

**CHILDREN’S MINISTRY**

**AWANA Clubs** (Saturday, during School Term, 3.00 – 4.45 pm)

Thank God for the average weekly attendance of 30 clubbers since Awana Club resumed on 4 January. God is faithful and good in leading these children back to Awana after the long school holiday break last year. May God:

- \* Help clubbers and parents to achieve steady club attendance and encourage them to bring new friends to Awana Club .
- \* Bless clubbers and volunteers with a sweet fellowship every time they meet, with the goal of helping each other to know God and live for Him.
- \* Renew continually the joy of serving our Master in our volunteers' hearts and enable them to serve and give according to what He has richly given.

**Children’s Worship** (Sunday, during ZMS Sermon)

- \* Thank the Lord for bringing all the speakers needed, for their desire to serve God in this ministry. Pray for His illumination as the speakers prepare to present the message to the children, for clarity in their presentation, and that He will bless them with joy and satisfaction in the work they do .
- \* Pray that the children (K2-P6) will listen with attentive and worshipful ears, and that God will grant them understanding and growth in their love of His Word.

**Sunday School** (Sunday, 11.00 am – 12.15 pm)

May God:

- \* Lead more children to Sunday School and bless children with the desire to attend classes regularly.
- \* Help children to have a desire to know Jesus through His Word and be able to be attentive during lessons.
- \* Help teachers to love and care for each child in their class, to lead them to Christ, through the lessons taught and time spent weekly.

**Church News & Activities**

**Pastor Yap is away until 2 February**

to attend the 20th World Congress of the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC) at Puerto Montt, Chile.

**Chinese New Year Tracts**

Pick up an evangelistic tracts at the Info Desk to share with relatives or family members during your CNY visitations!

**Church Office will be closed**

from 27-28 January

**SAF Bible Study & Fellowship Lunch (CNY)**

6 February, 10.30 am @ Sanctuary 2

**Choir singing at the Easter Service**

Come join us. If interested, please text Foon Lyn (96800329). Rehearsal is every Saturday, from 8 February to 11 April, 5.00 – 6.00 pm @ Main Sanctuary.

**Church Camp: 13-17 June 2020 (Sat to Wed)**

Camp registration is now open at the Fellowship Hall. Early bird fees until 29 February – \$50 off the regular price!

**ROOM RATES/PAX**

	Regular	Early Bird
Single	702	-
Twin	467	417
Triple	432	382

**Deepest Condolences to...**

**Elsa & Zachary Lee, and Elder Edmund & Siew Lian** (ZMS) on the Home-going of their son/grandson, **Emmanuel Lee Rong** on 16 January 2020.

**Book Circle**

will display their books on 23 February.

**“The New Normal in the New Decade”**

Happy New Year! Or even Happy New *Decade!* By now, the New Year celebrations might already seem like a distant memory; the holidays are over and you already have piles of work to get done.

In the midst of this new season, it is easy for new things to feel normal. We all have this unique ability to adapt to changes and to new environments. So what used to feel daunting and overwhelming in the past, can now feel normal and routine. For instance, think back to the first time you learned to drive a car (or to ride a bike if you aren't old enough to drive!) I remember how scared I was just to merge into the expressway because of how fast everyone else was going. Yet now, I find myself getting annoyed at others for going at the speed limit! Throughout our lives, it is easy to adapt to changes seamlessly that it becomes a new normal. For yourself, what has become the new normal for you over the past decade?

A way people recalled the past decade was through an online trend called the "10 Year Challenge." This challenge involved people posting one photo of themselves from 2010 and another from 2019, then placing them side by side. You can try this too! Social media, like Facebook, can help you do this easily. For the more tech-savvy among us, you can even use Google's "My Activity" dashboard<sup>2</sup> to filter and see the searches googled back in 2010!

This exercise is not meant to make you cringe at your old self (although it'll happen!) Rather, this is meant to be a platform for you to look back on how much God has actually been working in your life over the past decade. Even though things in your life are becoming a new normal, the Holy Spirit has been constantly working in your life and God "who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ (Phil 1:6). As followers of Christ, each of us is the clay being moulded by the hands of the potter, God our Father (Isa 64:8). In Christ, we are becoming more and more like Him through the Spirit (1 Cor 6:11).

Just as the Israelites were asked to recall God’s faithfulness and love (e.g. Psa 77:11; 103:2-5), we too are called to remember God’s role in our own lives! As you look back to the past, think also about the future. This is because God has demonstrated, time and time again, His steadfast love, compassion and grace towards us, even during the times of our disobedience and rebellion (Ex 34:6-7). In this New Year, continue to look to Christ, the author and completer of our faith (Heb 12:1-2).

**Questions to Ponder:**

What did you learn about yourself, including how you've changed, from the “10 Year Challenge”?

In what ways can you thank God and continue to trust in Christ’s work in this coming year (and decade)?

<sup>1</sup><https://www.mentalfloss.com/article/611490/when-does-a-new-decade-begin>

<sup>2</sup><https://myactivity.google.com/>