

# FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH



**Church Theme 2019:**  
**Family Discipleship**  
In a World Gone Wrong

22 September 2019  
SG Sunday  
4th Sunday in  
Kingdomtide

## DEUT 6: 4-9 (ESV)

<sup>4</sup> "Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is one. <sup>5</sup> You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. <sup>6</sup> And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart. <sup>7</sup> You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise. <sup>8</sup> You shall bind them as a sign on your hand, and they shall be as frontlets between your eyes. <sup>9</sup> You shall write them on the doorposts of your house and on your gates."

"If I want him to remain until I come,  
what is that to you?  
You follow me."

John 21:22 (NASB)

### OUR VISION

To be a disciple-making church.

### OUR MISSION

That every member be committed to Magnify God,  
Multiply disciples and Minister to all peoples in Singapore and beyond.

**Following Christ, Making Disciples**

May each of us with reverence & awe experience the living presence of  
Christ in this hour of corporate worship.

## **ORDER OF WORSHIP**

### **8:30am / 10:30am**

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### **WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE**

<b>PRELUDE</b>		Organist/Pianist
<b>*CALL TO WORSHIP</b>		Mr James Lee
<b>*PRAISE &amp; WORSHIP</b>		Mr James Lee
<b>UNISON PRAYER</b>		Ms Mah Seok Eng (8:30am) Mr Joshua Loke (10:30am)
<b>PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE</b>		Ms Mah Seok Eng (8:30am) Mr Joshua Loke (10:30am)
<b>THE LORD'S PRAYER</b>		
<b>MUSICAL RESPONSE</b>		Organist/Pianist
<b>ANTHEM</b>	Think about His Love	(10.30am)

### **WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD**

<b>SCRIPTURE PASSAGE</b>		John 21:20-22
<b>SERMON</b>	The Heart of Discipleship	Rev Barney Lau

### **WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD**

<b>GOD'S TITHES AND OUR OFFERING</b>		
<b>SONG OF RESPONSE</b>	Jesus I Come, I Surrender	
<b>*DOXOLOGY</b>		

**LECTIONARY READINGS**

(Jeremiah 8:18-9:1, 1 Timothy 2:1-7)

Ms Mah Seok Eng (8:30am)

Mrs Susan Poon (10:30am)

**WELCOME AND SHARING OF GOD'S PEACE**

**IN AND AROUND FAIRFIELD**

**\*SONG OF DEDICATION**

Christ is Enough

**SILENT PRAYER AND MEDITATION**

**\*BENEDICTION/CHORAL RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Organist/Pianist

**PRAYER MINISTRY**

*(You are invited to come forward for prayer)*

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*\* The congregation, if able, is invited to stand.*

As God invites us into His presence each Sunday to worship and commune with Him, let us come in awe and with anticipation to meet the Lord by coming early and taking some time to prepare and quieten our hearts before we begin each Sunday's worship services.

At the end of the service, please do not leave immediately after the Benediction, but take some time during the Postlude to allow God's Word to dwell and take root in our hearts before we head out into the world to be His true disciples.

As persons are taking time to pray or meditate on God's Word, please allow them some quietness and personal time with the Lord.

# LOCAL CHURCH

## 1. WE ARE IN THE SEASON OF KINGDOMTIDE

Kingdomtide (also called Ordinary Time) is the season after Pentecost. Kingdomtide signifies a time of spiritual growth. It is also a time where Christians declare the values and glory of the Kingdom of God. Christ is celebrated as King and Sovereign of the world, with emphasis on the Great Commission and the ongoing opportunity to witness to the living Lord who makes all things new. The liturgical colour for this season is green signifying growth.

## 2. WELCOME ALL NEW VISITORS

We warmly welcome our first-time visitors. Kindly fill out our Welcome Form and sign in the guest book at the stand outside the Sanctuary. We are glad you are worshipping with us today.

## 3. FLORAL / THANKSGIVING

Ms Lin Sng

Ms Rachel Yip & Family

Mrs Sim-Foo Kwai Lui & Family

## 4. STAFF AWAY

Sep 19-22

: Rev Ling Kin Yew

Training Leave

Sep 20-23

: Teh Lay Thian

Annual Leave (Overseas)

Oct 3-10

: Chan Siew Leong

NPL (Overseas)

## 5. PULPIT CALENDAR (2019)

Date	FFMC		
	Preacher	Topic	Text
29 September CM Sunday	Rev Ling Kin Yew	Let the Little Children Come	Matthew 19:13-14
6 October World Communion Sunday	Rev Daniel C Tan	Isaiah's Call To Discipleship (8) – A Light In The Darkness	Isaiah 9:1-7
13 October Laity Sunday LCEC Dedication	Dr Ho King Hee	On TRAC together : Word	Luke 11:28
20 October	Dr Ho Boon Tiong	Family, Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve	Joshua 24:14-28

## 6. MONTHLY CORPORATE PRAYER 2019

*<sup>13</sup>Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise. <sup>14</sup>Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord. <sup>15</sup>And the prayer of faith will save the one who is sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. James 5:13-15 (ESV)*

Date : 4 October, Friday, 2019

Time : 8:00pm

Venue : **Fairfield Hall**

Ministry Focus : (1) Laity & LCEC Retreat  
(2) WSCS  
(3) School Exams

As a spiritual discipline, you are encouraged to fast from dinner in preparation for our time together.

**Note:** *There will be no prayer meeting on 2 October 2019.*

## 7. WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Come join us this **Wed, 25 September 2019 at 7:30pm in Fairfield Hall.**

Prayer Focus: (1) PTM Retreat (2) Local Conference (3) Discipleship & Nurture

## 8. LADIES PRAYER HOUR @ ROOM 401

Date : Sun, 6 Oct 2019

Time : 9:15am

For all ladies who desire to come together to pray for our missionaries as well as support and encourage one another through prayer. Come and be blessed!

## 9. WELCOME TO OUR PULPIT

Reverend Barney Lau is a Pastor and Director of Ministries in Covenant Evangelical Free Church (Covenant EFC). Prior to serving full-time in Covenant EFC in 2008, Barney was the Managing Director of Microsoft Singapore Pte Ltd. His secular career spans over 20 years in the IT industry in various capacities such as general management, sales, channels, business development, marketing, and technical support. He continues to be active in the secular marketplace serving as independent director on the boards of companies. In 2016, he graduated with a Masters in Christian Studies at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology. He is married to Jessie and they have three children, Isabelle, Russell and Allyson.

## 10. FFMC ANNUAL BOOK OF REPORTS 2018-19

Copy of the annual book of reports 2018-19 is available to church members, please place your request at the Info media by **today, 22 September 2019**. Collection (hardcopy or softcopy) - **Sunday, 29 September 2019**.

## 11. LAST LOCAL CONFERENCE 2018 / 2019

Members of the Local Conference are reminded that the Last Local Conference for the Conference Year 2018/2019 will be held on **Monday, 30 September 2019, 7:30pm at Kuehn Hall followed by the LCEC meeting.**

## 12. NOMINATIONS FOR CONFERENCE YEAR 2019/2020

Recommendations of persons to be elected to serve in various positions of church leadership for Conference Year 2019/2020 are shown in the list from Nominations Committee. Limited hardcopies of this list are available. Otherwise, you can scan the QR Code provided to get the list in PDF format from our church's website.

If you have other nominations, you may inform members of the Local Conference. Please note that you must obtained concurrence from the member you wish to nominate.

"The membership of the Local Conference shall be the members of the Local Church Executive Committee, local preachers, diaconal ministers, honorary stewards, together with retired itinerant ministers and voluntarily located ministers who elect to hold their membership in said Local Conference and the chairperson of the Pastor-Parish Relations and Staff Committee." (Book of Discipline, Para 146.2)

## 13. FAIRFIELD GYM LUNCH FELLOWSHIP

Topic: Communications – Key Success Factors (Emotion drivers, Verbal, Voice, Visual)

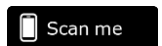
Date: **Today, 22 Sep 2019**

Time: 12:15pm - 2.30pm

Venue: Encounter Lounge

Speaker: Mrs Susan Lai

Susan is worshipping at FFMC and is currently with Altruviz Global as Retail Consultant/Trainer.



#### 14. BREAKING THE SILENCE – TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT SEXUALITY

A workshop organised by Family Life Ministry and WSCS

**Date: Sunday, 6 October 2019**

**Time: 1.15 pm - 3.15 pm**

**Venue: Fairfield Hall**

**Cost: \$3 per adult, \$5 per couple**

Speaker: Dr. Cheah Fung Fong is the Executive Director of Filos Community Services and a member of Fairfield Methodist Church. She is a family life educator and advocate. She regularly speaks at schools, community groups and corporate organisations on parenting issues.

Some parents may feel uncomfortable about having conversations with their kids about sexuality; but if they don't, they abdicate it to culture. Society today is awash with all manner of depictions about sexuality - books, cartoons, advertisements, social media, movies and more - that promote promiscuity, pornography and sexual freedom. This talk will give parents an understanding of what today's kids are grappling with. It will also provide tips on how parents can have this important conversation with their child, including faith conversations that will guide kids with a biblical worldview so that they can decipher the messages that are coming from a post-modern culture. *Registration at the lobby.*

#### 15. FFMC YOUTH MINISTRY CAMP Z 28 – 30 DECEMBER 2019

"Camp Z is about this generation of youths. Labelled as Generation Z, we are often negatively stereotyped as being highly distracted, self-centred and pleasure seeking. But we are concerned about social justice, deeply desiring true relationships and community, and highly motivated to leave a mark in this world. Yet, so very often, instead of living up to our fullest potential, we find ourselves behaving according to the stereotype label placed on us. Camp Z is about FFMC youths discovering what it means to Rest (Zzz) - God's wisdom and way for us to live the life He intended for us. It is our prayer and desire that YM becomes a Christian Community where everyone belongs and no one judges each other. And we sincerely believe that through this camp, we will be one step closer to our goal" – YM Camp Committee 2019. The retreat will be held at **Kulim ECO -Trial Retreat, Malaysia**, located within the lush oil palm estate of Ladang Basir Ismail, Kota Tinggi, Johor, overlooking the Johor River. The tranquil location provides a perfect place for people seeking to leave behind the buzz of modern living to connect afresh as a community. <http://www.kulimecotrail.com>

Price: Normal price - \$120, Cell sign up - \$110,

50 pax or more sign ups -\$100 (special sponsored price by donors).

We would greatly appreciate if you could keep us in your prayer! Please contact Mr Daren Lee for more information.

#### 16. FAIRFIELD TEACHING PROGRAMME (FTP)

**Venue: Room 302**

**Time: 9.00am to 10.15am**

For upcoming classes, please register at <https://fairfieldmc.org/fairfield-teaching-programme/> or contact Selwyn Tan, Daniel Chiam or Dr Ho King Hee for more information.

Date/Topic	Title	Key Coverage
<b>Break : 29 September and 6 October</b>		
13 Oct The Holy Spirit (I) Mr Eric Quah	The Holy Spirit is just like the Force, right?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• The person and work of the Holy Spirit</li><li>• Blasphemy against the Holy Spirit</li></ul>
20 Oct The Resurrection Dr Ho King Hee	How's Christ's resurrection special? Weren't others in the Bible raised from the dead?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Evidence from the Resurrection</li></ul>

## 17. FAIRFIELD BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP CLASS (B&M) 2/2019

Those seeking baptism, confirmation and reception into membership in Fairfield Methodist Church (including transfer of membership) are required to attend all 8 sessions of the B&M Class. This class covers topics on Christianity beliefs and behaviour, sacraments, mission, history and polity of The Methodist Church in Singapore and Fairfield Methodist Church. Candidates for confirmation and membership must be at least 16 years old on 1st January 2019 and have been worshipping at Fairfield Methodist Church for at least 6 months and is a member of a small group for at least a year. If you were baptised as an infant or child, you would need to fulfil this requirement before you can be confirmed and received into the membership of Fairfield Methodist Church. For Infant/Child baptism, parents are required to attend a briefing on **15 Dec 2019 12.15pm** at PIC's office.

Dates: Oct 6 to Nov 24 2019 (every Sunday) Time: 1.30pm to 3.30pm

Date of Baptism, Confirmation and Reception into Membership: **22 Dec 2019**

Closing Date for Registration: **Today, 22 September 2019**

Registration form can be obtained from the rack at the entrance of the Sanctuary. For more details, please contact Mr Chan Siew Leong (PTM, Pastoral Care).

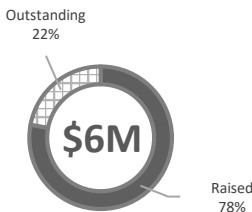
## 18. FAIRFIELD ATTENDANCE 15 SEPTEMBER 2019

<b>English</b>		8.30am	117
		10.30am	265
Children's Ministry		10.30am	84
			<u>466</u>
<b>Chinese</b>	Mandarin	10.30am	159
	Cantonese	2.00pm	118
	China Nationals	7.00pm	134
			<u>411</u>
	Total:		<u>877</u>

<b>Corporate Prayer (2019)</b>		
English	6 Sep	18
Mandarin	13 Sep	12

China Nationals		
Tuesday Mandarin Fellowship		
9.15am (na)		na

## 19. FFMC BUILDING RENEWAL FUND UPDATE



Fairfield Methodist Church building lease ends in 2027 and we need to raise at least **\$6M** to renew the lease for the next 30 years.

Amount raised thus far: **\$4,676,542**  
 Pledges to be received: **\$876,775**  
 Outstanding Amount to raise: **\$1,323,458**

For cheque donations, please issue cheques in favour of "FFMC Building Fund".

## METHODIST NEWS

### 20. EMPLOYMENT OPPORTUNITIES

Yong-en Care Centre is looking for a Manager for the Family Support Services Department. For more information, please go to [www.yong-en.org.sg](http://www.yong-en.org.sg) . Please scroll down and click on Career.

**FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH**  
**PRAYER & INTERCESSION**  
**22 – 28 September 2019**

THEME: WE ARE COMMISSIONED TO REACH OUT TOGETHER

**BY USING OUR SMALL GROUP**

“We” is more powerful than “me”.

There is power in partnership and that’s never truer than when we’re working to tell the world about Jesus. Evangelism is always a team effort, even in those times when we think we’re working alone. The reality is when we lead someone to Christ, the Holy Spirit has already been at work in that life, and other believers have also been influential directly and indirectly. Paul once wrote, *“I planted the seed, Apollos watered the plants, but God made you grow”* (1 Corinthians 3:6 MSG).

We’re to *“work together as partners who belong to God”* (1 Corinthians 3:9 NLT), because *“two can accomplish more than twice as much as one”* (Ecclesiastes 4:9 LB). That is the value of small groups – they allow us to work side by side in an effort to lead our friends and family members to Christ. Like the four friends who brought their paralysed friend to Jesus (Mark 2:1 -12), we can draw strength and encouragement from one another as we bring our own friends into his presence.

In fact, if you have never experienced the privilege and joy of helping someone to come to Christ, today can be the turning point in your life – by grasping the fact that you can help bring other people to Jesus as part of a group effort. You don’t have to do it alone; God intends for us to work together, side by side.

The first step to take in your small group is to pray together. Before we start to witness, we need to pray. We cannot pray for people and not become concerned about them. Here are four ways your group can pray for your nonbelieving friends and family members.

First, pray for an opportunity to talk about Jesus (Colossians 4:3). Ask God to give you an opportunity to tell others about Christ, and to invite them to church. You don’t have to doubt it – God will answer that prayer!

Second, pray that God will prepare the hearts of those you try to reach. Do you know how God softens hearts? He sends the rain. Anytime you see someone going through a storm in life, you can know God is softening that person’s heart.

Third, pray for God to soften your heart. Say, “I’ll be honest, God. I don’t care that much about other people. I care about myself. I care about my own plans and priorities and my family.” Soon God will fill your heart with a “burden”, which is just an old-fashioned word that means your heart is now tender toward other people.

Fourth, pray that the words of Jesus *“will simply take off and race through the country to a groundswell of response”* (2 Thessalonians 3:1 MSG), just as they did among the early Christians.

Now, be inventive in the way your group invites those you are praying for into the group setting: have a barbecue, a movie night, a game night, dessert night – the possibilities are limitless. The Bible says this: *“Make the most of your chances to tell others the Good News. Be wise in all your contacts with them”* (Colossians 4:4 LB).

Finally, here is a prayer you and your small group can use: “Father, we want you to use our small group to reach one more for Jesus.” Develop in us a deep concern for people who don’t know Jesus, and prompt us to pray consistently for their salvation. We know you paid a high price to bring us into your family, and we agree with you that no one is hopeless or beyond the reach of your love. Guide



us as we reach out in your name, and give an inventive creativity to our methods for outreach. Father, in faith we ask that in this next year our small group will be able to reach twenty five people for you. We lift this prayer in the name of Jesus. Amen.”

**POINT TO PONDER:**

“We” is more powerful than “me”.

**VERSE TO REMEMBER:**

“You are working together and struggling side by side to get others to believe the good news.”  
 Philippians 1:27b (CEV)

**QUESTION TO CONSIDER:**

Which of your friends and family members can your small group begin praying for?

*40 Days of Community Devotional “WHAT ON EARTH ARE WE HERE FOR?” by Rick Warren*

**1. PRAISE/THANKSGIVING**

**Ephesians 4:2-3** *Be always humble, gentle, and patient. Show your love by being tolerant with one another. Do your best to preserve the unity which the Spirit gives by means of the peace that binds you together.*

**2. SERVICES**

		<b>This Sunday (22 September 2019)</b>	<b>Next Sunday (29 September 2019)</b>
English Service	8:30am & 10:30am	Rev Barney Lau	Rev Ling Kin Yew
Mandarin Service	10:30am	Mr Bai Jie	Dr Lydia Sha
Cantonese Service	2:00pm	Rev Lim Kok Heng	Rev Tay Boon Cheng
CN Ministry	7:00pm	Mr Bai Jie	Rev Dr Simon Quah Cheok Hooi

- Pray that the hearts and minds of God’s people will be receptive and ready to act upon His Word.
- Pray that the glory of God will weigh upon the people in all the services.

**3. BIRTHDAYS THIS WEEK**

We rejoice with the following people who are celebrating their birthdays this week. We thank God for these wonderful birthday babies for another year to glorify Him and may they enjoy His grace and goodness throughout this year.

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|---------------------------|------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Mr Jonathan Kiew Yan Wen  | Mrs Josephine Wong-Goey Siew Kiang | Mrs Indra Yuen-Fanta        |
| Mr Cheng Tuck Meng        | Mrs Molly Kay-Lee Sim Neo          | Mrs Anita Tan-Sunardi       |
| Mdm Kong Ming Yuet        | Mrs Ow-Lai Foong Sim               | Mrs Dorothy Soh-Ho Guan Neo |
| Dr Ang Yew Hock           | Mr Alan Phua@Pan Ooi Chiang        | Mr Eugene Lo Chuen Wei      |
| Mrs Laura Tsoi-Lau Ah Moi | Mr Kwan Siew Mun                   | Mr Mark Zhou You Chuan      |

#### 4. PEOPLE IN NEED (remember those we know)

**Ephesians 6:18** *And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.*

- **The poor, the homeless, those with broken families and those who lost their jobs**

- God's promises and wisdom lead and strengthen them and their loved ones to resolve the issues.

- God will reveal Himself to them through the love and compassionate deeds of churches, government officials and agencies, social workers and volunteers.

*'Do not fear, for I am with you; Do not anxiously look about you, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, surely I will help you, Surely I will uphold you with My righteous right hand.'* (Isaiah 41:10)

- **Those in pain of grief and despair** – God walk with them and grant them peace and comfort as they journey through this difficult period of loss. May they also feel and experience the love, care and support of their friends, colleagues and neighbours.

*"The Lord is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit."* (Psalm 34:18)

- **Those suffering from terminal illness** – God's love and peace silence every accusing voice, and every fear, every sense of regret and loss is broken in the Mighty Name of Jesus. God's peace and healing grace and comfort rest upon them.

*My health may fail, and my spirit may grow weak, but God remains the strength of my heart; He is mine forever.* (Psalm 73:26)

#### 5. LOCAL CONFERENCE

**Galatians 6:9** *And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart.*

- Pray for the election process to be orderly, and persons nominated for leadership to be ready and equipped to serve if elected.
- Pray for suitable candidate to be nominated the various positions in the Local Conference and Local Church Executive Committee (LCEC).
- Pray that important decisions made at Local Conference to be done in a loving and God honoring manner.
- Pray for our District Superintendent Rev Dr. Chiang as he chairs the Local Conference.

#### 6. SINGAPORE

**2 Chronicles 7:14** *"If my people, who are called by My Name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My Face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."* **Proverbs 14:34** *"Righteousness exalts a nation, but sin is a reproach to any people."*

Let us come together in collective ownership, lift up our land in prayer before the King of Kings and the Lord of Lords,

- who makes nations great, and destroys them; He enlarges nations, and disperses them (Job 12:23-25).
- where the king's heart is a stream of water in the hand of the Lord; He turns it wherever He will. (Proverbs 21:1).
- Pray for all those in authority - Where there is no guidance, a people falls, but in an abundance of counsellors there is safety (Proverbs 11:14).

- Pray for all those in authority - that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Pray for God's children who are serving in positions of authority that they
  - serve in reverence awe and honour before the LORD
  - acknowledge GOD is their safe refuge in everything they do
  - accept God's Word and store up His commands within them
  - turn their ear to wisdom and apply their heart to understanding
  - call out for insight and cry aloud for understanding (look for it as for silver and search for it as for hidden treasure)
  - understand the fear of the LORD and find the knowledge of God
  - trust and depend on the LORD who gives wisdom, knowledge and understanding
  - hold on to the promise of God, who holds success in store for the upright. He is a shield to those whose walk is blameless, for He guards the course of the just and protects the way of his faithful ones (as in Proverbs 2:1-8).
- Pray for ourselves, who dwell in Singapore - let our word and deed be out of reverence love for God. Let us show kindness, mercy and respect to everyone (race and religion), love the family of believers, and honour those above us, including the government God has given us (1 Peter 2:17). Take and turn our every murmur, complaint and dissatisfaction into prayer of thanksgiving for our authorities, knowing full well the authorities that exist have been established by God (Romans 13:1).