

66 HELLO, FRIEND!

Blessed Christmas! We are so glad you've come to join us for our Combined Service today to celebrate Christmas!

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

We invite you to join us for our weekly Worship Services and Cell Group Meetings and monthly Worship Nights.

If you'd like to find out more, do reach out to any of our Staff or Leaders, email us or drop us a DM. Follow us on our socials:



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FROM THE PASTORS' HEART

A YEAR OF GRACE: ABOUNDING IN THANKSGIVING

As 2025 draws to a close and the new horizon of 2026 beckons, it is a sacred time for God's people to pause and reflect.

The Christian life is meant to be one of perpetual gratitude, not just seasonal observance. This past year, in triumphs and trials - answered prayers and patient waitings - has been a canvas lovingly painted by the faithful hand of our good Lord. We give thanks not because everything was easy, but because God was in everything.

The Apostle Paul reminds us in 1 Thessalonians 5:18 (ESV): "give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." This is not a suggestion but a divine command, setting the thankful heart as the very will of God for His people. From the early Church Fathers to contemporary writers like R. C. Sproul, thanksgiving is emphasized as a mark of maturity and a defence against anxiety. It acknowledges God's sovereignty, confirming that even difficulties serve His good purpose in shaping us into Christ's image. Looking back, we recognize His provision, protection, and persistent love. Even for things we would rather forget, we give thanks, for they have refined our faith as fire refines gold. Ingratitude subtly asserts self-sufficiency, suggesting we deserved more. True thanksgiving humbles us, recognizing that every breath, gift, and circumstance is unmerited grace from our loving Father.

In 2025, God led me deeper into His Word, and for that I am profoundly grateful. As we move into 2026, let us not merely wish for change but commit to pursuing personal spiritual growth, which matters most to God. So, in light of His faithfulness, I resolve to cultivate consistent prayer and fasting, always beginning with thanksgiving, turning requests into opportunities to acknowledge God's goodness.

How about you? What spiritual discipline/s* is the Lord calling you to pay more attention to in 2026?

May our commitment to a thankful heart and active growth honour the Lord who carried us through 2025. For surely He will carry us through 2026, and beyond! Amen.

* though not exhaustive, other examples of spiritual disciplines include solitude and silence, service, simplicity, stewardship and generosity, confession, worship, journaling.

YC MISSIONS 2025

XUM YAN WATCHNIGHT SERVICE

WEDNESDAY, 31 DECEMBER 2025 10.00PM @ SANCTUARY

Let us cross over to the new year in worship, with thanksgiving for all that God has done over the past year, and hopeful anticipation for the good work He will do in the season ahead. There's quite literally no better way to close out the year and to step confidently into the new one than being in God's House with our Family.

Come early to enjoy a steaming hot bowl of lovingly cooked porridge / congee - our KY NYE tradition! Supper starts at 9.15pm - don't miss this.

PS: If you're available and keen to serve the Family by helping with porridge prep and washing up do let the staff know!

FIRST THINGS FIRST FOR THE NEW YEAR



1) KY LEADERS' INSTALLATION COMBINED SERVICE

SUNDAY 4 JANUARY 2026, 10AM @ SANCTUARY & THE LIVING ROOM

The whole KY Family will come together for our first worship service of 2026 - to dedicate ourselves to God, and to commission and consecrate our church and ministry leaders from all congregations (including our new YCMC or YC Management Committee) to bless each one as they start another new season of faithful service unto the Lord through His Church.

2) KY COMBINED PRAYER #1

FRIDAY 9 JANUARY 2026, 8PM @ THE LIVING ROOM

A crucial first order of business for our Family is to come before the Lord with one heart to seek His face and ask for His covering, guidance and favour as we dive right into the new year! Jio your cellies for dinner before prayer meeting!

Praise God! We have sent 5 teams from YC and EC to Bandung and Hong Kong over the past two weeks! Our final (and largest) team from YC is currently out in the field (possibly literally!) in Bandung. Let's pray for each one to partake in God's great work amongst the locals to reap a harvest as the culmination of a very special missions season!

YO WAVE 2 · BANDUNG · 26-31 DEC

Team:

Charissa, <u>Chavelle</u>, Xianxin, Chris, Ethan, Etienne, Ezekiel, Ezra, Weien, Isaac A, Jedidiah, Joanna, Joshua A, Luke, Myles, Othniel, Renee, <u>Shanelle</u>, Tabby, Wanlin

Flight | Reception: QG526, Thu 31 Dec | T3, 8.00pm

Tele Updates: https://t.me/+5r0jpmGl3PEzOGYI

We are so proud of all our trippers and can't wait to hear their personal and teams' stories! We are also very grateful for all the support we have received from dear ones near and far! May your Kingdom contributions bear much fruit!

04 Jan (Sun) • 10AM • Sanctuary & The Living Room
KY LEADERS' INSTALLATION COMB'D SERVICE

09 Jan (Fri) • 8PM • The Living RoomKY COMBINED PRAYER #1

08 Mar (Sun) • 10AM • Sanctuary & The Living RoomKY 108th ANNIVERSARY COMBINED SERVICE

02 Apr (Thu) • 8PM • SanctuaryMAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE

03 Apr (Fri) • Time TBC • The Living RoomGOOD FRIDAY BAPTISM SERVICE

10 May (Sun) • 9AM • SanctuaryMOTHER'S DAY EC-YC/JYC COMBINED SERVICE

15 May (Fri) • 8PM • The Living Room KY COMBINED PRAYER #2

17 May (Sun) • 9AM • Sanctuary
MISSIONS SUNDAY EC-YC/JYC COMBINED SERVICE

08 Jun (Mon) to 12 Jun (Fri) JYC JUNE CAMP

28 Jun (Sun) • 9AM • SanctuaryEC-YC/JYC-KYdZ COMBINED SERVICE (FATHER'S DAY)