

SHALOM MONTHLY

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For the day of the Lord is near upon all the heathen: as thou hast done, it shall be done unto thee: thy reward shall return upon thine own head. (Obadiah 1:15)

Gunung Pulai, Malaysia

The Pastor's Desk by Pastor Wee

This past December was filled with activities and fellowship. Our church camp was like a big family gathering and a village of believers who genuinely care and love one another. The messages on the Minor Prophet which were also livestreamed were a blessing to many who seldom visit those obscure books on largely the pre-exilic, exilic, and post-exilic periods where Israel and Judah were removed from their land because of their sins and later was restored – a most apt warning to the people of God about their unrepentant sins.

The Christmas Eve's decentralized gatherings were well attended and both the food and fellowship, and the Word of God, were appreciated and cherished.

Our Christmas Evangelistic Service was a great blessing to us all as 302 attendees were present with many first-time visitors. We thank God for using our folks to be a channel of the gospel message as they pray and work hard to invite someone to hear of the Word of God during this time of much white noises of partying and shopping in the world. We appreciate all those who gave their best in the flower arrangement, serving of food, the choir and ensemble presentation which was awesome by God's grace, the AV crew quietly ensuring that the sound system is up and running well, the faithful ushers who directed visitors and drivers to church, the chapel teachers, and the many others who helped in one way or another.

2024 ended with a memorable Watch Night Service with more 100-plus people in attendance. We were wonderfully blessed by the many personal and touching testimonies of some who had a very challenging year and yet were always comforted by the many unfailing promises of God in their darkest moments. Those testimonies were a powerful encouragement to us all that no matter how insignificant we might feel in those trying time, the Lord who is our heavenly Father, will never leave nor forsake us – He will journey with us and lift us up in due time. These folks found the reassuring peace of God even in a tumultuous time.

December also saw two fathers of our members who went home to glory – both dads indicated their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ just before they passed on. Our sincere and deepest condolences to both bro Joshua Yan, sis Chin Ni and their family, and sis Serene Chua, bro Maverick and their family, on the loss of their beloved fathers. Both families appreciate the love of the church as many came by to be around the families and sharing in their endearing losses. They are very grateful for the brethren in Shalom.

Besides the sacrificial giving of our brethren, we also received a gracious gift which is more than our collection for the whole year in the General Fund. Our hearts are truly humbled by the love and sacrificial giving of the church for the work of the Lord.

Soon, we will be missing bro Chris Cheong, Samantha, and Zane as they head off to Sydney, Australia, for Zane to further his music education. Bro Chris and his family have been a great testimony and a personal blessing to many as they served faithfully the members and visitors in the church. Many are very blessed by their warm and sincere love for the brethren.

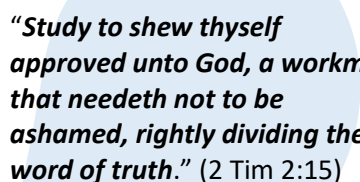
Janet and I, and our family, wish the church a victorious and blessed New Year as we serve the Lord together in love and unity for the glory of God. Likewise, the Pastors, Deacons, and the church Staff, look forward to serving alongside with the brethren to impact the lost and to grow the church in 2025.

“I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.”
(Jn 9:4)

Sunday School (January to April)

Group	Topic	Classroom	Teachers
Adults	Financial Freedom	B1-01	Pas Christian / Bro Andy
Adults	Financial Freedom	B1-02	Pas Wee / Bro Eric / Bro Denzil
Young Adults	Financial Freedom	B1-05	Bro Dan / Bro Joel
Youth	Financial Freedom	B1-06	Bro Bryan / Bro Sigmund
Discipleship Course		Void Deck	Bro Roberto

Course description: This study will deal with a biblical perspective of our relationship with finances. “There are 500 Bible verses pertaining to the topics of faith and prayer and yet 2,350 Bible verses on money. Why is that? Because God knows that our attitude toward money is an indication of where our heart is with God. We will either follow after gold or God and we cannot serve two masters. We will either turn to our wallet or our worship when we look to the source of our security. But we have to remember: Money is to be a resource, but it is not to be My Source.” (God and Money, Gregory Baumer and John Cortines)



“Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.” (2 Tim 2:15)

Tracting

There is a decentralized tracting on 4 Jan 2025. Please refer to your BSC leaders for more information.

Baptism (26 Jan)

The next baptism will be held on 26 Jan. Please contact the pastoral staff if you are planning to be baptized in the coming month. Baptismal candidates: Bro Matthew Yee and bro Nelson.

Discipleship & Bible Institute Resumption

Please note that the Discipleship class will resume on 18 Feb while the Bible Institute will resume on 19 Feb.

Sydney Mission Trip (1-10) May 2025

The Mission Trip will be from 1-10 May (Thurs to Sat / 9 days / flying back on 10 May). Members are free to extend their stay in Sydney on their own. Please arrange among yourself for any further extension. 1 & 12 May are public holidays.

Estimated costs of hotels/Airbnb:	\$900 (two in a room)
Estimated costs of travel:	\$200
Estimated costs of air ticket:	\$600 (Scoot)
Recommended Scoot Flights:	1 May / Scoot TR 12 / Singapore – Sydney / 10.00 am 10 May / Scoot TR 3 / Sydney – Singapore / 12:35 pm

We will be with Pastor Freddy Arellano and his church - Bethel Bible Baptist Church in Sydney, as well as visiting some other Baptist churches if possible. Pastor Christian will be heading this Mission Trip.

Tentative program:

1-4 May: With Pastor Freddy in Bethel Bible Baptist Church

5-10 May: Touring Sydney (Blue Mountains, Darling Harbor, Oprah House, etc.)

Besides Scoot, there are other airlines heading to Sydney – Singapore Airline, Qantas, etc. Members may proceed to book their air tickets or wait for some special offers that may come along the way - nothing guaranteed.

Currently we have about 15 pax who have confirmed and booked their flight tickets.

Church Funds

General Fund (GF)	OCBC: 518-075775-001
Building Fund (BF)	OCBC: 518-075775-002
Faith Mission Fund (FMF)	OCBC: 518-075775-003

Offering boxes for our giving are also available in the church (LT 1)

*Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: **for God loveth a cheerful giver.** 2 Cor 9:7*

Regular Church Programs

Combined Service	Every 4 th Sunday of the month
Lord's Supper (2025)	26 Jan, 27 Apr, 27 Jul, 26 Oct
Decentralized Tracting	4 Jan, 1 Mar, 10 May, 5 Jul, 13 Sep, 8 Nov
Men's & Ladies Fellowship	15 Feb, 12 May 16 Aug, 22 Nov
Seniors Fellowship	Every Wednesday @ 7.30am
Friend's Sunday	Every 2nd Sunday of the month
Prayer Meeting	Every last Sunday of the month
In-House Lunch	Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

2025 Program

40 th Church Anniversary:	23 Feb
Children Outing:	20 Mar
AGM:	23 Mar
Children Overnight Camp:	18-19 Apr
Resurrection Sunday:	20 Apr
Sydney Mission Trip:	1-10 May
Vietnam Mission Trip:	5-13 Jun
Children VBS:	18-20 Jun
YA Camp:	21-24 Jun
Church Camp:	8-12 Dec
Youth Camp:	16-19 Dec
BSC Christmas Dinner:	24 Dec
Children Christmas Gathering:	25 Dec
Christmas Evangelistic Service:	28 Dec
Watchnight Service:	31 Dec

Membership

English – 255

Chinese – 29

Total – 284

Newly added members (baptism): Nil

Newly added members (transfer): Nil

Average Attendance

English : 174

Chinese : 27

Children : 35

Total : 236

Happy Birthday

*for by me thy days
shall be multiplied,
and the years of thy life
shall be increased.
Proverbs 9:11*

Macatangay John Angelo Bandoy,
Chiam-Teo Catherine, Yan Isaiah,
Kuck Aaden, Ng Vera, Lim Si Yuan,
Ng-Chin Gina, Seah Jubina,
Bey Manda, Chan Jason, Ong-Toh Siao Hui,
Tan Andrea, Leo-Ho Christina,
Castillo Cabauatan Rosalyn,
Ong Abigail, Ong Dan,
Tan-Ong Katherine,
Teo-Soon Sok Keow,
Sea-Tan Clarice, Baltazar Julie,
Low Nicholas, Tan-Yeo Jenny,
Singh Elizabeth, Foo Yi Wern,
Tan Raymond, Tan-Chan Jee May Jasmine,
Tan-Yong Jean, Chia Meng Hong (Keith),
Tan Ge Toon, Twe Hsu Fen

Shalom Baptist Church

January 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
11:00am Sunday Service		6:30pm WatchNite Service 7:45pm Discipleship (Cancelled) 7:45pm Through The Bible (Cancelled)	7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute - Cancelled Seniors' Outing - Cancelled NEW YEAR'S DAY	10:30am Chinese Bible Study (Online)		Decentralized Churchwide Tracting
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
11:00am Sunday Service Lunch at 7 Stars		7:45pm Thru' the Bible Program (Online) 7:45pm Discipleship (Cancelled)	7:30am Seniors' Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute (Cancelled)	10:30am Chinese Bible Study (Online)	8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok 1, Bt Batok 2, CCK, Jurong & YCK & Chinese Ministry	11:00am BSC: Bedok 3:30pm BSC: Young Adults 7:30pm BSC: Bukit Timah
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
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YOUTH REFLECTION

Be an Example of the Believers

1 Timothy 4:12 KJV

Let no man despise thy youth; but be thou an example of the believers, in word, in conversation, in charity, in spirit, in faith, in purity.

A throwback to 2023's youth camp, where we gathered together in a house for the four precious days that happens only once every year! Interestingly, the house that we stayed in, wasn't a regular home..it was a home of believers! The daily singing of hymns, deeply impactful lessons, giggles of laughter filled by the younger youth girls everywhere, and deep conversations that were heartfelt and needed for, filled those four days. As the memories vividly play in my mind as if it was only just yesterday, I know this would probably be a core memory that would stay for a very long time.

In 2023's camp, we truly got to grow and build an unbreakable bond with each other!! However, the most impactful part was the theme of the camp "BEING AN EXAMPLE OF THE BELIEVERS" which has stuck with me till now. Having grown in Shalom from a baby, to a mischievous and playful little girl, and then progressing to a shy and quiet young teen, I've never really had camp lessons which deeply impacted me. Now, as an older teen, the theme of 2023's camp had prompted me every now and then, "Am I being an example to the younger ones around me...what would they think of my conduct presumably being an older and mature youth?" I realised that, just like how friends can have a big influence on the younger youth in school, I can also make a difference by being a positive role model and influencing others in the right way, just like the older young women who have set a good example for us." After thinking about it, I did make a conscious effort to change. Although sometimes, being a human in the flesh, I still do make unwise decisions. I know I may not be perfect always, but I know as long as I have a right attitude, and willingness to continue to uphold what I know is right to do, the Lord will be pleased.

To the youths reading my reflection, I truly understand how it may seem tough to be an example of the believers, especially being in the world, but having to be apart from the world.

As for me, only when I did the things that I know God is pleased with, then I could feel the real peace in my heart. I know it may be hard and we aren't perfect too, but when you do what's right, your Heavenly Father above, who sees your heart, will be pleased. May we continue to pray and grow together to be an example of the believers, and for those behind us, let us stand between the gap, and make a difference in their lives.

Jasmin Chan

Faith and Purpose

Reflecting on 2024, I've learned the importance of leaning on God through life's storms. Instead of wishing challenges away, I've found peace in trusting that He is with me, guiding me through. This mindset has shaped my journey, especially during exams and personal trials. I've realized that centering my life around God helps me live with purpose and strength. As we enter into 2025, I hope to keep showing His love to others and remain different from the world, sharing His light through all I do and to continue to grow in faith.

Jacqueline Lee



MYANMAR MISSIONS

NAYPYITAW, MYANMAR (BURMA)



September to December 2024

Dear Pastor Wee and Shalom Baptist Church-Singapore,

Warm greetings from Myanmar (Burma)!

My family and I would like to thank God for your great support and prayers to us here in the mission field. We thank God for the year of 2024 for the challenges and opportunities to serve God in the midst of uncertainty situations here in Myanmar. God bless you all!

God's blessings that we would like to share with you are:

1. We thank God for opportunities to distribute relief goods with gospel tracts to the flood victims through co-laborers. We were able to distribute to five flooded areas in our place and nearby places.
2. We thank God for the fruitful visits of our dear Pastor Nable last September 20. He ministered to us the word of God and baptized six souls. What an encouragement he brings to us!
3. Praise God for the opportunity to minister and share the gospel to the 60 senior high students attended in our Sunday Evening Service and one soul got saved and prayed sinners prayer after the service.
4. Thank God for the approval of my wife's one year social visa.

Prayers that we would like to request are:

1. Pray for more souls be saved and be baptized.
2. Salvation for Ms. Swe Zin Htet, a public school teacher who is regularly attending our Sunday service.
3. Bible study with a Buddhist couple every Friday.
4. Our baby Hezekiah's name to be added in my census for legality and preparation for him to become a Myanmar citizen.
5. More souls to hear the gospel on our upcoming CHRISTmas lunch celebration on December 25.
6. Provisions as we pray to have a proper and separated simple house for our family. It is also a preparation to have a room as our first born son will start his homeschooling this school year 2025.
7. We are informed that many war victims children are looking for hope and wanting to stay with us.
8. Daily protection, provisions, wisdom and God's power in the ministry.
9. Pray for peace and stable situations here in Myanmar. Militaries are targeting young people to arrest for military service at night.

Your missionaries,

Bro. Yo Lane & Sis. Jenny Faith

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Kindly see photos for updates:



Fruitful visits of our dear Pastor Nable last September 20.



Pastor Nable baptized 6 souls.



One of the area we distributed gospel tracts and relief goods.



Distribution of relief goods with gospel tracts and pray for the senior high students affected by the flood.



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JAPAN for JESUS

Dear Ptr. Yan T. Wee and
Shalom Baptist Church,

「すべてのことにおいて感謝しなさい。これが、キリストイエスにあって神があなたがたに望んでおられることです。」テサロニケ人一 5章18節

"In every thing give thanks: for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus concerning you." 1 Thess. 5:18

The Season of Thanksgiving

As we end this 2024, we would like to take this opportunity to thank you from the bottom of our hearts for faithfully holding the rope for us and our ministry here in Japan. Time flies by so fast! We are now on our 8th month here and we have already seen God's Hand move ever so wonderfully. God's grace and faithfulness, with your prayers and financial support, have been sustaining us here. Just last month, I was able to preach in full Japanese in our partner church here in Inage, Chiba. It was very difficult but God's grace made it possible! Because of this, I will now preach in Japanese once a month in the church. Though my Japanese is still far from perfect, God is using the little that I have so that I can communicate His Word to the lost people. I was even able to sustain a conversation with my barber for the first time! He asked what I do here for a living and I mentioned that I am a missionary. I explained to him about God and His love and invited him to come to church. Unfortunately, he works from Wednesday-Sunday so he said that he can't come. Please continue to pray for him that the Lord will work through the seed planted in his heart. My wife has also been a great testimony in her part-time job in the schools she is working for as an Assistant Language Teacher (ALT). She was able to hand out Christmas-related tracts and goodies to her co-workers. Christmas is very much celebrated here in Japan and so we are using this opportunity to share the Gospel to them. We were also able to give a Christmas card and origami to our next-door neighbors. Please pray that the Word of God will continue to speak to their hearts and that they will be saved. The church also had 2 events that brought the highest attendance for the first time ever. The first one was the Christmas event for the kids where there were 28 first-time visitors and 39 people in attendance! My wife and I helped make the crafts for the kids. The next one was the Christmas candlelight service where there were 6 first-time visitors and 40 people in attendance. Both times I was in charge of the pulpit traffic. The church also asked me to cook for this event. It was my first time cooking for 40 people but I am glad that they all liked it and a good number even went for seconds.

Our First Fruit in Japan

Dec. 22, we had a tremendous blessing. Our newly saved Japanese sister, Madoka-san, has made a decision to follow the Lord in water baptism. The Lord has been working in her heart for months now, after she heard my testimony that I gave last September 8. In general, Japanese Christians are hesitant to be baptized. Just simply coming to church is already a huge decision for them. Many of them just attend church and that's it. But, as the Bible says, nothing is impossible with God! It is a great joy to see her come forward and tell Ptr. Bob that she wants to be a part of the church. What a great privilege to see God's miracle time and time again here in Japan! Brethren, your prayers are working. God is working. Please continue to uplift Madoka-san in your prayers as she takes this significant step of obedience and faith. Pray that her testimony will be a beacon of light to her family and friends, and that her walk with the Lord will grow deeper each day. Let us also pray for more hearts in Japan to be softened and drawn to the saving knowledge of Christ.

PRAYER REQUESTS:

1. Salvation, baptism, and discipleship of 50 Japanese people
2. Formal language school (\$5000 for 1 year)
3. Fruitful ministry in Japan
4. On-going language learning
5. Salvation of our Japanese neighbors and community
6. Irie-san, Ishii-san, and Ono-san's salvation
7. Spiritual growth of Madoka, Sakura, Lily, Hyacinth, and online Bible study attendees

BLESSINGS:

1. Able to hand out tracts to the community
2. 52 first-time visitors to our church
3. Weekly online Bible study for Filipinos in far areas of Japan
4. Increased church partners
5. Gradual adjustment to the culture and progress in learning Japanese
6. More Church ministries involvement
7. Successful evangelistic events (Kids Sports Day, Kids Christmas Day, Christmas Candlelight Service)
8. First time preaching in Japanese
9. Sis. Madoka's baptism

SUPPORT RECEIVED:

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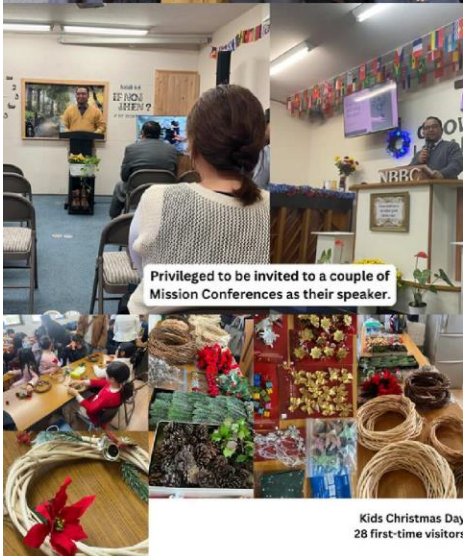


More Ministry Updates

As we gradually improve our Japanese, our ministry responsibilities grow as well. I am now in charge of the pulpit traffic during Sunday School, including songleading, opening prayer, and offering prayer. At times, I am also tasked to help translate some church-related documents. Meanwhile, my wife continues to translate the church bulletin and Sunday School lessons. She is also teaching the children separately while the service is ongoing. Along with this, she is teaching violin and English to the 2 kids from our church. Both of us are still playing instruments during Sunday mornings and helping in the upkeep of the church. Our online Bible studies for Filipinos in Japan has been doing great by God's grace. We also have 2 more potential home Bible studies for 2 families once a week. Also, we were given the privilege to be invited for a couple of Missions Conferences here and bring the challenge to the brethren. Please do continue to pray for a very pressing need for me which is my language school. Right now, we just rely on self-study but my prayer is that God will provide for my language school which will greatly help my communication skills in Japanese. Though it is quite expensive (\$5000 a year for 2 years), it is a great investment as we reach lost souls here in Japan.

Our dear friends, your prayers and support for us are not in vain. Thank you for being such a great encouragement to us. Please continue to uphold us and the ministry here in Japan in your prayers. We are so thankful that we have such great friends and partners in the ministry! As we enter 2025, our prayer is that God will continually bless you and keep you by His grace and for His glory. Happy new year and let's all be faithful in doing more until He comes!

With Thankful Hearts,
The Evascos



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