

“Our Vision is to be a House of Healing to the Nations,
Reflecting the Glory of God, Full of Grace and Truth.”

COLLECT FOR 18TH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 forever.

Article: The Importance Of Obedience

Read: 1 Samuel 15:22-24

Human beings are naturally religious, and part of that religious impulse involves following religious rituals. In most of the world's religions, central importance is placed on the proper following of ritual while less attention is devoted to right belief. Orthopraxy—rightly following regulations and rituals—tends to take precedence over orthodoxy—right beliefs and theology. Biblical Christianity stands out as the exception. Various regulations and rituals have been important in church history, but Christian theology tends to focus more on getting our beliefs right than on enforcing adherence to a set of religious rituals.

Yet, God's people have sometimes elevated external conformity over heart-motivated belief and obedience. King Saul committed that error when he disobeyed God's command to annihilate the Amalekites and their livestock ([1 Sam. 15:1-9](#)). He preserved the Amalekite king, Agag, and several of the best Amalekite animals. And when Samuel came to confront Saul for his disobedience, Saul explained that he spared the animals so as to make the best sacrifice to the Lord (vv. 10-16). Saul was so focused on the external letter of the law—giving the best animal for sacrifices—that he violated the Lord's explicit will for dealing with the Amalekites. For this blatant disobedience, God rejected him as Israel's king, pledging to give the throne to another (vv. 17-31).

It is important to get the externals right, and the intent to be faithful in the rituals is not a bad thing in itself. When Samuel said, under God's inspiration, that obedience is better than sacrifice (vv. 22-23), he did not mean that the sacrificial system was optional or that offering quality sacrifices was unimportant. His point was that we cannot offer a proper sacrifice if we are not intent on following all of God's commandments. Saul lacked that intent, so he thought it would be fine if he gave the choicest Amalekite animals to the Lord even when that entailed disregarding what God had told him to do.

Note also the statement in today's passage that “the LORD regretted that he had made Saul king” even as the text also says that God does not “have regret” (vv. 29, 35). We have no contradiction here; rather, the point is that the Lord's regret or change of mind is not the same thing we experience as human beings. God does not literally change His mind. He did not fail to anticipate what would happen with Saul. The author is speaking of the Lord in a “human way” to help us understand that He was angry with Saul.

[<https://www.ligonier.org/learn/devotionals/importance-of-obedience>]

Upcoming Sermons | 2022 Theme: By My Spirit, Says The Lord (Zechariah 4:6)

Date	Sermon topic		Speaker
23 Oct	Caring For True Teachers	3 John Matthew 10:16-23	Ps Raymond Sim
06 Nov	Open Topic		Bishop Low Jee King
13 Nov	Taste and See That He Is Good	Psalm 38	Revd Daniel Tong
20 Nov	The Thirsting Soul Satisfied	Psalm 63	Mr Raymond Choo

Prayer and Praise 2022

Date	Topic and Text		Speaker
28 Oct	Serve God Cheerfully	Colossians 4:22-25	Revd Daniel Tong

Pray for the World

Lord, as our neighbour, Malaysia, head to the polls, we pray for the raising of men and women of integrity, compassion, vision and ability to be duly elected to lead the nation. We pray that the citizens of the land not to be discerning, and vote for those who would speak the truth and uphold the law. Guide the citizens to vote discerningly and wisely, without engaging in either race or religious politics in the casting of their votes. Let the most upright and able people be elected and enter into office. Let those who will be elected serve their country and fellow citizens wholeheartedly and sacrificially, and find in this itself their satisfaction and joy.

Pray for Singapore

Lord, we continue to pray for the building up of our 4G (Fourth Generation) political leaders to grow in knowledge and experience, but more so, in dedication to their service of the people of our land. As with our first generation of pioneer politicians, grant this new leadership a clear vision of where to steer our nation and the courage and ability to bring us into toward this future. Grant our 4G leaders the same moral uprightness and fortitude, not just to lead our nation into sustained economic development, but more importantly, raise and establish our future generations in godly character – according to Your biblical standard.

Pray for SACC

Lord, as the end of 2022 draws near, we look afresh to You for the salvation of our loved ones and friends, praying for a breakthrough this Christmas so we may celebrate their salvation this year!

We seek Your face this week:

1. For our planned Christmas outreach: for the invitation to our non-believing contacts to a Christmas party will be accepted, as will our Invitation to our Christmas service; but more than this, that the good news to be shared at these events will be well received and lead to their conviction to accept our Lord Jesus Christ as Lord.
2. For our children and youth ministries, men and women fellowships, cell groups and Christian education classes, worship services and prayer meetings, to be blessed with Your real presence and touch each time we gather.
3. For our Chaplaincy of SACH and outreach to our surrounding community to be full of Your favour, and the mighty reaping of the lost in this world finding salvation in You.
4. For our Sunday sermons, Christian education programmes and small group Bible studies, to help our members grow in our knowledge, love and service unto You.

A Prayer Request, Feedback, or Query

Have you a prayer request? Some feedback to share?
Queries with regard to our church, how you may serve, or about life?
Write to bridget_tan@sacc.org.sg and we will link you with the best person who may help.



Announcements and Upcoming Events

**We have started our 2nd Worship Service,
on 4 September, 11am.**

Staff Movement

Rev Daniel Tong will be on leave from 4 to 18 October 2022. He is contactable during this period.

SOS Silent retreat

SOS will be having a silent retreat on 19 November 2022 from 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

We will like to invite you to the SOS Silent Retreat “Moving in the Spirit : Holy Spirit & Me”.

It will be a personal time of resting through prayer, reflection and meditating on his words.

Date: 19 Nov 2022, Saturday Time: 8.30 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Venue: Life Springs Canossian Spirituality Centre

Please register with this link:

<https://tinyurl.com/saccsosretreat>



SACC Christmas at my home

- Invite your pre-believing friends to your Christmas party at your home in December
- Watch Kelvin Soh's Testimony Video at your party
- Invite them for Christmas Service on 25 Dec 2022
- Kelvin Soh will be singing and sharing more of his testimony at our Christmas Service.

Be part of our Christmas outreach by signing up as a party host!
An "Andrew Pack" will be given to you to assist you in your party.
<https://tinyurl.com/Christmasatmyhome2022>

Clay Youth Camp 2022

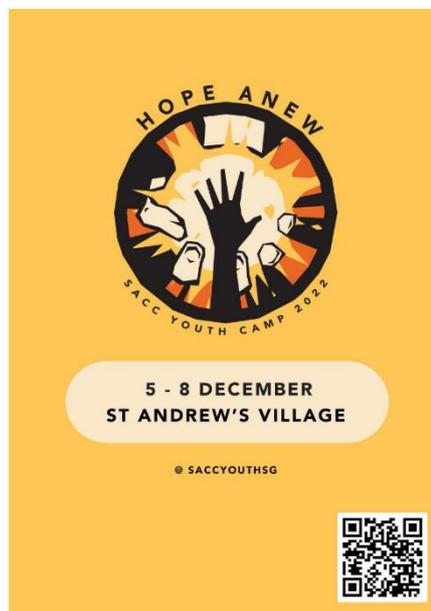
Theme: Hope Anew!

Venue: St Andrew's Retreat Centre, St Andrew's Village

Date: 5-8 December 2022

Please register your youths with this link:

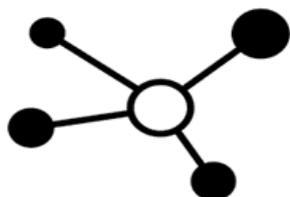
tinyurl.com/2022saccyouthsg



By now all of you should have received your Service attendance card. Please contact the office @ 65861981 if you still have not received it.



A gentle reminder that this service attendance card only for service use and allow admittance to level 2 Chapel and MPH area during our service timing (Sunday 8.30am to 12noon). If you are visiting any patients in the ward, please follow the hospital guidelines and register at the triage for visit.



SACC Cell Life – Be Part of it

In our cell groups we fellowship, support each other, and serve the community alongside one another. We welcome you to share and be part of these groups situated in Simei, Tampines and Bedok. Contact us today at admin_info@sacc.org.sg and let's explore together the best for you!



Speaker : Revd Gilbert Wong

Title : Right Is Better Than Rite

**Sermon : 1 Samuel 15:22-24
Matthew 6:1-4**

Introduction

Conclusion

*Our services and sermons can also be accessed at <http://tinyurl.com/SACCyoutube>
For more information about SACC, please visit www.sacc.org.sg*

Usher Duty

1 st Sunday	- 5 Loaves & 2 Fish, Loving God 2Gather, 1 Kings 8:5-7
2 nd Sunday	- Oasis
3 rd Sunday	- 1 John 4:19
4 th Sunday	- CLAY, Mark & Agnes
5 th Sunday	- Beacon, Grace@228, Mark & Agnes

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:

<p>SACC (English) T08CC4074CEC1</p>  <p>DBS 029-900919-2</p>	<p>SACC Cambodia Mission Fund T08CC4074CCMF</p>  <p>DBS106-900039-4</p>	<p>SACC Growth Fund T08CC4074CGF2</p>  <p>DBS 106-900038-6</p>
<p>Remember to indicate your tithe number / purpose of transfer.</p>		

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 website portal.