

COVENANT 2025

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REGULAR ACTIVITIES

- Sunday Service : 10:00 am
- Youth Express : Saturday 5:00 pm
- Sunday School : Sunday 10:00 am
- Board Meeting : Once a month
- Women's Fellowship : 2nd Saturdays at 4 pm
- Prayer Meeting : Wednesdays at 5:00 pm
- Men's Prayer Breakfast : 2nd Saturdays at 7am
- Holy Communion : Once a month
- Crossover Fellowship : Once a month
- Nagamese Fellowship : Sundays at 5:00 pm

VISION

- To glorify God and advance His Kingdom.
- To strive to bring men and women to acknowledge Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour.
- To build a vibrant and worshipping community.
- To share and propagate the Gospel of Jesus Christ here and beyond.

MISSION

- To make disciples of all nations beginning within our community in and around us.
- To be Christ centered in our worship, preaching, teaching, fellowship and all Christian related ministry.
- To reach the unreached within the community and beyond.

Soul Food

Devotional

1 Corinthians 13:12 *"For now we see only a reflection as in a mirror; then we shall see face to face. Now I know in part; then I shall know fully, even as I am fully known."*

Most of us have had the experience of not being fully seen or understood. Maybe someone made a snap judgment about you, or they praised the polished version of your life without knowing the struggle behind it. Maybe you've spent years trying to prove yourself, explain yourself, or even hide parts of yourself to avoid being rejected. But what if there was a place where you could be completely known—and completely safe?

In 1 Corinthians 13:12, Paul paints a stunning contrast. Right now, he says, we see as if through a foggy mirror. Our understanding is dim. Our vision is limited. But there's a time coming when we'll see with clarity. Not

only will we see God face to face, but we will fully know—and be fully known.

That kind of knowing goes deeper than facts. It's more than recognition. It's intimate understanding. It's the ability to see someone's story, scars, personality, and purpose—and love them all the more. That's the kind of knowing we'll experience in heaven. Here on earth, even the best relationships can be complicated. We carry our wounds into every interaction. We misunderstand, assume, disappoint, or retreat. We want closeness, but sometimes our brokenness gets in the way. In heaven, those barriers will be gone. And it's not just that you'll be known by others. You'll be fully known by God—and still fully loved. There won't be any inner voice saying, "If they really knew me, they'd walk away." In heaven, God will see everything about you, and you'll know with absolute confidence that you belong. You'll feel no need to run, perform, or hide. This isn't just some wishful idea to help us cope with loneliness. It's a real hope rooted in the character of God. He created us for connection, and heaven is the fulfilment of that longing. If earth is the preview, heaven is the full experience. Think about it: everything we love about community here—those rare, authentic, joy-filled moments—are just a glimpse. A shadow. We're seeing the outline. In heaven, we'll experience the real thing.

We'll be reunited with loved ones who followed Jesus. But it won't just be a "recognize their face" moment. It'll be deeper. You'll know them in ways that you could never quite reach here. And it won't be awkward or strained or heavy. It will be right. The promise of being fully known should do something in us. It should free us to start living more authentically even now. If that's our forever, why not begin to practice here? If God already sees and loves you completely, why live like you're still auditioning for approval?

We don't have to wait for heaven to start dropping the masks. The gospel invites us into a life where we are known and loved, not because we've earned it, but because Jesus made it possible. That kind of love rewires the way we see ourselves and others.

Your identity isn't something you have to prove. It's something God already knows. And in heaven, you'll step into the fullness of who you were always meant to be. Let the promise of heaven shape how we live today. In Jesus' name. Amen.

World Sunday School Day, 2nd Nov, 2025

World Sunday School Day is observed as a significant day to celebrate the founding years of the Sunday School movement. The first Sunday School began in 1780 by Robert Raikes. To set aside one day of the week to focus on children's spiritual foundations is indeed strategic and a divine intervention that continues to mould tender lives. Making the most out of this opportunity is both an immense challenge and a reward.

At Covenant Baptist Church, the unflinching support of the church and parents has propelled the growth of children in leaps and bounds. About 145 children, 10 children and 8 volunteers came together to testify of God's Faithful Love.

Weeks ahead, teachers had been teaching the Sunday School Group song 'Jesus is the Lord' which was the opening act for the event. To see 6 of our Visually Impaired (VI) and Person with Disability (PwD) children enthusiastically participate is always a blessing. One of our 5-year-old children pronounced the invocation while many of the Beginners Saplings class recited memory verses in their own local dialect to show that in our diversity, we are but One Family in the Kingdom of God.

With the guidance of our teachers, the children led in action, a heart-warming praise and worship, of songs ranging from English to Hindi. God is not limited by language or boundaries. Everything under the sun testifies of God's love.

We praise God for our FBI Teens students who participated as 'Ushers' to welcome the congregation, who also helped to collect the offering and later presented a special song as a full band with music and singing. From Intermediate Bible Explorers students, we had the sweet trio girls who presented choreography 'Show some Kindness.' They may appear timid but time has proven to show them mature. Then came the Primary Walkers storyteller-duo who took us back to the Bible, narrating on the Beginning of Creation and from the life of Jonah. The power of stories came alive that morning. Finally came our largest class, Junior Sparks who recited an action memory verse to remind us not to be afraid that God will never leave nor forsake us from Joshua 1:8-9.

We praise God for the special prayer for our children by Pastor Yabang Longkumer while teacher Mr. Boto led the WSSD service. We are thankful to teacher Ms. Yatet who led in the congregation song and teacher Ms. Nula for compiling a video to look back to the year that has been. The message was delivered by Mrs. Zuthunglo who spoke on the Sunday School Theme 'Imitators of God' based on Ephesians 5:1-2. She spoke about how we remain Imitators of God in a world of Influencers. We can imitate the sacrificial offering of God who gave His best and His entire being to God. Secondly we need to imitate God's sacrifice so much so that the offering is a pleasing aroma rather than an unacceptable offering.

With great effort from everyone from decorations, video presentations of Sunday School, photography, practice and rehearsals, arranging special refreshment and children's gifts, praying and committing one another to God, it was a meaningful celebration. We also praise God that we are witnessing promising and young upcoming musicians among the children.

It was encouraging to see many parents who came to worship at CBCD. May God continue to take us on Higher Ground.

Blessings.

Snapshots of World Sunday School Day





Youth Camp 2025

“The Narrow Path” *Matthew 7:13-1*

We are thrilled to report that our youth camp, held from September 27th to October 1st, 2025 at Universal Prayer Center, Mon Bosti was a success! The theme, “The Narrow Path,” was explored through inspiring sessions led by our camp speaker, Mr. Tejdor Tiewsoh, and Bible teacher- Dr. Gayreen Lyngdoh, who took us through the book of Philippians.

Our resource persons, Mr. Neipekreizo Kesiezie, Mrs. Ketuno Imchen, Mrs. Zuthunglo Ezung, Pastor Yabang Longkumer and Mrs. Watila Amit, shared valuable insights on crucial topics such as - Setting Priority, Mental Health, Stewardship, Discovering Gifts, Cost of discipleship and Personal Evangelism. The campers were deeply impacted by these sessions, which were designed to equip them for a deeper walk with God.

Our camp speaker also took the campers through essential doctrines, including the Doctrine of Man and Sin, the Doctrine of Salvation and Jesus Christ, and the Doctrine of the Second Coming. These teachings helped to solidify the campers’ understanding of God’s Word and encouraged them to live a life of obedience and surrender to Christ.

We had 46 campers, and it was amazing to see the eagerness and hunger of our youth to learn and grow in the Lord. Thirty-eight (38) of them Recommitted their lives, and five accepted Christ as their Lord and personal Savior. One of the highlights of the camp was the counseling sessions and interactions with our church elders, resource persons and particularly the Crossover team. The youths were able to share their struggles and receive guidance, and we saw lives transformed as a result. We’re also grateful for the follow-up efforts, including dinner fellowships and service opportunities, which have helped our campers to stay connected and grow in their faith. We want to share a remarkable testimony of a young man who attended last year’s camp and has since been transformed by God. He has become regular at our youth services and has even led his friend to Christ, who has also been baptized. This is just one example of the impact of our youth camp.

We believe that investing in our youth is never in vain, and we’re excited to see the harvest that God will bring forth from this year’s camp. We encourage the church to continue to support and pray for our youth as they navigate their faith journey.

Words of Gratitude:

We give all glory to God for the success of this camp! We thank Him for the gift of His Word, which was faithfully preached and taught, and for the lives that were transformed. We also express our heartfelt gratitude to the church for their constant support and encouragement. Your prayers, contributions, and involvement have made a significant difference in the lives of our youth. To the camp team, resource persons, and volunteers, thank you for your tireless efforts in making this camp a success. Your dedication and commitment are truly appreciated. To the parents and guardians, thank you for entrusting us with your children and for your unwavering support. Your partnership in this ministry is invaluable. May God bless and reward each and every one of you for your role in this ministry!



Snapshots of Youth Camp 2025





Youth Express Report

Mrs. Kewi Pfuno

We give thanks to God for enabling us to have a successful Youth Camp, and we appreciate the church's investment in the lives of our young people.

Our Youth Camp was held from 28th September to 1st October at Universal Prayer Centre, under the theme "The Narrow Path" (Matthew 7:13-14). The camp speaker was Mr. Tejdor Tiewsoh, who led the devotionals and doctrinal sessions, and his wife, Dr. Gayreen Lyngdoh, served as the Bible teacher.

We had a wonderful team of resource persons, including Pastor Yabang Longkumer on "Discovering Gifts", Mrs. Zuthunglo Ezung on "Stewardship", Mrs. Ketuno Imchen on "Mental Health", Mrs. Watila Amit on "Cost of Discipleship" and "Personal Evangelism", and Mr. Neipekreizo Kesiezie on "Setting Priority".

The camp director was Mr. Lamtsabi Sangtam. We had 46 campers (24 gents and 22 ladies), and it was a joy to see 38 of them re-commit their lives and 5 accept Lord as their personal Saviour. The camp was a discipleship-focused event, and we are thrilled with the life-changing experiences and fruitful interactions. The follow-up has been going well, with the group taking turns to lead services and having dinner fellowships together. We're grateful for the opportunity to continue investing in the lives of our young people.

We also appreciate the ongoing Bible study with Mrs. Watila Amit, currently studying the Gospel of Mark. We're encouraged by the progress and look forward to continuing this journey together. God bless!

Crossover Fellowship Report

We praise God for a blessed retreat held from 2nd to 5th October in Shillong, Meghalaya. A team of 14, including Pastor and family, gathered for a time of fellowship and learning.

We were privileged to have sessions with Pastor Meyu Changkiri, Ao Baptist Arogo, Shillong, who spoke on "Manifesting Faith in the Workplace", and Mr. Balajied Nongrum, who shared insights on "Apologetics as Missions". Both sessions were interactive and productive, equipping us to live out our faith in our workplaces.

We're grateful to Alex's family for hosting us in Shillong and making our stay memorable.

The testimonies shared by our young professionals were truly inspiring, demonstrating how they're putting their faith into practice in their workplaces.

This retreat has renewed our hope and encouraged us to continue shining God's light in our spheres of influence. We're thankful for this opportunity to grow and be equipped for the work God has called us to.



Women's Fellowship Report

Dr Michelle Kamei

Grateful to God for His continuous blessings and guidance as we reflect on another two months of women's ministry.

Highlights from Sep'25 to Oct '25

September:

- On 11th September, our women's group took the lead in organizing and participating in our church fasting and prayer program.
- On 23rd September, some of us visited Dr Kindy and bro Imti's family who were blessed with a precious daughter, to share their joys and pray for God's blessings.

October:

- On 13th October our women's ministry had a meaningful fellowship observing Breast Cancer Awareness month with Dr. Amenla Longkumer as the resource person, who courageously shared her inspiring personal journey with breast cancer and gave awareness talk on the disease.
- On 19th October our women's group was also given the privilege to help in the arrangements and sales on our church thanksgiving Sunday.
- On 25th October, some of us participated in the combined social work organized by DBWU, Team Better Dimapur and Tenyimi Students Union cleaning and beautifying Dimapur city (from City Tower to Tragopan hotel junction)
- On 31st October, some of us had the privilege to attend the 2nd combine service of DBWU at Lhomithi Baptist Church, Dimapur.

Upcoming Events:

8th Nov: Fellowship with Persons with Disabilities

7th Dec: Advent Christmas fellowship

Our shared journey echoes the call in Ephesians 4: 11 to 16 to build up the body of Christ, and we look forward to continuing the vital work together.



Observing Breast Cancer Awareness Month . With resource person Dr Amenla Longkumer



Combine social work with DBWU ,Team Better Dimapur and Tenyimi Students Union



Home visitation and attending DBWU combined service at Lhomithi Baptist Church

September and October 2025

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. For the month of September, we had our 8th Bible Study led by Rev. Babu Bhat. Some of our doubts were discussed and cleared during this session. The men's group had the privilege of ushering for the 14th September Church Service. On the 28th we led the worship service.

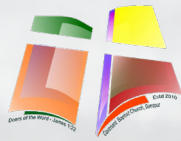
We had the privilege to lead one of the worship services at the 'India Mission Summit' at Dimapur Ao Baptist Arogo on the 2nd of October.

As for the month of October the 9th and the 10th Bible study was combined together ending the Bible study for this year. We studied from the book of Matthew 5:33-48 and Matthew 6:1-18

The last and final futsal match of the year was played at Arena 365 on the 24th of October. We plan to have more matches next year. We also had the opportunities to help the Church in Ushering on the 5th and 26th of October.

May God continue to bless the MPB fellowship and CBCD.





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