

2009 Theme: Ebenezer - Pursuit of Piety (1 Peter 1:15); CGF – Dedication to Discipleship (Luke 9:23)

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (06 April – 12 April 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (29/03/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
<b>TUE</b> (07/04/09)	7.00 pm	CGF BS Dinner Fellowship	<b>Attendance</b>	139	48
<b>FRI</b> (10/04/09)	8.00 pm	Mark 5 - "Virtue Has Gone Out"	<b>Offerings</b>	\$2993.80	\$533.75
	9.00 am	Good Friday Service – Pr. David Weng	<b>Building Fund Designated</b>	\$1,200	\$50.00
<b>SAT</b> (11/04/09)	9.00 am	VBS – Pr. Lim Hai Seng	<b>Pew</b>	\$50	
	8.00pm	Easter Day Camp/VBS	<b>Internal Loan Received To Date</b>		
<b>SUN</b> (12/04/09)	9.00 am	CGF - BS Discussion /Prayer meeting	Internal Gift	271,370	
	9.30 am	Easter Service – Pr. David Weng	Internal Loan	172,000	
	9.30 am	Sunday School	External Gift	409,277	
	10.30 am	Brunch Fellowship (Pls. Bring a Dish)	External Loan	150,000	
	12.45 pm	BBK/SBC No Class	Art & Craft	846	
	1.30 pm	Dutch Care: Dn Stephen Lim	Book Sales	1,644	
	2.30 pm	Strabane: - Elder Meyale	Mission Fund YTD	1,450	
	2.30 pm	BBK at CGF	Pew	9,940	
	4.00 pm	CGF: Easter Sunday Service – Pr. David Weng	Building Fund giving since 01/07/08:	20,196	
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group Practice	<b>Next Loan Repayment</b>	75,000	01 July 09
				100,000	31 Dec 09

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**1. WARM WELCOME:** Stay back for fellowship Lunch.  
**2. BBK:** Elder Meyale. (Ebenezer), Pr. Lim Hai Seng (CGF) **SBC:** Today Dr Stephen Lim continues Christ's Second Coming. Questions & answers.  
**3. PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Stephanie, Mildred, Thomas, Priscilla's mother, Anne's mother, Vicky's mother. Olivia Ong, Richard & Lorraine Turner, Michael Yap **b) MISSIONS: Cambodia**-Life University & BPC: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Glory BPC: Rev Stephen Choi (Phnom Penh), First BPC: Bro Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). **Kenya** – Samson & June Korir; Chan Pui Meng at Clinic of Life in Kiluani; Stephen Masila Nairobi, Surish Laos, Andrew Kam Myanmar, Roska Choi-Sihombing- **Batam**. Jess & Nirand Chiangmai, **c) OVERSEAS & INTERSTATE:** Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Damien, Su Shiang Lo **FEBC**, Joseph, Hean, Angie & Kaitlyn in **Spore**, Karen and Ross, Wei Hua **China**, Jonathan Raw **WA**, Michael Benjamin, Joyce & Scott in **Qld**. Shu ling & Wai Yee, **Spore**. Stephanie **Taiwan**. Dexter **Hong Kong**, Xing Mao **London**, Eric Choong in **Malaysia**. **Special prayer:** Anne Clements & family  
**4. GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE:** In conjunction with the Easter Camp, there will be a Good Friday worship service on Fri 10 April at 9.00 am. All campers and friends please come to remember our Lord's suffering. No Maundy Thu service.  
**5. EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE:** To remember the Lord's resurrection the congregation will assemble for a sunrise service at Kilsyth on Sun 12 Apr at 9 am. After the service the congregation will have Brunch fellowship.  
**6. EASTER CAMP 2009:** Date: 10-11 April 09, Venue 606-622 Kilsyth, Speaker: Pr. David Weng, Camp Master: Chew Hou Lian. Topic: "Pursuit of Piety" VBS for Sunday School children by Preacher Lim Hai Seng.  
**7. YOUTH WINTER CAMP:** June 28-July 2. Sp.: Rev Isaac Ong, Pastor of Calvary BPC. Venue Lyrebird Park, Yellingbo. Huey camp master.  
**8. SPECIAL PRAYER:** For Michael Yap in ICU Austin. For Choon Fong of Evangel BPC (KL). Head injury & operation to remove blood clot.  
**9. REV PETER CLEMENTS:** Funeral on Fri 27 Mar at Cootmundra, NSW.  
**10. HOPE BPC EASTER CAMP:** Ps & Mrs P Tan will speak at Hope BPC Easter camp. Theme: Serving the Lord in Spirit and in Truth. Josh 24:15.  
**11. TRANSFER OF MEMBERSHIP:** William Ong Ming Chuan & Yvonne Yeap Yee Chin (Ebenezer). **Reaffirmation:** Robin & Rodney Chen (CGF).  
**12. YAF SUNDAY:** All youths welcome to attend YAF every Fri 8 pm.  
**Memory Verse: Revelation 22:20** "He which testified these things saith, Surely I come quickly, Amen. Even so, come, Lord Jesus."

From Pulpit to Pew

**THE KING IS COMING**

"Behold, thy King cometh unto thee: he is just, and having salvation; lowly, and riding upon an ass, and upon a colt the foal of an ass." Zechariah 9:9 .

At the Sunday Bible Class, for the last 2 months we have been studying eschatology under the title "The King Is Coming". There are signs of His soon return. Are we seeing society like "as in the days before the flood" Mt 24:38? The prophet saw Jesus entering into Jerusalem the week before He was crucified and the people welcomed Him with shouts of Hosanna. We all remember this day as "Palm Sunday" and with joy we welcome the King. Jesus will return as King and Judge, not lowly and riding on an ass. Are we today ready for the King's return?

**Preparing for Christ's Return  
Worshipping the King**

Our daily consciousness is centred in Jesus. We are engaged in His worship. In the week days we keep quiet time in daily devotion in His Word. On Sunday we have an appointment to join the brethren in corporate worship. Jesus is daily in our thought. "For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain." Phil 1:21

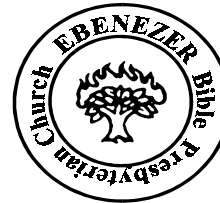
**Witnessing the King**

We reflect Christ in our daily life. People see Christ in us. Our witness before an unbelieving world is in the way we live. So when we share Christ people listen. "Go home to thy friends, and tell them how great things the Lord hath done for thee, and had compassion on thee." Mk 5:19

**Working for the King**

The Church is comprised of volunteers who are willing to serve without pay and often without praise. Our reward is in heaven. The Psalmist is willing to be just "a door keeper in the house of my God" and to be spent for Jesus Christ. Ps 84:10. There is a wonderful spirit of service and a special bonding among the children of God. "By love serve one another." Gal 5:13

Dr. Patrick Tan



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 "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."  
 1 Samuel 7:12  
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**EBENEZER WEEKLY**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
<b>Pre Worship Praise</b>	Huey Chan/Samantha Raw (p)	Rong Sheng Kee
<b>Prelude</b>	Jia Hui Teo(p) Yvonne Yeap (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Rachel Soon
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret Campbell	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Dr. Stephen Lim Psalm 43	William Ong
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	14 – Send Out Thy Light and Thy Truth	197– All Glory, Laud and Honor
<b>Invocation</b>	Dr. Stephen Lim	William Ong
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
<b>Gloria Patri</b>	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Zechariah 9:9-17 (Transfer of Membership)	Mark 11:1-10 (Reaffirmation of Faith)
<b>Lord Supper</b>	176 – Ride On, Ride On In Majesty	182 – Lead Me To Calvary
<b>Tithes / Offering</b>	390 – Something For Thee John Tann/Wan Kwang Kow/Alan Mouzon/Vincent Tai	34 – Crown Him With Many Crowns Keene Chen /Stuart Turner
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
<b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
<b>YAF Sunday</b>	Song of Praise	Jonah 1: 1-16
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Matthew 5:1-16 William Ong	Keene Chen
<b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	295 – The Light of the World Is Jesus	352– All The Way My Saviour Leads Me
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<b>Sermon</b>	"Salt of the Earth, Light Of The World" Rev. Patrick Tan	" Flee From The Presence Of God" Pr. Lim Hai Seng
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	562 – Ride On, Ride On, O Saviour King	416 – Wherever He Leads I'll Go
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>		
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>	
<b>**Next Week's 12/04/09</b>	<b>Good Friday 9.am</b>	<b>Easter Service</b>
<b>Speaker</b>	Pr. David Weng (LS)	Pr. David Weng
<b>Pre Worship Praise</b>		Mohan/Carol
<b>Worship Leader</b>	Chew Hou Lian	Stephen Lim
<b>Scripture Reader</b>	William Ong	Vincent Tai
<b>Pianist</b>	Caro Raw/ Yvonne Yeap	Samantha/Hannah
<b>Ushers</b>	John /Alan/David	Paul/Jeffrey/Jock/Chew
<b>Flowers</b>		Belle Raw
<b>Lunch/Brunch</b>	Lunch Pls.Register	Brunch – Bring a Plate
		<b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b>
		Pr. David Weng
		Susanna Ting
		Pr. Lim Hai Seng
		Elijah Tee
		Grace Kong
		Elijah Tee/Ming Jian
		Candy/Susanna Ting

**THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE**

The Lord is in His Holy Temple (x2)  
 Let all the earth keep silence  
 Let all the earth keep silence before Him  
 Keep silence, keep silence before Him. Amen.  
**DOXOLOGY**  
 Praise God from whom all blessings flow  
 Praise Him all creatures here below  
 Praise Him above ye heavenly hosts  
 Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.

**GLORY BE TO THE FATHER**, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. World without end. Amen, Amen.

**THE LORD BLESS YOU**  
 The Lord bless you and keep you ,  
 The Lord lift His countenance upon you  
 And give you peace and give you peace.  
 The Lord make His face to shine upon You  
 And be gracious unto you, be gracious;  
 The Lord be gracious, gracious unto you. Amen.

My dear readers,

**1. Rev Peter Clements called home**

Pastor Peter Clements, graduate of FEBC (1983) was called to rest by his Lord on Saturday 21 March, after a seven-year battle against cancer. In 2003, his surgeon (after performing extensive surgery) did not expect him to live more than two months. But the Lord had use for His faithful servant until now – more years of service for the Gospel cause.

**2. Short biography of Rev Clements**

*(From an account supplied by Joy Clements)*

This was how Peter was led to become a servant of the Gospel of Jesus Christ: "One Sunday afternoon in 1969, Dad's school friend, Bill McLaren, showed up at the farm to ask if he would like to attend a Bible study. At first Dad made excuses and said he couldn't go because he didn't even have a Bible. But that didn't worry Bill, who replied, "there's plenty of Bibles to go round, see you 6 pm" and drove off before any more objections could be made," says Joy.

**Let me continue the story from here**

Peter went to the Bible study. During the discussion led by Ewan Brown, the town's new dentist, he became convinced that there was more to Christianity than just a weekly ritualistic church service. He kept attending Presbyterian youth activities until he finally decided to commit his whole life to Lord during an Easter camp in 1970, just before his twenty-first birthday.

From this point on, Peter's life was characterized by a desire and dedication to serve the Lord in whatever direction that might lead. He worked as an electrician for another two years before heading off to study at WEC (World Evangelisation Crusade) Bible College in Tasmania. He then went to Perth and became an assistant to Rev Jack Hutchinson, minister of the Presbyterian Church at Melville. While he was with WEC, Peter had learned Indonesian with the intention of becoming a missionary to Indonesia. However, things took an unexpected turn in 1980 when he was denied a long-term visa to Indonesia. **Man's disappointment was God's appointment.** Peter wandered into FEBC in Gilstead Road, and there met Rev Timothy Tow. This led to his admission to FEBC, where he studied for next four years. Peter graduated with Bachelor of Theology, but more importantly, he learnt the truth of Biblical Separation. He became a soldier of the cross of Jesus Christ, earnestly contending for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints.

Returning to Australia, Peter was appointed an understudy to the Rev Dr David Mitchell in the Presbyterian parish of Tuggeranong, in Canberra. He was dedicated to accurately and uncompromisingly preach the Word of God.

During a visit back to his old college in Singapore 1986, Peter met Anne, who was then studying at FEBC. They were married in June 1987 in Perth, Western Australia. They settled in Cootamundra where Peter was the Presbyterian minister for ten years before becoming the Pastor of the Cootamundra Bible Fellowship.

As another minister once observed, Peter held to the Word of God strongly and was not easily swayed in his conviction. His commitment to preaching the Word of God in its entirety won him both friends and enemies but Peter would stand for what he believed was the truth, even though it meant standing alone. His commitment: to "*fight the good fight of faith*" was a very definitive aspect of his character and has been especially evident over the past six years.

The years he spent with the family were a real blessing from the Lord. Rev and Mrs Clements raised a family of six lovely children. Peter had fought a good fight, finished his course and kept the faith. In his physical illness, he continued to serve the Lord faithfully until the very end.

**3. Pastor Peter always stood fast on God's infallible Word**

Writing as his friend of 25 years, I am persuaded that Peter was a man of strong Godly conviction, ever ready to "*hold forth the word of life.*"

I conclude with the words from Revelation 14:13: "*And I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, Write, Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth: Yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labours; and their works do follow them.*"

We shall continue to pray for Mrs Anne Clements, and Joy, Grace, James, Ruth, Naomi and Andrew. May they follow in their father's footsteps, to God's glory.

**4. Session Retreat March 19-21**

Our Session Retreat held at Pulau Springs Hotel in Johor March 19-21 proved a blessed time of fellowship in the Spirit and profitable instruction in the Word. Having missed it the previous two years, the fellowship was evermore warmer.

I append below two testimonies of blessings.

**Testimony of Deacon James Fu**

I have personally been richly blessed by the recent Leaders' Retreat. Thank God for using our Pastors to give us Biblical instruction on the purpose of service as well as commitment. A few appreciative chords have been struck within me. I thank God for that. I also had a wonderful time of fellowship with the rest of the Session. It was very spiritually enriching.

**Testimony of Deacon Milton Ang**

Our Pastors took turns to exhort us from 2 Timothy, not to the church as a whole, or to any ministry, but to us the Session. Who could ignore the earnest charge given to us by the Pastors, with the prompting of the Holy Ghost? Who could remain untouched by the testimony of Rev Peter Clements, who was greatly used by our Almighty Father through years of extreme suffering and sickness? Or be unthankful for all that God has done in Calvary Pandan over the last 30 years? Who could ignore the call to be further equipped with God's Word, that we might be "*thoroughly furnished unto all good works*"? Or not to be persuaded to "*defend the faith which was once delivered unto the saints*" as we lead the generation to come? (*End of Testimonies.*)

Look out for more testimonies of Session Retreat next week. Praise the Lord.

*Lovingly in the Lord,  
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*