

Why (some of) you should buy more books

So the past Ignite Training Conference week was filled with great laughs, great conversations, and hard work as those in attendance wrestled to understand God's word, teach it clearly, and apply it faithfully to our own lives. Gary Millar, Principal of Queensland Theological College took us through the voice of the Prophets and while it was hard work many of us left floored and in awe of their message: calling God's people back to the beautiful life (or Torah keeping!) made possible through the beautiful saviour to come.

And as with the previous years, my job was strand leading and organising the bookstall. Also, as with previous years, many a great conversation was had over the books as many recommendations and suggestions were made.

And as with previous years one common excuse came up for not buying any books: "I have a big pile of unread books, so I should read them first before buying new books."

That's a common thought, but there's one crucial thing I'd like to ask: says who? Sure, if we have a pile of books to read then it'll be a good idea to get into the habit of reading (15 minutes a day and you'll finish 20 books a year!). But buying books, and building your own library, isn't just an activity that benefits you. Sure, it benefits you primarily—but it can be of great benefit for others as well. If you have the means you should consider building a theological library as a ministry to others. Maybe a few books at a time, maybe one at a time—but stocking up on books that have been recommended can be of great benefit for others in our lives.

I'm also a firm believer that if you have started and stopped a few books then that's not a bad thing. If a book isn't able to draw you in and you've paused and restarted a few times then that's not your fault, necessarily. Find good books that you'll finish.

Finally, as a small counter point to the above it is a good thing to not impulse buy. Take your time to read through the book, read the recommendations, and figure out if this is something you would find useful.

And if you're ever at a conference consider purchasing from that bookstall rather than online. This year the Wandering Bookseller was able to partner with us. Based in Katoomba business has been a particularly hard over a summer where bushfires threatened the area. Purchasing from them helped not only their business but also their ministry to get good books into the hands of good people.

As always, your pastors and elders are available to give good book recommendations.



19 January 2020 | Service Times: 9am & 11:00am

Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services. Find out more about us at www.slechurch.org.au.

This Week: Firm Foundations — Living God's Way

We have been saved by the grace of God through Jesus Christ to be His holy people. As His holy people, we must strive toward holiness and good works, while we wait for Christ's return.



Next Week: Firm Foundations—Listening to God

Today's Service

Welcome and Singing Come People of the Risen King
You Made Us Your Own
Be Thou My Vision

Holy Communion

Offering

Community News

Bible Reading Titus 2: 2-14

Sermon By Mervin Chiang

Song of Response This Life I Live

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Say hello

Join us for morning tea at 10:30am.
We'd love to have a chat and get to know you better.

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Financial Update

Last Week	\$5,756.65
Weekly Required	\$6,280.00
Shortfall 2020	\$0.00

Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer

A/C Name: SLE Church
Bank: National Australia Bank
BSB: 084-424
A/C No: 396558544

SLE Church is a branch church of Chinese Christian Church Brisbane

Prayer Points

PRAISE GOD THAT IN CHRIST WE WHO WERE SPIRITUALLY DEAD have been given new life! Praise God that this new life happens through the initiative and pure grace of God alone. Praise God that in new life we can now properly behold the infinite expanse of the immeasurable goodness and glory of God!

PRAISE GOD THAT WE ARE GIVEN NEW LIFE TO BE LIVED FOR HIM. Pray that we would grow in saying no to our sinful desires and yes to life of holiness and godliness and good works we are called to. Pray that we would see the life we have in Christ as truly the beautiful life.

PRAISE GOD FOR THE IGNITE TRAINING CONFERENCE THIS PAST WEEK. Pray that the delegates will continue to put into practice all they have been equipped with—in their doctrine, teaching, and lives.

PRAY FOR ZACH AND ELSA. Pray that as they mourn the expected loss of their newborn son Emmanuel that they would grieve with hope. Praise God that their faith in the resurrection of Jesus is comforting them and holding them steady in the present. Pray that it would continue to do so.

Community News

CHURCH WIDE PRAYER MEETING

Our next church wide prayer meeting will be on **Saturday 25 January at North Hall.**

Please come along at 8am for a BYO breakfast, and stay for the prayer meeting from 8:30am to 10am.

JNR SUNDAY SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Junior Sunday School registration will happen on 26 Jan and 2 Feb. Parents with children aged 2 years to Prep, please head down to the Sunday School rooms immediately after the first service for registration as well as to meet your child's Sunday School team for the year.

The Sunday School team is looking for some donation items. If you have any of these items lying around and will love to donate it, please approach Audrey, Rigel or Mel. The children and teachers will really appreciate it!

Items needed:

- Child friendly biscuits/crackers
- A4 paper
- Cleaning wipes for tables
- Wet wipes for children
- Tissues
- Stickers for rewards

Serving

	Today	Next Sunday
Chair	Randy	Simeon
Prayer	Ps Steven <i>Ps Steven</i>	Faith <i>Mervin</i>
Preach	Mervin	Ps Steven
Bible Read	Boon Cheng <i>Ps Steven</i>	Matthew <i>Alan</i>
M.Tea	Winnie Tao, Daniel	Genevieve
Wash Up	SOS Randy	SOS West
Welcome	Meng Yin Amy Dan	Meng Yin Amy Dan
Stewards	Jeffrey Alvin Graham <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>	Jeffrey Alvin Graham <i>Yong Seng</i> <i>Aaron</i> <i>DT</i>
Piano	Joanna	Dan Lowe
Guitar	Andrew	Jabez
Bass	Ivan	
Drums	Jordan	
Vocal	Shaun	Amanda
PA	Matt T. <i>Daniel</i>	Matt Chen <i>Stanley</i>

Living God's Way [Titus 2:11-14]

Introduction:

1. What has God done (v11)

2. What are we to do (v12, 13)

a. We are to learn...

b. This is important because...

3. What's it all for (v14)

So what?

a. For the non-Christian

b. For the Christian