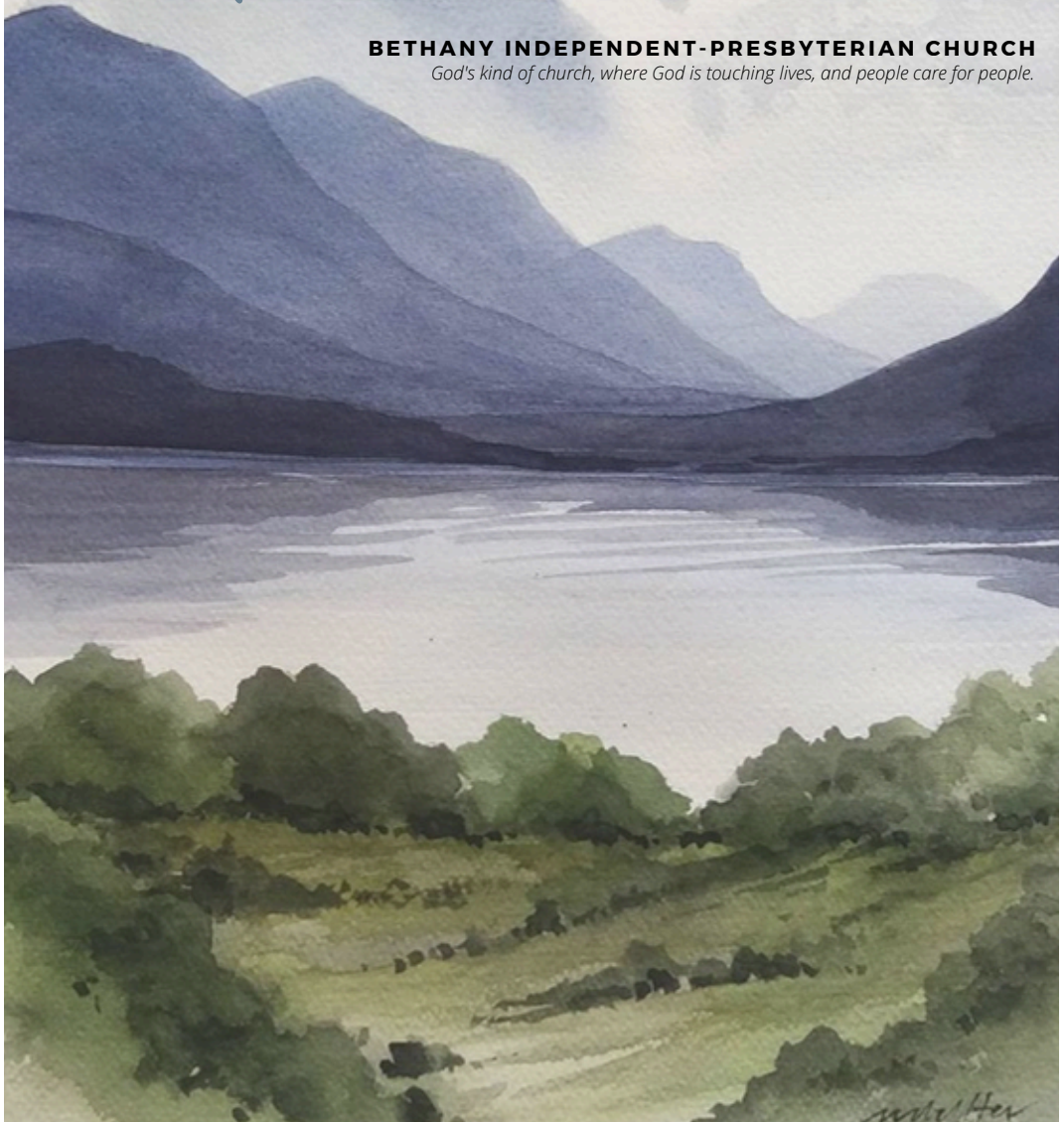


**POST-YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL I BULLETIN**  
**13 DECEMBER 2025, 3.00 PM**

# Post-Youth Conference Special Session 1

**BETHANY INDEPENDENT-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

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



# ORDER OF WORSHIP

## POST-YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL

13 DECEMBER 2025

### PRELUDE

PIANIST: RAYNE QUEK

### OPENING PRAYER

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

### INTRODUCTION

HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING

NATALIE NG, VERA KANG,  
VEANNE LEONG & JAMIE LI  
PIANIST: LORRAINE LAI  
CAJONIST: RAYNE QUEK

### WORSHIP IN SONG

1. DEEPER IN LOVE
2. THE LOVE OF GOD

NATALIE NG & VERA KANG  
PIANISTS: LORRAINE LAI  
& RAYNE QUEK

### MESSAGE

"HAVING MADE KNOWN TO US  
THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL"

TEXT: EPHESIANS 1:9

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

### CLOSING HYMN

MY JESUS, I LOVE THEE

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

### CLOSING PRAYER

PASTOR CHARLES TAN

### POSTLUDE

PIANIST: LORRAINE LAI



# MY NOTES

13 DECEMBER 2025

**“HAVING MADE KNOWN TO US  
THE MYSTERY OF HIS WILL”**

EPHESIANS 1:9

# REFLECTIONS



*What is one lesson you took away from Youth Conference 2025, and how will you be applying it?*

*Let's hear from some of the youths that attended camp this year!*



# Daniel Chew

## GROWING A WALK AND A DESIRE FOR THE LORD'S WORD

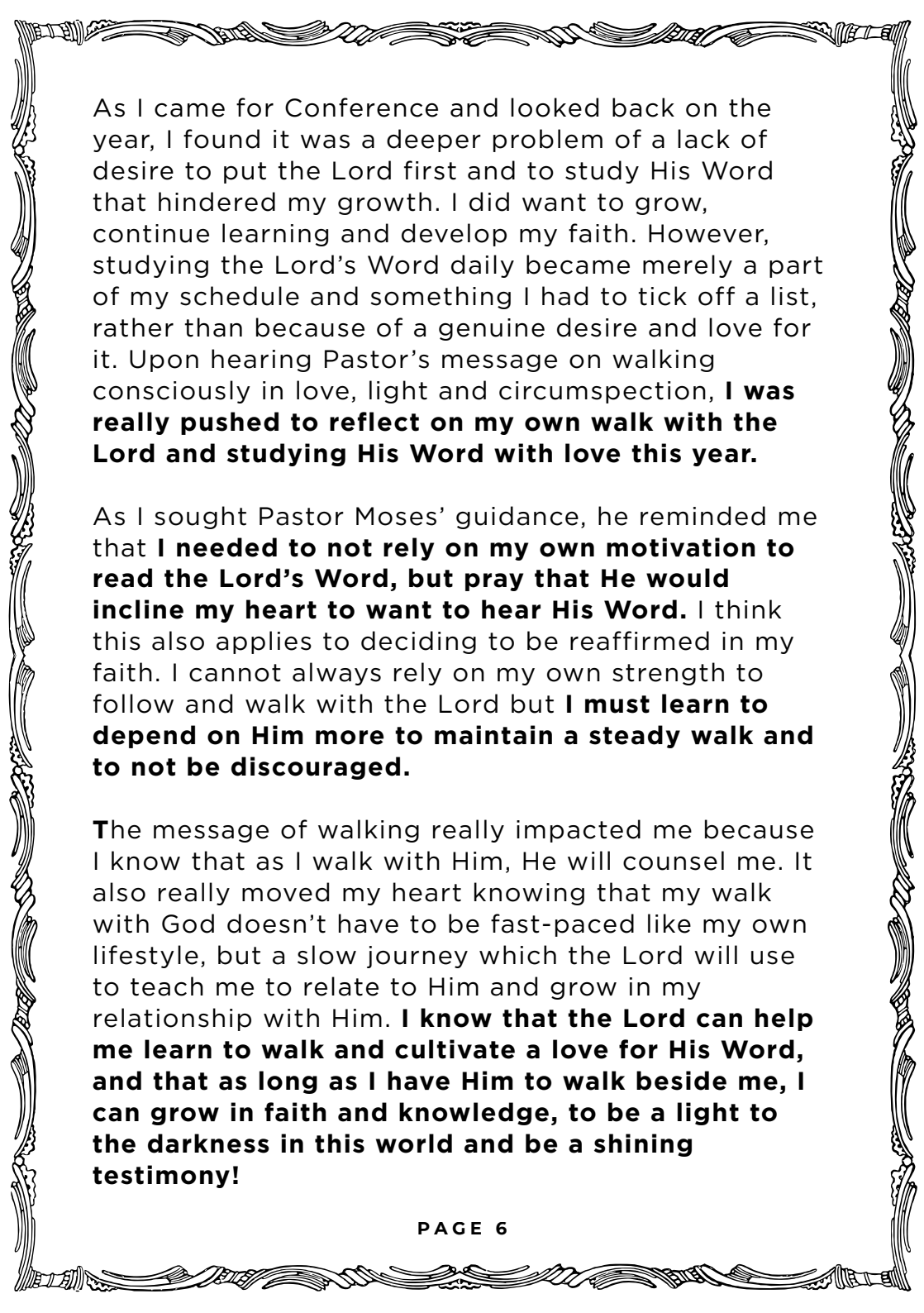
Good afternoon everyone!

I hope everyone has had a fruitful Conference and a meaningful time of meeting with the Lord! As camp has come to an end, I wonder what you've gleaned... There have definitely been many meaningful lessons, so allow me to share a little of my personal reflections!

To be honest, I wish my faith was stronger...

After Conference last year, I was committed to furthering my faith and walk with God. Thus, week after week, I'd been coming back to Bethany to be spiritually fed, but **I still found it challenging to remember the lessons taught and to learn to follow the Lord Jesus wholeheartedly.** As someone who likes to pack my days with many activities to make the most of my limited time, it leaves me little time to spend alone with the Lord, fully immersed in studying the Scriptures or reviewing the lessons learnt.

And with what little time that is left, I often review the Word in a quick and shallow manner, not gaining much, causing few lessons to stand out and make a meaningful impact in my life.

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As I came for Conference and looked back on the year, I found it was a deeper problem of a lack of desire to put the Lord first and to study His Word that hindered my growth. I did want to grow, continue learning and develop my faith. However, studying the Lord's Word daily became merely a part of my schedule and something I had to tick off a list, rather than because of a genuine desire and love for it. Upon hearing Pastor's message on walking consciously in love, light and circumspection, **I was really pushed to reflect on my own walk with the Lord and studying His Word with love this year.**

As I sought Pastor Moses' guidance, he reminded me that **I needed to not rely on my own motivation to read the Lord's Word, but pray that He would incline my heart to want to hear His Word.** I think this also applies to deciding to be reaffirmed in my faith. I cannot always rely on my own strength to follow and walk with the Lord but **I must learn to depend on Him more to maintain a steady walk and to not be discouraged.**

The message of walking really impacted me because I know that as I walk with Him, He will counsel me. It also really moved my heart knowing that my walk with God doesn't have to be fast-paced like my own lifestyle, but a slow journey which the Lord will use to teach me to relate to Him and grow in my relationship with Him. **I know that the Lord can help me learn to walk and cultivate a love for His Word, and that as long as I have Him to walk beside me, I can grow in faith and knowledge, to be a light to the darkness in this world and be a shining testimony!**

*“Yet in all these things we are more than conquerors through Him who loved us. For I am persuaded that neither death nor life, nor angels nor principalities nor powers, nor things present nor things to come, nor height nor depth, nor any other created thing, shall be able to separate us from the love of God which is in Christ Jesus our Lord.”*

Romans 8:37-39

During Bible Study, we covered Romans 8, and it really encouraged my heart as it reminded me that **as long as I keep trying to learn to put off my old ways and habits and to seek to do better, no matter how much I fall short, God will not condemn me!** This really encouraged me on the final day of camp as I was a little disappointed in my own spiritual growth and knowing that next year, I can try again and seek to do better with the Lord’s guidance really uplifted me.

Even as we all continue to meditate on the many lessons learnt this Conference, I hope you can also find a **renewal of strength and hope in the Lord that does not disappoint and to grow in your faith and walk with Him!** May we all seek to apply these lessons and become strong soldiers of the Lord’s army!



# Jamie Li

## GEARING UP WITH THE ARMOUR OF GOD

The most significant and valuable lesson that I learnt during Youth Conference 2025 would be **regarding the armour of God** taken from Ephesians 6:13-17.

When Pastor asked out of the six pieces of armour, how many did we have on, it dawned upon me that I was severely lacking. The pieces of armour that we are meant to put on to protect ourselves in the spiritual battle were in bits and pieces for me. I was missing many components and this poses a great spiritual danger to me.

**Without the armour of God, worldly desires and achievements such as good grades and having what the world deems as a successful career becomes my focus instead of setting my eyes on God.** Being more inclined to satisfy the flesh becomes a real challenge that I cannot combat without the armour of God. Most importantly, as I spend more time chasing worldly achievements, my mind is distracted and turned away from God. This is a scary reality for me.

The Scriptures describe the armour of God in Ephesians 6:13-17 - Girding our waists with truth, having put on the breastplate of righteousness, having shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace, taking the shield of faith, wearing the helmet of salvation and having the sword of the Spirit. Girding the waist with truth, points to **how well we know the Word of God and how we are able to apply the truth of the Word in our lives.**





Having shod our feet with the preparation of the gospel of peace relates to **how well we know to present the gospel and our faith to others**. Having the sword of the Spirit refers to how well we know the Scriptures, being able to identify and point to the Scriptures to meet present needs.

Personally, I realised that my knowledge in the Word of God is insufficient and inadequate. I need to start memorising Bible verses, I need to start the practice of reviewing past lessons and I definitely need to spend more time with God and His Word. This is especially important in my spiritual battle as having His Word help to guard my heart and mind against worldly desires. I can refer to the Scriptures for comfort in times of challenges and above all, **I can always remember God's love towards me through His Word**.

Moving forward, I now realise the importance of **reading, reviewing and reflecting** on the Scriptures. Pastor always reminds us to memorise God's Word and now I understand why it is pivotal for us to memorise verses and how significant it is in **retaining the Word of God in our hearts and minds**. With that being said, I am motivated to be more proactive in my learning of God's Word. I know that even with my own diligence, I would not be able to do this alone. Hence, I seek to grow deeper in prayer, knowing that God gives the Spirit and the strength to guide me while I embark on this walk with God.



# David Soh

## LETTING CHRIST DWELL IN US

Good Afternoon everyone, as Youth Conference has just concluded, I wanted to share one of the key lessons I had picked up over the week's sessions.

**How are we able to let the Word of God live within us?** While most of us are able to declare ourselves as Christians, **how may we truly prevent sin from reigning over our lives?**

In the book of Romans, Paul mentions how the problem of sin can be so prominent in our daily lives, and with it being so widespread in our world, and due to our inherent weakness of the flesh, we often find our lives being directed by the law of sin, resulting in us being unable to fully follow what the Lord has instructed us to do, and we will naturally end up transgressing against the Lord. Thus, I found it ever more important that **we must focus on letting Christ dwell within us and in our lives else we risk letting sin reign in us.**

While serving Basic Military Training (BMT), I had to interact with many new people from all walks of life, with many of them engaging in "grown-up" activities such as smoking, clubbing and drinking. I had made a commitment to the Lord during this period, **to let my life be directed by my faith and avoid being negatively influenced by those around me, letting my mind beset on the things of the Spirit rather than following my bunkmates in chasing worldly desires.**

As I stood with everyone at the end of Youth Conference, I had resolved to let the Spirit of God guide my steps so that I may live according to the Spirit. As sin continues to reign in the world around us and our flesh remains weak, **I seek to hide the Word of God in my heart and make it a part of my life while strengthening my faith and relationship with God through a consistent prayer life.** It is only through these, that I am able to resist the carnal weaknesses of the flesh.

# Gloria Lim

## LEARNING TO BE A SPIRITUAL CHRISTIAN

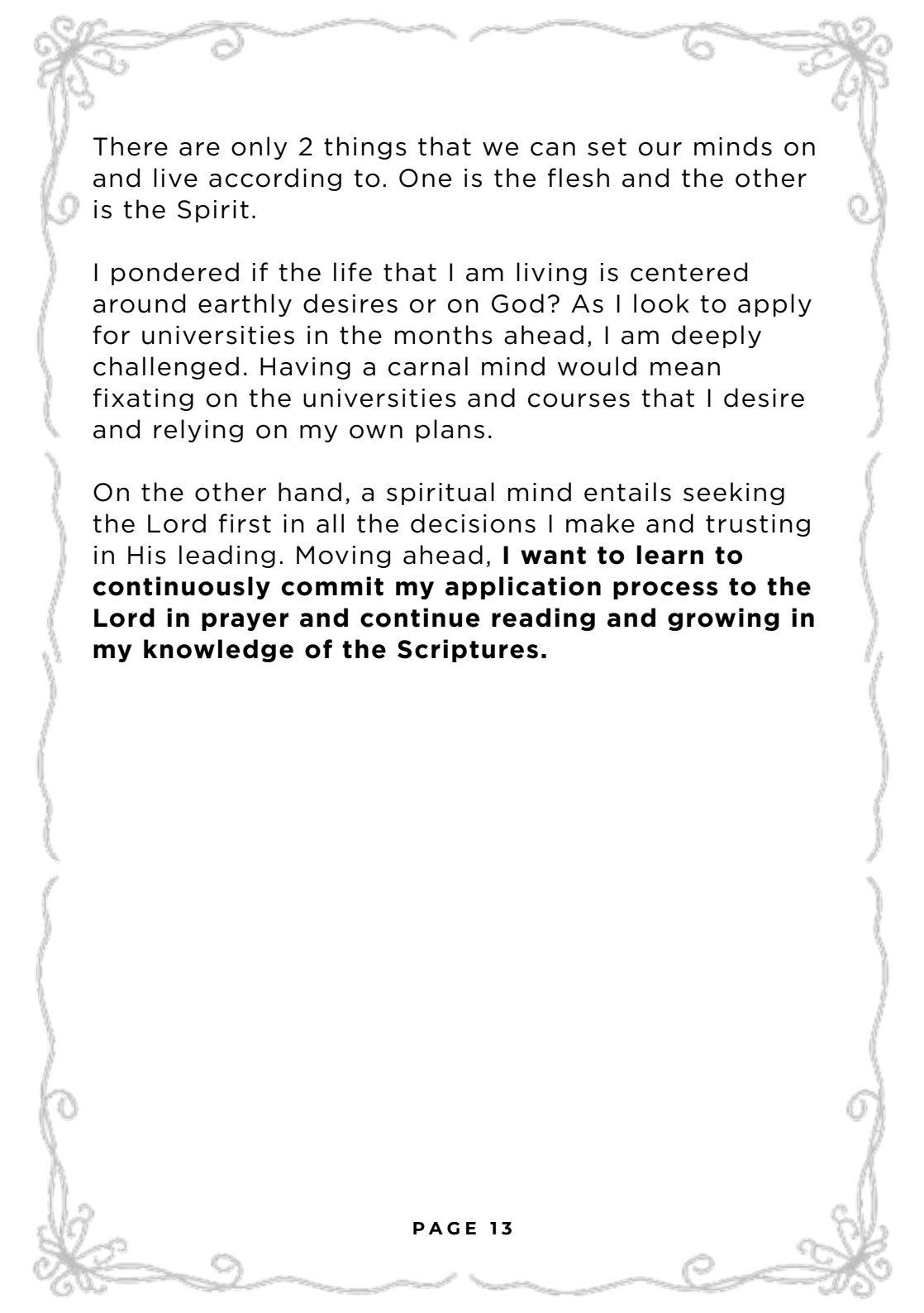
Hi! I am Gloria and I am 18 years old this year.

One lesson that stood out to me from Youth Conference is from Romans 8:1-11. Paul contrasts those who walk according to the flesh and those who walk according to the Spirit.

We learnt that by default, if we do not make an active decision, our sinful nature causes us to fall into temptations and our minds to focus on worldly desires. We become carnally minded which leads to spiritual death and we are at odds with God.

In comparison, **when we set our minds on the things of the Spirit, we become spiritually alive and we can find peace with God.** To be spiritually minded means **seeking first the Kingdom of God and considering God first in every aspect of our lives.**

How may we, who are sinful and weak, ever be able to walk according to the Spirit? God reveals His plan to help us overcome the power of sin. The Lord Jesus came down from Heaven to experience the same earthly temptations but emerged victorious over sin. **Because of the sacrifice of His righteous life, we can be justified by faith and made righteous before God.** With faith, we are now sealed with the Holy Spirit to lead us and strengthen us to be spiritually minded. **No longer do we need to live according to the flesh but we can live a spiritual Christian life.**

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There are only 2 things that we can set our minds on and live according to. One is the flesh and the other is the Spirit.

I pondered if the life that I am living is centered around earthly desires or on God? As I look to apply for universities in the months ahead, I am deeply challenged. Having a carnal mind would mean fixating on the universities and courses that I desire and relying on my own plans.

On the other hand, a spiritual mind entails seeking the Lord first in all the decisions I make and trusting in His leading. Moving ahead, **I want to learn to continuously commit my application process to the Lord in prayer and continue reading and growing in my knowledge of the Scriptures.**

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## 1. POST-YOUTH CONFERENCE SPECIAL SESSIONS

Our Post-Youth Conference Special sessions will be taking place in the Fellowship Hall (Level 1) over the following weeks:

- a. 20 December 2025
- b. 27 December 2025

Programme begins at 3pm.  
Do try to make it for these sessions!



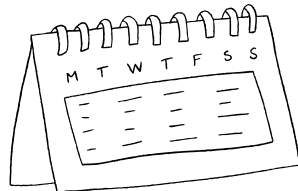
## 2. DOWN MEMORY LANE 2025

Our annual Down Memory Lane Service will be taking place at the end of the month.

### Details

Date: 31 December 2025  
Time: 8.00pm  
Location: Sanctuary

Let us take time to reflect on 2025, and look forward to 2026!



# 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 have any inquiries, please approach us at the booth in the Fellowship Hall on Sundays and we will assist you.





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