

The Road to Emmaus

Read: Luke 24:13-35

The late John H. Gerstner once told a story about an encounter he had with Perry Miller, America's foremost Jonathan Edwards scholar. Miller greatly respected the sheer brilliance and complexity of Edwards' thought, which is not surprising, since many people have regarded Edwards as the greatest theologian America ever produced. However, at the same time, this learned man considered Edwards' biblical presentations on hell in sermons such as "Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" to be repulsive.

Dr. Gerstner, knowing that this scholar was not a Christian, once remarked to him that if Edwards was right then he, as an unbeliever, was in serious trouble. The professor could only reply, "I know, I just hope that he is wrong."



In a similar fashion, a person can study the Word of God for many years and still not be convinced to trust in its message. Apart from the sovereign intervention of the Lord's grace, we are dead in sin and unable to respond to the message of salvation found in sacred Scripture (Ephesians 2:1–3). Without the work of the Spirit through the preaching of the Word, no man can ever trust in the promises God made through Jesus (John 3:5; Romans 10:14–15).

The meeting Jesus had with the two disciples on the road to Emmaus after His resurrection helps to illustrate this point. These two men, greatly discouraged after the death of this great prophet and teacher, find it unbelievable that this "stranger" does not seem to know of the events of Christ's passion (Luke 24:13–21). And remarkably, even the evidence of the empty tomb could not convince these disciples that their Lord had returned to life (vv. 22–24).

No, it took Jesus Himself to open their eyes to the necessity of the Messiah's death and resurrection as predicted in the Law and the Prophets (vv. 25–35). Scripture remains the Word of God regardless of whether or not we ever trust in its promises, but it takes the intervention of the Almighty to cause us to believe in its message. May we always be quick to heed the Word whenever the Holy Spirit opens its meaning to us.





Pray for an end to conflicts, violence, and unrest, and for the hearts of people to be turned towards peace. Pray for God's protection for those affected by natural disasters, poverty, and other hardships. Pray for the government and political leaders, seeking wisdom, integrity, and compassion.

Pray for Singapore

Pray for our newly elected leaders that God will endow upon them 6 traits:

- 1. Wisdom from above (James 3: 13-17)
- 2. Integrity (Proverbs 11: 3)
- 3. Shepherding (Jeremiah 3: 15)
- 4. Exemplary (James 1: 9)
- 5. Lead with courage (Micah 6: 8)

Pray for SACC

Pray for our community in SACC as we celebrate Parents Day today. Pray for every parent, grandparent and godparent that they will live their lives as an example to their children and grandchildren.

Pray for every child that they will grow up to be a man/woman after God's heart.



Collect – 4th Sunday of Easter

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.



Vicar on Sabbatical Leave

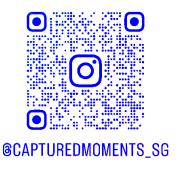
Dear members of SACC, please be informed that our Vicar, the Rev Daniel Tong, will be on sabbatical leave from **1 May to 31 October 2025**. In his absence, it is the intention of our Bishop, the Rt. Rev. Dr. Titus Chung, to appoint the Rev Luke Ting as Acting Vicar. Kindly keep both our Vicar and Rev Luke in prayer during this time. Thank you.

Parents Day

Parents Day will be on 11 May 2025.

There will be a complimentary magnet to be given to all parents, grandparents and godparents which will be customized with a picture taken of them! <u>Please come early before 9am service begins</u> to have your family photo taken at the counter. The magnet will be prepared during the service and you can collect it after 9am service.

This is sponsored by Captured Moments, check out their works on Instagram!





St Peter's Hall Roadshow

St Peter's Hall (SPH) is home of training for the Anglican Diocese in Trinity Theological College. They will be having a roadshow on **18 May 2025** in SACC to showcase the courses they offer to any interested church member.

There will be a photo booth set up, a video presented, as well as a Q&A session with SPH staff which will all be held in the Seminar Rooms. There will also be light refreshments, so please do stay back to enjoy it while learning more about SPH after the 9am service!

Scan the QR code below to view the SPH Roadshow Flyer.





Vocare is a structured Diocesan programme for those who are keen to explore full-time ministry. Through guided sessions, mentorship and hands-on experience, we help you discern if you are called into full-time ministry.

There will be a 3-day 2-night retreat in Johor Bahru held from 23 to 25 July 2025 which will have sessions designed to help them discern their calling, and understand their strengths and personality. They will also have the opportunity to hear from full-time ministry workers and connect with like-minded brothers and sisters in this journey. Registration closes on 31 May 2025.

If you are interested or require further information, scan the QR code below to view the website.





ACTIVITIES @ THE FRIEND SPACE

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



Decoupage 15 May 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm

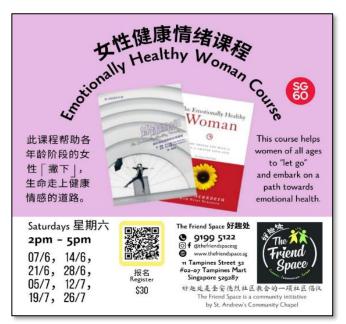
Celebrate Parents' Day 31 May 2025 (Sat) 11am – 4pm





Learn to Make Nyonya Otak 5 Jun 2025 (Thu) 10am – 12pm





7, 14, 21, 28 June & 5, 12, 19, 26 July (Sat) 2pm – 5pm

Emotionally Healthy Woman Course







TFS – May Morning Activities



SERVICES @ SACC



Parents' Day Family Service



Alive with Hope

Luke 24: 13-35

Pastor Raymond Sim

Date: 11 May 2025 Time: 9 am & 11 am

Venue: St Andrew's Community Chapel

Clay Youths, OLO & Giant Children will be attending the Family Service

SACC SUNDAY SERVICE @ 9 AM



PARENT'S DAY FAMILY SERVICE

OLO & GIANT Kids will join their parents at the Main Service

Date: 11 May 2025



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
18 May	Living in Freedom	John 21: 1-7	Mrs Ruth Sim
25 May	Spiritual Peace in an Age of Anxiety	John 20: 19-23	Mr Raymond Choo



SERMON NOTES

Speaker: Ps Raymond Sim Topic: Alive with Hope Text: Luke 24: 13-25

Introduction

Luke is the only one of the four gospel writers to include this story of 2 men who met the resurrected Christ on the way to Emmaus.

I. Jesus seeks for us - Luke 24: 15-16

II. Jesus opened our eyes to the scriptures – Luke 24: 27

Luke 16:31, John 1: 45, John 5: 46

III. Jesus reveals Himself - Luke 24: 41-43, Acts 1: 4, John 21: 9-15

IV. Jesus moves us to share with others - John 20: 29

Conclusion

As Parents – Let us ask God to open an opportunity for us to impact our children this week as we share something spiritual with our children.

As Children – Let us ask God for an opportunity to show God's love to our parents with acts of kindness.

And everyone else – Let us ask God for an opportunity to show God's love to someone in your sphere of influence.

What will you do for Jesus this week?





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
PAY NOW	PAY	PAY NOW #
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)

SACC English Congregation
SACC Cambodia Mission Fund
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

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- 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.