

## Elijah and the Prophets of Baal

**Read:** 1 Kings 18:16-40

The context for this event is the syncretistic worship of the old covenant community. King Ahab ruled about 150 years after David, and by that time, the northern kingdom of Israel was practicing the very evil that the Israelites were supposed to have driven out of the land, namely, idolatry. Under the patronage of Queen Jezebel, prophets of the Canaanite high god Baal had carte blanche to do what they wanted in Israel ([1 Kings 19:1-2](#)). These prophets brought paganism to the ancient Israelites and gave false comfort to the royal court. For his opposition to this pagan worship and the kings who endorsed it, Elijah was labelled the "troubler of Israel" by Ahab (18:17). But the prophet was only doing what the faithful people of God always do, and that is live at peace with others unless and until a response to idolatry is needed.

This sparked a confrontation between Elijah and the false prophets on Mount Carmel. There, before the people of Israel, Elijah called the nation to choose whom it would serve: the Lord or Baal. It was not possible for them to serve both or to be double-minded (vv. 20-21). Of course, this is a theme that appears throughout the prophets and, indeed, the rest of the Bible. God is not interested in half-hearted commitment. He will either have our hearts in their entirety, or He will have nothing to do with us at all (Joshua 24:15; Psalm 119:113; Matthew 6:24; John 14:6).

From a human perspective, Elijah did not have the upper hand. He was outnumbered by the false prophets of Baal. However, that did not stop him from confronting them. We are familiar with the account of each side building an altar to its deity and calling down fire from heaven to prove which one was the true God. Elijah did everything possible to prove that Yahweh was God; he even soaked the sacrifices and built a moat so that only a powerful fire from heaven could consume the offering. That consuming fire is exactly what came for his sacrifice (vv. 22-40). Grounded in the Word of the Lord and trusting fully in His power, Elijah stood down a powerful enemy and testified to divine truth.

[Abridged devotion taken from <https://learn.ligonier.org/devotionals/elijah-and-prophets-baal/>]



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

We lift up in prayer the ongoing war between Ukraine and Russia, and ask for the Lord's divine intervention as Ukraine proposes new peace talks. May God move the hearts of the leaders toward humility, compassion and compromise and that a genuine peace settlement may be reached and their citizens may finally begin to heal and rebuild their lives.

## Pray for Singapore

As Singapore turns 60, we give thanks for God's faithful hand over our nation. May He continue to lead us to turn fully towards Him, with hearts that seek Him first in every season. We pray for a generation of young people to rise up—rooted in truth, and ready to carry the gospel into every sphere of society. May we be a people marked by love, generosity, and courage, always ready to bless the nations beyond our shores. We ask the Lord for strong and lasting friendships on the global stage, and for leaders in our government who are upright, discerning, and committed to the good of the nation.

## Pray for SACC

We thank God for our Sunday School teachers, who volunteer their time and energy to sow seeds of truth into the lives of our children. We lift them to the Lord, praying for renewed strength, deep joy, and fresh creativity to engage the children in ways that bring Scripture to life. May their labour never feel in vain, and may they know how deeply valued they are. We also pray for the parents of these children that they, too, would embrace their role in this ministry, teaching their children the ways of the Lord at home, so that together, we raise a generation that knows, loves, and follows God.

## Collect – 9th Sunday After Trinity

Almighty God, who sent your Holy Spirit to be the life and light of your Church: open our hearts to the riches of your grace, that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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 丝带菊花

免费 free!

学习用丝带制作漂亮的花朵  
Learn to make lovely flowers using ribbons

7/8, 14/8,  
21/8, 28/8  
星期四  
Thursday  
10am - 12pm

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Register

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**Ribbon Blossoms Making**  
**21 & 28 Aug 2025 (Thu)**  
**10am – 12pm**

**Tuna Curry**  
**(Racial Harmony Culinary Demo)**  
**30 Aug 2025 (Sat)**



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30 AUG 2025 SAT

10AM - 12NOON

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Racial Harmony Culinary Demo

**Tuna Curry**  
**(canned tuna)**

报名  
Register

Bold and aromatic, the flaky texture of the tuna absorbs the curry's flavors well, creating a satisfying meal that can be paired with rice, bread, etc. Come learn to cook this dish!

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**UKULELE LESSONS**  
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IS IT YOUR DESIRE TO: HOLD THE UKULELE CORRECTLY? LEARN SOME BASIC CHORDS? LEARN THE HAND POSITION FOR EACH NOTE? BE ABLE TO COUNT TO THE MUSIC BEAT? MASTER BASIC STRUMMING TECHNIQUE? PLAY ALONG SIMPLE SONGS? PLAY WHILE SINGING ALONG WITH OTHERS? COME JOIN US! LEARN TO PLAY THE UKULELE HERE FOR FREE!

PLEASE BRING YOUR OWN UKULELE 请自带乐器

**JUL-SEP 2025 年7月-9月**  
**WEDNESDAYS 每周三**  
**10AM - 12NOON**

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## Ukulele Lessons Jul – Sep 2025 (Wed) 10am – 12pm

## Stronger With Friends (Group Exercise Sessions for Seniors) Every Tuesday 10am – 12pm

**STRONGER WITH FRIENDS**

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10AM - 12PM  
EVERY TUESDAY

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**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  
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Alpha

**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!)



## SERVICES @ SACC



### Sunday Service



### The Fire Fell

1 Kings 18: 16-40

**Preacher: Mr Raymond Choo**

Sunday 17 August 2025  
9 AM & 11 AM  
St Andrew's Community Chapel



### Clay Youth Ministry

### Equip Youth Series **PRIORITIES**

**Preacher: Mr Lucas Ching**

**Sunday, 17 August 2025 @ 9am**  
**St Andrew's Community Chapel**



**SACC GIANT CHILDREN MINISTRY (7-12 YEARS OLD)**



**ELIJAH DARES TO BE DIFFERENT  
COURAGE TO STAND FOR GOD  
1 KINGS 18:1-2, 17-39**

Date: 17 August 2025  
Time: 9 AM  
St. Andrew's Community Chapel

Teachers  
Lily Li  
Chen Shi Hong  
Foo Chuan Gin



**SACC OLO Children's Ministry (3-6 years old)**



**Daniel & the Lion's Den**  
Daniel 6

Date: 17 August 2025  
Time: 9 AM  
St. Andrew's Community Chapel

Teachers:  
Winifred Cher, Natalya Thangamany, Amanda





## 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 <sup>st</sup> Sunday (Holy Communion for 1 <sup>st</sup> Service + Prayer over children)	CLAYERS + John 13:34	Company of Christ
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday	Beacon	Grace@228
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday	1 John 4:19	5 Loaves & 2 Fish
4 <sup>th</sup> Sunday	Oasis	Koinonia
5 <sup>th</sup> 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
24 Aug	Open Topic		Rev Nicholas Choo
31 Aug	Prayer that Prevails	1 King 18:41-46	Rev Freddy Lim

## SERMON NOTES

Speaker: Mr Raymond Choo

Topic : The Fire Fell

Text : 1 Kings 18:16-40

### A. The Conforming King

### B. The Compromising People

### C. The Confrontational Prophet

### D. Application

- Character to honour God
- Courage in God in the actions
- Confidence in God's guidance in the steps

### Reflection and discussion questions

1. Have you ever been in a situation (e.g. at work, school, family, friends, community, etc.) when you went along with the crowd or majority instead of doing what you knew was right? What made it easy or difficult for you to stand against the majority?
2. As Christians we may not engage in idol worship. However, are there idols in our lives or do we make "sacrifices" to these false gods? Are there any "false gods" in our society that bind, distract and entice us from worshipping the one true God? Is there the centrality of Christ in our hearts?
3. Pray for each other to be strengthened, and to see the fire of God's transforming power and removal of whatever hinders His power and renewal in our lives.

## 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.