

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (21 Dec - 27 Dec 2009)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (13/12/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (22/12/09)	6.00 pm	CGF Dinner (Christmas Dinner)	Attendance	129	23
THU(24/12/09)	8.00 pm	Meaning of Christmas - Dr Stephen Lim	Offerings	\$2,129	\$299
FRI (25/12/09)	8.00 pm	CGF - Book of Daniel - no class	Gift - Bldg Fund	600	
	3.30 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS - Recess	Desig - CGF		\$1,100
		Ebenezer Lodge @ Drummond St	Gift - Misc	\$1,000	
SAT (26/12/09)	6.30 pm	Open House Handel's Messiah & Christmas Day Dinner	Received To Date		
SUN (27/12/09)	3.00 pm	CGF - How To Meditate on God's Word?	Internal Gift	307,292	
	6.00 pm	CGF - Book of Daniel/ 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	Worship Service - "Goodness & Severity of God" Heb 11:22 - Ps Patrick Tan	Book Sales	1,644	
	11.45 am	Sunday School	Mission Fund YTD	4,250	
	12.15 pm	Tea Fellowship - Biscuit Day	Pew	16,490	
	12.30 pm	SBC "The Charismatic Movement"	Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	56,118	
	2.30 pm	Strabane: Rev. Patrick Tan	Next Loan		
	4.00 pm	CGF Worship - Eld. Loke Tat Luen	Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09
	6.30 pm	"The Dust Return To The Earth" Ecc.12:7 CGF Singing Group/BBK			

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- BLESSED CHRISTMAS:** To all worshippers & friends. Welcome for lunch.
- BBK & SBC:** Today no classes
- EASTER FAMILY CAMP 2010:** Apr 2-5 at Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap Grampians. Families plan early to have spiritual holiday together. Sp. Rev Tan Eng Boo. Theme: Be Still and Know - Be Active and Grow. Ps 46:10.
- CGF BIBLE STUDY:** Tue Dec 22 Christmas Programme. Dinner begins at 6.30 pm. Sharing & exchanging of Christmas gifts. Bring a friend.
- PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Helen Eio, Michael Yap, Tan Chee Chee & William's grandfather, Mohan Raw. **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) Students** on vacation, assignments & jobs.
- CAROLING 2009:** Today choir will visit Dutch Care & Strabane Home & end at CGF for Christmas worship at 5.30 pm followed by fellowship dinner.
- GOSPEL CAROL SERVICE:** Dec 24 - Session decided there will be no service this year. Many families are on vacation. Pray for safety in travel.
- 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.
- 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. The mission team now consists of 14 persons.
- CHRISTMAS SUNDAY:** Dec 20 Baptism of 2 adults and 1 infant. Choir sings carols & SS nativity play. Christmas lunch. Come and rejoice together
- NO PRAYER MEETING:** On Fri Dec 25. YAF is on recess during the school and University vacation. Also no prayer meeting on Fri Jan 1, 2010.
- DIRECTORY UPDATE:** N. Lindenburg's new mobile No. 0451 581 757
- WATCHNIGHT SERVICE:** Dec 31 at 8 pm. (LS). Time for thanksgiving & reflection. CGF will join Ebenezer at Kilsyth.
- EBENEZER LODGE:** @ 15 Drummond St on Dec 25 will have open house with video on Handel's Messiah & Dinner. All welcome especially students.
- BAPTISM TODAY:** Adults: Patrick Pak Tak Ha & Winsome Sin Ki Yu; Infant: Ethan Jin Yu Yap son of Yap Joo Seng and Grace.
- CHRISTMAS GIFT:** From Strabane Home \$1000 to Ebenezer. Praise God.

Memory Verse: John 1:29 "Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh away the sin of the world."

BLESSED CHRISTMAS

KING OF THE JEWS

"Where is he that is born King of the Jews? For we have seen his star in the east, and are come to worship him."
Matthew 2:2.

I was visited one evening as I was conducting a wedding rehearsal in church by a group of 5 Iranians, 3 men and 2 ladies. They desired to be Christians. They had flown from Teheran to KL. The pastor there was forbidden to convert Muslims. They took a train to Singapore to continue their quest.

Their logic was that the western nations were prosperous though they had no oil. Their own country had abundance of oil but was impoverished. The reason must be found in their religion namely Christianity. They wanted to know Christ.

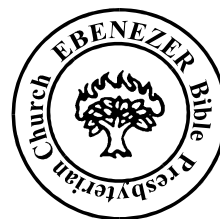
THE STAR OF BETHLEHEM

WISE MEN FROM THE EAST. The Magi were priestly scientist from Persia. They were monotheist and they watched heaven for unusual signs of divine communication. They saw the heavenly phenomenon and they followed that light which took them to Herod's palace. Missionaries have brought the gospel to remote regions of the earth. At the cost of the lives of 5 young men on Jan 8, 1956, the gospel was brought to Huaoroni Indians of Ecuador. Were they wise to surrender all for Jesus Christ?

KING OF THE JEWS. At Herod's palace they inquired of the birth of the King of the Jews. God reveals Himself sovereignly to those who seek Him. Did Daniel and the prophets of the diaspora leave a messianic hope in the lands that they dwelt? "Salvation is of the Jews" was imbibed by the Gentiles. Jn 4:22. They followed the stars like the 5 Iranians who received Christ and were baptised. After 2 months they left for home rejoicing.

COME TO WORSHIP HIM. They sought for the King of the Jews and found the Saviour of the world. This King is not of the Jews only, but is to be worshipped as God by all nations. Jesus was born in Bethlehem as spoken by Micah 5:2. The scribes and priests in Jerusalem knew this. What a delight to fall down before Jesus and to present to Him meaningful gifts: gold fit of a King, frankincense for worship of God and myrrh for death of Christ.

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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)	5.30 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Huey Chan/Trish Yeo (p)	William Ong
Prelude	Carol Raw(p) Hannah Chia(o); Teo Hui Ern(f)	Yvonne Yeap
Flowers	Sue Edward	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	William Ong
Opening Hymn	165 - O Come, All Ye Faithful	152 - Joy To The World
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	William Ong
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Luke 2:1-14	Luke 2:8-20
Hymn	141 - That Beautiful Name	157 - Hark! The Herald Angels Sing
Baptism		
Tithes / Offering	Ring The Bells, 224 - For God So Loved The World N. Lindenburg/John Tann/Vincent Tai/Robert Chua	Robin Chen
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Hebrews 10: 1- 17 John Tann	Ecclesiastes 11 :1-10, 12:1-2 Robin Chen
Preparatory Hymn	553 - Love Found A Way	146 - Silent Night! Holy Night!
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"According To Election" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Words of The Wise Man" Dr. Stephen Lim
Closing Hymn	163 - Angels, from The Realms of Glory	165 - Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
**Next Week's Roster	27/12/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Elder Loke Tat Luen
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw/Judith Lim (p)	Heidi Ho
Worship Leader	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	William Ong
Scripture Reader	Wan Kwang Kow	Rodney Chen
Musicians	Judith Lim (p) Asha Meyale (o)	Rachel Soon
Ushers	Wan Kwang Kow/Joel Tan/Mohan Raw/David Leong	Rodney Chen
Flowers	Stephanie Ho	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Day	Lynette Ong

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,

I have received a letter from our old friend Pastor Dignadice of the Philippines, reproduced hereat:

1. Invitation from Pastor Dignadice of the Philippines

December 4, 2009

Dear Dr. Tow,

I will be turning 75 this coming April 2010. But we still have great harvest ahead. Our ministries with the police (PNP) and army (AFP) are increasing so much that sometimes we are forced to conduct Bible studies to 7 municipal stations in a day.

Our yellow jeep, Ford model 1981 gave way. The engine cannot be revived anymore because there are no more parts available in the auto supplies. We are praying for a surplus engine that would cost 45,000 pesos or 1,000 US dollars. We really need another vehicle because we are splitting up our team to reach also the students in high schools and universities.

Our construction project has stopped for lack of funds. We are praying for about 7,000 US dollars for this project. Everything will work out according to His will.

We are praying and planning to invite you for our 36th church anniversary this coming March 2010. We do pray to God that what we have started working together for 30 years will continue up to the next generation.

December 07, 2009

1. We are planning to celebrate our 36th Anniversary on March 28, 2010, Sunday. If there would be a conflict with your schedule, you may choose any Sunday in the month of March 2010. We are also praying if you could be with us for 4-5 days.

2. Our place, Bicol, is located at the southern part of Luzon. It is 523 kilometers from Manila. You could make a connecting flight from Singapore to Manila, then from Manila to Legaspi City. The flight from Manila to Legaspi City is only 45 minutes. You may take the Philippine Airlines for this trip. We will meet you at Legaspi City Airport.

EMMANUEL, Rev. Leoncio D. Dignadice



2. First missions visit to Bicol, Philippines

At last, after 30 years and four invitations, I shall, God willing, be visiting Bicol (some 500 km from Manila) to see the work of Pastor Leoncio Dignadice, whose ministry we have been supporting these many years. From the first introduction through the late Pastor Antonio Ormeo (from ICCC days of the 1950s) Calvary has had an intimate part in the Gospel ministry of Pastor Dignadice and his family (two sons and two daughters).

The Lord has used Calvary Pandan to send aid when the Church was badly affected by natural disasters in recent years (volcano eruptions, typhoon devastation, and floods). It was by God's grace that Calvary Pandan was mightily used to help in the relief of our Christian brothers and sisters, suffering extraordinary affliction and loss. *"It is better to give than to receive,"* says our Lord.

3. Who will join me to Bicol?

When I issued the call, Preacher Lek Aik Wee readily took up the challenge. Like as the apostle Paul had Barnabas and Silas, so the Lord has provided help in this missionary trip. I am planning a compressed programme of Seminars and Teaching Sessions on topics e.g.

- a) End Time Deception
- b) 20th Century Apostasy
- c) The Reformation Bible – KJV
- d) God Preserved His Word perfectly
- e) Why Biblical Separation
- f) Ready for His return

It will be a *"week-end of concentrated Teaching"* as we fight the Lord's battle. For this we need your **Prayer Support**. I request: Everyone to remember this mission of *"earnestly contending for the faith of the Gospel."* God grant us a great and mighty victory.

4. Let's make this a "Great Season for Revival"

"Men ought always to pray and not to faint" is our Lord's express command in Luke 18. Because of a troublesome woman (an *"importunate widow"*) the unjust judge was moved to take up the poor widow's case, for his own selfish reason. How much more shall our Lord, the perfect and holy compassionate Judge of all the earth come to our aid when we present our case before Him? For this simple reason, we ought always to persevere in earnest prayer and not to grow faint and faithless.

Hitherto has the Lord used us to uphold the growing ministry of Pastor Dignadice, who is now 75 years of age. What a glorious Gospel door is opened to him, speaking to hundreds of police officers, airmen, and soldiers, leading many to faith in the Saviour. And think of it: the Lord has opened a door of Gospel opportunity in a land of which 85 per cent are Roman Catholics! It is of the Lord's mercies that we have such a glorious Gospel door open to us! Please pray and help speed the gospel effort.

My dear readers, please also pray for our Gospel Team's visit to Bicol, that God's work may be much blessed and strengthened.

Faithfully in the Lord,

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor