

KUM YAN METHODIST CHURCH

YOUTH CONNECTION

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from the pastor's heart

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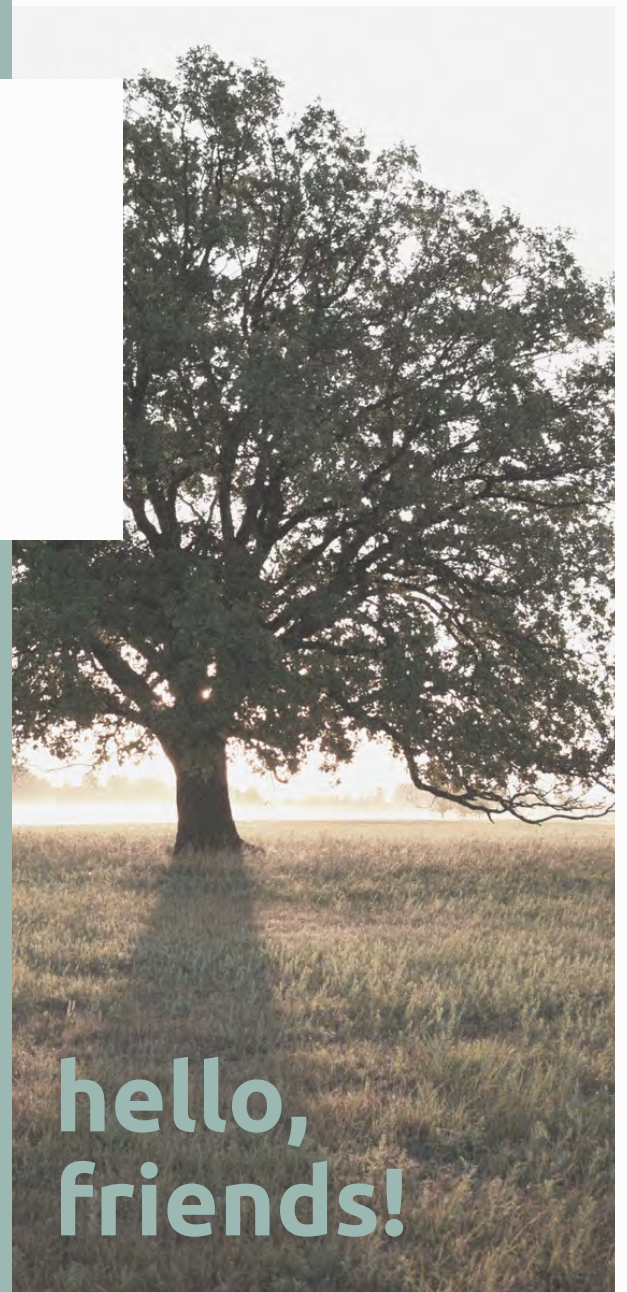
I have been reflecting on the theme of being rooted and built up. I was drawn to two Old Testament passages on being rooted. Isaiah 27:6 says, "In days to come Jacob will take root, Israel will bud and blossom." Later in Isaiah 37: 31 we read, "Once more a remnant of the kingdom of Judah will take root below and bear fruit above." (Refer to 2 Kings 19:30 for the story of King Hezekiah)

We all desire to be fruitful and to do that, we must be rooted. The parable of the good soil (Luke 8:1-21) illustrated this most poignantly. Jesus said a farmer went out and sowed seed in the field. Some fell on the path and were trampled on and eaten by the birds. Other seed fell on rock, and the young plant that germinated withered quickly because of the lack of depth. Some other seed fell on soil that had thorny plants which choked the plants. The rest fell on good soil and yielded a good harvest.

He explained that the seed represents two things: the word of God (v11) and the believer (v15). The problem with the first 2 types of soils was that there was no opportunity for roots to grow into the soil. The seeds did come into contact with the ground but was not able to go deeper. And when little shoots came out the celebration was short-lived because it soon withered and died.

This parable has an important lesson for us. That is, we can only bear fruit if we are properly rooted. Being rooted and built up (Col 2:7) summarises the essence of Christian discipleship. This is what we want to do in this new year.

In the coming weeks I shall unpack some more lessons from the parable of the good soil. Meanwhile let us loosen the ground in our hearts and allow the word of God to take root in it.



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

KUM YAN COMBINED PRAYER

FRIDAY 21 JAN • 8PM • ZOOM

Save the date and make sure you join us for our first all-KY Combined Prayer meeting happening in less than 2 weeks! The session will all and only be on Zoom. Take a pic of the details ahead:

Meeting Link: <http://bit.ly/kyprayer>

Meeting ID: 857 3222 7984 | Passcode: pray

REGISTER FOR YC ON-SITE SERVICE

SUNDAY 16 JAN • 1:30PM • TLR (& ZOOM)

Have you registered? We have about 100 seats altogether at the Living Room so make sure you sign up early to 'chope' your seat!

Sign up link: bit.ly/ycjan2022



RESULTS, POSTINGS, TRANSITIONS

This month is an exciting month, with brothers and sisters experiencing transitions eg receiving results for major exams, finding out where they will be posted to for the year etc - transitions from one season and stage of life to another. Let us all continue to walk with each other, and cheer each other on to all that God has in store for each of us!

ky calendar of events

DATE / TIME	EVENT
Fri 21 Jan, 8pm	Combined Prayer Meeting
Sun 13 Mar, 10am	KY 104th Anniv Service
Thu 14 Apr, 8pm	Maundy Thursday Service
Fri 15 Apr, TBC	Good Friday Baptism Service
Sun 17 Apr, 7am	Easter Dawn Service
Sun 17 Apr, 10am	EC/YC/JYC Easter Comb'd Svc
Sun, 10 Apr, TBC	YC 23rd Anniv Service
Sun 8 May, 10am	Mother's Day EC/ YC/JYC
Fri 27 May, 8pm	Combined Prayer Meeting
Sun 19 Jun, 10am	Father's Day EC/YC/JYC
Sun 7 Aug, 130pm	CAC Sunday
Sun 4 Sep, 10am	JYC 19th Anniv Service
Sun 11 Sep, 11am	Missions Sunday EC/YC/JYC
Fri 16 Sep, 8pm	Combined Prayer Meeting
Sat 17 Dec, TBC	Baptism Service
Sun 18 Dec, 10am	Combined Christmas Service
Sat 31 Dec, 11pm	Watchnight Service 2022



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