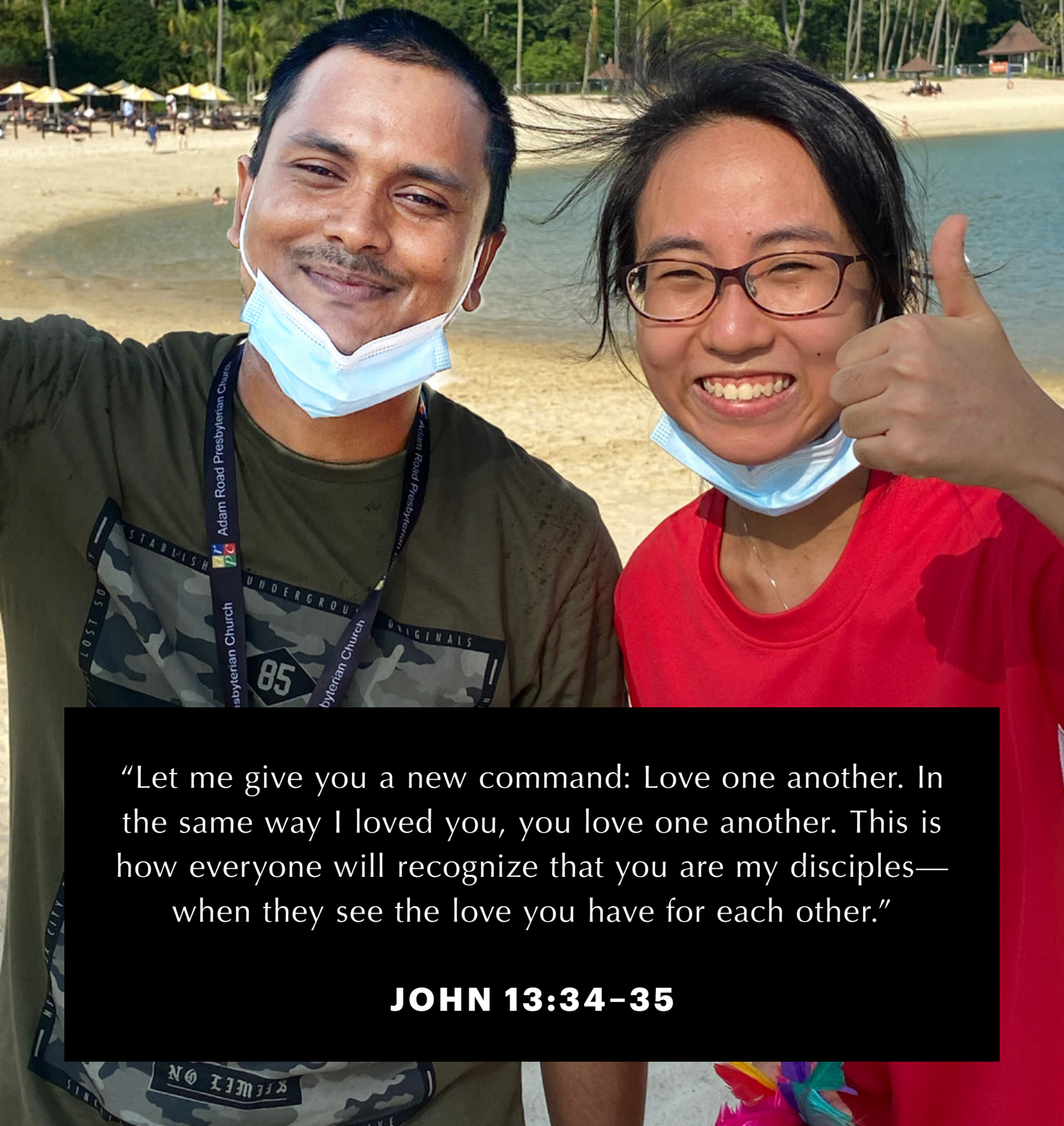


# ARPC: ALWAYS REACHING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST 2022 HANDBOOK



“Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

**JOHN 13:34–35**



# 2022 VISION: COME, FOLLOW JESUS

A WORD FROM SENIOR PASTOR CHRISTOPHER CHIA

Dear Family and Friends, welcome to a new and eternal life found only in Jesus, our Saviour and Lord! In God's mercy and grace, this pandemic is coming to an end.

This handbook is delayed yet on time! How can that be? The past two years have taught us that we may propose, but God can dispose all our well-laid plans! God does that to humble us and lead us to childlike dependence on him.

We praise God that Singapore is finally reopening to the world. This handbook captures the timely changes that come with the reopening measures that the government has just announced in April/May.

As the pandemic rolled on, the world moved on to being pre-occupied with the "new normal" for school, work and life. We sought out experts and listened to the voices in all fields - medical, political, economic and religious - about the new normal.

Christian futurologists weighed in on the new normal for our mission, Services, evangelism and discipleship. Many pronounced that physical church is dead and virtual church will be the new norm, forever.

In all of these, it is quite easy to be obsessed with anxiety and uncertainty. This is often the wrong outcome when we live by "thus say our circumstances" and figure out life by our own limited human wisdom.

The right lesson is to listen humbly to "thus says God" in the gospel and supremely to Jesus as Lord. Why? **God has handed all authority and supremacy to Jesus - the Alpha and Omega - the Lord of history and of our stories.**

The question we all need to ask is: "Do we believe Jesus is Lord over our personal stories even in the light of life's crushing crises?" The answer is a resounding "yes"! We can look back to the COVID-19 days with thanksgiving and look forward with confidence because Jesus is Lord!

This unprecedented pandemic - and everything else in all creation - did not catch God by surprise and cannot separate us from the love of God in Christ. So, it must not lead us to dump Jesus.

## 1. Our Theme for 2022 is "Come, Follow Jesus"

We must increasingly have Jesus front and centre of our lives, as we wait for his glorious return! By God's grace, we are not to be consumed by fear but

consumed by faith in Christ in more and more moments and areas of life.

## 2. Our Prayers & Priorities

Life before and after this pandemic must be different. As we read Nehemiah, we need to focus on 3Rs: Returning, Rebuilding and Revival of the true worship of God by loving and following Jesus ever more.

**a) Returning:** The Gettys' Ministry (May 26-29). By God's grace, Keith and Kristyn Getty come to give us a shot in the arm about "returning" to the necessity and beauty of worshipping together. This will spur us to phase out of silo and solo virtual worship, which can be very isolating and devastating spiritually, mentally and relationally. God created and Jesus redeemed us to be in real redeemed relationships. Let us step out and embrace the goodness of corporate worship.



May the Gettys leave us a good gospel afterglow of this.

**b) Rebuilding:** The pandemic has highlighted deep social fault lines as we embarked on Home Based Learning (HBL) and Work From Home (WFH). A significant number of our children and youth may be socially and handicapped, not knowing how to start and grow in real human encounters and relationships. Our elderly, likewise, face debilitating isolation, causing them to atrophy mentally and physically.

So, we must pray and press the reset button for all our fellowships and ministries. This we will do across the board – by resuming our monthly New-Comers Meals to welcome visitors, to resuming all our generational ministries (Children’s Church, BASIC and Discipleship Groups) and specialised ministries. We look forward to our New Year’s Eve Dinner and Church Camp in 2023!

### c) Revival: Believing in and Becoming Like Jesus

**We must always pray and focus on reviving our lives about Jesus’ Great Commandment to love one another. Only then can we embark on his Great Commission as we gospel the nations with love.**

**Revival in God’s Great Commandment:** Our new identity in Christ must lead to new Spirit-filled habits to love one another and that glorify God. We must take our spiritual battle with Satan and sin seriously. We must personally seek new Godly habits to love passionately. In that light, ARPC is going to focus on **“ongoing loving and lifelong discipleship”** in these main ways:

- **Mutual B2B and S2S discipleship in our DGs.** We pray that men in our DGs can encourage others as brothers to brothers (B2B) and women, likewise, as sisters to sisters (S2S). B2B brothers and, likewise, women as sisters to sisters (S2S). B2B & S2S groups can uphold one another in accountability to God’s call to daily holiness.
- **All-season Singleness, Marriage or Parenting discipleship.** We will work out our salvation with fear and trembling, whether we are single or married. We need to always ask: “How do we live with ‘covenanted hearts, eyes and bodies’ to Jesus?”

**Our Family Ministry** seeks to dovetail and focus on taking discipleship seriously across the whole of church life - from children to adults, from our men to women. As new grandparents, Mona and I are ironically, in the same season as many young couples in ARPC – changing nappies and running after toddlers! I pray to responsibly use this God-given season as your pastor and spiritual parent by leading and refreshing our marriage and family ministries, especially in the light of the changing sexualities in our complex world.

We are going to use all our God-given experiences and wisdom for “Marriage & Parenting Discipleship (MPD)” to supplement our Marriage Preparation and Enrichment ministries, and provide much needed LRT (Leadership, Resources & Testimonies). We plan to have:

- **Monthly Family Devotions Testimonies** to instruct and inspire us.
- **Reading of Paul Tripp’s “Parenting” book** and sharing in our weekly DGs
- **Annual Family Day & Pledge in June and Family Conferences**

**Last but not least, we plan to promote personal and family devotions as our ARPC spiritual priority and culture.** Our BASIC (youth) has started to implement that. Our new identity in Christ must lead to new Spirit-filled habits that glorify God. **Only then can we reach the world - from migrant workers to marketplace ministry, as we grow as God’s One Church in Three Places from ARPC@Adam, Bishan to Tengah to the ends of the earth - by abiding deeply in Jesus’ word and love.**

By God’s grace, Mona and I march forth – prayerfully and humbly with our pastors, leaders and members in ARPC – to love, save and disciple lost people for Jesus. Come join us in worshipping our glorious God!

**Loving Jesus and serving you,  
SENIOR PASTOR CHRISTOPHER CHIA**

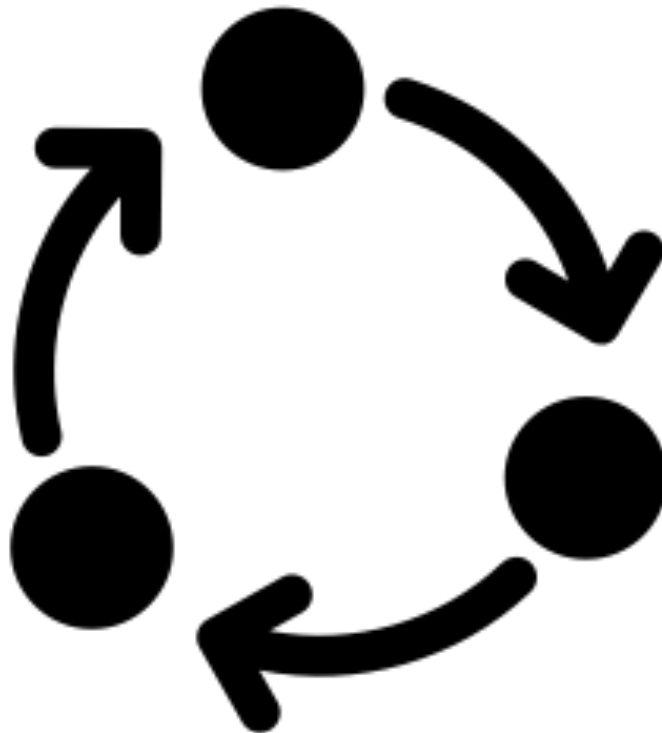


# COME, FOLLOW JESUS

PUT SIN TO DEATH, PUT ON CHRIST – COLOSSIANS 3:1-12

## 1. Building Strong **PERSONAL** walk with God in all ages

Our new identity in Christ gives birth to new habits.  
We rise, not as high as our goals, but as high as our habits.



### 3. Strong Family Devotional culture

- a. Marriage & Parenting  
Discipleship (MPD)
- b. **Providing LRT** (Leadership,  
Resources & Testimonies)  
Monthly Devotional  
Testimonies

### 2. Loving & Lifelong Discipleship

- for All Ages  
Building strong Godly  
kids, youth men and  
women for Christ
- a. Through our Children's  
Church, BASIC (youth) and  
Discipleship Groups (DGs)
- b. Supplemented by  
**Conferences**



# OUR 2022 THEME: COME, FOLLOW JESUS

WE ARE BIBLE-CENTRED & CHRIST-CENTRED

January–March	<i>The Gospel of Mark</i>	Come Follow Jesus
April–May	<i>Nehemiah</i>	Come Follow Jesus in Mission
May 26–29	The Gettys Ministry	Igniting Worship!
June	Topical Series	“Mission Matters”
July–September	1, 2 and 3 John	Come Follow Jesus in Love
September	Topical series	Come Follow Jesus in Prayer
October–November	<i>The Book of Psalms</i>	Come Follow Jesus in Wisdom
December	Christmas Reflections	



## OUR THREE-YEAR TEACHING CYCLE

	2021	2022	2023 *
<b>New Testament</b>	<i>Gospel of Luke</i> <i>1 Peter</i>	<i>Gospel of Mark</i> <i>Epistles of John</i>	<i>Gospel of John</i> <i>Letter to the Romans</i>
<b>Old Testament</b>	<i>Exodus</i>	<i>Nehemiah</i> <i>Psalms 73–89</i>	<i>1 Samuel</i> <i>Isaiah 1–39</i>
<b>Topical Series</b>	Back to Basics Sexual Plasticity	Prayer	Discipleship
<b>Church Camp</b>	Virtual Chaos, Exilic Lessons	Gettys Ministry	A New Beginning!
<b>Equip Conference/ Special Events</b>	Men's Conference	Gettys Ministry Family Conference	

\* To be confirmed

# GOD'S HAND UPON THE ENGLISH PRESBYTERY

Church (in alphabetical order)	Address	Church Staff	Children	Youth	Estimated Adults in Services *
1. Adam Road	25 Adam Rd and 8A Bishan St 13	30	780	280	2,100
2. All Saints	7 Armenian St	4	6	11	144
3. Amazing Grace	408B East Coast Rd	12	39	23	424
4. Ang Mo Kio *	5209 Ang Mo Kio Ave 6	6	37	60	200
5. Bethany	364A Upper Paya Lebar Rd	2	5	5	85
6. Bukit Batok	21 Bukit Batok St 11	9	157	27	912
7. Covenant	110 Race Course Rd	11	74	85	370
8. Glory *	9 Pei Wah Ave	8			750
9. Hope	42 Joo Chiat Ln	4	20	25	191
10. Katong	42 Joo Chiat Ln	10	60	25	300
11. Living Praise *	8A Bishan St 13	6	70	30	255
12. Orchard Road	3 Orchard Rd	11	125	90	706
13. Prinsep Street	77 Prinsep St	9	79	45	599
14. Sembawang	10B Jln Jeruju	5	39	19	286
15. Toong Chai	8 Fowlie Rd	2	6	6	73
16. True Way	156B Stirling Rd	9	69	71	600
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>136</b>	<b>1409</b>	<b>775</b>	<b>7,995</b>

\* Churches ministering to Presbyterian schools

\* Estimates of adults in weekend services

Source: Church reports from the English Presbytery AGM 2020

## GOD'S BLESSINGS & GOD'S CHALLENGE

God has been blessing us in ARPC undeservedly. We now make up for roughly 60% of the denomination's children, 36% of its youth and 25% of its adults.

**We need to always ask why God has blessed us so abundantly and undeservedly!**

We need always to humbly acknowledge that we are **blessed to bless others!** It is a gospel truth that glorifies God!



By God's grace, as EP moderator, we initiated two small baby steps. The first is a monthly **Senior Ministers' Fellowship (SMF)** to encourage our often lonely, lost and disheartened senior pastors who shepherd their churches, pastoral and leadership teams without thanks. The second is a **LED (leaders, elders and deacons) Fellowship** to equip our EP leaders in Bible knowledge, spiritual warfare and ministry skills. Please pray for ARPC to be a blessing to others.



## WHAT WE DO WHEN WE GATHER

We pray that people will walk away from our church Services and say: “That was an encounter with God in His Word (I heard God’s voice) and His People (I met God’s people)!” We gather to worship God by hearing His Word, singing, praying and serving one another in love! We gather to worship God by sharing the Good News and the Good Life with friends! We depart to worship God “24/7” with our lives!



1st Week **Communion @ Adam** – To celebrate the Lord’s Supper and a Free Communion Meal.

2nd Week **Discipleship Group (DG) Sharing**  
(odd numbered months at Adam, even numbered months at Bishan).  
Three different DGs will share of God’s work in their lives in our three respective services.  
The purpose is both to encourage and pray for one another.

**Mission Sharing** (on different countries)  
(odd numbered months at Bishan, even numbered months at Adam)  
– to inform and challenge to pray for and participate in God’s work in the WORLD.

**Women’s Fellowship** (March, July and November)

3rd Week **Newcomers Meals** (3rd Sundays, 1.30pm)  
Our leaders welcome newcomers to ARPC.

**Agape Lunch** (3rd Thursdays, 12pm)

**Prayer & Praise (P&P) Service** (odd numbered months)  
Service with extended time given to prayer and praise.

**All Age Services, Men’s Fellowship, Family Fellowship**  
(even numbered months)

4th Week **Communion @ Bishan** – To celebrate the Lord’s Supper  
**Culinary Arts Ministry Events** (odd numbered months)

# WHO WE ARE UNDER GOD



What kind of church is ARPC? Yes, we are Reformed. Yes, we are Evangelical. What are we “on” about? We are on about GOD – His name, kingdom, and will. More precisely, we are on about JESUS. God has put the world on notice: It is now under Jesus’ new management! This is ARPC’s loftiest concern: To be Christlike people!

## **1. ARPC is a Gospel-centred & Bible-centred Church**

We take the gospel full-heartedly by taking God’s Word seriously as the supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct. We are committed to:

Expository Preaching that explains the full counsel of God not simply on Sundays but every day in all our ministries – from children to adults, from prisons to university work and from Services to small groups.

Biblical Theology that explains God’s salvation story foretold in the Old Testament fulfilled in the person of Jesus Christ. This keeps us from misrepresenting Christianity as mere religion, moralism or legalism. Christianity is having a right relationship with God as our Father and Jesus our Saviour and Lord.

Discipling God’s people to follow Jesus and love God by knowing, teaching and living God’s Word. Each week, about 300 of our leaders teach the Bible faithfully in big group, small groups and one-to-one to our 800 children, 300 youth and 1,800 adults.

Being a Bible-centred and Spirit-filled people as there is no dichotomy of Word vs. Spirit in God’s saving mission.

## **2. ARPC seeks not simply to be Christ-centred but to be Christlike**

We believe in teaching our people for maturity. All our programmes are to equip our people to “Tell of Jesus” and “Become like Jesus” in his love, servant-heartedness and humility. Our Discipleship Groups, Leaders Training, Annual Camps, Equip Conferences and Ministry Apprentice Program are to equip God’s people to grow to Christlike humility and maturity.

## **3. ARPC seeks to be a humble God-glorifying church**

We believe in Bible literacy for Christlike maturity. It is Christlikeness that glorifies God. Yes, we are committed to the Word of God but we more concerned to worship our God of Word.

We are “all-size”, “all-age” and “all place”. “All-size” church? God made us with both a personal yet communal side. We can be part of big gatherings, belong to a small group yet enjoy personal ministries. “All-age” church? God made us to love both old and young! “All-place” church? God meant the church to be local, yet global in its reach. At ARPC, we are an “all-size”, “all-age” and “all-place” family of God! We believe that we can “grow bigger, yet grow closer” simultaneously.

We delight in helping people and churches grow in these gospel DNAs.

Last but not least, we are a Praying People who walk by God’s Spirit.



# MARKS OF GOD'S LEADERS AND HIS PEOPLE

WHAT GOD EXPECTS OF HIS CHURCH



## 7 Marks of Godly Leadership

1. Leaders, and their wives, must have a good reputation and not dishonour God (*1 Tim 3*).
2. Married leaders must be faithful and be able to manage their households (*1 Tim 3*).
3. Leaders should make Godly decisions which edify the body and evangelise unbelievers (*Acts 6*).
4. Leaders must discharge duties willingly as selfless shepherds, not as self-interested hirelings (*1 Peter 5*).
5. Leaders must walk the talk (*Acts 20:28, 1 Thess 2:8, 1 Tim 3:10, 2 Tim 2:2, 2 Tim 3:10-11*).
6. Leaders must NOT be proud (*1 Tim 3, 1 Peter 5*).
7. Leaders must NOT be quarrelsome (*1 Tim 6:3, 2 Tim 2:24*).

## 7 Marks of God's People

1. No part of the body of Christ should think and act in isolation.
2. No part of the body of Christ should think and act in superiority.
3. No part of the body of Christ should think and act in deception (*Eph 4:25*).
4. All parts of the body of Christ should think and act in love (*1 Cor 13*).
5. All parts of the body of Christ should think and act in unity (*Rom 15:5-7, Phil 2:1-2*).
6. The "strong" parts of the body of Christ should put love before liberty (*Romans 15:1*).
7. The "weak" parts of the body of Christ should put principle before compromise.

## 7 Marks of Godly Fellowship

1. Leaders are worthy of double honour (*1 Tim 5:17*).
2. Do NOT accuse your leaders lightly (*1 Tim 5:19*).
3. Do NOT demonise nor idolise your leaders. Remember your leaders' teaching and life (*Hebrews 13:7*).
4. Obey your leaders and submit to their authority (*Hebrews 13:17*).
5. Do NOT be ashamed of your Godly leaders through thick and thin (*2 Tim 1:8, Hebrews 10:33-34*).
6. Pray for your leaders (*Eph 6:19, 1 Thess 5:25*).
7. Both leaders and followers should live up to the purity and unity we have in Christ.



## OUR PARTNERSHIPS

GLORIFYING GOD WITH OTHERS

### Our Partnership Philosophy

ARPC delights in helping others grow as gospel-centred churches and ministries. We pray to pass on God's "gospel DNA" of being Bible-centred, Christ-centred and Christlikeness. Pastor Chris and team lead these gospel partnerships.

God's church is a local family with a global reach (*Colossians 1:6ff*). God's church is both international and interdependent. We believe authentic gospel ministry is marked by love and unity in Christ our Lord.

We prayerfully seek to be God's partners who will preach God's truth, deepen brotherly love and maintain church unity.

Globally, we hope to keep contributing to **Cambodia, Philippines, Taiwan, Japan, China, Thailand (Mien tribe) and Chinese churches.**

We pray our partnerships with "link churches" – both to receive from and send people to – in key cities of **the US, UK, Australia and Asia to grow from strength to strength.**

We are a spiritual home to many "returnee" students graduating from Australia, UK, USA and around the globe. Many have made the important transition from "being equipped in campus" to "serving in the local church". Come and join us!

Locally, our enduring partners have ranged from **our Presbyterian churches, OMF, SIM, WEC, Prisons and Drug Rehabilitation Work**, to the **Boys' and Girls' Brigades (BB & GB), Singapore Bible College (SBC), Trinity Theological College (TTC)**. We seek to humbly continue these ties.

### Our Partnership Package

Below are some ways we may be able to value-add to God's work with our partners.

#### 1. Our Preaching Package

Helping churches train Godly leaders for a lifelong preaching ministry.

#### 2. Our "Big Picture" Package

Helping churches understand the Bible as God's "Big Picture" or God's salvation plan fulfilled in Christ.

#### 3. Our Evangelism Package

Helping churches understand the "whys" and "hows" of evangelism.

#### 4. Our Discipleship Package

Helping churches understand the "whys" and "hows" of essential discipleship.

#### 5. Our Leadership Package

Helping churches train Bible Study and spiritual leaders to lead in Godliness.

For enquiries, please contact Senior Pastor Christopher Chia at [enquiry@arpc.sg](mailto:enquiry@arpc.sg)



# MINISTRY APPRENTICE PROGRAM

TRAINING FUTURE LEADERS TODAY

There is a growing need for Christian workers as the Gospel goes forth to the ends of the earth. ARPC wants to be committed to God's Great Commission.



The Ministry Apprentice Program (MAP) is our training program to identify and train potential people suitable for Christian ministry. MAP will focus on the three essentials of character, knowledge and skills (CKS).

Through the three stages in MAP, our prayer is to produce Godly Christian men and women to serve as

Pastors, Missionaries and Leaders in ARPC, Singapore and beyond.

Our prayerful task is to produce trained men and women for a lifelong ministry of Bible teaching, gospel preaching and Christlike living.

## Step 1: MAP Staff Workers

Suitable candidates will be encouraged to enter into a two-year hands-on and full-paying training programme with ARPC. This is to expose them to the rigours and realities of full-time Christian work as they teach the Bible, relate to people and grow in Godliness.

## Step 2: MAP Associates

Suitable Staff Workers may be supported for full-time theological training with the goal of serving ARPC, Singapore and beyond.

## Step 3: Full-Time Ministers of the Gospel

MAP Associates supported by ARPC will either join the ARPC Pastoral Team or be encouraged to serve outside ARPC.

Depending on the suitability of the candidate, the needs of the church and circumstances, the pastors and leaders will prayerfully guide the candidate to the next ministry.



# OUR COMMUNITY, PRISONS AND SCHOOLS MINISTRY

SERVING SINGAPORE, CHANGING LIVES

ARPC is a Reformed and Evangelical church. We are committed to the Proclamation and Demonstration of Jesus' love for God's world.

In 2015, 2017, and 2019, we hosted Let's Carnival! By God's grace, unknown to us, this became the largest event for the President's Challenge Volunteer Drive. In Singapore's Jubilee Year in 2015, we blessed 350 beneficiaries from nine charities and 200 needy residents.

In land-scarce Singapore, churches increasingly need to show how we are benefitting society for us to retain our precious leasehold premises for worship and ministry. Our Let's Carnival initiative is but the tip of ARPC's long but understated history of blessing our community and the needy.

**In the mid-1980s:** We provided free tuition to students in Woodlands and Lakeview.

**In 1993:** Pastor Christopher Chia began preaching at The Helping Hand, a Christian drug halfway house, and ARPC started hosting ex-addicts. He continued a lifetime legacy of prison work by Pastor John Ting.

**Today:** ARPC's **Prison Ministry under Pastor Jeffrey Quek** reaches five blocks of Changi Prison weekly.

We host the most number of **BB and GB companies** to build character in our youth.

**2015: We became the anchor church to Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School (KCPSS).** We are overjoyed to be partners with teachers, students and parents to value-add in raising generation after generation of responsible citizens.

We pray ARPC will be a church that both meets in a school and ministers to our school. Our role is to contribute in every way – financially, spiritually and practically – to the well-being of our schools and students.

As the residential Anchor Church to Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School (KCPSS), our ministry ranges from morning devotions, chapel talks, recess work, counseling and after-school activities.

So, as God's people, we want to send this message to our neighbours and nation: We are here to bless you as God's people.





# ARPC @ TENGAH

## BLESSING OUR CHURCH, COMMUNITY & COUNTRY



### Open Eyes

God has providentially graced ARPC to be his channel of blessing to Singapore's new exciting growth area.

### Open Doors

God has answered our prayers by "plonking" us as the first church on the block to Tengah, the newest HDB new town, and Jurong Innovation District (JID).

### Open Hearts

Let us humbly pray to do God's gospel work, not in someone else's territory, but in our **God-given harvest field** (2 Corinthians 10:6-10).

### THE BUILDING

A **holistic space** to serve **all walks of life** with **4,800** square metres of space to serve our **Church, Community and Country**.

Some exciting features:

17 Multi-Functional Rooms  
(Accommodates 350-400 pax)

Fellowship Hall  
for weekly gatherings, weddings, children's playground, et cetera.

1,000-Seater Mezzanine Worship Hall

Green & Open Areas  
for work & study

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### THE MISSION

Tengah Town and Jurong Innovation District will have 40,000 homes. It is our desire to **make disciples for Jesus Christ**.

We pray and hope to serve the community and country with God's love through these possible "open doors":

Rental Flats:  
Community Care

Family Centre

Marriage Preparation & Enrichment, Parenting Courses

Special Needs Ministry

Culinary & Cooking Connection; Urban Farming, Pet/Creation Care

Christian Counselling Centre, Preschool & Playgroups, Childcare & After-School Care, Tuition Ministry

Mental Wellness Ministry

Marketplace Ministries

Adopt A Dorm: Guest Workers

Leadership Centre

\*Based on preliminary design from RWWA in February 2021.





## Seeing God's Hand with God's Eyes

<sup>22</sup> And he also who had the two talents came forward, saying, 'Master, you delivered to me two talents; here, I have made two talents more.' <sup>23</sup> His master said to him, 'Well done, good and faithful servant. You have been faithful over a little; I will set you over much. Enter into the joy of your master.'

– Matthew 25:22–23

We trace God's hand in our story to The Malay Chapel (right) in 1843. Our founding church, Prinsep Street Presbyterian Church (PSPC), the oldest living church in Singapore blossomed from this.

In the 1980s, two groups from PSPC started gospel ministries in Woodlands and Adam Road, led by Elders Michael Lee, Seet Kai Yong, Wong Foo Mun and Quek Kai Loo. Rev Richard Ng, who pioneered the Woodlands work, passed away in 1991. Pastor Christopher Chia merged the Woodlands-Adam Road Ministry (WARM), which slowly grew to 40–50 adults and youth in 1991, to form ARPC. By grace, we have now grown to 2000 adults, 300 youth and 800–1000 children today.



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## ADOPT A DORM MINISTRY



God opened the door for ARPC to be part of the outreach to migrant workers. The pandemic highlighted the plight, housing needs and social isolation of 500,000 workers here.

The Adopt A Dorm ministry was formed in 2020 by Pastor Chris and Lim Luck Yong to help our migrant workers in Singapore. This was our expression of loving the foreigners among us, as God desires his people to do.

We adopted a dorm at 61 Gul Drive, as the pandemic raged on in Singapore with the Delta and Omicron variants, that housed shipyard workers. Our dedicated AAD team continues to reach out in these small but significant ways.

### Outings for Guest Workers

- Hosting guest workers. We have taken them to Sentosa for an outing, cable car rides and a beach side picnic.
- Gardens by the Bay. These outings to the gardens for our friends are much appreciated, as many of the workers have never been able to afford going to the domes.
- Little India for a shopping trip and Christmas celebration.

### Care Packages

- Delivering care packages such as mutton biryani and fruit to supplement the simple diet of the workers.
- We also help them to celebrate their respective cultural festivals and Independence Day.
- We also supply face masks to supplement their needs.

### English Classes

A new team at AAD was formed in June/July 2021, and they developed video lessons teaching simple English to help our migrant friends communicated better with Singaporeans. We are thankful for the team's perseverance in producing the high quality lessons. Pray for high take up rate. The long working hours of our migrant friends are very real.

### Thanksgiving

We are very thankful to God for sustaining us in this ministry, by providing all the volunteers we needed. God also raised a new core team for the AAD ministry, comprising dedicated ARPC members who served tirelessly.

Contact Senior Pastor Christopher Chia or Pastor Lim Luck Yong at [missions@arpc.sg](mailto:missions@arpc.sg)

## ARPC MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

EMPOWERING THE BELIEVER AT WORK & EMPOWERING THE WORKER TO BELIEVE

All praise to God! ARPC Marketplace Ministry (AMM) had a challenging two years.

We could not continue with Lunch time Talks in Raffles Place, our financial district. Yet, God was gracious to work through the Lunchtime Talk series via Zoom for the ministry.

### Lunchtime Talks

2020–2021 were challenging years that few would ever forget. Our Lunchtime Talks quickly adjusted to become online talks. Amid a crisis, participants were thirsting to hear the Word of God, and the lunchtime talks were well-received. We had many who regularly attended the talks and were blessed by the talks. Many also invited their friends.

Despite only being able to host a fewer number of talks than usual, we were glad we could do so under such challenging circumstances. We dealt with topic such as:

- Future Proofing Your Job
- Future Proofing Your Heart Spiritually
- Mental Health at Work
- Emotional Health at Work
- Relational Health at Work
- Does Jesus matter in our work?

We look forward to resuming onsite Marketplace Lunchtime Talks in Raffles Place from July onwards plus a mentoring program to help us grow in the workplace.

Contact Senior Pastor Christopher Chia, Kenneth Goh and Team at [amm@arpc.sg](mailto:amm@arpc.sg)





# SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT NETWORK

The Special Needs Support Network (SN)<sup>2</sup> was launched in 2018 to encourage individuals and families with special needs with Jesus' love and compassion. We seek to integrate them in the ARPC family and empower the church to minister to them. We hope to support special needs families by building a network of professionals, helpers and carers. We prayerfully aim to:

## Equip the church

Praise God for the great number special needs of professionals in ARPC who desire to both serve yet learn humbly. We have tapped on their expertise and experience for talks and training sessions. We also invite external speakers to share helpful insights from the Bible.

## Encourage special needs families

(SN)<sup>2</sup> organises family-friendly events to encourage fellowship between special needs families and the wider church. Personal testimonies of spiritual growth are shared with songs, games and fun workshops at fellowship gatherings.

## Walk alongside each other

We try to match specific needs with expertise and to kick-start positive relationships between families within the ministry. We will also do home visitations.

Our formal meetings are conducted on a bi-monthly basis. We usually gathered at ARPC@Bishan (Praise Hall) on a Sunday afternoon (2–5pm) during pre-COVID-19 times.



For enquiries, please contact Oh Hwee Yen at [sn2@arpc.sg](mailto:sn2@arpc.sg)



## MENTAL WELLNESS MINISTRY

The Mental Wellness Ministry (MWM) was formally set up in 2018 to draw together the existing efforts of different brothers and sisters, with a mission to help our church family reach out lovingly, sensitively and effectively to those with mental health concerns, thus supporting them holistically in their discipleship journey.

We seek to focus our current and future efforts in three broad areas:

### Outreach

- Peer Support
- Befriending
- Counselling

### Engagement

- Workshops
- Webinars and Podcasts
- Social Media
- Church Event and Ministries

### Equipping

- Helper Support and Training
- DG Leaders and Pastoral Staff Training
- Mental Health Professionals' Sharing
- Recommendations for Resources



### In 2022, do look out for the following!

1. Faith and Mind Workshops (on-site/online) that will provide different perspectives on mental health issues to help participants develop an integrated understanding.
2. A Befriending ministry to help reach out to those in need of a listening ear.
3. Caregiver outreach events/group.
4. Mental wellness sharings on our ARPC social media channels.

Interested to serve or find out more? Please contact us at [mental.wellness@arpc.sg](mailto:mental.wellness@arpc.sg)

# MISSIONS MINISTRY

ARPC's vision is to see every member become BOTH a "goer" (one who is involved in cross-cultural mission work) and a "sender" (one who sends and supports "goers"), participating in God's Mission from anywhere to everywhere.



In today's globalised world, God's people now have the opportunities to reach out to the lost those on our shores, and those far away.

The ARPC Missions Ministry mobilises and sustains God's people to carry out His mission. We raise awareness and exposure to cross-cultural missions at ARPC through:

- Prayer Meetings for our missionaries & missions.
- Short term mission trips for DGs to participate in God's work in another culture, either overseas or locally (in partnership with the Adopt A Dorm ministry to migrant workers in Singapore).
- Missions Retreat to strengthen our passion for and deepen our knowledge of God's mission.
- Mentoring program (aka Missions Roundtable) to journey with those who are currently involved in missions, as well as exploring doing missions as a full-time paid ministry.
- Whether you are considering how to go on a mission trip with your DG, or how you can journey with ARPC in missions, contact us, and we are ready to serve you!

"What God has shown me [...] is that you don't have to wait until you're ready, or until you enjoy something or are passionate about something. Or feel like you have attained a certain status before you serve Him. You don't even need to have a willing heart – God will change that. You just need to listen, trust and obey."

– Gn Shu Min

"If we have faith even small as a mustard seed, we can still trust God to do great things in and through us for his glory. All he asks is for our willing hearts to step out in faith, and he will do the rest, leading and guiding us, never leaving us."

– Caris Bay

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Lim Luck Yong at [missions@arpc.sg](mailto:missions@arpc.sg)





## Our ENTRYPaths

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As God's people, we delight in introducing you to know, love and serve God. As part of that privilege, we have **3 Steps for Newcomers – it's as simple as 1-2-3!**

Our newcomers come from all walks of life and people! Some are interested **seekers**. Some are **circulating saints**. Others are **graduates or returnee students** from here and overseas – the USA, UK, Australia, NZ and the rest of the world!

Yet, others are "**new migrants**" swept onto Singapore shores as part of the tidal wave of globalisation. You may have chosen to call Singapore your temporary "home" to study, work or live here. Whatever, it is God's will that you are here!

And we are here to welcome you as His people! We pray you will find here a **loving international and inter-generational community** that lives out our unity in Christ.

Your first step begins with Newcomers Desk, then Steps 1, 2 and 3: Newcomers' Meal, Just for Newcomers (including Discovering Christianity) and Class ARPC.



## STEP 1: COME TO THE NEWCOMERS MEAL

We come to know you. You come to know us. Together, we grow to know God. Newcomers are invited to a free meal. Third Sunday of the month (1:30pm) at the Manse (Pastor Christopher Chia's residence). The Manse is located at ARPC@Adam (adjacent to the playground).

Call the church office to sign up. Or meet a pastoral staff after Sunday service to accompany you to the Manse.

## STEP 2: JOIN JUST FOR NEWCOMERS

Just For Newcomers (JFN) is a 13-week course to introduce you to three foundations of the Christian faith: A Portrait of Jesus Christ – the Master Who Disciples Us; A Big Picture of the Bible – the Source of Our Discipleship; Seven Foundational Truths – the Life of a Disciple.

Two batches of Class JFN run each year to help newcomers to ARPC join a Discipleship Group (DG) and be part of God's family here. JFNers meet in ARPC@Adam for 13 weeks and move to meet in various places at various times as a DG thereafter. JFN is a good opportunity for newcomers to meet other people as well.

JFN is often in great demand, so please sign up early.

JFN groups "graduate" or move on to become Discipleship Groups (DGs). We require a 70% (9 out of 13 weeks) attendance for "graduation".

## STEP 3: ATTEND CLASS ARPC

Class ARPC is our Membership Class which helps you understand what membership in God's kingdom means in ARPC and the Presbyterian Church. Two batches a year of Class ARPC run each year at ARPC@Adam. This is followed by a Baptism Service/New Members Service.

Adults can become members through baptism or transfer. Parents can bring children up to age 12 for infant baptism. Those who have been baptised as infants can be "confirmed" as adult members from age 16 onwards.



## DISCOVERING CHRISTIANITY

Discovering Christianity (DC) is a ministry for those who are keen to explore the basics of the Christian faith. Non-Christian friends and family are welcome to join us for five sessions to learn about what Christians believe in. The sessions are conducted in a non-threatening and interactive manner. Participants are also free to ask questions about Christianity.

The five sessions cover these topics:

- What Is the Bible?
- Who Is God?
- Who Is Man?
- Who Is Jesus?
- Right with God

Discovering Christianity is held over five successive Sundays from 2pm to 3:30 pm.

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Lim Luck Yong at [dc@arpc.sg](mailto:dc@arpc.sg)



# Our LIFEPaths

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Our church family embraces all seasons of life – from children, youth, adults to the golden group. We have one great desire: That we will help people love and serve God through all seasons of life.





# CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church (CC) partner with Christian parents to raise Godly children as life-long disciples of Christ for God's glory. We also share Jesus with children from families yet to believe in Christ. CC meets at both ARPC@Adam and ARPC@Bishan.

Groups	ARPC@Adam Saturdays 5pm, Sundays 9am & 11:30am	ARPC@Bishan Sundays 9am
Creche (under 18 months)	Cry Room (L3)	Cry Room (Chapel, L1)
Toddlers (18–36 months)	Grace, Charity (L2)	Peace (Chapel, L2)
Pre-School (3–6 years)	Peace, Patience, Kindness (L2)	Fellowship Hall (Chapel, L1)
Primary (7–12 years)	Love, Joy (L2)	Choir Room (KCPSS, L2)

## Crèche

Babies under 18 months are able to have a place to play and rest in the comfort of a room specially designated for them so that their parents can attend services.

## Toddlers

Our programme engages little ones through stories, activities and crafts. They also experience powerful connections between Scripture and everyday life by engaging all five of their senses. The Bible comes alive! The curriculum is based on the *Hands On Bible Curriculum and Teaching Little Ones*, modified by our experienced leaders over a decade.

## Pre-School and Primary

Our weekly services involve a big group gathering for worship in songs and prayers, and in small group classes for the different age groups.

We encourage Bible familiarisation by teaching memory verses and a two-year Catechism series for pre-schoolers. (Catechism, a question-and-answer system for learning, is useful for building young children's understanding of basic Christian doctrines.) Pre-school programmes are supplemented by the curriculum from *Teaching Little Ones*.

Special events are organised throughout the year to complement the teaching curriculum and engage learning through missions, camps and holiday programmes.

## Teaching Programmes for CC groups as follow:

The Creche and Toddler ministry will continue to conduct monthly training sessions for parents according to the COVID-19 guidelines for religious classes outside of the normal service until the services resume for this age group.

## Pre-school Age Groups

The Nursery children will be learning from the *Teaching Little Ones* series on "Introducing The Bible" (IB) – a syllabus that begins with Jesus as God's son (leading up to Easter) and then moves from *Genesis* (Creation, Noah, Abraham, Joseph) to Moses, Samuel and David in the *Old Testament*. In the *New Testament*, we are introduced to Peter and Paul and then we learn more about God's Son, Jesus at Christmas.



The Kindy children will also be learning from the *Teaching Little Ones* series that include syllabus from "Promises" (P), which covers how God makes promises in a covenantal relationship with His people, the Israelites, and now with all who believe in His Son; "Kingship" (K), which looks at kings in the Old Testament, and how some obeyed and others disobeyed Him. The lessons focus on King Saul, King David and King Solomon and "Salvation" (S), which helps children to relate to what it means to be a people saved by God and how salvation is related.

Special topics on Worship, Prayers, Mission, Creation Care and Bible Overview are also included through the special events.

## Primary Age Groups

The Primary children are taught the same Bible books as the adult congregation. This facilitates discussion and reinforcement within families. In 2022, we will be covering *The Gospel Of Mark*, *Nehemiah*, 1, 2 and 3 *John* and Selected *Psalms* 73–89. In addition, we will have Missions Month to partner with our missionaries in Japan (Chelsia Toon), Philippines (Pastor John Wong & family) and Taiwan (Teo Sin Ee).

For enquiries, please contact Mona Chia, Marie Lim and Karen Leo at [children@arpc.sg](mailto:children@arpc.sg)



Date	Toddlers
Jan–Feb	God Made Me
Mar–Apr	God Made Everything
May–Jun	God Makes Things Grow And Cares For Growing Things
Jul–Aug	Who Is God To Me?
Sep–Oct	Things Jesus Said or Did
Nov–Dec	Christmas
Date	Pre-School (K1/K2)
Jan 22–Mar 6	P Unit 1 – God’s Promises & Jesus
Mar 12–May 8	P Unit 7 – God’s Promises & God’s People Today
May 14–May 29	K Unit 4 – King Solomon
Jul 9–Aug 14	K Unit 5 – Kings & The King of Kings
Aug 27–Oct 9	S Unit 1 – Paul
Oct 22–Nov 13	S Unit 4 – Jonah
Nov 19 & 20	S Unit 9:1 – Christmas–The Saviour Is Born

Date	Pre-School (N1/N2)
Jan 22–Mar 27	IB Unit 1 – Jesus Is God’s Son
Apr 9–May 15	IB Unit 2 – In The Beginning
May 21–Jul 17	IB Unit 3 – Getting To Know Abraham & Joseph
Jul 23–Aug 14	IB Unit 4 – Moses
Aug 27–Sep 25	IB Unit 5 – Samuel & David
Oct 8–Nov 13	IB Unit 7 – God Changes Peter & Paul
Nov 19 & 20	IB Unit 6:1 – Looking Forward To Christmas
Date	Primary
Jan–Apr	Gospel Of Mark
Apr–May	Nehemiah
Jun	Holiday Program
July–Aug	1,2 and 3 John
Sep	Missions Month
Oct–Nov	Selected Psalms 73–89
Dec	Holiday Program

### Special Events

During the June and December Holiday months, we run special events for families that will complement our teaching plan. In addition, All-Age Services, where children and adults worship together, will be held once every two months. Children join their parents to worship together with the family of God. This allows godly modelling and mutual encouragement in worship of our awesome God.

Date	Toddlers	Pre-School	Primary
Jan 8 & 9	God Made Me	People of Worship & Prayers Meet our CC Families	A New Start
Apr 16 & 17	Easter	Easter	Easter
Jun		Holiday Programme – Creation Care	Holiday Programme
Oct 8 & 9	Children’s Day	Children’s Day & Missions	Children’s Day P6 Farewell
Nov 26 & 27		Class Party – Farewell & Thanksgiving	Class Party – Thanksgiving
Dec 3 & 4		CC Camp	CC Camp
Dec 10			P1 Welcome
Dec	Birthday Party For Jesus	Holiday Programme – God’s Big Story	Holiday Programme

### All-Age Services

February 19 & 20	August 20 & 21
April 16 & 17	October 15 & 16
June 18 & 19	December 25



# BASIC – BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

## YOUTH MINISTRY



Brothers And Sisters in Christ (BASIC) is a ministry to youths aged 13 to young adulthood. BASIC disciples young people for lifelong discipleship, bringing them the gospel and encouraging them to mature as Christian adults. Our time together includes structured activities like regular bible studies, fellowship meetings and training sessions, as well as informal fun and games, socials and outings.

BASIC has a strong commitment to evangelise the unreached. New friends are always welcome to explore the bible with us as we seek to expand God's Kingdom. At the same time, we aim to edify believers, building them up in God's Word. To this end, we identify, equip and train mature Christian youths to lead others and serve one another.

Eventually we hope to "export" to our adult congregations, young people prepared and active in God's service. An important step, is for parents and teenaged children to continue to attend Services and worship to-

gether, whilst going to BASIC. We started with this goal and continue it as a healthy expression of being united in God's family.

Join us! We welcome you and your friends and promise you that BASIC on Saturdays will change all your days!

### Our Meetings

We meet on Saturdays at ARPC@Bishan, 8A Bishan Street 13, Singapore 579794 (enter from Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Primary School).

Join us from 5-7pm for our occasional big group gathering, regular small group bible studies, prayer and fellowship.

For enquires please contact Pastor Roger Chia or Pastor Jason Kwek at [basic@arpc.sg](mailto:basic@arpc.sg)

### Saturday

### BASIC Programme

#### Mark – The Servant King

January 8	Welcome Back to BASIC	New Year Talk
January 15	Mark 1:1–20	Here Comes the King
January 22	Mark 1:21–2:17	King Over Sickness and Sin
January 29	Mark 2:18–3:35	Opposition of the King
February 5	Mark 4:1–34	The King and His Kingdom
February 12	Mark 4:35–5:43	The King's Authority on Display
February 19	<b>Parents-Leaders-Youths Fellowship</b>	
February 26	Mark 8:11–9:13	Seeing Your King Clearly
March 5	Mark 9:14–10:45	The King on Discipleship
March 12	ACTS 2	Group Socials / Evangelistic Event



March 19	Mark 12:41–13:37	The King on the Coming Future
March 26	Mark 15:1–16:8	The King of the Jews
Nehemiah – The Return to Worship		
April 2	Nehemiah 1–2	Keeping the Covenant
April 9	Nehemiah 3–4	Rebuilding the Walls
April 15	Good Friday	
April 16	ARPC Easter Services	
April 23	Nehemiah 5	Fearing God
April 30	Nehemiah 6–7	Strengthening of Hands
May 7	Nehemiah 8-9	Reading of the Law
May 14	Nehemiah 12:27–13:31	Restoring Service
May 21	Missions Focus Day	
May 28	ACTS 2	
June 4–25	No BASIC	
1–3 John – Fellowship with God		
July 2	1 John 1:1–10	Basis of the Fellowship
July 9	1 John 2:1–14	Evidence of the Fellowship
July 16	1 John 2:15–29	Enemies of the Fellowship
July 23	ACTS 2	Group Socials
July 30	1 John 3:11–24	Love in the Fellowship
August 6	1 John 4:1–21	The Spirit in the Fellowship
August 13	Parents-Leaders-Youths Fellowship	
August 20	1 John 5	The Son of God in the Fellowship
Topical Series		
August 27	Topical Series 1	
September 3	BASIC Leaders Retreat (2–4 Sep)	
September 10	Topical Series 2	
September 17	Topical Series 3	
September 24	Topical Series 4	
Psalm 73–89 – Songs of Faith		
October 1	Psalm 73	When the Wicked Prosper
October 8	Psalm 74	When the Enemies Mock
October 15	P6ers Welcome / Acts 2	
October 22	Psalm 77	When Distress Comes
October 29	Psalm 79	When the LORD is Scorned
November 5	Psalm 80	When God is Angry
November 12	Psalm 84	When the Soul Yearns
November 19	ACTS 2	Group Socials
November 26	Psalm 89	When the LORD is Needed
December 3	No BASIC	
December 10	BASIC Camp (9-12 Dec)	
December 17–31	No BASIC	
December 25	Christmas Day	

# DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

## GROWING AS DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Welcome to our Discipleship Groups (DGs) for 2022! Our DGs are the backbone of ARPC. God has blessed us with more than 80 DGs with over 1,200 people attending weekly. Our love for Christ is expressed by our love for His church experienced in lifelong discipleship.

As People of the Trinitarian God who exists in eternal relationships—Father, Son and Spirit—we live in relationships as his Church and also in small groups or discipleship groups.

Our DGs exist to Exalt the Lord Jesus by obeying him through these 5Gs:

### 1. God's Word

"[I keep praying] that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and of revelation in the knowledge of him" (*Ephesians 1:17*)

We seek to be a People of Word. By grace, we seek to know God and the Lord Jesus Christ by knowing God's Word.

### 2. God's People

"Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of service, but the same Lord." (*1 Corinthians 12:4-5*).

We seek to be a People of Service to build up God's People.

### 3. God's Mission

"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded

you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age." (*Matthew 28:19-20*).

We seek to be a People of Mission, whether locally or globally. By grace, we seek to take part in God's Mission to take the gospel to the ends of the earth.

### 4. God's Power

"Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God." (*Philippians 4:6*).

We seek to be a People who seek God's Power through Prayer. By grace, we seek to worry about nothing and pray about everything.

And all these are for...

### 5. God's Glory

"So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do all to the glory of God." (*1 Corinthians 10:31*).

Above all else, as God's redeemed and beloved People, we seek God's Glory by Exalting the Lord Jesus who purchased us for the Father.

This is the testimony of many in our DGs: "My Discipleship Group is like my family. We have been humbled and blessed. We have been showered by God's abundant love through the love & care of our DG brothers and sisters! We don't just read the Word of God in ARPC. We live the Word of God."

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Christopher Chia, Pastor Tan Sern Khoo, or Pastor Kenneth Goh at [dg@arpc.sg](mailto:dg@arpc.sg)





## MANDARIN MINISTRY 华文团契



华文团契成立于2004年，目的是为了让会友带领讲华语的亲友来认识耶稣。

团契的宗旨是遵照圣经，忠心地教导上帝的话语。

我们每个星期的崇拜聚会是在礼拜天早上9点正。地点是在国专长老会中学。

在礼拜天的崇拜聚会后，我们于早上11:20至下午1时，也有小组聚会，我们一起查考圣经，在爱中彼此相顾勉励。

为了鼓励会友带领讲华语的亲友来听耶稣的好消息，我们每年举办几个大型福音性聚会，让新朋友有机会听见和明白耶稣基督的福音。

The Mandarin Ministry was started in 2004. The purpose of this ministry and fellowship is to provide a platform to invite our Chinese speaking family members and friends to come hear the gospel.

We aim to bring about obedience to Jesus Christ amongst the Chinese speaking through faithful teaching of the God's Word.

Our weekly service is held on Sundays, at 9am in Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School.

Besides our services, we also gather in smaller groups to read God's Word, pray and spur each other on in love and good deeds in our weekly Bible study. The Bible study groups take place on Sundays from 11:20am to 1pm.

The Mandarin Ministry also organises evangelistic events throughout the year. We hope to encourage our members to bring their Mandarin speaking family members and friends to come and hear the good news of Jesus.

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Ng Yak Cheow (黄益朝牧师) at [mm@arpc.sg](mailto:mm@arpc.sg)







## Our SUPPORTPaths

Jesus gave us the  
Great Commandment  
to love one another.

We are to love one another in all  
our seasons – from the euphoric  
mountain tops to the deep valleys  
of our spiritual walk – as we take  
part in God's Great Commission.

As part of that privilege, we have  
SUPPORTPaths to help us be more  
fruitful in the different seasons of life.  
These support paths complement  
our ongoing teaching program in  
Sermons and Discipleship Groups.  
They address practical issues and  
provide a much-needed support.



## MERCY MINISTRY

“But go and learn what this means: ‘I desire mercy, not sacrifice.’ For I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners.” (*Matthew 9:13*)

Think of Visitation and Cancer Support. Think of Bereavement and Prisons ministries. Think of love and mercy extended to the marginalised. This is the Mercy Ministry.

Mercy is at the heart of God’s character. Being made anew in Christ does not mean that we neither struggle with sin nor are we sinless. We are now beloved children of God only through atonement by Christ’s blood.

We live to showcase God’s gospel. Just as God showed us mercy through His Son, we too now extend His mercy to others. We do not strive to be their saviours. But through acts of mercy, we point them to the only true Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

ARPC’s outreach of mercy dates back to the 1990’s when Pastor Christopher Chia ministered at The Helping Hand.

In 2009, Prison Fellowship Singapore invited the church to partner them in providing In-Care for inmates. This work later extended to Aftercare Fellowship (Brothers And Sisters’ Keepers – BASK). Since 2009, God has grown the Mercy Ministry to include the Bereavement, Cancer Support, Visitation and Prisons (In-care and Aftercare) ministries. In 2014, a women’s team also started ministering in Changi Women’s Prison.

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Jeffrey Quek at [mercy@arpc.sg](mailto:mercy@arpc.sg)



“Even though I just started serving in the Prison Ministry, every Prison Chapel service is a fulfilling one. As I walk through the Prison Gates, a sense of purpose come upon me. The Holy Spirit guides me and allows me to relate to our incarcerated brothers as I share the Gospel with them.”

– Chia Wing Keong, Prison Ministry

“Regardless of whether we are ministering or being ministered to, God loves us equally. He knows each of us so intimately that He reveals to us about Him uniquely depending on the season of our life. It’s amazing to experience the Godly love from the sisters and brothers.”

– Ginnie Chin, Brothers And Sisters’ Keepers

“The encouragement I received from the inmates after each chapel service is what kept me going in this ministry for the past 10+ years. Each chapel service allow us to pray for each other. My prayer is for God’s intervention in the lives of the inmates that they will come to true repentance and continue to draw close to Jesus upon their release. I also pray that I can continue to be an ambassador for Christ as I journey with them in their road of recovery.”

– Thomas Goh, Prison Ministry

“Our merciful and gracious Jesus has opened many heart doors through ARPC’s Cancer Support. My prayers is that during our daily or regular interactions with our loved ones, we will be faithfully and prayerfully sowing gospel seeds. And praying that many of these seeds will be landing on good soils that our Lord Jesus has prepared.”

– An Tyng, Cancer Support

“Serving in Mercy Ministry, through visiting and praying with terminally-ill elderly, God allows me to see His promise to be with us not only at good times but in sickness too. I may not see them again but I am blessed everytime they tell me, ‘See you in Heaven’ and ‘Amen’.”

– Eric Tan, Cancer Support





## TABITHA FELLOWSHIP

Tabitha Fellowship aims to fulfil God's Great Commission to us by befriending, blessing and sharing the good news with Indonesian domestic helpers whom God brings to Singapore.

"May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us, *selah*

"that your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations." (Psalm 67:1-2)

*"Kiranya Allah mengasihani kita dan memberkati kita, kiranya Ia menyinari kita dengan wajah-Nya, sela*

*"supaya jalan-Mu dikenal di bumi, dan keselamatan-Mu di antara segala bangsa." (Mazmur 67:1-2)*

We welcome all Indonesian domestic helpers (believers and non-believers) to join us on Saturdays from 5-6.30pm!

Tabitha Fellowship is conducted in Bahasa Indonesia, providing a community for Indonesian domestic helpers to befriend each other and to be blessed by the reading of God's Word, singing songs of worship and praying together. We also enjoy the monthly English Language lessons and celebrating birthdays together!

At the time of writing, we meet in hybrid format (onsite and online) complying with the prevailing safe management measures. Please look out for the announcements in the weekly church bulletins or contact us for details of meetings.

For enquiries, please contact Ng Yuen Li or Linsey Gani at [tabitha@arpc.sg](mailto:tabitha@arpc.sg)

## RHODA FELLOWSHIP



One in five Singaporeans employ a domestic helper. Rhoda Fellowship is our ministry to Filipino domestic helpers whom God has brought to our doorsteps. It is estimated that a third of the 255,000 domestic helpers in Singapore are from the Philippines.

We must see this as opportunity to bless and make disciples for Christ.

Our aim is to be an instrument of God's blessings to these migrant workers, introduce them to the Gospel, lead them to a saving faith in the Lord Jesus and build them up through the teachings of Scripture about faith.

Our teaching schedule for 2022 will follow the New City Catechism's 52 lessons. The Rhoda ladies meet every Saturdays at 5pm (Singapore Bible College on first and third Saturdays; over Zoom Video Conference on second and fourth Saturdays).

For enquiries, please Pastor Adrin Muñoz at [rhoda@arpc.sg](mailto:rhoda@arpc.sg)





## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Women make up more than half of the church and it is extremely important for us as sisters, daughters, wives, mothers, widows and grandmothers to encourage each other to good deeds and faith in the Lord Jesus.

Among the Women's Fellowship events, Bible study groups and support groups, ongoing social encounters enrich the lives of women here in ARPC, both single and married. Our primary aim is to complement men as we grow and mature together as the body of Christ.

Homemakers Discipleship Groups in Adam Road, Sengkang, Toa Payoh-Bishan and Redhill continue to meet on Zoom and where possible, small group fellowship. A Mums support group runs every fortnight, working through a book which helps with their roles as wives and mums.

Three fellowship events planned for each year is for the wider body of women to equip, empower and evangelise those whom we are influencing as followers and disciples of Christ.

For enquiries, please contact Mona Chia at [women@arpc.sg](mailto:women@arpc.sg)



## AGAPE LUNCH

FEASTING WITH GOSPEL LOVE

Are you free for lunch on the third Thursday of each month? In a growing church, we have created an oasis to sit down, enjoy a meal with brothers and sisters in Christ in our own alfresco dining setting. However, things have changed for the bunch of oldies but goldies, retirees, recovering patients, church staff and their invited guests since COVID-19. Physical meetings over home cooked meals have been suspended and Zoom meetings are a regular feature. The focus is now on praying for each other.

This year we will follow a theme of Bible lands with devotions from various members of the fellowship. Do join us.

The leaders of this ministry are Mona Chia, Chin Siew Lay and Helen Oh, with many supporters.

For enquiries, please contact Chin Siew Lay at [agape@arpc.sg](mailto:agape@arpc.sg)



# CULINARY ARTS MINISTRY

SWEET, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Culinary Arts Ministry (CAM) organises evangelistic friendship events, making easy desserts with hands-on experience, followed by a gospel talk. Due to COVID, we have moved to a video format of cooking demonstration with a Bible talk. These recipes and talks have been reproduced into a little booklet called “A Sweeter Life” and “A Sweeter Life 2”.

## WHAT'S IN STORE

CAM continues to introduce new recipes often in conjunction with a festival or events which could rally families to invite their pre-believing members. The ever-popular snowskin mooncakes continued to be a feature, but the repertoire has extended to fancier items like Chiffon Cakes or Choux Pastry. We take God for the creative effort of our homemakers and to the pastors and staff workers who presented gospel messages according to the themes.

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## DEAF & HARD OF HEARING MINISTRY

### THE GOSPEL THROUGH SIGN LANGUAGE

Many deaf and aurally-challenged people go through life isolated from the hearing world due to a lack of information which is accessed through the faculty of hearing. They need Christians who know sign language to tell them about Jesus.

The Deaf & Hard of Hearing Ministry (DHHM) aims to create an awareness of Sign language as a cultural bridge for communication. This aids evangelism, mission and song-signing music that is felt, seen and experienced as a concept through Sign language.

We want to serve the deaf and the hard of hearing by providing Sign language interpretation at our 9am Sunday service at ARPC@Adam.

A weekly Bible study/fellowship for the deaf and the hard of hearing is held in Sengkang, ARPC@Adam or via zoom. The ministry continues to reach out to the deaf community either through, outings organised or through interaction via zoom or online video platform.

The ministry also seeks to train committed Christians to serve as typists or signers for prayer sessions, worship and/or sermons.

The Bible tells us in *Romans 10:14-15*, "How beautiful are the feet of those who preach good news!"

DHHM seeks to communicate the gospel articulately so that the faith of the deaf and hard of hearing will be well grounded.

To be part of the group who will bless the Deaf & hard of hearing community, consider signing up for the Joy of Signing program:

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## BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADES

### OUR CHRISTIAN-BASED UNIFORM GROUPS



The Brigades are Christian-based uniformed youth organisations operating in local schools as Co-Curricular Activities (CCA).

ARPC sponsors four BB Companies (5th, 34th, 42nd and 66th) and two GB Companies (12th and 28th) in two schools in Woodlands (Marsiling Secondary and Woodlands Secondary Schools), Bukit Timah (Nanyang Primary School) and Bishan (Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School).

Our 150 Boys & Girls' come from a wide spectrum of the society – some commute daily from Johor Bahru to attend school here, some have parents who work late. There are those whose families are closely-knit and those who are dysfunctional. Regardless of background, they all need God's love.

For many, BB or GB is their first encounter with God's love. ARPC folk serve as Officers and helpers to teach and model Christian love.

Our activities also include Bible studies, foot drill, life skills, leadership training, adventure and camping. We love them and provide mentorship to build them up in character and skills.

A Tuition Ministry is provided to help those who are weak academically and help build up the much needed character and confidence of youth.



THE BOYS' BRIGADE



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# OUR WORSHIP, SINGING & MUSIC

## GLORIFYING GOD WITH LIFE WORSHIP

Worship, music and singing are much misunderstood today. So we need to be clear about these because they all affect our walk with God.

Worship in the New Testament centres around Jesus. *Matthew 12:6* states that “one greater than the temple is here.” This means that the new meeting point between God and man is not centred around a place but a PERSON – the person of the Risen Lord Jesus!

The Lord Christ Jesus alone is the Worship Leader who brings us into God’s presence! We cannot get any closer or be any more right with God than through Jesus (*Hebrews 10:19–25*). **Worship is everything God does for us in Christ, not anything we do to be acceptable to God.**

The fundamental act of worship is submission and homage to Jesus as Lord and Saviour. The right response to Christ is **life worship**, not simply “live” music worship.

In *Romans*, our **life worship** includes prayer (1:9–10), submission to God-given authorities (13:1–7), love for one another in the body (12:3–13), living out the unity of the gospel (15:5–7), support of God’s people (15:25–30).

We do not “enter” into worship by our prayers, rituals and songs. None of these gets us any closer or makes us more right with God. This means that sharing the Good News is the way to bring people to submit and pay homage to God and Christ.

So why do we sing and play music? Why we sing is part of a bigger question: “Why do we meet as God’s people?” *Colossians 3:16* instructs us to allow God’s Word to dwell in us as we “sing psalms, hymns and spiritual songs” with gratitude in our hearts to God. Indeed, *Ephesians 5:18* tell us that singing “God songs” is one expression of what it means to be continually filled with God’s Spirit. What does all this mean?

1. **We should be concerned about Christian lyrics, not Christian music.** This should free us to praise God with different types of music – hymns, choruses, Negro spirituals, Asian melodies – as long as the words are Scripture or Scriptural in meaning.
2. Our singing has both **a vertical focus on God and a horizontal focus on one another.** We should sing songs – about God and to God – as we sing to spur one another on.
3. **Emotions vs Emotionalism.** There is a difference between using music for emotionalism and feeling emotional while stirred by hearing the Gospel in song. Our singing of gospel songs may evoke emotions as part of the total life response of faith in Christ, love for the saints and hope in heaven. Singing alone is not worship but life worship in the Spirit should include worshipful singing (*Eph 5:18, Col 3:16*)!



We should avoid extremes. We should not end up as “songless” Christians because we are reacting to bad theology and practices around us. Rather, Christians are the only ones to have every reason to sing with all our heart to God and one another of the great God who loves us enough to save us! We aspire to be a church which sings distinctively Christian songs – and sings full heartedly – to God’s glory!

Come and join us! Indeed, why not be part of our heartfelt and tuneful music ministry? We can always do with more musicians and singers to build up the body of Christ with love!

For enquiries, please contact the Worship Ministry at [music@arpc.sg](mailto:music@arpc.sg)



## DRAWN BY LIGHT MINISTRY



Photography, in the Greek root word, means “drawn by light”. It captures the essence of photography as we need light to capture images. Drawn By Light (DLM) as a ministry, however, seeks to draw others to Christ who is the Light, as we are also drawn to Him.

DLM serves the church with our God-given talent and interest in photography. We shoot many church activities over the year to provide a visual chronicle of ARPC church life. Some of these photos are featured in the church bulletin, the annual handbook and the DG handbook.

With the revamp of the ARPC website, selected photos of recent events are now available for viewing on the Photo Gallery section. It provides another platform to showcase the contribution and service of DLM team members.

With the popularity of social media such as Instagram and Facebook, more people across the spectrum

are taking photographs much more frequently and DLM leverages on this trend to organise workshops to reach others. We share our photography skills freely with others while also taking the opportunity to share our faith. We welcome ARPC members and their friends to attend these workshops that we organise in conjunction with other church groups such as Special Needs Support Network (SN)<sup>2</sup>.

In 2021, it was a year where many activities are stopped or reduced. We are thankful we managed to cover a few events like the Church baptism service and we ended the year with a photography contest held together with Special Needs Support Network (SN)<sup>2</sup>. We look forward to 2022 where we can be engaged in more Church activities ahead.

For enquiries, please contact James Kwan or Trevor Wong at [dlm@arpc.sg](mailto:dlm@arpc.sg)



# OUR LEADERS

OUR ELDERS, DEACONS AND THEIR FAMILIES



Elder Quek Kai Loo and Mun Yee, Zheng Jie, Zheng Hui and Rachel



Elder Chia Wah Kam and Fong Yin, Daniel, Lily, Dorothy, Desmond, Evangelyn and Elizabeth



Elder Chang Wing Poh and Rebecca, Kimberly, Emily and Ashley



Elder Adrian Tan and Esther, Mdm Voon Mee Lim<sup>t</sup>, Audrey, Joshua and Joey, Joshua and Linette, with Ben and Tim





Elder Wong Foo Mun and Poi Leng, Ju Er, Ju Lih and Yuen Min, Ju Da and Ju Le



Elder Lau Peet Meng and Ruth, Daniel, Benjamin and Esther



Elder Michael Lee and June, Marion and Jilliane



Elder Alan Ng and Siew Bee, Joel, John and Josh





Elder Seet Kai Yong and Lucy, Jim and Dawn



Elder Kok Wah Onn and Wai Pek, Shu-En and Li-En



Elder Kevin Lee Chin Chai and Jennifer, Matthew and Noelle



Elder Yeap Choong Lieng and Li Hua, Wei Hseun, Wei Qi, Yi Wen and Yi Ren



Elder Jaysee Lim and Karen, Timothy, Tisha and Terese





Deacon Kwek Jin Wei and Wan Lin, Min Yih, Christine and Joy



Deaconness June Tan



Deacon Wesley Sng and Lei See, Zachary, Theophilus, Barnabas and Elijah



Deacon Tan Sin Cheng and Shireen, Isaac, Joshua, Jubilee, Joy and Timothy



Deacon Errol Moo and Elizabeth, Eryn and Elly





Deacon Eric Wong and Siew Leng, Joshua, Hannah



Deacon Brian Tay and Celia, Ezra and Enya



Deacon Norvin Ng and Enna, Edelweiss and Tristan



Deacon Koh Wee Yao and Cheng Ean, Joel, Janelle and Joanna



Deacon Lau Siew San and Constance, Hilary and Megan



Deacon Derren Tan and Michelle, Brian and Marilyn





## YOUR PART: SOME HIGHLIGHTS TO NOTE

### New

If you are a **Newcomer**

#### Discovering Christianity (DC)

Five sessions to discover the Bible, God, Man, Jesus and how to be right with God.

**DC1 Feb 6- Feb 27**

**DC2 Apr 24-May 22**

**DC3 Jul 3- Jul 31**

**DC4 To be confirmed**

#### Just for Newcomers (JFN)

This 12-week course is for all newcomers who desires to be part of God's family in ARPC. We help you understand the Bible, introduce you to Jesus and live the essential Christian lifestyle.

**JFN1 Mar 6-May 29**

**JFN2 Aug 14-Nov 6.**

#### Class ARPC (Membership Course)

It is for everyone desiring to be become a member of ARPC through baptism or transfer. We encourage each believer to express their commitment to Christ by commitment to His church. Two rounds: June and November.

**Two new member services:**

**Batch 1 July 2022**

**Batch 2 Jan 2023**

### Dating

If you are **Dating**

#### Marriage Preparation Retreat (MPR)

To help couples understand and live out God's blueprint for marriage.

Whom we will marry in ARPC:

- Both partners should be Christians.
- Couples should be part of a Discipleship Group (DG) in ARPC.
- If you are new to ARPC, please join a "Just for Newcomers" (JFN) group first.

Please do not make your marriage plans before you speak to the pastors, are part of a DG and attend MPR.

**Dates for the MPR is to be confirmed**

### Marriage & Family

If you are **Married** or a **Parent**

#### Marriage Enrichment Retreat (MER)

A Couples' Retreat to enrich marriages and improve parenting.

**Two MERs to be confirmed.**

### All & Discipleship

For **All** in ARPC

#### Marketplace Lunchtime Talks

Date and times to be confirmed

#### ARPC Easter Services

Celebrating our Risen Lord on Apr 16-17

#### Church Camp

**Keith & Kristyn Getty Visit**

May 26-29





## FINDING YOUR WAY AROUND

What	Who	Where	When
Children's Church	Creche (0–18 months) Toddlers (18–36 months) Pre-School (3–6 years) Primary (7–12 years)	Level 3 (ARPC@Adam) Level 2 (ARPC@Adam) Level 2 (ARPC@Adam) Level 2 (ARPC@Adam)	5pm on Saturdays; 9am & 11:30am on Sundays
	Creche (0–18 months) Toddlers (18–36 months) Pre-School (3–6 years) Primary (7–12 years)	Level 1 (ARPC@Bishan) Level 2 (ARPC@Bishan) Level 1 (ARPC@Bishan) Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Choir Room (Level 2)	9am on Sundays
BASIC	13 to mid-20s BASIC Youth attend Weekend Services listed below	ARPC@Bishan	5pm on Saturdays
Mandarin Ministry	Mandarin-speaking	Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School, Learning & Aesthetics Centre (LAC)	9am on Sundays
Rhoda Fellowship	Filipino domestic helpers	Singapore Bible College	5pm on Saturdays
Tabitha Fellowship	Indonesian domestic helpers	Singapore Bible College	5pm on Saturdays
Discipleship Groups	Adults	Homes and ARPC@Adam	About 80 DGs meet throughout the week
Weekend Services	All ages	ARPC@Adam L3 & L4	5pm on Saturdays 9am & 11:30am on Sundays
		ARPC@Bishan Chapel	9am on Sundays
		Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School Auditorium	11:30am on Sundays





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