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# The Importance of Family Altar

Many of us pray only when we fail or when we run into difficulties. Sometimes, we don't even pray. But we should not only pray during hard or bad times. 1 Thessalonians 5:16 says that we are to *"pray without ceasing, (and) give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for (us)."*

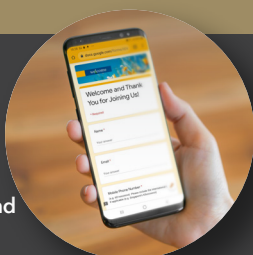
Prayer should be a lifestyle, reflecting a life that is dependent on the Almighty, Creator God. After all, what differentiates Christianity from other religions is that we have a personal

relationship with God. As beings created to communicate and connect, it is wonderful that we have also been given the divine privilege of being engaged in conversation with our Father in heaven, anywhere and anytime.

After years of planting and watering, I have come to realize the rewards of cultivating the habit of praying together as a family. Although we may not see the fruits immediately, harvest time is one of the greatest joys. As a parent, I want to see my children growing up depending

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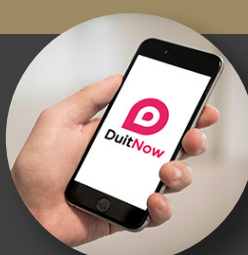
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on God. More than anything else, it is my desire to see my children have a personal relationship with Him. And having family altar time is a great way to come before God as a family, and learn and grow together.

I have been setting up our family altar since my children were in their toddler years. I pray with them at night before bedtime. In the more recent years, my children started taking turns to pray, and I find myself amazed at their prayers. Their prayers are simple and practical; they feel no need to use bombastic words or perfect sentences. Night after night, I would hear conversations from their hearts that reflect their spiritual growth and journey with God.

There are times when I have to remind them not to pray mechanically, because saying the same prayer in the same manner is not praying from the heart. While there is no one right way to pray, it is during the family altar that I am able to guide my children in the right understanding of who God is and what prayer is about.

So, what are the fruits currently growing in their lives? Here are a few examples:

- *"No need one la, no need to see doctor, mommy. I trust in God."*
- *"Mommy, when I am lonely, I would pray. When I pray, I would cry."*
- *"I was just talking to God, mommy."  
(When I spotted her "strange" behaviour.)*

In a recent incident, my son was in pain and he was lying down. Without prompting, my 7-year-old laid hands on her brother and prayed. She had never done it before; she had only ever seen it done. I didn't expect it from her as she is the least exposed to church and church community - not only because she is the youngest but also because of MCO. As a mother, it was encouraging to witness her actions. And when I am feeling down, God uses incidences like this to remind me to rely on Him for hope and strength.

Philippians 4:6-7 says, *"Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."*



This passage tells us that God does not measure how eloquent we are or how amazing our prayers sound. In everything, we are to speak to Him just as we are, regardless of the circumstances we are in. Personally, there have been times when I would wrestle with God, and when I was lost for words. But God is ever there, in His throne room, waiting to meet me.

Prayer is a powerful weapon because it gives us direct access to God. It is the tool we can use against the schemes of the enemy. It brings hope and assurance to the hopeless and the restless. Through the years, I have come to know that even the whispers of my heart rise to Him, and He hears me and answers me. Yes, God answers prayers, though not always in the manner we expect Him to. But we can be sure that our loving God hears our every prayer.

My prayer ministry began at home, and it has been amazing to see my children's lives impacted by the power of prayer. As parents, when we establish family altar time, we declare that Christ is first and foremost the Anchor and Chief Cornerstone of our home. He is our firm foundation. I would like to encourage you, if you haven't already, to begin your prayer ministry at home. Sow into the lives of your family members, especially your children, and the Lord will bring about a harvest in His good time. <sup>FB</sup>



**By Ann Lim**

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# Ministry Corner

Featuring

# Covenant Christian Center

Covenant Christian Center (CCC) is an extension of the Christian Education ministry at FBC, with a vision of reaching and influencing the nation for Christ, one transformed child at a time. It's our mission to build character, nurture competency and critical thinking towards a Christ-like ethos in every child.

CCC uses a Bible-based education curriculum as a platform to reach out to both the church and unchurched community within the FBC radius. All our educational materials (be it a core or an elective subject) are systematically thought out and written from a Biblical worldview to guide students to see God's purpose and plan in every facet of life. The methodology used is called "Progress Motivated, Individualised Programme Learning". For more information on our curriculum, you can check out [\*A.C.E. Ministries\*](#).

Although the CCC curriculum allows for the student to learn outside the four walls of the school, many of our students (even the introverts among us) have expressed their desire to go back to physical school

when the pandemic eases. Indeed, many "can't wait" to go back to school! Not only do they long to fellowship with one another, but they also miss the togetherness and friendships that they have built over the years. However, we have learnt to be patient and to wait upon the Lord, to trust Him and know that all things work well for those who love Him. (Romans 8:28)

Each year, we have activities that help foster deeper friendships amongst staff and students, like our Parent-Staff Fellowship and Awards Night, where parents are invited to come and celebrate their children's achievements. During the annual Regional Student Convention (RSC), each student is given the opportunity to develop life skills, leadership skills, and foster new friendships when they meet and compete with students from other Learning Centers in the region of Malaysia and Singapore. There are over 140 events from which they can choose from, including computer technology, media, sports, academics, music, public speaking, and preaching.





Our students have adapted to online learning. They have progressed well in their academics and have matured both physically and spiritually despite the pandemic. In fact, we are proud to have 2 of our students graduate with the American High School diploma (honours) for both 2020 and 2021. In the coming year, we will have another 5 who will be graduating.

We are thankful that students attending CCC have not been greatly affected, owing to how our curriculum is structured. This has given us a great opportunity to minister to the families and encourage them to grow spiritually. As for those who are not Christians, this season has given us the opportunity to pray for them and share the gospel with them. We thank God that a few of our children have accepted the Lord, and some are developing a personal relationship with Him.

If you are wondering how you can serve with us, CCC needs volunteers - both young and old. We need mature Christians who can be good listeners, counsellors, and mentors. We also need people who are willing to assist in reading, teaching, and learning alongside the students. We need young people with caring hearts and those who are able to minister to the younger children through this educational platform. We also need people ready to do "good works", helping the young ones navigate through the many distractions of social media.

Due to the nature of our curriculum, prospective students can enrol at any time of the year. If you are interested to find out more about CCC, please contact **Mdm Lee Lin** at **016 663 9454**. ☎

**Find out how you can pray for CCC  
in the Prayer Spotlight section on Page 6.**



# FBC NEEDS YOU

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## SUNDAY SCHOOL

We are looking for teachers. (Men, especially!) You will be involved in facilitating Sunday School classes and building relationships with the children of FBC.



## ALPHA

We are looking for facilitators and befrienders. You will be involved in creating a safe space where people from all walks of life can discuss faith, life, and God.



## ZOOM

### Host & Co-Host

We are looking for volunteers to host our ZOOM Sunday worship services. You will be involved in posting announcements in the chat and ensuring that the worship services run smoothly.



## FBC COMMUNITY CONNECTION

We are looking for coordinators, copywriters, graphic designers and social media managers. You will be part of a team that reaches out to the community through live webinars relating to current issues and concerns.



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## | Pulpit Program

August 15, 2021  
**The Mission of Jesus**  
(Matthew 9:1-17)



**PREACHER**  
Pastor Joash Chan

August 22, 2021  
**The Trustworthiness of Jesus**  
(Matthew 9:18-34)



**PREACHER**  
John Lee

August 29, 2021  
**The Compassion of Jesus**  
(Matthew 9:35-10:15)



**PREACHER**  
Dr Peter Ng

September 5, 2021  
**The Divisiveness of Jesus**  
(Matthew 10:16-42)



**PREACHER**  
Lee Yee Dian

## | Worship with Us



**MAIN SERVICE**  
| ZOOM |  
Sundays 8:45am & 11:15am



**YOUTH SERVICE**  
| ZOOM |  
Sundays 9:00am



**SUNDAY SCHOOL**  
for Ages 0-12yrs  
| ZOOM |  
Sundays



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## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

Covenant  
Christian Centre



1. Pray that God will continue to keep our students and their families safe.
2. Pray that our students will continue to grow in the knowledge of God.
3. Pray for more volunteers to join CCC, especially those who are passionate about education and interested to extend God's kingdom through an education platform.
4. Pray for a small percentage of students whose parents are not actively participating in their children's course work, whether it be due to personal stresses, not being fluent in English, etc. Pray that God will grant the students insight as they study and learn independently.
5. Pray for parents who may be struggling financially because of the pandemic.

## | Upcoming Events



**VBS Volunteer Recruitment**  
VBS is upon us this  
13 to 17 December!

We need all the help we can get to bring children to build their foundation in Jesus!

**CLICK HERE** to register as a volunteer for our very first online VBS. For enquiries, please email [vbsfbcsubang@gmail.com](mailto:vbsfbcsubang@gmail.com)



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**Lammy Tan**  
at **012-386 8460**.



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**Daily Prayer Meeting**  
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to Thursday  
9:00pm  
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Password: pray



**Monthly Prayer Meeting**  
28 August 2021  
(Saturday)  
2:00pm to 3:30pm  
Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137  
Password: pray

**More Information on Upcoming Events**