

### FROM THE PASTOR'S HEART

"You are witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:48)

Following the 40 days of Lent, Good Friday, and Easter, do you find your experience and appreciation as Christ's disciple deepen each year?

Lent serves as a time for disciples to engage in spiritual disciplines and self-reflection. Daily, we commit ourselves to renewal through prayerful solitude and reflection, avoiding certain foods and recreational activities, repenting of our sins, and seeking to be more like Jesus. Good Friday provides an opportunity for disciples to contemplate deeply the crucifixion of Christ - His bore the curse of sin for the sake of mankind. In His suffering, Christ reconciled us to God, demonstrating divine compassion and redeeming love for all sinners. Easter marks a day of commemorating and celebrating the glory of Jesus' resurrection - He rose from the dead three days after He died on the cross. It stands as the most pivotal day in human history, as our Saviour Jesus Christ triumphed over death and rose from the grave. Though all must face death, those who confess and believe in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life!

In Luke 24:48, Jesus told His first disciples, and us too, "You are witnesses of these things." We cannot truly bear witness if we lack a personal experience and relationship with Jesus. A witness is someone who shares and testifies to the truth and reliability of a matter before others. Our testimony involves both what we say and how we live, demonstrating our new identity in Christ and the transformative power of our Christian faith. It is a means of sharing how God's love and forgiveness have transformed us, with Jesus at the core of our message. Our motivation and strength to testify come from the Holy Spirit, and it is evident in how we interact with others and in the things we say and do. Ultimately, testimony is about lives touching lives "These things" encompass all that God has recorded in the Bible focusing on His creation and salvation plan, the sin of mankind, the birth of Christ, the signs and wonders of Jesus, the teaching and healing miracles of Jesus, the crucifixion of Jesus, the sacrificial love of Jesus on the cross, the resurrection of Jesus, and the second coming of Jesus, and more. How deeply do you understand and experience "these things"? Are you ready to be a witness to these things?

by Ps Rebecca Kwok

### HELLO & WELCOME

Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God and doing life together!

We believe in Jesus, and are committed to grow and mature in His likeness, and cheer each other on as we journey together in faith, a community led by the Holy Spirit, a missional family that thrives in God's presence.

We sincerely invite you to join us for our Worship Services and Cell Group Meetings. If you'd like to find out more about Jesus or Church, or if you'd like some prayer or someone to talk to, please reach out!



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# WORSHIP MINISTRY RECRUITMENT

We are looking for worshippers who are passionate about hosting God's presence and willing to serve God with their heart, soul, mind and strength!

Sign ups are now open and will close on 28 Apr 2024. Auditions will be held on 5th and 12th May (after Combined Services). Register NOW at forms.gle/XEXM2wNLUXXzJ2Qb7

NB: The recruitment process includes both an audition and an interview! Contact Ronice if you have any questions!

## COMMUNITY DAY 28 APRIL 2024

Our first Community Day for 2024 is happening next Sunday! It's been a rather hectic first quarter of the year and we want to start the new season with each other in cosier groups to fellowship and minister to one other in life-giving conversation and prayer.

Sign up TODAY so the team can make the necessary arrangements. Thanks!







## SCHEDULE AHEAD

**26 APRIL, 8PM**YC WORSHIP
GATHERING

3 MAY, 8PM
KY COMBINED
PRAYER (MISSIONS)

4 MAY - 5 MAY KY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

**5 MAY** 

EC-YC-JYC COMB'D SERVICE

**12 MAY** 

EC-YC-JYC
COMB'D SERVICE

## KY MISSIONS CONFERENCE

MISSIONS IN THE MARKETPLACE 4 - 5 MAY 2024

KY Missions Month 2024 is in May! We will be having our own Missions Conference with specially curated workshops! Register now at https://tinyurl.com/KYmissions24 before slots are released to public.

#### **SATURDAY 4 MAY**

2pm • What makes a job good? 530pm • Discovering Inequality, Learning Resilience

with Dr Tan Lai Yong

#### **SUNDAY 5 MAY**

915am • Marketplace & Bi-Vocational Ministries • Susan Kaur 11am • Mission Opportunities in Japan • WEC International Panel

## FAMILY NEWS

#### **GOING OVERSEAS**

Shanelle Lam will be leaving for Bandung, Indonesia tomorrow, 22 April (QZ263, 1020AM, T4). She will be doing a 2 months long internship with our dear friends at the Java Adventure Company. Let's keep our sister in prayer!

#### YC25 MERCH

Pre-orders for our limited edition YC25 Merch (Tee, Hoodies and Legacy Book) are on till 24 April!

The samples have arrived - check them out today and let us know if you need to change size! Order via the hard-copy form or at:

bit.ly/orderycmerch



## **YA & YA+ RETREAT 2024**

15 - 17 JUNE @ ASTON NAGOYA, BATAM

Calling all YA and YA+! Let us all step out of our busy schedules to be with the Lord, behold and seek Him, and be pruned to better run the race set out for us, both as a community and as individuals. As the leaders prayed over this retreat, we felt the Lord share His heart for us – to go through a process of sanctification, and in it experience and know His Holiness and His heart for us as Father. Sign up today! We look forward to a time of reflection and relaxation, of fun and games, and also deep transformative work of God, to catalyse YA/YA+ towards what He has in store for us.



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