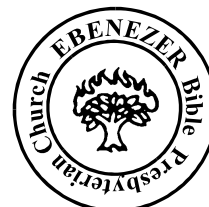


COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (16 March – 22 March 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (08/03/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (17/03/09)	7.00 pm	CGF BS Dinner Fellowship	Attendance	145	57
FRI (20/03/09)	8.00 pm	Mark 2 - "Who Can Forgive Sins?" Prayer Meeting: Pr. Lim Hai Seng YAF: "Changed Into His Image" Monash BS "Miracles of Jesus"	Offerings	\$2,362.75	\$514.55
SAT (21/03/09)	8.00 pm	CGF - BS Discussion /Prayer meeting	Building Fund	\$1,000	\$400
SUN (22/03/09)	9.30 am	Choir Practice	Ebenezer Desig		\$210
	9.30 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Love Gift		
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Praise	Pew	\$20	
	10.30 am	Ebenezer Worship: "God's Word Is Pure" Psalm 12 – Rev Patrick Tan	Internal Loan		
	11.45 am	Sunday School	Received To Date		
	12.15 pm	Tea Fellowship - Finger food	Internal Gift	269,500	
	12.45 pm	SBC: Tribulation Part 3 "Personalities"	Internal Loan	192,000	
	2.30 pm	Strabane: - Dr.Stephen Lim	External Gift	409,277	
	2.30 pm	BBK at CGF	External Loan	150,000	
	4.00 pm	CGF – "Household Of Faith" Gal 6:10 – Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Art & Craft	846	
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group Practice	Book Sales	1,644	
			Mission Fund YTD	1,450	
			Pew	9,890	
			Building Fund giving since 01/07/08:	18,326	
			Next Loan		
			Repayment	150,000	01 July 09
ANNOUNCEMENTS			From Pulpit to Pew		
<p>1. WARM WELCOME: Stay back for fellowship tea.</p> <p>2. BBK: Elder Meyale. (Ebenezer), Pr. Lim Hai Seng (CGF) SBC: Today we study "TRIBULATION" Part 2 (70 Weeks of Daniel). All welcome.</p> <p>3. PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING: Stephanie, Mildred, Thomas, Priscilla's mother, Anne's mother, Ps John McKenzie Adelaide, Vicky's mother, Olivia Ong, Richard & Lorraine Turner, 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. Rawang Bible Fund.</p> <p>4. 10th ANNIVERSARY MAGAZINE: Reminders to all departments of Church to submit their reports to Editor Bro Kim Khiat. To all writers, date line 1 April.</p> <p>5. DUTCH CARE MINISTRY: Praise the Lord for the worship at Princess Margaret last Lord's Day; 13 from Ebenezer & 19 from the home. Lord's Supper served; Gospel message & invitation to believe in Jesus.</p> <p>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" Keep the dates free. VBS for Sunday School children by Preacher Lim Hai Seng. Register today with Paul Yeo. Payment to Susanna Ting.</p> <p>7. YOUTH WINTER CAMP: June 28-July 2. Sp.: Rev Isaac Ong, Pastor of Calvary BPC. Venue Lyrebird Park, Yellingbo. Huey camp master.</p> <p>8. YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Every Fri 8 pm. Parents encourage your children to attend. Bring them to Kilsyth and you can attend prayer meeting</p> <p>9. GAMES FACILITIES IN KILSYTH: Management committee plans to have facilities for the youths both indoors and outdoors. Contributions in indoor games and funding for outdoor courts see Hou Lian or John Tann.</p> <p>10. BUILDING FUND: Due to a sudden recall of loans the treasurer reports of difficulty in meeting our obligations. Those who can help please see the treasurer.</p> <p>11. TEA FELLOWSHIP 22/3/09 - Please bring a plate of Finger food to share at this time of fellowship</p> <p>12. DIRECTORY UPDATE: Chew Hou Lian –Mobile 043 008 2228, Christy 0430 082 229. Home Tel : 9511 4006 – Pls. update your Directory.</p>			<p>"Doorkeeper in God's House"</p> <p><i>"For a day in thy courts is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness." Psalm 84:10</i></p> <p>To the Psalmist the sanctuary of God's house is amiable. He loves to spend time in the tabernacle of the Lord and to feel the presence of God. He enjoys God's company, to talk to Him and have Him speak. He comforts our hearts in and through His word. Jesus invites us "to enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise" Ps 100:4. Do you not love to come to church?</p> <p>We must appreciate those who serve in various departments of the church so that every Lord's Day is a delight to come for corporate worship. We worship our God "in the beauty of holiness" Ps 96:9. We sing praises to His holy name, we pray and give our tithes and offerings and above all we hear His Word faithfully preached to our hearts. "How amiable are thy tabernacles" Ps 84:1.</p> <p>Joy of worship and Christian Service</p> <p>Nest of the sparrows: In beautiful poetic language the psalmist describes the sparrows and swallows building their nests in the eaves of the church. In the safety and serenity of God's house they raise their young chicks. God's creatures know their divine Maker. They have a sense of the Almighty. How much more believers in Christ should seek after God and enjoy His worship. "Blessed are they that dwell in thy house" Ps 84:4. Do you desire every Lord's Day to eagerly seek God in His worship in His house?</p> <p>Valley of Baca: There must be moments when we weep for our sins. Our hearts are overcome with sorrow for the oppression that we bear to live righteously before God and man. God will turn weeping into joy when He sends "showers of blessings" into our "dry and thirsty land, where no water in" Ps 63:1.</p> <p>A Doorkeeper: The psalmist makes a deliberate choice. He has an option to live luxuriously and enjoy the pleasures of life. But he chooses rather the humble task of the servant of the church. One day cleaning the church is more enjoyable than a thousand days at the beach. The choice is yours as a Christian.</p> <p style="text-align: right;"><i>Dr Patrick Tan</i></p> <p>MEMORY VERSE: Philippians 4:19 <i>"But my God shall supply all your need according to his riches in glory by Christ Jesus"</i></p>		



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"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."

1 Samuel 7:12

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ORDER OF WORSHIP		
	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Lydia Chia (p)	Susanna Ting
Prelude	Carol Raw(p) Asha Meyale (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Esther Chin
Flowers	Serene Yam	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Chew Hou Lian	Dn. John Tann
Opening Hymn	32 – <i>Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise</i>	95 – <i>My Savior's Love</i>
Invocation	Chew Hou Lian	Dn. John Tann
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	2 Timothy 3	Colossians 3:1-17
Lord's Supper	522 – <i>Jesus Bids Us Shine</i>	553 – <i>Love Found A Way</i>
Tithes / Offering	390 – <i>Something For Thee</i> Chia K Lum/John Tann/Jock Campbell/Victor Ho	378 – <i>More About Jesus</i> Andrew Lam /Elijah Tee
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Psalm 11 Jeffrey Leow	Galatians 5:16 - 25 Andrew Lam
Preparatory Hymn	246 – <i>Open My Eyes That I May See</i>	377 – <i>More like The Master</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Sermon	"Biblical Foundation" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Fruits of the Spirit" Dr. Stephen Lim
Closing Hymn	260 – <i>The Church's One Foundation</i>	<i>Let Others See Jesus In You</i>
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	(22/03/09) @ 10.30 am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Pre Worship Praise	Paul Yeo/ Trisha Yeo	Jia Hui Teo
Worship Leader	Yew Hock Khoo	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Tye Kim Khiat	Perryn Ng
Pianist	Rachel Soon (p)/ Hannah Chia(o)	Min Yen Chia
Ushers	Robert Chua/Thomas Tan/David Leong/Alan Mouzon	Perryn Ng/Yong Sheng Kee
Flowers	Rita Soon	
Tea Fellowship	Finger Food – Bring A Dish	Jemima Xue/Grace Kong

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.

From our Supervisory Pastor

15 March 2009

My dear readers,

“A standard lifted up” – Part II

In 1949 Dr Carl McIntire and Dr TT Shields held preparatory meetings in Singapore for the 20th Century Reformation.

The next year 1950, Rev Timothy Tow (ordained by the hands of the ICCC leaders in Geneva, Switzerland), returned to Singapore.

On 20th October 1950 the BP Church was born as the “*Life Church English Service*,” Prinsep Street. Here I quote the Founding Pastor’s words (from “*The Singapore BP Church Story*” 1995, Preface):

The Singapore B-P Church began in 1950 as a separated Church and a strong constituent of the 20th Century Reformation movement (International Council of Christian Churches) vis-à-vis the Ecumenical Movement (World Council of Churches). As the Church grew and increased in numbers dissensions and deviations from the original position and precepts crept in. The result of it all was the dissolution of Synod in 1988. Nevertheless each individual Church whether big or small has continued to serve the Lord in their own way, like the Twelve Tribes of Israel after the Division of their Land (Josh 24), as the following pages will tell.

“Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come” (1 Corinthians 10:11). Timothy Tow

The Original “BP Stand”

What was it? As one of the *founding leaders* who stood with the original Life BP Church from 1950, let me state what I understand to be the “*B-P Stand*.”

1. Ministry of the Word

Firstly, to preach the Word, the Gospel of salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, and secondly, to earnestly contend for the faith once delivered unto the saints.

2. Use of the Authorized KJV of the Bible

The Authorized King James Version Bible (or Reformation Bible) was the one and only Bible used from the beginning, although it was never officially designated as the “*exclusive BP Bible*.” This position was not questioned until the 1970s.

3. Practice of Biblical Separation

This was a foundational and keystone BP distinctive, and the very life-blood of our Movement. This means separation – non-fellowship – from all Churches, groups, organizations, individuals, who hold to unbiblical doctrines and practices, which includes all liberal, modernist, neo evangelical and charismatic groups, and all in the World Council of Churches and the RCC and other compromised groups / individuals.

DISSENT AND DISSOLUTION

With the passage of time, increased congregations and membership brought with it diversity of opinions and beliefs.

Some of our younger men, having gone overseas, had imbibed diverse theological opinions of the liberal-modernist kind.

Some were attracted to personalities in new evangelical and liberal camps, some very unsound and un-BP.

Problems began to surface at Synod meetings from the 1970s, summarized hereat:

- a) Demand for Modern English Bibles
- b) Unbelief and Doubt of God’s Word
- c) Fellowshiping with New Evangelicals, Liberals. Sympathy with Charismatics

FOUR DEADLY DISEASES

These demanded radical “*house cleaning*.”

a) Demand for “*Modern English Bibles*”

From the early ‘70s, there arose a persistent demand from certain BP groups to be allowed to introduce “*Modern English Versions*” of the Bible into their Churches.

One version, in particular, the New International Version, was in constant demand. The “*Old Guard*” stood fast and the matter remained a stalemate.

(Since the Dissolution, some BP Churches are reported to have turned to the NIV and NKJV).

b) Unbelief and Doubt of God’s Word

Quoting from FOCUS 1974 (Bible Study Notes from Zion BPC)

- **On “*The Creation*”**

*“The Creation story is found in Babylonian and Assyrian literature, as well as in the Bible. Question: Which one is correct? Answer: The Old Testament Account was **most likely** the true one.”*

- **On “*The age of the Patriarchs*”**

“The dates of the earlier part of Genesis are difficult to determine, especially the age of the patriarchs. Our conclusions are that man really lived that long, or, that there must be some other explanation for the “years” in Genesis, e.g. if years were months, then Noah’s 950 years were in effect 950 months and he was 80 years old when he died.”

- **On “*Noah’s Flood*”**

“We have no way of determining the facts of the case ... was the Flood over the whole world or only on a part of it?”

This infiltration of liberal theology (among other false teachings) was a major factor leading to the break-up of the Bible-Presbyterian Synod in 1988. (*To be continued ...*)

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