SHALOM MONTHLY

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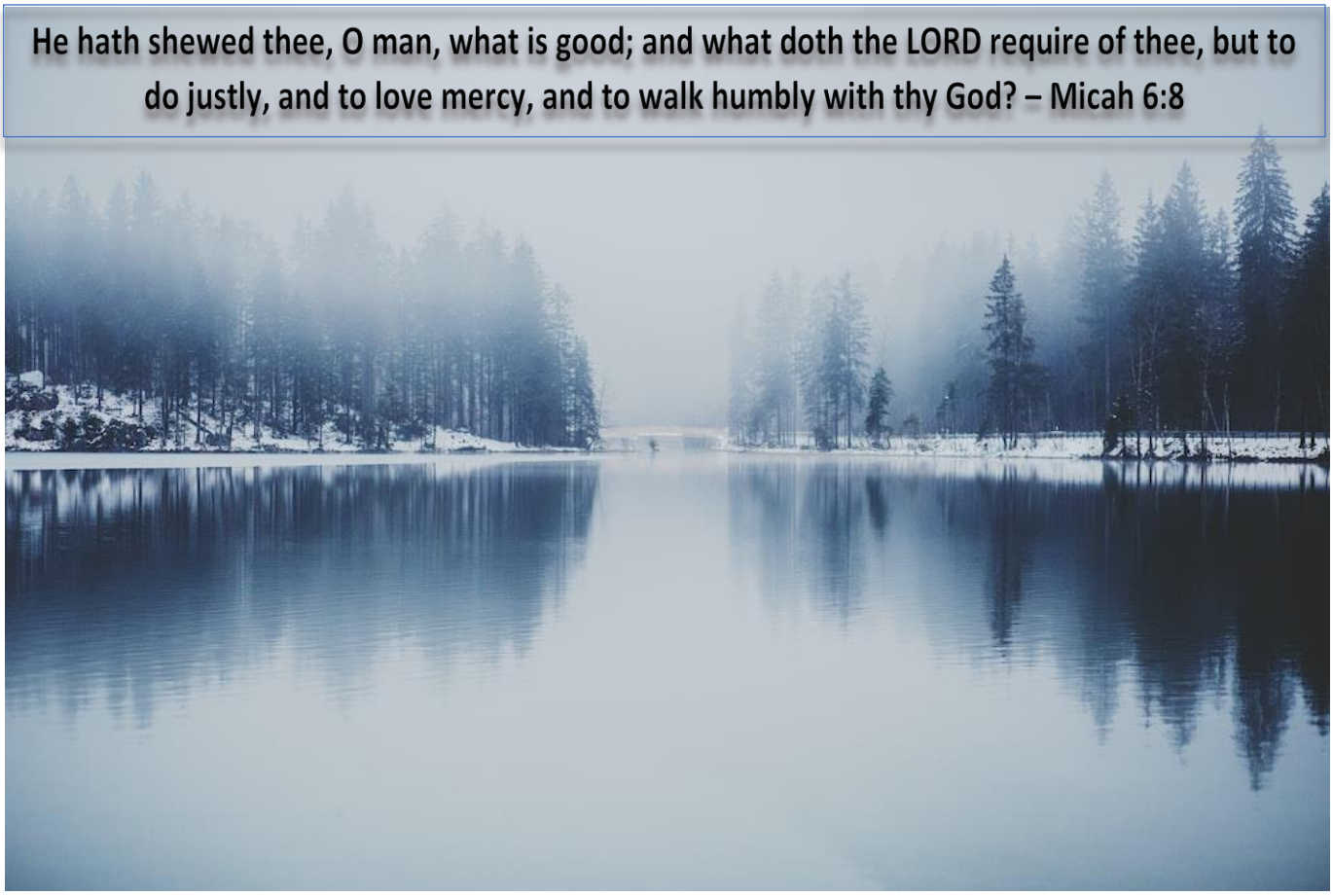


The Pastor's Desk by Pastor Wee

Shalom has never hosted a larger camp than this past month in Forest City, JB. A total of 160 campers eagerly headed to the Golf Resort Hotel after a long hiatus of 2-3 years. The Lord was gracious to us all at camp – the lessons on the purpose of life were a blessing to the campers; the accommodation was of a 5-stars standard; and above all, everyone enjoyed themselves at camp. We thank God for the fun and laughter, the lessons learnt, and the safety of everyone. We had some visitors with us too and they were a blessing to the camp. The greatest blessing was to see the walls broken down as members and visitors alike forged a genuine bond in true Christian love through the games, fellowship, meals, and outings. Many came back with a new and renewed friendship. "Behold, how good and how pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together in unity!" (Psa 133:1)

Our Christmas Evangelistic Service had a record attendance of 290 people. Some 10,000 flyers and a good number of tracts were given out. We thank God for about 100 people that gave out the

tracts and the flyers. Many also invited their friends and loved ones to church. The gospel was preached and the Seed of the Word sown. We look to the Lord for His future harvest of souls. The choir presentation was uplifting, the orchestra was excellent, the live music by the ensemble during the in-house lunch was both a novel and edifying experience. We thank God for the soldiers of the cross who labored joyfully and quietly behind the scene – the ushers, food committee members, AV crew, photographers, those who unassumingly cleaned up the premises after lunch, and those who prayed earnestly for the Lord to do His work in our midst. A big thank you to all that helped in one way or another. We praise God for each one of you folks.

Besides the Evangelistic Service, the BSCs also had several combined gatherings in different homes and function rooms. Beyond the food and exchanges, it is the Lord we sought to glorify through the songs, devotion, and personal sharing with the visitors that came. The Youth Camp was held with a good number of campers and we thank God for the dedicated teachers who have a passion for the youths as they imparted the truth of God to the attendees. We thank God for all that had a part in the lives of these precious youths at camp.

Our heartfelt congratulations to Julien and Esther on their recent wedding. Timothy and Cheryl were also married lately and we extend our congratulations to this couple too. We praise God for each of these couples.

If the Lord will, there will be several baptisms and acceptance of members this January. A business meeting and a baptism service have been scheduled on the 29th of January. Those planning to be baptized or to transfer their membership from the other Independent Baptist churches of like faith are to contact the Pastors or the Deacons.

Bro Luke Pang has passed away this past month after a long bout with stroke since March 2022. He will always be remembered as the cheerful 'uncle' whom we had the privilege to know. Our deepest condolences to Maverick, Serene, and their families on the loss of their beloved father. He will be dearly missed by us all. "Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints." (Psa 116:15)

On a personal note, if the Lord will, Janet and I will be grandparents this January as Gretal will be due by then. We covet your prayers for Nick and Gretal as they welcome their newborn.

Announcements

Sunday School (9:45 am – 10: 35 am):

Description	Classroom	Title	Teachers
Doctrinal Studies	B1-01	Calvinism vs Biblicism	Pas Christian
Topical Studies (Adult)	B1-02	Thriving in Stressful Times	Bro Eric
Discipleship	B1-05	Christian Living	Bro Roberto & Denzil
Topical Studies (Young Adult)	B1-06	Pre-Marital Course	Pas Wee, Bro Andy & Joel
Youth Class	B3-03	Baptist Distinctives	Bro Dan, Bryan & Chris

There will be a Sunday School on 1 Jan. It will still be the regular Sunday School to finish up last year's syllabus. The new Combined Sunday School for all adults, youths, and young adults will commence on 8 Jan.

2023 Sunday School: Combined Sunday School in LT, Christology, Jan – April: Pastor Christian will be teaching on Christology for 4 months. This will be for all the youth, young adults.

No Sunday School and no In-House lunch on 22 Jan: This is in view of the Chinese New Year.

In-House Lunch (Jan): The in-house lunches for January will be on 8 and 29 January.

Guest Speaker, Pastor Stephen Burke, 8 Jan: Pastor and Mrs. Stephen Burke will be with us on 8 Jan. He will be preaching for us. Pastor Burke will be heading back to the States for good after pastoring for these past many years in Singapore and Ipoh, Malaysia. We thank God for His faithfulness and love in serving the Lord in this part of the world for the most part of his life.

Mission Trips 2023 (Hokkaido, Japan / Negros, Philippines):

Negros, Philippines : 1-9 Jun (Bro Chris)
Estimated Cost : $800
Confirmed : 25
Hokkaido, Japan : 15-24 Jun (Pastor Wee)
Estimated Cost : $2,000
Confirmed : 19

Those planning to go are to contact Bro Chris (Negros) and Bro James (Hokkaido) for the flight details. They are to book their flights, and if help is needed, to contact the in-charge to assist them. The church will organize the hotel, transport, and itinerary for the mission trip. Another meeting will be convened when we are nearer to the mission trip in June 2023.

Doctrinal Preaching in Sunday Service: From 2023 onwards, we will attempt to have a doctrinal sermon once a month. This is to fulfill the biblical commandment: "That we henceforth be no more children, tossed to and fro,

and carried about with every wind of doctrine, by the sleight of men, and cunning craftiness, whereby they lie in wait to deceive." (Eph 4:14)

Pastor Wee and Pastor Christian will be preaching on topics like the KVJ Defended, Tongues Speaking, Jehovah Witnesses, Cults, Eternal Sercurity, etc. Our first lesson on the KJV will be on the **15 Jan**. By announcing ahead, members can invite their friends to better understand such crucial teachings from the Bible.

Business Meeting and Baptism (29 Jan): Those seeking to be baptized or to transfer their membership from the other Independent Baptist Churches are to notify the Pastors or the Deacons. More information will be forthcoming.

Church Funds: Offering boxes for 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

"But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver. And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." (2 Cor 9:6-8)

Special Projects:

1.	Orphanage in Myanmar	$7,000 (completed)
2.	The Embaos in Negros, Philippines	$2,000 (completed)
3.	Purworejo Baptist College, Indonesia	$500 (completed)
4.	Rental for Missionary Joseph, Israel	$1,000 (completed)
5.	Hospitalization for Pastor Yacob, Indonesia	$1,500 (completed)
6.	Prostatic leg for Missionary Rainer, Cambodia	$1,000 (completed)
7.	Missionary Jireh Nono, Thailand	$2,000 (completed)
8.	Missionary Arnold Espino	$5,000 (completed)
9.	Missionary Kit Jamandron (church expansion & reno)	$1,000 (completed)

Regular Church Programs:

Combined Service	Every 4th Sunday of the month
Seniors Fellowship	Every Wednesday @ 7.30am (resume on 4 Jan 23)
In-house lunch	Every 2nd and 4th Sun of the month
Lord's Supper	Jan, April, July, Oct
Bus to Uni-Town	Alternate Every 1st Sun of the month (resume on 5 Feb 23)

2023 Program:

38th Anniversary	26 Feb
Children Games Day	16 Mar
Good Friday	7 Apr
Resurrection Sunday (Lord's Supper)	9 Apr
BBQ Outing – Jurong Lake or West Coast Park (Labour Day)	1 May
Youth Outing (Vesak Day)	4 Jun
Vacation Bible School	7-9 Jun
Mission Trip (Negros, Philippines)	1-9 June

Children's' Wednesday Outing	14, 21 & 28 Jun
Mission Trip (Hokkaido, Japan)	15-24 June
YAF Camp (Hari Raya Haji)	29 Jun–1 Jul
Night Cycling	8 Aug
Children Overnight Camp	7-8 Sep
Church Family Day (Deepavali Holiday)	13 Nov
Children's' Wednesday Outing	22 & 29 Nov
Children's' Wednesday Outing	6, 13, 20, 27 Dec
Church Camp	18-22 Dec
Christmas Service	24 Dec
Youth Camp	27-30 Dec

Membership:

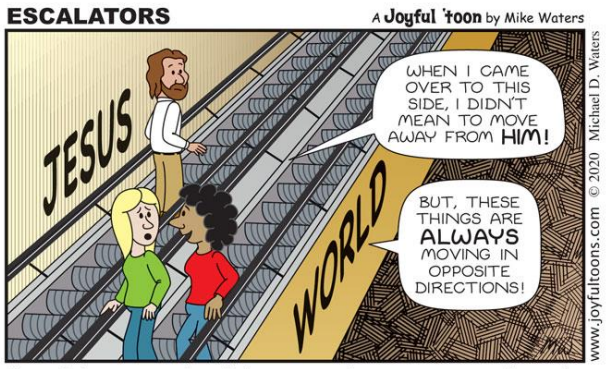
English – 232

Chinese – 30

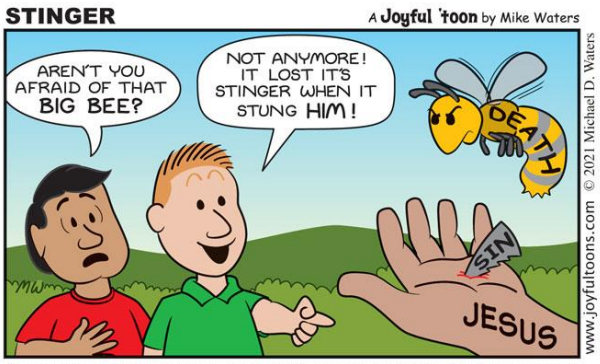
Total – 262

Average Attendance for December 2022:

English	: 193
Chinese	: 27
Children	: 47
Total	: 267



Ye adulterers and adulteresses, know ye not that the friendship of the world is enmity with God? whosoever therefore will be a friend of the world is the enemy of God.
– James 4:4 KJV



O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory? The sting of death is sin; and the strength of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, which giveth us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.
– 1 Corinthians 15:55–57 KJV

Macatangay John Angelo Bandoy | Catherine Teo | Lim Si Yuan | Gina Chin | Asher Ong

Jubina Seah | Manda Bey | Jason Chan | Toh Siao Hui | Andrea Tan

Christina Ho | Castillo Cabauatan Rosalyn | Abigail Ong | Nicholas Low | Katherine Oong

Soon Sok Keow | Clarice Tan | Baltazar Julie | Dan Ong | Jenny Yeo

Elizabeth Singh | Raymond Tan | Jasmine Chan Jee May | Jean Yong | Keith Chia Meng Hong

Tan Ge Toon | Twe Hsu Fen

From the Mission Field…

MYANMAR MISSIONS

NAYPYITAW, MYANMAR (BURMA)

December 13, 2022

Dear Pastor Wee and Shalom Baptist Church-Singapore,

Warm Greetings from Myanmar!

We would like to update you on what God is doing in the Mission work here. First of all, we thank God for your partnership through prayers and financial help in the ministry here. We prayed for you and the ministry there.

The blessings that we can share with you are:

1. We thank God for His sustaining grace upon the mission work in Nay Pyi Taw. We are now on our seven months and continuing by God's grace.
2. We thank God that we received some NT Burmese Bibles and John & Romans Burmese Booklets. We distributed and gave to Baptist pastor as well.
3. We thank God for one of our lady student Nay Kar Win got saved.
4. We thank God for the blessing of Church property lot. We are already paid about 50% then the remaining balance we will be paying little by little per month until we reached the full amount. We have a contract and document signing from the owner and Community Chief. We thank God as well for a bamboo house, water well and tank that were built. We have now ongoing construction for church and orphanage washroom and toilet room. Because of this bamboo house as the main requirement in applying for census, I got my residence and census approved here in Nay Pyi Taw, Myanmar.

Please pray with us:

1. Please pray for our outreach in our community with the gospel. Our community here is 100% Burmese Buddhist. By law, it is not allowed to have church building in five township of Nay Pyi Taw. The best way to do is under the Christian learning center or orphanage home.
2. Please pray for our son Nehemiah as he needs to be under my census list but because he was born in Philippines, he needs a lot of requirements and we are almost complete and please pray for approval.
3. Please pray for building fund with an estimated cost of Singaporean dollars 5000. By January 2023, we are praying to build a wooden post and mainly bricks one storey mixed-used building. This building is intended for our temporary gathering place, learning center for our orphans and other neighbors, orphanage rooms, prophet's chamber where our family will stay so that we will not rent house and have more bible study and ministry in our own place together with our orphans.
4. Please pray for approval from government for Electric Meter application.
5. Pray for my wife, Jenny Faith as per ultrasound result last December 8, she is having Anembryonic pregnancy for about 9 weeks and the OB Doctor scheduled her for D&C tomorrow. She just had her D&C last May 2022 on the same condition of Anembryonic pregnancy.

Yo Lane & Family

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Shalom Baptist Church

January 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 NEW YEAR'S DAY 11:00am Sunday Service	**2**	**3** 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	**4** 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	**5** 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	**6**	**7**
8 11:00am Sunday Service In-House Lunch	**9**	**10** 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	**11** 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	**12** 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	**13** 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, Bt Batok 2, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang & Chinese Ministry	**14** 11:00am BSC: Bedok 7:30pm Bukit Timah
15 11:00am Sunday Service Lunch at 7 Stars	**16**	**17** 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	**18** 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	**19** 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	**20**	**21**
22 CHINESE NEW YEAR 11:00am Sunday Service Prayer Meeting (Cancelled) Sunday School Cancelled	**23**	**24** 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	**25** 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	**26** 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	**27** 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, Bt Batok 2, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang & Chinese Ministry	**28** 11:00am BSC: Bedok 7:30pm Bukit Timah
29 11:00am Sunday Service & Lord's Supper In-House Lunch	**30**	**31** 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	**1** 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	**2** 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	**3**	**4** 2:00pm Churchwide Tracting