

28 Apr
2024

Holy Communion Service, 9am

Speaker
Rev Philip Lim

Sermon
CAC Loving Family Sunday
Genesis 1 & 2



from the pastor's heart

PS REBECCA KWOK

Nurturing Families, Growing Believers

Deuteronomy 6: 4-9

Today marks the Chinese Annual Conference (CAC) Family Sunday of the Methodist Church in Singapore, a special occasion dedicated to reaffirming the significance of the bond between believers and their families. A strong family serves as the cornerstone of a vibrant church and a flourishing nation. Indeed, the family is the nurturing cradle of human life and growth, an indispensable foundation of both the church and society. Throughout the Bible, we find teachings and reminders emphasizing the vital role of family education and the cultivation of sound values.

Deuteronomy 6 recounts Moses' reiteration of God's commandments to the Israelites in the plains of Moab, just before their entry into the Promised Land of Canaan. He fervently stressed the imperative of obeying God's commandments to receive His abundant blessings.

Verses 4-9 highlight for believers the importance of spiritual growth and the worship of God in one's family. First and foremost, we called to listen to God, worshipping the one and only Almighty, and to love Him with unwavering devotion. Secondly, we are commanded to embed God's teachings deep within our hearts, reflecting upon them ceaselessly, proclaiming them, and diligently passing them on to our children, ensuring their transmission to future generations. May God's Words permeate our hearts, our homes, and every facet of our lives — let us inscribe them on our hearts and on the doorframes of our households, regarding God's Word as the bedrock of our personal lives and family relationships.

The book of Genesis reveals that the family is the first institution established by God, it also illustrates God's profound interest in the creation and management of family life. For instance, the Scripture *"... a man leaves his father and mother and is united to his wife,*

and they become one flesh.", stands as a cornerstone teaching on spousal relationship. Genesis further explores the relationships between parents and children, as well as between siblings. In essence, believers are entrusted with nurturing all relationships with care, fostering a harmonious, stable, and blessed family environment.

Crucially, the family is neither parent-centered nor child-centered but rather God-centered. "Write on the doorframe" symbolizes a family rooted in reverence and devotion to God. The family is also a place where individual character is molded. A God-centered family embodies love, warmth, and health — spouses cherish one another, children honour their parents, and all members foster mutual respect and intimacy, guided by wholesome family and marital values, and blessed by God across generations.

As the foundational unit established by God, the family bears the weighty responsibility of fulfilling His commandment to govern the world. Indeed, it is through the family that we are called to be *"fruitful and increase in number; fill the earth and subdue it."* Beyond imparting God's truths, the church also serves as the spiritual home for believers. "Family Sunday" provides an opportune moment for believers to impart and uphold the concept of family grounded in biblical principles. A God-centered family, guided by His Word, embodying and living out the teachings of the Bible on family life, and loving God with unreserved fervour, is assuredly bound for divine blessing!

family news

WELCOME TO CHURCH

We are so glad you have come to join us today to worship God and be encouraged by His Word. We would love to connect with you! If you would like to be prayed for, or to find out more about our God, Church, Services and Cell Groups, please approach any of our Hospitality Team, Pastor or Leaders.

EC BREAKFAST FELLOWSHIP [TODAY]

Sun 28 Apr • 10.30 to 12pm • L1 Carpark

Do stay back after service to bond with one another over kopi, teh and breakfast staples. Get to know someone and make every effort to welcome and connect with one another!

HANDICRAFTS BY REFUGEES

Sun 5 May • 10.30am • L1 Carpark

A booth will be set up to sell handicrafts made by Pakistani & Afghan refugees from the Afghan Sewing centres in KL, Malaysia. This is a project to help empower the refugees to be self-sustaining. Some of the sales proceed will go to support the Hagar Afghanistan project for displaced families.

KY MISSIONS CONFERENCE 2024

Instead of having the missions month in September, we will be bringing it forward to May, in a Conference style from **3rd (Fri evening) to 5 May (Sun)**. As some of the workshops have limited slots and for logistic planning, early registration using the provided link/QR Code is encouraged. Workshops will be open for public registration after 21 April (Sunday).

Please refer to the link or the posters around the church premises for workshop details. For enquiry, please contact Li Cheng at 6337 6196 or email licheng@kumyan.org.sg.



Registration link:

<https://tinyurl.com/KYmissions24>

kum yan prayer meetings

KY COMBINED PRAYER MEETING (MISSIONS FOCUS)

Fri 3 May • 8pm-9.30pm • L6 The Living Room

Let's come together as one KY family to seek God together for His plans and purposes for missions. A KY Family that prays together will stay together - in unity running the race of faith.

PRAY! SINGAPORE (MORNING PRAYER)

Every Sun • 6.30am-7.30am • Zoom

Contact Cell Leaders/ Joanna for more info.

KY MISSIONS NEWSLETTER (APR)

Catch the latest updates on the Missions scene, and find out how to partner with Kum Yan's missionaries and mission workers thru' prayer. Click the link for more info <https://kumyan.org.sg/MissionsEN>

kum yan prayer agenda

1. Pray For Yourself

Commit to drawing closer to God through prayer and studying His Word daily. Recognize God as the ultimate source of wisdom and strength for every aspect of our lives, including family, work, and ministry. Pray earnestly for a personal revival, seeking a deeper love for God and a stronger commitment to serving Him wholeheartedly.

2. Pray For Our Family

Pray for every family member who has yet to experience the saving grace of God. Ask for divine wisdom and courage to actively share the gospel with them. Seek God's divine intervention for the salvation of entire families, that each member may deeply understand and experience God's faithfulness and love.

3. Pray For Families

May every family be an altar of worship, dedicated to praising and honoring God. Let them fear God and love Him with all their heart, soul, mind, and strength. May every family love God's Word, abide by His Word, pursue righteousness, stay alert and watchful, filled with thanksgiving, count every blessing from God, share the Gospel with others actively, and glorify God's holy name.

4. Pray For The Church

Ask God to strengthen Kum Yan Church that we remain a lighthouse in the city. Pray that our worship, fellowship, teaching, ministry, and missions are built upon God's truths and commandments. May our congregations grow spiritually, and our church experience revival, exalting Jesus Christ and glorifying the name of the Lord!

CAC Family Life Pledge

The Christian Family

is the visible pattern to the Body of Christ; the head of every man is Christ, the head of a wife is her husband, and the head of Christ is God. Children are to follow the example of Christ-like love set by their parents, and every member of the family is to love and submit to one another out of reverence for Christ. Families are to come together as one to interact with, serve and nurture one another in love, through family worship and prayer, so that as a family, they may bear witness to Christ from generation to generation.

Pledge of a Christian Marriage

Marriage was established by God since the beginning when He created mankind. We believe in the sanctity of the marriage covenant between a man and a woman before God and expressed in mutual love and mutual support, in personal commitment, and as shared lifelong fidelity.

Biblical Role of a Husband/ Father

As a husband and/or father, I am responsible for the physical and spiritual needs of my family – to provide love, warmth, comfort, security and to exercise the gifts given to me by God, by serving and inspiring the family to live their lives to the fullest and to empower them to fulfil God's mission for them. I aim to put God first in my life, and by doing so, manage marriage, family life and parenting, with a good balance of work life, ministry involvement, and personal growth. I shall give my all to bring glory to God and be a good role model to future generations.

Biblical Role of a Wife/ Mother

As a wife, I love my husband with all my heart, and will be a good companion to him, and do all I can to create a happy and harmonious environment for the family. I shall turn to the Lord in prayer and trust in the Word for guidance for myself and my family. As a mother, I shall do my best to nurture my child(ren), and use my utmost ability to develop the heart and mind of my child(ren), guiding them to discover the unique gifts that God has given to them, and to fear God.

Biblical Role of Children

As a child I am a blessing from God to the family, church and society. I hold a child-like faith. I am willing, through learning and discipleship, in humility, trust, servanthood and obedience, to discover the truths of God's kingdom. I am the agent of God's transformation of individuals, families, communities and nations. I will honor my parents with respect and love, share in household needs and care for them in their old age.

Conclusion

Each Christian family shall accept and love one another according to the gifts granted by God and be submissive to one another out of reverence for Christ.



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Kum Yan in Japan

CHURCH PLANTING TEAM RECRUITMENT

The LCEC has approved the proposal from the Mission Committee to send forth a Church Planting (CP) team to **Nagoya, Japan in June 2025.**

WHO & WHAT?

We are recruiting a team of 4 to 6 individuals (preferably aged 35 and below) to be based in Japan for 10 months, focusing on relationship building, conducting outreach programs and establishing a local cell group for the Japanese.

The aim of the team will be to share the gospel and make disciples for Christ, with an end goal of planting a church there. They will also work closely with the local churches and community leaders to ensure the success and sustainability of this endeavour.

SCREENING & TRAINING

Interested parties will be screened for selection. Successful candidates will go through two phases of training/ preparation:

- 12 months of language acquisition to attain N5 Japanese proficiency
- 2 months of in-house communal comprehensive training in Singapore, focusing on cultural immersion, team dynamics and CP strategies in a cross-cultural context.



APPLICATION & ENQUIRIES

If you sense God calling you to join the team, please email Licheng at licheng@kumyan.org.sg by 30 April 2024 with the following information:

- Full name & Age
- Contact no. & Email add.
- Congregation
- What prompted / motivated you to come forward?

We look forward to hearing from you. We will get in touch, and be able to answer more questions you may have.

Kum Yan Missions Conference 2024

Missions in the Marketplace

3 May (Friday) 8pm — 5 May (Sunday) 1pm

About The Speaker:



Dr Tan Lai Yong is a medical doctor by training and has been a member at Bethesda Frankel Estate Church since becoming a Christian in 1974. Dr Tan graduated from NUS in 1985, and relocated to Yunnan, China with his family in 1996. He was involved in poverty alleviation, community development, and the training of village health workers. On returning to Singapore in 2010, Dr Tan was awarded a scholarship to do his Masters in Public Administration at the Lee Kuan Yew School of Public Policy.

Programme Schedule

3 May, Fri

2000-2200HRS— Missions Combined Prayer

4 May, Sat

1400-1600HRS— Workshop #1 (English with Mandarin interpretation)

1715-1930HRS— Workshop #2 (Bilingual, outdoor + suitable for families)

5 May, Sun

0900-1100HRS— English & YC Combined Service

Workshop #3 (Mandarin with Cantonese interpretation)

1100-1300HRS— Mandarin & Cantonese Combined Service

Workshop #4 (English)

YWAM Children Missions Programme (P1-P6)



Registration is required. Remaining vacancies will be opened for public registration after April 21st.



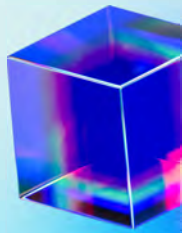
Registration Link

tinyurl.com/KYmissions24



Missions in the Marketplace

Workshop Details



Workshop #1: What Makes a Job GOOD?

4 May (Sat), 2-4pm | Dr Tan Lai Yong

Base on Luke 13, we will discuss about career pathways, contribution as tentmakers, family, and missions. This is for people in their early or mid-career, and also those in the retirement circle. It will be a time for us to consider how God can use our career's ups and downs for the Gospel in the marketplace, locally and in other nations.

Workshop #2: Discovering Inequality, Learning Resilience

4 May (Sat), 5.30-7.30pm | Dr Tan Lai Yong

This is an **outdoor workshop limited to 40 registrations!** Join this walking trail in Jalan Kukoh to learn about needs, challenges and innovations right in the heart of Singapore. We will walk in small groups of 3-5 people, and will discuss case studies along the way. This walk is also suitable for families with children. Come learn about outreach and service with open eyes and open hearts.

Gathering Point: Jalan Kukoh Food Centre (S161001)

Suggest Attire: Cool & comfortable. Do bring an umbrella and mosquito repellent.

Workshop #3: Marketplace & Bi-Vocational Ministries

5 May (Sun), 9.15-10.45am | Susan Kaur (OMF)

Susan has a background in law, economics & policy. Since university, she has prepared herself for bi-vocational ministry in a creative access environment. Susan has also served in various leadership capacities in the past 20 years, and engaged in leadership development and coaching in the past 10 years. The workshop will cover why marketplace and bi-vocational ministries are crucial for both church and missions.

Workshop #4: Mission Opportunities in Japan

5 May (Sun), 11am-12.45am | WEC

This workshop seeks to open the minds of Singaporean Christians to consider serving in Japan on short-term trips or long-term missions. We welcome retirees, students and tent-makers who are considering joining the field. Details include how to prepare for the field while still in Singapore, and what to look out for when entering Japan.

Registration for your breakout group is required:

Serving in a Japanese Church | Serving the Elderly in Shiga | University Ministry | Family & Children Ministry | Walk Ye in It



Mission Opportunities in Japan

By: Worldwide Evangelization for Christ (WEC)

Date: 5th May, Sunday **Time:** 1100 - 1245pm

Venue: Kum Yan Methodist Church, The Living Room, Level 6



**Breakout 1:
Serving in a
Japanese Church**

Sean and Hooi Yin are WEC missionaries living in Kyoto. They have been serving at a church in Kusatsu city for 3 years.



**Breakout 2:
Serving the Elderly
in Shiga**

Larry & Susan befriended many elderly & conducted Japanese exercises for them.



**Breakout 3:
University Ministry**

Bee Choo journeyed alongside University students & graduates in Kansai for 25 years. Her ministry included teaching, preaching and training.



**Breakout 4:
Family & Children's
Ministry**

Richard & Candy, together with their 4 children, served the children in their neighborhood.



**Breakout 5:
Walk Ye in it**

Emily started a Christian pilgrimage that follows the footsteps of Christian martyrs from Kyoto to Nagasaki, with the hope of inspiring local & overseas Christians.

**Use Link Below or QR
Code to Register**

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OUR VISION

To be a caring community, a lighthouse and home in the city; bringing hope and purpose through a life-changing relationship with Jesus Christ to all peoples of all ages.

ENGLISH CONGREGATION

CELL GROUPS

10:25	New Creation
ABCD	Orchard
Commonwealth	Queen Street
East Coast	River Valley
Full House	Stamford
Haven	Sunset Way
Hazel	Victoria
Hougang	West Coast
Koinonia	WIP

Please contact Joanna at joanna@kumyan.org.sg if you would like to join a cell group.

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GIVING ONLINE

Detailed instructions and important information on giving online can be found on our website:
<https://kumyan.org.sg/give/>

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