

Mother's Day

10 May

Birthdays

1 Allan Del Valle

6 Jaycee Blanas

10 Mayet Villalon

12 Beth Rutley

14 Rosie Villalon

17 Dally Gacutan

21 Ysmae Calinisan

23 Elizabeth Graham

23 Jessica Li

Check your e-mails
for prayer nights and cuppa online.

Please continue to visit our website where
you will find all our previous online services
to binge on while in isolation =)

You can also check out the Baptist World
Aid Church campaign to pray for and
support vulnerable people during this time.

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Date	P&W	Worship Coordinator	Sound Desk	Sunday School and Cuppa
3-May	Danwin	Danwin	Ken Ken	
10-May	Danwin	Julius	Dennis/Jess	will be having a
17-May	Danwin	Ken Ken	Ken Ken	well deserved
24-May	Danwin	JJ	Dennis/Jess	break
31-May	Yasmin	Jhune	Ken Ken	

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May 2020

3 Joseph Makes Himself Known

Genesis 45

Speaker: Bro Jerome
The Lord's Supper

10 A Mother's Love

1 Samuel 1

Speaker: Ps Andrew

17 Be Holy

1 Peter 1

Speaker: Ps Richard

24 Submission to Rulers And Authorities

1 Peter 2

Speaker: Ps Andrew

31 Suffering for Doing Good

1 Peter 3

Speaker: Bro Danwin



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Ministry of Presence

When I first joined the army the phrase “the ministry of presence” was something I often heard was a key aspect of the army chaplain’s role. We were often told by our chaplain supervisors that a key component of our role as chaplains was to provide a “ministry of presence.” It took me sometime to understand this concept and its effectiveness in ministering Jesus’ love and compassion to those military members and the I had been given the privilege to care for, many of which had no interest in Christianity let alone the Church. However, I did come to understand that being Christ’s person, in that place, and at that time, walking alongside my people and caring and supporting them, whatever their circumstances and needs, no matter how they have come about, was to be Christ to them. It was a “ministry of presence” and a ministry function that I found very humbling at times. Below is one such example:##

I led the team of soldiers and three chaplains off the plane carrying the steel caskets that contained three of our soldiers killed in the middle east. Once we arrived at the hanger of the military airport, where the repatriation service (this is the ceremonial service that receives home our fallen military personnel and is usually done at one of our military airfields) was happening, the parade peeled off myself first, then my two chaplains, along with the casket assigned to each chaplain into a temporary but private tent. Due to security requirements a military member needed to remain with the casket from departure (middle east) until collection by the coroner, which happened after the service. Prior to the commencement of the formal service the family members are allowed in to view the cask for a maximum of 30 mins. So to meet the security requirements one chaplain stayed in each tent with the casket and the family members for the duration of the time. Although one of the most challenging and emotional times in my ministry career (I have had a number of them) it was comforting to know that even though these people were not aware, Christ was with them, in the presence of his servant, and through the ministry of the Holy Spirit. It was a “ministry of presence.”

As Christians we should never underestimate the importance of being Christ to those around us whether work, school, (when we can get back) family, friends, or wherever we find ourselves in contact with people who need our care and love both Christian and non-Christian alike. In a parable in Matthew our Lord said, *“The King will reply, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’ (Mathew 25:40)*

While there may be many practical things we can do to help people in their time of need let us never underestimate the power in the “ministry of presence” even in this time where we are required to stay in our homes and working from home. We can still find creative ways of practicing the “ministry of presence.”

God Bless

