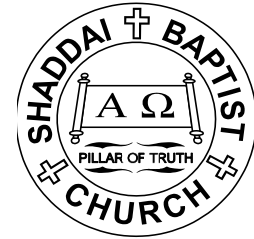


# SHADDAI BAPTIST CHURCH

*For we preach not ourselves, but Christ Jesus the Lord; and ourselves your servants for Jesus' sake. - 2 Corinthians 4:5*



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Sometimes it is easy to get caught up in the daily grind and forget about God and His ways. We often read about Adam and Eve's failure in the garden and wonder how they could have been so disobedient. But in reality, this is not Adam and Eve's story alone. It is our story as well. We make decisions daily that either dishonour or honour God.

Sometimes, when you have been a Christian for many years, you forget just how amazing the gift of salvation really is. Or perhaps the pain of trials and suffering has dulled our senses and caused us to take our eyes off our Lord. This verse is a good reminder to reflect on the blessings and wonders that He had accomplished for us:

**"I will remember the works of the LORD: surely I will remember thy wonders of old.."** - Ps 77:11

As we reach the halfway mark of 2010, it is a good idea to pause and review our walk with God - the commitments that we have made, the paths we have taken. My prayer is that we will always keep our focus on the Lord. Let's encourage each other to work for the Lord. Let's continue to bear one another's burden. Let's remember that we are not competitors in a race, but fellow pilgrims.

Some of the members are going through discipleship lessons to be grounded in God's Word. We praise God for the faithfulness of the disciples and pray that the disciples will continue to grow in the knowledge of God. We look forward to the time when these disciples can disciple others in the near future.

Bro Titus and his teachers are busy preparing the lessons and programs for the Children VBS from May 30 – June 1. The teens have also been activated as camp helpers. Let's pray that God will give us many children for this camp, the opportunity to teach them and reach out to the parents too. Do pray for the campers and the workers.

We warmly welcome the Khongs back after almost a year in the USA. Pray for them as they readjust to life in Singapore. Pray about the assignment of a primary school for Josiah as well as Bro Kelvin's new role in his workplace.

We extend our deepest condolences to Brother Alan and his family on the recent demise of his mother. It was only 3 weeks ago when she was diagnosed with pancreatic cancer. Her sudden death was a shock to all of us. However, in the deepest gloom, we saw the grace of God shining forth as He gave her the opportunity to receive Jesus as her Saviour. We are again reminded of God's amazing love and wonder. Please pray for Bro Alan and his family during this difficult period.

## God's grace will steer us through life's storms



On a recent night, after having taught tuition for the whole day, I was feeling extremely tired and despondent.

Suddenly, a bible verse came to me like a bolt from the blue: "My grace is sufficient for thee."

When I reached home, I asked my son for the bible, and we compared the English and Chinese versions.

In English, the word 'My' is used with a capital 'M'. It denotes omniscience, so I prayed: "God, I leave it all to you." That brought a smile to my face.

I feel that those who don't believe in God's grace are in a sad plight, like the thirsty fish who wanted to drink but was scared to do so. The river would say: "Little fish, drink up. My water supply is more than sufficient for you."

Or like in the seven fat years in Joseph's time in Egypt, when a hungry mouse in the granary might be too scared to eat. The storekeeper might say: "Little mouse, eat

what you can. My supply is more than sufficient for you."

I don't believe that a trekker would stand at the mountain peak and say: "I breathe in so much every year that I might deplete the oxygen levels on earth." The planet might say: "Fill up your lungs with air. I have more than sufficient oxygen for you."

So my brothers and sisters in Christ, let us be great men of faith.

A little faith might take us to heaven, but a lot of faith would make it heaven on earth.

Let us understand that His grace is sufficient for us to deal with natural disasters and the waves of tragedy that can engulf us in storms that we cannot control.

Yet, His grace is also sufficient for the small problems in life, the worries that can eat you up.

It's the nagging worries that consume us and prevent us from having the fullest joy possible.

- Xiao Lan



**Acting  
pastor,  
Edwin  
Tan**



# Only 3 weeks, but mum's faith grew strong and deep

**Bro Alan Yeo's mother, Madam Lim Lay Choo, passed away on April 15 - about 3 weeks after knowing she has stage 4 pancreatic cancer. She said the singer's prayer on April 6. Here is his testimony in Mandarin on the last night of her funeral wake.**



"My mum didn't work to look after my two brothers and I. She was a very patient woman. Whenever I was about to take an exam, she would say to me at the door: "Alan, you can do it!". Although my grades were not good, she never called me useless. She'd say: "Never mind, this time cannot, there's always next time!" .

We were not well off. She would wear the same clothes for a long time and not buy new shoes even if the old ones were worn-out, because she wanted to give the best to her children.

In these 3 short weeks, I reflected on how Jesus said we are God's children. He will not abandon us, and to me, our mum's love is like God's love. On March 25, my

mum was in a lot of pain. We took her to Tan Tock Seng Hospital and found out that she had Stage 4 cancer after a scan. The doctor said she would not have much time left.

I took mum to my home to look after her. Every night, she would have high fever, her limbs would be cold and she would break out in cold sweat.

When mum knew about her sickness, she called her sons to her bedside and said: "Alan, when I am not here, I want to have a Christian funeral".

We were shocked, because my wife and I had wanted to tell her about God, but she had always been very resistant to any sharing.

Last week, when she couldn't sleep, she asked me: "Alan, you come and pray with me." So I prayed in simple Hokkien: "Lord, can you ease my mum's suffering? Can you give her a chance and a little more time?" It was a short prayer, but she rested and felt better.

At that point, her morphine dosage was still low and she was lucid. But I didn't know if she sincerely wanted to accept God, or to merely follow the faith of her eldest son, in the tradition of the Chinese.

So the church brothers came to my house. She had no strength and had to sit on the sofa to listen. She didn't seem to be paying attention, but she later surprised us by asking questions about the scripture passages that was shared with her.

It confirmed to us that she was fully aware of her decision.

Later, my uncle visited her in hospital and he asked her: "If God wants to take you home, are you ready?". She said yes.

On Thursday morning, the hospital called to say she was having trouble breathing. The cancer cells had already spread to her lungs and were obstructing her airways. She told me: "Alan, pray for me." I prayed: "God, my mum is in difficulty, please use your mercy and power to relieve her pain."

Not long after, she calmed down and breathed slowly. She looked out of the window for a long time, then she looked at my brother. A tear rolled down her cheek, and she returned peacefully to our Lord's arms.

In these 3 weeks, I really experienced the truth about how God shed His blood for our sins. When my mum accepted Christ, she said: "If I have done anything wrong, will you forgive me?" Her prayers were so sincere that I know in these 3 weeks, her faith in God had been strong and deep.

Give yourself a chance: open your heart and let God enter. I used to be like my mum, steeped in idol worship. After a pastor shared the gospel with me, I realised that all the rites and prayers were in vain.

So, to my family members and relatives, I hope that you will be moved by my mum's testimony.

CALENDAR	Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4
<b>MAY</b> 	<b>Sat (1/5):</b> Labour Day outing  <b>Wed (5/5):</b> BS, 8pm  <b>Sun (9/5):</b> Deacons' meeting	<b>Wed (12/5):</b> BS, 8pm  <b>Sun (16/5):</b> Lord's supper	<b>Wed (19/5):</b> BS, 8pm  <b>Sat (22/5):</b> Ladies' fellowship  <b>Sun (23/5):</b> Prayer meeting	<b>Sat (29/5):</b> Tracting  <b>Sun (30/5):</b> 3-day Vacation Bible School starts
	<b>Wed (2/6):</b> BS, 8pm	<b>Wed (9/6):</b> BS, 8pm  <b>Sun (13/6):</b> Deacons' meeting	<b>Wed (16/6):</b> BS, 8pm	<b>Wed (23/6):</b> BS, 8pm  <b>Sat (26/6):</b> Tracting  <b>Sun (27/6):</b> Prayer meeting

## WORSHIP TIME

Adult Sunday Class: 9.30am  
 Children Sunday School: 9.30am  
 Sunday Service: 11am  
 Wed Bible Study: 8pm

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