

Touch of His Grace

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The Joy of Giving

*Give, and it will be given to you.
A good measure, pressed down,
shaken together and running over,
will be poured into your lap.*

Luke 6:38a

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The Joy of Giving

Gifts extend far beyond the material. We can receive the greatest gift of all – life and salvation in Christ – and share our own gifts in turn: our skills and networks, our care, and our presence. May the stories in this issue inspire you to give cheerfully and generously.

A Note by Our Partner

Our church has a member staying at St Luke's ElderCare (SLEC) Residence @ Ang Mo Kio. As her only next-of-kin is her husband who is blind and immobile, my wife and I tried to visit her weekly. In one of our conversations with the chaplain, the possibility of our church adopting a household at the residence was put forward. We hesitated and mulled over some questions.

1. "Are we too small to give?" We are a church with fewer than 30 members.
2. "Does our giving make a difference?" Not all of us could speak Chinese dialects or Malay.
3. "What should our motivation for giving be?" There would probably be no visible earthly rewards for us.

After much prayer, our church accepted the invitation. Mother's Day of 2023 marked the beginning of our relationship with the residents of household 6A. Over the past 2½ years, we discovered that it is always a blessing to give.

The first joy we experienced was the joy of progressing from strangers to



Pastor Daniel Lim and his wife Pauline (left) with their church member, Mdm Sally Sua, an elder at SLEC Residence @ Ang Mo Kio.

friends with the elders. "I remember you!" "I like the song. Can you sing it again?" These words from the elders deeply touched our hearts.

The second joy was seeing most of our church members, even those in their 80s and 90s, participate in befriending. In serving others, our seniors themselves found meaning, purpose, and joy.

The greatest joy, however, is in learning to give as unto the Lord our God. Jesus has encouraged us to give to those who cannot repay us, assuring us that whatever we do for the least amongst us, we do it for Him. No earthly joy can ever be compared to the joy of following Christ and delighting our Father in heaven.

Pastor Daniel Lim

Lead Pastor
His Sanctuary

Pray with Us

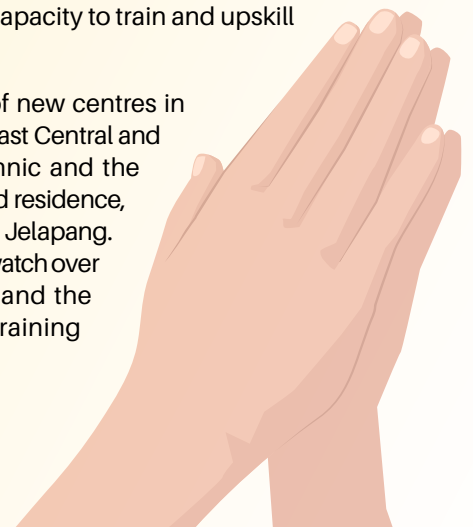
We invite you to pray with us, as we offer our thanksgiving and petitions to the Lord for the work He is accomplishing through us.

God, we praise You for Your blessings:

- For the SLEC CommCare Symposium – *Sustaining Faith, Sharing Hope and Supporting Love: Spiritual Care for People with Dementia* in September 2025
- For the inaugural Ageing Artfully Conference, jointly organised by SLEC and Nanyang Academy of Fine Arts in November 2025, to reimagine ageing through the power of the arts.
- For the 5th Anniversary Celebration of Residential-Based Services at SLEC in December 2025, allowing us to witness once again Your presence, faithfulness, and care throughout our journey.

God, we seek Your guidance and provision:

- For the expansion of our SLEC CommCare Academy into Devan Nair Institute for Employment and Employability. This new training space marks an expansion of our capacity to train and upskill the workforce.
- For the opening of new centres in Fernvale, Jurong East Central and Temasek Polytechnic and the opening of our third residence, SLEC Residence @ Jelapang. We pray for You to watch over the construction, and the recruitment and training of staff.



Gifting Skills Across Generations

In September 2025, about 20 elders SLEC Active Ageing Centre (Care) @ Bishan learnt coding from students at Catholic High School. Many of the elders had never tried coding before. Yet, there they were – curious, willing, and open – sitting side by side with about 20 Primary 5 students from the school's Computer Club.

What unfolded over the next two hours was far more than a technical workshop.

The students, along with Mr Chan Kam Yin and volunteers from Zion Gospel Mission, introduced coding concepts to the elders through fun games like Whack-A-Mole.

The students, confident in their digital fluency, took on the role of buddies and patient guides. The elders, though new to coding, brought with them life experience, perseverance, and a readiness to learn. Learning to code together was rewarding and enjoyable for both the elders and students, fostering intergenerational bonding and bridging the digital divide.

Screens lit up with lines of code, laughter surfaced over small mistakes, and moments of 'triumph' followed each successfully executed command.

The students learned patience and empathy as they slowed their pace. The elders grew in their confidence in using technology and navigating the digital world.

One of the elders, Mr K Tan, shared that he found the session interesting and wants to explore more, moving on from the basics of coding to more complex tasks like writing codes to generate images and create simple websites.

Thank you to the students, teachers, and volunteers for your gifts of time and talent!



“Our students enjoyed sharing their knowledge and had fun facilitating the learning sessions. More importantly, they gained an appreciation of patience, empathy, and the joy of connecting across generations. Both the students and elders walked away encouraged by the exchange, proving that learning truly has no age limits.

– Mr Devana, a teacher from Catholic High School

Sharing the Gift of Life in Christ

There are moments when God's grace is given quietly – at a bedside, through a familiar voice, in the presence of friends who simply come to visit. Mr Peter Ng's story reminds us that when we give of ourselves in love, God multiplies those gifts beyond what we can see. No life is beyond His reach, and no moment is too late for His saving work.

Mr Ng joined SLEC Active Ageing Centre (Care) @ Bishan in October 2023. Always ready to help, he later became an instructor in the Pool Club, training fellow active agers, including Ms Elsa Yu and Ms Evelyn Tan, believers from Trinity Christian Centre. What began as a shared activity and friendship soon paved the way for God to reveal His love to him.

In May 2025, when he was hospitalised due to kidney failure, Ms Yu and Ms Tan visited him. What may have seemed like a simple act of care became a sacred encounter. In the hospital room, they shared the Good News with him and he responded in faith, receiving Christ as his personal Lord and Saviour.

“The Lord is not slow in keeping his promise... Instead, he is patient with you, not wanting anyone to perish, but everyone to come to repentance.

— 2 Peter 3:9

As his condition worsened, our chaplain invited Pastor Ng Zhiwen from Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church to minister to him, and he decided to get baptised.

A week later, surrounded by his wife and daughter, Mr Ng publicly affirmed his faith. It was a holy and tender moment – one that marked not only his new life in Christ, but also a turning point for his family.

In the weeks that followed, his health improved. He returned home, received regular visits and more significantly, experienced reconciliation within his family, including the healing of a long-estranged relationship with his daughter.

Eventually, Mr Ng passed away peacefully in August 2025. His life is a testimony of the beauty of the Body of Christ—chaplains, befrienders, church partners, and family members—coming together to walk with one soul to the very end.



Mr Peter Ng (centre), his wife and daughter, with SLEC Community Engagement Executive Hezekiah Lee (first from left) and Pastor Ng Zhiwen from Zion Bishan Bible-Presbyterian Church on Mr Ng's baptism day.



Before Mr Peter Ng's health took a turn for the worse, he was a pool instructor and trained the women's pool team at SLEC Active Ageing Centre (Care) @ Bishan.

Giving Faithful Companionship

By SLEC Senior Chaplain Richard Woo

In journeying with Mr Gan Keng Chong and Mdm Lee Gee Eng, I have been reminded of the quiet yet beautiful gift of faithful companionship. This elderly couple, who moved in to SLEC Residence @ Punggol in April 2025, embodies a love that has been patiently formed over a lifetime—one that continues to endure even amid physical decline and uncertainty.

Neighbours from their former home at Hougang often spoke of how deeply attentive they were to each other's needs.

The couple is also surrounded by a circle of care. Their daughter visits them regularly and remains closely involved in their well-being. Their helper from Myanmar, who has cared for them faithfully for several years, continues to journey with them even now.

The recent diagnosis of lung cancer for Mr Gan, with a prognosis of three to six months, has brought the family into a season of fragility and surrender. The couple would often ask for prayer. In these sacred moments of listening, praying, and presence, faith was expressed not through many words, but through a shared longing for peace, comfort, and God's nearness.



Mr Gan Keng Chong and Mdm Lee Gee Eng sharing a picture moment together.



Mr Gan Keng Cheong (in wheelchair) and his wife regularly receive support and care from their domestic helper (left) and SLEC Senior Chaplain Richard Woo.

What continues to encourage me is the way this family remains deeply united. Even in the residence, the couple continues to support each other with quiet affection. Their family's closeness reflects a love that does not diminish with age or illness but is refined through it.

Indeed, his journey has been a reminder that pastoral care is often less about answers and more about presence—about bearing witness to God's love during vulnerability. In walking alongside this family, I am grateful for the privilege of seeing how God's grace is made visible through faithful love, gentle prayer, and enduring companionship.

“(My parents) always feel much joyful and peaceful after you listen and pray with them. Your presence brings comfort, assurance and the love of Christ into a place where it is deeply needed.

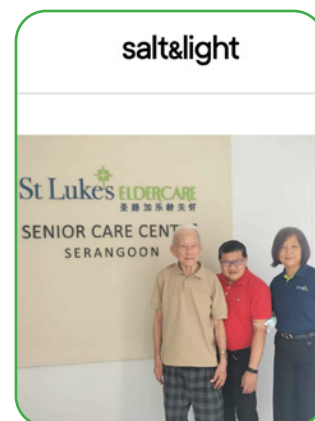
— Ms Candy Gan, whose parents are elders at SLEC Residence @ Punggol, commending SLEC for their support

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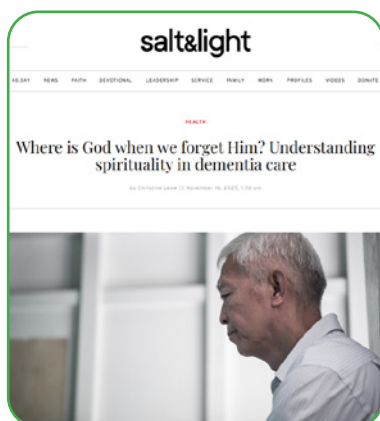
SLEC Staff Nurse Fayth Yee thought she lacked the patience for caring for elders. Find out how God gently led her into the vocation



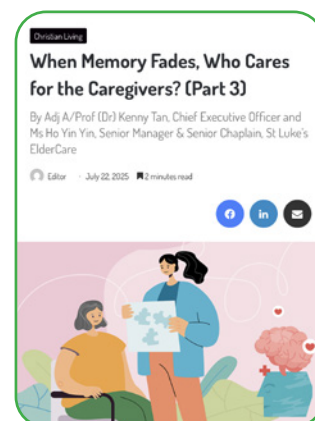
There's life at the end of the tunnel. Learn about how Mr Tan Yan Hiok had a change of heart through friendship, faith and fellowship



What happens when our minds no longer allow us to make new memories? Adj A/Prof (Dr) Kenny Tan, CEO of SLEC, offers some guidance from Scripture



Read about dementia's impact on the caregiver, often the silent sufferer who gets ignored, from the series "When Memory Fades" in AG Times




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"The joy of witnessing lives transformed keeps me going," says Adj A/Prof (Dr) Kenny Tan, CEO of SLEC, who won the 2025 Salt&Light Inspiration Award presented by the Singapore-based Christian online publication.

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