



# THE FRIEND

11AM | 7 SEPTEMBER 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).



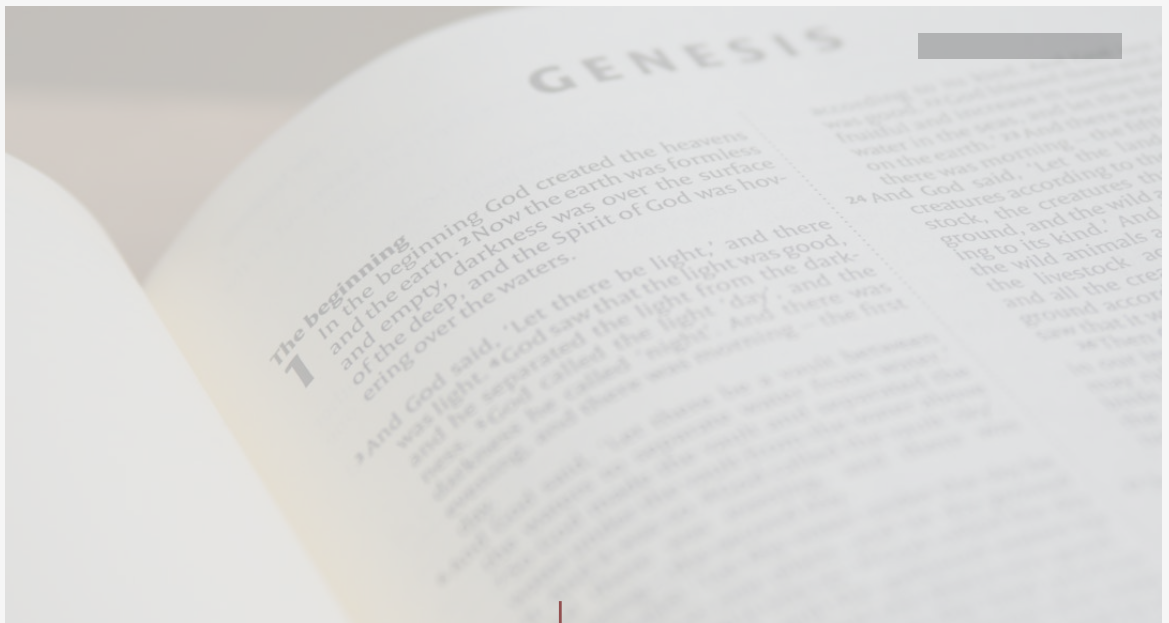
## OUR VISION & MISSION

*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

Prayer

Offering

Bible reading: Ephesians 5:18-6:9

Sermon: Filled with the Spirit

Communion

Closing song: Living for Jesus

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:

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# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## **A Little Plumbing Patience & Church Lunch Update:**

Hello, church family! We're writing to let you know about a small, temporary hurdle we're facing with a drainage blockage. We are on it and hope to have it completely resolved by next week.

In the meantime, we'd be so grateful if you could help us by **using the restroom in the Mother's Room** or the **portable facilities in the parking lot** instead of the ones in the back hall. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause!

As an extra precaution to keep our pipes happy, we've decided to **postpone this week's church lunch**. Instead, let's all look forward to sharing a wonderful meal together **next Sunday, September 14th!**

Thank you for your grace and flexibility!

## **Front Garden Working Bee**

We will be holding a Working Bee on **11th October 2025** (Sat) from 9.30am dedicated to renovating the garden at the front of the chapel. Whether you're a green thumb or a brown thumb, all are very welcome to join in the effort for any period of time you are available.


Kindly reach out to Fay Trevethick for any further questions or to confirm your availability.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection

**SEND A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX!**



**Operation Christmas Child**

**IT'S ALL ABOUT JESUS!**

**Operation Christmas Child** is a project of Samaritan's Purse, an international relief organisation. This project is a hands-on way for you to demonstrate God's love to children in need across the world by filling shoeboxes with toys, hygiene items, school supplies, and fun gifts.


We collect the gift-filled shoeboxes and send them to local partners around the world that use them as a means of reaching out to children in their own communities with the Good News of Jesus Christ. After receiving gift-filled shoeboxes, many children accept an invitation to participate in *The Greatest Journey* discipleship program and millions of children each year are making decisions to follow Christ.


Since 1993, more than **232 million** children in more than 100 countries and territories have received an Operation Christmas Child shoebox, and over **23 million** children have made decisions to follow Christ after participating in *The Greatest Journey*. The project delivers not only the joy of what, for many kids, is their first gift ever, but also gives them a tangible expression of God's love.

**A simple gift-filled shoebox is making an eternal difference. Will you pack a shoebox this year and share the hope of Jesus with children all over the world?**

**NATIONAL COLLECTION**  
**OCTOBER 13-27**

Scan code for inspiring stories and to find out more about Operation Christmas Child



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[operationchristmaschild.org.au](http://operationchristmaschild.org.au)



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## Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection



### HOW TO GET INVOLVED

<b>7 SEP &amp; 14 SEP</b>	Pick up a shoebox or give a donation
<b>5 OCT &amp; 12 OCT</b>	Drop off packed shoeboxes and shipping cost*

\*\$12.50 shipping cost will be subsidised by donations collected



# ANNOUNCEMENTS



## Women's Ministry Event

*LSCC Women's Ministry*

# PARENTING WORKSHOP

**Saturday**  
**4th October 2025**

PANEL:  
Sharon Catchpoole,  
Annaliese Tesdorpf,  
&  
Swee Yue Tan

**LSCC front hall**  
**9:30am - 12:00pm**  
**FREE - Everyone is welcome**  
**Morning tea included**

**RSVP here**

Questions? Speak to either Swee Yue,  
Stephani, Jill, Rachel, or Eileen

Please put in your questions for the panel :

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiBbTQL-rS50XBIIIdkGYilv939nyTo1\\_eBb2yUfdlCTcWRZQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=108585207251889337590](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdiBbTQL-rS50XBIIIdkGYilv939nyTo1_eBb2yUfdlCTcWRZQ/viewform?usp=sharing&ouid=108585207251889337590).



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**2. Workshop on 'Loving Tweens, Teens and Twenties' run by Sharon Catchpoole** - Saturday 13th September 2025, 9.30am to 3.00pm, Scots Church, Assembly Hall, 156 Collins Street, Melbourne. Please register directly at: <https://www.wmv.org.au/conferences>. Price is for an all-day conference 'One God, One Love, One Story' (\$35 admission, or \$50 with lunch and morning tea included). Main topic guest speaker is Jenny Salt, other workshops are: Fruit of the Spirit (Joy Arundell), Delighting in Doctrine (Kathryn Gatt), Biblical Theology (Ben Johnson).

## **International China Concern (ICC):**

### **Walk the Wall Walkathon**

Date: **13th September**

Time: **9.00 am**

Location: **Ruffey Lake Park, Doncaster.**

Walk the Wall is one of ICC's annual global events — a fundraising walkathon dedicated to supporting children with disabilities and their families in China. Individuals and groups commit to walking a set distance to raise funds and awareness for this vulnerable community.

It's a fun and meaningful way to walk together for a great cause!

Please use the following website below to sign up:

<https://walkthewall.org.au/en>

### **Carpark Announcement:**

We would like to gently remind everyone who uses our carpark on Sunday to ensure that you move your vehicles out of the carpark by 3 pm. This will allow our brothers and sisters from the EBC church to start using the carpark space uninterrupted from 3 pm onwards. We thank you for your understanding and kind consideration in this matter.

## NEXT SERMON SERIES

# GOD'S BIG PLAN FOR CHRIST'S NEW PEOPLE

## EPHESIANS

13.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 1-14/ BLESSED IN CHRIST

20.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 3-14/ SAVED BY GOD

27.07.2025/ EPHESIANS 1: 15-23/ EYES OPENED BY THE SPIRIT

03.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 1-10/ RAISED IN CHRIST

10.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 2: 11-22/ UNITED WITH CHRIST

17.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 3/ GIVEN GOD'S MESSAGE

24.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 4: 1-16/ GROWING IN CHRIST

31.08.2025/ EPHESIANS 4:17 - 5:17/ CLOTHED WITH NEW LIFE

07.09.2025/ EPHESIANS 5: 18- 6:9/ FILLED WITH THE SPIRIT

14.09.2025/ EPHESIANS 6: 10-24/ READY FOR BATTLE



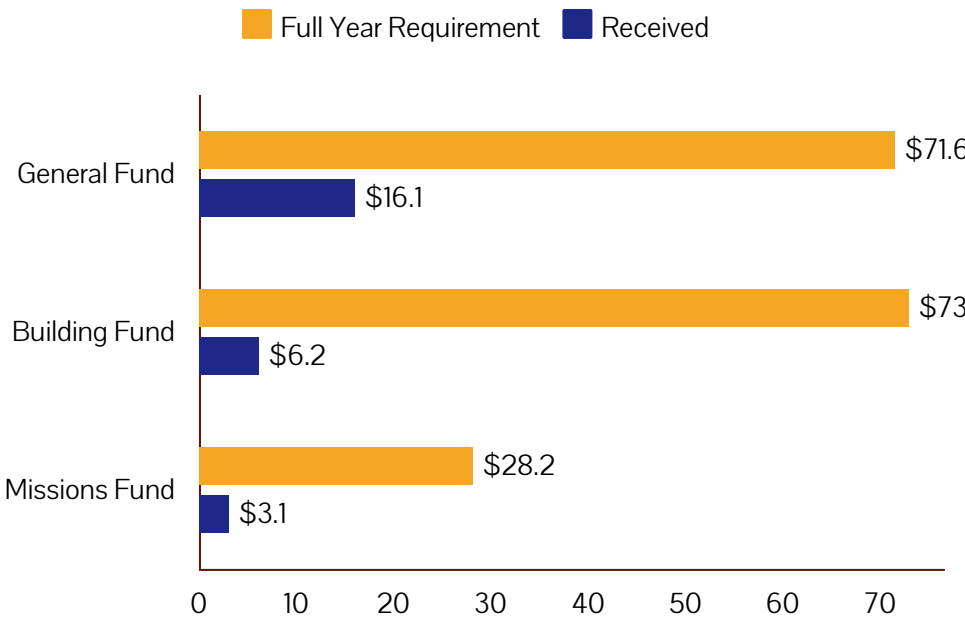
Lygon Street Christian Church  
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC 3053

11AM service

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

# CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

FY2026 Budget vs Actuals ('000)  
YTD 31 August 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 31 August 2025					
	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/ (Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,377	\$1,821	\$12,196	\$16,127	\$3,931
Building Fund	\$1,404	\$698	\$12,434	\$6,180	(\$6,254)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$355	\$4,803	\$3,145	(\$1,658)

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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** with your full name and amount contributed.

# 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 Friday evenings for singing, Bible discussions, and activities.

Time: 7.00pm to 9.00pm

For more information, contact Swee Yue Tan at [sweeyuetan@gmail.com](mailto:sweeyuetan@gmail.com) or Godfrey Ong at [jinwen.ong@gmail.com](mailto:jinwen.ong@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

## **CROSS CULTURE - Mission Partners**

***Shao Xiong, Levene & Emma / OMF - Japan***



### **Prayer points:**

- Thanksgiving that Emma is starting to adapt well to living here in Yamagata, and that we were able to settle most of the administrative and logistical matters and settle down.
- Pray for Levene as she begins her driving lessons (all in Japanese!) at a driving school on 26th August. We hope that she will be able to obtain her Japanese driving license by October.
- Shao is still waiting for an appointment to submit his documents at the driving center (and it seems that it can only happen earliest in December), and book yet another driving test. Pray that the process will go smoothly and that he will be at peace with the waiting.
- Pray for Oka sensei, who continues to preach and serve in church every week even though his health is deteriorating. Pray for his wife Yoshimi-san who now has to shoulder most of the responsibilities of running the church.

**Click on this link to view their latest complete update:**

<https://bit.ly/shaoleveneAug20>

## ***Janet Chan / International China Concern***

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- Pray that the event would draw a strong interest and serve it's purpose of raising financial support and awareness for the vulnerable community that ICC is working with.
- Praise God for his gracious work through ICC in caring for those who are vulnerable and marginalized by the society.
- Pray that many would come to see Jesus' love for them and respond to him as his Saviour.

### ***Bruce & Judith Grayden; Chiwayan / Wycliff Bible Translators***

"Chiwayan and his ministry team send their thanks, together with love and prayer for you all, and an update on their ministry activities during the past couple of months.

Chiwayan preaches twice each month, while Peter and Lalaine usually preach at one service each per month.

Chiwayan is involved in many community activities, which have included devotions and prayer on several Monday mornings at the municipal council offices, the invocation message at the local school, Bible studies at the Lubuagan police HQ and also sharing the Word of God during other special occasions. He's also shared the gospel with the families of village folk who have died, disciplined some church members, and prayed for everyone who calls him to their home to pray for them.

The church's young people are active in serving the Lord, led by Chiwayan & Ampayao's daughter Edith. Edith and her co-youth are involved in an outreach program to the local police, and with the leadership of Peter they also minister to children in remote areas of the language group. They say that even though those children are far from them, they enjoy their ministry." – *Bruce & Judith Grayden*



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## **GROWTH GROUPS (Home Bible Study Ministry) MATTERS:**

- Please pray for successful and safe pregnancy for Joanna Lay who is expecting. It would be David and Joanna's first baby and praise God for his gracious provision.
- Please continue to pray parents who just given birth recently that they will continue to adapt to the changes that the arrival of the new baby brings. Praise God that Zhi Hui, Edward with their baby Elsie and Eleanor, Justin with their baby, Chloe is all well.
- Please continue to pray for all the parents that they would grow in their Christlikeness and be Christlike in their bringing of their children.

*Pray for those who are suffering from severe illness and those caring for them.*

- Romans 12:15 says to us, "Rejoice with those who rejoice, and weep with those who weep." Pray that as we weep with the heartbroken, that we would be compassionate, patient and speak wise thoughtful words.
- Pray for healing for those suffering with cancer and mental health issues.
- Pray that their eyes would be lifted to look at our kind Lord and their hearts resting in him while they walk through the dark valleys of the broken world of which we part of.

*We live in uncertain times with uncertain economy, uncertain employment, uncertain future, etc.*

- Pray for those looking for employment opportunities that doors would be opened to them. Pray that they will continue on trying and resting in our Lord who provides.
- Deut.31:8 says, "The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged." To those who are feeling anxious over the future pray that our Lord would be their anchor and the rock they can rest in.
- Pray that they would make wise godly decisions daily at home and in their work place.
- Pray for all the young families that our Lord would strengthen them to be godly parents.
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## LOVE IN ACTION

- Many of the member's love ones are not Christians. Please pray that they will come to know Jesus' love for them and that they will respond to his call to come to him.

### **Growth Group Ministries.**

- Praise God for Bec Low's availability and she's now leading Kindness Group that meets in the Eastern suburbs. Pray that our Lord would continue to help her in her service to the group.
- Members of Faithfulness have also moved to Joy Group to support the ongoing ministry. Pray that the members would settle quickly and that the gospel culture would continue to flourish in Joy.
- Jason and Yi Chin, who has kindly serve as our church lunch coordinators for many years and also as leader for Joy Group is also relocating to Brisbane for work. Pray for their planning and the process involved in the move that it would be smooth. Pray that our Lord will help them settle into the life of a gospel centred church quickly when they move to Brisbane.
- Pray that the Growth Groups would continue to grow in Jesus and love for each other. Pray as they study Ephesians that God's Word would dwell richly in their hearts.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## **CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY:**

Please continue to pray for all the teachers, helpers and parents that they would remain steadfast in living a faithful, thankful lives to Jesus Christ and so be as wonderful testimony for him before the children.

## **WOMEN'S MINISTRY**

### **Parenting Workshop:**

- How do I bring my child up in the Lord (panel, including Sharon Catchpoole). Saturday 4th October 2025, 9.30am to 12.00pm, at LSCC Church. Please put in your questions for the panel by next Sunday 17 August:
- Praise God for the opportunity to parents to be equipped and encouraged through this workshop.
- Pray for Sharon and her team to be faithful and clear.
- Pray for encouraging interest in the workshop.
- Praise God for the organising committee that and pray that they would be strengthened for the work.

## **CGF - CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP**

- It has been such a pleasure having Patrick and his mum, Sharon at CGF. Patrick has decided to switch his uni course and the new course would resume next year. Both of them would be heading back to Singapore and returning to Melbourne early next year before the new semester kicks in. Pray for safe journey and praise God for the friendship he has give us.
- Pray that the newcomers would continue to be able to integrate well into the life of CGF and the church.
- Pray that our Lord would continue to grant the leaders energy in following up on the newcomers.
- Praise God for all the upcoming programs that it will be organised well and it would help the new and older students get to know each other better.
- Pray for those looking for employment opportunities that our Lord would open doors for them.
- Pray that there will be continuing spiritual and numerical growth in the fellowship.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## SUNDAY SERVICE

- LSCC is currently thinking through the letter to the Ephesians under the theme 'God's Big Plan for Christ's New People'.
- Praise God for the encouragements we have been learning from Ephesians. Please pray that God's love for us through Jesus would fill out hearts and inspire us to share his love with the people around us.
- Pray that we would grow closer to one another as we learn to love each other as Jesus loves us.
- The coming Sunday, 7th September, Melvin Lo would walk with us through Ephesians 5:18-6:9. Pray that we would listen well and humbly submit to God's word.
- Pray for the rest of the other service helpers such as the song leaders, service leaders, PA-tech teams would all work well harmoniously and that they would be strengthened to serve our Lord with joy.
- Pray that all aspects of the service would bring glory and honour to the name of our Lord.
- Please pray that and ask that our Lord would continue to watch over LSCC and protect us from the evil one who is always looking for opportunities to destroy the church. Pray that our eyes would always fix on Jesus alone.
- Pray that LSCC would grow in the quality of our discipleship and many more to come to know our Lord Jesus as their loving Saviour.

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# LOVE IN ACTION

## SENIORS CORNER:

- Praise God for the Seniors in LSCC's desire to study God's Word. As they started on studying from Ephesians, pray that they would realise in greater depth of Jesus' love for them. Pray that the seniors would grow in their sufficiency in our Lord Jesus.
- Pray for Don McCall, Min Thong Lee, Emma Tan who helps organises events and leads the bible study that they would prepare well for the studies. Praise God for their faithfulness and pray that our Lord would enable them to serve him with joy.
- We also **thank God** for their perseverance in Jesus and for being a model to the younger saints in LSCC on what it means to be faithful to Christ.
- Pray for **Neil Hawthorn** as he experiences vertigo from time to time that our Lord would watch over him and provide him with relief. Pray as the doctors, surgeons are preparing for his upcoming surgery that our Lord would help them. Pray that the surgery would be successful and addressing Neil's epilepsy. Pray for our Lord's comfort, protection and provision upon Neil especially in the moments when he's experiencing seizure.
- Pray for **Joseph Bautista** and others who wrestle with blood complications that our Lord would bring healing. Pray that as they undergo their regular medical procedures our Lord would use it to bring them relief.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** as he undergoes regular dialysis that our Lord too would continue to help him draw upon our Lord's unlimited grace. Pray for **Emily Tai** too that our Lord would continue to watch over her.
- Pray for **Qing** who is away in Malaysia that our Lord would provide her with a good time in catching up with family and friends.
- Pray that our seniors would continue to grow in Christ and in love for one another.



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# BIBLE READING

## EPHESIANS 5:18-6:9

**5** **18** Do not get drunk on wine, which leads to debauchery.

Instead, be filled with the Spirit.

**19** Speak to one another with psalms, hymns and spiritual songs. Sing and make music in your heart to the Lord, **20** always giving thanks to God the Father for everything, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **21** Submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. **22** Wives, submit to your husbands as to the Lord. **23** For the husband is the head of the wife as Christ is the head of the church, his body, of which he is the Savior. **24** Now as the church submits to Christ, so also wives should submit to their husbands in everything. **25** Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her **26** to make her holy, cleansing her by the washing with water through the word, **27** and to present her to himself as a radiant church, without stain or wrinkle or any other blemish, but holy and blameless. **28** In this same way, husbands ought to love their wives as their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself.

**29** After all, no one ever hated his own body, but he feeds and cares for it, just as Christ does the church-- **30** for we are members of his body. **31** "For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be united to his wife, and the two will become one flesh." **32** This is a profound mystery--but I am talking about Christ and the church. **33** However, each one of you also must love his wife as he loves himself, and the wife must respect her husband.

**6** Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. **2** "Honor your father and mother"--which is the first commandment with a promise-- **3** "that it may go well with you and that you may enjoy long life on the earth." **4** Fathers, do not exasperate your children; instead, bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord. **5** Slaves, obey your earthly masters with respect and fear, and with sincerity of heart, just as you would obey Christ.

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## BIBLE READING

### EPHESIANS 5:18-6:9

**6** Obey them not only to win their favor when their eye is on you, but like slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from your heart.

**7** Serve wholeheartedly, as if you were serving the Lord, not men,

**8** because you know that the Lord will reward everyone for

whatever good he does, whether

he is slave or free. **9** And masters,

treat your slaves in the same way.

Do not threaten them, since you

know that he who is both their

Master and yours is in heaven,

and there is no favoritism with

him.