

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 6:00 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

Shame is a powerful force. It can silence your voice, shrink your confidence, and keep you from standing for the things that matter most. And Paul knew that if there was ever a message people might be tempted to be ashamed of, it was the gospel. At the time he wrote the letter to the Romans, the message of Jesus was anything but popular. Rome was proud, polished, and powerful. The idea that salvation came through a crucified Jewish carpenter from a conquered people group sounded absurd. Foolish, even. The cross wasn't a decorative symbol—it was an execution device. A death reserved for the lowest of criminals. To say you followed a man who died that way was to associate yourself with weakness and scandal.

And yet Paul says, boldly and without apology, "I am not ashamed." Not hesitant. Not half in. Not guarded in his tone or cautious with his words. Paul knew how the gospel sounded to others—and he still declared it with joy. Why? Because he understood what was behind it. Paul knew the gospel wasn't weak, even if the world thought it was. It wasn't outdated or irrelevant or naïve. It was truth. It was power. It was the only thing that could raise the dead, heal the heart, and rewrite eternity. That's why he wasn't ashamed—because he knew the source, and he had seen the results.

Paul had been laughed at, chased out of cities, imprisoned, beaten, and eventually killed for the gospel. But even after all that, he still said, "I am not ashamed." Because he knew the cross was not a symbol of failure. It was a symbol of rescue. And if Jesus wasn't ashamed to take on our sin, we don't need to be ashamed to speak his name.

Being unashamed doesn't mean being loud or aggressive. It doesn't mean shouting truth without love. It means being steady. It means being clear. It means being willing to speak the name of Jesus in places where it's not always welcome. Not to be provocative, but to be faithful. It means you pray when others scoff. You serve when others retreat. You live with quiet courage in the conversations, friendships, and circles where faith feels like a foreign language. You don't power up. You show up. You bring grace and truth together. And when the door opens, you don't apologize for the hope that holds you up.

You may never preach a sermon, but you can live like one. You can be unashamed in the way you carry peace into tension. In the way you forgive quickly. In the way you talk about where your strength comes from. In the way you gently name Jesus—not as an accessory to your life, but as the reason you're still standing.

So ask yourself today: Am I unashamed of the gospel, or just familiar with it? Because if it's still good news to you, you won't keep it quiet. (*source: www.fellowshipchurch.com*)

Mission Committee Report

The Mission Committee gives all glory and praise to our living God for the new believers who have been added to His kingdom. We are thrilled to share that on July 26th 2025, two candidates from our mission field in Horishpur, Assam, publicly professed their faith through water baptism. The service was officiated by Pastor Yabang Longkumer at Shalom English School at Sepon village. We are profoundly thankful to God for opening this door to witness and celebrate these new lives in Christ. The two sisters who were baptized are Monika Mura and Birjinia Doreng. The committee is grateful to our entire congregation for your faithful support through giving, prayers and your willing hearts to reach out.

Monthly Prayer Initiative: Furthermore, the Mission Committee is committed to fostering a deeper heart for missions within our congregation. To this end, we have begun leading a dedicated Wednesday Prayer Meeting on the last Wednesday of every month, focusing specifically on our missionaries and mission fields. This initiative was successfully launched in the month of July. We encourage everyone to join us in covering this vital work in prayer.

Prayer Requests: Please continue to pray for:

- Our new sisters in Christ, Monika and Birjinia.
- Our missionary, Mr. Ashi.
- Pastor Barnabas' mission partner.
- The continued expansion of God's work in Assam and beyond.



Baptism of Monika Mura and Birjinia Doreng at Horishpur, Assam

Youth Express Report

Mrs. Kewi Pfüno

We praise God for His faithfulness as we reach the midpoint of the year. We've witnessed many souls saved and others willing to obey God. However, we've also seen some youths struggling with addiction to gadgets and substances. We invite the church to join us in prayer for their transformation.

Special Services and Events:

- Youth Sunday (6th July): The topic "From Believer to Disciple" was preached, challenging us to deepen our faith.
- Celebrating Friendship (9th August): We reflected on Proverbs 18:24, focusing on having godly friends and the gift of friendship.
- Sports Fellowship (21st August): We had a sports fellowship at Arena 365, where we played futsal in three groups—men, women, and our visually impaired friends. The event included a short fellowship, reading God's Word, and prayer. It was a refreshing time of building relationships and learning from each other.

- We were blessed to see our visually impaired friends play futsal, and it was an eye-opener for many. We pray that we can continue to learn how to effectively reach out to them.

Upcoming Event:

Youth Camp to be held from 27th September to 1st October: Mr. Tejedor and his wife, Mrs. Gayreen Lyngdoh, will be our camp speaker and Bible teacher. We have an excellent team of resource persons, including Mrs. Watila Amit, Mr. Neipekreizo Kesiezie, Mrs. Ketuno Imchen, Mrs. Zuthunglo, and Pastor Yabang. We request the church to pray for the campers and everyone involved.



Youth Sports Fellowship at Arena 365

Crossover Fellowship Report

July Fellowship: Mrs. Talichila Imchen spoke on “*Love Your Neighbor*,” highlighting:

1. Making disciples through sharing, testimony, and controlling our tongues (Matthew 28:19).
2. Love has no boundaries (John 13); neighbors can be strangers or anyone.
3. Discovering spiritual gifts and using them wisely.
4. Reflecting on our hearts to understand and utilize our gifts.

August Fellowship:

We had an internal fellowship, building on our previous discussions. We completed online exercises to discover our spiritual gifts and love languages, helping us grow together. We’re grateful for the experience and plan to organize a retreat, praying that God will enable us if it’s His will.

Prayer Request: Please pray for young professionals as they balance life and make significant decisions.



Christian Education: Sunday School Report Mrs. Zuthunglo Ezung

Just as Philippians 3:10 records "...that I may KNOW Him and the power of His Resurrection and the fellowship of His sufferings, being conformed to His death.," the Sunday School Department set out to build on this theme "Know More About Jesus" for Vacation Bible School (VBS).

VBS preparations began from June 7th where 8 of our teachers attended the VBS Teacher's Training at Resource Centre. Based on the theme our songs, Bible lessons and activity were planned out to prepare our children for a meaningful Bible learning experience.

A fruitful day of Prayer & Fasting in view of the VBS was organized on July 12th where each teacher led in prayer for their concerned classes. Mr. David Koza, SS Deacon in charge led us in devotion whereas Mr. Boto shared words of exhortation in closing.

The Sunday School Department organized the VBS 2025 from July 18th-20th at NMM compound. Classes and outdoor games for higher classes were conducted at El-Shaddai Academy. We praise God for our VBS Speaker MR. Shikalu Shohe, Christian Education Coordinator, NBCC who joined us for counseling and sharings on all 3 days along with the team of teachers,volunteers & Counselors. We pray God will bless each one for their time of ministry.

We have been praying and expecting a huge number of children as much as 180-200 in number. Sure enough we had a total of 194 children, 11 teachers, 13 volunteers, 10 Counselors and 4 support team.

Teachers	Volunteers	Counselors	Support Team
1. Ms. Nula	1. Pauram	1. Mr. Shikalu Shohe	1. Photography i/c Mr. Akrei & Mr. Peshia
2. Ms. Alem	2. Konang	2. Mrs. Ketuno Imchen	2. Sound i/c Mr. Ganmai
3. Ms. Yippi	3. Baman	3. Mrs. Awheno Medom	3. Media and Screen i/c Mr. Peshia
4. Mr. Napem	4. Pauchan	4. Mr. Benjamin Benny	4. Logistics i/c Mr. Alunbo & Mr. Napem.
5. Ms. Kewidan	5. Chiben	5. Mrs. Kewi Pfuno	
6. Ms. Yatet	6. Pututemjen	6. Ms. Nula Changkiri	
7. Mrs. Chumyani	7. Toshi	7. Ms. Yiphyolo Kikon	
8. Ms. Nenti	8. Manoak	8. Mrs. Chumyani	
9. Mrs. Sashikala	9. Renbeni	9. Mr. Boto Achumi	
10. Mr. Boto	10. Ahim	10. Mrs. Zuthunglo Ezung	
11. Ms. Ayim	11. Dorothy		
	12. Chumbeni		
	13. Achiam		

Each day began with the teacher's devotion where Pastor Yabang and Mr. Shikalu shared words of exhortation. Pastor reminded us about being committed in the children's ministry while Mr. Shikalu reminded us that children are the perfect gift from God. Brother Shikalu stressed the importance of volunteers who are the STM i.e. "Short Term Missionaries." We were also reminded of the importance of building inter personal bonds as teachers as we reach out to the children.

Mrs. Chumyani, with a team of teachers and children enthusiastically led in heart-warming praise in action. We witnessed children opening up day by day as we came together to learn God's Word. Teachers Ayim and Boto organized games for the younger ones and seniors separately. Teacher Nula took charge of the Decorations & Craft shopping while Teacher Napem led the team of Volunteers. Teacher Kewidan from Prodigal's Home, who is a missionary to the PWD, oriented on care giving for the Specially-Abled and Visually Impaired (VI) children. One of the greatest challenges we faced was handling a staggering number of 44 Beginners. This led to forming two different sections where the play-group and the senior Beginners were separately taught. This enabled us to organize and reach out to the children more closely.

The day spanned from singing, Bible Adventures and Lessons, sticky-scriptures where children memorize memory verses, art & craft, prayer and counseling and outdoor games.

Unforgettable moments were prayer and counseling where we encountered children one on one, to listen and pray with them on a deeper level. Through this we also saw the children's hunger and willingness for prayer. This reminds us children often need someone to listen to them.

It is our prayer to see children exercise their faith on a daily basis so that they in turn can be a blessing to others around them. This requires us adults to be more intentional to involve them in inculcating spiritual disciplines.

We also experienced God's abundant provision through all the donations in cash and kind from well wishers of the church. We are encouraged to see the burden and the love extended for God's Kingdom. May God continue to bless each one.

The program concluded on a high note on VBS Sunday where children blessed the church through solo from the PWD children, group singing, choreography and skits. The speaker interacted with children and challenged elders to be more involved in raising children in the Lord.

The mid-summer heat did not stop anyone from experiencing God's love through the 3 day spiritual learning and recreation. We are thankful for the presence of elders and parents who stood with us, prayed for us and gave moral support.

To God be All glory!



VBS Sunday School Teachers



VBS Sunday School teachers and volunteers

Glimpses of VBS 2025:







With gratitude to God, we reflect on these blessed months in our Women's Ministry.

July 2025:

On 7th July we had our monthly fellowship. Mrs Atemla Anichari shared the word of God from John 15:5 reflecting on spiritual discipline . She encouraged us to prioritize time in God's word ,prayer and community,highlighting practical ways to remain in Him .

Mrs Flora Panmei Leivon shared her powerful testimony on faith and perseverance amidst her cancer journey. Her story inspired and encouraged us, reminding us of God's presence in trials and the importance of community and prayer

On 17th July, the core team held its 2nd half- yearly meeting to plan and strategize for the second half of the year. We are excited to implement these plans and see God's work though our ministry

August 2025:

On 10th August our women folk enjoyed a movie evening and fellowship, relaxing and connecting over an inspiring Christian film "War Room ", which powerfully conveyed a message about the importance of prayer and faith in our lives. Mrs Santi Keyho launched our Prayer Partners Ministry. She shared and encouraged us from Ecclesiastes 4:9 to 10 emphasizing on the value of companionship and partnership in prayer. By pairing ladies in prayer we aim to deepen our walk with God and foster meaningful connections.

On 26th August, two of our members represented our Women's Group at the 3rd executive meeting of DBWU at Chandel Baptist Church, Dimapur, staying updated on upcoming initiatives and plans.

Upcoming Events:

- Fasting and prayer
- Monthly fellowship
- Fellowship with people with special needs / differently-abled
- Advent Christmas fellowship
- Other events in collaboration with DBWU

We are grateful to God and our church for the unwavering support of our Women's Ministry. Join us for Women's Fellowship, where we can connect, grow in faith and serve together!





Greetings in the name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. We the men's group started the month of July with a futsal match on the 10th of July, 2025. On the 12th we had our 6th session of Bible Study, from the book Matthew 5: 21-26. A brief summary is given here.

After the beatitudes, we should be happy because we are blessed in His sight. We have an identity in Christ. Then moving forward Christ elaborates on the following 12 case studies. For the month of July we took up the first case study:

1. Do not be angry

Anger, which is uncontrolled always destroys the clarity of mind, and affect our thoughts. Anger is as good as murder, and death brings separation, whereas forgiveness brings life, then reunites and heals. We should never take God's grace and forgiveness for granted because He shall not forgive sin that is committed out of arrogance.



The MPB Group led the worship at Town Baptist Church's Friendship Sunday evening programme on the 3rd of August 2025.

9th August Bible Study:

Discussed on two case studies

1. Do not be lustful (Matthew 5:27-28)
Adultery and fornication is not today's issue, it can be traced back from Genesis to Revelation. Sexual immorality is SIN punishable. Faithfulness to God and to each other matters.
2. Do not Divorce (Matthew 5: 31-32)
Marriage is a covenant where we are having an intimate relationship with God and with each other. Marriage is supported by two pillars, that is sacrificial love and lifetime commitment to remain faithful to God and to each other. Christ Yeshua being the foundation, life needs to be lived in the light of His Word.

MPB led the worship during the "Refuel" both on the 23rd August (Saturday) and 24th August (Sunday).

Covenant Baptist Church Dimapur organized its 'REFUEL' programme from 22nd to 24th August at the Church with Rev Dr. A. K. Lama as the speaker. The programme was structured around the theme 'Spur One Another' based on Hebrews 10- 24-25.

Speaker's Profile:

Rev. Dr. AK Lama was recently elected at the World Baptist Congress in Australia, as the President or Chair of the Asia Pacific Baptist Federation, with headquarters in Japan. Dr lama was also the former honorary Chairman of the Baptist World Alliance Commission on Ministry, the Pro-chancellor of the North East Christian University, the General Secretary of Council of Baptist Churches Northeast India and the Pastor of Shillong Baptist Church. He is responsible for various ministries across the globe, including Executive Director of TLA (Transforming Leaders in Asia), Director of South Asia Ministries of Words of Hope, Managing Trustee of Good Books Educational Trust Ministries and Treasurer of Himalayan for Christ. Dr Lama is from Arunachal and his wife Dr Asangla from Changki Village, Mokokchung, Nagaland. He gave up his career as a veterinary doctor and she as a medical doctor to dedicate themselves to mission work. They are blessed with three children.

Day 1, August 22: "Spur One Another: Towards Good Deeds" (Hebrews 10:24-25)

The Christian view of good works is unique - they are not a means to earn salvation but the fruit of salvation—evidence of God's grace at work in believers (Ephesians 2:8-10). Good deeds flow from Christ's finished work, not human effort.

1. Spur One Another Toward Good Deeds

Hebrews 10:24 calls believers ("Let us") to a corporate response, addressed to those already saved. Salvation is past (regeneration), present (sanctification), and future (glorification). The exhortation rests on the "Therefore," pointing back to Christ's once-for-all sacrifice and believers' full access to God.

2. Three "Let Us" Calls (Hebrews 10)

1. Draw near to God (v.22) – approach God with sincerity and assurance.
2. Hold unswervingly to hope (v.23) – cling to the faithful promise of Christ.
3. Consider how to spur one another (v.24) – move beyond private faith to active encouragement within the community.

3. Meaning of "Spur"

The Greek *paroxysmos* means to stir up, provoke, or encourage toward love and good works. Christian growth is communal: "As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17).

4. Essentials for Effective Spurring

- True (Agape) Love – selfless, Christlike love.
- Right Attitude & Goodwill – focusing on the heart, not mere behavior.
- Trustworthy Relationships – influence built on personal credibility.
- Recognition of Potential – seeing others as God sees them and patiently nurturing growth.
- Compassion & Forgiveness – extending Godlike generosity and grace.

Christian good deeds are not private achievements but communal expressions of grace, where believers actively encourage one another to live out the love and good works God has prepared for them.

Day 2, August 23: “Spur One Another: Towards Encouragement” (Part 2 – Hebrews 10:24–25)

This second sermon in the series reaffirms that good works are the fruit of salvation, not its cause. Salvation—past (freedom from sin’s penalty), present (deliverance from sin’s power), and future (freedom from sin’s presence)—rests solely on Christ’s finished work and is received by faith. From this secure foundation, Hebrews issues three collective invitations: draw near to God, hold fast to hope, and spur one another. Because Christ intercedes as High Priest and grants access to God, believers are freed to live for Christ and others, following examples like Timothy’s faithful service.

1. Spur One Another Toward Encouragement – The Example of Barnabas
Barnabas (“Son of Encouragement”) embodied selfless support. He gave generously to the apostles, vouched for Saul (Paul) when others doubted him, and helped launch Paul’s ministry in Antioch. His humility and discernment show that the church’s growth depends not only on prominent leaders but also on ordinary encouragers who lift others up.
2. Five Practical Ways to Encourage
 1. Words – Speak kind, uplifting words; avoid gossip and criticism.
 2. Actions – Carry one another’s burdens with tangible help.
 3. Prayer – Pray for and with others for spiritual support.
 4. Sharing God’s Word – Offer Scripture or sermons that strengthen hope.
 5. Pointing to God’s Work – Celebrate God’s presence, growth, and gifts in others.
3. The Four-Fold Purpose of Encouragement
Encouragement is more than making people feel better; it aims to:
 1. Build and strengthen believers for kingdom work.
 2. Remind them of God’s promises and covenant faithfulness.
 3. Sustain them through trials with the joy of salvation and the Spirit.
 4. Direct hope toward resurrection and eternal life in Christ.

The message ended with the hymn *Make Me a Channel of Your Peace*, inviting the congregation to consecrate themselves as instruments of Christ’s encouragement and love.

Day 3, August 24: “Spur One Another: In Light of the Coming Day” (Hebrews 10:24–25)

The final sermon in the Refuel series focused on the closing phrase of Hebrews 10:25 - “the Day is approaching.” Spurring is not about forming cliques but about engaging with people different from ourselves in light of Christ’s return and eternity.

1. The Coming Day
“The Day” refers to the End Time, applied in three ways:
 - Our Death – life is brief and uncertain (Psalm 90:10).
 - The Second Coming of Christ – no one knows the day or hour (Mark 13:32).
 - Biblical Signs – deception, wars, famines, persecution, lawlessness, worldwide gospel proclamation, and signs in the heavens (Matthew 24:8).

Regardless of timing, believers must live as God’s children at all times.

2. Six Actions for Believers

In light of the approaching Day, Christians are called to:

1. Be Watchful and Alert – stay spiritually awake for Christ’s unexpected return.
2. Live Holy and Godly Lives – let faith shape daily conduct.
3. Persevere in Faith – endure trials and remain steadfast.
4. Actively Share the Gospel – participate in spreading the good news globally.
5. Encourage One Another – offer hope and strength, not fear.
6. Do Christ’s Work Faithfully – steward God’s gifts until He comes.
Love for God, not fear, is the true motive (2 Corinthians 5:14).

3. Urgency and Commitment

Believers are urged to increase their efforts “all the more” as the Day draws near. Hebrews 10:25 warns against neglecting fellowship. The Parable of the Rich Fool (Luke 12:15–20) illustrates the danger of valuing temporary wealth over eternal priorities; only obedience to God leaves a lasting legacy.

4. A Call to Action

The sermon concluded with Rev. Elijah Brown’s invitation to join the ACTS2 Movement, pursuing five ministry paths:

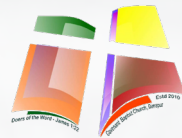
- Witness Path – sharing personal testimony.
- Bible Path – daily study and supporting translation work.
- Care Path – serving the underprivileged.
- Neighbourhood Path – praying for and adopting a neighborhood.
- Freedom & Justice Path – defending the oppressed.

The message closed with the hymn *Take My Life and Let It Be*, calling the congregation to dedicate themselves fully to Christ’s mission in anticipation of His return.



Glimpses of CBCD Refuel 2025





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