

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (07 Sept– 13 Sept 2009 )			LAST WEEK'S Collection (30/08/09 )		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (08/09/09)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner BS - The Life of Joseph L6 "Peace Be To You" Gen 43	<b>Attendance</b>	119	36
FRI (11/09/09)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS – I Samuel 19 Prayer Meeting/BS – Rev. Patrick Tan YAF: Change Into His Image	<b>Offerings</b>	\$1,825.80	\$410.10
SAT (12/09/09)	6.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF – Facilitators Meeting Prayer Meeting	<b>Bldg. Fund - Int</b>	\$200.	\$800.
SUN (13/09/09)	9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Ebenezer Worship "Desire Of all Nations" Hag 2:7 Rev. Patrick. Tan.	<b>Desig – Pew</b>	\$1,500	
	11.45 am 12.30 pm 1.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm	Sunday School Sunday Bible Class: "End of Millennium" Dutch Care Ministry: Dn Stephen Lim Strabane: Elder Meyale CGF Worship: "The Peace Of God" – Phil 4:1-9 – Dn. Philip Soon	<b>Received To Date</b>		
	6.00 pm	CGF - BBK CGF : Singing Group Practice	Internal Gift	299,945	
			Internal Loan	142,000	
			External Gift	421,894	
			External Loan	100,000	
			Art & Craft	846	
			Book Sales	1,644	
			Mission Fund YTD	3,450	
			Pew	14,490	
			Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	48,771	
			<b>Next Loan</b>		
			<b>Repayment</b>	100,000	31 Dec 09

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** Welcome to all worshippers & friends. Stay back for lunch. Today is "Father's Day". Pray for their leadership in the home.
- 2. BBK by Eld Meyale SBC:** Today - "The King is Coming" Continue Topic on "The Millennium: 1000 years Reign of Christ" by Dr Patrick. Tan.
- 3. EBENEZER PRAYER MEETING:** Mulgrave Gospel Hall, 127 Gamett Rd, Wheeler's Hill. Bible Study: 12 lessons on the Paul's Pastoral Epistles entitled "Trai (ning of the Man of God.) YAF: All Welcome.
- 4. PHILADELPHIA F'SHIP:** 3<sup>rd</sup> Sat 6 pm at Tye English. Study on Esther. **ANTIOCH F'SHIP:** 4<sup>th</sup> Sat 6 pm at Mulgrave Gospel Hall. Study on "Changed into His Image" by Jim Berg. Children's programme by Pr Lim Hai Seng.
- 5. PRAYER FOCUS:**
  - a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Stephanie, Mildred, Thomas, Priscilla's mother, Anne's mother, Vicky's mother. Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Richard Turner, Alan Mouzon, Ps Sid Bell. **b) MISSIONS:** Cambodia Life University: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Moses Han BPC & Glory BPC: Rev Stephen Choi (Phnom Penh), First BPC: Bro Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). **Kenya** June Koiri; Chan Pui Meng at Clinic of Life in Kiluani; **Surish Laos**, Rev Andrew Kam **Yangon**, Roska Sihombing- **Batam**. Jess & Nirand **Chiangmai**. **c) Members on travel:** Darren, Sharon & Joshua (Spore), Rachel Soon (USA), Kwang Kow & Tiffany (Taiwan).
  - 6. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sun 25 Oct. All dept of the Church and CGF are requested to submit their Annual Reports (Jun 1 08 – Jul 1 09) to Clerk of Session, Dn Philip Soon by Sun 27 Sep.
  - 7. 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. Our guest speaker is Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye of Life BP Church S'pore.
  - 8. ANNIVERSARY LUNCH:** Registration now for Ebenezer's Anniversary lunch. Caterer will provide according to Nos. registered. Please assist to register today with Susanna Ting. Last date for registration is 20<sup>th</sup> September 2009.
  - 9. 10<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY:** Baptisms adults & Infants, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of memberships. Adults need to attend BBK by Eld Meyale and Pr Lim Hai Seng. See Ps Patrick Tan.
  - 10. FAMILY DAY & WORKING BEE:** Sat Sep 19 at 9 am at Kilsyth. Clean up in preparation for 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Lunch provided. John Tan & Richard Ang in charge. "Doorkeeper in the house of my God." Ps 84:10.  
**Memory Verse: Ephesians 6:4** "And ye fathers, provoke not your children to wrath: but bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord."

*From Pulpit to Pew*

**INSTRUCTION OF YOUR FATHER**

"My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Proverbs 1:8.

The Christian home is a Church in miniature. The father is the head of the home as Christ is the head of the Church. Eph 5:23. His responsibility is to protect and provide for his family. We follow our Lord's example of sacrificial love and patient leadership. Jesus gave His life for His Church. So must we.

Today fathers are busy with work that they spend little time with the family. If mothers also work then families must find time and opportunities for family time. Children need the warmth of home and family interaction. Christian fathers lead in family devotion for worship and Bible instruction. Job 1:5.

**The Christian Home**

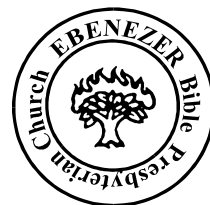
**Father's instruction:** Father's words are his command. Prov 6:20. He is submissive to the God's Word. His instructions are not grievous but gentle and kind. He knows God experientially and teaches by example. Father loves Jesus and the children love to go to Church to worship Jesus. Every Lord's Day the family rises up early and worships together in Church.

**Mother's law:** Mother is always busy in the house as there are many chores. Father helps in the house work and children all cooperate as team members. The law of the home is complied with. Everybody knows the law that mother makes for it is for everybody's good. Prov 31:28. The Christian home is a little of heaven on earth.

**Law of the LORD:** This is a higher law. God is the final authority. His law is perfect. Ps 19:7. God created heaven and earth. He instituted the home through earth's first couple. They were given a home in the midst of a garden. They were to have children and family. The world and home were perfect until sin came in. In Jesus Christ the ideal family is restored.

May Jesus be the Divine Head of our home! Let us invite Him into our hearts. Together we worship our Living Lord.

*Dr Patrick Tan*



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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)
Pre Worship Praise	Chris Rudalski/Judith Lim(p)	Han Jie Soh
Prelude	Rachel Soon(p) Hannah Chia (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Han Jie Soh
Flowers	Serene Yam	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Philip Soon	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Opening Hymn	<i>The Savior Of The World</i>	<i>MH 268 – He Lives</i>
Invocation	Dn. Philip Soon	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Lord Supper	173 – <i>There Is A Fountain</i>	<i>MH 251 – Jesus, Keep Near The Cross</i>
Responsive Reading	Matthew 6: 9-34	1 John 3:1-10
Tithes / Offering	403 – <i>Count Your Blessings</i> Joel Tan/Peter Yong/Huey Chan/David Leong	<i>MH 144 - He Owns The Cattle On a Thousand Hill</i> Andrew Lam/Yoke Teng Chionh
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology	Haggai 1: 1-15 Huey Chan	Philippians 3: 15-21 Andrew Lam
Scripture Reading	450 – <i>To The Work, To The Work</i>	<i>MH 398 – May The Lord Find Us Faithful</i>
Preparatory Hymn	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Pastoral Prayer	"Bags With Holes"	"Conversation In Heaven"
Sermon	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	457 – <i>Must I Go Empty Handed</i>	549 – <i>When We All Get To Heaven</i>
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>		
Postlude		
<b>**Next Week's Roster</b>		
	<b>13/09/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am</b>	<b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b>
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Dn. Philip Soon
Pre Worship Praise	Paul Yeo/Trish Yeo (p)	Jia Hui Teo
Worship Leader	Dn. Khoo Yew Hock	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Jock Campbell	Wei Yong Lee
Musicians	Carol Raw(p)/Asha Meyale(o)/Hui Ern/Keene (f)	Jia Hui Teo
Ushers	Paul Yeo/Chew Hou Lian/John Tann/Jock Campbell	Wei Yong Lee/Kee Zhi Wong
Flowers	Mrs. Sue Edward	
Fellowship Tea	Vicky Leong/Belle Raw/Jane Leong	Winnie Lou/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. Mysterious Soul Tonic**

Mother's lap was where I first learnt to love godly music. The Children's Hymn "God is always near me" by Philip Bliss, the great American hymn writer, was sung into my system by the one who brought me into this world.

The mysterious sounds of godly music never failed to touch a responsive chord in my heart. At seven years of age, Mother took me to visit our Church Kindergarten in Kluang. For one morning I was transported to another world by the cherubic sounds of children singing the songs of heaven, a memory which remains, so deeply imprinted were the Gospel sounds.

When I was seventeen we lived in Batu Pahat during the Japanese occupation. One day I followed Father on a house call to see a patient in Yong Peng sixteen miles away. There I spied an old "Robinson" piano. It was "love at first sight." For \$100 the piano followed us home to Batu Pahat!

We found a piano teacher, a Mr Lau whose credential was, "He had studied in China under a Russian teacher." He was hired and three of us children began to take lessons.

Mr Lau came to the house. Whereas my younger siblings had weekly lessons, I had twice weekly, as I was scheduled to leave for Singapore to work for the Japanese Supreme Court in order to escape conscription into the Japanese Army when I reached eighteen years.

I persuaded Mr Lau to teach me to play only. "No theory lessons, please, because all I wanted was to play hymns and I had only six months before I had to leave for Singapore."

Mr Lau kindly obliged. I lapped up the lessons on the keyboard like a hungry baby sucking milk. Before departing for Singapore I was playing hymns and easy pieces from Czesny's "Piano Pieces the Whole World Plays" and similar pieces. But I discovered that I had an even deeper love for the organ, for I had a strange passion to play hymns on the organ.

To satisfy this burning desire, I used to steal away to Church (just down the road about a quarter mile from the house). At the pump organ I would play hymns such as "What a Friend we have in Jesus," "Sweet Hour of Prayer." My inner longing was satisfied.

**God's Gift**

Sweetest gift that mortals know,  
Sounds of heaven giv'n below;  
Touching heart and moving soul;  
Blessing men from pole to pole.

Hark! The organ I can hear,  
Sweetly sounding in the ear;  
Bless the hands that move the keys;  
Angel voices, heav'nly peace!

**2. Worldly Music draws into the world**

*(Excerpt from Friday Church News Notes)*

"Multitudes of Christian young people have been enticed into the world simply through listening to the world's music. It is attractive to the ear. It can be fun to listen to. It is habit forming, and it absolutely will influence spirituality. You show me the music you allow in your home and I will tell you how your children will turn out spiritually. It is that critical.

Perhaps you have noticed that thus far I have basically avoided using specific terms such as rock 'n roll, or country western, or the blues, etc. ... Here is why. People will be critical of, for example, rock 'n roll, but they will listen to country western. Sometimes they will be critical of both, but listen to the big bands of the 40's and 50's. Perhaps they will listen to the pop music of the 50's and early 60's. ... So many Christian parents get into the silly game of categorizing some of the world's music as not as bad as such and such. They use euphemisms such as 'light' rock or 'golden oldies.' It is still the music of the world. It is going to be virtually impossible to forbid your children to listen to the world's music of their day when you as parents continue to listen to the world's music of your day.

The world's music will hook your children into the world just as surely as drugs or booze. ...You show me Christian young people who, despite determined efforts by their parents to the contrary, wind up in the world. Those teenagers had been into the world's music for a long time.

I love my parents dearly, and I believe that they instilled into me a godly heritage. (Though at the time, I did not appreciate it.) However, if they made one mistake in my upbringing, it was that they allowed me to have a radio in my room. A radio is a piece of electronic equipment which is not intrinsically evil, but it was through that radio at my bedside that I became acquainted with the world's music. I developed a desire for it, and it profoundly influenced me for the worse in my teenage years. That radio introduced me to the world. I would sit in my room or lie on my bed and listen to the 'top forty' day after day and hour after hour. That, perhaps more than anything else, drew me into the world before I was saved" (*Training Your Children to Turn Out Right*, 1995, pp. 101-104). – CN 12 May 2008

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