

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (28 Dec - 03 Jan 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (2012/09)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (29/12/09)	7.00 pm	CGF Dinner	Attendance	129	26
THU(31/12/09)	7.45 pm	New Year Fellowship	Offerings	\$2,052	\$553
FRI(01/01/10)	8.00 pm	Watch Night Service (LS)	Desig - Pew	\$1,200	
SAT (02/01/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS - Recess	Desig - CGF		\$550
	3.00 pm	CGF - How To Meditate on God's Word?	Gift - Mission	\$100	
	6.00 pm	CGF - Book of Daniel/ Prayer Meeting	Received To Date		
SUN (03/01/10)	9.30 am	Choir Practice	Internal Gift	307,292	
	9.45 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Internal Loan	142,000	
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Praise	External Gift	422,894	
	10.30 am	Worship Service - "The Lord Takes Away"	External Loan	100,000	
		JOB 1:21 - Ps Patrick Tan (LS)	Art & Craft	846	
	11.45 am	Sunday School	Book Sales	1,644	
	12.15 pm	Tea Fellowship - Finger Food (bring a dish)	Mission Fund YTD	900	
	12.30 pm	SBC - Recess	Pew	6,060	
	2.30 pm	Strabane: Dn. John Tann	Building Fund giving		
	4.00 pm	CGF Worship - Rev. Patrick Tan (LS)	since 01/07/08 :	56,118	
		"Foolishness Of Preaching" 1 Cor 1:21	Next Loan		
	6.30 pm	CGF Singing Group/BBK	Repayment	100,000	31 Dec 09

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. JOYOUS NEW YEAR:** To all worshippers & friends. Welcome for tea.
- 2. BBK & SBC:** Today no classes
- 3. WATCH NIGHT SERVICE:** Thu Dec 31, 8 pm. Let us all spend the final hours of 2009 with the Lord Jesus in worship. A decade has passed since the second millennium. We should watch and wait for our Lord's return in glory. There will be a season of prayer and serving the Lord's supper.
- 4. EASTER FAMILY CAMP 2010:** Apr 2-5 at Tandara Lutheran Camp in Halls Gap Gramplains. 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.
- 5. PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Helen Eio, Michael Yap, Tan Chee Chee & William's grandfather, 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) Students** on vacation, assignments & jobs.
- 6. 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.
- 7. ELD & MRS MEYALE:** Left for India to visit relatives, attend weddings and preaching at local churches. Pray for safety in travel.
- 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. DAMIAN & SU SHIANG:** Both will return to continue their study at FEBC in Spore. Praise the Lord for their ministering to the YAF & CGF when on vacation.
- 11. PASTOR & MRS OKMAN KI:** They have arrived in London to take up the appointment of resident pastor of New Life BPC. Queens Park where the church is located has a strong Islamic presence. Pray for a strong witness for Christ.
- 12. GREETINGS:** Pastor & Mrs. Gibson sends their greetings to all at Ebenezer. Thank God for a successful eye implant for Pastor Gibson.
- 13. THEME FOR 2010:** "Where there is no VISION the people perish". Prov 29:18. For the first quarter Ebenezer will have messages from the Jon "Triumph in the Trials of Job"; for CGF "Unity Among Christians" from 1 Corinthians.
- 14. RAWANG BIBLES:** Rev Nirand who is a missionary of Life BPC is a Rawang. He reports that 15,000 Rawang Bibles have been printed in Nanjing China and delivered to the Tribe in the border of Myanmar & China.

Memory Verse: Revelation 22:20 "He which testifieth these things saith,

FRUITFUL & BLISSFUL 2010

SOWING AND REAPING

"He that observeth the wind shall not sow; and he that regardeth the clouds shall not reap." Ecclesiastes 11:4.

Much of the illustrations of Jesus and the psalms have to do with farming. "They that sow in tears shall reap in joy". Ps 126:5. It speaks volumes of the Christian ministry and the work of pastors and missionaries. Sowing the good seed of God's word requires much labour. The agony of prayer for lost souls and the hurting saints have brought sweat and heartache

The time of harvest will demonstrate that the labour and sweat are worth the struggle. When you see Christians mature in the faith and become soul winners, then the effort is worth all the tears and sorrow.

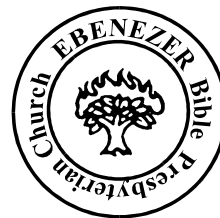
CHRISTIAN ENTERPRISE

OBSERVE THE WIND. The wind will blow away the seed after you have sown. The farmer waits for the wind to blow in the right direction. Waiting for the right combination of factors before going on Christian missions will stifle evangelism. Excuses are Satans effort to stop winning souls. God has an open door for us. Rev 3:8. We may have little strength, but we have a great God. We have the word of God to direct our footsteps.

REGARDETH THE CLOUDS. The clouds bring the rain. No one can predict the coming rain or drought. Only the merciful God will bless with abundance of rain. Farmers are most vulnerable and ought to call on the Lord of the weather. While we exercise God given wisdom to embark on a project for the Lord, we must not be stumbled by personal interests and prejudices. While opinions may vary with individuals, the church moves on by consensus.

WHITE UNTO HARVEST. One final factor is rigidity in getting things done. In John 4:35, Jesus speaks about the harvest to be 4 months away. But if the grain is white already you waste no time to harvest lest the crop be destroyed. In the work of God, you need to look up, and the Lord will indicate what you should do next. The Spirit of God moves in the church and touches the heart of someone to serve Him. Let there be no restraint.

Dr Patrick Tan



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 1 Samuel 7:12
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	5.30 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw/Judith Lim (p)	Heidi Ho
Prelude	Judith Lim(p) Asha Meyale(o);Teo Hui Ern(f)	Rachel Soon
Flowers		
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Philip Soon	Joo Seng Yapp
Opening Hymn	554 - Another Year Is Dawning	29 - I Sing The Mighty Power Of God
Invocation	Dn. Philip Soon	Joo Seng Yapp
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	John 15:1-16	Ephesians 5:1-17
Hymn	532 - Saviour Like A Shepherd Lead Us	554 - Another Year Is Dawning
Tithes / Offering	414 - Is Your All On The Altar Wan Kwang Kow/Joel Tan/Mohan Raw/David Leong	Rodney Chen
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Romans 11:1-24 Wan Kwang Kow	Ecclesiastes :12:1- 14 Rodney Chen
Preparatory Hymn	340 - Hiding In Thee	358 - What A Friend We Have In Jesus
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"Goodness & Severity Of God" Rev. Patrick Tan	"The Dusk Return To The Earth" Elder Loke Tat Luen
Closing Hymn	349 - Surely Goodness and Mercy	348 - Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
**Next Week's Roster	03/01/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan (LS)	Elder Loke Tat Luen (LS)
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Carol Raw (p)	Kee Zhi Wong
Worship Leader	Dn. Philip Soon	Pr. Hai Seng Lim
Scripture Reader	Huey Chan	William Ong
Musicians	Samantha Raw (p) Asha Meyale (o)	Yvonne Yeap
Ushers	Huey Chan/John Tann/Vincent Tai/Thomas Tan	William Ong
Flowers	Belle Raw	
Fellowship Tea	Finger Food Fellowship (Bring A Dish)	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.

From our supervisory Pastor

27 December 2009

My dear readers,

1. Good news from a far country

"As cold waters to a thirsty soul, so is good news from a far country." This week we share the good news from Pastor Clarence Chee.

2. **Year End Report on Jordan Ministry 2009**

(Pastor Clarence Chee Khuen Wah)

Read what the Lord has done for us this past year ...

Urgent trip to Cyprus - A brother named Wang Chang Bin aged 26 from the Chinese Christian Church of Cyprus died suddenly (of cardiovascular disease) on 5 Dec. Upon the request of Rev Pang to make a trip there, we managed to secure the air-tickets by the grace of God on that very day, as Friday is a public holiday in Jordan when most shops including the travel agencies are closed. Praise the Lord for His special provision.

Sister Lay Choo fetched us from the airport and told us that it was a great relief for her the moment she knew of our coming. Initially there was much stress and fear in her so that she was unable to sleep well in the night. However, the Lord answered her prayers and sent us to comfort and help her.

We were busy conducting meetings for the Cyprus believers from Saturday till Tuesday including YF meeting, Baptism cum the Lord's Supper at the Sunday worship service, and hostel meeting before we left Cyprus on Wed morning. The attendance was quite overwhelming for each meeting.

Particularly for the vigil service on Monday night at the local funeral service company, many friends of the deceased brother Wang and Cyprus believers turned up. The Lord blessed everyone who came that night. They were very touched and moved to see us coming all the way from Jordan to conduct the vigil service. We really thank God for giving us the opportunity to testify of His goodness and loving kindness. All glory be unto God!

3. **Latest update of Jordan ministry**

Despite the closing down of many factories in Jordan and more than 130 believers had returned to China this year, we thank God for His marvelous grace enabling us to look after a total of 150 believers in three places from Irbid, Sahab and Karak. The Lord continues to bestow His blessing in Jordan to 68 Chinese workers who have accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Saviour and 46 who were baptized.

God is our refuge - In the past we have faced all kinds of difficulties and opposition during our worship service in this foreign land. Some extremists threw stones at our believers and us, and even at a member of the visiting missions team. Quite often they would shout and yell at us from outside the church premises. They have also snatched hand-phones away from our believers. In October, an "exhibitionist" appeared in front of the ladies' toilets located behind the church sanctuary. So we lock up the main gate with chain for security precaution. Then we pray and look up to God, our Refuge and Shield.

We thank God for the opportunity to visit and encourage the Jordan returnees through the Word of God in 5 different provinces of China. Moreover we thank God that during the trip in September, some of the family members (ie their husbands and children) have received Jesus Christ as their personal Saviour after we shared the Gospel with them. The believers were very excited and overjoyed to see us again in their homeland. It is also a great comfort to us that they have kept their faith in spite of problems and oppositions they encountered from their loves ones.

4. **Visit to CCCJ from Calvary Pandan BPC**

Dr Milton led a group of 29 pilgrims from Calvary Pandan BPC for the Bible Land Tour in November. Besides visiting Baraka BPC in Bethlehem, they also visited CCCJ.

Dr Milton brought us two boxes of Christian literatures, namely "Grow in Christ" and "66 pocket prayers" (written by Dr SH Tow), which are very much needed in Jordan for our believers to help them in their spiritual walk with God.

5. **FEBC's 14th Holy Land Pilgrimage**

A group of 48 persons led by Rev (Dr) Jeffrey Khoo visited CCCJ on 27 Nov 2009 on Friday for worship service. The group comprises of FEBC students and members from 10 different churches with majority from True Life BPC and Truth BPC. We were also happy to see Mrs Ivy Tow coming together with the holy land pilgrimage group.

Rev Khoo's message focused on a Perfect Bible which tells of a Perfect God who sends a Perfect Saviour who gives us Perfect Salvation. Many of us were touched by this simple yet profound truth. After the service, we joined Rev & Mrs Jeffrey Khoo to visit Bro Maher, an Arab pastor (formerly a FEBC student) from Irbid Baptist Church, where we hold our worship service every Friday. We had a good time of fellowship.

6. **Tengah missions team to Jordan**

This year we thank God for a total of 14 brethren from Calvary Tengah BPC led by Elder Frederick Lan to Jordan. They brought us all kinds of Christian literature, which caused them to have an excess-weight of 45 kg. However, they managed to pass through the customs both in Singapore and Jordan by the grace of God. They conducted more than 17 meetings within 9 days in Irbid, Sahab and Karak. Many of our believers were greatly blessed by their sharing and testimonies including those who responded to the gospel and accepted Christ. Indeed they have been a channel of blessings as the Lord used them to minister to our believers.

Last but not least, we thank God for all of you who have constantly upheld us through your prayers and support in various ways. We wish you a blessed Christmas and another God-blessed, enriching New Year!

In Christ,

Khuen Wah & Siew Eng

17 Dec 2009

God bless all readers.

Faithfully in the Lord,

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor