

2009 Theme: Ebenezer - Pursuit of Piety (1 Peter 1:15); CGF – Dedication to Discipleship (Luke 9:23)

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (02 Nov – 08 Nov 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (25/10/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (03/11/09)	9.30 am 7.00 pm	Day of Prayer for Church & Missions CGF Dinner	Attendance	136	36
FRI (06/11/09)	7.45 pm 8.00 pm	BS – Introduction to Psalms Monash BS – I Samuel 30 & 31 Prayer Meeting/BS - "Set The Church In Order" Titus 1:5 – Dr. Stephen Lim	Offerings	\$2,220.10	\$555.70
SAT (07/11/09)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm	YAF: - 12 Apostles - Matthew CGF – Facilitators Meeting	Desig. Monash/CGF		\$630
SUN (08/11/09)	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 – "Faith Counts For Righteousness" – Rom 4:3 – Rev. P. Tan	Received To Date		
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 1.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00 pm	Sunday School Tea Fellowship Sunday Bible Class Dutch Care Ministry – Chris Rudalski Strabane: Elder Meyale CGF Worship: "Sleep of a Labouring Man" Ecc 5:12 – Rev. Patrick Tan CGF – BBK & Singing Group Practice	Internal Gift	305,442	
			Internal Loan	142,000	
			External Gift	422,894	
			External Loan	100,000	
			Art & Craft	846	
			Book Sales	1,644	
			Mission Fund YTD	0	
			Pew	16,390	
			Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	54,268	
			Next Loan Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09

ANNOUNCEMENTS

1. **WARM WELCOME:** To all worshippers & friends. Stay back for f'ship lunch.
 2. **BBK Eld Meyale-new class. SBC:** Next week "World Religions & Cults".
 3. **ACM & ELECTION:** 64 members were present. Hou-Lian Chew was elected with 87% affirmative. He is our new treasurer. Thanks to Eld Loke, Eric & William. Vote of thanks to out going treasurer: Dn Khoo Yew Hock.
 4. **DAY OF PRAYER:** Tue Nov 3 9.30am-12.00pm. Theme: "Vision For the Church And Missions" Speakers: Dn Stephen Lim (Church), Pr Lim Hai Seng (Missions). Ebenezer, CGF and all church departments must come to pray.
 5. **PRAYER FOCUS:**
 a) **HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Helen Eio. Chua Beng Hai 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. c) Student taking VCE & University exams.
 6. **CGF BIBLE STUDY 7TH ANNIVERSARY:** Tue Oct 27 Praise the Lord for a meaningful time of thanks giving. Video record of God's goodness & skid to encourage attendance Tue Bible study. Next series will be study of the Psalms.
 7. **PULPIT MESSAGES FOR OCT-DEC 2009:** Ebenezer "The Justified Lives By Faith" In Romans. City Gospel F'ship "Making Life Meaningful" in Ecclesiastes.
 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.
 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.
 10. **BP NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP:** 2009 all Australian BP youth camp is organized by BPCWA. Date: Dec 8-12, 2009; venue: Camp Serpentine, Perth.
 11. **EBENEZER EASTER FAMILY CAMP 2010:** Venue: Tandara Lutheran Camp at Halls Gap, Grampians. Date: (Fri – Mon) April 2-5, 2010. Camp Master: Chew Hou Lian, Asst: Richard Ang. Speaker: Rev Tan Eng Boo, pastor Grace BPC Spore.
 12. **NEW BP CHURCH IN PERTH:** Covenant BP Church has been registered. Pastor Rev Edward Pauue.
Memory Verse: Romans 3:10 "As it is written, There is none righteous, no not one."

HEART to HEART

WHAT IS TRUTH?
 "Sanctify them through thy truth: thy word is truth." John 17:17.
 Pontius Pilate responded to Jesus with a rhetorical question, "What is truth?" Jesus proclaimed that anyone who was sincerely seeking the truth would give to Jesus a hearing. Was Pilate as a Roman governor being sincere or sarcastic?
 In the spiritual realm many people are seeking for the truth. If God is the ultimate truth, then they are searching for God. "Canst thou by searching find out God? Canst thou find out the Almighty unto perfection?" Job 11:7 God has revealed Himself to us by the works of His hands. But salvation truth is revealed truth only through Jesus Christ, God incarnate. Jn 14:6.
THE TRUTH ABOUT SALVATION
Through Evolution. Since man is evolving into a higher being, then it is conceivable that he can one day become a god. Eastern religions teach the possibility by various methods elevate the soul into a celestial being. Thus scientific evolution agrees with henotheism and polytheism. The mechanism is natural selection or survival of the fittest, ultimately salvation.
Through Man's Effort. While believing in a God, these monotheistic religions believe in good works. God accepts those who prove by merits of their own or by proxy to be worthy to be received into heaven. The prayers of saints are prerequisites. Pilgrimages and fasts are meritorious.
Through Christ's Eternal Sacrifice. Only the Bible proclaims that there is salvation in none other. Acts 4:12. Jesus Christ is the only way to God. Sinful man is incapable to save his own soul. Christ's death on cross is the only sufficiency. One sacrifice is needed and not to be repeated. We are therefore saved by grace through faith. Eph 2:8-9.
 That is the gospel of the Bible and the truth. "And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free." Jn 8:32.
 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	William Ong/Yvonne Yeap (p)	Heidi Ho
Prelude	Jia Hui Teo (p) Hannah Chia(o) Teo Hui En/Keene (p)	Grace Kong
Flowers	Amelia Tann	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Opening Hymn	<i>My Hope Is In The Lord</i>	3 – <i>Love Divine</i>
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Lord's Supper	182 – <i>Lead Me To Calvary</i>	560 – <i>Beneath The Cross Of Jesus</i>
Responsive Reading	Philippians 2:1-11	Ephesians 4:1-16
Tithes / Offering	<i>Room At The Cross</i> John Tann/Vincent Tai/Thomas Tan/David Leong	313 – <i>O Love That Will Let Me Go</i> Andrew Lam /Yoke Teng Chionh
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Romans 3:19-31 Vincent Tai	Ecclesiastes Chapter 4 Andrew Lam
Preparatory Hymn	289 – <i>Grace Greater Than All My Sins</i>	261 – <i>Blessed Be The Tie That Binds</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"All Men Have Sinned" Rev. Patrick Tan	"A Threefold Cord Is Not Easily Broken" Dn. Philip Soon
Closing Hymn	183 – <i>Jesus Paid It All</i>	119 – <i>Sweeter As The Years Go By</i>
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	08/11/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Pre Worship Praise	Chris Rudalski/Samantha Raw (p)	Kee Zhi Wong
Worship Leader	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Jock Campbell	Kee Zhi Wong
Musicians	Trisha Yep(p)/Yvonne Yeap(o); Teo Hui Em, Keene (f)	Esther Chin
Ushers	Peter Yong/Lionel Leong/Joel Tan/Paul Yeo	Kee Zhi Wong/Wei Yong Lee
Flowers	Serene Yam	Adele Kung/Agnes Koh
Fellowship Tea	Vicky Leong/Christy Chew	

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. "Revelation Revealed"

"What lies in the future?" Everybody is naturally anxious to know, if knowable: ignorance is not bliss and knowledge is power. Revelation 13 speaks of two paramount world rulers ("beasts"). Chambers Dictionary defines "Beast" as "**Antichrist in Revelation 13.**" Reading Rev 13:11-18, I may venture my version of interpretation: a world **religious** leader shall instigate a world **political** leader (described in verses 1-5) who shall exercise power over the whole earth, over every man's "*buying and selling*," i.e. financial dealings and monetary affairs.

2. Coming: "Global wealth control"

In an editorial in the July 8 **St Louis Post Dispatch**, the editor wrote:

Pope lashes out at the forces of greed. The process of globalization, suitably understood and directed, opens up the unprecedented possibilities of large-scale redistribution of wealth on a world-wide scale ... If you think that President Barack Obama is a socialist, wait'll you hear what the Pope had to say this week.

"It's safe to assume that most Americans rarely concern themselves with the fine points of moral theology. Few are likely to wade through all 30,467 words of Pope Benedict XVI's encyclical 'Caritas in Veritate' ('Love and Truth'), published Tuesday on the eve of the G-8 Summit in L'Aquila, Italy. It may be the most radical call for social change from the Vatican since 1891, when Pope Leo XIII responded to the tumult of the industrial revolution by suggesting that states had the obligation to redistribute wealth to preserve social order ..."

Benedict's encyclical states that church doctrine requires justice and the common good to be the cornerstone of economic and political activity in a globalized world. Pope Benedict XVI is simply following in a long line of Popes who promoted socialism and opposed the free enterprise system. Conservative Roman Catholics are dreaming when they maintain that their church has always supported capitalism and the free market system. We continue with the St Louis Post article of July 8.

3. The Redistributive State and Intervention by World Government

"The mainline Protestant churches, which, like the Roman Catholic Church, had also abandoned both Christianity and capitalism, were promoting what came to be called the Social Gospel, whose political expressions were the Progressive movement and later the New Deal."

The Political Thoughts of Thomas Aquinas. *"In the sixteenth century, the Council of Trent declared that the Pope has 'all power on Earth ... All temporal power is his; the dominion, jurisdiction, and government of the whole Earth are his by divine right. All rulers of the Earth are his subjects and must submit to him.' The view of **Unam Sanctam** is neither eccentric, exaggerated, nor merely medieval; they are the views of Thomas and **the entire Church-State.**"*

During this same period, and into the twentieth century, the Roman Church-State was becoming more and more explicitly committed to

*the idea of a **World Government**, headed by a temporal ruler who has received authority from the Pope and who was subservient to the Pope. Nothing in recent years has changed that fundamental position of the **Roman Church-State**' indeed, recent Popes have reiterated the need for a world government."*

4. Pope Benedict calls for "New World Order"

Barney Zwartz, July 9, 2009

POPE Benedict XVI has proposed a new world political authority "with real teeth", possibly in place of the United Nations, to enforce an ethical financial order and end the global financial crisis. Calling for more aid, a bigger role for trade unions and an economic system aimed at the common good as well as profit, the Pope said only a moral market could end the crisis and solve world poverty.

The proposals were in his long-awaited encyclical - the second-highest level of papal teaching - released in Rome yesterday morning Australian time, before the G8 leaders gathered in Italy to discuss the global crisis. The conviction that the economy must be autonomous and shielded from moral influences had led humanity to abuse the economic process in a destructive way, the Pope said in the encyclical Caritas in Veritate (Love in Truth).

Such convictions had led to economic, social and political systems that "trample upon personal and social freedom" and could not deliver justice. His suggested political authority would manage globalisation, revive economies, stop the crisis deepening, protect the environment and regulate worldwide migration. It would need to be universally recognised and given power to ensure compliance from all countries.

"In terms of secular politics, there's something for both left and right to cheer, and something for them to be grumpy about," said the respected Vatican commentator John Allen, observing that in 30,000 words the Pope never mentioned the word "capitalism".

He said liberals would applaud the Pope's call for robust government intervention and support for unions, while conservatives would appreciate his unyielding opposition to abortion, birth control and gay marriage, on economic as well as moral grounds.

The Pope, 82, in his third encyclical, wrote that when profit became the exclusive goal, without the common good as its ultimate end, it risked destroying wealth and creating poverty. The world's wealth was growing but so was inequality. Aid to developing countries also provided economic benefits to donors, he said.

The Pope said the Church did not have technical solutions, but he offered a large number of specific policy suggestions. One was that people should be allowed to decide how to allocate a portion of their taxes that would help welfare and aid. Another was that trade unions should also work for non-members, particularly workers in developing countries. As society becomes ever more globalised, it makes us neighbours but does not make us brothers," he said. (Source: [The Sydney Morning Herald](#))

God bless all readers.

Faithfully in the Lord,

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor