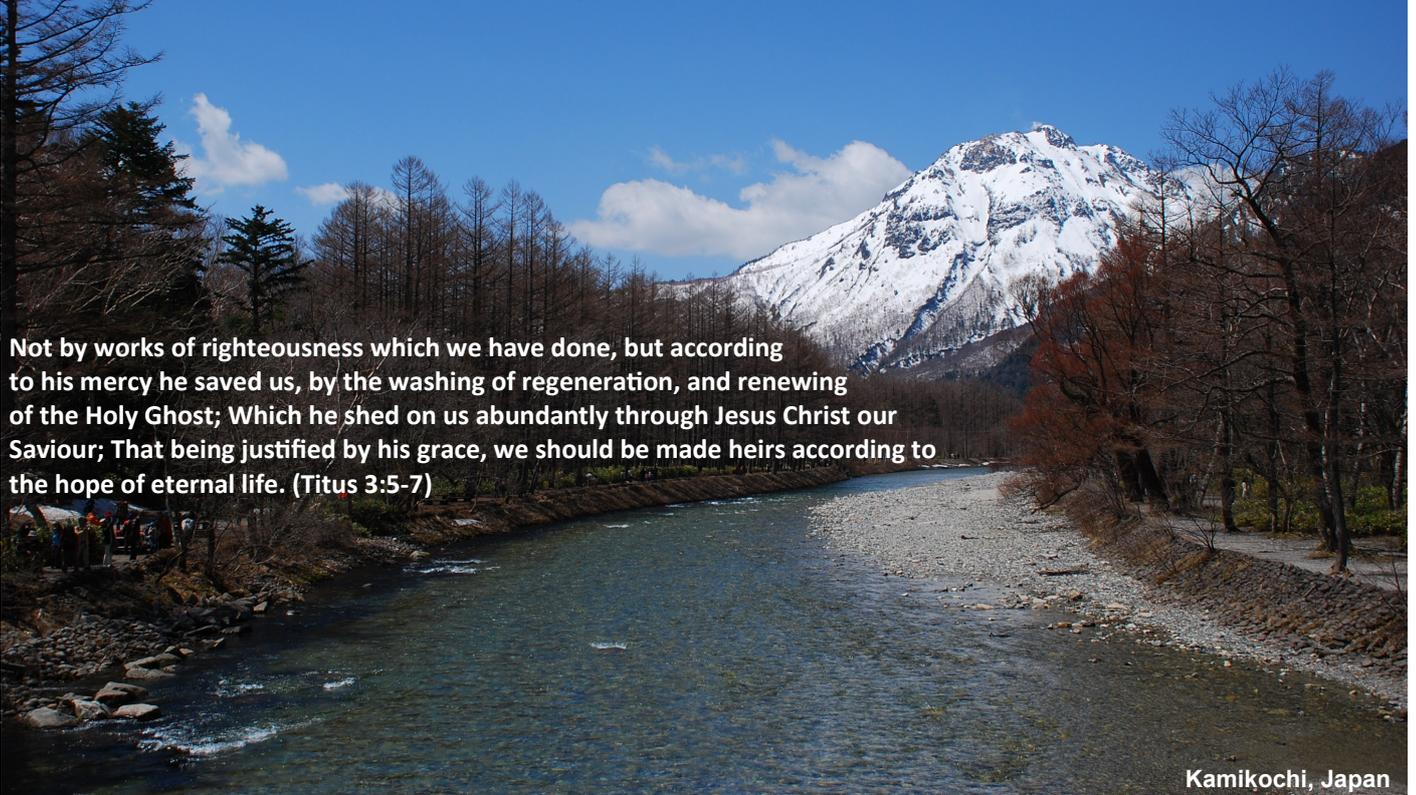


SHALOM MONTHLY

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Not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to his mercy he saved us, by the washing of regeneration, and renewing of the Holy Ghost; Which he shed on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Saviour; That being justified by his grace, we should be made heirs according to the hope of eternal life. (Titus 3:5-7)

Kamikochi, Japan

The Pastor's Desk

By Pastor Wee

A historic milestone is looming ahead as we joyfully look forward to the Lord adding an Associate Pastor to the church. We have been very much blessed and edified by the ministry of the Word through bro Christian Eliab as the Lord uses him in a great way to feed the church with strong meat these past years. We praise God for raising him in His perfect time and, as we approach the coming business meeting on 10 July, let us be earnest in our prayers for the Lord's will to be done. Let us pray for the clarity of His perfect will to us and the unity of spirit among the brethren as we make this momentous and joyful decision to have another Associate Pastor to take the church to greater heights for the glory of God.

The Pastors and Deacons are confident of the Lord's calling for bro Christian, his doctrinal stand, and his love for the church. Let us be present to decide and to rejoice in the man of God the Lord has prepared for us in Shalom. And we thank God for bro Christian's wife, sis

Kabitha, who has been a constant source of strength and encouragement to spur bro Christian on for the work of the Lord.

This past month was buzzing with activities for the children, youths and young adults. Bro Eric and the youth helpers were ministering to the children on every Wednesday in activities like laser quest, outings, etc. to foster greater bonding among the little ones. The youths had their regular bible studies and programs, and the young adults had a great camp with 40-plus young adults and several families shepherding them. Through the bible lessons, BBQ, Dragon boat activity, etc., the barriers of unfamiliarity came down and 40-plus young adults were brought closer to each other in genuine brotherly love. Due to the limitation of the accommodation, some were turned away. However, we look forward to having more young adults in the future gatherings. We appreciate the unceasing love of bro Eric and Chris, and their wives, sis Samantha and Ann, and the many brethren who

ministered alongside with them. Janet and I were very blessed to be with them for a brief moment during the BBQ.

The Prayer Meetings were well-attended and many were blessed by the testimonies, prayer requests, and prayers for the people in need in the church. The church marches on her bended knees. And we look forward that the church will truly be dependance on the Lord a hundred percent in prayers for souls, spirituality, and numeric growth.

The Sunday School will resume after more than two years of hiatus due to the pandemic. We look forward that many will come joyfully to be fed with strong meat to withstand the storms of life and impact the world for the Lord. The church is blessed with many able preachers and teachers and let us rejoice in the Word as one finds hid treasures. "Open thou mine eyes, that I may behold wondrous things out of thy law." (Psa 119:18)

About 110 campers have signed up for the December Church Camp in Forest City. Please sign up early and apply your leave to avoid disappointment. Church Camp is the highlight of the year as the church, like a family, gathered together for a few days to enjoy and to rekindle our love for one another. There is no better way to be blessed with the Word and to enjoy loving fellowship than to be in a camp where friendship and brotherly love are forged in a short span of time.

We thank God that two individuals were touched of the Lord to provide sorbet and Swiss rolls for two of our in-house lunches. Everyone enjoyed those delicious desserts and appreciate the love of these brethren. Missionary Jireh Nono, Thailand, will be visiting our church on 31st of July. We thank God for our new visitors this past month: Yvonne Koo and her son Caleb, and Thierry from Cameroon. Let us be a blessing to these new brethren.

Pastor Wee

Announcements

Business Meeting (10th July):

a) To support Pastor Ronnie Gabarda, Philippines, with \$50 per month from 1st Jan 2022

Pastor Ronnie is a good friend of bro Roberto and is a local pastor serving in Bible Baptist Church in Pilar Sorsogon, Philippines. His focus is mainly on evangelism to the children, especially to the impoverished children in his locale. We have sent him some boxes of used clothes and toys in the past and we look forward that we can be a blessing to his ministry to the little ones whom the Lord has said, 'Suffer little children, and forbid them not, to come unto me: for of such is the kingdom of heaven.' (Mt 19:14)

b) To accept Bro Christian Eliab Ratnam as an Associate Pastor.

In about 2 weeks' time, we will be making a very major decision for the future of the church. We will be deciding on the Associate Pastor for bro Christian Eliab. Like the early church, let us be in earnest prayers for this joyous and historical decision we are about to make – the recognition of the man of God that the Lord has prepared for Shalom.

"As they ministered to the Lord, and fasted, the Holy Ghost said, Separate me Barnabas and Saul for the work whereunto I have called them. And when they had fasted and prayed, and laid their hands on them, they sent them away." (Acts 13:2-3)

Bro Christian has been faithfully preaching for the last few years and all of us have been greatly edified and blessed by his ministry of the Word. But more importantly, we do recognize both his gift in the pulpit and as a shepherd to the congregation. The Pastors and Deacons have examined him previously and are confident of the Lord's calling for him as well as his sound Baptist doctrinal beliefs to be an Associate Pastor of Shalom. The qualification of the Pastor is laid down in 1 Timothy 3:1-7.

If bro Christian is accepted as an Associate Pastor on the 10th of July based upon a $\frac{3}{4}$ majority vote of the church, he will be ceremonially ordained with the laying on of hands on the 24th of July.

Bro Christian's doctrinal statement is available in our church website under the headings: About Us / Church Staff / Bro Christian.

Sunday School (3 Jul onwards / 9.45am – 10.40am):

Our Sunday School will commence from 3 July. We will have 4 classes:

- 1) Doctrinal Studies (B1-01): Calvinism (Bro Christian)
- 2) Topical Studies (B1-02): Thriving in Stressful Time (Bro Eric, Andy, Tock Lip, Pas Wee)
- 3) Discipleship Class (B1-05): Christian Living (Bro Roberto, Denzil)
- 4) Youth Class (B1-06): Youth Topical Studies (Bro Dan, Bryan, Chris)
- 5) Pre Pri / Lower Pri / Upper Pri (B3-06 / 07 / 08)

The Sunday School is meant to be a place for believers to dig deeper into the Word of God and be grounded firmly in their understanding of the Scriptures. Each course has a three-month duration and it will be repeated in the following three months for those who missed it. All Sunday School classes will be held in the classrooms opposite the LT 1.

Baptism / Transfer of Membership (24th of July):

Baptism: Bro Glenn Chiam

Bi-lingual Service / In-house Lunch (10 July):

We will resume our bi-lingual service from the 10th of July onwards. Subsequently, it will be held monthly on the 4th Sunday of the month.

Church Funds:

Offering boxes for giving are also available in the church (LT 1). We thank God for the sacrificial giving by the brethren.

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

“Honour the Lord with thy substance, and with the firstfruits of all thine increase: So shall thy barns be filled with plenty, and thy presses shall burst out with new wine (grape juice).” (Pro 3:9-10)

Special Projects:

- 1. Orphanage in Myanmar \$7,000 (\$3,500 sent)
- 2. The Embaos in Negros, Philippines \$2,000 (\$1,000 sent)
- 3. Purworejo Baptist College, Indonesia \$500 (sent)
- 4. Rental for Missionary Joseph, Israel \$1,000

You may send your money to the General Fund (OCBC: 518-075775-001) for the Special Projects and designating it as ‘Special Projects’ or use the church or personal envelopes and depositing your Special Projects giving into the offering boxes outside the auditorium. Please indicate it as ‘Special Projects’.

Tracting:

We will readjust our tracting schedule to once in every 2 months instead of monthly to strike a balance between all our ongoing programs and tracting. The most important part of evangelism will always be personal evangelism in which we pray for our loved ones and friends, share the gospel with them, or invite them to church. The next tracting will be on 6 Aug.

However, if anyone would like to do some personal tracting beside the church-wide tracting to the homes, they are welcome to do so. Please keep your BSC leader updated on your personal tracting. Do also avoid putting tracts in homes that are visibly religious in nature.

Membership & Attendance	
June average attendance	
English	166
Chinese	29
Children	42
Total	237
Membership	
English	215
Chinese	30
Total	245
Overseas	13

December 2022 Church Camp:

To date we have 88 adults and 15 children signed up for the camp. The sign-up list is outside on the notice board. Those who are interested are requested to sign up early so as to apply their leave. The cost and other information are below. Do note that the cut-off date is 16 Oct 2022.

Proposal for
Shalom Baptist Church – Church Camp
 19 – 22 December 2022



4 Days 3 Nights Church Camp Package Includes: -
✓ 3 nights accommodation
✓ 3x Buffet Breakfast
✓ 3x International Buffet Lunch (Chef's choice menu)
✓ 3x International Buffet Dinner (Chef's choice menu)
✓ Usage of 1 Meeting Hall with basic meeting facilities with 2 breakout room
✓ Complimentary Welcome Banner (*)
✓ Camp Site Support Services (*)

4 Days 3 Nights Package Price	
Group Size	: Min 80 - 120pax
ADULT	
Twin Sharing	: SGD225 per pax
Triple Sharing	: SGD225 per pax
Single Occupancy	: SGD325 per pax
CHILD (4-11 YEARS)	
Meals Only	: SGD75 per child
With Extra Bed	: SGD200 per child

Note:

- (*) For group size above 150 adults.
- Non-Malaysian resident are subject to Tourism Tax
- All meals will be at Tee Off Restaurant

JOHOR BAHRU



Regular Church Programs:

BSC Tracting:	6 Aug / 1 Oct / 10 Dec
Ladies Fellowship:	23 Jul / 17 Sep / 26 Nov
Men's Fellowship:	29 Oct
Lord's Supper:	24 July / 23 Oct
Prayer Meeting:	24 July / 28 Aug / 25 Sept / 23 Oct / 27 Nov / 25 Dec

Blessed Birthdays!

Chong-Ooi Jane, Tan Eric, Chin James,
 Friesen Vaughn, Lee Christina,
 Abner Andrew, Fong Julien, Ng Andrew,
 Lee-Rallonza Fremarie,
 Kumar Vijaya Isaac,
 Dai Ruina, Teo Zhi Yang,
 Chia-Dai Meina,
 Foo Xu Hui,
 Dai-Lin Ying Ying,
 Ho Robin,
 Lim Daniel,
 Ng Choon Hin



2022 Tentative Programme

Chinese Ministry Outing (Orchid Garden)	14 Feb
Children Games Day	16 Mar
Annual General Meeting	27 Mar
37th Anniversary	3 Apr
Resurrection Sunday (Lord's Supper)	17 Apr
Vacation Bible School	1-3 Jun
Young Adult's Camp	17-20 Jun
Bro Christian's Associate Pastorate (Voting)	10 Jul
Bro Christian's Ordination (Pending)	24 Jul
Night Cycling	8 Aug
Children's Overnight Camp	7 Sep
Church Camp	19-22 Dec
Christmas Service	25 Dec
Youth Camp	26-29 Dec

From the Mission Fields

The Sohs, Restricted Country

These four months were pretty slow. The country locked-down a major city due to increased intensity of COVID cases. Initially the authority tried their best to curb reports of the sudden increased cases in a big city, the “bag of bats” couldn’t contain the quantum jump of cases and the whole world came to know. We couldn’t believe that whole of the main economic city of the country had to be locked and “shut” down because of the pride of men thinking that they can contain and control this epidemic for two months! These too affected SSBC in SH!! They needed to meet online. Most of their members were locked down in their districts and some at home. Nevertheless, the meeting went on even it was online!

Though we, who were in HCBC in GZ, were not affected much but we were subjected to SWAB tests almost every two-three days. Thank God the tests were made free and convenient as there were many testing sites. Moreover we were free to move around within GZ and the food supply chain was not affected though prices went up slightly.

Praise God HCBC was able to conduct our meeting on the usual assembly site weekly. However for JABC in XM, they were not so fortunate. When the COVID was affecting SSBC, their movements were slightly curbed and they couldn’t meet regularly at the normal place. Moreover, the local authority knew their activities and Bro. Micah was called up for questioning by the local public security bureau and also the religious department. Praise God that JABC could find an alternate place to meet. Thank God for giving us the heart of unwavering!

The Sohs were planning to be back in Singapore for a short period for medical check-up. Bro. Soh was having a mild high blood pressure and praise the Lord that a brother in SH who worked t in pharmaceutical company supplied PARADIGM-HF medicine to subdue the rise in high blood pressure. It had been working well and I was planning for a thorough medical check-up in Singapore. Likewise my wife was having medical challenges too and she was rushed to the hospital for tightness in breathing twice. Therefore we bought air tickets to fly back on May 10th. However at the advice of the doctors and the return flight (to GZ) would be exorbitantly high (40 times of the normal price). My wife went through a minor surgery to check her heart condition in a nearby hospital and praise the Lord, her heart condition still able to be controlled with medication. She is now much more healthier than two months ago.

If everything goes well, we are planning to fly back to Singapore in October for a short rest and also for my full medical check-up. Thanks again for praying for the Sohs.

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 taught;
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, baptizing 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)

Shalom Baptist Church Teleconferencing Lessons & Services

July 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 11:00am Sunday Service In-House Lunch & Prayer Meeting	27	28 10:30am Bishan (Chinese) 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	29 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute (Break)	30	1 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang, West Coast, Bt Timah & Chinese Ministry	2 11:00am BSC: Pasir Ris 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson 7:30pm BSC: Teck Whye
3 11:00am Sunday Service Bus for Lunch @ Chevron	4	5 10:30am Bishan (Chinese) 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	6 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	7	8	9 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson
10 11:00am Combined Sunday Service & Biz Meeting In-House Lunch	11	12 10:30am Bishan (Chinese) 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	13 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	14	15 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang, West Coast, Bt Timah & Chinese Ministry	16 11:00am BSC: Pasir Ris 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson 7:30pm BSC: Teck Whye
17 11:00am Sunday Service	18	19 10:30am Bishan (Chinese) 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	20 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	21	22	23 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson Ladies Fellowship
24 11:00am Sunday Service In-House Lunch & Prayer Meeting	25	26 10:30am Bishan (Chinese) 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	27 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	28	29 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang, West Coast, Bt Timah & Chinese Ministry	30 11:00am BSC: Pasir Ris 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson 7:30pm BSC: Teck Whye 7:45pm Young Adults Online F/S
31 11:00am Sunday Service	1	2 10:30am Bishan (Chinese) 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	3 7:30am Senior's Outing 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	4	5	6 2:00pm BSC Tracting 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson

Young Adults Camp 2022

On 17 – 20 June, we had a Young Adults camp physically for the first time in 3 years. There was a total of about 45 campers, this being our largest Young Adults camp in the history of Shalom.

As we had just emerged from the pandemic, the Lord had closed the door for us to have the camp overseas. Nevertheless, we thank God for the opportunity to have it locally in the East side of Singapore.

The theme of the camp was “The Lord Directeth”. It is a subject which many of the campers felt was timely and relevant to every young adult’s present situation, whether it be university studies, job search, going into relationships, to name a few. The campers learnt about how God worked in the lives of King David and the Apostles Paul and Peter, closing doors and opening others in life’s journey in a way that allowed these men to faithfully trust in God’s plan to lead them.

Many of the campers were blessed by the lessons and were challenged Spiritually. The campers had lots of opportunities throughout the camp to get to know each other, and it helped them see and understand that others like them were going through or have gone through the same crossroads in life. This Young Adults Camp was an excellent opportunity for the young adults to gather together over the long weekend to have that close fellowship in Christ that had been lacking during the long pandemic.

We were also blessed to have a group of ‘senior young adults’ who had volunteered their time to support the Young Adults throughout the camp. We thank God for bro Andy, bro Denzil, bro Dan Ong, bro Chris, bro Jason and Pastor Wee who have supported the camp through teaching, facilitating and even providing transport to and from the various venues. We are especially grateful to their wives who had graciously encouraged us with their words of wisdom and experience, also volunteered to prepare many of our meals.

I thank God for this opportunity to be the Camp Commandant for YA Camp 2022. It was a joy to be part of the committee and plan for the camp. It was indeed an encouragement and a blessing to see the young adults coming together, engaging in conversation that lifted each other up Spiritually.

I am also thankful to God for the YAF committee who have been alongside me in preparing for and executing the camp. We realised that planning for a local camp, is actually harder than planning for an overseas one. But with God paving the way in our planning, we took up the challenge and were able to successfully carry it out. And in fact, the theme of the camp serves as a reminder for us that it is not of our strength and abilities, but that is still the Lord that directeth the camp.



“Some choices are not made without a struggle. Some battles must be fought from day to day. The victory must be won by faith in Jesus. He alone can give the truth, He alone can show the way.” – from our theme song ‘Standing at the Crossroad’

Bro Asher Wee