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First Baptist Church (FBC) Subang Jaya's story dates back more than 40 years.

In 1979, the First Baptist Church at Jalan Pantai (an English congregation, currently known as Pantai Baptist Church) and Emmanuel Baptist Church PJ Old Town (a Chinese congregation) decided collaboratively to have an outreach church in Subang Jaya, then just a developing township. This outreach church, led by Pastor Stephen Lu, began with a young, vibrant group of about 10 worshippers who were all in their 20s.











FBC'S HISTORY

With no church building of their own, they first started meeting in Brother Tan Chong's home, a double-storey house in SS15. Thus, the **Subang Jaya Baptist Church (SJBC)** was born.

In **January 1980**, SJBC applied for a parcel of land in SS17, which had been allocated for religious purposes, with the goal of building its own church building. There were two other contenders for the plot of land - the Methodist Church Malaysia and the World Council of Churches.

At the time, SJBC's congregation had grown to about 20 members, and the church moved to a corner lot house in SS14. The church was small, but founding member Victor Hoo, 70, recalls it was a happy time for the church members – having (bilingual) service on Sundays, with potlucks after church service.

"All of us church members were very close. Everyone felt like family," Victor shared.



FBC, FEB 2017, BY BENJAMIN WONG

On 6 December 1982, against all odds, SJBC won the bid for the land title to build the church in SS17, where it presently stands. The price of the almost 2-acre land was RM500. In 1983, the church moved again to a rented shop lot in SS15, while work on the new church building was ongoing.





Over the next few years, to raise funds for the church building, the church members made and sold kuih kapit, and peanut cookies, as well as printed and sold Christmas and Hari Raya cards by the thousands. By the grace of God, they managed to raise an impressive RM300,000 - enough to fund the church building, as well as to furnish and install air-conditioning for the church.

In August 1988, SJBC opened its doors to its 150 members and held its first Sunday worship service, after finally receiving its CF (certificate of fitness for the occupation of a building). SJBC was later de- registered, and in 1992, re-registered as First Baptist Church (FBC) Subang Jaya.

In 2008, the building was renovated to create another worship hall upstairs for the Chinese congregation. This allowed the English and Chinese congregations to have 2 services each. In 2010, a new auditorium was added, which houses the English congregation, and the extension provided much-needed space for the various growing ministries. Today, FBC proudly serves congregation of around 400 members.



By Lisa Goh

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PRAYERSPOTLIGHT

PRAYER FOR FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH (FBC) SUBANG JAYA

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, thank you for blessing us with every spiritual blessing inChrist. Help us to always remember that we are utterly dependent on you in every way. May we always seek the help of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to bring all matters of importance before you, trusting in your wisdom and care.

We ask that you open the eyes of our hearts enabling us to see Christ clearly and to behold your divine glory. We want to be a people who are certain of the living hope to which you have called us. That we may walk in calm and unwavering confidence of walking with Jesus.

Show us to live as people who belong to a good and generous God. Give us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation so that we may live as people who have received the greatest treasure – far richer than we can ever imagine.

Father, we ask that you pour out your Spirit upon us in increasing measure. Lead us to understand what it means to be filled with the fullness of God, experiencing the deep communion with you as our Father and the love of the Son more and more. May our love for your Son Jesus to deepen and overflow, so that your character is reflected in our lives.

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus. Amen.