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Catch the Vision, Stand in the Gap, Make a Difference 领受异象,堵住破口,带来改变



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Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise; give thanks to him and praise his name.

For the Lord is good and his love endures forever; His faithfulness continues through all generations.

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Psalm 100:4-5





Thank God for guiding us safely through 2024 and into 2025!

The past year has been turbulent, marked by natural disasters, human-induced crises,

military conflicts (Russia-Ukraine and Israel-Palestine), and trade wars leading to rising prices and inflation. These challenges have significantly impacted the quality of life globally. Yet, we thank God for His continued protection and grace throughout it all.

In 2024, the theme God gave the church was: It's Harvest Time! Let's Go! This was accompanied by three key emphases: "Catch the Vision,""Stand in the Gap," and "Make a Difference."

Brothers and sisters recognised the urgency of the harvest through the theme seminar, Sunday pulpit messages, and life group Bible studies, which led to active gospel-sharing, bearing witness, and bringing others to Christ. According to the church's August 2024 annual survey, 74.9% of members reported witnessing to others in the past year—a significant 15% increase from 59.9% in 2023. Thank God for this wonderful progress as our brothers and sisters continue going forth into the harvest field.

However, upon reflecting on last year's progress, church leaders observed that while members had gained a general understanding of the theme and focus, there was a need for deeper personal conviction, life transformation, and greater responsiveness to God's call. As such, the church has decided to carry forward the same theme for 2025: It's Harvest Time! Let's Go!

The three emphases—"Catch the Vision," "Stand in the Gap," and "Make a Difference"—will remain as our focus.

We believe that to see lives transformed, we must seek the light of God's Word, the guidance and inspiration of the Holy Spirit, and His anointing and power. As we stand in the gap, we rely on the Holy Spirit to bring about these transformations.

This year, let us humbly consecrate ourselves in prayer, seek the Lord's face, and offer our lives as a living sacrifice to Him. The first Sunday of this year, Consecration Sunday, marks the start of a year devoted to seeking and praying to the Lord!

Catch the Vision

May the Lord open our eyes to see His vision for this generation and the perilous times we are living in. Today, people are self-centred, materialistic, and distant from God. Let us follow Jesus' example, who, when He saw the crowds, recognised their distress and lack of direction, likening them to sheep without a shepherd. He declared to His disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few."

Let us see what Jesus saw and receive the vision for these last days. The harvest is ripe and ready, and we must act! Let us pray to the Lord of the harvest to send more workers into the field and equip us to do His work.

Stand in the Gap

Globally, Christians (including Catholics) make up 33% of the population, yet 42% of people remain unreached, spanning 42% of the world's ethnic groups. In Singapore, Christians account for only 18.9% of the population. Many, including foreign workers and others in our midst, have yet to hear the gospel and know Christ.

These gaps are vast and evident. Are we willing to stand in these gaps and intercede for them? In our communities, there are many living in hardship who need love, care, and, most importantly, the grace of God's salvation. Let us respond with Isaiah's words: "Here am I, send me!"

Make a Difference

Our lives, once weak and burdened by sin, were transformed through God's love and redemption. As His redeemed children, we now carry the gospel of grace. This treasure within us can bring transformation to others, turning old lives into new ones.

We are called to be the light and salt of the earth, bringing hope and direction to the lives of those around us. Through the gospel, we can help others find meaning and fulfilment in their lives.

Plans for the Year

The church will continue to share the theme and its emphases through the pulpit. Life groups will also explore these emphases in greater depth, seeking God's will and responding in action.

The **first Sunday of March** has been designated as **Evangelistic Sunday**, themed "Let's Get M.A.D. Sunday" (Make a Difference). The church will present and publicise its various outreach and community service ministries, aiming to lead people to know and accept Christ, thereby bringing transformation to their lives.

A Call to Prayer

Lord, we come before You with one heart, seeking Your face in prayer. We turn away from our sins and commit to following You alone. May You forgive our transgressions and anoint us afresh with Your Spirit.

Make us faithful soldiers of Christ in these last days, bold in preaching the gospel so that more lives may be saved and discipled for Your glory.

On behalf of Elder Board,

Bro Chao Tian Kong

Chairman, Elder Board

5th January 2025

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Church Theme Banner Concept

Church theme | It's Harvest Time, Let's Go!

Scripture Reference | Matthew 9:35-38

The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.

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Explanation and Justification of the New Banner Design



As we continue with the theme of It's Harvest Time, Let's Go!, in order to make the 2025 church theme more relatable and engaging, the banner features a *Marine Parade heartland scene*, replacing the traditional harvest field used in 2024. This contextual shift brings the theme closer to our members, reminding them that the harvest begins right here, in the communities where God has planted us.

Symbolism of the Banner Design

The COS Building as the Starting Point

The banner highlights the Church of Singapore building as the launchpad for our outreach efforts. From this central point, members are called to move outward into the harvest field.

Marine Parade as the Local Harvest Field

Featuring iconic locations like the Marine Parade Food Centre and surrounding community scenes reflects the tangible ways our church has been reaching out to the neighborhood. This anchors the concept of starting with what is near us—family, friends, and local communities—before extending outward to mission fields beyond Singapore.

Purpose and Message of the Banner

1. Communicating URGENCY

The banner conveys the critical need to step into the "harvest field" and win souls for Christ. This urgency is presented in a way that inspires action, not fear or intimidation, fostering a confident and proactive spirit among members.

2. Promoting UNITY

The banner emphasises our church as one united body of Christ, working together across all generations to fulfil the Great Commission. It ties back to previous subthemes, reinforcing the harmony and collective purpose of our church family.

3. Building UNDERSTANDING

The banner helps members visualise what the "harvest field" means in their context. By depicting familiar surroundings like Marine Parade, it stirs passion and provides clarity on how the Great Commission applies to their daily lives.

Call to Action

"It's Harvest Time, Let's Go!" remains a rallying cry for 2025, urging the entire church family to:

- Take the first step—starting with their inner circles of family and friends.
- Expand their outreach to the community around the church, particularly Marine Parade.
- Carry the gospel to the world, living out God's call with compassion, unity, and dedication.

Through this theme and its banner, we are reminded that as labourers in God's harvest, our mission is ongoing. Together, let's go and bring in the harvest with unwavering faith, love, and action.

Endless Possibilities of the Harvest Field

The banner portrays the harvest field as inclusive, encompassing:

- Individuals in need (the vulnerable, the lost, the broken)
- Helpers and good Samaritans (those offering care and counsel)
- This imagery underscores that the harvest field is diverse and limitless, calling us to serve wherever God leads.

The Journey Continues

Similar to the 2024 design, the 2025 banner features a path with a select group of members actively stepping into the harvest field. This symbolises our ongoing commitment to the Great Commission, showing that the harvest is not a one-time mission but a sustained effort.

Our Tounding Elders

Church of Singapore was founded by the late Bro Goh Ewe Kheng, the late Bro Cheng Kai Ho, and the late Bro Huang Jen Shen. In 1963, there was a mighty outpouring of the Holy Spirit in Singapore and Malaysia. Many Christians, including our 3 founding elders, were baptised in the Holy Spirit. The Church of Singapore was founded in December 1963 to take care of these newly Spirit-filled Christians who were hungry for the Word of God and knowledge of the Holy Spirit.

ate Huang Jen Shen

Bro Huang served as Church of Singapore's first full-time pastor for 7 years. His passion for the Lord's Word was reflected in his meticulous messages and admonitions. His solid foundation in the Word of God steered COS away from doctrinal wayfaring, and through his expository teaching and guidance, many members were firmly grounded in the Word of God. Bro Huang was the anchor front-line man of COS and was a wonderful counselor and encourager.



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Late Cheng Kai Ho

A Christian himself, Bro Cheng saw the need to share the Good News to the people around him. He did more than preaching the gospel; he believed that "Preaching the Gospel is to build up the church. The commission of the church is to preach the Gospel." In 1960, Bro Cheng decided to give up all his businesses to devote himself fulltime to the work of God and in December 1963, established Church of Singapore, together with the late Bro Huang and late Bro Goh.



ate Goh Ewe Kheng

Bro Goh committed his life to Jesus Christ at a young age in 1935, when Dr John Sung came to the island to conduct a series of evangelistic meetings. He shared that he was present for all the sessions and was deeply impacted by the messages which centred on Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.



Church of Singapore Organisation Chart 2025



Tan Wee Nee / Lesley Tay

SECRETARY

Lucy Quek

PROJECTS / COMBINED PRAYER MEETINGS**
(SERVICES' COMMITTEES)

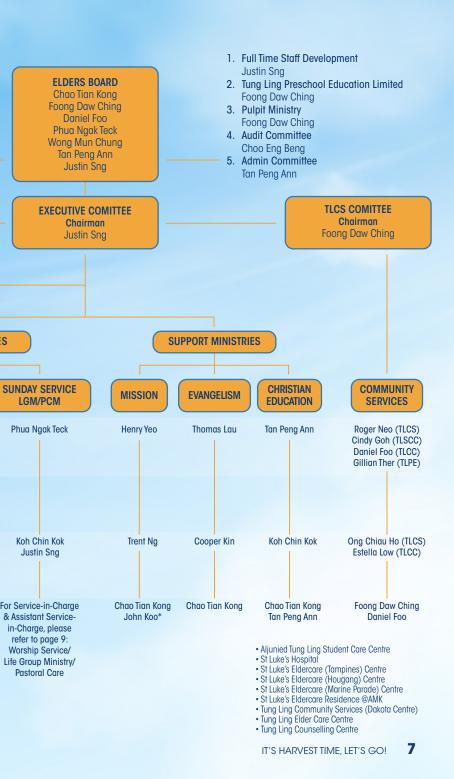


^{*}Advisory Elder

[#] Deacon Overseeing

^{^^} Person In Charge (PIC)

^{**}Monthly 3rd Wednesday Healing Service PIC: Paul Yeo.



Our Advisory Elder



John Koo Yoke Han

Worship Services/ Life Group Ministry/ Pastoral Care Ministry

Worship Service	Service-in-charge/ Advisor	Assistant Service-in- charge	Elder/Deacon Overseeing
English	Foong Daw Ching	Ng Kok Hwa	Foong Daw Ching Tan Peng Ann
Mandarin	Wong Mun Chung	Lau Siew Yeh Jenny Chen	Wong Mun Chung Chao Tian Kong
Cantonese • Morning • Afternoon	Koh Chin Kok		Daniel Foo
Bilingual • Saturday • Sunday	Paul Yeo	Judy Siah	Chao Tian Kong John Koo*
Hokkien • Friday • Sunday	Jeffrey Chew	Sharon Teo Linsi	Phua Ngak Teck
Filipino	Philip Chia	Caroline Bersalona Jong Guangco	Koh Chin Kok#
Myanmar	Peter Cho	Susan Cho	Henry Yeo#
China Ministry	Xu Xian Feng (Acting)		Wong Mun Chung Chao Tian Kong

Notes:

#Deacon Overseeing

^{*}Advisory Elder

Projected Income & Expense

For Year Ending 31/08/2025 Projected Income	\$ <u>6,016,000</u>
Less: Budgeted Expenditure:	
Salary, CPF + SDF (local staff & missionary)	2,524,500
Staff Welfare & Medical Expenses	88,950
Travelling & Transport	261,000
Maintenance: Building / Equipment etc	568,670
Depreciation	215,000
Utilities	197,600
Telephone & Postage	51,000
Insurance/Taxes/Censorship Fees	24,500
Advertisements/Bank Charges	3,600
AGM	15,000
Bible Camp Expenses	41,930
Co-Worker's Night LPC & Leaders' Retreat	16,700
Water Baptism	26,000 7,000
Inter Church F'ship/CLCN Expense	10,100
Seminar/Convention Expenses	5,000
Holy Communion	34,000
Books/Periodicals & Newspaper	5,000
Software Subscription fees	2,000
Medical Supplies	5,000
Gifts & Flowers & Hampers	12,000
Audit Fees	49,000
Legal fees	2,000
Hire Purchase of Photocopier	480
Printing & Stationery	20,000
COS Heritage Project	2,000
Theme Banner/Decoration/Signboard	8,100
Love Feast/Refreshment	17,000
Membership Fees	3,600
Sundry Expenses	1,500
PDPA Vendor Retainer Fee	2,000
Peninsula Plaza Expenses/Rental	109,800
Landscaping Expenses Community Talks & Seminars	26,000 10,000
Guest Speakers' & Expenses	80,000
Internship & Volunteers & CFS	85,000
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Ministries	4,001,000
Christian Education	5,000
Children Ministry	29,720
Evangelism Ministry	25,490
LG Ministry	130,100
Sunday Services	363,890
Mission Ministry	433,758
Music Ministry	23,865
Prayer Ministry	4,000
Youth Ministry	40,530
Communications and Media Ministry	89,300
	1,145,653
Community Services	F0 000
St Luke's Hospital	50,000
St Luke's Eldercare	80,000
Tung Ling Community Services Tung Ling Counselling Centre	25,000 25,000
Tung Ling Shelter	30,000
Para-Church Organisations	45,800
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Total Expenditure :	5,932,483
Surplus for the year	83,517

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Calendar of Church

Events 2025

JANUARY

Consecration and Prayer Sunday	05 Jan
Baby Dedication	19 Jan
COS Thanksgiving Service	29 Jan

FEBRUARY

Pre AGM Q&A	15 Feb
Healing Service	19 Feb
Annual General Meeting (AGM)	22 Feb

MARCH

Make A Difference (M.A.D.) Sunday	02 Mar
Healing Service	19 Mar
Vacation Bible Camp	18-19 Mar
Mission Weekend	29-30 Mar

APRIL

Evaluation Meeting I	05 Apr
Combined Prayer Meeting	06 Apr
Fast and Pray Week	14-17 Apr
Healing Service	16 Apr
Good Friday Outreach (Hok)	18 Apr
Resurrection Sunday	20 Apr

MAY

Water Baptism	04 May
Mothers Day Outreach (Hok)	10 May
InterGen Sunday	11 May
Healing Service	21 May
Staff Bonding	27 May

JUNE

Creative Arts Workshop	04-06 Jun
Annual Bible Camp	10-13 Jun
Healing Service	18 Jun
Parents Day Outreach (E/M)	21 Jun

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Hokkien Bible Camp	22-26 Jun
Baby Dedication	29 June

JULY

Missions Emphasis Month (MEM) Workshop	12 Jul
Mission Emphasis Weekend	12-13 Jul
Healing Service	16 Jul
Mission Emphasis Weekend	19-20 Jul

AUGUST

National Day Combined Prayer Meeting	03 Aug
Healing Service	20 Aug
Co-workers Nite	30 Aug

SEPTEMBER

Healing Service	17 Sep
Pre-LPC II Prayer	24 Sep

OCTOBER

Evaluation Meeting II/ Leaders Planning Camp I	03-04 Oct
InterGen Sunday	05 Oct
Healing Service	15 Oct

NOVEMBER

Water Baptism	02 Nov
Pre-LPC II Prayer	05 Nov
Leaders Planning Camp II	08-11 Nov
Community Day	16 Nov
Healing Service	19 Nov
Membership Induction Class	22 Nov
Mission Weekend	29-30 Nov

DECEMBER

DEGEMBER	
Children's Ministry Camp	02-05 Dec
Teens for Christ Camp	10-13 Dec
Confirmation of LPC II Minutes	13 Dec
Young Adults Camp	15-18 Dec
Hokkien Outreach	20 Dec
D24 Outreach (E/M)	24 Dec
Watch Night Prayer	31 Dec

*Events may be subjected to changes.
Please check our website for the latest updates.

COS Mission Statement

Our family church seeks to MAGNIFY God by,

Leading people to Jesus Christ and into the **MEMBERSHIP** of God's family

Discipling members into Christian **MATURITY**

Equipping members for the work of the **MINISTRY**

Involving members in the worldwide **MISSION** effort of the Church

COS Core Values - COSMP

Core values define who we are, guide our priorities and ministry decisions, and how we choose to live as a church. Let us uphold our COS core values in our lives, in our church and reflect them in all our ministries.

- Godly CHARACTER
 (Spirit-led life, living in right relationship with God and man)
- Passionate OUTREACH (reaching out to the world, being salt and light)
- Faithful STEWARDSHIP

 (giving generously of our time, talent and money for the extension of God's kingdom)
- Gift-Oriented MINISTRY

 (using our God-given gifts/anointing, skills, knowledge and experience to serve the church in unity and harmony)
- Coving PARTNERSHIP

 (nurturing one another to grow in the grace and knowledge of Jesus Christ)

As Christ's disciples, let us strive to consistently maintain these core values in our thoughts, in our communication and in our service.



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