

Bethel Presbyterian Church 2024 Ministry Report

Organization Identification Number: T12SS0064B

Registered Address: 12 Jalan Lateh, Singapore 359110

Church Board: The Church Board of Elders and Deacons Court consists of Ministers, Elders and Deacons, elected, and appointed annually in accordance with Bethel Presbyterian Church's Constitution. The members of the Board of Elders and Deacons are as follows:

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| 1. | Rev Lim Tau Wei | Moderator |
| 2. | Dn Tan Hui Fern | Hon Secretary |
| 3. | Pr Michelle Hua Jue | Hon Asst. Secretary |
| 4. | Dn Joanne Tay | Hon Treasurer |
| 5. | Dn Sylvia Koh | Hon Asst. Treasurer |
| 6. | Rev Carol Ling | Member |
| 7. | Rev William Heng | " |
| 8. | Rev Eugene Yeo | " |
| 9. | Rev Tan Mui Kiang | " |
| 10. | Rev Xie Wei Guang | " |
| 11. | Rev Andrea Ong | " |
| 12. | Eld Roger Tan | " |
| 13. | Eld Lee Hang Hwa | " |
| 14. | Eld Wong Soon Fen | " |
| 15. | Eld Matthew Fong | " |
| 16. | Eld Ng Keok Boon | " |
| 17. | Eld Keith Lim Chin Seng | " |
| 18. | Eld Goh Poo Seng | " |
| 19. | Eld Vincent Woo | " |
| 20. | Eld Loh Li Cheng | " |
| 21. | Dn Sherina Low | " |
| 22. | Dn Alex Lim | " |
| 23. | Dn Keegan Lim | " |
| 24. | Dn Felicia Poh | " |
| 25. | Dn Samantha Tan | " |

Trustees: We have entrusted to Trustee Presbyterian Church Registered (TPCSR) as our corporate trustee. A resolution supporting it was passed at the ACM 2015.

Church Bank Account: Development Bank of Singapore

Auditor: SS Ang & Co Certified Public Accountants

Office Staff:

- a. Senior Pastor: Rev Lim Tau Wei
- b. Associate Pastors: Rev Carol Ling
Rev William Heng (Part-time)
Rev Eugene Yeo (Unpaid leave)
Rev Tan Mui Kiang
Rev Xie Wei Guang
Rev Andrea Ong
- c. Honorary Pastor: Wong Shyun Jye
- d. Preacher: Preacher Sun Lei
Preacher Lam Wee Kian (Contract ended on 30th June 2024)
Elder Chia Swee Long (EDC appointment for BTS; Part-Time)
- e. Church Manager: Brother Melvyn Heng
- f. Administrative Staff: Sister Karen Lian
Sister Jemaine Heok (Ministry Staff starting from 1st July 2024)
Sister June Goh
Sister Yeo Guet Hoon
Deacon Michelle Hua Jue (Pastoral Staff starting from 1st July 2024)
- g. Church Worker: Azli

Ministry's Committees: The following are committees that were approved by the Board of Elders and Deacons to assist in governing the church.

1. Constitution Committee
2. Finance Committee
3. Personnel Committee
4. Facilities Management Committee
5. Preschool Management Committee
6. Mission Concern Committee
7. Social Concern Committee
8. Worship Working Committee (Teochew, English, Chinese, Bilingual)
9. Future Generation Ministry Committee
10. IT Committee

Bethel Presbyterian Church 2024 Annual Ministry Briefing**1. Church's Annual Ministry Theme and Mission**

2024 starts the ten-year Enhance Vision of Bethel. We continued our long-term efforts and services for All Saints Home and our church's seniors. We maintained contact with foreign immigrants through on-site settings, particularly through English lessons. We supported a needy church under the Chinese Presbytery (CP) and since 2020, hosted about 100 stayers in Safe and Sound Sleeping Place Ministry (S3P).

The five worship services continued to lead members and friends in worship and service of the Triune God in Teochew, English and Chinese. All worship services used the Book of Deuteronomy as the main preaching text, where we want to strengthen our relationship with God "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength." (Deut. 6:5, NIV)

The following are the highlights of the ministry report:

2. 2024 Elders and Deacons Court: Office Holders

- a. Chairman : Rev Lim Tau Wei
- b. Secretary : Deacon Tan Hui Fern
- c. Treasurer : Deacon Joanne Tay
- d. Vice Treasurer : Deacon Sylvia Koh

3. Enhance Vision of Healthy Church (2024-2033)

- a. In the next 10 years, Bethel will focus on **Strengthening our Relationship with God and Caring for our Future Generation.**
 - 1. Strengthening our Relationship with God:
 - i. We strived to engage God's Word before, during and after worship service.
 - ii. We attempted to retain God's Word with reflection, journalling, discussion, and action.
 - iii. We paid more attention to educate worshippers on the elements and flow of worship service.
 - iv. We made endeavoured to equip members serving in worship service.
 - 2. Caring for our Future Generation:
 - i. Church-wide Future Generation Worship was established and conducted on the last Sunday from July, for our youth and young adults to grow together and transit into the main services.
 - ii. 2 teams were formed to look into Christian Education Curriculum and Mentoring Culture framework.
 - iii. The ministry was exploring ongoing efforts in virtual and physical space conducive for inter-generations.
 - iv. Sis Jemaine Heok was recruited to support the efforts mentioned above while bridging external Future Generations into Bethel.
- b. To facilitate our staff to focus and align ourselves with the Enhanced Vision of Bethel, the team has adopted Ministry Objectives progressively.
- c. Bethel held our first combined church camp since Covid. Members were encouraged by the speaker Rev Dr Caleb Soo. Many relationships were renewed and strengthened. An inter-generational committee conducted Bethel Night and created fond memories for the ages. The organising committee was fielded by strong members and recommended to start preparation early for the next camp in 2026, which we did.

4. The Great Commission of the Church

- a. Bethel upheld the missionary work of our predecessors and continued to reach out to the Teochew speaking community.
- b. Bethel resourced the teaching ministry of Rev. Dr. Jimmy Tan and Dr. Yee Chin Hong at Trinity Theological College (TTC).

- c. Bethel supported local seminaries (TTC & SBC), Christian organizations and overseas missionaries through prayer and financial assistance.
- d. In December, Ps William Heng led a group to Baan Orn for short-term mission.
- e. Online English class of Vision 2A was led and facilitated by Pr Sun Lei.
- f. BMS reviewed and conducted the updated version of Alpha Course for outreach to the Chinese-speaking community.

5. Church is a Part of Society.

a. All Saints Home (ASH):

Bethel is the founding church of All Saints Home, where four nursing centres are in Yishun, Jurong East, Tampines and Poh Huat Road. ASH has a high occupancy rate, exceeding 90% in all; the number of people served by the other three elderly day care centres has returned to pre-pandemic level. ASH bears a huge financial burden, and the board and management actively strengthen the sources of income and watch expenses to ensure healthy finances. ASH was recognised with many awards, including Charity Transparency Award 2024, Singapore Health Quality Service Awards (6 Gold, 35 Silver), and Community Care Excellence Awards (1 Gold, 24 Silver).

b. All Saints Memorial Chapel (ASMC):

The church supported the bereavement and caring ministry of ASMC. Onsite Monthly Memorial Services (MMS) resumed to help believers and family friends to commemorate their predecessors. When necessary, the chapel was used as a venue for bereavement service. ASMC supported missionaries such as Rev. Rev. Dr. Samuel Lee and Dr. Violet Lim, as well as local seminaries (TTC & SBC). ASMC also supported Trinity lecturers, namely Rev. Dr. Jimmy Tan and Dr. Yee Chin Hong. Some pastors and children of pastors from member churches were given bursary to support their formal or theological education.

c. Infant Care/ Pre-School / Day Care:

With the 1-for-1 grant offered by "Jesus The Light" Fund, Bethel underwent revamp that enhanced the visual and functional aspects of the Day Care. The purpose of these expenditures is to remain relevant and appealing to parents and children, so that church can reach out to them. Curriculum and teaching faculty welfare will continue to be improved. The increasing number of new residents moving into the vicinity of Bidadari Estate closest to Infant Care and Preschool is being monitored along with our enrolment.

d. Boys' Brigade (BB) and Girls' Brigade (GB) Ministry:

The church continued to support youth ministry in the community through Boys' and Girls' Brigades. We guide and shape them into young people with character and discipline. Chaplains, Captains, Officers and Volunteers are all committed and involved in it seriously, and we thank God for their selfless efforts and fruitful results.

Leadership renewal is important for sustainability of the ministry, volunteers included. It is particularly difficult when time constraints are experienced by both the school and our volunteers. While we recognise BB & GB to be a meaningful ministry, officers, alumni and

volunteers are finding it tough. We pray for and with them to seek the Lord of the Harvest and call His workers into this harvest field.

This year, BB recruited 18 boys and achieved High Distinction Award for JM Fraser Award (Highest award given to companies for operations). 5 Boys achieved the Founders Award, the highest award in Sec Sch Level: WO Wong Chung You, WO Wilson Chong, SSG Lim Xue Cong, SSG Jazel Seah and SSG Regan Law. At BB Blaze (Annual Adventure Competition covering over 20km with activities such as navigation, kayaking, archery), our Boys, represented by, SGT Kevion Kong, SGT Cui Xinyi, CPL Kiefer Toh, CPL Kieren Fong won 4th place overall! A remarkable year for our Boys!

GB recruited 12 Girls and were happily inducted through enrolment service. Parents were invited and many came to witness the ceremony. GB collaborated with GreenSproutz SG and rallied the school population to reduce, reuse, recycle and repurpose old clothes, contributing to the school's effort in environmental sustainability.

6. Striving to be a faithful and good steward:

- a. Bethel is a teaching venue for Bible Study Fellowship (BSF) Serangoon Class. Revelation study started in August 2024 and will end in May 2025, for a total of 30 weeks. Each month, leaders meet onsite for training, every 1st and 3rd Saturdays while class meets onsite every 1st and 3rd Mondays. They meet online for the remaining Saturdays and Mondays. The onsite attendance averages 250 (adults) and 45 (children). BSF is thankful to Bethel for being "a gracious host—a warm, welcoming, and secure place for the ladies and children to study His Word, truly a tremendous blessing from the Lord".
- b. Since 2015, Bethel has been in a co-agreement with Community for Spiritual Formation (CSF) to serve the spiritual community. CSF is housed in the parsonage and has blessed leaders and believers from corporate sectors, seminaries, church, and parachurch organisations. The co-agreement has been renewed till 2027. CSF held at least 4 sessions of silent retreat for Bethel members in both Mandarin and English.

7. Summary statistics for Y 2024:

Adult baptism: 14
Transfer-in: 3

Infant baptism: 8
Transfer-out: 1

Confirmation: 4
Passed on: 14

Written by Rev Lim Tau Wei, translated by Pr. Hua Jue @ 27 Mar 2025.