

50 Years of Celebration One Voice in Love and Harmony

As we pray to God, grant us unity! How magnificent is our Lord as we sing in one voice and harmony! It all started 50 years ago as John took us down the memory lane with his article on the beginnings of Jurong Christian Church (JCC) in the last issue of The Vine. He dedicated his writing to show the purpose and influence of JCC that God has blessed our brothers and sisters-in-Christ the opportunity to serve and share God's word. Amen!



The excitement of the celebration started many months ago as a committee was formed to organise this event. We give thanks to the committee for a wonderful party on 1 July 2017 to celebrate the love of God to His people through JCC. I had the opportunity to see the set-up through photos sent via WhatsApp before the event started. See these photos as you reminisce how it all happened.



It is also an event where the English and Mandarin congregations came together to plan and bring the party to life as one body in Christ.

"...Again, truly I tell you that if two of you on earth agree about anything they ask for, it will be done for them by my Father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there am I with them." (Matt 18:19-20)

50th Anniversary Programme 1 July 2017, 3 p.m. to 8 p.m.

- Arts & Crafts - JCC Wall
- Fun Activities with Photo booths
- Praise & Worship
- Video Montage - About JCC
- Exhortation - Rev Chung Tze Lu
- Testimony - Deacon Peter Cheong
- Testimony - Rev Lee Ka Heng
- Flag Dance Presentation
- Video Montage - From JCCians
- Dialect Choir Presentation
- Testimony – Brother Isaac Yee
- Testimony – Brother Kuo En Yi
- Closing Song
- Thanksgiving Prayer
- Group Photo Taking
- Buffet Dinner



The party began with people painting tiles for the art piece which is now hung on the wall near the lift at JCC. It is indeed a tribute with love by all to God through the colours as one JCC.



These candid shots were taken where our committee members were hard at work behind the scenes to get everything together.



Others supported and had fun with the photo booths to have memories taken in celebration with the people that they loved.



The Service started at 5 p.m. when Rev Chung Tzu Lu, the worker-in-charge of JCC, took to the pulpit to share an Exhortation. This continued with the testimonies from Deacon Peter Cheong and Rev Lee Ka Heng. Their stories were interesting as they were among the pioneers of JCC and its work in the Jurong community. They also shared their growth in Christ and how God has seen them through the decisions they made to serve God in ways that they could never imagine. How marvelous and wonderful is our God!



The interval was filled with a dance by our JCC dance group followed with songs sung by our Dialect Ministry choir.



The sharing of testimonies continued with the younger generation, Brother Isaac Yee and Brother Kuo En Yi, narrating their lives with the throes of growing up pains in their walk with God. The experiences were up-lifting with a sense of humour, re-directing our focus



back to God as we give thanks for the experiences we all had in our journey with Him. It reminded me of the days when I decided to follow Jesus. It was never an easy decision or a simple path to take. God never said it was going to be easy. It brought back memories of how much pain and heart-breaks I had as I struggled through the changes I faced as a teenager then as well. Those were the days as a Christian and a student.



This celebration ended with a buffet for all. The church members, young and old, gathered together to mingle and enjoy one another's company. I could see that many of our brothers and sisters-in-Christ were tired, but do you know that they were glowing with joy as I could see smiles on their faces.



What is for us in the next 50 years? I do not know, but I know God knows. Let us pray and continue the good works in Jesus who has made all things possible through unbelievable circumstances that no man can predict nor understand. Amen!



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<https://youtu.be/ApOIM2wsPA>



More Photos of the 50th Anniversary Celebrations

