

God of the Impossible

Read: 1 Kings 17:17-24

By the time we meet up with Elijah in 1 Kings 17:17-24, it's hard not to think of this line, "And the hits just keep on coming!" After several miracles and death-defying adventures, the son of the widow he just rescued becomes deathly ill. Elijah watches his little friend go through the dying process. Surprisingly, the widow blames the prophet for her son's death. For Elijah, the hits just keep on coming.

How do we respond when we get a tongue lashing we don't deserve? Step into defense mode? Return the verbal garbage with garbage of our own? Hurt people tend to hurt people, and Elijah gets wounded here. But he doesn't seek to wound back. He does speak, but not to the woman's tortured logic and agonized questions. Rather, he offers her gentle service and simple burden sharing. Then he gets alone with God and cries out to him for help (1 Kings 17:20), offering up an impossible prayer: "O Lord my God, let this boy's life return to him!" (1 Kings 17:21b).

It's one thing to pray for the weather, as Elijah has recently done. It's another thing to pray for the restoration of life to a dead body. That's something new. But not only does Elijah pray the impossible prayer, he's willing to be ceremonially "unclean" in the process by stretching himself out on the boy three times (1 Kings 17:21a). It was a form of sacrificial intercession in the face of a desperate situation. Happily, the Lord heard Elijah's cry, and the boy's life returned to him (1 Kings 17:22). It's the first resurrection of Scripture. Thankfully, it's not the last.

How do we face an impossible situation today? Like Elijah, we can get alone with God. We can pour out our problems to the Lord. We can strive for patient endurance and calm assurance amid the hits. And we can wait for God to act, receiving his deliverance in due course. Like Elijah, we can be fully persuaded that *hope never dies because the God of the impossible lives.*



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

Transnational Organized Crime: Cybercrime & Human Trafficking.

Amid the spread of industry-scale scam compounds in Cambodia, Myanmar, Laos and Thailand, often linked to criminal networks from China, call on the Lord of Hosts to rescue those who are tricked, trafficked and tortured to scam others. Implore Him to (a) expose and break the power of evildoers behind cybercrime and modern slavery (Ps 10:15); (b) advance awareness, coordination and countermeasures to bring justice and restoration for victims, both trafficked and scammed. Cry out for repentance in nations enabling such syndicates, and for Christ's light to dismantle darkness.

Pray for Singapore

Vaping and Addiction Crisis. Call upon our mighty and merciful Father to intervene in the surge of synthetic drug-laced vaping, asking Him to expose lies, awaken public awareness and shift permissive attitudes. As laws and enforcement catch up with the scale of the vaping crisis, pray for His wisdom to guide lawmakers, enforcers, educators and counsellors with swift, effective solutions. Pray for restored family bonds and communication, and His grace for vulnerable youths to manage negative emotions and encounter Christ, who sets captives free (Isa 61:1; Luke 4:18).

Pray for SACC

We pray for our local Mission, The Friend Space @ Tampines Mart. We commit to support this outreach initiative in our finances, our participation and our prayers. We ask that God will use this work to bring more souls into His Kingdom. We also pray for our overseas Mission in Cambodia. We pray for the student hostel in Pursat and the surrounding churches that we have been supporting. We pray for our Clay Youths who will be going for a Mission Trip to Cambodia in late November.

Collect – 8th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Christian Education: Divine Guidance

31 Aug & 7 Sep 2025, 10:45am-12:30pm



Christian Education



Divine Guidance Pastor Raymond Sim

A two-session course on how do we discern God's will in our lives. This course will look at the various ways OT and NT believers find God's guidance in their lives and how they make decisions. Join us in our search through scriptures how we can find God's will in our lives.

Date: 31 August & 7 September 2025
Time: 10.45 am to 12.30 pm
Venue: Seminar Room 1 & 2
St Andrew's Community Chapel



Register through the QR code or this link: <https://tinyurl.com/cedivineguidance> by 24 August 2025

Other upcoming events:

1. SACC Church Leaders' Retreat – 23 Aug 2025, 9am-1pm
2. CLAY Youth Leaders Meeting – 6 Sep 2025, 10am-3pm
3. SACC Children's Ministry Teachers' Appreciation Day & Lunch
– 7 Sep 2025

An invitation has been/will be sent out to those involved in the above events and/or meetings. Do respond to the invitations soon if you have yet to!

For those that are not involved, please keep our church leaders and staff in prayer and encouragement as they gather to discern the next steps for SACC. Thank you!

Scan the QR codes to join our channels and receive updates before Sunday!

WhatsApp



Telegram



ACTIVITIES @ THE FRIEND SPACE

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



Ribbon Blossoms Making
14, 21, 28 Aug 2025 (Thu)
10am – 12pm

What is wrong with my plant?
16 Aug 2025 (Sat)
10am – 11:30am



Tuna Curry (Racial Harmony Culinary Demo)
30 Aug 2025 (Sat)
10am – 12pm

Alpha Kopi-C 

你正在探索人生的意义吗?
欢迎你用一杯咖啡的时间与我们一起探索!

日期: 8月27日、9月4日、11日、18日、25日
时间: 早上11点
地点: 好趣处 The Friend Space
11 Tampines Street 32 #02-07
Tampines Mart, Singapore 529287
联络: 何赞麟传道 (83999434)

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Alpha Kopi-C
27 Aug (Wed), 4, 11, 18, 25 Sep (Thu) 2025
11am – 12pm
<https://tinyurl.com/SACCalphakopi-c>

(Do note that this Alpha course is held in Mandarin at TFS, so feel free to invite Mandarin speaking friends and family to learn more about Christ!)

TFS August Activities

 Register here

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 The Friend Space 好趣处
八月 AUG 2025
上午 MORNINGS

好趣处是由圣安德烈社区教会创立的社区服务
The Friend Space is a community initiative
by St. Andrew's Community Chapel

TUE  10AM-11AM Exercise/ Line dance 健身操/排舞		10AM-12NN Rummi-O	 
WED  尤克里里 10AM-11AM Ukulele Lesson		你弹我唱 11AM-12PM Friendly Jamming	 
THU  丝带菊花 10AM-12NN Ribbon Blossoms		钩针 10AM-12NN Crochet	 \$8
SAT  16/8 桌游 10AM - 1PM Board Games		What is wrong with my plant? 16/8 10AM-11:30AM	 

SERVICES @ SACC



Sunday Service



When Tragedy Strikes

1 Kings 17: 17-24

Preacher: Pastor Raymond Sim

Sunday 10 August 2025

9am & 11 am

St Andrew's Community Chapel

SACC Clay Youth Ministry



MISSION MILO: WE ARE RECRUITING AGENTS

YOUTH GAMES DAY



Date: Sunday, 10 August 2025 @ 9 AM – 11 AM

Venue: Simei Anglican Care Centre

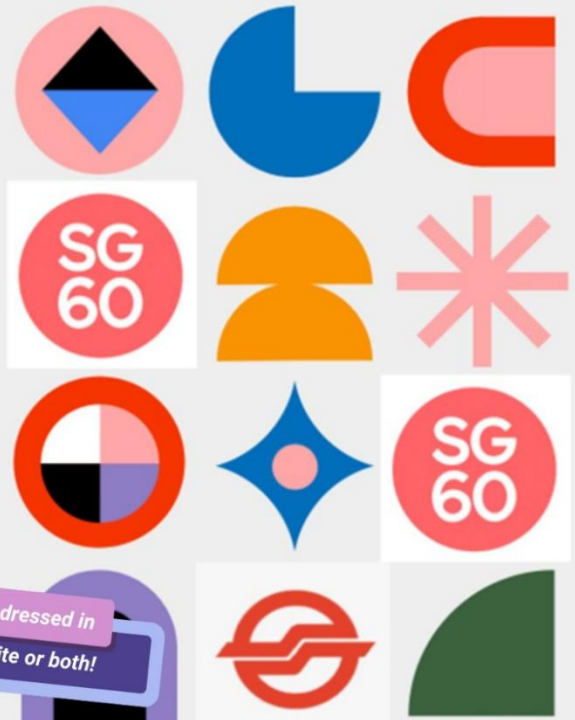


Celebrating SG60

10 August 2025, 9 - 10.30am
St Andrew's Community Chapel
8 Simei St 3 S(529895)
Seminar Room Level 2

SACC OLO & GIANT

Children's National Day Celebrations



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

- Christmas Service (25 Dec, Thu): Oasis

UPCOMING SERMONS

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

Date	Sermon Topic		Preacher
17 Aug	The Fire Fell	1 Kings 18:16-40	Mr Raymond Choo
24 Aug	Open Topic		Rev Nicholas Choo

SERMON NOTES

Speaker: Ps Raymond Sim
Topic : When Tragedy Strikes
Text : 1 Kings 17:17 - 24

INTRODUCTION:

In the first two miracles, God was the one taking all the initiative.

Now God is about to teach Elijah how to exercise faith for himself when tragedies come knocking.

Philippians 4: 11 – 13, Daniel 3: 18, Esther 4: 15, Habakkuk 3; 17-18

WHAT WAS ELIJAH'S RESPONSE?

1. HE PRESENTED THE PROBLEM TO GOD (vs 19)

Elijah's first response was: "Give me your son..."

In times of tragedies, it is not how you explain it but how you handle it that matters.

2. HE PERSEVERED IN PRAYER BEFORE GOD (vs 20a)

Then he cried out to the Lord...

Process of effective intercession:

1. Inquire
2. Identify

Between our prayer and God's answer; there is a period of waiting.

And this period is the trial of faith. (Hebrews 5: 7)

3. HE PROCLAIMED THE POWER OF GOD (vs 20b)

Elijah declared: "O Lord my God, let the boy's life return to him..."

1 Kings 17: 22 – "The Lord heard Elijah's cry..."

CONCLUSION:

The widow declared "Now, I know that you are a man of God and that the word of the Lord from your mouth is the truth..." (vs 24)

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)*
 - o SACC English Congregation 029-900919-2
 - o SACC Cambodia Mission Fund 106-900039-4
 - o 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.