



NextGen Newsletter



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Youth Ministry

Metamorphosis (curriculum for Sec 1-2s)



A total of 38 teens have joined us since the start of the year for Metamorphosis. We kicked off the year with a run of the Christianity Explored series with the aim of building stronger gospel convictions and to provide an opportunity for youths to explore the Christian faith.

We recently concluded the series and we are delighted to share that through this series:

3 prayed to receive Jesus

8 recommitted their lives to Christ

Praise be to God! Do keep them in your prayers as they continue to journey and grow in Christ.

Easter Programme

Cathedral Youths held our very own Easter programme on 9 April with 83 youths in attendance. The theme for this year was "Peace be with you!" as we wanted to share how our resurrected Lord is the only one who is able to give us true and perfect peace. We had a great time worshipping together, playing a game of paint relay, hearing the Word, and fellowshiping over sumptuous food. We pray that the good news that was shared will take root in the hearts of our friends who joined us that afternoon.



Youth JOPers



Christine, Atticus, and Samuel (3 on the right) joined the Cathedral's Journey of Purpose (JOP) programme this year where they spent the last few months growing their faith through lessons, serving the residents at SAC Home, and conducting weekly devotions for the Project Khmer H.O.P.E. team. Additionally, our youth JOPers also participated in the daily offices and were further equipped through a book review on spiritual disciplines as well as weekly discipleship sessions. Here is what they have to say of their JOP experience:

JOP has helped me with my walk with God and answered so many deep questions I had about God, especially about His character and how He does things. Seeing things from His point of view helped me to look forward and fix my eyes on Him while I transition into my next phase in life.

– Christine Teng, 21

My experience with JOP was very tough as I was spiritually challenged but intellectually nourished through the various courses and lectures. I enjoyed the tough discourse that occurred. JOP has helped me transition from schooling to adult life and has taught me how to regulate myself and make time for God.

– Atticus Ting, 20

I learnt how to view many complex and controversial topics through a Christian worldview that helped grow my faith and answered the many questions I had. Being in the house of God and amongst his people each day also made Psalm 84:10 - "For a day in your courts is better than a thousand elsewhere" - so real to me.

– Samuel Ho, 17

Youth Mission Trip to Thailand 🇹🇭

Cathedral Youth will be embarking on a mission trip to Ban Chang, Thailand this June! This will be our very first mission trip since the COVID pandemic. We are excited that 8 youths have given their "yes" to God and will be spending 10 days of their June holidays reaching out to the Thai people. Preparation for this trip is already underway, and the team has also been attending training sessions on topics such as the biblical understanding for missions, cultural understanding, and spiritual preparation. Some of you might have received personal newsletters from the youths seeking your prayer and financial support. We ask that you would prayerfully consider joining us as our gospel partners to advance God's kingdom in Thailand.

Children Ministry

Combined Children's Easter Event



We recently celebrated Easter with a combined children's event. The theme for the event was 'NO GREATER LOVE' and it was attended by almost 90 kids from our preschool and primary school classes. We had an exciting time of relay games and interesting activities. The preschoolers learnt about the journey Jesus went on from His triumphal entry into Jerusalem all the way to His ascension into heaven. As for the primary schoolers, they had the opportunity to become detectives as they looked for clues on the holy week events that were recorded in the Bible.



Children Ministry Teachers' Training

A training session was organised in March for the teachers serving in the Children Ministry. The training was conducted by Mr. Darius Foo who is an active associate trainer with organisations like Bible Society and Scripture Union as well as the co-chairperson of ARISE!. Darius shared with the teachers on many different ways they could carry out their children's programme lessons. The teachers gained insights on how they could utilize different teaching methods using the multiple intelligence approach throughout the programme, so that the children will be able to learn and understand the lesson in their own different learning styles.

ShalomFriends Teachers' Training

ShalomFriends also had a training session organised for their teachers in April. The training was conducted by Ms. Caroline focusing on the growing needs of our youths and the tools for better communication with people with autism.



Fellowship Weekend

This year we decided to embark on a new initiative that would allow the youth ministry to be involved in the children ministry where they can get to know and bond with the children in the cathedral. Every 5th weekend, the youths would plan games, activities and the lessons for the various children programs. We kickstarted the first Fellowship Weekend in April and the children responded well to the youths and enjoyed every activity the youths had planned. We thank God for guiding us in this direction of becoming one cathedral through this new initiative.



Change of Venue

As of 1st April, FaithKids 1 (9:30am children's programme) has returned to Cathedral from the previous location at Adelphi since we could no longer renew the lease at Adelphi. Both the lower primary class and the upper primary class are now using the Welcome Centre while the preschool class uses Classroom C. We want to thank God for making this transition go by smoothly.

Young Adults Ministry

Saturday LIFE



Close to 50 young adults joined us for our very first Saturday LIFE of the year on 11 February! Mr. Darius Lee, a lawyer by training and author of "Like a Fire in My Bones: A Journey of Discipleship", came to share with us about how we can journey together in a world where the interaction between work, faith and life can sometimes be unpleasant, and even challenging. We had a time of honest and intimate conversations on how we can find meaning in life instead of simply "chasing after the wind" (Ecclesiastes 1:14).

Young Adults Gathering

About 30 young adults from different services of the Cathedral gathered in church on 30 April for a BBQ and sharing of personal stories regarding their relationship with Jesus, thoughts and observations about the community in SAC, and their hopes for the young adult community.





Prayer Requests

We hope you can join us in prayer as we commit the ministry to the Lord. For we know that without God, our best plans & efforts are all futile as scripture reminds us that "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain" (Ps 127:1a).

Children Ministry

Teachers

- Pray for more members who are suitable for the role of teacher or teacher aide to avail themselves and serve in the Children Ministry for at least a year.
- Pray for the teachers and the application of what they have learned during the training.

Children

Pray for the children to enjoy their learning of God's Word and the fellowship with one another each week.

Youth Ministry

New Believers

- Pray that they will continue to grow in their love for God, to know God intimately, and walk steadfastly with Him.
- Pray for us to be able to journey well alongside them.

Youth Mission Trip to Thailand

- Pray for God's wisdom and leading as we plan the activities and lessons for the Thais.
- Pray for God's protection and favour as we minister to the locals.
- Pray for unity within the team, that others might see the love of Christ being displayed through our love for each other.

Young Adults Ministry

Deeper Relationships

Pray for the deepening of friendship among the young adults within and across services.

Willing Hearts

Pray for hearts to be willing and enthusiastic in building up one another as well as the wider community of the Cathedral.

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As we know Faithkids 1 (9:30am children's program) has been using a space that was rented out in Adelphi. However, as of 1st of April, Faithkids 1 has officially moved back and are now having their children's program onsite with the p1-6 using the welcome centre and the preschoolers using classroom C at B2. We want to thank God for making this transition go by smoothly.



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Prayer Highlights

As we remember God's faithfulness over the past year,
we look forward with great expectancy for what He will do in the year ahead.

We hope you can join us in prayer as we commit the plans for 2023 to the Lord. For we know that without God, our best plans are all futile as scripture reminds us that "unless the Lord builds the house, those who build it labour in vain" (Ps 127:1a). May the Lord's presence go before and with us as we enter into the new year!

1. 2023 Theme: Divine Providence

- Pray for God's Word to take root in the hearts of the youths as we teach through the books of Romans & Daniel
- Pray that the youths will see the wonders of God's plan for salvation & His will for their lives

2. Metamorphosis

Metamorphosis will be launched in 2023 as a 2-year curriculum for lower secondary youths.

- Pray for God to speak into their lives as and for them to grow closer to God
- Pray that the youths will be able to bond with one another
- Pray that the small group facilitators will be able to actively engage with the youths

3. Raising of new CGLs & Ministry Leaders

- Pray for God to provide youths who will step up to serve as cell group leaders over the course of the year as the youth ministry is expected to grow further in 2024
- Pray for God to provide youths who will step up to serve in the youth core team as some of our current ministry leaders will be stepping down by the end of 2023 and to transit to the young adults ministry

4. Mission Trip in June

This will be the first mission trips for the youths ever since Covid.

- Pray for God to lead us as we form a team to plan for a mission trip to Laos in June
- Pray for God's protection and favour as we minister to the Laotians

5. Community

As we are still a relatively new and growing ministry, please be praying for us to grow as a community.

- Pray for genuine, authentic and intentional relationships to be forged
- Pray for us to be a spiritual community that spurs and supports each other to grow in spiritual maturity and deeper intimacy with God

6. SERVE Academy Participants

SERVE Academy is a short-term residential discipleship programme by the Diocesan Youth Board that aims to develop youths spiritually & equip them for ministry.

- Pray for the 6 participants from our youth ministry to encounter the Lord mightily and to hear from Him

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