

KEC ORDER OF SERVICE/SERMON OUTLINE 14th November 2021 (KEC Hybrid Service)

The livestream can be accessed at

https://www.facebook.com/bemkec/live_videos/ or <https://youtube.com/bemkec/live>

Welcome to church! Here at BEM KEC, these are our core convictions:

- To be centred on the gospel
 - To be driven by God's Word
 - To be focused on growing disciples
 - To be a community of truth and love
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1. CALL TO WORSHIP – Psalm 119:9-16

2. WORSHIP in SONG (with Alison Nicholas):

SONG 1: Jesus, you're my firm foundation

SONG 2: Christ is mine forevermore

3. Ministry Spotlight: Gideons Malaysia

4. Prayers

5. Song of Preparation: Speak O Lord

5. Bible reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:13-16

¹³ And we also thank God continually because, when you received the word of God, which you heard from us, you accepted it not as a human word, but as it actually is, the word of God, which is indeed at work in you who believe. ¹⁴ For you, brothers and sisters, became imitators of God's churches in Judea, which are in Christ Jesus: You suffered from your own people the same things those churches suffered from the Jews ¹⁵ who killed the Lord Jesus and the prophets and also drove us out. They displease God and are hostile to everyone ¹⁶ in their effort to keep us from speaking to the Gentiles so that they may be saved. In this way they always heap up their sins to the limit. The wrath of God has come upon them at last.^[a]

a. Or *them fully*

Sermon outline: Accept the Word (1 Thessalonians 2:13-16)

How can we tell what is/isn't authentic?

Recap

Tests!

Imposter syndrome & presumption

So...how can we tell?

Paul's answer: when we _____ the Word of God _____ (v.13)

Paul had a word!

So what? Everyone had a word!

The problem then...

"We are in great haste to construct a magnetic telegraph from Maine to Texas, but Maine and Texas, it may be, have nothing important to communicate." (Henry David Thoreau)

What distinguishes Paul's Word

Forwarding an email

The self-communication of a personal God

What has Paul rejoicing

Receiving

Accepting

Definitive

You can never separate the Word of God from the God of the Word

Transformative (v.13b)

A sure sign of an authentic church

Evidence (v.14-16)

When we _____ the Word of God _____, even when others _____ it

When we embrace God's Word, we start going native

The surprise about who rejects it (cf. for eg. Nehemiah 9:26)

The warning

What soil are you?

Response: Undivided

ANOUNCEMENTS

- **Church service (21st November)**

Our capacity remains at 100 people, the maximum allowed under the current SOP. Do be reassured that we have worked hard to maintain as safe an environment as possible!

Please do book early at <https://bemkec.my/booking/> to confirm your attendance.

<u>Who should attend in-person service</u>	<u>Who should attend online service</u>
<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those who have been fully vaccinated. (14 days from 2nd dose)• Those who are above 12 years old.• Those who show no signs of being ill.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Those who are still waiting to be fully vaccinated.• Those who are 12 years old and below.• Those who are unwell or exhibiting symptoms such as fever, cough, flu.• Those who have been in close contact with a positive case.

- **Connect cards**
- **Giving**

Webinars

- **Ministry At Home: The How and Why of Family Discipleship. Saturday, 27th November 2021, 10am-12pm.** Speaker: Rev. Tim Nicholls. Parents are the single most important influence on their children. As Christians parents, we want to bring up our children to know and love Christ, but we often don't know where to begin. This seminar will help us think practically about how we can engage in this vital "ministry at home." Register at: <https://gospelcitynetwork.com/immersion/>
- **Jesus the True Temple webinar** with Dr. Bill Salier. This is a free webinar exploring the theme of Jesus as the true temple. **Saturday, 20th November, 3.30pm.** Register at <https://new.equip.org.my/jesus-the-new-temple-webinar/>
- **Revival & Revivalism webinar with Dr. Ong Meng Chai; 8pm, Sunday 3rd December 2021.** What does the Bible say about revival? What is revivalism and how does it differ from true revival? These are just some of the questions that will be addressed, as we learn to discern between true revival and its counterfeits. Limited spaces. Register at <https://shorturl.at/ftAK8>
- **Sunday School:** The last Sunday School class for 2021 will take place on Sunday, 28th Nov. It will resume on 9th January, 2022. Do look out for more details from your Sunday School WhatsApp chat groups!
- **Prayer Meeting** this Wednesday – on Zoom till further notice

BENEDICTION

¹⁶ Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God. ¹⁷ And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

- Colossians 3:16-17 (ESV)