



# SAINT ANDREW'S COMMUNITY CHAPEL

29 December 2024

## God's Desire To Bless

**Read: Leviticus 26:9**

The verse begins with the promise of God's respect for the Israelites. This respect implies favor, protection, and care. God is assuring the Israelites that He will pay attention to them, acknowledge their obedience, and give them the honor and dignity they deserve as His chosen people.

The promise to make the Israelites fruitful and multiply them is a reflection of God's desire for His people to prosper and thrive. This promise is not limited to physical fertility, but also encompasses spiritual and material abundance. It is a promise of God's provision and blessing in every aspect of their lives.

The context of Leviticus 26:9 is important in understanding the significance of this verse. The preceding verses in Leviticus 26 describe the blessings that will come upon the Israelites if they obey God's commandments and keep His covenant. Conversely, the subsequent verses warn of the consequences of disobedience, including curses and punishment.

The theme of obedience and blessings is central to this passage, as it emphasizes the importance of faithfulness to God's laws and the resulting blessings that come from obeying Him.

Symbolism in Leviticus 26:9 can be seen in the imagery of fruitfulness and multiplication. These symbols represent abundance, growth, and sustainability. They signify God's desire to see His people flourish and be fruitful in all areas of their lives, including their families, their crops, and their spiritual lives.

Additionally, the establishment of God's covenant with the Israelites symbolizes His faithfulness and commitment to His people. The covenant is a symbol of God's enduring love and loyalty to His chosen ones, and His promise to be with them always.

In conclusion, Leviticus 26:9 is a powerful reminder of God's promises to His people when they are faithful to Him. It conveys the themes of respect, fruitfulness, and the establishment of His covenant, emphasizing God's desire to bless His people abundantly. This verse serves as a source of encouragement and



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May you experience the presence of God as we sing, pray, and learn from His Word together.

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hope for believers, reminding them of God's faithfulness and the rewards of obedience to His commandments.

[Abridged devotion taken from <https://bible.art/meaning/leviticus-26%3A9>]

## **Prayers for this Festive Season**

### **Prayer for the Christmas season**

Lord, we give you all the praise for this significant season where we celebrate your birth. We thank you as we reflect on your joy, peace and grace. May you give us wisdom and the opportunity to give back this Christmas and be a blessing to each other. We commit all our plans before you and ask for peace as we put everything in place to make Christmas a joyous occasion. Be with us all, we ask in Jesus' name. Amen..

### **Christmas prayer for peace**

Lord, we pray for peace this Christmas. As we think of Jesus, we remember that he is the prince of peace despite what is happening around us. During this busy season, guide us to take moments to be still and know that you will work all things together and that if we abide in you, we will also have an inner peace and confidence that you are in control of all our plans. Amen.

### **Christmas prayer for hope**

Heavenly Father, in you, we put our trust and hope. Though our lives are not perfect, we look to you, the perfect one who sees and knows all things. We ask that you place a renewed hope in all who are seeking a way today. For your word says in Jeremiah 17:7, 'Blessed is the one who trusts in the Lord and whose hope is the Lord'. Father, we know that nothing is impossible with you, so we put our faith in you, knowing you can change situations and move mountains, for you are the God of all hope. Amen.

### **Christmas prayer for church**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for your Church. Thank you for providing a place for all to come in and reflect on your loving kindness. O Lord, for everyone giving up their time to support and serve those who come into the church this Christmas, we ask that you pour out your blessings upon them. Thank you that your Church is a place of refuge and safety in this season for the lonely, the vulnerable and those who seek to get closer to you. Bless every church, and may all who enter feel cared for and appreciated. Amen.

[Extract of prayers from <https://capuk.org/news-and-blog/christmas-prayers-for-the-festive-season>]

## Collect – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, who wonderfully created us in your own image and yet more wonderfully restored us through your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as he came to share in our humanity, so we may share the life of his divinity; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



## Christian Education – The Danger of Extra-Biblical Theology

The poster features a dark purple background with a white logo for St. Andrew's Community Chapel (圣安德烈社区教会) in the top left. The title "CHRISTIAN EDUCATION" is in white, followed by "The Danger of Extra-Biblical Theology" and "Rev Daniel Tong" in a larger white font. A photo of Rev. Daniel Tong is on the left. The text describes the seminar's focus on extra-biblical theology. Details include the date (16 January 2025), time (7.30 pm - 9.30 pm), and mode (Zoom Online). A QR code and a registration URL are provided at the bottom right.

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圣安德烈社区教会

**CHRISTIAN EDUCATION**

**The Danger of Extra-Biblical Theology**  
**Rev Daniel Tong**

In this seminar, we will look into what counts as extra-biblical theology, its danger; along with how they should be treated and addressed. In the course of our discussion, we will examine some historical examples, and evaluate some contemporary concerns.

**Date: 16 January 2025**  
**Time: 7.30 pm - 9.30 pm**  
**Mode: Zoom Online**

Register at <https://tinyurl.com/biblicaltheology2025>

## Recruiting PA Crew

We are thankful for our current team who have faithfully ensured good sound in our services. Greater support is needed in this area, so we ask members to step up and offer your services in this area. Training will be provided.

# Marriage Preparation Course 2025

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE 2025



**Counsellors: Pastor Raymond & Ruth Sim**

**Synopsis:**

If you are dating and intending to be married in 2025 or 2026 in SACC, you need to attend the Marriage Preparation Course. This course will cover the following: Biblical Basis for Marriage, Communications, Dealing with in-laws, Expectations in Marriage, Family Life Cycle, Financial Management, Christian Sexuality & Parenthood, Knowing yourself and your mate, Conflict Management, Tending your Career, Growing Spiritually together, Wedding Preparations.

**Date: 3 February to 24 March 2025 (Monday)**  
**Time: 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm**



**Please register at [tinyurl.com/SACCMPC2025](https://tinyurl.com/SACCMPC2025) or scan the QR Code by 31 December 24.**

# Golden Jubilee Wedding Celebration 2025

Organised by Families for Life Council, Registry of Marriages and Registry of Muslim Marriages

**CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE**

Celebrating Strong and Lasting Marriages of A Lifetime.

**Golden Jubilee Wedding Celebrations**

Know a couple celebrating 50 years of marriage or beyond this year? Invite them to sign up and be a part of I Still Do 2025!

**This is for couples who:**

- are married for 50 years or beyond in 2024
- registered their marriage at ROM or ROMM
- at least one party is a Singapore Citizen
- have not previously received the Golden Jubilee gift set

Eligible couples who sign up will be invited for a lunch ceremony and be presented with a commemorative certificate and gifts to mark this special occasion!

**Date:** 16 February 2025, Sunday  
**Time:** 11.30am - 2.30pm  
**Venue:** Raffles City Convention Centre

Scan here to register: <https://go.gov.sg/gjwc2025>  
 msf\_rom@msf.gov.sg  
 6338 7808

Closing date for registration is on 31 December 2024.  
 Limited spaces available, sign up now!

For enquiries, please call the ROM helpline at 6338 7808 or email to msf\_rom@msf.gov.sg.  
 如有疑問，請致電 6338 7808 或電郵至 msf\_rom@msf.gov.sg。  
 Untuk keterangan lanjut, sila hubungi 6338 7808 atau hantar e-mel kepada msf\_rom@msf.gov.sg.  
 உதவவுகளுக்காக மேலும் விவரங்கள் தெரிவிப்பதற்காக தயவு செய்து 6338 7808 தொலைபேசி எண்ணில் அல்லது மின்னஞ்சல் மூலம் (msf\_rom@msf.gov.sg) எங்களுக்குள் தொடர்பு கொள்ளுங்கள்.

**Eligibility Criteria**

To be eligible, the couple should:

1. Be married for at least 50 years in 2024 (i.e. married in 1974 or earlier)
2. Have registered their marriage at ROM or ROMM
3. At least one party must be a Singapore Citizen
4. Have not received the Golden Jubilee commemorative package previously

# Activities at The Friend Space

Please click on this link for the events at TFS: <https://thefriendspace.sg/events/>



A promotional poster for a Culinary Demo of Ngoh Hiang. The background is red with a white teapot, a cup of tea, and some oranges. A circular inset shows a close-up of the fried dumplings. A red circle with '\$8' is next to the inset. The text includes the date '2 Jan Thursday', time '10am - 12nn', and 'Demo conducted in Mandarin'. It also features a QR code for registration, contact information for The Friend Space, and the SG 60 logo.

**2 Jan**  
**Thursday**  
**10am - 12nn**  
Demo conducted in  
Mandarin

**Ngoh Hiang**  
Racial Harmony Culinary Demo

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## Culinary Demo – Ngoh Hiang

(Conducted in Mandarin)

**2 Jan 2025 (Thu)**

**10am – 12pm**

## Chinese New Year Handicraft Decor

(Please bring your own stapler and scissors)

(请自备订书机和剪刀!)

**9 & 16 Jan 2025 (Thu)**



A promotional poster for Chinese New Year Handicraft Decor. The background is red with various Chinese New Year decorations like oranges, gold coins, and a white teapot. Three red paper lanterns are the central focus. A red circle with '免费 free!' is next to them. The text includes the dates '9/1, 16/1', time '10am - 12nn', and 'Bring your own stapler and scissors please!'. It also features a QR code for registration, contact information for The Friend Space, and the SG 60 logo.

**9/1, 16/1**  
**Thursday 星期四**  
**10am - 12nn**  
Bring your own stapler and scissors please!  
请自备订书机和剪刀!

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**Veg Pulao**  
Racial Harmony Culinary Demo

**18 Jan**  
**Saturday**  
**10am - 12nn**  
Demo conducted in English

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**Culinary Demo – Veg Pulao**  
(Conducted in English)  
**18 Jan 2025 (Sat)**  
**10am – 12pm**

**Morning Activities at TFS**  
**Jan 2025**

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**JANUARY 2025**

<b>TUE</b>	10am-11am Exercise/ Line dance		10am-12nn Rummi-O	
<b>WED</b>	9am-10am Ukulele Lesson!		10am-11am Friendly Jamming	
<b>THU</b>	2/1 10am-12nn Ngoh Hiang		9/1, 16/1, 23/1 10am-12nn CNY crafts	
<b>SAT</b>	4/1, 11/1 10am - 1pm Board Games		18/1 10am - 12nn Veg Pulao	

Physiotherapy: free consultations by appointment



SUNDAY SERVICE



## WALKING IN THE FAVOUR OF GOD

Leviticus 26:9, 2 Corinthians 6:2

Pastor Raymond Sim

29 December 2024, 9 am & 11 am  
St. Andrew's Community Chapel



Clay Youth Ministry

**CLAY YOUTH MINISTRY  
will join the Main Service  
ON 29 December 2024**

SACC OLO/GIANT Children's Ministry



**OLO/GIANT CHILDREN'S MINISTRY  
will take a break in the month of December.  
The children will join the Main Service  
on 5 Jan 2025**

**OLO/GIANT Children's Ministry will resume  
on 12 January 2025**

## Join a Cell Group

All members are encouraged to join a cell group to learn God's Word, fellowship and pray together as a community. If you are interested, please let us know by completing this google form

<https://forms.gle/xNKmMKq8Gvsux5gM7>



## Ushering Roster from 7 January 2024

Week	9am Service – FDH	11am Service – Chapel
1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday (Holy Communion for 1 <sup>st</sup> Service + Prayer over children)	CLAYERS + John 13:34	Company of Christ
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Beacon	Grace@228
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	1 John 4:19	5 Loaves & 2 Fish
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Oasis	Oasis
5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday (est 4 times per year)	1 Kings 8:57	Fuel+ & Koinonia

UPCOMING SERMONS   2025 Theme: Resilience Anchored In Christ (Ephesians 6:10)			
Date	Sermon Topic		Preacher
05 Jan	The Power Will Be Of God	2 Corinthians 4:7-10, John 10:14-18	Rev Daniel Tong
12 Jan	The Challenge Of Self-Doubt	2 Timothy 1:5-11	Rev Daniel Tong



# SERMON NOTES

**Speaker:** Ps Raymond Sim

**Topic :** Walking In The Favour Of God

**Text :** Leviticus 26:9, 2 Corinthians 6:2

## Introduction

- “Favour” first mentioned in the Bible in Genesis 4:4.
- The presence or absence of God’s favour makes a difference for mankind.

## 3 Major Scriptural Usage of Favour

### Hebrew word “Chen” or Greek word “Charis”

- Genesis 6: 8, Exodus 33: 13 – “chen” means approval or gracious kindness
- Luke 1: 30, 2: 52, Acts 2: 46-47 – “charis” means grace, kindness, goodwill

### Hebrew word “Saah” or Greek word “Epeidon”

- Genesis 4: 4-5 – “saah” means look at favourably
- Luke 1: 25 – “epeidon” means considering with intention to show favour”

### Hebrew word “Ratsown” or Greek word “Dektos”

- Deuteronomy 33: 23, Psalm 5: 12, 30:5 – “ratsown” means acceptance
- Luke 4: 18-19, 2 Cor 6:2 - “dektos” means acceptable

## Application: Three Workings of the Favour of God

### **1. God’s Favour flows out of His grace & mercy – “Charis” Effect**

- Ephesians 2: 8-9, Romans 5: 8
- Starting point of grace in the New Testament is the Cross of Calvary.

### **2. God’s Favour follow His choice to look upon us – “Epeidon” Effect**

- Leviticus 26: 9
- It is an intentional act of God to bless you & me.
- God picks those to look favourably upon.

### **3. God’s Favour is freely given by God’s will and in His time – “Dektos” Effect**

- 2 Corinthians 6: 2, Psalm 16: 5-6
- Through the different seasons, as long as we are obedient to God’s assignment, the favour of God is present.
- We must learn to discern the timing of God’s favour and flow with the “kairos” timing of God.

## **Conclusion**

- Favour flows out of relationship.
- The bigger the favour, the deeper the relationship.

**Our Vision is to be a House of Healing to the Nations,  
Reflecting the Glory of God, Full of Grace and Truth.**

## Tithes and Offertory

Members are encouraged to remember our Lord and His house, and continue to tithe. You may do so remotely by scanning the following QR Codes:

**SACC (English)**  
**T08CC4074CEC1**



**DBS 029-900919-2**

**SACC**  
**Cambodia Mission Fund**  
**T08CC4074CCMF**



**DBS106-900039-4**

**SACC**  
**Growth Fund**  
**T08CC4074CGF2**



**DBS 106-900038-6**

**Remember to indicate your tithe number & purpose of transfer.**

## Transferring of Tithe/Offering via DBS/POSB banking platform

### 1) digibank Mobile

- Log in to digibank Mobile with your **Touch / Face ID** or **digibank User ID & PIN**.
- Tap **Pay & Transfer** and select **Local**.
- Select the **Recipient** you wish to transfer to: *(For Recipient's list refer to Add a Recipient)*
  - o SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
  - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
  - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- Select the **Fund Source** you wish to transfer from (e.g. saving account) and enter the **Amount** you wish to transfer
- Enter your tithe number in '**Reference**'
- Tap **Next** to review the details, and tap **Transfer Now** to complete the transfer.

### 2) Via Paynow

- Select 'PAYNOW' in your banking app
- Bank will send you a 6 digits OTP
- Key in the UEN T08CC4074CEC1 / T08CC4074CCMF / T08CC4074CGF2
- Key in the amount to be transferred.
- Key in your **Tithe number** in the 'Reference' space
- Click 'Transfer'
- Bank will send a text message to you that the amount has been transferred.
- You can send this message to church office.

### 3) DBS/POSB ATM

- Insert your ATM/Debit Card and key in your PIN.
- Press Button for **More Services**.
- Press Button for "Funds Transfer/Fixed Deposit".
- Select the Account Type to Debit (your own bank account)
- Select the saving account type and number to Credit
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- Enter the amount.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and press **Confirm**.
- Key in your **tithe number** under reference/bill or send a text to the church office of the transaction: Date of transfer; tithe & amount

### 4) digibank Online

- Open ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Other DBS or POSB Account**.
- Log in with your **6-Digit iB Secure PIN**.
- Choose the **Recipient** you wish to transfer your money to.
- Select the **Account** you wish to transfer from.
- Select the **Currency** and indicate the **Amount** you wish to transfer.
- Click **Next**.
- To transfer to a particular payee, you will need to have him/her in your recipient's list.

#### Adding a recipient to your list.

- Open the ibanking portal, login with your **User ID** and **PIN**.
- Select **Transfer** and click **Add New DBS or POSB Recipient** and complete the **Authentication Process**.
- Indicate the **Recipient's name** and **Account number**, click **Next**.
- Verify the **Details of the Transaction** and follow the **2-Factor Authentication Instructions**.
- Click **Submit** to complete the request.

Digibank Online allows you to set a monthly transfer on desired date.  
Follow the instruction in the '**More Services**' button.

## Transfer from Other banks.

Please check with your bank's website portal.