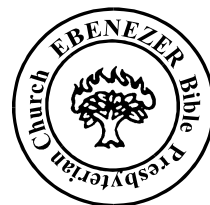


COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (19 Oct – 25 Oct 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (11/10/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (20/10/09)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner BS - The Life of Joseph L12 "Save Much People Alive" Gen 50	Attendance	123	30
FRI (23/10/09)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS - I Samuel 27 Prayer Meeting/BS - "Able To Teach Others" 2 Tim 2:2 Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Offerings	\$2,370.00	\$503.10
SAT (24/10/09)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm	YAF - BBK CGF - Facilitators Meeting	Desig - CGF Rent		
SUN (25/10/09)	7.45 pm 9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	CGF - Prayer Meeting Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Ebenezer Worship - Reformation Sunday - Dallas Clamette	Desig - Su Shiang	\$1,000	\$2,000
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sunday School ACM & Elections Strabane: Dr. Stephen Lim CGF Worship: "Made Beautiful In His Time" Ecc 3:11 - (RS) Lim Siah Chuan CGF - BBK CGF : Singing Group Practice	Desig - B/Fund Ext	\$1,000	
			Anniversary Gift Received To Date	\$100, \$100, \$500	
			Internal Gift	304,192	
			Internal Loan	142,000	
			External Gift	422,894	
			External Loan	100,000	
			Art & Craft	846	
			Book Sales	1,644	
			Mission Fund YTD	3,450	
			Pew	14,590	
			Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	53,018	
			Next Loan Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09
ANNOUNCEMENTS			HEART to HEART		
<p>1. WARM WELCOME: To all worshippers & friends. Stay back for tea</p> <p>2. BBK Eld Meyale-new class. SBC: 12.30 pm continue "The King Is Coming" Lesson 14 on "The Final Destiny of Man." Rev P Tan teaching.</p> <p>3. Pr Lim Hai Seng: VBS to BP F'ship of WA & preach in Esperance Oct 6-18.</p> <p>4. REFORMATION SUNDAY: Next week Oct 25 is <i>Reformation Sunday</i>. Our guest speakers: Ebenezer Dr Dallas Clamette & CGF Eld Lim Siah Chuan.</p> <p>5. PRAYER FOCUS:</p> <p>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 Sjd Bell, Eld William Seah. b) MISSIONS: Cambodia Life University: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Moses Han BPC & Rev Stephen Choi Glory BPC: (Phnom Penh), First BPC: Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). Barnabas & Lekema (Poipet); Kenya June Korir; Chan Pui Meng at Clinic of Life in Kiluani; Laos Surish, Yangon Rev Andrew Kam. - Batam Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting. Chiangmai Rev Nirand & Jess.</p> <p>6. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING: Sun Oct 25 12.15 pm. 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 election commissioner.</p> <p>7. PULPIT MESSAGES FOR OCT-DEC 2009: Ebenezer "The Justified Lives By Faith" In Romans. City Gospel F'ship "Making Life Meaningful" in Ecclesiastes.</p> <p>8. AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION DAY: Spore - Sat Jan 9 2010 at Life BPC. Sp: Eld Dr Chin Hoon Chor. Coordinator: Dr Joseph Lo. Kuala Lumpur - Sat Jan 16 2010 at Evangel BPC. Sp: Eld Dr Lim Yew Cheng. Coordinator: Ms Teng Yu Yuet. Returning students to contact Keene Chen & Kee Rongshen.</p> <p>9. BATAM MISSIONS TRIP: Jan 20-24 (Wed-Sun) 2010 at Life Batam Mission. School programme by Pr Lim Hai Seng; Med/Den by Dr Joseph Lo & Church by Ps Patrick Tan. Those interested see Jean Liu of CGF.</p> <p>10. BP NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP: 2009 all Australian BP youth camp is organized by BPCWA. Date: Dec 8-12, 2009; venue: Camp Serpentine, Perth.</p> <p>11. EBENEZER EASTER FAMILY CAMP 2010: Confirmed venue: Tandara Lutheran Camp at Halls Gap, Grampians. Date: (Fri - Mon) April 2-5, 2010. Camp Master: Richard Ang. Speaker: Rev Tan Eng Boo, pastor Grace BPC (S).</p>			<p>OUR CHRISTIAN RESPONSIBILITY</p> <p>"Wherefore, brethren, look out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost, and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business." Acts 6:3.</p> <p>There are some Christians who aspire for leadership in the church. Paul commends such ambition. 1 Tim 3:1. Church leaders today are largely volunteers and they do not receive a stipend. Motivation for service is thus a love for Christ and God's people. There is joy in serving the Lord. Neh 8:10.</p> <p>The church at Pentecost had widows and orphans that needed care. The Apostles thought that their care could be assigned to deacons allowing them to concentrate on preaching and teaching. Leaders are first of all servants. Deacons serve.</p> <p>Qualities For Church Leadership</p> <p>Honest Report. Service for God is often unrecognized. But God sees your good work. Often times it is not ability but availability that counts. It is the attitude and not just the aptitude that attracts attention. This makes for the good report by the brethren.</p> <p>Full of Holy Spirit. Of the seven chosen, Stephen distinguished himself as a preacher. He paid the ultimate price for his daring. Philip became an evangelist. He brought an Ethiopian to Christ. Service means going beyond the call of duty. Only the Spirit of Christ enables and energizes God's servants</p> <p>Wisdom. Serving the Lord can be unappreciated. But godly wisdom reminds us that we serve Jesus who loves us and gave Himself for us. We do not look for worldly rewards but only a "well done" by our heavenly Master.</p> <p>To all who have served selflessly we give thanks to the Lord for you. Your reward is in heaven. But on earth there are many blessings. Be content. "He hath not dealt with us after our sins; nor rewarded us according to our iniquities." Ps 103:10.</p> <p style="text-align: right;">Dr Patrick Tan</p>		



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 1 Samuel 7:12
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ORDER OF WORSHIP		
	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Huey Chan/Samantha Raw (p)	Grace Kong
Prelude	Judith Lim(p) Yvonne Yeap(o) Teo Hui En/Keene (p)	Keene Chen
Flowers	Stephanie Ho	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Philip Soon	Dn. John Tann
Opening Hymn	49 - How Great Thou Art	88 - Praise Him! Praise Him!
Invocation	Dn. Philip Soon	Dn. John Tann
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Deuteronomy 10: 12-22	John 15: 1-16
Hymn	38 - As Pants The Hart	91 - The Lily Of The Valley
Tithes / Offering	44 - We Praise Thee, O God, Our Redeemer Chia KJ/Robert Chua/Victor Ho/Chris Rudalski	309 - Thank you, Lord Stuart Turner /Rodney Chen
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Romans 2:11-29 William Ong	Ecclesiastes Chapter 2 : 1-11, 22-24 Stuart Turner
Preparatory Hymn	419 - Take My Heart & Let It Be	470 - Work For The Night Is Coming
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Sermon	"Circumcision of Heart & Spirit" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Enjoy The Good Of Labour" Dr. Stephen Lim
Closing Hymn	456 - In Christ There Is No East or West	220 - Will Jesus Find Us Watching
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	2510/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Dr Dallas Clamette	Lim Siah Chuan
Pre Worship Praise	Stephen Lim/Judith Lim (p)	Jia Hui Teo
Worship Leader	Yew Hock Khoo	William Ong
Scripture Reader	Mark Yeo	Perryn Ng
Musicians	Samantha Raw(p)/Asha Meyale(o); Teo Hui Em, Keene (f)	Yvonne Yeap
Ushers	N. Lindenburgh/John Tann/Richard Ang/David Leong	Perryn Ng/Robin Chen
Flowers	Belle Raw	
Fellowship Tea	Mrs. Sue Edward/Rita Soon	Grace Kong/Jemima Xue

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. **"Tempus fugit" – time flies**

When we are caught inside the "Global Time Capsule" whirling away at "thousands of miles" a minute, speeding towards the inevitable end, time's flight hardly impresses. But take a step back, look at your calendar, or your own picture of yesteryear – and the flight of time and age come crashing on you. So quickly we are in the last quarter of the year!

Writing at 6 am on Monday 12 October 2009, the lines from Henry Francis Lyte's immortal hymn come to mind:

*"Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day,
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see –
O Thou who changest not, abide with me!"*

2. **Change and decay**

This stern unyielding line says "Death and demise" in all around I see, and "too often, too soon." Two weeks ago, Preacher Lek took me to speak to a Mr Woon in Tan Tock Seng Hospital, aged 78 years and suffering from terminal disease. The elderly gentleman cheerfully received the Lord as Saviour. Readily he prayed to receive Jesus.

Mrs Woon, standing by, was pleased: she is a believer. Last Friday, Mr Woon passed into glory, another soul added to God's everlasting Kingdom, forever beyond the reach of death's sting, of "change and decay." Praise the Lord for the Gospel's power and promise.

Today, I shall be visiting another of our Pandan member's home, to speak with their grandmother ... praying that the Spirit of God will open her heart's door to the Saviour.

3. **Continuing with "Our Intelligent Designer" (Part 7)**

By Dr John Whitcomb

For more than three years, the Son of God, the true designer and creator of all things in heaven and on the earth, personally (and through the preaching of John the Baptist, the 12 apostles and the 70 messengers) offered to Israel the magnificent kingdom that had been promised to them for many centuries. This genuine offer was contingent on one thing only: repentance (i.e., a radical change of heart toward God) on the part of Israel. And no one had any valid reason for doubting His true identity. His claim to be Israel's divine Messiah was overwhelmingly confirmed by hundreds of spectacular sign-miracles. None of the "fingerprints of God" that we see today, from microscopic flagella to the galaxies above us, can compare to the persuasive power of those supernatural works. The Lord Jesus said: "the works which the Father hath given Me to finish, the same works that I do, bear witness of Me, that the Father hath sent Me" (John 5:36).

Nicodemus, the outstanding theologian of Israel, confessed to Jesus: "Rabbi, we know that Thou art a teacher come from God: for no man can do these miracles that Thou doest, except God be with him" (John 3:2). But the nation of Israel, with some exceptions, rejected these great Messianic sign-miracles. Our Lord told them: "If I had not done among them the works which none other man did, they had not had sin: but now

have they both seen and hated both me and my Father." (John 15:24). The Jewish leaders even attributed His miracles to the power of Satan (John 8:48, 52).

What does all of this say to us concerning the Intelligent Design Movement? The conclusion is shocking indeed. The Bible tells us that even an acknowledgment of the divine origin of the sign-miracles of Jesus was not sufficient for spiritual salvation! To the brilliant Jewish rabbi Nicodemus, who rationalistically discerned the true source of Jesus' miracles, and who risked his reputation by coming to Jesus one night to tell Him, "No man can do these miracles that thou doest, except God be with him," our Lord replied: "Verily, verily, I say unto thee, Except a man be born again, he cannot see the kingdom of God" (John 3:2, 3). He was so far from the Kingdom, he couldn't even see it! Why?

The answer is found in the three verses that immediately precede this amazing interview. The apostle John wrote: "Now when He was in Jerusalem at the passover, in the feast day, many believed in His name, when they saw the miracles which He did. But Jesus did not commit Himself unto them, because He knew all men, And needed not that any should testify of man: for He knew what was in man" (John 2:23-25).

What did John mean by this? The answer comes in the next verses: "There was a man of the Pharisees, named Nicodemus" (3:1). Here was a clear example of a man who "believed in his name, when they saw the miracles which he did" (John 2:23). Nicodemus not only believed in ID, he also believed in DM (divine miracles). But even this was vastly insufficient! Something of infinite and eternal significance was still missing, namely, child-like, genuine faith in Him, resulting in new birth (i.e., regeneration, salvation).

Throughout the gospel of John this theme keeps re-appearing: to accept the divine origin of the miracles of Jesus was essential, but totally insufficient for salvation. The Lord Jesus was not simply a great miracle worker. He was God's own Son, the Messiah and Redeemer of Israel, and the Savior of all mankind. What, then, was the purpose of His sign-miracles? They were to attract attention to His words, His person and His uniqueness as "the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world" (John 1:29). As He explained to the unbelieving scribes: "But that ye may know that the Son of Man hath power on earth to forgive sins, (then saith He to the sick of the palsy,) Arise, take up thy bed, and go unto thine house" (Matt. 9:6).

Although the majority of Israel's leaders attributed His miracles to Satan, there were 5,000 men (plus their families) who wanted to acclaim Jesus as King when they beheld His healing miracles and ate the loaves and fishes He created for them (see John 6:1-14). But He was not deceived by this: "Verily, verily, I say unto you, Ye seek Me, not because ye saw (the true significance of) the miracles, but because ye did eat of the loaves, and were filled" (John 6:26).

Graciously and patiently He explained to them: "I am the bread of life: he that cometh to Me shall never hunger; and he that believeth on Me shall never thirst. But I said unto you, That ye also have seen Me, and believe not" (John 6:35-36). He continued to explain their desperate need of eternal life through faith in Him, but, "From that time many of his disciples went back, and walked no more with Him" (John 6:66).

4. **SGBF Series is for "YF & YAF"**

"Save our Children" is specially meant for you, my young friends! Please consider and come. Coming Sunday, "Honour your parents in the Lord" has a pertinent message for you. Do not miss! God bless all readers,

Lovingly in the Lord,

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor