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YOUTH CONNECTION

we exist to worship God and be transformed by the word and work of the holy spirit to transform the world

From the Pastor's Heart

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Last week, I shared how I was moved to remember God's delight in us when I experienced my youngest daughter Thea's first steps. What joy our heavenly Father must feel when we take our first steps too – our first prayers, the first time we trusted Him, the first time we shared our faith! I challenged us to recognise that it is not too late for us, regardless of age, to still have new "firsts" in our lives, especially spiritual ones!

But while I was experiencing Thea's first steps, I realised I was also experiencing a "last-first". A wave of nostalgia hit me when I recalled exactly where and when each of our older girls took their first steps, before realising that Thea's were the last "first steps" that I would witness, as she is our youngest (and last) baby.

Do you sometimes experience life like that? Our moments of new hope and excitement can sometimes also be mixed with a kind of sadness. I was certainly not hoping that Thea would crawl forever, yet the end of her crawling days also signalled the end of her being a baby – a toddler is emerging! We would never get those baby days back.

Much of life progresses in seasons this way, and change can come upon us quicker than we expect. The first day at a job can signal the start of financial independence, but also the start of less control over your time. The day your last child leaves the home marks a major parenting milestone, but simultaneously means an empty nest and more discretionary time. The start of a dating relationship can be the end of singleness, but also the start of a long journey of learning to serve another's needs before your own. Conversely, the loss of any relationship can be heartbreaking, yet spark a journey of discovery, healing and greater wholeness.

In every moment, let's join with the Psalmists and remember that though our mortal lives are brief (Ps 103:15-16), yet the Father saw every one of our days (Ps 139:16); He watches over us as we come and we go, both now and forever (Ps 121:8). It is to this loving God who watches over our lives, knows our thoughts, feels our emotions and holds our future, that we can dedicate all our changing seasons to.

Just as we cannot relive certain days, we will never have another opportunity like the present, to worship the Lord at THIS milestone. We can take every moment and pour out gratitude, even honest regrets or perspectives gained on hindsight, and offer it as our sacrifice of praise. Let us not get so caught up in lamenting the past or anticipating the future that we neglect to offer Him everything - every "first" and every "last".



HELLO, FRIENDS!

Youth Connection (YC) and Junior Youth Connection (JYC) are Kum Yan's community of students and young adults who love God and really enjoy doing life together! We believe in Jesus, and are committed to know Him better, grow and mature in His likeness, and cheer each other on as we journey together in community. We invite you join us at Cell Group (Youth & Young Adults) or Connect Groups (Junior Youth), as well as our Worship Services. If you would like to find out more about Jesus or Church, or if you would like some prayer or someone to talk to, do reach out to the staff or leaders!

Family News

AUGUST WORSHIP SERVICES

We will continue to conduct on-site services for 50 worshippers (like today) for most of August! NB: Pre-event Testing is not required for services with up to 50 attendees. Stay tuned for updates!

1 AUGUST - Zoom + 50 Pax Onsite

JYC SERVICE

• 10AM // The Living Room + JYC Host
JYCers may RSVP through Whatsapp.

YC SERVICE

• 130PM
• The Living Room + YC Host

YCers are invited to register for the 1 August on-site service by scanning the QR code or going to this link:



bit.ly/YC010821

8 AUGUST - Zoom

JYC • 10AM • Zoom (JYC Host)
YC • 12PM • Zoom (YC Host)

15 AUGUST - Zoom + 50 Pax Onsite

JYC SERVICE

• 10AM // The Living Room + JYC Host
JYCers may RSVP through Whatsapp.

YC SERVICE

• 130PM // The Living Room + YC Host
YCers are invited to register via the QR code / weblink which will be released soon.

22 AUGUST - Zoom

JYC • 10AM • Zoom (JYC Host)
YC • 12PM • Zoom (YC Host)

WHEN WE PRAY, GOD WORKS

Now, more than ever before, is a good time to take real, intentional steps to grow our prayer life. Pray for ourselves, our families and loved ones. Intercede for the Church, our nation and the nations. Pray on your own or gather others to pray together. All are welcome and invited to join any of these weekly, online, corporate prayer meetings we have:

LOVESINGAPORE MORNING PRAYER •
SUNDAYS, 7AM TO 8AM VIA ZOOM

KY MISSIONS PRAYER MEETING
• TUESDAYS, 8PM-930PM VIA ZOOM

KY WATCH & PRAY

• WEDNESDAYS, 8PM-930PM VIA ZOOM

CONGRATULATIONS!!!

What a joy and delight for us to share in, to see these faithful and precious couples welcome their firstborns this past month! We celebrate you, and welcome the kiddos to our big extended faith-family too!



DARIUS JIREH SIEW, born 14 June 2021
to wonderful parents, Matthew and Priscilla!



ARABELLE HOPE LAU, born 16 July 2021
to wonderful parents, Ivan and Kerin!



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