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Keeping in Step with the Spirit

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Reorienting the Course

Thanks to the Lord for His gracious guidance! The start of the new school year in August 2023 marked the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary reorienting its course under the guidance of the triune God. I must once again thank the two vice presidents, Prof. Fook-kong Wong and Prof. Nathan Ng. They have worked together in harmony, willingly taking on leadership work at the seminary. Recently, they also prepared a self-study report for the seminary to apply for the accreditation of our degree programs by the Association of Theological Education in Southeast Asia. They have devoted themselves to the seminary, serving with a sense of diligence and purpose, for which I am truly grateful. This allows me to devote more time and energy to external contacts and fundraising for the seminary, further promote theological education and research work for churches, and establish an appropriate theology for the seminary.

In November last year, I lectured at the Nanjing Union Theological Seminary, guiding Th.D. students in studying contemporary theologies and supervising their

dissertations. They belong to the younger generation of the Chinese church and are diligent, humble, and thoughtful. I thank God for giving me the opportunity to participate in this important ministry in recent years, sharing in training the future theologians of Chinese churches.

On December 4 and 11 last year, we held two mini-seminars at the Grand Conference Hall on the third floor of the new academic building, inviting Dr. King-tak Ip and Dr. Teck-peng Lim to share on the topics of "suicide" and "Christian education" respectively with our alumni. Both of them are dear friends of mine. Although we do not meet often, they have always been there to support me through different significant moments and challenges in my life, providing sincere help and encouragement, and also assisting in promoting the development of theological education. In addition, in January this year, the seminary will hold another mini-seminar on the pastoral work of "emerging adulthood," hoping to help youth pastors better understand their pastoral work.



Born of the Spirit

Lately, the following verses and thoughts keep reoccurring in my mind: the righteous are “like a tree planted by streams of water that yields its fruit in its season, and its leaf does not wither. In all that he does, he prospers” (Ps 1:3); the righteous’ “delight is in the law of the LORD, meditating on it day and night” (Ps 1:2) and the Holy Spirit dwells within them, bearing the fruit of life: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. In addition, I often think about the Holy Spirit. When I think of the Holy Spirit, it reminds me of the story of Pentecost and drives me to ponder upon the meaning of Galatians 5:25: “If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit.”

According to Acts 2, the church was born on the day of Pentecost. That day, the disciples of Jesus gathered in a house, exhausted and disheartened, feeling defeated because they lived in a world falling apart and their leader Jesus Christ had ascended to heaven and was no longer with them.

However, something extraordinary happened! A sound from heaven, like a mighty rushing wind, filled the entire house, and tongues of fire appeared and rested on each disciple. It was as if the disciples were baptized by the wind and fire—all filled with the Holy Spirit and gaining the power to change the world for the better. This power was not money, nor was it systems or influence, but the breath and power of God. The disciples began to speak in other tongues as the Holy Spirit gave them utterance. People from all over the world heard the disciples speaking in their native

languages about the mighty power and works of God.

Before Pentecost, the disciples seemed to be foolish and weak, fleeing at the first sign of trouble. After Pentecost, not only were their lives changed, but they were also about to change the world! They became new people, filled with joy and vitality. Starting from Jerusalem, they set out in the name of Jesus Christ to all nations, proclaiming the story of Christ’s passion, death, and resurrection.

The disciples, filled with the Holy Spirit, behaved peculiarly, leading some to think they were drunk. Peter stepped forward to refute this, citing the prophecy of the prophet Joel: God’s Spirit would be poured out on all flesh. The Holy Spirit can change everyone’s life. According to Acts 2, with the descent of the Holy Spirit, the church was born; therefore, ***the church is born of the Spirit and acts in the Spirit, sent to all corners of the world to bring about change.***

Live by the Spirit

As for the Holy Spirit, when Paul “came to Ephesus, he found some disciples and asked them, ‘Did you receive the Holy Spirit when you believed?’ And they said, ‘No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit’” (Acts 19:1-2). Faced with the same question, many modern Christians might respond the same as the church at Ephesus in Paul’s time, perhaps saying, “No, we have not even heard that there is a Holy Spirit.” In this technologically advanced age, we rarely mention the significance of the Holy Spirit and hardly believe that the Holy Spirit is the giver of life. Therefore, our connection with the Holy Spirit is weak; our lives lack drive and vitality, relying only on ourselves, facing stress, emptiness, loneliness, and separation day after day.

The good news is: the Holy Spirit is real. The Holy Spirit worked then, works now, and works in your and my personal lives. The Holy Spirit has liberated us so that we may have our strength renewed. Thus, Paul reminds us: “If we live by the Spirit, let us also keep in step with the Spirit” (Gal 5:25). This phrase can be translated as “If we live by the Spirit, let’s also follow the Spirit” (NASB), or “If we live by the Spirit, let us also behave in accordance with the Spirit” (NET). Regardless

of the translation, “we live by the Spirit” is an indicative statement. **“Living by the Spirit” is about the new life that is born of the Holy Spirit, the new way of living in the Holy Spirit for believers.**

Paul points out that “living by the Spirit” is an established fact; the early church “lived by the Spirit.” These established facts form the premise of Paul’s statement. Paul here appeals to readers not to deny the fact that they already have the Holy Spirit. Once upon a time, the Galatians were pagans, dominated by idols, blindly superstitious, and endlessly greedy. Later, they believed in the gospel, obtained true freedom, and experienced peace. All this is the work of the Holy Spirit; the Galatians were born of the Spirit and lived by the Spirit.

Keep in Step with the Spirit

Galatians 5:25’s latter half, “let us also keep in step with the Spirit,” is an imperative sentence, indicating an instruction. Paul’s meaning is: since we indeed live by the Spirit, then we should and must also keep in step with the Spirit. In other words, **the fact of living by the Spirit must be turned into the external action of “keeping in step with the Spirit.”**

“Keeping in step with the Spirit” can be translated as “following the Spirit.” The verb “keep in step with” (*stoicheō*) basically means “stand in line” or “walk in a straight line or in file (as of a row of soldiers),” indicating that we should walk lined up with the Holy Spirit’s steps. As we keep walking with the Holy Spirit, like soldiers marching according to the general’s orders, we will find the fruit of our lives multiplying (5:18-23). We will have more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control, and will be able to hear and heed God’s commands, becoming morally responsible and discerning, and able to put the truth into action.

Subsequent verses, starting with verse 26, provide specific guidance for “keeping in step with the Spirit”: “Let us not become conceited, provoking one another, envying one another” (5:26). “Becoming conceited” is an expression of pride, self-conceit, excessive self-love and a kind of self-inflation that leads to “provoking one another” and “envying one another.” Provocation and envy are two kinds of “work of the flesh” (5:19-21a),

referring to comparing with others, competing with others, and even harboring resentment toward others. People choose to nurture their anger and end up being controlled by it.

Hope of the Cross

In fact, Paul has already said in Galatians 5:16-17: “But I say, walk by the Spirit, and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the desires of the flesh are against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit are against the flesh, for these are opposed to each other, to keep you from doing the things you want to do.” Paul’s meaning is: Christians have two life centres, one is the new life received through the Holy Spirit, and the other is the old, self-centred life of the flesh. The two lives continue to clash: the desires of the flesh fighting against the Spirit, and the desires of the Spirit against the flesh.

In this battle, people often feel defeated. As our inner noise makes it difficult to discern the voice of the Holy Spirit, we cannot do the good things we want to do. Paul points out that the only hope is in the cross. He declares that disciples belonging to Christ are willing to crucify “the flesh with its passions and desires” (5:24). Paul was “crucified with Christ,” resulting in Christ living in him (2:19-20). The disciples’ old lives were crucified, and the evil powers were crucified as well (6:14).

This is a paradox of grace. **The power to change life is given by the Holy Spirit and is unique to God, but we also have the responsibility to reject the desires of the flesh and crucify them.** Only with the help of the Holy Spirit can we crucify the desires of the flesh and be liberated.

Yes, the same Holy Spirit that turned the early church into a miracle throughout the ages also exists in today’s churches and seminaries. The Holy Spirit is already here which is an ironclad fact. The questions we must ask are: “Are our lives blocked by the desires of the flesh? Are we filled with the Holy Spirit?” We pray for the Holy Spirit to bless us, fill us, and make us truly one family, filled with love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. We live by the Spirit and must also keep in step with the Spirit. Amen.

* Unless otherwise noted, all scriptures are from the ESV.

Love, I Am Willing

Winnie Ho (M.Div. I)

For me, studying theology was never a question of “Why?” but rather of “Why not?” Previously, my answer to this was reluctance due to not wanting to bear a lifetime of responsibility and love for others’ lives. I’ve seen many people carrying lives full of deep wounds, despite their mature age and seemingly peaceful exterior. That I could grow felt gracious and miraculous, and to take on the role of fostering growth and abundance in others’ lives alongside my own would feel like a challenging endeavor—a responsibility that I imagined would be somewhat overwhelming and burdensome to bear.

Finding My Calling: Starting with Self-Understanding

However, God has been patiently molding me, teaching me to understand myself before understanding self-sacrifice. At the end of 2021, overwhelmed by various ministries, interests, and work, I read about the Enneagram and recognized my weaknesses and sinful nature. Another book, *Answering His Call*, opened my eyes. I realized God only wanted me to worship Him like a child. ***I could do anything in terms of service and interests, but if it didn’t bring me closer to God or joy in serving, it was okay to let go.*** This led me to a deeper understanding of freedom, service, and self-sacrifice in faith.

From that point on, I prayed for clarity in my calling: if speech therapy was my calling from God, then let me see its significance and be moved by it. But after five years of study and three years of work, I increasingly felt powerless and unsatisfied. It was true that many of the patients had physical ailments, but the fundamental issue was their lack of will to live and communicate. ***I realized that life’s abundance doesn’t lie in whether a patient can utter a few Chinese words after training, but whether they know God before their days decline.*** Work didn’t move me; instead, I was touched by reading spiritual books, studying the Bible, and preparing messages for youth worship. I wanted to share my experiences of God with others. During my reflection on the messages of different books, God kept asking me if I was doing meaningful work. The deep-seated dissatisfaction I felt told me that I wasn’t just seeking new interests, knowledge, or environments, but something more meaningful and burdensome God had placed in my heart.

The Weight of “Here I Am”

In 2022, my 97-year-old granduncle contracted COVID-19, and we could only say goodbye to him through a video call. Facing my granduncle with his eyes closed and wearing a breathing mask, all words seemed inadequate. While I tried



to have a typical everyday conversation with my granduncle, my grandfather just repeatedly said to him, “Hey! My second brother, here I am. I can see you!” I couldn’t understand why he responded in that way. Months later, I attended a seminar on a TV drama. In the drama, a character shouts “Here I am!” to a friend about to be executed, as a way of accompanying and supporting him. This scene gave me insight into my grandfather’s act and made me realize the weight and eagerness of the prophet’s response to God in the Bible, “Here I am” (Is 6:8)—to walk with his generation to the end and witness God, no matter how bad the world was.

Willing to Love and Shoulder Lives

Over the past year or so, with the departure of our fellowship group’s preacher, I took more initiative to meet and share more with group members at meals and spent more time caring for others’ lives. ***I gradually realized that walking with others wasn’t as heavy and difficult as I had thought. Everyone has problems, but such situations allow us to see the blessings of companionship and God’s guidance.*** Surprisingly, when a friend brought up the topic of studying theology again, I didn’t feel the initial resistance. Instead, I felt moved and commissioned to study theology and step into full-time ministry. When I was willing to love, it was the moment to take up the study. Subsequent spiritual devotions and conversations with preachers confirmed this.

Looking back, there wasn’t any dramatic event that led me to step into full-time ministry. Instead, it was the result of God’s step-by-step guidance: He let me understand myself and then understand self-sacrifice; He let me understand the true meaning of service, think about my calling, and see the preciousness of walking together, feeling the impact of “Here I am.” When asked again “Why not study theology?” I answered: such timely guidance, leading, and calling must be from God. A few days later, I decided to enroll in theological studies. As in marriage or baptism, when you can say “I do” in vows, it’s time to commit. No more consideration was needed. Facing God’s call, in the days ahead, I wish to say, “I do, with God’s help.” May I testify to God’s great love with my entire life, under His guidance.

Recognizing the Hidden Calling

Patrick Yu (M.Div. I)

I came to know God during my kindergarten and secondary school years and had made a few vague commitments to Christ, but it wasn't until after working in a Christian secondary school and attending the Hong Kong Franklin Graham Festival that I truly believed in Christ. In the early years of my faith, I grew up in the Campus Disciple Training Group and wasn't baptized to be a member of the church until 2014. Then through the church's mission trips, I was inspired by the dedication of pastors and missionaries in the mission field, their fearlessness in hardships, and their commitment to the gospel mission. This set my heart on fire and motivated me to serve God wholeheartedly. Since then, I began to participate in various church ministries and seized opportunities to serve in the Christian secondary school where I taught.

Shifting Life's Trajectory

The time from 2018 to 2019 marked a turning point in my search for a true life's calling. I had always thought that serving in a school was my lifelong vocation. However, the increasing workload left me with less and less time and energy to interact with students, care for young people's lives, and share my Christian faith. I began to feel spiritually empty and unsatisfied, questioning whether I was truly doing what God called me to do. After switching to another school, where I had no opportunity to participate in gospel work, I further found myself losing my focus and purpose. Thankfully, the guidance from a Christian supervisor helped me realize that **my joy stemmed from walking with young people and witnessing their faith grow**. This sparked the idea of changing my life's trajectory.

In 2019, I attended a Christian conference by One Circle. When the speaker issued a call to explore full-time ministry, my heart suddenly was enlightened: "Yes! Although I am not yet sure of my specific ministry direction and role, I am truly willing to serve God full-time wholeheartedly!" I resolved to respond, leaving my 13-year teaching career to become a full-time secretary at my mother church, trying out full-time ministry.

Exploring the Call to Pastoral Ministry

In 2020, I began studying a part-time master's degree program in theology. As God broadened my spiritual horizons, I saw the various difficulties churches facing in Hong Kong. This deeply troubled me, and I wished myself to be used by God to stand in the gap and revive the Christian community. Thus, the idea of receiving full-time theological training and preparing



to be a church minister gradually emerged.

However, as someone who get used to a steady life and lacks confidence, I hesitated for a while and was

reluctant to move forward. Then in 2022, in the final year of my part-time studies, I undertook Christian career guidance training. My mentor, after reading my report, quoted God's call to Jeremiah (Jer 1:4-8) to me and said: "I believe God wants to use you!" This struck a chord in me, but I still felt unworthy and unfit, merely keeping the message in my heart.

Looking Back at Life's Trajectory and Responding to the Lord's Call

In 2023, I joined different seminaries' dedication camps, and through such experiences God revealed to me the myth that I needed to break. I had always thought God's calling comes through dramatic spiritual experiences, but I realized that such were not always the cases. **More often, the calling is hidden in His shaping of a person's life**. The more closely I reviewed my life's trajectory, the clearer it became that God was preparing me step by step to respond to His call: to serve His church. Also through the guidance of a life coach, I identified my deep desire: **to open myself to God's use, to focus on nurturing the lives of the flock, and to renew church communities**. As I laid the costs of embarking on a path of full-time equipping and service in prayer, the anxiety in my heart gradually subsided, replaced by a willingness to obey, and a lightness and openness after "letting go."

Later, God gave me the confidence to move forward twice with Isaiah 43:1-4 in a day: "But now thus says the LORD, he who created you ... 'Fear not, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine.'" At that very moment, the phrase "I am the Lord's" touched my soul. I fully surrendered to God and acknowledged that the sovereignty of my life belongs to Him who will surely lead my path ahead. God also showed me the vocational transformation of Philip in the book of Acts, from managing church meals to becoming an evangelist, taking on the mission of preaching the gospel of Jesus. I believe God was using these scriptures to encourage me to boldly step out, accept training, and prepare me to respond to the Lord's commission. After receiving confirmation and support from my mother church, I enrolled in the full-time Master of Divinity program at the Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary and began preparing myself for God's use.

Lord, I Offer My Life to You

Yannie Lau (M.Div. I)

Journey of Seeking the Calling

I grew up in a Christian family. When I was a teenager, I suffered from an anxiety disorder, then God healed me. Afterward, I realize my limitations and that everything I have belongs to God. Therefore, I want to dedicate my life to God if that is His will.

I had worked as a social worker for several years. There were times when I was discussing faith with colleagues of different races and religions, I felt my theological knowledge was insufficient and thus was passionate about learning more. When I thought about the meaning of my job, I was dissatisfied with not being able to share the gospel of Christ with my clients directly. These concerns led me to seek how to serve God in other ways. Two years ago, I volunteered for a year at Taizé Community in France, an ecumenical monastic order. God answered me in various ways that year.

The Lord Does Not Disregard Anyone

People of different backgrounds lined up and received communion from the brothers in a prayer. We were singing "Jesus Remember Me." The lyrics are taken from the words spoken by the person crucified with Jesus: "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom" (Lk 23:42). The Lord knows us thoroughly and accepts and loves us as we are, even as sinners, regardless of others' acceptance. In the silence of prayer, I envisioned **Jesus embracing people of all kinds with deep love**. I longed for those who had not experienced this love to receive this wonderful gift.

Ripping off the "Roof"

The experience of Pastor George Boyle deeply moved me. In the Sunday sermon, he asked his congregation how the church smelled as it was open to the homeless for overnight stays. Initially, the answer was the smell of feet. But as Boyle probed the underlying reason, they answered that the church smelled like commitment and roses. Jesus would have done the same. Boyle also referred to Mark 2:1-12, where four people broke through the roof to bring a paralytic to Jesus for His healing. Boyle questioned **what other "roofs"—barriers between the outsiders and the Lord—exist in the world**.^{*} I thought of the marginalized and discriminated in society, such as the poor, homeless, disabled, mentally ill, and ethnic minorities. They are not accepted and often have never heard of God. Other outsiders separated by the "roof" are those who doubt their faith or haven't had the chance to know the gospel.



Responding to the Least of These

I have read Matthew 25:31-46 several times—every situation there was answered correspondingly: "I was hungry and you gave me food," "I was thirsty and you gave me drink," etc. Each instance of seeing and being seen, responding to others and being responded to, reminds me of Jesus' command. I could be the "least of these" brothers and sisters who need help in different situations. **Serving one another is living out faith**; letting go of the notion that "I don't need others" is humbly denying oneself.

What Can I Offer to God?

I revisited Matthew 2:1-12 while designing Bible study questions. It was hard to imagine the magi from the east bringing gifts, following a star with such great faith to search for the king of the Jews. On another occasion, a sister asked, "What would you offer to Jesus?" I immediately thought of the song "I offer my life to you." **I am willing to respond to God's love with my life**. Even though the dedication of my life to God is not comparable to His love to us, I hope it pleases Him. May God use me as He will.

Leading People to God through Me

As I doubted what it meant to be called by God, the hymn "The Kingdom of God" was sung in prayer. The lyrics "Come, Lord, and open in us the gates of your kingdom" helped me understand that **God leads others to Him through His followers, including me**. Later, feeling troubled, I read and meditated on that day's scripture, Matthew 9:36-10:8, where Jesus instructs His disciples to proclaim, "The kingdom of heaven is at hand." I recognized that the Lord had called me to His work.

These experiences echo what I have "seen" in my growth and work. I hope to serve those undervalued in society and those who have not known the Lord yet. I long to understand and experience more of the Lord and to lead people to His salvation. I am thankful that the Lord's calling transcends geographical boundaries and human imagination, allowing me to experience Him anew through His Word, prayer, and communal living, even in a distant land. I am willing to be used by the Lord throughout my life.

^{*} George Boyle, *Tattoos on the Heart: The Power of Boundless Compassion* (New York: Simon and Schuster, 2011), 72-74.

The Prodigal Returns: Responding to the Lord's Love

My parents divorced when I was in kindergarten, leaving me with a deep yearning to love and be loved at home. It was not until secondary school when a classmate introduced me to church that I began to feel the love and care of the church members and elders. Naturally, I projected the concept of "home" onto the church, believing it was a place where I could give and receive love, and soon I became deeply involved in church life.

At eighteen, I was baptized and joined the church, becoming increasingly involved in various ministries. At that time, there were regular drama performances in the church's gospel events. My interest in drama was sparked by participating in one of the church plays. Since then, I joined such church performances frequently, which enhanced my interest in drama and fueled my passion for development in the field. As a result, I joined a local theatre group, devoting myself to acting but gradually drifting away from church life.

A Sudden Realization at the End of the Rope

At the theatre group, I served in various roles for three years, finding a great sense of accomplishment in drama. I aspired to succeed on the stage. On one occasion, I, along with several other members, joined an original drama competition organized by the group, and I took up the roles of playwriting and directing. However, the process was not smooth; with only two weeks left before the competition, I still could not complete the script. I was anxious yet hesitant to seek help, believing I could finish it on my own. Finally, I found some lesser-known stories online and adapted them into a script for my team to rehearse and compete with. Ironically, my script won the "Best Original Script" award. I was very afraid at that time, constantly worrying that others might discover the script was plagiarized. But the truth could not be hidden. An audience member who had come across the story online exposed it to the theatre group. As a result, I was sidelined by the group.

This incident left me heartbroken and feeling like a failure because I had shamed myself. Feeling disappointed, I remembered Jesus and the angels He had placed around me. Even when I was absent from church, my brothers and sisters continued to care for me. Special mention must be made of a mentor and a respected church elder, with whom I always shared the details of my life. During a year of uncertainty about my future career, the respected church elder offered me a job at his company, giving me ample time to find my path. I am really grateful to them for their support and help along the way.

Returning to Church and Receiving the Call

At that time, a preacher invited me to return to church and

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I agreed. I did struggle to readjust myself to church life but reminded myself to be more proactive and devote more to the Lord. I actively filled any need in the church and found joy in doing so.

In 2018, there was a vacancy for a male preacher at the church. Being used to filling needs, I felt that I should take on the role. However, I lacked theological training, so I discussed with my pastor my thoughts about full-time ministry. He suggested I attend a camp for experiencing seminary life to discern my calling. At the camp, I learned about Paul's journey from his calling to his mission, involving over a decade of waiting and praying with the church. This made me realize that I shouldn't rush into confirming God's call. I knew God had replied by telling me to wait. Therefore, I shared what I realized at the camp with my church community and asked them to pray for me.

The Prodigal Returns: Affirmed by the Lord's Love

During this waiting period, the church minister, knowing my theatre background, invited me to direct a youth drama evangelism event. Despite my great fear due to past failures, I courageously accepted the invitation. This experience turned out to be a blessing. Throughout the rehearsals, I kept recalling Peter's repeated denials of Jesus and his subsequent encounter with Him at the Sea of Galilee, where the Lord asked him three times, "Do you love me?" ***I felt like I was standing up again at the place of my fall, deeply moved by God's great love, and more certain of responding to His call with my life.***

In 2019, when the church was trying to recruit a gospel worker, I applied at once. I was eager to experience full-time ministry. I committed myself to serving God in that role for three years. Despite inevitable challenges, I experienced more of His grace. When I left the position, my heart was full of gratitude. I should say, "I came empty-handed but returned with full harvests." My journey from believing in Christ, leaving and returning to the church, and finally receiving the call has been interwoven with the church which is the community that has shaped me into who I am today. I hope to carry forward the love of my brothers and sisters, which is the manifestation of God's love, and continue to move forward, becoming a good shepherd who walks with others.



Memorial Service for Rev. George R. Wilson Jr.

The Memorial Service for Rev. George R. Wilson Jr., the HKBTS's fourth president, was held at the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church on October 22, 2023. We remembered and gave thanks for his life and his contribution as a faithful missionary to the Baptist churches in Hong Kong.



(Left to right) President Joshua Cho was the presider. Mrs. Agnes Ip Ng, a member of the HKBTS Board of Directors, led the hymn singing. Rev. Edward Chung, Vice-chairman of the HKBTS Board of Directors, made the invocation prayer.

(Left to right) Mr. Man-hin Lau, a member of the HKBTS Board of Directors and Chairman of the Board of Deacons of the Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church, did the scripture reading.



President Cho preached on 1 Corinthians 13:8-13. Rev. Eric Tong, President of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong and a member of the HKBTS Board of Directors, prayed for Rev. Wilson's family. Rev. Wood-ping Chu, a member of the HKBTS Board of Directors, recounted the life story of Rev. Wilson.



(Left to right) Dr. Jerry Juergens (Professor Emeritus, HKBTS), Rev. Eric Tong (President of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong and a member of HKBTS Board of Directors), Rev. Wilson Chow (President Emeritus, China Graduate School of Theology), Rev. Chris Law (Senior Pastor, Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church), and Dr. Grace Lo (Associate Professor Emerita, HKBTS and Deacon, Tsim Sha Tsui Baptist Church) shared their fond and loving memories of Rev. Wilson.



Rev. Vincent Lee, General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong, gave the benediction.



The congregation was singing hymns.

Academic Affairs News

Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of the Main Campus Programs, Lay Theological Education Department, and the Distance Education Program was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church on November 19 last year.

Faculty Movement

Dr. Hing-weng Seng will join our faculty in August this year as Assistant Professor (Old Testament). Dr. Seng began studying theology in 2010 and worked in youth ministry at a church in Hong Kong for six years after completing his first theology degree. He then pursued a doctoral program at Nazarene Theological College, University of Manchester, specializing in the Old Testament, and obtained a Ph.D. degree in 2023.

Rev. Ken Lui joined our faculty on November 15 last year as Assistant Professor of Preaching and Chaplain. Rev. Lui obtained his Th.M. degree from our seminary and his Th.D. degree from the Taiwan Theological College and Seminary. His research interests include Chinese preaching history, the study of outstanding Chinese preachers, Chinese and Western rhetoric, communication and psychology. His ministry at our seminary will primarily focus on teaching and conducting research in homiletics.

May God lead their service at the seminary and help them work with our faculty as a team for the mission of Christian education and research.

2024 Bible Conference

The 2024 Bible Conference will be held in the Grand Conference Hall of the New Academic Building on Sai O Campus at 10 am on March 25 (Monday). Two research papers will be presented, namely "Satanology in Paul" by our alumnus Mr. Daniel Lam, Ph.D. candidate of the University of Edinburgh, and "Biblical Basis for the Extreme Unction of the Catholic Church in the Book of James" by Ms. Maggie Chang, Th.M. student of our seminary. Admission is free. HKBTS faculty, students, and alumni are welcome to join in person or online.

Spiritual Revival Concert

The Spiritual Revival Concert 2024 on the theme "Holy Is He" will be held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church at 5 pm on April 14 (Sunday). Prof. Fook-kong Wong will deliver a message while the HKBTS Choir, HKBTS Alumni Choir, and the Sacred Singers will present the concert with conductors Dr. Kit-ying Law and Mrs. Helen Chang Wan, and accompanist Ms. Marsha Chow. Testimonies will also be shared by our students. Admission is free. Pastors, deacons, brothers, and sisters are all welcome.

Publication News



The seminary's biannual academic journal, *Hill Road* (issue 52) has been published with the theme "**Poverty and Wealth.**" There are six thematic articles: "Wealth and Poverty in the Old Testament (I): The Pentateuch and Narratives" (Nicholas Ho-fai Tai), "Wealth and Poverty: Yahweh's Demand for the Land" (Yew-ming Chan), "Ancient and Modern

Perceptions of Poverty, Subsistence and the Economic Location of the Pauline Communities" (Bernard Chun-ho Leung), "Paul's Reciprocity on the Poor and Rich" (Solomon H. F. Wong), "The Rich and the Poor Need Each Other: Illumination from *Shepherd of Hermas*" (Joyce Wai-lan Sun), and "Poverty, None of the Church's Business ... !: Exploring the Theological and Ethical Significance of John Howard Yoder's Discourse on the Practice of the Lord's Supper" (Vincent C. P. Lau). In addition, there will be a discussion article and book reviews.

Hill Road is available at the seminary, its town centres, and Christian bookstores. For inquiries, please call the Publication Office at 2768 5168.

Visitors

- Dr. Damon So, Research Tutors of the Oxford Centre for Mission Studies, and Mrs. So visited the seminary and met with President Cho on September 6, 2023.
- Mr. Patrick Chan, General Secretary of the Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on September 19, 2023.
- Mr. Wai-tong Chiang, General Secretary of the Hong Kong ABWE Alliance, Rev. Kam-kwong Sin, Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Conservative Baptist Church Association, and Rev. Dr. Kwok-hung Lee, General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong served as speakers of the Baptist Heritage Week 2023 of the seminary from October 10 to 12, 2023 and met with President Cho.
- Rev. Man-chee Kwok, President of Evangel Seminary, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on October 11, 2023.
- Prof. Gregory E. Sterling, Dean of Yale Divinity School, visited the seminary and met with President Cho on November 4, 2023.
- Mr. Paul Chan, Research Manager of the Hong Kong Campus Crusade for Christ, shared a message at the morning chapel service and met with President Cho on December 6, 2023.

Faculty News

- **Dr. Kai-hsuan Chang**, Assistant Professor of New Testament, spoke on the topic "Greco-Roman Social Structure and the New Testament" at the Holistic Biblical Seminar organized by Chung Yuan Christian University in Zhongli on October 27, 2023.
- **Dr. Andres Tang**, Professor of Christian Thought (Theology and Culture), spoke on the topic "The View of the German Theologian Jürgen Moltmann (1926-) on Eschatological Hope" at the Youth Leadership Training Seminar organized by the Education Department of Evangelical Free Church of China on November 10, 2023.

Student Union 2024

The Student Union Committee 2024 took office in January. Please pray for them and support their activities this year.

Chairperson: Ka-him Lee Vice-chairperson: Wing-ki Wong
Treasurer: Lam Cheung Spiritual Devotion: Ka-wing Lee
Mission: Choi-ling Chan Living: Shing-kam Ng



Alumni News

- Alumna **Yin-shi Wan** (class of 1985 & 1993) rested in peace on September 25, 2023. May the Lord's consolation, grace, and peace be with her family.
- Alumna **Seung-mei Ng** (class of 2006) was ordained as a pastor by the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance Church Union and the Chinese Christian and Missionary Alliance On Shing Church on October 15, 2023.
- Alumnus **Lai-shun Choy** (class of 2017) was ordained as a pastor by the Hong Kong Baptist Church on December 10, 2023.
- The committee members of Alumni Association (2023-25)
Advisor: President Joshua Cho President: Tak-yin Sin
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Lay Theological Education Department

Degree Programs in Christian Studies

February-September 2024 (auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
New Testament Background	Dr. Bernard Leung Associate Professor of New Testament, HKBTS	20/2-21/5 Tue 7:00-10:00 pm (14 lessons)	In Person/ Video Conferences
The Worshipping Church	Dr. Kit-ying Law Assistant Professor (Worship and Church Music), HKBTS	23/2-3/5 Fri 7:00-10:00 pm (29/3 class suspended; 10 lessons)	
Systematic Theology I	Dr. Sam Ip Visiting Assistant Professor (Christian Thought), HKBTS	15/2-23/5 Thur 7:00-10:00 pm (4/4 class suspended; 14 lessons)	Video Conferences
Systematic Theology II		20/6-19/9 Thur 7:00-10:00 pm (14 lessons)	

Lay Theological Programs (Non-degree)

January-March 2024 (auditing is welcome)

Subject	Lecturer	Date/Time	Instruction Mode
Learning Bonhoeffer's Theology from <i>The Cost of Discipleship</i>	Dr. April Lam	15/1-11/3 Mon 7:15-9:30 pm (12/2 class suspended; 8 lessons)	In Person/ Video Conferences
Information of Elderly Care	Ms. Jessie Hung Ms. Lai-kuen Chan Ms. Siu-fan Shing Ms. Helen Yiu	15/1-18/3 Mon 7:15-9:30 pm (5/2, 12/2 class suspended; 8 lessons)	In Person
Mental Health First Aid for Adolescents	Mr. Ken Yeung	31/1-27/3 Wed 7:15-9:30 pm (14/2 class suspended; 8 lessons)	
Church Administration	Ms. Kwan-ying Cheng Ms. Alice Chao Mr. Chi-man Yu Mr. Vincent Cheung Rev. Peter Koo Rev. Brian Lam Rev. Brahms Ma Mr. Kin-man Ng	20/2 - 23/4 Tue 7:00-10:00 pm (26/3, 2/4 class suspended; 8 lessons)	
Teaching Children God's Word	Ms. Chi-ying Chan Rev. Chi-shing Lo Ms. Gabie Cheung	22/2-18/4 Thur 7:15-9:15 pm (4/4 class suspended; 8 lessons)	
Perspectives on Issues of Life and Death	Mr. Carter Pang	1/3-26/4 Fri 7:15-9:30 pm (29/3 class suspended; 8 lessons)	

All the classes above are conducted in Cantonese.

Inquiries/Registration Tel: 2711 2552 Email: itedinfo@hkbs.edu.hk Website: www.hkbs.edu.hk/ited

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Bachelor of Arts/ Higher Diploma/ Diploma in Christian Studies (Degree Programs)	To provide students with basic practical theological training, equipping them to serve in churches and to witness Christ in society. Some credits earned in these programs can be transferred to the master's degree programs at the seminary.	Secondary school graduates with their pastor's recommendations, and having passed our written test and interview.	February, June, and October	Spring trimester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> November 20 <i>Overseas:</i> October 20 Summer trimester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> March 20 <i>Overseas:</i> February 20 Fall trimester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> July 20 <i>Overseas:</i> June 20

These are all online degree programs.

Non-degree Program	Description	Admissions Requirements	Date of Commencement	Registration Deadline
Higher Diploma in Christian Studies (Non-degree Program)	Providing basic theological training including bible study, theology, and practical studies. It enables students to lay a solid foundation of faith, reshape their lives, and live out their calling.	Diploma (non-degree program) graduates with their pastor's recommendations.	March and September	Spring semester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> February 10 <i>Overseas:</i> January 10 Fall semester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> August 10 <i>Overseas:</i> July 10
Diploma in Christian Studies (Non-degree Program)		Secondary school graduates with their pastor's recommendations.		
Certificate in Biblical Studies	Introductory programs in biblical studies, guiding students to study the Bible systematically.	All are welcome	January, May, and September	Spring trimester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> January 20 <i>Overseas:</i> December 20 Summer trimester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> May 20 <i>Overseas:</i> April 20 Fall trimester: <i>Hong Kong:</i> September 20 <i>Overseas:</i> August 20

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Edna Wong Christian Worship and Arts Education Centre

Classes offered from January to March 2024

Class	Lecturer	Date/Time
Primary Class Voice	Mr. Sanson Lau	23/1-27/2 Tue 7:00-8:30 pm (5 lessons)
Choral Techniques: A Higher Level Practicum		Theory Class: 17/1-7/2 Wed 7:00-9:00 pm (4 lessons) Field Study Class: 25/1, 1/2 Thur 7:30-9:45 pm (2 lessons)
Intermediate Class Voice		21/2-20/3 Wed (5 lessons) Class A 7:00-8:30 pm Class B 8:30-10:00 pm
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training II (8)	Mrs. Wong Fung Chi-lai	19/1-15/3 Fri 1:30-4:00 pm (8 lessons)
Evening Class: Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training II (8)		15/1-11/3 Mon 7:00-9:30 pm (8 lessons)
Integrated Voice and Musicianship Training III (10)		17/1-13/3 Wed 10:00 am-12:30 pm (8 lessons)
Know-How on Music Analytics	Ms. Rachel Kwok	26/1-22/3 Fri 7:30-9:00 pm (4 lessons)
Icon Devotion: Gazing and Seeking	Dr. Chi-chun Cheung	Class A: 15/1, 22/1 Mon 11:00am-1:00 pm, 2:00-4:00 pm (2 lessons) Class B: 19/1, 26/1 Fri 11:00am-1:00 pm, 2:00-4:00 pm (2 lessons)
Meditating Christ's Passion: Icon Devotion		22/3 Fri 2:00-8:00 pm
Spiritual Formation in Silence of Worship	Dr. Cherry Wong	20/3, 27/3 Wed 7:00-8:30 pm (2 lessons)
Musical Conductors Infinite I	Mr. Sanson Lau Ms. Rachel Kwok Mr. Mark Hui	19/2-29/4 Mon 7:30-9:30 pm (10 lessons)

Inquiries/Registration Tel: 2789 2200 Email: worship-arts@hkbtn.edu.hk Website: www.hkbtn.edu.hk/waec

Pastoral Continuing Education Centre

Courses and talks offered from January to March 2024

Course/Talk	Lecturer	Date	Time
Transition: How to Conduct Ourselves and Lead the Others in Times of Rapid Changes?	Rev. Brian Lam	8/1, 15/1	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Theological Reflection on Our Life Story and Pastoral Care	Ms. Sun-nam Tong	8/1	2:30-4:30 pm
The Sanctification of Believers from the Perspective of Leviticus*	Dr. Jacob Tsang	22/1, 29/1	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Pastoral Care: For Those Who Are Suffering, Weak and Failed	Mrs. Ivy Wan	19/2, 26/2	10:00 am-12:00 pm
The Eschatological Significance of the Book of Jeremiah	Dr. Raymond Chan	26/2, 4/3, 11/3	2:30-4:30 pm
Enhancing Relationships between Pastors and Deacons	Dr. Roy Chan	11/3	10:00 am-12:00 pm
Seeing the World through Children's Eyes: Spiritual Development of Children Aged 0-12*	Dr. Sarah Shea	18/3, 25/3	2:30-4:30 pm

* Video conference only

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2024 Bible Conference

Date: 25.3.2024 (Monday)

Time: 10 am-12 pm

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3/F, New Academic Building

Participation: In Person/Video Conference

Target Audience: HKBTS Faculty, Students and Alumni

Satanology in Paul

Speaker: Mr. Daniel Lam
Ph.D. Candidate, University of Edinburgh

Respondent: Dr. Bernard Leung
*Associate Professor of New Testament,
Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary*

Biblical Basis for the Extreme Unction of the Catholic Church in the Book of James

Speaker: Ms. Maggie Chang
*Th.M. Student of Biblical Studies,
Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary*

Respondent: Mr. King-yan Fong
*Th.M. Student of Biblical Studies,
Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary*

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香港仔浸信會	16,039.60	黃念施	200.00	<u>HK\$ 9,200.00</u>	
香港西區浸信會	2,722.50	黃華娟	100.00		
香港浸信教會	125,000.00	黃雅忠	10,000.00	Distance Education Program	
香港堅尼地城浸信教會	1,000.00	葉煥章	300.00	鄭鵬程	300.00
朗福浸信會	200.00	蒙恩家庭	1,000.00	無名氏	444.00
柴灣浸信會	10,000.00	劉永生、鍾梓萍	300.00	無名氏	100.00
將軍澳浸信會	500.00	劉建紅	100.00	<u>HK\$ 844.00</u>	
深荃浸信會	1,000.00	蔡慧英	200.00		
第一城浸信會	8,000.00	鄧活靈伉儷	300.00	Campus Maintenance and Repairs	
置富浸信教會	3,000.00	羅佩珊	100.00	浩聲讚衲詠團	16,000.00
觀塘浸信會	1,677.00	羅凱慈	2,000.00	申融融	300.00
鑽石山浸信會	3,000.00	譚日旭伉儷	30,000.00	楊美玲	300.00
香港浸信會女傳道會聯會	10,000.00	關廣智、鄧慧然	500.00	鄒小寶	1,700.00
中華錫安傳道會慈雲山錫安堂	2,000.00	無名氏	30,000.00	<u>HK\$ 18,300.00</u>	
基督教宣道會大埔堂	500.00	無名氏	5,500.00		
基督教會以琳堂	1,000.00	無名氏	4,000.00	Campus Extension Project	
基督教錫安傳道會	9,950.00	無名氏	3,000.00	陳世英慈善基金	1,300,000.00
啟聞基金	500.00	無名氏	2,000.00	申融融	300.00
HK\$ <u>296,993.10</u>		無名氏	1,000.00	李德祥	6,000.00
		無名氏	700.00	周慧蓮	500.00
Education Fund (Individual Donor)		無名氏	500.00	許煥英	300.00
Lin Sau Fong	200.00	無名氏	500.00	鄧輝祥	500.00
Tam Po Kei	10,000.00	無名氏	400.00	無名氏	8,000.00
Wong Ki Hang	800.00	無名氏	400.00	無名氏	1,000.00
Yu Choi Kam	2,000.00	無名氏	250.00	無名氏	1,000.00
方志強	200.00	無名氏	200.00	<u>HK\$ 1,317,600.00</u>	
王紹良	700.00	無名氏	200.00		
申融融	400.00	無名氏	100.00	Pilgrimage in the Wilderness	
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吳炳榮伉儷	8,000.00		<u>HK\$ 134,816.00</u>	Faculty Support	
吳國傑伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	SGD 5.00	茶果嶺浸信會	200.00
李國雄伉儷	1,000.00	無名氏	MOP 40.00	無名氏	6,000.00
李新蘭	200.00			<u>HK\$ 6,200.00</u>	
李德祥	6,000.00	Rev. George Raymond Wilson Jr.			
林慕雲	1,000.00	Memorial Service	<u>HK\$ 5,300.00</u>		
殷振強伉儷	1,000.00				

Financial Report
General Fund, 1 August - 31 October, 2023

	HK\$
Income	7,234,953.31
Expenditure	<u>(8,058,065.69)</u>
Deficit	<u><u>(823,112.38)</u></u>



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Precious Moments

October 10-12, 2023

Baptist Heritage Week

Baptist Heritage Week 2023 with the theme “A Survey of the Major Baptist Denominations in Hong Kong” was held on our Sai O campus, examining the history, development, and church polity of the three major Baptist denominations in Hong Kong, with particular attention to the impact of recent social changes on their respective churches. The three morning lectures were delivered



respectively by Mr. Wai-tong Chiang (left), General Secretary of the Hong Kong ABWE Alliance, Rev. Kam-kwong Sin (middle), Chief Executive Officer of the Hong Kong Conservative Baptist Church Association, and Rev. Dr. Kwok-hung Lee (right), General Secretary of the Baptist Convention of Hong Kong.

November 19, 2023

Joint Graduation Ceremony

The Joint Graduation Ceremony of HKBTS Main Campus Programs (72nd class), Lay Theological Education Department (24th class), and the Distance Education Program (23rd class) was held at the Kowloon City Baptist Church. Thank God for leading our graduates through numerous trials and

allowing them to finish this stage of their education. We pray that God may lead them into their fields and that they may hold to their initial calling as given by the Lord, be faithful workers who do not need to be ashamed, preach and practice the truth, and bear witness to the truth of the gospel.



November 1, 2023

Women in Music and Ministry Mini-Conference

The mini-conference was held in the new academic building where Dr. Kit-ying Law, Assistant Professor of Practical Theology (Worship and Church Music), discussed the roles and struggles of women in ministry with over twenty female students. Dr. Law gave the example of St. Hildegard of Bingen, a medieval German theologian and a Doctor of the Catholic Church, and through a discussion of her life, writings, and musical works illustrated how this talented and visionary figure demonstrated humility, perseverance, and devotion to Christ amidst difficulties, making a profound impact on the ministry of her time.



Dr. Kit-ying Law was the speaker.



Students discussing in groups



December 4, 2023

Mini-Seminar: Suicide

To help pastors address the growing problem of suicide in Hong Kong, the seminary invited Rev. King-tak Ip, Ph.D. (University of Manchester), to deliver a talk on the topic in the new academic building. Rev. Ip explored Christian views on suicide throughout church history, enabling our participants to have a comprehensive understanding of and thoughtful reflections on this issue.



December 11, 2023

Mini-Seminar: Christian Education



The seminary also invited Rev. Teck-peng Lim, Ph.D. (University of London) and the Academic Dean of the Trinity Theological College in Singapore, to talk about Christian education. Rev. Lim first shared his experiences in promoting Christian cultural and educational initiatives in Singapore and went on to discuss the relationship between Christian education and culture, missions, teaching methods, theology, the roles of seminaries and churches, etc. Participants found the talk beneficial as it broadened their perspectives on the subject.

December 18, 2023

Christmas Worship: The Mystery Revealed

The Christmas Worship Service, jointly organized by HKBTS and the Alumni Association, was held on our Sai O campus. All our teachers, staff, students, and alumni joined together to remember the birth of our Savior. The alumni came enthusiastically to their alma mater, and some even with their family members, making the celebration more joyful and heartwarming. The Alumni Choir led the whole congregation in worship. Dr. Kai-hsuan Chang spoke on the topic "The Mystery Revealed" (1 Tm 3:14-16) and explicated how the mystery of



"incarnation" is in fact related to our ordinary lives. God's work in heaven is embodied in the persistent obedience of ordinary people to His Word in their daily struggles on Earth.



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Hong Kong Baptist Theological Seminary

Spiritual Revival Concert 2024

Holy Is He

14/4 (Sunday)

5:00-6:30 pm

📍 Kowloon City Baptist Church
(206 Argyle Street, Kowloon)

Speaker	Dr. Fook-kong Wong <i>Vice President (Research) and Professor of Old Testament, HKBTS</i>
Conductor	Dr. Kit-ying Law <i>Assistant Professor (Worship and Church Music), HKBTS</i> Ms. Helen Wan <i>Associate Professor Emerita (Church Music), HKBTS</i>
Singers	HKBTS Choir HKBTS Alumni Choir Sacred Singers
Accompanist	Ms. Marsha Chow
Testimonies	HKBTS students



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Content : Sit-in-class lesson, talk with professors and current seminary students,
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Fee : HK\$150 (accommodation not provided)

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