

# A Connected Church

John 15:1-17

Ps Tony Chong

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Scripture Text: John 15:1-17

SERMON  
NOTES

## Summary Statement:

Abiding in Christ connects us to fruitfulness and lasting love for each other.

### 1. Connected to Christ for Fruitful Life (vv1-11)

- Principle #1: Abiding in Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_
- Principle #2: Abiding in Jesus is \_\_\_\_\_

Two types of fruit.

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

### 2. Connected to Each Other in Christ's Love (vv12-17)

- Principle #3: A Connected Church \_\_\_\_\_

## Practical Applications:

1. Connect with \_\_\_\_\_
2. Connect with \_\_\_\_\_
3. Connect with \_\_\_\_\_

**Conclusion:** As a connected church, we pray for one another.

## Sermon Discussion Questions for Missional Cells

1. If you were to dream about what a truly connected Missional Cell/Church could look like, what would that vision include? What is one small, practical step we can take as a MC this year to move toward that vision? How can each of us take personal responsibility to foster deeper connections in this group and the broader church community?
2. How connected do you feel to others in this group or the church as a whole? What has contributed to that feeling? What are some barriers (e.g., busyness, fear, personality differences) that prevent deeper connections between church members? How can we overcome these barriers?
3. How can we better support one another in abiding in Christ and growing spiritually as a connected community? Are there practices (e.g., shared prayer times, Bible reading, accountability) that we can adopt to foster deeper connections and spiritual growth?

# 2025 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



## CHURCH SERMON SERIES

5, 12, 19 JAN



Kickstart the year with a vision of God's church.

**A Disciple-Making Church:** Nurturing faith, character, and maturity in Christ.

**A Connected Church:** Building deep connection to each other in loving relationships.

**A Missional Church:** Living missionally by displaying and declaring Christ daily.

God is moving in our midst and exciting changes are coming.

**CHURCH SUMMIT**  
18 JAN  
9:30AM

Join us to hear the heartbeat and vision of our leaders, unite in prayer, and dedicate 2025 to the LORD.



## CONVERSATIONAL EVANGELISM EQUIPPING WORKSHOP

15 FEB



Discover an easy method to share the Gospel! Listen to inspiring stories that will motivate you to spread Christ's love, and seize the opportunity to practice through engaging role plays. Let's embark on this mission!

## GENESIS SERMON SERIES

26 JAN - 27 JUL



**Genesis Series:**  
**The Journey Continues**  
Dive into the lives of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, and Joseph. Discover how God's grace redeems and restores a broken world through their stories.



## GOOD FRIDAY

18 APR, 10AM  
(1-COMBINED SERVICE)

Jesus sacrificed himself to redeem the sins of man. He died so that we could live. His death removed the barrier between God and humanity.



## RESURRECTION SUNDAY

20 APR, 10AM

(1-COMBINED SERVICE)  
In Jesus' victory over death, He rose in power as the true King. Not even death could stop His plan of offering eternal life to mankind.

## BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION

27 APR  
2.30PM

Rejoice with our brothers & sisters in Christ as they are being baptized or transferred-in as members of Bartley.



18 May

This is a time when all members gather to receive important updates, elect leaders and make important decisions. Associate members are welcome as observers.



12-15 Jun

**Camp Speaker:** Rev Tan Kay Kiong  
Senior Pastor of Covenant Evangelical Free Church

**Camp theme: Abide!**  
Draw closer to Jesus, abide in Him in every area of life, and we will shine and draw others to Him.

# 2025 CALENDAR HIGHLIGHTS



**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
**6 JUL**

1 Tim 4:12

*Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity.*



**HOW TO STUDY THE BIBLE**  
**2, 16, 30 AUG & 20 SEP**

Build a strong foundation in a 4-week course designed to deepen your skills in understanding and interpreting God's Word.

**MISSION POSSIBLE**



**3 - 31 AUG**

God has called Bartley to be a missional church sent out to reach the world for Christ.

Come and be inspired in **BARTLEY MISSIONS MONTH (BMM)**



**MENTAL HEALTH SERIES**  
**7 - 28 SEP**

What does Scripture say about mental health? Discover and deepen biblical insights on depression, anxiety, anger, abuse, and Sabbath rest. Don't miss this transformative series!



**2 - 4 Oct**

The Antioch Summit is a national conference focused on missions, bringing together Christian leaders, missionaries, and believers to fulfil the Great Commission and encourage global mission efforts.

The Summit aims to inspire a deep passion for missions in all participants while empowering the church to answer God's call with courage. Bartley is honored to host this event in 2025.



Galatians addresses the question, "Are individuals saved and justified through the works of the law or by faith?" It highlights the Gospel of justification and grace, emphasizing how these principles influence our daily faith as we follow the guidance of the Holy Spirit.

**CHILD DEDICATION**  
**9 NOV**

Dedicating a child acknowledges God's sovereignty not only over the child, but also Mom and Dad. Parents present their child before God and His people asking for grace and wisdom in carrying out their responsibilities.



**BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION**

**26 OCT**  
**2.30PM**

Rejoice with our brothers & sisters in Christ as they are being baptized or transferred in as members of Bartley.



**ADVENT SERMON SERIES**

**7 - 21 Dec**

Advent - a season of reflection, in anticipation of the celebration of Jesus' birth as well as His second coming.

**CHRISTMAS SERVICE**

**25 DEC**  
**10AM**

(1-COMBINED SERVICE)



**"JOY TO THE WORLD, OUR SAVIOUR IS BORN."**

Christmas is a time to remember God's love for humanity, and to celebrate the gift of Jesus' birth.

**THANKSGIVING @HOME**

**28 DEC**  
**(NO CHURCH SERVICE)**



Let us gather at our homes to reflect on God's faithfulness and thank Him for His blessings for the year. May this time of thanksgiving refresh our hearts as we prepare for the new year and all that God has in store.

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (1)

## CHURCH SUMMIT, 18 JANUARY (SATURDAY), 9.30AM

God is moving in our midst and exciting changes are coming. Join us to hear the heartbeat and vision of our leaders and unite in prayer. Please **register by 15 January (Wednesday)** at <https://bartley.ch/Bartley-Church-Summit-2025> (for food catering purposes).

## STAFF PROMOTION

We congratulate Li Wen Xing on his well-deserved promotion to Ministry Head of Family Life effective 1 January 2025. We wish him all the best in the role and look forward to his continued contributions to Bartley Christian Church.

## FELLOWSHIP LUNCH BY MISSIONAL CELLS

There will not be any fellowship lunch for this Sunday, 12 January as the cell members are taking a break for January.

## KINGDOM JEWELS - TWINKLIN' YELLOW (PTM)

Inviting all parents with children aged 0-2years old to join the Twinkl' Yellow for Parents-Teachers-Meeting (PTM) via Zoom on 19 January at 5pm!

Our teachers would like to meet you and you can also find out more about our curriculum.

**Sign up now at:**

<https://forms.office.com/r/GN1rAtXtmV>



## 2025 PRAYER DEDICATION

As the new year begins, the church would like to pray for each one of us serving in the church, in the marketplace and in the community, so that you can be a blessing where God has placed you. We invite you to come and be dedicated for another year of service for the glory of the Lord.

*Prayer Dedication*

**5 Jan 2025**  
Elders, Deacons, Pastors, Ministry Heads & Staff of all congregations

**12 Jan 2025**  
Missional Cells, Music & Creative Arts Ministry, Media & Comms, Deaf Ministry, Kingdom Jewels, Frontline Youth, Young Adults, Bartley Care Fund Committee, Finance Committee, Treasurers, EE Building Committee

**19 Jan 2025**  
FEED@Bartley, Family Life, Kingdom Treasures, Counselling Ministry, Hospitality (Ushers, Carpark Marshals, Welcome Point Hosts, Fellowship Lunch by M.Cell), Missions, Bartley Community Outreach, Bartley Community Care Services, PJWMEF Investment Committee

**26 Jan 2025**  
All vocations

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (2)

## CONDOLENCES

Our deepest condolences to Moh Leng, his wife.  
May God's peace and comfort be with the family during this time of grief.

IN LOVING MEMORY OF OUR FORMER MISSIONARY



## PAUL TAN CHEE SIM

1 July 1954 - 3 January 2025

In 1 Peter 3:15, the apostle exhorts the believer to always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. He adds that you should do this with gentleness and respect. The late Paul Tan, one of Bartley Christian Church's pioneer missionary's, embodies this gentleness and respect in every sphere of his life. Never shying away from difficult conversations about God or the Bible, patient with young believers and curious unbelievers alike. He was one you could count on to always have an answer for the eternal hope we know he now rests in.

Fifteen years Paul spent toiling on the field, a place we cannot name in the South of Thailand. Learning the language, observing the local people and subsequently becoming a part of their community. Most significant are his contributions to the work of Bible translation. First the work of translating the Bible into a local dialect, widely used in that region. Then, more notably, the Thai Common Language Bible, which meant that now the everyday Thai could read the Bible in an accessible manner.

But Paul did not go alone - he fondly refers to Moh Leng, his wife, as his pillar of strong emotional support. His children, Joanne and Joshua, as precious gifts from the Lord. This beautiful family of four, lived missionally in a time where cross-cultural missionaries from Singapore were few and far between.

Even after his retirement, he continued to serve his God diligently. Leading his Missional Cell, ministering to us through the choir, evangelising to those outside the church. All this he did, over and above grandfather duties, which he thoroughly enjoyed.

A fellow Bible translator and beloved brother read these words to Paul, as a few of us had the privilege of partaking in communion with him on 30th December 2024. We'd like to end with these words as a tribute to a life well-lived and a journey of faith fought well to the end

'For I am already being poured out like a drink offering, and the time for my departure is near. I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith. Now there is in store for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day —and not only to me, but also to all who have longed for his appearing.' (2 Timothy 4:6-8)

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The Missions Office

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (3)

## COMMISSIONING OF MISSIONS PERSONNEL

Join us next Sunday, 19 January at Bartley Christian Church as we commission Ps. Celeste and Anilyn for missions. Be inspired by their faith and calling during our 9am and 11am services.

Let's pray, bless, and send them off as they embark on this exciting journey for God's Kingdom!



## BARTLEY COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES (BCCS) LIMITED



**THANK YOU!**  
**WE'VE RAISED \$300,000!**



### BCCS GoMAD24 Fundraising Update

With thanksgiving, we're grateful to share that our GoMAD fundraising efforts have raised \$300,000 to-date from following sources:

Gomad.sg: \$130,141  
Giving.sg campaign: \$52,600  
Corporates and direct donations to BCCS: \$117,259

A special thank you to our generous donors and avid participants who championed our cause and fundraised for BCCS. Please pray for favour as we submit our grant reporting to the Singapore government for disbursement for their 60% matching grant, of which we've fully maximised at \$150,000 for FY2024!

Your kindness is making a tangible impact to BCCS beneficiaries. We're thankful for your trust and continued support.

### (I) GoMAD24 RACE

**THANK YOU!** Because of your generosity, and avid participation in the GoMAD24 Race, we are proud to share that we have raised \$300,000! Your kindness will make a tangible impact to our beneficiaries, thank you for making a difference today for their tomorrow!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS (4)

## BARTLEY COMMUNITY CARE SERVICES (BCCS) LIMITED

CHINESE NEW YEAR  
**MINI FAIR**  
OVER 20 TYPES OF GOODIES!

GOLDEN DELIGHT GIFT SET \$68

WITH 3 NEW ITEMS:  
PISTACHIO COOKIES,  
ONDEH ONDEH SLICE,  
ONDEH ONDEH BALLS.

OUR POPULAR SAMOSAS

PRE-ORDER NOW!  
WHILST STOCKS LAST

**Bartley**  
Community Care Services

### (II) CNY COOKIE SALES

*Our Chinese New Year Mini Fair has kicked off with a bang!*

A big thank you to those of you who've supported us with purchases, net proceeds of which will go to BCCS programmes for the beneficiaries.

For those who haven't, we'd love to have you this Sunday at the Fair! Enjoy browsing from the huge array of goodies.

Some of them are selling fast, so do **preorder online at: [bccs.org.sg/online-store](http://bccs.org.sg/online-store),**

Come, **visit our booth at the Void Deck (L1)** after the services on Sundays:

**12, 19 & 26 January**  
**10am to 1.30pm**

*See you there!*

### (III) BARTLEY TUITION CENTRE

#### **Share Your Heart, Share Your Time: Be a Tutor, Be a Mentor, Be a Blessing**

Are you seeking opportunities to make a difference in the lives of disadvantaged students? Do you want to be a source of hope, guidance, and inspiration to those who need it most?

If that's you, we invite you to volunteer as tutors for our free tuition service at Bartley Tuition Centre. As a tutor, you'll not only help students improve their English and Maths skills but also have the opportunity to mentor and journey with them.

Many of our students come from challenging home environments with limited support for their academic pursuits. Your presence in their lives can be a game-changer. By volunteering, you will:

- Provide academic support and guidance
- Build meaningful relationships with students and their families
- Share the love of God through your kind actions
- Participate in outreach opportunities, outings, and festive celebrations that foster bonding and community

We're committed to creating a supportive and nurturing environment for our students. If you're willing to commit to:

- Weekly sessions on Saturdays (10am-12pm), except school and public holidays
- A minimum of 6 months to 1 year of service

Please consider joining our team of dedicated tutors. Together, let's make a lasting impact in the lives of these precious students.

Email us at [info@bccs.org.sg](mailto:info@bccs.org.sg) or contact Mrs Deborah Pay (9826 7215) to learn more and sign up.

*Let's share God's love and make a difference, one student at a time!*



# UPCOMING EVENTS (1)

## OVERSEAS MISSION TRIPS DIALOGUE (THIS SUNDAY, 12 JANUARY)

Curious about what mission trips involve? Join our open Q&A to explore how you can make an impact for God overseas. Hear inspiring stories, get your questions answered, and discover your role in fulfilling the Great Commission. Be part of His work beyond borders!

Register here: <https://bartley.ch/OnceUponAMissionTrip>



**ONCE UPON A MISSION TRIP**

An open Q&A about Overseas Mission Trips  
Why should I go and what will I be doing?

1:00pm to 2:00pm | Room 2.12  
12th January 2025

REGISTER HERE



## JANUARY GLOBAL WATCH

Join us for a special missions sharing by our missions personnel, Ps. Celeste & Anilyn, on "Reverse Mission," on 19 January, 1:30 pm @John Willis Hall. Sign up at: <https://bartley.ch/GlobalWatch>

*If you need packet lunch, please order via: <https://bartley.ch/GWLunchOrder>. Orders will close at 12noon, Friday (17 January).*



JANUARY GLOBAL WATCH

**REVERSE MISSION**

FROM SINGAPORE BACK TO PHILIPPINES

**PS. CELESTE & ANILYN**

**19TH JANUARY**  
**1:30PM - 3:00PM**  
**JOHN WILLIS HALL**

REGISTER HERE



# UPCOMING EVENTS (2)

## FEED 444 – MAN OF IMPACT & THE SIGNIFICANT WOMAN

Embark on a journey of discovering a life of significance with Man of Impact (MOI) and The Significant Woman (TSW). Visit our booth this Sunday, 12 January, outside Main Auditorium after service to find out more or sign up to attend any PREVIEW (on 19 January or 10 February) to have a taste before confirming: <https://bartley.ch/FEED444Reg>

NEW

FEED 444 M

Man of Impact (MOI)

FEED 444 W

The Significant Woman (TSW)

*Join us for a life-coaching discipleship to discover your personal mission.*

**Dates:** 18 Feb, 4 Mar, 18 Mar, 1 Apr, 15 Apr,  
29 Apr, 13 May & 27 May 2025 (8x Tue)

**Time:** 7:30 - 9:30pm

**Venue:** Room 4.1/4.2

**Material Fee:** \$60 per person

**1x Compulsory preview & orientation:**

- 19 Jan 2025 (Sun) 12:45 - 3:00pm at room 4.1 (In-Person)
- OR
- 10 Feb 2025 (Mon) 8 - 10pm (Video Conferencing)



Registration closes:  
10 Feb 2025 (Mon)

SCAN OR CLICK LINK TO REGISTER:  
<https://bartley.ch/FEED444Reg>

## EMPOWERED TO INFLUENCE (ETI)

The ETI Course is designed to benefit every believer, particularly those in the workplace. This 4-session facilitated course will guide you through 7 paradigm shifts to become effective salt and light for God in your spheres of influence. Each session includes dynamic group discussions, providing participants opportunities to share insights, reflect on key principles, and learn from one another's experiences. Missional cells are encouraged to attend as a group for deeper collective learning and application.

Sign up here by 2 February: <https://bartley.ch/EmpoweredToInfluence2025>

MISSIONS  
AT BARTLEY

# EMPOWERED TO INFLUENCE

**DATES & TIMINGS**  
14TH FEB: 7PM - 9:30PM  
15TH FEB: 9:30AM - 12:15PM  
21ST FEB: 7PM - 9:30PM  
22ND FEB: 9:30AM - 12:15PM  
COURSE FEE: \$8

**REGISTER HERE**

# UPCOMING EVENTS (3)

## ALPHA

Alpha Film Series is a safe place for seekers to come together to watch a short film and explore the questions of life, faith and meaning. We have an Introductory Session on 23 February, complete with lunch provided. Bring your seeker friends & neighbours to experience Alpha!

Details & sign up at: <https://bartley.ch/alpha>. Closing date: 16 February



The graphic features a red background with the text "Alpha 2025 Got questions?" in white. To the right is the Alpha logo, a white question mark with "Alpha" written below it. Further right is an illustration of three people (two men and one woman) sitting around a table, engaged in conversation. Below this are three red boxes: the first contains "Introductory Session Sunday 23 Feb 1:00 - 2:30PM", the second contains "Alpha Film Series 23 March - 25 May Sundays 1 - 3:30PM", and the third contains "Sign up" with a QR code and the Bartley logo. At the bottom, it says "Explore the questions of life, faith and meaning".

## MARRIAGE PREPARATION COURSE

2025 Marriage Preparation Course is open for registration. Members can register using the link: <https://rebrand.ly/bccmpc> or via QR code. Closing date: 22 February



The graphic features a white background with floral illustrations of pink roses and purple flowers. At the top, it says "BARTLEY FAMILY LIFE" in a serif font, followed by "Marriage Preparation Course" in a large, elegant script font. Below this, it states "STARTING 8 | MAR 2025". The main text describes the course: "This 5-session course is designed to help couples prepare well for a lifelong marriage centered in God. Open to members who are planning to be married in 1-2 years' time. Limited to 10 couples only." It provides the registration link "https://rebrand.ly/bccmpc" and the closing date "Closing date: 22 Feb 2025". A QR code is located at the bottom right.

# CONNECT WITH US!

- > I'M NEW and would like someone to follow up with me.
- > I would like to JOIN a Missional Cell, Young Adults Ministry or Youth Ministry

Scan to join



<https://bartley.ch/newcomer-response-registration>

- > I would like to get BAPTISED
- > I would like to be a MEMBER

Scan to register



<https://bartley.ch/baptism-membership>

## STAY CONNECTED

Receive weekly updates, including E-bulletin, via WhatsApp broadcast. Send a message with your full name to **8780 3955** and be connected!

E-bulletin is on the church website too!  
(<https://www.bartley.org.sg/bulletin>)



Receive the latest  
announcements on  
**WhatsApp  
Broadcast**  
**8780 3955**  
send us your full name

## OUR PURPOSE

A God-loved  
missional community that  
worships passionately  
evangelises faithfully  
disciples intentionally  
serves selflessly  
sent out to reach the world for Christ



### Kingdom Jewels Children Ministry

We welcome children aged 12 years & below to join our Sunday School program. If you have a child 12 years and under and would like to find out more, please visit our webpage at:

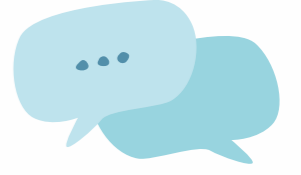
<https://www.bartley.org.sg/kingdom-jewels>.

Please contact Ps Nan at [nansiew@bartley.org.sg](mailto:nansiew@bartley.org.sg),  
PeiYun at [peiyunyin@bartley.org.sg](mailto:peiyunyin@bartley.org.sg) or Gerard at  
[gerardsu@bartley.org.sg](mailto:gerardsu@bartley.org.sg) if you have queries.

## OUR CORE VALUES

**B**elieving Prayers  
**A**ccountable Relationships  
**R**eaching Out to the Nations  
**T**eaching the Word  
**L**oving Families  
**E**xercising Stewardship  
**Y**ielding to the Spirit

### Need to talk to someone?



If you need prayer, ministry or wish to respond to God's Word, our pastors & elders will be at the front to meet with you after each service. You may also email: [info@bartley.org.sg](mailto:info@bartley.org.sg) if you have any prayer requests or wish to speak with our pastors.

If you have counselling needs, visit [counselling@bartley.org.sg](mailto:counselling@bartley.org.sg) to request counselling from our lay counsellors.

## **TITHES & GIVING** to BARTLEY CHRISTIAN CHURCH via **Bank Transfer or PayNow (UEN):**

**1) For General Tithes & Offerings:** DBS Account: 047-007309-0 (UEN: 197801655D)

**2) (NEW) For Missions (General & Designate\*\*):** DBS Account: 072-108877-0  
(UEN: 197801655DMIS)

**3) For PJWMEF:** DBS Account: 003-911373-0 (UEN: 197801655DPJW)



\*\* Missions personnel codes at: <https://www.bccmissions.com/missionspersonnelcodes> or scan QR above.  
Please **indicate the 3-Letter codes** in the reference/remark section **when giving to specific missionary.**

## PASTORS

Senior Pastor Joseph Lee  
Pastor Mah Yeow Beng (Christian Education)  
Pastor Jason Lee (English Lead)  
Pastor Tony Clayton Chong (English, Missional Cell )  
Pastor Jonathan Ji (English, Frontline Youth)  
Pastor Woo Nan Siew (English, Kingdom Jewels-Children)  
Pastor Gloria Tan (English, Young Adults)  
Pastor Eric Wong (Chinese Lead)  
Pastor Irene Chung (Chinese)  
Pastor Clevee Go (Filipino Lead)  
Pastor Kim Taehoon (Korean Lead)  
Associate Pastor Alvin Tan (English)  
Associate Pastor Lim Beng Hee (Chinese)  
Associate Pastor Danny Modi (Telugu Lead)  
Lay Pastor Solomon Adhikari (Nepali Lead)

## ELDERS

Chairman Elder Lawrence Phang  
Vice Chairman Elder Chua Teck Chuan  
Secretary Elder Jeffrey Lee  
Treasurer Elder Vikram Mengi  
Elder Jeffrey Lum  
Elder Ronald Yong  
Elder Yew Hock Meng

## MINISTRY HEADS

**Missions** – Serene Lim  
**Family Life** – Li Wen Xing  
**Bartley Community Outreach** – Matthew Chern  
**Kingdom Treasures, Seniors** – May Kwan  
**Counselling** – May Kwan  
**Indonesian Fellowship** – Rose Faquir  
**Bartley Community Care Services** – Kenneth Teo

## **SERVICES**

### SUNDAY

**ENGLISH** Service 9:00am & 11:00am  
**ENGLISH CHILDREN** Ministry 10:45am  
**CHINESE** Service 11:00am  
**INDONESIAN** Fellowship 11:00am  
**KOREAN** Service 11:00am & 8:00pm  
**NEPALI** Service 1:00pm  
**FILIPINO** Service 1:30pm

### SATURDAY

**FRONTLINE YOUTH** Ministry 3:00pm  
**TELUGU** Service 8:00pm