

# SHALOM MONTHLY

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*Psalm 124:8 "Our help is in the name of the LORD, who made heaven and earth."*

## The Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Wee

What a joy as we celebrated Shalom's 40th Anniversary with about 350 people in attendance. It was a long and arduous but satisfying journey for every church member who had a part in the inception and the growth of the church. The choir was amazing, the flowers and cake were awesome, the a/v crew was at its best, the Service was uplifting, the food committee dished out the catered food orderly, the ushers guided the visitors to church from the school gate, and many prayed and invited their friends and loved ones to church. The LT was packed with many first-time visitors and members. We are humbled by this rich blessing of the Lord upon our memorable 40th Anniversary Service.

Every soul we brought to church, every tract we gave out, every dollar we gave, every prayer we uttered, constitutes the 'little drop of water and the little grain of sand that built the mighty ocean and

the mighty piece of land'. Let us continue to do our part in God's building program as we move past our 40th year of existence: "And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone; In whom all the building fitly framed together groweth unto an holy temple in the Lord: In whom ye also are builded together for an habitation of God through the Spirit."

We are going to miss sis Xina as she heads off to Taiwan for the next eight months of work. Let's keep in touch with her and pray for her wellbeing. Bro Chris and his family have found a house to rent in a very tight rental market in Sydney and he covets our prayers for his application for a working visa in Australia. Let's keep our overseas brethren in prayer.

Our decentralizing tracting to the private residential homes will commence this March. It will be more challenging than the letterbox tracting. Let us avail ourselves to impact the lost. If there is no going out, there will be no coming in - for souls to know the Lord. Soul-winning has always been in our blood – let us win souls before the night cometh where men work no more.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 23 March after the Service. A digital copy of the AGM will be sent out to all the members. Do request one from bro James or the staff if you did

not receive one. There are decisions to be made to take the church to greater heights. Let's be prayerful and be present for the AGM.

Let us keep up the momentum in the invitation of our friends and loved ones to church as we have our next Friend's Sunday on 9 March. We have done very well by God's grace for the Anniversary; we can do just as well for the Friend's Sunday – let us be on the lookout for those whom the Lord lays upon our hearts to invite. Let us not slack in 'saving the lost at all costs'.

## Announcements

### **Sunday School (Jan to April 2025):**

Topic:	Biblical 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. A true understanding of Biblical Financial Freedom 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 on YouTube.

### **Friend's Sunday (9 March):**

Topic: The Gift  
Speaker: Pastor Wee

A gift has been paid for but freely given to us. We can't earn it; we don't have to pay for it; but it gives us much joy and relief especially when it helps with our ongoing needs. Sometimes, we cry out for a 'Gift' that can meet our deepest needs – for friendship, for financial help, or for answers to life's troubling questions. But the greatest Gift is from the Lord Jesus who knows exactly what we need and not what we want and is able to meet every need in our aching hearts – from salvation to glorification. Jesus said, "If thou knewest the gift of God, and who it is that saith to thee, Give me to drink; thou wouldest have asked of him, and he would have given thee living water." (Jn 4:10) If only we truly know the Gift of God!

Let's pray, pray, pray, and invite, invite, invite. The harvest is plenteous, but the laborers are few. Who will go and work for Me today?

**New Multimedia Staff:**

For some time, I have felt that the church would benefit from having a full-time staff member dedicated to overseeing the multimedia department. This year, we took a step of faith and moved forward with that vision. Four individuals initially expressed interest in the role, and after further discussions on what the job entailed, two chose to withdraw.

After much prayer and consideration, the deacons and I believe that Bro Caleb Wee is well-suited for this position.

Bro Caleb has served faithfully in the AV department for many years, providing steady leadership and dedication. Through his efforts, the department has grown significantly, including the addition of a church server and live-streaming capabilities, among other improvements. We are truly grateful to the Lord for the work he and his team have put into this area of ministry.

Since Bro Caleb was a potential candidate for the role, Pastor Wee stepped back completely from all discussions and decision-making related to this appointment. The Staff look forward to working alongside Bro Caleb as he steps into this new role, and we welcome him as a full-time member of our team. - Pastor Christian

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

There are 19 people already booked for Sydney. Please contact bro James if you plan to come. Pastor Christian will be leading this mission trip.

**Vietnam Mission Trip (5-13 June):**

Presently, there are 18 people who have indicated their interest in going to the Vietnam Mission Trip. Please contact bro James if you are planning to come. Pastor Wee will be leading this Mission Trip.

**Church Funds:** Offering boxes for our giving are also available in the church (LT 1).

General Fund (GF): OCBC: 518-075775-001

Building Fund (BF): OCBC: 518-075775-002

Faith Mission Fund (FMF): OCBC: 518-075775-003

“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) / We can give without loving, but we cannot love without giving.

**2025 Mission Projects:**

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| a) | Pastor Thaung Liang's Orphanage, Myanmar:            | \$6,000 (sent \$3,000) |
| b) | Pastor Vinay wife's delivery of twins, India:        | \$2,000 (sent \$2,000) |
| c) | Pastor Yakub's stroke, Indonesia:                    | \$1,000 (sent \$250)   |
| d) | Purworejo Baptist College, Pastor Antoro, Indonesia: | \$1,000                |
| e) | Church School, Pastor Empleo, Vietnam:               | \$1,000                |
| f) | Bible School, Pastor Rodero, Laos:                   | \$1,000                |

**Decentralized BSC Tracting (1 Mar / 2pm):** We will be doing private residential tracting in 2025. Please contact your BSC leaders for the schedule of tracting in your BSC. We will be giving out tracts and possible sharing of the gospel in places like Bt Timah, Cashew, Jurong, Bt Batok, Bedok, Yio Chu Kang, etc. Those who are not in the BSC may contact any of the BSC leaders to join them. May the Lord's fields be full of laborers.

**YA Camp Meeting (2 Mar):** There will be a meeting today, 2 Mar after service for all who are intending to join in for the upcoming YA Camp from 21-24 Jun. This meeting will help ascertain the number of pax going and also to facilitate the booking of the accommodation.

**Average Attendance for February 2025:**

English	200
Chinese	33
Children	40
<b>Total</b>	<b>273</b>

**Regular Church Programs:**

Combined Service	Every 4th 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 2nd Sunday of the even month
Apologetics Sunday	Every 2nd Sunday of the odd month
Prayer Meeting	Every last Sunday of the month
In-House Lunch	Every 2nd and 4th Sunday of the month

**2025 Program:**

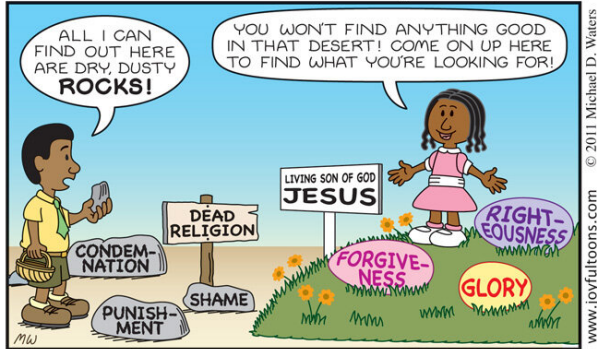
Young Adults Activities:	8 Feb, 22 Mar, 17 May, 26 Jul, 20 Sep, 1 & 29 Nov
40th Church Anniversary:	23 Feb
Children Outing:	20 Mar
AGM:	3 Mar
Youth Ministry Activities:	29 Mar, 12 Apr, 19 Jul, 25 Oct
Children Overnight Camp:	18-19 Apr
Resurrection Sunday:	20 Apr
Sydney Mission Trip:	1-10 May
Vietnam 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

Membership	
English	258
Chinese	29
<b>Total</b>	<b>287</b>
Newly added member by baptism	NIL
Newly added member by transfer	NIL



**EGG HUNT**

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



And as they were afraid, and bowed down their faces to the earth, they said unto them, Why seek ye the living among the dead?

— LUKE 24:5 KJV

## Shalom's Vision

Shalom Baptist Church is a church where our first love for God is our first work; where our Christianity is a relationship rather than a religion; where the lost and foreign mission are our constant care; where the purity of the gospel truth is jealously guarded; and where our membership is, in essence, stewardship. We are fundamental in our belief, evangelistic in our outlook, and loving as we have been taught.

Above all, Shalom is a church where the last word of our Lord Jesus Christ is our first command: 'All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth. Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.' (Mt 28:18-20)

## March Birthdays



Lee Lexx  
Titt Rephael  
Ouyang Kejie (Keith)  
Sea Rodney  
Wu Jinlong  
Wu-Adelan Hylen  
Singh Gabriel  
Yu Easter  
See Seng Kio (Andrew)  
Fong Mercy  
Low Alison  
Ouyang Isaac

Wee Yan Tiong  
Poh Zaccheus  
Tan-Ter Poh Kiang  
Yan-Loke Chin Ni  
Ratnam Christian Eliab  
Chong Ezra  
Tan Robin  
Andrew Charles Francis  
Wong Hung Shane  
Ong-Hong Suwei  
Soh-Teoh Ah Geok





Shalom Baptist Church  
presents ...  
**MasterChef**  
The YAF Edition

Saturday | 22 March  
3.30pm - 6pm  
*Followed by Dinner Fellowship\**

\$15 per pax

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/SHALOMYAF](https://tinyurl.com/shalomyaf)  
SIGN UP BY 16 MARCH

Venue:  
To be confirmed...

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SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH  
YOUNG ADULTS CAMP

**IN HIS TIME**  
21-24 JUNE, 2025 • IPOH, MALAYSIA  
ECCLESIASTES 3:1-11

**SIGN UP NOW!**  
Sign-up closes 5th May



CAMP FEE: \$200  
*Includes accommodation, coach to Ipoh, activities, camp t-shirt  
Return flight not included*

CAMP IC/2IC: ASHER / CLEMENT



# From the Mission Fields

## Missionary Le Thanh Tuan, Vietnam

ABC Clearinghouse U702 Manila Luxury Condo., Pearl Drive Cor. Gold Loop, Ortigas, Pasig City

Le Thanh Tuan -Da Lat, Vietnam

***"And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose." Romans 8:28***

**Jclub Ministry:** There is no such coincidence in the life of a child of God. Like what I shared with you in my previous letter, that there was a couple who wanted to come and serve God with us. We established Jclub- an English center. A language center is a good door for evangelism. It can provide visas, jobs and opportunities to reach out to many people. In June 2024, after 3 months of construction, we started to have our first students. Everything seemed to be going quite smoothly, but after 3 months, the number of students was not enough to cover the cost. The couple felt pressured and asked me to return their investment and left. I felt very sad and disappointed but thank God for giving me the faith and strength to continue to stay and fight because I believe that God has a purpose in everything and this is just a test of faith.

Instead of being discouraged, we prayed and worked harder. Although there were not many students, God still had His way of providing for His work. The best thing I received was the lessons and sincere friends. Because we did not give up easily, God opened wonderful doors for us. We would like to thank the pastors and the church for their prayers and support.

**Christmas Evangelism:** There were more than 40 people attending the Christmas evangelism, 5 people got saved and 1 person got baptized.

At the mission work in Ninh Thuan for them Cham people, we were able to share the Gospel with more than 100 children. Last month, My family had a 2 weeks mission trip in central Vietnam. I am so glad that my siblings and my wife's family have been very involved in the ministry.

After nearly 9 years of missionary work in Da Lat, I realized that God is using us through the path of education, teaching the younger generation. English is a great tool. beside teaching at Christian school, I have had many opportunities to work as an interpreter for local authorities, teaching English to many ages from college students, children in public schools and even business owners. They need to see God through our lives.

**Prayer requests:** God's strength, guidance and financial provision; 2 English teachers and Work Permits for 2 current teachers. Thank you so much and God bless you all

Image notes in order: My family with my parents; Jclub-teamwork; Christmas evangelist night; Ninh Thuan children ministry; baptism, 2 souls got saved; students of Victory life



MAKEDONIA INDEPENDENT BAPTIST CHURCH  
INDONESIA

#1 | FEB 2025

SITANGGANG FAMILY

# Newsletter & Prayer Letter

DEAR PASTOR AND PRAYER PARTNERS

## Church Update

A blessed New Year everyone!

I hope and pray that we will always be under God's protection in 2025.

I want to thank God for what He has done for me, my family and the Macedonian congregation.

In early December 2024, God added a couple to the church, they are the Dervis Siregar family with 2 daughters. We are currently praying for their eldest daughter's baptism plans.

We also celebrated Christmas with Sunday school children and teenagers on December 15, 2024 and celebrated Christmas with the congregation on December 24, 2024. In both events, there were several newcomers that we invited. We also gave Christmas gifts to the children as we do every year.

I also have an opportunity to lead at least five person to the Lord in January and February.

At the end of January 2025, there was a flood in Jakarta including in the Cengkareng area, several members of the church were affected by the flood and we provided food for them.



## Baptism

DERVIS FAMILY

Please pray for Bapak Dervis, her wife and their daughters: Yosephine and Catherine. Pray for them to become faithful members and for Yosephine to obey her parents.





**Missionary Sitanggang, Indonesia**

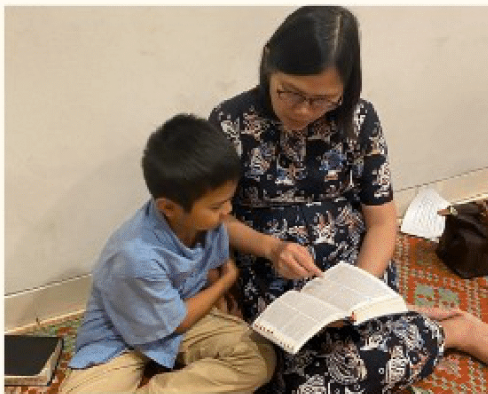


**OUR CO-WORKERS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS**

IN JANUARY 2025, WE ALSO STARTED A BIBLE STUDY ONCE A MONTH AT CHURCH, IN ADDITION TO WHAT WE DO AT THE HOUSE OF MEMBERS. PLEASE CONTINUE TO PRAY AND SUPPORT US AND THE CONGREGATION SO THAT WE CAN CONTINUE TO FAITHFULLY REACH OUT TO LOST SOULS.  
THANK YOU FOR THE SUPPORT I HAVE RECEIVED THROUGH PASTOR TATU IN DECEMBER.

**PRAYER REQUEST:**

1. OUR PLAN TO HAVE MISSIONS TRIP TO CENTRAL JAVA (GBII SION, SUKODADI) ON 28-31 MARCH 2025
2. CHURCH ANNIVERSARY ON APRIL
3. THIRD MISSION CONFERENCE IN MAY.



**Family Update**

**FEBRUARY 16, 2025**

My son, Elijah, received Christ as his Savior,  
and led by my wife



**Visitation every  
Thursday**

Visited Dervis Family with missionary  
Brandon Kelley

# Shalom Baptist Church

March 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>23</b> 11:00am Shalom 40th Church Anniversary 12:30pm In-House Lunch 7:30pm Prayer Meeting	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b> 7:45pm Thru' the Bible Program (Online) 7:45pm Discipleship	<b>26</b> 7:30am Seniors' Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	<b>27</b> 10:30am Chinese Bible Study (Online)	<b>28</b>	<b>1</b> 2:00pm Centralized Tracting
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