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### SERVE IN Faith!

We had our first indoor Ministry Fair on Sunday, 8 January 2023 for members and worshippers of Faith Methodist Church (FMC) to heed the call to serve in various ministries. To emphasize the important roles volunteers play in each Sunday's worship service, that Sunday's worship service was one with minimal use of volunteers. Worshippers found themselves coming into church without seeing the usual friendly greeters and needing to find seats without any ushers' help. Worship was led by Church staff instead of the usual worship volunteers. Booths were set up inside Worship Hall by the various Ministries to showcase the work they do and recruit volunteers. We had good sign-ups of 186 persons who heeded Pastor John's call that Serving = Loving in his sermon to worshippers to step up to serve. We hope those are volunteering find meaning in the Ministries they have chosen to serve.



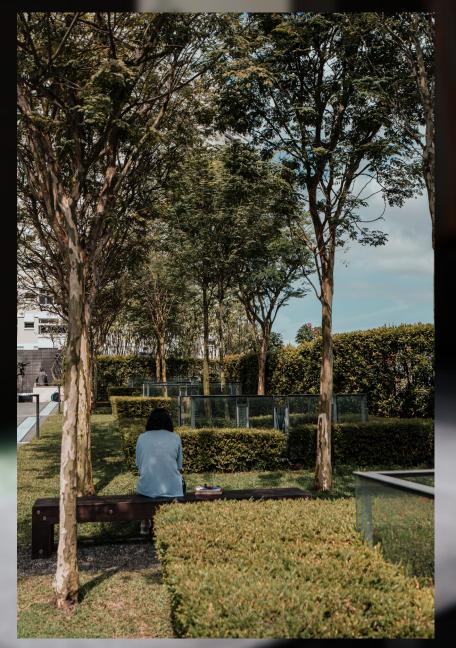


For those of you who feel led to serve, sign up @

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Faith organized a guided one-day retreat on 21 Feb at the San Damiano Franciscan Centre @ Bukit Batok to provide a space for individuals to spend time quieting their hearts and listening to God about what He wants to say about Loving People Genuinely. Here's a testimony from one of our participants:



It's my first time joining a retreat session organized by Faith. Initially, I was quite clueless as to how it was going to be and was afraid that it would be hard for me to understand and follow. However, during the guided sessions, it was well organized, and thanks to our guide, I was able to focus on the content. In my solitude, I was able to ask God to speak to me. The theme about love and was reconciliation, and we were to reflect on our concerns, hopes, and sins. I had a very personal encounter with God during that retreat and was very touched by God. Overall, I think that such retreats are necessary and helpful for everyone, regardless of their age or season in life.

Jeanly, Silent Retreat Participant

## **Conversations@Faith**

What does it mean to love people genuinely?



More than 120 persons came together on 18 February to join in Conversations at Faith 2022 and gain new insights on how we can love people: on the fringe of society, in our small groups, at work, in our families, our spouses. These are all about Love People Genuinely- the Church's direction for 2023.

FaithLink Snapshot (FLS) caught up with the Organising Chairman, as well as some speakers and participants on their thoughts of Conversations at Faith.

Conversations@Faith is organised for us to learn, reflect and converse on complex issues so that we can be faithful witnesses for Christ in where we placed. This year's theme is Love People Genuinely in alignment with church's direction. I hope through the conversations, we can learn to love people whom God has placed around us, such as our family, small groups and people we work with Monday to Friday. We have intentionally included Love people on the fringes to expose us to love beyond our comfort zone. My prayer is that we will be inspired to act in love to people.

Khoo Tse Horng Chairperson, Organising Committee



### Loving ofhers is about listening with the heart of Christ.

Dr Tan Lai Yong, Plenary Speaker

To love ofhers well, one must first seek to understand and empathize with them, and then actively choose to serve and sacrifice for their well-being.

> Isaac Ong, <mark>Speaker</mark> Love People at Workplace

We must have faith in God and trust Him to use us for His plans to touch our colleagues, bosses or business partners. Just as God accepts and loves us wholeheartedly, we should do the same to our colleagues and bosses. We should care about them, their lives and what they are going through.

## LOVE IS

What does "love" encompass and mean?



We embarked on an 11-week series and discovered what LOVE IS in the Bible! In line with the church direction 'Love People Genuinely', the sermon series followed the book of 1 Corinthians 13 where our pastors covered different aspects of what Love Is.

We also held a "LOVE IS" quiz where we recapped some of the things we learned during the sermon. Congratulations to these winners!







Blackpink in your area ~ The Tacklebox has resumed meeting on 4th and 5th Sundays of the month! We kicked off the homecoming celebrations for our January TTB Meets with a game of colour bingo, to give our youths a chance to get to know and welcome our newly-inducted Year 1s into TTB. Each level came dressed in a specific colour, and had to pair off with someone from another level to complete some simple tasks! It was great to see the interactions between levels. We also embarked on the "Love Is..." sermon series along with the rest of Faith Methodist Church, as we live out our church's 2023 direction of Love People Genuinely.

To cap things off, our MATCH ministry also did up a polaroid mural of each person in TTB, providing everyone an opportunity to look inward and reflect on the sermon, and to pen down their prayers for TTB. We ended our celebrations with a food fellowship of Old Chang Kee and Krispy Kreme donuts!

#### So what are you waiting for? Join us at our TTB Meets every 4th and 5th Sundays of the month at Anglo-Chinese Junior College LT4, 9am!

# ONE JAN PLAYSHOP

welcome to one jam

Playshop!

ONEJAM held a Playshop for our Faith Kids on 11 March in our Attic Level! The theme for this playshop was 'Shake it up cafe', and the children had a blast through many food-related activities! They heard the story of Jesus feeding the 5000 and learned that each one of us has a gift that God can use for His glory. The children also learned about the science behind cooking as they made their own butter and ice cream.

Check out these photos to see how much fun they had that morning!





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