

Youth Worship

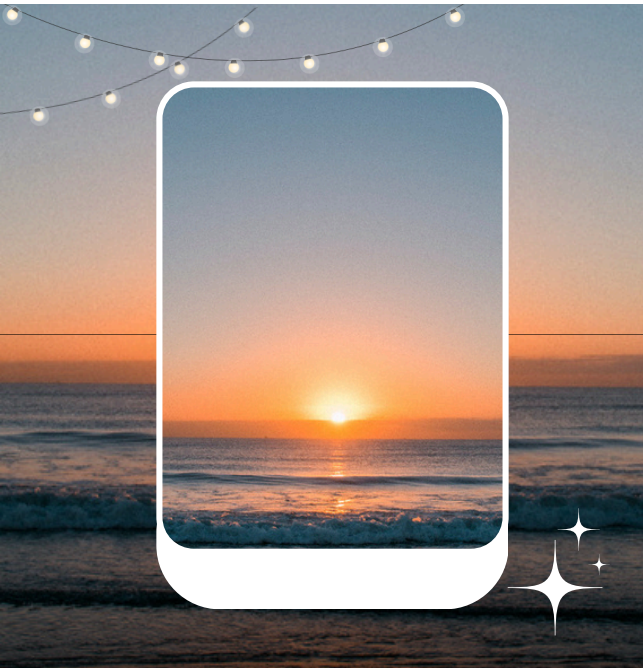


BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

God's kind of church, where God is touching lives, and people care for people.

WELCOME TO YOUTH WORSHIP!

“Holy, holy, holy! LORD God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in
earth, and sky, and sea.” Let us tune our
hearts to praise the LORD who is perfect in
holiness, and ready ourselves to receive
His Word this afternoon!



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His righteousness *endures forever*

Honour and blessings from the LORD await those who are righteous. Contrastingly, the ultimate finality of the wicked is grievance and destruction.

⁹ He has dispersed abroad,
He has given to the poor;
His righteousness endures forever;
His horn will be exalted with honour.
¹⁰ The wicked will see *it* and be grieved;
He will gnash his teeth and melt away;
The desire of the wicked shall perish.

PSALM 112:9-10

1. The works of the righteous

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| a. He offers relief to those in need | Psalm 112:9a |
| b. He gives towards the poor | Psalm 112:9b |

2. The heart of the righteous

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| a. Full of compassion | Psalm 112:4a |
| b. Gracious | Psalm 112:4b |

3. Blessings from God

- a. His righteousness endures forever Psalm 112:9a
- b. Honour is accorded to him Psalm 112:9b

4. The wicked

- a. They are grieved when they see the righteous being blessed Psalm 112:10a
- b. Their desires will not be fulfilled
- c. The wicked and his desires will eventually perish Psalm 112:10b

PRACTISING RIGHTEOUSNESS

True righteousness is revealed in one's works. Beneath the works reflect a heart that genuinely cares. We have the Perfect Example in our Saviour, the Lord Jesus. Moved with compassion, He tenderly reached out to the poor, the sick and the lost. Let us look beyond ourselves and be stirred to cultivate a heart of compassion! Let us live as the righteous whom the LORD will exalt with honour!



ORDER OF WORSHIP

YOUTH WORSHIP SERVICE

8 NOVEMBER 2025

Prelude

Pianist: Gabrielle Wan

Call to Worship

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Opening Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Song Leading

1. Knowing You
2. Show Us Christ

Joel Tan and Ryan Quek
Pianists: Esther Tang and
Gabrielle Wan

Scripture Reading

Text: Deuteronomy 7:1-11

Laura Chan and Chloe Tang

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mitchell Tan

Message

“A holy people to the LORD”
Text: Deuteronomy 7

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Closing Prayer

Pastor Jonathan Jacob

Offering

Postlude

Pianist: Esther Tang

MY NOTES

8 NOVEMBER 2025

“A HOLY PEOPLE TO THE LORD”

DEUTERONOMY 7

WORSHIP SONGS

Knowing You

By Graham Kendrick

All I once held dear, built my life upon,
All this world reveres and wars to own.
All I once thought gain I have counted loss,
Spent and worthless now compared to this.

Chorus:

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.

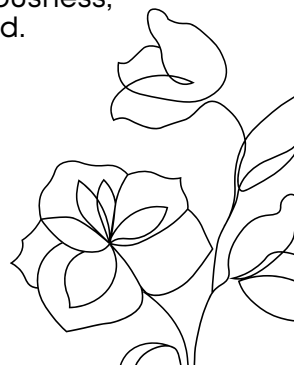
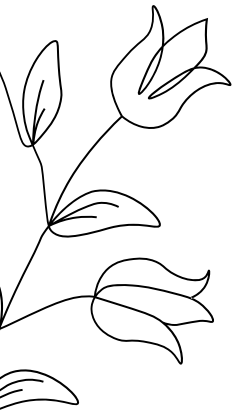
Now my heart's desire is to know You more,
To be found in You, and known as Yours.
To possess by faith what I could not earn,
All surpassing gift of righteousness.

Chorus

Oh, to know the pow'r of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings.
To become like You in Your death, my Lord,
So with You to live and never die.

Knowing You, Jesus, knowing You,
There is no greater thing.
You're my all, You're the best,
You're my joy, my righteousness,
And I love You, Lord.
Love You, Lord.

(end)



Show Us Christ

Music by Doug Plank

Words by Dough Plank and Bob Kauflin

Prepare our hearts, O God.

Help us to receive.

Break the hard and stony ground.

Help our unbelief.

Plant Your Word down deep in us;

Cause it to bear fruit.

Open up our ears to hear,

Lead us in Your truth.

Chorus:

Show us Christ, show us Christ.

O God, reveal Your glory

Through the preaching of Your Word.

Until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.

Your Word is living light

Upon our darkened eyes.

Guards us through temptations,

Makes the simple wise.

Your Word is food for famished ones,

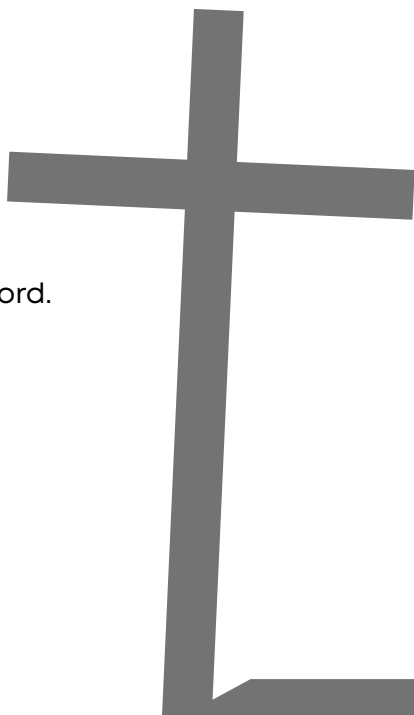
Freedom for the slave.

Riches for the needy soul.

Come speak to us today.

Chorus

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REVIEW OF GOD'S WORD

Let us review what we have learnt at our last Youth Worship!

YWS MESSAGE - 1 NOVEMBER 2025 **“YOU SHALL LOVE THE LORD YOUR GOD”** **DEUTERONOMY 6**

INTRODUCTION

1. A brief historical review
 - a. Forty years in the Wilderness
 - b. Significant victories over powerful enemies
 - c. The Ten Commandments
2. Great encouragement given
 - a. To pursue the knowledge of God
 - b. To determine to obey the Lord

AN INTRODUCTION TO THE SHEMA OF ISRAEL

¹ Now this *is* the commandment, *and these are* the statutes and judgements which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe *them* in the land which you are crossing over to possess,

² that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

³ Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe *it*, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’

⁴ “Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD *is* one! ⁵ You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.

⁶ “And these words which I command you today shall be in your heart.

⁷ You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, when you walk by the way, when you lie down, and when you rise up. ⁸ You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes.

⁹ You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates.

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

1. Commandments, Statutes and Judgements

Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgements which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess

Deuteronomy 6:1

a. The Inspiration

It came from the Lord their God

b. The Instruction

To observe all the Commandments of God in the Promised Land

2. The desired response

That you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and that your days may be prolonged.

Deuteronomy 6:2

- a. To fear the Lord their God
 - b. To keep all His statutes and commandments
 - c. This applies to all who make up the nation of Israel
 - d. This would result in a long life in Canaan
3. Every encouragement to respond well

Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you—‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’

Deuteronomy 6:3

- a. Obedience is required
- b. That the nation may be multiplied greatly
- c. That the land may be truly blessed “flowing with milk and honey”

THE SHEMA OF ISRAEL

⁴ *“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!*

⁵ *You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your strength.”*

Deuteronomy 6:4-5

- 1. The Shema comes from the word “Hear”
- 2. This was recited by the children of Israel every day

3. This was to be a strong proclamation:
 - a. Of their faith in the Lord
 - b. That they recognised only One God
 - c. That they would never worship any other deity
4. This proclamation must be uttered with strong affirmation
 - a. Of a deep love for the Lord
 - i. God is to be loved with all the heart
 - ii. With all the soul
 - iii. With all the strength a person possesses
 - b. Faith in God
 - i. It is never just mental assent
 - ii. It involves the whole being

THE PRACTICE OF FAITH IN DAILY LIFE

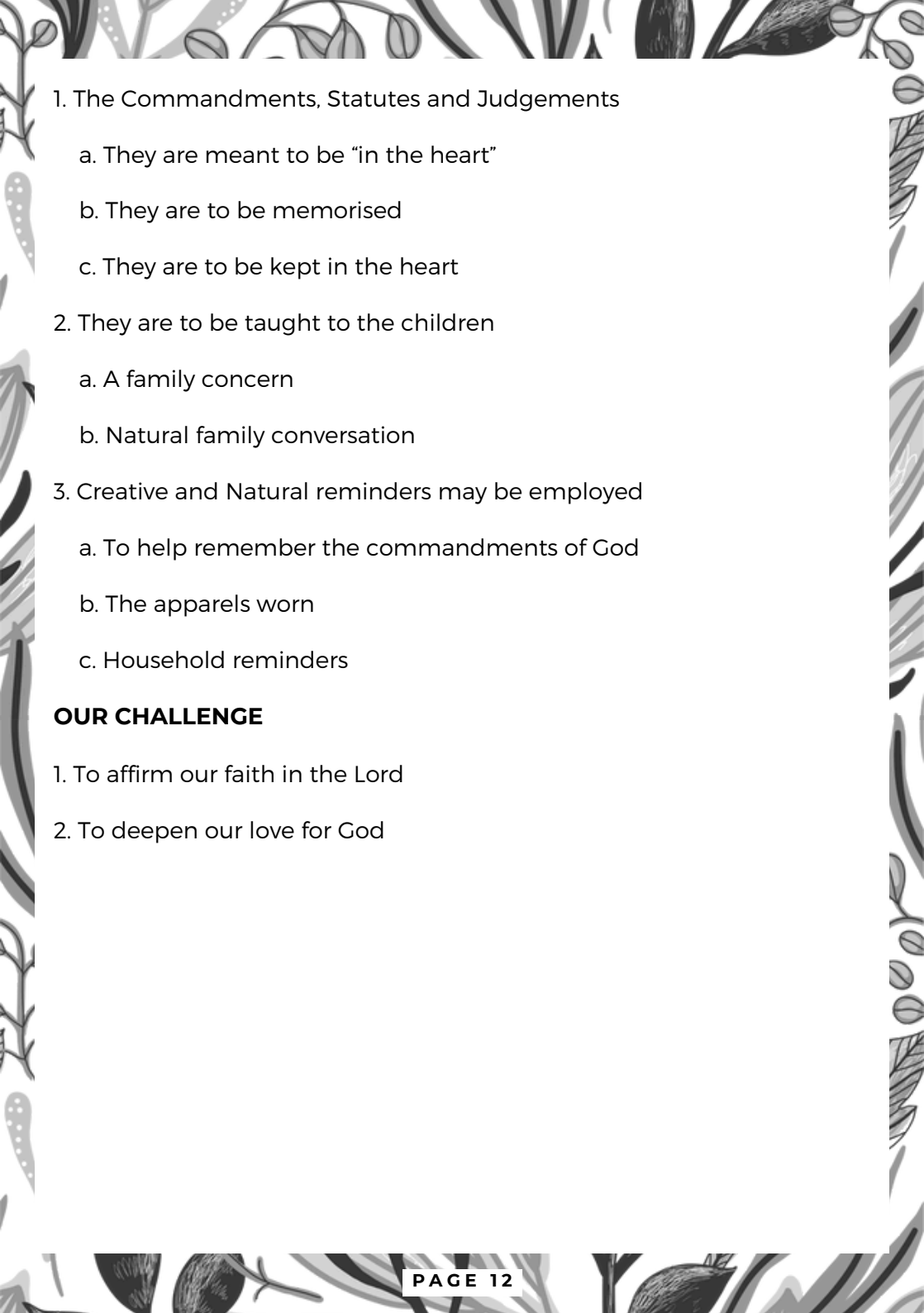
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Deuteronomy 6:6-9

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1. The Commandments, Statutes and Judgements
 - a. They are meant to be “in the heart”
 - b. They are to be memorised
 - c. They are to be kept in the heart
 2. They are to be taught to the children
 - a. A family concern
 - b. Natural family conversation
 3. Creative and Natural reminders may be employed
 - a. To help remember the commandments of God
 - b. The apparels worn
 - c. Household reminders

OUR CHALLENGE

1. To affirm our faith in the Lord
2. To deepen our love for God

REFLECTIONS

YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

Claire Tan



Welcome back to Youth Worship!

Last week, Pastor taught us about the purposes of God's commandments and the importance of deepening our love for the Lord.

Obedience to God's Commandments

*“Now this is the commandment, and these are the statutes and judgments which the LORD your God has commanded to teach you, that you may observe them in the land which you are crossing over to possess, that you may fear the LORD your God, to keep all His statutes and His commandments which I command you, you and your son and your grandson, all the days of your life, and **that your days may be prolonged.** Therefore hear, O Israel, and be careful to observe it, **that it may be well with you, and that you may multiply greatly as the LORD God of your fathers has promised you— ‘a land flowing with milk and honey.’”***

Deuteronomy 6:1-3



In this passage, we read about how God called the people of Israel to observe and obey His commandments, as well as the blessings that lay in store for them if they did so. Seeing how the future of Israel rested on their obedience to God's commandments, I could not help but consider the weight of God's commandments in my own life.



There were many times in my life when I took God's grace for granted and disobeyed His word. Pride, the desire to fit into the world around us, and even the fear of embarrassment can make it difficult for us to walk in obedience to God's commandments daily. However, this passage serves as a wonderful reminder that God rewards our faithfulness amidst the temptations of this world, and the spiritual blessings that He has prepared for us are far greater than any worldly reward!

The Lord Jesus Himself said, "More than that, blessed are those who hear the word of God and keep it!" (Luke 11:28). May we be encouraged by God's promise of blessings for those who hear and keep His word, and seek to walk in obedience to His commandments daily!

Deepening Our Love for God

*"Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one!
You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, and with all your strength."*



Deuteronomy 6:4-5



As we read on further, Moses urged the people of Israel to cultivate a deep love for the LORD above all things - a love that not only encompasses our feelings, but reaches into the depths of our souls. This message was not just meant for the people of Israel, but for all of us to hear as well! This made me question: Do I desire to spend time with God as much as I do with my loved ones?

As I reflected on my own love for God and His place in my heart, I recalled many times when I had fallen short. In the past, I allowed the anxieties of school and work to justify shortening my already-scarce time with God each day, which only led me into a cycle of depriving myself of the very thing I needed more than additional time to take on my work - which was spiritual nourishment from the Word of God! Coming to this humbling realisation filled me with a deep sense of shame, which caused me to distance myself from God even further.

However, God pulled me out of this rut and showed me that this voice in my mind was not from Him! The Lord reminded me of the Parable of the Prodigal Son (Luke 15:11-32), specifically when he returned to his father after straying from home, saying, "Father, I have sinned against heaven and in your sight, and am no longer worthy to be called your son." (Luke 15:21). Yet, his father welcomed him home with open arms, clothing him in the best robes and throwing a feast to celebrate his return!



Likewise, God is not an apathetic God - but a Father who loves us and desires to draw near to us. Although we may falter along the way, we can take comfort in knowing that His love is unchanging! God, knowing that we could never earn this privilege of drawing near to Him, sent His perfect Son down to pay the price for our sins so that we can have access to Him.

“We love Him because He first loved us.”
1 John 4:19

May we learn not to take God’s love for granted, and seek to respond by cultivating a deeper love for Him each day! We can do so by prioritising our time spent with Him, meditating on His word, and relating to Him through prayer. If you ever feel discouraged by your inconsistency or simply unsure of where to start, remember that God is not far away! He loves you as a Father, and wants to relate to you. What He desires is that you respond in fear and love for Him, and see the fruits of walking in obedience in time to come!



YOUTH WORSHIP REFLECTIONS

LEON LAI

Hi everyone, welcome back to another week of Youth Worship. Last week, we learned about the Shema of Israel and how the Israelites were instructed to follow the Lord's commandments and love Him with all their hearts.

Do we truly love the Lord with all our hearts?

This lesson served as a reminder that as children of God, we are meant to love Him with all our hearts. While many Christians would say they love the Lord, fewer can confidently say that they do so with all their hearts. As I reflect upon this commandment, I am reminded of the following verse.

*“For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.”
Matthew 6:21*

While striving for success in our work and studies isn't wrong, the danger lies in prioritising them over the Lord. In the days of Israel, they struggled to follow this commandment, and they worshipped other gods and idols. In today's context, though we may not struggle with worshipping other gods, the 'idols' in our lives may come in the form of our innate desires that draw us away from Him. Secular treasures such as academic achievements,

recognition and money are examples of these idols. For me, they look like sacrificing time from my devotions to do work or prioritising my studies over church. However, doing so results in a lack of motivation and prolonged periods of spiritual dryness when I continue to do so.

Furthermore, our willingness to put in enormous effort and time to achieve these desires, as compared to relating to the Lord, should compel us to ask if we truly love Him with all our hearts. Thus, it is necessary to keep ourselves in check by constantly reflecting and evaluating the desires in our hearts.

Why we should hide the Word of God in our hearts

One way for us to keep our desires in check and live our lives according to the Word of God is to hide His Word in our hearts. God's Word should serve as a guide in how we ought to live our lives. Furthermore, it prevents us from straying away from Him, which can be easy to do with the many distractions and influences in today's world.

Personally, one of the challenges I face is dealing with rejection, which causes me to question God's plan for me. This causes a series of negative thoughts and emotions that compound and result in feelings of emptiness and loneliness. In trying to overcome this, I find comfort in reading God's word.

*“Through the LORD’s mercies we are not consumed,
Because His compassions fail not.
They are new every morning; Great is Your faithfulness.
“The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,
“Therefore I hope in Him!”
Lamentations 3:22-24*

*“For I know the thoughts that I think toward you,
says the LORD, thoughts of peace and not of evil,
to give you a future and a hope.”
Jeremiah 29:11*

These verses remind me that God is merciful and loving, who cares for me. They have helped me to find comfort amidst challenging times, and I know that God’s plan is perfect and there is a reason in what He has purposed. In my experience, it was only when I looked to God and His word did I feel a sense of peace and comfort, while other methods that I used to distract myself had fleeting effects.

May you also learn to hide God’s word in your heart, look towards Him whenever challenges arise and seek to love Him with all your hearts!



POETRY CORNER



THIS IS MY NAME FOREVER

Abraham, Isaac and Jacob were patriarchs of Israel;
God appeared to each one and taught them divine principles.
They learned about faith in God and were drawn to pray;
Their faith in the Lord did not result in despair or dismay.

He was the "Lord God of your fathers," God firmly stated;
"The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac and the God of Jacob."
This was the Name of the Lord, if the people wanted to know;
This knowledge of God's name should cause their hearts to glow.

This would be God's name forever, for He was a God of continuity;
He would also be their God if they would walk with Him faithfully.
This would be God's Memorial Name to all generations of Israel;
The Lord God of the patriarchs would deliver them from all evil.

The people were lost, confused and felt a sense of hopelessness;
This Memorial Name of God was meant to inspire great faithfulness.
This great God of the Patriarchs had seen the evil done to His people;
He would come and redeem them and bring redemption to Israel.

Charles Tan
Inspiration: Exodus 3:15-17



ANNOUNCEMENTS

YOUTH CONFERENCE 2025: "Reconciled to God"

2 Corinthians 5:20

The much anticipated Youth Conference is around the corner! As we learn about being reconciled to God, may we appreciate our salvation so much more, and may it inspire us to live for Him in every aspect of our lives.

Details

Dates: 1-4 Dec 2025 (Monday - Thursday)

Venue: Bethany IPC

Time: 9.00am to 5.00pm daily

Age

Open to youths aged 13 and above.

Fellowship Lunch

Lunch will be provided every day. It would be an opportunity for us to relate to and fellowship with one another.

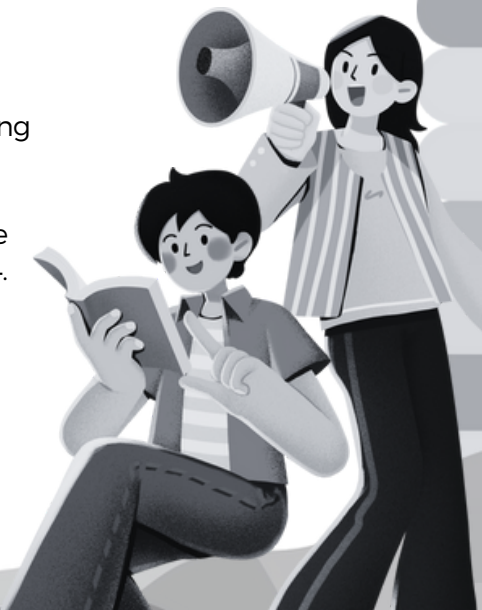
Fees

\$25.00

Do sign up early to assist in the planning of the programme.

If there are any queries, please feel free to contact Joshua Phang at 8028 6194.

You can register online by scanning the QR Code:





Christmas

CAROLLING 2025

Christmas remains a precious and joyous time of celebrating the advent of our Great Redeemer and Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. Let us be encouraged to declare His wondrous praise and share the Light of His Gospel to those around us!

We're glad to have our Christmas Carolling this year. If you're interested, kindly register at the Booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays.

Details

Date: 6 December 2025, Saturday

Venue: Sanctuary

Time: 3.00pm

We will begin with a time of Worship in the Main Sanctuary (Level 2), followed by a Fellowship Tea at Level 1.



Christmas

AT SHANGRI-LA 2025

Our special Christmas Service and Christmas Lunch will be held on 25 December 2025.

Let us anticipate a glorious time of extolling the LORD our God!

Details

Date: 25 December 2025, Thursday

Venue: Shangri-La

Time: 10.30am

Christmas Worship Service will commence at 10.30am, followed by Christmas Lunch.

Please plan to sign up early!

Kindly scan the QR below to register for Christmas Lunch. If you've any inquiries, please approach us at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you.



NEXT YWS

15 NOV 2025

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“Man shall not live by bread alone”

Text: Deuteronomy 8

“Man shall not live by bread alone” was a life principle which the LORD desired to teach the children of Israel. The place of the Word of God was meant to be highly regarded and appreciated by His people. This vital principle of living by the Word of God remains true and relevant to us today!



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