



VEF Worship Service

(February 21st, 2021)

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*Website: www.vefellowship.com

Opening Prayer	Pastor Tom
Call to Worship	Psalm 25:1, 4-5
Worship in Song	Thank You Lord Holy Spirit Living Breath of God Lord I Need You All I Have is Christ
Announcements	Jims
Offertory Prayer	Pastor Tom
Scripture Reading	Psalm 25:1-10 James 1:12-18
Message <i>"With You I am Well Pleased"</i>	Pastor John Mark 1:9-15
Response Song	
Benediction	Pastor John

Children's Sunday school meets weekly. Children should go with their parents to the worship service and stay for the music portion of the service. After the music is done the children will be dismissed to their classes and can be picked up at 10:20.

Nursery (0-3 years old) – B101

Pre-school (4-6 years old) – B103 *Children should be 4 years old by September 1st, 2020

G1-G2 – B105

G3-G4 – B102

G5-G6 – B104

For safety reasons all parents need to fill out a registration form. Scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.gle/Rx5NSLB5fAByNu6H9> to register.



ARE YOU IN NEED OF PRAYER?

During our time of fellowship after every service is also a good time for special prayer, whether it be a health crisis, career decision, family situation, or prayer to place your faith in Christ as Lord and Savior of your life. Please don't hesitate to contact any one of our staff to pray with you.

Tom

Join us on LINE or FB to get regular updates regarding VEF.



VEF PASTORS seek to be available for spiritual direction or to discuss life issues. Most days, they are at the church during the mornings from 8:30 to 12 and then in the afternoons and evenings are working from their home offices or are available to visit cell group meetings, in homes, or meet for tea/coffee at a restaurant.

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Announcements

Today there will be Mission Corner held at 3PM in L101. Peter Park will be sharing about his experience in working with Muslims in northwest China.

The Matana CG will be having a fellowship day on Saturday, February 27th. Anyone college-age is invited to attend. Please contact Jims for more information.

VEF will be having a Run & Bike day on Saturday, March 13th. We'll be at the Baoshan 2nd Reservoir ending with a BBQ about noon. To register go to <https://forms.gle/3qafqAbu1JjPRxgh8> or use the QR code.



Last Sunday's (2/14)

- Morning worship attendance – 113
- Afternoon worship attendance – NA
- Children's Sunday school attendance – NA

How to pay tithes by Wire Transfer You can transfer your offerings to Victory's Postal account, the bank code is 700, follow by the account number - 0061021 0478485. Contact Pastor John at vefpastor@gmail.com or Yu-Hwa at yhwang217@yahoo.com.tw. Please make sure to contact one of them to make sure the money goes into the VEF account and transfer was properly made.

Question: "Why was Jesus baptized? Why was Jesus' baptism important?"

(for the full article go to - <https://www.gotquestions.org/Jesus-baptized.html>)

Answer: At first glance, it seems that Jesus' baptism has no purpose at all. John's baptism was the baptism of repentance ([Matthew 3:11](#)), but Jesus was sinless and had no need of repentance. Even John was taken aback at Jesus' coming to him. John recognized his own sin and was aware that he, a sinful man in need of repentance himself, was unfit to baptize the spotless Lamb of God: "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" ([Matthew 3:14](#)). Jesus replied that it should be done because "it is proper for us to do this to fulfill all righteousness" ([Matthew 3:15](#)).

There are several reasons why it was fitting for John to baptize Jesus at the beginning of Jesus' public ministry. Jesus was about to embark on His great work, and it was appropriate that He be recognized publicly by His forerunner. John was the "voice crying in the wilderness" prophesied by Isaiah, calling people to repentance in preparation for their Messiah ([Isaiah 40:3](#)). By baptizing Him, John was declaring to all that here was the One they had been waiting for, the Son of God, the One he had predicted would baptize "with the Holy Spirit and fire" ([Matthew 3:11](#)).

Jesus' baptism also showed that He identified with sinners. His baptism symbolized the sinners' baptism into the righteousness of Christ, dying with Him and rising free from sin and able to walk in the newness of life. His perfect righteousness would fulfill all the requirements of the Law for sinners who could never hope to do so on their own. When John hesitated to baptize the sinless Son of God, Jesus replied that it was proper to "fulfill all righteousness" ([Matthew 3:15](#)). By this He alluded to the righteousness that He provides to all who come to Him to exchange their sin for His righteousness ([2 Corinthians 5:21](#)).

Perhaps most importantly, the occasion of the public baptism recorded for all future generations the perfect embodiment of the triune God revealed in glory from heaven. The testimony directly from heaven of the Father's pleasure with the Son and the descending of the Holy Spirit upon Jesus ([Matthew 3:16-17](#)) is a beautiful picture of the trinitarian nature of God. It also depicts the work of the Father, Son, and Spirit in the salvation of those Jesus came to save. The Father loves the elect from before the foundation of the world ([Ephesians 1:4](#)); He sends His Son to seek and save the lost ([Luke 19:10](#)); and the Spirit convicts of sin ([John 16:8](#)) and draws the believer to the Father through the Son. All the glorious truth of the mercy of God through Jesus Christ is on display at His baptism.