

Life Groups & Ministries

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

Faith as a Mustard Seed

*"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."
(Matthew 17:20, NLT)*

Sometimes we may feel weak, unqualified, or unsure of what God is doing, but the Lord is not looking for perfect people—He is looking for hearts willing to trust Him. God can take our small faith and use it to bring hope, healing, restoration, and transformation.

Lighthouse, the God we serve is faithful, and nothing is impossible for Him.
Praise 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

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Family News

Making Faith Work: Building a Genuine Faith Through the Spark and Fire of the Holy Spirit (Matthew 17:14-20, Matthew 8:5-10, 1 Peter 4:12-13; 1 Peter 1:3-7)

We need to put our faith to work to create an enduring legacy for Christ, only through the Holy Spirit who lives in us and empowers us to do so for the glory of God. And it is only by the Holy Spirit that we can do spiritual things that endure for eternity.

The fire of the Holy Spirit will spark us to grow and build our faith from strength to strength with patience and endurance, resulting in a genuine faith that has the power to sustain and overcome challenges and hardships.

Therefore, we must desire a genuine faith that is not a stagnant faith but an active faith. The genuine faith naturally produces good works as evidence of transformation in our lives.

Genuine faith is rooted in reliance on God's promises in His Word. Genuine faith transforms our daily thinking and behaviour, providing us with a new perspective on how to use our work to serve God and people.

We can picture our growth in faith as a butterfly's metamorphosis: a transformative process of struggle with a dramatic change in form — from a tiny egg to a larva (caterpillar), then to the pupal stage, and finally emerging as a pure and beautiful butterfly.

Similarly, the Holy Spirit helps us to grow our faith from "a mustard seed faith" to "great faith" and finally to "pure or genuine faith."

Like the butterfly growing through a process of enduring transformation, we, too, need to endure life's tests and trials to build genuine faith.

Peter confirms in 1 Peter 1:7 (NLT): *"These trials will show that your faith is genuine. It is being tested as fire tests and purifies gold—though your faith is far more precious than mere gold."*

Let the fire of the Holy Spirit spark within us to grow and, with endurance, build a genuine faith.

Amen.

Chek Kong

*“The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.”
(Numbers 6:24-26, 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

May 17 – Isabella Wong
May 18 – Gillian Ng
May 20 – Audrey Xu Leung
May 21 – Kito Xu
May 22 – Josephine Ma
May 23 – Johnny Lau
May 23 – Eric Lee

**Transformed Through
His Holy Spirit**

*“Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will.”
(Romans 12:2, NIV)*

**Let God transform our hearts and
renew our minds through His
Word and the Holy Spirit.**

Glory be to God.

**Standing Strong,
Serving Faithfully**

*“So, my dear brothers and sisters, be strong and immovable. Always work enthusiastically for the Lord, for you know that nothing you do for the Lord is ever useless.”
(1 Corinthians 15:58, NLT)*

Lighthouse, keep serving the Lord with faith and joy. Every prayer, every act of kindness, every sacrifice, and every work done for Jesus matters.

Stay strong, continue serving, and keep glorifying His name.

**2026/2027 Church Theme
Lighthouse Legacy**

01/03 – 36th Church Anniversary
08/03 Legacy: How We Live to Leave
15/03 to 26/04 – Legacy of Faith and Works
03/05 to 31/05 – Making Faith Work

Faith Ignited by the Holy Spirit

*“Therefore I remind you to stir up the gift of God which is in you through the laying on of my hands. For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind.”
(2 Timothy 1:6-7, NKJV)*

The Holy Spirit ignites our faith and sets our hearts on fire for Jesus. He gives us strength to live for Christ, in Christ, and through Christ with courage, love, and faith. We are not called to live in fear, but to shine for Christ and serve Him faithfully.

Lighthouse, may the spark of the Holy Spirit continue to grow in our lives that glorifies God and leaves a legacy for Christ.

Hearts Together in Prayer

17/05 (Sun): Thank You for the spark and fire of the Holy Spirit, awakening a deep and genuine faith within us. Set our hearts ablaze for Jesus, empowering us to live out our faith for Your glory each day. In Jesus’ name, Amen.

18/05 (Mon): A genuine faith that continually grows through the power of the Holy Spirit. Ignite in us a lasting passion to follow Him faithfully each day.	19/05 (Tue): Grace to faithfully use our God-given gifts to shine the light and love of Jesus through the power of the Holy Spirit.
20/05 (Wed): A generation of children and youth filled with the Holy Spirit, rooted in God’s Word, passionate in worship, and joyful in serving.	21/05 (Thu): The Holy Spirit empowering young adults and adults to live boldly, love deeply, and shine brightly for Jesus.
22/05 (Fri): Opportunities for seniors to continue sharing their faith with the next generation, along with strength, health, and encouragement daily.	23/05 (Sat): A fresh outpouring of the Holy Spirit in tomorrow’s Pentecost Sunday worship – filling every heart with holy fire, passion, and purpose.

*“I call to you, Lord, come quickly to me; hear me when I call to you.”
(Psalm 141:1, NIV)*

**Themes for
the past 10 years**

2025/2026
Lighthouse United

2024/2025
Come & Go

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