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10TH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION AT CERC CAMP



Our biggest camp ever!

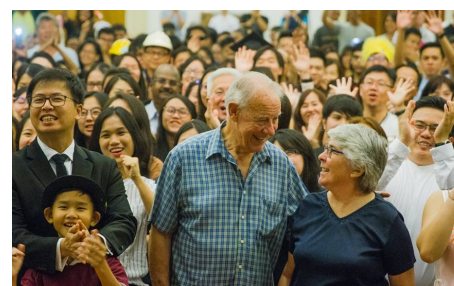
This year at camp, we were privileged to have Rev Phillip Jensen, founder of Matthias Media, and his wife Helen join us in fellowship and encourage us in our ministry, as they taught us about Gospel-centered relationships from the book of Ephesians. We were encouraged and challenged by God's Word to be a Christ-centred and God-glorifying church that builds one another up in love.



As a church, we spent our 10th birthday celebration reminiscing CERC's beginnings and recounting how the church has grown in the last decade. Thoughtful prayers and words of encouragement captured on video from CERC's friends near and far made the celebration even more special.

No camp would have been complete without performance night! So, in CERC fashion, our Growth Groups took turns to perform many thought-provoking skits based on the book of Ephesians and what we learnt at camp.

The celebration ended on a high note with the performances, and it was truly a night filled with joy and thankfulness.





Seven new members

During camp, we celebrated the addition of seven new members to the church family as they made the decision to grow and uphold the holiness of the church together as a united body. We thank God for more who are striving to make the same commitment toward the building up of the body of Christ.

Besides that, we also witnessed the baptism of two sisters-in-Christ. We praise God for His Spirit's work in them that brought them to faith, repentance and the hope of eternal salvation in His Son. We pray that their lives will be fully devoted to the study of the Scripture and faithful living for the Christ.

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I got baptized because I want the world to witness and understand what Christ has done for me - He saved me from my sins and gave me new life! I want everyone to know that I trust Christ for my salvation and I'm committed to live this new life for Him in obedience of faith.

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———— Jovie Tan ————



We are deeply thankful to God for the birth and growth of various ministries, and the maturing of individuals like Dr Eldwin Ooi, despite challenges faced as a church. In the past decade, we have witnessed lives transformed by this powerful Gospel to greater love and service to Him. In line with our 10 years of serving God together, the leaders gathered before the church to share and reflect on their current struggles in ministry. Together as a church, we prayed for them as they continue to strive on in serving the church faithfully.

As we look forward to future decades to come, we also pray that God would keep CERC faithful, continue uniting believers to Himself, enable us to walk in love with full assurance, and overflow with thanksgiving as we do the work of the Lord.

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Through Rev Phillip Jensen's faithful preaching of the Word, I learned how God's vertical relationship with us through Jesus Christ revolutionizes the way we see, understand and go on about our horizontal relationships in the context of friends, family and marriage.

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———— Dr Eldwin Ooi ————

OUR FAMILIES

Congratulations to Elden Pan, our 9th Church Ministers' Apprentice (CMA) and his wife Jou Ee who welcomed their firstborn, Ethan Josiah Pan 4 months ago. Elden has found it a challenge to juggle his roles as a new father, a husband and the ministries he is involved in. Nevertheless, he is taking on this role with full conviction, relying on Christ alone.

A little about Elden: He is a qualified doctor and is currently going through the apprenticeship program to test his suitability as an overseer before embarking on further theological studies if shown to be suitable.



We are thankful to our supporters for partnering us to grow men and women leaders who will be future pastors and ministers of churches in Malaysia. Your support has made it possible for young men like Elden to join the CMA programme as they've taken the call of the gospel seriously in their lives.

Currently, we have 4 apprentices in church, but there are still more than 20 people hoping to join the CMA program by 2023. This program provides apprentices an opportunity to work in full time church ministry on the ground here for 2-3 years and then going on to study at a reputable Reformed Seminary if deemed suitable.

CERC's Theological Education Fund is purposed for raising many more future ministers and pastors through robust training and theological education to serve and build up the church in Malaysia to the glory of God.

Do follow our [Ministry Blogs](#) on our website to get to know more apprentices like Elden and be encouraged with the stories of their transformed lives in full time service to the Lord and how they mature in the duration of the apprenticeship.

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After more than a year's worth of ministry apprenticeship, I have learnt a whole lot more about God and about myself - my gifts/strengths and my weaknesses/ inadequacies. I have learnt how difficult a task it is to be an overseer, and how one must be loyal to Jesus and His Word above all.

—— Elden Pan ——

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INSTALLMENT OF COUNCIL OF ELDERS

On the 16th of September 2018, our Council of Elders was installed before the church and witnessed by our friend and visiting speaker, Dr David Peterson. Mark Leong and Dr Sam Ye Han have been officially appointed to oversee and care for CERC alongside Ps Robin Gan. They are both members and leaders of the church who lead Growth Groups (weekly small groups that meet at various locations in the Klang Valley), care for its members pastorally and have been involved in various ministries for years. We pray for Mark and Sam to be able to carry out the responsibilities given to them with a sense of duty and love for the Lord and His people.

For the past ten months, CERC has been deeply encouraged from studying the Book of Hebrews. We are able to see our only sure and steadfast hope that has been achieved by our Great High Priest.

Thus, our prayer is that we may keep running with endurance the race that is set before us, and always look to Jesus, who is the forerunner and perfecter of our faith.

Have a listen to our [sermons](#) online!



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- An important milestone: the newly established Chinese ministry
- A word from Mark Leong, CERC Elder
- Updates on Growth Accommodation Project (GAP)

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