

SHALOM MONTHLY

The Pastor's Desk

by Pastor Wee

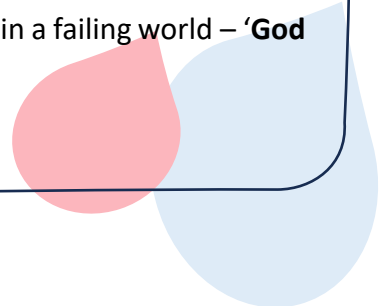
We are thankful to the Lord for His goodness and mercy as He brought **bro Desmond Khor** through two heart attacks. It was a trying time for both the family and the church as we fall upon the goodness of God to see Desmond through it all. Time like this reminds us of our transient journey in life and that we are always one step away from eternity. Let us always appreciate our family and loved ones. Praise be to God for seeing sis Jasmine and the family through this period with the comfort and assurance of God. The family is ever grateful to the church for her earnest intercession for bro Desmond and the support they received from the brethren, besides the medical interventions that Desmond received.

Bro Eng Kiat and sis Saw Cheng too seek the church's prayer for bro Eng Kiat's health – for some autoimmune issues. Eng Kiat is presently hospitalized for a period of time and is undergoing tests as well as having treatment for his condition. Let us be around the family in our love and prayer for the recovery of his present condition.

The church has completed one **mission trip to Laos** in June and another **mission trip to India** is ongoing as we speak. Pastor Christian and Pastor Tan are leading this trip with 5 people. Mission trips always help us to better identify with the challenges and joy in the gospel works around the world and to have a small part in the souls saved and nurtured in the land beyond us. Someday, they will be grateful that we have a part in their salvation through our mission supports, prayers, and visits.

We rejoice in having one of our visitors - **sis Lourdes** - with us for the past month. I had the privilege to have met her at a coffeeshop near my home and struck a conversation with her about sharing the gospel. It turned out that she is already a believer and we appreciate sis Jovy and the other Filipino brethren for ministering to her. Sis Lourdes is happy to be in church with us – something that she misses after being in Singapore for some years.

160 campers will be soon heading to Pulau Spring in December for our **Annual Church Camp**. We will be feasting on the studies of the Minor Prophets with a theme that reveals the depth of God's love in a failing world – '**God in the Ruins**'. The lessons will be livestreamed.



We look forward that the youths and young adults will continue to be actively engaged with one another and with the various church programs meticulously planned for them. There will be a **combined Young Adults' Bowling and Fellowship** with Lighthouse Baptist and Asian Grace Baptist Church this October. May those who are active in these Fellowships make an effort to befriend and encourage others on the sideline to be with them.

Sometimes, **the mission field is in the church itself** – a struggling or shy brother that needs a hand. Let us love one another sincerely as Christ has loved us. Is there someone we can minister to instead of just always being in our comfort zone among our comfortable friends? What is true for the young people is true for every one of us – 'I was a stranger, and ye took me in...' (Mt 25:35)

We are thankful to the Lord for a brief **family break** as all our children, including our son Ben, were in Australia. It has been some years since the whole family have been together. We appreciate **sis Elisha** who was with us too. We miss you brethren and we will see you soon in mid-November.

Combined Sunday School (September to December)

Topic: **Baptist Polity**

Teacher: **Pastor Christian**

Baptism (27 October)

Baptismal Candidate: Matthew Ye

Please contact Pastor Christian or any of the staff if you are planning to be baptized on that day.

India Mission Trip 2024 Do pray for the folks who are currently in India for the mission trip.

Sydney Mission Trip 1 - 10 May 2025

We will be with **Pastor Freddy Arellano and his church - Bethel Bible Baptist Church** in Sydney, as well as visiting some other Baptist churches if possible. Pastor Christian will be heading this Mission Trip.

Program (tentative)	
1 - 4 May	With Pastor Freddy in Bethel Bible Baptist Church
5 - 10 May	Touring Sydney (Blue Mountains, Darling Harbor, Oprah House, etc.)

**You are free to extend your stay in Sydney on your own. Please arrange among yourselves for further extension. Note: 1 & 12 May are public holidays.*

Currently we have about 21 pax who are interested. **Deadline: 26 Jan 2025**

Estimated Costs	
Air Tickets (Scoot)	\$600
Hotels/Airbnb (two in a room)	\$900
Travel	\$200

Other airlines heading to Sydney besides Scoot – SQ, Qantas, etc. Do proceed to book your air tickets or wait for some special offers that may come along the way - nothing guaranteed. Those who have confirmed they are going are advised to book their flight tickets as there is only **one outgoing flight on 1 May**.

Recommended Scoot Flights:		
TR 12 (1 May Thu)		
Singapore 10.00		Sydney 19.45
TR 3 (10 May Sat)		
Sydney 12:35		Singapore 18.55

2nd Mission Trip - Vietnam (5 - 13 June 2025)

More information about this mission trip to visit Pastor Arnold Espino will be made known when available.

Mission Projects

Pastor Thaug Lian – orphanage, Myanmar	\$6,000 (Sent)
Pastor Thaug Lian - orphans' education needs	\$500 (Sent)
Pastor Tran - Saigon Faith Baptist Church	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Antoro - Purworejo Baptist College, Indonesia	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Juan Empleo - Church School, Vietnam	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Yakub - health, Indonesia	\$1,000 (\$500 sent)
Pastor Srim Sara - Church rentals, Laos	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Rodero - Bible School, Laos	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Rodero - Church building, Laos	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor Kit Jamandron - truck repairs, Cambodia	\$500 (Sent)
Pastor Jarmin Rodero – daughter's (Jael) medical needs	\$1,000 (Sent)
Pastor John Sumatra - Bible School, Philippines	\$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)

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

December Church Camp (16-20 Dec)

Theme: **The Minor Prophets**
 Closing Date: **20 Oct**
 Venue: **Pulai Springs Resort Johor**
 Attendees: (to-date) **160** adults, including children & toddlers

*Note: Limited rooms left

Please review your booking and fill up the transport column if you are traveling by the coach

Type of Room	1 Bedroom Apartment		2 / 3 / 4 Bedroom Apartment	
	Single	Twin Share	Single	Twin Share
Adult	\$470	\$310	\$460	\$300
Children (4-11) Based on DOB on 16 Dec				
Type	Twin Share	Extra Bed	No Bed	-
Child	\$250	\$230	\$150	-

*Note: THE CAMP FEES WERE ADJUSTED DUE TO THE STRENGTHENING OF THE RINGGIT EXCHANGE RATE. THE DIFFERENCE IS BETWEEN \$15 TO \$30 PER PAX (DEPENDING ON THE TYPE OF OCCUPANCY).

Please approach Bro James if you require any genuine financial assistance (strictly in confidence & up to 50%)

Camp Lessons *(do read the books before the camp)*

16 Dec Mon (pm)	Malachi	Pastor Christian
17 Dec Tue (am)	Joel	Bro Joel
17 Dec Tue (pm)	Amos	Bro Denzil
18 Dec Wed (am)	Obadiah	Pastor Wee
18 Dec Wed (pm)	Jonah	Bro Andy
19 Dec Thu (am)	Micah	Pastor Ter
19 Dec Thu (pm)	Nahum	Bro Chris

Membership

English – 253
 Chinese – 30
 Total – 283
 Newly added members (baptism): Nil
 Newly added members (transfer): Nil

Average Attendance

Sep 2024

English : **215**
 Chinese : **37**
 Children : **35**
 Total : **286**

Regular Church Programs

Combined Service	Every 4 th Sunday of the month
Lord's Supper	27 Oct
Decentralized Tracting	12 Oct , 7 Dec
Men's & Ladies Fellowship	23 Nov
Youth Ministry Outing	<i>Upcoming youth camp in Dec</i>
Young Adults Ministry	5 Oct , 16 Nov, 14 Dec
Seniors Fellowship	Every Wednesday @ 7.30am
Prayer Meeting	Every last Sunday of the month

2024 Programs

Church Anniversary	25 Feb
Children's Overnight Camp	15 - 16 Mar
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	24 Mar
Resurrection Sunday	31 Mar
Children's Holiday Outing	30 May, 13 & 20 Jun
Children's VBS	5 - 7 Jun
Young Adults Camp	8 - 11 Jun
Mission Trip (Laos)	13 - 22 Jun
Church Family Cuppa (Public Holiday)	17 Jun
Night Cycling	8 Aug
Children's Games Day	5 Sep
Mission Trip (Hyderabad, India)	1 - 11 Oct
Children's Holiday Outing	21 & 28 Nov, 5, 12, 26 Dec
Youth Camp	9 - 12 Dec
Church Camp (Pulai Spring)	16 - 20 Dec
Christmas Service	22 Dec
Watchnite Service	31 Dec



Asher Wee
Howard Yu
Josephine Lee
Anna Turk-Dai
Caleb Tan

Joycelyn Chan-Foo
Elliot Ang

Happy Birthday
To You

Ang-Wu Wanjin
Eliora Khor
Lee Choon Yun

Dawn Chiam
Janet Wee-Tan
Ashleigh Andrew
Christy Choo-Chen
Liew-Chong Kwai Yong
Macatangay Remilyn Bandy
Vijiyaratnam Jessica Mary
Mary Jane Penales Reyes

SHALOM BAPTIST CHURCH YOUTH CAMP 2024

BUT CONTINUE THOU

2 TIMOTHY 3:14

Camp Fees: \$70/pax
9 - 12 Dec 2024 at Johor, Malaysia
Registration is open from 8 Sep to 27 Oct 2024!

IC: Bro. Gabriel and Bro. Alden

For more information, please call 6463 7910 or visit <https://www.shalom-baptist.org>.



YOUTH REFLECTION

Being Apart From This World

I used to always want to be as close as the people in my cliques I have made in primary, secondary schools and even in polytechnic. However, this year I started feeling like I had nothing much to talk about with people of the secular world compared to people in church. Starting, it felt a little weird and I felt like I did not belong in any cliques but I came to a realization that perhaps this is the start of me becoming separated from this world. I see it clearly now and I am thankful for this separation because I know I am different from this world just like in 2 Corinthians 6 : 14 says, "Be ye not unequally yoked together with unbelievers: for what fellowship hath righteousness with unrighteousness? and what communion hath light with darkness?" and in John 15 : 9 says "If ye were of the world, the world would love his own: but because ye are not of the world, but I have chosen you out of the world, therefore the world hateth you." This year was also the year that I started to make sure my conversations with fellow brethren always involved God and this is the definition of true fellowship as someone once told me and I believe too. If conversations become ungodly, I think it is only right that our minds switch off from it and change the topic before we sin against God (flee from temptation, don't try to fight it). Recently, my friend told a joke that made another friend comment that I was pure and honestly I am glad to hear that because it marks my separation from them and it is thus a happy thing. Also, when we went to check out clothes in the malls, it scares me to see how fashion is becoming so limited for a conservative church like ours as the clothes were getting more revealing. Apart from all these, of course there are other areas where we need to be different from the world like the activities we partake, and the words we speak and how we spend our time every day, always putting God as first priority and thinking whether God would have done what we did/what we are about to do. May we continue to uphold the right standard and let God's words shape us more and more like Him!

Teo Zhi En

Faith and Fellowship

Sunday school lessons have made a significant impact on my understanding on God's word. The routinely changing of topic once every few months has enriched my knowledge about the Bible and also provides a safe space where we are able to freely clarify our doubts.

Asides from this, mini youth group outings and the after-church lunches together has allowed me to bond and forge better relationships with my other like-minded peers from church. This time together fosters our spiritual growth while allowing us to enjoy ourselves as we are able to better relate with others in the same age group.

Easter Yu

Rejoicing with God

Being in the "cool" yet infamous CCA's, I was surrounded by notorious people with bad habits and attitudes, to fit in with the "cool" kids, I hanged out with them, leading to me speaking vulgarities and acting rebellious.

Despite not talking to these people anymore, using vulgarities and being rebellious was still a habit. Coming to church and having fellowship with other followers of God has improved my attitude and the way I act. Being with "cool" people does not matter, instead staying away from bad influences or worldly desires is more important as a child of God.

Matthew Yee

Shalom Baptist Church

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
29	30	1	2	3	4	5	
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">11:00am Sunday Service</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:30pm Prayer Meeting</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">Lunch at 7 Stars</div>		<p>7:45pm Discipleship (Cancelled)</p> <p>7:45pm Through The Bible</p>	INDIA MISSION TRIP				<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">11:00am BSC: Bedok</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">3:30pm YA BSC</div> <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;">7:30pm Bukit Timah</div>
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COSTA RICA NEEDS GOD

MISSIONARY DEAN ALJIM MEDRANO

Dear Faithful Co-labourers in the Lord,

Greetings in the name of our most high God, Jesus Christ!

Who would have thought that we would make it to one year of staying in the field? Indeed, when God opens a door nobody can close it and when He closes a door, nobody can open it. I thank the Lord for enabling me to stay, work, minister, and serve in the field for one year now. God is able! Where God guides, He provides.

Thank you, my co-laborers in the Gospel, for your faithful prayers and support. You've been there in my highest and lowest moments in the ministry. There were different types of challenges that we've faced and thank you for holding the rope, so I could launch out into the deep to rescue souls.

Last 2nd week of July, I had to leave Costa Rica for 2 weeks because I had problems with my visa status here. Those were traumatizing days here in the field but those were also the days where I found tremendous peace in my Christian life. I flew to Colombia. Little did I know that God had something for me there. Through Missionary Rodcell Unay, the Lord allowed me to visit Rionegro, Colombia where I met Missionary Peter Putney. They had a missions conference and we were able to present the calling and the ministry that God has entrusted to us. The fellowship and the joy of being with God's people in that humble town of Rionegro brought blessings to my heart and encouragement to press forward in the service of the Lord.



Taking advantage of the school vacation! We had our 2nd Vacation Bible School this year!



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COSTA RICA NEEDS GOD

MISSIONARY DEAN ALJIM MEDRANO

Continuation...

God allowed me to enter Costa Rica again, without any problems with the immigration. I felt downhearted knowing this would be my last entry this year as I could no longer extend my stay. My goal is to stay longer but because of the limited accessibility that we have and the requirements that the government of Costa Rica demands, I have to go back to the Philippines to gather all the documents needed for me to stay permanently or longer in the field. Deep inside my heart, I don't want to go back to the Philippines yet but I have to do things properly and legally. I will be leaving the country on October 18, 2024. Please pray for a safe flight and God's provision as I go back to the Philippines.

By God's grace, since the time we came here, though there were difficult times, we never stopped reaching the people with the Gospel. The last few months have been quite difficult as the attendance declined but since June, the attendance increased and by God's grace, it continues to increase. We had 4 baptisms last August and numerous people professed their faith every week. We faithfully go out, knock on doors, hand out tracts, visit new believers, and teach kids at least 4 times a week. Every week we see people getting saved. Almost every Sunday morning service we have first-time visitors and they are responding to the Gospel. Some of them go back, most of them not. It's painful to witness these things but we always trust that the work is God's and we are just instruments to sow the seed of the Gospel. All efforts and service will be reaped someday in heaven!

This month will be a very busy month for us. We are working hard to improve our place of worship for the 2nd Church Mission Anniversary and Missions Conference on September 19-22. Also, Pastor Juan Pastrana and I are teaming up to boost the faith of the brethren for missions. We have a campaign to win and invite people to Church. We are both preparing and encouraging members to be involved not only to reach the world but also to evangelize our community for Christ. Please pray that God will continue to work in the lives of our people and that He will use this country to advance the Gospel of Jesus. Is it possible? Sure, it is. But it takes hard work, dedication, time and faith. What an honor to serve God! I pray that God will call more missionaries to Costa Rica. I truly appreciate your prayers and love as we pursue the greatest endeavor in this world. I am praying for you and may the Lord use you more to bring the Gospel to the world.



God bless Costa Rica!

Missionary Jean Luc Kasongo; your Mission Partner to Democratic Republic of Congo

MISSION LETTER: May, Jun, July and August 2024

Dear Senior Pastor Wee Yan Tiong and Shalom Baptist Church,



Acknowledgment

Greetings from brothers and sisters of Bible Baptists ministries of the Democratic republic of the Congo, Africa. We are so grateful to let you know that, the Lord God is so faithful in doing great things through our ministries. Things are moving forward to the glory of God.

Words can not express our acknowledgement for all that you have been doing in the Democratic republic of the Congo in order to save souls out of their state of perdition. The Lord we serve is not a son of man to forget your labour. Keep up the good works of our Lord until He comes back, as we are going to shine like gold when our works will be tested through the fire. That day everyone will stand before the judgement seat of Christ in order to be rewarded accordingly.

We recognize all you have been doing for the Missionaries and their ministries all over the world, your love and concern, your effort to help and support, especially when it comes to consider our ministry here in the Democratic Republic of Congo and your mission hearted mind, there is always a time to say; THANK YOU for everything. YOUR LABOR IS NOT IN VAIN.

We are praying for your family, praying for all the brothers and sisters in the Lord so that will always move your hearts to preaching Jesus Christ for souls to be saved. May the Lord continue blessing you more and more.

Blessing

For these last three months God has blessed us with 4 converts in our mission work of kebumba village. We have already started building the new toilets at Jesus Saves Bible Baptist Church, hope to finish all the work this coming October as The Lord provides.

We are so blessed with a gift of sixty plastic chairs.

Prayer request

We will never stop asking you to pray for peace at eastern part of our country. People are being killed everyday we really need peace.

Continue to pray for the Bibles Baptists Churches to come together in unity. Since the death of our American Missionary in 2015, things are not moving well at all.

Continue to pray for the mission work of Kebumba

Pray for my health and my family, God to give us strength to always serving Him.

Pray for more churches to partner with in missions.

I would like to thank you Pastor and church to partner with us missions through prayers and financial support, may the Lord God bless you abundantly. We always pray for as well.

To God be all the glory.

