

Life Groups & Ministries

And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds.
(Hebrews 10:24 NIV)

Grow in Faith

"Consequently, **faith** comes from hearing the message, and the message is heard through the word about Christ." (Romans 10:17, NIV)

Grow in Knowledge

"But grow in the grace and **knowledge** of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be glory both now and forever! Amen." (2 Peter 3:18, NIV)

Grow in Self-Control

"For God did not give us a spirit of timidity but a spirit of power and love and **self-control**." (2 Timothy 1:7, RSV)

Grow in Perseverance

"Blessed is the one who **perseveres** under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him." (James 1:12, NIV)

Grow in Godliness

"For physical training is of some value, but **godliness** has value for all things, holding promise for both the present life and the life to come." (1 Timothy 4:8, NIV)

LIGHTHOUSE, WE MUST GROW AND KEEP GROWING IN THE GRACE OF THE LORD.

Our Vision

Isaiah 54:2-3 Kingdom Enlargement

Mission Statement

Influence people for Christ to enlarge God's Kingdom.

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LIGHTHOUSE

September 29, 2024

Family News

Go in Grace - Keep Growing

(2 Peter 1:3-11, 2 Peter 3:18, James 4:6, Colossians 4:6)

Today, let's talk about spiritual growth and maturing in our walk with the Lord. Spiritual growth is not optional but essential for every believer. We truly honor and glorify the Lord through growth in grace and faith.

In 2 Peter 1:5-11, we are given a clear roadmap for spiritual growth. We are encouraged to add to our faith qualities like goodness, knowledge, self-control, perseverance, godliness, mutual affection, and love. These are not just commendable virtues but the building blocks of spiritual maturity. It's crucial to understand that we don't grow by our strength alone. Spiritual growth is a journey empowered by the grace of God, working in and through us, empowering us to become more like Christ. This divine grace is our constant companion, guiding and supporting our growth.

Neglecting this growth poses a real danger. Peter warns that failing to cultivate these qualities makes us ineffective and unproductive in our knowledge of Jesus Christ. Without spiritual growth, we can fall into spiritual blindness, losing sight of the grace we've received and forgetting that we've been cleansed from our sins. This can lead to stagnation, where we stop moving forward in our relationship with God and fail to reflect His love and character in our lives. The consequences of neglecting our spiritual growth are severe, underlining the urgency and importance of our spiritual journey.

By not growing, we risk becoming spiritually weak and vulnerable, unable to face life's challenges with the strength that comes from God. We may miss out on the fullness of life that He intends for us and the opportunity to impact others for His glory positively.

Lighthouse, we must stay committed to growing in grace, allowing God's Spirit to continually shape and transform us. This growth is a lifelong journey that brings us closer to Him, allowing us to live fruitful, effective lives that reflect His light to the world. Let us trust in His grace to guide us in this journey, knowing that through Him, we can grow in maturity and spiritual richness, bringing honour to His name and blessing others. His grace is our assurance, our hope, and our strength in this journey.

James Pablo

"Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ."
(Philippians 1:2, NIV)

TODAY

Morning Prayer @ 8.00 am

Celebrating Our Lord @ 9.00 am

(live stream)

Praise & Worship
Welcome & Prayers
The Word
Ministry
Notices & Birthdays
Benediction

Coffee & Tea

Birthdays

September 29 – Christian Peñaflor
October 01 – Susan Wong
October 02 – Aiden Lau
October 02 – Kit Phoon

Keep Growing

"A state of mind that sees God in everything is evidence of growth in grace and a thankful heart."

— Charles Finney

"When I release my weaknesses and blind spots to God, He uses them to help me grow up spiritually."

— Crystal McDowell

"There is no growth without change, no change without fear or loss and no loss without pain."

— Rick Warren

"The right manner of growth is to grow less in one's own eyes."

— Thomas Watson

Grow the Fruit of the Spirit

"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, forbearance, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control. Against such things there is no law. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the flesh with its passions and desires. Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit."

(Galatians 5:22-25, NIV)

Water Baptism (27 October)

Water baptism is a meaningful expression of our faith. Let us be part of this celebration as a sign of obedience to our Lord.

"And now what are you waiting for? Get up, be baptized and wash your sins away, calling on his name." (Acts 22:16, NIV)

Contact any of the Pastors for preparation.

2024/2025 Church Theme

COME & GO

3/03 Introduction
10/03 Through Jesus, In Jesus
17/03 Come
24/3 Go
31/3 The Door
4/7-26/5 PAP
(Permission, Authority, Power)
02-23/06 Come and See
30/06-28/07 Go and Show
04-25/08 Come! The Invitation
08-29/09 Go in Grace

The Blessing in Growing in Christ

"Have your roots planted deep in Christ. Grow in Him. Get your strength from Him. Let Him make you strong in the faith as you have been taught. Your life should be full of thanks to Him."

(Colossians 2:7, NIV)

Give Thanks to the LORD for Blessing us

"Let us honor and thank God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. He has already given us a taste of what heaven is like."

(Ephesians 1:3, NIV)

Themes for the past 9 years

2023/2024

The Good Life

2022/2023

OUTSIDERS

2021/2022

complete **7** perfect

2020/2021

Contrast: Jesus Is
The Difference

2019/2020

Who Am I? Jesus Is:
Therefore, You Are

2018/2019

City On A Hill

2017/2018

Chosen Generation

2016/2017

Higher, Wider, Deeper

2015/2016

Forward

Hearts Together In Prayer

29/09 (Sun): **Jehovah Rohi: The Lord our Shepherd.** He cares for us and leads us to still waters and green pastures (Psalm 23). Praise Him for His loving, tender care for us!

30/09 (Mon): **Jehovah Rapha: The Lord our Healer.** "By His stripes we are healed" (1 Peter 2:24). Pray for the sick and downtrodden to pick themselves up with the grace of God.

01/10 (Tue): **Jehovah Shammah: The Lord Who is Present.** He never leaves you, nor forsakes you (Hebrews 13:5). Pray, the Lord watches our coming in and going out and keeps us safe.

02/10 (Wed): **Jehovah Jireh: The Lord our Provider.** Jesus Christ said that the Father cares for us, and we never need to worry about provision (Matthew 7:11). Pray for confident trust in the Lord.

03/10 (Thu): **Jehovah Tsidkenu: The Lord our Righteousness.** Jesus becomes our righteousness. He forgives our sins and washes us with His blood (1 Corinthians 1:30). Live in righteousness by His grace.

04/10 (Fri): **Jehovah Nissi: The Lord our Banner.** The Lord gives us victory in spiritual warfare. The Lord raises a banner of His love over us, and we are more than conquerors in Christ. (Exodus 17:15) Prepare well and always pray in the spirit, for victory is on our side.

05/10 (Sat): **Jehovah Shalom: The Lord our Peace.** He is our shelter in the storm. He gives us peace beyond our understanding (John 14:27). Pray for the peace of God upon all families in Lighthouse.

"I can do all things through him who strengthens me."
(Philippians 4:13, ESV)