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HOM Editorial

My medical report just came in and everything was within the normal range except my uric acid

level which is raised. All these results were determined by the testing of blood samples, *“for the life of the body is in its blood”* - Leviticus 17:11 (New Living Translation). Thank God, for good health. However what do we do with the good health God has blessed us with? How do we bless others with it?

Many think that *“blessed to be a blessing”* refer to wealth only and probably rightly so, but does that mean if you have no monetary blessing, then you are unable to be a blessing to others? I think of our dialect elders, most of whom are retired and without income, how do they become blessings to others? What about our parents, some are sickly and grumpy and senile. Are they a burden or a blessing? If you have a rich dad, the problem is different you can't wait to receive your blessing (inheritance).

If there were no old, poor people, then we will have less opportunity to practice Christ-likeness because *“whoever wants to be first among you must be your slave—just as the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve”* - Matthew 20:27-28. We are blessed to serve them. Some of our care group members are unable to come for CG meetings because of their aged parents. We should not see them as absentees but as very filial children.



On the 1st day of the Chinese New Year, we went to visit my mother as we usually do. One thing that surprised me was that she wanted her photo taken, which is a very unusual request.

Here is a photo of my brothers, sister and mother. Please pray for them to come back to Jesus.

The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise, as some understand slowness. Instead he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance. – 2Peter 3:9

Martin Cheah

WHY ARE YOU A Singaporean/Christian /Lutheran?



Let's say you are a Singaporean. Do you ever ask yourself the questions on why you are Singaporean and why you stick to being a Singaporean instead of changing your nationality? To be sure, there are many things not great about being Singaporean if we give thoughts to the criticisms. Singaporeans are not perfect; yet, imperfections alone are not enough reasons for us to change nationality.

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christian

Let's say you are a Christian. Do you ever ask yourself the questions on why you are a Christian and why you stick to being a Christian instead of leaving the church? To be sure, Christians receive a lot of criticisms from non-Christians.

No matter which group you belong to (whether regarding your nationality group or your distinctive Christian community), you are bound to hear opinions that are different from yours. This is to be expected. When you hear others' opinions, you may engage with the different opinions by sharing your thoughts in meaningful discourses. However, before you can do that, you must first have a position to stand on as a reference point. In other words, you must at least understand yourself. As a Singaporean, you must understand that there are negative labels put on you. You won't be easily swept away by such labels if you have a fuller appreciation of many positive labels

you do have. The same point applies to yourself as a Christian who knows why you are one. For example, quoting from a beautiful poem by Maya Angelou:

I Am a Christian

When I say..."I am a Christian" I'm not shouting "I'm clean livin."
I'm whispering "I was lost," Now I'm found and forgiven.

When I say..."I am a Christian" I don't speak of this with pride.
I'm confessing that I stumble and need CHRIST to be my guide.

When I say ..."I am a Christian" I'm not trying to be strong.
I'm professing that I am weak and need HIS strength to carry on.

When I say ..."I am a Christian" I'm not bragging of success.
I'm admitting I have failed and need God to clean my mess.

When I say..."I am a Christian" I'm not claiming to be perfect,
My flaws are far too visible, but God believes I'm worth it.

When I say..."I am a Christian" I still feel the sting of pain.
I have my share of heartaches! So I call upon His name.

When I say..."I am a Christian" I'm not holier than thou,
I'm just a simple sinner who received God's good grace, somehow.

by Maya Angelou

*"When I say that
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It can be tragic if one makes a decision by taking in opinions without first being familiar with his own reason for being who he is.

As a Lutheran, I do not claim superiority over fellow brothers and sisters in Christ who are non-Lutherans. I trust the Lutheran Book of Concord not as a substitute for the Bible, but as a reliable reference source of the Reformation writings and the Christian creeds that came out of the ancient church – The Apostles' Creed, Nicene Creed and Athanasian Creed – for clarifying the Word of God against heresies, stating clearly the truth based on Scripture.

As a member of the LCS, I claim myself to belong to an evangelical church; i.e., while bearing the Lutheran traditions, the church I belong to subscribes fully to the teaching of the Gospel and believes in the infallibility of the Bible. While variations of opinions in interpretations

over some parts of Scripture are unavoidable, the differences do not reach down to the fundamental tenets of the Christian faith; therefore, evangelical churches are able to maintain the spirit of unity in the body of Christ and brothers and sisters of different denominational distinctives are able to maintain harmony in relationships.

Imagine that, as a Christian, someone from outside my faith circle comes to me and tell me all sorts of things that are negative, such as the fact about Christians being sinners and hypocrites, that Christian leaders are scandal-prone, that Christians are intolerant, etc. It is alright for me to hear them out and with humility to acknowledge the shortcomings of Christians and human church leaders. However, it would be grave if I do not bother to dig into a deep understanding of why I am a Christian and allow myself to be rocked in my faith by the accusations. In fact, as a Christian knowing my position of faith, recognizing my own fallibility but trusting in the infallibility of Scripture, I welcome criticisms – not to be swayed out of my faith but for their value in keeping me on my toes about my Christian testimony.

A student accepts his teachers' supplementary material as reliable illumination of the contents of a textbook even though the student may have his first choice to refer to the textbook directly if he can understand the textbook presentation of knowledge. By this analogy, the Book of Concord is like a collection of illuminating material based on the teachings in the main source (the Bible), helping us to understand the truth although Christians who can have understanding by direct reference to the Bible is not discouraged from doing so. Advocating the Reformation writings in congruence with the Bible teachings serves a good purpose in that the former would ease us into absorbing what is expounded in Scripture.



I am first a Christian; and second, a Lutheran. There is no contradiction between the two.

I have friends who are first a Christian; and second, a Methodist (or of some other Christian tradition) with their own ecumenical documents

that are good for their references to complement their direct reading of the Bible. Interestingly, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica:

*“Nicene Creed, also called Niceno-Constantinopolitan Creed, [is] a Christian statement of faith that is the only ecumenical creed because **it is accepted as authoritative by the Roman Catholic, Eastern Orthodox, Anglican, and major Protestant churches.** The Apostles’ and Athanasian creeds are accepted by some but not all of these churches.”*

Singapore is fortunate to be a place where there is religious and cosmopolitan harmony. If you are a Singaporean, you must know why you are a Singaporean. If you are a Christian, you must know why you are a Christian. If you are a Christian belonging to any of the denominational distinctives, you must know why and have a good understanding of the position you stand on; so that you can have meaningful sharing of views about distinctives among brothers and sisters if it interests you to do so.

It would be undesirable if you are a Lutheran but do not know why, and then when you are approached with assorted ideas external to your Lutheran tradition, you just become perplexed.

John Lee

TIES THAT BIND

REMINSCENCE OF THE PAST & LOOK TO THE FUTURE



One of my cousins and I decided to contact our family members and relatives from my mother's side together for the Chinese New Year. It has been years since we have met with our uncles, aunties and cousins due to our busy schedules and the humdrum of coping with our lives and families.

Calls were made. My heart sank when my auntie shared that my 4th uncle has not been able to get out of the house for the last few years due to diabetes. He is wheel-chair bound and has to be cared for. They had to decline our invitation for a family get-together on one of the 15 days of the Chinese New Year. ☹️

A cold chill ran down my spine and I went silent with a heavy heart when she asked me how I was. The warmth of her tone recovered my composure with a thanksgiving to God that there are family members who still remember and care for each other. There are so many experiences and events that have happened over the last few years where I had missed them all because we have not been keeping in touch with our relatives and their family members.

It was then my mother added that this auntie has always enquired about me and how I was since my maternal grandmother passed on several years ago. My late grandmother took care of me in my early years and this thought opened a flood-gate of emotions drilling into memories then when I had more interactions with them as we gathered at our maternal grand-parents' home yearly during the Chinese New Year.

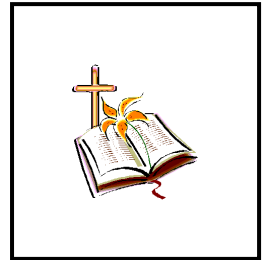
The sentiments grew stronger as more calls were made. It was when we heard from another uncle that he cannot make it due to family issues and medical conditions. It dawned on me that things have changed over time. I will be praying for them.

I am thankful to have a family in Christ too. God as our Father in Heaven taught us that the ties that bind starts with Him.

In the New Testament, the four gospels narrated the life and death of Jesus Christ. It formed the back-drop of how Jesus came to us and the importance of His role from birth, life and death in God's plan to save us from sin; provide us an avenue with the opportunity for eternal life and salvation through Jesus Christ.

I read that the word "Gospel" is derived from the Anglo-Saxon term of God-spell, i.e. "Good Story. It was in the late 18th century, the first three gospels are known as Synoptic Gospels because the texts are written in such a way that flowed with the life and death of Jesus Christ. It was His Promise to us that He will never leave us and will always be with us when we believe and have faith in Him.

¹⁸ Then Jesus came to them and said, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." (Matthew 28:18-20



Jesus Prays to Be Glorified

1After Jesus said this, he looked toward heaven and prayed:

"Father, the hour has come. Glorify your Son, that your Son may glorify you.2For you granted him authority over all people that he might give eternal life to all those you have given him.3Now this is eternal life: that they know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent.4I have brought you glory on earth by finishing the work you gave me to do.5And now, Father, glorify me in your presence with the glory I had with you before the world began.

Jesus Prays for His Disciples

6 "I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word.7Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you.8For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me.9I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours.10All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them.11I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one.12While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

13 "I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them.14I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world.15My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one.16They are not of the world, even as I am not of it.17Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.18As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world.19For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

Jesus Prays for All Believers

20 "My prayer is not for them alone. I pray also for those who will believe in me through their message,21that all of them may be one, Father, just as you are in me and I am in you. May they also be in us so that the world may believe that you have sent me.22I have given them the glory that you gave me, that they may be one as we are one—23I in them and you in me—so that they may be brought to complete unity. Then the world will know that you sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me.

24 "Father, I want those you have given me to be with me where I am, and to see my glory, the glory you have given me because you loved me before the creation of the world.

25 "Righteous Fath 25 "Righteous Father, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.26I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them." er, though the world does not know you, I know you, and they know that you have sent me.26I have made you known to them, and will continue to make you known in order that the love you have for me may be in them and that I myself may be in them."

John 17: 1 - 25

In the book of John 17, there is a significant emphasis of how the relationships worked between the ties with God, Jesus, disciples and His expectations and love for us. It depicts how we can serve Him like what the disciples did to glorify His Name.

He continued by assuring us that He is always with us through His Word and the Holy Spirit as He had protected His disciples with prayers, truth and love.

In this time of the Chinese New Year, it can be a time of love as we reminisce on our past, savour our current blessings and treasure the ties we have on earth. Let us remember this Love from our Lord Jesus Christ and continue to pray for those around us; knowing that those whom we are praying for will come to know Christ and believe in Him! Impact 5! 😊

We are not alone and should look towards the future as we build ties that bind with Christ in our lives and walk with him.

Have a blessed New Year! May you prosper in our Lord Jesus Christ with doing good works, have a good understanding of God's Word sustain with prayers and serve others through His Love!

Joyce Tan

LATENESS TO CHURCH...!!!

Ever since I was born, I have not seen many people arrive late to the airport when they are traveling. In fact, when the plane is taking off at 11:00pm, the person will be at the airport by 7:00pm, wow!

That's how much people value travelling overseas!!

Same when they have to go to court they will be at that Court not less than 30 minutes before the appointed time.

Same when they have appointment with mere men called VIP who have promised to give them money or valuable things, they will be there much more earlier.

But on a Sunday morning when Church has long begun, that's when you see men and women with 'swag' gliding like a wounded tortoise to Church.

They know they are late yet it does not bother them.

Church starts at 7:00 am but people will come at 8:30am or 9:00am and you wonder why? They think all they need is just to be present and show their faces to their friends and mark attendance with Pastor who always bothers them.

Just take the test to call them on Monday at 5:30 or 6:00 am, you'll realise they are already on their way to work and some will be there already.

Know this today, anytime you go to Church one minute late, you have NOT attended Church at all.

If Christ is saying 'where two or three are gathered, I'm in their midst', you think He comes late? The time you give is the time He keeps.

What does it mean to arrive late to Church?

- 1) Disrespect to Christ
- 2) Betrayal of Christ
- 3) Disregard to the Church and the Pastor
- 4) Interruption of an eternal program
- 5) TOTAL dishonour to God.

Long Story Short a collection of stories

6 Jan 2019 – right on the 1st Sunday of 2019, at the Dialect service, an elderly auntie had a stroke and emergency ambulance service had to be called to fetch her to the hospital. Thanks be to God, she was back in church by the next Sunday.



2 Feb 2019 – Some of the Dialect team attended the funeral of Mr Goh, a regular at the Dialect service. At the funeral we found out the he was baptized just 2 weeks before his death and that his son was an ex-BB boy from JCC. Some call it Divine Coincidence; maybe it is just our destiny to plant the seed.



Mr Goh is quite well known in the Getai circuit.

Chinese New Year came around and the Dialect team went out visiting some of the elderly on two dates, 7 and 9 Feb 2019. Each date, the team visited about 7 to 8 homes, singing 4 songs at each home.

03.02.2019 星期日 Sunday 农历戊戌年十二月廿九

长城歌台台主逝世

“对比70年代的巅峰时期，他目前的熟识其实已大不如前，以前每年有70场演的盛况，如今断断续续到场。”

吴钟耀形容，父亲的身体向来硬朗，半年前中风，需以轮椅代步。

“上个月头，他因中风再度入院。情况起初还算稳定，但后因细菌感染而变得严重。住院26天后，父亲安详在医院过世。”

他表示，即便父亲在病床上，他依旧放不下歌台。

“农历二月十五，长城歌台将为吴钟耀办歌台，他也为了此事不断叮咛我们。”

吴钟耀坦言，父亲向来都希望子女能够接手他的事业，继续办歌台。

“我们其实都有各自的工作，但为了完成父亲的遗愿，若是有人找上长城歌台，我和母亲会继续他的梦想，尽力呈献好的歌台。”

生前爱唱歌，原本打算新年过后当歌唱比赛裁判。

吴钟耀表示，丈夫热爱歌唱，以前更在自己的歌台为公众现场表演。

“或许是他的经验老道，有不少人邀请他当歌唱比赛评审，本已在新年之后约。”

昨晚前来灵堂吊唁的歌台台主，吴淑海为家人叮嘱说，她听闻清歌台艺人唐晋说，她听闻清要到医院探望，但无奈无法在他最后一班。

“他的为人善良，对于他的感到非常伤心。”

原打算新年后

一姓歌台 连续36年

▲吴淑海热办歌台 36年

长城歌台台主吴钟耀过世，享年82岁

9 Feb 2019 – Peggy joined the Dialect team after work and went around to 3 homes bringing CNY joy to the elderly. That very night after the visitations, Peggy went to visit her sick father. Sometime late in the night we received a

message that her father stopped breathing. Peggy has the peace to know that her father received Jesus in his last moments.

On the 6th day of CNY, many of us attended the funeral of Peggy's father.



Peggy's father was cremated one day before Valentine's Day and by Sunday, 17th Feb, she was leading the team going around the kampong in PKS CNY.

19 Feb 2019 - With energy from God alone, Peggy held a CNY badminton party, rounding off a hectic week for her.



"The joy of the Lord is your strength" - Nehemiah 8:10.

My Recent Bereavement



My dad passed away on 9 Feb 2019. Noting his advanced age of 85 years, I had been through an anguish-fraught time regarding his health and his salvation, especially since he was persistently resistant to any Christian prayer for him.

Over a period, I talked to him about the light and peace of God. I kept telling him about his good fortune to have so many children, children-in-law, grandchildren and great-grandchildren – 子孙满堂。Yet, I could discern that he was lacking in the inner peace despite the physical possessions he had.

On one occasion when I prayed for him, he opened his eyes. I asked him what he saw and he answered, “Light.” I was not too sure what he meant by that. At that time, the room’s main light was off and there was just a small light bulb nearby not directly in his line of sight. I told him that I wanted to pray for him and he answered, “No need.” This was quite a softened response, different from the usual outright rejections (“Don’t pray for me!”).

I pleaded with God to prolong his life for me to have more time to speak with him.

On 6 Feb, daytime, I had this opportunity to be alone with him to talk about the inner peace from God. He said the following 3 times (in Hokkien) after me:

- “I want peace.” (我要平安。)
- “Peace in God.” (上帝内的平安。)
- “Jesus loves Tan Leong Huat” (耶稣爱陈两发。) Amen!

He repeated 3 times that evening.

During this CNY, I would visit him every night.

On 9 Feb (Saturday), after my dialect visitation, I was beside him at about 8.30 pm when I felt that he got something to talk to me. He spoke in a feeble but calm voice. I reminded him to have the inner peace of God and to blink his eyes if he agreed with what I said. Yes, he blinked his eyes a few times in a clear receptive response to my ministering and prayer effort compared with the usual outright rejections. I prayed for the peace of God to be with him and for God to accept him into His presence if this was the right time. Shortly after, my father left us.

The timing of my father's passing on was not incidental; it was after celebrating his last CNY with all his children and grandchildren; and after God had given extended time for me and one of my sisters (who is a Christian) to minister to him. During this time, we witnessed the gradual softening of his original hard opposition to even a mere suggestion of any Christian praying for him. In his final moments, he became amiable to offers of Christian prayer and was positive towards my communication about the peace in Jesus for him to have.

At the moment of his passing, I cried but not so much as my other siblings cried, because I felt that the peace of God was with me that he is in good hands. The next day, during my QT, I was reminded of this "inner peace" when reading the passage of Scripture: "... in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble, but take heart! I have overcome the world." – John 16:33.

God gave peace – not a fickle peace; but a deep, long-lasting one. God's kingdom of shalom is with us, to be experienced as an inner peace that can't be destroyed. We experience this long-lasting peace by a relationship with God through Jesus, the Prince of shalom. (Isa 9:6)

"The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned." – Isa 9:2

The Lord re-assured me that my dad is in His loving hands. Throughout the wake, I felt the inexplicable peace of God in me. I deeply appreciate my friends/relatives and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ in JCC for the prayer support and condolences in my recent bereavement.

Peggy Tan

JOINING THE MULTI MEDIA MINISTRY IN 2019

We are **Clifford** and **Yi Wen**. As we inch closer to marriage, we were seeking a ministry to serve in together. Photography is a strength and passion we share as a couple, so serving as photographers on The Vine team naturally came to mind. While we strive to document happenings in church that reveal God's glory, we also hope to grow spiritually as one, along the way. So, here we are! Ready to snap, snap, snap away.



Isaac is a full-time health promoter but enjoys his fair-share of unhealthy things from time to time. In his free time, Isaac loves to pick up new skills such as Videography and the Bahasa Indonesia language. Isaac serves in the youth, young adult and worship ministry and is now joining the Vine Ministry. Isaac believes that God has great plans for JCC and hopes to document the sights and sounds of God's work for future generations to know and remember what God has done.



As many of you may already be aware, **Soon Eong** has just recently retired in July of last year after 37 years in the public service. He has previously served as Council member and CG leader of Abundance CG. As an avid reader and keen observer of life in JCC, he has decided to join the Vine team as editor-in-training (if such a position exists). So please help to keep him busy and happy by sending in more articles for him to read and edit.



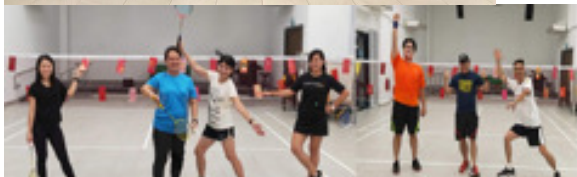
Outreach:

Badminton Interest Group

(Time together during CNY celebration)



19th February – a day we didn't just stroke shuttlecocks with badminton rackets, but also enjoyed a warm fellowship time together celebrating CNY and playing some bonding games with “angbaos” (red packets).



Every CNY, it is the Chinese custom to do a “lo hei” (a prosperity toss of a raw-fish salad) to welcome a year of abundance. So, we did the toss as well. In reflection, the outreach

team has much to thank God for many blessings received through the year 2018; and as we did the “lo hei”, we wished for more spiritual prosperity (blessings) from the Lord for the year 2019. It is our desire to receive the blessings to share among our neighbours in the community.



Our CNY wish – Peace and love among neighbours! Peace like a river flowing smoothly in our lives, and may love spread in the neighbourhood as we engage one another with confidence and joy to share our abundant blessings from the Lord. God is our protector and provider.

Glad tidings come to us because of His grace and love, whereby we extend our grace and love to one another. God gives us wisdom and patience to wait

upon Him, and we will soar like eagles, spreading our wings, swelling up our spirit to carry out our task in fulfilling a purpose greater than ourselves – the purpose to sow Gospel seeds and reap the spiritual harvest.

Fittingly, Rev. Anthony shared his life story about how God brought him out of bondage when he was in secondary school. At the receiving end of many



negative remarks from well-meaning parents who had the aim for him to do better in life, he lived his life as a timid child. He thanked God for saving him, giving him the hope that

transcended all human understanding and building up his self-confidence. He encouraged every pre-Christian to come to know Jesus in this new year 2019.



In the bonding games, our youngest player, Caleb, was the overall winner with his collection of most “angbaos”, including one with the blessed message from Ps 65:11, “You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance.”

every one of us as the outreach team looks forward to the year (2019) of bounty with our carts overflowing with the abundance of our Lord’s blessings.

May the message apply to each and

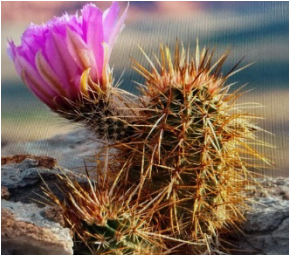
Peggy Tan

Listen ... stop and consider God's Wonders

(Ref. Job 37:14-16)



A brother-in-Christ sent me a video of a Mandarin duck, a flamboyant native of China and Japan which was stealing the show in Gotham Central Park. With delight, he exclaimed, "God is great! Created it with such beautiful colours."



The next day, another brother sent me the photo of a cactus in the desert with excitement: "Wow, blooming also. Won't you love it?"

Oh sure, I love it. And I love the Mandarin duck too!

Now, I have my question: In our busy life, do we ever pause to God's wonders?

In the beginning, God created the heavens and the earth. He created all the colours and set them as a rainbow in the clouds.



Martin Cheah was enthusiastic to share a photo of the rainbow that appeared above Tiger Brewery. Perhaps, the reason for his enthusiasm (and it should be ours too) is that the rainbow reminds us of the everlasting covenant of grace between God

and all life on the earth. (Gen 9:13-17)

We know that life cannot exist without water and air. If there are water and air but no colours, then there would be no light also. Life wouldn't exist in such a void. Recall that when the earth was formless and empty, and darkness was over the surface of the deep, God created light (colours) before he brought life into existence. (Gen 1) Hence, it may be correct to say that life cannot exist without water, air and colours. Students of science know that water (H_2O) and air (mixture of O_2 , N_2 , etc.) are chemicals (with chemical names or molecular

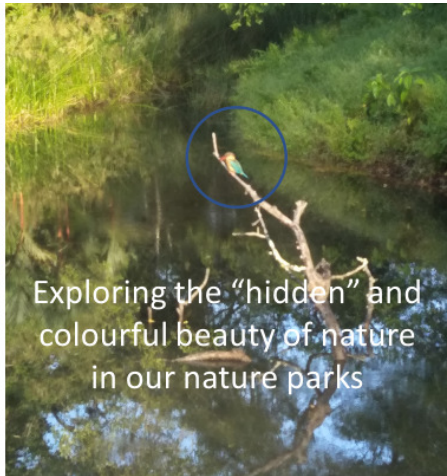
formulas), but they usually neglect observing that colour is also ubiquitous in chemistry.

When we look at God's creation, there are 3 aspects to contemplate: the obvious, the obscure, and the invisible.

It is obvious that life cannot exist without water and air, but it is obscure to us that colours are also essential for life.

It is obvious to us that plant and animal lives thrive in visible abundance of life-giving water, but it escapes our thought that **thorn and cactus can also become an oasis.** (Ps 68:9 MSG)

It is obvious to us the easily visible works of the LORD (Ps 104:24-25; Isa 43:20), but we are less attentive to God's invisible qualities – his eternal power and divine nature – that have been clearly seen from His creation. (Rom 1:20)
It is obvious to us the usefulness of tangible things that God created, but it is obscure to our mind that beauty in itself is also God's creation for His own pleasure and for man's enjoyment.

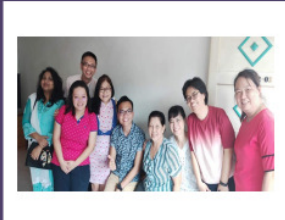
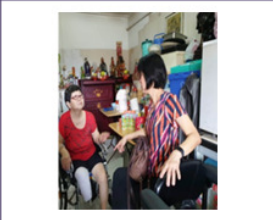


Let us admire the beauty of the Mandarin duck's plumage, marvel at the blooming cactus in the desert, grasp the deep covenantal message of the rainbow that God set in the sky and cherish the beauty of the life-giving colours in our nature parks.

Listen ... stop and consider God's wonders. (Job 37:14-16)

John Lee

PKS CNY Visitation on 17 Feb 2019



The Kampong Spirit is still alive!

With a fine weather, the Outreach Team visited 11 residents in Taman Jurong.

Fun and joy were immersed in the Kampong Spirit. Some of the residents are pre-Christians, and they welcomed our prayers for CNY blessings upon them.

To the Chinese, the CNY always brings renewed hopes for happiness and prosperity.

It is our prayers that the residents we visited will experience the kind of happiness associated with a spiritual prosperity, the lasting kind of happiness that no one can take away. (John 15:11)

To the Outreach Team, the visitation is a small investment of time and goodwill in the sharing of God's love.

May God's perfect and beautiful will be done in the lives of our neighbours! (Mt 6:10)

Peggy Tan