

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (28 Sept- 04 Oct 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (20/09/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (29/09/09)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner BS - The Life of Joseph L9 "A Great Nation" Gen 45	Attendance	124	36
FRI (02/10/09)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS - I Samuel 24 Prayer Meeting/BS - "Labour In Word & Doctrine" 1 Tim 5:17 Dr. Stephen Lim	Offerings	\$2,061.60	\$421.65
SAT (03/10/09)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm 7.45 pm	YAF: 12 Apostles - Thomas CGF - Facilitators Meeting CGF - Prayer Meeting	Desig. Love Gift Su Shiang		\$2,000
SUN (04/10/09)	6.30 pm 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	Combine Philidelphia & Antioch F'ships Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Ebenezer Worship & Praise - 10 th Anniversary. Sp - Dr. Lim Teck Chye Sunday School Anniversary Lunch - Catered Strabane: John Tann CGF Worship: "Dedication To Discipleship" (LS) - LK 9:23. Dr. Lim TC CGF - BBK CGF : Singing Group Practice	Received To Date	Internal Gift 300,892 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	
			Next Loan Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** To all worshippers & friends. Stay for tea. Special welcome to Dr & Mrs Dallas Clarnette.
- 2. BBK & SBC:** Today at 12.30 pm hear Dr Clarnette on Parliament of World Religions. What is the impact of PWR on the Church & the Christian gospel?
- 3. LORD'S SUPPER:** Due to 10th Anniversary programme no LS will be served on Oct 4. LS for Ebenezer will be served on Sun Oct 11. For CGF LS on Oct 4.
- 4. Acts 4:12 Committee:** This is the initiative undertaken by conservative pastors led by Dr Dallas Clarnette to raise an awareness among Victorian Churches of the Parliament of World Religions meeting in Melbourne Dec 3-6 2009. Briefing/consultation on Sep 15 was attended by a some from Ebenezer.
- 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, Tan Bong Keng.
 - b) MISSIONS:** Cambodia Life University: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Moses Han BPC & Glory BPC: Rev Stephen Choi (Phnom Penh), First BPC: Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). Barnabas & Lekema of Poipet; Kenya June Korir; Chan Pui Meng at Clinic of Life in Kiluani; Surish Laos, Rev Andrew Kam Yangon, Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting - Batam. Jess & Nirand Chiangmai.
- 6. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Sun Oct 25. All members are requested to attend. **BY ELECTION:** Dn Khoo Yew Hock requested leave of absence from the Session. Members of Ebenezer are asked to elect Chew Hou Lian as deacon. Eld Loke Tat Luen is appointed election commissioner.
- 7. EBENEZER 10th ANNIVERSARY:** Sun Oct 4 2009. **SPEAKER:** Eld Dr Lim Teck Chye of Life BP Church S'pore. **LUNCH:** Today is the last day for registration. Please see Susanna Ting. Total number to caterer tomorrow and no changes. **DESSERT:** Appreciate if you can please bring a plate to share.
- 8. BAPTISM:** Catechumen are reminded to submit your application forms and testimonies to Ps Patrick Tan.
- 9. COMBINED FELLOWSHIPS - ANTIOCH & PHILADELPHIA:** 3 Oct 2009 - Saturday, at Mulgrave Gospel Hall, 127 Garnett Rd, Wheelers Hill. At 6.30 pm. Speaker Dr. Lim Teck Chye, Children's program - Pr. Lim Hai Seng. Followed by dinner. Please bring a dish if you can. All welcome.
- 10. DAY LIGHT SAVING:** Starts 4th October 2009. Remember to wind your clock forward and be on time for Ebenezer's 10th Anniversary.

From Pulpit to Pew

WHO IS JESUS?

"Simon Peter answered and said, Thou art the Christ, the Son of the living God." Matthew 16:16.

Evangelicals believe in the inerrancy of the Bible, hold to the virgin birth of Jesus, believe in the Trinity and the uniqueness of the Gospel. Jesus is the only way to God.

New Evangelicals at the NAE conference in the US have evangelical piety and passion but hold to old liberal theology. Mike Horton published a book "Christless Christianity", Brian McLaren believes that the age of "sola scriptura" is over and Rob Bell believes the Bible is a "human product." World Vision no longer preaches the gospel of Jesus Christ. "Christ is absent but 'Jesus' is here as a socio-economic revolution" says Peter Jones, founder of Christian Witness to a Pagan Planet.

The Biblical Confession

Jesus is the Christ: The foundation of Biblical Christianity is that the man Jesus is Christ the Messiah that God promised. Isa 9:6-7. Jesus alone will and can save sinners and reconcile them to God. He is the "Lamb of God" whose blood sacrifice on the cross of calvary can cleanse sinners of their sins. 1 Jn 1:7

Only Begotten Son: Jesus is the Son of God. He is eternally begotten, the second person of the Holy Trinity. He was with the Father in creation and redemption. In obedience to the Father's will, the Son became man to die for sinful men. Phil 2:8. He is exalted in His resurrection, will return as Lord and King.

Of the Living God: The God of the Bible is a living God. He does not share His glory with any one else. All other gods are false. 1 Ki 18:39. He created the world by the power of His word. He loves men whom He created and saves through His Son. He is not an absent God but a present reality. Acts 17:24.

Dr Patrick Tan

Memory Verse: John 1:12 "But as many as received him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name."



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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	William Ong/Judith Lim(p)	William Ong
Prelude	Samantha Raw(p) Hannah Chia (o) Hui En, Keene (f)	Keene Chen
Flowers	Margaret Campbell	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Dn. John Tann
Opening Hymn	MH 398 - May The Lord Find Us Faithful	87 - I Know Whom I Have Believed
Invocation	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Dn. John Tann
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Hymn	MH 307 - O Love That Will Not Let Me Go	355 - Day By Day
Responsive Reading	Psalm 46	Acts 20:17-31
Tithes / Offering	432 - Faith Of Our Fathers Nick Lindenburg/Alan Mouzon/John Tann/Richard Ang	136 - Come Ye Thankful People Rodney Chen/Stuart Turner
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Acts 2:1-7; 12-16; 36-41 Paul Yeo	2 Tim 4:9-22, Phil 4:21-23 Rodney Chen
Preparatory Hymn	235 - Pentecostal Power	389 - Teach Me Thy Way
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Sermon	"Pentecost_Then_&_When" Dr. Dallas Clarnette	"Salute The Saints In Christ" Rev. Patrick Tan
	244 - Fill Me Now	395 - A Heart Like Thine God
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	04/10/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am 10th Anniversary	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Dr. Lim Teck Chye	Dr. Lim Teck Chye
Pre Worship Praise	Chris Rudalski/Jia Hui Teo (p)	Han Jie Soh
Worship Leader	Rev. Patrick Tan & Dn Stephen Lim	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Tye Kim Khiat	Wei Yong Lee
Musicians	Rachel Soon(p)/Yvonne Yeap(o); Ensemble	Jia Hui Teo
Ushers	D. Leong/Vincent Tai/Thomas Tan/John/William/Huey	Wei Yong Lee/Kee Zhi Wong
Flowers	Mrs. Sue Edward	
Fellowship Tea	Anniversary Lunch	Shu Lin Teo/Agnes Koh

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. The future is here!

Inventions and new technologies have transformed our world into a "Global Village," an outsize kampong in which happenings and concerns are immediately mutual and shared. As the recent global economic debacle clearly demonstrated, and gave warning, what happens in the west can have serious repercussions in the east, and around the globe.

The *filthy greed* of a few "daylight robbers" in the west had precipitated worldwide suffering and poverty, causing the "powers that be" to think of preventive measures and solutions for the future: "If preventable, why not prevented?"

Now, the least suspected but most powerful man has spoken of such prevention on a global scale, just as the apostle John had written 2,000 years ago in Revelation 13. Today, we can read, and know, what is about to happen on Planet Earth shortly.

In other words, you can know the future NOW!

2. Papal Power on the move

Christian News recently reported: "The typical American probably views the pope as a harmless old man presiding over an irrelevant institution; the typical Catholic outside the US (and many American Catholics as well) sees him as the representative of God on Earth. The actual claims of the papacy are megalomaniacal: All power on Earth political, ecclesiastical, and economic belongs to the alleged successor of Peter."

But it would be a great mistake to dismiss papal claims: for the Vatican speaks with solid backing, not to be lightly taken.

3. Pope calls for "World Political Authority"

The New American August 3, 2009

Pope Benedict XVI has called for a "True world political authority" to manage the economy in his new **encyclical** on social justice. The encyclical, entitled "Charity in Truth," was released by the Vatican on Tuesday and signed by the pope. He called for "regulation of the financial sector," and a "worldwide redistribution of energy resources," adding that "the State's role seems destined to grow" if his political prescription is followed.

"There is urgent need of a true world political authority," Benedict wrote in the 30,000-word encyclical, calling for "reform of the United Nations Organization, and likewise of economic institutions and international finance, so that the concept of the family of nations can acquire real teeth."

Benedict described what a powerful world government with teeth would look like: "Such an authority would need to be universally recognized and to be vested with the effective power to ensure security for all." He added: "Obviously it would have to have the authority to ensure compliance with its decisions from all parties" – that is, nations.

When the pope met President Barack Obama at the Vatican on July 10, he gave the US president a copy of "Charity of Truth." – *CN, Aug 10, 2009*

When Pope Benedict's call has been effected, then will come to pass the prophecy of Revelation 13:17: "And ... no man might buy or sell, save he that had the mark or the name of the beast ..." (For "beast," read "World Ruler.")

The prophecy of Revelation 13 is unfolding! The Lord's coming is nearer than you think!

4. "RCC the only True Church"

A new document approved by Pope Benedict XVI also reaffirms that the Roman Catholic Church is the **one church** that Jesus founded and that Protestant churches aren't true churches. The document, which was released on July 10, is entitled "Responses to Some Questions Regarding Certain Aspects of the Doctrine on the Church" and it revisits statements made by the Vatican II Council in the 1960s. It says that while the "Christian communities separated from the Catholic Church" can act as "instruments of salvation," they are not true churches and they only act as "instruments of salvation" because they partially participate in "The fullness of grace and of truth which has been entrusted to the Catholic Church."

Though this document (which was produced by the Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, which is the old office of the Inquisition) is being widely reported in the news media, there is nothing new here. We have long pointed out that Vatican II reaffirmed the supremacy both of the Catholic Church and of the Pope, and ecumenical dialogue with Protestants and Orthodox is allowed only within the context of this supremacy. Vatican II states: "It was to the apostolic college alone of which Peter is the head that we believe that our Lord entrusted all the blessings of the New Covenant, in order to establish on earth the one Body of Christ into which all those should be fully incorporated who belong in any way to the people of God" (Decrees on Ecumenism, chap 1, 3, p 415).

Reader, wake up! It's later than you think!

Lovingly in the Lord

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