



# Shekinah

Assembly of God

Our Vision: A strong disciple-making church impacting people and nations for Christ.

**Empowered • Exemplary • Excellence**

**3 March 2019 • HOST** Ps Apelles Poh • **WORSHIP LEADER** Elvin Choo

*CHURCH THEME 2019*

# ABOVE & BEYOND



*“Now to him who is able to do above and beyond all that we ask or think according to the power that works in us...” – Ephesians 3:20*

## Pick Up Your Mat And Walk!

**Series:** “Breakthrough” Part 3

**Speaker:** Rev. Tan Hock Cheng

**Interpreter:** Rev. Dominic Chan

**Scripture:** John 5:1-9

**Join us for our Celebration Service every Sunday @ 10.30am!**

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*Your Punctuality Honours God*

# Meaningless! Meaningless!

The world continues to move at a breakneck pace with faster WiFi, better transportation connectivity and speedier processes. But has man been left behind? For all the progress we've made, is society happier? Or has it been left stressed, emotionally exhausted and spiritually longing for more?

I happened to read 2 news articles about suicide in the past week. The first revolves around the trend of Australian men who in search of a more exciting life, decided to settle in Pattaya. Yet, many eventually joined the Pattaya Flying Club, jumping off balconies – a sad ending of irony to the emptiness of their lustful pursuits, a chasing after the wind. The second story which is no less heartbreaking, centers on a mother bemoaning the demise of her teenage son who chose to be a victim of suicide. A postmortem on his phone revealed messages which uncovered his belief that he was 'born to be sad', and his constant uphill battle against depression. The only way out of his meaningless struggle was suicide. While the majority of people around us may not carry intentions of ending their own lives, many are still overburdened by the cares of the world. Many go through the empty motions of daily life and many have no idea where they will end up in eternity.

The Old Testament prophet Elijah was one through whom God gave hope to others and who performed many astounding miracles, not the least of which was the resurrection of the dead. I want to thank Frankie and Serene for giving us the privilege of sharing their 'Elijah' journey, where we too have partnered in petition and even witnessed God's divine power.

We have just seen how worship and praise can move the hand of God and shine His light into the darkest moments. Yet this counter-cultural, 'abnormal' human behaviour is only possible with the people of God, a forgiven race that knows there is a hope beyond the troubles at our doorstep. And our calling is to share this hope to a world that's hopelessly lost.

## Prayer points on Alpha:

- That we learn how to praise and worship God and be joyful during those times when we hit a brick wall. (Admittedly, it's not what I normally know how to do instinctively)
- Holy Spirit to speak into the hearts of pre-believers and cause them to question the emptiness of their own worldly pursuits. Ask that they will be prompted to want something more in life than just the material comforts.
- That we be sensitive to the opportunities to share the gospel; and have wisdom and boldness to introduce the hope of God into our communications.

The world needs to know that our journey doesn't end in death. It is made complete in an abundant life promised by Jesus Christ!

Bro. Michael Tham



# SOAP

SCRIPTURE • OBSERVATION • APPLICATION • PRAYER

## Waiting Expectantly

Contributed by Ai Kia

### Scripture:

#### Psalm 5

- V2 - Hear my cry for help, my King and my God, for to you I pray.
- V3 - In the morning, Lord, you hear my voice; in the morning I lay my requests before you and wait expectantly...
- V11 - But let all who take refuge in you be glad; let them ever sing for joy. Spread your protection over them, that those who love your name may rejoice in you.

### Observation:

- In Psalm 5, King David laid his requests to God in the morning and asked for God to lead him in His righteousness and defend him from his enemies.
- He also waited expectantly for God's help and protection, knowing that those who put their trust in the LORD will rejoice.

### Application:

- I can also choose to start my day right by coming to God the first thing every morning instead of rushing off to my daily routine.
- This can help to remind me on the goodness of God every morning, knowing that whatever the day may turn out, God's protection will be on those who love His name.
- I also need to wait expectantly for God's providence and guidance throughout the day.

### Prayer:

Dear God, thank You that we can come to You with our requests. Teach us to start our daily lives in the correct posture by coming before you every morning instead of being caught up by the 'morning rush'. As we present our requests to You, help us to wait expectantly for Your answers and directions, so that we can rejoice in You as we go about our daily activities. Amen.

# Beyond Success To Significance

Date: 17 March 2019 (Sun)

Time: 10.30am

Speaker: Mr Lucas Chow

Venue: Park Hotel Alexandra  
(323 Alexandra Road, Level 7  
Function Room, S159972)



## ALPHA EVERYWHERE

BE HIS WITNESS  
Year of Proclamation 2019

## Alpha Course

Starts on 24 March 2019 (Sunday) at 10.30am

- **English & Youth tracks:**  
Park Hotel Alexandra  
(Level 7 Function Room),  
323 Alexandra Road, S159972.
- **Chinese track:**  
Queensway Shopping Centre,  
#03-09/10, S149053.

To register for Alpha course,  
please scan here:

([https://tinyurl.com/  
shekinahalphacourse](https://tinyurl.com/shekinahalphacourse))



19 April 2019

**WATER**  
baptism  
On Good Friday!

Pre-requisite: Attend baptism class (date to be advised)

To indicate your interest, please talk to Pastor HC  
or scan here by 10 Mar 2019:  
(<http://tinyurl.com/shekinahbaptism2019>)



## building fund update

Target: **\$400,000 - \$500,000**

Balance as of 26 Feb 2019: **\$240,050**

Please make cheque payable to :  
**Shekinah AG Building.**

## serving today

**children** Joshua Wu, Khor, Rachel,  
Pauline Soh & Cheow Sheng  
**projectionist** Jeremiah Goh  
**sound tech** Andrew Low  
**musicians** Daniel Chan, Kelvin Ng,  
Winston & Doris Leng  
**ushers** Rachel's CG

## chinese service Next Sunday, 10.30am

**Venue:** Queensway Shopping  
Centre, #03-09/10

**Speaker:** Rev. Terence Teo

**Prayer Leader:** Yumei

**Service Coordinator:** Eileen Yeo

**Worship:** Nigel Gan (W/L)

**Sound Tech/Projectionist:** Gaston Teo

*All are welcome!*

## financial summary (Jan 2019)

Tithing	\$	52,679
Offering	\$	5,264
Other Receipts	\$	10
Total Income	\$	57,953
Total Expenditure	\$	25,243
<b>Surplus (Deficit)</b>	<b>\$</b>	<b>32,710</b>

We encourage you to give online as it is fast, safe and easy. For admin purposes,  
please indicate your name or last 4 characters of your IC (eg 684A) during transfer.

If you are sending in cheques, please make the cheque out to:

**Tithes & Offering:** Shekinah AG Church – DBS 006-016190-1

**Building Fund:** Shekinah AG Building – DBS 006-016187-1

**Mission Fund:** Shekinah AG Mission – DBS 006-016198-7

**Orissa Fund:** Shekinah AG Orissa – DBS 006-901874-7