



General Superintendent's Address

A God Who keeps His Words of Promises

"For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

Dr Luke skilfully documented, in the first chapter of the Gospel of Luke, two miracles!

First, he told us that God sent His angel Gabriel to Zacharias, the priest, and his wife Elisabeth, cousin of Mary, who had been without child and both advanced in age, that they are expecting a son, to be named John! Gabriel's message to Zacharias was precise: That the barren couple would be blessed with a son named John who "shall be great in the sight of the Lord, and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink; and he shall be filled with the Holy Ghost, even from his mother's womb" (Luke 1:15). In other words, John was born again since he was conceived in Elisabeth's womb. What a blessed miracle in answer to the couple's prayers for a child – and God gave them a miracle son! As the story unfolds, John was to be the forerunner of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, to proclaim the way of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Second, he told us that God also sent angel Gabriel to pronounce the holy conception of our Lord Jesus Christ through virgin Mary who was espoused to Joseph, of the house of King David. A virgin birth? Something totally unheard of and absolutely a miracle of impossibility! But once again, the message was so precise that Gabriel foretold that this miracle child shall be called "Jesus" (Luke 1:31). The Gospel writer Matthew tells us the meaning of His name: "for He shall save His people from their sins" (Matt. 1:21). Jesus means Saviour. He was born to save sinners from eternal condemnation. However, to the espoused couple, this was impossible! Gabriel explained, "The Holy Ghost shall come upon thee, and the power of the Highest shall overshadow thee: therefore also that holy thing which shall be born of thee shall be called the Son of God" (Luke 1:35). Now, not only was this an impossibility, it was beginning to become ridiculous – our child, the Son of God? Gabriel went on to declare to them that their cousin Elisabeth was also expecting, in her advanced age, a son named John! To cast away all doubts, Gabriel pronounced without uncertainty, "For with God nothing shall be impossible." (Luke 1:37)

These seven wonderful and powerful words speak of a God who keeps His promises. God promised Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden that out of the woman shall be born a son who will defeat Satan and offer salvation to mankind (Gen. 3:15). All through history, Satan makes every attempt to destroy God's people and possibly the birth of our Saviour. But our God keeps His promises, and preserved the Holy Saviour through the immaculate virgin birth, through the flight to Egypt, and eventually growing up as a spiritual leader to call His twelve apostles to change the world with His Gospel! Truly, for with God nothing shall be impossible!

The greatest need of the world today is HOPE. This HOPE is only found in the GOSPEL of Jesus Christ. The Church is the only carrier of this GOSPEL to this lost world. Hence, the greatest need of the Church today is purposeful true discipleship in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As we enter the New Year 2015, what do you think God wants you to become? I say "to become" and not "to do" because God's purpose for us is to become Christlike – to be conformed to the image of His Son Jesus Christ (Rom. 8:29). God is interested in our being, not performing *per se*. Are you at another crossroad of life? Those of you who are taking major examinations like PSLE, GCE 'N', 'O' and 'A' level, tertiary examinations, etc., are you feeling anxious? How about brothers who are starting on their national service, are you worried about your safety and the challenges that may come with all the strenuous exercises in the national service? Young people who are getting engaged and preparing for marriage? Those who have just completed their education and looking for jobs? Or those who have lost their jobs and are not sure how they will make ends meet? Let us remember that God is a God who keeps His promises. What He promised, He will fulfil, and

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IMPORTANT: Today is Promotion Sunday and Staff Dedication Sunday. All Sunday School staff, please be at the dedication at the 11am service this morning.

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nothing is impossible with God. The only reason you are not moving forward in your life is that you are falling out of His holy will. God wants us to live in the centre of His holy will. Only then will He lead you and put you where you are meant to be.

As for our Sunday School, it will continue to be another year of evangelism, fulfilling the Great Commission to carry the GOSPEL to the lost world. Let us not forget to empower ourselves by keeping our daily quiet time and sweet communion with our Lord Jesus Christ through prayer. Let us apply what the apostle Paul challenges

us to do: "Pray without ceasing." (1 Thess. 5:17)

May the Lord Jesus Christ bless you and keep you all the year through until we see our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ face-to-face soon!

In Christ alone,
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Life Bible-Presbyterian Church Sunday School

Life B-P Church Sunday School Room Allocation for Y2015			
Primary Department (Pre-Nursery to Pri 2; Age: 3 to 8 yrs old)			Superintendent: Iris Loe
No.	Class	Building	Room Allocated
1	Pre-Nursery	Church	FEK Rm 1 (Green)
2	Nursery		FEK Rm 2 (Yellow)
3	K1		FEK Rm 3 (Blue)
4	K2		FEK Rm 4 (Red)
5	Pri 1		Piano Room
6	Pri 2		Former MF Room
	Opening Session		Former CSH
Junior Department (Pri 3 to 6; Age: 9 to 12 yrs old)			Superintendent: Sheryl Ong
7	Pri 3	Beulah House	Beulah Centre Rm 3-2
8	Pri 4		Beulah Centre Rm 3-3
9	Pri 5 Boys [3]; Girls [4]		Beulah Centre Rm 3-15
10	Pri 6 Boys		Beulah Centre Rm 5-3
11	Pri 6 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 5-4
Teens Department (Sec 1 to 4; Age: 13 to 16 yrs old)			Superintendent: Dn Heng ShaoSheng
12	Sec 1 Boys	Beulah House	Beulah Centre Rm 2-9
13	Sec 1 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 2-10
14	Sec 2 Boys		Beulah Centre Rm 2-3
15	Sec 2 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 2-4
16	Sec 3 Boys [6] & Girls [7]		Beulah Centre Rm 2-5
17	Sec 4 Boys		Beulah Centre Rm 4-7
18	Sec 4 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 2-2
Senior Department (Age: 17 to 22 yrs old)			Superintendent: Mark Liu
19	Snr 1 Boys	Beulah House	Beulah Centre Rm 4-8
20	Snr 1 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 4-6
21	Snr 2 Boys		Beulah Centre Rm 4-9
22	Snr 2 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 4-10
23	Snr 3B [5]; 4B [3]		Beulah Centre Rm 4-4
24	Snr 3 & Snr 4 Girls		Beulah Centre Rm 4-3
25	Young Adults		Beulah Centre Rm 3-13
Adults Department			Superintendent: Dn Lee Hock Chin
26	Adult 1 (mixed)	Church	Sanctuary
27	Adult 2 (Ladies)	Beulah House	Beulah House Rm 1-5
28	Adult 3 (Men)		Beulah Centre Rm 4-2
29	Adult 4 (Ladies)		Beulah Centre Rm 4-5
30	Adult 5 (Men)		Beulah Centre Rm 2-6
31	Adult 6 (Ladies)		Beulah Centre Rm 2-11
	Adult 7 (Ladies)		No Room
	Adult 8 (mixed)		No Room
	Adult 9	No Room	
Chinese Service Sunday School & Others			
	Children		Beulah Centre Rm 2-7
	Teens & Seniors		Beulah Centre Rm 2-8
	Senior Ladies		Beulah House Rm 1-6
	Catechism Class		Beulah Centre Rm 2-1