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## Goodbye 2015

What an eventful year 2015 has been. As a church, we look back and give thanks that we have experienced God's love in different and often surprising ways.

As always, His faithfulness has led us through the year. His grace strengthened where the terrain was rocky; His peace steadied where the waters were choppy; His goodness sheltered where the sky was tempestuous.

Beyond those, we give thanks that as a church, God has been generous in giving us the privilege of sharing His love in various ways — ways which would never have been realised if not for the many members and worshippers who stepped up to it. In this, we give thanks for the many of you TPMCians who have done just that, stepping out of your boat of safety and comfort to serve Him by serving others. I have no doubt that God is pleased.

We also thank God that He has led us to the conclusion of the 2015 Vision. This surely is no indication that we have "arrived". But more that we now journey into another season where we focus on another stage of the Christian journey.

Which of course brings us to 2016.



## Hello 2016

I'm not sure what emotions we carry within us as we enter into 2016 — I'm not much of a guesser. But one thing of which I am certain, and which does not require even a crumb of guesswork, is that the same faithful God who saw us through 2015 goes with us into this new year. God walks before us, God knows, and God is capable of all things.

*Wishing all of you a 2016  
that is filled with all the Grace,  
Peace, and goodness of our  
faithful God.*





# Congratulations!

## Newborns



JANELLE TAN

Baby Janelle Tan Jian En was born to Moses Tan & Chong Yoong Yit on 31 July 2015. The name Janelle means God is gracious. Janelle is a precious gift from our Lord Jesus and an answered prayer.

We look forward to many happy and memorable times with her!



JOSHUA TAN

Baby Joshua Tan Zhi Le was born on 8 September 2015 weighing 3.045 kg to Alvin Tan and Sharon Chong.

Thank you for all the well wishes and prayers for Joshua.

## Newlyweds



Alvin Tham and Josephine Low  
16 May 2015



Marcus Seah and Eileen Kay  
8 August 2015



Dave Loh and Jenny Leong  
24 September 2015



Joseph Ng and Yang Jingyu  
26 December 2015



## A Date with Your Family

The community was invited for a time of learning, fellowship, and fun on 15 August 2015. Seminars on career planning and education were conducted by specialists, while children aged 3 to 10 had their own specially-arranged programme. A film screening rounded off the happy day.



## Engaging our Community with Coffee



Coffee Appreciation Workshop

In our attempt to re-engage people beyond our church walls who responded to our event A Date with Your Family, the family cell group cluster (consisting of 7 cell groups) rallied together to host our second time guests on 8 November 2015, this time with coffee and breakfast. To add flavour to the morning, a bona-fide coffee barista, Clemence Cheek, filled our room with aromatic coffee, followed by a quick introduction to specialty coffee. The event catered to more than 60 participants including hosts. Friendships were quickly formed and participants were later encouraged to attend our contemporary service. We were all certainly perked up worshippers thereafter!

Got  
**QUESTIONS**  
try

Alpha

Course:  
**Alpha Course 2016**

Dates:  
**16 April to 9 July 2016** (Saturdays)

Time:  
**1.00pm to 4.00pm**

Venue:  
**Upper Room (04-01) - Use Lift A**

**Typical Weekly Session:**

- Refreshments
- Welcome, Songs & Game
- Video (45 min)
- Group Discussion (45 min)

**Enquiries:**  
Tel: 6259 8644  
Email: [alpha@tpmc.org.sg](mailto:alpha@tpmc.org.sg)





# Congratulations!

20 DECEMBER 2015

BAPTISM CANDIDATES & NEW TPMC MEMBERS



BAPTISM CANDIDATES

**Back row, from left:** Lily Goh Cheow Tin, Melba Rove Darwin, Hwang Yee Bien, Rhelyn Cagud, Daisy Ann Saguimo, Alma De La Cruz Parada, Angeli Sabido, Ivy Lim Siow Ching, Sydney Pek Li-Wen and Danielle Pek Li-Wei

**Front row, from left:** Seraphina Foo Yue Rui (Child), Rita Wong Foon Yin, Michael Lim Choon Boh, Sarina Yap Kim Hong, Athena Wu (Child), Clive Chiew (Child), Phyllis Koo Ling Wah, Lily Lim Ban Keow, Cynthia Yeo Kim Hua and Kane Tong Gwek Soo



NEW TPMC MEMBERS

**From left:** Evelyn Wan Lai Cheng, Stanley Tan Kah Peck, Russell Teng Wenrui, Tiffany Ng, Jackson Matthias Phua Yih Kiat, Scarlett He Huiling, Ong Kwee Hian, Annette Lai, Kane Tong Kim Hua, and Cynthia Yeo Kim Hua



# OUR CHURCH LEADERS

The Local Church Executive Committee 2015/2016



Mr Kenny Yeo	LCEC Chairperson
Dr Gabriel Ong	Vice Chairperson / Worship & Music Ministry Chairperson
Mr Jerome Sim	Secretary
Ms Rachel Khoo	Secretary
Mrs Sally Chew	Lay Leader
Mrs Annabel Lye	Associate Lay Leader
Mrs Irene Phua	Associate Lay Leader
Mr Kenneth Yeo	Associate Lay Leader / Cell Group Chairperson
Mr Sumit Nag	Associate Lay Leader
Mr Winston Wong	Associate Lay Leader
Mr Johnson Lee	Associate Lay Leader
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Mr Isaiah Tee	Age Group Coordinator (Youth)
Mr Clemence Cheok	Age Group Coordinator (Young Adults)

Mrs Roslyn Sim	Age Group Coordinator (Adults)
Mr Adrian Lum	Age Group Coordinator (Seniors)
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Mr Low Kay San	Church Governance Chairperson
Ms Kristal Chan	Communications & Media Chairperson
Mr Peter Khoo	Property & Management Chairperson
Mrs Agnes Kok	Discipleship & Nurture Chairperson
Mr Jeremy Yeo	Steward (Discipleship & Nurture)
Mr Matthew Ling	Steward (Age Group - Adults)
Mr William Ho	Steward (Finance)



## Easter Outreach

This Easter, we had the privilege to partner Toa Payoh Central Indian Activity Executive Committee (IAEC) to share the Easter Story to the children in church as well as the community. Pastor Raymond Sim was our guest speaker and through the theme of Toy Story, the Easter Story was shared to the children in a fun and interactive manner. We thank God for the 199 children who turned up for the event and we pray that the seeds that were sown in their lives will bear fruit in due time.



## Amazing Race at Changi



While the adults went for the Engaging our Community with Coffee session on 8 November 2015, the children were brought to Changi Airport for an Amazing Race. The children had a blast!







## Junior Superhero Camp

During the 2-day camp (25 - 26 November 2015), with guidance from the invited speaker, Pastor Raymond Sim, the children learnt what it meant to be a superhero — to help those in need. On day 2 of the camp, the children put into practice this important lesson by going to Bethany Nursing Home to put up performances for the elderly. Their presence and performances brought much cheer to the residents.



## Outing to Sungei Buloh

Dr Wong Weng Hoa led the children to Sungei Buloh nature reserve for a fun educational outing.

What some children said about the trip:

I enjoyed walking through the paths in the natural habitat. The air is very fresh and I saw many cute animals such as mudskippers and squirrels during this outing. I also learnt the importance of protecting our environment through this trip.  
- Zhang Yilin, 12 years old

I saw mudskippers, turtles, spiders, birds and a crocodile on this trail. I enjoyed this trip very much because I learnt a lot about animals.  
- William Chew, 10 years old



**JOIN US!**

**Children's  
Programme  
EVERY SUNDAY**

**8.30am**

Hall 2  
(Room 03-06)

**10.30am**

**Toddler (18mths - 3yrs)**  
Room 02-02

**Nursery/Kindies**  
Room 02-09

**Primary**  
Room 03-06

*No Children's Programme  
every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
and combined service*

## Mother's Day Celebration

To encourage our children to honour their parents, we engaged Katherine to teach the children to make carnations from crepe paper. It wasn't easy for the children but they displayed much enthusiasm and earnestness, and all of them brought back a carnation to present to their mummies for Mother's Day. We are so proud of you, children!







# ISRAEL PILGRIMAGE

22 NOVEMBER - 3 DECEMBER 2015



54 pilgrims led by Rev Reuben Ng and Ms Pamela Pan went to Israel from 22 November to 3 December 2015. Everybody had a wonderful experience as the itinerary was full of exciting activities and historical places to visit. The pilgrims testified how memorable the trip had been for them. Some pilgrims got baptised in the Jordan River and couples reaffirmed their wedding vows at Cana in Galilee.





# PRIMAGE 2015



*Photos courtesy of Robert Woon*



# Light of Christmas 2015







The Light of Christmas (LOC) was a 'great banquet' Toa Payoh Methodist Church (TPMC) held on 19 December 2015 to celebrate Christmas with the community and our friends. Planning LOC was an exercise in faith for the organising committee. We faced many challenges, especially as we did not have experience in organising an evening event that required additional lighting. However, after this experience, we can stand on the promise that with God, all things are possible! God had assembled a great organising team and we witnessed Him performing many miracles throughout the planning journey. Even on the day itself God blessed us with sunny weather despite the fact that it had been raining every day during the week leading to the event. We

also want to thank God for the strong support TPMC members showed by contributing financially and serving as volunteers to make LOC such a wonderful and unique experience for our visitors. Through LOC, we shared the message of God's love in many ways through performances, art installations, and our hospitality and interaction with them. An estimated 1,600 visitors attended LOC and we pray that they will get to know the divine 'Light of Christmas' who is our Lord Jesus Christ, the true reason for Christmas.







## AMAZING RACE

As most of the youths were having their school break, we went to Siloso

Beach at Sentosa for an Amazing Race on 30 May 2015. There were a total of five main stations. We had great fun bonding with one another.

## ARCHERY TAG

After our church anniversary, Youth Fusion headed to Kovan Sports Center for a time of Archery Tag. This unique game was familiar yet novel to us: laser tag using a bow and arrows. We saw a spike in friends and newcomers during the game and we believe such events are great platforms for connecting with youths outside of YF. Playing with different game modes, it was indeed an intense way for a group to bond together.



## YOUTH FUSION (YF) LEADERS' RETREAT

This year, the leaders from YF had their annual retreat at Aloha Loyang from 24 – 25 July 2015. The leaders, comprising our YF pastoral staff, ministry heads, cell group leaders and older youths met for a time of fellowship and also a time of reflection about their ministries and their flock. We had a few discussion sessions on boldness in leadership and in carrying through the vision that God has placed within us. We also had a BBQ night with several church leaders from the Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC) and their families to get to know them and to lay a foundation for future interaction. It was a fruitful time together and we hope to move in God's wisdom and direction as we take YF ahead over the next few years.



## YOUTH CAMP

This year's youth camp — Bold Love — was held at the New Charis Mission and we had the privilege to invite Pastor Joyce Lim from Trinity Christian Center to share God's word during our speaker sessions. Her sessions focused on the facets of God's love, important things we need to know about God, being a broken vessel for God, and the things we need to do to draw closer to God. This year, it was heartwarming to see our youths on fire and ministering to each other, being bold to speak life into each other's situations, and to embrace each youth as a member of this family. This camp was not solely Word focused; we also had 4 intense sessions of games planned by youths from different ages. We started the camp with a food race, followed by wet games, night games, and the highlight of the camp — Bubble Soccer. The 4 days together during this camp have brought us closer to achieving the reasons why YF exists: to be a place where youths from all walks of life become one in Christ.

Want to join Youth Fusion in their activities? Please email [theophilus.tan@tpmc.org.sg](mailto:theophilus.tan@tpmc.org.sg) for more information.





## Pasko na Naman 2015! And More...

“Pasko na Naman”, or “Christmas is Here Again”, was the theme of the Filipino Ministry’s (FM) Christmas celebration and outreach event that was held on 13 December 2015 at Hall 1 from 1.30pm to 4.30pm. Rev Reuben Ng, Toa Payoh Methodist Church’s Pastor-in-charge, stirred the people’s excitement with words of blessings and prayer as he gave his welcome message.

Highlights of the event were the cell groups talent competition, special song and dance number from the children and young people, raffle draws, and exchanging of gifts. Around 130 Filipinos came for the event, including 20 newcomers and visitors.

Every year the FM will have a Christmas event with the purpose of reaching out to our fellow countrymen who are outside the church. Christmas is one of the platforms we use to reach out and evangelise. The plan is to bring unchurched people into the church and share the love of God in whatever way we can to them. We invite newcomers and visitors into a cell

group with no strings attached; no weekly meetings or Bible Study requirements to meet – all we ask from them is their trust and we have sanctified ears to listen to their grievances, shoulders to cry on, helping hands, and hearts that are true and Spirit-trained. As the Spirit enables us, we hope that the cell groups will serve as their hiding place. A place where they will experience love from people not related to them, people who are willing to care and help look after their needs. A place where they will hear more about Jesus Christ, see Him magnified, and encounter Him.

The FM has a teaching session on alternate Sundays called “Know the Truth”. The session aims to teach the people how to put into practice the truth of God’s Word in their daily lives both in practical and supernatural ways.

Filipino service is held every Sunday at 10.30am at Hall 3 (03-03). There’s no Filipino service every 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday and combined service.





## BOYS' BRIGADE (BB) 76J AND GIRLS' BRIGADE (GB) 16P COMBINED CAMP

By Allan Ben, *Captain of BB 76th Junior*



BB76J and GB16P had our third combined Sentosa Underwater World overnight camp from 29 - 30 May 2015. There were about 30 boys and girls from First Toa Payoh Primary School, accompanied by 6 officers and 2 teachers-in-charge (Mr. Joel Vinson and Mr. Iain Wong).

The experience was a fun and enriching one. The campers learned so much about the importance of keeping our marine habitat free from pollution and how marine life contribute to our eco-system. There were 2 facilitators from the Sentosa Underwater World attached to us who took good care of us throughout the camp.

The highlight of the whole camp was an up-close experience sleeping under the fishes. The fun did not stop there. The campers were treated to performances by the seal and dolphins at the Dolphin Lagoon, and had up-close and personal encounters taking photos and touching the seal. The experience was not just fun and entertaining, but also enriching with many educational insights.

At the end of the camp, both the BB and GB thanked God for His protection during camp. The programme had run smoothly, officers had the opportunity to spend a weekend getting to know the boys and girls, and not forgetting both our teachers-in-charge, Mr Vinson and Mr Wong, who, despite their tight schedules, helped to make this camp a success.

## BOYS' BRIGADE (BB) 10TH COMPANY ANNUAL CAMP 2015

By Daryl Tan, *Captain of BB 10th Company*



BB 10th Company held its annual camp at Beatty Secondary School from 5 - 8 June 2015. The boys experienced outdoor camping with an expedition hike that also gave each individual boy the chance to lead a section of boys with the guidance of primers and officers. In terms of personal development, the boys were given opportunities to learn life skills and to participate in a Leadership Development Course.

In the Adventure segment, they learnt topographical map reading skills and how to use this newly-acquired ability on the hiking ground when they were hiking and leading. They were taught tent pitching and also field cooking which would be fundamental for outdoor adventure.

By the end of the 4-day 3-night camp, deeper friendships and bonds of brotherhood had been forged. The boys had grown a little through the leadership appointments and programmes that they had attended in the camp.



## VOLUNTEERING FOR THE COMMUNITY By Daryl Tan, *Captain of BB 10th Company*

On 5 December 2015, BB 10th Company sent 17 Boys and 2 primers as volunteers for this year's annual Share-a-Gift. This year we were given the task of packing, counting, and loading up the gifts into cars for the flag off. The whole event lasted about

9 hours. 10th Company also sent boys to volunteer on 4 November 2015 (BB Headquarters media conference) and 12 December 2015 (2nd car flag-off duty). One of our boys, Jovan Lee, was featured in the news.





## BB AND GB ENROLMENT AND DEDICATION SERVICE 2015

By Annabel Lye, *Captain of GB 16th Secondary*

It is a tradition for the BB and GB ministries of Toa Payoh Methodist Church to jointly conduct the annual enrolment service in the church. The Enrolment and Dedication service is a time to dedicate officers and helpers in their service to the Brigade Companies and also a time for members to recommit themselves to the Brigade mottoes.

This year, the service was held on 31 May 2015 during the 8.30am service. The colour party marched in to Amazing Grace played on the bagpipes by Wu Zhi Yuan from 76th Junior Company. The GB 16th Primary girls gave a flag twirling performance, a new skill they learnt early this year. Joining in the service were Mrs Marion Tan, Principal of Beatty Secondary School, teachers

of the Brigade Companies, and family members of the girls and boys. We were glad to have them as their presence demonstrated their support for the Brigade members and the work of the BB and GB Companies.

After the service, there was an award presentation to recognise members' achievements. For new recruits of the BB companies, it was a significant moment as they received their Christian Education badge and Target badge. The event ended with a lunch reception for all.

We thank God for the ministry of the Brigades which is a window of opportunity to reach out to youth and children in the community and draw them nearer to church life.

## BOYS' BRIGADE (BB) 76J TRAINING CAMP 2015

By Thiruselvam s/o Govindaraju, *Pastoral Staff*

BB76J organised a Training Camp on 26 - 28 November 2015 at First Toa Payoh Primary School. The boys were accompanied by 3 officers, Officer John Lin, Officer Raymond Yap, Officer Cindy He, 1 teacher-in-charge, Mr. Iain Wong and Pastoral Staff, Thiruselvam s/o Govindaraju.

7 boys participated in the camp, where they were taught Tent Pitching, Knot Tying, Field Cooking, Map Reading, First Aid, and Drills. The boys displayed determination and co-operation during their training. They also experienced outdoor camping through an Urban Night Hike in Toa Payoh.

During the day, campers visited the Science Centre to engage their five senses. It was an excellent bonding activity for boys and officers. It was also an effective way to pry the boys away from their new-age gadgets and play to learn at the same time. The highlight of the whole camp definitely was the boys showing off their talents during talent night, before they broke camp the next day.

## THANKSGIVING FOR GB 16P AND 16S ACHIEVEMENTS

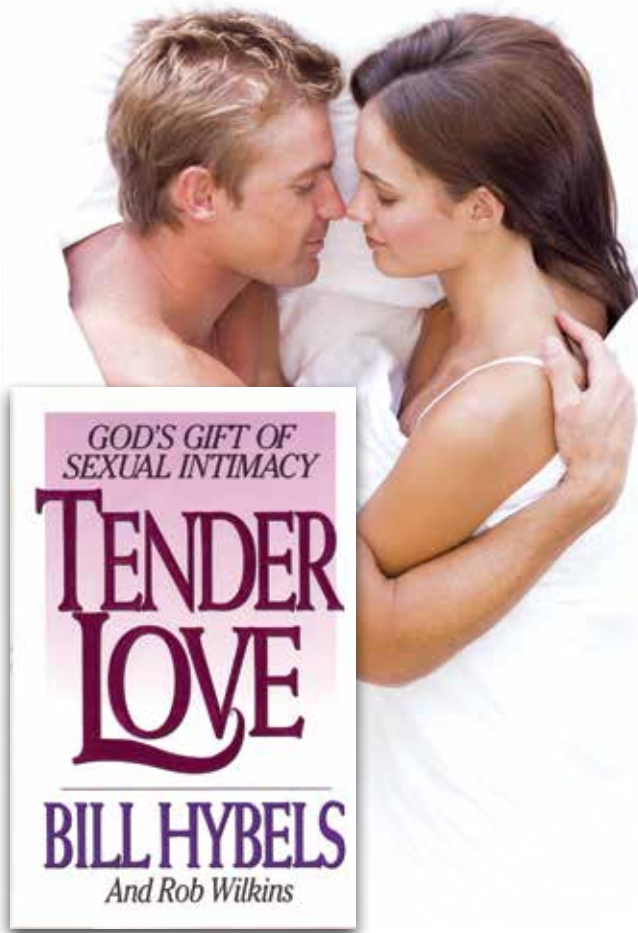
By Annabel Lye, *Captain of GB 16th Secondary*

Congratulations to both the GB Companies, 16th Primary (16P) and 16th Secondary (16S), for winning Gold for their Companies for 2014. In addition, 16th P achieved the "Sustained Achievement Gold Company Award", a very honourable award given to Companies who have been awarded Gold for 5 consecutive years. 16th P have been presented with Gold Company Awards since 2010. Both GB Companies also won Gold in the National Competition on 21 March 2015. 16th S was also awarded "Top 10 companies for GB Fortnight 2014".



We thank God for His enablement and rejoice with our girls for their achievements.





*Bill Hybels is the senior pastor of the Willow Creek Community Church which is known for its outreach to unbelievers in the Chicago area in the USA.*

*Tender Love* explores sexual intimacy as part of a larger context — relational, spiritual, emotional, intellectual, and physical. This book deals with the taboo subject of sexuality and sex faced by the Church and Christians. What is God's design and the purpose of sex? In the world's design, sex is increasingly becoming an act of destruction leading to addiction, pain and death. The book also deals with the issue of "pleasure and guilt, wonder and shame".

Some notable points discussed in the book:

- God and sex must go together.
- Our children must understand the purpose of relationships to understand sex.
- A great battle of ideas is being fought in this clash of perspectives.

A notable quote from the book:

"Sexuality is designed to be an expression of love, not love itself. As such, it is meant to follow the process of knowing, and then loving, another person at deep levels of heart, mind, and soul."



## PROJECT K.N.I.T. 2015

By Vivien Ho, *Project K.N.I.T. Chairperson*

When we think of serving, we often think of ushering, teaching, and perhaps helping out at church events. How about learning a fun craft yet being able to bless others? Project K.N.I.T. ("Knit and Intercede Together") is a highly engaging act of service where we focus on the initiative to "Love Your Neighbour" through knitting.

Many of our knitters came without any knowledge or skills but through the coaching of others, they have progressed to competing beautiful scarves.

Do check out our Facebook page, Project KNIT 2015!

We knitted 2,470 scarves for villagers in Thailand and beyond. However, our objectives go deeper than just knitting. We want to encourage knitters to do more — to ask ourselves if we would bring these scarves to the recipients, to coach others, and to reach out to different groups of people.

We are once again grateful to God who makes it all possible!



Project KNIT Committee



# Different FOR A DIFFERENCE

By Agnes Goh,  
*Discipleship & Nurture Chairperson*

Being quirky or different may seem appealing or fashionable to some — to stand out from the crowd — but nobody likes to stick out like a sore thumb. However, Christians are called to be different from the world, not as a sore thumb, but as a light to shine in the darkness. It might sound like a cliché, but the call to the people of God and the disciples of Christ has always been the same throughout the Bible: we have been set apart as holy (Hebrews 10:10), not to be conformed to this world but to be transformed by the renewal of our minds (Romans 12:2), created in the image of God (Genesis 1:27), children of God to shine as light in the world (Philippians 2:15).

What are we to be different in?

The love of Christ is different; it is **counterculture**, and Jesus calls His disciples to be in the world but not of the world. Is there something compelling about the way we live together? Is our love and unity noticeable beyond our church doors? When we suffer unjustly, face persecution (if any at all), and experience trials, do we respond with joy, hope and faith that people will ask us — what's going on? Do we give someone a reason or a chance to ask us what makes us so counterculture in our mindset and behaviour?

Being counterculture is not about being known for what we're against, but being who we're called to be. "By this all men will know that you are My disciples, if you have love for one another" (John 13:35). The **Learning Academy** courses aim to not just give you knowledge, but to help you live a life worthy of the calling Christ has given you and to be a testimony for His glory.

Being a disciple of Christ also cannot happen individualistically. It's easy to slip in and out of church on Sunday or at various church programmes. It may even be tiring or awkward to build authentic relationships and **connect** with others in church. The irony is that we live in such a technologically connected world, but many people live in isolation. Are you connected with others in a **cell group** to spur you on in your spiritual growth, encourage you when you are struggling in faith, pray with you in times of challenge, correct you when in error, rejoice with you in thanksgiving?

May we desire to be different, and not for the sake of being different. Ultimately, we want to "know the love of Christ which surpasses knowledge, that you may be filled up to all the fullness of God" (Ephesians 3:19).

## UPCOMING DISCIPLESHIP TRAININGS IN 2016

### BAPTISM AND MEMBERSHIP CLASS

Preparing candidates for baptism and membership, including transfers. Be a part of the body and the life of TPMC.

**13, 20, 27 July and 3 August 2016 (Wednesdays)**

**8pm - 10pm at Hall 3 (03-03)**

or

**05, 12, 19, 26 November 2016 (Saturdays)**

**10am - 12noon at Hall 3 (03-03)**

**Free of charge. Register at the Information Counter.**

### THE MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

Discipling couples considering or planning marriage, to learn and apply what the Bible teaches on roles, finance, sex, in-laws and much more. Includes profiling tests.

**5, 12, 19, 26 March and 2 April 2016 (Saturdays)**

**10am - 12noon at Upper Room (04-01)**

**Fees: \$80/couple (members);**

**\$120/couple (non-members)**

**Register at the Information Counter.**

### THE MARRIAGE COURSE

Discipling married couples to build a stronger Christ-centered relationship. No group discussion, only guided couple time.

Date your spouse in this semi-formal and romantic setting to strengthen your marriage in Christ.

**4, 11, 18, 25 March and**

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April 2016 (Fridays)**

**6.30pm - 9.30pm at Upper Room (04-01)**

**Fees: \$170/couple**

**Registration: To be confirmed.**

### POWERFUL AND EFFECTIVE PRAYER

We know that prayer is an important part of the life of a disciple of Christ. But why do so many of us struggle with prayer? Come and not just learn about prayer, but grow in this spiritual discipline and see how prayer can be powerful and effective in transforming lives.

**13, 20, 27 April 2016 (Wednesdays)**

**8pm - 10pm at Hall 3 (03-03)**

**Free of charge**

**No registration required. Walk-in admission.**



## WELCOME!

Are you familiar with the Gospel of Matthew? Try our puzzle and find out! (taken from NIV 2011)

## WORD SEARCH

Complete the passage. Then look for the missing words in the heart below.

*Hint: Number of letters for each answer in brackets beside each blank  
(Chapter and verse numbers have been removed).*

### THE RICH AND THE KINGDOM OF GOD

Just then a man came up to Jesus and asked, "Teacher, what good thing must I do to get \_\_\_\_\_ (7) life?" "Why do you ask me about what is good?" Jesus replied. "There is only One who is good. If you want to enter life, keep the \_\_\_\_\_ (12)." "Which ones?" he inquired. Jesus replied, "'You shall not \_\_\_\_\_ (6), you shall not commit adultery, you shall not steal, you shall not give false testimony, honor your \_\_\_\_\_ (6) and \_\_\_\_\_ (6),' and ' \_\_\_\_\_ (4) your neighbor as yourself.'" "All these I have kept," the young man said. "What do I still lack?" Jesus answered, "If you want to be \_\_\_\_\_ (7), go, \_\_\_\_\_ (4) your possessions and give to the \_\_\_\_\_ (4), and you will have \_\_\_\_\_ (8) in heaven. Then come, \_\_\_\_\_ (6) me." When the \_\_\_\_\_ (5) man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth. Then Jesus said to his \_\_\_\_\_ (9), "Truly I tell you, it is hard for someone who is \_\_\_\_\_ (4) to enter the \_\_\_\_\_ (7) of heaven. Again I tell you, it is \_\_\_\_\_ (6) for a camel to go \_\_\_\_\_ (7) the \_\_\_\_\_ (3) of a \_\_\_\_\_ (6) than for someone who is rich to enter the kingdom of God." When the disciples heard this, they were greatly astonished and asked, "Who then can be saved?" Jesus looked at them and said, "With man this is impossible, but with God all things are \_\_\_\_\_ (8)."

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