### **Vacation Bible School 2018**



school vear-end holidavs descended upon us. Vacation Bible School (VBS) kicked off during the first week of the school break! For the whole week from November 26-30, 2018, we

had a splashing, fun time learning about how Jesus rescues us when we struggle. worry, lonely, powerless and do wrong. Life's challenges and storms may threaten to shipwreck us but Jesus is always

there to save and deliver us. It was a joy to see familiar faces filled with excitement as they had a mini "reunion" with friends they only get to meet during VBS week. New faces and "seasoned" VBS kids mingled and enjoyed a time of worship, games, bible stories and experiments as they explored this year's VBS theme.

The week culminated with a Treasure Hunt for the boys and girls who came back on that Saturday morning to search for "treasures" that were hidden away. The day ended happily for about fifteen of them who were rewarded with cash for the treasures they found. Most importantly, they were reminded that the true treasures are indeed God's Son, God's Word and God's love for each one of us these are the priceless and everlasting treasures that will never fade away!

### New Year, New Beginning with Jesus...



We started with a bang on the first day of 2019 as eight hundred and ninety-eight people came together to worship the Lord and to testify of His goodness. faithfulness and grace in their lives in 2018. This purpose of celebrating a new year and a new beginning was to seek the Lord to continue to lead our country and our churches in 2019.

Brethren from the different Myanmar congregations together with our Filipino and Korean brothers and sisters as well as our congregations from Desa ParkCity also joined us in dedicating 2019 to the Lord. It was a little foretaste of what heaven would be like when all tribes and nations gather at the throne to worship the Lamb as mentioned in the Book of Revelation.

In his challenge, Pastor John looked at three areas of life in which we can have a new beginning this year:

### **New Opportunity**

- To have a deeper walk with God
- To restore broken relationships
- To serve each other

### **New Commitment**

- To look to Jesus
- To walk with the Spirit
- To run to win

### **New Life**

- To make it count while we are still able
- To do better than last year
- To arise and shine

Are we going to allow God to do what He needs to do in us so that He can work through us? Are we willing? Let us make 2019 a new beginning and to arise and shine for Jesus!

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# **MISSION POST**

### Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church 66th Church Anniversary

DECEMBER 9, 2018



### Ascribe Greatness to our God! Deuteronomy 32:3

On Sunday, December 9, 2018, our church family celebrated 66 years of God's wondrous work in Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church (KLBC) - a testimony of His greatness, faithfulness and love. Because of his continuous blessings to our church, KLBC has stood a remarkable test of 66 years in history!

Comprising of local and international communities, our congregation exalted God as we realized how undeserving we are of His love and mercy. Included in those numbers were several former members whom we had invited to celebrate with us on this occasion. Our spirits were indeed lifted up and encour aged. A few people could not contain their emotions and tears of joy and gratefulness trickled down their cheeks. It was altogether a morning of praise and thanksgiving.

After a time of heartfelt worship, our Senior Pastor, Rev. John Kok, took to the stage, welcomed everyone, shared and unveiled a brand new logo for the church. Following this, he recounted the early days when missionaries, with a clear vision to win the lost, came from the United States. Finally, on December 14, 1952, eighteen charter members officially started Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church. The journey from 1952 to 2018 has not been easy, but it obviously has been rewarding!

As the church grew, leaders decided to purchase a piece of land for the new church building. By God's grace, our church is now strategically located in the



hub of the city - Bukit Bintang - to serve God's given mission.

With His mighty hand and the committed sacrifice of people and pastors, who have come and gone, KLBC has grown to a multiple-service church with thirteen worship services in English, Cantonese, Mandarin, Tagalog and Myanmar Chin, Falam and Mizo. From one church, KLBC has set up many daughter churches throughout Malaysia. Currently, KLBC has a satellite church in Desa Parkcity, a self-contained township. In addition, the church has two kindergartens, two homeschools and a senior residence. Existing as a relevant church all these years, we are humbled that the Lord has enabled us to contribute to our community in numerous ways - both to the locals and the foreigners.



Rev. John's celebration message, "Where Do We Go from Here?" reminded the congregants of 3 nuggets of truth: The Great Commission, Loving One Another and The Lord, Our Shepherd. He implored us to grow spiritually and emphasized that we ought to hear from God. Assuredly, God would show us what work we ought to do for Him as He revealed some specific details on how to fulfill the awesome task. Essentially, we ought to experience God and wait on Him before we expected anything.

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At the end of his message, Rev John challenged us to worship God and to do what we have been entrusted to do. Prayerfully, this challenge continues to resonate with every child of God as we ask "Where do we go from here?"

After the service, at Shammah Hall, was a reunion with former members, whom we invited back to celebrate. About 70 people praised and worshipped God by singing some old Scriptures in Songs. Many reminisced about the old times (decades ago) and testified His faithfulness, mercy

# Desa Park City 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

**NOVEMBER 18, 2018** 

Nov.18 was a special day for KLBC(DPC) when the church celebrated five years of God's faithfulness. It has been 5 years since God caused our church to plant the DPC satellite on Nov. 22, 2013. Since then, the satellite has grown into four separate congregations. At the 5th anniversary combined service, three choirs, one each from the Filipino, Chinese and English congregations gave a special item to praise the Lord. Our Senior Pastor, Rev. John Kok

and providence through the years. All enjoyed a delicious catered lunch while some took selfies with their cell phones and exchanged contact numbers. Everyone was grateful for the opportunity to meet old friends and enjoy meaningful conversations.

Ascribe greatness to our God! (Deut 32:3)

Yes, Kuala Lumpur Baptist Church has come this far because our great God has written and will continue to write His unique story in our church. "Where do we go from here?" is a significant question. Will we impact others to know Him, serve Him and love Him more?



gave a special message to challenge the congregations to grow and further God's work. He later led the church leaders to cut a celebration cake. This was followed by a great time of fellowship over a pot bless lunch prepared by all four congregations. To God be the Glory!"

## Introducing our New Logo



This new logo depicts KLBC's goal of spreading the gospel and its mission to reach out to the world with Jesus (as symbolized by the Cross) directing us.

The contest for the new logo rebranding was announced to the members sometime in October and they were encouraged to submit their entries.

After more than a month, we received fifty-eight entries, out of which, the best one was then selected by the Board. The winner was subsequently awarded with a prize gift of RM500 during our church anniversary celebration in December 9.

Our current logo that was designed in 1981 was outdated and there was a need to project a more contemporary image to keep up with the times. The church wanted to connect with the younger generation as well as a more digitally and technologically savvy audience and community.

# **DECK THE MALL:** Christmas Musical by The Singing Ambassadors

**DECEMBER 25. 2018** 

by Bro. Peter Lim

Deck The Mall is the 37th musical production by The Singing Ambassadors.

After a recruitment drive was announced during the Sunday Worship Service in September, fifteen people signed up for the musical as singers and crew members for the project. Although many of the recruits who were as young as 10 years of age had no experience on stage, they were willing to go through the intensive training during the three-month period. As we drew closer towards Christmas Day which was the performance date, Saturday afternoons were included in the rehearsal schedule to ensure that everything went well.



About a month before Christmas Day, a survey was conducted among our members to ask them to share with us



their thoughts on the meaning of Christmas. The results of the survey were prominently displayed along the corridor leading to the sanctuary. As we needed help to publicize the event, new talents were discovered from the members to produce creative drawings for the publicity.

It was a pleasure to work with the newcomers who quickly adapted to The Singing Ambassadors' musical requirements. Not only was the team required to sing and act, they had to learn how to dance as some songs had choreography to liven up the production.

At the conclusion of the Christmas Day service, many responded to the altar call made by Rev John Kok. To God be the glory!



### A Different Christmas with Small 'J'



"You ask me how much I love you... The moon represents my heart..." Singing this melodious song, Brother Jaya went up the stage to kick off the concert that evening.

Brother Jaya is a talented artiste with a magnetic stage presence. He can sing beautifully and plays the keyboard and drum skillfully. Although ethnically, Brother Jaya is an Indian, he speaks fluent Cantonese and presented different songs and hymns throughout the evening. The audience was full of praise for him and declared it was truly a different Christmas performance!



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