

St Andrew's Cathedral

NEXTGEN



NEWSLETTER

PEACE BE WITH YOU!

We thank God for the eventful first half of the year and we'd like to use this chance to provide some updates from the NextGen Ministry!

We pray that this newsletter will provide you with a sense of what God has been doing among our children and young people, as well as our various ministry needs. We hope these updates would be an encouragement to you and we ask for your continued prayer support as we labour for God's kingdom.

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CHILDREN MINISTRY

FELLOWSHIP WEEKEND

The Children Ministry's first Fellowship Sunday of the year was held on June 30th! The youth ministry members enthusiastically led and organised fun ice-breaker games, inspiring worship sessions, and creative crafts. It was a joyous celebration for all the children from CityKids, FaithKids 1 and 2 as they gathered with the youth to mark the last Sunday of June in fellowship.

The children learnt about God's omnipresence through an engaging and educational lesson. During small group time, the youth and children bonded over lively discussions and craft activities. We hope that upper primary schoolers will be excited about joining the youth ministry in the future and look forward to it!



CHILDREN'S PARTICIPATION IN PRAYER & PRAISE

What a joy to see the different generations gathering to pray at the Cathedral's prayer and praise on 26 July! Jonathan Goh, a P1 student from FaithKids 1, opened the session by reading the scriptures calmly and with great clarity. During the testimony segment, Christopher Goh, a P3 student from FaithKids 2, shared his genuine and heartfelt testimony. He spoke about the powerful impact of calling on Jesus, the challenges of managing educational pressure, his hopes for support from other generations, and his desire for spiritual guidance and support. Adding to the joy, Christopher's elder brother Jonathan (P5) surprised us with his quiet yet invaluable AV support during worship. We hope to see even more children join in and participate in our church activities!



YOUTH MINISTRY

REACHING OUT TO FRIENDS

We invited David Loh (@pigsflyidie), a passionate online evangelist, to share with our youths more about what it means to be actively reaching out to the people around us. He shared how evangelism can be as simple as learning to share our stories (what God has done for us) and offering to pray for others. The youths were inspired by his sharing and felt challenged to start applying those 2 simple practical steps. The talk even generated much discussion and conversation after the service!

REACHING OUT TO friends

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YOUTH MISSION TRIP

Following last year's eventful trip, 7 youths (19-25 year olds) signed up for this year's trip to Mae Sot, Thailand. We spent 7 days ministering to the Karen people, conducting a youth leadership camp for the youth leaders from the Anglican churches in the region, as well as various children and youth programmes for the different communities in Mae Sot, Mae Salit, and Mae La.

We had a great time building relationships with the youths there, and we're hoping that this could pave the way for a long-lasting partnership between the Cathedral and St. Stephen's Church, Mae Sot. Do continue to keep us in prayer as we discern how we can work together to build up the body of Christ.



YOUTH SUNDAY

This year's theme for Youth Sunday was all about connecting with one another! We got to exchange messages with the adults at the main services through a card-writing activity, and several of our youths got to serve as scripture readers and intercessors at the main services too.

Back at our youth service, Wayne Sim (from YWAM) came to preach on Acts 13:1-12, and reminded the youths of how they are set apart and sent by God. It was a great time celebrating our youth with games, great food, and fellowship. Thank God for the youth of the cathedral!



YOUTH MINISTRY INTERNS

We thank God for Dafina and John, who came on board as our ministry interns from March to June/July. Besides serving in various capacities with the NextGen ministry (e.g., Sunday School, Metamorphosis, and the youth mission trip), they have also been actively involved in several other ministries in the Cathedral, such as CITY Community Services, helping out in the Welcome Centre, and serving at the Wednesday worship service, to name a few. Of course, it's not just all about work; spiritual formation is also a key component of this internship. Our interns participated in the Daily Offices and had weekly discipleship sessions with the pastoral team. It has been a really eventful time with them. Here is what they have to say about their internship experience:

I learnt what goes on behind the scenes in different ministries and got to be a part of the team planning an overseas mission trip. I also got to use my skills in organising to tidy up the Welcome Centre. On top of all this, I picked up skills in active listening and how to intentionally help others. During this internship, I have grown closer to God, and my faith in Him has deepened through weekly discipleship sessions and serving in the different ministries. If you are wondering what goes on behind the scenes or are curious, why not give this internship a shot?

- John Tan, 23

Through this internship, I got to be exposed to many different ministry opportunities that I otherwise would not have considered. This experience has helped me grow in my walk with God and be more receptive to God's leading. There were many times when I was challenged to step out of my comfort zone, but those moments helped me reflect on my heart's posture towards serving and taught me to serve humbly without grumbling. Through this season of intense ministry, I've grown in my faith and learnt to rely not on my strength but on God alone. While there were many challenging moments during the internship, it has been a season of growing in joy and thanksgiving to God.

- Dafina Carena Chung, 19

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY

WELCOME KENNETH!

We welcome Kenneth who joined the Cathedral's staff team on 1 July 2024. He will be assisting Revd Daniel in overseeing the Young Adults Ministry. He is also serving in the service team for the 11.30am Sunday Service. Let's hear more from him.

"I am grateful to be back in the Cathedral where I grew up, to serve as the pastoral staff overseeing the Young Adults Ministry. 2024 has been a milestone of new beginnings for me, from graduating from seminary to getting married to my wife, Ketti, and now, beginning a new job as a pastoral staff.

I believe the young adults (25 to 35 years old) group is one of the biggest worries in the Singapore church today. They struggle with unspoken pressure from work, society, parents, and even the church to give their time. My prayer and hope is that the young adults of the cathedral can see and know that they are loved and that they are a vital generation to the church. Let's work together for a brighter future.

I always enjoy a conversation over a meal, a drink, or even a game of football or tennis. Do let me know how we can partner to help the next generation experience the fullness of God's glory in everything that they say, be, and do."



UPCOMING TALK

Our next event will be on 28 September. We have invited **Dr. Tan Soo Inn** to speak on "**Spiritual Formation in the Midst of Busyness**". We hope to see you on that day at 7.30pm at the Cathedral Welcome Centre. More information will be given soon.

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PRAYER REQUESTS

CHILDREN MINISTRY



MINISTRY VOLUNTEERS

- Pray for the Children Ministry's retreat from Aug. 9th to 11th, asking for restoration from weariness, refreshment of souls, and a joyful recharge for our volunteers as they serve the Lord.
- Pray for healing for teachers recovering from surgery, childbirth, and sickness.

CHILDREN

- Pray for P6 students to excel in their prelims and be well prepared for the upcoming PSLE exams.
- Pray for our children to develop a personal relationship with God.

YOUNG ADULTS MINISTRY



YA EVENTS FOR 2024

- "Spiritual Formation in the midst of Busyness" talk by Dr Tan Soo-Inn on 28th Sep
- YA Gathering on 2nd November
- Christmas Outreach in December

YA PLANS FOR 2025

- Pray for like-minded people to serve in the YA ministry
- Pray that the committee will be prayerful and discerning of God's direction for the year ahead
- Pray for unity among the young adults across the various services

YOUTH MINISTRY



PLANS FOR 2025

- Pray for godly wisdom & discernment as we begin to chart out our ministry plans for next year
- Pray for God to call & raise new leaders amongst our youth to disciple others

YOUTH WORSHIP NIGHT IN SEP

- Pray for God to give us clean hands and a pure heart as we come to seek His face and to exalt His name
- Pray for God to reveal Himself in a powerful and intimate manner and that our youths might grow deeper in their relationship with God

YOUTH LEADERS RETREAT IN OCT

- Pray that the retreat will be a great time of fellowship, reflection, and spiritual refreshment for our youth leaders
- Pray for our leaders to be renewed in their strength and joy to serve God and His people

