On 24 August, we commemorated our annual Senior Members’ Day in all our churches across Singapore. In the afternoon, we reflected on God's teachings on respecting our elders with a sermon by Preacher Elisha Shim. All our RE classes shared hymns such as, "Where does my help come from?" to edify the congregation with God's love and to praise the Lord. As a church with a big congregation, we may not always know other brothers and sisters in our family. As such, Deacon Timothy Hsieh took this time to introduce our senior members in church to everyone. The day ended with a scrumptious love feast for everyone of all ages to delight in godly fellowship together. As one family brought together by the blood of Christ, we must continue to "exhort [an older man] as a father, younger men as brothers, older women as mothers, younger women as sisters, with all purity." (1 Tim 5:1-2).
RE Trainee Teachers’ Training

In August, a group of Religious Education (RE) trainee teachers from our local churches gathered at Telok Kurau over four Sundays to undergo intensive RE training. They were trained in a variety of subjects, such as teaching methods, child and adolescent psychology, hymn teaching, counselling, and others. The curriculum served to equip them with the necessary knowledge, skills, and mindset to teach and guide the RE students under their charge. Indeed, RE is an important pillar of our church that aims to establish a firm foundation in the word and the faith in our younger members. With the limited RE interaction that we have once a week, it takes all of us – teachers, parents, siblings, and members, to bring up our future generations of believers in the way of the Lord!

Bimonthly Evangelistic Service

On Friday 30 September, the bimonthly evangelistic service was held at Adam Road church on the topic, “What is Life?”. Deacon Caleb raised several related questions and provided Biblical responses to them, such as “What is the origin of life?” and “How is human life different from other lifeforms?” and “What is the meaning of life?” Thank the Lord that 8 truthseekers attended the evening service. The next evangelistic services will be conducted at Serangoon church on 14 September (2.00pm) and Sembawang church on 28 September (2.30pm) on the same topic. Let us keep these services and our non-believing family and friends in our prayers!
Talk on LGBT

On 31 August, Brother Sen Kee was invited to give a talk on LGBT issues in Singapore based on research he has done and to share biblical perspectives on this. He shared about the landscape of LGBT in Singapore and its growing influence over the years. For example, a survey on general attitudes of Singaporeans towards moral issues such as gay marriage and sex indicate that they are more widely accepted now as compared to five years ago. That is why we as followers of Christ need to be aware of the Biblical stand and principles concerning homosexuality and be clear in our stand. Homosexuality is a sin in a Bible, and the blood of Christ has the power to cleanse all sins. Thus, we should not condemn them but endeavour to preach to them and bring them to Christ so that they can become transformed by His blood and Spirit (1 Cor 6:9-11).

AVA Fellowship

The AVA fellowship took place on 31 August after the Saturday afternoon service. Thank God for this opportunity to gather many of our AVA members for a time of fellowship and reflection on their service. It began with a short exhortation to remind our members of their service to the Lord and how they should always esteem the holy work they are involved in. Following which, the participants went through a short recap and revision on important procedures such as controlling the aircon and the AVA system. Light refreshments were also provided for the participants. Let us all continue to strive and serve God faithfully in all our duties. May God remember our labour.
West Malaysia Sacred Music Camp

The 2019 West Malaysia National Sacred Music Camp took place on 10 to 11 August. 45 church members from all four of Singapore’s churches, comprising of choir members and hymn leaders, participated in this event. On the whole, there was a total of 253 participants from West Malaysia, Sabah and Singapore. The camp began on the evening of 10 August with an exhortation from Preacher Ezekiel Chang followed by fellowship activities. The second day is a full-day event: after morning prayer, Preacher Chang continued to exhort the participants, while Sister Anthea Yong shared about Hymn appreciation techniques. Sister Elaine Lai shared about vocal techniques, followed by the offering session and lastly, a Q&A discussion.

Preacher Chang shared about the relationship between “Music and Faith”, where one who serves in the music ministry must first be edified before others can be edified. Ultimately, the role of a choir member is a spiritual one where we preach the salvation grace of God to others and sing of His praises — which is likened to what angels do in heaven, to sing of God’s eternal glory:

“And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: “Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!” (Luke 2:13-14)

Similarly, music ought to express our thoughts. We need to know what we are singing so that the words that we sing can edify others. Even as we sing the lyrics aloud, we should also sing it inwards, into our own hearts. With this attitude in mind, may we continue to sing of the blessed salvation grace we receive from Christ, just as the lyrics of hymn 318 aptly goes:

“I’ve anchored my soul in the haven of rest, I’ll sail the wide seas no more. The tempest may sweep over wild stormy deep, in Jesus I’m safe evermore.”
Let’s Welcome

Baby Bethany Yeoh Yun En, daughter of Brother Timothy Yeoh and Sister Shi Sang.

Baby Aldwyn Lu, son of Sister Cynthia Mayliana.

Sister Leong Chan Fong from Petaling Jaya church, West Malaysia.

Brother Vun Nyet Shen from Penampang church, Sabah.

Sister Justine Lee from Christchurch, New Zealand (on a school exchange until the end of the year).
Calendar of Events

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**EVANGELISTIC SERVICES (JUL - SEP)**

**JUL**

13 JUL (SAT)  Serangoon Worship Evangelism (2.00pm)
27 JUL (SAT)  Sembawang Worship Evangelism (2.30pm)

**AUG**

10 AUG (SAT)  Telok Kurau Worship Evangelism and Jia En Evangelistic Programme (2.30 - 5.00pm)
30 AUG (FRI)  Adam Road Worship Evangelism (7.45pm)

**SEP**

14 SEP (SAT)  Serangoon Worship Evangelism (2.00pm)
28 SEP (SAT)  Sembawang Worship Evangelism (2.30pm)

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