

→ ...from cover

It is the same for our journey. Where are we today in this journey? We have indeed left Egypt - the old place, the previous remembrances, a familiar place but not where God wants us to be. The wilderness - a time of testing, a time of refining, a time of depending on heaven's daily supply of manna, quail and waters. The promised land - a land flowing with milk and honey. We are on the way into the Promised Land. And we will continue to journey towards there and set our eyes in that direction. We continue to do what God wants us to achieve, we continue to seek God's will and destiny for us and for the church. It's exciting; it's a new adventure. Tis' a fresh beginning !!!

## FROM MY LIPS

LET THE WORDS OF  
**MY MOUTH**  
AND THE MEDITATION OF  
**MY HEART**

BE ACCEPTABLE TO YOU O LORD

(Psalm 19:14)

Set a guard  
over my mouth,  
O Lord; keep  
watch over the  
door of my lips.

(Psalm 141:3)

From **my lips** will come what is **right**; for **my mouth** will utter **truth**; all the **words** of **my mouth** are **righteous**. They are all straight to one who **understands** and right to those who find **knowledge**.

(Proverbs 8:6-8)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 22 December - Care Group
- YAC

## SUNDAY SPEAKERS

- 3 Dec - Pastor Irene
- 10 Dec - Elder James
- 17 Dec - Deaconess Debbie
- 24 Dec - Pastor Irene
- 31 Dec - Pastor Jason

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# TABERNACLE OF DAVID

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## TIS' A FRESH BEGINNING

It's December. How time flies. Actually how it flew, past tense. End of another year and brightly, the fresh start and hope of another. "I make all things NEW", God declares. He often gives us second chances, more than once He has shown great patience and mercy on us. Our life today is the culmination of all His goodness, combined neatly through all the years and rolled into one. Where and what we are today is His handiwork, His masterplan for us, His miracles for us, His mercies for us. Indeed He is good.

We have embarked on a new journey over the past 24 months. We have entered into new experiences, new things. We have borne both the weight and tasted the sweetness and enjoyment of God-given purposes. Israel's journey was from Egypt the house of bondage, through the wilderness, and then into the promised land.

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## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

### TABERNACLE OF DAVID - English Services

WED	Intercessors Night	8.00 p.m.
FRI	Care Group	8.00 p.m.
	YACG Care Group	8.00 p.m.
SUN	Eagle-Lion Bible School	9.00 a.m.
	Celebration Service	10.15 a.m.
	Children Church	10.15 a.m.
	Youth Alive	10.15 a.m.
	Psalmist Coffee House	7.30 p.m.
	(1st Sunday of the month)	

### SETAPAK COMMUNITY CHURCH (A/G) Chinese Services

WED	Senior Care Group	10.00 a.m.
	(2nd & 4th week of the month)	
THU	Prayer Meeting	8.30 p.m.
	(1st & 3rd week of the month)	
SUN	Celebration Service	8.15 a.m.



## LET IT BE TO ME

This is a popular worship song we sing in church. Do you know it is based on actual words spoken in the Bible? Who said these words? And more than these were said. It began with these, “Let it be to me” and continued, “according to your word!”. Yes, it was Mary who spoke these words. In Luke 1:26-38 in the encounter with angel Gabriel, Mary received her destiny and concluded with these words of acceptance that she was to be the chosen handmaiden. Oh, how this ought to be with us. We should be quick to say these words in all of God’s dealings with us. Just as God wants to work the miracle in Mary of “you will conceive”, God wants to conceive

great plans and purposes in our life, to fulfil His destiny. Paul says in Romans 14:7 “We do not live to ourselves”. God’s plans are BIG and often the impact and outcome is BIGGER than ourselves, way beyond the smallness of ourselves. He sees in us no limitations because with His help and intervention, our limitations actually become limitless. Elizabeth praised her cousin Mary, “Blessed is she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what was spoken to her by the Lord”. May we learn to believe that indeed God can fulfil in us the greatness that is spoken over our life and that which will bring glory to His name.

# ROMANS

THE LIFE OF FAITH. THE POWER OF GRACE.

We have finally come to the **practical part of Romans, Chapters 12 to 16**. We are a people who like to cut through the formalities and “get to the bottom line.” And so we read the last chapter of a mystery first, or we quickly glance down through a financial report to see the “bottom line.” This final section of Romans may be what we have been waiting for, because (we think) it is the practical part of the book.

I suggest three “**grids**” by which the structure of chapters 12-16 may be considered.

The **first “grid”** is found in Paul’s use of the expression, “**I urge you.**” This expression is used three times in the Epistle to the Romans (Rom 12:1, 15:30 and 16:17).

The **second “grid”** is that of the Christian’s relationships and corresponding responsibilities. Romans 12:1-2 links our responsibilities to God and to the world in which we live. It relates our worship to our conduct and service. The rest of chapters 12-16 spell out what some of these relationships are.

The **third “grid”** which I propose for your consideration of these chapters is that of the Christian’s obligations, based upon God’s provisions, in the context of relationship. This grid is outlined on the following page.

### **Grid Three: The Christian’s obligations, based upon God’s provisions, in the context of relationships:**

Text	Basis	Context	Obligation
12:1-2	Mercies of God	The world	The worship of service
12:3-8	Spiritual gifts	The body of Christ	Exercise spiritual gift
12:9-16	The love of God	The body of Christ	Live in truth and love
12:17-21	The grace of God	Our enemies: Not a grudge, but grace	God will judge
13:1-7	God ordains gov’t	Citizenship in world	Obey government as God’s rule
13:8-10	The O.T. Law	Our neighbours	Love seeks no harm of neighbour
13:11-14	Time is short, the kingdom is near	Fleshly lusts	Make no provision for flesh
14:1–15:4	Jesus is Lord	The church: Stop judging, stop using liberties which offend brother	Edification of the weak and the strong
15:5-13	God’s purposes for Jews & Gentiles	The church	Harmonious praise of Jews and Gentiles in one body
15:14-33	Paul’s ministry	World evangelism	Participation in Paul’s ministry
16:1-16	Unity in Christ	The church	Welcoming and greeting the saints
16:17-20	Holding to truth	Trouble-makers	Identify them and turn from them

**As you read through these chapters, you may want to look out for Old Testament citations and check them out!**

*(Excerpt from Bible.org)*