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## COMMUNITY

**Baptism and Transfer of Membership Exercise**

On New Year's Day, we will welcome the following as new members of our church:

Baptism Candidates:	Transfer of Membership:
1. Moe Yamamura	1. Ng Kah Thien William
2. Remelyn Gundran	2. Adam Lim
3. Amelita Reyes	

**Thank You!**

The Tan family, Anthony and Susan, Doris, Janet and David Lye would like to express our gratitude and thanks to the church for all your prayers and presence, comfort and condolences on the home-going of our mother/mother-in-law. We are coping well with your support, encouragement and love. We especially thank God for friends.. YOU.

**Pastors On-Leave:**

Pastor Jingle is on-leave from 11 December until 14 December. Pastor Paul will be on annual leave from 28—31 Dec and thereafter will be on 6 months unpaid leave until 30 June 2012. In his absence, Ps Luke will be the pastor providing pastoral oversight of the Youth ministry.

**Goods to be shipped to Cebu City Philippines**

The church office will be collecting clothes, shoes and slippers (for kids and adults) and children's books to be sent to Cebu City, Philippines thru the Logos Hope this December. OM Cebu is also in need of the following for their ministry: used working computers (LCD monitors only due to space constraints), mats and tents. You may bring your used or even new clothing and books and all the other stuff until 18 Dec, Sunday to the church. We will pack the stuff to be sent to the ship by 18th Dec. Look for Aimee or bring them to the church office.

**MISSIONS CORNER****April 2012 Missions Trip to Cebu City Philippines**

Dates: 10—15 April 2012  
Team Leader: Lennia Low  
Theme: Training with Rob George on outdoor preaching/teaching. Missions exposure with the OM Cebu ministries.  
Contact Cesar Balota (9782 4300) or Lennia Low (9639 0884).

**PROJECT 2018 as at 30 Nov 2011**

Original Building Fund	\$142,436
Blue Bag Collection	\$187,592
Transfer from General Fund	\$342,000
<b>Balance</b>	<b>\$672,028</b>

**NOTE:** In order to meet the needs of the Sinking Fund and payment of arrears, further transfer from the General Fund to the Project 2018 Account will be temporarily suspended.



HOPE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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## VISION STATEMENT

A loving community of disciples and servant-leaders

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**SUNDAY**

9.30am-10.30am

PRAYER MEETING  
Room 309**11.00am-12.30pm**WORSHIP SERVICE  
4th FloorPRAISE BABIES  
Room 301NURSERY & KINDY  
Room 311 & 304INTER -  
GENERATIONAL  
WORSHIP &  
SUNDAY SCHOOL  
1st to 3rd SundayCHILDREN  
PRAISE-HOUSE  
SERVICE  
4th & 5th Sundays  
2nd floor Choir Room**1:30pm—3:00pm**FILIPINO SERVICE  
& BIBLE STUDY  
Kabek Hall / Rm 309**3:00pm—4:30pm**FILIPINO  
DISCIPLESHIP CLASSES  
& FELLOWSHIP**WEDNESDAY**PRAYER MEETING  
8.00pm-9.30pm  
Room 305**SATURDAY**PRAYER MEETING  
8.30am-10.00am  
Room 313-315POWERHOUSE+  
FELLOWSHIP &  
CARE GROUPS  
4.00pm-6.30pm  
Kabek HallYOUTH RECREATION  
6.30pm-8.00pm**'CHRISTMAS IS ABOUT GRACE'****Matthew 1 : 1-16****Speaker: Rev Luke Thurai**

## **A Time to Sabbath**

*For everything there is a season, a time for every activity under heaven.  
... A time to be quiet and a time to speak. Ecclesiastes 3:1, 7b*

Since I entered into vocational Christian ministry in 1992 after 8 years in the Singapore Navy, I have had the privilege of serving the Lord in a number of different ministries in the last 19 years. It has been a rewarding season even in spite of some frustrations and disappointments. From planting an international church to working with the youth at Hope, God has graciously blessed our often feeble efforts. However, on hindsight, I realise now that I had failed to pace myself by building intentional times of rest and renewal before embarking on each new ministry opportunity. So instead of a series of 3 – 5 year ministry assignments, this year particularly, felt like the end of an extremely long 19 year deployment. Coupled with the challenge of caring for my ageing parents, as an only child, I have felt worn out many more times this year than I have in the past 18 years.

Our 3 day staff retreat in Batam in May provided much needed respite and helped me realise that I needed to make significant changes to my lifestyle and ministry if I hoped to continue to be useful for the Lord in the remaining years of my life. At the retreat, I realised the need for an extended time of rest, reconnection, reflection and refocusing. As I sought counsel and prayer, it became evident that I needed to seriously consider taking a sabbatical from ministry.

The possibility of a mid-life crisis crossed my mind especially since I turned 50 last August. But after much counsel and prayer, I believe this is not the case. It is 'ministry burn-out' - the result of my inability to protect the boundaries of rest and renewal. It has been a systemic problem and dealing with it will take time as my ministry has defined my sense of self-worth rather than my identity as a child of the Most High God.

As I have not met the service requirements of our church to qualify for a paid sabbatical, I have applied for 6 months of unpaid leave of absence. After prayerful consideration, our EDC has graciously given its approval to my request and will also be extending a love gift of \$1000/month for which I am very grateful. I will begin my leave on 1 Jan 2012.

God has made this possible by providing a team of more than 20 dedicated adults and young adults to mentor and guide our 11 Youth & JUMP CGs. He has also provided 2 committed and very capable adults (Lawrence Loh and Luke How) to advise the Powerhouse Ministry Team as well as Pastor Luke, who will provide pastoral oversight of the Youth ministry during my leave of absence.

Please pray with me that I will submit myself to what the Lord has for me in the next 6 months as I rest in Him, delight in His presence and seek His face.

*Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted;  
but they who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength;  
they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary;  
they shall walk and not faint. Isaiah 40:30-31. English Standard Version*

Ps Paul Teoh

## **DEC 2011 AND JAN 2012 @ HOPE**

18 Dec	Jesus Our Immanuel Matt 1: 18-25	Edward David Logos Hope
25 Dec	<u>Christmas Day</u> Jesus Gives Abundant Life John 10:1-10	Rev Luke Thurai
1 Jan	<u>New Year's Day</u> God is in Control Matt 2:13-23	Rev Luke Thurai
8 Jan	Preparing the Way for the King Matt 3:1-12	Rev Leonard Wee
15 Jan	The Anointing of the King Matt 3:13-17	Ps Jingle Cortes
22 Jan	Pure Gold Fears no Fire Matt 4:1-11	Ps Jingle Cortes
29 Jan	Fishing, Jesus' Way Matt 4:12-25	Dr William Wan

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Pag-Asa Evangelistic Christmas Celebration, 18 Dec**

Next Sunday, the Pag-asa Fellowship (Filipino ministry) will be celebrating Christmas season - "Pinoy Style". There will be singing, games, gift giving, sharing of God's Word and food fellowship. The celebration will be held at the Kabek hall basement from 1:30pm until 6:00pm. Invite your Filipino friends! Contact Aimee or Ps Jingle for details.



### **New Year's Day Service, 01 January 2012**

As we welcome the new year on Sunday, 01 January, we will also celebrate Holy Communion as one family during the service. The service will start at 11:00am and will end at 1:00pm, and will include the Baptism and Transfer of Membership Exercise. After we welcome the new members of our family, we will have a lunch fellowship for everyone at the first floor fellowship hall. What a great way to start 2012!

### **Today's Worship Service**

Elder Michael Lau

**Duty Elder**

Monica Lee

**Worship Leader**

Joshua Lee, Daniel Shim,  
Joshua Ong, Luke How,  
Joevan Lim,

Lim Yuen Fong  
**Musicians & Singers**

Hendra Yanny, Cheryl Lim  
Koh Hing Song

**AV Crew & Projectionist**

Priscilla Teo, Clara Goh,  
Chong Fooi Man,

Vanessa Ong,  
Johnson Chua

**Ushers**

### **Next Week:**

Rev Luke Thurai

**Duty Pastor**

James Kang

**Worship Leader**

Angeline Lim, Clara Seah,  
Ally Amir, Gabriel Lim,  
Goh Jie Hui, Theresa Kang  
Lester Yong

**Musicians & Singers**

Eric Soo, Jeremy Tay,

Leong Woh Cheong,

Noel Kang

**AV Crew & Projectionist**

Sunny Neo, Joy Khoo,  
Grace Chen, Karen Peng,  
Faith Ong

**Ushers**