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## THE 60-MINUTE BLESSING

### A Few Steps Closer to Christ Jesus

Goh Swee Eem

I must admit that it's a challenge to tell others about Jesus at work, especially in our multi-cultural and multi-religious society where respect and tolerance are expected.

How then will I get the opportunity? Bill Hybels' book "Just walk across the room" advocates praying to God at the start of each day to lead us to bless one person.

Since I put that into practice, I became more expectant, that every encounter is an opportunity to bless someone - just a smile, a bright greeting or asking after their health. When a colleague shares they're not well or facing some challenges at work, I'll tell them I'll pray for them and they always look touched.

I also befriend some of my school canteen stall holders. Whenever I enjoy their food, I'll tell them how delicious their food is.

There is one stallholder whom I had come to know quite well. Two years ago, I went to her stall to place a catering order. She looked rather distraught. She revealed that her husband had been diagnosed with stage 3 nose cancer. She felt her world had collapsed as she could not imagine life without him. At that moment, I prayed silently for the right words to comfort her. The words that came out of my mouth were "I'll pray for your husband. Don't worry. Trust God." She is of a different faith but she knows I'm a Christian.

I met her husband when he came to the stall. He shared with me how painful the radiotherapy was and the side effects he suffered. He thanked me when I offered to pray for him.

I visited their stall almost every day to encourage them. After a year of painful treatment, his cancer was in remission. She thanked me for praying for them.

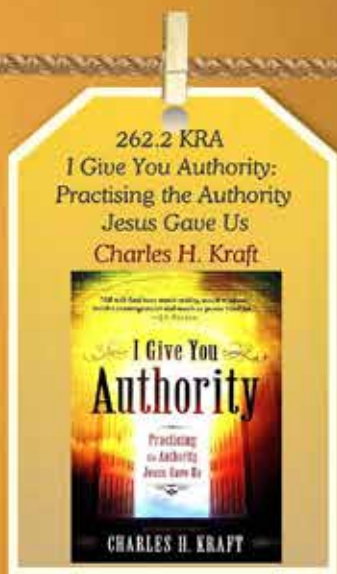
Once she told me she had not been feeling well for some time. With her permission, I prayed for her at her stall. She didn't get better instantly but I know that she was grateful for the care.

Last Christmas, she baked me three big containers of cookies. Her daughter living overseas had returned for a visit and she wanted to bake her some cookies to take home. She quietly told me that her daughter is also a Christian. My prayer for this lady is that one day she and her husband will also come to the Lord Jesus. I believe He will for He makes all things beautiful in His time. (Ecclesiastes 3:11)

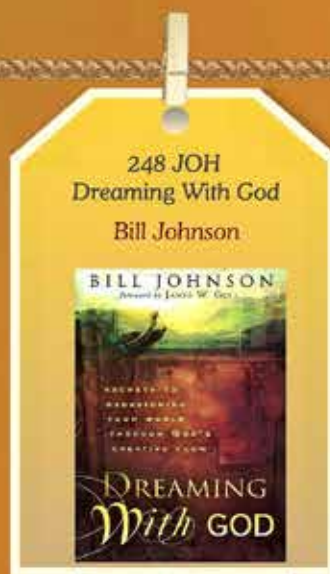
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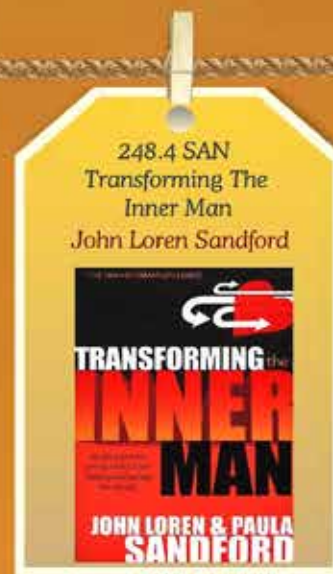
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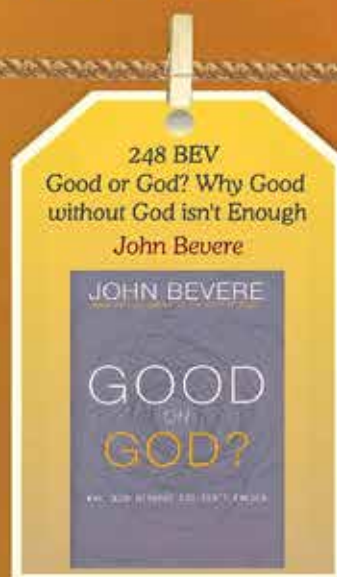
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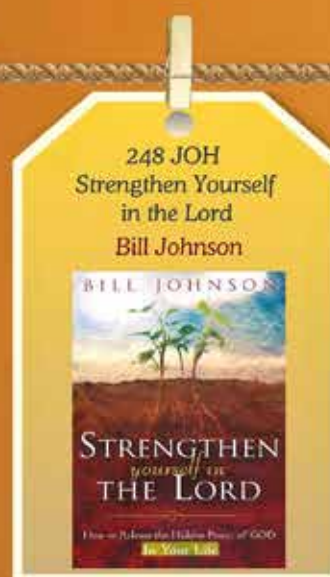
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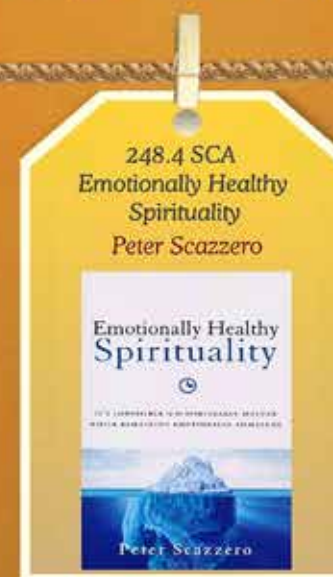
This book will equip each believer with the basic steps to a life-transforming, deeper intimacy with the Father. It introduces the keys that reach to the depth of the heart with the power of the cross and resurrection to effect lasting change through continual death and rebirth.



We believe what's generally accepted as good must be in line with God's will. Generosity, humility, justice - good. Selfishness, arrogance, cruelty - evil. The distinction seems pretty straightforward. If good is so obvious, why does the Bible say that we need discernment to recognize it? This book will help you to engage with God on a level that will impact your life.



How can you "count it all joy" when facing turmoil at home, work or within your family? Johnson tells you how through Scripture and personal experience. You can be strong when you know the keys to encouraging yourself - looking past failure and into a successful future.



Scazzero outlines his journey and the signs of emotionally unhealthy spirituality. He provides seven biblical, reality-tested ways to break through to the revolutionary life Christ meant for us. "The combination of emotional health and contemplative spirituality," he says, "unleashes the Holy Spirit inside us so that we might experientially know the power of an authentic life in Christ."



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Kwa Kiem Kiok

# SPIRITUAL DISCIPLINES

## • THE DISCIPLINE OF STUDY •

### LECTURE #20

God provides grace, punishes complainers  
defends Moses leadership - Numbers 11-12

- ① Complaint - Num 11: 1-9
- ② Consequence - Num 11: 10-35
- ③ Criticism - Num 12: 1-16

① COMPLAINT  
- lessons not learnt and shut + harm me  
- complaining affects those around you

↳ complaining spirit = bad character  
Am I ungrateful to God and do I blame  
\* COMPLAINT REVEALS IN GRATITUDE  
and did not want to  
with difficulties, what is  
to remove 'bad' bad



## **Singaporeans are schooled (pun intended) to study in order to pass exams.**

Exams are such an important part of our culture that in many families our lives revolve around our children's exam schedules. The message we live out is that exams are the key markers of our family lives and determine almost everything that we do. After exams we throw away the books, both literally and metaphorically, almost symbolising the end of "studying" for that subject.

Therefore few of us rarely study because we want to, and especially if there is no particular push for an exam. We carry these habits into our Christian lives, and unless we need to teach a lesson, say for Children's Ministry, or if we are in a Disciple Bible Study group which requires us to read beforehand, few of us would study. In short, few of us are disciplined in our study, nor do we study for its own sake. No wonder so many of us are spiritual babes!

That's why study is considered a spiritual discipline: we need spiritual power and grace as well as sheer dogged discipline to study scripture. For many of us then, we especially need each other to be disciplined in our study. Hence we should spur one another in this discipline. Committing to come together even with one other person forces us to prepare, and gives us space to discuss. For many of us, the verbal act of discussing sharpens our own understanding. Furthermore studying with others will give us a different perspective and point out our personal blind

spots. And that helps us to grow more holistically. For discipline to be meaningful it must be done regularly. Once a week or once a fortnight may be best for us. This discipline gives us a rhythm which will help us to strengthen our spiritual muscles and grow in maturity.

For Christians, studying the word is central to our lives. There are many good guides and tools which can help us to study the word well. One way we can decide whether a guide or tool is "good" is whether it makes us think and search for the answer or whether it gives all the answers and merely asks us: "How can you apply this in your life today?" Does the tool take seriously the whole word of God and compel you to read portions that are not so popular and familiar? A poor guide is one which takes isolated individual verses from Scripture without reading the context of the verse or scripture. A good guide will look at issues broadly and deeply, leaving room for us to think and ponder and want to find out more.

If in our church more people take seriously the discipline of study, what will our church look like? Does it mean then we have a lot of "smart" people who know all the answers? In 2 Timothy 2:15 – 26, Paul writes to Timothy to encourage him to study and teach the church, as a worker approved by God who correctly explains the word of truth (v.15). This person will avoid godless chatter and foolish arguments (v.16, 23) and pursue righteous living, faithfulness, love and peace (v.22). Such workers are not quarrelsome but are able to teach and are patient with difficult people (v.24). Therefore, if in our

church many people take study seriously we will actually be a church which is not quarrelsome, and where there is little godless chatter and foolish arguments: a church of faithfulness, love and peace. Would you like to be in that church? Then do your part and start seriously studying the Word!

Rev Paul Nga will have preached five sermons on spiritual disciplines by the end of this year. Sabbath-Sacrifice, Solitude-Simplicity, Sojourners-Submission, Stewardship-Service, Scripture-Study.

Kiem, who is one TMC's local preachers and a lecturer in Inter-Cultural Studies at the East Asia School of Theology, has been helping our readers in following that sermon series through this column. This is the last in the series.

The following materials are also recommended so that you can follow the sermon series more actively.

**Spiritual Disciplines – The Tasks of a Joyful Life (8 studies)**, by Larry Sibley from Fisherman Bible Study Guides (Special offer \$9.80)

**Spiritual Disciplines Companion – Bible Studies and Practices to Transform Your Soul (8 studies with 6 sections in each study)**, by Jan Johnson from InterVarsity Press (\$34.00)

More at [www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/pulpit.html). Queries to Park Ming / [parkming@tmc.org.sg](mailto:parkming@tmc.org.sg)

## "DO SELF!"



Tricia Tong

This column is about the things that little people can teach us about our relationship with God.

**I'm blessed with a child who has a streak of independence.**

At times, that trait can manifest itself as "stubbornness" but, by and large, it has made parenting a relatively easier job.

Vicky started to feed herself before she was two. In fact, when we first gave her control of the spoon – and therefore the food – often, her cry would be, "Do self! Do self!" (read: I'd like to feed myself.)

Sure, she made a mess of herself and her surroundings, but we had to give her the opportunity to practise and improve her motor skills, so that food progressively went into, instead of around, her mouth.

Now that she has learnt these motor skills fairly well, we notice that she enjoys her food best when she feeds herself. She can be so focussed on her meal that she won't talk to anyone. And





thus, a child learns that food has texture and flavour, and how to handle round foods like button mushrooms and grapes.

It is the same when we study the Bible – our spiritual food. We learn the Word of God well through our own personal encounter with it.

For many of us, our first foray with the Bible was probably disorganised. We may have read it by starting with Genesis and ending with Revelation, expecting, but not finding, the chronology of a history textbook. We may have jumped from book to book, desperately trying to find a trail of sense and reason. Our thoughts were a mess and a jumble before we finally started studying the Bible systematically, with the initial assistance of bible teachers.

say to us personally. We became more mature in our spiritual thinking, and we grew in Christ.

There are occasions (such as a bout of illness or a particularly moody day) when we have had to spoon-feed Vicky. Every mouthful is a pain and chore to both child and parent. And it is highly doubtful if she actually tastes any of her food. More likely than not, she is just gulping it down (if at all) in the hope that the ordeal will end quickly.

It's quite simple really - if you refuse to eat, no one can force you.

If you refuse to read the Bible, no one can compel you. No one can teach you anything that you decline to be taught.

If we find ourselves uttering phrases like, "I'm not growing" or "my spiritual walk is 'dry'", it's time to take stock of the spiritual food we are consuming, or not consuming as the case may be.

"For you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God... Like newborn babies, crave pure spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow up in your salvation, now that you have tasted that the Lord is good." (1 Pet 1:23, 2:2-3)

Matthew Henry's commentary states: "The graciousness of our Redeemer is best discovered by an experimental taste of it... There must be an immediate application of the object to the organ of taste; we cannot taste at a distance, as we may see, and hear, and smell... The word of God is the great instrument whereby he discovers and communicates his grace to men. Those who feed upon the sincere milk of the word taste and experience most of his grace. In our [conversations] with his word we should endeavour always to understand and experience more and more of his grace."

Yes, we can faithfully listen to a sermon every Sunday, or attend a rash of bible study courses – these are the "parents" which give us the initial guidance and instruction on how to feed ourselves. But unless we encounter the Lord for ourselves – unless we feed ourselves – it never becomes something we taste for ourselves as good. It never becomes something we personally take pleasure in. Don't we all want to grow up in the Lord? 🐣

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And when we did, we were able to enjoy the richness of God's Word. We started relishing its historical and cultural context, savouring the meaning of specific words used and more, identifying nuances, and more significantly, imbibing what the Lord has to

If one decides to starve, one will eventually waste away.

If one stops feeding from God's Word, one cannot expect to grow in one's journey of discipleship in Christ.



# IN AND AB

FESTIVAL OF PRAISE .....





# OUT TMC

ANNIVERSARY LUNCH





# IN AND AB

60TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION .....





# OUT TMC





# THE OLD GUARD



Tricia Tong

## EK and B K Khoo

As TMC celebrates 60 years of God's faithfulness, we remember the people who answered the call from God to establish a Methodist church in Serangoon Gardens. They will remind us what life was like in the early days, and how their service in church shaped their spiritual journey.

Mrs BK Khoo nee Tan (No. 58 on the Membership Roll) is 83 years old.

Although she was born in Singapore, she spent her growing up years in Malaysia as her father was an ordained Methodist pastor with the Methodist Chinese Conference in Malaysia, and was posted to a number of churches in Malaysia, including one in Klang. It was in Klang that BK spent the Japanese Occupation years, with her seven siblings.

BK mentioned, in passing, that her family got to know Rev TC Nga's family in Sitiawan and in Klang. She empathises with Rev Paul Nga about growing up as a PK – pastor's kid. One had to be on one's best behaviour at all times.

Feeding a family as big as the Tans was not easy on a pastor's meagre salary. But some perks came with being a pastor's kid – one enjoyed free schooling and music lessons.

They had a small organ at home. BK surmised that her father must have learnt to play the instrument from missionaries. In any case, her father taught his children to play hymns on the organ. BK was more serious about the instrument than any of her siblings. As a teenager, she played the simple organ at worship services in Klang.

After her Overseas Senior Cambridge examinations, BK came to Singapore with some of her siblings. She enrolled in Teachers' Training College, and later taught history and music.



Her love affair with the piano led her to take a loan to buy a piano after she obtained her teacher's certificate. In her twenties, she started formal piano lessons for the first time. Commencing at Grade 5, she eventually obtained her Licentiate of Trinity College London – Teaching (LTCL) or in layman's parlance, music diploma. It just shows that you are never too old to start learning an instrument! Later, she also bought a Hammond organ for use at home.

Upon her return to Singapore, BK first attended Wesley Methodist Church. She started worshiping at TMC after she married EK and they moved into Blandford Drive in Serangoon Gardens.

From 24 Nov 1957, TMC's worship services were held in St Peter's Church at 1 Tavistock Avenue. It was at St Peter's Church that BK started playing the organ for TMC's services. Trained to play the piano, BK had to pick up organ-playing from other organists.



Playing the organ is no mean feat. Just because you can play the piano does not mean that you take to the organ like fish to water. First, there are registrations\* to set – how do you want the piece to sound? Prayerful? Triumphant? Then, there are the manuals\*, each of which can sound different depending on what registration is set. Then, there are the notes to pedal. Just try reading a score, playing with both hands and depressing pedals with both feet, but **without** looking at your feet, with your eyes still on the score and pulling stops\* to change registrations seamlessly. You really have to be a human octopus. It takes multi-tasking to a different level.

BK counts Mrs Chew Chin Jin as one of her mentors. In the early 1970s, Mrs Chew took organ examinations at Victoria Concert Hall (some of us musicians may remember shivering through our Royal Academy of Music practical examinations in the same venue, both out of sheer cold as well as anxiety). Mrs Chew also invited examiners to TMC to play the organ.

BK recalls that the first TMC building in 1963 only housed a small electronic organ with one tier of manuals. The pedal only controlled the volume of the organ. It could not play any notes.

When asked why she has been playing the organ for 60 years, BK laughed and explained that in the early days, there were just not enough musicians. She recalls that it was mainly just Mrs Chew Chin Jin, Violet Gail Tan, and herself. She retired this year ... but TMC still does not have enough organists.

In the early days, BK accompanied the choir and its numerous cantata renditions. She recounted that the very first choir was “very good”, and consisted of musical families like Mrs Chew’s family, Violet Gail Tan’s family, Daisy Lai, the Khors and others. In BK’s view, choral and instrumental presentations are one’s offerings of praise to God, and are not to be treated as competitive performances. BK urges all musicians to be active in the music ministry to enhance the worship of God at TMC.

BK also taught Sunday School to 10-year-olds in the late 1950s. She recalls that her class held their lessons in a house across the road from Uncle Tong Kum Toh’s house on Cowdray Avenue.



*BK on the organ at TMC (1978)*



*BK (front row, middle) with the TMC Choir (circa 1970s)*

Dr Khor Tong Hong recalls that after the electone organ of 1963, TMC had between two to three organs in succession of the Conn make. The older Conn was given to a church in Bukit Arang. These organs had two manuals and buttons. The second Conn organ came with the option of resonating pipes, which amplified the sound of the Conn organ. When Conn’s business folded up, and spares could no longer be obtained, an Allen organ was purchased. The Allen organ had two manuals with stops. This was retired after the 2003-4 re-development project, and donated to an affiliate of Zion Bible Presbyterian Church. Our current organ is an Allen organ with three manuals and 58 stops.

\* manuals – the keyboards

\* registration – the selection or combination of stops

\* stop – the knob or tab which is used to turn a type of sound on or off. Many stops on an organ result in many possibilities for tonal colour and volume. There are several families, or groups, of sounds: Reeds, Principals, Flutes, and Strings. (Organ Education Project © Copyright 1996 by Marya J. Fancey)

It was not one of the houses of The Old Guard, but a Chinese family with Victor Ho who joined the class. They emigrated to Australia when he was a young boy. Last she knew, he was doing God's work.

Back in the 1950s, there was no Sunday School curriculum, BK explained. One just told stories from the Bible. Lee Pak Kheng and Lee Park Ming were BK's Sunday School students.

Pak Kheng said: "I remember Aunt Khoo more for the many Sundays spent in her home eating and playing. She is a teacher at heart, not judging my young errant ways, teaching by example and always reaching out with love and fellowship. I still experience her reaching out and enjoy her companionship and love when we go out together. 'Sunday School' with Aunt Khoo never stops ... it keeps going."

Apart from the music ministry and Sunday School, BK was also a member of the WSCS hand-craft group which met every Saturday for many years. They made quilts, bags, toilet roll holders, pot / casserole carriers, and crocheted, knitted and cross-stitched handicraft items.

Having been worshipping in TMC for almost 60 years, BK's most vivid memories are those of friends. She counts Mrs Lee Poh Lin, Mrs Gloria Lim and Mrs Koh Chin Teng among her contemporaries. They are a constant in her life, even as pastors come and go.

And on the subject of pastors, it is to EK Khoo's story that we now turn.

Like BK, EK Khoo (No. 57 on the Membership Roll) was a teacher.

EK describes Lorong Chuan as a red laterite track, littered with potholes when he moved into Serangoon Gardens in the late 1950s. A cloud of red earth covered the cars which passed through the area.

EK was the chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations and Staff Committee (PPRSC) for 16 long years.

In general, the PPRSC looks after all matters with regard to the appointment of pastors and staff employed by TMC.

When asked what he thought his role was as PPRSC chairperson, EK said in his simple way: "I just followed the Discipline." He was referring to the Book of Discipline that contains the principles, practices and procedures of the Methodist Church in Singapore.

Close to EK's heart are the pastoral visits to congregants' homes, which EK instituted. These visits were to the homes of all members who consented to be visited, including those who were not home-bound. There was no age limit either.



*BK (seated, first from left) with her small group of 20 years*



*BK (middle) fellowshiping with old friends on the occasion of Mrs Eileen Smith's (second from left) visit in 1996*



EK got Lee Pak Lin, the church administrative assistant at the time, to contact the members to ask if they would like the pastor to visit them. She then “zoned” them (Serangoon Gardens, for example, has “Avenues” and “Drives” and “Groves”), and scheduled the pastor to perform the visits. For a time, EK was the chauffeur to the pastors on these visits. He laughingly said that he being chauffeur gave the pastors no excuse to miss their visitations.

As PPRSC chairperson, he had to attend Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) meetings. EK made it his business to get to know the pastors within TRAC because a pastor influences his church’s direction. Generally, when the TRAC President appoints a new pastor to a local church, he will ask the PPRSC chairperson’s opinion of the appointment, even though the final decision always rests with the TRAC President.

One of the more difficult things EK had to do as PPRSC chairperson was to ask for a pastor to be transferred out of the church. EK explained that the pastor was more involved in external ministry work and overseas mission trips, than in local church matters. In fact, the pastor made a visit to a member’s home and addressed the member by the wrong name, much to the chagrin of the member ... and EK. Some of the members of the PPRSC felt that it was “not very nice” to request for the pastor to be transferred out. But true to form as a school discipline master, EK dug his heels in for the sake of the local church, and spoke with the TRAC President and the District Superintendent so that TMC could be assigned another pastor.

EK is in favour of the itinerant system which the Methodist Church practises as this allows pastors to broaden their perspectives. He describes it as “healthy” as it does not allow a pastor to build an empire in any one church, and also beneficial for the congregants as they don’t end up hero-worshipping the pastor, or on the flip-side being saddled with an ineffective pastor!

Amongst the many duties of the PPRSC, one is to confer and counsel with the pastor(s) and staff in making an effective ministry by being available for counsel, keeping the pastor(s) and staff advised concerning conditions within the congregation as they affect relations between the pastor/staff and the people, and the nature and function of the ministry (para 170.2 of the Book of Discipline).

EK recalls that as his time as PPRSC chairperson wore on, pastors became younger. He had to give pointers to these young pastors on how to get along with the congregants as each congregation has different demands. He acknowledges that being a pastor is not an easy job, and the pastor’s close relationship with the PPRSC can only be helpful to the pastoral role.

One of the more extraordinary episodes in his years of service to the church was an incident where the then-LCEC chairman asked him to jump into the car one morning. EK asked where they were going, and was told not to ask. As it turns out, he was brought to the then-treasurer’s house. The treasurer had had no time to prepare the monthly statements of account, and the LCEC chairperson had driven EK to the treasurer’s house to collect journals, ledgers and receipts. EK was told to “prepare the monthly statements”. Flabbergasted, EK exclaimed that he was an English and History teacher, not an accountant.

Nonetheless, for a few months, he faithfully pored over the various documents and prepared the monthly statements of accounts, until a proper book-keeper was found. “I just did it,” said EK, in his matter-of-fact way. A lesson for all who shy away from serving when asked!

EK has had his own Wesleyan heart-warming experience. He was at his regular prayer breakfast meeting with the late Victor Han and the late Rev Dr George Wan one morning in or about 1981, when the pastor suggested that they attended the Full Gospel Businessman's Fellowship (FGBF) which took place every Monday evening. It was EK's first time at a charismatic meeting, and it was an unfamiliar setting to him. The people were singing in tongues, and he had no clue what was going on. When an altar call was made, the pastor said to the group: "Let's go up!" EK dutifully followed.

The three went forward and formed a circle together with the two leaders of the FGBF and had their arms over one another's shoulders. Khoo Oon Theam, the Rev Dr Lorna Khoo's uncle, and the late Tan Boon Chiang, former president of the Industrial Arbitration Court, began praying in tongues. Oon Theam's right arm was over EK and it began to shake and then it grew warm. EK felt strange and surmised that he must have put up some resistance. After about three minutes, the praying ended. Oon Theam gave EK a quizzical look, but said nothing.

On the way home in the car, EK described what had happened to him, but no one could give an explanation as to why it happened. EK received no answers from the Lord for the next three days. But after their next prayer breakfast meeting, on the way home, the Lord revealed His Word to EK: "...the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus." (Phil 4:7). EK said it was the manifestation of the Holy Spirit in his life and there was no other word to describe the event than "fantastic".

Following that experience, God gave EK a great hunger for His Word. To EK's amazement, every day without fail, he could spend four hours, two in the morning and two in the evening, reading God's Word for a few months without feeling any fatigue. Soon after, the Lord got EK involved with three others in conducting worship services and ministering to the respective inmates of Changi Prison under the FGBF's arrangement. Later, EK's earlier small group led by the late Tan Choon Yan, a school principal, led the worship services at the Drug Rehabilitation Centre.

Filled with a great passion for God, when Rev Melvin Huang became pastor at TMC (Aug 1986 – Dec 1994), he gave permission for EK to start a Prayer & Praise service at 5pm. Every Sunday, EK had to find an external speaker to preach at the service, and by the grace of God (because, by EK's own admission, he knew "no one"), he did find the speakers. When no speaker was available, which rarely happened, Pastor Melvin would take over. EK held this role for two years before passing the baton to Mrs Dorothy Tan. The 5pm service was the forerunner of the service in the contemporary style.

With God's leading, EK continues to serve actively in TMC. When lay executive staff, Lee Park Ming, approached him to start a small group for seniors in 2010, EK was hesitant as it had been a long time since he had last led a Small Group. One evening at dinner, after his return from a holiday at Fraser's Hill in Malaysia, Park Ming announced that he had scheduled the Seniors' Small Group to meet on 27 August 2010. With the youngest member at 63 years old and the oldest at 92, the group started to meet fortnightly. The group went on a hiatus after three years as their "transport minister", Mrs Linda Kwan, was no longer available to ferry the more elderly members of the group to the meetings.

At age 86, with the Lord's prompting, EK has not stopped getting involved as a helper in Alpha 2016. At this year's Alpha retreat, while a song was being sung, tears started flowing down the cheeks of one of the participants. During a conversation with this "young senior", EK found out that that the "young senior" had cried because he had found the lyrics of the song to be meaningful. The "young senior" remarked to EK that hymns, on the other hand, were not meaningful. That was enough to give EK a window to mentor the "young senior".

EK kindly explained to the "young senior" that hymns were composed decades ago, in a different context and atmosphere to today. He advised the "young senior" not to criticise, nor to say that hymns were meaningless as some people still appreciate them. After all, today's modern songs will become tomorrow's hymns.



Although EK claims to have had to slow down because of age and a lack of energy, it was clear from our interview that today's young people would be struggling to keep up with his pace even in his golden years. "This is the working and empowerment of the Holy Spirit," said EK.

**Thank God for “the Old Guard” like BK and EK who have given so many years of service to TMC.**



*Seniors small group - (seated is EK, standing L-R are Linda Kwan, Harry Lim, Violet Jesudoss, Leong Choy Wah, Angela Lee, Irene Chin, not in photo is Mrs Yu Puay Teen)*

The triangular structure of the TMC Sanctuary is often described as a “tent” – a “tent of meeting”. In EK’s memory, it was the brainchild of Mr Tong Kum Toh, one of the pioneers of TMC.

Uncle Tong, as he is still affectionately referred to, was a technician by profession, but he was gifted in the science of acoustics. He decided that, instead of brick and stone, the Sanctuary should be constructed with timber which gave a better timbre of sound (pun intended). It was a bold decision to make as timber cost twice that of brick and stone which are cold whereas timber gives the feeling of warmth.





# THE OLD GUARD

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## SIMPLE PRAYER BUT REAL FAITH



Lim Sue Yien

As TMC celebrates 60 years of God's faithfulness, we remember the people who answered the call from God to establish a Methodist church in Serangoon Gardens. They will remind us what life was like in the early days, and how their service in church shaped their spiritual journey.

Constance Seet (10th December 1917 – 7th August 2006) was a much loved TMC member of old. Her daughter Linda Kwan (No. 140 on the Membership Roll) discovered us first, having come to church with schoolmate Lee Pak Kheng. After some time, Constance switched to attending TMC given the proximity to her home and old ties to her alma mater Methodist Girls School. She participated fully in church life, being part of a small group, active in Seniors' ministry, attended several church camps with much enthusiasm, and was a constant feature in the church office on Friday mornings helping to assemble the Sunday bulletin. She was well loved by all she came into contact with.

Underlying this cheerful disposition was a simple but persistent faith. She was blessed with patience and perseverance. Constance's husband Mr Seet Wing Him grew up as a filial son in a Taoist family. He had shied away from Christianity in favour of performing his family duties toward ancestors and parents. However, Constance prayed for his salvation for more than 40 years. One day in his 70s, he decided that he wanted to follow his wife to church and know this God that she worshipped.

Perhaps he came for the delicious food during fellowships. Who knows. The point is, he accepted Christ and was baptised by Ps Philip Lim in his home when he was in his 80s. God answers our prayers in His own time. For Constance, that was after more than half a lifetime of prayer.

Christianity is a living faith because our God is alive, walking with us and providing us comfort during challenging moments. Constance experienced this very intimately toward the end of her life. The episode was so significant to her that despite ailing health, she wrote a testimony, excerpts of which follow.

"My son Ronald took me to Dr Arjit the next day. It was a Saturday. A day when most clinics are crowded as they operate for half a day. God is good. When we arrived, I found that I was the first patient.

Dr Arjit examined me very thoroughly and cautiously. As he probed and questioned me, I began to remember things which happened to me a few months back. I recalled choking whenever I drank water or ate. Sometimes I even choked on my own saliva. I drooled and slurred.

"These are bad signs of a possible stroke," said Dr Arjit. "She needs a scan." Frightening words! He immediately wrote a referral to NUH and I saw the words in large print – Stroke! Urgent! - More frightening!

My son and grandson Aaron accompanied me to the A&E at NUH. By God's grace, we were attended to after a short wait by a senior consultant who confirmed Dr Arjit's diagnosis. I was immediately



Friday morning "ritual" for Constance (seated 1st from right), assembling Sunday bulletins with the ladies in the church office.





*Constance, extreme right, was a regular at church camps.*

warded and scheduled for a scan.

On reaching the ward, I saw number 76. A thought flashed through my mind – 76, 7+6 = 13. My room number was 14. In Cantonese, “Sure Die”. I laughed.

Doctors came around and I was notified that they would do a scan soonest possible. After that, they decided they needed to do an MRI. Wow! Things were getting scary. “Lord, I need you.” – this was my simple prayer.

The next day I was taken to the MRI department. Half an hour later, I was wheeled in, and put on the tray to go into the MRI tunnel. The “tunnel” was very brightly lit. My eyes were wide open. I was fully alert. Then I saw a most amazing sight. I saw Jesus. He is alive and was standing by my side! He was dressed in a white robe and had a brown scarf draped over His shoulders. He was bending and had His palm over my body. He walked along side the tray with me right into the tunnel. When my head was completely inside the tunnel, He was standing upright beside me. I saw only the lower part of His body covered by His white linen robe. I could not see his face.

Hallelujah! Jesus is alive!

Result of MRI: Not good. Doctors spotted something unusual. Need to do another CT scan. Need to drink 2 litres of water. Remember my choking when I drink water? I sent another SOS to God. “Lord, help me.”

The scan showed a shadow in one of my lungs which required further investigation. This meant more procedures, which required inserting a scope through the trachea or the esophagus to get a sample for biopsy. The doctors had a long discussion with my children. Final decision –

Ask mother, the patient. I said, “My life is in the hands of my Lord God, the Great Physician. He said, ‘Call unto me and I will answer you.’” (Jeremiah 33:3)

I believe Jesus heard all my prayers and that was why He visited me at the MRI “tunnel”. He wanted to reassure me and show me that He is very much alive. He hears my needs and will always take care of me. I am not afraid because He loves me and will heal me in His own way and in His own time.

I actually quite enjoyed my short “vacation” at NUH. I got to see Jesus. He is ALIVE! This I MUST share! Now my mission is accomplished! The joy of the Lord is my strength : Glory to God! AMEN!”

Indeed, her mission was accomplished. She experienced Jesus first hand, did not keep it to herself, but shared it with her beloved church. Constance passed away peacefully within a year after this testimony was shared at the pulpit by her daughter Linda Kwan.



*Constance (4th from right) enjoying fellowship with the Serangoon Parish.*





# WITH TMC

## FLORAL GLASS



Samuel Wong

Florence Ng is the glass designer and artist whose company designed and created the coloured glass windows in TMC's sanctuary. Coincidentally, along with TMC, she turns a youthful 60 years this 2016.

Florence first encountered Christianity when she attended a convent school where religious studies and gatherings were part of the school curriculum. She later accepted Christ at a small Assembly of God church at Bo Bo Tan Gardens in Tiong Bahru. However it was only during an extended holiday in Perth, Australia, that she was baptised. She moved to Serangoon Garden after she got married, and started to search for a church in the neighbourhood. In 1984, she found TMC where she has since planted roots in.

"Having been very blessed all my life, I am simply grateful for everything – both the good and bad," she says. It's a special feeling, knowing that I'm as old – or as young - as the church!"

Florence recalls being roped in to the Saltshaker team when Rev Melvin Huang was the pastor, tasked with creating illustrations for the magazine. "In those days it was all done by hand, no computer-aided software, and I had to do these in between running my own studio," she says.

The scripture in Galatians on the Fruit of the Spirit has great significance to her and subconsciously guides the way she lives her life. She firmly believes in these nine attributes of a Christian life of Love, Joy, Peace, Forbearance, Kindness, Goodness, Faithfulness, Gentleness and Self-Control. She always tries to conceptualise her art to revolve around these themes.



Sketch of Rev Melvin Huang for the Saltshaker (circa late 1980s, early 1990s)



Five Loaves and Two Fish in glass



Illustration by Florence of the Fruit of the Spirit.



Florence seeks to be a good testimony of God's grace in daily moments and interaction with people whether they are her staff, family, clients or friends. She acknowledges that this sounds easier than it really is, and that the Bible text on the fruit of Spirit serves as a constant reminder of how much she needs God to bear spiritual fruit in her life.

She is most thankful to God for the gifts He has blessed her with and how she is able to use them for the purposes of the church, and above all for His kingdom, both at work and at home. At the office, she circulates a Bible-focused email among the 30-odd staff along the lines of Our Daily Bread each day. When she stopped doing it during a very busy period, she received queries from some of the regular recipients on why they had not received it. She rejoiced at the news as up to that point, she was unsure whether anyone read or found it meaningful. She does so religiously, not missing a work day without sending it out, now both in English as well as Chinese versions.

At church, there have been two occasions when she was approached to be involved with helping to raise funds for the church. She agreed without hesitation, doing it in the way she knows how with ideas inspired by God, and the abilities she is blessed with. One was raising funds for the building of TMC's current building where she created the artwork for Five Loaves and Two Fish in glass and a few other artworks that were put up for auction. The other was the recent fundraising project for Glory Trinity Methodist Church (GTMC) where she conceptualised

and created glass bricks that were donated by her glass studio, Synergraphic Design.

What does TMC mean to her? To Florence, TMC remains a place where she can go to worship and sing praises to the Lord every week. Her birthday wish for the church is that that every individual will walk across the room to connect with one another, to build a community of caring believers who are authentic in their relationships and actions, so that everyone can have a place where they can belong.

*Dear Mummy,*

*You've been giving all that you have to us and others all these years. As you turn 60, may you have more time for yourself and be blessed even more abundantly as you continue to bless others out of a pure and generous heart!*

*Love,  
Sara*



*Florence and family*



# 60 WITH TMC

## THE PREACHER'S KID TURNS 60



*Rev Paul Nga*

It's been three score years - I cannot wait to activate my "Senior Citizen Concession Card" today! I thank God that He continues to entrust me with life, and the Lord has not issued me a passport nor called me home yet! God must still have a plan and purpose for me.

It has been more than 45 years since I really "accepted Christ" when I was 14, when someone was brave enough to approach the Preacher's Kid to ask if I had accepted Jesus Christ as Saviour and Lord. I came to know Jesus in a few ways:

- Through head knowledge accumulated through church (growing up as a Preacher's Kid, staying in parsonage from age 9 till age 19 or so, and through my school, a mission school with weekly chapel services and daily devotions.
- Through heart knowledge gained progressively through the years. (For several years I always went up to the altar-area during year-end evangelistic events "to receive Christ", just in case what I did the previous year(s) were not sincere enough and hence invalid!)

I also celebrate 35 years of Pastoral Ministry. Truly God's timing and His appointing me to TMC, a church that also turns 60, cannot be coincidental!

As I turn 60 with TMC, I want to be open to sense and to respond to God's leading and teaching on how physical life-stages can relate to spiritual life-stages. Individually and corporately, we can reflect upon and celebrate God's goodness and faithfulness all these 60 years, and together continue to look to Him, lean on Him, learn of and from Him, and be led by Him.

My spiritual goals for myself are three-fold:

- To always keep close to Jesus Christ by accepting His invitation.

"... Come to me. Get away with me and you'll recover your life. I'll show you how to take a real rest. Walk with me and work with me – watch how I do it. Learn the unforced rhythms of grace. I won't lay anything heavy or ill-fitting on you. Keep company with me and you'll learn to live freely and lightly." Matthew 11:28b-30 (MSG)

- To always focus on the Lord in any and every situation by having moments of being "still".

"... Attention, all! See the marvels of GOD! He plants flowers and trees all over the earth, bans war from pole to pole, breaks all the weapons across his knee. Step out of the traffic! Take a long, loving look at me, your High God, above politics, above everything." Psalm 46:9-10 (MSG)





The Nga family on the occasion of Dorcas' wedding

*Happy 60th birthday, Dad! Wishing you many more years of enjoying delicious food (including what you cook) even as you continue with God's work on earth. - Hosea*

*Dear Dad, happy 60th birthday!! You are finally eligible for your senior citizen's discounts :) Thanks for being such a wonderful father and role model!! Wishing you many more years of good health. God Bless. - Dorcas*

*Thanks for being my soul mate and best friend all these years. Appreciate your love language of "Acts of Service". May God grant you good health and ensure that you will "stay fresh and green" (Ps 92:14) Blessed birthday, 老顽童! - Mee Hee*

*Hi Dad, happy birthday and may God continue to use you mightily for His Kingdom. - Eugene*

- To grow in the love and knowledge of the Lord Jesus Christ, and to grow in favour with God and people.

"And Jesus matured, growing up in both body and spirit, blessed by both God and people."  
Luke 2:52 (MSG)

TMC provides the "soil" for me to grow and develop fruit in these areas:

- I have been able to cultivate and develop spiritual disciplines by "Making SPACE for the PACE of God's GRACE" through co-facilitating Companions-in-Christ (28-sessions) with Lee Park Ming and Philip Khoo. Personally, the group of more than 25 persons serves as an accountability group for me too!
- I have been able to feed on God's Word for myself through co-facilitating DISCIPLE-1 (34-sessions) with Philip Khoo. Personally, the group of more than 13 persons serves as an accountability group for me to read and feed on God's Word!
- I have been able to work on my relationships, in particular my primary relationship with my wife Mee Hee through co-facilitating

Marriage Preparation classes (8-sessions). Personally, in preparing for and presenting the sessions, I have had to take stock of my own relationship with my spouse.

My birthday wish for TMC, apart from what is expressed so clearly in our TMC 60th Anniversary Theme Song, is to maintain and recover our Wesleyan Roots and Distinctiveness: the strength of Clergy and Lay persons working together; the Small Groups System; and the Person and Power of God's Holy Spirit in the life and ministry of TMC (both individuals and corporate).

I also hope we can identify, groom, nurture, and "release" home-grown talents, for example Tricia and Daryl in the areas of Lyrics and Music, Hern Shung and Park Ming in the area of articles and books on relevant topics. Maybe we can collate and compile these for TMC 65!

What does TMC mean? It means to be Tnued to God individually and as a church, Moulded by God individually and as a church, and Connected to God (and God's People and the World).

Happy birthday TMC!





# TMC – My first church

## Lessons learnt as a young Christian and pastor



*Lai Kai Ming  
Pastor-in-Charge,  
Pentecost Methodist Church*

TMC was my very first church.

I became a Christian at the age of 19 in London. While I was there, I met Ivan Tan – a diehard TMC boy whose initials are also “T-M-C” (Ivan Tan Meng Cheng is his full name).

Ivan invited me to his church when I returned to Singapore for the summer holidays.

The warm fellowship, and a vibrant group of young adults, made sure that TMC would also become my home.

I settled in pretty quickly upon my return in 1991, and served in various ministries over the years – choir (yes, me!), Sunday School, Youth Ministry and the Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC).

I remember my very first LCEC retreat. I was appointed to facilitate the Women’s Society of Christian Service (WSCS) group to discuss church plans. The ladies made me feel very welcome, and I thoroughly enjoyed myself. More importantly, I got to know TMC’s many women disciples and saw how much these ladies loved the church.

The more I served, the more the Lord stirred in me a desire to become a pastor.

The “call” had come when I was attending All Souls Church in London, but it was increasingly confirmed as I got involved in the life of the church.

When my contract as an army officer ended in 2000, I joined Trinity Theological College in preparation to be a pastor. I will always remember how TMC generously supported my family during the period of my studies.

One of my most memorable experiences as a pastor in TMC was the change of service timings in 2004. The decision to swop the timings of the two English services, and to determine the new timings, took many late nights and not a few angry encounters. Although the leadership had decided on this for the good of the church, we did not realise how much such a change would affect our members. We learnt it the hard way, and I received a precious lesson as a young pastor. I still remember the LCEC having to attend a class on “Change Management” after the whole saga!



*Kai Ming (third from left) serving with the visitation team*

As part of our Diamond Anniversary celebrations, the Saltshaker has invited former church members who are now in pastoral or full-time Christian ministry to share with our readers the impact that Trinity Methodist Church (TMC) has made on their lives.

Another memorable experience as a pastor in TMC was leading a visitation team each month to serve holy communion to homebound worshippers. As an introvert, I often found it a challenge to strike a meaningful conversation with the elderly. But the team members stepped in and brought so much cheer to the shut-ins. The climax of each visit was to have lunch together and share our lives. Eventually, the team multiplied into three visitation teams.

On one occasion, a team decided to visit an elderly couple who had been absent from church for many years – Mr Tong Kum Toh and Mrs Ruth Tong, two of the Old Guards of TMC. It was a “surprise” visit, and we were in turn surprised by their hospitality. They bought us a meal at the Jumbo Restaurant nearby. A week later, the couple returned to attend church services until the day that they were called home to be with God years later.

TMC was where I grew as a young Christian as well as a young pastor. These are some lessons I learnt along the way:

- **Invest in our children and youth**, even when all our efforts do not seem to yield results immediately. I am always heartened when I meet my Sunday School charges who have grown up to be men and women serving the Lord.
- **God is in charge and He uses imperfect people to do His work**. I just have to look in the mirror to see the proof of that statement.
- **The most important thing in church ministry is not attendance and short-term success in programmes. It is relationships**. Not a superficial relationship, but one that is honest, accountable and centred on God’s Word. In other words, discipleship.

My birthday wish for TMC is that we will understand the call of this church in Serangoon Gardens, and fulfill it whatever the cost.



*On a mission trip to Cambodia (1995)*



*“No, Jacob, you eat your cricket first!”*



*The Lai Family: (Back L-R) Lois, Kai Ming, Lesley, Yasha and Kyrie (front)*





# In the Hush of the Morning



David Gwee  
Pastor, Christ Methodist Church

The year was 1968. Serangoon Gardens was still a sleepy township, colloquially known, especially to taxi drivers, as *ang sar lee*, meaning “red roofs” in Hokkien.

Grocery stores used milk tins suspended from the ceiling as cash registers. Favourite hangouts included Tip Top Restaurant, Mubarak Store, Sputnik Coffee Shop, and NIB secondhand book store.

It was into this cosy neighbourhood that a young couple moved, together with their six-year-old son. They took up residence in number 5, Jalan Chulek, at a cul-de-sac. The little boy relished exploring the estate, cycling around on his little red bicycle. The young couple, Methodists, decided to start attending Trinity Methodist Church (TMC) and eventually transferred their membership from Christ Methodist Church.

That young couple was my parents, Daniel and Doris Gwee. And I was that little boy, eagerly wandering around the vicinity.

Through the years, my parents played an active role in TMC. Papa was the LCEC chairman at one stage and mum, the Sunday School Superintendent. I enjoyed attending Sunday School and the Methodist Youth Fellowship (MYF), learning the ways of the Lord from many teachers including Mr Chan Chong Hiok, his wife Margaret, and the now-Rev Malcolm Tan.

Over the years I became involved in ministry too. I had the privilege of being a Sunday School teacher for 14 years, which I consider to be my most fulfilling lay commitment.

TMC played the major part in my preparation for full-time pastoral ministry, although I didn’t know it at the time. Apart from Sunday School and MYF, bible study under Malcolm and DISCIPLE Bible Study were important parts of my spiritual schooling.



(L-R) Derek, Doris, David and Daniel Gwee on the occasion of David’s confirmation



David and Dawn (second row, first and second from left) at a Games Day with the Methodist Youth Fellowship (circa 1984)



David Gwee being bullied at a Sunday School camp (1994)



David (far right) in the Good Friday play Forsaken (2003)

My calling to full-time ministry began in a very dramatic fashion. It happened in the year 2000.

At that time, I was very comfortable working for Hewlett Packard. On that momentous morning, I was just waking up. The sky was beginning to lighten. I remember it as clear as if it were yesterday. As I lay in my bed, I sensed God telling me: "Go full-time."

It was like a fuzzy font of the phrase in my mind's eye, accompanied by a kind of "hushed vocalization", not really amounting to a voice. But it seemed to me that God had spoken. I very hesitantly told my wife Dawn: "God said something to me. But it's too scary so I'm not going to tell you just yet." Even now, she still remembers that day.

Following that, various incidents such as then-Assistant Pastor at TMC, Rev John Benedict Foo praying for me at the July 2001 Young Methodist Leaders' Conference, the wisdom and counsel of then-Pastor-in-Charge of TMC, Rev Philip Lim, the affirmation of my Sunday School teacher, Chong Hiok, and another God-encounter via a devotion time reading Psalm 62, finally convinced me to begin studies at Trinity Theological College (TTC).

Another ongoing encouragement at that time was the TMC Scholarship Committee, ably helmed by Mr Yip Fook Yoon. This committee looked after those who felt the calling of God to go into full-time ministry. Mr Yip would organise periodic meetings where we would just meet to share and pray for one another. Lynette Sathiasingam, Lai Kai Ming, Ivan Tan (now all pastors), Jacob Cheng and various others including me were beneficiaries of this support. The committee also arranged for financial support while we studied at TTC.



David Gwee's ordination

Dawn and I were also blessed by the exceptionally generous help from two of our oldest and dearest friends, members of TMC: Fang Yea Yee and Sin Guek. With their help and the help of TMC, I was able to concentrate on my studies and not be unduly worried about daily expenses.

In 2006, I graduated from TTC. I applied for and was accepted as a Member-On-Trial in the Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC). My first appointment was to Barker Road Methodist Church as Assistant Pastor and I spent two-and-a-half years there, becoming a Deacon in the process. Following this, I was appointed to my current church, Christ Methodist, in 2009.

So very quickly, 10 years have passed since I first became a pastor. It has been a deeply fulfilling life, filled with challenges and blessings. Through it all, Rev Malcolm Tan's advice to "keep your eyes on Jesus" has guided me through thick and thin. I am very blessed to have an immensely rewarding vocation. I have the opportunity to help people grow spiritually as well as help those in trouble. I wouldn't exchange it for anything.

As TMC celebrates its 60th anniversary, it can be proud that it has produced many disciples who are not only biblically well-schooled, but also dedicated to ministry. In terms of pastors, apart from the aforementioned, Rev Dr Lorna Khoo and Rev Gabriel Liew are also alumni of TMC. This makes TMC, a medium-sized church, one of the most prolific pastor-producing churches in TRAC, bested only by much larger churches.

TMC must continue to have very strong emphasis on discipleship, particularly on bible study and ministry/service towards others. Why do I say this? It is because these two commitments are key for spiritual development. I believe that this was the strength of TMC in the past, and must continue to be its strength into the future.

So my birthday wish for the family of TMC is this: Be biblically well-nourished and committed to serve others, within and outside the church. God bless TMC on its 60th Anniversary!





## HELPING OTHERS – NOT BECAUSE OF WHO THEY ARE, BUT BECAUSE OF WHO WE ARE IN CHRIST



*Rev Gabriel Liew  
Pastor, Kampong Kapor  
Methodist Church*

I want to thank TMC for giving me this opportunity to recall the beautiful memories and experiences I had growing up in this great faith community. This has informed and inspired my pastoral ministry in the churches that I have served.

Coming from a non-Christian family, I came to know Christ as a teenager. When I was in Campus Crusade for Christ (now CRU), Mr Chan Chong Hiok, my spiritual mentor, brought me to TMC. Through the warm and caring relationships, I grew spiritually. I was nourished by their acceptance, kindness, humility and faithfulness to God. I served as a staff of CRU for some years before God called me to be a pastor. I taught Sunday School and served as the Evangelism Chairman. I developed a compassion for the marginalised at TMC when I visited the residents at the then Woodbridge Hospital (now the Institute for Mental Health).

What have I been up to since I left TMC for the pastoral ministry?

TMC was fertile learning ground for the outreach ministries I became involved in.

I am glad to be part of the outreach ministry at Kampong Kapor Methodist Church. I would like to share two such initiatives.

### ***HIV/AIDS Ministry***

HIV/AIDS is a global crisis. Christians are called to “rescue the perishing, (and) care for the dying” (Fanny J. Crosby). We are called to relieve the immense pain and suffering of those living with HIV/

AIDS. Like Jesus who touched the lepers, we need to open our minds, hearts and doors to those living with HIV/AIDS.

Dr. Donald E. Messer, Executive Director of the Center for the Church and Global AIDS, said: “Those who are infected with HIV/AIDS experience not only the effects of this devastating disease, but also extreme stigmatisation and discrimination. As disciples of Jesus Christ... Methodists are called to continue His healing ministry to the most marginalised in the world.”

Thus, led by the Holy Spirit, I helped organise prophetic HIV/AIDS seminars to sensitise disciples of Jesus Christ to this need.

I also work with the Catholic Aids Response Effort (C.A.R.E.) which provides hospitality, acceptance and practical help to people living with HIV/AIDS.

I make myself available to share this message with small groups.

Pope Francis said, “The name of God is Mercy”. Thus, join me in prayer that Christian disciples will fight against the discrimination, stigmatisation and marginalisation of people living with HIV/AIDS. Let us express the compassion of Christ in friendship and practical help to the outcasts. May we embrace and welcome them to our churches.

### ***Inter-Faith Ministry***

Being accepted at TMC enabled me to also accept others just as they are. This unconditional

love and respect is the foundation for my inter-faith dialogue with leaders and members of the other faith communities.

We all live in a dangerous world where religious strife and conflicts threaten to manifest in community violence. Irrational fear and prejudices are often created by ignorance for we fear the unknown. Christian disciples are to be bridge-builders and not wall-makers. As such, we should take the initiative to build understanding and friendship with people of other faiths. We can ill afford to huddle in our holy ghettos, insulated and isolated from our pluralistic society and the real world.

I currently serve as a member of the Inter-Racial and Religious Confidence Circle, (IRCC), in Kampong Glam. The IRCC is made up of community and religious leaders from the religious organisations in the constituency, so that we can help calm our “flocks” in the event of a crisis that may undermine communal trust in Singapore. As friends, we visit one another to gain mutual understanding and to conduct our meetings. I have visited the Kwan Im Thong Hood Cho Temple (or Goddess of Mercy Temple), the Sri Krishnan Temple at Waterloo Street and joined in a breaking of fast with our

Muslim friends at the Masjid Sultan (Sultan Mosque). I was heartened by their hospitality, sincerity, and charitable works. Their sense of community bonding is commendable. Together, we seek to live out our universal spiritual and human value of neighbourly love, compassion, understanding, respect, tolerance and peace. We are all members of the same human family and we are all created in God’s image.

We need to do inter-faith work with integrity. No one is asking us to compromise our faith. We recognise and respect our mutual similarities and uniqueness in our theologies and beliefs.

Jesus Christ said, “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God” (Matthew 5:9).

### ***The Value of Outreach***

TMC has taught me well the value of Outreach. A priest was asked by his parishioner: “Why are you devoting so much time and resources to help people who are non-Christians?”

He answered: “We help people not because they are Christians. We help them because we are Christians.” For me, this is discipleship in a nutshell.



*Gabriel (2nd from left) and Chong Hiok (4th from left) (undated)*



*Gabriel with people from other faiths*



# *The Fifth Decade*

**1997–2006**

Taken from the archives for the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and past minutes of the LCEC meetings

**1997–1998**

## **27 APRIL 1997**

Memorial service at 2pm in TMC for Rev Christopher Smith who died on 13 Apr 1997 in England from pneumonia. He had been Associate Pastor at TMC from Dec 1959 - Dec 1960, and Pastor from Dec 1960 - Dec 1962, and end 1970 - mid 1975.

## **14 SEPTEMBER 1997**

41st church anniversary service was held at Methodist Girls' School Blackmore Drive at 5pm, with dinner at Yunnan Garden Restaurant in IMM Building.

## **1998**

The Church Redevelopment Committee was officially constituted in 1995, but a firm commitment to proceed was not taken until 1998 with the following terms of reference:

- To increase seating, altar area and changes that would enhance the interior and exterior with stained glass but retaining the sanctuary in its present state for preservation;
- Construction of basement car parks, multi-purpose halls, rooms for various ministries, re-siting of the Kindergarten, Resource Centre and administrative offices and provision for future expansion of ministries and personnel;
- To achieve the maximum built-up area.

## **12–16 JUNE 1998**

Church camp at Pan Pacific Legacy, Malacca.

## **29 NOVEMBER 1998**

Appointment of Mrs Claire Lowe as TMC's first missionary serving in the Methodist Church and School in Cambodia.

**1999**

Church camp in June was called off due to 'pig' virus to the East Coast of Malaysia which is near Kuantan, where the camp would have been held.

Car Rally held, with lunch at Sembawang Park.

## **JANUARY 1999**

Certificate of Appreciation from Pelangi Home received for valuable services rendered.

## **16–19 MARCH 1999**

Senior Fellowship Camp in Penang.

## **23 MAY 1999**

TMC formally adopted Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church in Cambodia as our sister church.

## **JULY 1999**

Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church was now a nice building with a wooden structure. 30-40 people were previously meeting in the living room of the pastor's house. The new church was built next to the pastor's house at less than USD15,000.



*Interior of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church (1999)*



*Exterior of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church before the land collapsed in 2004*



# 2000

Hougang and Logos small groups committed to conduct vespers at Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home once a month.

## 25 MARCH 2000

Praise Night

## APRIL 2000

First separate Holy Communion served at Sunday School.

## 2-6 JUNE 2000

Church camp at The Legend Resort, Cherating, Kuantan, with Mr & Mrs Chan Chong Hiok as speakers  
Theme: To be a blessing...

## 10 SEPTEMBER 2000

44th anniversary lunch was held at Jumbo Serangoon Restaurant.

## 9-12 NOVEMBER 2000

Youth Ministry leaders conducted a Youth Leader Training in Cambodia.

## 24 DECEMBER 2000

A Christmas Carnival was organised in TMC as an outreach programme, and funds raised of about \$29,000 were given to St Luke's Hospital for the Elderly, The Turning Point and Chen Su Lan Methodist Children's Home. Free coupons were given to the surrounding neighbourhood to come and enjoy the numerous food and game stalls, which were run by small groups. The day was rounded off with a musical drama in the evening.



Christmas Carnival





# 2001-2002

## Vision

**Theme 2001 : Touching Lives**

**Theme 2002: Making Disciples**

**Theme 2003: Conforming to the Life of Jesus**

## 1 JANUARY 2001

The 47th Company Boys' Brigade and the 55th Company Girls' Brigade in Serangoon Garden Secondary School were formed. In that same month, TMC became sponsors for the SP Primers unit based in Singapore Polytechnic.

This was not our first involvement with the Boys' Brigade. In 1965, the BB company of St Thomas School was transferred to TMC under the captaincy of church member, Mr Tay Soon Hock.



*Boys' Brigade of St Thomas School transferred to TMC and came under the captaincy of Mr Tay Soon Hock (seated front row, middle). On his right, is the late Rev Chew Hock Hin (1965).*

## 20 MARCH 2001

LCEC decided to construct a 3-storey basement car park and a 3-storey building above ground to meet the space requirements of the various growing ministries.

## 15 MAY 2001

Special Session of the Local Conference of TMC approved the redevelopment project at a cost not to exceed S\$12m.

## 18 JUNE 2001

Plans for redevelopment were submitted to the Urban Renewal Authority of the Ministry of National Development.

## 25 JUNE 2001

Decision taken to suspend Kindergarten before redevelopment project began.

## 21 AUGUST 2001

Provisional planning approval was granted by MND subject to a restriction that the redevelopment should not exceed 2 storeys and limited to a height of 10m only. An appeal on 11 Oct 2001 was rejected by MND on 14 Feb 2002 for the reason that the site is located within a designated 2-storey landed housing estate. The allowable aggregate building height for a 2-storey place of worship building was 10m. However, as the church was already a 3-storey building, that portion of the existing building could be redeveloped to its existing aggregate building height of 10m and 3 storeys at the maximum overall gross plot ratio of 1.0.

## 9 SEPTEMBER 2001

45th anniversary combined service at TMC, with lunch at Jumbo Restaurant.

## 8 DECEMBER 2001

Praise Night - Simply Worship

## 15 JANUARY 2002

Discipleship Roadmap - The Christian Walk - was launched to help members and friends grow as disciples of Christ.

## 2 MARCH 2002

Ms Lee Hui Ling was appointed Captain of the 55th Singapore Company Girls' Brigade by the GB Council.

## 5 MARCH 2002

The LCEC unanimously indicated their commitment to proceed with the church redevelopment project.

## 29 AND 31 MARCH 2002

We staged “Forsaken”, a full length evangelistic play on Good Friday, and its sequel, “Not Forsaken”, on Easter Sunday. “Forsaken” re-enacted the events leading to Christ’s crucifixion, ending with Peter’s quandary of having denied his Lord. “Not Forsaken” re-enacted the post resurrection account with Peter reconciling with Jesus. Both plays were rounded off with an altar call.

250 visitors or friends attended the services on the two days.  
50 persons responded to the altar call.



*The crowd clamouring for Barrabas’s release in the Good Friday play, Forsaken (2002).*



*Pontius Pilate acted by Greg Raeside in the Good Friday play, Forsaken (2002).*



*Wayang Kulit style used in the Good Friday play, Forsaken (2002).*



*(L-R) David Gwee, Png Kong Jin, Kelvin Ho, Ong Hon Yuh, Winston Low, Gary Khoo and Colin Yip in the Easter play, Not Forsaken. Kelvin played Jesus’s silhouette, the others played Jesus’s disciples (2002).*



*James Loke as a Roman soldier in the Good Friday play, Forsaken (2002).*

## APRIL 2002

First TMC website was launched.

## 28 APRIL 2002

TMC Net was launched. This involved small groups reaching out to members who were not in small groups, to provide prayer support and an environment to facilitate people joining small groups. It also aimed to establish a closer network to maintain integrity in the times of disruption as the church was being redeveloped.

Small groups were organised into zones so that they could reach out to non-small group members of the congregation in their locality.



## 14 – 18 JUNE 2002

Church camp at Hyatt Regency, Kuantan

## 14 JULY 2002

The 55th Company of the Girls' Brigade was awarded the Silver award at the 75th Girls' Brigade anniversary dinner.

## 12 – 14 AUGUST 2002

Embankments around the pond of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church were shored up with sandbags due to erosion of soil. It was intended that, in time, a cemented embankment would replace the sandbags, in order to keep the pond intact.



*Sandbags shoring up the beams of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church (2002).*

## 8 SEPTEMBER 2002

46th church anniversary, with a mini food fair

## 29 OCTOBER – 3 NOVEMBER 2002

Mission trip by 9 members to conduct Cambodian Methodist Youth Leaders' Training School.



*(front row L-R) Sean Goh, Zach Ong, Ong Hon Yuh, Patsy Mah, Joy Chia (back row L-R) Gary Khoo, David Gwee, Kelvin Ho, Andy Chew at Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church to conduct the Cambodian Methodist Youth Leaders' Training School (2002)*

## 1 DECEMBER 2002

Wok With Me recipe books, featuring recipes by TMC worshippers, launched for fund-raising\*.



*Wok With Me recipe book (2002)*

## 16 DECEMBER 2002

Church office relocated to #02-03A LHK 3 Building.

## 22 DECEMBER 2002

Jumble sale of old items took place in the Trinity Education Centre.

## 24 DECEMBER 2002

Evangelistic Christmas Eve presentation involved carols and a presentation by the Trinity Gospel Players in the style of the game show, "Who Wants to be a Millionaire".

## CHRISTMAS 2002

Christmas at Home – Members were encouraged to hold parties in their homes for non-Christian friends. Carolling was done by the Psalm 100 choral group, Youth Ministry, Girls' and Boys' Brigades.

## 25 DECEMBER 2002

Last service in TMC before relocation to Paya Lebar Methodist Girls' Primary School (PLMGPS).

## 26 – 28 DECEMBER 2002

Relocation of church to PLMGPS.

## 29 DECEMBER 2002

First service at PLMGPS. Chartered buses shuttled between Serangoon Gardens to the school, with stops along the way.



# 2003

## 8 JANUARY 2003

Deconsecration service of TMC, with Bishop Dr Robert Solomon as speaker.



*Deconsecration of TMC (2003) - Bishop Dr Robert Solomon removing plaque declaring the opening of the Trinity Education Centre.*



*Deconsecration of TMC (2003) - Bishop Dr Robert Solomon in the cab, with Rev Philip Lim closest to him.*



*Mr P Sathiasingam removing the plaque in the Sanctuary which commemorated the dedication of the church by Bishop Dr Robert F Lundy in 1965 (2003).*



*A last swing on the last night at TMC before 2003-4 redevelopment project.*



*Removal of the cross in the sanctuary (2003).*

## 19 JANUARY 2003

Effective date of commencement of building works on site.

## 26 JANUARY 2003

Community visitation took place in the vicinity of PLMGPS during the Lunar New Year, to inform neighbours of our worship services. 400 homes were visited.



*Worshipping at PLMGPS (2003-4)*

\* This was one of the first instances of fund-raising for the church's redevelopment project in 2003-4. There were several such fund-raisers. Apart from those listed here, there were sales of teddy bears, silk scarves, Swarovski jewellery, Shoot-for-Fund portrait photography, Lunar New Year gift baskets, Christmas floral arrangements and many others too numerous to mention.



## 18 MARCH 2003

Smoke was detected at the rooftop of the TMC sanctuary at 10.30am. It later developed into a fire that partially gutted the sanctuary. It was caused by workers using oxy-acetylene flames to cut through metal while dismantling the overhead covered way. After seven hours, the Singapore Civil Defence Force finally doused the smouldering flames.

The roof and timber struts were damaged by the water that was used to douse the fire. The upright A-frame timber struts were later changed to steel with a finish that would blend in with the existing timber ceiling. It was a huge blow because it had been our intention to leave the sanctuary untouched given its tremendous sentimental value.



*TMC roof damaged by fire (2003).*



*SCDF fire engine and personnel on Serangoon Garden Way (2003).*

## 22 MARCH 2003

TMC Family Carnival / Basketball Tournament 2003 was organised by the Youth Ministry and held at the Serangoon Gardens Secondary School for community outreach and to raise funds for the church redevelopment. This huge and hugely enjoyable event had food stalls, game stalls and a jumble sale stall.



*TMC Family Carnival / Basketball Tournament 2003*



## APRIL 2003

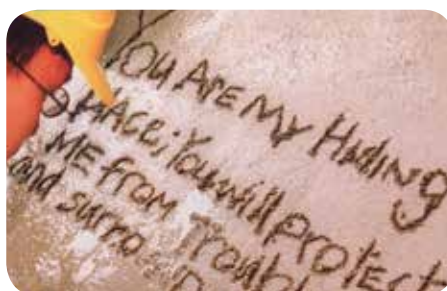
The Resource Centre became a mobile library operating on 2nd and 4th Sundays in the PLMGPS canteen.



*Mobile library at PLMGPS (2003).*

## 23 AUGUST 2003

At 2pm, the youths wrote Scripture into the church's foundation at 34 Serangoon Garden Way.



*Writing Scripture into the foundations of TMC (2003).*

## 12 SEPTEMBER 2003

Golf Tournament organised by Ms Violet Khor for fund raising.



## 14 SEPTEMBER 2003

47th Anniversary held at PLMGPS



## NOVEMBER 2003

Project Eliezer was launched by Adults' Ministry to help singles in the church meet Christians of the opposite sex from other Methodist Churches and/or Christian communities.

## 18 NOVEMBER 2003

Combined service on Holy Communion Sundays were started, not only to tackle the logistics problems at PLMGPS but to give worshippers the opportunity to come together as one TMC body and participate in a common worship experience.

It was suggested that this could be continued upon return to Serangoon Garden Way. Inserted into the liturgy were a children's sermon and corporate prayer. Lunch followed after the combined service.

## 23 NOVEMBER 2003

The Chinese Ministry came into being. It started with a weekly Chinese fellowship held in the PLMGPS canteen. The programme in Mandarin consisted of praise and worship, Bible study, prayer and intercession, and refreshments.



*Chinese Ministry worshipping in PLMGPS canteen with a white cloth for a projection screen (2003).*

## 1 DECEMBER 2003

Youth Ministry sold Christmas cards at \$10 each to raise funds.

## 6 DECEMBER 2003

A Vacation Bible School - Colour My World - was held by the Children's Ministry. It was an evangelism initiative for Primary 4-6 students, and included guests from PLMGPS.

Purpose Driven Life and Essential Prayer Life courses and workshops were started.

The Discipleship Roadmap - River of Life - was launched.

The 55th Company of the Girls' Brigade won the Silver Award for the 3rd consecutive year. The 47th Company of the Boys' Brigade won the Bronze award for the JM Fraser competition for the 2nd consecutive year.

The Chapel of Life Columbarium started receiving donations for niches. 4,608 urns can be accommodated in the Columbarium which has a 75-year lease tenure and is about 339 sqm.



*Chapel of Life Columbarium*

3 bronze bells were ordered for the bell tower, which cost about S\$30,000.

An auction of children's paintings - Colour Your World - was held at a fellowship lunch in the PLMGPS canteen, where lunch was late because the caterer's van went over a bump and the food toppled.



*Auction of children's paintings on Van Gogh theme, with Robert Yeo (in red) as auctioneer (2004).*

## 24 FEBRUARY 2004

Seniors launched Coin Tin project to help in fund-raising.



*Coin tin fund-raiser (2004).*

## MARCH 2004

Chinese Fellowship was formalised as the Mandarin Ministry.

## 26-29 MARCH 2004

A study was made of the status of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church (TTMC) to assess its needs, and the assistance it required to be self-reliant. At this time, TTMC had 15 members and 25 children. Support was required from TMC in the area of training so that TTMC could be more effective in studying the Word of God and in conducting the various ministries in the church.

TTMC had started a preaching point in Teoul Kraeng which is an hour's drive from TTMC.

## APRIL 2004

Mentoring groups were formed within the LCEC.

Filling of the pond of Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church commenced, with reinforcements to the beam as the land had begun to slide.

## 11-15 JUNE 2004

Church camp held at Guoman Hotel, Port Dickson. The speaker was Rev Tony Tan.

## JULY 2004

Synergraphic Design was awarded the contract to design the stained glass in the Sanctuary.

## 31 JULY 2004

Bishop Dr Robert Solomon officiated the Topping of the Cross at TMC. In the light rain, Bishop recalled the fire that struck the Sanctuary roof on 18 Mar 2003. We were reminded that fire and rain were symbols of God's presence in the Old Testament.



## 4 AUGUST 2004

Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church collapsed, and services were moved to Elder Yong's house.



## 31 AUGUST 2004

Project Jordan fund raising project by Village People small group was launched.





## 12 SEPTEMBER 2004

Anniversary lunch was held at the PLMGPS canteen with tickets at \$12 per head.

## 18 SEPTEMBER 2004

Chinese Ministry held its first major evangelistic event with a Mid-Autumn Festival Outreach programme at Jumbo Seafood Restaurant in Serangoon Garden Country Club.

The speakers were Li Zong Gao from TTC and Mediacorp artiste Chen Meiguang. There were 44 tables and 60 guests. Many came forward to make a commitment. As a follow-up, some attendees went on a one-day tour to Johor Bahru where they spent an extended time in the company of believers.



*Mid-Autumn Festival outreach by Mandarin Ministry (2004).*

## 20 OCTOBER 2004

New service timings once we moved back to Serangoon Garden Way were announced to the congregation. Service in the traditional style was to commence at 8.15am, and service in the contemporary style was to commence at 11.15am.

## NOVEMBER 2004

Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church Family Camp was held in Phnom Penh. A team of 11 was sent from TMC. 47 adults and 19 children attended the camp, and 6 accepted Christ.

## 5 NOVEMBER 2004

The earlier service was changed to 8.45am subsequent to feedback from the congregation.

## 12 NOVEMBER 2004

Temporary Occupation Permit was obtained.

## 21 NOVEMBER 2004

Dry run in TMC.

## 28 NOVEMBER 2004

We held our first service at 8.45am in our new church building, and sat on pews in the sanctuary made from golden teakwood from Myanmar. Each pew cost \$900 each.



*Last service at PLMGPS (2004).*



*First service back at the redeveloped TMC (2004).*

## 19 DECEMBER 2004

Baptism by immersion was carried out within our church premises for the first time. It was the first Baptism and Confirmation service conducted in our new building and coincided with the opening of the Worship Hall on the second level. 6 people were baptised by Rev Philip Lim.



*First baptism by immersion at TMC - the Chng family being baptised by Rev Philip Lim (2004).*

**Vision TMC: A church where every member  
Experiences the reality and work of the Spirit  
Understands and practises discipleship**

## 2005 Theme: Worship – My Lifestyle

### 2005

As part of the Purpose Driven Life campaign, about 250 people met after each service in small groups. ABC Kids was run in addition to the Sunday Schools.



*Purpose Driven Life campaign (2005).*

### JANUARY 2005

Takhmao Trinity Methodist Church relocated to rented premises.

### MARCH 2005

Student organists were allowed to train on our new Allen organ, which has 3 manuals and 58 stops. No charges were imposed. Instead these students would play for TMC's Sunday services.

In Jul 2005, the old Allen organ was donated to an offshoot of Zion Bible Presbyterian Church.

### JULY 2005

Sub-ministry of lectors took off. Lectors were trained by Ms Esme Ambrose.

Mandarin Ministry was outgrowing its space in the Prayer Chapel. It was relocated to the Abraham lounge.

The TMC Kindergarten commenced operations, with 13 children.



*TMC Kindergarten, with principal, Susan Chua (2005)*



# 2005

## 20 AUGUST 2005

Car Rally - The Amazing gRace - was held.



*Amazing gRace Car Rally (2005)*



*No time to lose at the Amazing gRace Car Rally (2005)*

## 19 OCTOBER 2005

Golf Tournament held to raise funds.

## 21-24 NOVEMBER 2005

We hosted the TRAC 30th Session. It was a special occasion as Pastor Lai Kai Ming (now Rev Lai), an old boy of TMC, was ordained a deacon, and Mr David Gwee (also an old boy of TMC and now Rev David Gwee) received his Local Preacher's licence.

## 11 DECEMBER 2005

Visitors' Corner (now The Connection Café) was started.

## 17 DECEMBER 2005

Our fast-growing Chinese Ministry held a major evangelistic event to reach out to friends, family and the surrounding community. The guest speakers were Carol Chiam (former Mediacorp Channel 8 Newscaster) and her husband Carl Lim (a Lianhe Zaobao journalist) who shared touching testimonies. The message was delivered by Rev Oh Beng Kee, a well-respected preacher within the Chinese Christian community. A large crowd responded to the altar call.

# 2006

## Theme: TMC - My Family

The Mandarin Service was held in the Sanctuary at 11am on Sundays.

As part of our 50th Anniversary celebrations, a new TMC logo was launched.

## 9-13 JUNE 2006

Church camp held at Bangi Resort, south of Kuala Lumpur.



## SEPTEMBER 2006

50th anniversary service in the evening, followed by dinner in the Plaza.

A church-wide banner competition had been held earlier in the year, involving hand-made banners by several groups. Banners were paraded at the 50th anniversary service, and prizes were awarded to the top 3 winners.



*50th anniversary service*



*His Banner Over Me Is Love Competition*

# PASTORS *in the fifth decade*



Rev Lim Jen Huat

*Pastor-in-Charge (Jan 1995 - Dec 1998)*



Rev Philip Lim

*Pastor-in-Charge (Jan 1999 - Dec 2006)*



Rev Richard Tan

*Pastor (Jan 1996 - Dec 1998)*



Rev Foo Fook Heng

*Pastor (Jan 2000 - Dec 2003)*



Rev Lai Kai Ming

*Pastor (Jan 2004 - Dec 2007)*



# EVENTS

Sun 16, 23, 30 Oct, 6 Nov

2.00pm

Baptism Class

[www.tmc.org.sg/baptism.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/baptism.html)

Sun 13, 20, 27 Nov, 4 Dec

2.00pm

Membership Class

[www.tmc.org.sg/baptism.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/baptism.html)

Sun 13 Nov

11.00am Mandarin Service 13th

Anniversary

Sanctuary @ L1

Sat 19 Nov

1.30pm

Youth Avenue Laser Tag

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya)

Wed 23 Nov

7.00am

Youth Avenue Cycling

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya)

Tues 29 Nov

11.00am

Youth Avenue Cooking Class

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya)

Wed 30 Nov - Fri 2 Dec

Youth Avenue Camp

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#ya)

Every Sun

9.30am

Mandarin Service Prayer Meeting

Every 2nd Sun

After the 11.15 am service:

Young Adults' Lunch Fellowship

Last Sun of the month

9.00am

Visit to Institute of Mental Health  
by Outreach & Social Concerns.

Contact Yvonne Tan at 9091 8589 /

[yvnn\\_tan@yahoo.com](mailto:yvnn_tan@yahoo.com)

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#imh](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#imh)

Every Wed

8.00pm Church Prayer Meeting

[www.tmc.org.sg/prayer.html](http://www.tmc.org.sg/prayer.html)

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 TMCers to meet one another  
as well as non- Christians in the

community mid-week. Contact the  
church office / [churchoffice@tmc.org.sg](mailto:churchoffice@tmc.org.sg)

[www.tmc.org.sg/ministries.html#gym](http://www.tmc.org.sg/ministries.html#gym)

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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  
from the church office / [eddie@tmc.org.sg](mailto:eddie@tmc.org.sg)

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec)

[www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec](http://www.tmc.org.sg/osc.html#slec)

Every 1st and 3rd Fri (in recess after  
October)

10.15am Bible Study on Book of

Daniel by Mrs Esther Wong

Every Fri

8.00 – 10.00pm

Healing Ministry at the Prayer  
Chapel

Every Sat (not 29 Oct)

9.00 – 11.30am

Fellowship of Ukulelians

[www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele](http://www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele)

[www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele](http://www.tmc.org.sg/regular.html#ukulele)

Monthly

WSCS Visitation to Homebound.

Those interested to bring the  
church into the homes of the

homebound, please contact Lucy  
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