



# THE FRIEND

11AM | 30 MARCH 2025

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Hello! We are glad you could join us for today's worship service at Lygon Street Christian Chapel. We are a friendly, evangelical church in the city of Melbourne. As those seeking to love and follow Jesus Christ, we welcome people from all walks of life and all parts of the world.

In this bulletin, you will find our vision statement, the order of today's service, and other information you may find helpful. It is our prayer that you are blessed worshipping with us today. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask the leadership (or anyone who looks like they would know).



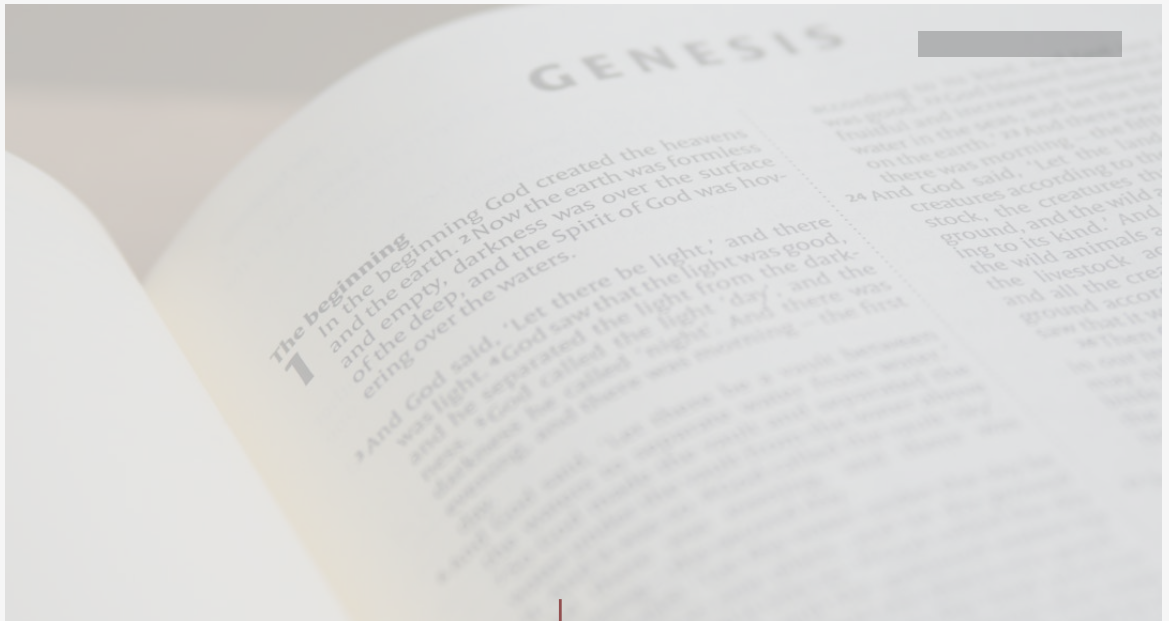
## OUR VISION & MISSION

*We are a Bible-centered church that exists to bring glory to God.*

*We believe what the Bible says – that it is God’s perfect word to us.*

*We seek to teach from His Word faithfully so that every member will build a deep and lasting personal relationship with our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ and be equipped to share the Good News of God’s free salvation to everyone.*

*It is our mission to love one another passionately, serve selflessly and reach out lovingly so that those who are far away from God may find new life in Jesus.*



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# WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

## — 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Offering

Prayer

Bible reading: 1 John 3:10-24

Sermon: Family ties

Closing song: The Servant King

Closing

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# CONNECT

Hello! If you are joining for us for the first time, we welcome you to Lygon Street Christian Chapel. Here are some ways you can connect with us!

For newcomers:

[CONNECT FORM](#)

To view our Sunday service online:

[VIEW LSCC  
LIVESTREAM](#)

Subscribe to our mailing list for important updates and announcements:

[SUBSCRIBE NOW](#)

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **BELGRAVE HEIGHTS EASTER CONVENTION & CGF**

The Carlton Gospel Fellowship is planning to attend this year's Belgrave Easter Convention! It will be held on the 18th to the 21st of April at Belgrave Height Convention Centre.

Anyone from LSCC are welcome to join the CGFers, either for a day trip or staying overnight.

The registration form can be found via this link

<https://tinyurl.com/Belgrave-2025> with the deadline being the 6th April, 11:59pm.

If you have any questions, please reach out to Arthur Mak (Mob: 0478 230 307), Godfrey Ong (Mob: 0431 188 383) and Kenneth Tong (Mob: 0423 944 489)

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

Sign up here! <https://forms.gle/s4t4AKTTcR1nRFN28>

For more information, please contact the Women's Ministry Committee (Rachel, Swee Yue, Steph K or Eileen)

**Please also take a moment to fill out this quick survey to help us plan for the year ahead:** <https://forms.gle/qj6cWWz6v5NJP9iM7>.

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



[Sign up  
here](#)

LYCC WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## Spiritual self-care... in the midst of busyness

With Guest Speaker Heather Reid

**APRIL 12 • 11AM - 1PM**  
**54 LYGON STREET, CARLTON**

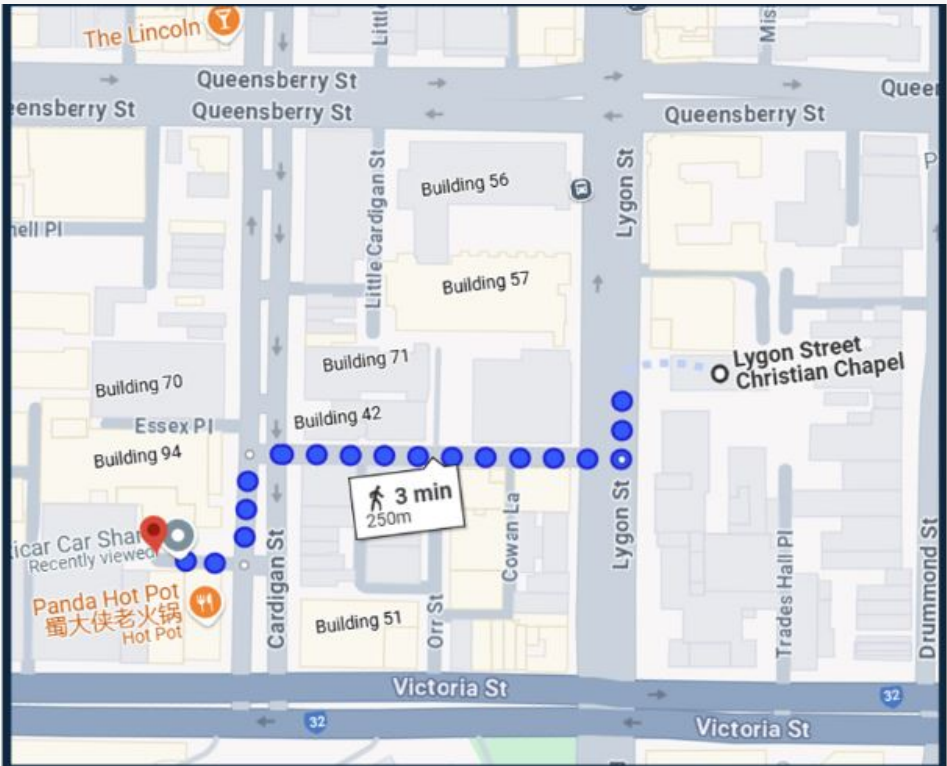
Join us for lunch (\$25pp or visitors come FREE)  
Kids program available • RSVP by April 6

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## **ALTERNATIVE PARKING**

As you might already be aware, kerbside parking around LSCC has been changed to 2P Meter. In situations where you might require parking for more than 2 hours and there is no available parking at LSCC, we encourage you to consider alternative parking at CarePark on 15 Cardigan Street. This is a multi-storey carpark located around 3-5 minutes' walk from LSCC where weekend rates are set at \$8 for full day parking. If this does interest you, please refer to the below map for directions to this carpark. Thank you..



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## **Prayer Meeting**

Our weekly Prayer Meeting is on every Wednesday, at 8:00 PM - 9 PM. We gather on Zoom to pray, support one another and learning to rest in God's goodness. If you'd like to join, please contact Melvin, and he will send you the Zoom link. Let's come together in prayer and encourage one another.

## **Growth Groups Ministry**

Our Growth Groups are starting up again! These small groups meet during the week to reflect on God's Word, grow in faith, and build community as God's people. If you're not yet part of a group and would like to join one, please let Melvin know. It's a wonderful way to connect, learn, and grow together!

For all inquiries, you can reach **Melvin Lo** at [melvinwylo@gmail.com](mailto:melvinwylo@gmail.com) or **0402227506**. We look forward to seeing you involved in these meaningful opportunities!

## **Church Lunch Ministry 2025**

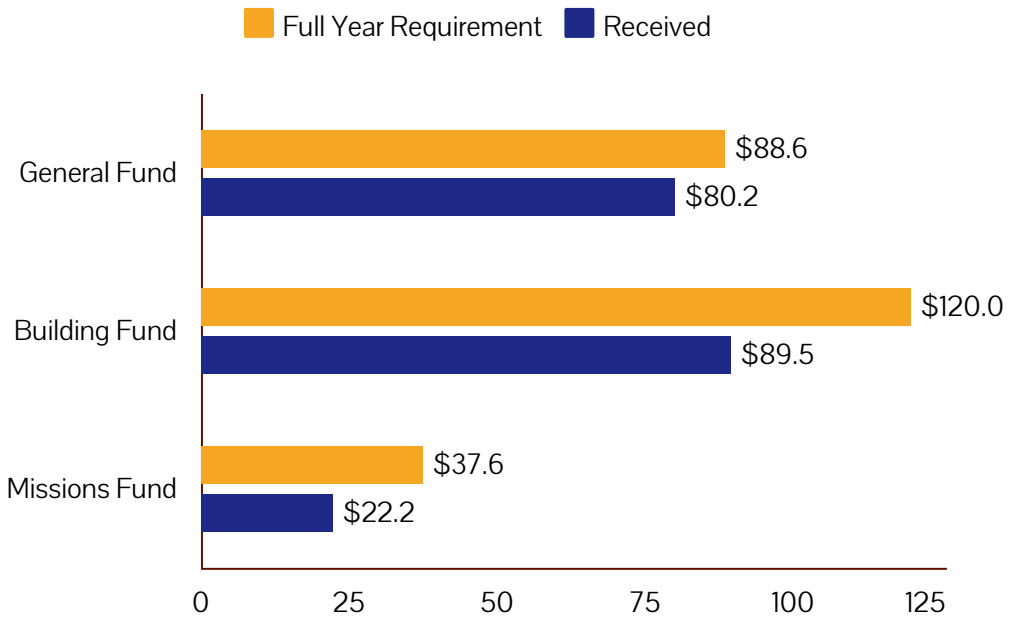
The Church Lunch team would appreciate more helpers for the ministry. If you are able to help serve in this ministry by being part of a roster that contributes dishes or cleaning up, please contact **Jason Lau (0423 475 560)**



# CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

If you have previously contributed to the building fund but have not received a tax receipt, please kindly email [lsc54@gmail.com](mailto:lsc54@gmail.com). Thank you once again for your ongoing support.

**FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000)**  
**YTD 28th March 2025**



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2024 to 28 March 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
<b>General Fund</b>	\$1,704	\$2,071	\$65,957	\$80,174	<b>\$14,217</b>
<b>Building Fund</b>	\$2,308	\$2,313	\$89,349	\$89,539	<b>\$190</b>
<b>Missions Fund</b>	\$723	\$575	\$27,993	\$22,247	<b>(\$5,746)</b>

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# GIVING

There are a number of ways in which you can give financially to the work of the church. We have resumed the passing of offering bags during our church services. You may also continue to make your offering online. If you would like to contribute using online banking, transfers can be made directly to LSCC using the following account details:

**General Fund – For all our day-to-day ministry & administration costs.**

**Account Name: LSCC General Fund**

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593302

**Mission Fund – For mission partners, engaging in evangelism, discipleship, compassion, etc**

**Account Name: LSCC Missions Fund**

BSB: 033-000

Account Number: 593310

**Building Fund – For all our building-related costs.**

**Account Name: LSCC Building Fund**

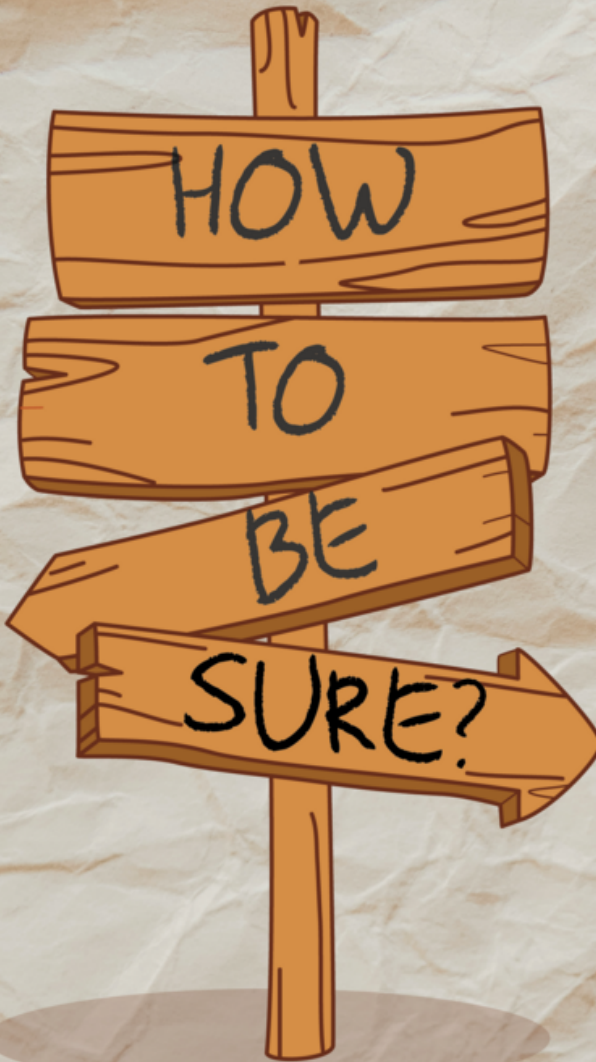
BSB: 033-009

Account Number: 805316

\*Givings to the Building fund are considered as tax-deductible donations and donors will be issued with a tax receipt for each donation. We kindly ask that you keep the Building Fund contributions to a minimum of \$50. This will allow our team to better manage the administrative requirements for issuing tax receipts. For all first-time donors, please kindly email [lsc54@gmail.com](mailto:lsc54@gmail.com) with your full name and amount contributed.



## NEXT SERMON SERIES



02.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 1: 1-10  
THE HEART OF THE MATTER

09.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 2: 1-14  
WALKING THE TALK

16.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 2: 15-27  
STAYING THE COURSE

23.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 2: 28- 3: 10  
FAMILY LIKENESS

30.03.2025 / 1 JOHN 3: 10-24  
FAMILY TIES

06.04.2025 / 1 JOHN 4: 1-21  
TRUE LOVE

13.04.2025 / 1 JOHN 5: 1-21  
TRUE CONFIDENCE

Lygon Street Christian Church  
59 Lygon Street  
Carlton, VIC 3053  
11am (Melbourne time)

LIVE Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>

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# GETTING INVOLVED

## **SENIORS' MINISTRY**

They meet every first Sunday of the month and third Thursday evening of each month on Zoom for Bible study.

For more information: Contact Fay Trevethick on 0412 444 131

## **CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)**

University (local and international), post grad, fresh graduates meets every Friday 7 pm at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel:

**54 Lygon Street, Carlton.**

For more information, you can follow us on:

<https://lsc.org.au/about-us/university-students/>

<https://www.facebook.com/carltongf>

## **GROWTH GROUP**

Men and women of all ages from different walks in life meet in different areas during the week to study the Bible.

For more information about the groups and the ministry please contact Melvin at [melvinwylo@gmail.com](mailto:melvinwylo@gmail.com) or 0402 227506

## **YOUTH GROUP**

Year 7 to Year 12 high schoolers meet fortnightly at the back hall of Lygon Street Christian Chapel on Sunday morning for bible study and fellowship.  
Time: 10am

For more information, contact Cindy Lee at [clsy147@gmail.com](mailto:clsy147@gmail.com); or Swee Yue Tan at [sweeyuetan@gmail.com](mailto:sweeyuetan@gmail.com)

## **CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)**

There is a Children's ministry and program every Sunday at 11 AM.

For more information: Contact our Children and Youth worker: Vut Wong at [vut.wong@gmail.com](mailto:vut.wong@gmail.com) or 0425 299 804.

## **CHURCH LUNCH MINISTRY**

The church lunch usually starts in March and held on the first Sunday of every month after the 11 AM service. It is a vital ministry that brings the church together. The team always has room for more cooks, helpers in setting and cleaning up. For more details, please contact our coordinator: Jason Lau at [greatnessjason@gmail.com](mailto:greatnessjason@gmail.com) or 0423 475 560.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## CAFÉ CORNER – BBQ

- Praise God for the wonderful weather and meaningful gathering last Sunday after the church service.
- We thank God for the space provided where it can be used to gather his people.
- Praise God for Matthew and Stef Tan in organising the BBQ for Sunday. We also thank God for the many helpers who set up, cooked, served and cleaned up.
- Thank God for Percival Wong in helping us complete the project on the South-Side lane.



## **CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)**

- Praise God for those who attended the 'Checkpoint' event and praying that God will use it to draw them closer to one another.
- Thank God for the organisers to helped get the event up and running.
- We continue to praise God for binging into our midst many students to are enjoying learning from God's Word.
- Pray that international students will be open to the Gospel and to seeking a relationship with God through Jesus.
- As they study from 1 John, pray that they will be affirmed that they have nothing lacking in Jesus Christ. Pray that they will be able to discern truth from falsehood and discern the true nature of God and His Word.

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- Pray for peace and comfort for international students, particularly during times of stress and homesickness.
- Pray for strong relationships with friends and 'mentors' to help navigate challenges.
- Pray for the coming Saturday's event that it will be planned well. Pray for strong interest and that students are able to bond well through the event. Pray for protection.
- Pray for numerical and spiritual growth.



## • **WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP**

- We thank God for the 'rebooting' of the Women's Ministry by a team made up of Stephani Tan, EiLeen Tiong, Rachel Tan & Swee Yue Tan. Pray for our Lord's wisdom upon them as they plan for the ministry.
- Praise God for all constructive and helpful ideas and feedback that has come through the survey.
- Pray for the upcoming event on April 12th as Heather Reid would be their guest speaker touching on the theme 'Spiritual self-care in the midst of busyness.' Pray that the event would draw encouraging interest and God would use it to draw the ladies closer to Jesus.

## **STEVE WILLIAMS – RMIT CU Senior Worker & LSCC** **guest speaker**

- Steve Williams suffered a heart attack 4 weeks ago and gradually returning to work in a reduced capacity.
- Pray for God to restore their strength, energy, and vitality.
- Pray for patience and understanding for both the person recovering and their loved ones.
- Pray for a deepening of relationship with Jesus through this challenging times.



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## THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday Yung Tyng Lee will be speaking from 1 John 3:10-24 under the title, 'Family ties'. Please pray for his preparation that he would have a good grasp of the passage. Pray that the delivery of the sermon to be faithful, clear and pastoral. Pray that our Lord would use his word to build up his church.

- Pray for newcomers and visitors this Sunday that would feel welcomed.
- Pray for our non-Christian friends that would come to faith in our Lord Jesus. Praise God for his work in their hearts, especially those who have been attending.
- *"Teach me, O LORD, the way of your statutes; and I will keep it to the end. Give me understanding, that I may keep your law and observe it with my whole heart. Lead me in the path of your commandments, for I delight in it."* Psalm 119:33-35 - **Pray that LSCC would commit to growing in God's Word and lives transformed bringing glory to Jesus. Pray for faithful teaching and living out of his word in every level of our ministry.**
- *"When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.'"* Matthew 9:36-38 - **Praise God for working in the hearts of those who are searching and investigating about Jesus at our church. Pray that they will come to know Jesus. Pray that we will grow as a church that cares about reaching out to people who don't know Jesus Christ.**
- *"I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment."* 1 Corinthians 1:10 - **There are so many things that could potentially divide the church: personalities, misunderstandings, ego and hurt feelings. Pray that our eyes would be fix on Jesus and be united on the gospel, which binds us together. Pray that we would be humble and servant hearted towards one another.**
- *"Paul and Barnabas appointed elders for them in each church and, with prayer and fasting, committed them to the Lord, in whom they had put their trust."* Acts 14:23 - **Praise God the availability of LSCC's elders. Pray that they would continually rest in God as they serve his people especially when the load is usually heavy. Pray for their protection and God would provide for the needs of LSCC**

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## **GROWTH GROUPS & YOUNG FAMILIES**

- Pray for those who are away that our Lord will continue to watch over them. Those travelling are Renhaw, Ming and family; Keene, Hannah and family, Wai Leng Low. Pray for our Lord's protection to be upon them.
- Praise God for Growth Group ministries that provides a platform for members from the church to know each other on a more personal level.
- Growth Groups would be embarking on some structural changes for 2025. Praise God that it is well received so far and please pray that it will be implemented well. Pray for wisdom as the elders plan and navigate the ministry through these changes. Pray for patience as the ministry undergo 'teething issues' especially in the early stages of the changes.
- Pray for those parents who are expecting. Pray that the mums would enjoy a successful pregnancy.
- As the school terms have started with parents busy on the run wearing different hats, pray that they would strengthened in their different roles. Pray that they would be a good witness to their children what honouring our loving good Lord looks like. Pray that each of the children in our church will grow knowing and loving Christ.
- Thank God for the provision of job opportunities to those who have been looking for one.



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## **SENIORS MINISTRY:**

- Praise God for their social lunch last Saturday and planning of social events for 2025. Give thanks that it was productive time of planning and that the seniors enjoyed a time of catching up with one another.
- We thank God for his leading and blessing Edwin and Emily Tai in their 64 years of married life. Praise God their wedding anniversary.
- Pray for our Lord's protection upon Don McCall as he is away in Perth. Pray for his protection and wisdom as he contemplates on how to transport some of his items to Melbourne.
- Pray for Neil Hawthorn's protection as he continues to wrestle with increasing lapses of seizures caused by epilepsy. Pray for the upcoming surgery that it would be successful in bringing relief.
- Pray that the Seniors will grow in grasping Jesus' love for them.
- Pray that they will grow in their love for each other.

## **LSCC PRAYER MEETING:**

- Praise God for the privilege of prayer and for Jesus' finished work on the cross. Through Jesus work, we can be adopted into God's family and call him our heavenly Father. To call God our Father is a joy and a privilege!
- Thank God we are able to come in freedom to prayer without persecution.
- Praise God that we have a Father in heaven who delights in hearing our prayers.
- Pray that we will grow in our dependence in our sovereign God.
- Pray that our prayer lives would be strengthened and grow as a church.
- Pray for more to be part of this prayer ministry.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## **SUNDAY SCHOOL – CHILDREN AND YOUTH:**

- School Committee as they serve tirelessly in bringing Gospel centred program to the children. Pray for their enablement and also for his wisdom upon them as they plan.
- Praise God for all the Sunday school teachers and helpers. Pray that the leaders' efforts are fruitful and that children are reached and disciplined in Jesus.
- Please continue to pray that the children in or church would develop spiritually, mentally, emotionally and physically. Pray that they come to know Christ and grow in their faith.
- Pray for parents to grow in their relationship with Christ. Pray for opportunities for spiritual conversations with their children during the week; intentionally recognising teachable moments and continuing spiritual moments.
- We are thankful to God that the youth appear to have assimilated as they now join some of the CGF's programs on Friday evening. Pray for this Friday's Youth Group program that our Lord will use it to build their youth.
- Pray that the youth would grow in Jesus. For those who doesn't know Jesus is their Lord and Saviour, pray that they would come to know him.

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# BIBLE READING

## 1 JOHN 3:10-24

**10** This is how we know who the children of God are and who the children of the devil are: Anyone who does not do what is right is not a child of God; nor is anyone who does not love his brother. **11** This is the message you heard from the beginning: We should love one another. **12** Do not be like Cain, who belonged to the evil one and murdered his brother. And why did he murder him? Because his own actions were evil and his brother's were righteous. **13** Do not be surprised, my brothers, if the world hates you. **14** We know that we have passed from death to life, because we love our brothers. Anyone who does not love remains in death. **15** Anyone who hates his brother is a murderer, and you know that no murderer has eternal life in him. **16** This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers.

**17** If anyone has material possessions and sees his brother in need but has no pity on him, how can the love of God be in him? **18** Dear children, let us not love with words or tongue but with actions and in truth. **19** This then is how we know that we belong to the truth, and how we set our hearts at rest in his presence **20** whenever our hearts condemn us. For God is greater than our hearts, and he knows everything. **21** Dear friends, if our hearts do not condemn us, we have confidence before God **22** and receive from him anything we ask, because we obey his commands and do what pleases him. **23** And this is his command: to believe in the name of his Son, Jesus Christ, and to love one another as he commanded us. **24** Those who obey his commands live in him, and he in them. And this is how we know that he lives in us: We know it by the Spirit he gave us.