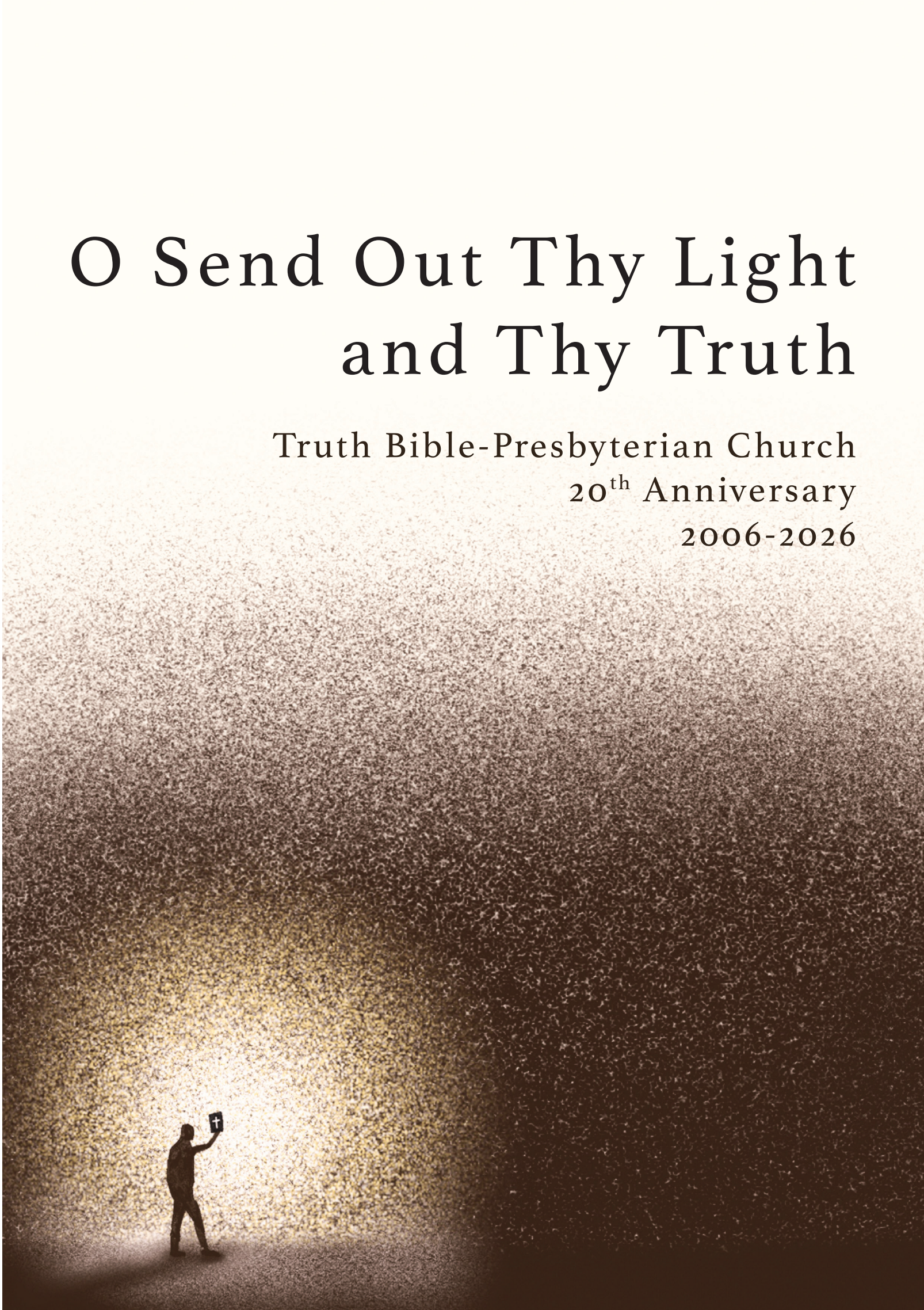
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Foreword by Advisory Pastor

Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew

Twenty years is neither too old nor too young an age for a person to be considered a grown-up. What about a local church? The mere passing of time does not make a man; this is true of both a person and a church. How "grown up" Truth B-P Church is is measured by her members, for the church is not a building but the people who are God's children, called out of darkness and the world and consecrated to serve the Lord Jesus Christ in holiness and righteousness according to God's truth, the Holy Scriptures. It is not the past spiritual victories that God's church should lean on, it is always the present, even though she should be grateful and thankful to God for her past. How spiritually healthy is the present state of Truth BPC? One of the ways to measure is to remember her beginning, especially when it is a biblically sound and God-honouring beginning. God did that repeatedly when He dealt with an idolatrous Israel that had forgotten her spiritual mission and significance to a world dying in sin.

What was the beginning of Truth BPC like?

There is a biblical reason why the church is called "Truth" BPC! Two very significant passages of the Bible that encapsulate this significance are:

a) 1 John 5:6-9 "[6] *This is he that came by water and blood, even Jesus Christ; not by water only, but by water and blood. And it is the Spirit that beareth witness, because the Spirit is truth.* [7] *For there are three that bear record in heaven, the Father, the Word, and*

the Holy Ghost: and these three are one. [8] *And there are three that bear witness in earth, the spirit, and the water, and the blood: and these three agree in one.*[9] *If we receive the witness of men, the witness of God is greater: for this is the witness of God which he hath testified of his Son*."

The witness of Jesus Christ is founded on God's Truth, i.e. the perfect Bible! Truth BPC was born out of the battle for the Truth of God's Word. God's honour and integrity came under attack from within by leaders who were supposed to defend and protect God's honour. These leaders began to teach and preach that God's Holy Word has mistakes. To deceive the gullible, they dare to say that the mistakes are minor! The foolish ones drank the sweet poison like honey, not knowing they had been fed bitter wormwood that corrupted their faith and trust. Every doctrine has therefore been attacked and doubted because of their deception that the Bible has mistakes! Truth is the foundation of our faith and integral to our trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and all that the Bible says He is. Without the Truth of the Bible, Jesus Christ becomes a figment of man's imagination!

b) 1 John 3:18-19 "[18] *My little children, let us not love in word, neither in tongue; but in deed and in truth.* [19] *And hereby we know that we are of the truth, and shall assure our hearts before him*." God presented His Truth as the hallmark of every believer's testimony. When every deed of the believer is done according to God's Truth, he cannot be wrong, for God's Truth is perfect in every way. Truthfulness protects every believer from the evil sin of hypocrisy.

As Truth BPC celebrates its 20th anniversary with heartfelt joy and thanksgiving to God, may God's people remember the church's beginning and keep the flame of love alive so that the spiritual battle and defence for God's Truth remain in their hearts till the Lord Jesus returns in glory. Be faithful to God in Christ according to His blessed Truth.

Thank and praise God for 20 blessed years. Amen.

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Foreword by Elder

Eld. Winston Chew

"*What is truth*?" (John 18:38). Pilate asked, but not with a genuine heart desirous of finding the answer, hence missing out the greatest opportunity to find the truth from the Truth Incarnate, the Lord Jesus Christ Himself. Many are often faced with a choice for truth or falsehood, but have the same attitude of ignoring the truth.

The issue of truth and error confronted us in 2005, when we were taught in our previous church that our Bible has mistakes, and that was the official stand of the church. Therefore, all members were to accept and keep quiet, or else leave the church.

Truth BP Church was founded in 2006 based on the stand for the truth of God's perfectly inspired and perfectly preserved Word, to the jot and tittle. **Many have wondered why we left our previous church but do not bother to find out.** False accusations have been levied against us and other VPP (Verbal Plenary Preservation) proponents, inaccurate documentation of the events that occurred leading to our departure have been recorded, and misunderstandings abound, even amongst families and friends.

In commemoration of the 20th Anniversary of the establishment of Truth BP Church, of how the Lord has been good to raise and sustain the church through these 20 years, **this anniversary book is written to put on record God's grace and mercies.** Indeed,

"*It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They*

are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness."
(Lamentations 3:22-23)

Whatever is written here in this anniversary book is for the glory of God. First-hand accounts of the events are documented as accurately as possible. May this book be a blessing to readers, that all who love God's perfect Word may be encouraged, members edified, and God's Name magnified.

With humble hearts, we are thankful to God for using weak and puny people like us to be a beacon of light for His truth. As our church motto says:

"*O send out thy light and thy truth...*"
(Psalm 43:3a)

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Editorial Note

Dn Emerson Ang

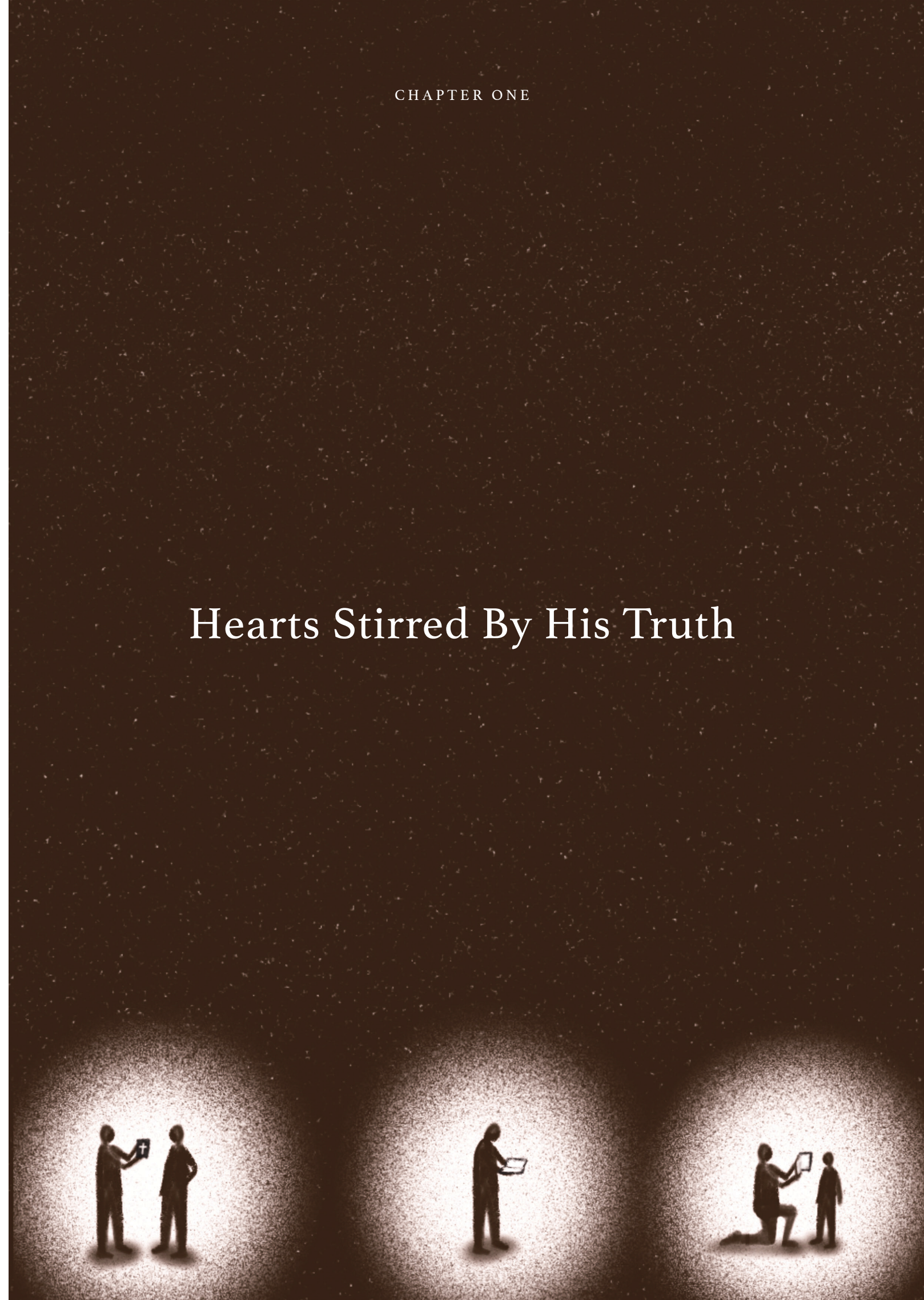
"*...I now write unto you; in both which I stir up your pure minds by way of remembrance:*"

2 Peter 3:1

To remember is the divine method used to stir the hearts of God's people. It is with this desire that we started this endeavour to put the history of Truth B-P Church on record. The seeds for this book were sown in the hearts of the Session about two years ago. Providentially, the hearts of the people were moved and a team was formed to start work on this book. Interviews were conducted with the key personnel at the start of 2025, which served as the basis to pen down the key events in Truth's history. The official documents like reports and minutes of meetings were diligently sieved through to ensure accuracy of facts and chronology. We thank God for allowing these documents and media resources to be archived for us to remember His work. We also thank God for calling Sara Wong to do the heavy lifting of the writing, with Dn Emerson Ang editing the content and Wong En-Si assisting with the grammar. Gracia Chew and Toh Yih Wei supported through formatting the typesetting, illustrating the visuals, and helping with further research. With the assistance of other church members (namely Rev. Dennis Kwok, Dn Alan Tam, Joseph Tan, Carol Lee, Ng Boon Choo and Karen Lee), the Session approved this book as a record of God's providential hand in the 20 years of Truth's existence. The words of the Apostle John is the prayer that we make for all readers of this book: "*And these things write we unto you, that your joy may be full*." (1 John 1:4).

CHAPTER ONE

Hearts Stirred By His Truth



Hearts Stirred By His Truth

A record of how God sent out His truth and His light

03.01.2026

It is a day to remember Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church's founding 20 years ago. A day to recall how God has led the leaders and members to take the step of faith to leave the church that most had spent more than 20 years in, to start a new church with hardly any resources. A day to recount how God has marvellously and providentially sent out His light and His truth all these years, to and through this unworthy but grateful church. A day to declare His amazing grace, boundless mercy, and great love. Finally, it is a day to rededicate ourselves to be the light for Him till we meet Him face to face, as individuals and as a church, that He may be glorified.

This anniversary book is done in order to declare more permanently how He has answered our prayer for Him to send out His light and His truth, even before we knew of our need for it. It is done to help those who do not know why a group of their friends suddenly disappeared from their midst, and why their friends were compelled to do so. It is done to help the younger ones, the new ones, and the curious ones to know the circumstances under which this church was formed, with such a name and such a motto. Finally, it is done to show how the church has been through the years, and what the future may hold.

The Beginning: A Simple Question

Do we have the perfect Bible in our hands today? This question stirred up huge emotions

within the lecturers in Far Eastern Bible College (FEBC), within the leaders in Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (Life), within the leaders of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church (Pandan), within families, and within many others. This question was seemingly first raised with two books introduced by a person in Life in the early 2000s. By 2003, the little disturbing breeze had turned into a full-scale storm, threatening to become a hurricane, destroying all along its path: two lecturers resigned from FEBC and Rev. (Dr) Timothy Tow resigned from Life (the church that he founded more than 50 years before that[1]), starting another church in his 80s[2] – True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church (True Life) – to make a stand for the perfect Bible.[3] Even Pandan was not spared. There was a split within Pandan's Board of Elders (BOE) over this issue and members were jittery too.[4]

What is VPP?

Those who believe in the doctrine of the Verbal Plenary Preservation (VPP) of the Bible believe that the Bible is perfectly preserved in the original languages, i.e. the Masoretic Text and the Textus Receptus, underlying the King James Bible (KJB).[5] The KJB is the most accurate translation of the English Bible. Since many do not understand the original languages the Bible was written in, God graciously and kindly let us have the best English translated Bible to read and obey. He used the most esteemed scholarly luminaries of the 17th century, under the orders of King James, to translate the Bible in the original languages into English, resulting in the KJB.[6]

The battle for the inspiration of the Bible was fought earlier on. Today, the fight is for the preservation of the Bible, this VPP issue.[7] As before, God has used His men to understand the necessity of stating this truth which has been in the Word of God all this while – that He would preserve His Word forever.[8] **VPP is merely stating what God has proclaimed in His Word. To send out His truth, God inspired and preserved His Word.**

Is It a Big Deal?

Many said, "The Bible has mistakes." Among those who said so, some said that the Bible

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can be improved (meaning that it is not perfected yet), and some said that the errors are minor ones, not affecting salvation (so it does not really matter). Even unbelievers were surprised to hear such a statement. It seemed unthinkable. Can we trust a Bible that has mistakes? Can we put our faith in a Bible that may have portions which are not in the original?[9] It is like stepping onto a frozen lake, not knowing if the next step will plunge us into the icy depths.[10]

As one of the brethren pointed out: we are told by God to live our lives by every word that proceeds out of the mouth of God.[11] So, should not every word of God be accurate, to be trusted, if we are expected by God to live by it? God is not a liar.[12]It is also a great contradiction to have a preacher or teacher of God's Word telling us to trust God's Word, while believing that there are errors in the Bible.

By the time Rev. (Dr) Timothy Tow resigned from the Session in Life and started True Life in 2003, the storm could not be stopped. Some wished that this issue was kept just as an academic exercise, not to be brought into the church to disturb its peace and harmony. However, was this truly just an academic exercise – debating whether God has preserved His Word perfectly today?

Many disagreed, as evidenced by the vehement actions and reactions to this doctrine on both sides. This doctrine was and is worth all the attention we can give for it affects how we view the Bible, and thereby

Questions	Position of Truth BPC	Claim of CBPC
Did God inspire His Word perfectly?	Yes	Yes[a]
Did God preserve His Word perfectly to the jot and tittle?	Yes	Yes[b]
Where is this perfectly preserved text found?	It is found in the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts underlying the King James Version (KJV).	Apographs[c] copied over time contain variants, but the original words of Scripture can still be determined by comparing with many different apographs.[d]
Do you have the perfect inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God in your hands today?	Yes, it is contained in the Hebrew, Aramaic, and Greek texts underlying the KJV.	Only the original autographs[e] of the O.T and N.T are the inspired, infallible, and inerrant Word of God.[f]
What is the Church's position on the KJV?	The KJV is the best translation of the Bible in English. No Bible translation is 100% equivalent to the inspired Hebrew, Aramaic and Greek Scriptures. The KJV, since it is a faithful and accurate translation of God's Word, can be regarded as "inspired" or "Scripture," but only in a derived sense.[g]	The KJV is the best translation of the Bible in English[h] and it is the closest to the original.[i]

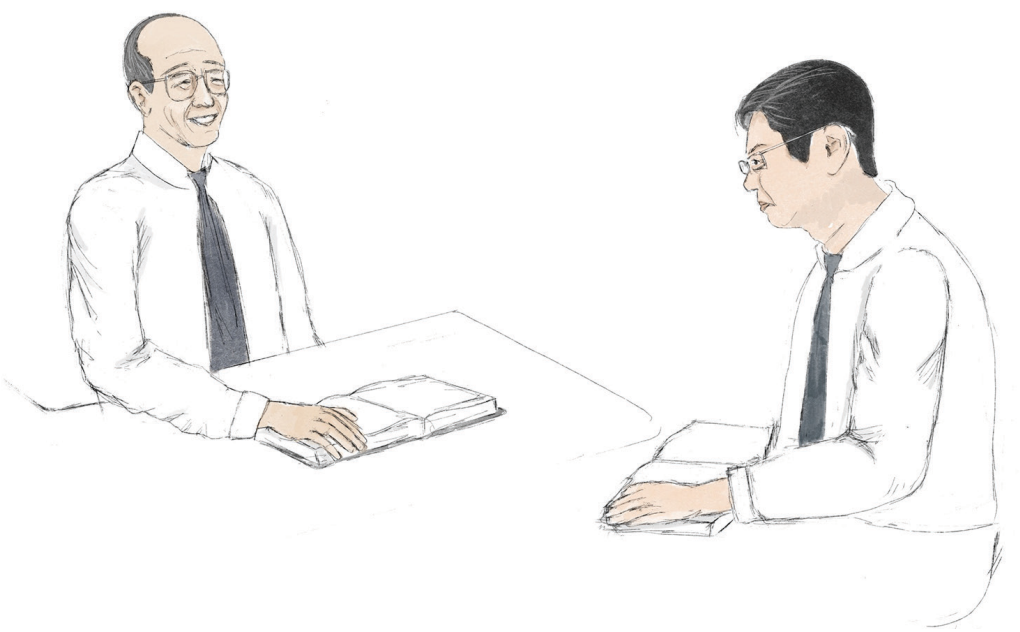
how we are to live by it.[13] God is sending out His light and His truth.

In Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (CBPC)

By 2003, the members in CBPC had already started discussing the doctrine as well as the happenings in the sister churches. Some had close links with FEBC, attending FEBC classes, etc. Some had relatives and friends from the affected churches. Some of the invited speakers also started teaching the doctrine over the pulpit and to the fellowship groups. By 2005, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa's pastoral letter discussed this doctrine.[14] Many wondered about CBPC's stand because the leaders were quiet. Did not the leaders of CBPC know what was happening? Were they not going to make a stand regarding the preservation of the Bible? Why were some of the usual speakers not seen or heard any more in the church?

Behind the Scenes at CBPC

At the pastoral level, then Assistant Pastor (A/P) Dennis Kwok said that Rev. James Chan, pastor of CBPC, knew about the issue even before he did. During their regular two-person meetups, "he already warned me not to bring in this issue which I wasn't even aware of."[15] As A/P Dennis Kwok found out more, he realised that "it is a very important issue that concerns our faith, because it is about the Bible." He started sharing with Rev. James Chan what he knew of the topic, seeking to be corrected. Rev. Dennis Kwok recounted, "Rev. [James] Chan's answers to my questions were from man's view. It was not from the Bible." One such 'discussion' was regarding 1 Samuel 6, about the population of the residents at Bethshemesh. The Bible stated that 50,070 people died after looking into the ark.[16] Rev. James Chan said that scholars stated that Bethshemesh was a small town – it was impossible for so many people to reside there. Although A/P Dennis Kwok



pointed out to him that "we don't know, so let us find out more, let us study," Rev. James Chan dismissed this as an error. **A/P Dennis Kwok became increasingly disappointed with Rev. James Chan's perspective and was repeatedly warned not to teach and preach about this "Bible issue".** As such, A/P Dennis Kwok did not teach and preach about VPP; he only taught that the Bible is perfect, because "that's what the Bible teaches."

A/P Dennis Kwok also recalled a session in 2004 among the BOE after a prayer meeting, where Mr Lim Seng Hoo from Pandan was invited to share with the elders the doctrine of VPP and why it should not be upheld. After that one-hour session, A/P Dennis Kwok requested for Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo to be invited to provide them with a more holistic perspective of the matter – that the doctrine of VPP is a position to uphold. This request was rejected as they claimed that the views of the proponents of VPP were clearly known since there were already many such articles floating around.



At the Session level, then Dn Yong Choon Leong recalled a Session meeting in early 2005, where the reading of a verse was done in English and then in Mandarin. There was a discrepancy between the two readings of the same verse which Rev. James Chan himself remarked about. Yong Choon Leong remembered one FEBC night class where he learnt about Rev. (Dr) George Skariah's thesis on this type of 'discrepancy' and emailed Rev. James Chan the relevant portion that explained the apparent discrepancy privately. This started an email conversation between the two of them but Rev. James Chan retained his stance – that there are discrepancies in the bible.[17]

Other than that incident, nothing more was mentioned at the Session level about VPP until June 2005, when then Dn Winston Chew noted that the Young Adults Fellowship (YAF) 'raised a concern to the Session regarding the church's stand on VPP.' Rev. James Chan was noted to have remarked that his and the BOE's stand 'was for the church not to be involved in the VPP debate'. This stand was made known to the YAFers. This was apparently the first time most of the deacons heard about the issue. It intrigued some of them to start finding out more on their own. As the days went by, some began quietly thinking about leaving, since the church leaders' subtle actions – though still unofficial then – confirmed their fears.

On the YAF's side, Franco Wong, President of YAF (who had asked the Session regarding their stand on this issue), was informed not to invite certain speakers (who were VPP proponents) anymore. Alas! All the activities of the YAF were planned earlier in the year, and speakers were already confirmed prior to the restriction imposed. The leaders were gracious to allow those who had confirmed their speaking engagements with the YAF to continue. They included Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo's, the YAF speaker at their Changi Chalet retreat in September 2005. As there was no official stand of the church regarding the doctrine of VPP yet, Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo proceeded to share on the perfect preservation of the Bible. God was sending out His light and His truth, and the hearts of His people were moved.



Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo at YAF Retreat 2005

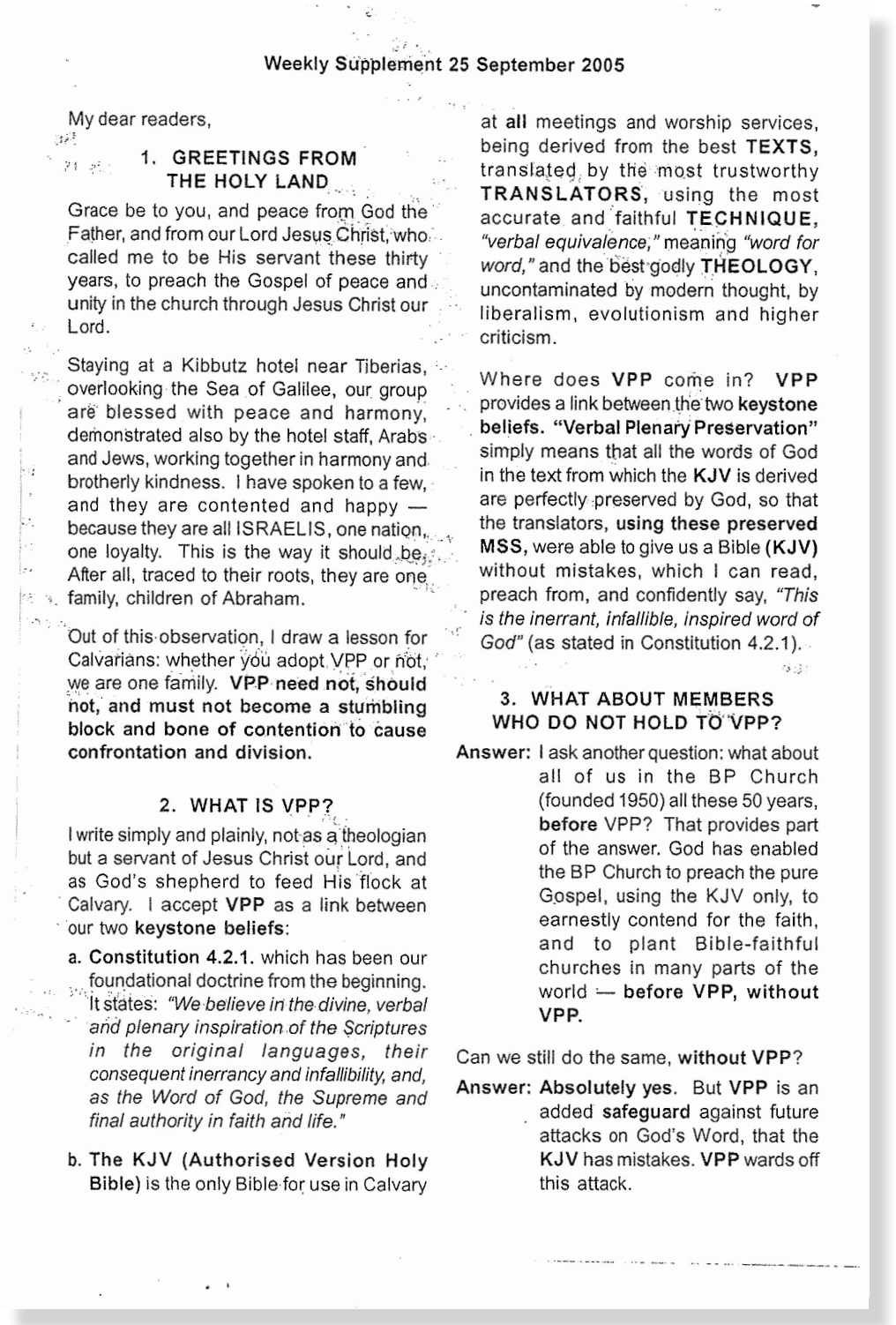
Tensions continued to climb. Gradually, two groups emerged.[18] The first group: those who were ignorant and those who chose to be ignorant regarding VPP. The second group: those who were either for or against VPP. Most in the second group tried to keep their thoughts and discussions within themselves, not wanting to cause disharmony in the church or influence others.

As one said, "We don't go around trying to canvas for people to join us... not to try to steal sheep..."[19] At least three couples made up their minds to leave quietly without informing anyone. Some decided as early as June 2005. It was only due to their duties in church that they decided to stay until the end of the year. Yet, accusations spread that the VPP group was stealing sheep and influencing others to leave, adding to the unpleasantness in church.[20] The CBPC leaders knew that they had to make an official declaration on their stand soon.

The BOE's stand was made known to the Session on 14 September 2005. At the Session meeting on that day, they were informed that the BOE would make an official announcement on 2 October 2005 after the 10am service, regarding the church's stand on the VPP issue. It was stated that no questions would be allowed during that announcement. In like fashion, no questions were allowed at the 14 September 2005 Session meeting. What the BOE's statement contained was not even made known to the Session members. However, upon request of some of the Session members, a supplementary Session meeting was called on 30 September 2005 where they were informed of the contents of the upcoming 2 October 2005 announcement. The Session was shown the statement entitled 'Our stand on the Bible'.[21] Rev. James Chan also declared that he had studied this doctrine 'for more than a year

and understood it very well.' The conclusion of the statement was that 'the leaders and the teachers cannot promote or teach VPP.' A gag order was placed on all present until the 2 October 2005 public announcement.

After the 14 Sep 2005 Session Meeting, a message was sent (nearly 8,000km away) by Carol Lee to Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, Senior Pastor of CBPC – who was on a Holy Land trip – through Mrs Tow Siang Hwa. Carol Lee shared with Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa what the leaders of CBPC were about to do.[22] Hence, on 25 September 2005, Rev. (Dr) Tow



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My dear readers,

1. GREETINGS FROM THE HOLY LAND

Grace be to you, and peace from God the Father, and from our Lord Jesus Christ, who called me to be His servant these thirty years, to preach the Gospel of peace and unity in the church through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Staying at a Kibbutz hotel near Tiberias, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, our group are blessed with peace and harmony, demonstrated also by the hotel staff, Arabs and Jews, working together in harmony and brotherly kindness. I have spoken to a few, and they are contented and happy — because they are all ISRAELIS, one nation, one loyalty. This is the way it should be. After all, traced to their roots, they are one family, children of Abraham.

Out of this observation, I draw a lesson for Calvarians: whether you adopt VPP or not, we are one family. **VPP need not, should not, and must not become a stumbling block and bone of contention to cause confrontation and division.**

2. WHAT IS VPP?

I write simply and plainly, not as a theologian but a servant of Jesus Christ our Lord, and as God's shepherd to feed His flock at Calvary. I accept **VPP** as a link between our two **keystone beliefs**:

a. **Constitution 4.2.1.** which has been our foundational doctrine from the beginning. It states: *"We believe in the divine, verbal and plenary inspiration of the Scriptures in the original languages, their consequent inerrancy and infallibility, and, as the Word of God, the Supreme and final authority in faith and life."*

b. **The KJV (Authorised Version Holy Bible)** is the only Bible for use in Calvary at **all** meetings and worship services, being derived from the best **TEXTS**, translated by the most trustworthy **TRANSLATORS**, using the most accurate and faithful **TECHNIQUE**, *"verbal equivalence,"* meaning *"word for word,"* and the best godly **THEOLOGY**, uncontaminated by modern thought, by liberalism, evolutionism and higher criticism.

Where does **VPP** come in? **VPP** provides a link between the two **keystone beliefs. "Verbal Plenary Preservation"** simply means that all the words of God in the text from which the **KJV** is derived are perfectly preserved by God, so that the translators, **using these preserved MSS,** were able to give us a Bible **(KJV)** without mistakes, which I can read, preach from, and confidently say, *"This is the inerrant, infallible, inspired word of God"* (as stated in Constitution 4.2.1).

3. WHAT ABOUT MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HOLD TO VPP?

Answer: I ask another question: what about all of us in the BP Church (founded 1950) all these 50 years, **before** VPP? That provides part of the answer. God has enabled the BP Church to preach the pure Gospel, using the KJV only, to earnestly contend for the faith, and to plant Bible-faithful churches in many parts of the world — **before VPP, without VPP.**

Can we still do the same, **without VPP**?

Answer: Absolutely yes. But **VPP** is an added **safeguard** against future attacks on God's Word, that the **KJV** has mistakes. **VPP** wards off this attack.

Siang Hwa's letter from the Holy Land was inserted as a supplement into CBPC's weekly. There, he clearly defined the doctrine of VPP which he upheld, and pleaded for peace among the brethren, stating that this doctrine – though a good safeguard and upheld by him – should not cause a division. He would later abort his stand regarding not dividing over the doctrine, as shown in this extract of the letter to the Session and members dated 24 October 2005, "Those who have difficulty with the Statement issued by the Board of Elders on 2 October, may see this as God's indication for a new evangelistic outreach."

Does it bother me if a member does not subscribe to **VPP**?

Answer: Not at all, as long as he steadfastly abides by **Constitution 4.2.1, "KJV-only"** and does not say that the **KJV** has mistakes. Beyond these, it is unprofitable to **debate** and **argue**. Better to spend the time in study of the Word, in missions, and in works of mercy. **I am convinced: to confront each other is to fall into the enemy's trap, for we achieve nothing, only generate anger, heat and disaffection.**

Recognizing the danger (and the damage already done by needless **argument** and **confrontation** and **debate**), I would rather **persuade** with the **wisdom** from above which is *"...peaceable, gentle, and easy to be intreated..."* and leads to **peace, not conflict** (James 3:17, 18).

Finally, before I leave this particular subject, let me share my own testimony: *we can never know enough.*

4. "MUCH STUDY IS A WEARINESS OF THE FLESH"

These past few years, the amount of printed material **debating the VPP issue** coming to me has grown into a sizeable library. The more I read, the more I realize how little I know, and the more confused I become. Little wonder that the wise Solomon wrote: *"...of making many books there is no end; and much study is a weariness of the flesh"* (Eccl 12:12).

Readers who wish to know more of how I came to accept **VPP** and **KJV-only** are advised to read my short and easy treatise ***"Beyond Versions"*** available at Tabernacle Books, Calvary Pandan.

Satan would like to see us embroiled in **arguing** and **debating**, and ending up **angry, broken** and **ineffective** for God. **I say, by the word of God, *"Be at peace one with another, for this is God's will for you."***

5. ALL IN THE FAMILY

Again, I remind readers: I am writing, overlooking the Sea of Galilee, in God's Land. It is such a blessing to see Jews and Arabs speaking, walking and working in harmony *as one big family.* May the day of our Lord's return be soon, when His peace will fill all of Planet Earth.

Even so, Lord Jesus, come! Meantime, by Thy mercy and grace, turn Thy people to Thyself, in **humility** as true children of God, and by lovingkindness consider this: **whatever my stand on VPP, matters little. What matters is the peace and oneness of my Lord's body.** Let me not be the cause of friction and faction.

Let me resolve: I must remember and obey my Lord's parting commandment before He went to Calvary: *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another"* (Jn 13:35). Let the love of Christ prevail, then *"...all bitterness, and wrath, and anger, and clamour, and evil speaking..."* (Eph 4:31) will *become things of the past. Then peace is soon restored,* to the praise of our Saviour and blessing of the Church.

All because the love of Christ constrains us, for we are one family. God bless readers with the peace which passeth all understanding. Amen.

Lovingly in the Lord,
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor
Tiberias , 20 September 2005,

2 October 2005 - The Announcement

Immediately after the 10am service, worshippers were informed to stay behind and the pastor read out the church's official stand regarding the VPP issue. The stand was made. There was no more doubt: CBPC is a church that does not hold onto the Verbal Plenary Preservation of the Bible. **In other words, CBPC believes that God's Word has mistakes. Many hearts were broken at this sad proclamation.** No questions were entertained. The solemn congregation left the sanctuary slowly, some to the nearby S11 food centre for lunch, grappling with the reality of it all and thinking: what now?

After the 2 October 2005 Announcement

At 1.05pm that day, the YAF Exco met for their scheduled meeting in room 3.8. One of the items on the agenda was to confirm the details of the upcoming YAF anniversary. The conclusion of that matter was not to have the anniversary, and this decision was made known to the pastor by Franco Wong. Dn Thomas Goh, who was the Advisor to the YAF, understood that decision. His only request was that those who wanted to leave do so peaceably. Other matters would proceed, including membership application for year 2006, nomination for 2006 YAF Exco, as well as the Annual General Meeting cum election.

Two full-time workers – A/P Dennis Kwok and Carol Lee – together with 5 deacons – Tan Swee Tiong, Martin Cheong, Winston Chew, Yong Choon Leong and Andy Ho - decided to resign by 1 December 2005 from the Session and to hand over their duties by the end of the year. They continued to quietly pray among their families and other



A small group gathering at the Yongs'

like-minded brethren, about the future. Several small groups gathered during this period. For some, it was more to clarify what the doctrine of VPP exactly is. One such meeting was held at Pandan's Junior Worship room with Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, who was very concerned for the distressed flock.

Many were worried about the future. If they were to leave CBPC, where could they go? Where should they go? Some floated the idea of starting a new church but many were wondering if that was feasible, given that there was no place for worship and no resources. It was a time of sadness for many too, as leaving meant cutting ties with their friends of more than 20 years. There was also frustration that the church leaders could come to such a conclusion that God cannot preserve His Word perfectly. Ultimately, it was a time of soul searching – at the end of the day, what does each person hold dear and truly believe in?

Quietly, a small group of concerned members started to gather on Saturday afternoons to pray for God's direction over the possibility of starting a new church. They prayed earnestly. Since the church leaders had made their stand clear, remaining in CBPC was no longer an option that could be taken with a clear conscience towards God. "It is sad, but a necessary step to take."[23] Some were already vexed with the pulpit ministry, not being able to worship God fully in view of the open stand against the Verbal Plenary Preservation of the Bible.[24] Through word of mouth, the group grew. Often, more than 20 would gather. Mr and Mrs Joseph Tan played host to this small group at their new home for most of the weekly sessions which were held till the end of the year 2005. This weekly prayer meeting was one that few would forget, as we sought zealously for the Lord to send forth His light and His truth, individually and as a group. Truth BPC, unnamed then, started with a prayer meeting.

At the Session level, there were 2 meetings in October 2005. The first meeting was on 12 October when the Session was informed of the reason why the BOE had made the decision regarding VPP. Questions were allowed, but some were not convinced by the replies given. Basic Bible Knowledge notes would not be amended despite the church's anti-VPP stand as Rev. James Chan said that 'he does not have to tell people that there are errors in the KJB unless he is specifically asked.' Hence, though they hold on to an anti-VPP stance, they would not make it known unless asked about it. The second meeting was held on 25 October when the Session was informed that a clarification session would be held on 6 November 2005 after the 10 am service. Notes would be distributed then, explaining the BOE's stand against VPP. At the same session meeting (25 October), Rev. James Chan reiterated Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa's letter, addressed to all members of the church (dated 24 October 2005), where Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa reminded those present that they were to keep up the gospel work and a new outreach should be started if there were

members who have difficulty with the anti-VPP stand issued by the BOE on 2 October 2005. All were not to debate anymore and to be gracious to Rev. James Chan and the BOE.[25]

The Pro-tem Committee

The letter by Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa dated 24 October 2005 fired up seven people – A/P Dennis Kwok, Tan Swee Tiong, Winston Chew, Martin Cheong, Yong Choon Leong, Andy Ho and Carol Lee – and confirmed what they had been praying about. Wanting to keep all who had grown up together through the many years in CBPC, and most importantly, who love the Word of God and are convinced of the same truth regarding the perfect preservation of the Bible, they decided to go ahead to pray, discuss and finally start a new church. **The window to work was very small – hardly 2 months before the year ended.** All decided that the first service for the new church should preferably start on 1 January 2006.

They came together to form the Pro-tem Committee (Pro-tem). One main purpose of having a new church was "to practise biblical separation, against those who are anti-VPP, in the issue of the perfect preservation of the Bible by God."[26] This new church, from its inception, is not an outreach of CBPC. This was made clear to Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa and he agreed.

The Pro-tem had their first meeting on 28 October 2005, amongst themselves first, and then later, with Rev. (Dr) and Mrs Tow Siang Hwa at their family home at Anderson Rd. During this meeting, with the aim of establishing a new church, tasks were laid out and delegated. At Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa's home, he shared an exhortation with the group and prayed for them. He agreed to be the Advisory Pastor of this church, which he named –- suggested by Andy Ho and affirmed by others in the Pro-tem – Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church (Truth). This name was one of the three that came up. As Tan Swee Tiong said, "[Truth] is very apt in our situation, because we are in the battle for the truth." Amongst the issues discussed, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa shared with the team one providential piece of news: Truth could use the newly minted sanctuary, located at Pandan 3rd level, for her worship services. This news thrilled the Pro-tem immensely. One major concern was settled! God truly provides.

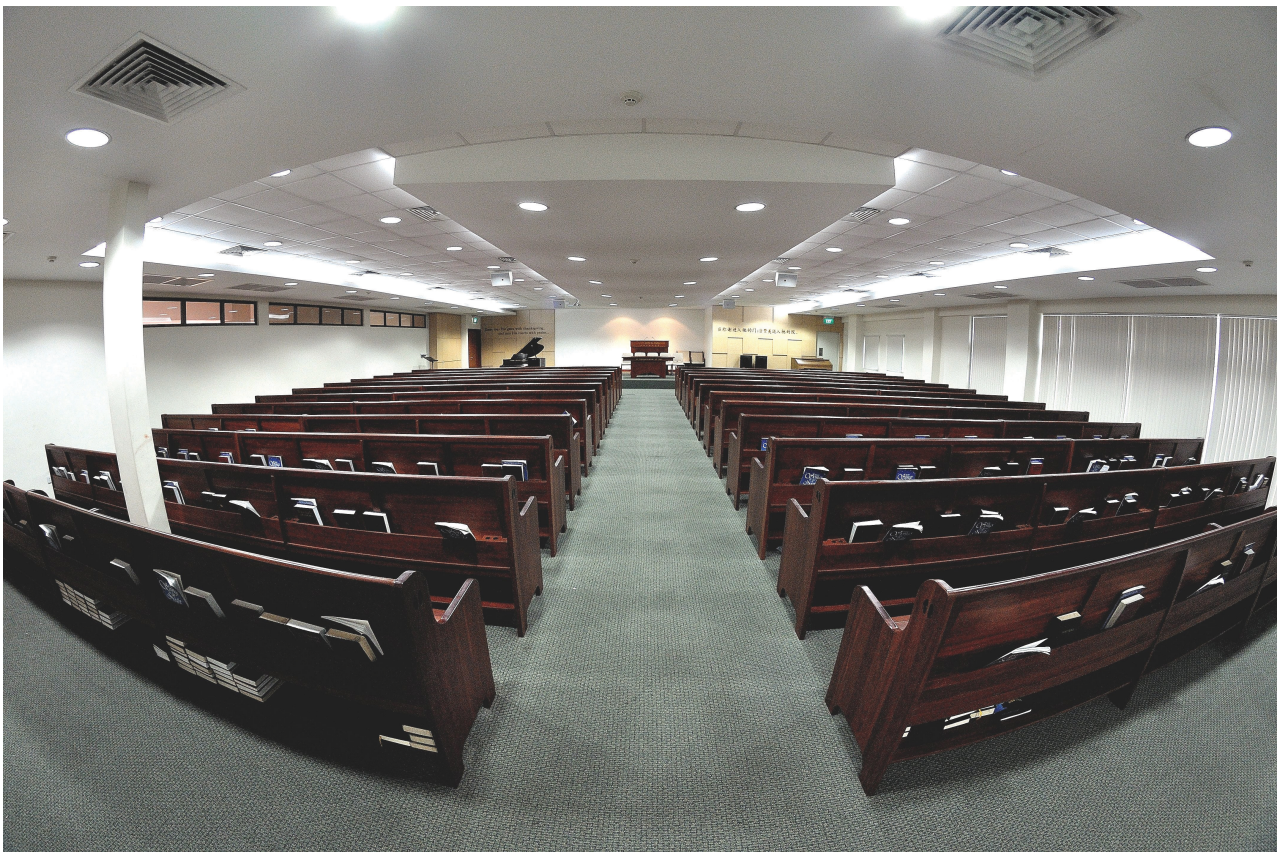
The brand new sanctuary, recently built and furnished, was just awaiting the Building and Construction Authority (BCA) to certify it fit for use. It was initially built for Philadelphia Bible-Presbyterian Church (Philadelphia) which had been using Pandan's premise for worship for more than 10 years. Philadelphia bought their own property during the renovation period and informed Pandan that they would not require Pandan's premises anymore. Hence, the new sanctuary (that can



Pro-tem Committee 2005

sit 400) was now available for use by Truth.

With renewed zeal, the Pro-tem met again on 1 November 2005 to look into matters regarding registration of the church, various ministries and administrative matters, amongst other things. The church motto chosen was: O Send out Thy Light and Thy Truth (Ps 43:3).[27] Eld. Winston Chew explained that this motto was chosen 'because of the truth of God's Word, we are to make a stand for it and to bear a witness for it.'[28] The office bearers of the Pro-tem were Dennis Kwok (Chairman), Martin Cheong (Treasurer), and Winston Chew (Secretary). Offering collection started in order to fund the expenses associated with the establishment and running of this to be formed church. One Sunday, before Sunset Gospel Hour, a few in the group were invited by Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa to visit the new sanctuary. It was beautifully done up, with shining brand new teak wood pews and its distinctive smell, like that of dried prawns. All that was left to do was to fill the sanctuary with hymnals, Bibles and His people. **Even before anyone foresaw the need to start a new church, God had already started preparatory work one year in advance!** In 2004, when renovation first started, none – not even Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa – knew that a totally new church would come forth and need that space for worship. Now, it was ready for Truth. God's providential hand had moved. The beautiful new sanctuary shone with warm bright lights reflecting off panelled wooden walls. It also featured a raised platform, a pulpit, a big wooden table for serving the Lord's Supper, a baby grand piano, and an organ.



The New Sanctuary

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The front wall's "Enter into His gates with thanksgiving and into His courts with praise" welcomed all worshippers, reminding them that all these wonderful provisions are His. Many were awed by God's amazing providence and humbled, convicted that it was His will for Truth to start. As Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa later remarked in the Truth weekly dated 8 January 2006, "*This is the LORD's doing; it is marvellous in our eyes*." Ps 118:23.

With discretion, news of the new church being planned was released at the end of 2005. Those who were already considering leaving CBPC now had another option: join the new church?

Back in CBPC

While the Pro-tem worked feverishly to meet the many deadlines, the CBPC leaders decided to explain their anti-VPP position to the congregation on 6 November 2005, after their regular morning 10am service. A Question-and-Answer session was to follow. Notes were only distributed to the

congregation after the service and the pastor requested that all questions should be based only on the notes. At least 2 persons stepped forward – Sara Wong and Franco Wong, one after the other. While Franco Wong was scanning through the handouts (so as to adhere to the rules set out by the pastor), Sara Wong asked her questions. Then, Franco Wong took over. He asked, "If I were doing a Bible study with a friend and he asked about discrepancies in the Bible, how should I answer him when the Bible tells me from Matthew 4:4, that man shall not live by bread alone but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God?"[29] Rev. James Chan mentioned that there can be errors in the Bible, just like when there was an edition of the KJB which is called "The murderous bible" because they printed 'Thou shalt murder'. He missed Franco Wong's question completely. Philip Tang stepped forward with his comments. Then Rev. James Chan quickly concluded the session, stating that ultimately, the source of truth is the Internet. The clarification session further convinced those of the VPP persuasion that they could not remain in the church.

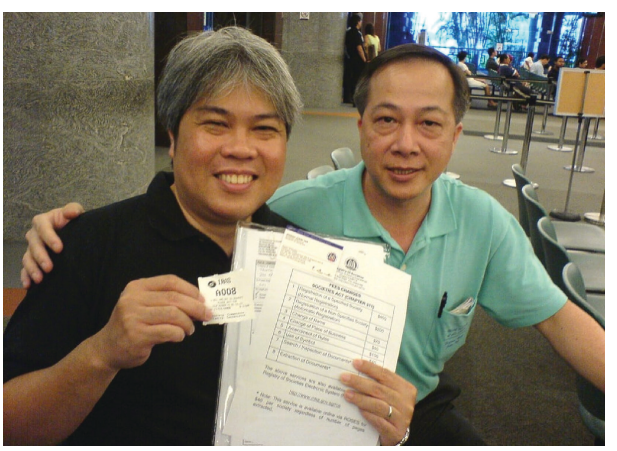
Church-wide, those who planned to leave started taking steps to complete their responsibilities and to hand their duties over. All these were in addition to the resignation of the deacons, assistant pastor and full-time worker.

Moving On

All hands on deck, the Pro-tem marched on. They met thrice in November, and twice in December, before the inaugural Praise and Thanksgiving service on 1 January 2006. Much transpired during that hectic two months. Various groups met up to discuss fellowship group matters, Sunday School matters, the Public Announcement system, communication with Pandan, etc. Externally, Andy Ho and Yong Choon Leong (during his lunch time) managed to submit the required documents to the Registry of Societies (ROS) and the Commissioner of Charities (COC).[30] Until then, no one in the Pro-tem committee knew for certain who



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Andy Ho and Yong Choon Leong at ROS

would definitely be joining this new church.

CBPC's BOE was given a verbal update about the new church on 16 November 2005 at CBPC's Session meeting, which was also the last Session meeting for those who were planning to resign. Later, when CBPC asked for further information about this new work and its members, 11 names were given to them – those who had agreed to be trustees of this new church and registered with the ROS.[31]

One matter of concern was that the church might not be registered in time to have the inaugural service held under Truth. Pandan kindly agreed to have the service held under them, if the formal approval of the registration was not in time for the inaugural service. Praise God that the church was successfully registered on 3 January 2006 with the ROS. At CBPC, for some, the last gathering for the Evangelistic band, the last meeting of the Youth Fellowship, Young Adults Fellowship, and Calvary Adults Ministry, the last Bible study, and the last worship service for the year came and went. For some, it would be the last time that they set foot into that building as a member again. None were happy to leave. Many were heart broken. Yet, the truth of God's perfect Word had to be upheld.

Nonetheless, all were also looking forward to starting the new year in a church where they could worship God without vexation of spirit; where they could listen to God's Word, fellowship and serve among God's people who uphold the same convictions with good conscience. As all witnessed how God had provided and providentially worked out everything thus far, His people were moved to give. Guests, including the Session and members of CBPC, were invited to witness the birth of Truth BPC. A scrumptious tea was prepared for the inaugural service, bulletins were designed and printed, hymnals and Bibles were borrowed from Pandan, and duties were assigned. Everything was ready for 1st January 2006 with much prayer.



Prayer on 11th December 2005



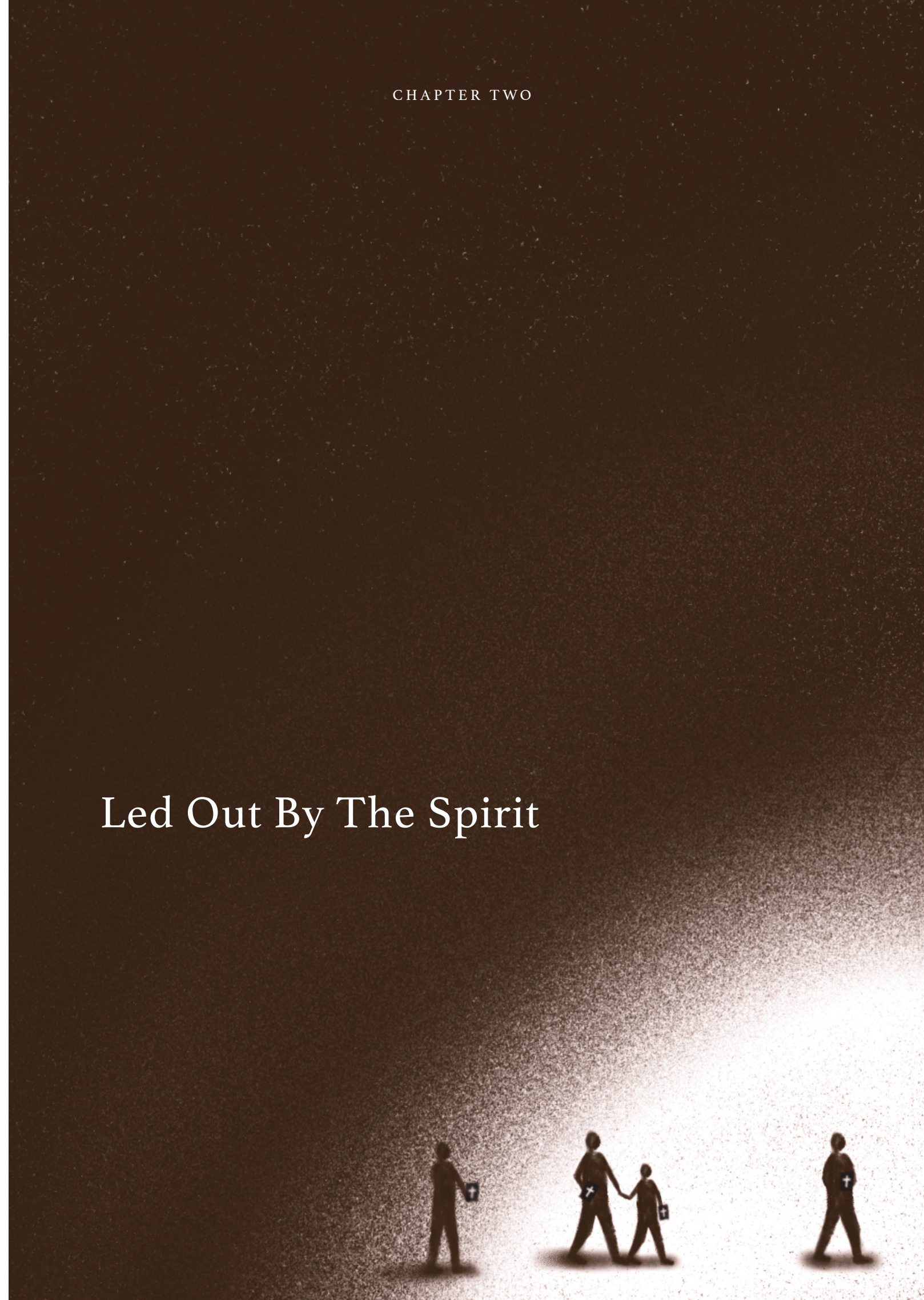
Choir practice

[1] Life Bible-Presbyterian Church is founded on 15 October 1950 (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Life_Bible-Presbyterian_Church)
[2] Rev. Timothy Tow was born on 28 December 1920. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Timothy_Tow
[3] https://www.febc.edu.sg/assets/pdfs/Miscellaneous/FEBC_50th_Yearbook.pdf, pg 79
[4] E.g. Pandan's weekly dated 25 September 2005, pg 8, pt 6
[5] Please refer to the following for more in-depth study on this doctrine: https://www.truthbpc.com/v4/main.php?menu=resources&page=resources/vpp_toc
[6] https://www.febc.edu.sg/article/def_the_story_of_english_bible
[7] https://www.febc.edu.sg/article/def_will_our_bp_sons_defend.
[8] Matt 5:18: For verily I say unto you, Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled.
[9] This is an account of the history of Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church. Further discussions regarding the doctrine of the Bible, including the canonicity of the Bible, can be found in www.truthbpc.com.
[10] https://www.febc.edu.sg/article/def_if_reject_preservation
[11] Matt 4:4: But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
[12] Rom 3:4a: God forbid: yea, let God be true, but every man a liar;
[13] https://www.febc.edu.sg/article/def_is_preservation_worth_dying_for
[14] E.g. A supplementary pastoral letter dated 25 September 2005 inserted to CBPC's weekly, signed by Senior Pastor, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa.
[15] Rev. Dennis Kwok, in his interview.
[16] 1 Sam 6:19: And he smote the men of Beth–shemesh, because they had looked into the ark of the LORD, even he smote of the people fifty thousand and threescore and ten men: and the people lamented, because the LORD had smitten many of the people with a great slaughter.
[17] Yong Choon Leong, in his interview.
[18] Eld. Winston Chew, in his interview.
[19] Andy Ho, in his interview
[20] Carol Lee in her interview, recalled someone telling her that Mrs Chan was going around making such statements about her.
[21] Eld. Winston Chew, in his interview
[22] Carol Lee, in her interview, pg 12
[23] Tan Swee Tiong, in his interview pg 10.
[24] Goh Zuyi, in her interview, pg 10
[25] Item 4 of the Session Minutes dated 25 Oct 2005, and Eld. Winston Chew in his interview, pg 6.
[26] Item 2.1 of the Pro-tem Committee minutes, dated 28 October 2005.
[27] Ps 43:3: O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.
[28] Eld. Winston Chew in his interview.
[29] Matt 4:4: But he answered and said, It is written, Man shall not live by bread alone, but by every word that proceedeth out of the mouth of God.
[30] Required information includes names of eleven trustees: Dennis Kwok, Carol Lee, Martin Cheong, Tan Swee Tiong, Yong Choon Leong, Andy Ho, Winston Chew, Wilson Low, John Loo, Joseph Tan, Franco Wong.
[31] Pro-tem minutes, dated 27 November 2005, item 3.2.23

Footnotes for table on page 12:
[a] Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, *Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church 50th Anniversary*, 69.
[b] Ibid.
[c] Apographs are the copies of Scripture
[d] Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, *Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church 50th Anniversary*, 69.
[e] Autographs are the original writings of Scripture.
[f] Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church Board of Elders, *Explanation of Our Non-VPP Stand*, I.3.b.(4).
[g] Jeffrey Khoo, *KJV: Questions and Answers* (Singapore: Bible Witness Literature, 2003), 8.
[h] Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church, *Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church 50th Anniversary*, 69.
[i] Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church Board of Elders, *Explanation of Our Non-VPP Stand*, I.4.a.

CHAPTER TWO

Led Out By The Spirit



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A New Church Is Born, Led By the Providential Hand Of God



Worshippers at Truth Inaugural Service

1st January 2006
Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church
Inaugural Praise and Thanksgiving Service

Over 300 worshippers gathered together on the 3rd level of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church's premise at 2pm to witness and rejoice with Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church at her inaugural Praise and Thanksgiving Service.[32] Besides Rev. (Dr) and Mrs Tow Siang Hwa (Calvary Pandan BP Church), we were very encouraged by the presence of Rev. (Dr) Timothy Tow and Mrs Ivy Tow (True Life BP Church), Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo and Mrs Jemima Khoo (True Life BP Church), Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew and Mrs Angelia Quek (Calvary Pandan BP Church); Rev. (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy and his family (Gethsamane BP Church), Rev. Wee Eng Moh and Mrs Helen Wee (Berean BP Church), Mrs Cheng Wei Nien, besides many others, were also in our midst. Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa spoke to the congregation on the topic: "Our Church's One Foundation" Eph 2:11-22. God had sent forth His light and His truth.



Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa exhorting



Choir Presentation

As the harmonious voices of the 14-day-old choir echoed through the sanctuary, the congregation agreed with the words sung by the choir, praying and praising Him.[33] The Lord had sent out His Light and His truth. The day ended with some lingering thoughts about the past and much anticipation for the future, all filled with a huge pinch of uncertainty. Truth was on uncharted waters. Yet, as the hymn "The Lord Himself has built the Church" reminded,

"The Lord Himself has built the church.
Though Satan strong, and evil wrong, ...
the gates of hell shall not prevail...
We therefore now before Him bow,
and seek His face in prayer."

The Firsts

Prayer meetings on Wednesday nights; fellowship meetings on Saturday evenings; Basic Bible Knowledge classes (BBK), both the Adult Sunday School and Junior Sunday School, choir practices on Sundays; monthly E-band tracting sessions, Sunrise services on Resurrection Sundays, Church Camps, Church Fellowship Day, gospel meetings, teachers' training sessions, missions trips... Truth is very thankful for the firsts in 2006. At a glance, the newly formed church seemed ready to meet the members' spiritual needs, with the Word, prayer, fellowship, evangelism, and service. As some mentioned, it is by God's grace that the church could start most of her ministries immediately, and she "hit the ground running". This enabled many to continue to be spiritually fed. One of the main reasons why this was so was because many who came over had already been serving and knew what to do. Given the extremely short amount of time to prepare, the details of each ministry were left to the leaders assigned. In the years to come, the ministries were slowly examined and came to be what they are today, by the grace of God.

Special Mentions During the First Year

Church Logo

One of the means to express the church's motto, "O, send out Thy Light and Thy Truth", is through the church logo.

The Pro-tem decided to have an open call for entries after the church's founding, rather than to engage someone to come up with the design. By 26 February 2006, 6 entries were submitted. Goh Zuyi's (she was Ye Zuyi then) entry was chosen by a panel of judges: Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, Pr Dennis Kwok and Carol Lee.



First Prayer Meeting



First Young Adults' Fellowship Meeting



First Adults' Fellowship-Young Adults' Fellowship Meeting



First Few Bible Study Groups



First Church CNY Visitation



First Junior Choir



First Sunrise Service on Resurrection Sunday



First Church Games Day



First Worship Seminar



First Teachers' Training Session



First Family Worship

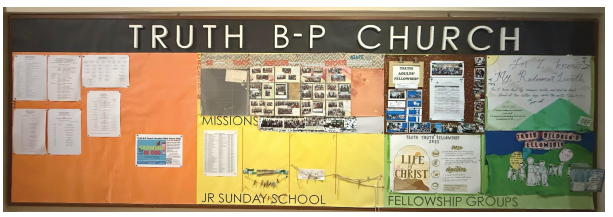


First Church Camp

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Goh Zuyi explained her design, **"You have that light beam coming down from heaven – it is God sent, and the Bible being the foundation of the church, and Christ being the center of the church." Since then, that logo represents what Truth stands for – God sending out His Light and His Truth.**

Notice Board



Church Notice Board

Pandan had graciously given the notice board outside the sanctuary at the 3rd level for Truth's use and Goh Zuyi was tasked to mark different sections for use by the different ministries. The letterings, done by hand, stood the test of time and only a few letters needed to be changed through the years. This board is a useful means to publicise this new church and update all on the upcoming events.

Pandan's Right Hand of Fellowship

Truth would not have been able to go full-swing in her various ministries from the start if Pandan had not been so supportive. Pandan not only provided the venue for the worship service, but also graciously allowed Truth to use their premises, including the classrooms, the printing room, the fellowship hall and the kitchen for fellowship meetings and the various ministries. Truth is very thankful for Pandan's show of brotherly kindness, not just then at the start, but all through the years. There were some growing pains but their patience, working out together the booking system for the rooms, and the coordination and communication regarding special requests were truly Pandan's acts of kindness. Carol Lee remembered Jean Lee for her help in the printing of materials, especially for the inaugural service. Pandan's office's (particularly Arthur Aung and Dn Eric Lim) willingness to accommodate Truth's requests, their selfless acts of kindness in helping Truth office staff (be it to change the light bulb, to help with the computers, to help with the various designs for Truth's various posters and cover pages), and even their fellowship, have been truly heartwarming and a great encouragement for the fledgling church which has few resources of her own. Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa and Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew's unwavering and selfless support and godly counsel through the years, always availing themselves despite their age and demanding ministries in the midst of challenging times (even amidst the

VPP lawsuit) have been humbling. They demonstrated an example of what it means to deny self, take up one's cross and follow the great Lord. Although they did not have to help as much as they did, they did so cheerfully. And Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew is still doing so, motivated by the truth of God's Word.[34] God is sending out His light and His truth.

Establishing Truth in the Truth

In the early days of the infant church, one of the main concerns of the Pro-tem was the teaching of the doctrine of VPP. Eld. Winston Chew noted, "At the start, the first thing for us was to really establish the members in the faith, and also to confirm the doctrine of VPP. So, the Adult Sunday School's first session was on the VPP stand and I think Rev. Dennis Kwok brought the church through that series of lessons on VPP. So, I think that was helpful to reinforce and to let the people build up their conviction to know the reason for leaving the former church and making a stand for the perfect Bible."

Pr Dennis Kwok and Carol Lee taught the 10-lesson series on the doctrine of VPP during the Adult Sunday School, with occasional lessons taught by Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo, Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew and Rev. (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy. There was a Question and Answer session at the end of the series, with the three invited speakers forming the panel. This whole series allowed the listeners to learn, clarify and decide for themselves if they fully embraced the doctrine and wished to join the church – which came forth because of this doctrine – as members. The teachings were recorded and eventually compiled into a book.

When the VPP series ended, the Pro-tem opened the application for membership of the church to the worshippers on 2 July 2006, to be submitted by 6 August 2006. The way forward was to have the church membership roll and then, eventually, the election of a Session to take over the Pro-tem's task of running the church. All things were to be done in an orderly manner. **By the grace of God, on 3 September 2006, 100 members were officially admitted to Truth BP Church at a Baptismal/ Admission to membership service.**



Some Members of Truth BP Church

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This was a 10-fold jump in numbers as compared to the time when the church was registered with the ROS in the beginning. Only 11 names were recorded then. Now, it was no longer just a few people here and there, but those who were convicted of this truth had decided to make their stand clear by joining the church. God had sent out His light and His truth, and His people were convicted, as seen through the testimonies below.[35] As is the current practice, every new member submitted their personal testimony. Here are extracted testimonies from our church website.

Chan May Ling

...My Christian life was filled with ups and downs and sometimes I was quite complacent. However, things changed in January 2006 when I started attending Truth BP Church. I realized how important it is for us to study God's Word and defend it. I believe that God's words are pure, powerful, inerrant and infallible.

Cheng Chuo Hwuang Anthony

...I believe that God is faithful and that He has preserved His Word all through the ages, even till today. ...As Calvary made an official stand on this matter, my conscience led me to seek for a similar conviction as I is the only natural step to take.

Cheong Sock Wah Jodie

...Calvary holds many memories for me: the good, the bad and also the friends I left behind. The split was hard but inevitable because one cannot contest over the fact of VPP. Our family left Calvary on the 1st of January 2006 and we have been happily worshipping in Truth BP Church since.

Cheong Soo Fun Janice

...When God has so faithfully preserved His words, then why am I not spending time reading and studying it for its intended purposes?...I thank God for His goodness in providing us with a comfortable place to worship Him in. And for giving us a church that believes that God's Word is preserved for us...

Eld. and Mrs Chew Yoon Chong Winston

...When the Board of Elders (Calvary) headed by the Pastor decided to adopt the non-VPP (Verbal Plenary Preservation) stand, declaring that the KJV has many mistakes, and that the Bible available to us today has many mistakes, and that there is no perfect Bible today...We cannot remain worshipping and serving in a church which has such a low view of the Bible. There is no more authority when quoting Scripture, and when referring to it for our faith and practice. Hence, we had to make the decision to leave Calvary BP Church, the church where we worshipped for more than 30 years...We thank God that through His providence, Truth BP Church was started. A group of like-minded brethren gathered together to stand for the truth, and for the defence of the Word of God... We are in full agreement with the constitution of Truth BP Church and her practices, and are hence transferring our membership from Calvary BP Church to Truth BP Church.

Mdm Chng Lee Hua Mary (Mrs Yong)

...Leaving Calvary is sad but to stand for the Word of God is my heart's desire.

Chua Beng Choon

...When the issue of VPP surfaced, I did some research and am convinced of this biblical stand. Carine and I decided to leave Calvary but we did not know where to go. We prayed and asked God to show us. When Truth BP Church was being formed, we were overjoyed and we thanked the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness towards us....

Chua Kooi Teng Shirley

...I truly thank God for Truth BP Church, which stands for the preservation of the truth of God's Word. Indeed, no one can add or subtract one jot or tittle to God's Word...

Dr Franco Wong Pey Gein

...when the doctrine of Verbal Plenary Preservation first arose, (and after much struggling of unlearning again), seeing the truth from the Bible's point of view was overwhelming joy for me. But the opposition toward this truth got me very disappointed... Calvary BPC was then slowly becoming unbearable for me. Worship was not with a clear conscience anymore... By God's grace, He revealed to my wife and I His will. We must leave Calvary... We thank God for His approving sign after sign for Truth's establishment. Though not a collection of perfected saints, nevertheless, answered prayers for freedom to worship with a clear conscience in truth and spirit was confirmatory assurance to come to Truth.

Goh Joon Kiow Leslie

...In January 2006, I started to attend Truth BP Church because of its stand on VPP.

Mdm Heng Lee Kheng (Mrs Florence Yeo)

...God has revealed Himself to me in His infallible, inerrant Word...

Ho Hui Lin (Angelyn)

...I made my decision to leave Calvary BP Church because I do not agree with what the Pastor and Board of Elders of Calvary claim about the Bible on the issue of Verbal Plenary Preservation. To me, there is simply no doubt in my mind that God's Word is pure and perfectly preserved, every jot and tittle of it, even up to this very day. To stay on in Calvary would be to compromise my faith and I cannot do that. I have to stand for the truth, God's truth, especially in these last days when countless false teachings abound. Hence, I choose to leave Calvary and to join Truth BP Church, where God's Word is not undermined, but held in high regard.

Ho Siew Yee Gloria

...When the controversy of VPP broke out, I was sad to find that my church had chosen the stand that the Bible has errors and that the Board of Elders made it the church official stand that VPP was wrong. I had no choice but to leave the church rather than be in subjection to them against my own conscience. The Lord again did not let me stray from Him. He raised up Truth BP Church where the fundamentals of the Christian faith and BP distinctives are hold on to and where the VPP is included in the Church Constitution and where I now seek membership.

Ho Sow Fong Shirley

...All along I have believed that God's Word is pure, inspired and perfectly preserved throughout the ages. But since late 2005, the church that I was worshipping in publicly announced that they are not in favour of Verbal Plenary Preservation. I was taken aback and wondered how the Pastor and Board of Elders could take such a stand when God's Word says that He will preserve His Word to the very end (Ps 12:6-7; Mark 13:31). How can it be otherwise for God is Almighty and Powerful? So, in order to go on believing what I know about the truth of God's Word, I have chosen to come to worship in Truth BP Church where the purity of God's Word is proclaimed and upheld.

Ho Xiao Wei

Why did I choose to leave Calvary BP Church? There is a cause. There is a need for God's people to stand for the faith, to defend and protect it. I strongly believe in the Verbal Plenary Preservation of God's words. Calvary BP Church has stated and declared that it does not subscribe to the latter. I cannot stay in a church that does not hold God's Word in high regard, a church that degrades the Bible to the same level as a book written by mere men and therefore contains mistakes, a church that indirectly questions the perfection of the Author of the Book and a church which directly goes against what is taught in the Bible and which, having had the truth pointed out to them, rejects the truth and persists in their falsehood. Therefore, I decided to leave Calvary BP Church and to join Truth BP Church which stands squarely on the Word of God which is divinely inspired and divinely preserved.

Ho Yew Peng Andy

...I am seeking a transfer of membership from Calvary BP Church to Truth BP Church for doctrinal reasons...

He Yirong

...Salvation is of the Lord. It is all by grace. I am fully convinced of the doctrines stated in TULIP...I am fully convinced of the stand taken by Truth BPC, especially on the VPP issue, and is willing to stand with the Church as long as the Church stands on the TRUTH of God...

Kwok Chee How Dennis

...After my graduation, I served as a full-time staff worker in Calvary for 4 years. In October 2005, Calvary's Board of Elders decided to make a public stand for the non-VPP (Verbal Plenary Preservation) position of the Scripture. Since this position was against my conviction and belief, in order not to undermine the leadership of the church, I resigned from office and withdrew my membership together with my family by end 2005... By the Lord's leading and guidance, a new church was born in the premises of Calvary Pandan BPC on 1st January 2006.

Lam Lye Chan (Mrs Tan)
I believe in the preservation of the Scriptures (Isa 40:8; Matt 5:18; Matt 24:35; 1 Peter 1:24-25) and find it difficult to accept the reasonings against it as given by Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church. I believe that the Word of God is provided for us without mistake or error. Therefore, I can believe it and trust it. I left Calvary together with my husband, Swee Tiong in December 2005. I support the work in Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church and pray that the Lord will bless this new church and its leaders.

Lam Yon Heong (Mrs Corina Lim)
...The time came for me to make a decision for my Lord when Calvary BOE took a stand against the Verbal Plenary Preservation of God's Word... When Calvary BOE took the stand against the doctrine of VPP, I was rather sad and disappointed... Truly God is good to us and has provided us a place for worship. How my heart rejoices when Dr Tow and the Session of Calvary Pandan BPC lovingly offered us a place for worship. I also thank God for the inauguration of Truth BP church on 1st January 2006. With God all things are possible.

Lee Foong Leng Carol
...Could I remain in Calvary, be party to the doubt-casting and still able to say I am on the Lord's side? I wish I could. "No man, having put his hand to the plough, and looking back is fit for the kingdom of God." (Lk 9:62). My mind took over the contradicting dictates of my heart; my love for the Creator must take precedence over my love for the created. Finally, the choice not to be party to casting doubt on my God and the choice to be on the Lord's side led to my resignation from Calvary Jurong as full-time staff worker at the end of 2005.

Liang Siew Geok Susan
...it was through these Bible study classes and fellowship groups (at Calvary) that I was grounded in my Christian faith and taught that we can trust the Bible as it is God's Word to us and that there are no mistakes in the Bible. Hence, when Calvary BP Church took a stand for non-VPP, it was not a difficult decision for me to leave Calvary for Truth BP Church. I am of the conviction that the Bible has no mistakes. Adopting the non-VPP stand will open Pandora's box and there will be more questions and doubts (e.g. which sections have mistakes and which sections have no mistakes, etc.).

Liang Zheqian

...I have been actively serving in Calvary BPC until a group of us Calvarians left Calvary. There are several reasons why I left. Firstly, I cannot possibly serve in a church where the very foundation and basis of my faith is undermined. Secondly, I cannot be a member of a church if I do not agree with its doctrinal beliefs. Also, I want to be able to worship in truth and to serve in truth. That's why I left Calvary. I am very glad that I have made that decision and have come to Truth BPC.

Liew Yong Fu (Jason)

...Underneath the friendly and smiling faces, a boiling controversy (aka VPP) revealed the ugly faces of those who claim that the Word of God is inerrant and infallible, and yet we do not have it today. Opinions differed. Confusion surfaced. Suddenly, more than ever before, church unity is stressed... The Lord answered my prayer. He led me to Truth BP Church. So here I am. It was a sad departure to leave friends and familiar faces in Calvary, but these are also friends and familiar faces that left together with me.

Lim Bin Hwee (Mrs Sara Wong)

...I believe in the inerrancy, infallibility of the Bible and that we have the perfect Bible today. It was with dismay that I heard the account of the events in Life BP Church and then in Calvary BP Church. But God is sovereign... I thank God for Franco's firm belief on the Bible and that as a family, we have moved to Truth BPC where we can worship God openly, truthfully and with trust in the authority of His perfect Word.

Lim Boon Hock (Jacob)

...When I thought that all was going in the right direction, suddenly there was an announcement that Calvary's stand is against the doctrine of Verbal Plenary Preservation. During that time, I was not too sure what VPP was all about but later I came to understand it. I was not happy with Calvary's stand... when the leaders of Calvary were against VPP, it saddened me.... I wondered where we could have our worship when we leave Calvary. As the day went by, we prayed that God be gracious to us and also to those who have decided to leave Calvary. The outlook was gloomy and there was no joy in my heart. Then in end December 2005, I heard that Truth BP Church will be born on 1st January 2006. My heart begins to rejoice again. I thank God for His mercy and grace.

Lin Enwei Esther (Mrs Esther Ang)

While some may claim VPP to be a new teaching, I learnt from young the simple but straightforward fact that there is nothing my GOD cannot do, and that of course includes preserving HIS words down through the ages. My decision is based on what would bring God more glory, and I thank HIM for leading me to a place where I have seen how GOD is so good, and I am all the more convinced I made the right decision. I have never looked back ever since...

Loh Wai Kuan Valerie

It is my conviction that God has preserved the Scriptures for us; for our instruction and to guide us. I believe in the Doctrine of Verbal Plenary Preservation, and I share the stand of Truth BP Church.

Ng Boon Choo Deborah

...I treasured very much the faithful preaching that I received from Calvary. The issue of those days was ecumenism. Dr Tow, Senior Pastor of Calvary sounded many warnings for us to separate from those compromisers and also to be watchful lest one day we too will fall. I made commitment then that if one day Calvary should fall in any way from the truth, I will have to leave. I never thought that I would really need to leave one day until the issue of the doctrine of the preservation of the Bible came up. This doctrine is not a minor doctrine nor is it merely personal conviction. To take an anti-VPP position is an attack on the very foundation which our faith and life is based on. I believe that by the grace and mercy of the Lord, God raised up Truth BPC for the defence and the proclamation of His holy, inspired, inerrant, infallible, unchangeable and preserved Word...

Sim Poh Hwa Karen (Mrs Karen Haw)

... I left Calvary with much sadness having spent a large part of my life there together with my family. I realized that I had to leave when I found out that Calvary does not believe in the perfect preservation of God's Word...

Tam Alan

...I also thank the Lord for Truth BPC which is a miracle of God. He provides us with a place to worship Him in truth and in peace.

Mdm Tan Ai Lee Ivy (Mrs Wan)

...Praise and thank God for preserving His precious words. Without VPP, what will I have to teach my sons?... Leaving Calvary BPC for Truth BPC was not an easy decision. There were lots of "should I or should I not?" Should I choose to remain in Calvary or should I obey God and leave for Truth BPC? ...Shall I choose convenience (since Calvary is nearer home than Truth BPC)? Or shall I choose to trust and obey God? ...God's Word is a lamp unto my feet, a light unto my path. When God says He will preserve His words, surely my almighty Lord God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is able to preserve accurately and perfectly the words that He has taken the trouble to inspire men of old to write...

Mdm Tan Alice (Mrs Tan)

On 2 October 2005, Calvary's Board of Elders declared officially that "We do not believe that copies of the Hebrew (OT) and the Greek (NT) texts underlying the KJV are perfect. We do not believe that they are exact photocopies of the original." (OUR STAND ON THE BIBLE, Para II, WHAT WE DO NOT BELIEVE. No. 1 – page 3). To me, this is not biblical. How can an almighty God not keep His Word and preserve His Word for His people? So whatever the ties, however sweet the memories or fellowship I have had with brethren in the past, I have to move on to a church which stands squarely on God's Word. Thank God for raising Truth BPC...

Mdm Tan Jyh Cheau (Mrs Toh)

...I came over Calvary BPC in 2000 and I have always enjoyed a warm fellowship with the members of Calvary. However, the VPP issue surfaced in Calvary and the doctrinal statement released by the Board of Elders differed from my husband's and my personal understanding of God's Word on the perfect preservation of God's Word.

Mdm Tan Khuan Hua (Kim):

I believe that the Bible has no mistakes. It is strange to be told after numerous years of worshipping in Calvary BPC that God makes mistakes, that He did not preserve His Bible. God has given me a simple child-like faith to trust Him who is faithful to preserve His words... I have decided to transfer my membership to Truth BP Church as it honours God to believe in the preservation of God's words.

Tan Poh Oon Joseph

...I believe that the Bible I have in my hands is inerrant, infallible and preserved, without mistakes, the Word of God. and I also affirmed the 100% inspiration and 100% preservation of the original language Scriptures underlying the King James Bible which is kept pure in all ages.

Tan Swee Tiong:

When the Board of Elders (BOE) of Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church (Jurong) took a stand against 'VPP' and issued a statement on 'Our Stand on the Bible' on 2 October 2005, I had to make a decision... If the Word of God teaches the perfect preservation of Scriptures, how can I not believe in VPP? How can I not believe in the perfect preservation of the Bible? However, bearing in mind not to undermine the authority of the BOE, I therefore resigned from Calvary Bible-Presbyterian Church as a deacon... Together with other like-minded brethren who believe in the perfect preservation of the Scriptures, the work at Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church was started.

Toh Ching Hua (Eric)

...The VPP issue broke out in 2005 in Calvary. The leaders have taken a non-VPP stand. My family would like to transfer our membership out of Calvary because the doctrinal stand of Calvary (as revealed in its statement on the perfect preservation of the Bible in its original languages) differs from our own stand based on our understanding of the doctrine of VPP. We believe that God has inspired and preserved His words perfectly, and this is the same stand as Truth BP Church.

Wong Kai Leong

...Last year, the Calvary BOE decided that they would adopt the stand that some parts of the Bible could possibly have mistakes, as some figures and numbers in the Bible do not tally. I could not align myself with this stand. I could not understand how the Calvary BOE could 'know' that some parts of the Bible were wrong, while also somehow 'knowing' that other parts of the Bible were right. I always understand that with regards to the Bible, I either 'BELIEVE EVERYTHING' or I 'BELIEVE NOTHING.' I cannot pick and choose which are to be true and which are to be false. As such, I decided to join Truth BP Church.

Mdm Wong Lee Hin (Mrs Eileen Goh)
...In January 2006, I started to attend Truth BP Church because of its stand on VPP.

Wong Samuel and Mdm Seet Li Leen
..as we hear our pastor publicly stating that Calvary BPC does not subscribe to the stand that we have the preserved Word of God. At that point in time, I was all in favour of leaving Calvary immediately... soon a small band of like-minded Session members and the lay members of Calvary banded together and planned for a new church. Thus, Truth BP Church was formed and as a family, we become members.

Ye Zuyi (Mrs Herbert Goh)
... Since the declaration of Calvary's stand on 2 October 2005, I found it difficult to serve in Calvary. It was also difficult to share the whole counsel of God with others due to Calvary's stand... The Word of God has convicted me to leave Calvary after my term of service in 2005 has ended and thus I am seeking a transfer of membership to Truth BPC.

Yee Wing Sun and Mdm Tan Meng Chew Tina
Due to the Calvary BOE's open declaration of its stand of non-VPP and stating that only the original autographs have no mistakes, we decided to look for another church to worship in. We believe that the words of GOD (the Hebrew and Greek words underlying the KJV Bible) are preserved by our almighty and gracious heavenly Father. We believe that the words of GOD have been preserved through the ages and there are no mistakes in the Bible. We have tried worshipping at Calvary Pandan but found the church too big for us to fit in. Thus we decided to worship in Truth BP Church.

Yeo Heng Hock Benjamin
...to follow His truth found in His perfectly preserved Word and not the sayings of man. I thank the Lord for the gift of a Bible-believing church which He has raised to stand for the truth of God's Word. The Lord has led me to transfer my church membership to Truth BP Church for which I am most grateful.

Yong Boon Keong Joshua

...I had to leave the church where I grew up in because I cannot deny the truth which is so clearly revealed in God's Word... God's Word (inerrant, infallible, inspired, and totally as a whole being preserved) was being questioned. And the Word of God was being undermined. These brought about many doubts about the church's view of God and His Word, and His foundation, and His character. And this is very serious and dangerous... "If the foundations be destroyed, what can the righteous do?"

Yong Pei Jia Jocelyn

I decided to make the move to Truth on January 2006, not because my whole family was moving and thus it was the 'right' thing to do. I made the decision because I believe that our heavenly Father has preserved His words for us... I thank God for His providence for Truth BP Church to be established, and pray that by God's grace, Truth will continue to preach the True and Living Word of God and uphold peace and purity in the Church even as the end times draw near.

Audrey Tam-Chan

...I decided to transfer my church membership to Truth BP Church because of my conviction that today we have a perfectly preserved Bible with no mistakes. Stumbled by the testimony of those who are against VPP, my husband and I were not able to worship and serve the Lord in peace. With the many verses in the Bible to prove that God preserves every jot and tittle of His Word, I cannot but accept and believe these verses with child-like faith as a child of God. Thank God for raising Truth BP Church. With like-minded brethren in Truth, my husband and I can worship God in peace once again.

At the Baptismal/Admission to membership service, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa preached "We are the Church!" from 1 Corinthians 3:5-17, reminding the congregation that only believers could form the church. The formation of the church is the combined effort of the Holy Trinity – God the Father chose, God the Son redeemed through His blood, and God the Holy Spirit sealed with the promise and indwells believers. He then used Romans 12 to encourage the congregation to be such a church as described in the passage – a living sacrifice, separated from the world, learning how to love one another as members of Truth BPC, and to be good and do good to others.[37] As 94 individuals transferred their membership and 6 were baptised, all were encouraged by Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa's exhortation from God's Word and prayed that indeed, Truth would be a church that would be good and do good to others by sending out His light and His truth.[38]

God's Provisions for the Infant Church

By the generous giving of tithes and love gifts to the fledgling church, hymnals were purchased. Eric Toh and family sponsored 60 pew Bibles. The organ in the new sanctuary needed to be changed and God moved an overseas believer to give generously for a new Allen organ to be purchased and installed.[39] Many also stepped forward to serve in the various committees, allowing the church to run Spirit-led activities such as the Easter Sunrise Service, church camp, church fellowship day, Teachers' Day celebration, and missions trips, besides the usual activities of the church. God saw the new church through her first year. Truly, Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church was founded because

> Hearts were stirred by His truth,
> Many were led out by the Spirit.
> And standing together in truth,
> They want to grow.[40]

[32] This is under the auspices of Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church.
[33] Hymn sung by the church choir: The Lord Himself has Built the Church.
[34] Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa was called home to glory on 8 March 2019.
[35] Content in the testimonies segment is kept closely to the original.
[36] The complete testimonies can be found at https://www.truthbpc.com/v4/main.php?menu=resources&page=events/testimony
[37] 10 September 2006 Weekly sermon note, for sermon dated 3 September 2006.
[38] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2006, A3.
[39] This organ is given to Pandan.
[40] Anonymous poem written on the occasion of Truth's 20th Anniversary.

CHAPTER THREE

Standing and Growing Together In Truth



Standing and Growing Together In Truth

Encapsulating the core committees, ministries and activities of our church

First Election of Session: 21 April 2007

One of the major events for year 2 of this new church was her 1st Annual General Meeting (AGM) and 1st election of Session. The planning for her first election of Session started way back in March 2006. Potential candidates, including members of the Pro-tem, were asked to consider standing for election. Advice was sought from Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa and Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew.



Election meeting with Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa

On 26 January 2007, the Pro-tem had a meeting with Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa at his place to clarify matters regarding the election. By 26 March 2007, all who intended to run for election stood for nomination, to be approved by the Board of Elders consisting of the Advisory Pastor (Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa) and the Chairman of Pro-tem (Pr Dennis Kwok), with the help of Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew.

By the grace of God, on 21 April 2007, all who stood were elected into office:

Candidate	Office
Dennis Kwok	Pastor
Martin Cheong	Deacon
Winston Chew	Deacon
Tan Swee Tiong	Deacon
Alice Tan	Deaconess

During the election, while waiting for the votes to be counted, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa (Moderator for the Elections) gave an exhortation from Luke 22:24-32, praying that those whom God "put into office are those He has appointed, and that God will keep the Session serving together in brotherly love."[41]



First Session Installation

Rev. (Dr) Timothy Tow had contacted Pr Dennis Kwok in late 2005 regarding his ordination. Rev. (Dr) Timothy Tow had planned to set up an Ordination council and Pr Dennis Kwok would be contacted again.[42] Pr Dennis Kwok would then be given all the questions that he needed to prepare for, both in written and oral form.[43] Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, who had no objections to this proposal, informed the Pro-tem about this in January 2007.



Rev. Dennis Kwok's Ordination, 6 May 2007

The ordination ceremony would be held at the FEBC Graduation Service in May 2007, which would only be after the election in April. Faced with this unique situation, Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa suggested that Pr Dennis Kwok could be given the post of Pastor-designate, should he be elected. On 6 May 2007, Rev. (Dr) Prabhubas Koshy, Rev. Tan Kian Seng, Rev. Koa Keng Woo and Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew laid their hands on Pr Dennis Kwok, ordained, and prayed for him before God and man at the FEBC Graduation Service. Rev. Hien (then Pr.) was also ordained alongside Pr. Dennis Kwok.[44] Thank God for helping His people to grow in His light and in His truth. Fallible men had been used by the infallible God to make various decisions at the 1st AGM and the 1st election which resulted in the church having a newly appointed Pastor and Session.

Psalm 43:3 "*O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.*"

God's children had pleaded for His direction when flustered, saddened and in the dark about the future, as they knew He was their hope. Step by step, through the conviction from His Word and His faithful messengers and servants, Truth BP Church was founded. God provided all that was needed, both spiritual and physical, along the way. Are we now still crying out for Him to send out His light and His truth? Have we been growing in His light and His truth? How has His light and His truth been sent out through the years?

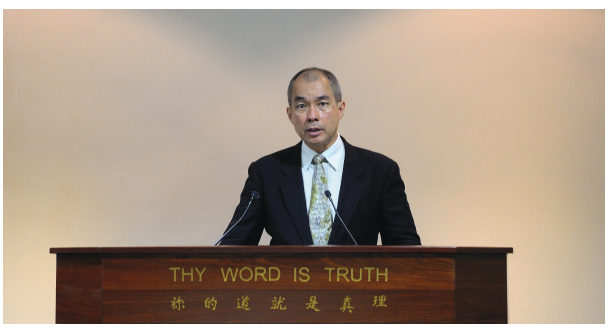
Growing in God's Light and Truth

Sunday Worship Service

Preaching the Word - Sunday worship service is the highpoint of every week.[45] The highlight of each Sunday worship service is the preaching of God's infallible and inerrant Word, perfectly preserved forever. From the Book of life, God has used the ministers of His Word – Rev. Dennis Kwok and several ministers in the early days, to Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew and Pr Joshua Yong at the present– to ensure that the pulpit ministry never stops.



Rev. Dennis Kwok preaching



Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew preaching



Pr Joshua Yong preaching

Even during the COVID-19 pandemic, the worship services and the preaching of God's Word continued. We praise God for His spiritual feeding: from topical studies such as studying the doctrine of charity, character studies of biblical figures (e.g. Abraham and Paul), to book studies (e.g. Exodus, Acts, Hebrews, Leviticus and Revelation). These are besides the sermons for special occasions such as Anniversaries, Good Friday and Easter Sunrise Services, Missions Sunday, Reformation Sunday, Christmas Services as well as the Year-End Service. More than 1000 sermons have been preached from the pulpit week after week since the beginning. His truth has been continually sent out.

Sermon Notes - To help worshippers remember the main points of the sermons, sermon notes are written and printed since the church's founding. A small but faithful group of sermon note takers (some having served since the beginning) put in the extra effort to concisely capture the key points of the messages. This has been done with the help of editors such as Carol Lee so that the worshippers can recall the message preached the week before and refer back to the lessons learnt.[46] The Truth BPC Web Ministry[47] plays a part in this as well, since the sermons are uploaded weekly in audio form (full sermon) and in written form (sermon notes), for all to relisten and read through.

Public Announcement Team - The work of the Public Announcement (PA) team is not

forgotten. Their tireless weekly service is exemplary, particularly that of Gloria Ho who has been serving in this ministry since the start. Yong Choon Leong was the PA I/C until Dn Anthony Cheng took over.[48] Literally behind the scenes (for the PA system is always at the back of the sanctuary) and hardly noticed unless something goes wrong, their essential service has enabled all to hear the chairman, the preacher and the musicians clearly and to participate in the worship service without any hindrance. When the COVID-19 pandemic struck, their service was even more critical. All worshippers could only participate in the worship service online, via YouTube and Zoom. Besides ensuring that the PA system could work onsite and online, the PA crew assisted the Web Ministry such that the messages could be uploaded onto the church's website. Together, the Web Ministry and the PA crew's ministry granted anyone around the world access to the preaching of God's Word.

Translation Ministry - One other important ministry related to the worship service is that of the translation ministry. As early as February 2007, the Pro-tem decided to have a Mandarin-speaking translator on standby, to translate the sermon on-site, in real time, to those who can only understand Mandarin at the monthly Gospel Sunday Worship Service. This ministry started on 22 April 2007. Ng Yew Chong (who has since been called home to be with the Lord on 19 April 2013),[49] Serene Lee, and Esther Ang (then Esther Lin) agreed to serve in this ministry. Today, a dedicated team of 3 translators are rotated to translate the whole service into Mandarin every week on a rotational basis,[50] to a regular small pool of Mandarin-speaking worshippers.[51] The PA provides vital support, enabling the listeners to sit amongst the English-speaking worshippers while participating in worship, albeit translated and via headsets.



Ng Yew Chong translating

Music Ministry - The truth is not only sent out by the Word being verbally preached and spread, but it is also sent out by godly hymns. Pre-worship singspiration leaders[52] help the worshippers to prepare to worship God before the worship service starts. Chairmen, ensuring that the whole service is God-honouring, lead in the singing of hymns during the worship services as part of the church's praise to God.

A dedicated team of faithful musicians supports the praising of God through hymns and godly songs.[53] The Church Choir, which started with the church, augments the church's praise to God by edifying the worshippers with their voices during



Song leader leading Pre-worship Singspiration



Pianist playing the piano



Organist playing the organ



Children in the Junior Choir



Adults in the Church Choir

monthly choir presentations and singing on special occasions.[54] The Junior Choir, which started in August 2006, contributed to the voices of praise regularly too during worship services and special occasions. Though small in number and size, the young voices sing clearly of His goodness during such presentations.[55] Led by Ng Boon Choo and supported by Serene Lee (pianist) and Wong Kai Leong (administrator), the ministry of the Junior Choir has seen many of their graduates continuing to serve in the Church Choir, to the praise and glory of our God and Lord. To help the church to understand the importance of godly music, several music seminars were held through the years where attendees were brought to understand various concerns, particularly that of Contemporary Christian Music. Issues were also brought up and clarified, proving a good spiritual exercise for all. Through the godly hymns chosen and sung, His light and His truth has been sent out.

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the choir played an unexpected role. Then, singing was not allowed when gatherings were allowed to resume. So, to help worshippers to sing in their hearts, taped recordings of selected members' singing were used. When rules further relaxed, selected members from the choir were rostered to sing the worship service hymns live from the cry room.

Tithes & Offerings - Besides the exhortations and singing of hymns, prayers and offerings have also been offered to God as part of the worship service. We thank God for the privilege of giving our tithes and offerings, remembering that all that we have and are, are His. As reminded by the chairman weekly, giving is a privilege for Christians only. We thank God for the ministry of the weekly counters who count and keep a record of the collections, assisting the church treasurer in ensuring that the offerings are all well accounted for.[56] Though very much behind the scenes, their integrity and weekly quiet faithful service enables the church leaders to use the money collected for the expansion of God's kingdom. Their service thus enables His people to be built up and His faith to be defended, indirectly sending out the truth.



Offering Counters

For the worship service to run smoothly, we thank God for the ministries of the welcomers, attendance takers, and ushers. The welcomers[57] and attendance takers[58] are 'weekly areas of service which require dedication to dutifully carry out the task unto the Lord.'[59] The welcomers' smiling countenance and handing out of the weeklies help 'prepare the worshippers to approach God with gladness in their hearts.'[60]



Welcomers

The attendance takers ministry 'allows the church leaders to monitor the spiritual health of our church members... and is part of the mechanism to protect the flock from attacks of the evil one...The work... assists the church leaders in the work of caring for God's people.'[61]



An Attendance Taker

The ushers[62] are to enable "the worship of the Lord to be conducted in an orderly and sanctified manner"[63] by directing worshippers to their seats, collecting the tithes and offerings and presenting them before the Lord, and at times, to restrict the movement of worshippers 'in order to minimise disruptions and distraction, especially during prayer.'[64] God's light and truth are being sent out.

Lord's Supper & Baptism - Last but not least, there is the partaking of the Lord's Supper and the baptism services, the only two sacraments instituted by the Lord Jesus Himself to the church.



Lord's Supper



Baptism

The monthly service of those who help set up the Lord's table is invaluable.[65] As we partake of the elements – the bread and the cup – we are reminded of His finished work and His soon coming, and reconsecrate ourselves unto our Lord Jesus Christ as living sacrifices for His use. We are reminded to be that light to the dark and sinful world, according to His infallible and inerrant Word – the truth.

God continues to send forth His light and His truth through the various ministries of the Word, to ground and to guide His

people – young and old – and to grant His people greater ammunition against the wiles of the devil.

Basic Bible Knowledge (BBK) Class

The teaching of God's Word continues after the worship service. BBK classes are held 'to teach sound basic doctrines of the Christian faith especially to those preparing for water baptism, re-affirmation of faith and transfer of membership'[66] In the beginning, Rev. Dennis Kwok and Dn Tan Swee Tiong taught the 18-lesson series. Now, it is largely taught by Eld. Winston Chew. Upon the completion of the series, an interview will be held for those who wish to be baptised, reaffirmed, or have their membership transferred to Truth. The light and truth have been sent to His people and through them, to be sent to the world.

Adult Sunday School

'The Adult Sunday School is part of the church's overall teaching ministry.'[67] Following the inaugural series on the Doctrine of Verbal Plenary Preservation of the Bible, the subsequent series branched out into various topics that the leaders considered important to educate the congregation on. These included the 'Life of Christ', the 'Book of Psalms', 'Church History', 'Dispensationalism and Covenant Theology', 'The Christian and the World', 'Why am I a Bible-Presbyterian?', and the most recent series, the 'Westminster Confession of the Faith'. Teachers in the past have included Rev. Dennis Kwok, Eld. Winston Chew, John Loo, Pr Joshua Yong, and Rev. Samuel Joseph. Nowadays, it is mainly Rev. Dennis Kwok and Pr David Chew teaching to an average of 47 attendees on-site. It will be good for more to stay after the worship service and learn God's Word each week.[68] The lessons are available on YouTube and the notes are available on the church's website.





Basic Bible Knowledge class taught by Eld. Winston Chew in 2015 and 2025



Junior Sunday School, 2025

Junior Sunday School (JSS)

JSS is not about occupying the children or babysitting them so that the parents can attend Adult Sunday School. It is not even to take over the role of the parents who are tasked to take care of the spiritual needs of their own children. Instead, it is to use the opportune time, for 'every student... to be taught the Word of God at every lesson and be challenged to apply what they have learnt in their lives each day.'[69] This is so that the children will come to the saving knowledge of Christ through the teaching of His Word, be built up in the faith (for those who believe), and be grounded in the Word.

The JSS ministry was previously under the charge of Carol Lee. When Ng Boon Choo joined Truth as a full-time worker in June 2007 not long after she graduated from FEBC, she took over as General Superintendent, overseeing the Pre-school (under Mary Yong then), Primary (under Ng Boon Choo), Junior (under Alice Tan) and Young Teens (under Eric Toh) departments. Though feeling vastly inadequate and totally inexperienced in leading a team of veteran superintendents, she thanked God for helping her through the years with the team in ensuring that all fulfill their calling, knowing that it is a very serious matter to teach the young ones.[70] Eld. Winston Chew, Rev. Dennis Kwok and Pr David Chew sit in at the regular Superintendent meetings to advise and support the work.[71] From 1 Jan 2026, God willing, Pr David Chew will be in charge of overseeing the whole JSS ministry.

As time passed, the teaching materials and teaching methods of each department have gradually improved from the beginning to what they are now, by the grace and leading of the Lord.

At the Pre-school department, verse memorization (and the hands-on colouring of the verses) was introduced in the early years. This helped the parents and the children to remember the lessons taught. Classes consist of the singing of godly songs and carrying out craft activities, in addition to the usual lessons. The cherubic listeners with their enthusiastic voices remind the teachers and helpers that they are handling young souls who believe what they teach – a heavy responsibility indeed. In 2014, Mary Yong stepped down as Superintendent of the Pre-school department and the department had several changes of hands in the leadership until Toh Jyh Cheau took over as in-charge.[72]

In 2019, they adopted Pandan's curriculum. In 2020, the Pre-school department transitioned into the Junior Worship (to be elaborated at a later section).

The Primary department developed their own ways to engage the Primary 1-3 students. Such ways included craft, games, and review questions to help the children to revise what they had learnt.[73] They also had quarterly birthday celebrations, which delighted the children enormously.

Although they initially used the Regular Baptist Press curriculum, the Primary and Junior departments jointly embarked on a new Pandan-developed 6-year curriculum in 2018.[74] 'This new curriculum covers the Bible from Genesis to Revelation, focusing on the salvific plan of God.'[75]



Primary Department, 2025

The Junior department[76] (for students from Primary 4 to Primary 6) started teaching its students the Westminster Shorter Catechism (WSC) from June 2009 onwards, to help the children understand the answers to the Catechism questions and its supporting doctrines.[77] As mentioned above under 'Primary department', they switched to Pandan's curriculum. They also have a yearly outing together with the Young Teens department. Other departments also hold outings to encourage teaching beyond the classroom and increasing informal interaction between teachers and students, and parents.



Junior Department, 2025

The Young Teens department ministers to those above 12 years old and has undergone quite a few changes too.[78] It initially used an in-house curriculum, focusing on the fundamental doctrines of the Christian faith and surveys of the Old and New Testament.[79] In 2019, the department embarked on a 4-year study of the Westminster Shorter Catechism.[80] This meant that youths aged 15-16 would remain with the Young Teens Department, instead of joining the adults in the Adult Sunday School when they are 15 years old. When the Young Teens graduate from the Young Teens department, they are also graduating from JSS. Hence, the teachers at the Young Teens Department ensure that the gospel is shared regularly in their lessons so that the youths will have the opportunity to clarify any doubts they have regarding salvation and their faith. For those who are certain of their salvation, they are encouraged to attend BBK and be baptised (with permission from their parents) or reaffirmed in their faith (for those who have undergone infant baptism) after completion of JSS.



Young Teens Department, 2025

To ensure that the teachers are spiritually well themselves and continue to be an edifying source of light and truth to the children, the JSS committee organised teachers' retreats through the years to help the teachers learn more about teaching – be it in content or delivery – from invited speakers. It is also a time to reflect and review, and to share with fellow teachers their struggles as they seek encouragement and prayer support. Godly speakers who have spoken in the retreats include Rev. (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy and Mrs Jemima Khoo (who has gone home to be with the Lord). Usually taking



Teachers training 2022

the morning of a public holiday, the retreats are important opportunities for teachers to pause and consider their service before God, besides hearing, and praying for, one another. General meetings are also organised for teachers to gather and hear from the General Superintendent about upcoming events after a short exhortation, before gathering within the departments for sharing and prayer.

Junior-Young Teens Retreat

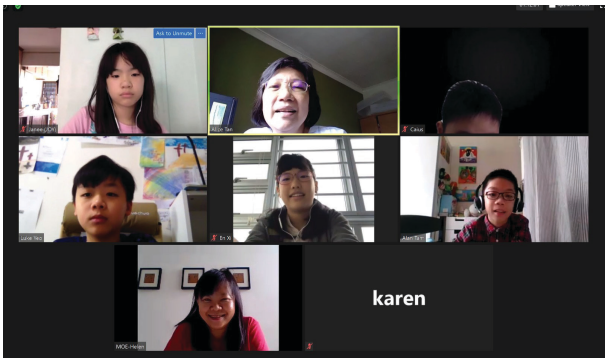
One major yearly event in the JSS calendar is the Junior-Young Teens retreat which spans from Thursday to Friday of the March school holidays. It started as the Junior Retreat in 2015, and is a stay-in retreat at Pandan for children from Primary 2 to Secondary 4 in order to "build up our children's faith and to train the children to be independent and to take responsibility."[81] Messages, craft, games and skit presentation follow the same theme of the retreat. Based on testimonies of the children at the end of the retreat, they enjoy the retreat and learn much from this spiritual exercise of sharing space and bearing with one another for those 2 days and 1 night. Previous speakers for the retreat included Eileen Khoo, Yong Xiao Wei, Pr Joshua Yong, Rev. Clement Chew as well as Pr David Chew. Thank God for helpers such as Gracia Chew, Eric Toh, Serene Lee, Tan Chin Cheong, Karen Lee, Helen Tan and some of the ex-Young Teens, including Justin Wan, Timotheus Chua, and Toh Yih Chern who either were group leaders, dorm leaders, or logistics helpers (whose dutiesinclude mopping the rooms). Ensuring that all who attend the whole retreat are well-fed physically, we have the aunties such as Chan May Ling, Kwok Yumin, Audrey Tam and Liz Yeo to fill the young ones' and not so young ones' tummies. Coordinating this huge event is Ng Boon Choo who stays in with the children who stay over.



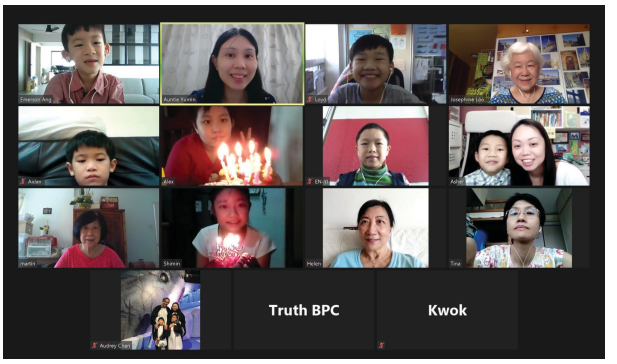
Junior-Young Teens Retreat 2023

Besides the Junior-Young Teens retreat, the JSS committee also organised Open Sunday,[82] Combined Easter programme, Combined Reformation programme, Vacation Bible School (to be elaborated on at a later section), Combined Christmas programme and Promotion Sunday.

By His grace and mercy, lessons for the young souls did not stop even when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Lessons were conducted over Zoom for most children, with the youngest ones watching pre-recorded lessons. These lessons were faithfully done by the teachers week after week, until the church could meet again face to face. There were times when a household had more than 3-4 devices running, as the adults attended the Adult Sunday School over YouTube and



Junior Department during Covid



Primary Department birthday celebration during Covid



Young Teens Department during Covid

the young ones, sometimes at different levels, attended their own Sunday School classes with their own devices.

The first batch of 25 JSS students graduated, followed by many others. How have they been? God's light and truth have been sent to them. Are they now shining that light and truth to others? By the grace of God, some are. Pr David Chew is such a one. From being one of the earliest graduates from JSS, he is now a full-time worker with Truth.

Junior Worship

When Truth started, the order of worship was patterned after CBPC's, except for one major difference – at Truth, the children stayed with their parents during the whole duration of the worship service, instead of leaving halfway for their own Junior Worship. One major reason why this was so, was of a practical nature – limited resources. When the children joined the adults and sat through the service, there would then be enough qualified teachers to teach them after the service.[83] Another reason was the pattern left by the early church, the Reformation saints, and the Puritans. Then, families participated in the whole worship service together. The parents prepared their children for worship.

This change from CBPC took a while for families to adjust. Some of the ways the parents prepare their children to worship God included pointing the words of the hymns to the children as they sang along, encouraging them to pray as the adults prayed, worshipping God by giving their love gifts, and taking notes during the messages. Parenting seminars were arranged for parents to learn how to bring up their children in the Lord, including teaching

their children to not only just sit through the worship service but to worship God. One such seminar was held during Truth's 3rd church camp at Vista Hotel (Batam, Indonesia), where "Rev. (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy shared on 'Parenting in the Pews'. The points raised included children's participation in worship and training the child in the home."[84]

However, by 2019, under the guidance of Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew (our Advisory Pastor), the Session sought God's leading to reassess the involvement of the children in the main worship service. There was a need to find the right age when the children would be able to participate in the full worship service at a level that is appropriate for them. This was to prevent the children from developing bad habits during the sermon (due to the lack of understanding) or to find worship a dread. Additionally, there were some concerns from parents with young children who felt challenged to help their young ones to sit through the worship service meaningfully. Hence, after a proposal by Eld. Winston Chew on 7 September 2019, the Session agreed for Junior Worship to start.[85] By the second Sunday of 2020, Junior Worship started. It is for children from 3 to 6 years of age (later changed to 4 to 6 years old). Any child who may benefit from the Junior Worship, particularly those who are new to our church, are also welcomed.[86] The objective is "to enable the children to worship God in a manner commensurate with their level of understanding."[87] Led by Toh Jyh Cheau (Superintendent), a team of teachers, helpers and musicians[88] taught the young ones 'to purposefully worship God'[89] and "to prepare them to join the main worship when they turn 7 years of age."[90] This ministry is not meant to take over the role of parents in preparing their young children for the worship of the Lord, but to support them in this journey.[91]



Singspiration during Junior Worship



Junior Worship Department, 2025

Church Refreshments on Sunday

On Sundays, after the Sunday schools and BBK classes, around 4.15pm, most would gravitate to the fellowship hall for a short time of refreshment, before choir practices commence (for both Church Choir and Junior Choir). Others would also stay back to fellowship (This originally started as an opportunity to get to know new friends or visitors over a cup of coffee). Week after week,

a team of ladies (usually), would prepare light refreshments, such as porridge, pasta, pastries, sandwiches, noodles, fruits, etc, for all to enjoy as they sit around and fellowship with one another. This seemingly simple ministry is by no means easy. It is a spiritual work, as with all service for the Lord. It is not just about knowing how to cook, how to arrange things nor how to organise the work. Hearts need to be right for God's blessings to flow, especially when trying to suit the variety of tastebuds in the church. More importantly, all need God's help to grant wisdom in ensuring that the quantity is sufficient, that the food is not only edible but delectable and safe to be consumed, and to serve joyfully with one another. Overseen by Chan May Ling who is assisted by Liz Yeo (who organises the disposables and store), a yearly roster is followed and different groups of ladies take their turn to serve. This service is not just in the preparation and serving of the food and cleaning up after all the serving,



Church Refreshments

but also in the training up of the younger ones on what it means to be hospitable. Even in partaking of the refreshments, we can encourage and be encouraged. It is very heartening to see some helping the older ones to get food and look out for them, and also to let others jump the queue for a particular item. May God help us to be that light for Him, knowing that no service is too trivial to be noticed by Him who sees all things, for He notices even when we simply give a cup of cold water to someone in His name.

Mid-Week Prayer Meetings

"The reason I come for the prayer meeting is because we can do nothing else [better]."[92] By 1st November 2005, the Pro-tem decided to have the mid-week prayer meetings on Wednesdays, 8pm.[93] The Pro-tem committee members and John Loo took turns to lead.[94]

Before the church started, a small group had come together to pray weekly for God to send out His light and His truth – to guide them and lead them to honour Him. When the church started, prayer was still very much needed for the infant church to seek His will and direction on how to grow in His light and His truth, so that she can be that light and truth to this sin-filled world. By the grace of God, many made the effort and are still making the effort to come together to petition to God as the body of Christ. They do so to ask Him to help us to pray for ourselves; to give thanks for His goodness; to pray for the church – her leaders, upcoming activities,



Prayer Meeting

Bible study groups, fellowship groups, and missions work; for those who are sick and lost; for the spiritual well-being and growth of individuals. This effort to come together did not stop even when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. Everyone, even the elderly, went on Zoom, 'met', and prayed together there. Thank God for granting the means to do so and to see the need to do so. May God continue to grant us the desire to cry, "O send out Thy light and Thy truth."



Chairing in prayer meeting during COVID-19

Bible Study Groups

In 2006, a "total of 9 Bible-study groups (involving some 70 members) were started through the enthusiasm of our members."[95] These Bible study groups work out the details of their meetings (venue and time to meet, teacher/s, topics to study on, and frequency of the bible study), keeping the Session informed. From then until 2024, with the consolidation of some groups and the springing up of new groups, there are now a total of 11 groups, involving some 120 members and friends.[96] The teachers include Rev. Dennis Kwok, Dn Franco Wong, Pr Joshua Yong (Pandan), Pr David Chew, Pr William Goh (Berean BP Church, teaching the Mandarin-speaking brethren), John Loo, and Carol Lee. Topics range from book studies to topical studies. Through these and other informal Bible studies being conducted, God is still, by His grace, sending out His light and His truth.



Sengkang Bible Study Group

Church Bible Study

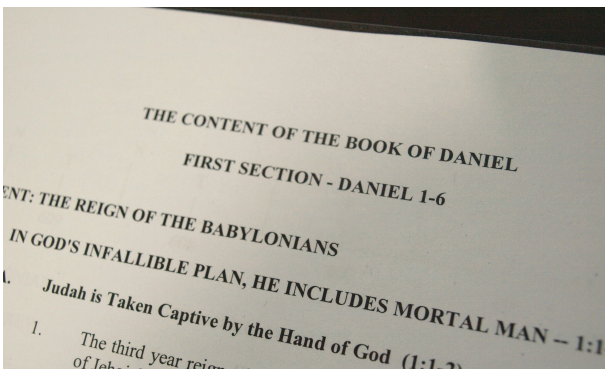
Eld Winston Chew recounted, "Initially, it was an Adult Fellowship Bible study. So every fourth Saturday, we dedicated the fellowship meeting to a Bible study conducted by Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew. So he will bring us through a book once a month, every fourth week. But we felt that it was very good. So at the session meeting, we opened it up to the rest of the fellowship groups. And during that time, we had combined fellowship meetings once every quarter. So every fifth Saturday, we have a special combined fellowship meeting where we will hear a message on



Church Bible Study 2014 men's discussion



Church Bible Study 2014 ladies' discussion



Church Bible Study notes



Church Bible Study taught by Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew

some common topic and fellowships will take turn to chair. So instead of that once a quarter meeting, we proposed that we have a once a month combined Bible study, and that later became the Church Bible study. So from that time on, it became a monthly affair every fourth Saturday."[97]

That was in 2014. Since then, every fourth Saturday of the month, all the fellowship groups would gather at the L3 sanctuary at 7.30pm to hear Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew's expositions on either a book of the Bible or a Biblical topic.[98] Discussion questions are given out beforehand, to be discussed within the various fellowship groups after the exposition. A round-up ends the whole meeting before everyone is welcomed to the scrumptious spread in the fellowship hall for a time of fellowship. Each fellowship group takes turns to chair the Bible study and that group will also be in charge of the refreshment for that day. While the adults are taught God's Word, children aged between 7 and 12 attend the Children's Bible Study, conducted by Pr David Chew.[99] The Church Bible Study has continued ever since, even during the COVID-19 pandemic, where the meetings were moved onto Zoom.

Church Quiz

At the beginning, the yearly church quiz (except for 2011) was one of the activities under the Combined Fellowship Meetings. The objectives of the quiz include: encouraging fellowship amongst church members, increasing knowledge of the Bible and Christian theology, and promoting a fun and

exciting avenue for Christian recreation.[100] Four teams sparred with one another at the very first quiz, held on 30 September 2006. There were two parts to the quiz – a written portion and a snatch round. The syllabus then included hymns and there were times when everyone joined in the singing of familiar choruses. It was very lively at times, and many 'oohs' were audible when the answers were revealed. Hearts raced, particularly when the questions were to be revealed, as the one who pressed the buzzer first could answer first (there were designated buzzer pressers). Trump cards were also introduced to raise the stakes. It was in 2009 that the quiz became Church Bible Quiz.



Church Quiz 2009

That year, there was an outdoor treasure hunt – Amazing Race style – at the Singapore Botanic Gardens, besides the usual written portion and snatch round.[101] Though tiring, it was a wonderful time of fellowship and friendly competition. Those who participated were blessed.



Amazing Race at Botanic Gardens, 2009

Many things have progressed since. The objectives for the quiz remain. However, the people who run the quiz, the syllabus and even the way the quiz is run are different now. In the initial years, Rev. Dennis Kwok, Franco Wong and Gloria Ho organised the quiz. Rev. Dennis Kwok and Franco Wong decided on the syllabus and set the questions, while Gloria Ho provided the technical support. In recent years, the Session members are the ones who decide on the syllabus to be tested and set the questions. Technology now also plays a bigger role. For the written portion, Carol Lee and Tan Swee Tiong used to mark handwritten answer scripts. This progressed to answers being typed into a shared Google Docs, before Carol Lee and Tan Swee Tiong marked the printed copies. They did not have to pull out their hair over illegible words anymore. Nowadays, answers are typed into, or selected in, a Google Form. Furthermore, once submitted, the answer scores would be released immediately. The snatch segment has also been changed to round robin, to Kahoot! with timing, and then to Kahoot! without timing. The removal of the timing component was done to encourage more participation. It also decreased the heart rates of many. The latest app used is called Quizziz, allowing more varied and creative ways to ask questions.[102] Though much quieter now, the intensity



Church Bible Quiz paper, 2016



Church Bible Quiz 2025

of competition has remained as everyone concentrates on the main screen and on each group's device, which they use to answer the questions. Steps have been taken to increase participation, such as getting pairs in the group to answer questions in the written part, with no discussion allowed between pairs. In 2025, for the first time, groups are no longer formed according to fellowship groups. Instead, the Session grouped the church members and friends from varying fellowship groups into new groups with assigned leaders. This increased the opportunity for all to interact beyond their fellowship groups.

Previously, the quiz syllabus covered topics such as The Singapore BP story, Charismatism, the book of James, the book of 1 Timothy, The Clock of the Sevenfold Will of God, Theology for Every Christian Part I, the memorization of memory verses, the kings of Judah and Israel, the Westminster Shorter Catechism, the Books of the Bible, Creation, the Armour of God, the End-time events, etc. The quiz syllabus now includes the church camp main messages, prayer meeting Scripture portions, Sunday service sermon notes, selected Adult Sunday School topics and certain pertinent Christian books (including "Bible Presbyterianism: History & Theology"). Hence, given the number of years the church has held the quizzes, the amount of materials covered has been significant. We thank God for the committee working behind the scenes to run this annual event smoothly. Unlike the quiz where there could be only one group who wins, in real life there are many winners. The true 'winner' is the one who studies, remembers and lives out what he has learnt. God is sending out His light and His truth.

Family Worship



Family Worship at the Loo's, 2006

Another ministry that started right from the word go is Family Worship, then under the charge of Andy Ho.[103] This ministry was started to encourage 'members and friends to worship the Lord together, as a family, in the home and not to limit our worship only to Sundays.'[104] This ministry continues to today. Even during the circuit breaker period of the COVID-19 pandemic, all jumped onto the Zoom platform for Family Worship and had a wonderful time worshipping the Lord together online. When gatherings were allowed with social distancing measures in place, Family Worship resumed, keeping to the restricted number of people who could physically join, ensuring that all present were both safe and spiritually encouraged. When more wished to join, they hopped onto the Zoom platform to join the worship online. By the grace of God, those days are over.

Initially held every first Friday of every even month, the meetings now are held on the fifth Friday of the month, planned by the Session and coordinated by Carol Lee. Messages are planned according to themes and assigned for particular Session members to share on. Gatherings can be very boisterous and warm, especially during the singing of hymns, participating in the activities as well as partaking of the refreshments – which are lovingly prepared by various families (coordinated by Audrey Tam). Such gatherings allow the unbelieving family members of the visited church members and friends an opportunity to know our church. Through the Word preached, hymns sung, prayersmade, and chatting over the refreshments, we hope that they will also come to know what a church is like. We pray that, by the working of the Holy Spirit, they may come to know Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour too. These gatherings also allow the church family to know one another better through such informal settings. As we spend time with one another and share our lives together, may the Lord help us to grow in His light and His truth.



Family worship at Vivian Huang's, 2025

Church Camp

A principal event in the church calendar is the yearly church camp. Even as the Pro-tem met up to discuss the church and sort out the details regarding the church's registration and the inaugural service, they also started informally discussing the first church camp. By 13 January 2006, the date and venue for the camp was confirmed – Resort Lautan Biru at Mersing, from 12-17 June 2006.[105] By 17 February 2006, many details were sorted out – the camp committee was confirmed with Martin Cheong as the camp master, Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo as the theme message speaker, and Rev. Lee Kim Shong as the night



Church Camp 2006 prayer time



Church Camp 2006 speaker, Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo



Church Camp 2006 Children's Programme



Church Camp 2006 fellowship time



Church Camp 2006 ping pong



Church Camp 2006 ball time



Church Camp 2006 beach outing



Church Camp 2006 YAF Fellowship

message speaker.[106] The camp theme finally chosen was: "Blest Be the Tie That Binds". Thank God that 67 adults and 17 children attended the camp. At the camp, Rev. Dennis Kwok and John Loo encouraged all during the morning devotions to grow in their intimacy with God. During the morning messages, "we were taught that the tie that binds us is founded on the truth of the Christian faith that is authored by our Triune God – Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The tie that binds us is also shown by our faithful and loving obedience to the forever infallible and inerrant Word of God."[107] The night messages (Theme: Bringing in the Sheaves) "encouraged and challenged us to sow the gospel seed because life can be taken away suddenly and the end time is near."[108] The children were also being fed spiritually by Josephine Loo. Besides the messages, there were discussions, question-and-answer time, a seminar (Love is Blind; Marriage Is an Eye-Opener), and a wonderful time of fellowship among brethren during meal times and along the corridors. The young and not-so-young ones hogged the table tennis table and challenged each other in the courtyard. Others played captain's ball, badminton, and bubbles. The outing to the beach was a high point too (the little hermit crabs scurrying around excited many and scared not a few). Some others got really muddy and wet while playing in the sea. The warm fellowship with the resort's housekeeping couple – Mr and Mrs Raymond Tan – and the kampong atmosphere where everyone simply hung around under the stars made this first camp memorable and refreshing. **As camp master Martin Cheong commented, "we are truly grateful to God that our hearts, minds and lives are renewed, revived and challenged to bear His truth and light."**[109]

Since then, year after year, by the grace of God, He has given us these opportunities to put aside the affairs of the world for 6 days and just sit at Jesus' feet to listen to His Word. The exhortations have caused the campers to meditate upon the truth shared and the challenge given – to renew our mind that we may "*prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God*" in our lives. He sends faithful, godly ministers to speak to us on aptly chosen themes. Morning devotions cum prayer time, seminars, games, discussions, and question-and-answer sessions are all prominent features of our camps. The heart-to-heart sessions with the speakers which give us a glimpse of their views on certain issues. These are truly blessed times. The blessings also extend to fellowship, as we sit down with one another during and after meal times to share about our lives. Some shared in their rooms, late into the night.

Since 2008, Mandarin translations have been provided to campers, whenever the need arises.

List of church camp main themes through the years:

2006	Morning - Blest be the Tie that binds Night - Bringing in the Sheaves	Rev. Jeffrey Khoo Rev. Lee Kim Shong	2016	The Fruit of the Spirit	Pr Joshua Yong
2007	Morning - Just a Closer Walk with Thee Night - The Ministry of the Holy Spirit - Past and Present	Rev. Wee Eng Moh Rev. Lee Kim Shong	2017	Fearing and Honouring God	Rev. Joseph Poon
2008	Morning - Revive Us, O Lord! Night - Our Reasonable Service	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy Rev. Lee Kim Shong	2018	A Faithful Witness for Christ	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy
2009	Make Me a Blessing	Rev. Quek Suan Yew	2019	A Prepared Heart	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy
2010	Towards a Consecrated Life (Rom 12:1-2)	Rev. Quek Suan Yew	2020	Building God's House (Haggai)	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy
2011	Wise as Serpents, Harmless as Doves (Matt 10:16)	Rev. Quek Suan Yew	2021	Holding Fast the Faithful Word (Titus)	Bro Samuel Joseph
2012	Fight the Good Fight of Faith	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy	2022	Love the LORD Thy God (Deut 6-7)	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy
2013	Living for Jesus	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy	2023	A More Sure Word of Prophecy (2 Peter)	Rev. Prabhudas Koshy
2014	Looking unto Jesus (Heb 12)	Rev. Quek Suan Yew	2024	Lord, What Wilt Thou Have Me to Do?	Rev. Jose Lagapa
2015	Kings and Priests	Rev. Joseph Poon	2025	The Preeminence of Christ	Rev. Joseph Poon

By the grace of God, the campers' participation at the annual camps has always been encouraging. Even during the COVID-19 pandemic years from 2020-2022, the camps were still held, albeit in different formats. Instead of going overseas (since we could not), we had day camps locally. In 2020, we met at Pandan. Although we did not have meals together, having to wear masks and keep a safe distance from one another, we still gathered to listen to God's Word. The children could have their own programme too, with Mrs Prabhubas Koshy and Joycelyn Chng ministering to them.

In 2021, the church camp was not called a camp but a worship, and all came together daily to meet at two different places (due to the restrictions of 50 pax limit per venue) – The Chevrons and Pandan – with the Ministry of Culture, Community & Youth's approval. A total of 96 "campers" participated in the 4 day "camp". This time, there were discussions and meal times held in various members' homes. Seminars and the children's programmes were held too. Joseph Tan, as zone I/C, ensured that all kept to the zoning rules. Everyone was thankful to God that we were still able to come together.

In 2022, the "camp" (as a form of worship unto the Lord) was also held at both The Chevrons

and Pandan in the mornings. Masks still abounded but that year, we could all eat and carry out the afternoon programme in Pandan. Looking back, we know that God truly works all things together for good to those who love Him, to those who are the called according to His purpose. Since then, we treasure the opportunity to come together to worship Him even more. In the darkest moments, when hearts worry about the pandemic and the future, He still sends out His light and truth so clearly, to comfort and guide His people. Indeed, He is our strength.[110]

To assist the campers in recalling the messages and to enable non-campers to listen to them, the PA crew records the



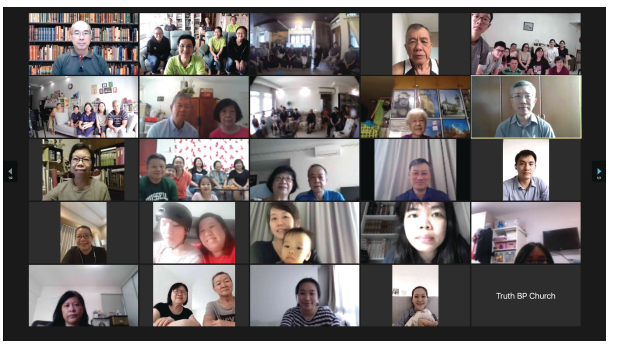
Church Camp 2015 games



Church Camp 2018 singspiration



Church Camp 2020 (Calvary Pandan)



Church Camp 2021 (fully online)



Church Camp 2022 (The Chevrons)



Church Camp meal time

camp messages. These recordings are then uploaded onto the church website. The PA crew are but a part of a big group of brethren who serve – with many in the background – to ensure that the camps run smoothly, that all can listen to the godly messages, and that all can also fellowship with one another safely and without much hindrance – physically or spiritually. They have shone God's light.

Church Fellowship Day

Another important church event is the Church Fellowship Day which usually falls on the morning of Singapore's National Day. This event was in the planning stage right after the inaugural service, and finalised in June 2006. Initially called 'Church Games Day', the first such event was held at Jurong Lake Park with the theme "Blessed Be the Tie that Binds (Part 2)."



Church Games Day 2006

The objective of the event was "to gather everyone in the spirit of love and camaraderie, to exercise our body physically and to practise Christian love towards one another."[111] There were games and even prizes for all who attended. In 2007, the 2nd Church Games Day was held at Labrador Park.

In 2008 the event's name was changed to 'Church Outing', and held in the afternoon. Rev. Dennis Kwok gave an exhortation at Pandan before everyone headed to Hort Park. The walk consisted of the Forest Walk, Hilltop Walk, and the Henderson Waves Bridge. The walk was followed by dinner at a pavilion before we walked up to Telok Blangah Hill Park where all awaited the National Day fireworks. It was an interesting experience and granted many the opportunity to fellowship with one another while exercising their body and taking in the nature surrounding them.



Church Outing 2008

In 2009, the church outing was at Bottle Tree Park. In 2010, we went to Sentosa (Palawan Beach) after an exhortation by Rev. Dennis Kwok. We had a Treasure Hunt, among other games, before feasting together at a restaurant back on the mainland.

In 2011, the name of the event had a final change to "Church Fellowship Day". This change reflects the event's objective: to encourage church members and friends to have greater interaction and fellowship through the various activities."[112] The YAF was tasked to organise this event and the theme for Church Fellowship Day 2011 was 'Joshua's Conquest.'



Church Fellowship Day 2025

After an exhortation by Rev. Dennis Kwok at Pandan, the participants proceeded to Jurong Lake Park and played games related to key events found in the book of Joshua. All, young and old, looked for 'stones', passed messages, and arranged puzzle pieces. God answered the prayers of many and kept the rain on hold, and even used the clouds to provide the much appreciated shade.[113]

As the years went by, this event continues to be in our church calendar to encourage fellowship among brethren, young and old. It reminds us to heed God's call that we are not to forsake "*the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*."[114] As Pr David reminded us from 1 John 1:3-7 at the latest Church Fellowship Day (9 August 2025, held at Choa Chu Kang Safra Club), we can fellowship with one another because we have salvation in Christ. This relationship with God allows us to have communion with Him which is a great privilege. Henceforth, we can have fellowship with fellow believers. When we have true fellowship, we will have joy because we can pray for, encourage, counsel and rebuke one another. Nevertheless, for true fellowship to happen, we cannot be in sin. Instead, we must walk in the light and have eternal hope in Him. May God help us to continue to learn how to fellowship with Him and His people. For then will His light and His truth be sent forth.

Sending Out His Light Together

Truth BP Church started on 01.01.06. By 07.01.06, 3 fellowship groups had gathered

joyously for their first meeting. As members and friends of similar ages gather to listen to God's Word with applications more targeted to the issues they may face, and hearing about one another's struggles, the fellowship groups aim to encourage all to grow together in the Lord, bearing one another's burdens through prayer and deeds. By doing so, they are sending out His light together.

Youth Fellowship (YF)



YF 2nd Anniversary 2008

Goh Zuyi wrote in the 1st Annual General Report that around 13-15 youths would gather weekly for a time of spiritual learning and fellowship. She thanked God for provisions – a venue to meet, spiritual feeding from godly preachers on pertinent topics, and brethren of like-minded faith to serve with.[115] Through the years, even as the baton of leadership has been passed down, God still provides the youths with a place to meet and also provides abundant and relevant spiritual food for them to feast on. He provided leaders too – Dn Tan Swee Tiong (until 2011), Rev. Dennis Kwok (until 2014), Dn Emerson Ang, and most recently, Dn Alan Tam – who carry the torch to today alongside counsellors Carol Lee and Liz Yeo.

A typical weekly Saturday YF evening sees the approximately 20 youths singing hymns, listening to the messages, sharing their burdens and praying for one another, before a time of refreshments and fellowship ends. They are separated into groups to facilitate interaction. Committees – which plan and prepare the refreshments, sermon notes, Christian literature, handiwork, meeting preparation, birthday celebration, gospel rally, outing, YF camp, caroling, and anniversary – are formed to encourage service. There are also Bible study groups for the girls and the boys separately during the month.



YF Boys' Bible Study Group, 2025



YF Girls' Bible Study Group, 2024

One major event in the YF calendar is the YF stay-in camp – typically lasting 5 days during the December holidays. Besides morning devotions, messages, discussions, and dorm fellowship, there are also outings

and evangelism during the camp. Church aunties provide them with lunch and dinner, except for the final night when they would prepare their own dinner. Many youths remember the camps with fondness.



YF Retreat 2024

Through the years, much effort has been taken to relook how this ministry should be run in order to fulfill its purpose better. Some changes include the age extension, where youths can stay on until they reach 25 years old, as compared to 21 years old previously. Dn Emerson Ang explains, "The extension was mainly due to the fact that the boys tend to start working later due to 2 years of National Service. For the girls, they start work at about 23, 24. So to help us better reflect the life cycle pattern of our youths, we increased the age limit." Another significant administrative change is regarding the appointment of the Exco. Previously elected, now office bearers are appointed. This is because "the church leadership realised that youths should not be leading youths. Hence, there should not be a youth president leading the YF, but the Advisors/overseers..."[116] Yet another change to the YF is the calling for more counselors to help build up the youths in their spiritual walk and to give more personal attention to each of them. By His call, Liz Yeo, Dn Alan Tam joined Dn Emerson Ang and Carol Lee to serve together with the parents, helping our youths navigate through this world of darkness and temptations. We pray that this may help the youths to make biblical decisions through their formative years.

The youth leaders who formed the first YF have just stepped into their 40s. After Goh Zuyi, the YF presidents that followed were Joshua Yong, Emerson Ang, Jocelyn Yong, Joan Loo and David Chew. Now, Dn Emerson Ang and Dn Alan Tam preside over a small committee to run the ministry. Most of the YFers are children born to Christian parents who worship in the church. However, by the grace of God, a few youths not born into the church have joined at the invitation of the YFers and have been regularly attending the YF. By His mercies, they have professed their faith in Christ as well. For those who have 'graduated' from the YF, many have moved on to serve in the YAF. There are also those who have left the church, some to serve in other churches and beyond.[117] May God continue to use this ministry to help the youths to 'know Christ and to make Him known'.



YF 19th Anniversary 2025

Young Adults Fellowship (YAF)

Dn Franco, the current Advisor and leader of the YAF, recalled that there were initially no plans for Truth to have a YAF as the age range (21-35 years old) "caused more problems of transition" and he "felt that it would be better if the YF just transition over to AF." Hence, he suggested to the initial AF Pro-tem – Winston Chew, Alice Tan, Franco Wong and Sara Wong[118] – to "collapse YAF and try to build up the YF and let the YF [transition] straight [into] AF" during one of the meetings before the start of the new church. However, as Eld. Winston Chew reported in the 2006 Annual General Report, "after getting some feedback from members, it was decided to have YAF and AF separately."[119]

The YAF has no motto. Nevertheless, every year, the Exco will decide on the theme for the year. The messages and activities are then planned according to the theme. The theme for 2024 was For I Know My Redeemer Liveth, as the YAF embarked on the study of the Book of Job for the year 2024.



YAF 2006

At the beginning, about 20 young adults gathered regularly to meet for weekly Saturday meetings, monthly Bible studies, and monthly cottage meetings, to encourage one another in their walk with the Lord. Rev. Dennis Kwok was the Advisor to the YAF until Dn Franco Wong took over in 2009. We thank God for the services of Alan Tam, Haw Shuen Siang, and Yong Xiao Wei (then Ho Xiao Wei) who were Presidents of YAF, before Dn Franco Wong took over as leader of the YAF committee.

One of the main challenges the YAF faces is her dwindling number of members. This became a concern when at one point, there were more sisters than brothers, leading to a situation where sisters were holding leadership positions in the Exco. As the sisters became convinced that they should not lead, the Session agreed for Dn Franco Wong to take over the leadership of the Exco. Subsequently, and until today, the YAF has been run by an appointed core group. By the grace of God, membership has rebounded with the influx of new members and now stands at 14. The total number of regular attendees is about 17. By the grace of God, many have stepped forward to serve in the following committees: Chinese New Year, retreat, church camp, gospel night, caroling, combined meetings, birthday celebration, message recording, and Water Brooks (a publication ministry).

A typical fellowship evening will have the usual singing of hymns, Scripture reading, message, a time of sharing and prayer, offering, and then announcements, ending with a short time of refreshments. Somehow, many who have been through YAF will

remember the deep sharing with one another and the closeness of the group. This could be due to the group's small size. Visiting one another during the monthly cottage meetings and Bible studies help too, as they provide opportunities for fellowship with one another amidst learning from the Word of God together.[120]



YAF Cottage Meeting

There is also the yearly retreat at Changi chalet during the March holidays. The 3-day-2-night stay-in retreat allows those who attend an opportunity to retreat from the world and just live with one another, as they listen to messages, have discussions, and share during dorm fellowship. Doing chores together (like mopping the gigantic place before the whole retreat starts), cooking meals and preparing for the BBQ together are needful and even instrumental in helping the YAFers to serve one another. Meeting up for lunch and shopping for groceries before the retreat are some of the highlights too. Gathering at Changi Airport to have a time of personal reflection and corporate sharing has become the standard way to end the retreat. God has granted the blessings of biblical messages during meetings and retreats, and has also blessed us with opportunities for fellowship.[121] Thank God for the light and the truth that He has sent.

One of the unique ministries of the YAF is in ministering to the FEBC students who are supported by Truth during their studies here. Some FEBC students whom the YAF reached out to, and who have already graduated are Rev. Nguyen Van Hieu, now serving as a Pastor in Vietnam, and Pr Tan Bun Kuoy, now serving in Cambodia and is under the Truth Missions Society's support. When they come, they bring along their culture and their desire for the work of the Lord, as well as their struggles. It is very encouraging to witness how God helps them with their challenges – at home and in FEBC, and for those who have graduated and are serving Him, in the vineyard. There was a point in time when the YAF could sing a hymn in Khmer, Kiswahili, Vietnamese, Bahasa Indonesia, Chinese, and English. It is a great reminder that the gospel truly saves, regardless of skin colour, age, language, or background.



YAF FEBC Students (past and present)

Some who used to attend the YAF have left – some to other churches,[122] some overseas,[123] and some who are no longer in any church. We thank God for their time with the YAF and pray that the YAF had been a faithful witness in the Lord to them during their time there. "May God continue to help the members of YAF to grow in knowledge, faith and godly lives, until Jesus comes again to receive His own."[124]



YAF 19th Anniversary 2025

Truth Adults Fellowship (TAF)



AF 2nd Anniversary 2007

Truth Adults Fellowship's motto: To live is Christ, to die is gain (Phil 1:21). Those who are above 35 years of age are encouraged to join TAF. Anyone younger is also welcomed. They meet "to increase in the knowledge of God's Word; pray always with all perseverance and to be a consistent witness."[125]

A regular group of TAF members and friends meet twice monthly in church for their meetings, which typically includes the singing of hymns, a message, discussion and prayer. Special events are also held to minister to the members, such as the gospel night, combined meetings with the YAF, retreat, and Christmas dinner and caroling. By the grace of God, 38 have signed up as members in 2024. They can serve in the Outreach and Encouragement ministry (Eric Toh I/C), which visits members and friends to encourage them in the Lord; Word Ministry (Dn Anthony Cheng I/C), which sends daily Bible verses to those in the AF WhatsApp chat group and produces the TAF Times; Prayer Ministry (Mary Yong I/C), which collates prayer requests to be shared in the AF WhatsApp chat group; Evangelism Ministry (Dn Benjamin Yeo/ Alice Tan I/C), which shares electronic Gospel tracts, organises the Gospel Night, and publicises upcoming missions trips to encourage the members to participate.[127]

As the membership of the TAF increases, members and friends are grouped into smaller groups to encourage closer fellowship. Each group will take its turn



AF Prayer Night 2011

to serve in various areas, encouraging fellowship along the way. The leaders prayed that "He will continue to help the adults in Truth BP Church to grow in grace, faith and in obedience to His Word."[128]

By the grace of God, the 3 fellowship groups will be celebrating their 20th anniversary in January 2026. The fellowship groups' aim is to help members grow closer to the Lord and to one another through the teaching and application of His Word, and through praying one for another as they share their lives. New visitors to the church are encouraged to join the fellowship groups and we thank God that some have come and have grown closer to the members and friends as they continue to attend the fellowship meetings. Hence, in light of that, other fellowship groups are formed and we pray that God will continue to help us to shine forth His light and His truth, so that through the various activities, His light and truth shines through the darkness to various groups of people who all need the Lord.



AF Outing 2023

Truth Children's Fellowship (TCF)
Theme verse: "*And thou shalt love the LORD thy God with all thine heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy might*." (Deut 6:5)
Theme: Thou shalt love the Lord thy God
Objectives: To evangelise boys and girls with the pure gospel of Jesus Christ and to establish them in the Word of God for Christian living.[129]

When Truth first started, the Pro-tem felt that there was no need for a Saturday children's programme, and those who wished to could place their children with Pandan's Calvary Mission to Children (CMC) programme (which some did). However, by August 2006, Yong Choon Leong submitted a paper by Mary Yong, on behalf of the adhoc committee of the children's ministry, which proposed to start our own children's programme.[130] The Pro-tem agreed and Pr Dennis Kwok and Winston Chew started working on this. By 31 October 2006, a working committee was formed: Pr Dennis Kwok, Winston Chew, Mary Yong, Chew Soh Han and Tammy Ho. On 6 January 2007, TCF had her inaugural meeting at Winston Chew's home.



TCF Inaugural Meeting 2007

The logo, motto, theme verse, and theme song were finalised. TCF bags were given out and TCF shirts were designed and sourced.

TCF logo



TCF shirt

Since then, the TCF continues to meet weekly on Saturday afternoons during the school terms, and is for children who are aged 4 to 12. Children aged 7 and below join the younger group, while children aged 8 and above join the older group.

The programme starts with everyone coming together to recite the TCF theme verse and sing the TCF theme song, followed by a time of singspiration and then offering. The message follows after that, and then the children separate into their small groups for counselling time. They then re-gather for a time of either games or reading before ending with some light refreshments. To encourage participation, in-house paper coupons are given to reward students for actions such as regular attendance, good behaviour and active participation. At the end of each quarter, the children have quizzes to help them recall what they have learnt. The quizzes are often conducted in a friendly competition style. The children's enthusiastic participation demonstrate that the quiz's objectives have been achieved. As an incentive, winners earn more coupons. After the quiz, the children can use the coupons 'earned' to exchange for gifts such as Bibles, books, stationery, plush toys, etc. – lovingly sourced by Audrey Tam (who took over this role from Tina Yee and Chew Soh Han). Special programmes such as anniversary, missions, and outings are also planned.



TCF 1st Anniversary 2008

Each quarter, the children will study a specific topic. Through the years, the topics covered include God is Great, I Accept God's Way, The Fruit of the Spirit, OT Survey, NT Survey, The Seven 'I Am' Sayings, Miracles of the Bible, Lessons from Proverbs, and The Christian Soldier. The invited speakers for the messages include Eld. Winston Chew, Pr David Chew, Dn Franco Wong, Tan Chin



TCF 18th Anniversary 2025

Cheong, Serene Lee, Karen Lee, and Sara Wong for the older children. For the younger children, the speakers include Dn Emerson Ang, Ng Boon Choo, Liz Yeo, Audrey Tam, Kwok Yumin, Carine Chua, Gracia Chew, and Hadassah Chew. The teachers involved in the counsel time are vital too, as they speak to the children in smaller groups. These teachers do not merely help the children to complete the worksheet, but more importantly, they share the gospel to the children (the gospel is shared during the message too) and clarify any questions the children may have.

This ministry is not a one-man show. The TCF committee now consists of Eld. Winston Chew (advisor), Ng Boon Choo and Pr David Chew. God provides the stalwarts – Pr David Chew, Elena Seah (pianist), Gracia Chew, Karen Lee, Kwok Yumin, and Ng Boon Choo to ensure that this ministry continues in its calling to minister to the children. God also calls others to help out, particularly those who help with refreshments after the meetings. By His grace, this ministry will celebrate her 19th anniversary in early 2026. Many had passed through her portals year after year, including friends and relatives who were invited by members of the church, or through the VBS (to be elaborated below). We even had a girl, Sharon, who came because of an E-band tracting session (through a TCF invite at the door). Through the help of church members who fetched her to and from TCF, she attended this programme for a few years. We thank God that through this ministry, His light and His truth has shone to all the little souls who have come through its door, whatever their background.

Men's Fellowship



Men's Fellowship 2020

"Men's fellowship's inaugural meeting was held in church on 18 September 2010, with fifteen men in attendance."[132] This fellowship was set up "to help one another how to be a blessing to the women in our family, church, as well as workplace." The unique feature of this fellowship is that the topics are focused "on the specific spiritual needs of men."[133] The topics covered include: Man of Wrath, and Be a Man of Mercy and Forgiveness. Initially started as a bi-monthly meeting, there were times when it was difficult to meet. Nonetheless, by the grace of God, the brothers now meet in the evening of every fifth Saturday of the month. They not only hear from godly speakers about relevant topics pertaining to their spiritual life and walk, but also share and pray one for another. They need to have the light and the truth from God and His Word, in order to be that light and truth to their family, church and workplace.

Team Barnabas

"Team Barnabas is a ministry of encouragement."[134] Rev. Dennis Kwok started this ministry in February 2008 to reach out to the elderly,[135] the sickly, and the non-working group among the adult members of Truth.[136]



Team Barnabas first home visit 2008

A core group of 12 meet regularly every Thursday afternoon to listen to God's Word, sing hymns and pray for one another before ending with some light refreshments. A simple quiz follows the message, to help reinforce what was preached. The messages, though simple, are rich in His truth, desiring the hearers not only to understand but also to be doers of His Word. This ministry also desires that members rest in His precious promise of eternal life, even as they face unavoidable physical death.

Past members who used to attend the Team Barnabas but who have gone home to be with the Lord include Mr Chan (May Ling's father), Uncle Peter Tan, Aunty Eileen Goh, Aunty Kim Ang,[137] and Helen Tan's father (whom Team Barnabas visited on and off). Rev. Dennis Kwok recalled someone asking him about this ministry, wondering if the effort is worth it as the elderly can hardly remember what was preached, and they have so many physical needs, especially when they go for outings and overseas

retreats. However, Rev. Dennis Kwok – though he feels the pain when anyone passes on – desires to assure and encourage them to prepare to meet the Lord, knowing that it is the Holy Spirit who will help the dying (and the living) to remember God's promises. Hence, as Team Barnabas ministers mainly to the elderly, Rev. Dennis Kwok is thankful to God for the opportunity to be that instrument to help them in their evening years on earth, to remember the Word of God that will surely encourage and comfort their hearts.[138] The ministry's effort will not be in vain. His light and His truth are being sent out not just to the young, but also to the not-so-young.

The Team Barnabas' regular members are: Uncle Leslie Goh, Aunty Shirley Ho, Aunty Rose Kee, Uncle Charlie Seow and Aunty Mary Seow, Uncle and Aunty Tan, Uncle Raymond Er, Uncle Lawrence Kee and Aunty Betty Kee, Jesse Lim, with Rev. Dennis Kwok and Wilson Low providing transport. Chan May Ling has welcomed the members to her home for their regular meetings since a few years ago. Besides the regular meetings and outings, overseas retreats are also organised. We thank God for a few younger ones who accompany the elderly on such trips to ensure their safety and also to fellowship with them – Dn Anthony Cheng, Chan May Ling, Kwok Yumin, Carol Lee, Eric Toh, Wilson Low, and Karen Lee. The Team Barnabas has also visited various brethren, such as Mdm Foo Tai (Mrs Helen Lee's mom), Rev. (Dr) and Mrs Timothy Tow, and Rev. (Dr) and Mrs Tow Siang Hwa.[139] The meetings could not continue during the COVID-19 pandemic, when physical meetings were disallowed. To continue feeding the flock with God's Word, Rev. Dennis Kwok sent pre-recorded messages to the members weekly until end December 2020.[140] The members could meet again when the restrictions were lifted at the beginning of 2021. The members did return despite the nagging worry about infection. However, as the COVID-19 pandemic situation fluctuated, social distancing rules changed as quickly as the blink of an eye. Nonetheless, whatever the rules, Rev. Dennis Kwok and Karen Lee adapted. One option they chose to ensure that the members were still spiritually fed, besides the pre-recorded messages (when no meetup was allowed), would be to have a small group meeting physically while the others joined via the Zoom platform. During the COVID-19 pandemic, when such small group meetings with limitations were allowed, Uncle and Aunty Tan played host.[141] By the grace of God, that time has passed and now the members have resumed their regular meetups and overseas retreats. They might be getting a bit slower and weaker, losing clarity in sight and hearing. Yet, by the grace of God, they still come to be blessed.

"The fellowship is certainly warm and we welcome more to join us. We come together to encourage others and we are encouraged in return. What a wonderful gathering of saints!"[142] Indeed, may the Lord continue to use this ministry to encourage not only the elderly, but also the young. May this ministry



Team Barnabas 2025

also send out His light and His truth, that all may be prepared to meet the Lord.

Agape Love Ministry (ALM)

"Agape Love Ministry (ALM) was started in August 2009"[143] to encourage our church members and friends in their Christian faith and spiritual walk with God, and to witness to family members who are unbelievers.[144] Back then, various church members and friends were visited on the first Friday of the month. During the visitation, a short exhortation was shared, besides prayer and the singing of hymns. People who were visited included Wan Yue Chor and family (2014),[145] Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, as well as Pamela Koh-Ng and family (2016),[146] Uncle Ng (Boon Choo's father, 2017),[147] Uncle Winston Yeo and Aunty Florence Yeo (2018),[148] Tey Choon Kee (2019),[149] Joel Chang (2020),[150] Wong Kai Leong and Kate Wong (2021),[151] Edrea Tai as well as Pauline Lee and family (2022),[152] Lyndsey Lee as well as Han Mong Eng (2023),[153] and Mr and Mrs Felix Chan (2024).[154]

During the COVID-19 pandemic years, except for during the time of circuit breaker where we could not meet face to face, ALM continued, following strictly to the government rules. Because of social distancing restrictions, only a limited number could meet physically. Others would then join virtually.[155]

When the COVID-19 pandemic restrictions were totally lifted, the number of people joining the ALM each month slowly increased by a few folds. Perhaps it was the effect of having regained "freedom", or that many appreciated the opportunity to meet. Before the pandemic, the usual attendance was around

10 people. However, by 2024, the attendance resembled that of a family worship. Though still a wonderful blessing for all to fellowship, the large number of attendees was not ideal for getting to know the host well. Hence, to allow for a more intimate interaction with the visited members, the ALM is now only meant for Session members and their spouses to visit. Three members (and their families) are visited on the same night by different Session members at the visited members' respective homes. Such meetings are more informal and personal. God's Word is shared, and prayer is made at the start and end of the meeting, after hearing from one another (not just from the host). Rev. Dennis Kwok makes all the arrangements and assignments. God's light and truth is shining.



ALM at Aunty Han Mong Eng's, 2025



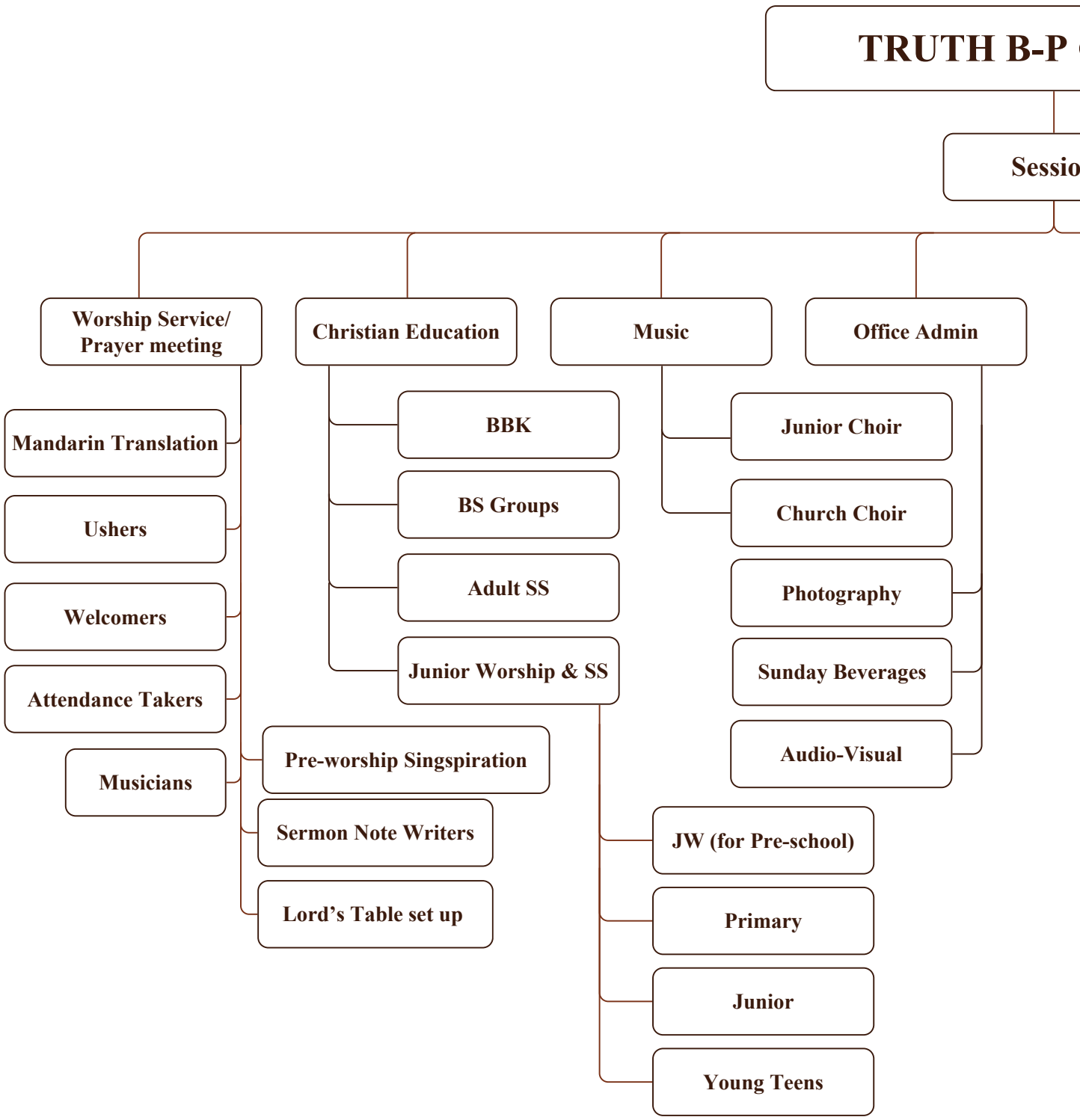
ALM at Aunty Helen Lee's, 2025

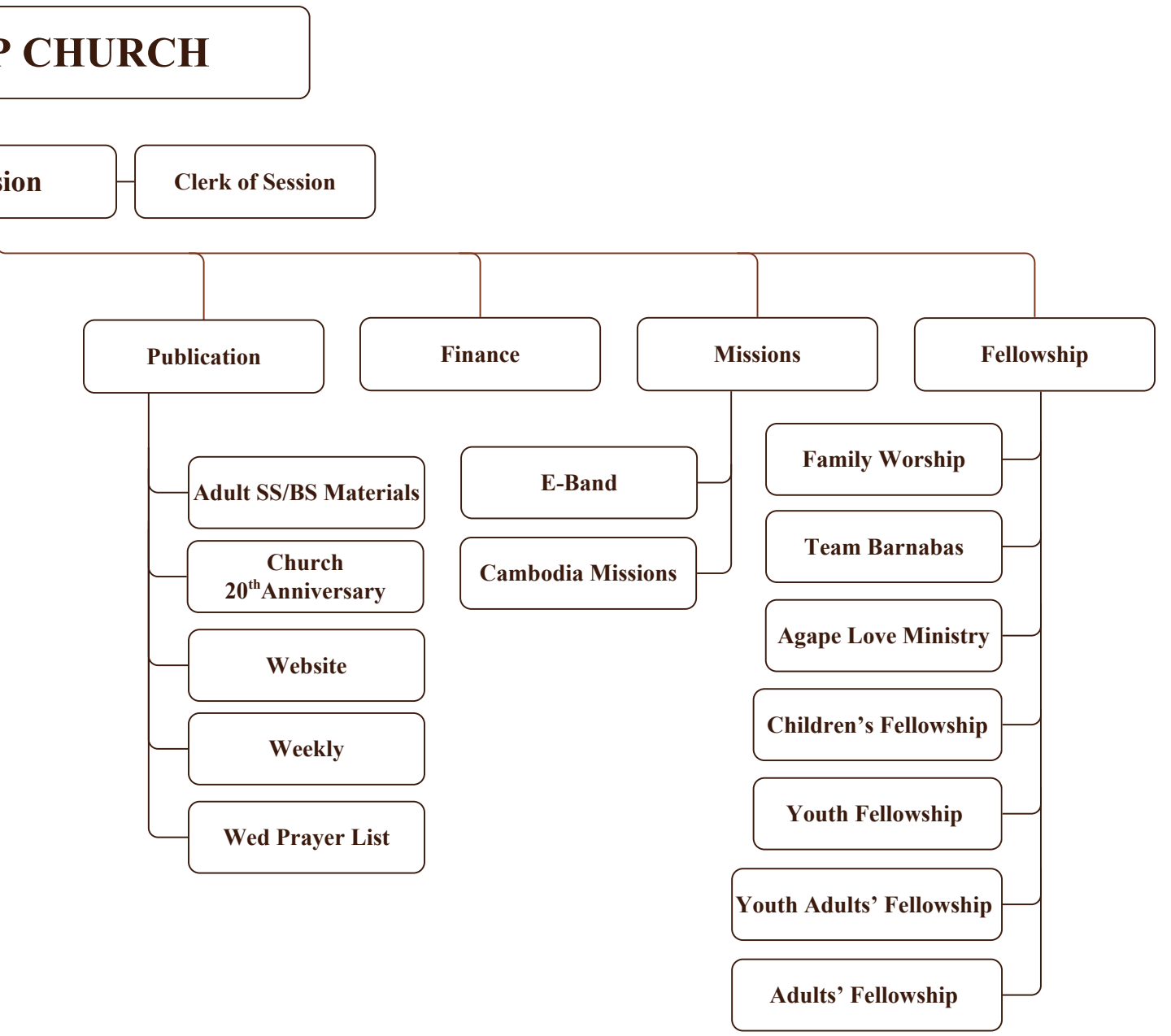


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ALM at the Seah's, 2025

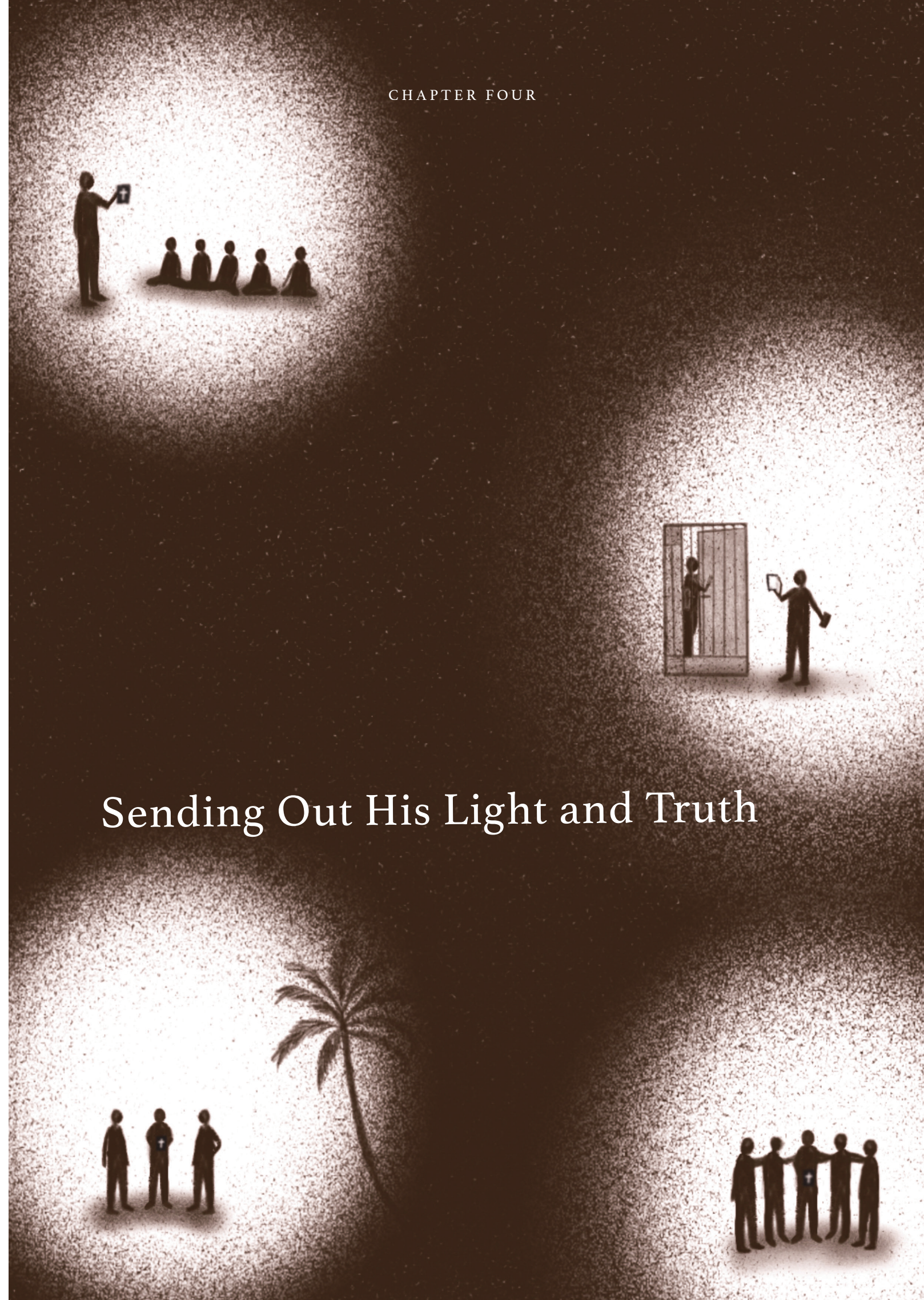

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Adult SS
Junior Worship & SS
JW (for Pre-school)
Primary
Junior
Young Teens
Junior Choir
Church Choir
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Sunday Beverages
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Youth Fellowship
Youth Adults' Fellowship
Adults' Fellowship

[41] Minutes of the 1st Annual Congregational Meeting 1st Election of Session.
[42] The Ordination Council comprised of Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa, Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo and Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew.
[43] Rev. Dennis Kwok, interview, pg 23
[44] Picture dated 7 May 2007, Truth Archives.
[45] Pandan's BBK book, pg 167, point 7.
[46] The current batch of sermon note writers: Dn Anthony Cheng, Audrey Tam, Elyssa Wong, Eunice Low, Gracia Chew, Hadassah Chew, Haw Hui Jen, Haw Yew Nyen, Joanna Hung, Sara Wong. The sermon notes are also approved by the Session before printing.
[47] Truth BPC Web ministry previously managed by Carol Lee, is now under Dn Benjamin Yeo and supported by Chua Beng Choon.
[48] Truth PA crew: Dn Anthony Cheng (i/c), Gloria Ho, Eunice Low, Sarah Low, Hung Chao Wei, Sean Seet, Bryan Tan, Abel Tam.
[49] Information from Mrs Linda Lee, Mr Ng's wife.
[50] Current translators on duty: Serene Lee, He Yirong, Sara Wong, with administrative support from Ng Boon Choo, with Rev. Dennis Kwok and Dn Alan Tam overseeing this ministry.
[51] We thank God for the service of Esther Lin, Ho Xiao Wei and Yee Wing Sun who had stepped down from this service.
[52] Current team of pre-worship singspiration leaders: Eld. Winston Chew, Dn Alan Tam, Dn Benjamin Yeo, Dn Emerson Ang, Dn Franco Wong, Pr David Chew, Eric Toh, Tan Chin Cheong.
[53] The current church musicians are led by Karen Haw, and she serves with Pr David Chew, Elena Seah, Eunice Low, Serene Lee, Toh Yih Lynn, Toh Yih Wei, Wong En-Si, Wong En-Qi.
[54] Eld. Winston Chew is the overall i/c of the music ministry and Gloria Ho is the Church Choir conductor.
[55] Current Junior Choir members: Ezrielle Ang, Joy Seah, Charissa Kwok, Ezrienne Ang, Daniel Seah, Hannah Haw, Leia Yeo.
[56] Led by the treasurer, currently Dn Franco Wong, the counters are: Eld. Winston Chew, Dn Emerson Ang, Dn Benjamin Yeo, Dn Anthony Cheng, Joseph Tan, Jacob Lim and Martin Cheong (the last three since the beginning). Chan May Ling helps with the keeping of the books, while Elena Seah, Serene Lee and Corina Lim take turns to be the internal auditors for the church.
[57] Current team of welcomers: Carol Lee, Audrey Tam, Haw Hui Jen, Liz Yeo, Tan Lye Chan.
[58] Current team of attendance takers are: Kwok Yumin, Mary Yong, Corina Lim, Amalthea Wong, Elyssa Wong.
[59] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, F.3.
[60] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, F.3.
[61] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, F.3.
[62] Current team of ushers (led by Dn Emerson Ang and Joseph Tan): Dn Alan Tam, Dn Anthony Cheng, Dn Benjamin Yeo, Dn Emerson Ang, Dn Franco Wong, Pr David Chew, Bryan Tan, Daniel Chew, Eric Toh, Ernest Kwok, Haw Yew Nyen, Hung Chao Wei, Ian Koh, Justin Wan, Samuel Seah, Sean Seet, Tan Chin Cheong, Tan Swee Tiong, Timotheus Chua, Wong Kai Leong, Yong Choon Leong.
[63] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, F2.
[64] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, F.2.
[65] Previously led by Martin Cheong and assisted by Susan Cheong, the team that quietly serves in this ministry: Dn Alan Tam, Dn Anthony Cheng (baker for the bread), Karen Lee, Michelle Lee, Abel Tam, Asher Tam, Jacob Lim, Corina Lim.
[66] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, C.1, para 1.
[67] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.2, para 1.
[68] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.2, para 6.
[69] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2011, C.3, para 4.
[70] Luke 17:2: It were better for him that a millstone were hanged about his neck, and he cast into the sea, than that he should offend one of these little ones.
[71] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.4, para 3.
[72] We thank God for the service of Mary Yong, Eileen Khoo, Eunice Low.
[73] Current Primary dept teachers: Ng Boon Choo (I/C), Dn Anthony Cheng, Josephine Loo, Chan May Ling, Audrey Tam, Kwok Yumin.
[74] By the grace of God, Yong Xiao Wei, while still a member of Truth, served in Pandan as their full-time worker and developed this curriculum.
[75] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2018, C.3, para 4.
[76] Current Junior dept teachers: Alice Tan (I/C), Dn Benjamin Yeo, Pr David Chew, Helen Tan, Serene Lee, Karen Lee.
[77] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2012, C.3, para 6.
[78] Current team of Young Teens teachers: Eric Toh (I/C), Dn Alan Tam, Tan Chin Cheong, Liz Yeo, Sara Wong.
[79] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2014, C.3, para 4.
[80] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2019, C.3, para 4.
[81] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2015, C.3, para 4.
[82] Started in 2008, (Truth BPC AGR for the year 2009, C.3, para 4), it is a special combined program when Rev. Dennis speaks to the children, to minister to them God's Word.
[83] Rev. Dennis Kwok, interview, pg 10.
[84] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2008, A7.5, para 4.
[85] Eld. Winston Chew in his interview, pg 3.
[86] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.3, para 3.
[87] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2020, C.3, para 2.
[88] Current team of Teachers, Helpers and Muscians: Dn Emerson Ang, Toh Jyh Cheau, Carine Chua, Eunice Low, Gracia Chew, Mary Yong, Chew Soh Han, Ng Boon Choo, Hadassah Chew, Tan Sue-Ann, Toh Yih Lynn, Titus Chua, Wong En-qi.
[89] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.3, para 2.
[90] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.3 para 3.
[91] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.3, para 2.
[92] Shared by Rev. Dennis Kwok, Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, A.6, para 1.
[93] Pro-tem committee minutes dated 1 November 2005, item 5.6
[94] Pro-tem committee minutes dated 13 November 2005, item 3.3.8.
[95] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, C.4, para 1.
[96] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, C.6, para 1.

[97] Eld. Winston Chew, in his interview.
[98] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2015, C.4.
[99] We thank God for the service of past teachers to the children: Carol Lee and Yong Xiao Wei.
[100] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2009, A.7.6, para 2.
[101] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2009, A.7.6, para 2.
[102] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, A.7.2, para 4.
[103] We thank God for Andy Ho's service in this ministry from 2006-2009. It was under the charge of then Dn Martin Cheong until 2014.
[104] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, D.5, para 2.
[105] Pro-tem committee minutes dated 13 January 2006, item 3.22.5.
[106] Pro-tem committee minutes dated 17 February 2006, item 3.21.4
[107] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, A.7.1, para 5.
[108] As above.
[109] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, A.7.1, para 11.
[110] Ps 43:2a: For thou art the God of my strength:
[111] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, A.7.3, para 2.
[112] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2011, A.7.6, para 3.
[113] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2011, A.7.6.
[114] Heb 10:25.
[115] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, D.1.
[116] Comments by Dn Emerson Ang, dated 13 August 2025
[117] Those who are now in other churches and serving actively include: Goh Zuyi (Pandan), Pr Joshua Yong (Pandan); Lee Hui Lin (Gethsamane); Yong Xiao Wei (Pandan); Eileen Khoo (True Life).
118 This pro-tem later included Martin Cheong, Joe Tan, Alan Tam and Audrey Tam (Pro-tem meeting minutes dated 11 December 2005, 3.2.12)
[119] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, item D.3 para 1.
[120] Cottage meetings will usually be held on a Friday night at someone's home and all share lessons they have learnt from their quiet time. A very beneficial spiritual exercise and many are greatly encouraged by it.
[121] These messages can be found on the church website.
[122] Those who left while in YAF and were serving faithfully are: Goh Zuyi (now at Pandan); Tam Yee Mun (Calvary Jaya); Tammy Ho (Tabernacle BPC); Yong Xiaowei (Pandan).
[123] At the time of writing, Joanne Loo is in France, Jocelyn Yong in New Zealand, Joel Chang in Perth. And Joan Loo just returned from UK.
[124] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, item D.3. para 6.
[125] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, item D.3. para 4.
[126] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, item D.4. para 4.
[127] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, item D.4, para12.
[128] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, item D.4, para 13.
[129] Pro-tem committee meeting minutes dated 27 February 2007, item 3.9.
[130] Pro-tem committee meeting minutes dated 27 June 2006, item 3.8.
[131] Pro-tem committee meeting minutes dated 31 October 2006, item 3.9.
[132] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2010, D.5. para 2.
[133] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2012, D.5, para 2.
[134] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2008, D.7, para 1.
[135] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2013, D.7, para 1.
[136] Core personnel serving in this ministry: Rev. Dennis Kwok (I/C), Karen Lee (since 2012). We thank God for John Loo's service in this ministry for a season.
[137] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2022, D.6, para 3.
[138] Rev. Dennis Kwok, interview, pg 27.
[139] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2008, D.7.
[140] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2020, D.6, para 3.
[141] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2021, D.6.
[142] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2011, D.7, para 5.
[143] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2009, D.7, para 1.
[144] Core personnel taking care of this ministry: Rev. Dennis Kwok (I/C). We thank God for the service of Karen Lee in the past.
[145] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2014, D.8, para 2.
[146] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2016, D.7, para 2;
[147] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2017, D.7, para 2
[148] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2018, D.7, para 2.
[149] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2019, D.7, para 2.
[150] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2020, D.7, para 2.
[151] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2021, D.7, para 2.
[152] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2022, D.7, para 2.
[153] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2023, D.7, para 2.
[154] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2024, D.7, para 2.
[155] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2021, D.7.

CHAPTER FOUR



Sending Out His Light and Truth

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Reaching out to souls in Singapore and Beyond



First VBS, 2008

Vacation Bible School (VBS)

The very first VBS was held in Pandan, from 20-22 November 2008. The theme: Finding the Answer. Sandra Teo (Pandan) and Joshua Yong were the speakers. Slightly more than 100 children attended and more than 40 helpers were involved. The response was stupefying. Through the 3-day programme, the gospel was shared as the children tried to find the answer to the question: which came first - the chicken or the egg? Besides messages, they had craft, games, and interaction time within their small groups.[156] Hopefully, they found the answer to the question and above that, the One who made all things and who is their only Saviour.[157]

The VBS continues to be a huge endeavour With Ng Boon Choo as the organiser, coordinator, administrator, and contact person, a core team helps her with the logistics, transport, and administration (including registration). Every role, when put together like a puzzle, ensures that at the end of the day, those who attend the VBS will be able to receive the gospel clearly through various means – the 3 messages, the helpers' interaction with them through the VBS, the craft made, the songs sung, the games played, the video watched, and the sharing time where the gospel is plainly shared. Hence, the helpers play a vital role. The group I/C has the charge of 6-12 children, and would be the one on the ground with most contact with them. He or she would need to

manage the class, ensuring the safety of the children and making sure that they are not left out or lost. The group I/Cs have the help of an assistant. There are also the helpers in charge of the various activities – craft, games, video presentation, and outing. Last but not least, there are the message speakers and those who share the gospel during sharing time. Ensuring the children are well-fed, the food I/C leads a team to prepare light refreshments (which is breakfast to many of the children) for their snack time. Some helpers play double roles, and all is done for the truth and the light to shine.



VBS Gospel time

During the COVID-19 pandemic, the VBS was held on Zoom. Thank God that many joined – 64 for the first year[158] and 37 for the second year,[159] before physical VBS resumed. During the COVID-19 pandemic, we learnt much about breakout rooms and sharing screens. It was quite a feat, arranging more than 70 children (some as young as K2) and adults on Zoom, in and out of different rooms, for the different activities. At times, we had to try to find the lost sheep and also helped some children whose line had dropped to return to the fold. Hence, while the speakers and the helper I/Cs of the activities engaged the children online, there was at least one helper in the background monitoring and sorting out those who had suddenly 'disappeared'. We thank God for Ivy Wan whose crucial help kept all online.



VBS over Zoom 2021

Through the years, many children have joined the VBS, with some from unbelieving families and some from non-BP backgrounds. We thank God that they could join us at the VBS and pray that they have understood what the gospel of Christ truly is, that they might be saved. Some have professed to believe during the VBS. We thank God for the gospel seed sown. Though most could not be followed-up with for various reasons, we know that those who are His will not be lost. By the grace of God, some, such as Celeste Wan and Adele Lim could join us beyond the VBS. Celeste Wan no longer joins us but Adele Lim, by the grace of God and the encouragement of her grandaunt, Mary Yong, was baptised in July 2025. Her baptism comes after several years of joining our church activities, and was witnessed by her family, her beloved grandmother and the church family. Thank God for His light and truth.



VBS 2024

Combined Youth Conference (CYC)

The CYC was the brainchild of Carol Lee. As informed in the church website, "The Combined Youth Conference, first introduced in 2005, aims to bring youths from like-minded Bible-Presbyterian Churches to study the Word of God together during the June school holidays. The idea of this new initiative was first planted by God into the heart of Carol Lee, Lecturer in Christian Education at the Far Eastern Bible College, to provide an additional avenue where Christian youths can be educated and instructed in God's divinely inspired, inerrant, infallible and perfectly preserved Word. Thank God for sustaining this ministry thus far, and for leading Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church to take on the organisational role for the running of this annual Conference with effect from 2022 (and the financing role with effect from 2023). The CYC is thus officially under the Youth Ministry of Truth."[160]

Thank God for seeing batches and batches of youths from different BP churches coming together year after year. Some form the organising committee, and many more join as participants. Previously a stay-in conference, it is now a day conference. The duration of the conferences vary but the objectives remain the same:

- To know the Word of God in order to deal with issues that youths struggle with;
- To be a gathering of Christian youths from like-minded churches for fellowship;
- To mutually encourage one another by sharing what God has done in the lives of the youths and in the ministries of other like-minded churches.

In 2020, when things were so uncertain because of the COVID-19 pandemic and no one the wiser as to when the circuit breaker would end, the decision was made for all activities of the CYC to go virtual. Hence, the organising committee for that year worked hard to ensure that the message recordings were uploaded to YouTube for the youths to watch and a virtual booklet was prepared so that those who attended could still be guided in the sequence of the messages and the reflection questions. Youths could participate in the question-and-answer segment where they submitted their questions via Slido. Even though it was totally different from previous CYC gatherings, as the conference master of 2020 CYC, E Shem, said, "It is the desire and prayer of the committee that you all have a fruitful time of learning the Word of God during this week and we once again thank Him for His providence and grace by allowing us to gather together online. And that at the end of this conference we will be able to say that we are '*ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a*

reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear' (1 Pet 3:15)."[161] As mentioned above, from 2023, CYC has been officially under the Youth Ministry of Truth, which Dn Emerson Ang currently presides over. An organising committee, headed by Dn Emerson Ang, is formed from youths of different churches who plan the whole event. Each year, the CYC will be held in various locations. Besides the ever important exhortation of God's Word (usually topics specific for the youths) there are discussions and sharings. Ice breaker and lunch fellowship help the participants to break the ice and get to know one another better, since some are first-timers. Forums, outings/ activities, as well as testimony time were also organized. In 2024, the CYC participants were even able to do hymn recordings using the facilities at Gethsemane Media Centre (GMC). Those who attended attested to the spiritual blessings they had obtained. Many also return to join future editions of the CYC.



CYC at GMC 2024

One definitive feature of the CYC is the opportunity for the youths of the various BP churches (and a few from non-BP churches) to come together for those few days to sit at Jesus' feet, serve together, play together, and fellowship with one another. From being



CYC 2025

strangers initially, they learn to reach out and hear others' journey with Christ. Many youths from the CYC still say, 'Hi' to each other beyond CYC, and some have become good friends too.

Year after year, the organising committee, speakers and all who have served have contributed to make the CYC a blessing, sending out His light and His truth. "May God continue to bless the CYC ministry, and may His Word continue to be faithfully proclaimed. To God alone be the glory!"[162]

Truth Missions Society (TMS)[163]

One of the most obvious ways to shine for the Lord besides being a good testimony for Him with our life and our words, is through missions. By May 2006, the TMS was formed "to encourage and provoke our members in Truth BPC to be more proactive in the advancement of the Great Commission in obedience to Jesus' command (Matthew 28:18-20; Mark 16:15)."[164] The TMS decides on matters concerning missions and use of the funds is subject to the Session's approval.[165]

The objectives are:

1. To inform church members of local and overseas missions activities;
2. To encourage, support and pray for local and overseas missions;
3. To inspire interest and missions awareness among church members; and
4. To initiate and co-ordinate missions trips.[166]

To that end, the TMS has 3 main areas of ministry:

1. Local – monthly Evangelistic Band outings to the Clementi neighbourhood, Evangelism Workshop, Church Gospel Night; Vietnamese Ministry, support of FEBC students, and Missions Sunday.
2. Overseas – the Cambodia missions work.
3. Publication – Shine Forth Mission Journal and local gospel tracts.

Local Missions:

Evangelistic Band (E-band) - Every third Sunday of the month, since the beginning of 2006, members of the E-band have gone forth to the Clementi neighbourhood, two by two, to share the life-giving gospel with whoever God sends us to, be it through our words or gospel tracts.



E-band, 2006

About 15 formed the initial team. All gathered at a specified place to hear a short exhortation before pairs were formed to go forth to the nearby allotted blocks of flats, going door to door to share the gospel and pass a tract. The information gathered by the teams are compiled, facilitating follow-up action if needed. Formerly led by Dn Martin Cheong,

Dn Franco Wong took over this ministry and has been coordinating the tracts, the venues for tracting, the pairings, and the follow-up work. Karen Lee helps with the tracts, ensuring that the tracts in church are kept in stock.

This monthly outreach stopped temporarily when the COVID-19 pandemic struck. In 2020, we could only go forth 3 times to the Clementi neighbourhood before the circuit breaker was thrust upon us.[167] It is truly a wake-up call that the opportunity to share the gospel can just be taken away without any prior notice. We thank God that on 17 June 2022, after nearly 2.5 years of not being able to go door to door to share the gospel, the monthly tracting sessions resumed.[168]

These sessions not only allow members to actively witness for the Lord by going forth to the people, but more importantly, the Word is shared. Many queried the efficacy of this mode of evangelism as there seems to be hardly any fruit. Nevertheless, as the theme of E-band goes, "*Preach the word; be instant in season, out of season; reprove, rebuke, exhort with all longsuffering and doctrine*."[169] This reminds us that though "the ground is hard, and favourable responses are few... [we] trust that His Word that is shared will accomplish that which He pleases."[170]

Through the years, there have been those who have listened to the Word shared – many at their doors, some in their homes, and some more than once. Even more people have received the tracts. Many have rejected the Word shared and some have even slammed their doors upon hearing the purpose of our visits. Yet, God is gracious to allow us to see with our own eyes the effect of His light and His truth shining forth with our own eyes.[171] A young girl came to join the TCF through our tracting efforts. Aunty Christina Tang not only allowed us to share with her God's Word, she also joined us in church to worship God for a few years until the Lord took her home to glory on 1 May 2022.[172] Uncle Philip Chan and Aunty May Goh also joined us after members of the E-band knocked on their doors and shared the gospel with them. We do not know the Lord's plans for the many souls who have received the gospel through the years, but we know that those who are His will be His. Our duty is to obey, following the pattern



Door-to-door evangelism



Tracts for evangelism

Jesus gave in His gospels. "We must work the works of Him that sent us while it is day, for that night cometh, when no man can work."[173]

Through the years, the number of E-band members have slowly increased by the grace of God. There are at least 5 families and several faithful individuals who join the tracting sessions regularly. The younger ones are grouped with the more matured ones when they go forth to the flats to share the gospel. Now, instead of pairs, each sharing team consists of at least 3-4 members, partly to ensure that each team has at least one person who is proficient in Mandarin and even dialects. FEBC students also help to share with those from their nations. Thian Za Mawi, who is from Myanmar, shares with those who are from Myanmar. Car Vincent Cuesta Magkido and Regine Saladaga, both Filipinos, also reach out to the Filipinos whom the E-band meets. This enables the E-band teams to reach out to more with His light and His truth.

To help the church know more on how we should share the gospel and be reminded of why we do so, a yearly evangelism workshop is organised by the E-band, headed by Dn Franco Wong.



E-band, 2024

Evangelism Workshop

The evangelism workshops have been organized on and off until it became a yearly affair after 2016 (with the exceptions of 2020 when the COVID-19 pandemic struck and gatherings were restricted). This workshop is organised to remind all of the Great Commission, raising awareness of our responsibility to evangelise, and to impart the skills to evangelise.[174] At the 2016 workshop, Rev. (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy preached on the message 'Ambassador for Christ', based on Ephesians 6:19-20. He then conducted a workshop consisting of scenarios which were acted out by participants. A tracting session at the nearby neighbourhood followed. A separate children's programme on the same theme was carried out concurrently.

In line with the objectives for the evangelism workshop, the messages and workshop topics centred on evangelism. Some topics that have been covered at the workshops include elements of the gospel and how to share them, getting to know the content of the tracts and how to use them, sharing the gospel in Mandarin, how to share the gospel in different situations, etc. The tracting session that follows after the workshop helps the participants to have a taste of door to door evangelism. Attendees are split up into small groups which the children can also join.





Evangelism Workshop 2016

In 2021, though there was no door-to-door evangelism, we could still organise an evangelism workshop and the topic was geared towards evangelism during times like the pandemic. "Rev. (Dr) Pradhudas Koshy spoke on the message, 'Evangelism During the COVID-19 Pandemic'. He reminded us that we have been given [the] great commission in Matthew 28:18-20. Christians in times past have also faced various troubles in sharing the gospel. However, God is sovereign, and has power over all the sicknesses and troubles of the world. None of these have stopped or will stop the saving power of the gospel. Even if there are necessary restrictions put in place to curb the pandemic, the great commission must still be foremost in our minds, as we must be instant both in season and out of season. Moreover, God's unfailing power will help us to spread the gospel, even with the restrictions, as He is the one that has commissioned us to do so. He then expounded from our text in Philippians 1:27, warning us that we must first be holy ourselves, and '*let our conversation as it becometh the gospel of Christ*.' We must bring honour to Christ and His good news, if not, we are not worthy to preach the gospel. Our lack of devotion and unworthy conduct is the greatest pandemic that we are facing. There will be no limit to the open doors given to us to share the gospel if we walk worthy. We must be single-minded in standing fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel. May this be an encouragement to us, to conduct ourselves well, to be always ready to speak a word for Christ."[175] Truly, the 2021 evangelism workshop was a reminder to be ready, in season, out of season, to shine forth His light and His truth.

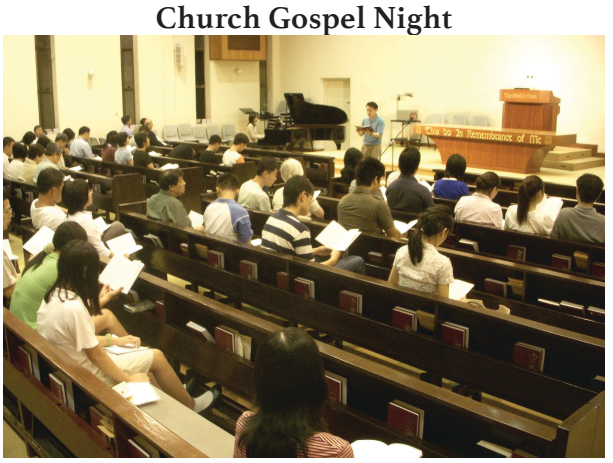


Evangelism Workshop 2021

Attendance at the annual evangelism workshop since 2021 has been encouraging. There was a year when a few members from another church joined after coming across our evangelism workshop announcement on the internet. We thank God for the organising committee who work behind the scenes to make this event a blessing to all who attend. Forgetful creatures that we are, such events are needful to remind us of the necessity to go forth and share the gospel, and that it is imperative for us to equip ourselves well for that task, with all the resources that God has already made available.

From 2017 onwards, the evangelism workshop precedes the Church Gospel Night. Both programmes are planned such that the tracting session of the evangelism workshop will also be an opportunity to invite the people in the neighbourhood to come and hear the gospel message at the Church Gospel Night.

Church Gospel Night



Church Gospel Night 2006

Since the start of the church, there is a Church Gospel Night organised yearly, seeking for His light and His truth to shine forth far and wide. The first gospel night, then named Church Gospel Rally, was held on 16 December 2006. One of the objectives was "to give church members opportunities to learn how to evangelise."[176] To help prepare the members to do so, a brief tracting workshop was organised, where a dialect-tracting workshop was held.[177] On the day of the Gospel Rally, Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew preached on the topic: There Is a Mansion Prepared for You (John 14:1-4). Forty-two visitors came. Thank God that after the Rally most could stay for refreshments and could clarify their doubts about the message.

Since then, Church Gospel Night has been held yearly, even during the COVID-19 pandemic. In 2020, since physical attendance was near impossible and because many people were legitimately wary of the virus, the organising committee of that year (Dn Franco Wong - Committee chairman; Rev. Dennis Kwok - Gospel Night chairman; Sara Wong - Secretary; Hadassah Chew - Musician, choir presentation, photography; Alan Tam - PA Coordinator; and Audrey Tam - Publicity) worked hard to move the whole event onto the YouTube platform, as a livestreaming event. Many in the team were novices in this. Thank God for guiding them each step of the way, particularly the PA crew who provided immense support to this effort for the team to shine His light and His truth in the dark.[178] Because of this, God helped the team to see that the gospel is boundless – since then, the Church Gospel Nights are livestreamed, for

anyone around the world to watch.[179]

Every Church Gospel Night is a worship service, with the sharing of the gospel as the main focus. Mandarin translation is provided on-site, via headsets. The testimony of salvation as well as the church choir presentation augment the gospel message. After the service, all would converge to the fellowship hall for a time of refreshments. Brethren are on hand to welcome the visitors and to allow them to clarify anything about the message. Relevant spiritual materials – tracts, bibles, RPGs, and books – are also available for browsing and taking at a table near the food, for any who are keen. "May the gospel seed that was planted flourish in God's own time. Amen."[180]



Church Gospel Night 2025

Vietnamese Ministry -
"Lift Jesus Higher" (John 12:32)

This ministry started in CBPC in 2000 by a Vietnamese FEBC student – Vo Thanh Phan (now Rev. Phan, serving in Vietnam). When Truth was established, we continued this ministry from 9 January 2008, under Yong Choon Leong (TMS). Le Thanh Tam (a Vietnamese FEBC student supported by Truth), and his cousins who were also FEBC students – Le Vu Bao An and Le Vu Thien An – were the catalysts for this ministry to start. Rev. Dennis Kwok then took over from Yong Choon Leong in 2009. Huynh Ngoc Chan and then later Nguyen Van Hieu (now Rev. Nguyen Van Hieu, serving in Vietnam) came to Singapore as FEBC students and continued this ministry.[181] Dn Franco Wong took over the ministry from Rev. Dennis Kwok in 2010.



First Vietnamese Ministry Bible Study

When Rev. Nguyen Van Hieu returned home in 2018, this ministry was discontinued as there was no suitable Vietnamese speaking minister to share the gospel and teach God's Word to the Vietnamese community.

This ministry was started because of the fishing ships that docked at the Jurong Fishery Port (JFP). When the ships docked, the fishermen on the ship could come on land for a short period of time. That was when the team, comprising the Vietnamese-speaking minister and the driver, would wait at the gate of the dock every Wednesday evening. There was a lot of uncertainty as to whether there were any ships and also if the minister

could have access to the ships. Regardless, the minister would go weekly. If he could not go in, he and the driver would just pass tracts to those who went in and out of the gated compound.



Minister at the Jurong Fishery Port

By and by, the guards would trust our team and they could have access into the area. When a group was formed, they would be driven to church for a time of gospel sharing and Bible study, followed by a time of refreshment. Transport was provided to and fro the dock and church.[182] In the year 2008 alone, 8 fishermen were baptised. Gradually, fewer ships docked and there were times when it was a futile wait. Nonetheless, the team continued to be there, using the time to pass gospel tracts to passers-by. On 29 August 2012, about 20 fishermen came to church in our van. This group included one Cambodian fisherman. Hence, that day, three languages were heard at the meeting – Dn Franco Wong preached in English, which was translated into Vietnamese (by Hyugen Van Hieu) and also into Khmer (by Kiet Thaven). Besides the usual meetings in church, outings were planned too.



Bible Study with the Vietnamese workers

Later, the team started venturing to the dormitories in the area, inviting the factory workers for a time of Bible study. The benefit of reaching out to the factory workers was that they were not here for the short term, unlike the fishermen who would usually be around only for 2 months. Instead, the factory workers often worked long hours and many would be hungry and tired when it is was time for our Bible study. Sometimes, the Bible study was held in the dormitories themselves. Hence, in January 2018, the TMS changed the name "Vietnamese Fisherman Ministry" to "Vietnamese Ministry".[183]

During his time in the Vietnamese Fisherman Ministry, Rev. Nguyen Van Hieu would try to keep in touch with the Vietnamese fishermen via social media and Facebook. When asked by Eld. Choong Sin Chen (of Pandan) in his report about the work as to why Rev. Hieu persisted in this ministry, Rev. Hieu replied, "One thing I just know [is] that the Lord has a purpose to train me to be faithful in this ministry. The other thing I have in mind is that I would like to visit the fishermen/workers in their hometown. If God wills, it is a great opportunity to bring the gospel to their province (most of them

are from the middle or north of Vietnam, 1300 kms away [from] Ho Chi Minh City) and reach out to their family member."[184]

We thank God for the gospel seed sown. According to Rev. Nguyen Van Hieu, "Though most of them (the fishermen) are lowly educated, yet they are the people who experience the creation of God the most while they are [out at] sea. They are excited when I [show them that God created] the moon, star, fishes, waves which [are what] they see every day. Apparently, through their life experiences – facing the tempestuous waves day in day out – they know God, the Creator of all things, is over and above all these, acknowledging how small [they] themselves are, admitting the greatness of God and there is life after death. Hence, they were mostly receptive to the Gospel that was preached to them."[185] Until the Lord opens the door again, we are thankful that we could show the fishermen the truth behind the creation they witness every minute of their time on the boat and pray that they will come to put their trust in Him, who is the wonderful Saviour of the world. Thank God for the opportunity given to Truth to be that tool for His light and truth to shine forth.



Vietnamese Ministry with Nguyen Van Hieu (holding guitar)

Support of FEBC students

Truth is privileged to play a part in supporting some students studying in FEBC. During their studies in FEBC, students supported by Truth are provided with financial support and spiritual guidance. The TMS assigns a supervisor to the students, who monitors their spiritual growth. They are encouraged to attend church activities in Truth as part of their spiritual training. Generally, each student will be with us for about 3 years. Through the years, those who have been supported by Truth include Ng Boon Choo, Eileen Khoo (then Eileen Chee),[186] Pr Joshua Yong, Karen Lee, Yong Xiao Wei, Tammy Ho, Rev. Daniel Yaban, Charles Sang, Benard Too, Huynh Ngoc Chan, Kiet Thaven,[187] Sim Dara, Rev. Nguyen Van Hieu,[188] Lukas Tram,[189] Pr David Chew, Pr Tan Bun Kuoy, Jansel,[190] Hadassah Chew, Car Vincent Cuesta Magkidong, Thian Za Mawi, and Regine Saladaga. **"Let us pray that the theological training they have received or and are receiving in FEBC will equip them to be better instruments for the Lord!"**[191]

Missions Sunday

To increase missions awareness among Truth members, the TMS started to organize missions-centred services. In 2016, and over two Sundays in September, "Biblical missions" and "The Labourers Are Few!" were preached over the pulpit. The children were also taught the importance of the Great Commission during the Sunday School

missions programme.[192] On 13 October 2019,Pr Joshua Yong preached on "Entrusted with the Gospel" and after the service, a video show on the E-band and the Cambodia Missions churches was screened.[193] On 10 October 2021, as part of the Missions Sunday programme, the TMS presented a video on the FEBC, focusing on how it coped during the COVID-19 pandemic.[194]

Overseas: Cambodia Missions

The VPP issue became the open door for Truth to support the work in Cambodia. Life apparently had asked those who were under their support to sign a declaration stating that they are not of the VPP stand. Three Cambodian students who were going to graduate from FEBC in 2006 refused as they were convicted of the VPP stand. Carol Lee knew of their stand and shared this with then Pr Dennis Kwok. Pr Dennis Kwok, who knew John Minh Saray, went to speak with the three students individually before bringing along Martin Cheong and John Loo to have a chat with them. After Pr Dennis Kwok reported this development to the TMS, the TMS agreed to support their work in Cambodia and thereby started co-laboring with them in the missions field. The TMS has since worked out the structure for their financial support as well as the details for communication to ensure that the preachers – Chan Sopheak, John Minh Saray, and Liv Rotha – are well supported spiritually too.[195]

The first missions trip from Truth was



The 3 Cambodia preachers: Liv Rotha, John Minh Saray and Chan Sopheak, 2007

held from 27 to 31 December 2007, visiting the three preachers at Kampot (the site chosen for their ministry).[196] The missions team went for three main reasons: for Rev. Dennis Kwok to conduct the wedding of Liv Rotha and They Saron, for the inauguration of True Gospel BP Church (True Gospel) on 30 December 2007, and to conduct the infant baptism (of Jonathan Minh) and transfer of 6 members.[197]



First missions trip from Truth 2007

Since then, Truth has been sending missions teams to visit the Cambodian work, often 3 or more times per year for various purposes – conferences, anniversaries, children's programme, Vacation Bible School, visitations, gospel rallies, etc. In 2013 alone, 7 missions trips were made to Cambodia.



2008 Cambodia missions trip



2012 Cambodia missions trip



2022 Cambodia missions trip



2025 Cambodia missions trip

Significant milestones

Pr John Minh Saray and his wife, Lydia (both FEBC graduates) decided to start a new work at Sihanoukville, reaching out to children. So they left True Gospel in November 2009. This work, however, was associated with a church which had ecumenical ties. He was also associating with others who were not of the VPP stand. After a discussion with the TMS at a meeting in September 2010, Pr John Minh Saray agreed to practise biblical separation and started a new work at a new place in Sihanoukville. Lively Hope Bible-Presbyterian Church (Lively Hope) was inaugurated on 30 January 2011.[198]

True Gospel started a Bible School "to provide Christian education for youths as well as for church leaders" in 2010 – True Gospel Bible School.[199] Since the start, Pr Chan Sopheak has been the Principal of the Bible School. He and Pr Liv Rotha were the main teachers initially, with Pr John Minh Saray and Pr Kiet Thaven (who graduated in May 2011)[200] helping out. Now, Pr Chan Sopheak, Pr Liv Rotha, Pr John Minh Saray, and Pr Tan Bun Kuoy form the teaching faculty of True Gospel Bible School (with Pr Tann Heng, also an FEBC graduate, from Word of Life BPC helping).[201] The first batch of students graduated in May 2013.

In 2012, Pr Liv Rotha and his wife, They Saron, prayed and branched out to start True Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church (True Faith). The church building was a 15-minutes drive away from True Gospel. True Faith was

inaugurated on 18 March 2012.[202] Pr Liv Rotha was assisted by Pr Kiet Thaven for a season of time before Pr Kiet Thaven resigned in July 2019 to start his own work.[203]

Pr Tan Bun Kuoy graduated from FEBC in May 2018 and had been on interim support from the TMS while he waited upon the Lord to show him a clear indication of where he should minister. While waiting, he went around the villages on a motorbike to share the gospel.[204] By the grace of God, Agape Bible-Presbyterian Church (Agape) started in 2021, fully supported by Truth. This church is situated in one of the rural villages in Sihanoukville province. There, rain water is collected for common use, and electricity supply is uncertain.

In 2019, plans were underway for Lively Hope to have her own church building. This was partly due to a sharp increase in rental, and also for the ministry to be more stable. Because of the COVID-19 pandemic, plans were delayed and eventually changed. Nonetheless, God provided a piece of land with a ready-built 3-storey building on it. By December 2022, the sale and the transfer of the title deed was settled and the building was renovated for church use.[205] By January 2024, the new church building was ready for use and dedicated to the Lord during Lively Hope's 13th anniversary. Rev. Dennis Kwok, Eld. and Mrs Winston Chew, Chan May Ling and Hadassah Chew went to rejoice with them over this milestone and their 13th anniversary.[206]

In February 2025, the TMS decided to start a church building project for both True Faith and Agape. For True Faith, a piece of land was procured and construction is now underway. For Agape, the place they previously rented was bought over by Truth and is now undergoing renovation to increase the number of areas for different groups in the church to hold concurrent ministries. This is the time for God's people to rise up and give to the Lord's work – what a privilege it is to do so. May He be pleased with our giving and may the projects be a spiritual blessing not only to the land of Cambodia, but to Truth as well.

During the COVID-19 pandemic when international travel stopped, we could not visit the Cambodian churches but kept in touch via Zoom instead. The preachers held worship services via Zoom when their country disallowed physical interaction. Then, when their country's social distancing measures eased, the preachers resumed their physical worship services and other church activities. Though the children's ministry was much affected because of families moving away and parents restricting their children's movement, other children came.[207] By 2022, Rev. Dennis Kwok could resume his travels to Cambodia.

To encourage the 4 Cambodian preachers during the COVID-19 pandemic, the TMS met with them online via Zoom on a quarterly basis. Rev. Dennis Kwok held monthly Bible studies with them via Zoom as well. These practices continued after the pandemic.

Thank God for such means which allow God's light and truth to shine forth, so that the preachers can be that light and truth to their countrymen, where many still remain in darkness.

We are thankful that we can have a part to play in sharing the gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ in the land of Cambodia, and that the churches are now commemorating more than ten years of their founding. The ground is hard and the work lonesome at times. It is difficult to hold onto a separatist stand in the face of ecumenism. The urge to join a 'bigger' group is always there. Discouragements also abound, especially when youths who had been joining the church left to follow the ways of the world. Nevertheless, for God's light and truth to keep shining, we must keep going back to Him for He is that true Light and Truth.



True Gospel BPC first rental place, 2007



True Gospel BPC Inaugural Service, 2007



Lively Hope Inaugural Service, 2011



True Gospel Bible School



True Faith Inaugural Service, 2012



Children from Pr Tan Bun Kuoy's Outreach

Publications

Shine Forth

The "Shine Forth" magazine, Truth's missions journal, has been published biannually since 2006.[208] It is a publication to inform and update our Truth members about local and overseas missions so as to encourage them to play a more supportive role in missions. Members can do so by praying, giving, and going to the missions fields. This publication also educates Truth members and the missions stations on pertinent topics related to missions based on biblical principles.[209] This publication is available at Truth's website.[210]

Tracts

Through the years, gospel tracts have played an important role in sharing the gospel. Hence, they are made available on the display table outside the third level sanctuary on Sundays. We also maintain our in-house tracts at the common tract box at Level 1, next to Pandan's tracts. These tracts are free for any to read and use.[211]

As part of the effort to encourage members to engage in evangelism, a tract writing competition was organised in the early years of Truth. Ivy Wan's tract – What is the Most Important Thing in this World?[212] – was chosen. After being edited by a team, it was eventually printed. Besides hers, Truth has three more in-house tracts – Do You Know, [213] The Romans Road to Salvation,[214] Only Jesus Saves![215] – all written by Rev. Dennis Kwok.[216] All in-house tracts are bilingual, with the gospel presented both in English and Mandarin. "The Romans Road to Salvation" has even been translated to Tagalog and Bahasa Indonesia. These tracts are available online for anyone to use and read. A man once joined our service because of a tract. Praise God!

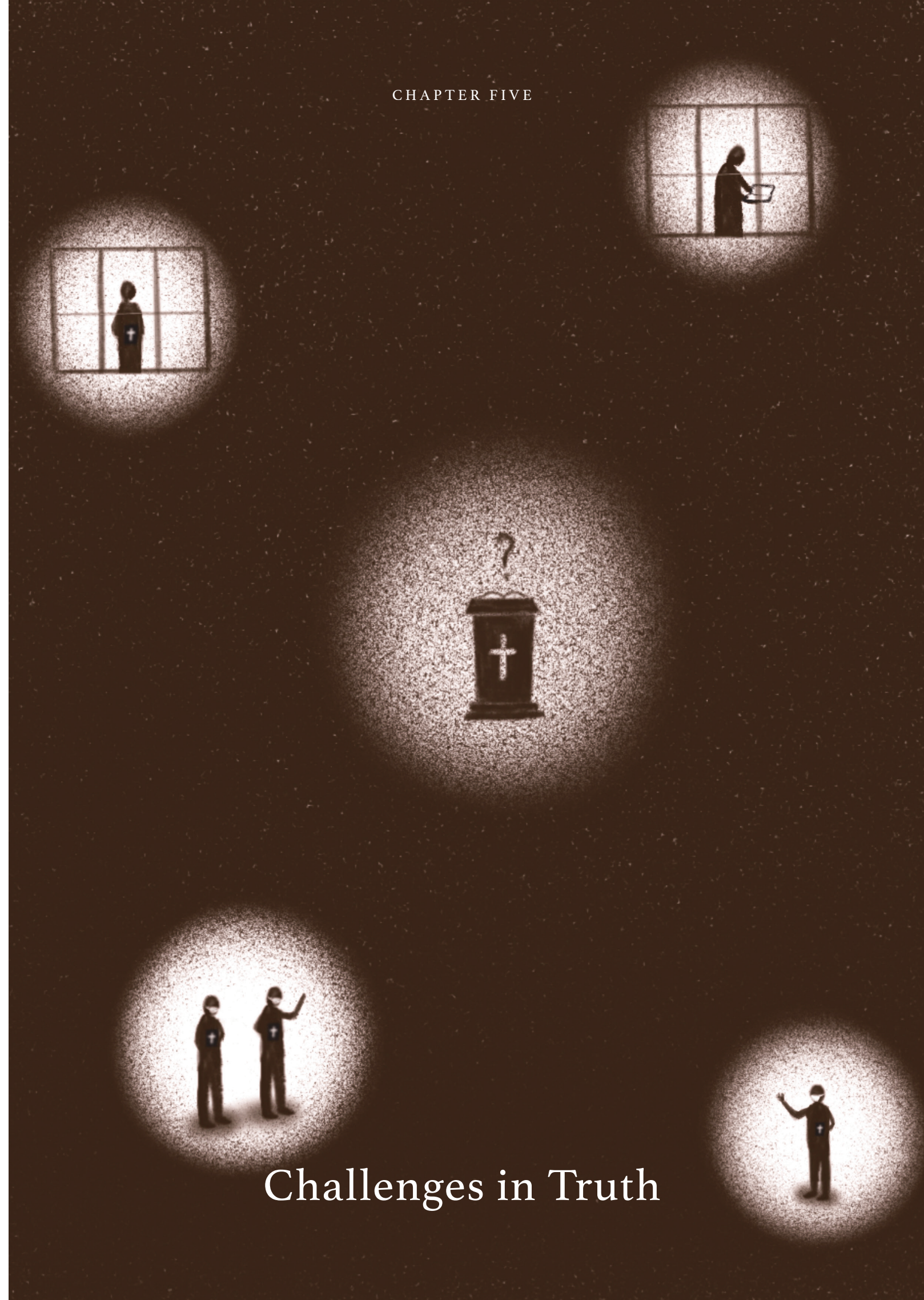
The Lord has shone His light and His truth to us in so many ways and through so many means of grace. We thank God that despite our weaknesses and failures, He still allows us to shine forth His light and His truth for Him in these last days through the various avenues listed above. Though many challenges hit us, it is only by His grace and mercy that we are still sustained.



"Shine Forth" magazine and "What is the Most Important Thing in this World?" tract

[156] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2008, C.5.
[157] Answer: chicken - Gen 1:21-23
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[159] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2021, C.7, para 3.
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[161] CYC 2020 Booklet Final Draft.pdf
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[164] Truth BPC Annual General Report for the year 2006, B.1, para 2.
[165] Pro-tem committee meeting minutes dated 2 May 2006, item 3.32.
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[167] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2020, B.2, para 4.
[168] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2022, B.2. para 1.
[169] 2 Tim 4:2
[170] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2008, B2, para 3.
[171] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2011, B.2. para 3.
[172] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2022, B.2, para 4.
[173] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2011, B.2, para 3.
[174] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2016, B.2, para 6.
[175] Church Evangelism Workshop 2021 report written by Daniel Chew.
[176] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2006, B.4.2, para 1
[177] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2006, B.4.2, para 2.
[178] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2020, B2.2.
[179] https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cCSDdWHzy6Q&list=PLcoyJIQjd_woNO5lvrDd0Jeq0KVCCg1Da
[180] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2024, B.2.3, last para.
[181] 'Final examination project for Biblical Mission" by Choong Sin Chun, on the Vietnamese Fishermen Ministry
[182] We thank God for the service of Wilson Low, Emerson Ang, Lawrence Tan (CBPC), Anthony Cheng, Noah Tan, Yong Choon Leong, Edison Chee, He Yirong, together with Rev. Dennis Kwok, Dn Franco Wong and Pr David Chew and the Vietnamese ministers: Tam, Bao An, Thian An, Huynh Ngoc Chan, Nguyen Van Hieu for their faithful service.
[183] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2017, B2.2, para 4.
[184] "Final examination project for Biblical Mission" by Choong Sin Chun, pg 21.
[185] "Final examination project for Biblical Mission" by Choong Sin Chun, pg 12.
[186] Now, Mrs Eileen Khoo, wife of Rev. (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo.
[187] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2012, B.1. para 6.
[188] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2013, B.1.
[189] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2015, B.1.
[190] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2018, B.1
[191] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2017, B.1
[192] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2016, B.1.
[193] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2019, B.1.
[194] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2021, B.1.
[195] Through the years, some of the financial support TMS provided, included rental for the premises the churches used, and also purchases of vehicles used for the ministry of the Lord by the churches.
[196] The team consisted of Rev. Dennis Kwok, Dn Martin Cheong, Yong Choon Leong, John Loo, Joshua Yong and Andy Ho.
[197] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2008, B3.2
[198] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2010, B.3.2.
[199] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2009, B.3.2.
[200] Thaven graduated from FEBC in May 2011 with a Diploma, started serving in True Gospel and True Gospel Bible school, before returning to FEBC in July 2012 to pursue a degree. Then, another Cambodian FEBC graduate - Leakena who was supported by Bethel BPC was invited to serve in True Gospel. When Thaven graduated from FEBC with Bachelor of Religious Education in 2015, he returned to serve in Cambodia, initially with True Gospel, then later with True Faith.
[201] He stopped in 2021 to concentrate on his own church work. - Truth AGR for the year 2021, B.3, para 3.
[202] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2012, B.3.1.
[203] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2019, B2.2, para 2.
[204] By 2020, Pr Tan Bun Kuoy was officially appointed as preacher and missionary supported by Truth - Truth AGR for the year 2020.
[205] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2022, B.1.
[206] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2024, B.3. para 1.
[207] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2021, B.3.
[208] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2007, B.1.209
[209] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2023, B.1.
[210] https://www.truthbpc.com/v4/main.php?menu=missions_resources
[211] This tract box is maintained by Karen Lee.
[212] https://s3.amazonaws.com/truthbpc/missions_resources/tract3_en.pdf
[213] https://s3.amazonaws.com/truthbpc/missions_resources/tract1_en.pdf
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CHAPTER FIVE



Challenges in Truth

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Errors and Trials of our church, for us to learn and press-on for the Lord

"This Was How We Did It" Mentality

When Truth first started, because of the desire to "provide continuity in the spiritual growth of the people who come,...we do have to get all the various ministries going so that when the people come and start to worship with us, they would have Adult Sunday school, they would have fellowship group meetings."[217] Hence, as mentioned earlier, almost all the ministries, church activities and services were up and running the moment the church started. On the one hand, this allowed many to feel as if all was the same. Indeed, except for the timing and venue of the worship service and the fact that the children stayed with their parents throughout the service, everything seemed to be as before.

However, on the other hand, **the concern that arose from doing things as before was that many ministries were run without due consideration on whether what was done in the past was biblical**. Time was short before the church started, and remained short after the church started. There were always things to plan and execute, and the cycle went on without pause. As the church moved on, by the grace and mercy of God, concerns surfaced. Instead of insisting that things remain the same, we are thankful that God has given the leaders the willingness and courage to work through the concerns raised by members and leaders alike, thereby bringing the church to conform more and more to what she should be, according to God's Word.

One area of ministry that the Session needed to pray and consider about was that of the Adult Sunday School. The issue was that of laymen teaching the Adult Sunday School. When Truth started, untrained persons were given teaching materials and then rostered to teach at the Adult Sunday School. Some felt very inadequate and gave that feedback to the leaders. After much consideration, Rev. Dennis Kwok took over all the teaching at the Adult Sunday School. Occasionally, FEBC graduates such as Pr Joshua Yong and Rev. Samuel Joseph were invited to teach. By God's grace and provision, Pr David Chew is now on board and shares the teaching responsibility at the Adult Sunday School with Rev. Dennis Kwok. Both produce their own teaching materials. Another issue regarding the Adult Sunday School was that of ladies teaching men. After much consideration and advice by Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew and Rev. (Dr) Prabhudas Koshy, the Session decided that all teaching at the church level must be men.

Another concern dealt with how the fellowship group leadership was chosen, particularly for the Youth Fellowship (YF). It was some time after Truth was formed that the YF leaders proposed that youths should not be leading other youths spiritually, as it is akin to the blind leading the blind. Instead, the youths should be guided by more spiritually mature adults. Hence, now, the leaders of the YF – Dn Emerson Ang and Dn Alan Tam – plan the YF activities according to the spiritual needs of the youths. With the help of other adults in the YF[218] and selected youths, the plans are executed. For the selection of the youths to help the planning committee, it was decided that there would be no more elections to select various appointment holders. Instead, the leaders would pray and select them. These youths would then assist in the administration of the various YF areas of service while all the other youths are encouraged to serve as the Lord enables.

The Young Adults Fellowship (YAF) also modified the procedures of their Exco election a few years ago. Then, because of the small number of YAF members, there were no suitable men to lead as the President of the YAF. There were ladies who were willing to serve in other capacities, but did not find it appropriate to serve as President. Thus, they requested for a solution. The decision was thus made to elect members into the Exco but not into office. After the election, the Advisor, with Session's approval, would recommend how the particular offices could be filled. After a few years, when the YAF numbers dwindled, the Exco was no longer elected but appointed. The appointed Exco would then work with the Advisor to lead the YAF.

By 2023, the Adult Fellowship's (AF's) election was also modified such that members were elected into the Exco but not into office. The Advisor would then make recommendations, and, with the Session's approval, those elected would take the office appointed to them.

In 2025, the Session, after much prayer and deliberation on the fellowship group

Exco issue, decided that from 2026, all fellowship groups would have a Session-appointed Exco. There were two main reasons why this decision was made and implemented. Firstly, there is no need for a constitution separate from the church constitution within the fellowship groups. Secondly, the appointment of leaders ought to be recommended by the Session and not by popular vote, in accordance with the Presbyterian system of church government.

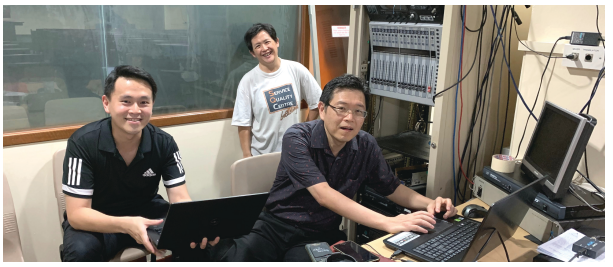
The above will not be the only ministries that have been changed. God will continue to help us evaluate how and why we run things in church, in order to help us refine or even change how things are done. This will enable the church to truly shine forth His light and truth even brighter. The process of change is never easy, sparks may fly, and some may disagree and even move out. Yet, as long as God has shown the area of lack and as long as the truth is pursued and obeyed, He will surely lead.

COVID-19

When the COVID-19 pandemic hit Singapore in January 2020, there was a lot of confusion and waiting for all in the church. Everyone waited to see how the pandemic would develop and how the Government would handle the rapidly deteriorating situation. Yet, waiting did not negate the stirring of the hearts of God's people. The Session flooded each other's Whatsapp chats with discussions about how the pandemic could affect the church. These discussions, through all sorts of modes and with many lasting into the middle of the night, continued until all COVID-19 related measures stood down in August 2022. As the pandemic spread like wildfire, the barrage of new rules struck like thunderbolts – fast and unexpected. Clear and good communication during this period was critical because any violation would prevent the church from gathering and the leaders could be charged by the government. Offending members would also be punished. Still, **the main concern of the church leaders was always about the spiritual growth and support of the members and friends**, especially during such uncertain times. Hence, their main thoughts were on how to coordinate worship services and the ministries so as to have minimal disruptions for the members.

When it was apparent that Zoom would be the main means of interaction for the majority of the church activities, the three fellowship groups each bought a license, and making them available for use by the Sunday Schools and other meetings of the church as well.

At such times, many rose to the occasion. The leaders prayed, discussed, made decisions, and communicated the necessary information to the relevant parties. The information was speedily disseminated and executed. The church office staff stepped in to provide logistics help, such as the supply of face masks, hand sanitisers, and Antigen



PA crew during COVID-19

Rapid Test (ART) kits, alongside helping with contact tracing, etc. The PA crew played a tremendous role, learning all the things needed to ensure that the livestreaming worked. They prayed, sorting out all the hurdles to ensure that the transmission was smooth when everything went live. They also handled what the worshippers saw and heard on the screen. Alan Tam personally took charge of the thermal scanning responsibilities, ensuring that he and his helpers would be there to scan everyone and move them on when the worshippers could return. As such, he was usually among the first to arrive in church and the last to leave. The ushers, with Joseph Tan as I/C, all hastened to be ready especially when gatherings were allowed to resume, albeit with social distancing measures. They had to be clear of the zonings, direct lost sheep who did not know where to go, ensure that no one crossed zones knowingly or unknowingly, and enforce the no-gathering rule after the service. There were times when members found it difficult to listen to the ushers, but we are thankful that they took their roles seriously. By God's grace, no one could find fault with our gatherings (even when there were frequent spot checks by the police), and all were safe and healthy throughout the period. During that period, no one was infected with COVID-19 due to their attendance in church.

Additional Details

Although the wearing of masks was not made mandatory until April 2020, church members were already encouraged to wear masks when unwell, and to use hand sanitisers from as early as 2 February 2020. Those who were unwell[219] were also encouraged to stay at home. Temperature screening started, initially just for worship service, but later extended to prayer meetings and fellowship group meetings.[220] Pandan graciously allowed us the use of their thermal scanners, until we had our own. Shortly after, those serving the Lord's Supper used gloves to handle the elements and accessories. Refreshments were served individually packed and food handlers used gloves. Other than that, nothing else could be done as we were using the Pandan's premises.

On 21 March 2020, Pandan called for a meeting when they realised that their church numbers were affected by the new COVID-19 rules which stipulated that not more than 250 people could gather. The meeting was called to discuss the new requirements and how they could be implemented. Truth's various gatherings were not affected by the restrictions at that time but we needed to ensure that attendees did not exceed the numbers stipulated in the rules.[221] Hence, on 22 March 2020, we could still have our physical



Last physical worship service before circuit breaker



Last prayer meeting before circuit breaker

worship service. However, by 24 March 2020, the Government announced that gathering sizes were limited to not more than 10 people from 26-30 March 2020.[222] That meant that we had just had our last physical service on 22 March 2020 and would be having our last physical prayer meeting on 25 March 2020. That prayer meeting was particularly poignant – we were not even sure when we would see each other physically again. The prayer meeting ended with the hymn "God Be With You Till We Meet Again". Some members were particularly emotional, and all hearts were filled with much uncertainty. The only thing we were sure of was that God is in control. On 29 March 2020, we had our first livestreamed worship service.[223] For that service, only the chairman, the speaker, the musicians, and two PA crew were on-site for the livestream to take place. On 1 April 2020, the Session arranged for members to meet in designated homes to join in the online prayer meeting.

On 3 April 2020, the government announced that there would be "a stringent set of preventive measures collectively called the 'circuit breaker lockdown.'"[224] The circuit breaker lockdown was meant to start from 7 April 2020 (it eventually ended by 1 June 2020). This news frightened everyone as basically, no one could leave their homes. For the Session, it was another mad rush to look into what needed to be done and how to do so. The most immediate concern was the upcoming Good Friday service. The leaders asked the authorities on 4 April 2020 whether we could have livestreaming for church service. The authorities replied on 6 April 2020 that only two persons were allowed to do livestreaming on-site. No singing was allowed. Instead, taped music was to be used. As such, the Session decided to ask the congregation to follow the live-streaming of Pandan for Good Friday Service 2020. Sunrise service obviously had to be cancelled. On 12 April, the chairman, Eld. Winston Chew, and a PA crew, Anthony Cheng, went to church to hold a hybrid service. Other than Eld. Winston's live chairing, everything else – the hymn music and the speaker's message – was recorded and played. Hence, by God's grace, we could still have the livestreamed worship service. The Session members regularly sought permission to increase the number of people involved in livestreaming from church. The main reason why they insisted on doing livestreaming is because the quality

of livestreaming surpassed taped recordings. By 23 May 2020, 4 people were allowed. How other ministries coped during such unprecedented times have been mentioned in their respective segments. Hence, the details would not be repeated here, except to say that all efforts were made to ensure that the people were spiritually fed. We thank God that all ministries, except the E-band, could continue, albeit in another format.

There were concerns about online worship service. "The challenge was, when we are online, worshiping online, nobody can see [us], and so we have to encourage the people with the three A's: to worship God with the right Attitude, reverentially. Even though you're alone, wear the right Attire. Don't just wear your pajamas and worship, but wear as you would wear to church on a Sunday. And then to give the right Attention."[225] To help the worshippers with the 3 As, online reminders were sent to the worshippers.

Another concern was the partaking of the Lord's Supper online. After much consultation with Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew and discussion among the leaders, the decision was made that the ordained minister would administer the Lord's Supper (online) and the head of the family would prepare and distribute the elements. Those who worshipped online on their own would get the elements ready themselves and partake of them at the time that the ordained minister said so. All were to eat and drink of the elements at the same time, as per the instructions of the chairman via the livestream. The reason for this mode of the administration and the partaking of the Lord's Supper is because we are in the New Testament church. We worship in Spirit but not in location. Hence, in such extraordinary times, we extend this principle of worshipping in Spirit and in truth, applied to the partaking of the Lord's Supper virtually. This is to be done only in such extraordinary circumstances.

Yet another concern was regarding singing. Singing is a big element of worship for we are to praise the Lord with our voices. However, the nature of the COVID-19 virus is that it spreads through water droplets and singing spreads the droplets even further. Hence, when we gathered, we could not sing. We were thus encouraged to sing quietly and softly. The congregation tried our best to do so, but were very relieved and thankful when we could finally sing our hearts out from 29 March 2022 onwards.

How to give our tithes and offerings to God was also a concern since we could not gather. When the circuit breaker happened, the church leaders held off having another means for people to tithe, hoping that after the circuit breaker ended, we could resume physical gatherings.[226] However, when that did not seem possible in the foreseeable future, the Session then decided for members and friends to give of their tithes and offerings via a QR code, although the warning was given that full anonymity may



Family worship over Zoom

not be possible. By the grace of God, the members were diligent in their giving. Hence, besides the usual activities, special events such as the Good Friday Service, the Sunrise Service, the Annual Congregation Meeting (ACM) and the church camp were all affected that year. The ACM was postponed with permission from the Ministry of Culture, Community and Youths (MCCY) from the usual date in April to 18 July 2020, and was held online via Zoom. It was delayed because we were hoping that we could resume physical meetings when the circuit breaker ended. For that year, our church camp was moved from the usual June holidays to the end of the year, in the hopes that by December 2020, there would be further relaxation of the restrictions. Indeed, by then we could meet, but only if we complied with the restrictions (for more details, refer to the Church Camp segment). The church quiz, however, could continue since at the time of the quiz, as long as there were less than 100 people, we could gather. As such, we had the quiz as usual and many benefited from this spiritual exercise.

By the grace of God, the COVID-19 pandemic situation gradually improved and physical gatherings for prayer meetings and fellowship groups could slowly resume. We were very thankful for this, but strived to keep all the safety measures in mind. We could only gather again for physical worship service on 18 October 2020, with a limit of 100 worshippers (excluding the working party) and separated into two zones. Nonetheless, we were thankful that all could physically attend. By 2021, we worshipped in 2 different locations – Pandan and The

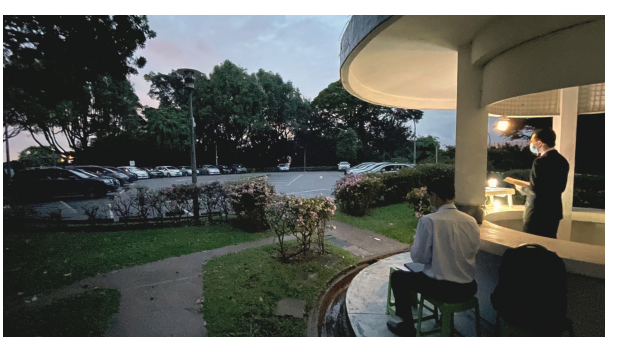
Chevrons, linked by Zoom – for a period of time when the group size limit was 50 people in one location. People came. In fact, more people came to join our worship service when restrictions were lifted slightly. The number of people allowed to gather kept fluctuating, depending on the pandemic's situation. The focused Session with their hardworking and determined team of ushers, PA crew and other helpers kept pace and adapted, by the grace of God. They served cheerfully so as to keep God's light and truth shining on the members and for them to then shine for Christ in this ruffled world.



Worship service in Chevron, 2021

Moving to 2021, the situation remained fluid as the government strove to combat the spread of the virus on various fronts. This affected whether we could meet physically. If we could, the further question was on how many people could gather at the same place. We literally lived day by day. Eld. Winston Chew commented, "...the return to normality was nowhere in sight. Mask-wearing, zoning, no singing aloud, safe distancing and no social gatherings or refreshments continue to be very much part of our church life."[226]

One particular gathering that stood out during that period was the sunrise Easter Sunrise Service. Many of us gathered at the top of Jurong Hill. However, instead of stepping out of our cars, we stayed and watched the livestreamed Sunrise Worship Service in our cars. Yet, being able to see the other worshippers through the windscreen and car windows was a blessing. Only the chairman, Dn Franco Wong, and speaker, Pr Joshua Yong, and two PA crew were out in the open, as centralised as possible so that many could also watch them from the cars while hearing them from their own devices in their cars. That gathering was different from the usual Easter Sunrise Service, and even the police came to inspect and to ensure that we were abiding by the rules. Regardless, the message stayed the same. Some may wonder why such an effort was put in – to wake up early and waste some petrol without even being able to mingle much with other worshippers before we needed to disperse. It was worth it. The Easter Sunrise Service meant to allow worshippers to witness the sunrise together as we remember the resurrection of Christ. Since we could still fulfill the church's desire to worship God on Resurrection Sunday and yet abide by the authorities' requirements by having a drive in to the Easter Sunrise Service, we did so. We are thankful to God for allowing this to come to pass, while we fulfill all righteousness.

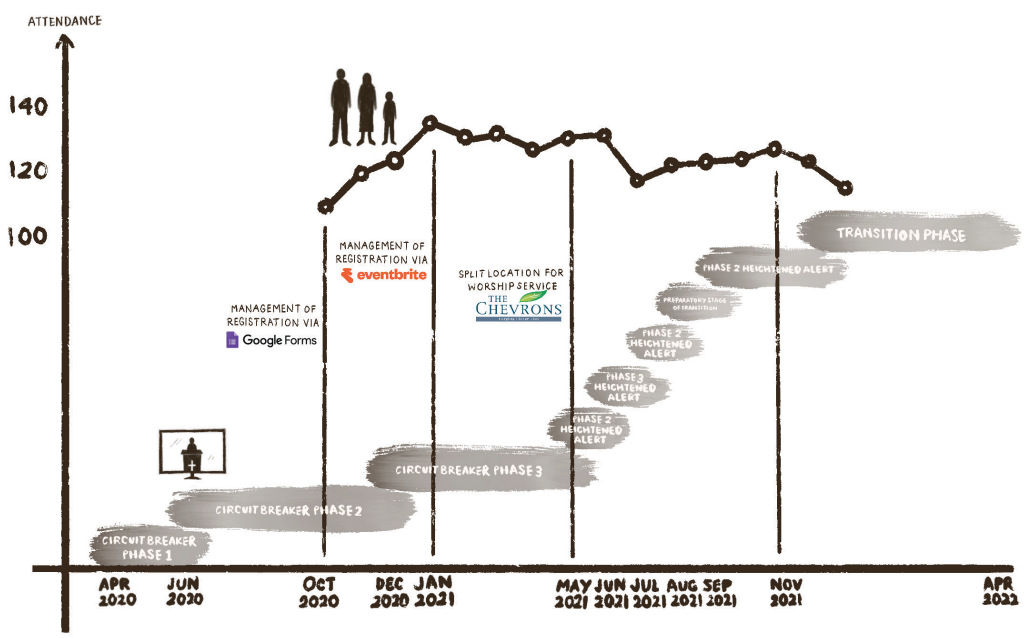


Sunrise Service, 2021



Worship Service 2022

By the grace of God, by 2022, there was an easing of restrictions. Except for the need to wear masks, all could gather as usual. Singing with masks on was finally allowed from 29 March 2022 onwards. The E-band could resume door-to-door evangelism and borders were opened at last. By 29 August 2022, wearing a mask became optional. All things seemed to be back to normal, yet they also felt different. Many of us no longer took it for granted that we could worship as freely as before, and gather and serve together as freely as before. This privilege could easily be taken away, as all have experienced. Indeed, it is a very important lesson to learn and to remember. We do not know when our last worship service, our last gathering, our last service for the Lord would be, as Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew mentioned during one of his sermons. Hence, let every moment count for the Lord. Even through adversities, we must remain steadfast and flexible to respond in order to keep bringing the light and truth to all.



The Loss of Our Pastor

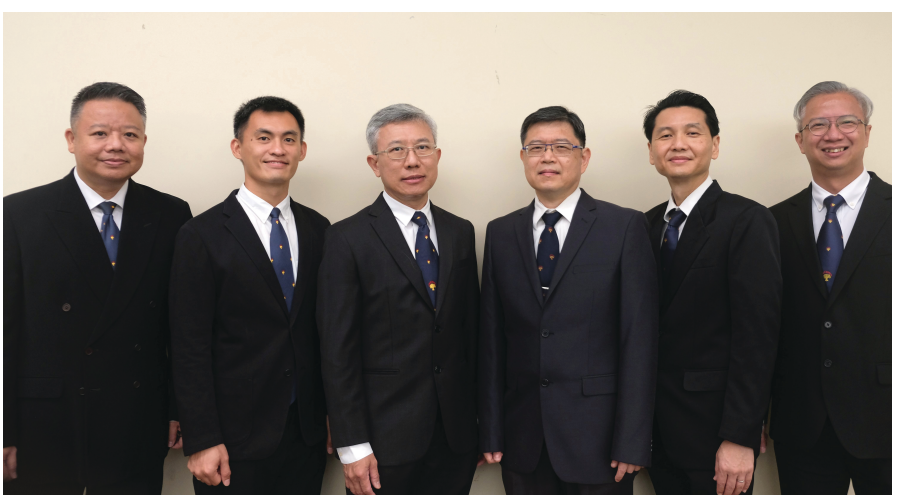
One of the hardest challenges facing Truth during her 20 years of existence was the loss of our pastor. Rev. Dennis Kwok was elected to be the Pastor of Truth in 2007, at our first Session election. However, by 2019, at our seventh Session election, Rev. Dennis Kwok did not stand for election. Ever since, Truth has not had a pastor to lead her. By the grace of God, Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew, as Advisory Pastor, stepped up and assisted Eld. Winston Chew to lead the Session.

Rev. Dennis Kwok recalled that he "felt more and more inadequate to preach and teach, especially over the pulpit."[227] He shared with Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew his struggles and Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew had many sessions with him, trying to help him to improve on his preaching. However, Rev. Dennis Kwok continued to struggle, and some questioned his efforts to improve himself. Another reason that Rev. Dennis Kwok decided to step down was regarding his pastoral ministry. He did not feel adequate especially in his connections with the members, which he thought should be and could be deeper. This is especially important in order to know the state of the flock and to counsel them accordingly. Hence he felt that, for the sake of all, he should not run for the 2019 Session election. Rev. Dennis Kwok thanked all who were concerned for him and knew that the searching of his heart would be good for himself and the church. He also thanked God that Truth has been sustained. "The Lord is very merciful to use the Session... to lead the church in the right way."

He desired that no matter what role he was called to, he would continue to serve God and support the Session. Indeed, after stepping down as a pastor, Rev. Dennis Kwok continues to serve with the rest of the ministerial staff in the church, particularly in looking after the Team Barnabas ministry and the Agape Love Ministry. He also teaches in the Adult Sunday School. With respect to missions work, he has been visiting the brethren in Cambodia physically at least 3 times a year, besides having monthly Bible studies with the Cambodian preachers via Zoom. He continues to visit the prison weekly to have Bible studies with the inmates, and also regularly visits Kemaman BPC at the request of True Life. Occasionally, he ministers to the brethren at the BP church in Ipoh as well. These are on top of his usual Bible studies, visitations and administrative work.

At the church level, we thank God that He has sustained Truth through the years when we have been without a Pastor. There have indeed been many challenges since Rev. Dennis Kwok stepped down. Handling COVID-19 pandemic in the church, revamping the Pre-school department and launching the Junior Worship ministry, deciding and launching the church building projects for Lively Hope, Agape and True Faith, and helping the church members to differentiate godly music from Contemporary Christian Music are some of the challenges faced during these years.

Thus, Rev. (Dr) Quek Suan Yew plays a vital role as Advisory Pastor. Not only does he advise Eld. Winston Chew on all spiritual and some important administrative matters regarding the church, but he, together with Pr Joshua Yong, also fill the pulpit ministry on alternate weeks. From a team of three – Eld. Winston Chew, Dn Franco Wong, and Dn Emerson Ang – the Session has grown to become a current team of six – Eld. Winston Chew, Dn Franco Wong, Dn Emerson Ang, Dn Benjamin Yeo, Dn Anthony Cheng, and Dn Alan Tam. They are supported by five ministerial staff – Rev. Dennis Kwok, Carol Lee, Ng Boon Choo, Karen Lee, and Pr David Chew. There were many issues to look into, from the home front to the overseas missions stations. At times, the absence of the pastor is felt as he is meant to be the one who is called by God to minister to His flock, one who intimately knows the state of the church and of each individual member. As Eld. Winston Chew shared, "I think the problem without having a pastor is that we are not so independent in making our decisions and also moving in the direction that a church should. I mean the Session being all lay people, have limited capacity to do that job." Nonetheless, the Session is not rushing to look for a pastor. The church is praying and will continue to pray that God will send us His choice, in His time.



Church Session, 2025



Ministerial Staff, 2025

"Final words" From the Pro-tem

It has been 20 years since the Pro-tem completed their God-given task: to lead the flock and start a brand new church with almost nothing, except fervency for God's truth and a passion to stand for His Word. "O, send out Thy Light and Thy truth" was their quiet cry which grew louder and louder until God's light and truth shone forth. This whole process affected all involved individually and as a church, even now. God is still sending out His Light and His truth, as evidenced by their recent words regarding this work of the Lord.

Rev. Dennis Kwok

By God's grace, we have the right doctrines, and the right people to teach. The light and the truth is shone forth. But are we heeding the light and the truth? "Who is the one whom we are accountable to? ...I always question myself: is there anybody I can help to watch over?"

Martin Cheong

"Although we didn't grow in numbers, but the people, I believe still will hold [on to] the faith."

Tan Swee Tiong

Truth is still sending out His light and His truth because "there's the existence of our church. I think if the day comes that we don't send out the light and our truth, then I think the church will probably have to cease to exist. And we are called to be the light of the world.... It will be very sad if the church turns apostate, where the gospel of Jesus Christ is no longer the central of what we believe, yeah, then, that'll be very sad. So, I hope this won't happen in my lifetime. " Having the heart for the youths, Tan Swee Tiong said, "We cannot be with them forever. So the only thing that we can help them is to help them to lay a good and strong foundation in God's Word. So if we are able to do that, to challenge them to serve the Lord, to challenge them based on the living Word, then we can have this assurance that even though we are not with them, God is with them. So, when we have the time, while we spend the time with them, we are helping them to build a strong foundation so that they can stand for themselves."

Yong Choon Leong

"Because we [believe in] VPP, we believe the Bible has no mistakes, and is preserved. So to me, Christians [should] at least read or study through the whole Bible at least once in their Christian pilgrimage. I mean, read through or study through. That means from Genesis to Revelation, then you will have a true picture of the Bible. ... Ecclesiastes 12:13, "*Let us hear the conclusion of the whole matter, Fear God and keep His commandments, for this is the whole duty of man*." So because I have a poor memory, so many times I can't recall. So I need a hard copy. So I find it very helpful, I mean, to have the hard copy Bible. And so the other verse is, "*For God shall bring every work into judgment with every secret thing, whether it be good or whether it be evil*." So I find it really good to hold the hard copy Bible rather than the electronic Bible."

Andy Ho

God is still sending out His light and His truth, through the gospel meetings, church fellowship, E-band, Vacation Bible School, even publications such as Shine Forth that "the truth of God and the Lord Jesus Christ, the salvation plan…", the light of the gospel, the truth of the gospel is told.

Carol Lee

"Through much prayer, through hard work and God's blessing, God brings the people in… Thank God for the growth. But one thing which I really thank God for would be our missions work in Cambodia in particular. How the Lord has led our church to play such a significant role in the growth of the Cambodian churches… God raised Truth, not just for the local church congregation, but also for the missions field."

Eld Winston Chew

"Remember: remember why we came out, how we came out, God's hand and goodness towards us. I think, [we] must not lose the focus of the stand on the truth of God's Word… I think part of the reason for compiling this is to help us to remember and also let those who were not there, or the younger generation know how Truth came about.

Second is to resolve. Yes, we may have done well, but we need to resolve to continue to contend for the faith and not to be complacent and not to be distracted or fall away.

Then third is reform. Yes, reformation was not just in the 16th century, not just in the 21st century or 20th century. Every generation has their own battles to fight. We have fought in the VPP issue. There will be other issues that will, that may come about in the future, and there will always be a need to continue with this reformation spirit, to defend the faith and to stand for the Word of God."

Will Truth Continue?

Psalm 43

[1] *Judge me, O God, and plead my cause against an ungodly nation: O deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man.*

[2] *For thou art the God of my strength: why dost thou cast me off? why go I mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?*

[3] *O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles.*

[4] *Then will I go unto the altar of God, unto God my exceeding joy: yea, upon the harp will I praise thee, O God my God.*

[5] *Why art thou cast down, O my soul? and why art thou disquieted within me? hope in God: for I shall yet praise him, who is the health of my countenance, and my God.*

For those who were there from the beginning and are still in Truth, we can only echo the words of the psalmist, declaring that God is our strength and the hope of our countenance. He has seen us through the ups and downs. It is not easy when people, for various reasons, leave. It is also not easy to be honest with ourselves regarding our own spiritual

state, realising that we have been lacking in many ways and could have done better.

However, we can also echo the psalmist's words, proclaiming our hope in God and our praise to Him. Despite our weaknesses and failures, God has used many to shine for Him. Besides those mentioned earlier, there are also Carol Lee's yearly trips to Kenya to encourage the brethren there; John and Josephine Loo, Pr David Chew, and Yong Choon Leong's regular trips to Kemanan to minister to the brethren there; and Carol Lee's editorial work with Pandan's Read, Pray, Grow ministry (which some of our brethren are also involved in); and occasional speaking engagements for some, like Rev. Dennis Kwok, Pr David Chew, Carol Lee, Ng Boon Choo, Karen Lee, Hadassah Chew, Gracia Chew. Truly, God has used many to send out His light and truth to others without the church. Within the church, individuals reach out to one another, encouraging one another as little lights.

One ministry that was previously not mentioned is the Photography ministry. Their quiet service speaks volumes with the photos and videos that they took and archived, as evidenced in this book. It is tedious work to screen through and organise the myriad of photos, but they did it. Without their service, the younger generations would not be able to visualise how God has been sending out His light and His truth through the years.

Will Truth continue? We know that God's truth will surely continue. He has also promised that He will keep His sheep to the end,[228] and that He will come for His invisible and universal church one day.

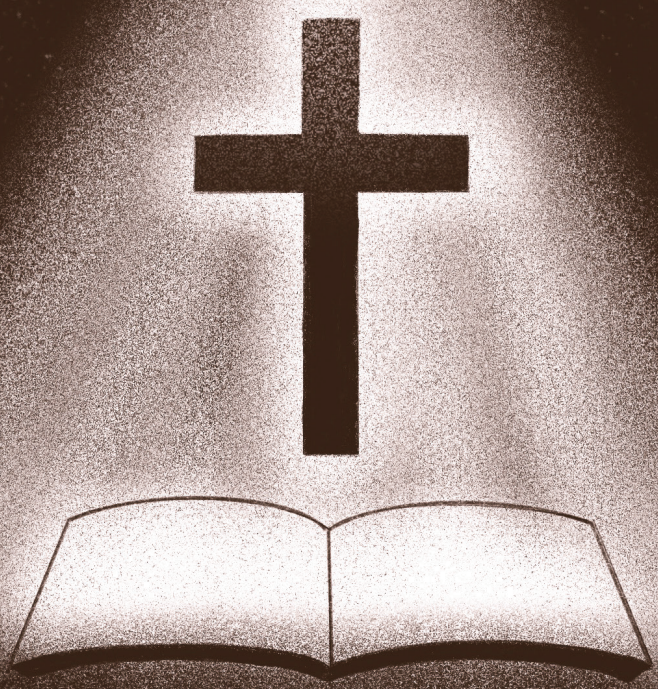
The key question now stands: Will Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church be faithful to the end?

By God's grace, we will.

"The words of the LORD are pure words: as silver tried in a furnace of earth, purified seven times. Thou shalt keep them, O LORD, thou shalt preserve them from this generation for ever."
Psalm 12:6-7

[217] Carol Lee, in her interview.
[218] Liz Yeo and Carol Lee
[219] Those who had fever, cough, or were breathless.
[220] This was from 9 February 2020. Dn Franco Wong as reference.
[221] Pandan stopped their physical main services due to numbers on 23 March 2020.
[222] https://www.moh.gov.sg/newsroom/tighter-measures-to-minimise-further-spread-of-covid-19
[223] Truth Annual General Report for the year 2020, pg 2.
[224] https://en.m.wikipedia.org/wiki/COVID-19_pandemic_in_Singapore
[225] Eld. Winston Chew in his interview.
[226] Truth Annual General Meeting for the year 2021, pg 2.
[227] Interview with Rev. Dennis Kwok.
[228] John 10:27-29: My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me: And I give unto them eternal life; and they shall never perish, neither shall any man pluck them out of my hand. My Father, which gave them me, is greater than all; and no man is able to pluck them out of my Father's hand.

CHAPTER SIX



This Is Thy Church

This song was written as a reminder of God's goodness towards Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church, to praise Him for how He has seen the Church through the past 20 years, and to look forward in hope that He will continue to see this Church through many more years to come. The title "This is Thy Church", is a reminder that Truth B-P Church is established by the Lord and she belongs to Him.

The first stanza recounts the reason why the Church was established - for the defence of the doctrine of the Verbal Plenary Preservation of God's perfectly inspired Word. It affirms the truth of this biblical doctrine and it is a prayer that the Lord will continue to use His perfect Word to guide the Church.

The second stanza recounts the early beginnings of the Church. There was a desire by her founders to stand for the truth, yet there were challenges that had to be overcome. It is a plea for the Lord to help the Church through her early challenges, knowing how feeble and frail she may be.

The third stanza recounts how the Lord has led the Church through the past 20 years. Though these were obstacles and challenges, the Lord has continued to sustain His work by His grace. The Lord has kept the Church faithful, and it is a prayer that He will continue to do so until He comes.

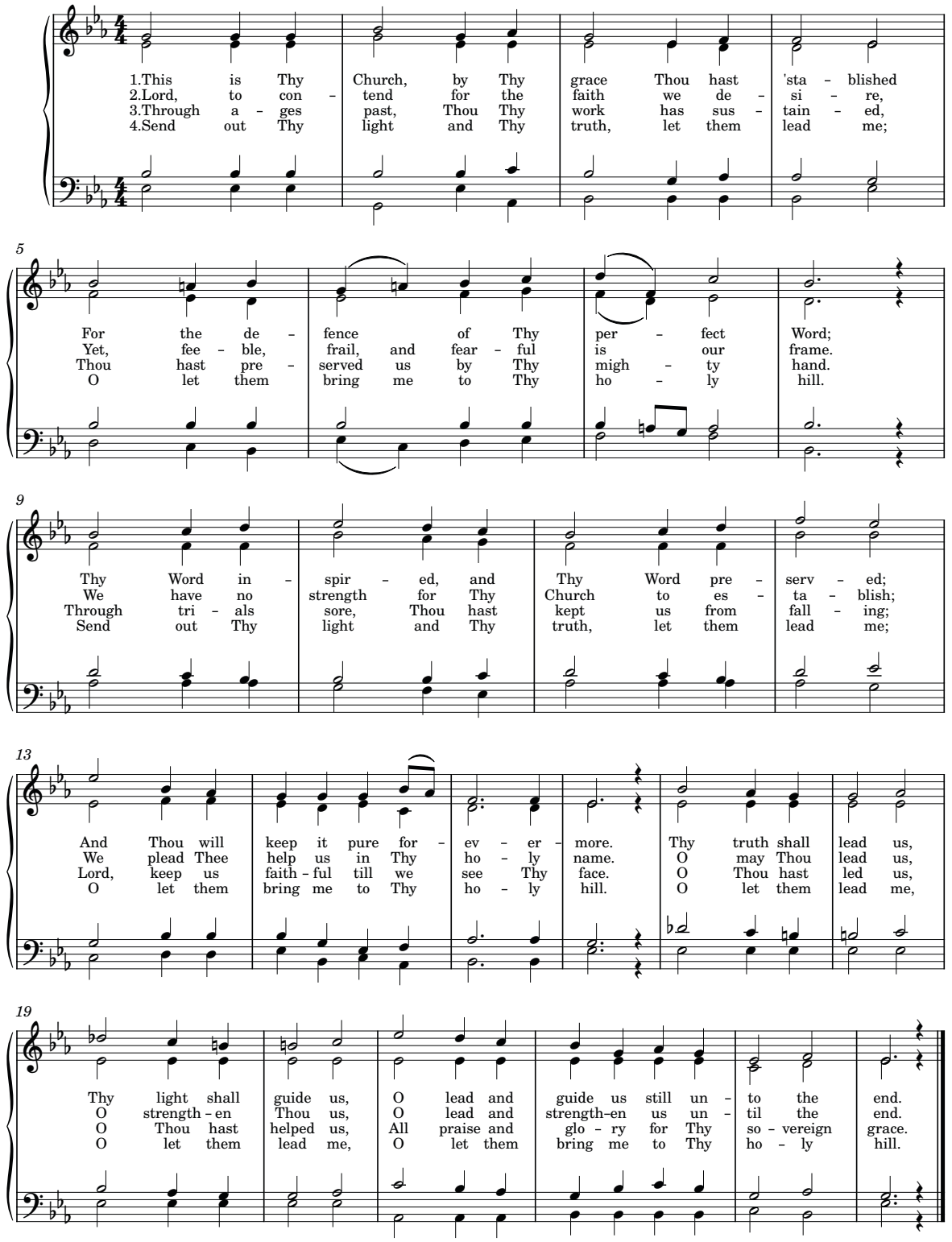
The last stanza is taken from the hymn, "Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth", which is based on Psalm 43:3, the theme verse of the Church. It is a prayer for the Lord's truth to stand and to be made known in the midst of falsehood. It is a prayer that the Lord will continue to use His truth to guide the Church for many generations to come.

Hymn Audio

This is Thy Church

David Chew
St. 4 - Psalm 43

C. F. Gounod



Eunice Low

"*O praise the LORD, all ye nations: praise him, all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great toward us: and the truth of the LORD endureth for ever. Praise ye the LORD.*"
Psalm 117:1-2

Thank God for seeing through Truth BP Church since her inauguration in 2006. The Lord has indeed have been gracious and merciful toward us. Growing up in Truth BP Church since 2006, through the phases of YF to YAF and now in AF, I've seen many members and friends come and go. Some have married out to faithful spouses and serving in other churches, while sadly some have left to enjoy the temporal pleasures of the world. Yet, I thank God that there are still many faithful brethren remaining and serving faithfully.

Truly it is only by God's grace and mercies in preserving our church. May we be faithful to Him for many more years to come.

Sean Seet

I thank God for this Truth family that I have for the past 3 years. I truly thank God for the people He has brought into my life. Whether they are young or old, I feel blessed by my interactions with everyone. Knowing how Truth BPC came about, and how the church stood for the right doctrines, I thank God for the strong faith that He gave to each and every one that consists of Truth today. From my experience, I learnt, love, joy, patience, kindness, faithfulness and I just feel so equipped spiritually. I pray that the Lord will continue to sustain the church, to ensure that everyone will continue to do their best for Christ especially during the trying end times.

Malcolm Lim

I thank God for bringing me to Truth BP Church. I thank God for the conviction of heart to attend Truth's 19th Anniversary Service, the announcement of which was printed in the Calvary Pandan's weekly. It was then I realised that the Truth's service was perfectly timed to start after Pandan's service and Adult Bible Class. Since then, I have been attending Truth services for spiritual feeding and, by God's grace, have also enjoyed sweet Christian fellowship with like-minded brethren. Thank God for Truth BP Church family for the mutual edifying, encouragement, and building up in the Lord. I pray for Truth BPC to remain steadfast and always abiding in the faith.

Wong En-Qi

I thank God for Truth BPC as it has been a channel for me to experience God's boundless grace and showers of blessings throughout my life :D I thank God for enabling my parents to make the stand for the perfect Bible and choose to bring up my siblings and I in a church where His perfect Word is highly exalted and magnified :) (Growing up in an environment saturated by the truth of God's Word has been nothing short of having a glimpse of heaven on earth!) I thank God for the many church activities that are available where I can hear the faithful preaching and teaching of His Word and fellowship with the brethren, and for the privilege God has given me to serve Him too! Thank God also for many faithful Truthers who have actively reached out to those around them and of whom I too have been blessed by their fellowship. I pray that God will be merciful and see fit to continue to send faithful men to lead the church, and that we will never forget the foundation on which our church stands! May our church be a light shining forth God's truth to the very end.

Leia Yeo



Xavier Ng

Thank God for bringing me to Truth for the first time as a visitor during a worship service and for the avenue to continue growing in the understanding of His Word and who He is that enables me to continue coming. Thank God for the many godly people who are approachable to listen and willing to help, providing me many opportunities to share my struggles in my walk with the Lord freely with them and to receive support through applying God's Word by their counsels and perspectives which I did not have before.

May the Lord continue to direct all of you individually as He continues to be head of the church so that Truth, as a whole body of Christ, may continue serving Him for His glory.

Emerson Ang

"O Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth" seems like an impossible task for feeble and sinful man to do, yet God does call His people to do His work. No higher a calling for a person than to be called full time to serve the Lord full time, to dedicate the whole life to sending out the Light and Truth of God and His Word. It is such a blessing to see how God has used Truth BPC to call many into full time ministry. In addition to the 3 full-time servants (Rev. Dennis Kwok, Carol Lee and Ng Boon Choo) at the founding of our church, we had the privilege of seeing 6 of our very own members (John Loo, Pr Joshua Yong, Mrs Yong Xiao Wei, Mrs Eileen Khoo, Pr David Chew, Hadassah Chew) studied full time in the Far Eastern Bible College and still serving the Lord in various places. While all Christians are called to serve God fully with our lives, there is a need for full time ministers to devote their life to this mission of sending out God's Light and Truth. Our Lord Jesus when "moved with compassion" for the multitude that was "scattered abroad as sheep having no shepherd", directed His disciples with this command: "*Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that He will send forth labourers into His harvest*." (Matthew 9:36-38). My prayer is that God will continue to keep Truth BPC pure and true so that she may be able to send forth more labourers into His harvest fields to save souls!

Leslie Goh

Thank God for sustaining me all these years, with good health and strength to be in Truth.

Tan Kim Foong (Mary Seow)

Thank God, for His salvation to Charlie and myself.

Toh Yih Wei

As we see how God has led and kept us, may we as a church seek to shine for Him in these last days.



Shirley Ho

On 1st January 2006, I was among a group of people who attended the inaugural service of Truth BP church together with believing visitors from other churches. I remembered vividly how everyone present was rejoicing and singing to praise the Lord during the service. It was a touching moment.

Through the years by the grace of God the church has steadily grown in numbers to about 130 plus and also has 1 elder and 5 deacons. During the COVID-19 pandemic when most churches were closed, we by faith continue to worship openly. The Lord kept us safe.

Personally I would like to thank God for His healing power when I fell and had bilateral fracture of the jaw and a broken wrist.

Truth BP church is missions-minded n has extended the gospel light to Cambodia where churchs are built and funded.

Very soon we will be celebrating our 20th anniversary. May the Lord continue to sustain Truth BP church till He comes.

Tan Bun Kouy



Dear Truth BP Church, blessed 20 Anniversary. I thank God for bringing me to know Truth BPC since I was a student in FEBC. Truth BPC takes care of me very well with both spiritual and physical.

Thank God for using Truth leaders and members to be a blessing to others people in Singapore as well as overseas through their missions work. On behalf of our Agape BP Church in Cambodia, we thank you so much to Truth BPC for all your prayers, support and care. May the Lord continue to bless and keep Truth BPC until our Lord Jesus come again. (Psalm 127:1). God bless.

Chan Sopheak

"*Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.*"
Psalm 100:4

Dear Truth BPC,

On Behalf of True Gospel BPC would like to thank God for using Truth BPC to support the ministry in Kampot Cambodia. On her 20th anniversary next January, we are reflecting on God's goodness, and faithfulness toward all of us. Moreover, time has flied so fast and we are so thankful to the ministry of Truth BPC for these past years. It is our prayers that the Lord may continue to use Truth BPC for many more years for God's Kingdom. Truly, it is the grace of God that has been sustaining all of us until today. May we all continue to thank God for all the blessing that we have received thus far even through the ministry of Truth BPC.

Haw Kum Chan (Rose Kee)

"*It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High*:"

Psalm 92:1

Thank God, for leading me to Truth Church with her biblical doctrine , during COVID-19 in 2022.

Eric Toh

Thank God for His goodness and faithfulness. May Truth BPC continues to be beacon of light to shine brightly for the Lord till He comes. It is our prayer that we will be steadfast and unmovable always abounding in the work of the Lord.

Thian Za Mawi

I thank God for seeing me through Truth BPC since 2023 until now, for more than two years. I know that Truth BPC is sound and is faithfully sending out the light of God's truth. I never thought that I would be attending Truth BPC, but thank God that I am, because He has called me to study His Word. I also thank God for the members of Truth BPC, who are very warm not only physically, but also spiritually. I am especially thankful for being able to attend various church activities that God has allowed me to participate in. Through this church, I have learned much, and my spiritual life has grown. My relationship with God has also become much closer. May the Lord bless and preserve this faithful church until the return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

Joey Yew

Thank God for His unfailing love and for the countless blessings He has given me. Through reading and understanding His word, I have become more aware of the need to grow in my spiritual life and have gained a deeper understanding of the sins I have committed. This awareness not only humbles me but also guides me toward repentance and renewal, reminding me that His grace is greater than my shortcomings.

Helen Lee

20 years in Truth BP Church, I find much comfort in God's presence. Knowing God, He keeps me growing. Thank God.

Tey Choon Kee

Although I have only been part of this church family for a few years, I truly feel as though I have been here much longer. From the very beginning, I was welcomed with warmth and love, and over the years, I have experienced what it mean to belong to a spiritual family. When I first joined , my knowledge of the Bible was very limited. But through fellowship ,and the guidance, teaching of God's Word, I have grown so much spiritually. I am specifically thankful to Sister Carol, whose patient teaching and encouragement have greatly deepened my understanding of scripture and strengthen my walk with God. We care for one another, not just in words but in action. We share each other joys, carry each other's burden, and encourage one another to grow in faith. Through worship, fellowship and service, I had witnessed God presence shaping our lives and strengthening our bonds as a family in Christ. As we celebrate our 20th anniversary, I give thanks for the faithfulness of God and for the dedication of the leaders and members who had journeyed together over the years. I am grateful to be part of the community that continues to inspire , uplift and guide me in my spiritual walk. May we continue to grow together in love, unity and faith as we look forward to the years ahead.

Ng Boon Choo Deborah

In 2006, at a time when the perfectly inspired and preserved Word of God was under attack, God called me out of my former church. That was my first church. In that church I heard the gospel, grew spiritually, found fellowship and learnt that I need to be like the Bereans (Acts 17:11: "*These were more noble than those in Thessalonica, in that they received the word with all readiness of mind, and searched the scriptures daily, whether those things were so*.").

Every Christian needs to be sure that the preacher behind their pulpit is really preaching the truth of God. Thank God that I didn't hesitate to leave my first church when I realized that she has left the old paths (Jer 6:16). Thank God for raising Truth BPC up as a bearer of truth and light for such a time as this. Over these 20 years, Truth BPC have faced many challenges, but praise be to God for sustaining us by His bountiful grace and mercy.

May God continue to keep Truth BPC faithful, until Jesus returns.

Uncle and Aunty Tan (written by Joseph and Alice Tan)

"It is a good thing to give thanks unto the LORD, and to sing praises unto thy name, O most High: To shew forth thy lovingkindness in the morning, and thy faithfulness every night"
Psalm 92:1-2



Our hearts are truly overflowing with thanksgiving unto the Lord for His mighty work in leading and establishing Truth BPC. Among unnumbered blessings through the 20 years, the most significant would be the salvation of my parents in 2006. The Lord brought them to attend our Church Worship Services shortly after Truth started. By God's grace, they began to learn more about God and the Christian faith, giving up their idolatrous practices and in answer to our prayers for them for a few decades.

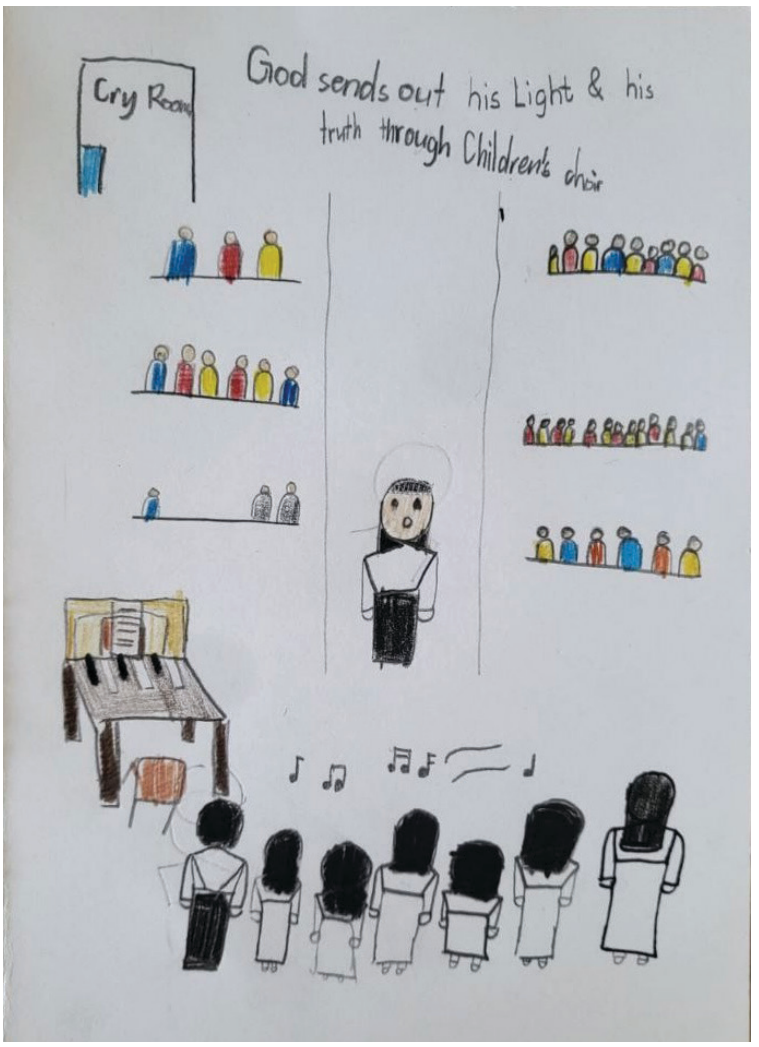


Pray that we will all continue to grow in the Lord individually and as a Church, reaching out and praying always for our many more unsaved loved ones and friends... till He comes.

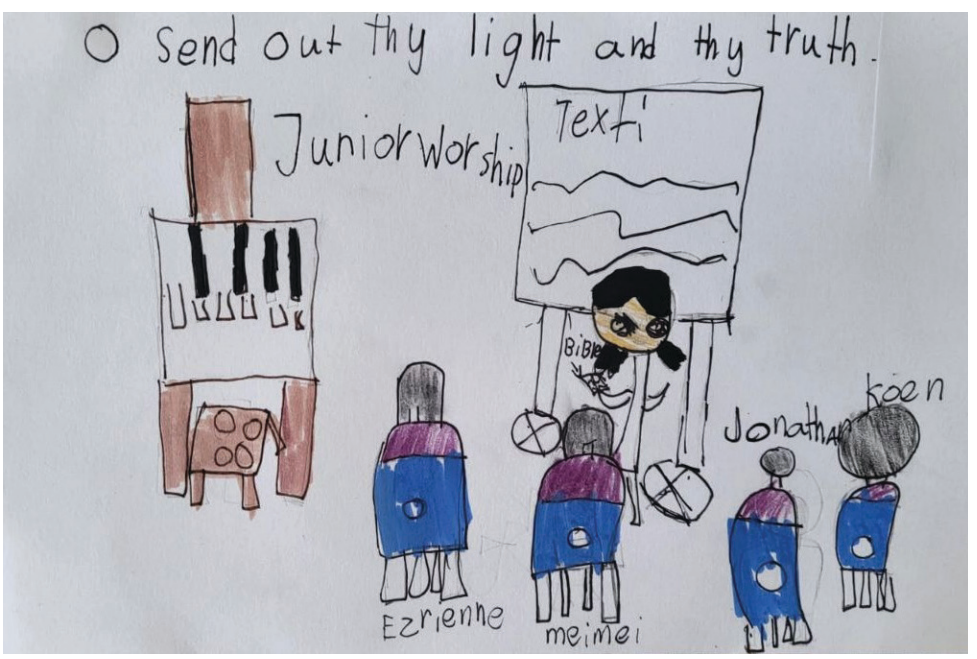
Alice and Joe
On behalf of Uncle and Aunty Tan



Ezrielle Ang



Ezrienne Ang



Benjamin Yeo

Praise God for Truth B-P Church! I thank God for preserving and using Truth BPC all these 20 years to bless His people with preaching and teaching from God's Word. I thank God also for the fellowship of His people in Truth BPC. It is indeed a blessing to have like-minded brethren who encourage and edify as we serve God together in committees and in fellowship groups. May the Lord continue to bless this church with faithful men and women who will continue to shine for Him and send out the light of God's truth till Christ returns.



Regine Saladaga

I thank God for bringing me to Truth BP Church. I am truly grateful to the Truth BPC family for sponsoring and supporting me in my studies. Even though I am new here, I feel welcomed because of the members of Truth BPC. I thank God for the love that they have given to me, and the joy in serving the Lord together with God's people. I pray that the Lord will continue to bless and sustain Truth BPC as they remain faithful in standing for the truth.

Asher Tam

Thank God for seeing and preserving Truth for the past 20 years. I thank God for using her to minister and encourage many people and that I could grow up in this church along with many other people to learn God's Word and encourage each other.

Ivy Wan

Thank God for good 20 years! There are many blessings as I count them one by one... Just to share 2 special occasions which is closed to my heart.



Firstly is Wan's confession of faith together with Justin and Jerald, they received baptism. Praise and thank the Lord, indeed we had taste and see that the Lord is good! And, from our little home, grace was extended also to my godmother, Florence. Thank God for the opportunity to reach out to her and share my faith with her. Thank God for granting her salvation.



Not forgetting also Aunt Cecilia whom the Lord placed into our lives, joining us for church camps and all.

Tracking back, indeed, the Lord is very good unto me. God willing, more years for service in little insignificant ways, in my little corner whereever He sents me, may I be willing to go and speak a word for Jesus! May God help me.







Lyndsey Lee

I was a sinful person before attending church. Now after attending Truth BPC, I gradually learned that Christ died on the cross as a sacrifice for our sins. God is so good, we need to continue to trust and grow in Him. And I thank God that I believed in Him and wants to serve Him.

Matthew 21:22 "*And all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive*." Thank the Lord, we were back from the Vacation Bible School (VBS) mission from Sept 2 till Sept 6 , 2025. As I looked back in year 2024, I had a blessed time during my first trip to VBS in Cambodia, when I went travelling from church to church with other church brethren, seeing the younger and older children with hearts turning towards God. When I was back home after that week in Cambodia, I was not feeling well and was hospitalised for a week. I thank the Lord that I had recovered.

Now come 2025 VBS, I was approached by Boon Choo who asked me whether I was ready to go to Cambodia for VBS. Then I was wondering, "To go or not to go?" I pray to God to give me an answer. By God's grace I received the answer. Yes - I go as I have faith in Him and trusted Him.

God is good, may I continue to trust and grow in Him.

Ezra Ang



Serene Lee

"*And are built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the chief corner stone*;"
Ephesians 2:20

As we celebrate our church's 20th anniversary, I am reminded of God's unfailing love and faithfulness. From uncertain circumstances in her beginnings to where we stand now, the Lord has guided every step of our journey. What started as a small community of 'exiled' believers has grown into a family where lives are transformed, faith is strengthened, and hope is shared.

We give thanks for the birth of Truth BPC out of the battle for the perfect Bible. I was truly quite bewildered and pained at that time in 2005 when Calvary Jurong BPC made a public stand against the VPP issue.

Was that not the church where I have grown to increase in the knowledge of God and learnt to love His Word more than in my previous church with her wrong doctrine and weak feeding? Why has she turned against the very Word that gave her existence meaning and purpose?

Verily, the Word of God is the only sure foundation of any true Bible-believing church. 'On Christ the solid rock I stand, all other ground is sinking sand.' How can a person trust a Christ whose Word is broken and is not perfectly preserved? How to make such a Christ preeminent in her and her members' life?

As we look to the next 20 years and beyond, should the Lord tarry, may we remain faithful to the mission God has entrusted to us—to love Him wholeheartedly, serve one another, and be the salt and light in this sin-sick world. Let this anniversary not just be a reminder of the past, but a call to carry God's work into the future with renewed passion and faith. To God be the glory, now and forever. Amen.

Pamela Koh-Ng

I thank God for His faithfulness in preserving Truth BPC for the past 20 years, and for the kind hospitality of Calvary Pandan in providing us a place of worship. The Lord led my family to Truth BPC 18 years ago. My children were then 3, 4 and 7 years old. Over the years, we have been much blessed by the faithful preaching of God's word and the fellowship of like-minded brethren. All praise and glory be unto Him.

Dennis Kwok

Truth B-P Church has "survived" 20 years by the grace and mercy of God. I remembered very clearly that some doubted even before we started the church in 2006. Indeed, if God be for us, who can be against us? (Romans 8:31). We are not ashamed to stand for the unpopular yet biblical and honourable position of the perfect preservation of God's inspired Word today.

"*The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad*." (Psalm 126:3). 20 years ago, together with six other ex-church leaders, we obeyed God's call to start the new church by faith. Powered by prayers, we witnessed the mighty hand of God providentially provided a place of worship in Calvary Pandan's new renovated sanctuary on level three. Not forgetting also the smooth registration of the church with the Registrar of Society (ROS) and Commissioner of Charity (COC). What more can we ask? We can only pray that our merciful God will find us faithful and continue to preserve us to the end.

Looking back, we began as a full-fledge church packed with all the spiritual activities as if the church had been around for decades. The unimaginable became reality. Without Christ, indeed we can do nothing (see John 15:5). Till the Lord tarries, may we be found faithful in seeking and obeying God's truth in His inspired and preserved Word of everlasting life. "*And ye shall know the truth, and the truth shall make you free*." (John 8:32). Amen.

Luke Yeo

I am truly thankful to God for blessing me with this church that I have grown up in for the past 17 years, that has stood the test of time and held to the correct doctrines according to the Word of God. The Christian environment and worldview presented to me through the church has truly shaped the way I grew up and live now, and the knowledge I have gained through this time will certainly be invaluable in my walk with God. I am also thankful for the church presenting many opportunities to serve God where I am called, such as in the PA ministry and the church choir. May the church continue to do all things according to the Word of God and be a shining light for Him in this world.

Franco Wong

God has been moulding Truth over the last 20 years. I thank God that He has been using His Word build, change, chastise and bless us. His Word is and must be our only source and authority in life and practice. I pray every member will desire to be more Christ-like as we know more about Him through His Word.

Wong En-Si

Thank God for allowing me to grow up in this church, where my closest friends have studied God's Word and sang hymns alongside me these 20 years. He has guided each of us step by step, helping us to grow amidst the struggles we face. Being able to still worship together is a testament to His great faithfulness!











Kwok Yumin

"That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light:"

Colossians 1:10

All Praise and Glory to the Lord for sustaining and leading Truth BPC through 20 years! When we first came out from our former church, it was based on the Truth and Perfect Word of God. Not knowing where to worship, serve, and go, the Lord opened the door using Rev. (Dr) Tow Siang Hwa. By faith into Truth, the Lord has led my family with our eldest son, Ernest, just a year old in 2006, to our family of five with the addition of Caius and Charissa now. We are ever so thankful for His faithfulness, His faithful Word preached, our faithful leaders past and present, and everyone who works hard and is still labouring in our little corners for our Glorious King.

Thank God for how we have grown spiritually and for this close and loving church family who encourages one and all in our different seasons of life—from YF to YAF to AF, from singlehood to marriage, from no kids to having our quiver full, gaining and losing some in the midst, in sickness and in health, outwardly weakening but inwardly still being strengthened. The Lord is good and faithful! Keep trusting, keep praying, keep encouraging, and keep pressing on, dear brethren!



Tan Jyh Cheau

"*Oh that men would praise the LORD for his goodness, and for his wonderful works to the children of men*!"
Psalm 107:31

I thank God for His blessings and guidance of Truth BPC through these twenty years including the eventful Covid 19 pandemic.I rejoice in this 20th anniversary of Truth BPC and take this opportunity to praise the wonderful works of God.

Firstly, this church is like my family second home where our family spent a great portion of our children childhood years together. This nursery and haven of rest where the Word of God is faithfully taught and exercised and godly hymns taught and sung has guided and moulded my family in our short pilgrim journey on earth. God willing, for many more years to come too.
"Happy the home when God is there,
and love fills ev'ry breast;
when one their wish, and one their prayer,
and one their heav'nly rest."

Secondly, this church is the body of Christ. I am part of this building and are called to labour and build one another. 1 Corinthians 3:9 (KJV) "*For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building*." 1 Corinthians 12:12, 27 (KJV) "*For as the body is one, and hath many members, and all the members of that one body, being many, are one body: so also is Christ. Now ye are the body of Christ, and members in particular*."

Being in the service of the Lord and also a recipient of the many blessings from the service of others in the church, my family and I have been encouraged and blessed in many ways. I thank God especially for those who minister quietly behind the scene to ensure the tranquility of the Blessed Sabbath week after week for the worship of God. Indeed, let us provoke one another unto good works. 1 Corinthians 3:8-10 (KJV) "*Now he that planteth and he that watereth are one: and every man shall receive his own reward according to his own labour. For we are labourers together with God: ye are God's husbandry, ye are God's building. According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon*."

Lastly, I have taken this opportunity to count my blessings 'one by one' of this twenty years lifetime in the church. God is good. There are many precious spiritual lessons that I have learned from the faithful preaching of God's Word in this church and also through the fellowship one with another. Happiness, blissfulness, contentment, gratitude, peace etc intermingled with sadness, regrets, pain,

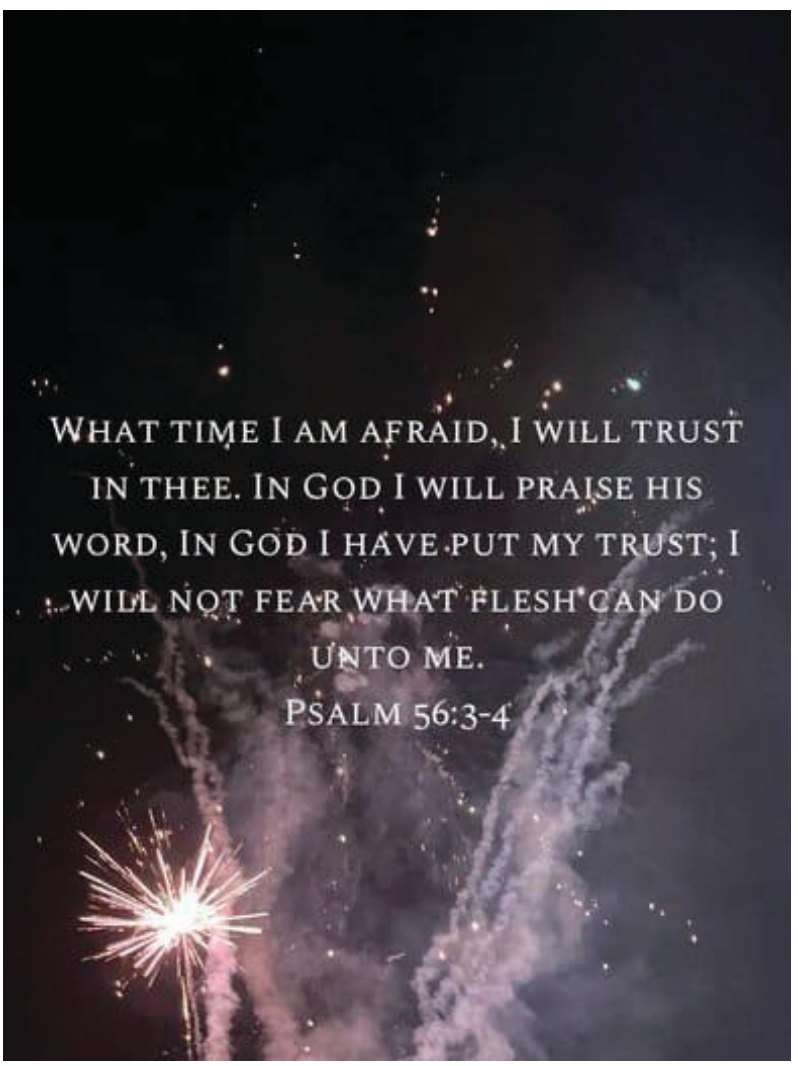
sickness, foolishness and griefs etc are the myriad of life experiences that I have lived through and shape my life as a member of Truth BPC. Psalms 107:42-43 (KJV) "*The righteous shall see it, and rejoice: and all iniquity shall stop her mouth. Whoso is wise, and will observe these things, even they shall understand the lovingkindness of the LORD*."

Twenty years... impactful..with eternity in mind.

Blessed 20th Anniversary Truth Bible Presbyterian Church. "*O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles*." Psalm 43:3

Bryan Tan

I truly thank God for bringing me here to Truth because for these past 3 years, I was able to grow a lot as a Christian, thanks to the sermons, FEBC courses as well as the many helps received from fellow brethren. I pray that God will continue to bless Truth and that the church will continue to faithfully serve Him according to His sacred word until the day when He will bring us all home.



Hung Chao Wei and Joanna Hung

"*Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits*:"

Psalm 103:1-2

As we reflect on God's goodness, we give thanks to the Lord for His faithfulness to Truth BPC these 20 years. Truly, this church has been a place where God's Word is faithfully preached, where fellowship with likeminded brethren is enjoyed, and where many spiritual activities have helped our family grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him.

We are especially thankful for how the Lord called me (Chao Wei) to salvation and led our family to worship and serve in this church. Over the years, God has guided us through different seasons of life — from youth to adulthood, from singlehood to marriage, and now blessing us with children to raise in His ways.

May the Lord continue to help our family, andthe whole church family, to remain faithful until Christ returns. May the Lord use us to send out His light and His truth (Psalm 43:3), that we may be a good testimony for Christ. To God be the glory!

Thankful we are for God's faithfulness,
Remembering His goodness towards us these 20 years.
Under the care of the Lord Almighty,
Together the Truth brethren grow spiritually together.
Help us O Lord to be faithful,
Be one another's brother's keeper.
Protect us from worldliness and sin,
Christ only we must preach and serve.

Loyd Yeo

"*Only fear the LORD, and serve him in truth with all your heart: for consider how great things he hath done for you*."

1 Samuel 12:24

Thank God for Truth BPC that has been supporting the cambodian preacher through the years.

Shirley Chua

Thank God for seeing me through all these years and the lessons from the messages. And thank God for watching over me and may the Holy Spirit continue to teach and help me to understand His word.

Han Mong Eng

"你们要尝尝主恩的滋味，便知道他是美善；
投靠他的人有福了！"
诗篇34:8

我感谢神我能透过真理堂认识神的话语。我也感恩能在圣经营的团契中彼此勉励，这实在是神所赐的福分。我也感恩有华文翻译，让我能更深入明白神的真理。愿神继续带领真理堂的弟兄姐妹们，在神的话语中扎根，在团契中彼此建造。

Toh Yih Chern

Thank God for seeing our church through twenty years! It indeed has been a privilege to be able to grow up in Truth, to learn the truth of the gospel at a young age and to now know my Saviour loved me even before I could love Him or even choose Him. Growing up, I remember liking to ask people the meaning of their names. I knew that my sisters were named by my grandfather and both had very poetic names, but my name, which in Chinese is 意真 felt quite random and un-poetic, meaning "ideas/meaning/thoughts (意) of truth (真)" . It is only more recently that I wondered if my name could have had some ties to our church's history since I knew I was born soon after our church was created, so I asked my father about it. And yes, my name was born out of my parents' belief in the truth of God's Word, and that it was perfectly preserved to the jot and tittle as my God and Saviour said in Matthew 5:18 (KJV) "*Till heaven and earth pass, one jot or one tittle shall in no wise pass from the law, till all be fulfilled*." I thank God for their faithfulness and trust in God's power to perfectly preserve His Word. But it is my prayer that even as we strive to stedfastly hold onto the truth of God's Word, we will through it see who God is, for indeed we have a great, wonderful, almighty, most loving God. And it is my prayer that this knowledge of the truth will make us strive to be more like Him, to obey the truth in action, and spread the truth of our wonderful Saviour in love, with zeal, till our Saviour comes for us in the clouds of glory! For "*He which testifieth these things saith, Surely I come quickly. Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus*."

Jacob Lim


TRUTH
BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Thank the Lord for sustaining Truth BPC these twenty years since her inauguration on 1st January 2006. Our church stands for the perfect Bible which has no mistake. Our God is a Sovereign God, who controls the universe, who knows all things. We can fully trust in Him.
I have and continue to grow in His Word through Sunday worship services, Bible Study and Adult Sunday School. Thank God for faithful ministers preaching and teaching God's Word in our church.
I pray for God's mercy and grace that Truth BPC will continue to stand for the truth in generations to come. The Bible is the Word of God and our guide.
May God uphold Truth BPC to be steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord, till the soon coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
In His Grace,
Jacob Lim.

Corina Lam

"O SEND OUT THY LIGHT AND THY TRUTH"

Truth BPC was inaugurated in Jan 2006. Her existence resulted to defend VPP, the perfect preservation of God's Word. Thank God for calling the faithful few to found Truth BPC. Time has flown by so quickly and now she is in her 20th year. Thank the Lord for His mercy to lead the church through these years to do His Work.

There were times trying and many challenges, yet the Lord is faithful to use us feeble people to do His Will and fulfil His purpose.

The Lord has called some members to full-time ministry, to be theologically trained and now serving the Lord in Truth BPC and other churches. Currently, the church is supporting students from overseas to study in FEBC full time. The church also supports preachers and their families in Cambodia. Pray that God will send forth labourers into the harvest field.

I am also grateful and thankful for faithful ministers of Christ in our midst to preach and teach the Word of God faithfully to us through Sunday Worship, Bible Study, Fellowship Meetings, and Church Camp. I have learnt much and continue to increase in knowledge of God.

In Truth BPC, there are opportunities for me to serve in various areas, and through serving, I get to know more people in the church, both young and old, that we may edify and provoke one another to good works. May we continue to grow in His Word, the Preeminence of Christ we learn, and make Christ our God and all.

Pray that the church will fear the LORD and be faithful to do His bidding till the soon return of the Lord Jesus Christ.

By His Grace, Corina



Sara Wong

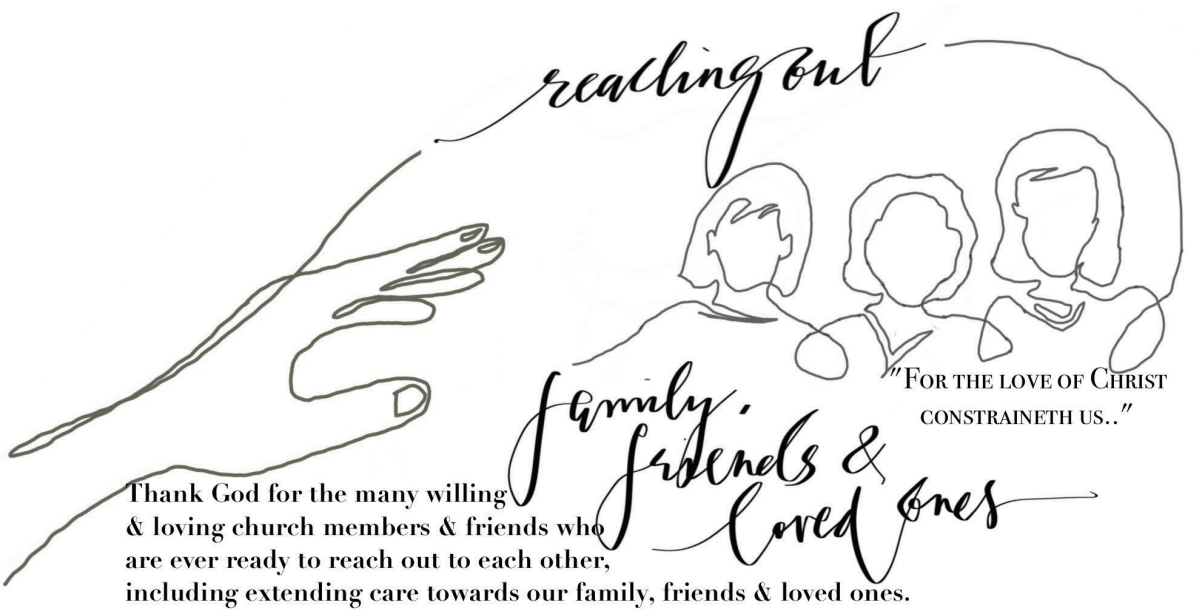
En-Si is now 20 years old. She turned one when Truth BPC started. And that was her first camp t-shirt. We are very thankful that she (and the rest of our children) could grow up in a church that fears the Lord and dare to make a stand for the doctrine of VPP. Yes, there were some heartaches and sadness when some of our brethren left us through the years. But the thought that God knows who are His and is in sovereign control comforts the heart. There are things that we could have done better, and I pray that we'll keep striving to be a better testimony for Christ as a church. I'm most thankful to the Lord for leaders who are willing to search the Scriptures and try to stay in the strait and narrow way, seeking to please God rather than man, and yet at the same time, being patient, kind and loving, just as God is very patient with us. As the theme of the first church camp says, "Blest be the tie that binds", may the good Lord continue to bind us with His truth, and the working of the Holy Spirit, that this bond we have in Truth, will in turn, draw all men to Christ.







Liz Yeo



Chan May Ling

"O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever."

Psalm 136:1

We rejoiced with Truth BPC for celebrating its 20th Anniversary. Thank God for all who have served and built up the spritual foundation of the church. May we be filled with gratitude and praise for all that God has done for us.

Martin Cheong

I would like to thank God for bringing me to the wonderful salvation in the Lord Jesus Christ. Thank God for raising Truth BP Church in such a time as this. I remember what Martin Luther said when he was ask to recant his statements "Here I stand. I can do no other. God help me. Amen"

I thank God who enable me to stand for the truth of the VPP doctrine. May God help us all to stand unwavering for the truth till He returns. Amen

Wong En-Yi

Born in the church,
Raised in the church.
Thank God for those who came,
Thank God for those who remain,
and pray for those who still search.

Many happy memories,
In the sanctuaries,
may Truth BPC,
continue battling evil treacheries.

Susan Cheong

I have been attending Truth BPC since its inception. And I thank God for His mercy and safe keeping for the last 20 years. May God continue to bless and keep Truth BPC.

Helen Tan-Lee

"O taste and see that the LORD is good: blessed is the man that trusteth in him. O fear the LORD, ye his saints: for there is no want to them that fear him. The young lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they that seek the LORD shall not want any good thing."

Psalms 34:8-10

The Lord is good and always faithful. It is with a heart of gratitude and thanksgiving when I think through how our good Lord has seen us through the past 20 years in Truth BPC. I know that it is the Lord who have enabled and given grace to me and my family for seeing us through the past 20 years in TBPC. A recurring phrase that kept ringing in my mind is "...*Hitherto hath the LORD helped us*." 1 Samuel 7:12b. Indeed, there were so many instances where the Lord has helped us in so many ways- at home, at work and in church and our hearts are filled with thanksgiving as we go through different seasons in our lives.

Going forward into our 21st year, God willing, it is indeed my prayer that we will continue to walk closely with the Lord so that we will be faithful to our Ever-faithful and good Lord and Saviour.

Alan & Audrey Tam

From the first to the twentieth, we've not only witnessed the growth in our own family but in the family of Truth BPC. It is truly with much heartfelt thanksgiving how wonderful the Lord has been in keep and preserving Truth BPC. From the faithful preaching of God's Word from the pulpit to the fellowship of the like-minded brethren, the teaching of God's Word and the provision of a Mandarin translation ministry - they have been a blessing to our family. May the Lord continue to keep Truth BP Church for His purpose and glory, and that we will continue to grow in truth and in love for the Lord and for our brethren. All glory to God alone.

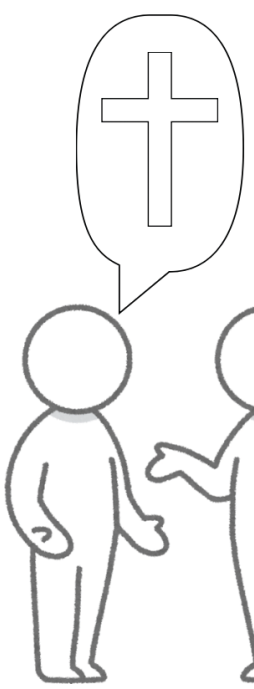

1st Church Camp


20th Church Camp

Wong En-Xi



Matthew 28:18-20



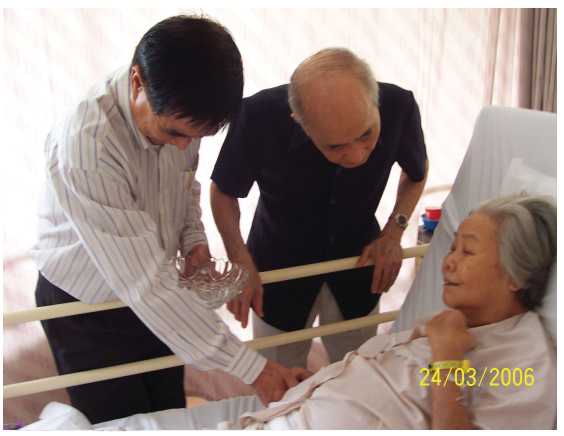
And Jesus came and spake unto them, saying, All power is given unto me in heaven and in earth.
Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you: and, lo, I am with you alway, even unto the end of the world. Amen.

Florence Yeo

Testimony of the salvation of Mdm Yeo Guek Huang (written by daughter Mrs Florence Yeo)

In May 2006

I thank our gracious Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ for saving Mother's soul. All praise and glory to His Holy Name for His amazing grace. Mother was baptized on 21 March 2006 (Fri) by Dr Tow (assisted by Eld William Seah) after she confirmed that she accepts Jesus as her Lord and Saviour.



The gospel seed was planted many years ago but her heart was hardened. During her past admissions to hospital she accepted Him for a time, but rejected Him when she was discharged from hospital. She has been afflicted with many illnesses including heart and kidney failure, and diabetes. There was little chance of recovery after the amputation of her left foot in February 2006.

Recently, I asked her: "Will you open your heart to receive Jesus Christ as your Saviour? He is knocking at your heart's door." She kept quiet. During my absence, she told the senior physiotherapist that she believes in Jesus and that she knows the gospel. And she told me that she wants to be baptised. All praise to our Lord who has been so patient with her!

I wish to encourage others whose loved ones are outside God's kingdom.
1) Pray without ceasing.
2) Speak for the Lord when opportunity arises. Eg: at meal times or during phone conversations.
3) Never give up as long as they have breath. Wait patiently upon the Lord.

First Baptism in Truth, 21 March 2006

To God be the glory, great things he hath done.

Thank God for the love of brethrens who visited my mother at home and at the hospitals. (Singapore & Changi General Hospitals)

A very good testimony which showed their love and care towards her (Christian friends). They went even out of their way.

During visiting hours I would pass the ear phones to let her hear a hokkien song (and listen Christ voice).
I just wait for God's deliverance upon her.

Thank God for her salvation in Christ Jesus.
Baptised on 21/3/2006.
Pastor Tow Siang Hwa baptised her with the assistance of Elder William Seah at Singapore General Hospital. Witnessed by a few brethrens, 2 brothers, Wei Shen & Me Yin. Somtime my brother Heng Kay Huat also believed in Our Lord Jesus Christ.
Ephesians 1:4 "*According as he hath chosen us in him before the foundation of the world...*"

Psalm 40:5 "*Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done...*"

Mum was a patient person, loving, generous and a very caring. A devoted daughter in law to my grandma though it was difficult to care for a person with dementia.

I always mentioned that she appeared like a Christian.
She insisted to give tithes but I told her about tithing and she was an unbeliever but she insisted, an idol worshipper since young from China.

I proved her wrong doing as she was superstitious e.g. not to eat cakes given by wedding couples and after birth.
According to her belief my nephew will not be able to study if he ate the cake. Ben ate it instead. It turned out Ben's exam result was alway good. Thank God.

I told her if I threw her idols to the floor they would be broken to pieces. They could not help themselves.
I was not fearful as God is with me.
Ps 18:49 "*Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name.*"

Our gracious God is always near me. So I had no fear but to speak the truth.

She was afflicted with many illnesses. There was no help for her.
Thank God the gospel seed was planted & finally she believed in the true living God.
Praise Our Lord for her deliverance from hell.
She was called home to be with the Lord on 24/4/2005.

Praise Him for his patience upon her.

God is glorified in our prayers when we ask

him to act according to his perfect will so that his purposes and plans will be the centre of our lives and the lives of those we are praying for. and we give thanks to him and make known to others how he reacted through our prayers.

All praise & glory to His Blessed Name.

My late husband Winston Yeo was a golfer.
His interest was golf every Sunday.
He stopped the game after he was diagnosed with skin cancer over his left arm.
After surgery he gave up his membership with the club and attended the Lord's day worship services.

In the Bible he placed the tract
"I Thank God for Cancer"
God led him to attend BBK and was baptised.
Since then we were serving refreshments in Truth BP Church & after Sunset Gospel Hour. There was much rejoicing as we served as greeters too at SGH.

Team Barnabas was formed in 14/2/2008.
Once a week we visited Mei Ling's father with a few brethren.
He was eager to buy refreshments with much joy.



Though he was afflicted with Leukemia & frequent chemotherapy but he didn't complain. He was with pneumonia, left for Heavenly home on 21/22/2019.

I praise thee O God, my God
For thy wonderful power to save those that are lost.

I sing of thy wonderful mercies to us
sinners save by thy Grace.

Thou art our Great Physician Jesus Christ who heals according to thy will and thy perfect time.

I will sing of The mercies of the Lord.

Help us Lord to love thee more and more.

Rejoice in the Lord, He makes no mistakes.

Glory, Power & Praise to Thy Wonderful Name.
Amen.

Thank God for leading me to Truth B.P. Church. For without faith I can do nothing. He has chosen me out of darkness into His marvellous light.

My faith looks up to my Supreme Christ.
He is Omnipotent, Omniscience & Omnipresent.
Help me O Christ to follow thee all the way till journey's end walking by faith and not by sight.

I learnt much from the preaching and teaching of God's perfect words with power & clarity. Every Lord's Day I rejoice to worship Him with like minded brethrens.
The reading of the bible, prayer & singing of hymns and preaching of God's words are my delight.
My knowledge is increased every week.
My faith in him has increased because it points me to the Lord who loves us.
During adult Sunday School the teaching of God's words were taught simply according to the bible.
I'm very bless as I learn that God does not make mistakes.

Thank our Almighty God by the preacher & teacher who preach & teach clearly and accurately, according to the bible. May God bless them abundantly

The mid week prayer meeting is also an encouragement to me that God answers prayers to those whose names are mentioned. Even if our prayer is not answered I know that God will answer in his time.
If not have to be patient and wait upon the Lord.

Isaiah 41:10 "*Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness*."
I am encouraged by the verse. Thank God for His words.

Psalm 40:5 "*Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done...*"

My pituitory tumour (at base of the brain) disappear without medication or surgery. X-ray detected and I was referred to a specialist. Two scans were done, blood tests showed the abnomality. Very high prolactin & galactorrhea, many years ago. Praise the Lord the tumour disappeared and after prayer. The investigations were normal and the doctor congratulated us. My former staff came to believe in the true and living God who is able to do all things for His glory.

I had a whip lash injury over my neck while travelling in the bus many years ago. too. Inaction & acceptance did not help so I had to wear a collar for about 3 years. Again why praying my neck was healed. With man it was impossible but with God all things are possible.
Jesus Christ is our Great Physician.

2 Corinthians 12:9 "*...My grace is sufficient for thee: for my strength is made perfect in weakness...*"

Psalm 46:1 "*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.*"

I rejoiced when I read the above verses.

Psalm 9:1 "*I will praise thee, O LORD, with my whole heart; I will shew forth all thy marvellous works*."

Though I'm afflicted with illnesses our

gracious God continues to bless me with caring doctors from different hospitals.
He provided me with all my needs and is always good to me in the past and the present. So I just keep trusting him.

Romans 8:28 "*And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose*."

Psalm 18:2 "*The LORD is my rock, and my fortress, and my deliverer; my God, my strength, in whom I will trust...*"

Psalm 18:49 "*Therefore will I give thanks unto thee, O LORD, among the heathen, and sing praises unto thy name*."

Thank God for the love of brethren who never forget to assist me in getting ready the food for me during refreshments.
Such friends are hard to find as they serve with love.
The blessing of God be with them.

John 13:15
He encourages us to follow and serve one another.

Faith teaches us that love is the greatest commandment.

God of love is found in the believers. When I was with covid (twice) & pneumonia (thrice) Brethren visited me at hospitals and at home. Their act of kindness, & love & prayer had been an encouragement to me.

My faith in our loving God never waivers.

Jeremiah 33:3 "*Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not*." Nehemiah 8:10. Our God is a faithful God. I must go out to be a blessing to them who do not know our God. The true and living God. I prayed for God's leading & strengthening of my legs. It's my desire to go out to tract so that someone will come to know him through the gospel tract & receive the salvation through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Only Jesus saves.

There's much rejoicing in my heart when they received the tracts. I can only serve in tracting due to my mobility problem.

Psalm 42:2 "*My soul thirsteth for God, for the living God: when shall I come and appear before God*?"

I've been tracting for many years in the company where I worked but more active now as I thirst for the souls of my loved ones and others.
No one in the company stopped me from tracting. Instead, staff members & I assistant were sent to help me with the workload.
It was God who was with me. Praise Him.
When God's work was concerned no one can stopped me from spreading the gospel. I resigned as my health conditions declined at age 54.
No matter what happened we can still serve him even while lying on hospital beds. God will enable us to do his will. I left tracts on the side cabinets and let the staff have them.

They took them willingly. Sometimes tracts were given to the cleaners and visitors.

Psalm 118:29 "*O give thanks unto the LORD; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever.*"

Proverbs 2:6 "*For the LORD giveth wisdom: out of his mouth cometh knowledge and understanding*."

Give praise to the Lord for he is good, his mercy endureth forever.

Chew Soh Han

Time flies! It has been a difficult, trying and yet fulfilling journey with the help of God.

It was difficult to part with Calvary BP Church because Winston and I grew up together in there since we were 12yrs old. Many of our close friends were or are still there.

We were not taught accurately and there was a lack of spiritual feeding. With much prayer, we resolved to attend Calvary Pandan's Sunset Gospel Hour regularly. With the help of the Holy Spirit, we learnt much truths from the Bible. We were so hungry for God's word. Every sermon we heard really spoke to our hearts and built us up spiritually and helped us to know what is right or wrong.

When the VPP issue appeared, the Lord convicted our hearts to leave Calvary BP Church and stand for the truth. Much tears was shed. We were saddened but we had to part and obey the Lord, together with a group of people.

Truth B.P Church was formed with the help of Dr Tow, Rev. Quek and Dr Khoo. We are truly grateful and thankful for their hospitality, teaching, advice and counsel in starting Truth BP Church. Most importantly, we thank the Lord for His provision, care and direction. Without the Lord's help, we will not be what we now.

Will Truth BP Church be around in the next 20yrs? Pray for all the VPP Churches to be united and focus on the Word of God and do what God wants us to do, to encourage one another and reach out to unbelievers and converting the soul.

I would like end with the following verses:
1 Corinthians 15:58 "*Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord*."
Hebrews 10:23-25 "*Let us hold fast the profession of our faith without wavering; (for he is faithful that promised;) And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*."

Carol Lee

"All glory be to our Almighty God"

All glory be to our Almighty God for the birth of Truth B-P Church twenty years ago, in 2006. Out of an attack on the precious Word of God, God established this new church. For many of us, this spiritual battle for the perfect Word of God was an emotional one (as friendship ties, some as long as thirty years, had to be severed), yet it was a God-given opportunity to us to show our allegiance to our God and to choose to stand on the Lord's side! By God's grace, we chose His side and made the decision to move out and move on with Him.

Once the attack on God's Word was made public and the imperfect Word of God adopted as the position of Calvary B-P Church (Jurong) on 2 October 2005, I knew I had to resign as a full-time worker, and leave. There was nothing else to take into account, for I could not be part of that attack against God. "*For we can do nothing against the truth, but for the truth*"
(2 Cor 13:8). The Lord loves me and has given His life for me, that I may have my sins forgiven, and He has gone ahead to prepare my eternal abode for me. My life belongs to Him. How can I betray Him?

Right from the early days of starting Truth B-P Church, God made our paths smooth as we looked to Him for guidance and direction, and worked to set up this new ministry. And the Lord did not fail. He provided step by step. One early example was His gracious provision of a venue for worship. Our earthly wisdom led us to consider renting a community hall for a couple of hours every Lord's Day for our worship service (storing the hymn books in our car boots). But, unbeknown to us, our Almighty God had already long prepared a most conducive sanctuary for us to worship Him in. He used the late Rev. Dr Tow Siang Hwa (then Senior Pastor of Calvary Pandan BP Church) to offer us the use of the brand new, almost fully equipped, Sanctuary on level 3 of the Calvary Pandan church building. Imagine our exhilaration at this most unexpected, most bountiful provision from God! How we praised and thanked Him! At that time, I felt as if God was smiling at us, pleased with what we were doing for Him. My heart was comforted, and encouraged by His generous provision. How can we not trust such a faithful, caring God? As we chose to stand on God's side by His grace, He proved His presence with us. At the same time, we are most grateful to the Session of Calvary Pandan B-P Church for their love to do God's work, even to sacrificially assist in the birth of a new witness for God; and they continue to be a source of blessing to us to this day. Truly, they are "*stedfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord,*" and we know that their "*labour is not in vain in the Lord*" (1 Cor 15:58).

And all glory be to our Almighty God for sustaining Truth B-P Church these past twenty years. Our church theme has been Psalm 43:3a, "*O send out thy light and thy truth*." Even as we have seen His light and received His truth, He led us to share His light and His truth: through our members' own personal evangelism/witnessing (even reaching out to those incarcerated in prison), our various Gospel rallies in church (both at church level and at fellowship group level), our Evangelistic Band's monthly tracting in the neighbourhood HDB blocks, etc. And He grew Truth B-P Church, both in numbers and spiritually.

Our work for God, however, is not, and cannot be, confined to Singapore. We remember the Great Commission. The perfect Word of God must also be shared beyond our shores. God used us (as a church and through our members' ministry) to share His light and His truth beyond Singapore: into Cambodia (Sihanoukville, Kampot, Phnom Penh), Malaysia (Kemaman, Ipoh, Petaling Jaya), Australia (Melbourne, Perth) and Kenya (Bomet, Kisumu). We thank God for using us at home and abroad. May the Lord be pleased to open more avenues for us to beam His perfect light and to share the perfect truth of His Word in these last days. And may we be obedient to go, trusting that He who calls will also be faithful to provide and to bless, as He has done these past twenty years.

Time is running short, Jesus' return is, as it were, at the door. The finish line is in view. The race will soon be over. "*...be thou faithful unto death...*" (Rev 2:10). In these remaining days, may God help us to grow internally as a church according to Ephesians 4:32: "*And be ye kind one to another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ's sake hath forgiven you*;" and externally to continue to obey the Great Commission. Luke 5:4b: "... *Launch out into the deep, and let down your nets for a draught*." May Truth B-P Church be found not just faithfully standing on God's side, but also labouring for Him, our perfect Lord and Saviour, till He returns.

All glory be to our Almighty God!

Abel Tam

Thank God for keeping and preserving Truth BPC these 20 years, for the faithful preaching, teaching and defending the Word of God so that I have the opportunity to grow up learning the truths of God's Word. I also thank God for using Truth BPC to preach and share the good news of eternal life to others. I also appreciate the fellowship from members and friends in the church and that I can establish close relationships with my brothers and sisters in Christ. Their fellowship and encouragement helped me to desire to draw closer to God. I pray that until Christ comes, may He continue to keep all of us faithful in sending forth His light and His Truth.

Anthony Cheng

"*That ye might walk worthy of the Lord unto all pleasing, being fruitful in every good work, and increasing in the knowledge of God; Strengthened with all might, according to his glorious power, unto all patience and longsuffering with joyfulness; Giving thanks unto the Father, which hath made us meet to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in light*:"
Colossians 1:10-12

I truly express my heartfelt gratitude to God for His faithfulness in preserving Truth B-P Church over the past 20 years. God's steadfast love and providence has guided Truth B-P Church through times of difficulties, uncertainties, growth and challenges. All throughout the years, God's Word is the only foundation, that was able to sustain us through difficult times.

As we look back on these 20 years, we are reminded that our strength comes not from ourselves, but from His Word, His faithfulness which has been our rock, our refuge, and our shield. We give thanks to God for His loving care, provision, and God's presence with us in every step of the way.

May the Lord help us to remain faithful to His calling. May God's Word remain as our anchor, holding fast to the doctrine of our Lord Jesus Christ. May the truth of God's Word be our guiding light, illuminating the path forward, even when the journey seemed uncertain. May God's name be glorified, and may the Lord help us to stand firm in the faith, and to be witnesses for Him, shining brightly in a world filled with darkness.

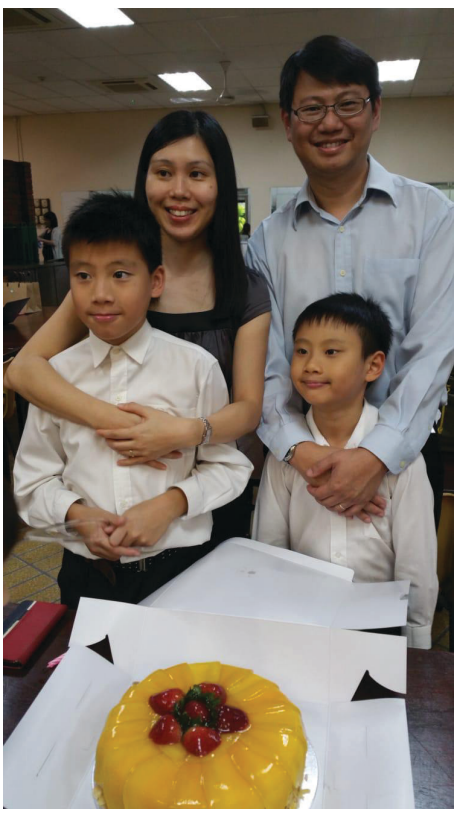
Colossians 1:23a "*If ye continue in the faith grounded and settled, and be not moved away from the hope of the gospel, which ye have heard, and which was preached to every creature which is under heaven*;"

Betty Kee

I would like to thank God for sustaining me all these years in granting me good health. Thank God for Truth B-P Church for helping me to grow spiritually. Thank God also for the fellowship which gives me much encouragement.

Ernest Kwok

Thank God for seeing Truth BPC through 20 years! I am thankful that I grew up in this church since the beginning and for keeping me close to Him until now. Thank God that Truth BPC is a place where I can grow in the faith and fellowship with likeminded believers. May God continue to preserve Truth BPC till he comes again.



Mary Yong

"Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever."
Psalm 23:6

It's hard to believe that it has been twenty years since I made the decision to leave Calvary Jurong to join Truth BPC to begin a new chapter in the walk with the LORD. Was it difficult? NO - deep down I knew that God was leading us to exercise faith for the word of God that is preserved for us.

Over these past two decades, I have witnessed God's faithfulness on nurturing Truth BPC where I can find the feeding of God's word. Looking back, I am truly grateful for God's timing and direction.

Car Vincent

I would like to take this opportunity to sincerely thank God for Truth Bible Presbyterian Church. The Lord has truly used this church in a very special way in my life, especially during my studies in FEBC. I am reminded of Paul's words in Philippians 1:3, "*I thank my God upon every remembrance of you*," because whenever I think of Truth BPC, my heart is filled with gratitude to God for the kindness, support, and encouragement I have received.

Thank you so much for your constant prayers for me. I believe that one of the greatest blessings a Christian can receive is to know that brothers and sisters-in-Christ are faithfully praying for them. Many times, in the course of my studies, there were challenges, moments of tiredness, and times when I felt weak. But God was gracious to strengthen me, and I know that your prayers were a part of His gracious provision for me.

I am also deeply thankful for the way God has used this church to help me grow in my spiritual life. Through your testimony, your fellowship, and your example, I have been encouraged to be more steadfast in the faith, to love the Lord more, and to serve Him with a sincere heart. The light of Christ is truly shining in this congregation, and I am one of the many who have been blessed because of it.

I also want to thank God for the love gift you shared with me. It was not only a material blessing but also a spiritual encouragement, reminding me of the love and generosity of the people of God. By His grace, I was able to save it and use it to conduct a Vacation Bible School in the Philippines. Those weeks of VBS were such a joyful and fruitful ministry, as many children were able to hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. What you gave has borne fruit far beyond what you could see directly it has touched the lives of children who may never have had the chance to hear God's Word otherwise. Truly, your light has not only shined in me, but also in those precious young souls who heard the Gospel.

As I reflect on all these blessings, I can only thank God for placing me in contact with Truth BPC. Your love, prayers, and support have been a part of my journey, and I pray that the Lord will continue to use this church mightily for His glory. May you continue to be a shining testimony of the Gospel, both near and far, and may God reward you abundantly for all that you do for Him.

To God be all the glory, and may the name of Christ be ever magnified through Truth Bible Presbyterian Church.



Adele Lim

Thank God for seeing Truth through 20 years!
The Lord has been very gracious and merciful towards us, guiding us each step of the way. These images bear testimony of how He has seen us through the years. I have been greatly blessed by the lessons learnt and the sweet fellowship that we have shared along the way. As we commemorate our 20th year, may we continue to grow not just physically, but spiritually.
To God be the glory!

Lamentations 3:22-23 It is of the LORD'S mercies that we are not consumed, because his compassions fail not. They are new every morning: great is thy faithfulness.

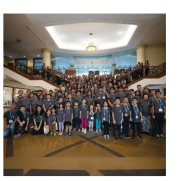












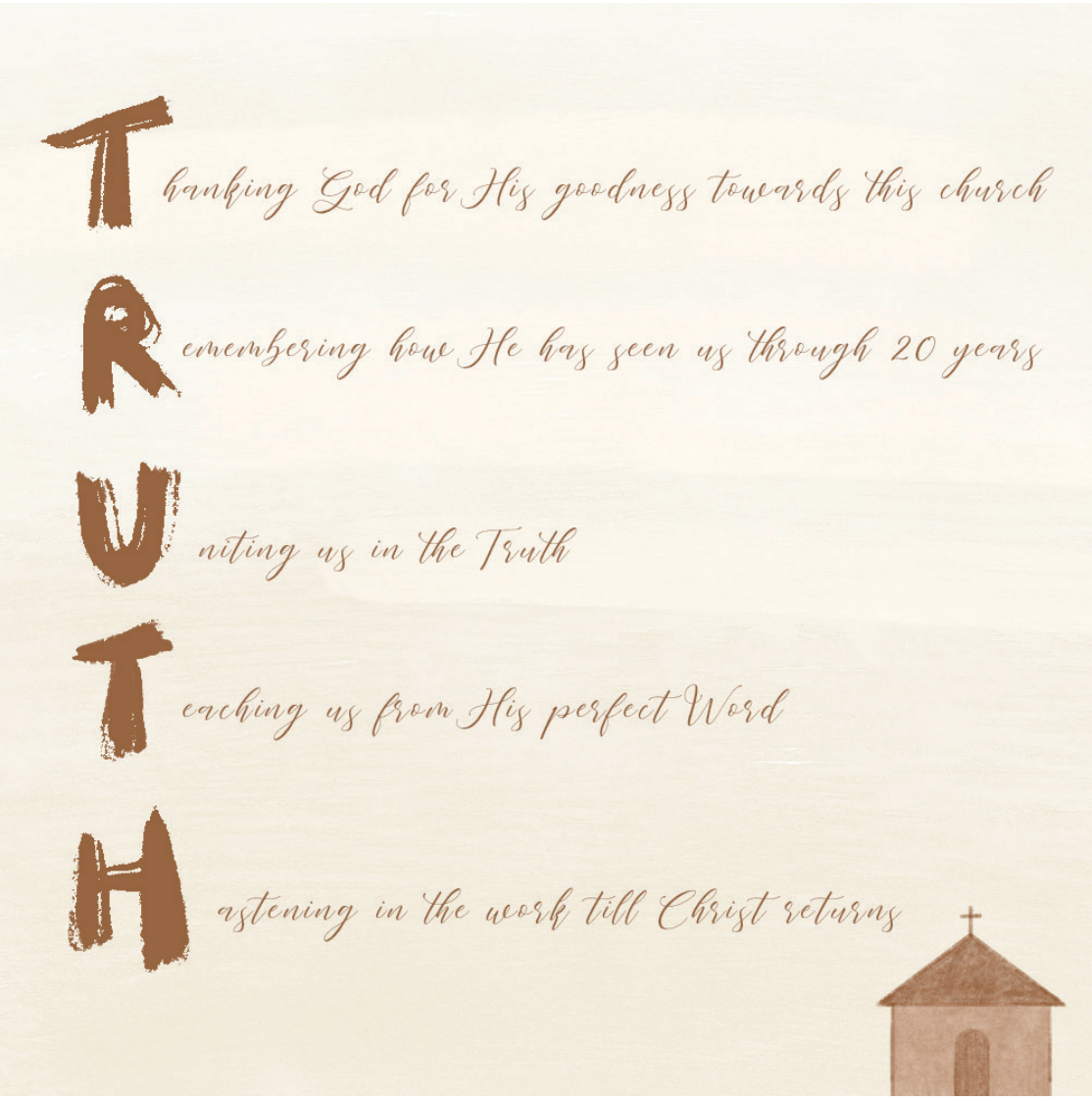









David & Gracia Chew



Winston Chew

Thank God for His grace and mercy in raising Truth BP Church out of the fight for the truth of the perfectly inspired and perfectly preserved Word of God, and for sustaining the church through these 20 years. May the Lord be gracious to lead and guide the church to do His will and fulfil His purpose until the Lord Jesus returns.

Will our children defend the faith and continue to hold on to the truth? There is a need to teach the next generation, and the next, to ensure that the church and the members do not fall away. May the Lord be merciful to Truth BP Church.

He Yirong

Thank God for saving me from my sins through the Lord Jesus Christ.

I joined Truth B-P Church in 2006. And the Lord hath sustained me through these 20 years. The LORD has always taken good care of me through all trials and temptations.

The Lord hath taught me through my brothers and sisters in Christ some of these doctrines which I have not known:

1. Biblical Separation
2. Verbal Plenary Preservation

I am thankful to the Lord for sending Pr. Joshua Yong, who took the effort to befriend me in a FCM camp where I did not know anybody. Thank God he is now a preacher and I am able to translate messages for him.

Thank God for Rev. Quek for being my "boss" for a period of time, having the privilege to serve in Tabernacle Books for 4 years. Thank God Rev. Quek continue to preach faithfully since the 1st time I heard him preach in a FCM camp.

Thank God for Rev. Dennis Kwok who hath been my pastor. God sent him to counsel and teach me the Word of God through the worst period of my life.

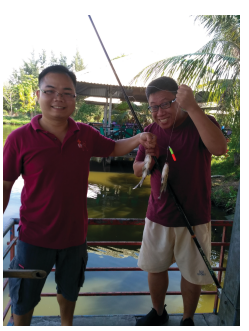
Thank God for all other brothers and sisters in Truth B-P Church who will not hesitate to admonish and encourage me through the Word of God.

Thank God for giving me opportunities to minister to brethren who stayed with us for a period of time, especially Rev. Van Hieu.

Thank God for all the young children whom He hath nurtured all these 20 years. We have witnessed a living testimony of His goodness in Pr David Chew.

Psalm 1:1-6 (KJV) "*Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly, nor standeth in the way of sinners, nor sitteth in the seat of the scornful. But his delight is in the law of the LORD; and in his law doth he meditate day and night. And he shall be like a tree planted by the rivers of water, that bringeth forth his fruit in his season; his leaf also shall not wither; and whatsoever he doeth shall prosper. The ungodly are not so: but are like the chaff which the wind driveth away. Therefore the ungodly shall not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the congregation of the righteous. For the LORD knoweth the way of the righteous: but the way of the ungodly shall perish*."







Esther Ang

Light & Truth



A lie was once declared in boldness of speech,
Subtly but deceptively planned not to teach.
Confusion and darkness swept through a flock,
But there was Light
Sent out to prove clarity, between day and night.



As seeds of a new church began to be sowed,
Young steps at times falter but never when in His fold,
Questions aplenty, as sheep we may seem,
But there was Light
To direct our footsteps and teach us of Him.



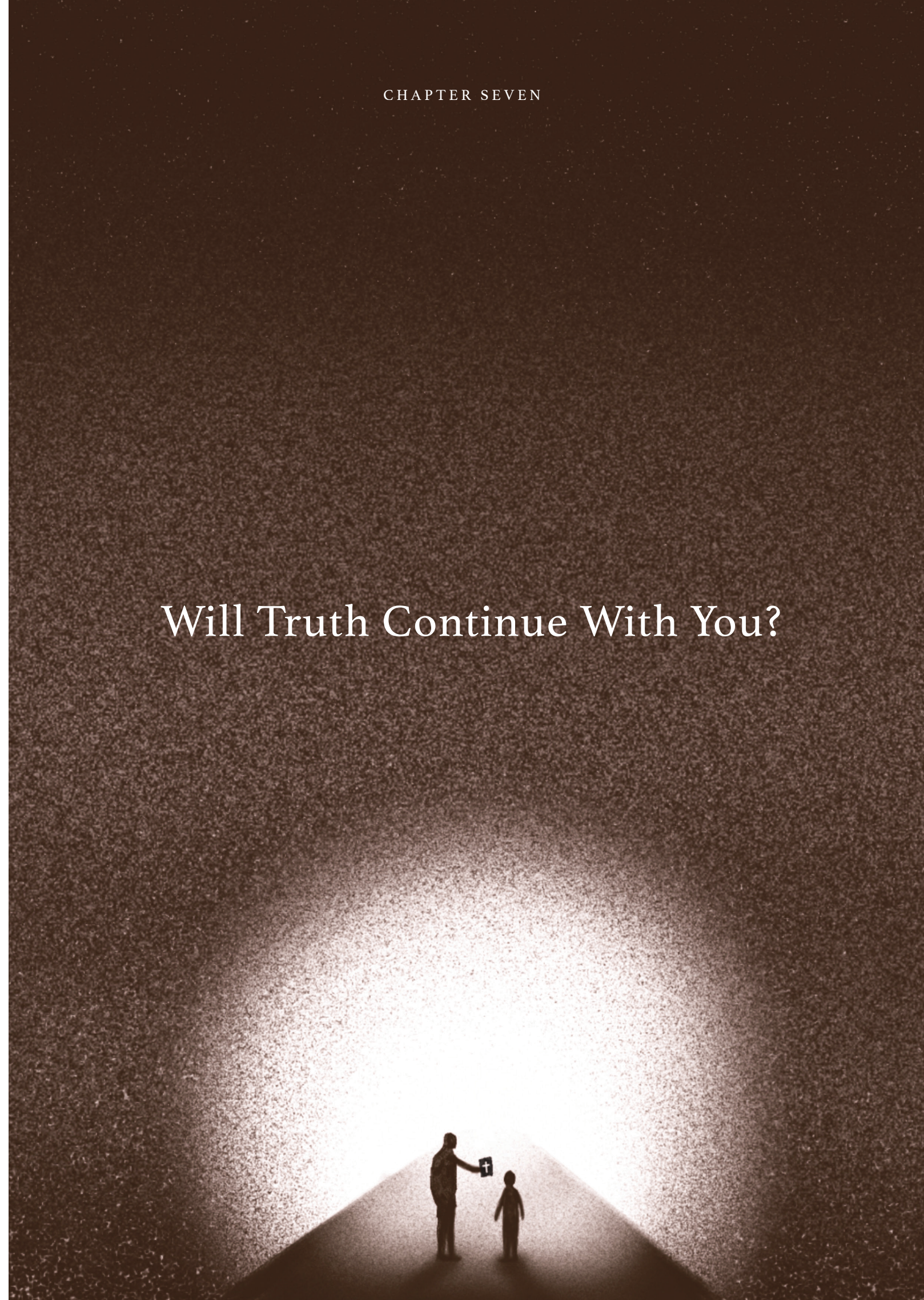
With Truths that are taught, and conviction of heart,
We know the Lord wants of us, not just in part,
A witness, obedience, and courage to speak,
But there is Light,
To help us in these, if in Him we seek.



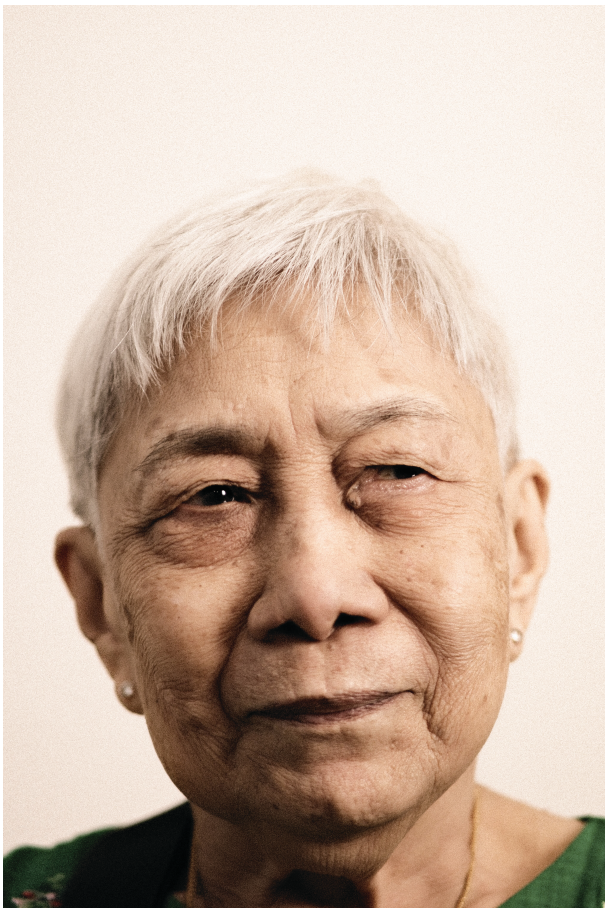
So, press on! For all is not vain in God's sight.
Instruction, Providence, and all of God's Might
To shine forth as lights, one body in Christ.
For there is Light -
That's all we will need - till in paradise.

CHAPTER SEVEN

Will Truth Continue With You?

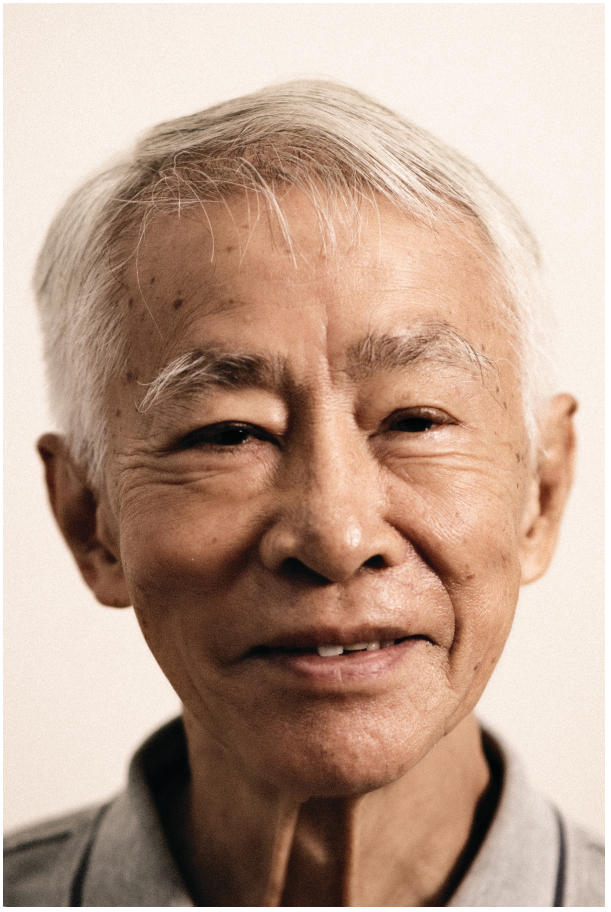


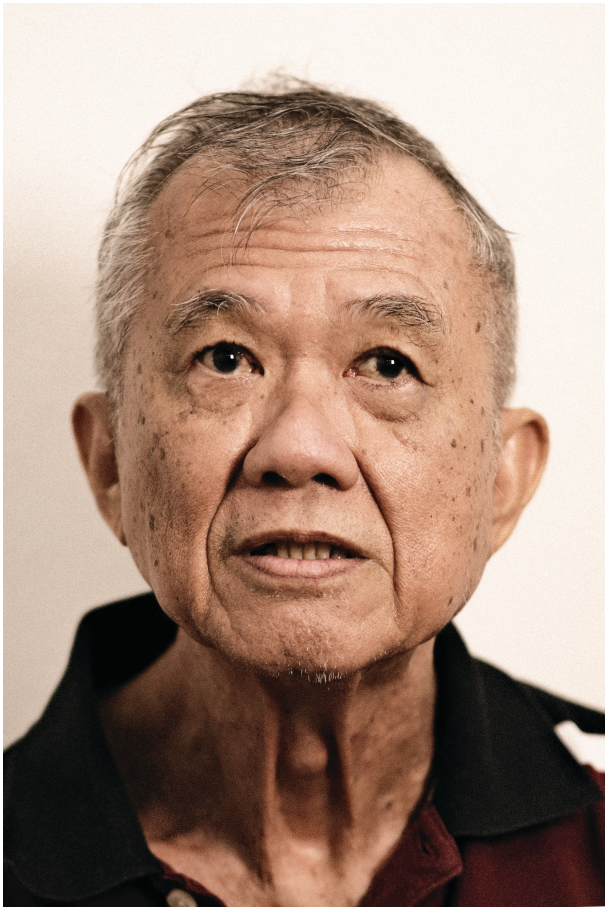


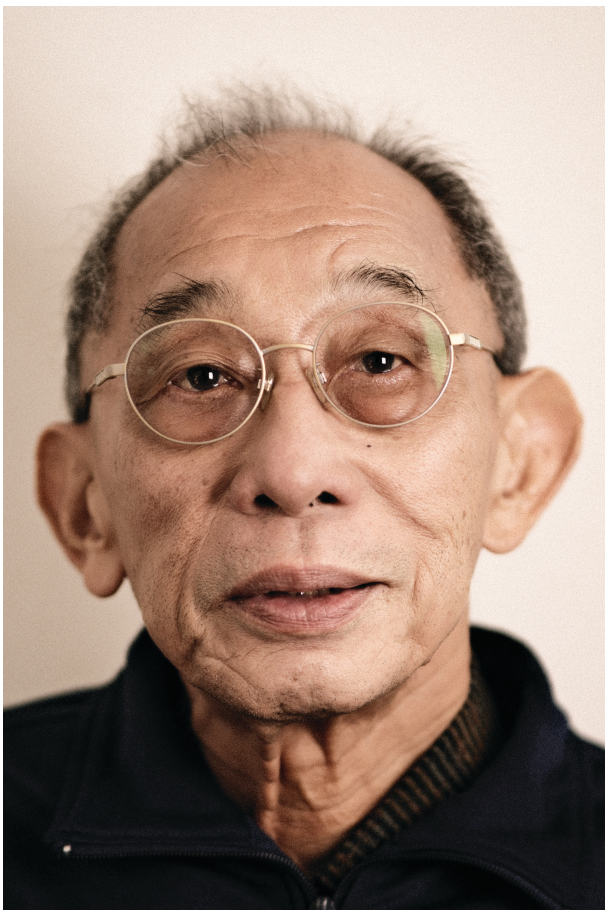








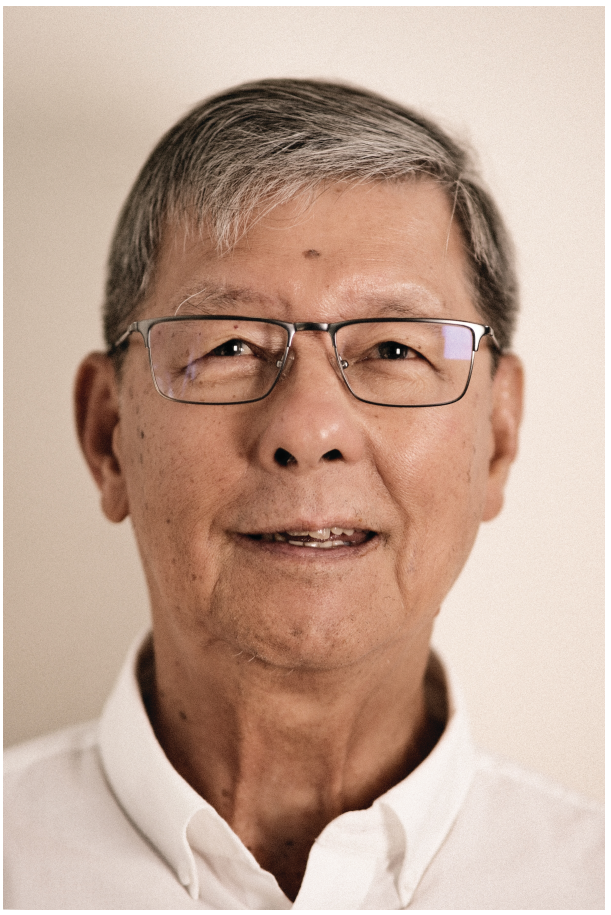






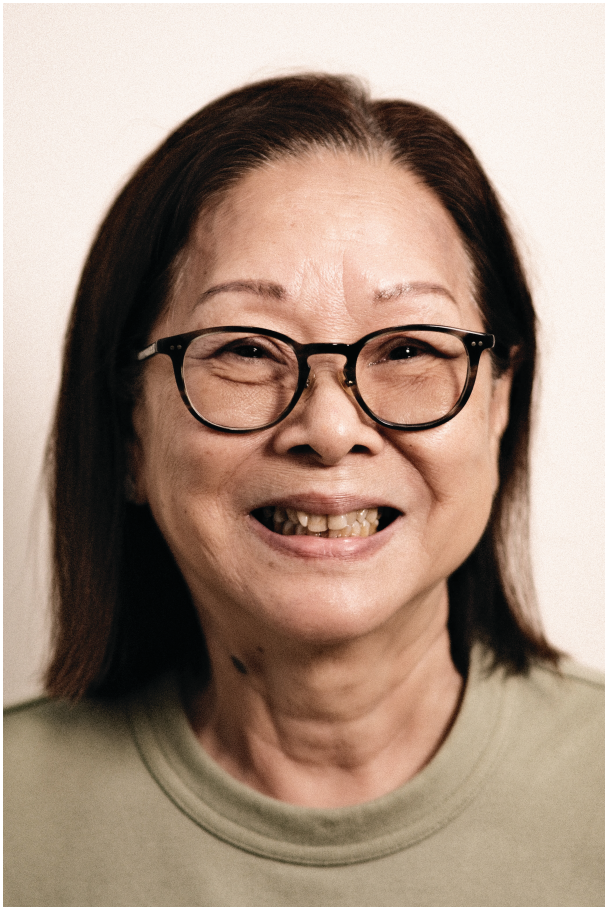


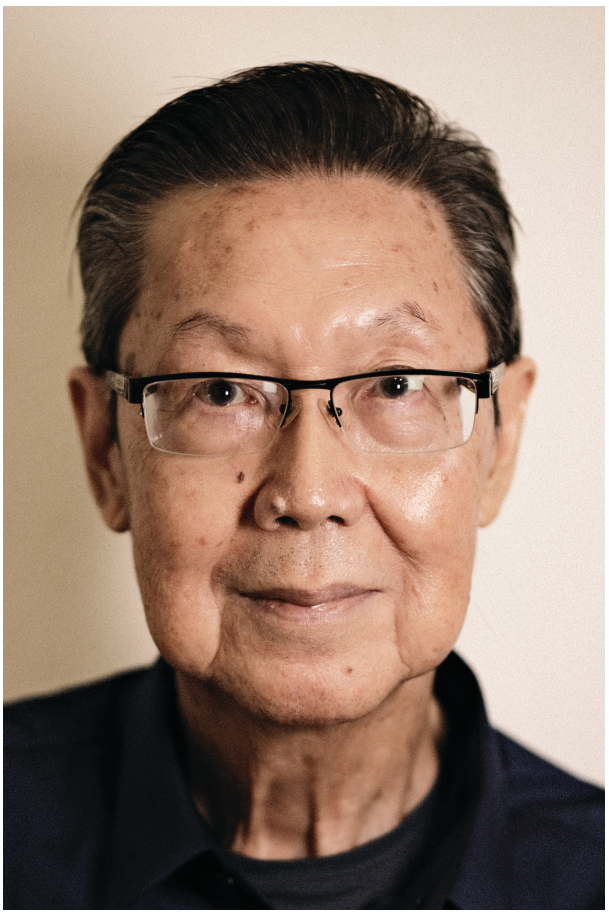










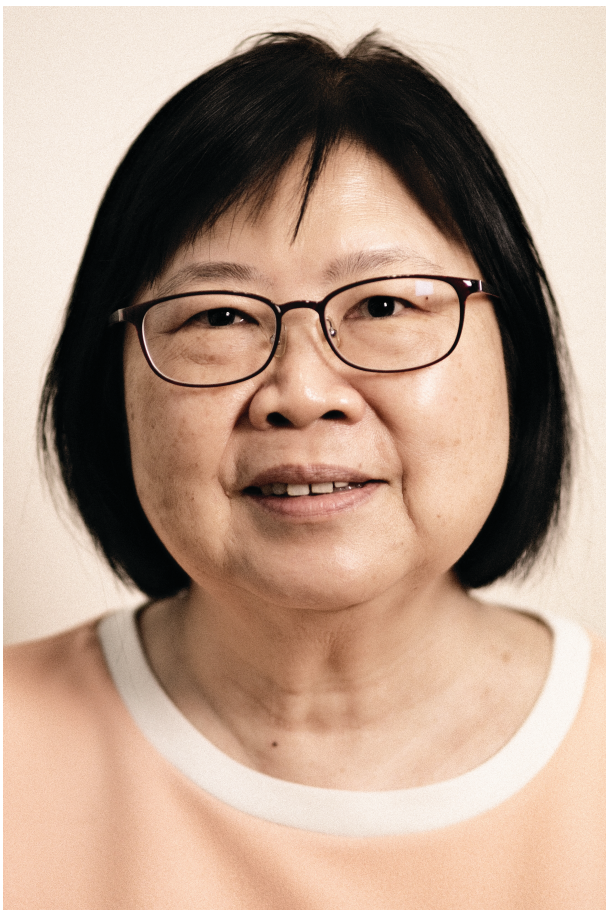


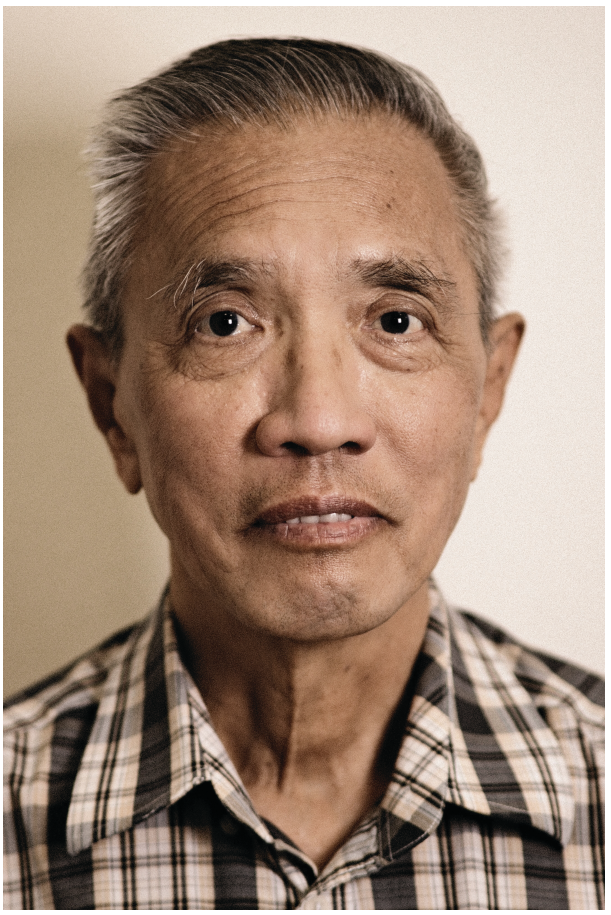


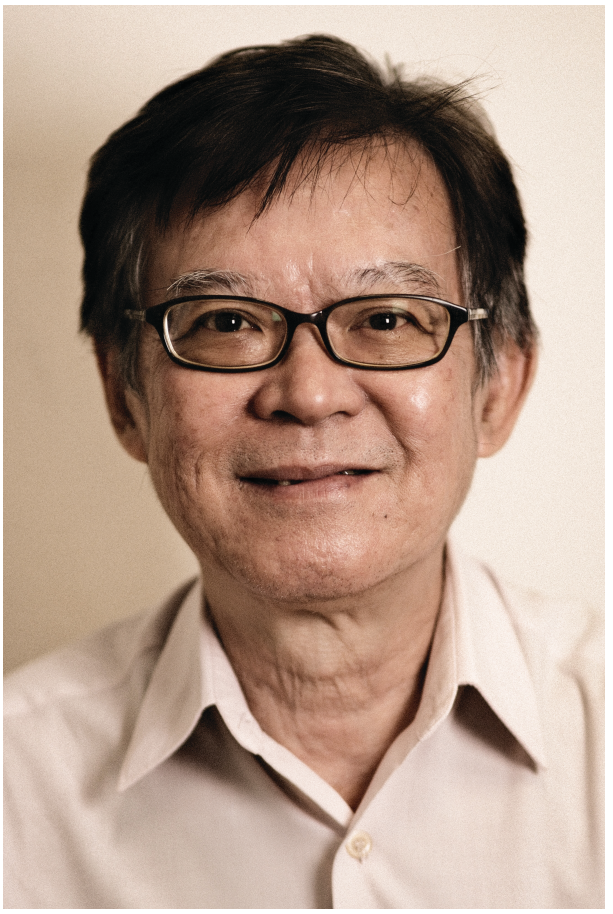


























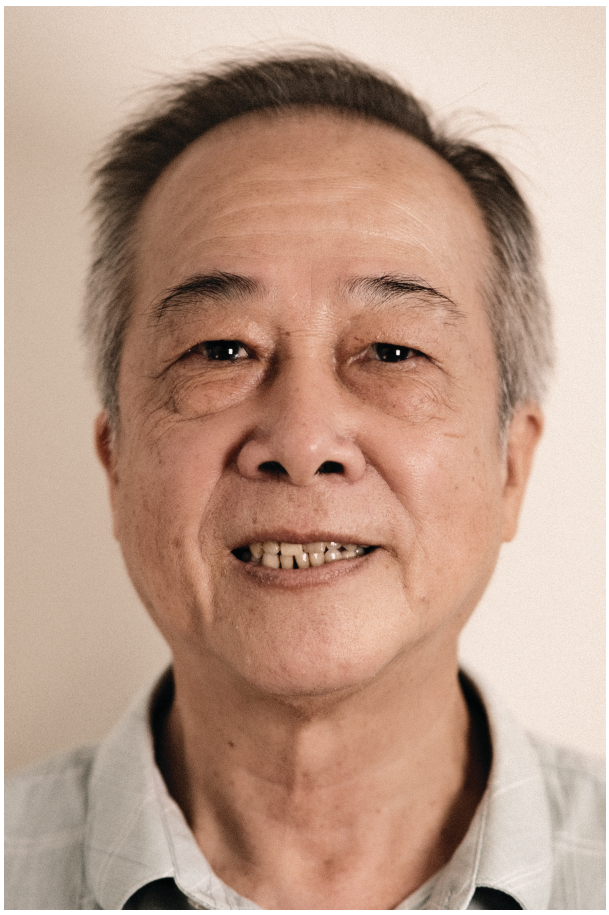




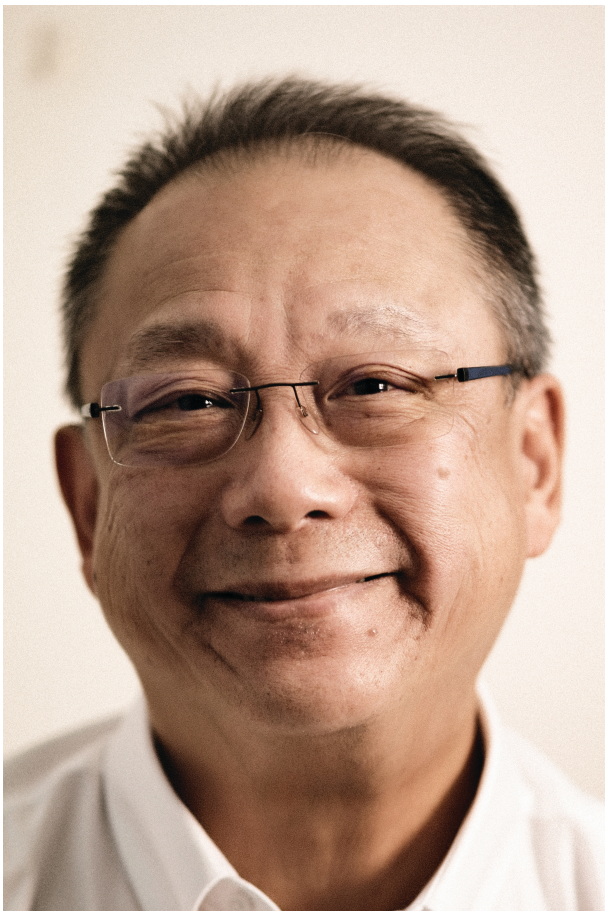




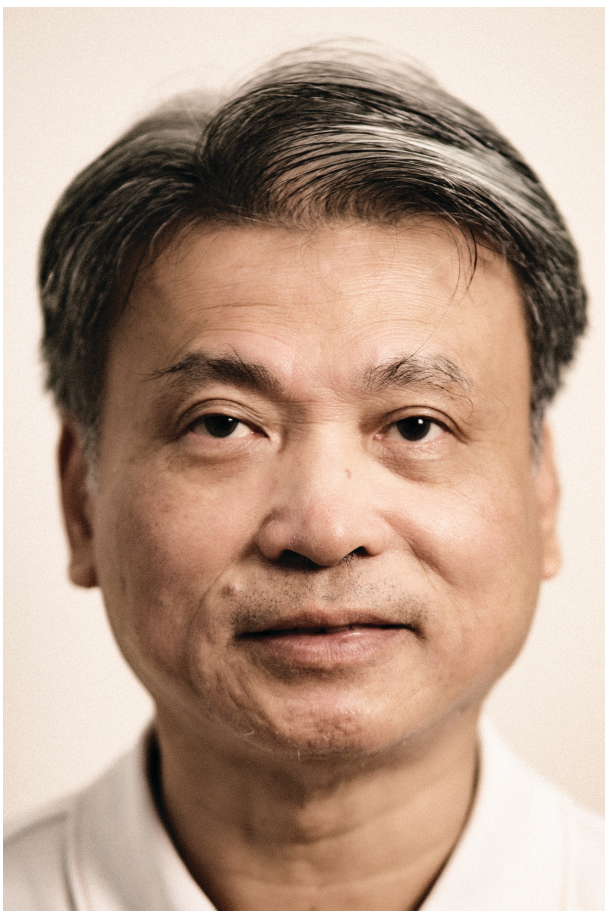




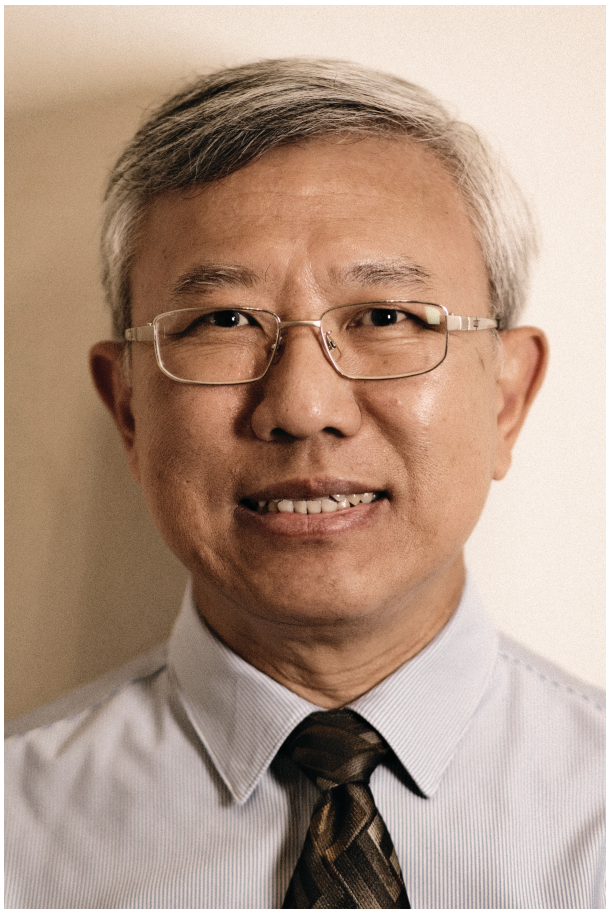




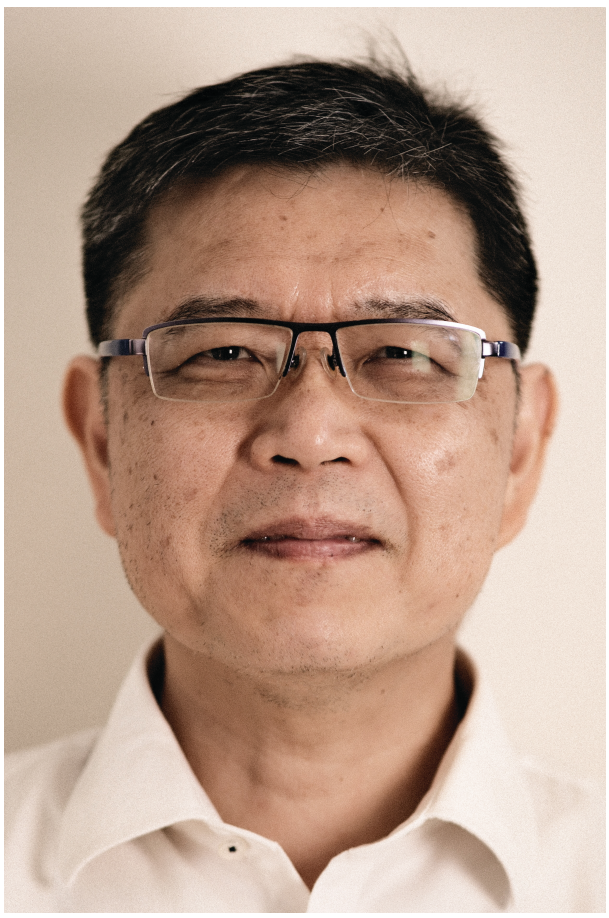








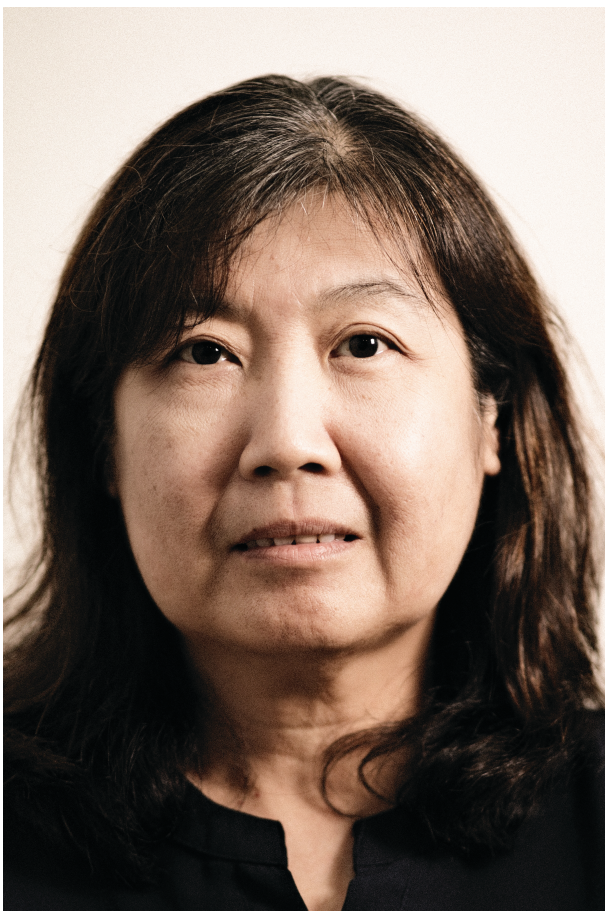




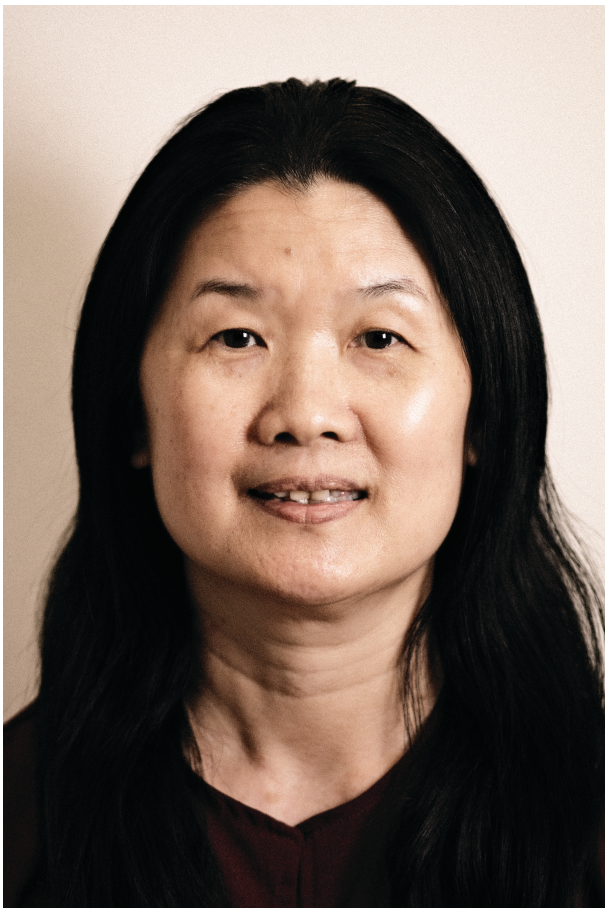








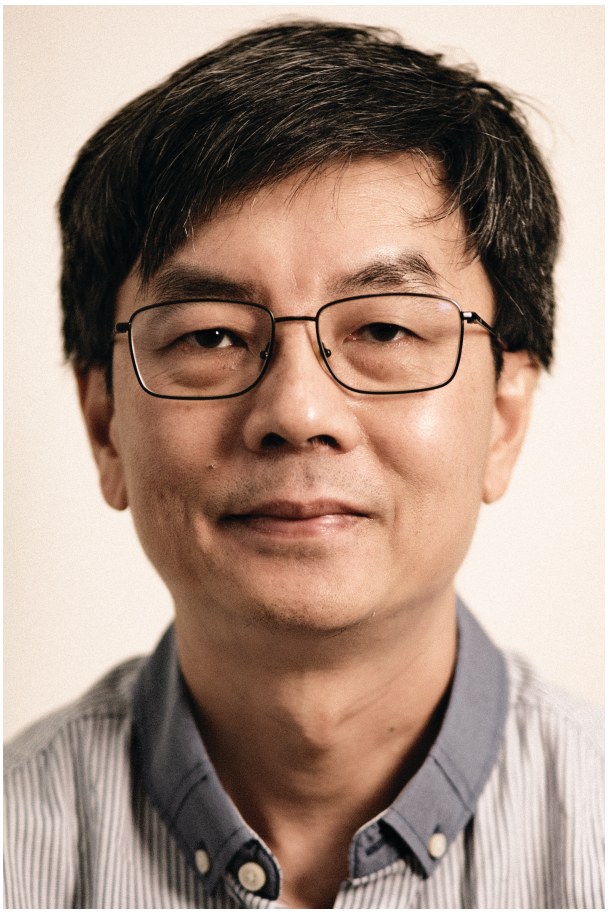


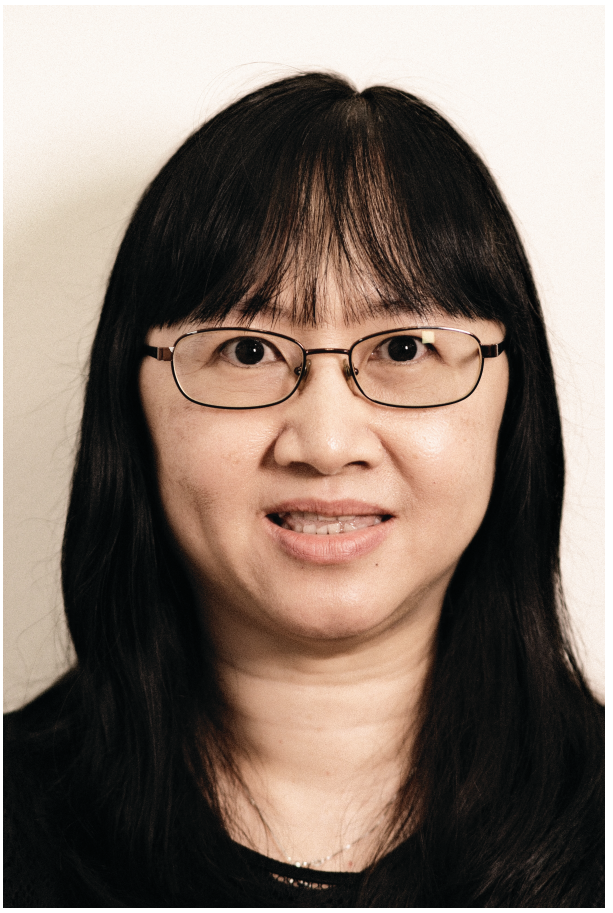


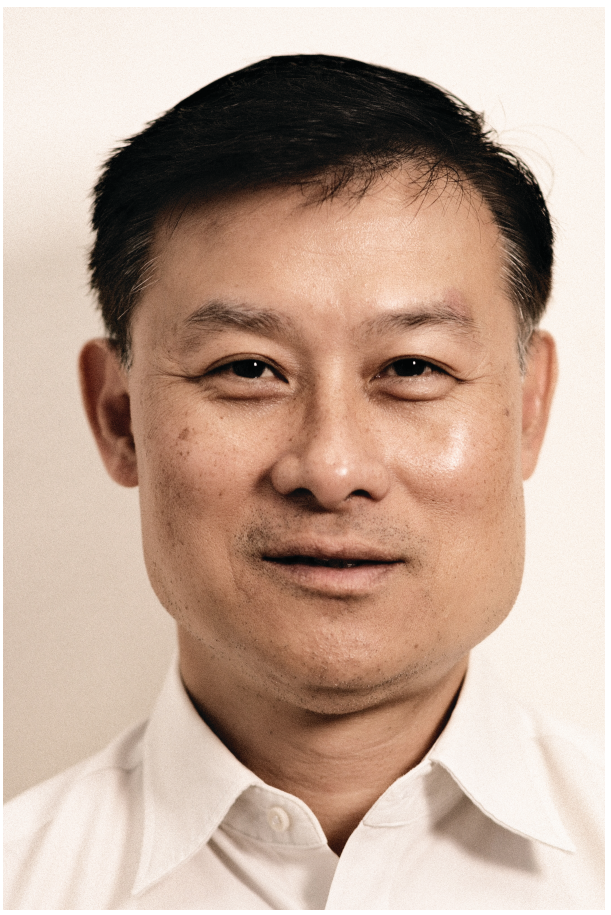
















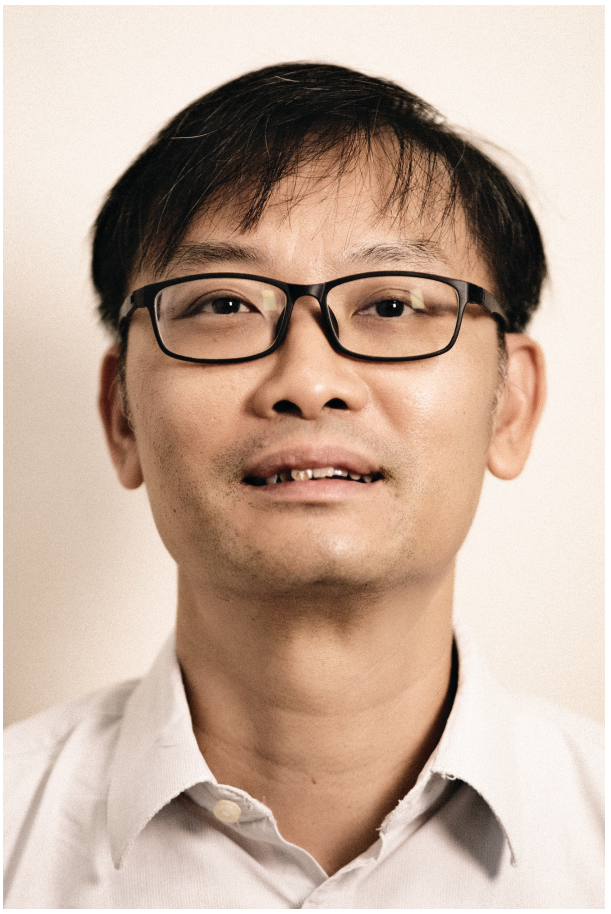








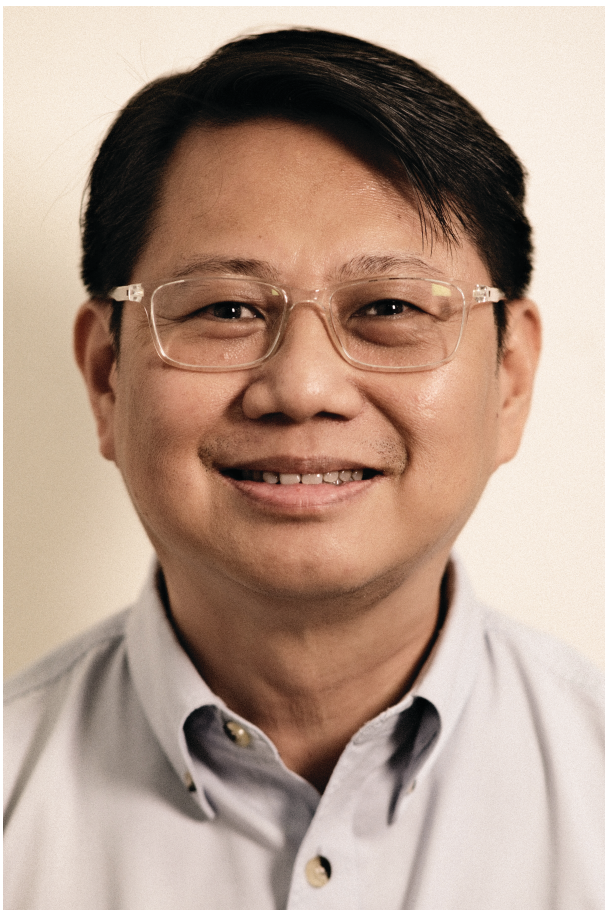


















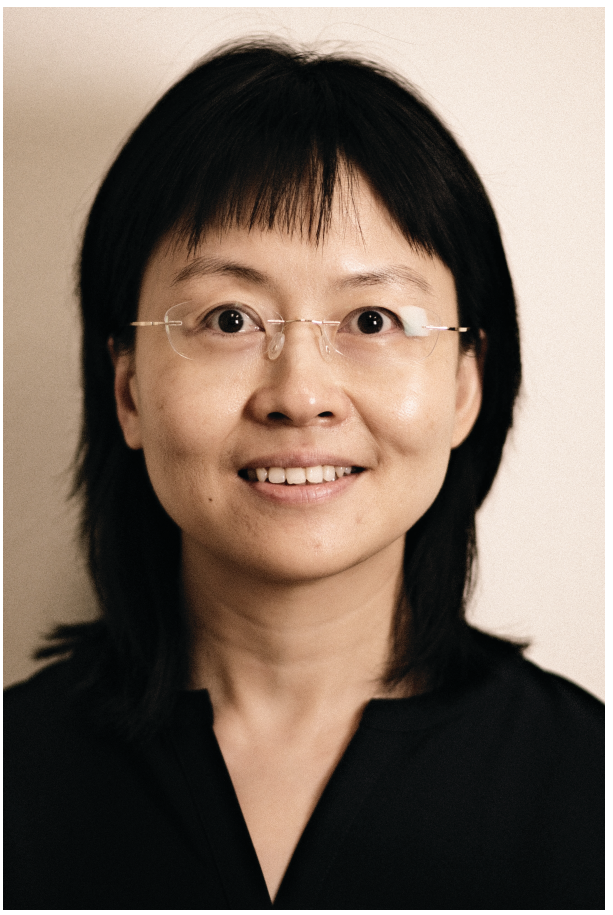






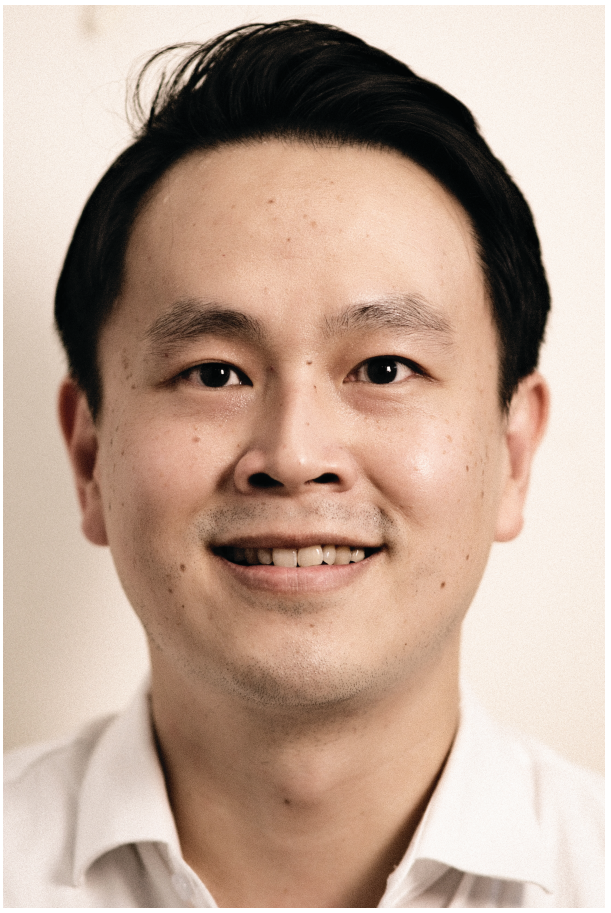




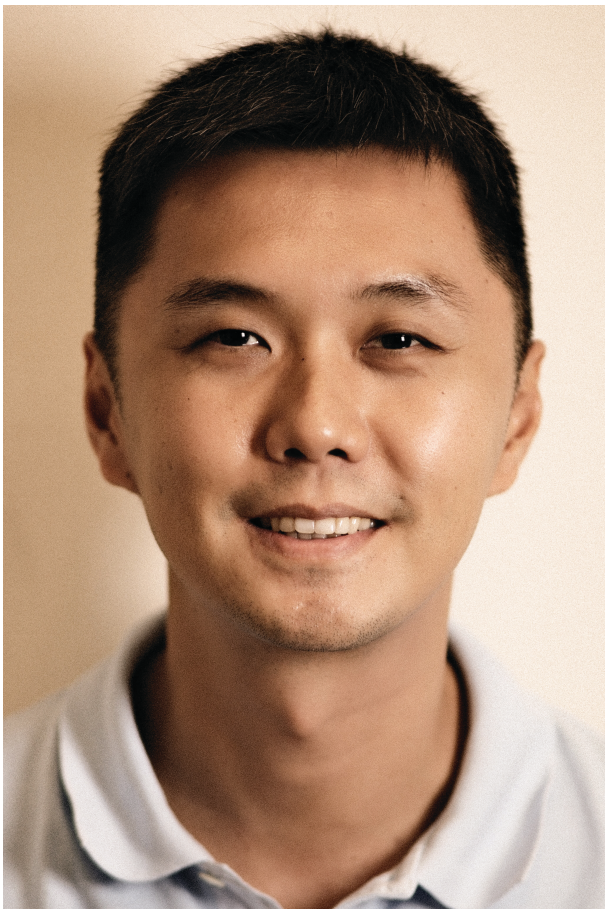














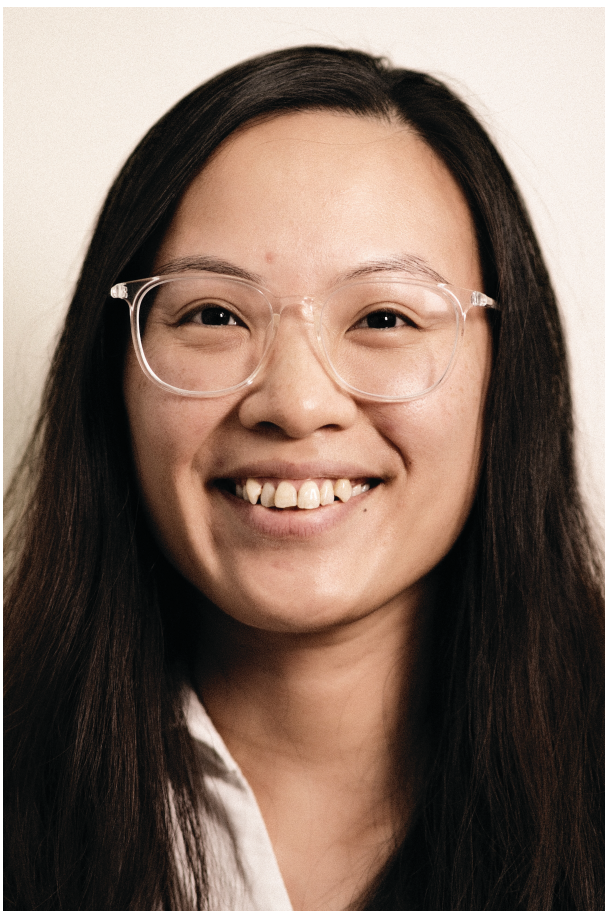








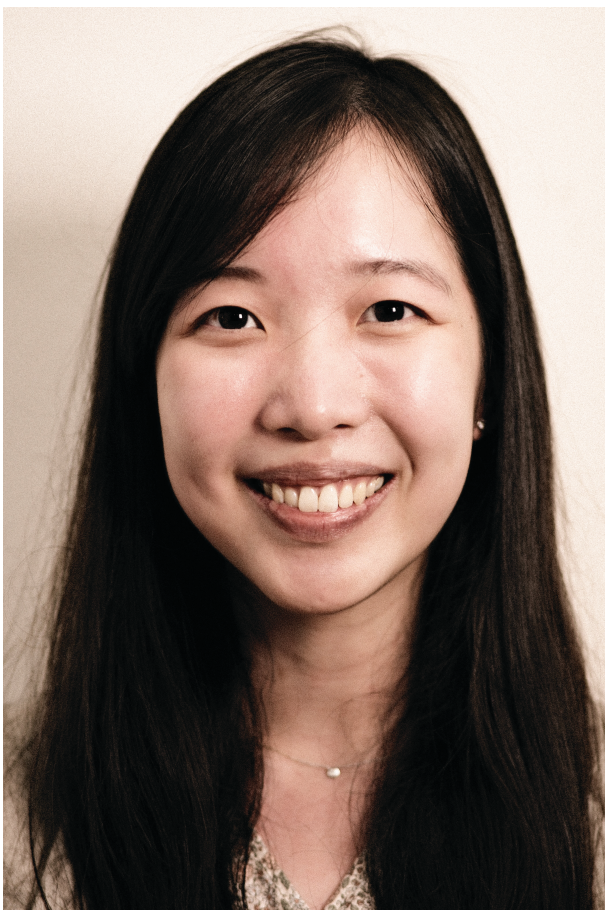






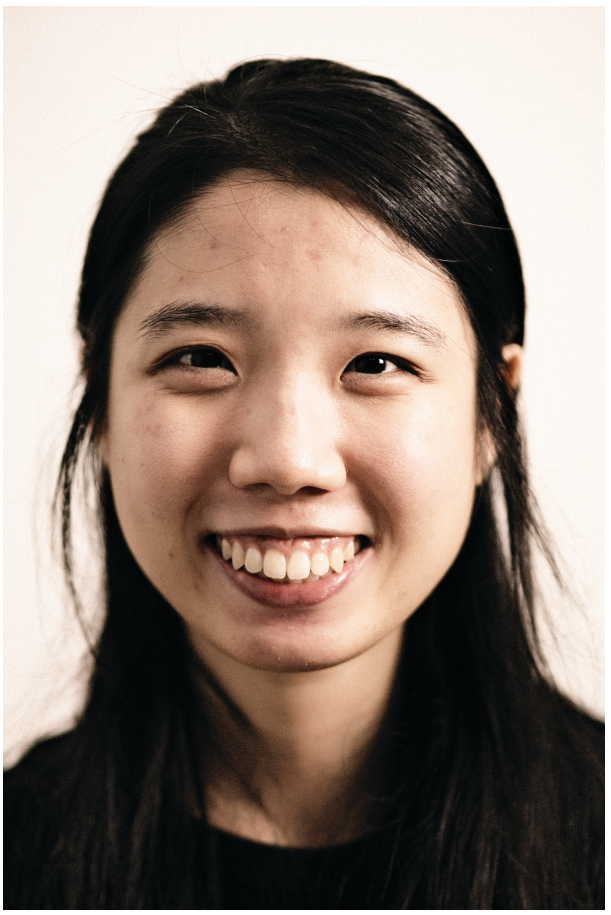


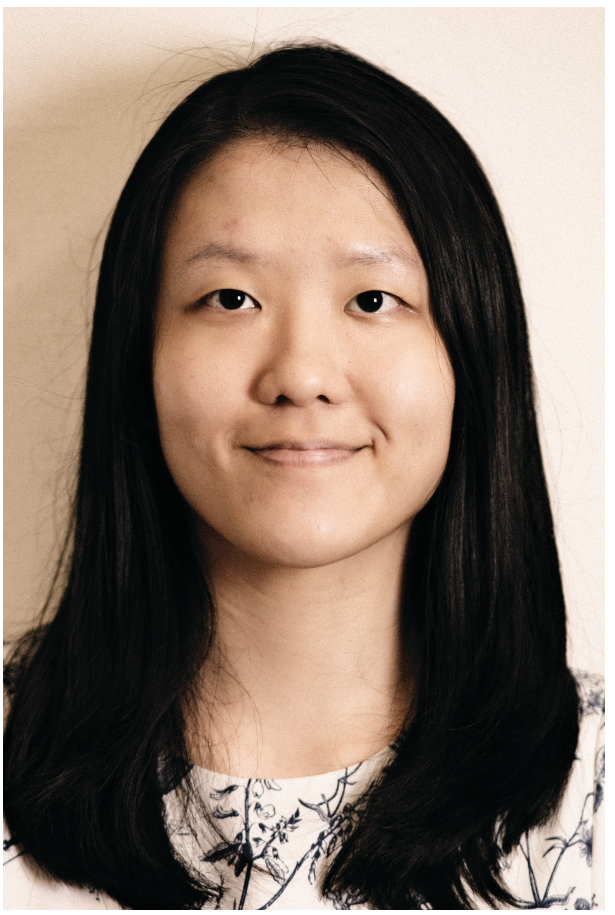
















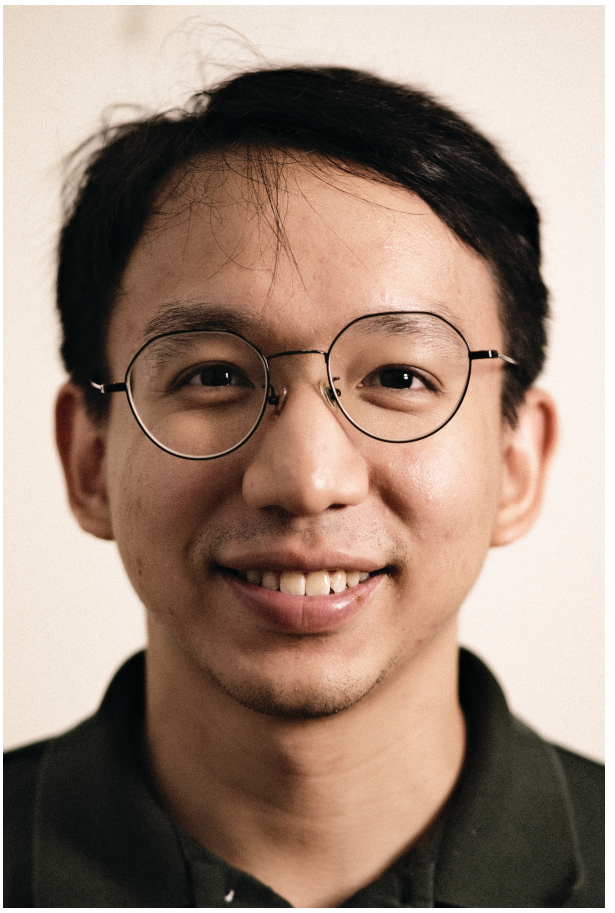








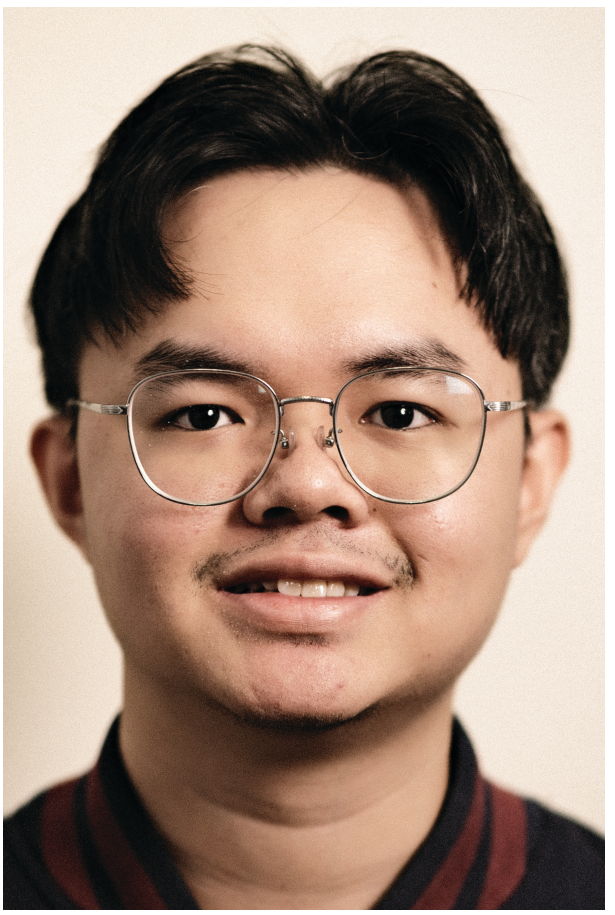


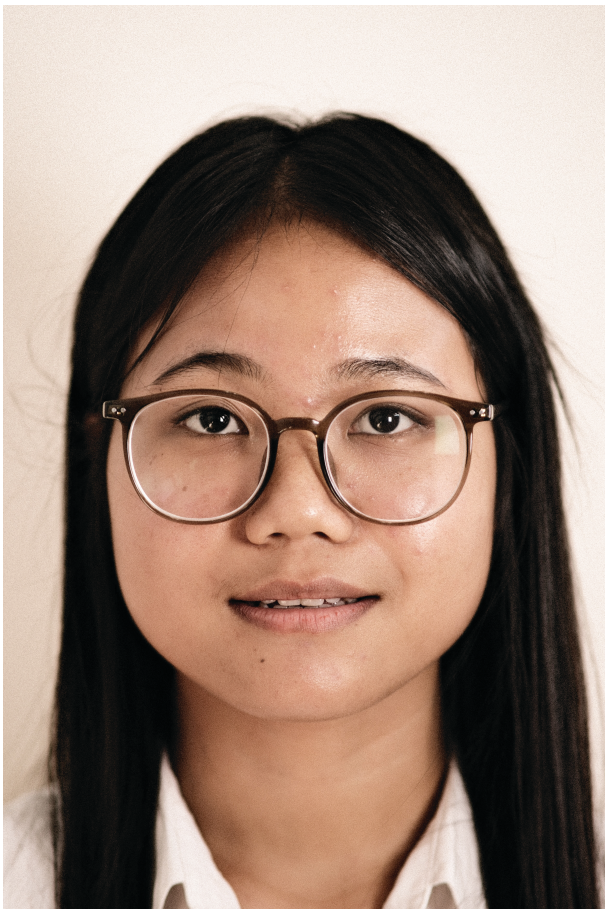




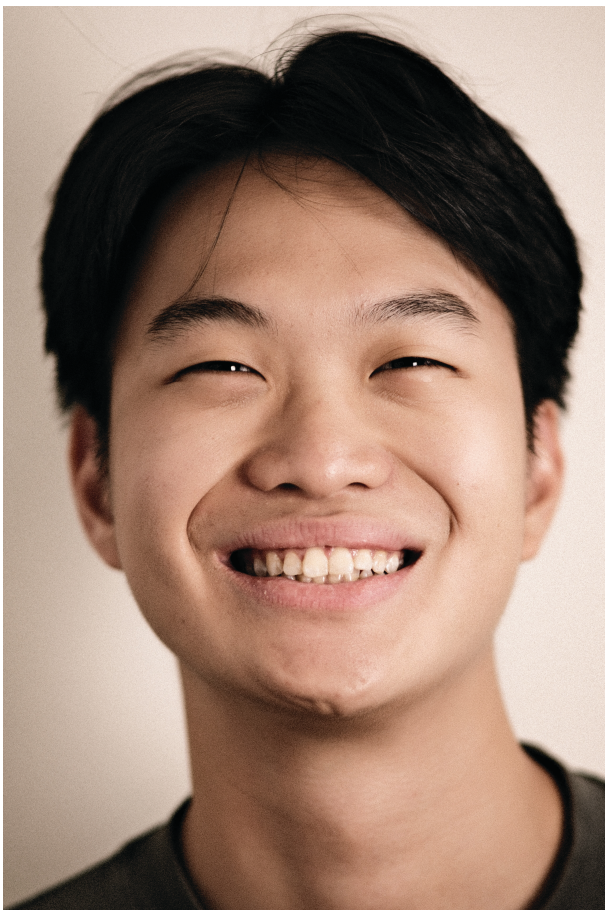






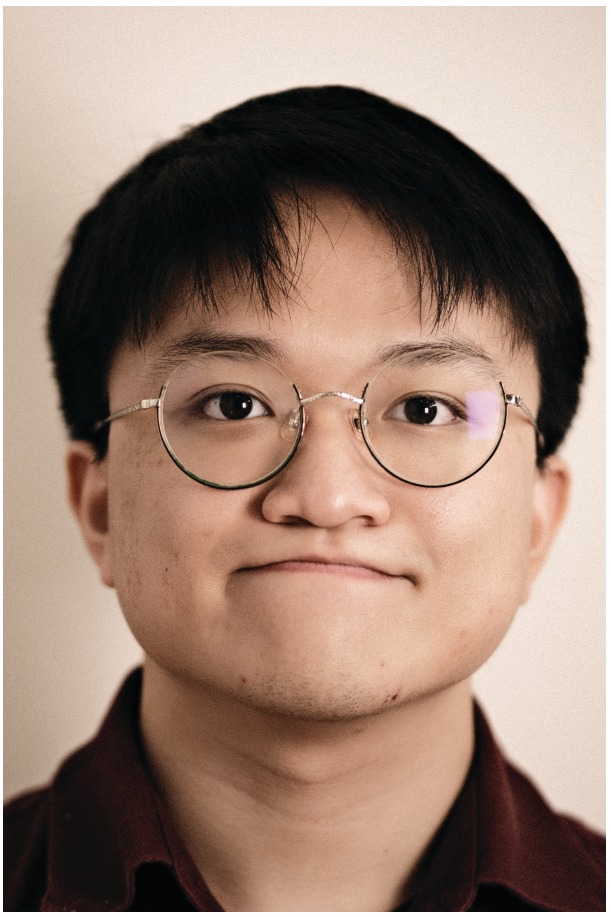








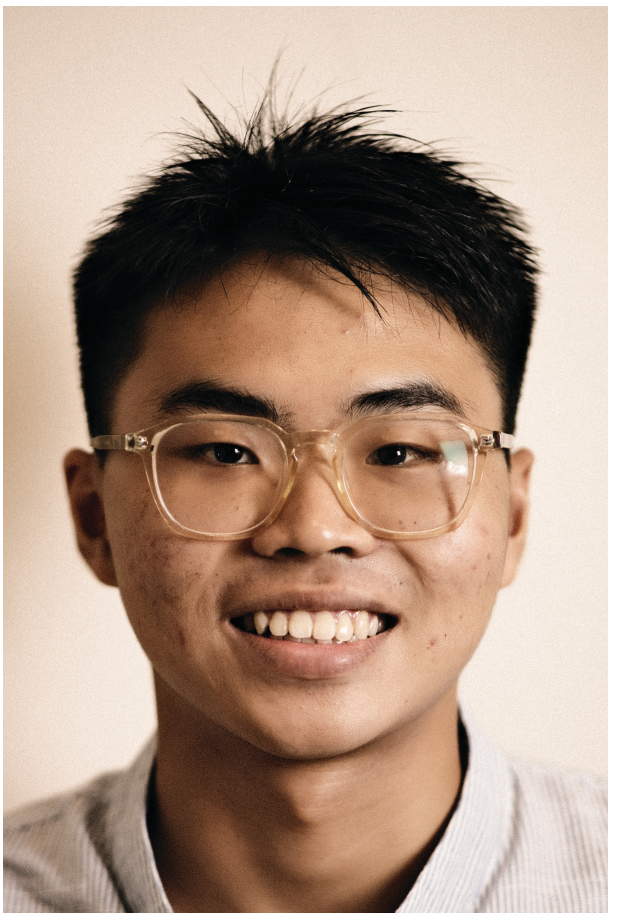


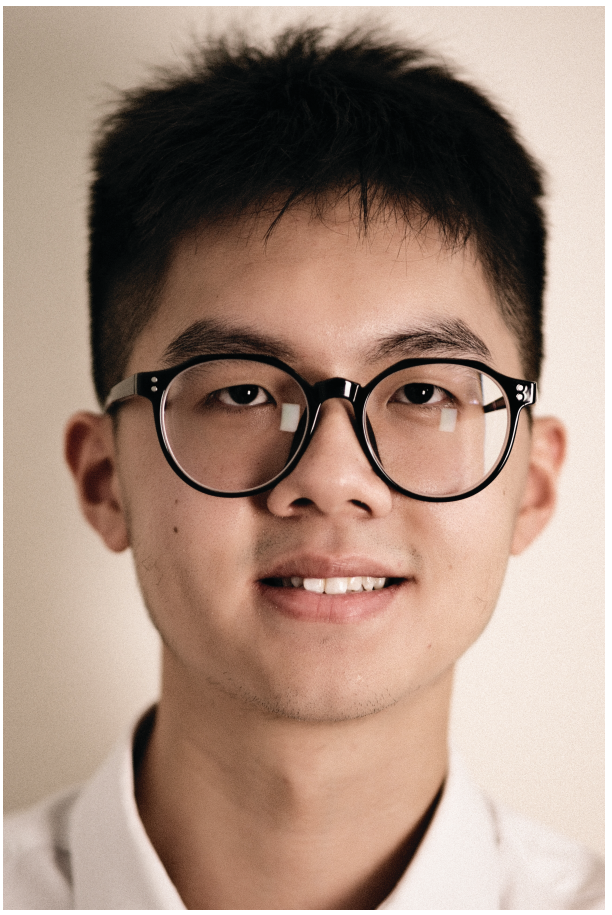




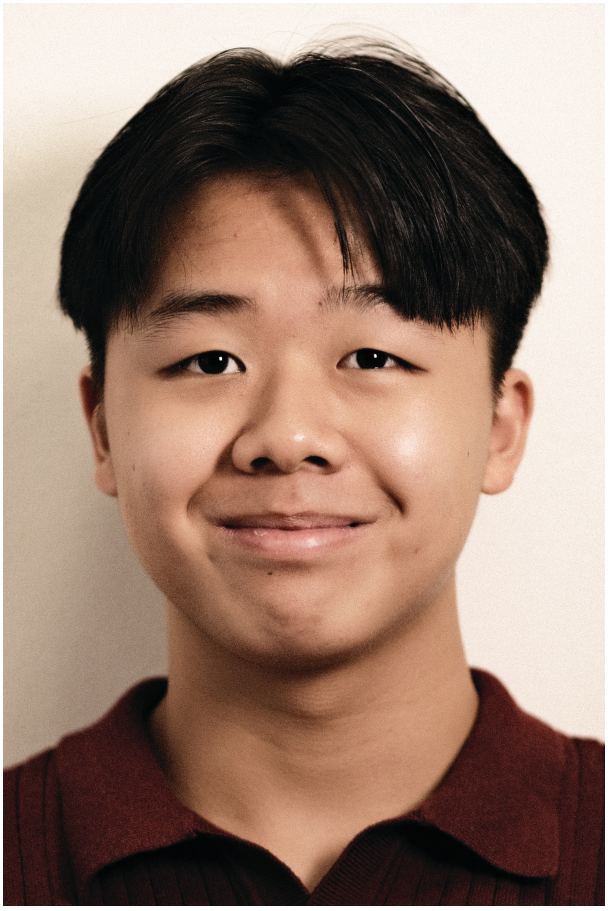








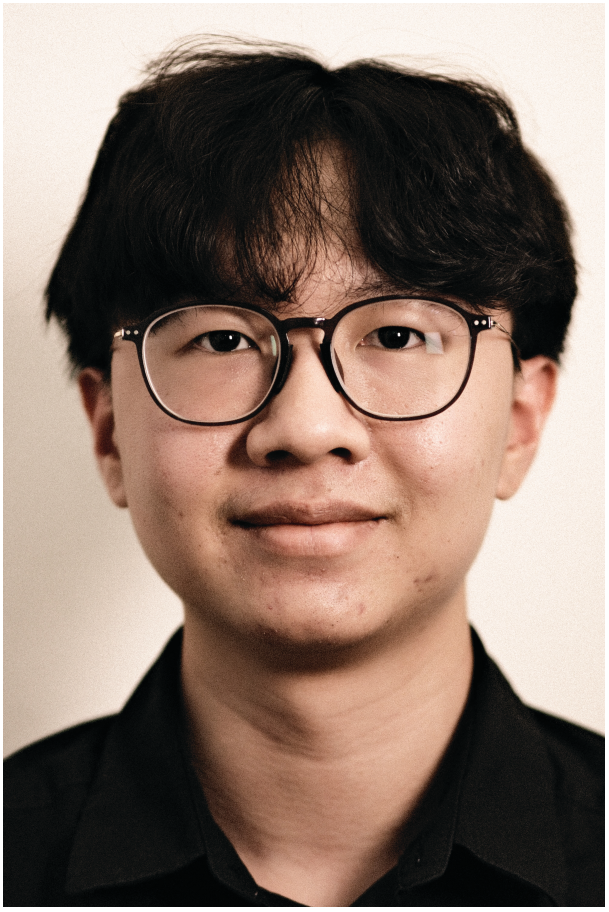


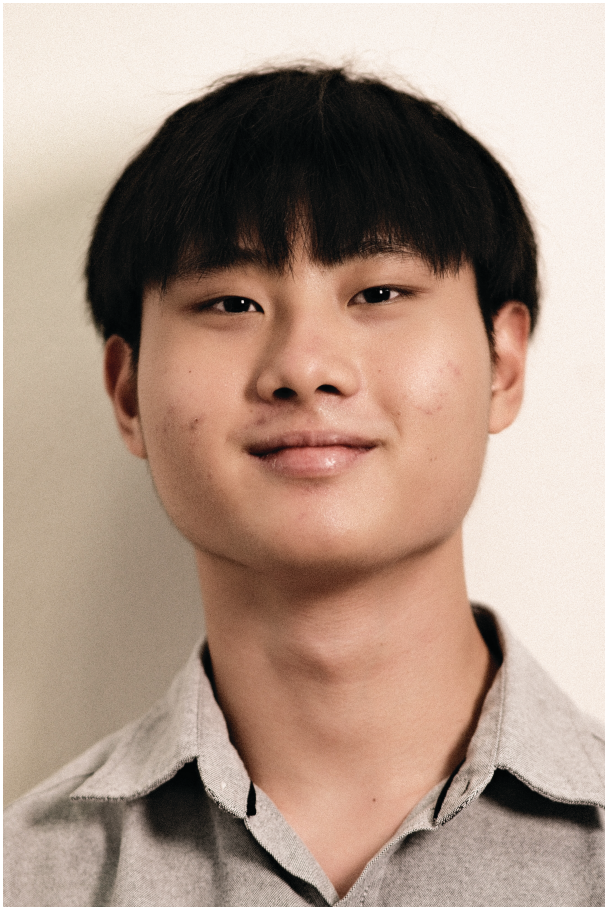




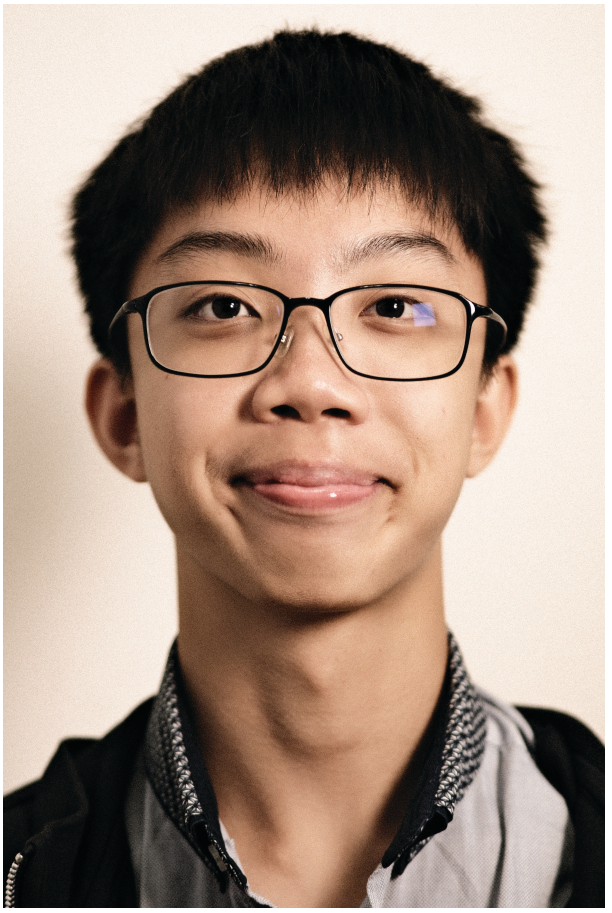










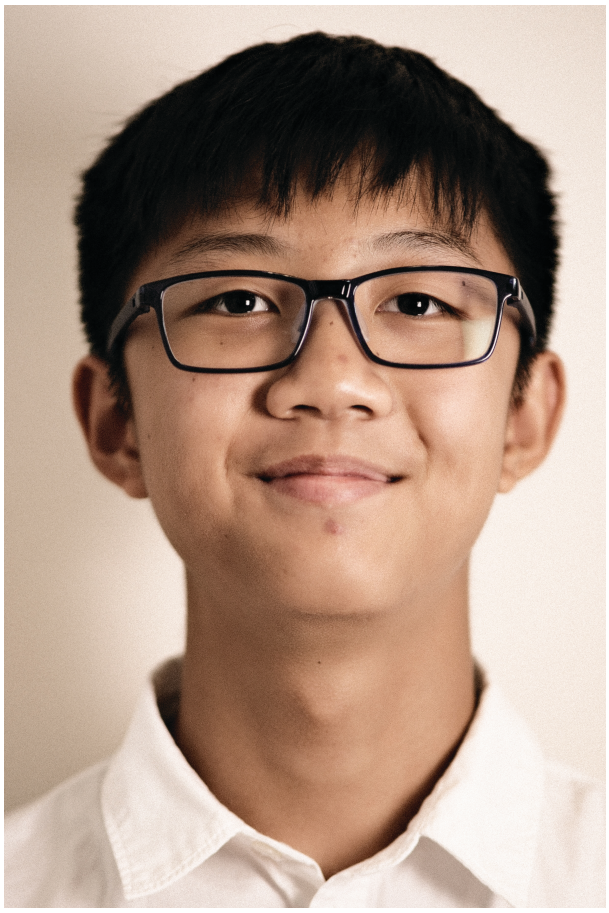


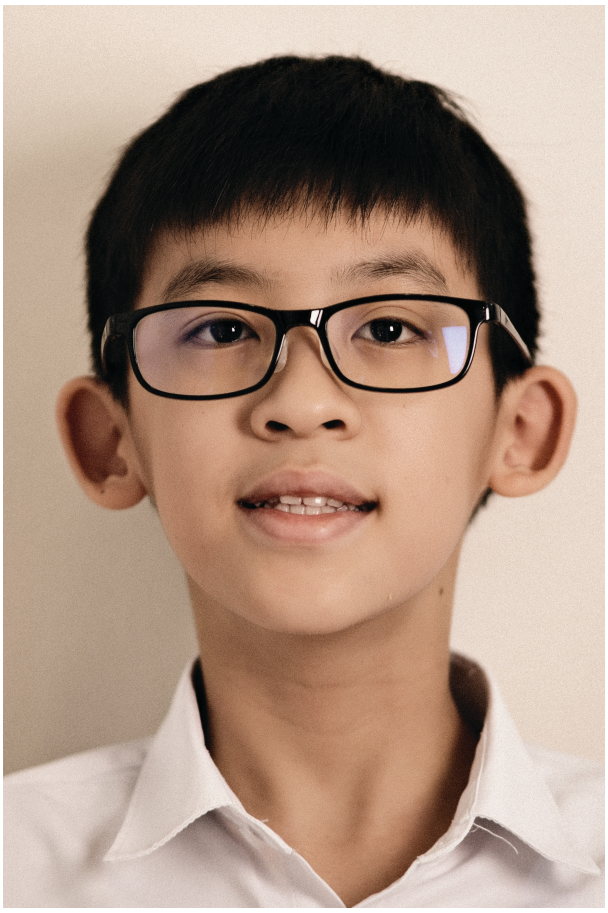

























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3 John 1:4


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