



JEREMIAH SCHOOL 2024

A school for Youths desiring to
experience God

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INTRODUCTION

From the Principal

Jeremiah School will always have a special place in my heart because of the impact it had on me and continues to give me in the years to come. We praise God for His providence and faithfulness towards this ministry whose vision is to raise succeeding generations of pro-active, God-fearing youths who are personally experiencing a dynamic spiritual transformation and are on fire for Christ.

Since its inception in 2003, Jeremiah School have seen the succession of 4 principals, well over 300 students and mentors, which is a witness to God's grace and faithfulness in providing us the need for educating, equipping, and commissioning young people in the Methodist Church of Malaysia with the gospel for the work of ministry and every good works wherever they will be.

We also give thanks to God for many faithful partners, mentors, and teachers who have come alongside us in providing for the financial, logistical, and equipping needs on the ground to make each JS a success.

It is our sincere prayers that, as the Lord wills, Jeremiah School will continue from strength to strength in influencing, impacting, and inspiring the youths of generations to come for His Gospel and the furtherance of God's Kingdom here in Malaysia and beyond.

Soli Deo Gloria

Rev. James Ong
Principal



VISION STATEMENT

To raise a generation of God-fearing, faithful, persevering and selfless young leaders who will be of a different spirit.

SCRIPTURAL MODEL

Numbers 14:24

"But because my servant Caleb has a **different spirit** and follows me wholeheartedly, I will bring him into the land he went to, and his descendants will inherit it."

OBJECTIVES

- To develop Godly disciplines & habits
- To facilitate the discovery of God's calling
- To develop basic leadership skills
- To impart a Vision for the World
- To develop basic people skills
- To facilitate a meaningful and personal encounter with God
- To facilitate an experience of authentic Christian community

SYLLABUS

- Biblical Theology (God's Big Picture)
- Spiritual Disciplines
- Discovering the Love of God
- Doctrine of the Trinity
- OT & NT Survey
- Encountering God: Word and Nature
 - Interpreting & Applying the Bible
 - Tools for Bible Study
 - Developing Your Prayer life
 - Intercession & Spiritual Warfare
 - Heart of Worship
- Personal management & Testimony
- Freedom in Christ
- Evangelism & Witnessing tools
- Understanding Your mind and emotions
- Making of a leader
- BGR, Sex, & Sexuality
- Gender development and Holiness
 - Discerning the will of God
 - Prayer profiling
 - Understanding Missions
 - Exploring God's call
 - Emotional Quotient Profiling
 - Dealing with Conflict
 - Core Values
 - Personal Mission Statement
 - Intro to Methodism
 - Apologetics



WHO ARE WE LOOKING FOR



Criteria for Application

- 17-25 years old
- Belong to a youth ministry in TRAC (BB/GB/MYF/Sunday School)
- Submissive to authority
- Have a teachable heart
- Serious about seeking God
- Willing to participate in community life and service
- Endorsed by the Youth Counselor & Pastor
- Successful applicants must complete entire course
- Willing to commit to grow post-JS by keeping the spiritual disciplines
- Have identified a potential adult mentor in the church who'd be willing to mentor them post-JS

Registration & Payment

1. For students, kindly express your desire to your Youth Counselor for further action and go through the proper interviews with your church.
2. For parents, kindly approach your youth counselors and Pastor and check with them if your children are eligible.
3. For Youth Counselors/Pastors, kindly pray and identify the youths who'd benefit the most from JS. Encourage them to attend JS.
4. All applications will be processed & successful applicants will be notified by 12th February 2024.
5. Registration Link. Click here <https://tinyurl.com/53k32pp6> | Note: This is ONLY the registration form and does not include the recommendation form; all recommendation forms must be emailed (james.ong@trac.org.my) or mailed to Trinity Annual Conference (TRAC) 2 Jalan 5/39 46000 Petaling Jaya, Selangor Darul Ehsan.

TRAC Youth – RM 1800/person

***Non-TRAC Methodist Youth – RM 2300/person**


Payment by Cheque/online transfer/bank-in to be made payable to **TRAC OF THE METHODIST CHURCH IN MALAYSIA**

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For Cheque - Indicate at the back of cheque: Name of participant, church, contact number, and Jeremiah School 2024.

*For non-TRAC youth, application is subjected to the approval of admission by the committee, and availability of space

DAILY SCHEDULE



6.30 am	Rise & Shine
7.00 – 8.00 am	Quiet Time
8.00 – 8.30 am	Breakfast
8.30 – 9.30 am	Quiet Time Sharing
9.30 – 9.40 am	Worship
9.40 - 11.10 am	Session 1
11.10 – 11.30 am	Break
11.30 am – 1.00 pm	Session 2
1.00 – 2.00 pm	Lunch
2.00 – 2.30 pm	Siesta
2.30 – 4.00 pm	Workshop/Session
4.00 – 5.30 pm	Team Building
5.30 – 6.30 pm	Wash-up
6.30 – 7.30 pm	Dinner
7.30 – 8.00 pm	Worship*
8.00 – 9.00 pm	Night Trek*
9.00 – 10.00 pm	Mentoring
10.00 – 10.30 pm	Supper
11.00 pm	Lights Out

ACTIVITIES

Personal & group devotion

Silent retreat

Journaling

Small group dynamics

Chapel Time

Rest & Recreation

Engaging Video Shows

Field Education

Mission Trip

Community Living

Team Building Sessions

Workshops

Mentoring

Preaching opportunities

Evangelism

Weekly Quiz



Rules & Regulations

1.	Attire during sessions: ¾ pants/jeans or long pants/jeans, shirt or t-shirts for both genders.
2.	Spaghetti straps, short skirts, sleeveless & tight-fitting clothes are not allowed for girls. Showing of midriff is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
3.	Sleeveless t-shirts are not allowed for boys during sessions. Showing of underwear is strictly prohibited. Proper attire for the purpose of games is allowed but must be decent.
4.	Boy-Girl relationships or the appearance of exclusive relationships are not allowed.
5.	JS students are not to be allowed any visitors without prior permission from the Director of the School.
6.	Handphones are not allowed to be used during weekdays. However, the students will be allowed to use them during the weekends.
7.	Students are expected to wash, dry and iron their own clothes. Laundry services are not provided.
8.	Students will follow a duty roster for various duties (i.e, kitchen duty, table clearing after meals, toilet cleaning, dorm cleaning, chapel duty, clearing rubbish, 'gotong-royong', etc.)
9.	All card games & computer games are not allowed in JS.
10.	Internet services are not provided.
11.	No opposite gender visits to the dorm allowed.
12.	Going out to town is not allowed without the prior permission of the School's Director.
13.	Journaling must be completed and submitted to the respective mentors weekly.
14.	Punctuality is a must for all sessions.
15.	Lights-out is to be strictly observed.

Testimonials

When 2021 came around, it was to be my son's turn to go Jeremiah School (JS) but everything was shut down because of Covid!! I moaned and groaned that my son was not going to have a once in a life time experience of going deeper with God and building a close to genuine authentic biblical community. That would have equipped my son with an important building block in his relationship in following Jesus just like how many young people (including my daughter) have been equipped.

As a parent, I can only bring my children so far with their birth and spiritual identity. But they need a personal in depth experience with God to bring them further in their life. They would be equipped not only with leadership skills and a model of what an authentic biblical community looks like, but at least, they would know with greater certainty how to come back to the heart of the Father if they should stray away later in life.

My journey with JS began in 2003 and ever since then, I have not missed one because it has been very fulfilling and encouraging to see young people discover God in a much deeper and personal way, moving away from an experienced or affiliated faith of their biological or faith family to one that is personally owned.

It's a challenge to be a mentor every year as mentors are one of the last to go to bed at night and the first to get up in the morning. But it is every bit worth it for the sake of seeing transformation in the lives of those we mentor. And it has been a tremendous learning opportunity for me as I grow and learn new stuff with each proceeding cohort with their distinctive culture. By God's grace, I have survived all these years and I am not about to give up! If God would give me strength to run with horses, I will still be at JS pouring my heart, soul, and might to journey with the young ones towards a deeper love for and vision of God and His kingdom.

Uncle Herbie (Dr.)
Emmanuel Methodist Church

I have always been a huge advocate in encouraging youths to join Jeremiah School because of how significantly it has impacted my growth in Christ. Yet when I was invited back to be a mentor, I was hesitant, thinking of how I could use the time to build my resume. However, when God prompted the second time, I knew that I have to obey.

At that juncture of my life, I had just gone through the toughest period of my life, and it has left me wrecked and it seems like a foretaste of the hardship adulthood has to offer. Fear of the unknown was constantly real, and the feeling of unworthiness for the work He called me, has created doubt in my capacity to serve Him. Nonetheless, God has other plans.

Throughout the 6 weeks, God has shown me that He could use me in the ways I wouldn't have imagined. As He enables and anoints those who are willing for His purposes. He taught me that my struggles and weakness is a vessel to glorify Him, by encouraging the rest of the same who are facing similar challenges to see Christ as the source of strength.

Besides, my mentees have each in their own ways encouraged and helped me to see God's graciousness in my own journey through their lives. The vulnerability that was shared among the mentors and mentees was indeed a great testament and reminder of how important it is to have a community of Faith, seeking to encourage, pray, keeping each other accountable and to persevere through the straight and narrow road.

The 6 weeks has been a reminder once again of the life that Jeremiah lived. Through the many trials and repeated rejections that was thrown at him, he remains faithful till the end as he believes and hold onto God's promises that He is with him and will deliver him.

Ngo Chi Ern (Mentor)

Whispering Hope Methodist Church

10 years ago, I made the simple decision of going to Jeremiah School (JS).. But that simple decision changed my life. Through the mentorship of my own JS mentors and peers, they made me fall in love with God and His word as well as discovering who am I as a person. Even after a decade, I still carry the lessons and memories with me. This inspired me to want to be a JS mentor, to share with the next generation the lessons I have learned from JS.

During my tenure as a JS mentor, I found that the students were not the only ones learning lessons. One of the things I learnt was to be there for the students and meet with them where they are, spiritually and emotionally. As I spent time with them, I learnt to listen to them and the struggles that they were facing. Not jumping on the “Solution Bus” but to hear and empathise with them.

Prior to JS, I was in-between careers and was having a hard time deciding the next step. However, through the many reflections and quiet retreats, God reminded me of His faithfulness in my life. It was during one of the silent retreats, while walking along the shoreline in Golden Sands, the question came to me “Do you trust me? Would you close your eyes as you walk with me?” With some hesitation, I did just that. With my eyes closed, the waters above my knees, I began to sing quietly the song “Oceans” as I walked along the seashore, meditating on the lyrics as I went. It was as if God was telling me no matter what happens in my life, He will always be there for me to lead me and guide me. Then and there I confess to Him to take me deeper in my faith as I surrendered my life to Him once again.

Lastly, it is my prayer that all the mentees will continue to live for Jesus, and that my testimony will encourage you to take up mentorship wherever you are, in church, in your workplace or even among your peers. Being an encouragement to someone and seeing how they overcome adversities has encouraged me to be open to mentorship. And if God has plans for me to do so, I will be more than happy to answer that call. To God be the Glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Andrew Gan (Mentor)
Sungai Way-Subang Methodist Church

Adult Volunteer-Mentors

INFORMATION & BASIC QUALIFICATION

Jeremiah School is staffed by officials from the TRAC Board of Youth Work. They oversee the running of the school, the development of curriculum and are actively involved in intentional mentoring of the JS students throughout the school term. Ever since JS started in 2003, we have found that some of the best learning and growing happens when mentoring takes place. In view of this, we need more adult volunteers to wear the shoes of a mentor and walk alongside the students. If you love youths and are available for 6 weeks, we'd like to encourage you to prayerfully consider this opportunity to serve.

1. Minimum 2 year-old baptized Christian from TRAC Churches
2. 21 years old and above
3. Love young people
4. Recommendation from TRAC Pastor/youth counselor/church leader
5. Some ministry experience
6. Teachable & submissive to authority
7. Strong in word & prayer
8. Friendly and willing to sacrifice time.
9. Driving skills and possession of a car would be an advantage

Training

1. Successful Applicants will be required to attend Mentor Training
2. The training will cover the objectives and introduction to the teaching modules of the school.
3. Mentors will be required to read 'Life Giving Mentors' by Tim Elmore
4. Mentors will be equipped with the Youth version of 'Freedom In Christ' sessions.
5. Mentors will be trained in the Development Tracking Record of the students assigned to them.
6. Mentors will also undergo a teaching segment on how to build relationships with youth.
7. As part of the ongoing mentoring development, mentors will be assessed and will be given more coaching skills as and when needed.

Kindly submit your application to be a mentor to james.ong@trac.org.my & uncleherbie@gmail.com before 6th February 2024.

Potential applicants will be interviewed by JS staff. Successful applicants will then be notified.

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