



THE FRIEND

11AM | 22 DECEMBER 2024

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).



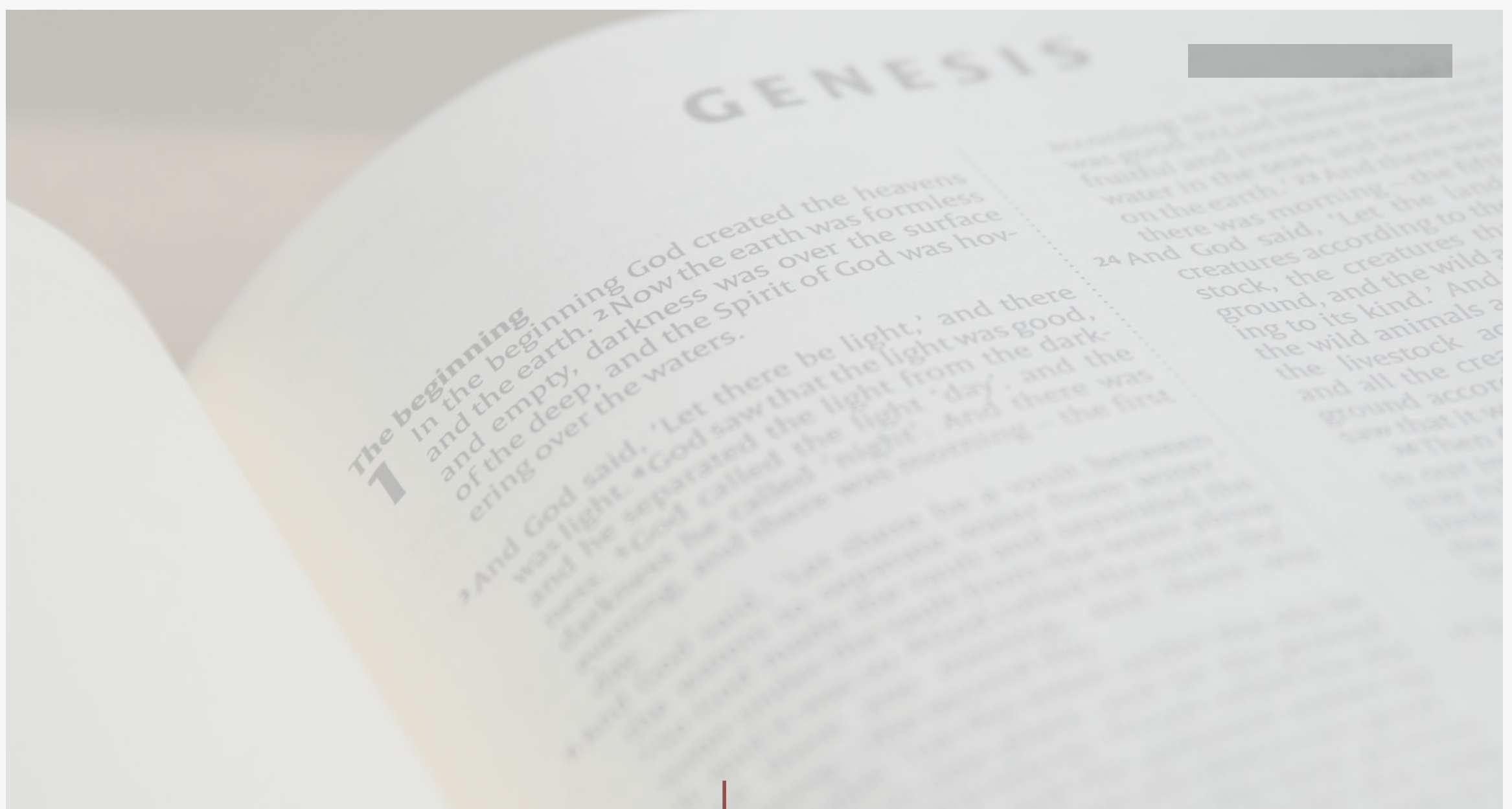
OUR VISION & MISSION

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

Offering & Prayer

Prayer

Bible reading: Genesis 6:1-7:24

Message: God of the storm

Closing song: The Lord is my salvation

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:

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ANNOUNCEMENTS



SUNDAY SCHOOL - Holiday Announcement

As we approach the end of the year, we would like to inform you that the Sunday School Program will be taking a break over the summer holidays. Please take note of the important dates below:

8th December – Final Sunday School class for 2024

15th December – Whole Sunday School Christmas Party

There are no classes between 22nd December - 26th January 2025

Sunday School will resume on 2nd February 2025

We wish you and your family a joyful and blessed Christmas, and a Happy New Year!

CHRISTMAS SERVICE:

Christmas service will be held on the 25th Dec 2024, 10 AM. Please invite friends and family to share and celebrate the birth of Jesus.

There will be refreshments after the service. Please bring a plate to share and let Wan Ling Chua know what you might be bringing.

(Mob: 0422 787 338 - Wan Ling Chua)

LEAVE:

Pastor Melvin would be on leave and away from the 22nd December to the 10th Jan 2025.

Swee Yue and Melvin are deeply grateful to God for all of you in LSCC for your gracious love and partnership in the gospel work. Your commitment and love for one another makes Lygon church a warm special place. Swee Yue, Melvin and the girls would like to wish all of you a blessed Christmas and a joyful, Christ-filled new year.

ANNOUNCEMENTS



CHURCH PRAYER MEETING - Recess

The church prayer meeting on Wednesday evening is taking a recess till early next year. We like to take the opportunity to thank all of you who are part of this meeting. We are thankful to God for your encouragement and support.

GROWTH GROUPS (Home bible study ministry):

We highly encourage all members of our congregation to be a part of our church's Bible study groups. This will not only encourage our personal walk with Jesus, but also foster a greater church community which serves to build each other up in Christ. If you're not part of a Bible study group and would like to be a part of one, please get in touch with pastor Melvin (Mob: 0402 227506)

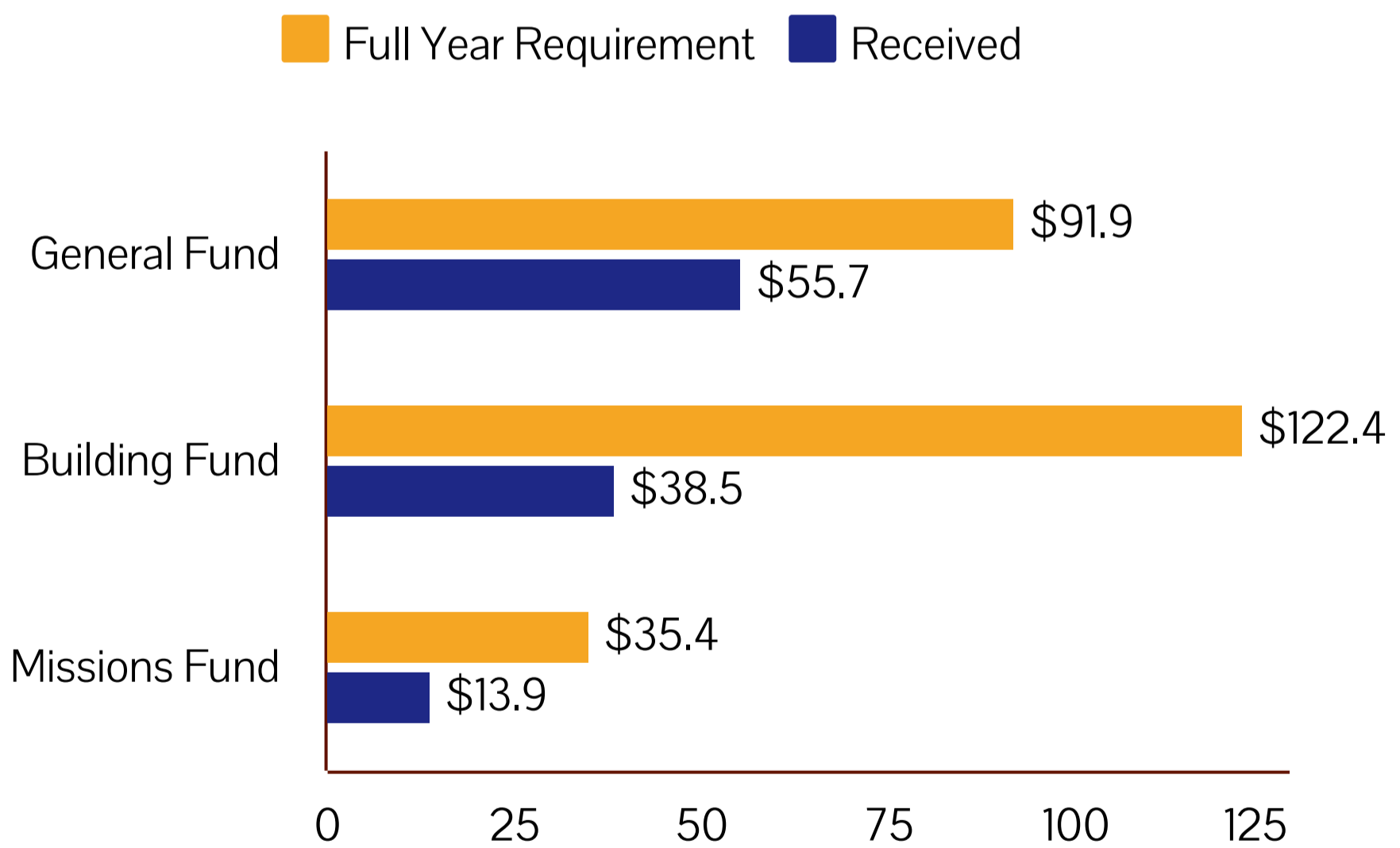
CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE

DGR - Building Fund Update

The South-Side-Garden Project is underway and targeted for completion by 31 December 2024. An estimated \$80K project-related payment will be due in January 2025, therefore we encourage you to consider the following:

- i) We will be reducing the minimum contribution to the tax-deductible Building Fund from \$200 to \$50 for the foreseeable future. If you would like to take the opportunity to make a tax-deductible contribution, kindly consider allocating a portion of your regular financial contribution to the Building Fund;
- ii) If you have planned regular contributions to the Building fund, kindly consider advancing these contributions to November or December 2024. This will allow us to address the bulk of the payment needed for this project, which is our main Building Fund project for 2024/25. Should you have any queries regarding the above, please feel free to approach the finance team.

FY2025 Budget vs Actuals ('000) YTD 12th December 2024



Financial Tracker - 1st July 2024 to 12 December 2024

	Avg. Weekly Required	Avg. Weekly Received	Total Period Required	Total Period Received	Total Surplus/(Shortfall)
General Fund	\$1,767	\$2,364	\$41,658	\$55,728	\$14,070
Building Fund	\$2,354	\$1,634	\$55,488	\$38,525	(\$16,964)
Missions Fund	\$681	\$588	\$16,047	\$13,855	(\$2,192)

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: Lygon St Church of Christ General Fund
BSB: 033-000
Account Number: 593302

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

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ Building Fund
BSB: 033-009
Account Number: 805316

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

Account Name: Lygon St Church of Christ Mission Fund
BSB: 033-000
Account Number: 593310

*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 \$200. 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.

NEXT SERMON SERIES

GOSPEL IN THE BEGINNING

GENESIS

17.11.2024/ GENESIS 1: 1 - 2:3/ GOD THE CREATOR

24.11.2024/ GENESIS 2: 4-25/ MADE TO RELATE AND SERVE

01.12.2024/ GENESIS 3: 1-24/ PARADISE LOST!

08.12.2024/ GENESIS 4:1-16/ CURSE, SIN AND GRACE

15.12.2024/ GENESIS 4:17 - 5:32/ THE LEGACY

22.12.2024/ GENESIS 6:1 - 7:24/ GOD OF THE STORM

25.12.2024/ CHRISTMAS DAY

29.12/2024/ GENESIS 8:1 - 9:29/ GOD'S GRACIOUS PROMISE

Lygon Street Christian Church
54 Lygon Street, Carlton, VIC
Live Broadcast at: <http://lscc.org.au/live>
11 am (Melbourne Time)



GETTING INVOLVED

SENIORS' MINISTRY

Senior ministry is taking well deserved break. Meeting will resume again in the new year. Please stay tune. For more information, contact Melvin.

M: 0402 227 506 | E: melvinwylo@gmail.com

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

Carlton Gospel Fellowship (CGF):

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

54 Lygon Street, Carlton.

Feel free to visit our site: bit.ly/carltongf

For more information, you can follow us on:

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

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

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; or Swee Yue Tan at sweeyuetan@gmail.com

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY (SUNDAY SCHOOL)

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

For more information, contact Vut Wong at vut.wong@gmail.com or 0425 299 804.

PRAYER MEETING

The church prayer meeting is held online on Wednesdays via Zoom.

Time: **8pm - 9pm**

To obtain the link please contact Melvin.

M: 0402 227 506 | E: melvinwylo@gmail.com

GETTING INVOLVED

GROWTH GROUPS

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 melvinwyo@gmail.com or 0402 227 506

KINDNESS GROUP

Meets in the Eastern suburbs on Friday evenings

PATIENCE GROUP - Jonathan Yu

Meets fortnightly in-person/online (alternating fortnights) in Moonee Ponds on Friday evenings

SELF CONTROL GROUP - Micky Low

Meets in Maribyrnong on Wednesday evenings weekly

PEACE GROUP- Chris Tan & Grace Wong

Meets in Mont Albert/ Doncaster on Friday evenings weekly

JOY GROUP - Joel Tan & Jason Lau

Meets on Zoom Friday evenings

FAITHFULNESS GROUP - Melvin Lo & Swee Yue Tan

Meets on Brunswick West/ Doncaster/ Essendon on Friday evenings weekly

LOVE IN ACTION

CHRISTMAS SERVICE

- We thank God for being interested in us. He displayed that supremely in the giving of His Son Jesus, born into this world to die for us so that through him men may live.
- Pray that the Christmas service will draw a strong interest.
- Pray for Charles Sutikno who will be speaking from Luke 2 and God will use the passage to draw others close to Jesus.
- Pray for Charles' preparation that our Lord will help him to have a good grasp of the passage and be able to apply it well.
- Pray for the service as a whole that our Lord would use for his glory.

SOUTH SIDE GARDEN

- Praise God for the on-going work and for God's provision for funds for this project.
- We thank God that the project seems to be coming up very well.
- We also praise God for providing sufficient funds for this project.
- Please pray that this space would be used in ways that glorify our Lord Jesus.
- We thank God for Percival Wong and Christian Ong for their roles in supervising this project. We thank God for their availability and faithfulness.

GENESIS & GROWTH

- Thank God for the current sermon series from Genesis and how God's word has been powerfully instructive.
- Praise God for his grace upon us with the promise to bring upon an offspring of Eve to crush the head of the serpent despite men turning away from him.
- Pray that we will respond to God as the rightful ruler to our life.
- Pray for the speakers in the preparation of their talks that they will be faithful and clear.

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CROSS CULTURE MISSION PARTNERS INTERNATIONAL CHINA CONCERN



- We thank God for ICC's work in supporting the 'hidden' children.
- Please pray that the children under their care would grow increasingly knowing the love of Jesus for them.
- Pray for provision for the ICC ministries. We are thankful to God for Janet and her colleague's work with these children and pray that our Lord will continue to strengthen them for this work.
- Pray that many of the staff of ICC and children under their care would come to know the salvation Jesus offers.



Yoke Ling Wong | Malaysia

- Please pray for our Christmas services next week. We are having a few extra services as we are anticipating extra visitors to the Cathedral during this season. We are in the midst of getting more volunteers to help out at these services, please pray that God would provide us with the extra help needed. More importantly, please pray that the Gospel would go out clearly and that hearts would be drawn to Jesus, whose birth we celebrate this Christmas.
- Please pray for my parents, brother and sister-in-law who have indicated that they would be coming to church this Christmas. Please pray that God would be merciful to them and open their eyes to see Jesus.
- Please pray for the staff team during this busy season. Please pray for the preachers, that they would preach the Gospel clearly and faithfully. Pray for the rest of the team who will be doing various things in preparation for the services next week, that God would strengthen us, and that we would serve God and each other with joy.

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David & Cathy Walter | Queensland, Australia (AFES)

Dear Friends,

We've just arrived in Qld for David to speak at the Qld NTE!

This year, instead of gathering for the AFES national conference (NTE) all together in Canberra, we are running multiple NTEs 'in the regions'. The hope is that, being a local event, more students can come and be trained, transformed and sent with the gospel. David will speak (with Richard Chin) on the theme The Edge of Eternity, giving 4 talks from the book of Revelation. We are thrilled to be back in Qld- and to have friends from the IFES South Pacific movements in PNG, Fiji, and the Solomon Islands joining us.

Please pray for David as he finalises and gives his talks - that he will trust God to speak powerfully through His Word - as He has promised.

Pray for students to be receptive and to be challenged and transformed as they engage with the Bible this week.

NTE in the Regions has also afforded the opportunity for Cathy to travel to staff days around the country (Hobart, Melbourne and Adelaide). It's been a privilege to connect with our staff and be part of training and building them up in their service of Jesus.

Thank God for the faithful AFES staff around the country. Pray that God will sustain them in their service.

Thanks for praying for the IFES South Pacific staff training in NZ! Despite our low energy levels, God was kindly at work, growing and strengthening the staff from around the region.

Praise God for a great week together in NZ. Pray for staff to have wisdom to know how to apply what they learnt to their local context.

Personally, we are deeply thankful to have celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary with a lovely day off in Glenelg, SA last week, and also to have the opportunity to visit my dear friend Kim again in Brisbane as she is in the final stages of her battle with ovarian cancer.

Thank God for the gift of 30 years of marriage, and many years of friendship with Kim.



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SENIORS MINISTRY:

- Praise God for the recent socials as they seniors celebrated 'Thanksgiving'. Thank God the meaningful 'get-together' for Fay Trevethick who organised the event.
- Please pray for safety for **Jeanette Gan's** travel to Singapore and Malaysia from the 3rd Dec to 23 Dec 2024. She's planning to attend her nephew's wedding. Pray for protection and our Lord to sustain her health in this trip. Pray for **Oi Lee Chan** who are spending time in Malaysia and returning in March 2025. Pray for safe travels and salvation for family members.
- Pray for **Neil Hawthorn** that our Lord will continue to watch over him and protect him. He will be having an epilepsy appointment this Friday. It will be part of the process in the preparation for the scheduled brain surgery in June 2025. Pray for productive appointment. Please pray for success in this operation and it will help Neil's health in the long term. Last Thursday, Neil was unable to walk for an hour. His hips and knees would not respond and he's unsure if it a neurological or osteoarthritis issue. Please continue to pray that our Lord would provide and help him in situations like this.
- **Jenny Loo** would like to thank God for providing her with safety in travel to Hong Kong and for bringing her back safely to Melbourne. She like to thank God for providing her daughter Fiona and family with a good rental place close to the schools in Blackburn. Please pray for provision for good tenants to rent their place in Hillside.
- Pray for **Joseph Bautista** in his work that he will be a wonderful witness for Jesus. Pray that his health will hold up with the white cells increasing to the required level. Pray for strength as Joseph feels tiredness after blood transfusion. Praise God for **Fe Bautista** surgery and she's recovering well. Praise God for the successful operation and she was able to walk on day 2 after the surgery.
- Pray for **Edwin Tai** as he goes for his dialysis three times a week. Pray that our Lord will continue to provide for his needs and look after him. Praise God for Edwin and Emily's joyful outlook and their thankfulness to our good Lord. Pray for **Emily Tai** as she continues to recover from the recent mild heart attack.
- Pray for the Seniors' ministry as they take a brief recess over the summer break from their studies that they will continue to grow in Christ. Pray for their protection and provision.



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BOARD OF ELDERS & DEACONS

- Pray for wisdom upon the Eldership and Deacons as they continue to plan for 2025.
- Pray for our Lord's protection and provision as they serve our Lord in their roles.
- Pray that each of them would grow in their grasp of Jesus' love for them and his church. Pray that each of them would grow in Christ.
- Praise God for each of them as they willingly serve our Lord as board members.

CARLTON GOSPEL FELLOWSHIP (CGF)

- As the CGF takes brief recess for the summer break, pray for the committee as they plan for the year ahead. Pray that they will have a restful break.
- Praise God for those who has committed their lives to Jesus in 2024. Pray for their protection and they will continue to grow in Jesus.
- Many would be spending their summer break in their home country with the family. Pray for restful break, safe travel and that the CGFers would be sensitive to opportunities to witness to their love ones.

BIBLE READING

GENESIS 6:1-7:24

When men began to increase in number on the earth and daughters were born to them, **2** the sons of God saw that the daughters of men were beautiful, and they married any of them they chose. **3** Then the Lord said, "My Spirit will not contend with man forever, for he is mortal ; his days will be a hundred and twenty years." **4** The Nephilim were on the earth in those days- and also afterward-when the sons of God went to the daughters of men and had children by them. They were the heroes of old, men of renown. **5** The Lord saw how great man's wickedness on the earth had become, and that every inclination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil all the time. **6** The Lord was grieved that he had made man on the earth, and his heart was filled with pain. **7** So the Lord said, "I will wipe mankind, whom I have created, from the face of the earth-men and animals, and creatures that move along the ground, and birds of the air-for I am grieved that I have made them." **8** But Noah found favor in the eyes of the Lord .

9 This is the account of Noah. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked with God. **10** Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. **11** Now the earth was corrupt in God's sight and was full of violence. **12** God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. **13** So God said to Noah, "I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. **14** So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. **15** This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be 450 feet long, 75 feet wide and 45 feet high. **16** Make a roof for it and finish the ark to within 18 inches of the top. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. **17** I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish.

BIBLE READING

GENESIS 6:1-7:24 (CONT'D)

18 But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons' wives with you. **19** You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. **20** Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. **21** You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them." **22** Noah did everything just as God commanded him.

7 The Lord then said to Noah, "Go into the ark, you and your whole family, because I have found you righteous in this generation. **2** Take with you seven of every kind of clean animal, a male and its mate, and two of every kind of unclean animal, a male and its mate, **3** and also seven of every kind of bird, male and female, to keep their various kinds alive throughout the earth.

4 Seven days from now I will send rain on the earth for forty days and forty nights, and I will wipe from the face of the earth every living creature I have made." **5** And Noah did all that the Lord commanded him. **6** Noah was six hundred years old when the floodwaters came on the earth. **7** And Noah and his sons and his wife and his sons' wives entered the ark to escape the waters of the flood. **8** Pairs of clean and unclean animals, of birds and of all creatures that move along the ground, **9** male and female, came to Noah and entered the ark, as God had commanded Noah. **10** And after the seven days the floodwaters came on the earth. **11** In the six hundredth year of Noah's life, on the seventeenth day of the second month—on that day all the springs of the great deep burst forth, and the floodgates of the heavens were opened. **12** And rain fell on the earth forty days and forty nights. **13** On that very day Noah and his sons, Shem, Ham and Japheth, together with his wife and the wives of his three sons, entered the ark.

BIBLE READING

GENESIS 6:1-7:24 (CONT'D)

14 They had with them every wild animal according to its kind, all livestock according to their kinds, every creature that moves along the ground according to its kind and every bird according to its kind, everything with wings.

15 Pairs of all creatures that have the breath of life in them came to Noah and entered the ark. **16** The animals going in were male and female of every living thing, as God had commanded Noah.

Then the Lord shut him in. **17** For forty days the flood kept coming on the earth, and as the waters increased they lifted the ark high above the earth. **18** The waters rose and increased greatly on the earth, and the ark floated on the surface of the water. **19** They rose greatly on the earth, and all the

high mountains under the entire heavens were covered.

20 The waters rose and covered the mountains to a depth of more than twenty feet. , **21** Every living thing that moved on the earth perished—birds, livestock, wild animals, all the creatures that swarm over the earth, and all mankind. **22** Everything on dry land that had the breath of life in its nostrils died. **23** Every living thing on the face of the earth was wiped out; men and animals and the creatures that move along the ground and the birds of the air were wiped from the earth. Only Noah was left, and those with him in the ark. **24** The waters flooded the earth for a hundred and fifty days.