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Mission Statement

To glorify God by leading people to Christ and to maturity in Christ through Evangelism, Education, Edification, Exaltation and Equipping them for the work of ministry.

Vision Statement

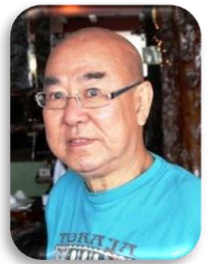
To lead the church towards intentional discipling cell church that will transform lives and impact close ones, community and countries for the glory of God.

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Love God Love Man

Elder Arthur Lee




What is love without the giving? What is life without the living? The greatest love mankind has ever known was evident from the beginning of time. Adam and Eve were created to have a relationship with God and living in fellowship with Him. When the fruit touched the lips of Eve, the shadow of the cross appeared on the horizon. Salvation began. Sin came into the world and mankind was excommunicated from a holy God. It may be difficult for us to understand and believe that God loves us exceedingly and abundantly. He knows our names, and He does. Our names are written on His hand and spoken by His mouth. God wants to make us right with Him. Nothing can come close to capturing the incredible love that God demonstrates when He takes the initiative to restore a person's relationship with Himself, especially when the fault lies entirely with the sin of that person. *"God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life" (Jn.3:16)* And the path to the Cross tells us exactly how far God will go to call us back. It is not our love for God but it is God's love for us in sending His son to be the way. If we ever want to touch God's heart, use His name He loves to hear. Call Him "Father". He loves us and thinks we are wonderful. *"I have written your name on my hand" Isaiah 49:16.*

God initiated his redemptive plan to bring the Savior into the world to reconnect our relationship with the Almighty. Jesus lived to die, but while He lived He showed great love by His teachings and healing the sick and possessed. Jesus is the personification of love. He gave all His energy and ultimately His life because He loved us so. Greater love has no one than this, that He lay down His life for His friends. (Jn.15:13) God loves us because of who God is, not because of anything we did or did not do.

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Love life. With the absence of love, life is never complete. To be loved and be in love is the most beautiful feeling one can ever experience. You long for that certain smile. You yearn to be with her and the touch of her hands makes your heart flutter and your head is in a whirl. In that ecstatic moment, life is just fantastic and the world is a wonderful place. Love is God's way of giving us a reason to be living. True love must be experienced to give it meaning. Genuine love cannot be contained but to flow freely from the heart to touch the inner being of the one we love. It is the overflow of our real emotions from within, emotions that bring us joy and well being, which energizes every fiber of our body. Love gives light to our eyes, brings joy to our hearts and a spring in our steps. As we express our overwhelming love towards our spouse, children and friends by words or actions we bring happiness and sunshine not only to ourselves but also to the people we love. We are able to relate and communicate better with whom we share our love. Cherish the love we have and we will never be lack of anything. Life without love is not what God has in mind for us. We need to relate to one another; to love one another. This relationship is fundamental to the survival of humankind. Without it, society will break down, no family to speak of and without family there will be no nation. Love makes the world go round. Love brings people together. Love populates the earth and ensures the human race continues from generation to generation. In essence, love God love man, and life would be bountiful and a joy to live.



***“Love God Love Man” –
Elder Arthur Lee***

Live life. Cherish the life we live. We have only one life to live. We must make the moments count with every passing day. Let us live our lives as God would intend, enjoying each blessing from beginning to end. Very often we regret the things we should have done but never did. Why has life become complicated now? We must stop analyzing life. Just live it. Analysis is what makes it complicated. Then why are we constantly unhappy? We are constantly anxious about tomorrow. Matt.6:34 said *“Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.”* Our today is the tomorrow that we worried about yesterday. We are worrying because we are analyzing. Worrying has become our habit. That's why we are not happy. But how can we not worry when there is so much uncertainty? Uncertainty is inevitable, but worrying is optional. If we are constantly unhappy, worried and anxious for every challenge that comes our way then there is no room for love. Without love, we are only living an imitation of life. People who are incapable of loving others are miserable and sad, living in isolation and desperation within themselves. As a result they become introverted, in some cases eccentric and often full of anger living an unfulfilled life of loneliness and rage. To be able to love deeply is a blessing indeed.

What is life without love? There can be no life but only misery and emptiness. God is love and he created us to know and to love him. We are made in his likeness. God put his special mark in us by enabling us to love and feel loved. Only humans are able to give and express our love in so many ways. No other animals can do this. Matthew Henry speaks of God's handy work - *“Therefore they must have a creator, who can be no other than an eternal mind, infinitely wise, powerful and good. Man was created to have an advantage above the beasts, in the structure of his body; that whereas they are made to look downwards, as their spirits must go, he is made erect, to look upwards, because upwards his spirit must shortly go and his thoughts should now rise.”* We are special in the eyes of God. We are also created with a spirit that cries out to our maker in desperate times. For this reason many seek a higher power in the realm of the supernatural because our spirit is always homing in on our Creator.

God's second greatest Commandment is to love your neighbor as yourself (Mt.19:19). We are to love one another like Jesus loved us, unconditional and unending. God loves us despite our flaws. He accepts us just as we are. He loved us from the beginning of time when He created man in His own image. He walked and talked with Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden. He loved to walk among His chosen people when He commanded the Israelites to build Him the Ark of the Covenant so that He could walk with them wherever they went. In his book *“God Draws Near”* Max Lucado wrote:

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“God said –

- to Abraham, you will father a nation! And Abraham - tell the people I love them.
- to Moses, you will deliver my people! And Moses – tell the people I love them.
- to Joshua, you will lead the chosen ones! And Joshua – tell the People I love them.
- to David, you will reign over my people! And David - tell the people I love them.

Altars. Sacrifices. Rebelling. Returning. Repenting. Bloodshed. Kings. Law ... God watching, never turning, ever loving, ever yearning for the Garden again.”

God never for an instant takes His eyes off His people. He protects. He comforts. He heals. He inspires. He provides. We are His creation and He showers His love on us every moment of our lives, only we do not see or appreciate them. When something turned out right, we attribute it to luck. When we averted danger, we say it is due to our presence of mind. When we suddenly recovered from a devastating illness, we always say our internal defensive system is strong. Evidently God was never in our mind. How we breathe, walk, communicate, think and express ourselves is a miracle happening every second, but we never even notice it. And we wasted every second of our lives in frivolous pursuits, trying to satisfy every whim and fancy of our sensual desires. We talk too much and love too little. Every precious moment lost is gone forever. We could never recover these opportune moments to speak of His goodness, His amazing grace and His unflinching love for us.

Savior, teach me, day by day. By Jane E. Leeson

*Love's sweet lesson to obey;
Sweeter lesson cannot be,
Loving Him who first loved me.
With a child's glad heart of love,
At Thy bidding may I move,
Prompt to serve and follow Thee,
Loving Him who first loved me.*

SERMON

Our Sunday weekly sermons are available on the church's website. If you missed a particular week, please feel free to listen to the online sermon via the church website at: www.mycanaan.org.

PASTORAL MINISTRY

Anyone who is sick, troubled, requires home blessing, baby dedication, idol removal, wedding, etc., please do not hesitate to call your Pastors, Elders or your Cell Group Leader for prayers and assistance.

BAPTISM

If you are considering baptism, please see any of our Pastoral Staff for biblical instructions and arrangement.



Upcoming Events

NO MORNING SERVICE
On 25 December 2011 (Sun).

Join us in our "Come Celebrate
Christmas @ Canaan"
from 2 pm – 5 pm or 6 pm – 9 pm.
Please register and
collect your tickets
today.

Dec

- 14-17 Youth Camp @ NACLI
- 18 Ministries Volunteers
Appreciation Lunch
- 25 Christmas Event



**COME CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS
@ CANAAN**

25 December 2011

- Concert 1: 2pm – 5pm
- Concert 2: 6pm – 9pm

**Free Admission
by Ticket only**

Special Guest
Dr. Enoch Fernando
an International award winning
recording artist/composer and
communicator

- Multimedia Music Concert
- Blessing Draw
- Children Fancy Dress Party
- Food included

BAKING & COOKING DEMONSTRATION

No baking & cooking demonstration in December 2011 and January 2012.

Class will resume on 25 February 2012 (Saturday) 3 pm – 5 pm.

News Flash



Every Sunday
8:00 A.M.

Prayer Meeting

Join us for a time of corporate prayer before the Celebration Service. Come and experience how exciting prayer meeting can be in Canaan.

It is FUN and SIMPLE, CREATIVE and DYNAMIC, GUIDED and SPIRIT-FILLED.

SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (SUNDAY)

- **8.00 am**
Prayer Meeting
- **9.00 am**
Sunday Celebration Service
Sonshine Kids Sunday School
Youth Service (4th/5th Sunday)
- **11.15 am**
Fellowship Time
- **11.30 am**
Filipino Adult Bible Fellowship
Mandarin/Cantonese Service
- **11.45 am**
Adult Bible Fellowship
- **1.00 pm**
Youth Fellowship

SONSHINE KIDS CHURCH

For all children aged 2 - 12 years old! It will be a time of FUN, learning & experiencing God's truth in creative ways.

Dates: Every Sunday (Oct - Dec)

Time: 9 am to 11 am

Place: Canaan Centre

Level 1 Fellowship Hall

CELL GROUP

All members are encouraged to attend one of the cell groups listed below. Please contact the church Pastors for more details.

ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (OAG)

- * Bishan (Fri, 8.30 pm)
- * North East (Wed, 8 pm)
- * Potong Pasir (Wed, 8 pm)
- * Sin Ming (Fri, 8 pm)
- * Woodleigh (Fri, 8.15 pm)

BASIC ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (BAG)

- * Re!Fresh (Thu/Fri, 8 pm)

FILIPINO ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (OAG)

- * Dover Filipino (Fri, 8 pm)
- * Tiong Bahru Filipino (Sat, 3 pm)
- * Sembawang (Date & Time to be confirmed)

FILIPINO BASIC ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (BAG)

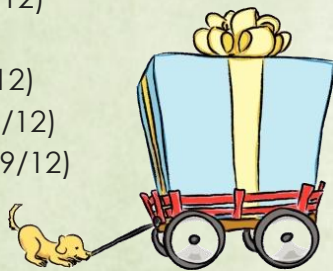
- * Ang Mo Kio Filipino (Fri, 8 pm)
- * Pioneer Filipino (Fri, 7.30pm)
- * RM4@12 Filipino (Sun, 12 pm)
- * Young Adult (Sun, 12.30 pm)

FILIPINO COVENANT GROUP (COV)

- * Ang Mo Kio Filipino (Fri, 8 pm)
- * Tampines Filipino (Fri, 7.30 pm)

BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- ☺ Babylyn Vergara (01/12)
- ☺ Divine Angel Galang (01/12)
- ☺ Ena Kathleen Delos Reyes (05/12)
- ☺ Raymond Peregrino (08/12)
- ☺ Matt Yeshua Josh Awitan (09/12)
- ☺ Maria Suaiso (11/12)
- ☺ Linda Hun (12/12)
- ☺ Lorelie Magtibay (12/12)
- ☺ Ong Huey Hong (15/12)
- ☺ Seah Hui Qi (18/12)
- ☺ Christy Macarandang (21/12)
- ☺ Sandra Wong (24/12)
- ☺ Lito Dupo (27/12)
- ☺ Ng Wai Keen (28/12)
- ☺ Lee Kwai Seng (29/12)
- ☺ Mayjoy Mandalò (29/12)



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- ♥ Teddy & Babylyn Vergara (02/12)
- ♥ Dexter & Wilma Agustines (16/12)
- ♥ Maureen & Jon Khor - (16/12)
- ♥ Jessie & Ace Dalde (29/12)
- ♥ Gary & Meanne Garcia (31/12)
- ♥ Jeremy & Maureen Awitan (31/12)



CHURCH CAMP 2012

JUNE 1 - 4 (Fri - Mon)

GRAND PARAGON HOTEL, J.B.

More details coming your way...

GET READY FOR REGISTRATION IN JANUARY 2012.

Roster – December 2011

Sunday Celebration

DATE	4 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec
TOPIC	Christmas 1 - Away in the Manger	Christmas 2 - The Word Became Flesh	Christmas 3 - The Choice of Serving	No Celebration Service
SPEAKER	Ps Brian Wong	Ps Larry Arienzano	SP Richard Wong	
WORSHIP	Ferdie Yunzal	Leylane Anselmo	Ferdie Yunzal	
COMMUNION	SP Richard Wong	Arthur Lee	Steven Cheong	
GREETERS/ USHERS	Babylyn Vergara, Lilia Suaiso, Vir Velasco, Lilian Banares			
TECH	Dexter Agustines Wong Ka Yun	Tan Kim Huat Wong Ka Yun	Charles Frivaldo Delle Tan	



VCD/CD Library

The Library will be open right after worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Level 1 on **4 December 2011**.

Librarian:
Maureen Tay

Sonshine Kids – Teachers

DATE	4 Dec	11 Dec	18 Dec	25 Dec
CHAMPIONS (1-4 yrs) Level 3 Word & Prayer Rm	No Sunday School from Oct – Dec 2011. Kids Church will be held weekly during this period.			
ACHIEVERS (5-6 yrs) Level 2 Rm 1 & 2				
CONQUERORS (7-9 yrs) Level 2 Rm 3 & 4				
OVERCOMERS (10-12 yrs) Level 2 Rm 7				

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE (NOVEMBER 2011)

6 Nov
Main Service: 187
Sonshine Kids: 33

20 Nov
Main Service: 161
Sonshine Kids: 25

13 Nov
Main Service: 172
Sonshine Kids: 29

27 Nov
Main Service: 127
Sonshine Kids: 23

