

# Gospel of Mark Series: The Kingdom Community

30 March 2025 4th Sunday in Lent



Following Christ, Making Disciples

# 30 MARCH ORDER OF WORSHIP

\*LECTIONARY READINGS

Joshua 5:9-12

Ms Irene Koh (8.30am) Mr Elijah Zhou (10.30am)

\*CALL TO WORSHIP

Mr Shaun Loh

Psalm 32

**PRAISE & WORSHIP** 

Mr Shaun Loh

PASTORAL PRAYER

WELCOME

**OFFERING** 

**FAIRFIELD HIGHLIGHTS** 

DOXOLOGY

**SCRIPTURE PASSAGE** 

Mark 9:33-37; 10:13-16

**SERMON** 

Who's the Greatest?
Disciples Walk in Humility

Dr Morgan Zhou

\*SONG OF DEDICATION

\*BENEDICTION

Lent is a season of forty days, not counting Sundays, which begins on Ash Wednesday and ends on the Saturday before Easter. The forty days represents the time Jesus spent in the wilderness, enduring the temptation of Satan and preparing to begin his ministry. Lent is a time of repentance, fasting and preparation for the coming of Easter. It is a time of self-examination and reflection. During Lent, Christians focus on their relationship with God, often choosing to give up something or to volunteer and give of themselves for others. The liturgical colour is purple (violet). On Maundy Thursday and Good Friday, black is substituted.

<sup>\*</sup>Congregation to Stand

# **WELCOME TO FAIRFIELD**

# 1. PULPIT CALENDAR (2025)

Date	Preacher	Topic	Text
Gospel of Mark Series: The Kingdom Community			
6 April	Rev Dr Bernard Chao	The Way of The Cross:  Dying to the World	Mark 10:17-31
13 April Palm Sunday	Rev Ivan Tan	The Way to the Cross: Humility & Holiness	Mark 11:1-18
17 April	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service, 8.00pm		
18 April Good Friday (10.00am)	Dr Christopher Cheah	The Witness of the Cross: Surely this man was the Son of God!	Mark 15:1-41
20 April Easter Sunday (10.00am)	Rev Dr Bernard Chao	The Empty Tomb: He Has Risen! He Is Not Here	Mark 16:1-8
Faith for Families Series			
27 April	Mr Joshua Loke	Faith in Fathering	tbc

### 2. ABOUT OUR SPEAKER

Dr Morgan Zhou serves as the chairperson of the Board of Children Ministry in the Trinity Annual Conference of The Methodist Church in Singapore. He is passionate about mentoring, outreach to disadvantaged families, and keenly interested in strengthening the education of children and youth with diverse abilities and special needs. In his free time, he collects Star Wars memorabilia and (re)watches the Back to the Future movie trilogy. Married to Angela, they have two boys, Elijah and Elias, and a cat, Junior, who is not so junior anymore.

- 3. The pastors and church office staff will be away 31 March to 2 April for Church Staff Retreat. The Standby Pastor during this period will be Rev Dr Chiang Ming Shun.
- 4. There is no Wednesday Prayer Meeting on 2 April, at 7:30pm via Zoom and no Prayer Watch on 4 April. Join us for Wednesday Prayer Meeting on 9 April.
- 5. Our **deepest condolences** to Mr Desmond Yeo and family on the passing of Desmond's beloved father, the late Mr Yeo Sui Min on 27 March 2025.

# 6. ALPHA 2025

Topic: Why and How Should I Read the Bible? Date/Time: 1 Apr 2025, 7.00 – 9.30pm, Fairfield Hall

Alpha is a place to explore the Christian faith with others. Each session has food, a talk, space to discuss and ask any question you want. Register with Jerry Teo (9627 0009), Richard Yap (9623 8312) or Albert Lim (9738 4938) Click here to register

# 7. BB WEEK 2025 (2 MARCH – 6 APRIL)

The annual BB Week is the only fund-raising activity of the Boys' Brigade to cover the costs of operating the Brigade and Companies. The Objective of The Boys' Brigade is the advancement of Christ's kingdom among Boys and God has been faithful in providing for all our financial needs for 8J, 35J and 50th BB Companies in Fairfield Methodist Church. We look to God as our Provider, and we use the BB Week as a way in which God can move the hearts of His people to provide for His ministry. Donations can be made by scanning the QR codes below to access the Company's giving.sg Campaign page or by cheque through the BB Week leaflet. If you need the BB Week leaflet to be sent to you, kindly contact Mr Barnabas Wong at 9819 8844. The giving.sg page will be active from 2 March to 20 April 2024. Thank you for your generous support to the Boys' Brigade.







35J BB Company



50th BB Company

# 8. FAIRFIELD TEACHING PROGRAMME (FTP) CYCLE 6

FTP Cycle 6 will commence on 19 January 2025 in Room 401 from 9.00am to 10.15am on Sundays with a hybrid onsite/online format. Come and join us for a time of structured Bible-based learning. All are welcome. No registration required. Visit <a href="https://fairfieldmc.org/fairfield-teaching-programme/">https://fairfieldmc.org/fairfield-teaching-programme/</a> for more details.

Date/Topic	Title	Key Coverage
6 Apr 2025	Break	
13 Apr 2025	Ruth meets Boaz (2:1-23)	The field of Boaz (2:1–3)
Book Study – Ruth (III)		Boaz provides for Ruth (2:4–17)
Dr Ho King Hee		Naomi's reaction (2:18–23)
20 Apr to 4 May 2025	Break	
11 May 2025	Ruth asks Boaz to marry	Naomi's plan (3:1–5)
Book Study – Ruth (IV)	her (3:1-18)	Ruth at the threshing-floor (3:6–15)
Dr Ho King Hee		Returning to Naomi (3:16-18)
18 May 2025	Happily ever after (4:1-22)	Boaz arranges redemption (4:1-12)
Book Study – Ruth (V)		Conclusion: Naomi's blessing (4:13-17)
Dr Ho King Hee		Epilogue (4:18-22)

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

# 9. MARCH 2025 SECOND OFFERING – FAIRFIELD CHURCH BUILDING FUND

You may give via internet banking (A/C No. 001-030235-3),

PayNow (UEN: S87CC0541F) scan QR code. Please indicate "Mar-02" under Bill Reference.



# 10. FFMC BUILDING FUND UPDATE AS OF 21 FEB 2025

Fairfield Methodist Church's building lease ends in 2027. As of July 2022, we need to raise at least \$9 Million to renew the lease for 30 years.

 2022 Renewal Fund Target: \$9,000,000

 Amount raised to date:
 \$7,441,288

 Outstanding Amount:
 \$1,558,712

(not including pledges yet to receive)

Pledges yet to be received: \$813,790



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# 11. BEQUESTS, GIFTS AND LEGACIES TO FAIRFIELD METHODIST CHURCH

The recommended manner of making bequests, gifts and legacies to our Methodist churches and other entities is for the donor to name the intended recipient of the donation in the following manner:

The Secretary of the Trustees of The Methodist Church in Singapore, a body corporate incorporated by & under the Methodist Episcopal Location Board Ordinance, Chapter 368, Singapore Statutes on behalf of and for the benefit and use of Fairfield Methodist Church, currently located at 1 Tanjong Pagar Singapore 088437

# **METHODIST NEWS & OTHERS**



# WEEK IN A GLANCE (30 Mar – 6 Apr)

30 Mar	Sunday Services,	
	There is no Children and Youth Ministry on 5th Sunday	
1 Apr	Alpha, 7.30pm to 9.00pm, Fairfield Hall	
2 Apr	No Wednesday Prayer Meeting via Zoom	
4 Apr	No Prayer Watch	
6 Apr	Sunday Services (Holy Communion)	
	There is no Children and Youth Ministry on 1st Sunday	

# 1. PRAY FOR SPEAKERS

Services	This Sunday (30 Mar 2025)	Next Sunday (6 April 2025)
English	Dr Morgan Zhou	Rev Dr Bernard Chao
Mandarin	Rev Desmond Tian Cheng Tian	Rev Dr Ong Chee Yong
Cantonese	Mr Stephen Ng	Mr Stephen Ng
CN Ministry	Mr Bai Jie	Dr Lydia Sha

- 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.

### 2. BIRTHDAYS PRAYER BLESSINGS

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.

Mr Silas Loh Peng Wai	Ms Shirley Seah Siew Hua	Mrs Letitia Tan-Tan Cheh Hwang
Mrs Aileen Tho-Oo Phaik Hoon	Mrs April Cheng-Chieu Li Miau	Mr Cheong Swee Onn
Dr Chuah Seng Chye	Mrs Hedy Yeo-Lum Weng Kam	Ms Danielle Ho En Huei
Dr Gary Lim Teik Hock	Ms Thio Lay Hoon	Mdm Emily Ng Lay Hwa

### 3. PASTORAL/LEADERSHIP OF FFMC

- "The fear of the Lord is beginning of wisdom". Pray for the pastoral staff and leadership of the church to fear God and serve Him faithfully.
- Pray that leaders would seek the Lord and love one another with sincerity.
- Pray for all who are serving to have a spirit of honouring one another in the ministry.

# 4. THE SICK AND UNWELL

- May God's healing be upon all who are unwell.
- May God restore the weary souls of the caregivers.
- May those who are in pain or suffering in the body find hope in the Lord.

## 5. MISSIONS

"A man's heart plans his way, but the Lord directs his steps." (Proverbs 16:9)

# 1. Missions Committee and Missions Advisory Panel

Pray for wisdom and discernment for the MC and MAP.

- How do we raise Missions awareness in the church to pray regularly for missionaries and missions?
- How to raise a new generation willing to serve our Lord in the mission field?
- How do we navigate the changing dynamics of world missions?

# 2. Missionaries / Mission Workers

Roland Chia and Chan Yew Meng - Pray God will continue to enlarge their tent as they
teach, write and serve in different arenas locally and internationally. May God grant them
divine wisdom and grace to serve Him in their impending season of retirement.

- Vena Lung with GB Thailand Pray for God's protection as she travels frequently; for
  God's hand to establish the work of GB in Thailand, nurturing young girls towards Godliness
  and righteous living. May God direct her path as she trusts Him to lead her into a new season
  of retirement.
- Wilson Tan and Doris Tan with YGOS Pray for God's strength and wisdom each day as
  they lead YGOS with exciting new initiatives to reach out to the youth, forge partnerships
  with like-minded Christians and Churches in the Woodlands area to serve and raise a new
  generation of servant leaders in YGOS. Pray also for God's healing touch upon Doris as she
  contends with long COVID.
- Loh Ngiap Tai and Ho Wen Jin in Football Plus Pray for wisdom and strength to serve
  the football-loving demographic with God's grace and bountiful opportunities to continue to
  expand their territory.
- Ivy with WEC (Singapore) Praise the Lord for the work in nurturing and caring for those serving in the field.
- Leong Wai Ling with Cru May God grant Wai Ling the sensitivity to connect with the youths today and empower her to impart true knowledge and wisdom to them.
- Joyce Loke with YWAM (Singapore) Pray for God's hand to continue to nurture and shape her as she begins her internship with YWAM Singapore. May the joy of the Lord fill her each day to learn and to serve.
- Lin Qin Ying with MMS As Qin embarks on her work in Vietnam, may God's presence fill
  her and enable her to learn, adjust and contribute as needful in her new responsibilities.
- Ng May Lan with Pioneers in Asia Pray for her settling into Chiangmai, and wisdom as she develops programs to bless and strengthen mandarin-speaking missionaries serving in different parts of the world.

# 3. Rapidly Advancing Discipleship (RAD)

- We thank God for opening doors through RAD and for our church's opportunity to partner in this work in the foreign countries. As of 2024, we received reports of 4289 churches planted, 9036 baptisms and 13 new countries bringing the total nations with RAD to 62 countries.
- We thank God also for His provision of funds to supporting this church planting movement.
- We also thank God for opening new doors connecting with other like-minded Christians in Singapore.
- Pray that God will establish his Truth and Life in the hearts of his people, that God and not man, will be glorified. Pray for humble minds and pure hearts that seek Jesus and His righteousness first.
- Pray for God's protection and deliverance over these local churches in these countries to remain steadfast and faithful as they face persecution and threats to their lives.
- Pray for the many new believers who have been baptised that they continue to grow and be rooted in Christ and His word.
- Pray for doors to continue to be open and partnerships to be forged that will fulfil this calling
  of FFMC.
- Pray for wisdom as we plan travel to strengthen the work in many of these fields of harvest.

**Our Sunday Services Prayer Meetings** Wednesday Prayer via Zoom **Enalish** 8.30am Sanctuary 7.30pm English (Livestream) 10 30am Sanctuary Prayer Watch (Kuehn Hall) mq00.8 \*Refer to bulletin for schedule Youth Ministry\* 2.00-4.00pm Fairfield Hall Children's Ministry\* Fairfield Hall Sunday Prayer 8.30-9.00am 10.30am-12pm \*(except first & fifth Sunday) Mandarin (Livestream) 10 30am Kuehn Hall **Holy Communion Services** Kuehn Hall English Services - First Sundays Cantonese 2.00pm Mandarin/Cantonese Service - Third Sundays Ministry for China Nationals 7.00pm Kuehn Hall (except fifth Sunday)

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### ONLINE BANKING FOR TITHES AND PLEDGES

Bank: DBS Bank Ltd / Bank Code: 7171

Pledges/Offerings/donations/others	Missionaries' MCP Fund	Church Lease Renewal Fund
Fairfield Methodist Church	FMC-Fairfield MCP Fund	FFMC Building Fund
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