ARPC: ALWAYS REACHING PEOPLE FOR CHRIST

2023 HANDBOOK



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STRENGTHENING FAITH, STRENGTHENING FAMILY

A WORD FROM SENIOR PASTOR CHRISTOPHER CHIA

Dear Family and Friends, every year brings new opportunities for fresh encounters with Jesus, our Saviour and Lord. Jesus is graciously sent by God to offer us new, true and eternal life. Jesus alone reverses our hopeless circle of birth, life and death.

Our annual ARPC Handbook gives both our newcomers and members a snapshot of the God we believe in and how we live to fulfil Jesus' Great Commission to save the world and His Great Commandment to love another as witnesses to His sacrificial love.

By God's grace, this pandemic is coming to an end. I pray that the past three years have humbled us to live with greater childlike dependence on God. There is nothing like living with humility in the face of our fragility and mortality.



1. Our Theme for 2023 is "Strengthening Faith, Strengthening Family"

a. Strengthening Nationally – We praise God that Singapore has passed laws to protect the definition of marriage against legal challenge. This is a watershed moment and moral social marker. It is nothing less than God's grace upon our nation. It is a rarity for modern democracies to legislate for Biblical – often wrongly termed "traditional" – family values.

Law and Home Affairs Minister K. Shanmugam reiterated that the constitutional change would protect the heterosexual definition of marriage along with laws and policies about education, housing and media content based on that.

National initiatives are being implemented to strengthen families as the bedrock of our social fabric across a spectrum (see graphic on right).

b. **Strengthening Our Churches** – I believe we stand on the cusp of a "Golden Age" in Singapore and ARPC with this promotion and protection of family values. Thus, for the first time in our denominational history, we have adopted the common theme of "Strengthening Faith, Strengthening Family" for our Synod, English Presbytery and ARPC.

Yet we have to be clear, God's definition of spiritual family (*Galatians 3:26-29, 1 Timothy 5:1-15*) – purchased by the blood of Christ – has a distinctive. It includes all status (singles, marrieds and divorcees), all ages (young and old), all races (Jews and Gentiles) and all classes (slave and free). Both singleness and marriage are divine gifts (*1 Corinthians 7:8-25*). What matters is obedience to God displayed in glorifying God with our bodies.

The real and long game is to do the hard work of strengthening our singles, marriages and families. For it is not enough to keep championing the rightness of God's definition of our singlesness, marriages or families without showcasing the goodness of God's design. We've got to walk the talk about glorifying God. We've got to watch our doctrine and life.

How can we be strengthened to do this?



2. God Strengthens Us!

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.

How can we embark on Godly disciplines or habits for the 3Rs? How do we not revert to nominal worship? Regress to superficial faith? How do we not decouple being spiritual on Sunday and carnal from Mondays to Saturdays? How do we worship at home, at church and witness at work?

God has paved the way from our landmark decision to buy and build ARPC@Tengah to bless Singapore and beyond. How can we prepare for the extension of God's kingdom as One Church in Three Places?

We need to be strengthened spiritually for warfare against Satan, sin and the world. The book of *Nehemiah* warns of us of enemies without and divisiveness within.

There are two main Biblical words for "strengthening" God's people in the New Testament. *Colossians 2:6–7* states this succinctly: "⁶ So then, just as you received Christ Jesus as Lord, continue to live your lives in him, ⁷ rooted and built up in him, strengthened in the faith as you were taught, and overflowing with thankfulness."

"Rooted" is a plant or botanical word. "Built up" is a construction word. Taken together, God's church or people are continually strengthened by God himself! Spiritual growth is a completely "graced experience". It is something God does in and to us before we can do anything for him.

It is not an option to remain stagnant. Or, worse still, to regress in our faith, hope and love! There is no such thing as the stagnant or regressing believer or church. God did not redeem us to be such. Here are some high points of our prayers and plans to fulfil God's purposes and glorify Him.

3. Strengthening Family Ministries

- a. Family Conference 2023 We kick the year off with this thematic focus on February 10—11 (Friday night and Saturday). This Conference seeks to get us all from singles to marrieds on the right track as we embark on our 3Rs for God's Family at the start of each year.
- b. Marriage Enrichment Retreat (MER) We are going to refresh our life-changing MERs. We have trained about 20 Marriage Mentors to grow this ministry. We encourage all couples to make MERs a "must"! Take note of the dates: Batch 1 on March 4—5. Batch 2 on August 19—20.
- c. Church Camp 2023: Faith & Family for God Our first post COVID-19 Church Camp in Malaysia resumes! We pray to have Colin Buchanan minister to our children while Graham Stanton will address youth matters. John Lennox will enlighten us on the psychology of worship. I will be weaving the talks and themes together. Come for a spiritual Feast from June 8—12!

Lessons from Nehemiah for ARPC/Spore
Return from the Pandemic
Rebuild God's church
Revival of True Worship
= God's "3Rs" at every level
(Personal, Family & Church)













4. Strengthened to Bless Churches of Singapore

Word & Worship

God has blessed ARPC to be a beacon of Word and Worship that exalts Jesus our Lord. There is, sadly, a false dichotomy between Reformed churches which are good in Word ministries and charismatic churches which excel in worship. There is no such dichotomy in the Bible!

By God's grace, ARPC seeks to be a Word and Worship church. This is true expression of what it means for us to be Christ-centred and Spirit-endowed people witnessing for Jesus.

Last year, God opened the doors for us to host the first post COV-ID-19 concert in Singapore and He used the Gettys to bless 3,000 people who came to Star Theatre. We also hosted two nights of workshops on Family Worship. In short, God has used us to bless the wider Singapore Church with models and songs for worship at home and in church.

We look forward to host the Gettys once more to bless the wider church. The tentative date is Saturday, June 24. Mark your diaries! In addition, we will be partnering with two other churches to host City-Alight on Saturday, September 30 (to be confirmed).

5. Strengthened to Bless Our Community and Country

God opened the doors for us in 2015 to partake in President's Challenge through Let's Carnival to raise funds for the needy. This is a small way to bless our community and nation. Our good works in the community is a vital part of our faith in Jesus (*James 1:26–27*) and precious for our credibility as churches. We prayerfully look forward to serving our community with Let's Carnival in 2023, on Saturday, July 29 (to be confirmed).

6. Strengthened in Our Hearts and Homes

Last but not least, is to promote personal and family devotions as our ARPC spiritual priority and culture. Our BASIC (youth) has started to implement it. 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!

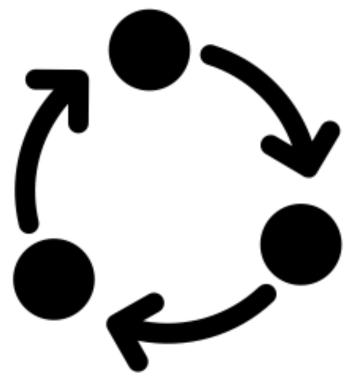
Loving Jesus and serving you, SENIOR PASTOR CHRISTOPHER CHIA

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 2023 THEME: STRENGTHENING FAMILY

WE ARE BIBLE-CENTRED & CHRIST-CENTRED

January—March	Gospel of John	God's Ultimate Sign for the World
April—May	Deuteronomy	Foundations of God's Family
June	Topical Series	Family in Action
July—August	Letter to the Romans	A New Righteousness
September	Topical series	Two Ways to Live
October—November	The Book of Proverbs	Wisdom for God's Family
December	Christmas Reflections	







OUR THREE-YEAR TEACHING CYCLE

	2023	2024	2025
New Testament	Gospel of John Letter to the Romans	Gospel of Matthew Acts 1–13	Gospel of Luke James
Old Testament	Deuteronomy The Book of Proverbs	Joshua Isaiah 1–39	Ecclesiastes Psalm 90–100
Topical Series	Two Ways to Live		
Church Camp	Strengthening Faith, Strengthening Family	God On The Move	Church History, Church Future
Equip Conference/ Special Events	Equip I: Family Conference		

ONE YEAR'S SNAPSHOT

STRENGTHENING FAITH, STRENGTHENING FAMILY

Months	Weekly Sermons	Preaching & Discipleship Group Program
Our 2023—2024 Theme	Strengthening Faith, Strengthening Family	What have we learnt from this pandemic? How have we grown in our love, obedience and worship of Jesus' call to the Great Commission and Great Commandment? How can we live and proclaim the gospel faithfully yet prophetically to Singapore, S.E.Asia, Asia and the world? Our theme of "Strengthening Faith, Strengthening Family" matures us with gospel essentials of the Christian life yet reach the world for Jesus!
Bible Book 1 January—March	God's Ultimate Sign for the World John 1–11	We will encounter the great Lord Jesus Christ afresh in John's Gospel.
	Family Conference 1 February 3—4	Equip I: Family Conference Setting the Biblical foundations and habits of Christ-centred faith and family. Blessed to be a Blessing to the English Presbytery.
Bible Book 2 April—May	Foundations of God's Family Deuteronomy 1–6	God gives His people the blueprint of what it means to be His people. What lessons can we learn from God about our great redemption and His family then and now, fulfilled in Jesus our Lord?
June	Topical Series: Family in Action!	
	Church Camp Strengthening Faith, Strengthening Family	A new look and refreshed Church Camp! We Return, Rebuild and Revive in true worship as Jesus' people.
Bible Book 3 July—August	A New Righteousness Letter to the Romans	Why are we not ashamed of the gospel? Why we should always exalt Jesus as the only way to God! What is the place of good works and the Law? Why is Jesus alone God's righteousness? Come listen to this life-changing series of messages!
September	Topical Series: Two Ways to Live	Extending God's family as we all spur one another to share our faith in Jesus! Equipping us as a whole church to evangelise before we embark on a new season at ARPC@Tengah!
Bible Book 4 October—November	Wisdom for God's Family Book of Proverbs	The Book of Proverbs gives us the greatest spiritual nuggets for strong and healthy family life as God's people.

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 groups, 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 versus 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).
- Leaders should make Godly decisions which edify the body and evangelise unbelievers (Acts 6).
- Leaders must discharge duties willingly as selfless shepherds, not as selfinterested 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 you 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).
- Both leaders and followers should live up to the purity and unity we have in Christ.

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:

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":

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

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

800-Seater Worship Hall

Green & Open Areas for work & study

Creche

Rental Culinary Flats: & Cooking Community Care

Family Centre

Marriage Preparation & Enrichment. Parenting Courses

Connection; Urban Farming, Pet/ **Creation Care**

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

Marketplace Ministries

Adopt A Dorm: Guest Workers

> Leadership Centre

Special Needs Ministry

Mental Wellness Ministry

*Based on preliminary design from RWWA in February 2021.



Seeing God's Hand with God's Eyes

²² 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.' ²³ 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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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 Christlike. 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 for 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), and Trinity Theological College (TTC). We seek to humbly continue these ties.

Partnership Packages

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

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 to 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.







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 (a.k.a. Missions Roundtable) to journey with those who are currently involved in missions, as well as exploring doing missions as a fulltime paid ministry.

Currently, countries where ARPC is involved in include Taiwan, Japan, Cambodia, Thailand, and Indonesia.

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!

For enquiries, please contact Pastor Lim Luck Yong at missions@arpc.sg





SPECIAL NEEDS SUPPORT NETWORK

The Special Needs Support Network (SN)² 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 of special needs 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)² 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 usually conducted on a bi-monthly basis, at ARPC@Bishan (Praise Hall) on Sunday 2pm.

For enquiries, please contact Oh Hwee Yen at sn2@arpc.sg





ARPC MARKETPLACE MINISTRY

EMPOWERING THE BELIEVER AT WORK & EMPOWERING THE WORKER TO BELIEVE

2020—21 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 topics 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?

AMM (ARPC Marketplace Ministry) aims to equip us as prayerful, Bible-centred, and Christlike ambassadors for God at our workplaces to share the gospel with our friends and colleagues wherever we are.

All praise to God that AMM is now able to resume our lunchtime talks at our new location at One Raffles Quay after hosting the talks via Zoom the past two years.

We look forward to continuing our Lunchtime Talks in 2023, plus a mentoring program to help us grow in the workplace and other events.

For enquiries, contact Senior Pastor Christopher Chia, Elder Bim Lau and Pastor Kenneth Goh at amm@arpc.sg





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 300,000 workers here.

The Adopt A Dorm (AAD) Ministry was formed in 2020 by Pastors Christopher Chia 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 at various Singapore tourist attractions where the workers have never been able to afford to go, including Cable Car rides to Sentosa, Gardens By The Bay and the SEA Aquarium.

Care Packages

During the pandemic, we also organised a visit to Little India for a shopping trip and Christmas celebration, and delivered Care Packages containing mutton biryani and fruit to the dorm 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 AAD team that was formed in June/July 2021 developed video lessons teaching simple English to help our migrant friends communicate better with Singaporeans. We are thankful for the team's perseverance in producing the high quality lessons.

The long working hours of our migrant friends are very real, and many have been living apart from their families for many years. Do pray for us to have wisdom to address their needs while showing them the love of our compassionate God.

For enquiries, contact Senior Pastor Christopher Chia or Pastor Lim Luck Yong at missions@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

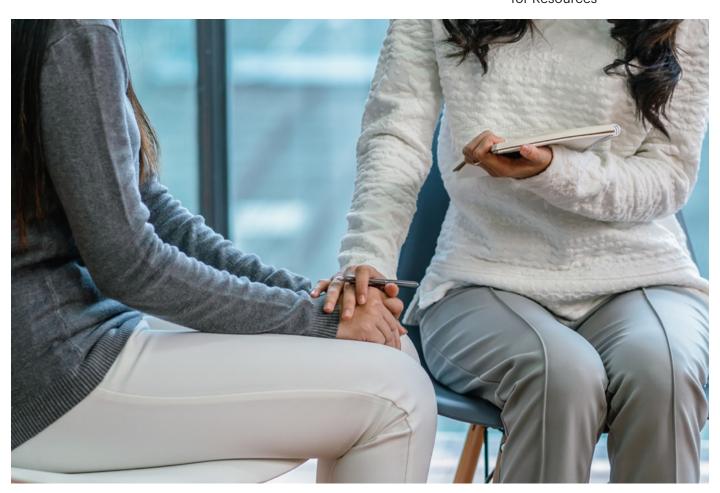
- Peer Support
- Befriending
- Counselling

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



We aim to do this by helping:

- All in ARPC develop a Biblical, medical and sound understanding of mental health concerns in partnership with other ARPC ministries and specific learning opportunities.
- Recovering brothers and sisters receive spiritual encouragement in their individual journeys through fellowship, prayer, and pastoral care.
- Professionals in the mental health field understand and be convicted of living out their God-given calling.
- Caregivers to be supported with spiritual, medical, and practical resources.
- To organise workshops and events.

For enquiries, please contact us at mental.wellness@arpc.sg



Our ENTRYPaths

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. 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 on 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. We require a 70% (nine out of 13 weeks) attendance for "graduation".

For enquiries, e-mail jfn@arpc.sg

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 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.

For enquiries, e-mail enquiry@arpc.sg



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



CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Children's Church (CC) partners 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
Crèche (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)	Praise 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 together for worship in songs, 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 preschoolers. (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 special programmes.

Teaching Programmes for CC groups as follow:

The **Toddlers Group** teacher follows the *Hands-On Bible Curriculum*, which makes gospel learning tangible by using common objects.

Pre-school Age Groups

The Nursery children will be learning from the *Teaching Little Ones* series on "Learning About God" (LG) – a syllabus that begins with foundational truths about God—God made, God loves and God knows—and introduces the Bible, prayer, and God's Son, Jesus.

The Kindy syllabus will cover lessons on "Promises", Kingship" and "Salvation". The *Promises* syllabus explores the Biblical theme of 'promise' and 'fulfilment'. It includes lessons about Abraham, the Israelites and the Promised Land from the Old Testament. From the New Testament it includes lessons on Jesus,



God's promised Son, and how Jesus is the fulfilment of God's promises. The *Kingship* syllabus explores the Biblical theme of 'kingship' with lessons on King Saul, King David and King Solomon, as well as other kings in the Old Testament. These lead into lessons about Jesus—the King of kings. The *Salvation* syllabus includes lessons from the Old and New Testament about God's salvation. This salvation is ultimately found in Jesus, and He is the one to whom we must respond. Therefore, included in this syllabus is a unit of lessons which gives an overview of the gospel, helping the children understand God's message of salvation. From the Old Testament there are lessons on Elijah and Jonah. From the New Testament there are lessons on Paul and how Jesus is our Saviour.

Special topics on God's Good Designs (Biblical manhood and womanhood and All are made special), Mission and Creation Care 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 2023, we will be covering The Gospel Of John 1–11, Deuteronomy 1–6, Romans 1–8 and Proverbs 1–7. In addition, we will have Missions Month in September to partner with our missionaries in Japan (Chelsia Toon), Philippines (Pastor John Wong and family), Taiwan (Teo Sin Ee) and Myanmar (Geraldine Tham).

For enquiries, please contact Mona Chia, Marie Lim and Karen Leo at **children@arpc.sg**

Date	Toddlers
Jan—Feb	God Made Me
Mar—Apr	God Made Everything
May	God is Strong
Jun	No Children's Church
Jul—Aug	Who Is God To Me?
Sep-Oct	Things Jesus Said or Did
Nov	Preparation for Christmas
Dec	No Children's Church
Date	Pre-School (K1/K2)
Jan 22—Feb 12	P Unit 3 - God's Promises to Abraham
Feb 25—Mar 12	P Unit 4 - God's Promises Continues
Mar 18—Apr 30	P Unit 2 - God's Promises & Easter
May 6—28	P Unit 6 - Entering the Promise Land
Jun	No Children's Church
Jul 8—Aug 13	K Unit 1 - Saul
Aug 26—Sep 17	S Unit 4 - Jonah
Sep 23—Nov 5	S Unit 7 - Living as Christians
Nov 4—Nov 19 Special Events	S Unit 8 – Christmas

Date	Pre-School (N1/N2)
Jan 28—Mar 5	LG Unit 1 – God Made
Mar 11—26	LG Unit 2 – God Loves
April 22—30	LG Unit 3 – God Speaks
May 6—14	LG Unit 4 – God Knows
May 20—28	LG Unit 5 – Talking to God
Jun	No Children's Church
Jul 8—Aug 13	LG Unit 6 – God Is
Aug 26—Sep 10	LG Unit 7 – Jesus
Sep 16—Oct 29	LG Units 9 & 10 – We Can Be Jesus' Friends/ Being Jesus' Friends
Nov 4—19	Christmas
Dec	No Children's Church
Date	Primary
January—April	0 1 (1 1 4 44
	Gospel of John 1–11
Apr—May	Deuteronomy 1–6
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	Deuteronomy 1–6
Jun	Deuteronomy 1–6 No Children's Church
Jun Jul—Aug	Deuteronomy 1–6 No Children's Church Romans 1–8
Jun Jul—Aug Sep	Deuteronomy 1–6 No Children's Church Romans 1–8 Missions Month

In addition to our regular teaching program, there are some special events spread out over the year. 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	
Jan 7 & 8	God Made Me	
Apr 8 & 9	Easter	
Jun	No Children's Church	
Oct 8 & 9	Children's Day	
Nov	Birthday Party for Jesus	
Dec	No Children's Church	

All-Age Services	
February 18 & 19	
April 15 & 16	
June 17 & 18	
August 19 & 20	
October 21 & 22	
December 25	

Date	Pre-School
Jan 7 & 8, 14 & 15	Welcome to a New Start as Family of God
Jan 21	CNY / God of All Nations (Mission 1)
Apr 1 & 2	God's Family of the Good news (Mission 2)
Jun	No Children's Church
Jul 1 & 2	God's Good Design 1- Biblical Manhood & Womanhood
Oct 7 & 8	Children's Day; God's Good Design 2 – All Made Special
Nov 25 & 26	Class Party – Farewell & Thanksgiving
Dec 2 & 3	CC Camp
Dec	No Children's Church

Date	Primary
Jan 7 & 8	A New Start
Apr 8 & 9	Easter
Jun	No Children's Church
Oct 7 & 8	Children's Day; P6 Farewell
Nov 25 & 26	Class Party – Thanksgiving & P1 Welcome
Dec 1-3	CC Camp
Dec	No Children's Church

BASIC - BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN CHRIST

YOUTH MINISTRY



BASIC (Brothers And Sisters In Christ) 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 together, 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 (Please 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

Date	BASIC Programme		
	JOHN – THE SHEPHERD KING		
January 7	Welcome Back to BASIC	Graduation and Welcome	
January 14	John 1:1–18	Word Became Flesh	
January 21	No BASIC	Chinese New Year	
January 28	John 2	New Wine, New Temple	
February 4	John 3	New Birth	
February 11	Parents-Leaders-Youths Fellowship		
February 18	John 4	New Lease of Life	
February 25	John 5	Authority Affirmed	
March 4	John 6	The Bread of Life	

March 11	Evangelistic Event	
March 18	John 8:12–59	The Light of the World
March 25	John 10	The Good Shepherd
April 1	Acts 2	Group Socials
	DEUTERONOMY – 2	ND CHANCE
	Good Friday (Frid	ay, April 7)
April 8	ARPC Easter Services	
April 15	Deuteronomy 1:1–46	Wasted Opportunity
April 22	Deuteronomy 2:1–3:29	Past Victories & Regrets
April 29	Deuteronomy 4:1–40	New Obedience
May 6	Deuteronomy 5:1–15	Renewed Covenant Part 1
May 13	Deuteronomy 5:16–33	Renewed Covenant Part 2
May 20	Acts 2	Group Socials
May 27	Deuteronomy 6	Everlasting Commandment
June	No BASIC	
	ROMANS 1-8 - RIGHTEO	USNESS OF GOD
July 1	Romans 1	Wrath Against Unrighteousness
July 8	Romans 2:1–3:20	No One is Righteous
July 15	Romans 3:21–4:25	Righteousness Through Faith
July 22	Acts 2	Group Socials
July 29	Romans 5	Gift of Righteousness
August 5	Romans 6	Slaves of Righteousness
August 12	Parents-Leaders-Youths Fellowship	
August 19	Romans 7	The Law and Righteousness
August 26	Romans 8	Freedom in Righteousness
September 2-4	BASIC Leaders' Retreat	
September 9	Missions Focus Day	
	TOPICAL SERIES - SEXU	JALITY MATTERS
September 16	Sexuality Matters 1	Biblical & Theological Perspectives
September 23	Sexuality Matters 2	Worldview & Public Space Perspectives
September 30	Sexuality Matters 3	Pastoral Care Perspectives
	PROVERBS 1-7 - WISDOM	FROM THE FATHER
October 7	Proverbs 1	The Beginning of Wisdom
October 14	P6ers Welcome	
October 21	Proverbs 2	The Benefits of Wisdom
October 28	Proverbs 3	The Blessings of Wisdom
November 4	Proverbs 4	The Preciousness of Wisdom
November 11	Proverbs 6	The Opposite of Wisdom
November 18	ACTS 2	Group Socials
November 25	Proverbs 7	The Enemy of Wisdom
December 2	No BASIC	
December 8—11	BASIC Camp	
December 16-30		
	Christmas Day (Monday	y, December 25)

DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS

GROWING AS DISCIPLES TOGETHER

Welcome to our Discipleship Groups (DGs) for 2023! 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 Senior Pastor Christopher Chia, Pastor Tan Sern Khoon or Pastor Kenneth Goh at **dg@arpc.sg**



MANDARIN MINISTRY 华文团契







The Mandarin Ministry was started in 2004. The purpose of this ministry and fellowship is to provide a platform for inviting 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 at the Learning and Aesthetics Centre (LAC).

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 11am 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.

These are the major events we will be organising in 2023:

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 LAC 舞蹈室。

在礼拜天的崇拜聚会后,我们于早上 11点正至下午1点,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。

以下是我们在2023年将筹办的特别 节目:

April 7	4月7日	Good Friday Service 受难节聚会
May 1	5月1日	Parents' Day Lunch 双亲节午宴
June 8—12	6月8—12日	Church Camp 教会生活营
September 24	9月24日	Mid-Autumn Festival Celebration 中秋庆祝会
November 19—21	11月19—21日	Mandarin Ministry Retreat 退修营
December 24	12月24日	Christmas Celebration 圣诞庆祝会
December 31	12月31日	Year End Thanksgiving Dinner 岁末感恩晚宴

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



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 1990s 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 (Incare 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



"I have only started serving in Mercy Ministry, but have already seen the wonderful working of God's hand in using many of us as vessels to minister to others. The sick are vulnerable, depressed and often looking for hope. Modern medicine has moved leaps and bounds, but it has never changed the fact that we need to depend on our Lord, as so many things are still beyond our understanding. God uses us as His vessels to reach out and comfort the sick, to remind them that we need our Lord more than ever. "Proverbs 3:5–6 says, 'Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.'"

- Andrew Ong, Visitation

"Since joining BASK, my husband and I have been so uplifted. We look forward to our weekly gathering. We get to sing, pray for each other, hear testimonies of God's goodness and read God's Word together. We get to witness the power of God's saving work in each other's lives, the love and sacrifice of Christ embodied by brothers and sisters who are ministering and the assurance that we have folks to keep us faithful."

- Patti Khoo , Brothers And Sisters' Keepers

"My heart was moved to be part of the Prisons Ministry when I first heard of it. I feel for the broken-hearted brothers who are searching for reconciliation and acceptance from their family, friends and the society. Through the Prisons Ministry, I see the love of God shown to these brothers through the helpers, because they themselves were ragged sinners who found love, grace and hope in Christ. In Christ, there is hope."

- Henry Pakianathan, Prisons In-Care

"I see Cancer Support Ministry as an open doorway into the lives of patients and their loved ones who are often calling out for help desperately. They need support physically and often spiritually (sometimes unknown to themselves). As we enter their homes, we enter directly into their lives, reaching out where help is most needed. Some have come to faith in Christ this way."

- Ng An Tyng, Cancer Support

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 as small fellowship groups. Our Mums Pray and Play support group runs every fortnight, working through a book which helps with their roles as wives and mums. The women staff and wives of staff play a pivotal role to lead and plan activities on a one-to-one discipleship journey or through counselling and mentoring sessions.

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

Big Group Events - What's in Store for 2023

March 11	Women's Table Talk
July 22—23	Women's Retreat/ Conference
November 26	Women's Thanksgiving Tea on Sun

For enquiries, please contact Mona Chia at women@arpc.sg







AGAPE LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

FEASTING WITH GOSPEL LOVE

Are you are 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 became a regular feature. However, this year we resumed physical meetings but mostly with catered food in bento boxes.

This past year we have followed the theme of Bible lands. Members of staff and some of the Agape folk share a devotion, testimonies, and lead song and prayer. We hope to visit some of the homebound members and to have more excursions. We enjoyed ourselves at the Hot Springs, Sembawang Park and Jurong Lake Gardens this year. Do join us for an exciting 2023 programme.

The leaders of this ministry are Mona Chia, Chin Siew Lay and Helen Oh, with many supporters. Special mention for Kit and Kat!

For enquiries, please contact Chin Siew Lay at agape@arpc.sg

CULINARY ARTS MINISTRY

SWEET, SPICE AND EVERYTHING NICE

Our Purpose

Culinary Arts Ministry (CAM) organises evangelistic friendship events, making easy desserts with hands-on experience, followed by a gospel talk. During COVID, we moved to videos of cooking demonstration with a Bible talk. These recipes and talks have been reproduced into little booklets 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 thank God for the creative effort of our instructors and to the pastors and staff workers who presented gospel messages according to the themes.

Examples of what was made: Valentine Macarons, Heart-shaker cookies, animal shaped snowskin mooncakes, Blackforest Choux pastry and Christmas swirl cookies. A great way to invite friends and family members who may not come to a church service but may come to a cooking class! The Christmas cookies were given out for the first time to residents in our new church site.

The Team!

Three main instructors are Shirley Wong-Lee, Susanne Ng and Tan Phay Shing supported by Dave Wong, Michelle Lau, Elaine Yap, Eve Ong, Doris Teo, Grace Kwek, Allvina Lee, and Florence Kwong.

This ministry has been going for 13 years!

For enquiries, please contact Mona Chia at cam@arpc.sg











TABITHA FELLOWSHIP

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

We welcome all Indonesian domestic helpers (believers and non-believers) to join us!

5—6.30pm on Saturdays Room 1302, Singapore Bible College (or online via Zoom)

Tabitha Fellowship is a community for Indonesian domestic helpers to be friend and love each other, and to be blessed by the reading of God's Word, singing songs of worship and praying together in Bahasa Indonesia.

We also enjoy the monthly English Language lessons and celebrating birthdays together.

Look out for special events throughout the year especially the cooking class, Indonesian Independence Day celebration and Christmas party!

At the time of writing, we meet in hybrid format. Please refer to the weekly church bulletin or contact us for details of meetings.

For enquiries, please contact Ng Yuen Li or Linsey Gani at **tabitha@arpc.sg**

RHODA FELLOWSHIP

The Rhoda Fellowship is a weekly gathering of Filipino domestic helpers who arrived at our shores to earn income and support their families back home. Our prayer is that the ladies become beneficiaries of Christian love and charity while working for believing employers; and more importantly, for them to be blessed with the grace of knowing Jesus.

The fellowship is named in honor of Rhoda, the servant girl in Acts 12, who reported to the praying church that the Apostle Peter had been released from prison and was knocking at the door. Despite the disbelief and dismissive response of the gathered believers, Rhoda persisted that she heard and recognized Peter's voice, exemplifying her faith and her acquaintance with the Apostle's teachings.

We seek the kind approval of the employers to allow them to come and join these gatherings:

5pm on Saturdays Room 1303, Singapore Bible College (or online via Zoom)

For the year 2023, the fellowship will be studying Proverbs and learning God's wisdom which leads us to embrace and submit to His son, Jesus.

For enquiries, please Pastor Adrin and Annalissa Muñoz at rhoda@arpc.sg





BOYS' & GIRLS' BRIGADES

OUR CHRISTIAN-BASED UNIFORM GROUPS





The Boys' Brigade (BB) and The Girls' Brigade (GB) are Christian-based uniformed youth organisations which operate in local schools as Core-Curricular Activities (CCA). ARPC sponsors four BB Companies (5th, 34th, 42nd and 66th) and two GB Companies (12th and 28th) in four schools in Woodlands (Marsiling Secondary and Woodlands Secondary Schools), Bukit Timah (Nanyang Primary School) and Bishan (Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School). The total number of the Boys and Girls is 150.

The Boys and Girls come from a wide spectrum of society. There are some who travel daily from Johor Bahru to attend school here. There are those whose parents work long hours and students return to an empty home. There are also those who come from a dysfunctional family where their differences become a barrier. However, one common denominator which cuts across this wide spectrum is love.

Each Boy or Girl is an individual created in God's image who needs to be redeemed by God. BBGB, for many of them, is their first encounter with Christianity. Through the BBGB Ministry, they get to hear the Good

News proclaimed. 80% of the students are non-believers. They are captive audience for a good four to five years with us. Through these four to five years, we want to seize every opportunity to teach them who God is and the difference He makes in our life.

The Good News of our Lord Christ is also shared through our teaching and modelling of our lives. There is tremendous opportunity to share the good news to 80% of the students. Many of them lack a role model and we play a key role in providing godly role models in their life.

ARPC members/regulars serve as Officers and helpers to reach out to the Boys and Girls. Each adult co-worker is the conduit and channel for God's love to flow through to the Boys and Girls. We provide fun, meaningful and challenging activities like Christian Education, Leadership Development, Community Service and Global Awareness. Through our weekly interaction with the youths, we build relationships with them, love them and provide guidance and mentorship to nurture them in character and skills.

Events in 2023

April 8	38th Combined Enrolment Ceremony (Woodlands Secondary School)	Show your support by attending the ceremony
March 5—April 2	BB Week (Annual fund-raising)	Give generously to the work of the BB, and befriend Boys at Services
July 30—September 10	GB Fortnight (Annual fund-raising)	Give generously to the work of the GB, and befriend Girls at Services
September 29—October 1	Combined Co-Workers Retreat	A time to refresh the BBGB Co- Workers with God's Word
December 9	BB Share-A-Gift	Join us to deliver goodie bags to our beneficiaries



For enquiries, please contact Pastors Daniel Lim and Joseph Heng at bbgb@arpc.sg

DEAF & HARD OF HEARING MINISTRY

THE GOSPEL THROUGH SIGN LANGUAGE

The deaf community and people with hearing loss go through life isolated from the hearing world due to a lack of information which is accessed through the faculty of hearing. The deaf community needs 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 their Joy of Signing program:

Joy of Signing Program tentatively in 2023

March	Basic Sign language Workshop 1
May	Basic Sign language Workshop 2
June (TBC)	Church Camp sign-fun activities
September	Song-signing Workshop
November	A Christmas carol-signing Workshop

For enquiries, please contact Anna Chan at dhhm@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)².

For enquiries, please contact James Kwan or Trevor Wong at dlm@arpc.sg

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?

- 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.
- 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 heartful 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 Music Ministry at music@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[†], 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, Li-En and Thung Han with Naomi, Nathan and Noel



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 and Stephanie, 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 and 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 February 5—26
DC2 July 9—30
DC3 Nov 12—Dec 3

Just for Newcomers (JFN)

This 13-week course is for all newcomers who desire 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 March 5—June 4
JFN2 August 13—November 5

Class ARPC (Membership Course)

It is for everyone desiring to 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:

Batch 1: April 29 Batch 2: November 4

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.

- March 18—19
- September 30-Oct 1

Marriage & Family

If you are Married or a Parent

Marriage Enrichment Retreat (MER)

A Couples' Retreat to enrich marriages and improve parenting.

- March 4—5
- August 19—20

All & Discipleship

For **All** in ARPC

Marketplace Lunchtime Talks

Dates and times to be confirmed

ARPC Easter Services

Celebrating our Risen Lord on **April 9**

Church Camp June 8—12



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)	L3, ARPC@Adam L2, ARPC@Adam L2, ARPC@Adam L2, 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)	L1, ARPC@Bishan L2, ARPC@Bishan L1, ARPC@Bishan L2, ARPC@Bishan – KCPSS Choir Room	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 – Room 1303	5pm on Saturdays
Tabitha Fellowship	Indonesian domestic helpers	Singapore Bible College – Room 1302	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























"For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life."

JOHN 3:16

"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

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