

St Andrew's Church

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MONTHLY MINISTRY HIGHLIGHTS . January 2015



Carols by Candlelight 2014



Feature

Christmas Celebrations

All thanks and glory to God for bringing many people to our **8** Christmas services: 3 on Christmas Eve, 4 on Christmas Day and 1 Carols by Candlelight on 14 December at DGS Auditorium.

On Christmas Eve, there was overflow in the Hall and the Hub at both 9pm and 11pm services. The Christmas Day services were also packed.

Other Christmas programmes also added to the festive atmosphere such as The Christmas Art Exhibition & Art Jam at Miramall, 'Christmas Caroling at the Miramar and Christmas Action community events.

Through St Andrew's Facebook page, Carols by Candlelight photo album got over **5500** viewers alone, followed by 2014 Christmas Family Services photo album with another **5000** viewers.

We give thanks to God for using St Andrew's to share the Good News over this Christmas season. A big hand goes to all the volunteers, but in particular, to the singers and musicians, Music Associate Director June Lee and her team.



Family Ministry

Ladies' Growth Groups and several Asylum Seekers joined forces to decorate the Church for Christmas as they do annually.

7 December, Family Service was wonderful! There was a lot of great feedback from parents and children who found the service engaging, entertaining and enjoyable. So fun!

24 December, the Family Ministry Team welcomed all who wanted to join to go to the Miramar Mall to sing carols lead by the Youth Band and hand out Christmas tracts to passersby. They enjoyed a short time of fellowship, prayer and Christmas treats in the playground beforehand.



Christmas Caroling at the Miramar

Children's Ministry

It was wonderful to see how Youth, Children, Music, A.V, Admin, and the Family Ministry teams all worked together to remember the birth of Jesus through doing the Pageant at our Family Service. Our church members continue to be a blessing to our city! We collected more than the 95 gifts needed for the 3 - 20 years old struggling or recovering from cancer.



Christmas Party at the hospital for children with cancer

Youth Ministry

This Christmas, as we looked afresh at the birth of Christ and reminded the young people of God's salvation plan. We encouraged the young people on Sunday to not only understand the historic event but to apply God's living word to their lives.

Bible In One Year is back! We are challenging the youth to read through the bible from January to December 2015. To help the youth get started we have created and handed them all bookmarks to take home with all the information on how to begin.

Mission Ministry



We have over 40 volunteers joining the Christmas Party with the Elderly and Homeless people. Also it was the first time that we organised a Christmas Party at the hospital for children with cancer. It went really well and many brought their children to come and volunteer. There were about 60 – 80 participants from Little Life Warrior Society.

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Christmas party, games and talent show, it was awesome to watch those who shared their talents in singing, dancing and drama. We also thank the Lord for new friends who came and had fun with us.



We are thankful that Avel concluded the study in Ephesians and we are looking forward of the new study in 2015 Church in the City Bible Study.

Music & Creative Ministry

When we entered into the Christmas season in December, the tone of worship at all Sunday services became celebratory and festive.

By the Family team's coordination, the month was started with a special children musical at Mid and Late Morning Church on 7 December where children and youth led us to sing many Christmas carols.



“Offering best of our best to God most high” is always the core value of the ministry. Therefore the choir and ensemble were challenged to seek for excellence.

Praise God for His faithfulness and provision of bringing more talented people to the team than we asked. Some of the instrumentalists and singers came to St Andrew's Church for their first time and felt very warm welcomed.

Donations Welcome

St Andrew's Church depends solely on the sacrificial giving of its members for its daily upkeep and the running of its ministries. Please consider giving regularly to the General Fund by placing a standing order with your bank and joining the *Planned Christian Giving* scheme.

By providing the church with a steady source of income, you will help St Andrew's to make plans and budget accordingly. More information can be obtained from the website or by calling the church office. Brochures are available at the Hub.