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在12生肖里面，羊是一种比较温顺的动物，2015年是华人风俗中的羊年，我们送走了马年迎接羊年。

我们虽然在六七十年代常会看到在乡村地方有印度人在养羊，随着城市发展，这样的场景已不再可见。

身为基督徒的我们，羊这个字对我们来讲并不陌生，不论是旧约或新约，我们可以一再的看见羊这个字。毕竟以色列人在早期是过着游牧的生活，如亚伯拉罕，以撒，雅各。大卫王在少年的时候是个牧童，帮父亲牧羊。大家都很熟悉的诗篇23篇就是大卫王把他的经历形容上帝为牧人，我们是上帝的子民，是他所牧养在草场的羊群。

羊对以色列人来讲有更重要的意义，以色列人曾经是埃及人的奴隶，受尽了折磨苦难，于是便向上帝呼求，上帝便拣选了摩西和亚伦来拯救以色列人，就在一个晚上，以色列家家户户按照上帝所给的指示，把羊羔杀了，然后将羊羔的血涂在门楣和左右的门框上，这样当天晚上耶和华就可以分辨哪一家是以色列人或埃及人，耶和华要将埃及家中的长子和头生的牲畜都杀掉，这样埃及法老才肯让以色列人离开埃及。由于当天晚上耶和华越过以色列人的家，因此便称为“逾越节”这是以色列人每年一定要纪念的日子，因为上帝拯救他们离开了奴隶的辖制，赐给他们自由。

以色列人在赎罪的日子也是宰杀牛羊来献祭赎罪，所以羊就成为代罪羔羊。当施洗约翰看见耶稣的时候，就说：看哪！神的羔羊，除去世人罪孽的。我们在圣诞节庆祝耶稣的诞生，他来到世上要赐给我们最好的礼物就是救恩，耶稣要除去世人的罪，让我们能够与上帝的关系重新恢复。希伯来书的作者说：耶稣不用山羊和牛犊的血，乃用自己的血，只一次进入圣所，成了永远赎罪的事——来9：13。我们每年在受难节就是要纪念为世人的罪成为代罪羔羊的耶稣，他完全顺服上帝的旨意，被钉在十字架，完成了上帝拯救世人的计划。

最后，我们在这“羊”年里，特别要记得神的羔羊-耶稣，他为我们死也为我们复活，他赐给我们是一个复活的新生命，我们靠着爱我们的耶稣，我们要有一个得胜荣神益人的生命。阿门。



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Hear the Good News. It's Not Baaa-d.



吴显芬传道

by Eddie Goh

In the Chinese language, 羊 (pronounced as yang), means goat or sheep.

This February, Chinese all over the world bid farewell to the Year of the Horse and usher in the Year of the Sheep or Goat.

The sheep is one of the gentler animals within the 12 animal zodiac signs of the Chinese lunar calendar. In the 60s and 70s, it was common to see the Indians tend to their flocks of sheep and goats in the kampongs. But not any more with the rapid rise and expansion of this modern city.

The word “sheep” ought not to be unfamiliar to Christians. We see repeated references to this animal in the Old and New Testaments. After all, the early Israelites, like Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were nomadic shepherds. King David was a shepherd boy, tending sheep for his father. It was King David who penned verses inspired by his shepherding experiences in Psalm 23, describing God as a Shepherd who watches us, His children, as a shepherd does his flocks of sheep.

The sheep carries an even more significant meaning for the Israelites. As slaves under the cruel yoke of the Egyptians, the Israelites cried out to God for help. In response, God sent Moses and Aaron to rescue the

Israelites from slavery. According to God's instructions, one night, every Israelite household was to kill a male sheep or goat and smear its blood on the sides and tops of the doorframes of their houses. This was to differentiate the homes of the Israelites from the homes of the Egyptians. God would smite every first-born of people and animals of the Egyptians in order to persuade Pharaoh to let the Israelites leave Egypt. God would however pass over the houses of the Israelites. Thus, this momentous act of God became known as the Day of Passover – a day that every Israelite was to observe as the day when God delivered the Israelites from their slavery and granted them their freedom. (Ex 12)

On the Day of Atonement, the Israelites had to include one male goat as a sin offering to God. When John the Baptist saw Jesus, he cried: “Look, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!” At Christmas, we celebrate Christ's birth. He came to earth, incarnated as a man, to give us the greatest gift of salvation. He came to take away man's sin in order to mend the broken relationship between God and man. The author of Hebrews said: “The blood of goats and bulls and the ashes of a heifer sprinkled on those who are ceremonially unclean sanctify them so that they are outwardly clean.” (Heb 9:13). Every Good Friday, we remember the Lamb of God – Jesus Christ – Who obeyed God's will fully by being crucified on the Cross, thus completing God's plan of salvation for mankind.

In the Year of the Sheep, we should particularly call to mind the Lamb of God – Jesus Christ. He died so that we can live. He has given us new life. We should lead a triumphant life to glorify God and to benefit others. We also can and should share the message of the Lamb of God with all pre-believers who we encounter this Year of the Sheep (or Goat if you choose).

The evolution of the Chinese character for sheep or goat
Do you see the CROSS within the characters?

The King is Coming – No KIDding!



by Rev Alvin Chan

This text is adapted from a sermon preached by Rev Alvin Chan on Christ the King Sunday, 23 Nov 14, based on Matthew 25:31-46 and titled “Are You Ready To Meet The King”.

It is apt to recall this sermon at the advent of the Lunar New Year of the Sheep/Goat.

At the end of time, Christ will come again.

The prophets promise to us the coming of a saviour. His name will be Jesus because He will save the people from their sins. But at the end of time, Christ will come again as king to judge.

Mt 25:31-46 is a chilling and sobering account that should wake us all. What will happen in the end? What do we do in the meantime?

In the ritual of holy communion, we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again!

We all believe that Christ has died and risen. But do we believe that Christ will come again? The Bible tells us so. The Bible is also very clear that no one knows the time when Christ will come. He can come at any time.

Christ will return as the King

In the parables that Jesus told about the end times, He spoke of Himself as the Son of Man as he was walking amongst the people. But in the parable of the sheep and goats, exclusive to the Gospel of Matthew, Jesus describes Himself as the King (vv34, 40).

Many things have been mentioned about the second coming of Christ. According to the Bible, a final judgment will accompany the return of Christ who will be the Judge over all men without exception. Every aspect of our lives will be taken into account, including our secrets, the purposes of our hearts, and every careless word. Christians are not exempt from judgment. There can be no avoiding this coming judgment, the way that some church members sometimes avoid me when I seek volunteers to serve in church.

You might think that you can do wrong as long as you don't get caught. But when Christ comes again, you will get caught and it's His final decision that will count.

Notice the significant transition of Jesus' description of Himself as a Son of Man to one of a King. Jesus' description of the people in v33-34, 37-40 is much more lengthy – and extraordinary. He refers to the poor, the hungry, the thirsty, the strangers, the sick, the needy and the imprisoned. Jesus Christ the King is mentioned in the same breath, and He comes alongside all these people. That is our incarnated God. His heart and concern is always with the downtrodden. Some may be terrified of meeting this King, especially if He is going to judge you but it's not so intimidating meeting this King if we recognise that we are poor, naked and in need of Him. Our King associates Himself with the down and out.

The parable does not stop here, simply leaving you with a feel-good factor.

Our Choices have Eternal Consequences

The second part of this parable (vv41-46) tells us that our choices on earth have eternal consequences.

Does Jesus really mean what He says in this second part? Does this apply to Christians? The disciples? Can I lose my salvation? Whatever happened to being saved by faith through the grace of God? Whatever happened to “therefore there is no condemnation”? (Rom 8:1)

Faith is the starting point but in Mt 3:8, John the Baptist tells us to produce fruit in keeping with repentance. Mt 15 tells us that the Son of Man will come and reward everyone according to what they have done. This theme is repeated throughout the Bible.

If Christ has taken away our sin, we must stop sinning (1 Jn 3:5) and we must do good (Mt 5:16). This is the true teaching of the church that has been overlooked in recent years – justification (i.e. sinners made right by God) must be accompanied by sanctification (i.e. the justified being made holy). As those who have been justified, we need to be growing in our holiness.

In modern times, we only hear “Accept. Believe. And you’ll be on your way to heaven. No need to do anything else.” Ask your pastor or bible study leader for a refund if that is all you have been hearing. That is only half of the gospel. You have been short-changed.

The Bible is plain – let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven. This is a Wesleyan distinctive.

John Wesley said that works of mercy are part of holiness. Not only are we encouraged to carry out works of piety (like prayer, read the Bible, worship the Lord), we are also to embrace works of mercy. In his lifetime, Wesley constantly reached out to the poor. He collected money at the class meetings and distributed food, clothing and fuel to the poor. He would offer simple medicine to the poor, and created a free dispensary. He employed destitute women to process cotton. He preached against slavery.

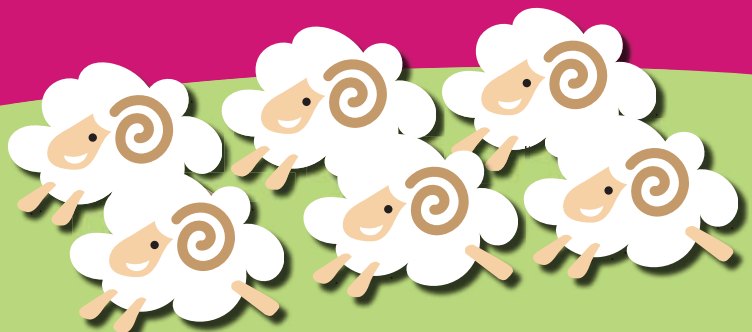
Being made right is a gift to us in an instant from God. Being made holy is our opportunity to be renewed day by day in the image of God.

In this parable, Jesus says that justification if not accompanied by sanctification is not justification at all. Therefore, the justification of those on His left – those who performed no works of mercy – is in question.

We have the privilege of justification but we have to work out our salvation and bear fruit in keeping with repentance. If we accept the whole gospel, then the natural thing that must happen is that we perform works of mercy. Belief is not enough because even the devil believes.

Pray to be men and women after God’s own heart, and to want the things that God wants. May our lives be changed to be more Christ-like.

“Parables about the future are not intended to satisfy curiosity. They are intended to alter life in the present” (Calisto Odede).



Voices From the Laity

Together in Discipleship



by Vinitha Jayaram

What is Discipleship?

Lay leader Andy Chew shares more about what discipleship means to him.

SS: Who is Andy Chew?
Tell us more about yourself.

AC: I was teaching, but I'm currently doing my PhD, with three more years to go. My passion has always been people, hence the activities I do involve people. I have been serving God and his people as a lay leader, reaching out to the elderly and youth in this church, two groups of people for whom I have a soft spot.

SS: What does the word "discipleship" mean to you?

AC: When I became a lay leader, I was also contemplating the real definition of this term. During the LCEC retreat, when the leaders were discussing about discipleship, I came up with this for TMC – **Discipleship is a process, where two or more obedient individuals intentionally choose a lifestyle of accountability, and together journey with one another towards Christ-likeness.**

What matters is the word "**obedient**"; if we know that we need to be obedient towards what God has commanded us to do, that is to go and make disciples of all nations, then we will want to do that. Another important word is "**intentionally**". If we just sit there and wait for other people to make the first move, nothing will happen. It is a journey and the end-goal is Christ-likeness.

SS: You've been in TMC for a very long time. What was discipleship like in this church in the past and now?

AC: All I knew when I first came to church in 1985 was that it was known as "Christian education". It was never known as "discipleship". Now it's called "discipleship and nurture".

But the emphasis has been and is the same - **being interested in one another's lives**, walking with and spurring one another in the faith (Heb 10:24-25), studying the Word of God, and living it out on a daily basis wherever we are, not just in church, but what matters is what we do outside of church too.

One thing I've learnt over the years is that the journey of a Christian should never be one of a hermit but a covenantal relationship, be it with some individuals or within the bigger community. It should be ***we're gonna walk with you, we're gonna walk together.*** It's never *I'm fine alone*. I don't think it works that way. Because (I love this passage from Ecc 4:9-12) **"Two are better than one because they have a good return for their labour, if either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. Also if two lie down together they will keep warm, but how can one keep warm alone? Though one may be overpowered, two can defend themselves"**.

This is my favourite

"A cord of three strands is not easily broken".



SS: You spend a lot of time with the Youth Ministry. How do you think they are doing in their discipleship journey?

AC: The youths are also struggling with discipleship in the same way that the larger church is; struggling to see the importance of and need to be disciples.

The lack of time is always one excuse that people give in not practising discipleship, but the leaders and older youths are beginning to see the importance of discipleship.

YM is embarking on growing disciples, and they want to be radical about it, meaning that they do not just call themselves disciples, they are really going to live it out.

Every youth is encouraged to be part of a discipleship group. I already see some of them being involved in discipleship groups, and applying what they learn. I can see the change in their mindset, their character, their lifestyle, and the best thing is that they are actively serving. I think that is something that will motivate the larger church to serve as well.

I feel it's important to nurture the young because **the spiritual foundation we build in these young lives today will eventually be the foundation of the church tomorrow.** If we don't focus on them now, and we dilute the teachings, the church will be very shaky in future.

SS: What do you think your role is as a lay leader in the discipleship journey of the church?

When I took up the role of the lay leader 4½ months ago, I took it up with fear and trembling. I don't just see it as a PR (public relations) thing where I stand outside and greet people. It's about being aware of the spiritual climate of the church, the needs of the laity (the church members), and through such awareness, encourage both the laity and pastors to pray and seek God together and allow Him to guide us in our growth as a church.

I think it is important for me to see how *my own* relationship with God is, how the church members' relationships are with God, and together with the pastors see how we can grow together as church. Growth not in terms of numbers, but **growth in terms of prayer and our heart condition - that's something I desire for this church.**



Every time we talk about prayer, we tend to have a set of plans and we pray about them, but it should be the other way round – we should pray first, because that's where God speaks, then we go according to where God is leading us. The heart condition is important - if the people are not obedient, and don't see the need for obedience, whatever plans we have will never bear fruit. If both are absent, it is tough to help people move towards discipleship.

SS: What words of encouragement do you have for those on their discipleship journey?

AC: God never promised us a smooth journey. It is never a bed of roses. But I take comfort when I read Jn 14:16-27. **It's very heartening to know that we'll never walk alone.**

We all go through different seasons in life and that's why each discipleship group is unique. As much as we want to grow in the Lord, there will be times when we will struggle. What matters is perseverance and the need for us to **be interested in the lives of our brother and sisters in Christ.** I think the church needs to get out of this idea that a church must only be serious. The Christian walk is not a boring one. **Make time for one another, do activities with one another and when we're able to do that then we can truly call ourselves "family".** Whether you are in a small group, a ministry or a committee, that is already a place to build that closer relationship. I always encourage people to remember Is 40:28-31 which is my encouragement to our church and to myself. If we are faced with obstacles and we don't see growth, press on. I want to encourage every member to hope in the Lord and soar on wings like eagles.

The Pastors, leaders and members of TMC need to know why the church exists – to be disciples and make disciples. If we apply this in our lives, our cup will overflow and naturally many more around us will be blessed by God through us. That's when the church will grow in numbers.

It takes a disciple to make a disciple. Hence, everyone in TMC needs to be a disciple. Let's just do it and see God work powerfully through us.

Voices From the Laity

The E-Cluster



by Lim Sue Yien

Kim Ling, known affectionately as Kim, is an Associate Lay Leader (ALL) and the newly-appointed Chairperson for Witness and evangelism. She also co-leads the Evangelistic, or E-cluster with Keegan Ong (Chairperson for the Mandarin Service and Associate Lay Leader).

The E-cluster consists of the Boys' and Girls' Brigades, Mandarin service, Missions, Outreach & Social Concerns, TMC Kindergarten and Witness and Evangelism. These ministries and committees exist for the primary purpose of outreach to the world. The E-cluster members believe that, in order for TMC to be an effective witness for Jesus Christ, it all begins with a heart for the lost. For some, this may require a radical change of heart and mindset to intentionally nurture that heart for the lost which is God's heartbeat.

How is this connected with TMC's discipleship journey?

When you ask Kim about discipleship, she points to Jesus. The first disciples stayed with Jesus, they learnt from their Master, they prayed with Him, and they modelled themselves after Him. The road to discipleship is precisely that - the path of growing closer to God so that we can each feel His heartbeat. The first disciples also reached out to others to bring them to Jesus Christ, be it for healing, or for wise counsel, and this accelerated after the Great Commission was given to them.

As such, witness and evangelism, or reaching out to the lost, is a core part of being a disciple for Jesus Christ.

Kim confessed that she used to think of witness and evangelism as something best done by people who have a "gift" for it. She too felt uneasy having to speak to a pre-believer about her faith. She admitted to being guilty of mentally putting such "conversations" aside in favour of other "easier priorities", but now realises that the time to do it is now and not later!

Since Kim took on her role in the laity, the Holy Spirit opened her eyes to be sensitive to God's heart. She prayed and submitted her reservations to God, and He opened doors that she never would have thought possible.

She has become more sensitive to the spiritual condition of her colleagues and family members over the past year. This has resulted in her bringing some friends to church. In addition, Kim has started praying more fervently for the salvation of her family members. She is thankful for her small group and church members who have supported her in prayer and helped to make her visitors feel welcome.

"It takes a whole village to raise a child". It also takes a whole church to bring a person to Jesus.



Kim showing us her name in the Khmer language during a mission trip to Cambodia.

" We must first build relationships - build friendships", with people we come across in our daily life, be it at home, in our neighbourhood, school, or workplace.

To quote an old Sesame Street song: "It's the people that you meet as you're walkin' down the street, they're the people that you meet each day". If each of us can just focus and pray for that 1 or 2 individuals, we would have already made an important start.

Perhaps, you may say, I do not know how to begin, or what next? The Witness and Evangelism committee will be organising a marketplace relationship evangelism series this year on how to befriend people around you in your daily life, sharing testimonies from "ordinary" church members, from homemakers to students to working persons, to show that everyone can reach out for Jesus Christ. It only takes an obedient heart.

Kim is also convinced about the importance of measuring heart-to-heart connections instead of the number of and scale of outreach events. She believes that smaller and more targeted gatherings are more effective in terms of forging relationships and subsequent follow up

During Christmas 2014, the E-cluster intentionally took this outreach approach. For example, at Youth Avenue, a four-course candlelight dinner party with a live band, carolling, Christmas storytelling and quiz wowed the five pre-believing families invited. This was flawlessly organised by the young adult Small Group@Green Lane who doubled up as servers during dinner.



At the Institute of Mental Health, a Christmas lunch was organised by volunteers from the Outreach & Social Concerns ministry, with games and dances, and the singing of carols accompanied by several members of the TMC Fellowship of the Ukulelians. Some residents gave heartwarming testimonies glorifying God in their lives.



The Children's Ministry (CM) planned a Christmas outreach party for our children's pre-believing friends. More than 60 children showed up, of whom about 10 were visitors to TMC including children from Youth Avenue. The Christmas story, which had the theme, The Gift, was shared. Personalised "thank you" cards will be sent to the visitors inviting them to join the CM programmes and our services.

All these activities have opened Kim's eyes to the need for and power of collaboration between different ministries and groups of people. She is impressed with how strong a group of volunteers TMC small groups have been. It really takes a whole church to move a newcomer from one group to the next as he experiences different phases in his faith discovery.

Kim would like to issue a challenge to every Saltshaker reader – start with attuning your heart and mindset to God's heartbeat. Learn how to intentionally walk along life's journey with a pre-believer. Will you reach out to someone for God this year?

In her own words, "with fear and trepidation", Kim has learnt to reach out to others. She therefore encourages others to remember Jesus' comforting words as we all step into the unknown together: "Then Jesus said to Simon: "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him." (Lk 5:10-11).

Baptised in the Name of *the Father, the Son*



by Derina Chong

I grew up in a predominantly Buddhist family.

However, I considered myself a free-thinker as I did not feel a connection with any particular religion.

My earlier experiences with Christians were slightly unpleasant and even negative. This may have been due to the personalities involved. But truth be told, it was largely due to my own ignorance, immaturity and close-mindedness about Christianity ... or Christians.

I was fortunate to meet and get to know some very genuine, humble and thoughtful Christians. They did not judge me, nor make me feel wary of them. In short, they were not turn-offs!

I gradually opened up to them and started to learn more about God and Christianity – and I started going to church.

Through many conversations with close Christian friends, through reading and reflection, I learnt more about God and Christianity. I realised however, that my understanding was merely intellectual.

I avoided baptism, partly because I felt that I had not enough faith, and partly because I feared making a commitment. I would rather be free to “escape” whenever I felt the need to do so. Yet I truly desired to have a personal relationship with God – to know Him in my heart and have a deeper connection with Him.

A close friend once said to me: “It is not whether your faith is strong enough. Have you truly opened yourself to God?”

These words made a strong impact on me. Deep down, I knew that I had yet to open myself wholeheartedly to Him.

It finally dawned on me that I needed to make a stand and a commitment in my journey with God. I can only truly know Him if I genuinely open up to Him and trust Him. My faith will increase if I genuinely commit myself to His love and care.

I took the step of baptism. I finally made a public commitment to Him.

(Derina was baptised on 9 Nov 14.)



on & Holy Spirit!



by Maërie Koh

I attended a mission school for 12 years. From Primary One right up to junior college.

My family did not speak much about religion.

I got to know about the existence of a God and of Jesus through the daily devotions in school, different co-curriculum activity (CCA) groups, and Discover Jesus Week (DJW).

In the DJW of 2007, a particular message stirred me. It was a special moment and a turning point for me. I started to believe in God, to venture into the realm of Christianity, to ask questions about Christianity and, most importantly, I started to identify myself as a Christian.

In that same year, my sister, Magdalena, also discovered God. I believe that it was part of God's plan that we sisters started to know Jesus and grow in the faith at the same time. We started to look for a church together and we found TMC.

I joined Trackers* in 2011 and participated in the Christian Fellowship on campus in university. Through these activities and friends whom God placed in my life, I searched and dug deeper into His Word.

There was a gifts survey conducted in TMC one year. That survey encouraged people to serve in different ministries. Since Magdalena and I both love children and playing with them, we started serving in the Children's Ministry (CM) where we are serving till today. I was placed in a community of very loving people who were spiritual fathers and mothers to my sister and I.

God used those same lessons that we taught to the children to teach me. This really made up for the years that I did not attend Sunday school. You could say that I taught myself the Bible stories, or at least God did.

God brought new challenges in time. As I was given greater responsibilities in CM, I knew that He did not leave me to deal with them alone.

I see God's hand in my life. It is through His provision, grace and perfect timing, especially my experiences in school, which have shaped and equipped me with what I needed to serve Him in CM.

Sometimes, it feels difficult to be disciplined about continually seeking God. But remembering God's blessings on my family and myself, and the hope of Christ's second coming keeps me going. I pray that God will continue to pour out His grace upon me as I continue to believe in Him.

(Maisie was baptised on 9 Nov 14).

* Trackers is a three-month long youth discipleship programme run by Truthmin, a conference-wide ministry under the Trinity Annual Conference (Methodist Church in Singapore).





GO FAR - TOGETHER

by Colin Yip
(Chairperson, Small Groups Committee)

The Small Group ministry is part of TMC's Pastoral Care cluster, where we are called to love God's people in the church, providing an atmosphere of care.

What do Pastoral Care and Small Groups (SG) have to do with each other? And how does this fit into the church focus on Making Disciples?

BUILDING CARING DISCIPLES WITHIN SMALL GROUP

Pastoral care is just one of the many aspects of our discipleship.

Although we want to see discipleship happen in small groups, we also want to emphasise the caring aspect of discipleship.

This year, the SG ministry will be focussing on three ways to help small groups in this endeavour.

Equipping on Pastoral Care

Many small groups already enjoy fellowship and care for one another as part of their regular small group life. But not many have thought of or know how we can offer pastoral care to another in a more holistic way.

The Pastoral Care Net (PCN) ministry will be organising a "Caring God's Way" workshop this year to help us in this direction, and small groups are encouraged to participate in this together.

Building Relationships among SGs via inter-cell meetings (ICM)

Small groups are encouraged to look outwards beyond their groups to the rest of the church family.

But how can we care for those whom we do not know?

Maybe you've shaken someone's hand in a Sunday greeting without even knowing his or her name. It is difficult to love and care for someone whom you do not have a relationship with.

ICMs are a simple platform to create opportunities for this to happen between small groups. About a quarter of our small groups have already participated in such meetings in various forms, since their initiation in 2014. The rest of the small groups are invited also to start similar meetings in the new year. We pray that the relationships formed will act as a catalyst for further acts of love and care among the church.

Working with the SGs in embarking on the Discipleship Roadmap.

The TMC discipleship roadmap* was launched in late September 2014 as a recommended framework for guiding us on our discipleship journey together. It comprises six sets of resources recommended for disciples at different stages of maturity. The important thing here is not the completion of the roadmap. More essentially, members of the SG are to journey with one another using the materials as tools to become better disciples of Christ. The SG ministry is ready to assist SG leaders who are ready to work through these modules with training and to help them integrate these resources for their groups.

What does this have to do with me?

"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."

This oft-quoted African proverb provides an apt description of how our journey of discipleship should progress.

Today, more than 60% of regular TMC worshippers are in small groups and are in this journey together.

If you are not in a small group, I urge you prayerfully to consider joining one so that you need not journey alone as a disciple.

If you are already in a SG, continue to be sensitive to the Holy Spirit as He guides you to extend care toward your fellow brothers and sisters in Christ. Be open as well to making new relationships and deepening existing ones in the new year.

* The TMC discipleship roadmap can be found at www.tmc.org.sg/dn/roadmap.pdf or at the iSunday Counter.

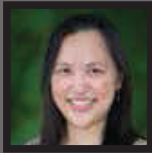


Members of Serangoon and Seletar Small Groups mingle in conversation over home-cooked food during an inter-cell fellowship



An ice-breaker game quickly warms up the atmosphere at the inter-cell fellowship between Hougang, Kairos and Footprints small groups.

To join a small group, visit www.tmc.org.sg/smallgroup.html and click on the "Join a Small Group" link where you can provide some basic information to help the SG committee follow up with you. Or leave your name with the iSunday Counter or email colinyip@gmail.com for more information.



A CERTAIN KIND of Christian?

by Claire Lowe

"I have been baptised. I'm already in a small group and serving in such and such a ministry. Am I not already, what you may call, a disciple of Christ?"

Edmund Chan, in his latest book, "A Certain Kind", elucidates what it is to be a true disciple of Christ, how to pursue authentic discipleship, and how as a church we should be intentional in disciple-making, reproducing disciples of "a certain kind".

Discipleship, as Chan describes it, is not just a one-hour bible study. It doesn't involve merely the transference and acquisition of theological content. Key to discipleship is the learning to OBEY everything that Christ has commanded" (Matt 28:20), and "until Christ is formed in you" (Gal 4:19). Discipleship is therefore more like a pilgrimage during which we learn to reflect introspectively and think critically about the way we live, contemplating on the relevance and application of Scripture in everyday life, and living life moment by moment thoughtfully and deliberately. Such an earnest pursuit of godliness culminates in a life obedient to Christ demonstrated by a radical transformation in character; not simply a temporal and superficial conformity to expected Christian norms, but a deep and real change founded on the renewal of core values and cultivation of a biblical worldview.

In the church, Edmund Chan propounds that it is this certain kind of ministry – the disciple-making ministry – that really matters. He challenges us to consider how much, as a church, we have been caught up with executive administration, flurries of activities and the acts of religiosity. He persuades us to redefine "success" in ministry, measuring it not by tangible yardsticks such as the number of programmes or size of the church, but by asking ourselves: What kind of disciples have we grown? How much have they been taught to obey Christ? Lest we be "a church of disciple programmes [but fail] to be a church of disciples."

In Chan's book, he expounds on this certain kind of disciple-making process, which is based on biblical approach employing intentional growth strategies that seek to integrate processes and not institute programmes. In a brief but enlightening chapter, he clarifies misconceptions of The Great Commission and re-orientates the reader to see the essence of what Christ intended. In another significantly helpful chapter, he proposes seven paradigm shifts necessary for developing cutting edge

disciple-making principles for the 21st century. In order to be pertinent and effective in disciple-making, Chan puts forth that we need to understand the worldview that governs our generation and to align our approach of discipleship to the evolving societal norms of the post-modern world we live in.

"A Certain Kind", authored by internationally renowned and sought-after speaker Edmund Chan, is written in a distinct Singaporean style. It is well-organised, targeted and unembellished. Each chapter is broken down into clearly titled and concise points. This practical manual for disciple-making is easy to read and impactful, and comes highly recommended by several prominent churchmen.

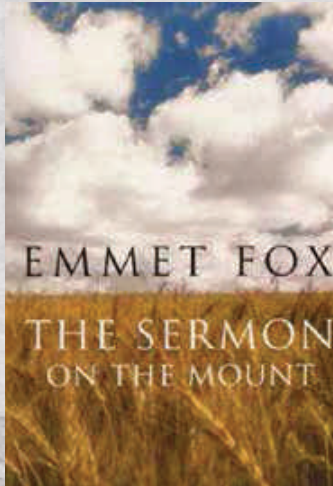
Let's respond to the clarion call to BE and Make Disciples!



"A Certain Kind" by Edmund Chan is available in the Resource Centre (248.3 CHA)

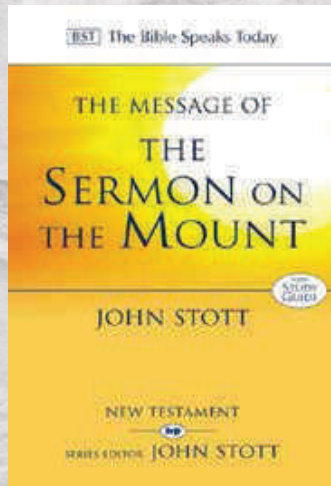
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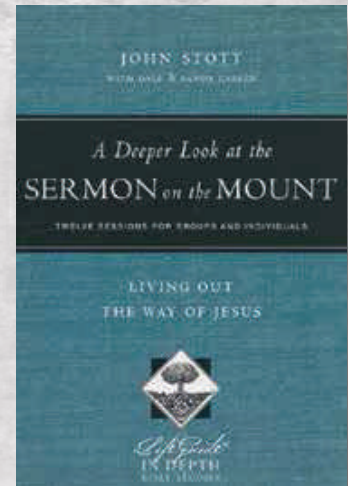
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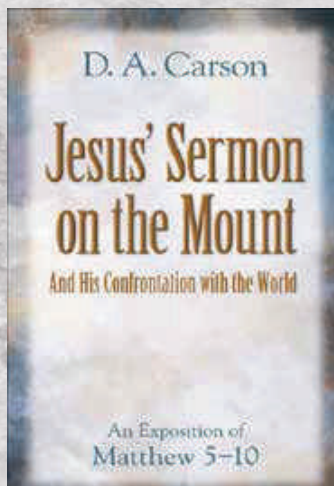
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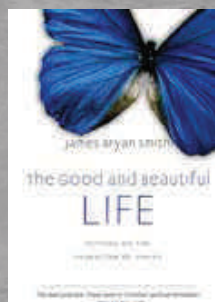
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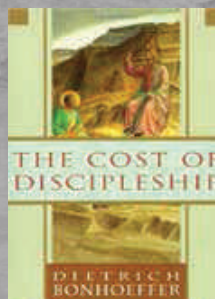
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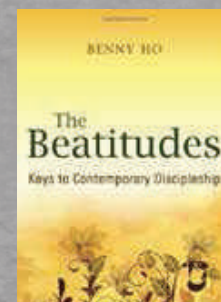
You can also borrow books related to the Sermon on the Mount from the TMC Resource Centre on Level 2. Some available titles are:



The Good and Beautiful Life – Putting on the Character of Christ, James Bryan Smith



The Cost of Discipleship, Dietrich Bonhoeffer

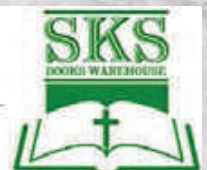


The Beatitudes – Keys to Contemporary Discipleship, Benny Ho

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LIVING THE BEATITUDES

... is not just about respectability

by Kwa Kiem Kiok

Being a Christian these days is actually quite a respectable thing.

Christians are seen as good people, who are (or at least should be) morally upright, can be depended upon to give generously and who are encouraging and uplifting to be with. Furthermore being a Christian in our context today also has some social and cultural dimensions – having a heritage of being in a Methodist school and so our children go there too. Many Christians are middle-class and so financially quite comfortable.

The Beatitudes (Matt 5:3-12) on the other hand, not only challenge these respectable values but also provoke us to be quite different from those around us.

Indeed the whole Sermon on the Mount (Matt 5 to 7), which we will be going through over the pulpit this year, should make us uncomfortable. Some of the characteristics and values that Jesus says His followers should have may not be appreciated by others around us, or may seem impractical today. We may agree in church that “the meek will inherit the earth” (Matt 5:5) but in the rough and tough world of the office we behave as if it’s the strongest and loudest who will advance. For example we define “poor in spirit” (Matt 5:3) in various ways but we rarely discuss within the Singapore church the relationship between being materially rich and spiritually poor.

Why should we adopt the Beatitudes?

First, it is a faith decision. At one point in our lives we made a commitment to follow Jesus because we believe Him to be the way, the truth and the life. So we believe that His way and His word give us life. Hence the Beatitudes of mourning, hungering and thirsting for righteousness, mercy, peace-making and, that most difficult one – persecuted for righteousness’ sake, are the correct and right values which we shall live out because we follow Jesus. We have committed ourselves to follow Him all the way, even along the narrow way which may not be popular. Furthermore by faith we believe that as Jesus came once, He will come again, so these are the values that will matter in eternity and for eternity; so we begin to live them out now.

Living in this way is made easier because there are others who have gone before us and have testified that this is the way to go. We can look to the saints of old, who faced persecution calmly because they knew the reality of God’s Kingdom. We can look to others around us who are peacemakers, or who have pure hearts because they have seen God. The Christian faith is not lived alone, we always journey with others and their example encourages and spurs us on, especially to live out these Beatitudes.

Secondly the Beatitudes tell us what God values, and also what God will do for His people. After all, when Jesus says that those who mourn will be comforted, and those who hunger and thirst for righteousness will be filled, surely it is God Himself who will do these for His people? In adopting these Beatitudes then, we will see God work in our lives in very real ways.

So the Beatitudes are not about being respectable, they are about living as God’s people in His Kingdom.

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*This is the first of a series of articles for the
Saltshaker 2015, following the pulpit calendar on
the Sermon of the Mount.*



Of Lice and Men

Of Lice and



Lydia ridding a girl's long hair of lice



"I have always had this desire to go to Cambodia to visit my fellow brothers and sisters. However, I had health issues that would have made the trip difficult. Praise God that through faith and the power of prayer, I was supernaturally healed of my eczema and allergy problems a few months earlier and I could make travel plans," says Adrian Cheong, one of only three men who joined a group of 12 women on a WSCS-organised mission trip to Cambodia in December 2014.

The trip was an opportunity for church members to get an insight into and experience our outreach programmes that started in the capital Phnom Penh and have now spread to other parts of the country. Interaction with our mission leaders there like Jacob Cheng and Pastor Chamnap of

Glory Trinity Methodist Church (GTMC) is always inspiring and mission trippers usually get straight to work and lend a hand to our brothers and sisters there.

Organised annually, the WSCS-led missions bring love and care to the Cambodians through various activities. On this recent trip in early December 2014, the problem of head lice was the issue. Thus, the highlight of the trip was to help delouse the heads of fifty Cambodian children in a faraway village some three hours from Phnom Penh. It was an arduous task and a challenge to our modern city dwellers as something like this is almost unheard of in Singapore.

With this set agenda, the group did just that, armed with special shampoo and equipment

purchased in Phnom Penh upon arrival. Carrying over 100 bottles, they felt confident that there would be enough to spare. These thoughts were dashed when they saw the more than one hundred children eagerly anticipating their arrival. Overwhelmed with a much larger task than expected, they prayed and asked God for a miracle, a situation akin to Jesus having only five loaves and two fish to feed a crowd of thousands. Deliver He did and as the group of 10 set to work, they split themselves into three stations: one station to rinse, one station to shampoo, and the last to delouse the hair with a fine tooth comb.

The other team members led the children in song, and later presented Bible stories in the form of a Wordless Book. They also

Men



by Samuel Wong



The de-lousing team to battle stations



The mission trippers

taught the children the correct teethbrushing and handwashing techniques, how to make five-colour bead bracelets and ball games. Before they left the village, they also distributed biscuits and snacks as well as balloons for balloon crafting.

The packed schedule also had them visit another missionary, Violet Khor, who has taken on a new post. She is now vice-principal of Glad Tidings International School (GTIS) in Kampong Spue, about two hours away from Phnom Penh. The team distributed hardboiled eggs to the students there, toured the compound, and joined another group of missionaries from Australia who were conducting lessons and sing-along sessions with the primary school students. GTIS, which has been open since

September 2013, has 24 full-time teachers and 10 part-time teachers for both primary and secondary levels in two daily sessions. An inspiring story was told about how a villager who initially attended church there for the sole reason of learning English, not only picked up the language but also converted to Christianity through the Word and now teaches at GTIS.

Experienced mission trippers like Lydia Han (who has been on seven such trips) looks forward to her visits and appreciates the time she has to bond with our Phnom Penh-based missionaries. Over the years, she has seen the physical and spiritual conditions in Phnom Penh improve greatly, starting with the airport which used to be an old and small building lacking many modern facilities like air

bridges. Another improvement is GTMC, which has progressed from meeting in a ramshackle structure to the rented solid brick and mortar building it is now in. Lydia also finds the GTMC Sunday services particularly uplifting. At the evangelistic service held there during the team's visit, one lady accepted Jesus as her personal Saviour.

As a first-timer, Adrian witnessed the vast socio-economic divide between the rich and the poor. But amid this sense of hopelessness, it always stirs the spirit to see the good missionaries bring kindness, care and the Good Word to the poor and distressed. As a music and sound specialist at TMC, Adrian looks forward to returning to Cambodia along with a TMC band to bring the Word in music and song to the Cambodian people.



by Evelyn Ng



"Since you are precious and honoured in my sight, and because I love you, I will give men in exchange for you, and people in exchange for your life." (Is 43:4)



Christmas is a time for sharing, loving and remembering our loved ones.

According to the Ministry of Manpower, as at June 2014, there were 218,300 work permits issued to foreign domestic helpers (FDH).

These foreign domestic helpers (FDH) are compelled by circumstances to leave their hometowns and loved ones to come to a foreign country to earn a living. Some of them awake at the crack of dawn to get schoolchildren ready for school, and don't get to bed until their after-dinner chores are done. If one thinks about it, each work day for them is longer (and more physically arduous) than the average office-goer with a desk job.

On 28 Dec 14, the WSCS (Women's Society of Christian Service) organised a Christmas party for FDH. It was a gesture to make them feel loved and cared for.

Twenty-four helpers turned up at TMC that morning. Christmas

carols were sung lustily, and the Filipinas (whom you can always depend on for a melodious tune) rendered songs in English and Tagalog. One of the Tamil helpers sang a song in her native language.

The FDH enjoyed themselves as they danced and played games. There was much hearty laughter ringing throughout the room. Prizes were awarded after each game, and door gifts were distributed too. Everyone was a winner that morning.

Nona (helper to WSCS Chairperson, Katherine) cried with joy, saying: "Madam, I'm very happy. Thank you for bringing me."

Sharing from Isaiah 43:4a, Lydia (a WSCS coordinator) shared with the FDH that we are all precious in God's sight regardless of our gender, status and wealth. We should respect ourselves so that others will respect us too.

The Filipina helpers requested prayer for their family and loved

ones back home because this is a rainy season when many rural areas tend to flood. Prayers were said for the safety and health of, and God's protection over, their families. This was a precious moment in the party as it helped the helpers to cast their cares on Jesus.

Food was always going to be a guaranteed highlight of the party (as is the case at every WSCS event given the ladies' wide repertoire of home-cooked recipes). There was enough food left over for the helpers to pack home (no cooking that evening!). The helpers were truly maids of honour that morning as they were served by their own employers.

The WSCS is planning a similar gathering soon. They do, however, require more (wo)manpower and resources to do so. Are you able to give one morning to bring some cheer to the lives of those who are aliens in a foreign land? Better still, would you be a living witness for Jesus by caring enough for your helper to bring her to the next gathering? Contact Evelyn Ng at 9066 1763 or obadiah54@hotmail.com to register your interest ahead of the next gathering.

HOSPITALITY

- Everyone's Ministry



by Koh Shuwen

TMC has a few hospitality-related ministries and committees.

There is the Missions Committee that cares for our missionaries and full-time ministry staff, both local and overseas. There is the Outreach and Social Concerns (OSC) which serves the less fortunate in our community.

There are also usher and pastoral care teams that look out for, and reach out to, the people who are new to TMC. In this context, it is very apt that the original Greek word for hospitality is *philoxenia*, which means love of strangers.

The ushers do a valiant job in trying to spot visitors during the services but the task is much trickier than it looks. The reality is that there are many people who would rather not draw attention to themselves in an unfamiliar setting and hence do not respond when our pastors invite visitors to identify themselves. Unfortunately, the visitors do not come with halos or any marks that would make them more easily recognised as being new to TMC.

This is where YOU, as part of the congregation, the body of Christ, can act as TMC's "feelers". If you notice a new face in the vicinity of "your" pew (TMCers tend to be very "territorial" about where they sit during service) or somebody looking lost when singing the Gloria Patri or fumbling with the bible or hymnal, do extend a helping hand.

After the service ends, do the neighbourly thing and invite the newcomer for tea or coffee at The Connection Café at the Plaza or connect them to one of the leaders and/or pastors. When in doubt about whether the person next to you is "new", say hello anyway and ask if he or she would like to have a drink at The Connection Café. The Pastoral Care team is there every Sunday and everyone is welcome. The ushers, and/or the pastoral care team will then connect the newcomers to other relevant ministries, for example, the Children's Ministry if they have children or ALPHA if they are interested to learn more about becoming a Christian.



In the next few issues of the Saltshaker, we are going to find out more about how some of our visitors came, what they saw and why they decided to stay on to worship at TMC. How does someone who walked in with no knowledge about TMC or sometimes even God become a member of the TMC family? I call this the magic of connection. So stay tuned for stories about the new people in our TMC neighbourhood!

"Let brotherly love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for thereby some have entertained angels unawares." (Heb 13:1-2)

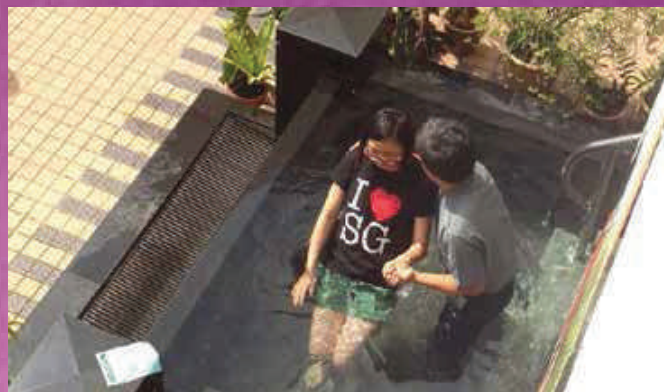
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CHRISTMAS DAY & CHILD BAPTISM



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IN OF NEW MEMBERS





You Say "Ng-ah", I Say "Ng-air"



by Rose Tan

"Pastor, are you Paul "Ng-ah" rhyming with "car", or Paul "Ng-air" rhyming with "yeah"?"

This was my opening question to Rev Paul Nga, the newest addition to the pastoral staff at Trinity Methodist Church.

To add to my confusion, Pastor Paul highlights that the hanyu pinyin of his surname is "Ni".

But yes, his last name is pronounced as "Ng-air", rhyming with "yeah". So that settles it.

I meet Pastor Paul on day four of his official appointment to TMC.

I ask him to enlighten me on how he landed on our shores. Pastor Paul explains that it is the prerogative of the Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) President to appoint all TRAC pastors as he sees fit. The president if he so chooses consults with the parties involved (for example, the pastor and the church

concerned, relevant agencies, etc) to ensure a good fit. And, "to avoid any violent protests", jokes Pastor Paul.

He is an old school gentleman. A charming and delightful conversationalist who puts you at ease with the twinkle in his eye and a ready chuckle.

Just days into his new role, Pastor Paul observes that TMC is a family church with a high percentage of elderly people. However, he is heartened to note that there is also a significant number of young adults, youths, and children.

Our interview is peppered with amusing anecdotes from Pastor Paul.

For example, he says that his sense of humour was one of the qualities that attracted his wife to him, although since they wed in 1981, there have been occasions when she has wondered why and how. Pastor

Paul and Rev Nga Mee Hee met as students at Trinity Theological College (TTC). Mee Hee often introduces herself as "me-he" with two 'e's, and emphasises that "me" comes first. They have a 31-year-old son who majored in psychology and a 29-year-old daughter who works in the financial sector.

What is close to Pastor Paul's heart?

"Food," he replies without hesitation. He volunteers during the interview to plan durian trips to Yong Peng, Mee Hee's hometown in Johor.

Growing up with a pastor for a father, Rev TC Nga who is now retired, made Pastor Paul more sensitive to God's calling. He lived and breathed the bible in a strict Christian environment. The family lived in the parsonage which had its benefits but also its challenges. During those early days when the mobile phone had not yet been invented, some younger persons

Quick facts



would insist on entering their home (which was church property anyway) to use the telephone (also church property) which was in one of the bedrooms.

After completing National Service, Pastor Paul enrolled in TTC. He graduated in 1981 and was appointed to serve as the only pastor of Christ Methodist Church at the ripe old age of 25.

Currently his plate is still full. He is a trainer with the Disciple Agency (门徒), the mission of which is to build the body of Christ through the promotion and development of the DISCIPLE Bible Study and other related programmes. He also serves as the Spiritual

Director of the Singapore Emmaus Community, which organises the annual "Walk to Emmaus", a 72-hour stay-in retreat, for men and women separately.

Beneath his jovial demeanour, Pastor Paul is an operational strategist, having served as the TRAC Conference Secretary for 16 years, from 1993 to 2008. He tells me that systems can be cumbersome, but they are needed to support policies. So the idea is to make systems work in order to maximise time and minimise inefficient standard operating procedures.

Pastor Paul desires to see the church – starting with himself – reinforce

its Wesleyan characteristics within our current structure. Firstly, to focus on spirituality and the work of the Holy Spirit, and to enhance a person's relationship with God through the exercise of spiritual disciplines. Secondly, to work towards the connectivity of all members of TMC – either by encouraging them to be part of a TMC small group, or to assign small groups to provide prayer and care cover for those who are not in any small group for one reason or another.

Step forward to say hello to Pastor Paul Nga ... and earn yourself a place on the next durian trip.



The Communications Team

COMMUNICATE WITH US



by Tricia Tong

Website. Email Blast. Media Board. Banners. Flyers. Posters. This magazine.

Ever wondered who the faces are behind these paper and electronic communications?

The Communications team consists of writers, photographers, designers and administrators who work tirelessly to ensure that all TMCers don't miss out on the goings-on in church.

You see our snap-happy photographers on duty every week to capture Kodak (albeit digital) moments in the life of our church. With equipment dangling from each shoulder and available pocket, these shutterbugs will get down on their hands and knees in all sorts of awkward positions to share that moment that you may have missed.

We are blessed to have four designers on the team whose day jobs include being on a corporate communications team in a multi-national company, and in marketing communications and advertising industries. Despite their high-stress and fast-paced jobs, we see their work in the wayside pulpit banners hanging outside the church inviting people into the

church. We saw their banner designs in the Plaza and Emmanuel Hall last year reminding all worshippers of the greatness of our God and we see them this year exhorting all worshippers to live holy lives. Not to mention the fantastic publicity material which they churn out for various events in church, and of course laying out text and images for 650 copies of this bi-monthly magazine.

Amongst our writers, we have a media professional and voice coach, and a public relations consultant (who was a former magazine editor and the sole Singapore representative at menswear fashion shows in Paris in the 80s and 90s). There are others with less glamorous occupations such as a banker, former lawyer turned full-time stay-at-home mom, scientist, dancer, lecturer in theology, and former missionary (have fun putting names to these descriptions). These wordsmiths are given assignments that range from writing book reviews and serious pieces of theology, to interviewing people and getting real-time news. However, one thing that all Saltshaker writers share is the express understanding that no article is a mere piece of news-reporting. Each article is written with a view to encouraging the reader to deepen his discipleship in Christ. This magazine is called the

“Saltshaker” and Jesus’ exhortation to be the salt of the earth is the beacon that guides the writing team.

Members of the team also update the Media Board (next to the iSunday Counter), maintain the website (www.tmc.org.sg), post on Facebook (www.facebook.com/TrinityMethodistSG) and send out a fortnightly email blast to all TMC members and friends whose email addresses are available (to subscribe, email tmccomms@gmail.com).

There are two unsung heroes who provide the online sermon service by uploading the sermons each week (www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html). One is aged 16, and the other aged 61.

In short, the team hails from all walks of life and all ages.

We sometimes hear people say: “I don’t want to serve in this area even though I can do this work ... because I already do this in my day job five days a week!”

In as much as God gives us gifts that enable us to serve in church ministry, He also gives us gifts to do our day jobs. They are gifts by the very same Holy Spirit. We commit an injustice by drawing our own mistaken boundaries between the gifts we use in our day jobs and those we prefer to use in church ministry. There ought not to be a dichotomy between the two. It’s almost like a restaurant chef saying that he won’t cook for his family at home because he already does that in his day job. Or a schoolteacher refusing to coach her child at home because she already does that for the many children in school. The church is also our family – our spiritual family.

As the team expands the breadth of its work, we invite anyone who has an interest in writing (especially copywriting), photography, layout design work, web-mastering and even pure administration to join the team.

Communicate with us at tmccomms@gmail.com.



“I serve in the Communications team to honour God, and in gratitude that He has given me the ability to turn a piece of blank paper into something that people will pick up and read.”

-- Ellen, layout designer

“I’m a big *kaypoh*, always interested to listen to someone else’s story. With God’s blessing of being able to connect with total strangers, I serve to share their stories.”

-- Rose, writer

“The written word is powerful. It can point people to God, spur people to action, and draw people closer to one another. I’ve also come to appreciate my fellow brothers and sisters in Christ more through witnessing their passion and service to the Lord while on my writing assignments.”

-- Sue, writer

“In my walk with God, I hear Him a lot through the written word. Likewise, I am compelled to use the tool of text to share about God with others who might be like me.”

-- Vinitha, writer



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P3	Tuesday	3.00 – 4.00 pm
Sec 2 (NA / NE / NT)	Wednesday	3.00 – 4.00 pm
Sec 3 (NA / NE)	Wednesday	3.00 – 4.00 pm
Sec 1 (NA / NE)	Wednesday	5.00 – 6.00 pm

Mathematics

Level	Days	Time
P3	Tuesday	4.00 – 5.00 pm

Chinese

Level	Days	Time
P5	Tuesday	4.00 – 5.00 pm
P3	Tuesday	5.00 – 6.00 pm
P6	Tuesday	5.00 – 6.00 pm
P4	Wednesday	5.00 – 6.00 pm

Science

Level	Days	Time
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To volunteer, please contact Cathrine Suntao / 6285 8450 / cathrine@tmc.org.sg

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Sun 15 Feb

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Wed 18 Feb

2.00pm

Ash Wednesday Service

Sat 28 Feb

4.00-7.00pm

GYM Chinese New Year celebrations

Sat 7 Mar

11.00am-4.00pm

Living the Abundant Life, by William Wan
Ban Heng Pavilion Restaurant, Harbourfront Centre
www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html#ww

Sun 1, 8, 15, 22 Mar

2.00pm

Membership Class

Sat 14 Mar

4.00-6.00pm

Fellowship of Ukulelians 3rd Anniversary
followed by dinner

Sat 14, 21, 28 Mar

2.00-5.00pm

Living & Witnessing by Suraja Raman
www.tmc.org.sg/highlights.html#living

Sun 15 Mar

Boys' and Girls' Brigade Sunday

Fri 20 – Sat 21 Mar

Mandarin Service – Malacca Tour

Sat 28 Feb

10.00am-12.30pm

Small Group Leaders' Gathering

Every Sun (except 1st Sundays)

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7.45am

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Every 3rd Sun

10.00am

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Those interested to bring the church into the homes
of the homebound, please contact Lucy Chan at
9748 2733

Last Sun of the month

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Contact Yvonne Tan at 9091 8589 /
yvnn_tan@yahoo.com
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Every 1st Wed

10.00am-12.00pm

Yum Cha@10 is an opportunity for people to come
together for fellowship, and serves as a platform for
TMC-ers to meet one another as well as non- Christians
in the community mid-week. Contact the church office /
churchoffice@tmc.org.sg
www.tmc.org.sg/ministries.html#gym

Every 2nd and 4th Wed

8.00 – 9.30pm

Bible App – Book of Hebrews
www.tmc.org.sg/d&n.html#bibleapp

Every 3rd Wed (not 18 Feb)

10.00am – 12.00pm

God's Masterworks: A Concerto in 39 Movements. A
bible study of the Old Testament.
Currently on the Book of Numbers.
www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#masterworks

Last Thurs of the month

10.00am-12.00pm

St Luke's Eldercare Centre Devotions at Blk 217
Serangoon Ave 4. TMC's ministry to SLEC brings hope,
help and the love of Christ to many needy elderly.
If you wish to join in, contact Eddie in the church office /
eddie@tmc.org.sg
www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec

Every Fri (not on 20 Feb)

8.00 – 10.00pm

Healing Ministry in the Prayer Chapel

Every 1st and 3rd Fri (resuming 6 Mar)

9.15 - 11.15am

Bible Study on Exodus
www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#exodus

Every Sat

9.30 – 11.30am

Fellowship of Ukulelians
www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele

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