

The Kingdom Paradox

Read: 2 Corinthians 4:7-10

When we discuss suffering, we must relate it to the life and work of Jesus Christ. He suffered, bearing the shame and penalty of others, but then was exalted to glory. In the same way, we who are in union with Christ can expect a portion of suffering, to be followed by glory. Historically, it is times of suffering in the life of the church that prepare her for periods of influence and prosperity—and so it is also in our personal lives. Whether the church suffers or prospers, it is all ultimately to the glory of God.

But there is more to it than this. God told Paul that He wanted to keep Paul weak, because "My power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9). Paul's weakness and suffering kept him dependent on God, and became a channel for God's grace to others.

Yet there is more even than this. When we are united to the Son of God, Jesus Christ, we are given the privilege of sharing in His work in a secondary fashion. We have to phrase this point carefully. We do not contribute anything to the definitive, once-and-for-all suffering of Christ for the sins of the world. Yet our sufferings do contribute to the filling out of the kingdom in the world (Colossians 1:24). Paul writes that death is at work in him so that life might be at work among the Corinthians (2 Corinthians 4:12; and 1:5–6). Just as the sufferings and death of Jesus mean that we escape the wrath of God, so in a secondary way, God gave Paul the privilege of suffering in order that the infant church might be spared the wrath of man.

It is part of the Christian's glory to be counted worthy to join Christ in His sufferings. It is our glory—shame in the eyes of the world—to pick up a cross and carry it daily. How often it is that those who have suffered the most for the sake of Christ's kingdom are also those whose faces shine forth with radiant peace and joy?

[Abridged devotion taken from <https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/the-kingdom-paradox>]



WELCOME

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

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Pray for the World

Father, we pray for South Korea in the face of the recent air disaster which claimed 179 lives; and their ongoing political turmoil. We pray for the families who lost loved ones to be comforted; and for the strengthening of air travel safety in that land. We pray for the raising of a fresh crop of politicians in that land who are godly, full of integrity, compassionate, and able to lead the country out of their current quandary into a brighter future.

Pray for Singapore

Father, we pray You continue to sustain and bless our nation in 2025 and beyond, with economic success, yes, but more than that, with the heart of generosity, unity, creativity and compassion. May we always abide by Your godly standards in all we do. Grant our generations the courage and perseverance of our early pioneers, so as to carve out a bright ongoing future for our land. Bless our nation as we celebrate our 60th anniversary.

Pray for SACC

Father, we give thanks for another year of Your blessing, praying that we remain ever faithful to Your direction and ways.

As we enter this New Year:


1. We pray for the reaping of a mighty harvest of souls for Your kingdom -- of our families and friends, neighbours and community.
2. We pray for the strengthening of the bonds of love and care between members of our English Congregation, and between members of both our English and Chinese Congregations.
3. We pray for the funds needed to pay our staff salaries and run our various outreaches and ministries.
4. We pray that all members of our Parish will step up and into some form of service and ministry in the New Year.

Collect – 2nd Sunday of Christmas

Almighty God, in the birth of your Son you have poured on us the new light of your incarnate Word, and shown us the fullness of your love: help us to walk in his light and dwell in his love that we may know the fullness of his joy; 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



ST. ANDREW'S
COMMUNITY CHAPEL
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 or scan the QR Code by 31 December 24.

ACTIVITIES @ THE FRIEND SPACE

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



春节手工艺品装饰
CHINESE NEW YEAR HANDICRAFT DECOR

免费 Free!

9/1, 16/1
Thursday 星期四
10am - 12nn

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Bring your own stapler and scissors please!
请自备订书机和剪刀!

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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)

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



Veg Pulao
Racial Harmony Culinary Demo

SG 60

18 Jan
Saturday
10am - 12nn

Demo conducted in English

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Crochet
23 Jan 2025 (Thu)
10am – 12pm



钩针编织
CROCHET

\$8
One time fee
一次性费用

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Morning Activities at TFS - Jan 2025

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JANUARY
2025

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TUE

10am-11am
Exercise/
Line dance



10am-12nn
Rummi-O



WED

9am-10am
Ukulele
Lesson!



10am-11am
Friendly
Jamming



THU

2/1

10am-12nn
Nghoh Hiang



9/1, 16/1, 23/1

10am-12nn
CNY crafts



SAT

4/1, 11/1

10am - 1pm
Board Games



18/1

10am - 12nn
Veg Pulao



Physiotherapy: free consultations by appointment

SERVICES @ SACC



HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
LEADERSHIP DEDICATION



THE POWER WILL BE OF GOD

2 Corinthians 4: 7-10, John 10: 14-18

Rev Daniel Tong

5 January 2025, 9 am & 11 am
St Andrew's Community Church

Youths & Children will join their parents at the Sunday Service

SACC SUNDAY SERVICE



**CLAY YOUTHS WILL BE ATTENDING
THE SUNDAY SERVICE
EVERY 1ST SUNDAY OF THE MONTH**

Sunday, 5 January 2025 @ 9 AM

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.

OTHERS

STAY CONNECTED WITH SACC

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>



USHER ROSTER

Ushering Roster for 2025 (from 5 Jan)

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

Special Service Roster for 2025

- Good Friday (18 Apr): Koinonia
- Christmas Service (25 Dec, Thu): Oasis

UPCOMING SERMONS

2025 Theme: Resilience Anchored In Christ (Ephesians 6:10)

Date	Sermon Topic		Preacher
12 Jan	The Challenge Of Self-Doubt	2 Timothy 1:5-11	Rev Daniel Tong
19 Jan	Resilient In Our Relationships	Colossians 3:12-17	Rev Daniel Tong

SERMON NOTES

Speaker: Rev Daniel Tong
Topic : The Power Will Be Of God
Text : 2 Corinthians 4:7-10,
John 10:14-18

Introduction

God, Not Me

1. Human Frailty
2. Human Attestants
3. Our Anchor In Life

Conclusion

For Reflection:

1. What challenges do you currently face or expect to face in 2025?
2. How have you been coping with your challenges? What has helped you cope?
3. What and how better might be draw strength from our Lord Jesus Christ?

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	SACC Cambodia Mission Fund T08CC4074CCMF	SACC Growth Fund T08CC4074CGF2
		
DBS 029-900919-2	DBS106-900039-4	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)*
 - SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
 - SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - 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
 - o SACC (English) 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o SACC Growth Fund 106-900038-6
- 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.