

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

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (09 Nov – 14 Nov 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (1/11/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (10/11/09)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner BS – "Longing for God" Psalm 42 Monash BS – in recess	Attendance	114	29
FRI (13/11/09)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS – Pr HS Lim "A Pattern of Good Works" Titus 2:7	Offerings	\$2,147.05	\$341.45
SAT (14/11/09)	8.00 pm	YAF: Changed into His Image video	Desig. Pew		
SUN (15/11/09)	6.00 pm 7.45 pm 9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	CGF – Facilitators Meeting CGF – Prayer Meeting Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Ebenezer Worship – Rev. Patrick Tan "One Man's Obedience" Rom 5:19	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 Sun Bible Class: World Religions & Cults Dutch Care Ministry: Chris Rudalski Strabane: Mohan Raw CGF Worship –Rev. Patrick Tan "All the Labour of Man" Eccl.6:17 CGF – BBK & Singing Group Practice	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	16,390	
			Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	53,018	
			Next Loan Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** To all worshippers & friends. Stay for f'ship tea.
- 2. BBK Eld Meyale-new class. SBC:** Today Lesson 1 "Origins of Religions".
- 3. STRABANE HOME.** There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Sat Dec 12 at 2 pm at 1-3 Strabane Ave, Mont Albert. All are welcome
- 4. DAY OF PRAYER:** Tue Nov 3 Theme: "Vision For the Church And Missions" Dn Stephen Lim spoke on Church 1 Cor 3:1-16, Pr Lim Hai Seng on Batam Missions. Corporate praying was done in 3 groups. Keep on praying.
- 5. PRAYER FOCUS:**
 - a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Helen Eio, Rita's mother, Yolanda's mother. **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 exams VCE & University.
- 6. CGF BIBLE STUDY:** Tue Nov 3 Singing of Psalms & Introduction to Psalms. Next Tue onwards study "Inspiration from the Psalms" 10 selected. All welcome.
- 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 Pr Hai Seng or 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. PRISCILLA LIM:** Deepest condolences to Dn Stephen and Priscilla Lim on the home going of her father at Boxhill Hospital on Wed Nov 4.
- 13. YOLANDA'S MOTHER:** Suffering from liver cancer. Pray for God's strength. **Memory Verse: Ephesians 5:19** "Speaking to yourselves in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody in your heart to the Lord."

Dr Patrick Tan

HEART to HEART

SINGING OF PSALMS

"And when they had sung a hymn, they went out into the mount of Olives." Mark 14:26.

It was a momentous evening. Jesus had washed the feet of His disciples and commanded them to wash one another's feet. He gave them a command to love one another. The Master kept the Passover with the breaking of bread that began the first Lord's Supper or the sacrament of the Holy Communion. They sang a hymn, most certainly a psalm. Could it be Ps 22?

When Paul and Silas were cast into jail they prayed and sang. They counted it a joy to suffer for their Lord and the gospel. "Why do the heathen rage, and the people imagine a vain thing?" Ps 2:1. The missionaries rejoiced in God's sovereign care. They were unafraid. They were strengthened by God's Word.

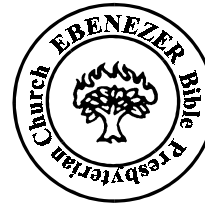
REASONS FOR SINGING THE PSALMS?

Psalms are liturgical. God has given instructions how He should be worshipped. "God is a Spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Jn 4:24. Psalms were the hymn book of the OT church. The Reformed tradition uses the Scottish or the Geneva Psalter.

Psalms are canonical. The Psalms were written over a period of 1000 years from Moses to Ezra. The Hebrew Bible used by Jesus and the apostles had all the 150 psalms. They sang the Psalms in the temple and synagogues. Hebrew children memorized the Psalms through singing. "And that from a child thou hast known the Holy Scriptures." 2 Tim 3:15

Psalms are theological. Because the Psalms are inspired they are completely theological. God has revealed Himself. He is both the God of wrath and love. The psalmists wrote experientially yet without error. The Psalms touch our hearts in all life's situations. While Jewish in certain expressions yet very Christian in content.

Let us memorize some Psalms that we can have God's Word stored in our heads and sung in our hearts.



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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	Chris Rudalski/Samantha Raw (p)	Kee Zhi Wong
Prelude	Trisha Yep(p)/Yvonne Yeap(o); Teo Hui Ern, Keene (f)	Esther Chin
Flowers	Serene Yam	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Opening Hymn	8 - Holy Holy Holy	32 - Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Invocation	Dn Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Galatians 3	
Hymn	441 - Faith Is The Victory	351 - He Leadeth Me
Tithes / Offering	558 - We Plough the Fields Peter Yong/Lionel Leong/Joel Tan/Paul Yeo	414 - Is Your All on the Altar? Kee Zhi Wong/Wei Yong Lee
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Rom 4:1-16 Jock Campbell	Ecclesiastes 5:8-20 Kee Zhi Wong
Preparatory Hymn	339 - When I Fear My Faith Will Fail	399 - I Am Thine, O Lord
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"Faith Counts For Righteousness" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Sleep of a Labouring Man" Rev. Patrick Tan
Closing Hymn	278 - Look To the Lamb of God	470 - Work for the Night is Coming
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	15/11/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Dn Stephen Lim
Pre Worship Praise	Paul Yeo/Trish Yeo (p)	Yoke Teng Chionh
Worship Leader	Dn Stephen Lim	Joo Seng Yap
Scripture Reader	Dr Peter Yong	Rongsheng Kee
Musicians	Carol Raw (p) Asha Meyale (o)	Rachel Soon
Ushers	Jock Campbell, Robert Chua, Victor Ho, Chris Rudalski	Stuart Turner, Rongsheng Kee
Flowers	Christy Chew	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit & Coffee Fellowship	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. Pope calls for a new world order** *Report by Barney Swartz, July 9, 2009*

The proposals were in his long-awaited encyclical released in Rome yesterday 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 "Charity 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 globalization, revive economies, stop the crisis deepening, protect the environment and regulate worldwide migration. It would need to be universally recognized 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. 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.

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.

2. Comments on the Pope's Call *by Thomas R. Eddlem*

"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.

At best, Benedict is proposing a global federation that would improve upon the U.S. Constitution's checks and balances. "Such an authority would need to be regulated by law, to observe consistently the principles of subsidiarity," Benedict says.

Although he says "*the Church does not have technical solutions to offer*" in the way of political plans, it's clear he is calling for the mandatory transfer of wealth from the **haves** to the **have-nots** through the brute force of the state. He even offers one suggestion as to how this might be made less objectionable to those whose wealth would be taken:

One possible approach to development aid would be to apply effectively what is known as fiscal subsidiarity, allowing citizens to decide how to allocate a portion of the taxes they pay to the State. Provided it does not degenerate into the promotion of special interests, this can help to stimulate forms of welfare solidarity from below, with obvious benefits in the area of solidarity for development as well.

Of course, letting citizens choose their taxation in the form of government "charity" would necessarily lead to special interests, as aid groups and governments compete for aid. It's part of the fallen nature of man for such competitions. Benedict states in the encyclical that "attitudes of gratuitousness cannot be established by law," but then proposes that governments attempt to do just that. The Christian principle of charity is that it is voluntary, or it isn't charity. Governments, Benedict should know, are more often representative of the fallen side of human nature than are the persons who make up the governed.

3. The Pope's call is for a return to ethical values *Guy Dinmore, Financial Times, July 8, 2009*

The Pope yesterday condemned the "grave deviations and failures" of capitalism that have been exposed by the financial crisis, calling on the eve of a summit of rich nations for a "true world political authority" to oversee a return to ethical values, for stronger government regulation in his third and eagerly awaited encyclical, "**Charity in Truth**," which the Vatican chose to issue ahead of today's Group of Eight nations summit in Italy. His attack on unbridled capitalism and unregulated market forces was accompanied by a critique of some international aid agencies, which he accused of encouraging abortion and imposing contraception.

While the pontiff's call for a new world authority is unlikely to go down well with the G8 heads of government, his plea for financiers to adhere to stronger ethical standards will be reflected in a G8 communiqué urging stronger and more co-ordinated "global standards."

Pope Benedict's emphasis on the need for "forms of redistribution of wealth" is likely to stir debate at the summit, which will be attended by 39 heads of government and international institutions, over the failure of rich nations to honour their aid commitments.

Vatican observers noted that the timing of the encyclical, the most important transmission of papal teaching on key issues, demonstrated the readiness of the Pope to intervene directly in political developments. The Pope said that the "true world political authority" would have to "manage the global economy . . . revive economies hit by the crisis . . . [and] avoid any deterioration of the present crisis and the greater imbalances that would result." The authority would be "regulated by law" and "would need to be universally recognized and . . . vested with the effective power to ensure security for all, regard for justice, and respect for rights." Pope Benedict will meet Barack Obama, US president, on Friday at the close of the three-day summit. *(End of "The Pope's Call")*

Faithfully in the Lord

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor