

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (10 July – 16 August 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (02/08/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (11/08/09)	7.00 pm	CGF – The Life of Joseph 2 “Joseph Found Grace”	Attendance	140	36
FRI (14/08/09)	7.00 pm	Monash BS – I Samuel	Offerings	\$1,959.75	\$524.60
	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS – Chew Hou Lian	Building Fund	\$300, \$1000	
		YAF: Video Changed into His Image	Misc	\$280	
SAT (15/08/09)	8.00 pm	CGF –Prayer Meeting	I		
SUN (16/08/09)	9.30 pm	Bible study Discussion	Received To Date		
	9.45 am	Choir Practice	Internal Gift	298,135	
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Internal Loan	147,000	
	10.30 am	Pre Worship Praise	External Gift	419,477	
		Ebenezer Worship: “Moab Shall Be As Sodom” Zep 2:9 –Rev. Patrick Tan	External Loan	150,000	
		Sunday School	Art & Craft	846	
	11.45 am	Sunday Bible Class: Dr Patrick Tan	Book Sales	1,644	
	12.30 pm	Strabane: Mohan Raw	Mission Fund YTD	3,450	
	2.30 pm	CGF Worship: “Sick Nigh Unto Death” – Phil 2:25:30– Dr. Stephen Lim	Pew	12,890	
	4.00 pm	CGF : Singing Group Practice	Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	46,961	
	6.00 pm		Next Loan	50,000	01 July 09
			Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** Welcome to all worshippers & friends. Please do stay back for fellowship tea.
- 2. BBK & SBC:** Video: on “Christianity vs Atheism”. Next Sun continuation of “The King is Coming” Topic “Second Coming of Christ” by Dr P. Tan.
- 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.
 - 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.
- 6. Richard Turner:** Praise the Lord that he is much recovered. **Koh Choong Foong:** A third surgery would be necessary to close the defect on the skull. Working on her contracture. Bed ridden. Please continue to pray.
- 7. EBENEZER 10TH 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. Our guest speaker is Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye of Life BP Church S’pore.
- 8. CGF/MONASH TRACTING:** Thank God for the tracting ministry at the Universities in the city. Pray that God will bless the sowing of gospel seed.
- 9. CGF TUE BIBLE STUDY:** New series on the Story of Joseph “Overcoming Life Challenges” Gen 37-50. Several new students have joined. **MBS** on Fri with continuation of 2 Samuel. All welcome.
- 10. VISA APPLICATION** - Rev. & Mrs. Okman Ki – UK visa, Rev & Mrs. Patrick Tan – extension of Australian visa.
- 11. DUTCH CARE MINISTRY:** Today at 1.30 pm. Please meet at car park.

Memory Verse: Galatians 6:2. “Bear ye one another’s burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.”

Dr Patrick Tan

From Pulpit to Pew

THREESCORE YEARS AND TEN

The days of our years are threescore years and ten; and if by reason of strength they be fourscore years, yet is their strength labour and sorrow; for it soon cut off, and we fly away.” Psalm 90:10

Our Sabbatical leave brought us to realize the brevity of life. Two of Anne’s classmate and a teaching colleague’s passing away were announced in the obituary. Choon Fong lies helplessly in the hospital bed with a stroke. Helen had an operation for malignant tumour of the brain. She spoke to me of meeting the Lord Jesus soon.

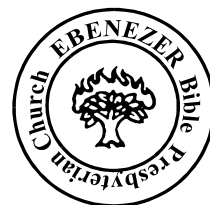
The revelry and materialism around us suggest that many live in the present affluence without a thought for their eternal future. Christians must awake to the somber words of Moses in Psalm 90, take stock and prepare.

Preparing For Eternity Ps 90:12

So teach us: Moses is remarkable to have lived 120 years and his eyesight and hearing did not fail. Not so with us as we face the ravages of disease and disaster. God has given us His word to order our lives for His glory and our benefit.

Number our days: Make every minute count. Young people often waste away valuable time. Bible study and prayer time are not priorities. Have a weekly and indeed a daily schedule to guide you in numbering your days. Give allocation for daily quiet time with God.

Apply our hearts unto wisdom: Daniel performed his duties well. He also had time for God. Dan 6:10. Joseph faced adversities bravely without sinning against God. Gen 39:9. Godly wisdom then is when you put God first. Life becomes fulfilling when you spend time in worship and Christian service.



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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	Paul Yeo /Trish Yeo(p)	Kee Zhi Wong
Prelude	Jia Hui Teo(p) Asha Meyale (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Grace Kong
Flowers	Belle Raw	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Yew Hock Khoo	Paul Yeo
Opening Hymn	1 – O Worship The King	61 – O For a Thousand Tongues
Invocation	Dn . Yew Hock Khoo	Paul Yeo
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 9:1-20	Isaiah 53:1-7
Hymn	217 – Rejoice The Lord Is King	122 – Glory To His Name
Tithes / Offering	27 – Now Thank We All Our God	383 – Make Me a Channel Of Blessing
	Paul Yeo/Huey Chan/Chew Hou Lian/Jock Campbell	Kee Zhi Wong/Wei Yong Lee
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Zephaniah 1:1-18 William Ong	Philippians 2:19-30 Kee Zhi Wong
Preparatory Hymn	227 – Until Then	376 – O To Be Like Thee
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Sermon	“A Day Of Wrath” Rev. Patrick Tan	“Seek Things Of Christ” Dn. Philip Soon
Closing Hymn	221 – When We See Christ	380 – Close To Thee
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week’s Roster	16/08/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Dr. Stephen Lim
Pre Worship Praise	Stephen Lim/Carol Raw (p)	Yoke Teng Chionh
Worship Leader	Chew Hou Lian	Pr. Hai Seng Lim
Scripture Reader	Vincent Tai	Rong Sheng Kee
Musicians	Carol Raw(p)/Hannah Chia (o)/Hui Ern/Keene (f)	Keene Chen
Ushers	Chia KL/Robert Chua/Victor Ho/David Leongl	Rong Sheng Ki/William Ong
Flowers	Christy Chew	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Grace Kong/Adele Kung

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. "I was disappointed, instructed"

When I was younger, in the 1950s, I used to wish for a King James Bible in Modern English. The natural *"uncomfortable feeling,"* amounting almost to a dislike of some archaic and obsolete expressions in the KJV, aroused that reaction in my mind.

In due time, the New King James Bible appeared and with happy anticipation, I procured a copy. What greeted my eyes was a strange logo on the spine of the Book and on the inside title page. What was the meaning of the logo? (A logo is like a signature. It expresses or embodies the essence of the product it represents).

According to the publisher Thomas Nelson:

Title page logo: The triquetra (from a Latin word meaning *"three-cornered"*) is an ancient symbol for the Trinity. It comprises three interwoven arcs, distinct yet equal and inseparable, symbolizing that the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit are three distinct yet equal Persons and indivisibly One God.

But the same logo is used by Satanic and other groups e.g. New Age *"Aquarian Conspiracy and Rock music group"* Led Zeppelin.

On close examination of the text, it would appear that the **NKJV** is a **masterpiece of deception, a counterfeit** of the original **King James Bible**, the authentic **Word of God**, the **Authorized Version**.

The **NKJV** was originally advertised as the **fifth revision of the Authorized Version**, "carefully updated so that it will once again speak God's eternal truths with clarity" (*Why the NKJV*, Thomas Nelson Publishers), subtly insinuating that the King James Bible did not "speak God's eternal truths with clarity." The Publishers claim that the purpose of publishing the **NKJV** was to preserve the authority and accuracy of the original **King James Bible** while making it understandable to Twentieth Century readers by updating the grammar, punctuation, archaic words, etc. Smoke-screens!

The finished work was said to be "beautifully clear" and "highly readable." The Publishers spent millions to convince the public that the **NKJV** is the Bible for the present and the future.

More smoke-screens! Let us sweep aside the smoke-screens and take a close look at the book itself.

2. The Source Texts of NKJV

These are said to be same basic manuscripts as those used for the **King James Bible**, namely, the **Hebrew Masoretic Text (OT)** and the **Greek Textus Receptus (NT)**.

However, careful examination reveals that the **NKJV translators** put in the footnotes of the study editions the corrupt **Critical or Minority Text of Westcott and Hort** (from which the corrupt **Modern English Versions** are derived). It is identified as "NU," standing for the Nestle-Aland text and the United Bible Society text which are modern day counterparts of the Westcott and Hort text of 1881.

3. The translators

The translators included nine scholars who had been in the **NIV** translating team, and had been using a different source text (the **Critical Text of Wescott and Hort**), and a different translation methodology (**Dynamic Equivalence**), both of which are **corrupt**.

The nine **NIV** translators would most certainly have left the imprint of their deviant philosophy and theology on the **NKJV** text, **which they did**.

4. The technique

The translators professed to adopt the **"Complete Equivalence"** method, and to shun the corrupt **"Dynamic Equivalence"** method. Their profession, however, is not matched by their translation, which is replete with the diabolical **"Dynamic Equivalence,"** men's corrupt thoughts replacing God's pure Words. [For over 2,000 instances of this, see B.F.T. #1442 published by The Bible For Today, 900 Park Avenue, Collingswood, New Jersey, USA.]

5. The theology

The theology of the **NKJV** translators differed greatly from that of the **King James Bible** translators. The latter group lived some two hundred years before the rise of modern thought. Their theology was pure and godly, untainted by the godless ideologies which abound today.

The same cannot be said of the **NKJV** translators. Their theology is certainly inconsistent with that of their **Kings James Bible** counterparts. Careful reading of the **NKJV** text leaves no doubt that the translators' thinking had been leavened with the leaven of Higher Critical thought and therefore they did not hesitate to mutilate the words of God, including the Name of God.

This carefree abandon and reckless handling of God's words is seen in the 100,000 word changes in the **NKJV** text and in the underlying purpose of the Footnotes. (*To be continued*)

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