

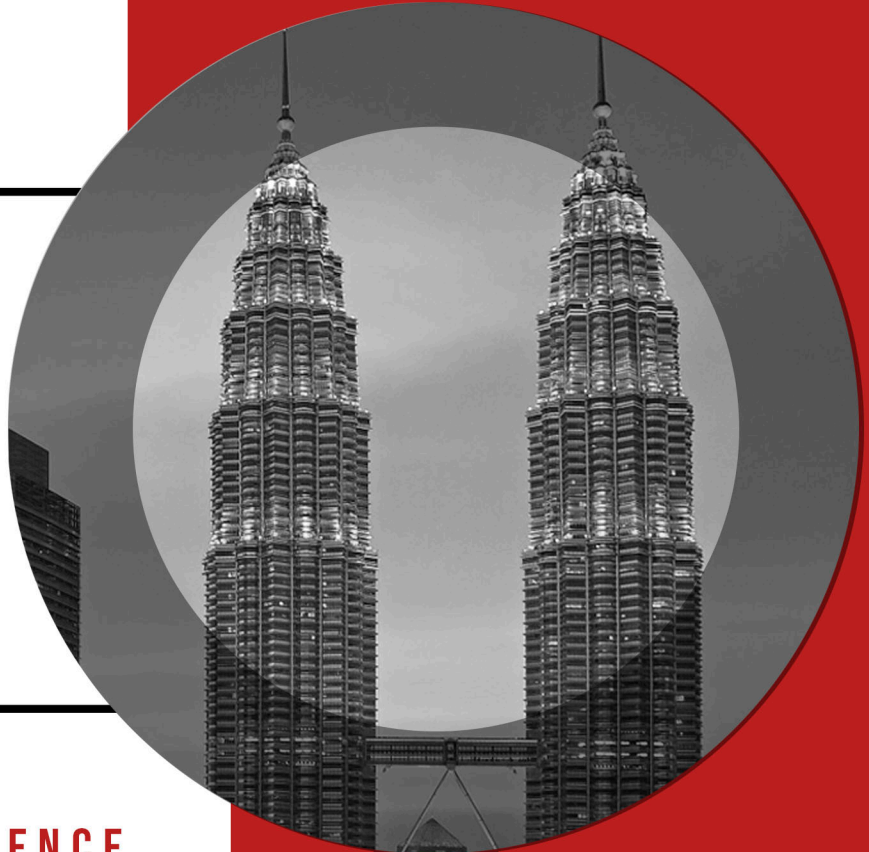
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So I went
down to the
potter's
house, and
there he was
working at
his wheel.

- Jer 18:3



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Rev. Eu Hong Seng
ECCM, Chairman.

Almost fifty years on, the experience remains vivid. The scenes of the Holy Spirit working in our midst, the joy and liberty with which we sang the Scripture choruses, the sweetness of the Lord's presence as we worshiped and the people set free from bondages, are etched in my mind. The thought that came to me then and comes to me often now is, **"That is what church as God intends it to be should look like."**

That was the revival in the mid 1970s in the Klang Valley. Just a few years earlier, Christian spiritual revival took place in Ba'Kelalan in Sarawak one evening in 1973, when the Holy Spirit began to move in the quiet village of Ba'Kelalan, convicting hearts, restoring relationships and ultimately transforming their society.

Since then, there have been other pockets of renewal and revival in our land. Many were converted and many churches were planted across the denominations.

We desperately need a spiritual revival like that of the 1970s in Malaysia because many of God's leaders, workers and people are weary in spirit and have lost vitality to pursue Him.

Why do we need revival? Because we need Him!

Revival is the restoration of God's presence among His people. In Exodus 33, God told the Israelites to break camp at Mt. Sinai and head in the direction of Canaan. The Lord told

Moses He would send His angel ahead of the people to lead them to the Promised Land, but His presence would not go with them because of their disobedience by worshipping the golden calf. So in Exodus 33, God threatened to remove His presence from His people.

Understanding that there is no real life apart from God's presence, Moses pleaded for God to return to His people. In verse 15 Moses said, **"Then he said to Him, "If Your Presence does not go with us, do not bring us up from here."**

God's presence is essential. We need Him, and we were never intended to do life or church without Him.

Revival is not only essential, it is also experiential. Revival is to be felt and experienced. When God is present, life is different. We can feel it, we can know it.

In Acts 3:19, Peter said, **"Repent therefore and be converted, that your sins may be blotted out, so that times of refreshing may come from the presence of the Lord."**

Peter understood that only the presence of God alone could refresh and renew the hearts of His people. And we desperately need the refreshing that comes from His presence with us.

There are several reasons why we need God's Presence -

1. We need Him if we are ever going to recover a biblical sense of fear and awe.

In Rev 1:17 the apostle John said, "And when I saw Him, I fell at His feet as dead. But He laid His right hand on me, saying to me, "Do not be afraid; I am the First and the Last."

John fell on his face in the presence of God. He simply could not stand. More than a physical response, the bowing of our bodies reflects the yielding of our hearts to His rule in our lives.

Fear and awe of God is missing in our churches. But when God's people encounter His presence, there will once

again be a wholesome fear and awe of the Lord.

2. We need Him if we are going to do real battle with sin in our lives.

Many believers are deeply entangled with all manner of sin and are losing the battle against sin and reaping its devastating consequences.

In Isaiah 6:1-5, the prophet had a life-defining encounter with the holy presence of God. The result was that he became intensely aware of his own sinfulness. Like turning up the dimmer lights in a darkened room, God's holiness will highlight all the impurities in our lives. Isaiah, on seeing so clearly

his own sinfulness, wanted to deal with the sin in his life and so will we when we encounter the presence of God!

3. We need Him if our land is going to be healed.

In 2 Chronicles 7:14, God says that if His people are repentant, then He will “heal their land.”

Our land is ailing and weak with many seemingly insurmountable challenges. We long for revival because we want to see our land healed. But revival does not begin with the unconverted turning to Christ; it begins with the people of God honestly dealing with sin and brokenness; it begins with a renewed commitment to God and His Word and a burning desire to please Him.

4. We need Him if we are going to love the world the way He does.

When Jesus walked this earth He had compassion on the masses of people without God. It was natural to Him to release others from spiritual darkness and disorientation. When He is present among us, our hearts will come into alignment with His heart. We will move from being judgmental about our nation to weeping over land.

5. We need Him if we are going to see more people giving their lives to Christ, trusting Him for salvation.

In the presence of God, resistance to the gospel melts away and lives are transformed.

6. We need Him if we are going to recover the hearts of students and young adults.

Many young adults and youth are not disciplined by Christian parents to walk with God. The church tries her best to do that. But sadly, youth are “graduating” from church soon after they graduate from high school. A high percentage of young people and young adults drop active involvement in church when they are in tertiary education or when they join the workforce. Only God’s presence can turn this around.

7. We need Him if we are going to impact our nation for Christ.

The church must become more than a place for “hatching, matching, and dispatching” (i.e., baby dedications, weddings, and funerals). God’s people must know His presence and power and joy in order to serve Him and reach out to the community to impact our nation for Christ.

8. We need Him if we want to see the supernatural happen in our midst.

The “tangible” presence of the Lord is often absent in our church services. Yes we know He’s in our midst but we long to see signs and wonders accompany the preaching of His Word. When we are more concerned about “filling” than “falling,” then the supernatural will begin to be ushered in.

9. We need Him if we are to stand firm till He comes.

The last days are at hand. We see wars and rumours of war, occurrences of natural disasters intensifying, diseases killing people in great numbers.

In order for His people to stand firm till He comes, we need a fresh encounter with His awesome presence and power.

But revival is not something we can work up. It is something we pray down. Let us restore our prayer meetings, seek His face and plead the Lord for His mighty presence to invade our churches, our homes, and our nation.

Yes, we need Him. Not so much renewal or revival, but Him.

by Rev. Eu Hong Seng



FOLLOW THROUGH

A Consistent Pattern For Effective Living



Pr.
Justin Segar

Philippians 1:6 (NLT)

6 And I am certain that God, who began the good work within you, will continue his work until it is finally finished on the day when Christ Jesus returns.

As we continue into 2024 with boldness and confidence in Christ, every pastor and leader can find encouragement in the assurance that God, who initiated a good work within us, will bring it to completion through Christ Jesus. We can be certain of this, as He is our heavenly Father, and we are His child first and foremost, before any other role we may carry.

Below are five simple patterns that will help us 'follow through' on what Christ has begun in us, promoting effective living patterns.

Pattern #1*Always Give Thanks*

Cultivate a lifelong habit of giving thanks, guiding us to focus on what matters most in serving the local church.

Philippians 1:3-4 (NLT)

3 Every time I think of you, I give thanks to my God. 4 Whenever I pray, I make my requests for all of you with joy,

Pattern #2*Share The Favor*

As leaders, it's valuable to share the knowledge we've gained. We could also extend our interests beyond church ministry. Let's not only share blessings but also be willing to embark on the journey through both joy and sadness together.

Philippians 1:7

7 So it is right that I should feel as I do about all of you, for you have a special place in my heart. You share with me the special favor of God, both in my imprisonment and in defending and confirming the truth of the Good News.

Pattern #3*Pray With Love***Philippians 1:8-9**

8 God knows how much I love you and long for you with the tender compassion of Christ Jesus. 9 I pray that your love will overflow more and more, and that you will keep on growing in knowledge and understanding.

Maintaining a heart posture of love that genuinely seeks the well-being of others is crucial. This allows the goodness of God to overflow in both our lives and the lives of our members, fostering spiritual growth.

Pattern #4*Pursuit of Holiness***Philippians 1:10**

10 For I want you to understand what really matters, so that you may live pure and blameless lives until the day of Christ's return.

The urgency for holiness in our churches and, more importantly, in our society is pressing. The church is not only called to defend the fort of holiness but to actively pursue holiness in every aspect of human life.

May the Holy Spirit, our ever present helper guide us through this pursuit of holiness.

Romans 8:26

Likewise the Spirit also helps in our weaknesses. For we do not know what we should pray for as we ought, but the Spirit Himself makes intercession for us with groanings which cannot be uttered.

Pattern #5

Showing Christlike Character

In our churches, actions speak louder than words, echoing a proven biblical model exemplified by Christ Himself. Living in obedience to Christ and reflecting His character in our daily conduct is paramount.

In today's prevalent social media world, many live double lives. Christians are called to maintain a singular, transparent, and fruit-bearing life consistent with Jesus Christ. It is a crucial truth; our hope for effective living rests solely in Christ alone.

Philippians 1:11

11 May you always be filled with the fruit of your salvation—the righteous character produced in your life by Jesus Christ[a]—for this will bring much glory and praise to God.

St Augustine explains how you should respond to this hope for the future: 'He who loves the coming of the Lord is not he who affirms that it is far off, nor is it he who says it is near, but rather he who, whether it be far off or near, awaits it with sincere faith, steadfast hope, and fervent love.'

There will be a new relationship with God. You experience a foretaste of this today through the indwelling presence of God in the church by his Spirit. God will never leave us half way, He follows through with us, so we shall do likewise with confidence in Christ Jesus.

Let us all 'Follow Through' the good work through Christ in us.

Happy New 2024!

by Fr Justin Segar

CHRISTMAS Luncheon 2024

Our annual Christmas luncheon is a joyful year-end celebration, expressing gratitude for God's goodness towards our Pastors and Leaders. The atmosphere resonated with thankfulness, commencing with uplifting Christmas carols led by Pastor Goh Hock Huat (FGT KL). The joyful rendition was filled with praises and adoration for Christ, acknowledging Him as the source of all the works of our hands.



Pr. **Goh Hock Huat**



Pr. **Noah Ha**

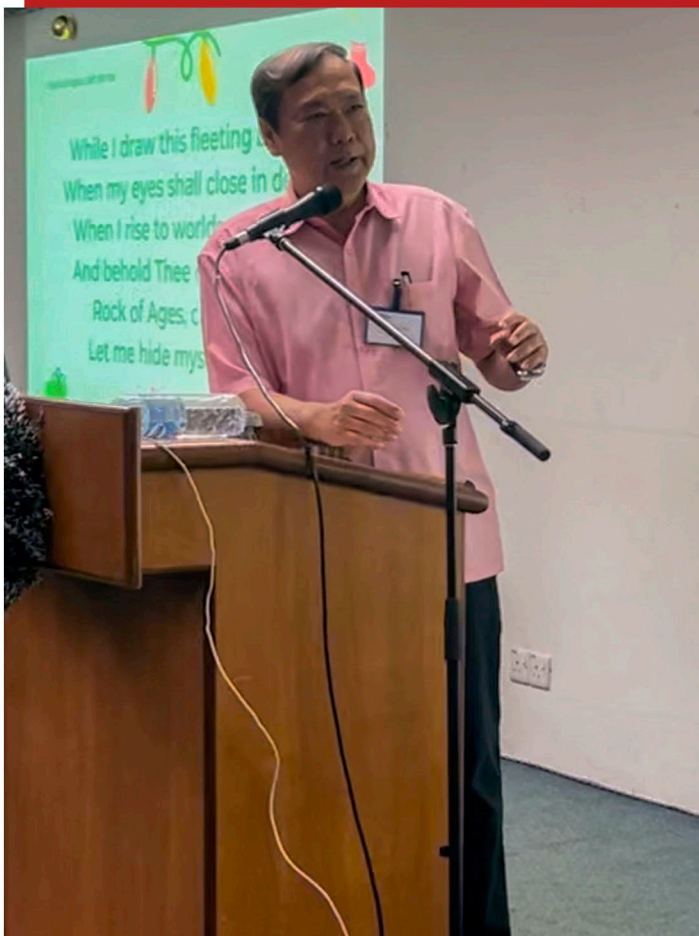
Pastor Noah Ha (All Nations Church PJ) in his opening devotion, reminded us to **'Consider Your Ways.'** Drawing inspiration from the book of Haggai, he emphasized that Prophet Haggai urged the returnees to reflect on their actions because they had forgotten their purpose by neglecting the construction of the temple. All our leaders were encouraged to realign, obey, and stay focused on building God's kingdom.

Following that, we enjoyed a delightful coffee and refreshment break. Everyone was delighted to reconnect and make new acquaintances.

Pastor Tay Wah Seng (Vineyard Church, Johor Bahru) then delivered a heartfelt message on **"Imitating The Good Shepherd."** His sharing was both genuine and practical, as he openly discussed the struggles and victories of being a shepherd in the local church. We were all greatly encouraged by his insights into the qualities and challenges of being a good shepherd.



Pr. Tay Wah Seng



Rev. Eu Hong Seng

Finally, our Chairman, Rev. Dr. Eu Hong Seng (FGT Subang) delivered an impactful message on **'You Are My Hiding Place.'** Drawing from Psalm 32, he further explained the psalm's exploration of guilt and troubles in one's life. During this session, we gained insights into the hindrances to growth, rooted in the sins of pride, lust, and greed.

The challenge extended to us was to become carriers of God's presence and overcomers. Emphasizing the urgent need to seek refuge in the presence of God, every leader was encouraged to consistently enter into God's hiding place. By doing so, we were inspired that the people of God can defeat the enemy and advance His Kingdom.



We concluded our gathering with a rendition of the beloved hymn 'Rock of Ages, cleft for me.' All pastors and leaders were greatly blessed by the shared word. Following that, we took time to pray together, expressing gratitude to God for a wonderful year.

ECCM's Christmas luncheon embodies love, appreciation, and generosity. The fellowship with pastors and leaders, accompanied by a delightful Christmas lunch, holds great value for us. All members felt greatly blessed and encouraged. We eagerly look forward to serve together in 2024 and to build strong churches.



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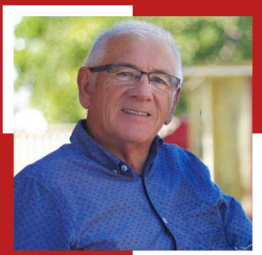


ECCM Gathering
& AGM 2024



20 June 2024

Leadership with
Dr John Andrews



18-20 SEPTEMBER 2024

Leaders' Retreat with
Pastor Alan Wills

A N N O U N C E M E N T S

ABOUT US

ECC Msia is a fellowship of ministers and churches who are like minded in doctrine, vision, character, values and purpose. We provide the context for biblical accountability amongst ministers and churches.

MISSION STATEMENT

ECC Msia exist to promote and nurture relationship amongst member minister and churches, strengthening and equipping them to be more effective in building and multiplying strong churches.

OUR VISION

The vision for ECC Msia is to impact our nation for Jesus Christ through strong local churches by upholding the biblical values with high moral and ethical standard.

PEER RELATIONSHIP

PASTORAL MINISTRY

POWER IN UNITY

PERSEVERANCE FOR RENEWAL

OUR OBJECTIVES

To serve Evangelical Charismatic Churches Malaysia by the 3R as below:

REPRESENTATION

We seek to provide a 'voice' for the indigenous charismatic churches.

RECOGNITION

We provide authentication and lend credibility to churches in this category which is often misunderstood for their 'independence'.

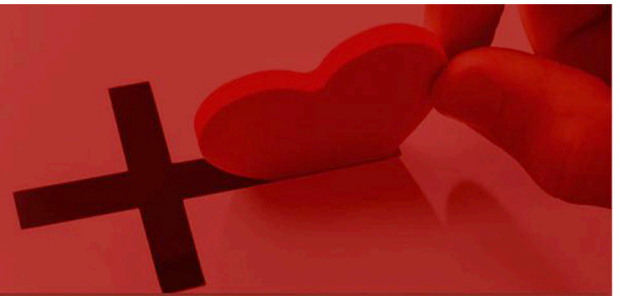
RELATIONSHIP

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