

SHALOM MONTHLY

The Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Wee

Soon, we will be celebrating our church 40th Anniversary on 23 Feb. Janet and I, together with Teck Guan and Siew Khim, are very blessed and privileged to have journeyed with the church from her inception in Feb 1985 to this day.

During this celebratory Service, we want to acknowledge the Lord Jesus who said, "Upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it." (Mt 16:18) He is the Builder, Protector, and Preserver of Shalom Baptist Church. We are always humbled by His love, grace and mercy to have come thus far.

From a humble beginning of 10 chartered members – a rag tag of nobodies – to about 300 members, visitors, and children after 40 years' labor of love, battle scars, joy and pains. Many today are unaware of the birthing pangs in the early days of the church – the first church service held in a tiny factory, the door-to-door evangelism, street tracting, and the moving from place to place – from a member's home to YWCA, JTC, IMM, Tung Ling Bible School, ACS - to house a growing church.

Over the years, many others have put their hands into the plough to bring the church to where we are today. To these members, we are eternally grateful. Every church attendance; every prayer uttered for the saints and the lost; every dollar we gave; every soul we brought to church; every tract we gave out; every misunderstanding we forgave; went a long way to build this Superstructure of the Lord Jesus Christ – His Church, His House, His Bride. May the Lord continue to shower His love and mercies upon us as we persevere on victoriously for His glory.

Shalom means Peace – peace because we seek to obey Him; peace because we pursue in serving Him; peace because we strive to live with a good conscience; peace because we pattern ourselves according to His Word; peace because of the binding love that unites us despite our differences; and peace because we will not give up but endure victoriously for the elect's sake.

Let us seriously, thoughtfully, and prayerfully invite someone to hear of the Gospel that is able to not only save a soul but to reveal a potentially wonderful relationship between God and Man. Let us pray for an attendance of 400. Will you invite someone?

Bro Chris Cheong, sis Samantha and Zane will be leaving us for Sydney, Australia on 5 Feb. This family has been a tremendous blessing to us all. In working with bro Chris, I can see that he has a pastoral heart to meticulously care for those in needs – the many unsung moments of visiting the sick and counseling the discouraged.

He is also instrumental in building the Senior, Young Adult, and Youth Fellowship, besides involving in the teaching ministry. They plan to be there for some years and then return back to Shalom as the Lord leads them. Let us keep them in our prayers as they start a new chapter as a family to serve the Lord in Sydney.

Three precious souls were added by the Lord to the church – bro Nelson Chua and bro Matthew Yee by baptism, and sis Nhora Geen Hintay by transfer from Community Bible Baptist Church, Philippines. Let us not only welcome them but also extend our right hand of fellowship to these precious brethren the Lord has given us.

Sunday School (Jan to April 2025):

Topic:	Financial Freedom	
Adults:	B1-01	(Pastor Christian & Andy Lim)
	B1-02	(Pastor Wee, Eric Tan, Denzil Titt)
Young Adults:	B1-05	(Roberto Zacarias, Joel Chia)
Youths:	B1-06	(Bryan Tan, Sigmund)
Discipleship Course:	Void Deck	(Dan Ong)

Course description: This study is a most enriching deep dive into our relationship with God and Mammon. There are so many biblical instruction and admonition on how we should view and use our finances – our attitude towards money will affect our relationship with God and our attitude towards God will affect our relationship with money. A true understanding of God and Mammon will free us to trust God and to use and enjoy this blessing of the Lord. The Sunday School is livestreamed and can be viewed from YouTube.

Men/Ladies' Fellowship (15 Feb/4-7 pm/Pot Luck/Combined Meeting):

Place: Bt Panjang Methodist Church
Topic: He Says, She Says – Communication in Marriage
Speaker: Pastor Wee

Communication with strangers and acquaintances is child play compares to communication in the home. Very often, marital communication sounds like a foreign language and akin to two ships passing each other in the dark. On the one hand, we look forward to great, loving communication in the marital relationship, but on the other hand, there are so much unintended misunderstanding and mischaracterizing that kills a potentially great relationship. Perhaps, we need to go back to the basics and see what God has to say regarding communication in the home. There will be a livestreaming of the lesson.

Apologetics Sunday (9 Feb):

Topic: Theodicy – Why are there evil and suffering in this World?
Speaker: Pastor Christian

For 2025, Apologetics Sunday and Friend's Sunday will rotate on a monthly basis – one month with Apologetics Sunday and the other with Friend's Sunday.

Preparation for Church Service:

We encourage our members to be in church at least 5 minutes before Service and to observe a moment of silence in prayer and preparation before the Worship Service. If you happen to be late, please do not start a conversation with those who are preparing their hearts to worship the Lord. This is a gentle reminder as most worshippers are already practicing it. Let us also dress our best and dress modestly to worship the Lord – we are meeting a Great and Holy God. “Give unto the Lord the glory due unto his name; worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.” (Psa 29:2)

Department Photo Taking (9 Feb):

We will be doing a department photo taking for the website for all the church departments after the church service.

Shalom Baptist Church 40th Anniversary (23 Feb):

Let us pray and invite our friends and loved ones to hear of the gospel and to celebrate with us on our 40 years of existence by God’s grace and mercy. There will be a choir special, montage of the church history, buffet in-house lunch, message, etc.

There will be no Sunday School for the 40th Anniversary celebration for us to assist our friends to church.

Sydney Mission Trip (1-10 May/returning on 10 May):

There are 19 people already booked for Sydney. Please seek out bro James if you plan to come. We may or may not accommodate due to the availability of flights or rooms. At the moment, it still looks feasible. The airfare is around \$700-\$800, accommodation is about \$120 per couple or as single occupant per day. Transport is about \$250 per pax for the whole trip. This does not include food, places of interests, etc. Pastor Christian will be leading this mission trip.

Vietnam Mission Trip (5-13 June):

Currently, the airfare is about \$350 to \$530 per pax (Singapore – Saigon – Hanoi – Singapore). 4 days in Saigon to visit most of the churches there and 5 days in Hanoi to visit one church and have our tour in Hanoi. Accommodation is in the range of about \$60/- per night per couple. There will be a meeting for those who are planning to join this Mission Trip on 2 Feb, after the Service in LT 1. Pastor Wee will be leading this Mission Trip.

Resumption of Shalom Bible Institute and Tuesday Evening Class:

Please note that the Tuesday evening classes (Johannine Books) will resume on the 25th Feb and the Bible Institute (Angelology) will resume on the 26th Feb.

Mission Projects

Pastor Thaung Liang's Orphanage, Myanmar:	\$6,000 (sent \$3,000)
Pastor Vinay wife's delivery of twins, India:	\$2,000 (sent \$2,000)
Pastor Yakub's stroke, Indonesia:	\$1,000
Purworejo Baptist College, Pastor Antoro, Indonesia:	\$1,000
Church School, Pastor Empleo, Vietnam:	\$1,000
Bible School, Pastor Rodero, Laos:	\$1,000

You can give to the Mission Projects by sending your money to the Faith Mission Fund (Shalom Baptist Church / OCBC: 518-075775-003)

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)

We can give without love, but we cannot love without giving...

*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	12 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 2 nd Sunday of the month
Prayer Meeting	Every last Sunday of the month
In-House Lunch	Every 2 nd and 4 th Sunday of the month

2025 Programs

Young Adults Activities	8 Feb, 22 Mar, 17 May, 26 Jul, 20 Sep, 1 & 29 Nov
40 th Church Anniversary	23 Feb
Children Outing:	20 Mar
AGM	23 Mar
Youth Ministry Activities	29 Mar, 12 Apr, 19 Jul, 25 Oct
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
Night Cycling	8 Aug
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



Shalom Baptist Church

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

- Devotion •
- Chinese Calligraphy •
- Evening Walk •
- Dinner Fellowship •

Sat, 8th Feb 2025
5pm-8pm
Church Office
170 Upper Bukit Timah Road, #17-03
(Bukit Timah Shopping Centre)

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SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH

MEN'S AND LADIES FELLOWSHIP

HE SAYS, SHE SAYS

COMMUNICATION IN MARRIAGE
 (WITH ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN)

15 FEBUARY | 4 - 7PM
488 UPPER BUKIT TIMAH ROAD,
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Membership

English – 258

Chinese – 29

Total – 287

Newly added members (baptism): 2

Newly added members (transfer): 1

Average Attendance

Jan 2025

English : : 195

Chinese : : 37

Children : : 34

Total : : 266



From the Mission Field...



Serving in Malaysia

K.J. & Helen Han

10 Jan. 2025

Ephesians 1:2 *Grace be to you, and peace, from God our Father, and from the Lord Jesus Christ.*

Church Ministry

Another year just gone by quickly. There is fear and even anxiety what new challenges we may face in the coming months. Lost souls are harder to reach, and even believers, especially the younger ones are harder to establish in their faith. We hope in the new year, effort to strengthen the zeal of young adults will be enhanced.

We used to be blessed with many pianists who helped us in congregational worship singing. They were all gone due to relocation. But God gave us a new set of helpers – the preachers.

Bro. Orlando and Bro. Lito are willing helpers. They would take the pulpit whenever they are asked. Not only this would relieve me occasionally but also providing them a platform and opportunity to improve their sermon preparation and delivery.

We celebrated our 24th church anniversary in October. Already we are looking forward to celebrating our 25th anniversary. Meantime, we will work hard for the special milestone in our ministry. The theme verse for this year is

Romans 12:11 *Not slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord;*



Learning Center

In my last prayer letter, I mentioned about the rejection of our certificates/diplomas by institutions of higher learning in Malaysia even though they are accepted worldwide. **Aubrey's** high school diploma issued by Lighthouse Christian Academy was rejected in January, but they reversed the decision in August. She is now studying in university. I would say it is a miracle!

Family

My December medical report shows my health is generally good even though I am tagged as a diabetic patient. This time, the doctor felt a small dose of blood pressure lowering pill will be good since my blood pressure has been slightly above normal for the last many years.

Prayer request(s)

1. Better health
2. Better opportunity

Han

K.J. and Helen Han

Received with grateful hearts:
Yearly \$1,800.00



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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BETHANY BAPTIST CHURCH

Makati City, Philippines

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NAYPYITAW, MYANMAR (BURMA)



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.



60 senior high students attended in our Sunday Evening Service.

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February 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11:00am Sunday Service 12:30pm In-House Lunch 7:30pm Prayer Meeting	27	28 7:45pm Thru' the Bible Program (Online) - Cancelled 7:45pm Discipleship (Cancelled)	29 CHINESE NEW YEAR 7:30am Seniors' Outing - Cancelled 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute (Cancelled)	30 10:30am Chinese Bible Study (Online) - Cancelled	31	1
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