

# SHALOM MONTHLY

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*“God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.  
Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the  
mountains be carried into the midst of the sea;  
Though the waters thereof roar and be troubled, though the mountains  
shake with the swelling thereof. Selah.”*

*Psalm 46:1-3 KJV*



## The Pastor's Desk *by Pastor Wee*

During this Covid pandemic, instead of dwelling on the raging virus, let us focus more on the unstoppable power of God working in the lives of the believers. We thank God for the many who still avail themselves in church to worship the Lord physically. These brethren are not ignorant of the risk but are cheerfully putting their trust in the Lord to keep the church door open.

We are also thankful for those who may not be able to be around due to some health concerns but are following the service online faithfully.

Besides the members, visitors are still coming to church - learning, growing, and rejoicing in the ministry of the Word. Of late, we have three young

adults attending the church and another planning to visit us soon. They came because the church is kept open. These four young adults (Zachary, Keith, Paul, and Gabby) also happily avail themselves in our home bible study program.

Besides these folks, we have another visiting family - bro Keith Ouyang, his wife Jennifer, and their son Isaac, with us these past months. Whenever the church is open, they will usually be around. I had a couple of lunches with the family, and they are a blessing to us all.

We thank God for these recent visitors, and they testify of the ongoing working of the Lord despite the pandemic. If the Red Sea cannot stop the

Israelites from crossing, neither can this COVID-19 hinder the work of God. The gates of hell are forever hopeless to prevail over against the church – souls will be saved, and members will be added - and God will be glorified and magnified even in this dark hour of the pandemic.

Every fortnight, more than a hundred members and visitors will be joyfully meeting up online in the BSC and enjoying the fellowship and the learning of God's Word. I thank God for all the faithful BSC leaders ministering to the spiritual needs of these brethren. On top of that, the many other bible studies are still ongoing - Bible Institute, Discipleship classes, TTBP, and several Chinese bible study classes. The church staff too, are texting, calling, and visiting to ensure the brethren are being cared for. The church is not as 'quiet' as some would imagine; there is a hive of activities behind the scenes.

Bro Christian's proposed ordination was temporarily shelved due to the opening and closing of the church. As things have now stabilized, we will proceed with the ordination of bro Christian subjected to the church's approval in July 2022. Let us use this time to pray for Christian and let us get to know him in a more

meaningful way to ascertain the will of the Lord for the church. He and his wife Kabetha have been a blessing to us all and let us be a blessing and an encouragement to them as they avail themselves to serve the Lord.

We thank God for the successful gall bladder surgery of Pastor Thaung in Myanmar. He wrote: "My surgery went well. Thank you so much for your faithful support financially and prayerfully. I'm awake now. I cannot even describe with words. You have saved my life. I feel great. Simply wants to say, THANK YOU."

Our hearts, prayers and deepest condolences are with sis Wong Lee Ping as she lost her beloved brother to a surgery lately. Let us drop her a note to say we care for her and let us be a comfort and an encouragement to her.

On a personal note, Janet and I may be leaving for Brisbane either this November or December depending on the situation over there. I thank God that Janet's health has not been too affected during these past months in Singapore. We appreciate the love and concerns of the members, and for their prayers for our family.

## *Announcements*

### Sunday Church Service (11.00 am):

As we navigate through this terrifying COVID storm, we will still keep the church open. The church will be open unless there is a cluster of infection or ACS has requested that we close temporarily. And whenever there is an infection, we will keep the church posted.

Let us stay away from church if we are feeling unwell or are tested positive with our self-ART. When in doubt, let us always do a self-test. Let us protect our brethren in the House of God. We encourage our vulnerable seniors to follow the online service for the time being.

Once again, we remind unvaccinated members and visitors to do their own PET before Sunday. The church will reimburse the cost of the ART testing till the end of November (\$40 per person max for members/visitors). Do contact bro James if you are coming for the first time and do show your proof of vaccination to the SDA outside the LT 1 - there is no need to verify subsequently.

Children Chapel: There will be no Chapel till further notice.

**Ladies Fellowship:**

Topic: Be Chaste  
 Date: 13 Nov 2021 (Sat)  
 Time: 2pm on Zoom  
 Teacher: Sis Janet

In his book *“Doesn't Anyone Blush Anymore? Reclaiming Modesty, Intimacy and Sexuality”*, author and Rabbi Manis Friedman says

**“If you help yourself to the benefits of being married when you are single, you're likely to help yourself to the benefits of being single when you're married.”**

Alas, most people will disagree with that statement thinking that they would be the exception. Chastity has long lost its value in this world and culture dictates that those who are chaste should be viewed as being “prudish”. Interestingly, despite this prevailing way of life amongst the majority, there still exist religious orders in this world where young (and old) people devote themselves to their ideals and beliefs by taking “vows of chastity” believing that it would allow them to focus better on their spiritual goals.

While this may seem commendable, as the Royal Priesthood of God, we know that there is no such requirement for us, even Paul, Christendom’s most renowned bachelor says in the Bible that although he would that all men, including the unmarried and the widows, be as he was - single, he understands that “...every man hath his proper gift of God, one after this manner, and another after that.”

Regardless of whether you wish to marry or be single, the premise is simple - if you are not married, do not commit fornication and you are - be faithful to your spouse. In other words, Be Chaste.

This November, Sis Janet will be sharing her pearls of wisdom on this topic with the Ladies Fellowship, and we encourage all ladies, particularly the young ladies to attend.

Come join us on Nov 13 @ 2 p.m. via Zoom to understand what it means to “Be Chaste”. For more details, contact Sis Kabetha.

**Special Project:**

1.	Purworejo Baptist College, Indonesia:	\$500	Completed
2.	The Embaos in Negros, Philippines:	\$3,000	\$1,500 sent
3.	Car for Missionary Thauang Lian, Myanmar:	\$3,000	Completed
4.	Orphanage in Myanmar:	\$7,000	Completed
5.	Church Building, Philippines, Pastor Jun Austria:	\$1,000	Completed
6.	Printing of Vietnamese books, Pastor Arnold:	\$1,000	Completed
7.	Temporary Resident Card for Pastor Melvin, VT:	\$1,000	Completed
8.	Temporary Resident Card for Pastor Dante, VT:	\$1,000	Completed
9.	Church lot in Laos, Pastor Jarmin:	\$10,000	Completed

**Balance in the Special Project Fund: \$1,072**

You can give to the Special Project Fund by sending your money to the General Fund and designate it as ‘Special Projects’. Another \$1,500 will be sent to the Embaos in November.

**Building Fund:**

**Target:** \$100,000  
**Collection to date:** \$ 45,943

We thank God for the sacrificial giving to the Building Fund. Next milestone: \$50,000.

**Church Funds:**

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

General Fund (GF): OCBC: 518-075 775-001  
 Building Fund (BF): OCBC: 518-075 775-002  
 Faith Mission Fund (FMF): OCBC: 518-075 775-003

*"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." (2 Cor 9:6-7)*

*Collections for October 2021*

Description	Oct Collections	Bank Balance @ End Oct
General Fund	47,368.97	556,091.38
FMF	5,950.00	27,461.22
BF	3,190.00	436,963.82
Special Project	300.00	1,072.00
Food Collection	-	-
Van Fund	-	57,962.00
Literature Fund	-	2,688.20
<i>Love Offering</i>		
Bro Eric Tan	100.00	
Bro Chris	200.00	
Pastor Embao Family	100.00	
Sis Hwee Ping	1,100.00	
Sister Jubina	4,900.00	
Sister Christina Lee	100.00	
<b>Total</b>	<b>63,308.97</b>	<b>1,082,238.62</b>

<i>2021 Programs</i>	
36 <sup>th</sup> Church Anniversary	21 <sup>st</sup> Feb (Sun)
Ordination Counsel Examination	13 <sup>th</sup> Mar (Sat)
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	28 <sup>th</sup> Mar (Sun)
Garden by the Bay (Seniors & Chinese Ministry Outing)	2 <sup>nd</sup> Apr (Fri)
Botanical Garden (Seniors & Chinese Ministry Outing)	1 <sup>st</sup> May (Sat)
Young Adults' Camp	29 <sup>th</sup> - 31 <sup>st</sup> July (Thu-Sat)
Children Hiking	8 <sup>th</sup> Sep (Wed)
Christmas Service	26 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Sun)
Youth Camp	27 <sup>th</sup> - 30 <sup>th</sup> Dec (Mon-Thu)

<i>Shalom Membership</i>	
English Ministry	225
Chinese Ministry	34
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>259</b>
Overseas	14



*From the Mission Fields ...*

Pastor Yakub, Indonesia:

Dear Pastor Wee and Shalom Baptist Church, Greetings from Yogyakarta, Indonesia. Praise God, while writing this email, we are all in good condition, we hope so will the brothers and sisters at the Shalom Singapore Baptist Church.

We have started to gather as a church every Sunday morning although it still has to be limited. There were three new names, Anjun, Julfa and their boyfriends who came to the Sunday morning service and they had been here for a few weeks. Hopefully they will open their hearts to accept Jesus Christ when we will share the gospel this week.

My health condition is getting better even though I still go to the doctor regularly every month. Ministry in West Kalimantan served by Ev. Jhon Saragih went well as well as ministry in Kudus City, Central Java, also went well. Last week my wife and I visited there, thank God there is one family that has just been reached with the gospel.

We are so grateful for your love for souls in Indonesia and your faithfulness in supporting our family and upholding us in prayers. May the Lord continue to keep you all in the hallow of His hands and to lead you and guide your families and ministries according to His ways throughout this year and the years to come. God bless you all.

*~ Love in Christ, Bro. Yakub H. ~*

*From the Mission Fields ...*

**Pastor Lindsey, Ch:** Dear Partners, May this update find you in good health not just spiritually but physically.

- It's over a year and 9 months since the Lord sovereignly let us stay in the Philippines.
- The Lord led us to High Crest Bible Baptist Church and Pastor Jesse Lubiano as our home church and Pastor August 15, 2021.
- Visa transactions for our mission field is not yet open for us. Air tickets are way too expensive for those few who are able to enter amounting to more than P300, 000 per person.
- Praying for the possibility of changing our mission field while our field is close.
- The government of Ch is getting more aggressive in tracking down house church ministries. More of our local co-laborers are closely monitored.
- Online private English and after school private tutoring activities are now limited by the government affecting some of our local co-workers' employment. It compromised also the security and safety of underground Christian schools due to the fact that they used tutoring schools licenses as a front.

**Psalm 150:  
Praise Ye the Lord**

Praise ye the LORD. Praise God in His sanctuary: praise Him in the firmament of His power.

Praise Him for His mighty acts: praise Him according to His excellent greatness.

Praise Him with the sound of the trumpet: praise Him with the psaltery and harp.

Praise Him with the timbrel and dance: praise Him with stringed instruments and organs.

Praise Him upon the loud cymbals: praise Him upon the high sounding cymbals.

Let every thing that hath breath praise the LORD. Praise ye the LORD.

S&S link: Christian Life and Faith: A Personal Connection with Jesus: Praise and Thanksgiving-1c  
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**OUR 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.” (Matt 28: 18-20)

**SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH**  
**TELECONFERENCING LESSONS & SERVICES – NOVEMBER 2021**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31 11:00am Sunday Service	1	2 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	3 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	4 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	5 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang, West Coast, Bt Timah & Chinese Ministry	6 11:00am BSC: Pasir Ris 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson 7:30pm BSC: Teck Whye
7 11:00am Sunday Service	8	9 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	10 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	11 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	12	13 2:00pm Ladies Fellowship (Be Chaste) 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson
14 11:00am Sunday Service	15	16 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	17 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	18 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	19 8:00pm BSC: Bt Batok, CCK, Jurong, Yio Chu Kang, West Coast, Bt Timah & Chinese Ministry	20 11:00am BSC: Pasir Ris 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson 7:30pm BSC: Teck Whye 7:45pm Young Adults Fellowship
21 11:00am Sunday Service	22	23 7:45pm Discipleship 7:45pm Through The Bible	24 7:45pm Shalom Bible Institute	25 10:30am Bishan (Chinese)	26	27 4:00pm Youth Online Lesson
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