

| COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (16 Nov - 22 Nov 2009) | | | LAST WEEK'S Collection (8/11/09) | | |
|--|----------|--|---------------------------------------|------------|-----------|
| | | | EBENEZER | | CGF |
| TUE (17/11/09) | 7.00 pm | CGF Dinner | Attendance | 134 | 41 |
| FRI (20/11/09) | 7.45 pm | BS - "My Refuge & Strength" Psalm 46 | Offerings | \$2,045.70 | \$352.60 |
| | 8.00 pm | Monash BS - recess | Ebenezer lodge rent | | \$800.00 |
| | | Prayer Meeting/BS - Dn Philip Soon | Desig. Pew | \$50.00 | |
| | | "Justified by Grace" Titus 3:7 | Mission (Cambodia) | \$800.00 | |
| SAT (21/11/09) | 8.00 pm | YAF: Changed into His Image discussion | Received To Date | | |
| SUN (22/11/09) | 6.00 pm | CGF - Facilitators Meeting | Internal Gift | 304,192 | |
| | 7.45 pm | CGF - Prayer Meeting | Internal Loan | 142,000 | |
| | 9.30 am | Choir Practice | External Gift | 422,894 | |
| | 9.45 am | Pre Worship Prayer Meeting | External Loan | 100,000 | |
| | 10.15 am | Pre Worship Praise | Art & Craft | 846 | |
| | 10.30 am | Ebenezer Worship - Dn Stephen Lim | Book Sales | 1,644 | |
| | | Gift of God is Eternal Life" Rom 6:23 | Mission Fund YTD | 4,250 | |
| | 11.45 am | Sunday School | Pew | 16,440 | |
| | 12.15 pm | Tea Fellowship | Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 : | 53,018 | |
| | 12.30 pm | Sunday Bible Class | Next Loan | | |
| | 2.30 pm | Strabane: Dn Stephen Lim | Repayment | 100,000 | 31 Dec 09 |
| | 4.00 pm | CGF Worship - Elder Ed Meyale | | | |
| | 6.00 pm | "Gospel Sunday" | | | |
| | | CGF - BBK & Singing Group Practice | | | |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WARM WELCOME:** To all worshippers & friends. Stay back for f'ship lunch.
- 2. BBK Eld Meyale-new class. SBC:** today Lesson 2 "God in Ancient China".
- 3. EASTER FAMILY CAMP 2010:** 4 Session members drove 4 hours to Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap Grampians for recce. Nestled in between mountain ranges, the camp can accommodate 90 campers. Plenty of outdoor activities for everybody. Let all families plan to have spiritual holiday together.
- 4. GOSPEL SUNDAY:** Next week Nov 22 is Gospel Sun: Ebenezer sp: Dn Stephen Lim and CGF sp Eld Edward Meyale. Bring your friends to hear Gospel
- 5. PRAYER FOCUS:**
 - a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Helen Eio, Michael Yap, Rita'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** taking VCE & University exams.
- 6. CGF BIBLE STUDY:** Do you love reading the Psalms? "Inspiration from the Psalms" takes 10 of them for study. Many practical lessons to learn. Join us.
- 7. CHRISTMAS PROGRAMME:** Combined choir is preparing for Christmas. Carolling on Sun 20 after Christmas lunch. Gospel Carol Service Dec 24 at 8 pm. Chairman Dn Stephen Lim, Speaker Pr Lim Hai Seng. Join the choir.
- 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 Rongsheng.
- 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 Lim Hai Seng or Jean Liu of CGF.
- 10. BP NATIONAL YOUTH CAMP:** 2009 Australian BP youth camp is organized by BPCWA. Date: Dec 8-12, 2009; venue: Camp Serpentine, Perth.
- 11. STRABANE HOME:** There will be a Thanksgiving Service on Sat Dec 12 at 2 p, at 1-3 Strabane Ave, Mont Albert. All Welcome. Ebenezer has a worship service every Sunday. Volunteers needed. Patricia Kiang is in charge.
- 12. NEW BP CHURCH IN PERTH:** Covenant BP Church has been registered. Pray for pastor Rev Edward Paaawe. They meet on Sun 3 pm at Attadale Baptist Church, 47 Davis Rd, Attadale, WA.

Memory Verse: Psalm 43:3 "O send out thy light and thy truth: let them lead me; let them bring me unto thy holy hill, and to thy tabernacles."

By Michael Josephson

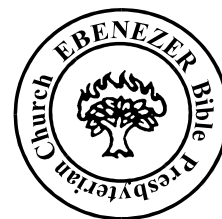
"But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you." Matthew 6:33

WHAT WILL MATTER

Ready or not, some day it will all come to an end.
There will be no more sunrises, no minutes, hours or days.
All the things you have collected, whether treasured or forgotten, will pass to someone else.
Your wealth, fame and temporal will shrivel to irrelevance. It will not matter what you owned or what you were owed.
Your grudges, resentments, frustrations and jealousies will finally disappear.
So too, your hopes, ambitions, plans will expire.
It won't matter where you came from or what side of the tracks you lived on at the end.
It wont matter whether you were beautiful or brilliant.
Even your gender and skin colour will be irrelevant.

SO WHAT WILL MATTER?

How will the value of your days be measured?
What will matter is not what you bought but what you built, not what you got but what you gave.
What will matter is not your success but your significance.
What will matter is not what you learned but what you taught.
What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage or sacrifice that enriched, empowered others to emulate your example.
What will matter is not your competence, but your character.
What will matter is not how many people you knew, but how many will feel a lasting loss when you are gone.
What will matter is not your memories but the memories of those who loved you.
What will matter is how long you will be remembered, by whom and for what.
Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.
It's not a matter of circumstance but of choice.
Choose to live a life that matters.



ACN No: A0038695
"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."
1 Samuel 7:12
Supervisory & Senior Pastor
Dr S H Tow

EBENEZER WEEKLY

606 - 622 Mt Dandenong Rd Kilsyth VIC 3137

Web Page: www.ebenezerbpc.org

Date 15 November 2009

City Gospel F'ship 15 Drummond St, Carlton, VIC 3053.
Resident Pastor Rev (Dr) Patrick Tan Mobile: 0401 225 880
Tel 9723 5612(R) / 9421 6972
Elder Edward Meyale Tel: 9551 8979
Deacons Philip Soon (Clerk of Session), Stephen Lim,
Khoo Yew Hock (Treasurer), John Tann
Preacher Lim Hai Seng Tel: 9548 9193

ORDER OF WORSHIP

| | 10.30 am (Ebenezer) | 4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship) |
|--|--|--|
| Pre Worship Praise | Paul Yeo/Trish Yeo(p) | Yoke Teng Chniah |
| Prelude | Carol Raw(p)/Asha Meyale(o); Teo Hui Ern, Keene (f) | Rachel Soon |
| Flowers | Christy Chew | |
| <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | | |
| Call to Worship | Dn Stephen Lim | Joo Seng Yap |
| Opening Hymn | 112 - Redeemed | 333 - Yesterday, Today, Forever |
| Invocation | Dn Stephen Lim | Joo Seng Yap |
| <i>Glory Be To The Father</i> | | |
| Gloria Patri | | |
| Responsive Reading | Romans 5:1-11 | Psalm 34:1-9;17-22 |
| Hymn | 121 - I'm Singing of My Redeemer | 321 - He Hideth My Soul |
| Tithes / Offering | 27 - Now Thank We All Our God Jock Campbell, Robert Chua, Victor Ho, Chris Rudalski | Stuart Turner/Rongsheng Kee |
| <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | | |
| Doxology | | |
| Scripture Reading | Rom 5:12-21 Dr Peter Yong | Ecclesiastes 6:1-17 Rongsheng Kee |
| Preparatory Hymn | 293 - Burden Are Lifted at Calvary | Never Alone |
| Pastoral Prayer | Rev. Patrick Tan | Rev. Patrick Tan |
| | "One Man's Obedience" Rev. Patrick Tan | "All the Labour of Man" Dn Stephen Lim |
| Closing Hymn | 105 - I Will Praise Him | 104 - All That Thrills My Soul |
| Benediction | Rev. Patrick Tan | Rev. Patrick Tan |
| Postlude | | |
| <i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i> | | |
| **Next Week's Roster | 22/11/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am | City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm |
| Speaker | Dn Stephen Lim | Elder Edward Meyale |
| Pre Worship Praise | Mohan Raw/Judith Lim (p) | |
| Worship Leader | Pr Lim Hai Seng | Dn John Tann |
| Scripture Reader | Huey Chan | Robin Chen |
| Musicians | Judith Lim (p) Hannah Chia(o) | Han Jie |
| Ushers | Nick Lindenbunrg, Mohan Raw, Richard Ang, Chia KL | Robin Chen, Keene Chen |
| Flowers | Vicky Leong | |
| Fellowship Tea | Lim Poh Lin, Irene Khoo | Grace Kong |

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. Thanksgiving for BPCWA, Perth

Readers may recall that BPCWA (B-P Church of Western Australia) was Calvary's "firstborn" overseas Gospel offspring. From a humble beginning in the home of a Calvarian (Seethor family from Calvary Jurong) in February 1986, it has grown to a thriving congregation of over two hundred and eighty.

Over the years – twenty-three to be exact – the church had been saved from potential "take-over" on four occasions, the last being the abortive attempt in November 2008. But the Lord willed otherwise, and BPCWA was saved from a number of "probing legal moves." Through some anxious months, "fending off unfriendly jabs," we committed the matter to the Lord in prayers "without ceasing." The Lord is good: BPCWA belongs to Him, and He is faithful to keep us safe by His grace.

2. Pandan came to the help our daughter Church (BPCWA)

When the news broke a year ago, I was stunned. The unimaginable had happened: the BPCWA Pastor lost the vote, together with the entire Session, except for one deacon, brother James Wong. The rest is history. God intervened: He "is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us, Unto him be glory ..." (Eph 3:20 - 21).

In the 12 months following the unprecedented election, we saw the hand of God guiding and sustaining BPCWA. The Lord allowed me to go down five times; He allowed us to form a "Protem Committee" to administer and save the Church, and to sustain the Gospel ministry through a period of sore testing. Our Committee stood united, following the Lord. All threats have failed and BPCWA is safe. Praise the Lord. In August, Pandan's Session assigned Brother Ko Linggang to serve at BPCWA for three months as part of his *internship*. His ministry has been a great blessing, receiving many expressions of appreciation (both reaching my ears and by Protem Leader's written report).

Excerpts from Report by Deacon James Wong, BPCWA

"We would like to thank Calvary Pandan Bible-Presbyterian Church for sending Preacher Linggang to Perth. It has been a great blessing for our church to have him over the past three months.

Linggang is gentle, personable and approachable in his conduct and personality. He communicates effectively to the worshippers at BPCWA and has continually shown a true servant attitude in all that he has done. Linggang has formed close relationships with many of the young people. His time here has been a mutual blessing. He has a respectful and polite manner to the adult worshippers at church as well.

Linggang has been a great asset to our church these past months. We thank God for his service and willing heart to serve at BPCWA."

3. Ministering at New Life BP Church

Last Lord's Day 8 November 2009 I was privileged to minister the Word at New Life BPC at Woodlands New Town for their 26th Anniversary Thanksgiving Service and Holy Ordination of their Tamil Preacher Nathan.

It was a very blessed Service of Worship. Their three Pastors are Rev Daniel Khoo (Chairman), Rev Peter Tan and Rev Lim Chee Boon. The Church building stands on an elevation above road level at a strategic junction of Marsiling Lane and Admiralty Road. Their Kindergarten has over 400 pupils. The founder Rev Timothy Tow would surely be gratified if he were here today: the Lord has so blessed his foresight and initiative to press on with the Gospel outreach into Singapore's "northland."

Both Pastors Daniel Khoo and Lim Chee Boon are fluently bilingual (Mandarin and English), which is a great gift for Gospel communication. I spoke on "The Happy Will of God" (2 Peter 3:3-14).

"The Happy Will of God"

This is clearly seen in the key text 2 Peter 3:9: "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

The unbelieving Church writes off the "Return of Jesus Christ." They would rather believe that our Lord's "non return" for so long a time is that Jesus never rose from the dead.

But our Lord has not yet returned simply because He is longsuffering, meaning **patient**, "not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance." We are now in this extended period of "Gospel Grace" – time for us to reach out to unbelievers with the Gospel. **Question:** Are we doing this? Dear reader, let us take advantage of these days of Gospel opportunity to go and spread the gospel. "...behold, now is the accepted time; behold, now is the day of salvation" (2 Cor 6:2). Let us labour for Him before He returns. Amen.

As I write, all Singapore is "geared up" for the APEC Meeting, especially the arrival of America's Top Man.

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor