



## Mount Horeb Bible-Presbyterian Church

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Horeb Tidings

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*“You are the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden.” (Matthew 5:14)*

### Shine His Light This Deepavali

As our Hindu friends celebrate Deepavali in two weeks’ time – the Festival of Lights – let us remember that we carry the true Light of the world, Jesus Christ. The Bible reminds us that Jesus is *the light of the world. A city set on a hill cannot be hidden*. You and I have received this Light and now carries it with us daily.

This season gives us a meaningful opportunity to reach out to the Indian community and migrant workers around us. Whether or not we personally know anyone celebrating, we can pray for them — that they may come to know God’s peace and love.

Even a simple smile, a kind word of appreciation, or a friendly greeting can reflect Christ’s warmth and compassion. Let us ask God to open our eyes to those around us who need encouragement, and our hearts to be channels of His Love.

May we shine His Light brightly and faithfully this Deepavali, that others may see and glorify our Father in heaven.

<p><b>The Horeb Covenant</b> Honour God Obey God’s Word Reach God’s Lost People Equip God’s Church Build God’s Love and Unity</p>	<p><b>Sunday Worship Service at 2 pm</b> <b>Holy Communion</b> every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday</p>	<p><b>Wednesday Prayer Meeting at 9 pm</b> click <a href="#">HERE</a> to join</p>
<p><b>The Church Council 2024-2026</b></p> <p>Dn Ian Li                    9654 5571 Dn Raymond Chew       9637 4100 Dns Cheryl Sim           9363 4799 Dns Erin Koh              9159 2745 Dns Kate Ang              9684 3744 Dns Sharon Ang          8112 1347</p>	<p><b>Bible Focus 2025</b> <b>1, 2, 3 John and 1 Corinthians</b></p> <p><b>Bible Verse for 2025</b> <b>1 Corinthians 15:57-58 (ESV)</b> <i>“But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labour is not in vain.”</i></p>	
<p><b>Church Administrator</b> Sis Sim Hwee Ping       91901855</p>		
<p><b>Advisory Pastor</b> Ps Daniel Tan</p>		

## Order of Service

<b>Prelude</b>	<i>Bernard</i>
<b>Call to Worship: 1 John 4:7-12</b>	<i>Sharon</i>
<b>Opening Song: Only A Holy God</b>	
<b>Opening Prayer</b>	
<b>We Welcome One Another with God's Love</b>	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>Songs of Praise:</b>	<i>Fui Gan</i>
<b>Our Father</b>	
<b>Wonderful, Merciful Saviour</b>	
<b>Still, My Soul Be Still</b>	
<b>Congregational Prayer</b>	<i>Ian</i>
<b>Offertory Prayer</b>	<i>Sharon</i>
<b>Doxology</b>	
<b>Confession of Faith: The Lord's Prayer</b>	
<b>Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13</b>	<i>William</i>
<b>Preaching of God's Word:</b>	<i>Ps Daniel Tan</i>
<b>The Way of Love</b>	
<b>Personal Reflection</b>	<i>Congregation</i>
<b>Closing Song: The Love of God</b>	<i>Sharon</i>
<b>Family Update</b>	
<b>Pastoral Prayer and Benediction</b>	<i>Ps Daniel Tan</i>
<b>3-fold Amen</b>	

### SERMON OUTLINE & REFLECTION QUESTIONS

#### The Way of Love

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

#### Sermon Outline:

1. The Pre-eminence of Love (vv 1-3)
2. The Particularities of Love (vv 4-7)
3. The Permanence of Love (vv 8-13)

#### Reflection Questions:

1. What does it look like for a church to be embodying the definition of love in 1 Corinthians 13? Consider: how would relationships, service/ministries, conversations look like within the Church?
2. Which of the list of attributes do you presently lack or struggle to display? What can you do to work on them? Consider how you might do it and how your CG would provide that nurturing environment.

## Family Update

Have something to share with our Horeb family — news, updates, or prayer requests?  
We love to hear from you!

Please send them in by **Thursday each week** to our **Church Administrator** at **horeb.bpchurch@gmail.com** or WhatsApp us at **9190 1855**.

### HERMON-HOREB POTLUCK & FUN DAY – 20 OCTOBER 2025



What better way to spend a public holiday than with **good food, laughter, and fellowship?**

**HERMON-HOREB Potluck & Fun Day!**  
**20 Oct 2025 (Mon) – Public Holiday!**  
**11:00 AM – 2:00 PM, at Henderson**

Bring your **favourite dish**  
Join in the **games & activities**  
**Make friends and enjoy the warmth of the Horeb & Hermon family**

**Register with your CG leader or any Council member** (to let us know your dish and avoid tasty duplicates!)

**Come hungry, come ready for fun,**  
and let us all make this a day of  
**joyful fellowship and shared flavours!**

### COMBINED CHURCH CAMP 2026!

**Save the Dates!**  
**Combined Church Camp 2026**  
**June 12 - 15, 2026**  
**(Fri – Mon)**  
*Venue to be revealed later!*

Get ready for a refreshing time of **faith, fellowship, and fun!**  
This will be an unforgettable opportunity to draw closer to God, bond with fellow Horebians, and make new friends from our Sister Church Mount Hermon!

#### **Mark your calendars now!**

You won't want to miss the inspiring messages, uplifting worship, and exciting activities the committee is planning.

#### **More details are coming your way in the next few months...Akan Datang!**

Stay tuned and start praying for a meaningful and life-changing experience together!



## POWER IN PRAYER

The prayer team was sharing a devotion together based on James 5:16–18. This passage is a reminder that “the prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.” As we pray for the Church and ourselves, we can be reminded that prayer is not about changing God’s mind but about letting Him transform ours.

When we spend time with God, our hearts align more closely with His will. Sometimes, He answers swiftly. At other times, He teaches us to wait, trust, and grow. Whether His answer is “yes,” “not yet,” or “something better,” we can rest assured that His plans are always good.

Let’s allow prayer to draw us nearer to His heart — shaping our desires, our patience, and our faith in His perfect timing.

### Reflection Questions:

1. What is one area of your life where God might be inviting you to persevere in prayer?
2. How has prayer been shaping your heart rather than just your circumstances?

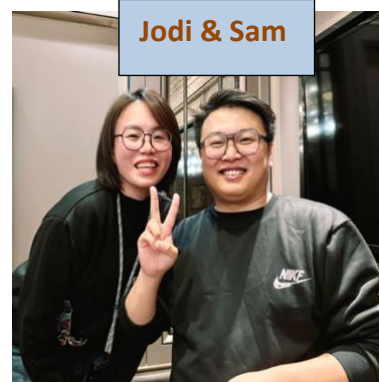
## BPCIS FEATURED STORY: “SING, O CHILDLESS WOMAN!” – REALLY? – JODI CHEN

**Struggles with Infertility, Miscarriage, Ectopic Pregnancy:** I was diagnosed with a thyroid condition as a teenager, and our marriage has been marked by struggles with infertility. After two rounds of failed IVF, a miscarriage, and a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy, not only did I not receive the child I so desperately longed for, my overall health also began to deteriorate.

Two years ago, during a routine full-body check-up, scans revealed multiple uterine fibroids and a mixed mass in my pelvic area (appearing to be an ovarian cyst). Blood tests also showed elevated tumour markers. I constantly experienced a dull pain on the left side of my pelvis, suffered from iron deficiency, bladder issues, and various other discomforts.

I consulted six different specialists in Shanghai in an effort to understand the cause behind the raised tumour markers. The diagnosis came down to either gastrointestinal or gynaecological issues. The consensus was that it was likely due to chronic inflammation, with no immediate need for intervention. I was advised to monitor the condition regularly and only consider surgery if the mass grew larger. I became deeply frustrated by the apparent indifference of my doctors to my suffering, and was overwhelmed by stress from both life and work. Then I stopped seeking medical help altogether for several years.

**Spiritual and Emotional:** Turmoil Emotionally, I carried a deep sense of shame and longing due to my inability to have children, particularly for my husband, who is the only son in his family, and for his father, also an only son. Each time I experienced pain in my lower abdomen, I was overwhelmed with fear: “Am I pregnant again? Will I survive this time?”



This fear stemmed from a life-threatening ectopic pregnancy I experienced in 2018, during which I suffered severe internal bleeding. While I longed for a child, I was equally terrified of death. I wanted to pray with faith, believing in God's blessings, yet deep down, I feared that my body could no longer endure the strain. It was a season of emotional turmoil.

At one point, we considered adopting a child from the Shanghai Welfare Institute. However, we learned that domestic adoptions were prioritized, and for a time during the pandemic and after, adoptions were closed to foreigners. We accepted this and, for a while, found peace in renovating our new home with only one bedroom, knowing there would only be the two of us.

When we completed the renovation for our new home, a neighbour shared with us that a relative had a child due to be born soon, and asked if we might be open to adoption through unconventional means. We sought advice from an adoption lawyer, who informed us that this could be considered abandonment if both birth parents were healthy. However, the lawyer mentioned that there might be ways around this, should we be truly determined. As we prayed for guidance, we were unsettled by the lack of clarity and the uncertainty surrounding the situation. Shortly thereafter, our neighbour came back to us with news from her hometown that the mother had intellectual challenges, and thus had decided against pursuing this adoption option.

One day, a preacher approached me and said she felt led to pray with us, believing that we would have children. I was honest with her, expressing that, at my age, I felt it was no longer the right time for us to pursue this. I couldn't understand why God had allowed such opportunities and people to cross my path, seemingly disrupting the peace I had tried to create for myself.

**Healing Begins:** In June 2025, a brother in Christ suffered a stroke, but within a week, he recovered completely - without even a limp! We praised God for hearing our prayers as a church community and for healing him. That Sunday, the Holy Spirit interceded for me as I poured out years of frustration, anger, shame, and silent suffering. It was then that I finally understood I could approach God's throne of grace boldly to ask for healing - and that God truly desires for us to live whole and fulfilled lives with or without children. That same night, I ordered medication to relieve bloating in my pelvic area. I experienced extreme abdominal pain - possibly an allergic reaction. The pain became so intense that I had no choice but to go to the hospital. God used that situation to lead me to a responsible and experienced specialist in Shanghai. Dr. Wang was not only highly competent, but also kind, gentle, and patient - qualities I had almost given up expecting in the Chinese medical system. The ovarian cyst had grown too big. Initial scans showed signs of a tumour but with clearer MR Imaging supported with results from blood tests, it was suspected to be an endometrial cyst.

**The Journey Home:** Praise God for His guidance and provision every step of the way. Through His grace, I was able to secure an appointment with a specialist through my insurance company, even though I had no idea how to navigate the process without Singpass in China. God provided wonderfully, using my insurance agent, who was genuinely concerned for my well-being and supported me throughout the entire journey. Even when

choosing a panel doctor, I left it to God, randomly selecting a bilingual specialist with a focus on ovarian cysts, trusting that He would provide the best for me.

Just three days after arriving in Singapore in early August, I met my God-sent consultant, Dr. Goh S.M. from KKH. He graciously reviewed all my medical records, despite them all being in Chinese - and, with his expertise in endometriosis, he immediately identified that the endometrial cyst required surgical intervention. He did not ask to repeat imaging or tests, showing his confidence and compassion on my circumstance. Remarkably, just four days after our first consultation, the surgery was scheduled. Dr. Goh's kindness, experience, and willingness to help me save both time and money were a clear reminder of God's practical and loving care in the smallest details of my life.

Even as the surgery date approached, I held onto a glimmer of hope. When Dr. Goh mentioned that they would try to preserve my ovary, I jokingly asked if they could clean the tube and maybe I could still be fertile. However, during the surgery, the team discovered that the 6cm "cyst" was actually a ballooned fallopian tube. There was no hesitation - they had to remove the tube entirely.

**God's Providence:** God provided for all my logistical and financial needs. Within eight days of landing in Singapore, I had seen a specialist, undergone surgery, and discharged from hospital. Amazingly, due to construction noise, my hotel renovation project was also put on hold for two months. This gave me the space to rest and recover without stress or guilt towards my co-workers. Truly, I saw God's hand in every step of this journey.

Two weeks after the procedure, I received the hospital bill. I wasn't even sure if my insurance claim had been processed yet, as I had never used my Medisave before. Surprisingly, the bill showed a balance of \$0.00 - even though both the hospital and the insurance company had previously said I would need to pay upfront and claim later. I had also been told that some of the medication I received (specifically for treating endometriosis) was categorized as contraceptive and not claimable. I had mentally prepared myself to contest the charges, but the hospital's e-filing went through without any issue. God had already taken care of everything behind the scenes.

**Spiritual Healing:** A sermon preached by my pastor, Rev Bob Phee, in August helped me to relate to the woman in the Bible who bled for twelve years, God reached out and healed me - beyond what I even knew to ask for. He didn't just restore my physical body, but also brought healing to our emotional pain and spiritual weariness.

Like the man who sat crippled at the temple gate, I had asked only for relief and enough grace to survive - but God gave full restoration to my soul. Praise God, for He is truly worthy of all our praise! Although I am now going through menopause much earlier than expected, I am grateful that all the harmful things in my body have been removed. I feel such immense relief and peace.

Each of us will face different struggles. As we age, we may lose parts of our bodies or experience the decline of certain functions. Some of us feel like outcasts - rejected, because of things we've done, or how we look. Most of us have unfulfilled dreams. Some may look

fine on the outside but battle mental or emotional burdens. There will be seasons when it feels like God has turned His face away. But I encourage you to trust in the unfailing love of God.

Isaiah 54 speaks deeply to those who feel forsaken and assures them of the restoration and blessings which God gives!

“Sing, O childless woman, you who have never given birth! Break into loud and joyful song, O Jerusalem, you who have never been in labour. For the desolate woman now has more children than the woman who lives with her husband,” says the Lord.

“Fear not; you will no longer live in shame. Don’t be afraid; there is no more disgrace for you. You will no longer remember the shame of your youth and the sorrows of widowhood.

“For the mountains may move and the hills disappear but even then my faithful love for you will remain. My covenant of blessing will never be broken,” says the Lord, who has mercy on you.

*Jodi Chen, a member of Herald Bible-Presbyterian Church, works as an Interior Designer. She is married to Sam Yang, a Chinese national. Both of them have been living in Shanghai since 2013. This story was first featured in BPCIS website [here](#).*

## MOUNT HOREB 37<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY – 2 NOVEMBER 2025

### *Looking Back with Gratitude*

For 37 years, God has been so good to Horeb! As we count down to our **Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on 2 Nov**, let’s pause to remember His blessings through every season. Take a moment to thank the Lord this week and pray that our celebration will encourage everyone who comes.

*“Oh give thanks to the Lord, for he is good, for his steadfast love endures forever!” Psalm 107:1*



MOUNT HOREB BP CHURCH

# 37th Anniversary

WHAT 37th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service

WHEN Sunday, 2 November 2025  
2:00 PM

WHERE 219 Henderson Road #09-03,  
Singapore 159556

*Refreshments will be served*

A warm invitation to all members and friends – past and present – to join us in giving thanks to God for His faithfulness!

Activities for this Week		
Date	Event	Location
Today, after service	CG2 & CG3 Meetings (Study 1 Cor 15:1-11) CG4 Meeting (Study 1 Cor:14)	Hermon BPC
Wed, 15 Oct, 9pm	Prayer Meeting	Zoom

Service Roster	12 October	19 October	26 October
Theme	1 Corinthians 13:1-13	1 Corinthians 14:1-40	Romans 3:21-26
Ushers	CG2 & CG4	CG3	CG2 & CG4
Pianist	Ian	Yi Ting	Yi Ting
Worship Leader	Sharon	Raymond	Cheryl
Praise Leader	Fui Gan	Juliana	Ian
Prayer Leader	Ian	Erin	Jeanie
Scripture Reader	William	Juliana	Geraldine
Speaker	Ps Daniel Tan	Ps Daniel Tan	Rev Peter Warren
AV	Kate & Choo Ha	Kong Beng & Juliana	Juliana & Kong Beng

Previous Week's Offering: (03 – 09 October): \$5,175  
Last Sunday's Attendance: 20