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# IS THERE LIFE ON MARS?



In a new study reported on 5th September 2021, NASA found that future missions to Mars should be limited to four years. This is to protect astronauts from harmful radiation because, unlike Earth, the surface of Mars is relatively unprotected from radiation from the sun.

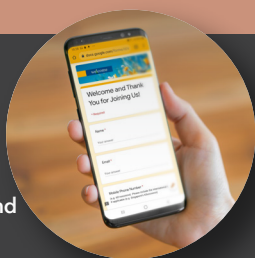
Here on Earth, we receive protection from our thick

atmosphere and the magnetic field. The atmosphere helps absorb harmful solar rays and the magnetic field helps repel dangerous electromagnetic particles by deflecting them back into space.

It was not too long ago when it was thought that finding extra-terrestrial lifeforms would be easy. After all, there are so many

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candidates to choose from the heavens above. Astrobiologists believed that it was only a matter of time before evolved lifeforms would be found. But not so fast, my friend.

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But just because Mars is a dead world today, does it mean that it was dead all along? So, probes were sent to look for evidence of life. First, there were the fly-past space probes, followed by orbiters, and then landers. They found nothing. Later, rovers also found nothing.

There's one big difference between the landscapes of Earth and Mars: even in the most hostile environments on Earth, there's life; not so on Mars. Mars is bone dry with an atmosphere only about 1% the density of Earth's. With the hope of finding ancient life forms a fleeting reality, the search switched to finding water. They did find some trace evidence of water, but no life.

Earth on the other hand has seas and oceans covering some 70% of its surface. Additionally, there's 2% fresh water found in rivers and lakes. Without these water coverings, our planet would be overheated as the seas and oceans are needed to regulate and buffer the temperature. And the waters of the Earth are prevented from evaporating into space by the presence of a thick atmosphere. On Earth, there is life, forests, trees, shrubs, grasslands, and plankton-covered oceans. The balance in the ecology is simply too amazing to be discounted as coincidence.


In the Biblical narrative, the creation of the Earth is a carefully thought out one. First, there was the creation of light, by which all standards were measured, giving rise to distance and time, which in turn gave rise to the concept of speed.

After day and night were realized and the moon created to regulate and synchronize a calendar, life was created- plants first, and then living creatures. Finally, human beings were created and placed in the beautiful garden of Eden.

All things were put in place in good order for life to not only be sustained but to flourish. Different parts of creation supported each other in good order for things to work well. Everything was good.

That being such, the search for life, past or present, on Mars, or anywhere else in the universe would prove futile, unless God had already created life there. Life had to be created or else there wouldn't be life at all.

*For the beauty of the earth  
For the glory of the skies  
For the love which from our birth  
Over and around us lies  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise*

*For the beauty of each hour  
Of the day and of the night  
Hill and vale and tree and flow'r  
Sun and Moon and stars of light  
Lord of all, to Thee we raise  
This our joyful hymn of praise* 



**By Merrill Leong**  
Merrill is a member of KARIS.



## Life Group Splash Featuring

# Saujana LG

### Describe Saujana LG in 3 words.

Yuw Han: "Deep. Inclusive. Enduring."

Cynthia: "Family. Real. Life."

(These words describe not only how we see ourselves but the ideals that we as a group aspire to become more of!)

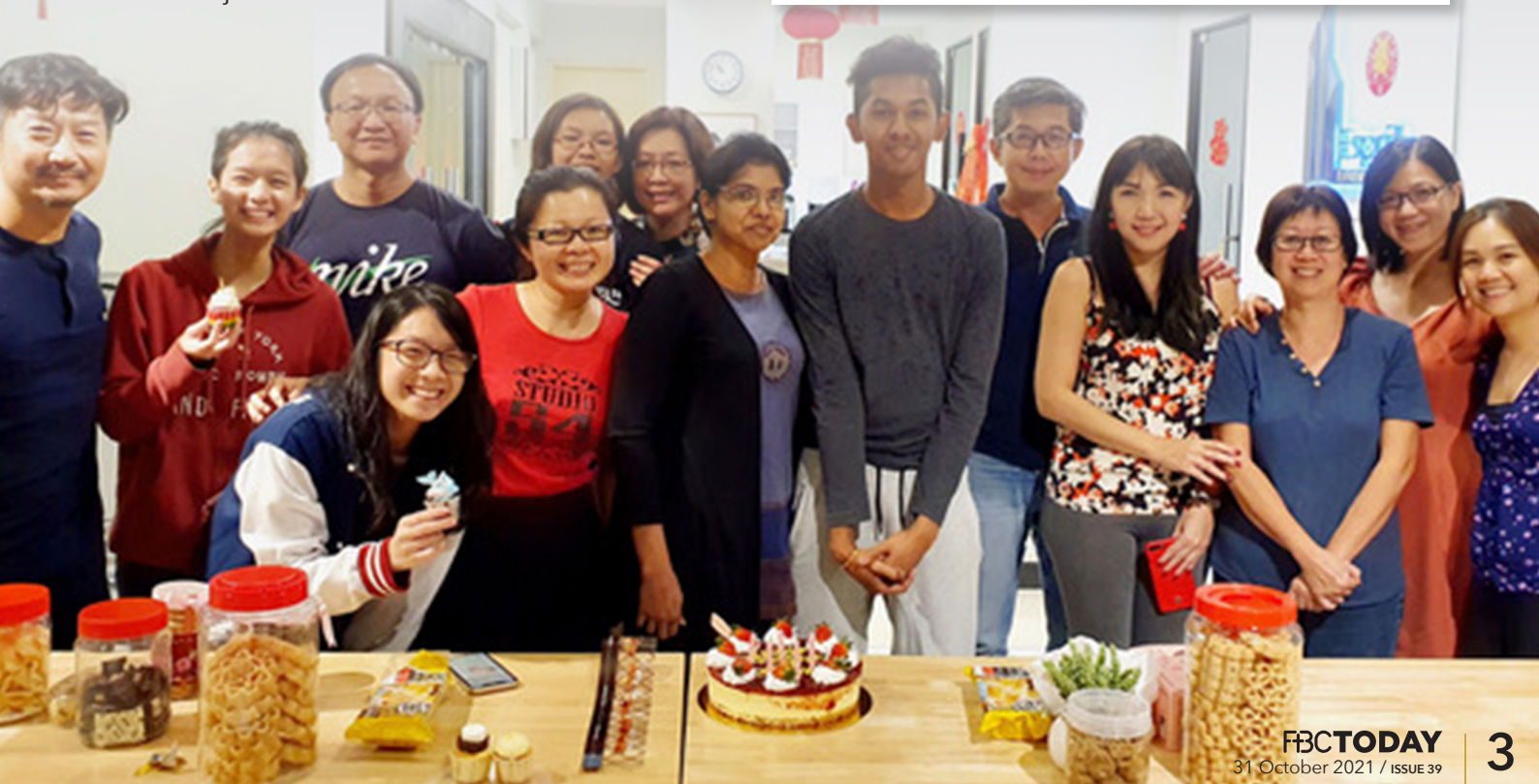
### What is the story behind Saujana LG?

Saujana LG was initiated after some of us had completed the Alpha course and were looking to meet regularly in the Saujana area. It was formed in 2016 by Yew Lum and Cynthia. The venue was changed to Glenmarie @Aldrin's office after Yew Lum and family moved to Bangsar in 2018. God has since blessed our LG family in that it grew significantly, from 6 to 8 members to over 20 regulars within the first 2 to 3 years. This subsequently led to the formation of another LG called 'CIA' (Christians In Action) in Subang Jaya comprising mainly of families with young children. In 2021, the addition of new members led to another spin-off LG called 'New Life' comprising of a mix of former Saujana members and newcomers to FBC.

### Tell us more about Saujana LG today.

There are currently about 13 to 14 regular attendees. The profile of Saujana has certainly changed over time since we encourage new groups to be formed out of the old one in order to keep LGs small and more intimate. Today, our LG is mainly made up of professionals, a few young adults, a couple of students, and four very supportive home-makers!

As we come from different walks of life, different backgrounds, and have different personalities, it took us some time to gel and bond. In the past year, we had a few soul-searching moments where we intentionally encouraged each other to open up and share our struggles and victories in our Christian walk.







The LG must be a safe space for us to talk without fear of being judged. We also seek to have our lives transformed by God's word and not just do Bible study to accumulate head knowledge. In all these areas, we are still very much a work-in-progress, trusting in God's power to mature every one of us.

### What does Saujana LG do when you meet?

We meet fortnightly on Friday from 8:30pm to 10:30pm. Prior to MCO, the hours would often extend to past 11pm, especially with great fellowship and delicious supper.

During our LG session, we worship, decipher Bible verses, discuss biblical truths/ principles, and learn its application in our lives, pray, and share our inner thoughts with one another. Sometimes, for each LG member to have an opportunity to voice their opinion, we would break the group into even smaller groups to discuss, share, and pray.

Sometimes, we would even have a quiz to give our brain some teasers! Of course, all this is topped off with fellowship over supper each time we met. Since the pandemic, most of our LG meetings have been conducted via ZOOM. However, when the situation permits, we would meet up for fellowship and activities like hiking and having meals together.

### Share with us what it means to be part of a Life Group.

Carolyn: "The intrinsic value imparted to me by our LG has immensely transformed and molded my inner self-development, helped me overcome my weaknesses, and enabled me to be more conformed to the image of God."

Janet: "It has been almost 5 years since I re-joined Saujana LG. I experienced the love and care from all of them when I was down with some personal issues. They have been like my extended family as my own family was not in favour of me leaving the Catholic faith. What I thought I lost when I left Roman Catholicism, I am blessed to have found in our LG instead. May God bless everyone."

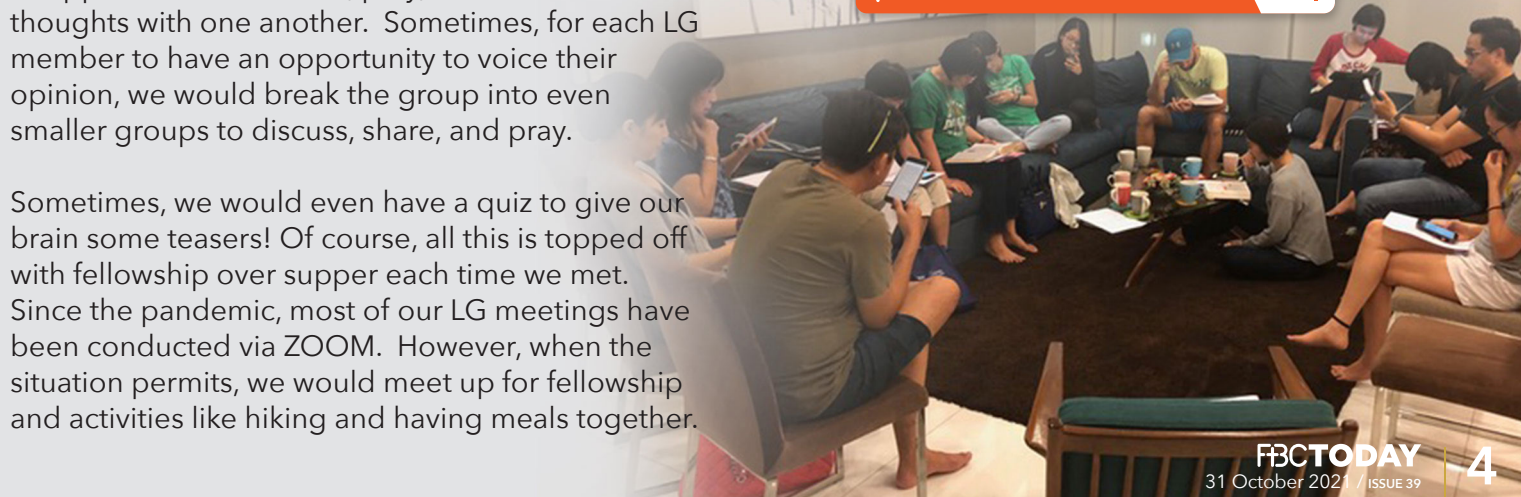
Stefan: "Simply put: Understanding and participating in Christian fellowship!"

### What is enjoyable about being part of a Life Group?

Carolyn: "The fun part of having a Life Group is the feeling of affection we have for one another, the care and support we offer to our LG "family". Being part of Saujana LG has edified me with the true essence of comfort and assurance. All of us in Saujana LG display a sense of exuberance whenever we meet and get together. We practice the joy of giving and gratitude."

Saujana LG's forté is organising fun activities in hopes to foster bonding and fellowship within our LG. Our activities include games and gatherings ranging from bowling, Jenga, hiking, mountain climbing, midnight bah kut teh, makan-makan, double-dates, birthday celebrations, BBQ and Pot Bless, Christmas and Chinese New Year gatherings. Our LG's tradition is to gather for a CNY luncheon every year. This has been our opportunity to connect with another LG or invite some families whom we felt we wanted to get to know more of. 🍷

Join A Life Group Today!



## | Pulpit Program

October 31, 2021

### The Church Within the Veil

(Exodus 26:3-37, Matthew 27:50-53)



**PREACHER**  
Arnold Lim

November 7, 2021

### Parable of the Weeds

(Matthew 13:24-43)



**PREACHER**  
Alex Tan

November 14, 2021

### Parables of the Kingdom

(Matthew 13:44-58)



**PREACHER**  
John Lee

November 21, 2021

### John the Baptist and the Witness of the Gospel

(Matthew 14:1-12)



**PREACHER**  
Dr Peter Ng

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## PRAYER SPOTLIGHT

For Strength and Courage



1. Lord, thank You that You are always close to us. We pray that Your Holy Spirit will encourage us and help us to also encourage those around us.
2. When we stumble and fail, Lord, remind us that You uphold us. When we are down, lift our heads up, Lord. For You are a merciful God who loves us with an everlasting love.
3. There has been much fear and frustration in this season in life. There is violence, oppression, injustice, disasters, diseases, and loss everywhere. Thank You that we can cast our cares upon You, for You
4. Through every trial, remind us that You have overcome this world. Help us to hold tight to Your word, Your truth, and Your promises. Help us to be strong and courageous, and to rely on You alone for strength and courage.
5. Lord, You are our light and our salvation; whom shall we fear? You are the stronghold of our life; of whom shall we be afraid? Help us to walk by faith, rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, and be constant in prayer. Amen.

see and You care. You are our very present help in times of trouble. You are our comforter. You are our hiding place. In You, we are never alone.

## | Upcoming Events



### VBS Registration Is Open

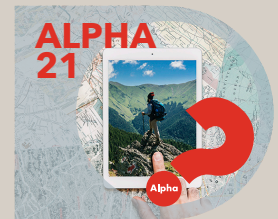
Our very first Online VBS is happening on Zoom from 13 to 17 December 2021!

For children aged 4 to 12 years.  
[CLICK HERE](#) to register.  
For enquiries, please email [vbsfbcsubang@gmail.com](mailto:vbsfbcsubang@gmail.com)



### Romans From Wretchedness To Righteousness Every Wednesday

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### Is There More to Life Than This?

Alpha 21 will begin on 6 January 2022.

Every Thursday 8:00pm

[CLICK HERE](#) to register for the next Alpha program.



### Laying the Foundation of Christian Walk

Every Thursday 8:00pm to 9:45pm

For more information, contact Lammy Tan (012-386 8460) or John Tay (012-212 3099)



### Daily Prayer Meeting

Every Saturday to Thursday 9:00pm

Zoom ID: 929 735 694  
Password: pray



### Monthly Prayer Meeting

27 November 2021 (Saturday) 2:00pm to 3:30pm

Zoom ID: 869 8003 5137  
Password: pray

[More Information on Upcoming Events](#)