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suffering, sickness and death to our focus. Sorrow and mourning are the opposite of happiness and take place when there is death. But those who mourn will be comforted by the Lord Himself. In fact, death is seen as “going home” to a perfect, beautiful place.

Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God (vv. 5-8). Considering these four verses in relation to the pursuit of virtues, we need to note that the meek, the righteous, the pure in heart, and the peacemakers are already members of God’s kingdom, since Jesus was talking to His disciples (v. 1). As children of God, we can be righteous and do righteous deeds only by the grace of God.

In the chapter following Matthew 5, the Lord further assures us: “Therefore I tell you, do not be anxious about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing?” Instead, He said: “But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you.” (6:25, 33) To be truly blessed, we must put our unwavering trust in our God and Savior. To pursue good fortune by still relying on lucky charms or worshipping the beings who supposedly can dispense such fortunes is to waver in our trust in our Creator and heavenly Father. Why settle for good fortunes when you can receive God’s true blessings if you trust in Him totally?

¹ Ronald G. Knapp, *China’s Living Houses: Folk Beliefs, Symbols, and Household Ornamentation* (Honolulu, HI: University of Hawaii Press, 1999), 102. For this and other aspects of *fu* discussed in this article, see also pp. 102-132.

REMEMBERING DR. CAROL HERRMANN



Former faculty member and Academic Dean Dr. Carol Herrmann passed away on April 26, 2012, due to a massive recurring stroke. She came to BSOP in 1981 and taught Counseling and Christian Education courses. She was Dean from 1983 to 1986. She headed the Asia Graduate School of Theological Doctor of Education program, together with Dr. Edith Woods, from 1986 to 1999. She also taught courses at the Faith Hope Love Prayer Institute. She was formerly connected with the Conservative Baptist Association of the Philippines. She not only inspired and mentored students in her class; she was instrumental in encouraging alumni to pursue higher degrees, to name a few: Dr. Jane Chuaunsu, Dr. Tenny Li Farnen, Dr. Hannah O. Haskell, Dr. Wanda Po, Dr. Rosa Shao, Dr. Jean Uayan and Ptr. Juliet Lee Uytanlet. She returned to the US and spent her last years at the Holton Manor Nursing Home in Wisconsin. On July 8 a Memorial Service celebrating her life will be held at the Sanctuary Columbarium in Quezon City. Her ashes will be interred at the Columbarium after the Service, in accordance with her desire to be buried in the Philippines.

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Farewell to a great mentor and friend, Dr. Carol Herrmann. We love you and will never forget you.

Willy and Nancy Tan

At BSOP our paths crossed. As educator, friend and counselor, you’ve been creative in baring your conviction; gained respect from both colleagues and students! Carol, you are missed. Till eternity.

PTR. ALICE HUANG

Dr Hermann gave her life to the Chinese in the Philippines and it was her desire to return to the Philippines. She once told me that she feels more at home (and safer) in Manila than in Chicago. Thank God for giving us, particularly BSOP, Dr Hermann.

DR. DAVID GO

Dr. Hermann was instrumental when I was struggling whether I will study again or not. I remember I seek Dr. Irwin's advice and she gave me Dr. Hermann's number. This was in late 2008. I remember Dr. Hermann encouraging me and telling me to go for it. She said, "If I am learning how to move my fingers and write again, why can't you study again?" She added, "Show then that BiSoPians can!" I praise God for how Dr. Hermann has been a wonderful professor back in BSOP days and how she has been an inspiration to push me to study again. Thank you Dr. Hermann. Glory be to God.

JULIET LEE UYTANLET

NEWS AND EVENTS

FACULTY ON THE MOVE

- ◆ On May 23 to 26, 2012, Dr. Tan Chiu Eng served as part of the Visiting Evaluation Team of the Asia Theological Association to Logos Evangelical Seminary in North Taipei, Taiwan, to accredit their programs.
- ◆ During their stay in Canada from March 30 to May 25, 2012, Drs. Wilson and Irene Tran were able to visit seven Chinese churches in Vancouver and Winnipeg, sharing the ministry and needs of BSOP.
- ◆ On June 18 to 22, 2012, Dr. Joseph Shao and Dr. Chiu Eng Tan attended the ATA Consultation on Scripture: Its Authority, Meaning and Mission in the Asian Context held at the Malaysia Bible Seminary Recreation Centre in Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia. Dr. Shao gave the Opening Remarks.
- ◆ BSOP welcomes back Dr. and Mrs. Jay Hallowell, OMF missionaries, who returned from their year-long furlough in the United States. Dr. Michael Malessa and his family will be leaving at the end of June for a year of furlough in Germany.

BOARD MEMBER RESTS LABOR

BSOP is saddened by the demise of board member Guan Ti Go Chan aka Amelia Chan (born February 6, 1928) on June 4, 2012. Guan Ti loved the Lord dearly and served as board member of BSOP beginning in the early 1990s until recently when she was debilitated by Alzheimer's disease. She also rendered service to Grace Christian College, CCOWE-Philippines and St. Stephen's Parish. She is survived by 4 children and 7 grandchildren. BSOP and Grace Gospel Church jointly conducted the Memorial Service at Arlington Memorial Chapels on June 8, 2012.



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 * will be held *
 * on August *
 * 12, 2012. *

CLASSROOM BUILDING PROJECT



L-R: Board member Elder Andrew Chua, project overseer Mr. Homer Huang, Mr. Hubrecht Luyk of Homestead Builders, the construction company.

Finished in mid-June 2012, there are five classrooms (three large and two small) on the 4th floor. The two largest rooms, shown at right with divider, can become one. Two prayer rooms are on the 5th floor.

