### Humble Beginnings

In 1953, two Sunday School teachers, Alfred Yeo and Rosie Yeo, led some youths in singing rehearsals for Easter and Christmas dramas in Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church (TACMC). They sang heartily to the Lord and called themselves 'Singspiration Corner'. The group was later renamed 'Singspiration Fellowship'.

After graduating from London Bible
College, Alfred Yeo returned to
Singapore and was invited by the Official
Board of TACMC to start an English
Service which commenced on Sunday
10th January 1960.

All Members of Local Conference. Please be notified that our next Local Conference will be held on Sunday, 17th October, 1976 at 7.30 P.M. sharp at No. 3. Pasir Fanjang Hill, Singapore 5. Let us pray and plan the work of the Lord together. A-G-E-11-P-A 1, Frayer and devotion by District Superintendent 2, Minutes of last meeting held on 2nd March 1976 3, Matters Arising Therefrom 4, Election a, Lay Leader cum L.C.E.C. Chairman b, Hon. Secretary c, Assist Secretary d, Hon. Treasurer e, Assist Treasurer (Building Fund) f, Assist Treasurer (Pledge) g, Sunday School Superintendent h, Chairman, Committee on Missions i, Chairman, Committee on Evangelism k, Chairman, Committee on Forship 1, Chairman, Committee of Trustees m, Pastor-Parish Relation Committee n, Lay preachers (old and now recommendations) 5, Other elections a, 1 lay steward to District Conference b, 2 lay delegates to Annual Conference 6, To fix the salaries of our pastor and staff worker 7, To appoint persons authorised to operate Church account with Chung Khiaw Bank (Tolok Blangah Branch) 8, To decide on Conference Benevolence 9, To coordinate the Christmas Programme (Various Committees are to report on their Christmas activities planned) 10, Report on our Church Building Froject by Mr. Ong Thong See 11, Any Recommendation to District & Annual Conferences 12, Dist. Superintendent's Announcements 13, Any Other Business 14, Date and time of next L.C.E.C. Meeting 15, Frayer

> GMC 10th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service Programme.

THE FELCK AYER CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH ENGLISH SERVICE 235 TELOK AYER STREET, SINGAFORE 1. 3rd January, 1960. ECCLESIASTICAL GAZETTE \* Come, let us worship the Lord together in the House of God. \* Today is an official communique with exhilaration in the history of the Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church for the commencement of the English Service. The English Service specially requests the pleasure of your company on the occasion, when our Bishop Hobart B. Amstutz will officially commence the English Service and install the supply Pastor Alfred Yeo Chee Heng and the official members of the English Church Board. The Bishop will, then, conduct the Sacrament of Baptism and the Reception of members. These services will take place on Sunday, January 10, 1960 at 9:00 a.m. = 0 0 0 0 0 =

Agenda of the Local Conference held on Sunday 17th October 1976.

> GMC 10th Anniversary Celebration Programme.

Call to Worship: Now in Christ Jesus ye who sometimes were far off are made nigh by the blood of Christ. For he is of our peace, who hath made both one and hath broken down the middle wall of partition between us. Now therefore we are no more strangers and foreigners. but fellow citizens with the saints and of the household of God. Eph 2:13-14,19 Invocation: Almighty God, who of thy great mercy hast gathered us into thy visible church: grant that we may not swerve from the purity of thy worship but may so honour thee both in spirit and in outward form that thy name may be glorified in us and that our fellowship may be with all thy saints in earth and in heaven. Hymn of Praise & Thanksgiving 49 : Now Thank We all Our Prayer of Praise & Thanksgiving led by our pastor, Rev Yeo Affirmation of Faith Section 738 Hymn No. 205 : All the Way My Saviour leads Me Scripture Reading from Old Testament: Psalm 103:1 - 5 Choir Special Anniversary Anthem: Bless the Lord Thanksgiving Offering Sentence: I will freely sacrifice unto thee: I will praise thy name, O Lord; for it is good. Prayer: O God of love, who has called us to walk and to work with you, give us courage to think clearly about the meaning of life. Give us vision to accept responsibilities that relate to the problems of people and nations. Help us to match the day's demands with abilities made strong by our opportunities. Deepen our concern for all people everywhere. Grant us the determination to do all within our abilities to bring about a united, peaceful and transformed world. Direct us in developing and serving through new forms of ministry in our changing world. So may the day soon come that persons in every walk of life will recognize their God-given opportunities and responsibilites within their own daily relationships. In Jesus' Name Amen.

GRACE METHODIST CHURCH
THE ORDER OF TENTH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING SERVICE
Sunday, 2nd November 1980 at 9.00am

Miss Jeanette Tan

Chairman : Mr Chan Fook Kay Organist : Mr Herbert Tan

Pianist

Prelude

On Sunday 8th November 1970, the English Service of TACMC was reconstituted as Grace Methodist Church (GMC).

Saturday, 1st November 1980 at 6.30pm Master of Ceremony : Mr Han Hai Kwang Organist : Mr Herbert Tan Programme :-6.30 - 7.30pm -Buffet Dinner 7.30 - 9.15pm -Time of Singspiration Vocal presentation by the past & present stewards A special vocal solo by Mr Poh Heo Hock Rev Yeo, our pastor recalls ..... 9.15pm Finale End of Programme 10.00pm --- 000 ---The 'evolution' of Grace Methodist Church 1954 English educated SS students in Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church, gathered every Sunday to practise singing and drama for Christmas. 1955 The youth under the leadership of Mr Yeo Chee Heng and a few other teachers formed themselves into a Singspiration Corner and was held every Sunday afternoon. 1956 The Name was changed to Singspiration Fellowship with elaborate activities. 1960 The English Service of Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church started on the first Sunday of the year with Mr Yeo Chee Heng as the Supply pastor. 1964 Evening Service in English started at Telok Blangah. 1965 Rev Yeo was ordained as Conference Elder and Telok Blangah Church Sanctuary was dedicated. On the first Sunday of November the English Service was re-constituted as the Grace Methodist Church. Morning & Evening Service were held at Telok Blangah. 1980 On 2nd November, Grace Methodist Church celebrates the 10th Anniversary. Praise ye the Lord! GMC - is where we meet God in the presence of one another and meet one another in the presence of God.

Worship & Creative Arts Ministry is the offspring of the Singspiration Fellowship bringing vibrant worship to Grace Methodist Church.



#### Go and Make Disciples for Christ

Missions has always been the heartbeat of GMC. Since the early days, regular monthly missions trips were organised to the villages of Bata Anam, Buloh Kasap and Cha'ah in Johore, Merlimau and Sungei Rambai in Malacca, West Malaysia. This was the result of regular pulpit preaching by overseas missionaries and constant encouragement by the pastors, especially to the youths, to commit to missions.



Our mission team makes regular trips to Bintan Island to conduct outreach ministries.

A missionary fund was set up to support members who had dedicated their lives to long-term missions. The church had since supported missionaries and missions work in Brazil, Indonesia (Bintan), Kenya, Myanmar, Pakistan, Singapore, Sweden, Thailand and the Turkic world.

GMC mission team meeting with Bintan cell group members for discipleship and fellowship.





Mission trip to Nongpling Church, Thailand.



Our missionary Cassandra Lee with students from the Vineyard Methodist School in Thailand.
Psalm 34:11 Come, my children, listen to me, I will teach you the fear of the LORD.



An opportunity to bond with the children in a fun way.
Colossians 3:14 Put on love which binds them all together in perfect unity.



Grace Star mission trip to COSI
Orphanage in Cambodia.
Proverbs 22:6 Train a child in the
way he should go, and when he is
old, he will not turn from it.



Mission team visited a village in Myanmar to conduct children ministry.



Ike Kie praying for a boy with learning needs.

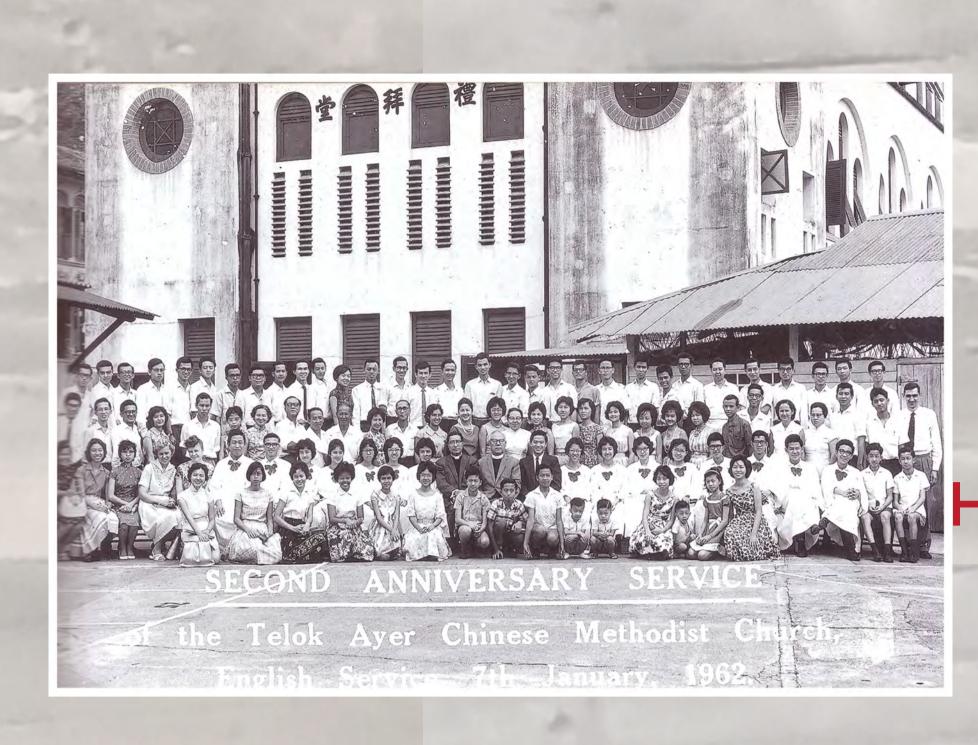


Colin attending to the health needs of a Syrian family.

Mission Church Camp to Malacca under STEPS Programme.



## Home of Our Own



2nd Anniversary Service of the English Service of Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.



Telok Ayer Chinese Methodist Church.



Choir singing at Telok Blangah Chinese Methodist Church.

Telok Blangah Chinese Methodist Church.



Sunday School was held under a shed at the back of Ruth Home.

After using the premises of Telok Blangah Chinese Methodist Church for many years, by God's grace, GMC acquired a 30-year lease of the land at 398 Telok Blangah Road from The Methodist Church in Singapore. A church building fund was set up and members contributed to it sacrificially. During the construction of the church building from 1992 to 1998, GMC members worshipped at Anglo-Chinese School (Independent).





Certificate of Appreciation of the Family Day cum Walkathon for the GMC Church Building Fund.

Worship Service at the Anglo-Chinese School Centre for Performing Arts.



On Saturday 4th April 1998, the Temporary Occupation Permit was granted. On Palm Sunday, 5th April 1998, we moved into our new church building - our new home, debt-free! With great joy, we celebrated the occasion with the theme 'RETURN, RENEW, RECOMMIT'. The new church building was formally dedicated to the glory of God on Sunday 7th November 1999.

The Sanctuary Wall is made of raw concrete and gives a natural and unfinished appearance with a Big Cross as the main focus.

The Wall symbolises life's meaninglessness and strife. The brilliant light shining through the Big Cross gives hope to all worshippers. As they humble themselves and pray and seek God's face, they give glory to the Risen Lord Jesus. They are empowered by the Holy Spirit to fulfill his plans and purposes.

Grace Methodist Church.



### Body of Christ



Baptism is usually conducted twice a year during the Holy Week on Easter and on Christmas.



Holy Communion observed on Maundy Thursday Night Service.



GMC 46th Anniversary Celebration was graced by Bishop Dr Chong Chin Chung.



Gallery view of the GMC Local Church Executive Committee members and staff.



Grace Star, our Children Ministry, nurtures children from 3 to 12 years old in the Word of God and guides them to live God-centred lives.

The One Youth Ministry seeks to be an authentic and vibrant body of Christ, providing a platform to engage youths in the community to experience the love, peace and grace of God.



Fellowship among young adults and their family members during a Connect Group gathering.



Senior Fellowship members share their love for the Lord through their ukulele performance.



The Women Society of Christian Services (WSCS) members celebrate Christmas at MWS Bethany Nursing Home.

In 2006, Bible studies among Mandarin/Dialect speaking members of GMC led to the start of our Outreach Bi-lingual Service (OBS). Together with the involvement of our Prison Ministry, the fellowship was strengthened. The membership grew into a lively community reaching out to minister to family members, friends and the community.



GMC organises church camps once every two years to bring members together as a body of Christ.



## Reaching People Where They Are



Alpha Course has blessed and brought many people to Christ.

Undignified 2012 was organised by our Youth Ministry and Worship & Creative Arts Ministry leaders. The conference saw youths from churches all over Singapore coming together for a night of vibrant worship and spiritual encounter with God.





Worship & Creative Arts Ministry presented the drama, 'No Way Out Redux 2012'. It was about the life of Neville Tan, one of Singapore's top 10 most wanted men in the late 1950s. His life was turned around after encountering Jesus while he was in prison.



30th Singapore Company of the Boys' Brigade.

STEPS was a 5-year outreach plan for GMC initiated in 2016. It challenged us to step out of our comfort zones and step out into the land, to be a blessing. The idea was to garner GMCians to reach out to people wherever they were.



Hobby Craft was a school holiday outreach programme under STEPS for children in the primary schools. In 2018, the outdoor trip brought the Grace Star children and their friends to Chek Jawa, Pulau Ubin to experience the flora and fauna as well as creatures great and small.



GMCians participating in Block Blessing under the STEPS Programme.



Tuition programme for neighbourhood children taught by our church members.



Student beneficiaries at our GMC Bursary Award Ceremony 2013.



Outreach mission trip to Tanjong Pinang led by our OBS members.

GMC Inter-Generational Dance Ministry participating in the Celebrate Christmas in Singapore (CCIS) event at VivoCity in 2015.



# To God Be the Glory



GRACE METHODIST CHURCH

A Glorious Church for God

God is faithful