

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (20 July – 26 July 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (12/07/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (21/07/09)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner BS – Evangelism Explosion Workshop – Pr. Lim Hai Seng	<b>Attendance</b>	107	29
FRI (24/07/09)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS – Recess Prayer Meeting/BS – Dr. Stephen Lim	<b>Offerings</b>	\$1,607.70	\$467.60
SAT (25/07/09)	8.00 pm	YAF: Camp Reflections	<b>Building Fund</b>	\$200	
SUN (26/07/09)	8.00 pm	CGF – Prayer Meeting	<b>Desig - Pew</b>	\$20	
	9.30 pm	Bible study Discussion	<b>Winter Camp</b>		
	9.45 am	Choir Practice	<b>Received To Date</b>		
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Internal Gift	295,660	
	10.30 am	Pre Worship Praise	Internal Loan	147,000	
	11.45 am	Ebenezer Worship: "Revive Thy Work"	External Gift	419,477	
	12.30 pm	Hab 3:2 – Pr. Lim Hai Seng	External Loan	150,000	
	2.30 pm	Sunday School	Art & Craft	846	
	4.00 pm	Video Presentation Dr Stephen Lim	Book Sales	1,644	
	6.00 pm	Strabane: Dn. John Tann	Mission Fund YTD	3,450	
		CGF Worship: "Jesus Christ Is Lord" – Dn. Phillip Soon	Pew	11,640	
		CGF : Singing Group Practice	Building Fund giving since 01/07/08:	44,486	
			<b>Next Loan</b>	50,000	01 July 09
			<b>Repayment</b>	100,000	31 Dec 09

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** Welcome to Bro. Ed Morante, Rachel & Mark, all worshippers & friends. Please do stay back for tea fellowship.
  - 2. BBK & SBC:** Christianity vs Atheism – a video presentation by Dn Stephen Lim. Please do stay for this presentation.
  - 3. EBENEZER PULPIT:** Jul-Sep series of messages concentrates on the Minor Prophets Hab, Zeph & Hag. Theme "In Wrath Remember Mercy".
  - 4. CGF PULPIT:** Jul-Sep will be a study on Philippians based on the theme "By Prayer and Supplication".
  - 5. PRAYER FOCUS:**
    - a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Stephanie, Mildred, Thomas, Priscilla's mother, Anne's mother, Vicky's mother, Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Alan Mouzon, Mrs. Victoria Lim **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**. **TRAVEL:** Koyori & Minami (Japan), Eric Choong & Vicky Leong (Malaysia) Ps & Mrs. Tan (Singapore)
    - 6. DUTCH CARE MINISTRY:** Thank God for the ministry at the Dutch Care last Sunday. Those wishing to support this ministry come and join the service every 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday at 1.30pm. See Pastor/Dr. Stephen Lim.
    - 8. EBENEZER 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Planning Com: Ps Tan (Programme); Eld Meyale (Invitation); Eric Choong (PA & photography); Kitchen Com (Thanksgiving Lunch). Departments with items of praise see Ps Tan
    - 9. CGF – EVANGELISM EXPLOSION WORKSHOP:** Conducted by Pr. Lim Hai Seng on 21 July 2009 at 15 Drummond Street. Those interested to learn more on evangelism please do come.
    - 10. REV. & MRS. OKMAN KI:** Presently ministering at Life BPC in London. Pray for their visa application
    - 11. PASTOR & MRS. TAN:** Pastor ministers at the BPC in Batam this Sun accompanied by Pr. Mok Chee Chong of Life BPC, with baptism of 11 children, 11 adults and 3 transfer of membership.
    - 12 VISA APPLICATION:** Pray for Pastor & Mrs. Tan's extension of Australian visa.
- Memory Verse: Ezekiel 22:30.** "And I sought for a man among them, that should make up the hedge, and stand in the gap before me for the land, that I should not destroy it: but I found none."

*From Pulpit to Pew*

**DANIEL IN THE CRITIC'S DEN**

"My God hath sent his angel, and hath shut the lions' mouths, that they have not hurt me: for as much as before him innocency was found in me." Daniel 6:22.

Do you believe in miracles? Your belief system must include the existence of angels and the biblical character of Daniel. We believe in the Bible and the authenticity of its records. Daniel's story is told not simply to encourage the virtues of faith and loyalty to God in dangerous times but to demonstrate God's sovereignty and power in godly living.

Daniel is a story of the Christian living and working in an ungodly and dangerous world. There is no compromise in our Christian testimony. If we believe in Christ we must be fervent to stand for our faith even if we have to pay a price.

**Dare to be a Daniel**

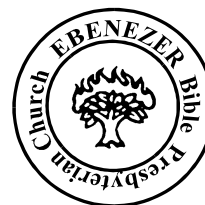
**Excellency in our work:** Daniel was chosen by Darius to be the first of 3 presidents of the empire of the Medes. There was no error and fault found in him, except concerning his loyalty to his God.

**Exercise of our devotion:** Daniel's usually practice was to keep his daily devotion. 3 times a day he prayed openly, "praying and making supplication before God". Are you willing to obey God and pay the price for it?

**Eternity to be preferred:** The lion's den is a choice. To obey God is a choice. Many martyrs of church history chose eternity than to deny Christ. We live in a dangerous world. We must not choose the way of compromise.

Today Christians are not willing to serve God beyond our comfort zone. We are not being challenged to stand for Christ. We must pray for a more resilient and daring faith. We must build a vibrant and enterprising church.

*Dr Patrick Tan*



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 "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."  
 1 Samuel 7:12  
**Supervisory & Senior Pastor**  
 Dr S.H.Tow

# EBENEZER WEEKLY

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
<b>Pre Worship Praise</b>	Stephen Lim /Lydia Chia (p)	William Ong
<b>Prelude</b>	Trish Yeo(p) Hannah Chia (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>	Chew Hou Lian	Dn. John Tann
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	1 – O Worship The King	399 – I Am Thine O Lord
<b>Invocation</b>	Chew Hou Lian	Dn. John Tann
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
<b>Gloria Patri</b>		
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Matthew 15: 1-14, John 4:23-24	Ephesians 4:1-16
<b>Hymn</b>	20 – All People That On Earth Do Dwell	440 – Lead On, O King Eternal
<b>Tithes / Offering</b>	419 – Take My Life And Let It Be John Tann/Robert Chua/Victor Ho/David Leong	403 – Count Your Blessings Stuart Turner/Rodney Chen
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
<b>Doxology</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Habakkuk 2: 9-20 Dr. Peter Yong	Philippians 1:27-30 Stuart Turner
<b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	234 – Spirit of God Descent Upon My Heart	410 – Stand Up For Jesus
<b>Family Prayer</b>	Chew Hou Lian	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
<b>Sermon</b>	"Earth Keeps Silence" Eduardo Morante	"Stand Fast In One Spirit" Pr. Lim Hai Seng
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	Lord Dismiss Us (RH Back Cover)	406 – Who Is On The Lord's Side
<b>Benediction</b>	Elder Edward Meyale	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>		
<b>Postlude</b>		
<b>**Next Week's Roster</b>	<b>26/07/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am</b>	<b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b>
Speaker	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Dn. Philip Soon
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw /Carol Raw (p)	Grace Kong
Worship Leader	Dr. Stephen Lim	William Ong
Scripture Reader	Paul Yeo	Perryn Ng
Musicians	Judith Lim(p)/Yvonne Yeap (o)/Hui Ern/Keene (f)	Esther Chin
Ushers	Nick Lindenburg/Mohan Raw/Richard Tan/Jock Campbell	Perryn Ng/Robin Chen
Flowers	Rita Soon	
Fellowship Tea	Serene Yam/Diana Say	Yvonne Yeap/Candy Ng

**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

19/07/2009

My dear readers,

**1. The writing is on the wall**

Sooner or later, that “*alternative lifestyle*” will reappear. Our Lord has spoken: it is one unmistakable sign of His coming. Read again Luke’s account:

“... as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded; But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all. Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed” (Luke 17:28-30).

**2. What is our message?**

Lovingly, we sound out the Gospel appeal, “*Repent and turn to the Saviour, for why will you die?*” For now is the time accepted. Delay no more. “...*now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation*” (2 Corinthians 6:2). Our Lord has not come, simply because He is “... *longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance*” (2 Peter 3:9).

What if men refuse to turn from their sinful lifestyle? The Lord will still come without fail, “*as a thief in the night*” and “... *the earth also and the works that are therein shall be burned up*” (2 Peter 3:10).

**3. Notwithstanding, “Gay Parties Boom”**

Our recent newscut says: “*American Embassies Celebrate Homosexuality*” (Christian News June 15, 2009)

The following is excerpted from “*American Decadence Invades Baghdad*,” OneNewsNow.com, May 30, 2009: “A U.S. Embassy in a Muslim country has sponsored an event to celebrate the homosexual lifestyle. Last night the U.S. Embassy in Iraq held a ‘Gay Pride Theme Party’ at a pub called Baghdaddy’s. Embassy employees were encouraged to attend the Baghdad event dressed in drag or as a homosexual icon. Peter LaBarbera, president of Americans for Truth About Homosexuality, says homosexual activism at U.S. embassies was prevalent during the Bush administration, but it has gone a step further under the Obama administration.” Concluding note from Brother Cloud: The U.S. military recently destroyed copies of the Bible in Afghanistan so as not to offend Muslims, but the U.S. government doesn’t mind flaunting the homosexual lifestyle regardless of who it offends.

**4. Obama Administration Celebrates “Gay, Lesbian, Transgender Pride Month”**

June 4, 2009 – President Barack Obama promised the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender) activist movement before the election that he would openly and aggressively support their objectives. During the Democratic National Convention, [Michelle Obama spoke to a group of gay, lesbian and transgender activists](#) and promised to enact their goals.

President Obama and First Lady Michelle are keeping that promises to them.

**What Is The Real Story Behind The Gay Pride Celebrations?**

Between June 5-14, the city of Washington, D.C. (and throughout the month of June in cities around the country) will be [inundated with gays, lesbians, and transgenders](#) “celebrating” the violent Stonewall Riot in June 1969.

**5. Golden Years 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Retreat – Penang**

June 30 – July 4, 2009

Report by Preacher Lek Aik Wee

Our previous Golden Years Retreats had been for 2-3 days at Garden Hotel, Singapore. This year, to fly to Penang for a 5-day retreat was God’s special blessing. The safety of our elderies was a matter of concern and prayer. We had more than ten in their late seventies and eighties. Thank God for safety in all our travels.

For our Evening Devotions, Dr Tow spoke on the theme verse of our retreat - “*As thy days, so shall thy strength be*” (Deuteronomy 33:25b). He spoke of the incredible Chinese characters from the book of Genesis concerning man’s origin, and the amazing acts of God in the Exodus. He spoke of Daniel’s dreams in chapters 2 & 7 to prepare our hearts for the soon coming of Jesus Christ, challenging us to be sure that we are truly in the Lord. We were reminded from Deuteronomy 6 concerning the urgency of training our youths and children in godliness in these days of lawlessness, materialism and immorality. We were especially enthralled with Dr Tow’s personal testimonies of God’s hand leading and guiding his family through the Great Depression years.

I am thankful to the Lord for the opportunity to share in the morning devotions on God’s recipe for success in old age - “trust continually, hope continually and praise continually” (Psalm 71), “keep our hearts clean, keep focus on His Word, for He is the strength of our heart and our everlasting inheritance” (Psalm 73) and “A father’s prayer for his son – pray for a heart of discernment, a heart of compassion, growing in favour with God and men, provisions and blessings from God and a heart of thanksgiving and gratitude” (Psalm 72).

The afternoon outings allowed us the opportunity to see the island of Penang, a paradise of local foods and fruits. It was a truly blessed retreat. At the end, many asked if we can have a second retreat there again next year.

**6. The Day of the Lord draws nigh**

Truly, these are the “*last of the last days*.” Let us redouble our efforts, strengthen the defences of our own Church, revive Holy Spirit fervency, before “*that day*.”

Lovingly in the Lord

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor

(in Penang, 12 July)