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# 2024

## CHURCH EVENTS Jan - Apr

13 Jan 60th Anniversary Dinner	17 Jan Healing Service	28 Jan Baby Dedication	10 Feb Thanksgiving Service	17 Feb Pre-AGM (Q&A)	21 Feb Pre-AGM Leaders/Staff Prayer
24 Feb Annual General Meeting	28 Feb Healing Service	2 Mar Church Theme Seminar	3 Mar Water Baptism	12-13 Mar Vacation Bible Camp	20 Mar Healing Service
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# 2024

## UPCOMING EVENTS May - Jul

11 May Mother's Day Hokkien Outreach	15 May Healing Service	28-29 May Staff Bonding	10-13 Jun Annual Bible Camp	16-20 Jun Hokkien Service Bible Camp	19 Jun Healing Service
22 Jun Parent's Day Outreach	30 Jun Baby Dedication	13-14 Jul Mission Weekend	17 Jul Healing Service	19 Jul Mission Convention	20 Jul Mission Convention Workshop
21 Jul Mission Convention Sunday					

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# Harvest Time

Let's Go!!

Jesus went through all the towns and villages, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and healing every disease and sickness.

When Jesus saw the crowds, He had compassion on them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd.

***Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field."***

***Matthew 9:37-38 (NIV)***

What moved Jesus when He saw the crowds? Jesus was moved with compassion for the crowds. What moves you and I, when we see our relatives, neighbours and friends who are lost without God?

We must all catch this vision of Jesus when He saw the crowds who were lost. What did Jesus tell His disciples? Jesus told His disciples that the harvest is plentiful and to ask the Lord to send out workers into His harvest field.

Who are the workers to go into the harvest field to reap the lost souls for Jesus? Yes, they are Jesus' disciples, that is you and me.

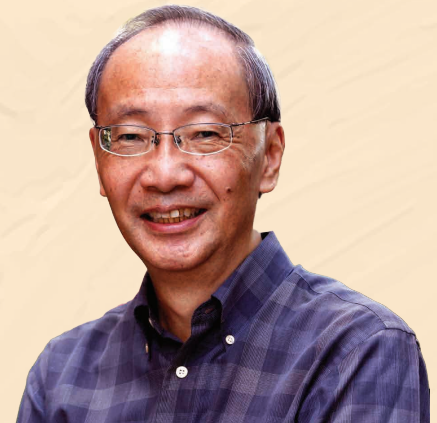
Without compassion for the lost, we will not have the burden and zeal to stand in the gap to reach out to our lost relatives and friends.

How can you and I be witnesses for Christ? Jesus made a difference in every town and village He visited by preaching the good news and healing the sick.

You and I can make a difference in the home and neighbourhood we live in, in our school or workplace by living out the love of Christ, ministering to people's needs; and telling them the good news to bring the peace of God into their lives.

***Let us go and touch the lives of our lost relatives and friends with the compassion of Jesus.***

Tan Peng Ann  
Elder



**Tan Peng Ann**  
Elder



# Journey of His Grace

The 60th anniversary dinner held on January 13, 2024, marked a momentous occasion of profound spiritual significance for the Church of Singapore.

Our church's inception coincided with Singapore's merger with Malaysia, making this date ripe for grand celebration. We selected Fairmont Singapore, a venue that would offer convenience and comfort to all our members.

I was particularly delighted that we could mobilise all segments of our church community in the festivities, spanning from children to the elderly and encompassing various language groups such as Hokkien, Cantonese, Tagalog, Burmese, and English.

The chosen theme for the evening, "恩典之路" (Journey of Grace), was appropriate because it reflects our gratitude for the grace and provision of our Lord Jesus in sustaining our spiritual community throughout Singapore's intricate history.

Of particular significance was the communion ceremony, wherein we, as a congregation, partook in remembrance of the sacrifice of our Lord Jesus.

In the grand setting of the Fairmont ballroom, approximately 1,500 individuals came together to share in this sacred moment, reaffirming our unity as believers and our collective adherence to the Lord's commands.

The 60th dinner committee devoted considerable effort to conceptualise, coordinate, and ultimately execute the event.

It was evident that the Lord had blessed us with a diverse group of individuals, each anointed with unique talents ranging from event management and culinary expertise to musical prowess.

Together, they worked harmoniously toward the common goal of honouring the Lord's grace. Praise be to God!

Tan Tien Leong  
60th Anniversary Dinner Chairperson





# Healing Service



We thank God for calling the Bilingual Service to lead our monthly Healing Service.

Since January, the Holy Spirit has guided us, instilling a willingness in our hearts to pray together, seeking His grace for healing and strength.

James 5:14-16 says,

*"Is anyone among you sick? Let them call the elders of the church to pray over them and anoint them with oil in the name of the Lord. And the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise them up.*

*If they have sinned, they will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to each other and pray for each other so that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective."*

The purpose of Healing Service is to share with those in need the saving grace, complete love, and the healing that may come by God's grace, revealed through Jesus Christ.

Our mission is to assist every believer in receiving the abundant life promised by the Lord by following His will, leading them to salvation through accepting Jesus Christ, and ultimately glorifying God.

Through the Healing Service, we aim to strengthen the body of Christ by walking in faith and following the path of intercession that God has ordained for us.

The saving power of Jesus Christ also intercedes for the healing and deliverance of our brothers and sisters who are sick, weak, and suffering.

We thank God for equipping us with a vision of His calling, a willing heart to serve and a submissive and humble spirit for this ministry.

May God's blessings be upon His church on earth as it is in heaven.

Judy Siah  
Assistant Service-In-Charge  
Bilingual Service

Please join us every third Wednesday of the month at our Healing Service and experience the transformative power of prayer!



# COS Thanksgiving Service

Every Lunar New Year, we gather to express our gratitude to the Lord at our Thanksgiving Service. This year, the Mandarin service organised the event, with crucial support from other services.

The event hosts, siblings Isaac and Cindy Ong, did an exceptional job, considering it was their first time.

The Thanksgiving Service kicked off with a powerful session of praise and victory declarations led by Bro Adrian Chow, followed by a captivating dance performed by the Mandarin Service's dance ministry. We also played a heartwarming thanksgiving video, crafted by the Mandarin Service's media team.

The highlight of the event was an ensemble featuring Bro Jerry Lim (Mandarin service, keyboard), Bro Paul Shi (China Ministry, flute), and Sister Gan Shang Qian (Chinese Young People Ministry, Zhongruan, a Chinese plucked string instrument) performing the song "何等恩典" (What a grace).

This was followed by a testimony, where Sis Alice Pang from English Service and Sis Zhou Meiling from Hokkien Service shared their inspirational testimonies.

The service ended with a sermon by Bro Daniel Foo, who reminded us to glorify God through thanksgiving.

Cindy Chao  
Chairperson  
COS Thanksgiving Service

## Testimony from our Brothers and Sisters:

After bedtime stories about Jesus and singing "Jesus Loves Me", my four-year-old niece said, "Aunt, I want to be friends with Jesus, just like you." I asked her to repeat herself, and sensing the Holy Spirit's prompting, I guided her to pray.

The next day, she woke up early and holding a three-inch-thick Bible upside down, declared she was reading God's Word.

A few days later, she whispered to me that she was telling her father (my second oldest brother) about Jesus.

I give all glory, honour, thanks and praise to our Lord for the salvation of this little girl, her simple yet pure faith, and the journey of her new faith, as she begins to willingly share Jesus with others.

Jen Phoon Ngah Wan  
Mandarin Service





# Church Theme Seminar

## "It's Harvest Time. Let's Go!"



"It's Harvest Time. Let's Go!" - The urgent call-to-action "Let's Go!" of our church theme has ignited a sense of purpose in our members, prompting questions like "How do we go?" and "Where do we go?"

These questions and thoughts in their minds were addressed at the Church Theme Seminar.

The Church Theme Seminar started with our speaker, Les Wheldon giving his message urging us to be guided and spurred by the Spirit in our individual harvest journey.

### Let's Go!

For more information on the areas on how you can sign up to be a "harvester", please visit

<https://bit.ly/evangelismletsgo>

or contact Bro Thomas Lau at 9852 0431.

Subsequent speakers during the Q&A session expounded on 'the harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few' truth, urging the congregation to be intentional about evangelism and to embrace it as a core church identity.

The speakers also highlighted the many mission areas and ministries within COS where members can be active in. It is also worth noting COS' increasing focus on serving the community through raising awareness of creation care and mental health.

Members who attended the seminar have given positive feedback; many said they were motivated to do more.

This is a promising outcome, and we hope it will lead to more 'harvest' for our church's outreach efforts.

Moses Foo  
Chairperson  
2024 Church Theme Seminar

# Serving our Seniors

## Tung Ling Community Services



Tung Ling Community Services, the community outreach arm of COS, runs a Wednesday Seniors Gathering Programme to support our senior members and the community in ageing gracefully.

In line with our 2024 church theme of outreach and spiritual harvest, our Community Services is engaging our community by offering classes like the Acrylic Art class once or twice a month.

Our goal is to plant the seed of the gospel in their minds. In the pipeline are also line dancing and Sudoku games in May to reach out to more people in the community.

Singaporeans are living longer due to improved quality of life, including better diet, nutrition, healthcare, medical advances. It is increasingly important to provide avenues for seniors to maintain good mental and physical health.

Our programme offers a mix of social and community-based activities, creating a comfortable setting for new friends to join and participate.

Additionally, we celebrate birthdays monthly and visit members who are unable to join us due to health problems, ensuring that no one feels left out or isolated.

The mid-week gathering also allows seniors from different services to interact with one another and for them to invite new friends to church.

To serve more members, we are planning to conduct the programme bilingually so that our English-speaking members can also join us.

We are incredibly thankful for volunteers who have been with us for over 15 years, faithfully serving every week in our community services.

Their continuing dedication and commitment have made our Seniors Gathering Programme a success. With their help, we look forward to serving our community in the years to come.

Roger Neo  
Ministry Head  
Tung Ling Community Services

Every Wednesday, our seniors participate in a variety of holistic activities:

1. Rummy O Game (11:30 am - 1:45 pm, 3rd Floor Lobby): This game is not only enjoyable but also mentally stimulating. The average weekly attendance is 12 to 15 players. While the game is easy to learn, the challenge lies in being the first player to play your last tile and win the game.
2. Praise & Worship, Message/Group Activities, Group Prayers, and Body Ministry (2:00 pm - 3:30 pm, Galilee Hall) This is a time for spiritual nourishment and community building. The average attendance is 35 to 45 seniors and co-workers.

For more information about our weekly Wednesday activities, please contact Bro Roger Neo at 8133 3352 or visit us at [www.tlcs.org.sg](http://www.tlcs.org.sg)



# Serving the Unhoused

## Tung Ling Community Shelter



Since August 2020, Tung Ling Community Services has been running a shelter for the homeless under the Safe, Sound Sleeping Places (S3P) network approved by the Ministry of Social and Family Development.

Our shelter can house a maximum of 10 rough sleepers at any given time, and our current resident count stands at 46, including 8 existing residents. Our shelter houses a diverse group of sleepers from different ethnic backgrounds.

These residents are homeless due to a variety of reasons, such as relationship difficulties, financial struggles, or other social issues that prevent them from living with their families.

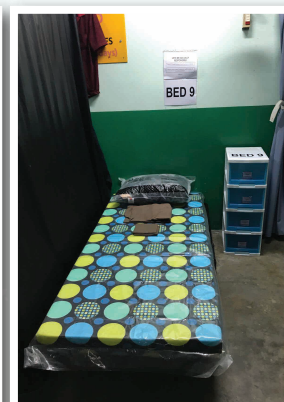
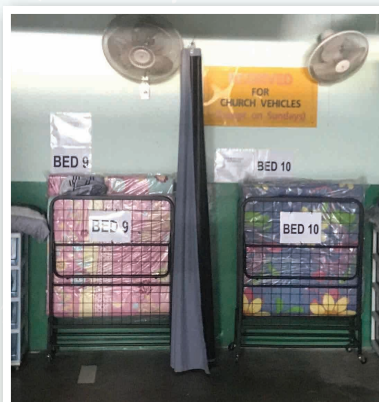
During their stay, we work closely with their social workers to address issues they face and help them to secure more permanent housing through government channels.

For those ineligible for such assistance, we allow them to stay until suitable alternatives are found. Our shelter provides foldable beds, three-tier cabinets for personal belongings and fans in each cubicle.

Additionally, we give a daily \$5 allowance for breakfast and dinner, along with access to hot drinking water, mineral water, coffee and tea, laundry area and two mobile toilets.

Our Life Group members have visited the residents during festive occasions, spending time with them and fostering better understanding.

Monetary gifts are often given as blessings during these times. Some residents have even begun attending our Sunday services.



In recognition of our efforts to help the homeless, our shelter was awarded the Covid Resilient Medal in 2023, and Tung Ling Community Services was honoured as a Friend of MSF.

Despite the occasional incidence of theft, disagreements, and conflicts among residents, we have not lost our motivation to ensure that our stayers leave with better well-being than when they arrived.

We trust that the seeds of love and compassion sown during their time with us will flourish in due time and they will experience the love of Christ first-hand.

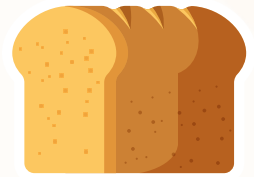
Roger Neo  
Ministry Head  
Tung Ling Community Services





# Serving the Community

## Bread Distribution Project



The bread distribution project began when a group of us, members of Church of Singapore living in the Marine Parade area, felt called to serve those in need, inspired by the Lord's words to be doers and not just sayers of His word.

One member had previously been involved in distributing free bread to 3 blocks of one-room rental flats in Marine Terrace, totaling 690 homes. We decided to adopt this as a social outreach commitment.



Initially, we self-funded the effort among volunteers, but we were grateful to receive support from Tung Ling Community Services.

Our objective is simple: to serve the poor, build trust, befriend, assist, and eventually share the gospel. We also use this as an opportunity to invite charitable pre-believing friends to join us.

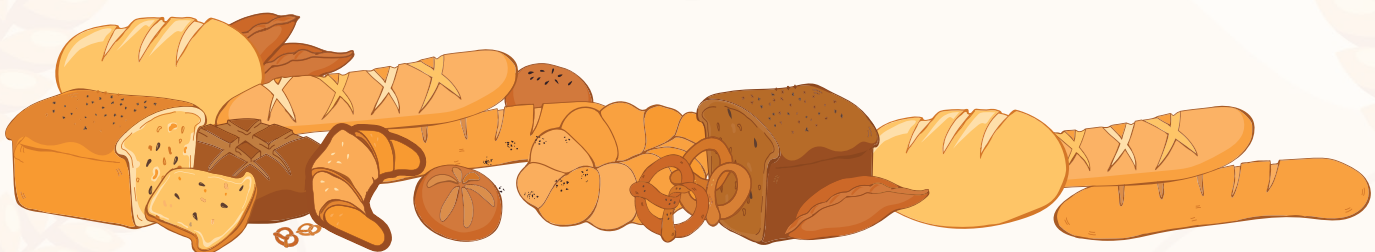
We go from door to door offering the bread in the evenings when most residents are likely to be home.

Feedback from government and charities confirmed that, unbeknownst to us, our door-to-door efforts complement their hub-based arrangements.

We do not overtly identify ourselves as Church-affiliated to increase social acceptance among non-Christians, but somehow the residents seem to know, perhaps sensing the joy of the Lord in our actions.

There is no explicit push to talk about the gospel. Instead, our focus is on loving our neighbour.

Where a resident is open and the Spirit prompts, we offer aid, prayers, and share testimonies.



STAND IN THE GAP  
BREAD DISTRIBUTION PROJECT



If you are interested to find out more about the Bread Distribution project and would like to participate, please contact Bro Jordan Chen at 91739133.

For example, one volunteer detected an opportunity to pray for a retired music teacher resident who shared about his leg pains.

On another occasion, it was simply a simple encouragement to keep walking with Christ when a fellow believer shared about hardships and doubts in her life.

The look of peace that came over her face was reward enough. We also gave out leaflets for our Church's fun fair in December last year.

Volunteering for the past 1.5 years has taught me two things - the simplicity of obedience and the call to be faithful in the small things.

Whether a child wants to listen to me read a book or not, or the person we befriended suddenly moved out, I've come to see that some things are not for me to decide and to simply make myself available for God's service.

Jordan Chen  
Person-In-Charge  
Bread Distribution Project





# Serving the Community

## The Alpha Mandarin Course



The Mandarin Alpha Course began its journey at COS in 2008, as a Saturday afternoon affair with lunch provided. Participants immersed themselves in a series of Mandarin-dubbed videos from the UK.

Later, the course shifted to Wednesday evenings and featured 'live' presentations instead of videos. Unfortunately, after a few years, it was put on hold due to low takeup.

But guess what? This year, the Mandarin Alpha Course is back, and it's bigger and better than ever! We have completely revamped the course and moved it to a weekday lunchtime slot.

Our target audience? The community around our church. We have set up a vibrant banner with a QR code for instant registration, making it easier to join.

Just when we were starting to doubt the viability of a weekday lunchtime course, a week before our start date, we received our first registration. And it didn't stop there! We were glad to kick off our first session with four enthusiastic participants.

Week by week, our numbers grew, and by the fifth session, we had 15 participants! Most of them are from our community, drawn to our eye-catching banner and the promise of an exciting course.

We are excited at the potential of the Mandarin Alpha Course expanding and reaching even more people, transcending language and demographic.

If you are curious about the Alpha Mandarin Course, why not join us for a single lesson? Experience it for yourself, and you will see why it is such a powerful tool for spreading the good news.

Koh Chin Kok  
Alpha Mandarin Course Person-In-Charge

The 2nd season of the Alpha Mandarin Course is starting on 5th July! Come!

Invite your Mandarin-speaking non-Christian friends and family to join us every Friday, from 12pm-2pm. You will not want to miss this life-changing experience!

Lunch is provided. For more information, please contact Bro Chin Kok at 83857503.



# Stories of Faith



With a heart full of gratitude, I testify to the Lord's goodness in enabling me to share His message of hope and salvation.

The mandate to spread the gospel is divine, driven by the Lord's boundless love for humanity and His earnest desire for all to find redemption through Jesus Christ, our true and living God, in whom we place our unwavering trust.

Let me share two evangelistic stories (only the second story is an encounter) that filled me with immense joy:

The first one: Cindy Quek, my neighbour of 20 years, had not yet encountered the Lord. One day, seeing that she looked troubled, I felt compelled to pray for her salvation.

God granted me the opportunity to share the Gospel with her and I urged her to seek solace in the Scriptures. Later, Cindy decided to join church and eventually accepted the Lord.

Secondly, at our church's Hokkien Christmas outreach in 2023 I met Lucy Yu, a salesperson, one weekend at a shopping centre.

Feeling led by the Holy Spirit, I invited her to the outreach. At the outreach, she had a profound encounter with the Holy Spirit, leading her to accept Jesus Christ and subsequently to be baptised.

These reaffirmed my commitment to share the Gospel fervently. Each divine appointment strengthens my confidence in testifying for the Lord and is a poignant reminder of His unwavering faithfulness and boundless love.

I am determined to invite others to experience His saving grace and encourage those who have embraced Him to undergo baptism and experience transformative change.

In closing, I extend heartfelt wishes for happiness, peace and good health to all my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. All glory and praise belong to our Lord. Amen!

Patrick Foo  
Hokkien Service

Teo Ah Ai, despite lacking confidence to evangelise as she is illiterate and feels inadequate in her knowledge of the Bible, desired to share her new faith after accepting the Lord.

She, however, was encouraged after hearing Elder Phua Ngak Teck preach about evangelism, emphasising that it is the great commission for every Christian. She prayed for courage and resolved to evangelise whenever she has the opportunity.

Shortly after, she met Low Puay Gek at the wet market. Puay Gek, troubled by family issues, shared her problems with a shop owner. Ah Ai, a frequent customer of the shop, joined their conversation.

Ah Ai empathised with Puay Gek's situation and invited her to church. To her surprise, Puay Gek agreed to visit and even attended the small group meetings.



As Puay Gek's faith grew, she also started to evangelise to her husband, Teck Chuan. Teck Chuan accepted the Lord and was baptised! Both Teck Chuan and Puay Gek now actively evangelise and participate in church activities.

Their efforts led Puay Gek's family members, including her sister, Puay Chen, Teck Chuan's relatives and their neighbour to church and later to accept the Lord Jesus Christ!

Inspired by Puay Gek's zeal, Ah Ai continued evangelising and bringing new people to church. She invited her brother's mother-in-law to church and she, too, got baptised.

This chain of events illustrates the power of simple prayers and the willingness to be used by God in evangelism. The stories of Ah Ai and Puay Gek remind us of the importance of evangelism and the impact it can have on others' lives.

It encourages us to pray for courage and passion in sharing the Gospel, trusting that God will use us to bring others to Him.

Hokkien Service Pastoral Staff  
Hokkien Service

Before I found the Lord, my life was consumed by destructive habits. I started working at a young age and fell in with friends who led me astray with gambling and drugs.

The allure of quick wins in gambling soon engulfed me, leading to the loss of all my hard-earned savings. My gambling friends even introduced me to loan sharks. Desperate to repay my debts, I turned to relatives and friends, only to be met with avoidance and excuses.

Each day was filled with worry and sleepless nights as I struggled to find a way out. To cope, I resorted to medication, which offered temporary relief but took a toll on my health.

A violent altercation with my boyfriend over money left me bruised and broken. I turned to my godsister, who, along with her brother-in-law, came to my rescue.

It was on a Sunday, after the harrowing incident, that I found myself in Church of Singapore. As I entered the hall, the hymns washed over me, bringing forth tears of both sorrow and peace. Initially, I was hesitant to commit to church, feeling unworthy of God's grace.

Over the next three years, I worked tirelessly to repay my debts. When all seemed lost, I heard a voice speak to me, urging me to change my ways. This awakening led me to ask my sister for forgiveness. I returned to church, where I found solace and strength in the Lord.

Since my baptism on October 5th last year, I have prayed daily, asking the Lord to help me break free from my past. Through His grace, I have overcome my addictions and found peace.

The Lord has blessed me with a fulfilling job that allows me to worship Him on Sundays. I am forever grateful for His love and guidance, which have transformed my life for the better.

Kris Ho Geok Ai  
Hokkien Service



The onset of illness always comes unexpectedly. Once a picture of health, I found myself in a doctor's office one day, hands swollen and struggling with asthma.

The doctor's diagnosis hit me like a ton of bricks: "You have stage 4 breast cancer, spreading to your bones, lymph nodes and lungs."

At that moment, my thoughts turned to my family. How would they cope? I was at loss as to how to comfort them and I knew I needed help.

I turned to God in prayer, pouring out my fears and seeking His guidance and strength. It was during this time that I learned to depend on God more than my own abilities.



Together with my family, we prayed, asking God for His help and direction. While His answers didn't always come instantly, I gradually felt His peace and strength enveloping me.

Through the words of the Bible, God provided me with comfort and encouragement. One passage from Isaiah, in particular, resonated deeply with me: "But those who wait on the Lord will regain their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint." (Isaiah 40:31).

This verse has become my life motto and a pillar of my faith. I trust that God will grant me the strength to soar like an eagle.

His presence empowers me to face the future courageously. I no longer fear, knowing that there will be a rainbow after the storm. Thank you, Lord.

Kit  
Cantonese Service

God reignited my passion for Him through a sister who attends our English service. She asked me to accompany her non-Christian friend to the Mandarin service. I agreed and sat with her for a couple of weeks.

As the weeks passed, I felt a nudge from the Holy Spirit, asking me, "So, who are you bringing to Church of Singapore?"

In November 2023, I attended the church's Leaders Planning Camp where we chose the theme for 2024: "It's Harvest Time. Let's Go!"

In December 2023, we had invited Pastor Emily Tan to speak at our D25 Gospel Evangelistic event. Motivated by the 2024 church theme, I invited seven neighbours, but all politely declined my invitation.



After days of disappointment, God brought a colleague to mind - Shawn. I invited him to D25 and he agreed to come. Shawn's wife was away for Christmas so he was "Home Alone" on Christmas Day.

My invitation was timely! Shawn enjoyed the service and even stayed for dinner; and he was appreciative of our church's welcoming atmosphere.

I continue to pray for Shawn and his wife, trusting that in His time, they will come to know Jesus.

1 Cor 9:22, Apostle Paul said:

"To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people, so that by all possible means, I might save some."

Brothers and sisters, God cares for lost souls more than we do. Let's press on! It's Harvest Time. Let's Go!

Lesley Tay  
Mandarin Service  
(Testimony shared in English Service)



# Hello New Staff

Thank God for the most beautiful blessing in my life—knowing the Lord Jesus. In 2016, God's plan led me to reconnect with a primary school classmate, Sis Shuhua, whom I had not seen for forty years.

She invited me to attend a life-testimony outreach by Taiwanese singer You Ya at Church of Singapore Hokkien Service. At that time, I obliged her, even though I was a Buddhist.

When Sis Shuhua invited me to another service, I heard a brother sharing his life testimony. It moved me to tears and I accepted the Lord immediately.

A person's life changes from the moment he knows Jesus. Proverbs 9:10 says, "The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom, and knowing the Holy One is understanding."

After knowing the Lord for half a year, I was baptised on July 30, 2017. I also shared the gospel with my wife and daughter, who were baptised in 2020 and became the Lord's disciples.



The church has allowed me to serve in many ways. Five years after I believed in the Lord, Brother Phua Ngak Teck, an elder from Hokkien Service began mentoring me spiritually, training me to be a small group leader, and encouraging me to become a full-time staff. In February 2024, I joined the Hokkien Service as a full-time staff.

Today, I rely on God by faith. His goodness and faithfulness have enabled me to become a new creation and experience His grace. I understand that what God has prepared for me belongs to the kingdom of heaven.

I have decided to learn from Paul and run towards the goal, following the steps of the Lord Jesus wholeheartedly until I see His face one day. All glory to the Lord! Hallelujah! Amen!

Lee Wei Seng  
Hokkien Service Pastoral Staff



I was baptised in 2015. At first, I was busy with work and only attended the Sunday meetings. After I retired in 2018, I began to serve in various areas, including ushering, leading small groups, counselling and preaching, etc. I also visited the Holy Land of Israel - life was peaceful and fulfilling.

When the COVID-19 pandemic broke out in 2020, our lifestyle changed drastically, and everyone went out less often. I suddenly had a lot of time to reflect and study God's words.

Whenever I thought of the Lord Jesus saying to Peter: "Feed my sheep", I could not help but feel a sense of shame in my heart because I was serving my brothers and sisters with knowledge instead of with my heart. Do I understand their struggles and pain? Am I concerned about their spiritual growth?

Then the elders of the Mandarin Service asked whether I would become a pastoral staff in the church. I replied positively without hesitation.

I believe this is God's calling for me at the peak of my life: I am in good health, have no worries about my family, and have enough experience in work and life to dedicate myself to God's work.

Jenny Chen Chia Ling  
Mandarin Service pastoral staff



I grew up attending Church of Singapore in the early 90s. Despite my Sunday school upbringing, it was only during my teenage years at a Teens for Christ (TC) camp that I understood the sacrifice Jesus made for us on the cross, I began to take my faith more seriously.

Like many young people, I was interested in video games and comics. The Lord blessed me with career opportunities in the gaming and animation industry.

Despite living my dream, I was uncomfortable with certain practices in my work. I often felt weary, thinking I would be in this line of work forever.

I prayed to the Lord to show me a way out. Early last year, a friend from COS asked if I would consider working there.

After prayer and consulting my family and friends from COS, I decided to take up the job. I wanted to use my skills in service to the Lord.

I am one month into my current role and I am glad to say that I have made the right choice. Despite working longer hours, I now feel much more fulfilled, with the peace of the Lord in my heart. I thank God for always looking out for me and providing for my needs.

Stanley Ong  
Comms & Media Staff

