

# BCBC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Edition

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## Editorial

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This Easter we are celebrating the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church and our church formed a special committee to prepare and plan for the celebration. The yearbook was in our plan to do list. Our first church yearbook was printed in the year of 1986 and we had a yearbook every year from 1986 to 2009. However this tradition was stopped at 2009 and we had no yearbook for six years since 2009. In this year of 2016 we publish a special edition for the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church. This is the first time we publish the articles in our church website, previous yearbooks can be download from our church website too. We hope that we can continue to publish the yearbook every year.

“**Renewing Our Life to Climb A Higher Peak**” is the theme of the year 2016 as we celebrate the 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our church.

- **Renewing Our Life:** New Christians need to become new creation in Christ (2 Cor. 5:17), and old Christians need to renew our strength, soar on wings like eagles (Isiah 40:31). Both are based on the hope of eternal life because Jesus was raised from the death. He is the resurrection and the life (John 11:25) and He is the way and the truth and the life (John 14:6).
- **To Climb A Higher Peak:** We should emphasize on the action “Climb” (with God’s helping hand) to establish a close relation with God. God gave us another Counselor, the Holy Spirit, to help us (John 14:16-17, 26). All we need to do is to follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit to climb high.

Eagles soar, that is they don’t flap their wings much in flight, but instead ride on updrafts to lift them up as they glide through the air without flapping. Christians climb by following the guidance of of the Holy Spirit to lift up to see what God revealing to them. In Revelation 22:6 God sent the angel to reveal the visions to John about the things that must soon take place. It was the same with Isaiah, Daniel, Moses, Hosea, John the Baptist, etc. The prophets can see at great distances, into the future, the past and even present events that they would not be able to know naturally, if they can soar to a level where their vision reaches far. Without the supernatural height of vision, John could not have given us the magnificent end of the story in Revelation 21 & 22 for us to read.

I hope that the yearbooks are inspired by the Holy Spirit with the gift of prophecy to give to other people, primarily for the purpose of encouraging, strengthening and comfort (1 Cor. 14:1,3). I also hope that the yearbooks will not become the burden of our brothers and sisters who prepare them.

“Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.” (Ph. 3:13-14)