



TIMOTHY TOW MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Thanksgiving & Dedication Service

Friday, 13 November 2015, 7.15 pm

Order of Service

Call to Worship: The Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Hymn: "Our God Is a Loving Father" (T Tow; RYF Lee)

Invocation & Gloria Patri: The Rev Tan Kian Sing

Scripture Reading (2 Samuel 22:1-25): The Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

"David's Vow In Distress" (T Tow): FEBC Choir

Word of Welcome

Sermon: Remembering Our Teachers (Hebrews 13:7-8)
The Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Hymn: "Faith of Our Fathers" (T Tow; HF Hemy)

Dedication of the Timothy Tow Memorial Library

Dedicatory Prayer: The Rev Stephen Khoo

College Anthem (T Tow; MD Buell)

Benediction: The Rev Dr Koa Keng Woo

Ribbon cutting by Matron Ivy Tow follows immediately at the Timothy Tow Memorial Library. All are welcome to tour the newly renovated premises of Far Eastern Bible College, 9, 9A, 10 Gilstead Road.

Timothy Tow Memorial Library

The Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC) Library was originally located at three places: the second storey of the L-extension block beside the Greek/Hebrew classrooms (open library), the second storey of the church sanctuary at the rear balcony (reference library), and the mezzanine floor of the bell tower. The library rooms were small, shelf and study spaces were limited.

Providentially, the High Court of Singapore on 27 November 2014 issued a scheme to regulate the use of the premises at 9, 9A and 10 Gilstead Road by Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (LBPC) and FEBC. Since then, the space allotted for FEBC's exclusive use has undergone extensive renovations. The library is now bigger and centralised, and located at the second storey of the L-block occupying the space of the former LBPC/FEBC office, Reformed Tape Library, open library, and the Greek/Hebrew classrooms. The men's dormitory is just next to it and the women's dormitory is just above it. Residential students thus enjoy easy and convenient access to the library.

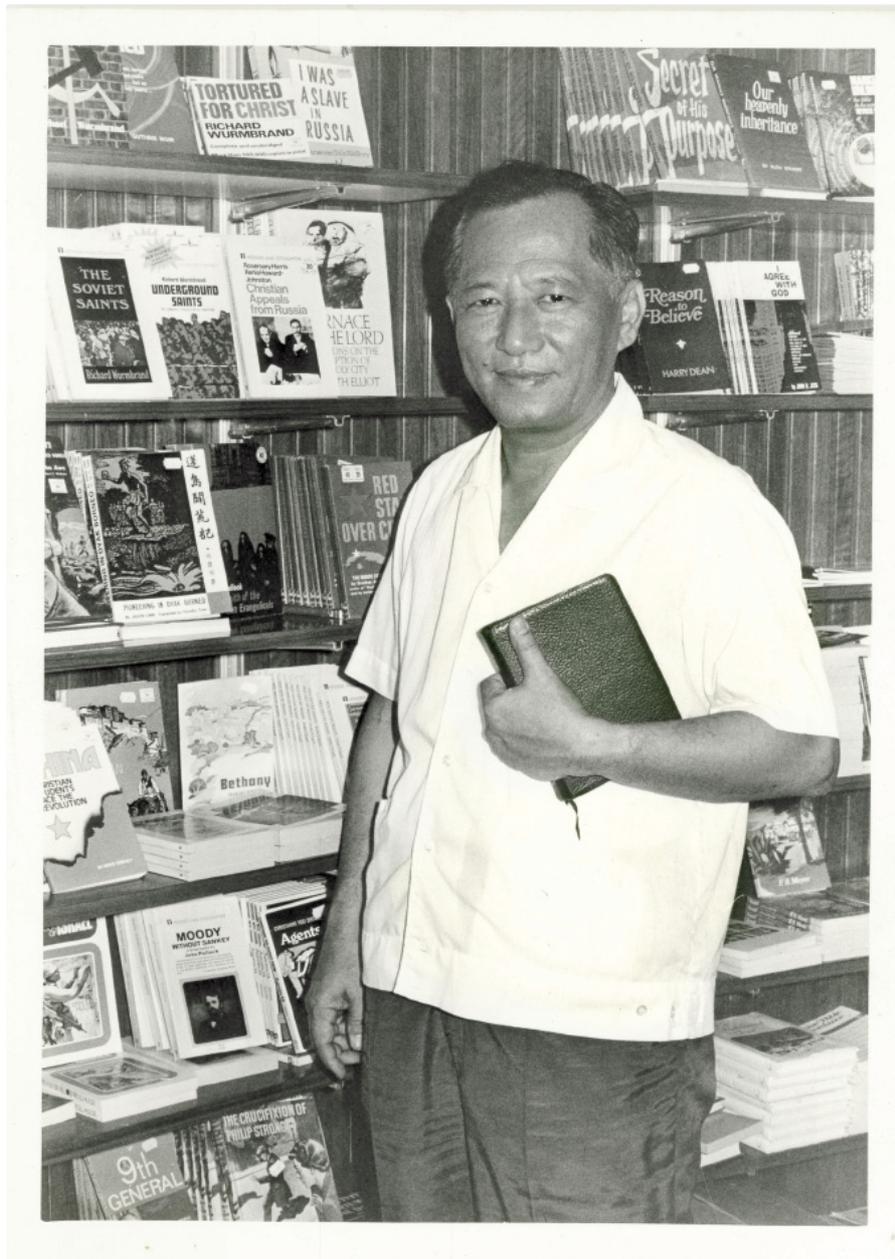
The library has a highly specialised collection of 20,000 volumes on Biblical Studies, Systematic Theology, Church History, Christian Education, Pastoral Ministry, and the biblical languages (Hebrew and Greek) for fundamental scholarly research. The reference library houses the books of the founding principal, standard reference tools, Christian periodicals, theological journals, Bible-Presbyterian archives, MacKenzie files, and court documents pertaining to LBPC's lawsuits against FEBC (2008-2015).

FEBC is grateful to the many who had given books to the library. In the early years, the Rev CT Hsu, one of the "three musketeers" in the history of the Bible-Presbyterian Church, contributed many volumes, and recently, the Rev Stephen Khoo donated his personal library of 3000 books. The library has also acquired the files of the late Rev John MacKenzie, founding editor of *Faith and Freedom* magazine per kindness of the Rev Errol Stone of Faith Presbyterian Church (Perth, Australia). The MacKenzie files contain valuable documents on Dr Carl McIntire, the history of the Bible Presbyterian Church in the USA, and the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC).

The library consists of two sections—the main library and the reference library. The main library has a seating capacity of 50 and the reference library eight. The library is fully air-conditioned and equipped with WiFi. Mrs Ruth Yap Ling Ling is the librarian and her office is in the main library.

The FEBC Board of Directors in a meeting on 14 April 2015 decided to dedicate the new library to the memory of FEBC's founding principal—the Rev Dr Timothy Tow. The new library is henceforth called the “Timothy Tow Memorial Library”.

“Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Jesus Christ the same yesterday, and to day, and for ever.” (Hebrews 13:7-8).



The Rev Dr Timothy Tow (1920-2009)

Collect a complimentary copy of *The Law of Moses and of Jesus* by Timothy Tow from the FEBC Bookroom @ Beulah House, 10 Gilstead Road.

A Brief Biography of Timothy Tow

The Rev Dr Timothy Tow (1920–2009) was the founder of the Bible-Presbyterian Church and movement in Southeast Asia. In 1935, during the Singapore Pentecost, he was saved under the preaching of the great Chinese revivalist—Dr John Sung. In 1946, in submission to the Lord's call to turn away from fame and fortune and the study of law, he entered the full-time ministry in fulfilment of his mother's vow. For his theological training, the young Timothy Tow first went to Nanking, China to study at Spiritual Training Theological Seminary under China's first theologian—Dr Chia Yu Ming. The Lord later opened the door for him to study in the United States at Faith Theological Seminary where he studied Systematic Theology under Dr J Oliver Buswell. There he earned his Bachelor of Divinity (now Master of Divinity) and Master of Sacred Theology degrees.

In 1950, Timothy Tow returned to Singapore after his studies to found and pastor Life Bible-Presbyterian Church, which had parted ways with the ecumenical Presbyterian synod. Seeing the need for a biblically and theologically trained leadership in the Bible-Presbyterian Church movement, he founded the Far Eastern Bible College in 1962. In 1964, Shelton College honoured him with a Doctor of Divinity degree for his outstanding contribution to biblical missions and theological education in Singapore and Malaysia. The Rev Dr Timothy Tow is the author of more than 40 books on Biblical Studies, Theology, Church History, and Pastoral Ministry.

It was at Faith Seminary that Timothy Tow caught the spirit of the 20th Century Reformation movement started by the Rev Dr Carl McIntire. He became actively involved in the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC) for many years, and served as President of the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches (FECCC).

In 2003, he founded and pastored True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church until the Lord called him home on 20 April 2009, a week after he conducted his last Easter baptism at the age of 88. He often reminded his students, "In the Lord's service, there is no retirement." Jesus promised, "Be thou faithful unto death, and I will give thee a crown of life." (Rev 2:10).

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