

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (18 May - 24 May 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (10/05/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (19/05/09)	7.00 pm	CGF BS Dinner Fellowship	Attendance	136	38
FRI (22/05/09)	8.00 pm	Mark 11 "By What Authority"	Offerings	\$1,879.50	\$430.55
	7.00 pm	Monash BS - Dinner	Building Fund		
	8.00 pm	BS - 1 Sam 5	Desig. - Monash		\$200
		Prayer Meeting/BS - Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Designated CGF		
SAT (23/05/09)	8.00 pm	YAF - Changed into His Image - Discussion	Pew	\$20	
		Antioch - Cell Group Meeting	Internal Loan		
	6.00pm	CGF - BS Discussion/Prayer Meeting	Received To Date		
	8.00 pm	Choir Practice	Internal Gift	276,930	
SUN (24/05/09)	9.30 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Internal Loan	147,000	
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Praise	External Gift	409,477	
	10.30 am	Ebenezer Worship: "When You Pray"	External Loan	150,000	
		Mt 6: 5-18 (Gospel) - Dr. Stephen Lim	Art & Craft	846	
	11.45 am	Sunday School	Book Sales	1,644	
	12.15 pm	Tea Fellowship	Mission Fund YTD	2,450	
	12.30 pm	SBC: Building of 3rd Temple	Pew	9,960	
	2.30 pm	Strabane: - John Tann	Building Fund giving since 01/07/08:	25,756	
	2.30 pm	BBK at CGF - Pr Lim Hai Seng	Next Loan	50,000	01 July 09
	2.30 pm	CGF: "Nineveh in Repentance"	Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09
	4.00 pm	Jon 3:15-10 - Pr. Lim Hai Seng			
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group Practice			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** Stay back for tea fellowship.
 - 2. MOTHER'S DAY** Praise the Lord for those who contributed dishes. Many thanks to those who washed dishes and tidied the fellowship hall.
 - 3. BBK:** Eld Meyale. **SBC:** Lesson continues "Antichrist's 7 Year Covenant"
 - 4. DUTCH CARE MINISTRY:** There were 23 present at the worship service last Lord's Day. Lord's Supper served and gospel message given.
 - 5. URGENT PRAYER:** For Talitha, ages 11, grand-daughter of Peter & Thea Kooy who has been diagnosed with juvenile diabetes.
 - 6. 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; **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, Huan, 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**.
 - 7. THANKSGIVING** - Thank God for healing upon Kristy Tann. She is returned to work. She thanks those who prayed for her and visited her. Sally Teng of Hope BPC had nasty fall. Bruised face but no skull fracture. Salvation of Alice in Spore, sister of Siew Leng. Brain tumour operated successfully.
 - 8. YOUTH WINTER CAMP:** June 28-July 2. Sp: Rev Isaac Ong, Pastor Calvary BPC. Venue Lyrebird Park, Yellingbo. Huey camp master & Shuen publicity. Theme: Sanctification, Growing Together in Godliness. Su Shiang & Damien will return to attend the camp.
 - 9. OVERDUE FEES:** Those who have yet to pay the fees for the National Youth Camp/Easter Camp please make payments to Carol Raw/Susanna Ting
 - 10. GCF 3RD ANNIVERSARY:** Sun May 31 is CGF 3rd Anniversary. Our Guest Speaker is Bro Wee Hian Kok formerly deacon of Grace BPC.
 - 11. ANTIOCH FELLOWSHIP:** Sat at 6 pm. All are welcome. Bible study first then followed by fellowship dinner. Venue at Kilsyth.
- Memory Verse:**
1 Peter 5:7 "Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you."

From Pulpit To Pew

THE HAND OF GOD

"Have pity upon me, O ye my friends; for the hand of God hath touched me." Job 19:20.

Suffering is part of our daily life. It is painful for the sufferer and often equally painful for the carer. Was the the agony of Job's wife the cause for her speaking irrationally. Job was covered with sores from head to feet. There was no time to think of the loss of children and property. Why did God allow suffering? Job was faithful to God. He was regular in his worship and offered sacrifices even for his children.

We have been praying for months for Olivia who was hit by a car and suffered paraplegia. We have been praying for weeks for Choon Fong who is only slowly awakening from concussion. God is hearing and answering our prayers. But for the immediate family the anxiety must be unbearable. The hand of God is heavy upon them though we see progress.

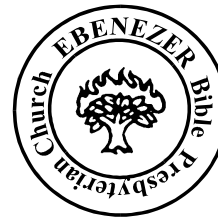
Duty of the Church in Suffering

Sympathy. Job's 3 friends came to visit him. They saw his distress and remained silent for 7 days. Then they began to give advice. They offered sympathy and called Job to repentance. God is sovereign and He permits suffering. "For I know that my redeemer liveth." Job 19:25.

Empathy. The Church is the body of Christ. Jesus is the Divine Head and we are parts of the same body. We need each other especially in time of sorrow and pain. "Whether one member suffer, all the members suffer with it." 1 Cor 12:26. There must be practical things we can do for our suffering brother.

Brotherly Love. Jesus gave a command to love one another as a mark of true discipleship. Jn 13:35. Lip service is not good enough. There must be fervent prayer and demonstration of true love. As a church this love is a corporate effort. "Be kindly affectioned one to another with brotherly love." Rom 12:10

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 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	Trish Yeo(p) Yvonne Yeap (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Grace Kong
Flowers	Stephanie Ho	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Yew Hock Khoo	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Opening Hymn	3 - Love Divine	MH57 - Worship The Lord
Invocation	Dr. Yew Hock Khoo	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Romans 12:17- 13:8	Genesis 18: 20-33
Hymn	387 - I Need Thee Every Hour	MH269 - In The Garden
Tithes / Offering	44 - We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Chia Kwok Lum /Robert Chua/Victor Ho/David Leong	Andrew Lam/Yoke Teng Chionh
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 5:38-48 Paul Yeo	Jonah 3: 1-4 Andrew Lam
Preparatory Hymn	90 - Love Lifted Me	MH439 - Precious Lord, Take My Hand
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Sermon	"Love Our Enemies" Rev. Patrick Tan	"City For Destruction" John Chen
Closing Hymn	559 - Near The Cross	452 - Rescue The Perishing
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	24/05/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Dr. Stephen Lim (Gospel Sunday)	Pr Lim Hai Seng (Gospel Sunday)
Pre Worship Praise	Paul Yeo/Trish Yeo (p)	Jia Hui Teo
Worship Leader	Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Tye Kim Khiat	Perryng Ng
Pianist	Jia Hui Teo(p)/Asha Meyale(o)	Esther Chin
Ushers	Jonathan Liao/John Tann/Thomas Tan/Richard Ang	Perryng Ng/Rong Sheng Kee
Flowers	Vicky Leong	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Day	Jean Liu/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.

17/05/2009

JOHN FLETCHER (1729-1785)

HYPOCRISY

The Moral Hypocrite

Many mistake nature for grace, and so rest short of the true change. Good health, keen wit, lively character and a good temperament puff up many. The tempering makes a vast difference in many blades, all made of the same metal. Some will bend before they break, others break before they bend. Good nature, without grace, makes a fairer show than grace with an evil nature.

The hypocrite derives his honour from his birth, the child of God from his new birth. The hypocrite has his perfection from the body (from his complexion and constitution, which are not praiseworthy) but the Christian has them from his better part, the soul.

The hypocrite serves God with what costs him nothing, only going down the stream. But the Christian works with effort and industry, wrestles, and keeps his body under (control).

The hypocrite is disposed to some virtue, and refrains from those vices which are contrary to his taste and disposition, as an elephant abhors a mouse. But the Christian shuts every door against sin and is thoroughly furnished to every good work.

The hypocrite puts reason in the place of religion. On the contrary, the Christian brings reason under the command of religion, his understanding bowing to faith and his free will to God's free grace.

The hypocrite spins his virtues from himself, spider-like ... The Christian has his virtues from above. The one is like a marshy ground, the other is watered from heaven. Again, the hypocrite curses himself by allotting to reason the control of appetites, not knowing that his reason is

crooked. But the Christian puts everything under the strict rule of grace. Grace is Sarah, reason Hagar. The one talks of right reason, the other rectifies it.

The hypocrite puts honesty in the place of piety. But the Christian is honest and kind from a principle of genuine piety ... The hypocrite has for virtues only shining vices, virtues proceeding from unsanctified reason and spoiled by the intention. Thus a covetous, indolent man avoids and hates law suits; he is sober and temperate through love of money or of health and reputation; he is diligent and industrious to maximize profit. But the Christian has the truth even if he lacks the perfection of virtue. The one shines as rotten wood, the other as gold in the ore.

The hypocrite talks up virtue and exclaims against vice rather by speech than practice. But the king's daughter is "glorious within." The one speaks, the other lives, great things.

The hypocrite keeps himself from gross sins but harbours spiritual corruptions. Does he subdue his passions? They get in the way of his self glory and his complacency. Does he do good? It is merely in order to be more in love with himself. The Christian cleanses himself from all spiritual vices. The one lives on an overflow of self-love, while the other is emptied of self and filled with Christ.

The hypocrite compares himself favourably with the child of God when the Christian is at a disadvantage – such as, for example, when he is fallen or overtaken in an infirmity – but the whitest devil shall not stand in the judgment with the most tawny child of God. The meteor may blaze, but the star stand in its place.

ENGLISH SPIRITUALITY In the Age of Wesley

John William Fletcher was born to a noble family in Nyon, Switzerland in 1729. His first ministerial assignment was to assist John Wesley at the Wall Street Chapel, and to preach at various locations to French Huguenot refugees in their native tongue.