

THE CHOIR



Ever since Shalem Evangelical Church was founded in 1955, music has been a centrepiece of its activities.

The Choir, though usually numbering only between twenty (20) and twenty five (25) persons is renowned for both the quality as well as the intensity of its music and over the years, the choir which is a standing one drawn from the membership of the Church, has been known to perform a wide variety of music in virtually every form.

It is not unknown for this choir to perform negro spirituals or hymns at one programme, and shortly afterwards other classical music at another. Indeed at a performance in recent times, the choir delighted patrons with its versatility to maintain an extremely high standard throughout the entire performance.

The choir is an integral part of most Sunday morning services.

SHALEM EVANGELICAL CHURCH

Bush Hall Yard Gap, St Michael
Portraying God's love for the world



Sunday	9.00 a.m.	Sunday School
	10.00 a.m.	Morning Worship
	6.30 p.m.	Evening Worship
Wednesday	7.15 p.m.	Midweek Service
Friday	7.30 p.m.	Youth Service

**Day Care Services are rendered daily
Monday to Friday 7.00 a.m. to 5.30 P.M.**

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Shalem Evangelical Church was established in 1955, under the leadership of the late Rev. Tom L. Barker(1914-1986)

The Church was then located in Civilian Road, Bush Hall, and has subsequently been based in Long Gap, Spooner's Hill(1955-1960), Ocean View Road(1960-1975), and Ellis Road, Bush Hall Yard Gap(1975 to 2002).

In 1995, the Church purchased a plot of land in Bush Hall Yard Gap, St. Michael, and has built a new Church for its members to worship God in Spirit and in Truth.

The present Pastor is the Rev. Carl W. Barker, who was appointed the leader in 1986, following the death of his father. He had served as assistant Pastor from 1975-1986.

Rev. Carl W. Barker is married to Sandra S. Barker, and has three sons.

The Church's trustees are Senator Tyrone Barker, and Pastor Carl W. Barker. The late Mother Springer, a former trustee will be replaced in due course.

THE MISSION OF SHALEM

To provide a home where people of all races, regardless of class, or social standing, can come together to worship God freely.

To provide a base from which the charge of Jesus in Matthew 28:19&20 (Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the

Holy Ghost: Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you:) can be executed.

To teach young Christians to love God, and to develop a relationship with Him, through regular prayer, and consistent Bible Study. To provide a family for the homeless, rest for the weary, and a place of refuge for the bereaved, the oppressed, and the underprivileged.

To be a lighthouse, where people can see the love of God demonstrated, and come to glorify God.

To prepare all people for the imminent return of Jesus, our Lord, and King.

THE FAITH OF SHALEM

Shalem has always believed the Holy Bible to be God's Word, and stands firmly behind all the principles of God, as outlined in His Word, as long as it is faithfully translated from the original words of God. Shalem can be described as a fundamental Church, trusting in the truth of God, as outlined in His Word to guide us, under the influence of the Holy Spirit, into all truths. Shalem therefore will base its faith only on the Word of God, and one only has to read the Word of God to discover our creed. Shalem invites all those who are not presently worshipping in Bible believing Churches, to join us whenever possible, and to share in fellowship and love.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL

Proverbs Chapter 22 v 6: “Train up a Child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. So said King Solomon many years ago.

The Sunday School department considers all children whatever class or creed to be a gift from God. We cater to the various needs of each individual child that enter our door by providing a range of classes from infant to adult.

We pay special attention to our children, providing them with spiritual and parental guidance. The children are taught to interact with each other, engage in healthy discussions, preparing them for the world in which they have to work, live and play.

From an early age each child is taught the importance of making Jesus Christ an integral part of their lives, reading and understanding the word of God and becoming a member of the heavenly family. We also tap into the various talents of each child, giving them the opportunity to showcase those talents during our many church programs and activities. Your children can also have the opportunity of being a part of the Sunday School Choir, who actively engages in the ministry of God’s work through their music.

The Sunday School believes that the children of today are the adults of tomorrow. Therefore in an effort to help make our society less crime oriented, it is very important to mould and guide the young children at a very early age.

Your children can be part of a happy family, the doors of the Sunday School are always open. We look forward with great anticipation to seeing your children at 9:00 a.m.. every Sunday morning.

THE YOUTH DEPARTMENT

The youth department is complimentary to the Sunday School. It is here that youths are trained, helping them to understand the reason for the things we preach and why we follow them. We are here to help them in whatever problems that they may encounter with the use of the word of God. The department helps to fashion the lives of the youth and to help them to become the lights in their communities.

It is this department's goal to find ways and means in which to carry out our purpose. To make our services the training ground for whom ever may attend. We want to be an encouragement to the youth, to help them to use their skills and abilities in a positive manner. The department's goal is to increase the active-ness of the youth both within and without the church, and to provide this community with positive examples to follow. We want to make a positive impact on the lives of our youth and to make a noticeable difference.

We also aim to provide the knowledge necessary for the betterment of the youth and to show them the way to 'Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify our father which is in heaven'. Matthew Ch 5 v 16.

Your child can therefore benefit in a very positive way by attending and participating in this department's activities, and be taught to be an honest, dependable, and disciplined citizen. If you want your child to succeed in life, this department can help you achieve your goal.

THE MISSIONARY DEPARTMENT

The Missionary Department functions as the lifeblood of Shalem Evangelical Church. The Department is run by a committee which looks after the needs of Senior Citizens and those older members who are less fortunate.

Cottage meetings are held for those who are unable to attend church whether they are members or not and especially for those members, the Holy Communion is administered .

Missionary work is undertaken by all ages and most of the members of the Church are also members of the Missionary band. Services are usually conducted by the Missionary Department on the fourth Sunday of every month and it is then the responsibility of the Department to engage the congregation in different activities. The department sometimes invites resource persons to do lectures or related seminars and more often visiting preachers are brought in to preach on that fourth Sunday.

On the fourth Sunday in October; the Missionaries host the Annual Missionary service when invitations are sent out to several other churches and a programme is put on. This is usually the highlight of the year of activities.

The Department visits the Queen Elizabeth Hospital as well as the various District Hospitals in order to carry a little cheer and happiness to those who are patients.

In general, the department caters to everybody and endeavours to service the needs of the entire Church. Our intention is to "Go ye therefore, and teach all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father; and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost".

FROM THE DAYCARE

Shalem Day Care Centre opened its doors on the 16th September, 2002. This Daycare was opened to cater to the growing demand for a proper daycare facility where parents can leave their children in the safe hands of loving care givers. We also wanted the opportunity to provide a service for the community of Bush Hall, and what better way than to have a Daycare Centre.

We believe that every child is important, we cater to children ranging in age from three months and up. Here at Shalem Day Care they move from the nursery into preschool, where they are taught in a classroom setting thus preparing them for an easier move into Primary School.

We have a spacious facility, healthy environment and loving care givers who provide excellent service to each individual child. They are loved and cared for as if they were our very own, on registering with us your child and you become a part of the family. We believe in providing a Home away from Home.

One of our main objectives is to make Christ a part of each little life that we hold in our hands daily. We believe that a child is never too young to learn about Christ and apart from our daily care, we believe in giving them spiritual guidance, Christ said, “Suffer the little children to come unto me and forbid them not”.

If you need a Daycare with a difference, SHALEM DAYCARE CENTRE is the place for you. Shalem Day Care Centre-

A Ray of Hope for ALL children!