



THE FRIEND

11AM | 5 OCTOBER 2025

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).



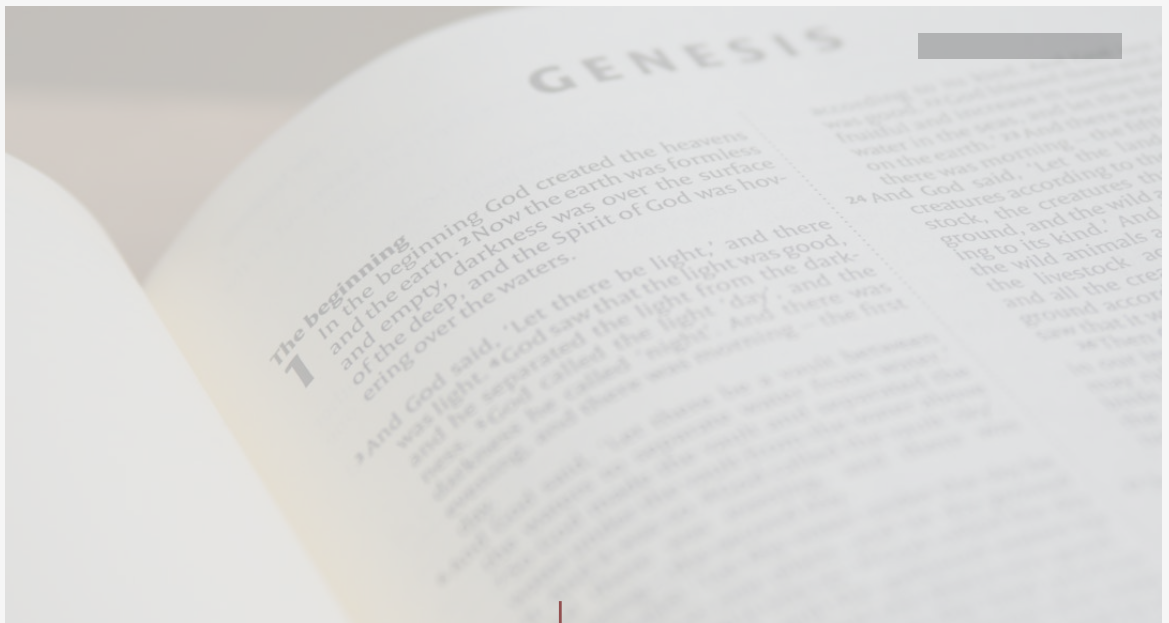
OUR VISION & MISSION

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.



WHAT IS HAPPENING IN THE SERVICE TODAY

— 11AM

Praising God in songs

Welcome

Announcements

Prayer

Offering

Bible reading: 2 Peter 2:11-22

Sermon: Don't wander off

Communion

Closing song: How Great Thou Art

Closing



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](#)

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Welcomes back to Sunday School!

It was a joy to have our children worship with the whole congregation these past few weeks—their presence was a wonderful blessing! We thank each of them for adding so much life to our service. Today, we're happy to announce that our Children's Ministry Sunday School is resuming at its regular time.

Women's Ministry:

A heartfelt thank you to our Women's Ministry Committee for the insightful and helpful workshop held yesterday. We are grateful to God for the wisdom shared on "**How Do I Bring My Child Up in the Lord?**" Be sure to watch for details on upcoming women's events!

Share Lunch & Friendship Today!

Please join us for a church lunch right after the service! It's a wonderful, informal time to connect and share life together. A special, warm welcome to our first-time visitors—your lunch is on us! We'd love the chance to get to know you.

For our regulars, a \$5 donation per adult is appreciated. Kids 12 and under eat free.

We hope to see you there!

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Church Membership:

The eldership would like to invite any interested regular attendee of the church to become a church member. Membership of the Church is open to those people who meet the following requirements:

- Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and profess a personal faith in Him as their Lord and Saviour
- Has been baptised
- Accepts the doctrines as outlined in the Church's Statement of Faith
- Undertakes, as the Lord enables, to use their God-given gifts and talents to help build up the Church
- Endeavours to maintain the unity of the Spirit
- Agrees to abide by these Rules of the Church
- If you would like to become a church member or have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to Pastor Melvin or any of the elders (Joel Tan, Gavin Wong, Ping Han, Neil Hawthorn).

CHURCH AGM 2025:

This year's AGM will be held on Sunday 2nd November 2025 at 1:30pm in person after church. Church members, please mark this date in your diaries for attendance. Non-members are also welcome to attend. Nominations are open until Sunday 19th October. Please obtain a nomination form from the church secretary (Joel Tan).

A list of nominees will be released on Sunday 26th October for prayerful consideration by the members of the church for voting at the AGM.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



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.

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.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection

SEND A GIFT-FILLED SHOEBOX!



Samaritan's Purse
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

 **Samaritan's Purse®**
INTERNATIONAL RELIEF AUSTRALIA | NEW ZEALAND

AUSTRALIA
operationchristmaschild.org.au

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Operation Christmas Child - Shoebox Collection

HOW TO GET INVOLVED

**7 SEP &
14 SEP**

Pick up a shoebox or give
a donation

**5 OCT &
12 OCT**

Drop off packed shoeboxes
and shipping cost*

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



NEXT SERMON SERIES



STANDING FIRM

21/09/2025
2 Peter 1:1-15
How to keep
from
stumbling

28/09/2025
2 Peter 1:16-
2:10
Danger &
Judgement

05/10/2025
2 Peter 2:10-
22
Don't wander
off

12/10/2025
2 Peter 3:1-18
How to wait
for the second
coming

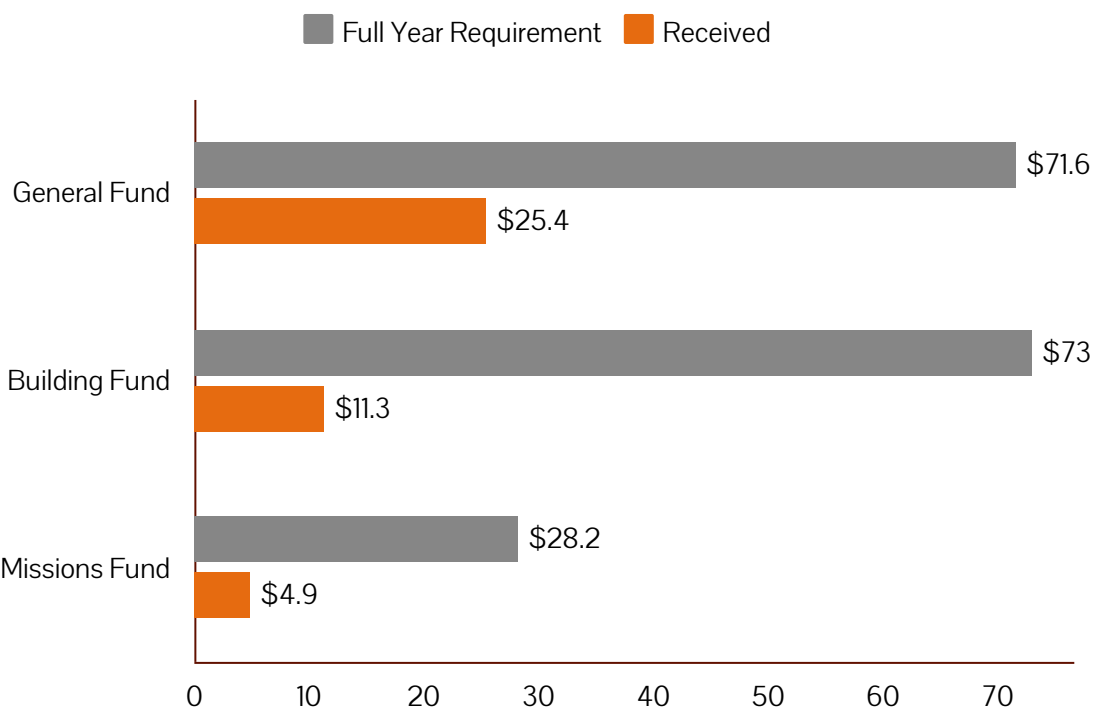
Lygon Street Christian Chapel
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC 3053

11 am service

LIVE Broadcast at: <http://lsc.org.au/live>
11 am (Melbourne Time)

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

FY2026 Budget vs Actuals ('000)
YTD 30 September 2025



Financial Tracker - 1 July 2025 to 30 September 2025

	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,377	\$1,936	\$18,097	\$25,445	\$7,348
Building Fund	\$1,404	\$863	\$18,451	\$11,340	(\$7,111)
Missions Fund	\$542	\$373	\$7,127	\$4,905	(\$2,222)

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 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 or Godfrey Ong at 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 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: Siew Yuen 0432 890 499 or Dicky 0478 884 438

LOVE IN ACTION

LSCC and some immediate needs:

Let's come together and lift up our church community in prayer. Thank you for faithfully partnering with us—your prayers make a difference!

Pipes Predicament

- **Thanks for Clarity:** Let's thank God for the clear diagnosis from our plumbers! We're grateful the immediate issue is resolved and our facilities are usable.
- **Pray for Provision:** Please pray for God's provision of funds (\$5-6k) as our Board considers the long-term solution. Ask for wisdom to be good stewards of our resources.

Church AGM (Nov 2nd)

- **Pray for our Board:** As they prepare for our Annual General Meeting, ask God to grant them exceptional wisdom, unity, and clarity.
- **Pray for New Leaders:** Pray for discernment as they consider and appoint new office bearers for the coming year.

Pastoral Expansion

- **Pray for the Right Fit:** As we seek to grow our pastoral team, ask God to clearly guide the right person to LSCC. Pray for fruitful connections and for wisdom for our Eldership and Board.

Coming Sunday

- Praise God for Charles Sutikno who would be preaching from 2 Peter 2:11-22 that God would help him in his preparation and use the sermon to build up the church.
- Thank God for the opportunity to fellowship through the church lunch.

Growth: For God's Glory

- **Praise for Guidance:** Praise God for His unwavering grace and guidance at LSCC! We are so encouraged.
- **Pray for Our Ministries:** Pray that every one of our ministries would remain deeply Christ-centered and full of His love.
- **Pray for Open Hearts:** We're so grateful for non-believers showing interest in Jesus! Pray for their open hearts and salvation.
- **Pray for New Believers:** Pray for those new to the faith, that they would grow deep, strong roots in Christ.

LOVE IN ACTION

MISSION PARTNERS

The Loo's | PIONEERS - Thailand

Dear friends,

We start our three-week pre-field training for the C this weekend (we call it the Next Steps). The makeup of the participants is quite different from last year's, and we have a few changes, including a change in the venue. We appreciate your prayers for us at this time, as it can be pretty intense.

Pray:

- God himself will minister and encourage these precious C workers who are taking this step of obedience to bring the gospel to the nations. Some have even gone out already without the support of a church or org (we do not recommend this).
- Pray for our trainers and organising team, that we will be sensitive and understanding to the unique challenges of many of these C brothers and sisters. Many of them do not have access to the resources and opportunities that we do. Yet at the same time, there are many situations where we also need to challenge and caution them in some of their approaches towards cross-cultural work. Pray that we will do this in humility, sensitivity, wisdom and with lots of love.
- Pray for strength and favour as we finish all the remaining preparations, whether in the logistics or the lesson prep.
- That God will sustain us physically, mentally and keep us joyful in Him. Of all the trainings, this three-week one is the most intense, with Yen Ping and me having to coordinate with many moving pieces. Unlike a church camp with one or two main speakers, we have different trainers who specialise in various topics (Understanding different Cultures, Contextualisation, Language learning, BAM, Bible Story-telling, MK education etc.). We ourselves lead some of the sessions and mentor the participants. The first of the children's team arrived from Boston last night. The participants will be flying here in the next few days. Pray also for their security.

Praise God that Kelvin's parents are here again to look after our boys, allowing us to be present full-time at the training venue.

Thank you for praying!

Love

Kelvin and Yen Ping

LOVE IN ACTION

WOMEN'S MINISTRY: Parenting Workshop

Prayer Points of Thanksgiving

Let's thank God for the wonderful parenting workshop, "How do I bring my child up in the Lord?" What a gift it was to equip and encourage our families!

- **For an encouraging Turnout:** Thank God for the interest and for the thoughtful questions shared. We're grateful for every person who came!
- **For Sharon Catchpool & the Panel:** Praise God for their preparation and for sharing such practical, godly wisdom. We pray the principles shared take deep root.
- **For All Who Attended:** Pray parents and teachers feel newly encouraged, equipped, and strengthened in their vital calling.
- **For the Organizing Team:** Thank God for their dedicated work! Ask God to bless them with energy and vision as they plan future life-giving events.

We are excited to see how God uses this time to strengthen our families and our church!

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP

Prayer Points for Friends' Night

Let's celebrate and pray for our recent Friends' Night! We're so grateful for a wonderful evening of connection and gospel sharing.

- **Thanks for a Great Team:** Join us in thanking God for Nicole, Michelle, and Liz, who led the planning with such grace. Praise Him for a program that was both enjoyable and meaningful for all who attended.
- **For Open Hearts:** Thank God for each person who joined us! Pray the Holy Spirit would gently nurture the seeds of the gospel that were sown, drawing hearts closer to Him.
- **For Growing Connections:** Pray the meaningful conversations started that night would continue to blossom into deeper relationships, creating more opportunities to share God's love.

LOVE IN ACTION

CROSS CULTURE - Mission Partners

David & Cathy Walter / AFES – Australia/Pacific Islands

I'm writing to you from Fiji, as I prepare to fly to the Solomons tomorrow, in time for the official start of SPARC (the South Pacific Regional Conference) on Thursday.



The last month has been heavy with meetings and preparations for various things on various fronts. But now it's back into the islands and time for my major event for the year.

I'm feeling quite tired and Cathy (who will fly from Brisbane to the Solomons tomorrow) is feeling less than fully healthy.

Please pray...

- for safety in travel for us and all participants
- for health and energy
- that as we dig into Ephesians, we will all know who we are in Christ more deeply, and will live like it's true
- for patience and good cultural understanding for all
- that God would use SPARC to grow our theological, relational and missional unity
- that God would use SPARC as a launching point for planting new ministries in the region, as He has in the past

Shao Xiong & Levene / OMF – Japan

We are overflowing with joy and gratitude to share a wonderful answer to prayer!

After an intense 25-day driving school experience,

Levene has successfully received her Japanese driver's license! She shares that it was a true test of faith and learning—from mastering complex driving

terms in Kanji to the famously detailed practical test (yes, that includes checking under the car!). She is quick to attribute this success to God's grace, the kindness of his instructors, and the faithful support of your prayers.



LOVE IN ACTION

Let's continue to lift them up together with thankful and hopeful hearts:

- **A Heart of Thanksgiving:** Let's first simply thank God for His incredible faithfulness! We are so grateful for the strength He provided, for the patience of the driving instructors, and for the way He helped Levene overcome each obstacle. .
- **Wisdom for the Next Steps:** With the license in hand, the next step is finding a vehicle! Please pray for God's guidance as they research and navigate the process of purchasing a car. We ask for clarity, good counsel, and for the right vehicle to be available to meet their ministry and family needs.
- **Blessing upon Their Ministry:** Pray that this new mobility would be a tremendous blessing and tool for the gospel. Ask that it would open doors for deeper community connections, provide practical help to others, and create new opportunities for Shao Xiong and Levene to share God's love throughout their community in Japan.

CHILDREN & YOUTH MINISTRY:

- **Praise for Rest & Renewal**

Let's thank God for the gift of the semester break—a wonderful chance for families to enjoy restful time together. We pray for those traveling, asking the Lord to grant them safety, protection, and joy in their get-aways.

A Joyful Worship Service

With our Sunday school on break, we rejoice that children are joining the 11 am service at the front hall. Let's pray they find joy in worshipping Jesus with the whole church family. We also pray for ourselves as adults, that we would model vibrant and godly worship for them.

Strength & Wisdom for Parents

Let's lift up our parents, asking God to strengthen and encourage them in their vital role. Pray they would be filled with wisdom for godly decisions and model the deep joy that comes from following Jesus.

Our Children & Youth

Our deepest prayer is that each child and teen would come to know Jesus personally as their Lord and Savior. Pray for their protection and that they would stand firm in their faith as they engage with the world.

LOVE IN ACTION

Thanks for Our Faithful Servants!

A huge and heartfelt thanks to our dedicated Children's Ministry Committee and all our wonderful Sunday School teachers and helpers! Pray for God's protection over them and that He would provide for their every need. May they remain faithful and clear in sharing the love of Jesus.

Growth in Our Youth Ministry

Let's pray for our youth ministry to grow—both spiritually and in numbers. Ask that it would become a vibrant, welcoming community where teens are encouraged and thrive in their walk with Jesus Christ.

GROWTH GROUPS MATTERS:

For Safety & Witness During the Break

- **Traveling Mercies:** With many away, we pray for God's protection over all who are traveling—on roads, in the air, and on camping trips. We ask for safety and a truly restful break.
- **Specific Journeys:** Let's cover Daniel Chung and his mum in Spain; Jon, Ivana, and Katherine Chau in Japan; Wan Ling Chua in Singapore; and Sheng Ying, Jon Tay, Eloise, and others.
- **A Winsome Witness:** For those visiting non-Christian family, pray for divine opportunities and wise, gracious words to be a wonderful witness for Jesus.

For Expectant Parents & New Arrivals

- **Pray** for Joanna Lay, Dolly Chew—for safety, rest, and a smooth pregnancy.
- **Pray** for Yung Tyng, Joy, and baby Elliot in Malaysia—for safety, recovery, and sweet family time.
- **Praise God** for the safe arrivals of baby Elsie and baby Chloe! **Pray** for new parents Zhi Hui & Edward, Eleanor & Justin as they adjust.

For Those Facing Illness & Hardship

- **Pray** for comfort and healing for all battling cancer, mental health challenges, and other severe illnesses. We also ask God to strengthen and grant patience to their caregivers.
- **Pray** that in their pain, their eyes would be fixed on our kind Lord, finding true rest in Him even on the hardest days.
- **Ask God** to uphold their faith, helping them to trust in His steadfast love.

LOVE IN ACTION

For Needs in Uncertain Times

- **Praise God** for His provision! We give thanks for those who have recently found employment.
- **Pray** for those seeking work, that God would open the right doors and sustain them with hope.
- **Pray** for wisdom and integrity for all in daily decisions, at home and work.
- **Pray** for young families, that God would strengthen and guide them to be loving, godly parents.
- **Pray** for the salvation of loved ones who don't yet know Jesus.

For Our Growth Groups

- **Praise God** for our four Growth Groups and their faithful study of His Word!
- **Pray** that as they dive into Ephesians, the truths of God's grace would deeply transform their hearts and daily lives.
- **Ask** that their growing love for Jesus would overflow in love for one another and our community.
- **Pray** for both spiritual and numerical growth in this life-giving ministry.

SENIORS CORNER:

- Thank you for holding our church family in your prayers! Let's come together with grateful and expectant hearts.

Praise & Thanksgiving

- Seniors' Enthusiasm: Let's thank God for the wonderful enthusiasm our seniors have for studying His Word!
- Amazing Recovery: We rejoice with Jeanette and thank God for the amazing recovery of her mother in Malaysia, who has woken from a coma and is slowly regaining strength.
- Encouraging Progress: Thank God for the good progress of baby Romi (Alice Bond's granddaughter). She is more alert, enjoying being read to, and has started small milk feeds.

LOVE IN ACTION

Prayer for Healing & Strength

Let's lift up those in our family needing God's healing touch and protection.

- For Traveling Mercies: Pray for God's protection over Don McCall (traveling in WA), John & Kim Wong, Min Thong & Cheng (traveling to China), and Qing and his sons (traveling in Spain).
- For Continued Healing:
 - Jeanette's Mum: Pray she continues to regain her strength.
 - Baby Romi: Pray her bilirubin levels normalize, that bile drains successfully, and for continued healing and comfort.
- Neil Hawthorn: Pray for relief from vertigo, wisdom for his doctors as they plan for epilepsy surgery, and God's comfort during seizures.
- Joseph Bautista & Others: Pray for healing from blood complications and for their medical procedures to bring relief. Also, pray for safety for his daughter and son-in-law traveling in Europe.
- Edwin Tai: Pray for strength and grace for Edwin during dialysis, and for God's peace and care for his wife, Emily.

Seniors' Corner

- Bible Study Leaders: Let's pray for Don McCall, Min Thong Lee, and Emma Tan as they lead studies and organize events. We are so grateful for their faithful service!
- Spiritual Growth: As they continue in Ephesians, pray our seniors would be amazed by the incredible depth of Christ's love and find their complete sufficiency in Him.
- General Prayer: Let's pray this ministry grows even deeper in love for Jesus and for one another, becoming a rich source of fellowship and support.

Thank you for faithfully covering our church family in prayer

BIBLE READING

2 PETER 2:11-22

Bold and arrogant, these men are not afraid to slander celestial beings; yet even angels, although they are stronger and more powerful, do not bring slanderous accusations against such beings in the presence of the Lord. **12** But these men blaspheme in matters they do not understand. They are like brute beasts, creatures of instinct, born only to be caught and destroyed, and like beasts they too will perish. **13** They will be paid back with harm for the harm they have done. Their idea of pleasure is to carouse in broad daylight. They are blots and blemishes, reveling in their pleasures while they feast with you. **14** With eyes full of adultery, they never stop sinning; they seduce the unstable; they are experts in greed--an accursed brood! **15** They have left the straight way and wandered off to follow the way of Balaam son of Beor, who loved the wages of wickedness. **16** But he was rebuked for his wrongdoing by a donkey--a beast without speech--who spoke with a man's voice and restrained the prophet's madness. reserved for them. **17** These men

are springs without water and mists driven by a storm.

Blackest darkness is reserved for them. **18** For they mouth empty, boastful words and, by appealing to the lustful desires of sinful human nature, they entice people who are just escaping from those who live in error. **19** They promise them freedom, while they themselves are slaves of depravity--for a man is a slave to whatever has mastered him.

20 If they have escaped the corruption of the world by knowing our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ and are again entangled in it and overcome, they are worse off at the end than they were at the beginning. **21** It would have been better for them not to have known the way of righteousness, than to have known it and then to turn their backs on the sacred command that was passed on to them.

22 Of them the proverbs are true: "A dog returns to its vomit," and, "A sow that is washed goes back to her wallowing in the mud."