

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (14 Sept- 20 Sept 2009 )			LAST WEEK'S Collection (06/09/09 )		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (15/09/09)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner BS - The Life of Joseph L7 "Reward Evil For Good" Gen 44	<b>Attendance</b>	139	36
FRI (18/09/09)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS - I Samuel 18 & 19 Prayer Meeting/BS - Dn. Philip Soon YAF: Change Into His Image -Video	<b>Offerings</b>	\$2,250.75	\$319.50
SAT (19/09/09)	9.00 am 6.00 pm 7.45 pm	Family Day/Working Bee CGF - Facilitators Meeting Prayer Meeting	<b>Bldg. Fund - Int Desig. CGF</b>		\$420
SUN (20/09/09)	9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am 11.45 am 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Ebenezer Worship "God Has Chosen Us" Hag 2:23 Rev. Patrick. Tan. Sunday School Sunday Bible Class: "End of Millennium" Strabane: Mohan Raw CGF Worship: "Abound Or Suffer Need" - Phil 4:10-20 - Dr. Stephen Lim CGF - BBK CGF : Singing Group Practice	<b>Desig. Monash Desig - Pew</b>	\$50	\$400
			<b>Received To Date</b>		
			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	14,540	
			Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	48,771	
			<b>Next Loan Repayment</b>	100,000	31 Dec 09

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** Welcome to all worshippers & friends. Stay for tea.
- 2. BBK by Eld Meyale SBC:** Today - "The King is Coming" Continue Topic on "The End of Millennium" by Dr Patrick. Tan.
- 3. EBENEZER PRAYER MEETING:** Mulgrave Gospel Hall, 127 Garnett 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:** Sep 19 Sat 6 pm at Tye English. Study on Esther.
- ANTIOCH F'SHIP:** Sep 26 Sat 6 pm at Mulgrave Gospel Hall. Study on "Changed into His Image" by Jim Berg. Children's programme by Pr 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, Eld William Seah.
  - 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 Korir; 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 4 OCTOBER 2009: GUEST SPEAKER** is Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye of Life BP Church S'pore. **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 27<sup>th</sup> September 2009. **BAPTISM:** adults & Infants, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of memberships.
- 8. TEA FELLOWSHIP 20 SEPT 2009:** If you can, please bring a plate of finger food for this time of fellowship after the Service.
- 9. 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: Galatians 6:10** "As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

Dr Patrick Tan

From Pulpit to Pew

**ESSENTIALS IN TALKING TO GOD**

"I exhort therefore that, first of all, supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks, be made for all men."  
1 Timothy 2:1.

"Let me burn out for God. After all, whatever God may appoint, prayer is the great thing. Oh that I may be a man of prayer," writes Henry Martyn. God desires His children to talk to Him. "Call unto me, and I will answer thee." Jer 33:3. The disciples of Jesus asked their Master, "Lord, teach us to pray."

Do you have a habit always to pray? Pray when keeping quiet time, say grace before you eat, pray before an exam or a job interview. We all keep personal and private prayer but we also need to assemble for corporate and public prayer.

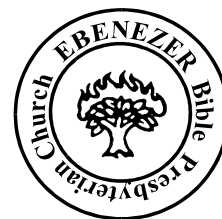
**Pauline Exhortation in talking with God**

**Supplications:** We come to God to make petitions, not demands. Requests from God are undeserved so our attitude is in humility to beseech God. Daniel confessed his sins before "presenting my supplications before the Lord." Dan 9:20.

**Prayers:** Paul means earnest prayer. When a believer comes to God, his prayer is worship. He is in the presence of God the Almighty. He speaks to God in timidity and subservience. Isaiah was awed by God's presence and cried, "Woe is me! For I am undone because I am a man of unclean lips." Isa 6:5.

**Intercessions:** Christ is our divine intercessor before God. Paul writes of Christ, "who is even at the right hand of God, who also maketh intercession for us." Rom 8:34. We approach the throne of Christ to intercede for those who are in need of prayer. Thus we bear one another's burden. Gal 6:2.

**Giving of thanks:** Gratitude to God is often forgotten after God has graciously answered our prayers. Thanksgiving must always head our prayer listing. Vows must be kept when we call on God for His mercy. 10 lepers were healed by Jesus but only one returned to the Lord to give thanks. Lk 17:18.



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"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."  
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)
<b>Pre Worship Praise</b>	Huey Chan/Carol Raw(p)	Jia Hui Teo
<b>Prelude</b>	Carol Raw(p) Asha Meyale (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Jia Hui Teo
<b>Flowers</b>	Mrs. Sue Edward	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Dn. Khoo Yew Hock	Paul Yeo
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	24 - Praise To The Lord, The Almighty	122 - Glory To His Name
<b>Invocation</b>	Dn. Khoo Yew Hock	Paul Yeo
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
<b>Gloria Patri</b>		
<b>Hymn</b>	346 - Be Still My Soul	340 - Hiding In Thee
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Psalm 19: 1-14	Isaiah 26: 1-12
<b>Tithes / Offering</b>	476 - God Owns The Cattle On A Thousand Hills Paul Yeo/Chew Hou Lian/John Tann/Jock Campbell	137 - Thanks To God Wei Yong Lee/ Kee Zhi Wong
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
<b>Doxology</b>		
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Haggai 2: 1-18 Jock Campbell	Philippians 4: 1-9 Wei Yong Lee
<b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	348 - Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah	135 - Wonderful Peace
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<b>Sermon</b>	"Desire Of All Nations" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Peace Of God" Dn. Philip Soon
	43 - God Is Still On The Throne	334 - Sweet Peace the Gift Of God
<b>Benediction</b>	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>		
<b>Postlude</b>		
<b>**Next Week's Roster</b>	<b>20/09/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am</b>	<b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b>
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Dr. Stephen Lim
Pre Worship Praise	Huey Chan/Carol Raw (p)	Heidi Ho
Worship Leader	Dr. Stephen Lim	Dn. Philip Soon
Scripture Reader	Tye Kim Khiat	Keene Chen
Musicians	Trish Yeo(p)/Yvonne Yeap(o)/Hui Ern/Keene (f)	Esther Chi
Ushers	Chia KL/Victor Ho/Chris Rudalski/Robert Chua	Keene Chen/Rong Sheng Kee
Flowers	Vicky Leong	
Fellowship Tea	Finger Food - Bring A Dish	Wei Lin Gan/Jia Hui Teo

**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. "In journeyings often"

On Friday 4 September it was "Goodbye, see you on Monday" as I bade my beloved God's peace. This morning at 6.15 am, SIA delivered me back, 15 minutes before the scheduled time. Thanks to efficient running of our National Airline and the reliability of new aircraft, our Gospel missions also "delivered the goods" for the advancement of God's work in BPCWA, Perth.

Why was there this extra trip? After all, the Church has been well looked after by the Protem Committee, nurtured and fed spiritually, and I had visited Perth at the end of May, just over three months earlier. **Answer:** The flock was missing the shepherd's "pastoral care" and the Lord's Supper. In response to an earnest request from one of the leaders, I laid aside other business to make this "whirlwind visit."

### 2. A compressed Week-end Ministry of the Word

The Lord enabled me to share the Word in three services.

**a) Friday night.** Combined Fellowship. A good turnout (estimated about one hundred young people and adults) received the message, "Running to Win" (1 Cor 9:24-27), how we should serve the Lord with urgency and serious purpose, with every holy intention of winning trophies for the Lord, always bearing in mind, "The Lord expects the best from me! Let me therefore strive my utmost for His highest glory. And that utmost calls for sacrifice, separation from the sinful world, and total devotion for the Lord."

**b) Lord's Day morning 9 am.** I addressed the Combined Sunday School with the message "Noah walked with God" (Gen 6:5-9). In a world society, just about 1,500 years old, men had become so corrupt and rebellious against their Creator, and "... GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually" (Gen 6:5). The evil was so great that God passed the maximum sentence: "I will destroy." It was a global punishment, appropriate for the degree of man's wickedness.

But in the midst of the rampant worldwide rebellion against God's holy Law, one man stood out, different and faithful: "Noah walked with God." Whereas all men scoffed at the notion of impending rain and flood which had not happened since the Creation (Gen 2:5) Noah believed God, "... moved with fear, prepared an ark to the saving of his house ..." (Hebrews 11:7).

When God's judgment descended, all within the safety of the ark were saved while all outside perished ... all because of one man – Noah, who walked with God against the trend of the world. **Lesson:** This is what we need today, for those who are of the faith to persuade those who are willing to listen: Come away from the rebellious world! Come, and walk with God and escape the wrath to come.

**c) A Service of Remembrance.** The last and final Service was Lord's Day at 10 am. The Sanctuary was full. The Lord blessed us with His presence. My message was, "Whose will are you doing: God's or yours?" The Lord's Prayer provided the text: Matthew 6:6-15. Our Lord taught us the perfect prayer, encapsulating all aspects of "praying to God." We are impressed with the urgency of God's Kingdom coming to Earth soon, at which time God's perfect and complete will shall prevail over mankind. Our prayers must ever be focused on this central and crucial Event: **God's Kingdom is on the way!** Our one urgent task and burning

ambition is to do God's will, and not our own, which is selfish and unrighteous.

At this Service, God's redeemed people gathered at the Table of Remembrance. We read 1 Corinthians 11:23-29, focusing on the words, "**in remembrance of me.**" This is the least we can do, and this we must, as often as we gather as God's redeemed people to express our gratitude for the supreme price paid for our redemption. "Remembrance is the hallmark of gratitude."

### 3. Meeting up with Preacher Ko Ling Kang

It was a joy to catch up with God's servant on his first pastoral mission. The congregation was longing for supplementary feeding, additional to what their own leaders and elders had supplied. This sort of "hungering and thirsting after righteousness" is definitely a good sign.

Brother Ling Kang has been downunder three weeks. All reports speak well of the feeding and comfort from his ministry. There is an all-round appreciation of his Bible exposition and spiritual input. "Can he be here longer? When will he come again?" My reply is: "Please pray and commit the matter to the Lord."

From Ling Kang's own mouth, are words both thoughtful and appreciative. "I am getting to know the people, and places. The congregation is very welcoming and supportive to me, and very encouraging. In all my ministry, it is in the strength of the Lord. Please pray for the congregation, for more growth and unity."

So, BPCWA goes on, by the grace of God and under the good care and godly nurturing of our Protem Committee. My next trip is near the year-end, tentatively October 30 to November 4. Readers, please pray. God bless us all.

### 4. Elder William Seah's operation technically successful

From the mouth of Amy, about noon 7 September: "Elder Seah's procedure went smoothly. Only one bypass was deemed necessary by the surgeon Dr Siva. Elder Seah is now in the Recovery Room. Please continue to pray." Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Keep praying.

### 5. Let's press on toward the mark (Phil 3:14)

The days are truly sliding towards a "Sodom culture." The writing is on the wall; the message says, "It is late. The Lord's Coming is near, even at the doors. The days of Sodom are at hand."

Reader, are you serving the Lord, doing His will? Let us yield our wills to Him, with one accord! God bless!

Lovingly in the Lord

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor