher Dennis Kablingue. In the retreat, we were given a slip of paper to write down our spiritual goals for this year and to hand it back to the committee. Let us be mindful of the commitment we have made and strive with God's help to attain it! The year ended with a gathering at the president's house on 17th Dec. and caroling on the 25th Dec in the home of brother Chin Cheong's cousin.

As we embark on another year, with 365 'fresh' days ahead of us, how will we end it spiritually? I would like to share some verses (certainly not new to any of you) for you to consider and reflect as you start each day this year.

Ephesians 5:15-17 See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, Redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is.

.... How will you walk today? We often hear that we are living in the end times and the Lord is returning soon.... How will your words, actions and thoughts be today?

Philippians 3:12-14 Not as though I had already attained, either were already perfect: but I follow after, if that I may apprehend that for which also I am apprehended of Christ Jesus. Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the

prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

...Have you become a 'perfect' (mature) Christian? Did you think you have arrived after being a Christian for over 20, 25, 30 years? Do you feel that you know God's word well 'cos you got over 50 credits from FEBC? Let us heed Paul's instructions and keep on growing in the image of Christ!

John 15:5-6 I am the vine, ye are the branches: He that abideth in me, and I in him, the same bringeth forth much fruit: for without me ye can do nothing. If a man abide not in me, he is cast forth as a branch, and is withered; and men gather them, and cast them into the fire, and they are burned.

...Yes we are the branches... We are saved by his mercy and grace... It is our privilege and honour to serve Him... But not by our own strength... Let us always pray and seek His strength, grace and wisdom as we labour for Him

May the Lord Jesus Christ be our stay and guide in 2012 as we continue in our walk with Him. Amen.

Truth AF 2011

Theme Verse – Deu 10:12-13

- Objectives** –
1. Fear the LORD our God
 2. Walk in all His ways
 3. Love Him
 4. Serve the LORD our God with all our heart and with all our soul
 5. Keep the commandments of the LORD, and His statues

Theme song – Trust and Obey

Groups

Dn Winston Chew (Leader)	Eric Toh (Leader)	Mary Yong (Leader)	Alice Tan (Leader)
Paul Tan	Anthony Cheng	Dn Martin Cheong	Joe Tan
Chew Soh Han	Toh Jyh Cheau	Yong Choon Leong	John Loo
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Members' Pledge

In joining the Adults' Fellowship, I declare my faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord. As a member of this Adults' Fellowship, I shall endeavour to attend every meeting, to be punctual, to pray for other members, to witness for Him and in all things to glorify God in my life. I have read the Constitution and thereby agree to adhere to its rulings.

President : Dn Winston Chew

“Fear God and Keep His Commandments”. This was the theme for 2011, partly based on Ecc 12:13:

“Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter: Fear God, and keep his commandments: for this is the whole duty of man.”

The elaboration of this theme is found in Deut 10:12-13, which were adopted as our theme verses:

“And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?”

Our objectives for the year were drawn from the points in these verses. Fearing God is the beginning of wisdom and knowledge. Fearing God determines how we walk our spiritual walk, how we behave in the presence of others and when we are alone. Fearing God ensures that we keep His commandments, and love Him and serve Him. It is also a reminder that God’s commandments are given for our good, and it will do us well to keep and obey them.

The year started with the celebration of the TAF’s 5th Anniversary, with a message by Rev Quek on “Sword and Trowel”, as a reminder of our dual duties of building and defending. He also spoke on the Theme message of the year: “Fear God and Keep His Commandments” based on our theme verses before the new Exco decided to adopt it as the theme. This was followed by the AGM and Elections, which was conducted smoothly. Pr Lek spoke on “Return!” based on Jer 3:22. Elder Douglas then spoke on Nehemiah.

The main programme of the year was the study on the Minor Prophets. Some of these books are well known to us (such as Jonah), but for most of us, they are relatively unfamiliar. We thank God that we were able to study these books taught to us by many faithful ministers of God, including Rev Quek, Rev Koshy, Dr Jeffrey Khoo, Pr Kabingue, and Pr Ko Linggang. Through them, we learnt many spiritual lessons which are applicable for our daily walk with the Lord. In addition, Rev Quek conducted a Bible Study on the book of Revelation every 4th Saturday of the month, except June and Dec.

On July 16, a Gospel Night was organised at the home of Martin and Susan. It began with fellowship dinner. Dr Jeffrey Khoo spoke on “The world is coming to an end: Really?” to address the sentiment of many in the world, who are feeling complacent, thinking that the world will carry on as it is. Thank God for many new friends who came.

We thank God for a good time of retreat from 25 to 27 Nov at Austin Hills Golf and Country Resort. Pr Kabingue spoke to us on topics based on the theme for the year: “Fear the Lord Thy God and Walk in all His Ways”, “Love and Serve The Lord Thy God”, and “Keep the Commandment of the Lord and His Statutes”. We thank God for the many spiritual insights through our speaker. Thank God for Tammy and Eileen who taught the children during the main messages, using the same theme. There was also a time of spiritual evaluation of our personal walk with God, and of the AF.

Year end was a busy period for everybody. A Christmas at the home of Winston and Soh Han was held on 17 Nov. During a time of sharing, many members and friends shared of God’s goodness to us through the year. We thank God for bringing back Joshua Yong into our midst, who spoke to us on “Not I but Christ”, based on Gal 2:20. Thank God for the spiritual food and sweet fellowship.

Christmas carolling was held on Sunday 25 Dec, instead of the usual 24th night. We visited the home of Chin Cheong’s cousin, Dr and Mrs Billy Hardy. Thank God for the opportunity to bring the Christmas

message to the family in carols and also through God's Word expounded by our Pastor, Rev Dennis. The second home was at Martin and Susan's where we had a good time singing favourite carols.

Looking back at 2011, we thank God for all His blessings on the TAF. How have we been spiritually in 2011? Have we grown in the Lord, and matured in the faith? Or have we slacken and backslided? If so, let us repent, and return to the Lord. As we look forward to the new year, let us strive to "Fear God, and Keep His Commandments".

Vice-President : Eric Toh

"So teach us to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom." Ps 90:12

As I started to write the Annual General Report, I am reminded that it is already end of December. How time flies! From the view of our eternal God, our time on earth is but a brief existence! He demands us to be good stewards of the wealth, talents and time that He has graciously bestowed upon us. Every morning, He credit to our bank account 86,400 seconds. By the end of the day, if you are unable to finish using the "time", you cannot bring it forward to the next day. If you fail to use the day's deposits, the loss is yours!

"See then that ye walk circumspectly, not as fools, but as wise, redeeming the time, because the days are evil. Wherefore be ye not unwise, but understanding what the will of the Lord is." Eph 5:15-17. A paraphrase will be "Look carefully then how you walk! Be wise. Live purposefully and worthily. Making the very most of the time, buying up each opportunity. Therefore do not be vague and thoughtless and foolish, but understanding and firmly grasping what the will of the Lord is."

Let us be challenged to live purposefully for the coming year and to serve the Lord faithfully. I conclude with a poem from CT Studd:

“Two little lines I heard one day,
Traveling along life's busy way;
Bringing conviction to my heart,
And from my mind would not depart;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,
Soon will its fleeting hours be done;
Then, in 'that day' my Lord to meet,
And stand before His Judgement seat;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, the still small voice,
Gently pleads for a better choice
Bidding me selfish aims to leave,
And to God's holy will to cleave;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, a few brief years,
Each with its burdens, hopes, and fears;
Each with its clays I must fulfill,
living for self or in His will;

Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

When this bright world would tempt me sore,
When Satan would a victory score;
When self would seek to have its way,
Then help me Lord with joy to say;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Give me Father, a purpose deep,
In joy or sorrow Thy word to keep;
Faithful and true what e'er the strife,
Pleasing Thee in my daily life;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Oh let my love with fervor burn,
And from the world now let me turn;
Living for Thee, and Thee alone,
Bringing Thee pleasure on Thy throne;
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last.

Only one life, yes only one,
Now let me say, "Thy will be done";
And when at last I'll hear the call,
I know I'll say "twas worth it all";
Only one life, 'twill soon be past,
Only what's done for Christ will last. "

Secretary: Alice Tan

Indeed the Lord has been good to us individually and to the AF in2011! I'm sure you can echo with me and praise the Lord for His unfailing loving kindness, grace and mercy towards us!

As I reflect on the year that has just gone by, I can't help but also remember how all these are possible - only through His precious Son, Jesus Christ, who loves us and gave Himself for us! Have we neglected so great a salvation? Have we forgotten what it means for Christ to die - or even consider what Christ has to go through to pay for our salvation?

Heb 2:1-3 -Therefore we ought to give the more earnest heed to the things which we have heard, lest at any time we should let them slip. For if the word spoken by angels was steadfast, and every transgression and disobedience received a just recompense of reward; How shall we escape, if we neglect so great salvation; which at the first began to be spoken by the Lord, and was confirmed unto us by them that heard him.

As we begin another year, may we desire to know Christ more, purpose to seek Him and His will for us more earnestly; that we may live the life He wants us to - for His glory. May we be constantly thankful and live in the light of this precious knowledge of what price Christ has to pay to make us free.

Mark 14:33-34 And he taketh with him Peter and James and John, and began to be sore amazed, and to be very heavy; And saith unto them, My soul is exceeding sorrowful unto death: tarry ye here, and watch.

Treasurer : Anthony Cheng

Malachi 3:10 Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the LORD of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it.

Year 2011 has been a fruitful year and we thank God for blessing the TAF both physically as well as spiritually. Looking at the accounts, you will notice that most of the offerings collected had been channeled to charitable work as well as to missions. We thank God for giving TAF the opportunity to be part of the giving ministry. May God continue to bless those who have given out of a cheerful heart, and we continue to pray for God's blessings and to grant TAF a greater opportunity to serve Him, for the extension of His Kingdom. All glory be to His name.

Publicity Chairman : Mary Yong

Report on Publicity and Prayer Project

I thank God for the privilege to serve Him as publicity officer in the AF Exco and in-charge of the prayer project. Through this project, it has given me the opportunity to share with members and friends AF activities, thanksgiving and prayer request items for year 2011.

Our God is a marvellous and gracious God, who has given us trials in life. Through all our trials, He delivers us according to His sovereign will. This we can see through the many thanksgiving items that had been shared in 2011.

May we continue to grow in grace in our Lord God Almighty.

The Lord's Prayer
(Matthew 6:9-13)

Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen

A great many people wonder why it was that Christ did not come at once to Martha and Mary, whom He loved, whenever He heard of their affliction. It was to try them, and it is the same with His dealings toward us.

If He seems not to come to us in our affliction, it is only to test us.

D.L. Moody

WORD MINISTRY by Eric Toh

Everyone can look at themselves and find things they need to change. It may be a mindset, attitude or habit. No matter what the area, change is not easy. We need to diligently applying the Word of God to our life. You must equip yourself with the knowledge of God for change. Many people try to avoid (resist) change because it means getting rid of things they have become comfortable with.

Diligently applying God's Word:

Diligence is constant, earnest effort to accomplish an undertaking. It is remaining consistent at the task on which you are focusing. When you sincerely desire to change, it will require diligence in applying the principles of God's Word. Consistently seeking Him through His Word, and continually renewing your mind, are essential steps to genuine and lasting change.

Change takes effort and work. Simply having the desire to make changes in your life is only a start; you must see the process through. Change starts on the inside and becomes evident in your life when you respond to temptations and situations according to the Word, rather than your old way of handling them. Not only is it important to be diligent in seeking God for the strength to make positive changes, it is equally important to diligently seek the knowledge necessary to change.

In 2 Peter 1:1-10, the apostle Peter says you must have a desire to do what is right, possess knowledge and be diligent. Start by studying God's Word, and finding out what He says about the situations you face in life and how to handle them. Learn how He wants you to respond and govern yourself in every situation. Knowing God's standards gives you the knowledge to make the right decisions. Be diligent in seeking the wisdom and knowledge of God's Word, so it can become a reality in your life.

For the new year, do keep your quiet time, fellowship meetings and the AF bible study to learn more and grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus. Do expect more quizzes for 2012!

Ps: The latest copy of the TAF time is available at
http://www.truthbpc.com/v2/AF/TAF_Times_Nov_2011.pdf

AF Retreat at Austin Hill Resort - 25 to 27 November 2011

by Eric and Jyh Cheau

This year retreat theme is taken from Deut 10:12-13 and the verses are as follow:

"And now, Israel, what doth the Lord thy God require of thee, but to fear thy Lord thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the Lord thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, to keep the commandments of the Lord, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?"

The Truth Adults' Fellowship set out for Austin Hill Resort at Johor Bahru at 1 pm from our church. The convoy of eight cars and a motorcycle were led by Martin. All arrived safely before check-in time at 3 pm. Initially, Sister Gloria was missing in action but soon made her way to the resort safe and sound.

The three theme messages were delivered by Preacher Kabingue. The children had their own programme led by Sister Eileen and Sister Tammy. There were also two morning devotion messages by Rev Dennis Kwok and Preacher John. In addition, there were also an "Evaluation and Feedback Survey", sharing and discussions.

Overall, it was a good spiritual retreat. We were glad that Preacher Kabingue, his wife and three children could join us. May the Lord sustain us as we fear Him, walk in all His ways, love and serve Him by keeping His commandments and His statutes.

Some of the highlights of the 3 messages were:

1. Fear the Lord, Thy God and walk in all His Ways

Why does God want us to fear Him when He is our heavenly Father?

In order to protect us from our own sinful nature and our tendency to sin. To fear the Lord is a starting point to come back to God. When we are fearful, we take things seriously and study God's Word to know more about God and hell, and acknowledge Him as a just and merciful God.

God's Words are thoughts of God for our lives and this applies to all aspects of our lives. When God gives us something to do, He will empower us. We can begin by submitting to His laws and committing ourselves to His Ways.

2. Love Him and Serve Him

God has commanded us to love Him. Why? This is because sin has corrupted us entirely that we hated God. Love is a commitment and not a feeling. *1 Corinthians 13*. We must be patient with God and envy Him not. Give Him the glory due His name.

Mark 4: 1- 20 Those who truly hear the Word of God, love God and endure whatever persecutions and affliction with patience. They are likened to seeds which are sown on good grounds and bring forth fruit thirty, sixty and an hundred fold. God has been very patient with us. Have we ever wondered that we have to be patient towards God too? Have we been long-suffering towards God?

Roman 12 :1,2 It is our reasonable service not to conform to the world standard and to serve Him. When we love someone, serving comes naturally.

3. Keep the commandments of the Lord, and His statutes

John 14: 16 *If ye love me, keep my commandments*. It is easy to obey God and His commandment. It is not a matter of can or cannot but "we will" or "we will not". Can we obey God's commandments completely?

Isaiah 46:3-4 give us the assurance that we have a God that love us since the past, until now and will continue to do so into our future. He has promised to care for us from cradle to grave.

It is the unseen and the spiritual in people that determines the outward and the actual.
Oswald Chambers

AF Pictorially in 2011



Thank God for His faithfulness . . .



Learning from God's word . . .





Hiding the Word of God in the heart . . .



Reaching out to the lost . . . Gospel Night



Searching and reflecting on the Word of God . . . AF Retreat



Caroline

Programme 2011

Date	Topic	Speaker
8 Jan	What doth the Lord thy God require of Thee? (Deu 10:12-13)	Rev Quek SY
15 Jan	5 th Anniversary – Sword n Trowel	Rev Quek SY
22 Jan	BS – Revelation (Chapter 1)	Rev Quek SY
12 Feb	AGM/Elections – Return! (Jer 3:22)	Pr Lek Aik Wee
19 Feb	Nehemiah	Eld Douglas Ho
26 Feb	BS – Revelation (Chapter 2)	Rev Quek SY
12 Mar*	Members' Night & Habakkuk (1)	-
19 #	Habakkuk (2)	Rev Quek SY
26 #	BS – Revelation (Chapter 3)	Rev Quek SY
9 Apr **	Hosea 1 – The dishonoured wife (Chp 1.1-3.5)	Pr Lek Aik Wee
23 #	BS – Revelation (Chapter 4)	Rev Quek SY
14 May #	Hosea 2 - The Sinful People (Chp 4.1-13.8)	Pr D Kabingue
21	Hosea 3 - The ultimate blessing and glory of Israel (Chp 13.9-14.9)	Pr D Kabingue
11 Jun	No meeting (Church Camp)	-
18	Quiz – Hosea, Rev & Habbakuk	i/c Andy & Eric
9 Jul **	The Doctrine of Evangelism	Rev J Khoo
16	Gospel Night – The End of the World is coming. Really? (2 Pet 3:8-10)	Rev J Khoo
23 #	BS – Revelation (Chp 5)	Rev Quek SY
13 Aug**	Amos 1 - Introduction / God's judgement on the Nations and against Israel (Chap 1-2)	Rev Das Koshy
20 * #	Amos 2 – The 5 Oracles against Israel's Sins (Chap 3-6)	Rev Das Koshy
27 #	BS – Revelation (Chp 6)	Rev Quek SY
10 Sep **	Amos 3 – The Vision of Amos (Chap 7-9)	Rev Das Koshy
17	Obadiah	Rev Das Koshy
24 #	BS – Revelation (chp 7)	Rev Quek SY
8 Oct **	Joel (1) – Desolation (Chp 1 – 2:17)	Pr Ko Linggang
15 #	Joel (2) – Deliverance (Chp2:18 – 3:21)	Pr Ko Linggang
22 #	BS – Revelation (Chp 8)	Rev Quek SY
12 Nov**	Jonah's Disobedience & Prayer (1 &2)	Pr Ko Linggang

19 #	Jonah's Preaching & Lessons for Jonah (3 & 4)	Pr Ko Lingkang
25 – 27	AF Retreat @ Austin Hill	Pr D Kablingue
10 Dec **	Revision quiz	i/c Eric
17	Christmas Gathering Not I but Christ (Gal 2:20)	Pr Joshua Yong
25	Christmas Carolling	Rev D Kwok

** Monthly Prayer Session

Discussion

Accounts for 2011

Carried forward from 2010	\$ 1,298.00
Offerings collected in 2011	\$ 8,917.10
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>(\$ 10,215.10)</u>

Gifts

Gift to speakers	\$ 1,320.00
Gift to FEBC Students	\$ 1,300.00
Gift to Robert and Dara	\$ 500.00
Gift to Bro Dominino	\$ 3,770.00
Gift to BCEA	\$ 1,435.50
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>(\$ 8,325.50)</u>

Expenditures

Fellowship dinner	\$ 150.00
Printing of TAF Times	\$ 27.00
TAF Retreat charges	\$ 220.00
Printing of Revelation Notes	\$ 228.82
<u>Sub-Total</u>	<u>(\$ 625.82)</u>

Balance **\$ 1,263.78**