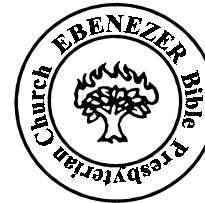


2010 Theme: **Ebenezer** - "Where there is no VISION the people perish". Prov 29:18.

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (18 – 24 Jan 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (10/01/10)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (19/01/10)	7.00 pm	CGF Dinner	Attendance	110	23
FRI (22/01/10)	7.45 pm	BS – Psalm 118 "Thanks be unto God"	Offerings	\$1,886.75	\$906.20
SAT (16/01/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS – Dn Philip Soon	Bldg Fund		
SUN (17/01/10)		YF - Recess	Pew project	\$20	
	6.00 pm	Facilitators Meeting	DVD project		
	7.45 pm	CGF Prayer Meeting	Gift – Mission		
	9.30 am	Choir Practice	Strabane gift to Sunday School		
	9.45 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Received To Date		
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Praise	Internal Gift	314,742	
	10.30 am	Worship Service – " House of Clay- Foundation Of Dust"	Internal Loan	142,000	
		Job 4:19 – Dn. Philip Soon	External Gift	422,894	
		Sunday School	External Loan	100,000	
	11.45 am	Tea Fellowship	Art & Craft	846	
	12.15 pm	SBC/BBK - Recess	Book Sales	1,644	
	12.30 pm	Strabane: Mohan Raw	Mission Fund YTD	2,400	
	2.30 pm	CGF Worship – "Fools For Christ Sake"	Pew	6,100	
	4.00 pm	1 Corinthians 4:10 – William King	Building Fund giving since 01/07/08 :	\$63,568	
	6.30 pm	CGF Singing Group/BBK	Next Loan		
			Repayment	\$100,000	31 Dec 09
ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pastoral Meditation		
<p>1. Welcome to Tea: All worshippers & friends. 2. BBK & SBC: Today no classes 4. 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. 5. PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING: Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Odilia. 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, Yanson 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. CONDOLENCES: To brother Eio Eng Hua & family on the home going of his wife Helen Eio on Jan 13 in Spore after battling with brain tumour. 8. AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION DAY: Spore – Sat Jan 9 had a good attendance. Presentations & testimonies were given of BP churches in Australia by students, a parent and message by Eld Chin who is a lecturer in NUS. 9. AUSTRALIA ORIENTATION IN KL: Sat Jan 16 at Evangel BPC. Sp. Eld Lim Yew Cheng. Following day Sun will be baptism of Sashi by Ps P Tan 10. COVENANT BPC IN WA: Has been incorporated. Pray for Rev Ed Pauwe the pastor. Worship Sun 3pm at Attadale Baptist Church, 47 Davis Rd. Atterdale 11. MRS SUSAN WENG: Wife of Ps David Weng of Hope BPC delivered a baby boy on Jan 12. Baby well. But mother suffered severe bleeding. Pray. 12. THEME FOR 2010: "Where there is no VISION the people perish", Prov 29:18. The first quarter messages for Ebenezer: "Triumph in the Trials of Job"; for CGF: "Unity In the Church and Among Christians" from 1 Epistle Corinthians. 13. ROOM VACANCY @ CGF Drummond St – sharing with Winnie Lou mobile: 0424643243</p>			<p>GROWING "And Jesus increased in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man." Luke 2:52. When a baby is born we expect growth. Normal milestones are carefully charted by the parents. When a person comes to Christ he is born again. We similarly expect spiritual growth and maturity. Jesus was born according to the law of conception. His childhood was normal as Luke records it. He lived in Nazareth and grew up with other Jewish children. His parents taught Him the Bible. He attended the local synagogue. At the age of 12 He followed His parents to Jerusalem to attend the Passover feast at the temple.</p>		
			GROWING IN CHRIST		
			WISDOM. Jesus grew intellectually. Mental growth in children is seen in their cognitive functions. They begin to talk and communicate. Christians too must grow intellectually. They learn to talk with God. Prayer is the means of communication. There is a desire to keep daily quiet time in personal devotion with Jesus.		
			STATURE. Jesus grew physically from child to boy. There is no gospel record until His public ministry at aged 30. He was the carpenter from Nazareth. The Christian grows first with a milk diet. 1 Pet 2:2. Then he graduates to eating meat. Heb 5:14. When a child of God stops reading God's Word, he stops growing and malnourished.		
			FAVOUR WITH GOD. Jesus grew spiritually. His conversation with the temple doctors showed His awareness with spiritual matters. Many Christians fail to grow spiritually. They are content with the very elementary matters of their faith. The world has caught up with them. They neglect the deeper things of God. They need to be taught when they could have become teachers.		
			FAVOUR WITH MAN. Jesus grew socially. Though He was the Son of God, He moved among men. He made friends and chose 12 men to be His disciples. The Christian is not to be a recluse. He makes friends and shares with them the love of Jesus. He is active in society as well as in the church. He cooperates in group activities and has a strong Christian testimony.		
			Are you growing? <i>Dr Patrick Tan</i>		



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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)	5.30 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Huey Chan/Trish Yeo (p)	Susanna Ting
Prelude	Samantha Raw(p) Hannah Chia (o); Teo Hui Ern(f)	Rachel Soon
Flowers	Serene Yam	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	Yap Joo Seng
Opening Hymn	31 – Blessed Be The Name	26 – Come, Thou Fount
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	Yap Joo Seng
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 84	1 Peter 2: 1-10
Hymn	<i>Living For Jesus (Insert)</i>	456 - In Christ There Is No East Or West
Tithes / Offering	<i>I'm Not Alone (Insert)</i> Kwang Kow Wan/Joel Tan/Vicotr Ho/Vincent Tai	74 - For The Beauty Of The Earth Stuart Turner
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Job 3:1-13 Jock Campbell	1 Corinthians 3:1-9 Stuart Turner
Preparatory Hymn	126 – No, Not One!	113 - It Is Glory Just To Walk With Him
Family Prayer	Dr. Stephen Lim "An Untimely Birth" Pastor Sid Bell	Pr. Lim Hai Seng "Labourers Together With God" Dn. Philip Soon
Closing Hymn	324 – Trusting Jesus	317 – The Solid Rock
Benediction	Pastor Sid Bell	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	24/01/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Dn. Philip Soon	William King
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw/Judith Lim (p)	Grace Kong
Worship Leader	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Dr. Peter Yong	Rodney Chen
Musicians	Trish Yeo(p) Asha Meyale (o)	Rachel Soon
Ushers	N. Lindenburg/Mohan Raw/David Leong/Robert Chua	Yvonne Yeap
Flowers	Vicky Leong	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Grace Kong/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. New Year Blessing: Prayer Meeting Upsurge

These past two Tuesdays, our Prayer Meeting was blessed with a significant increase of praying people. May this be an answer to our earnest prayer and desire that our members will come and together seek the Lord in these perilous times. By the Spirit's leading, Session had adopted the theme: *"Walking with God in perilous times."* I see the upsurge in attendance at our Prayer Meeting as the Spirit moving our people, especially our youths, to seek the Lord in prayer and supplication, pleading for God's grace to meet the trials ahead.

I am reminded of God's promise: *"If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land"* (2 Chron 7:14).

If we keep faith with the Lord, come each week to pray together, God will surely heal our lukewarmness, worldliness, love of the world's attractions and promises of pleasure and worldly things.

Dear reader, if you have caught the fire of revival and prayer, say YES to the Spirit, come on Tuesday: the Lord waits to bless you!

2. What is a "cataract"?

A cataract is *"an opaque condition of the lens of the eye, painless, unaccompanied by inflammation"* (Chambers Dictionary). It causes impairment or blurring of vision, and is usually associated with ageing.

Last year, a routine *"eye-check"* revealed cataracts in both my eyes, and the surgeon advised removal. Yesterday morning (Thursday 7 January 2010) I went to the Eye Centre and had the left eye's cataract removed by the Specialist. Modern technique has made the operation a day-surgery procedure, without hospitalization. So, I was able to return home by lunch time. Please pray for smooth recovery, thank you.

3. "Global Warming" Deception Exposed

A lie – told often by authoritative sources, in large numbers and from high quarters is soon taken as true. *"Global warming"* due to man's activities (e.g. emission of carbon dioxide on a massive scale) is such a lie. Seasonal and occasional fluctuations of global temperatures above the usual normal range have been interpreted by certain *"Climate Research Scientists"* and enthusiasts as *"Climate Change"* or *"Global Warming."*

As the *"warning cry"* gathered momentum, especially when men in high places and scientists with impressive qualifications take up the call, in no time *"Global Warming"* becomes a *"Survival Concern."* The call to action is convincing: *"Who want to be cooked alive?"*

But more and more contrary reports have emerged from independent sources, equally qualified, backed by solid evidence and trustworthy scientific observations.

4. "Global Warming – Latest"

Christian News December 14, 2009 reports:

The following is excerpted from "Climate Change: The Worst Scientific Scandal of Our Generation," by Christopher Booker, *The Telegraph*, Nov. 28, 2009: "A week after my colleague James Delingpole, on his *Telegraph* blog, coined the term 'Climategate' to describe

the scandal revealed by the leaked emails from the University of East Anglia's Climatic Research Unit, Google was showing that the word now appears across the internet more than nine million times. ... The reason why even the *Guardian's* George Monbiot has expressed total shock and dismay at the picture revealed by the documents is that their authors are not just any old bunch of academics.

What we are looking at here is the small group of scientists who have for years been more influential in driving the worldwide alarm over global warming than any others, not least through the role they play at the heart of the UN's Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).

Dr Jones is a key part of the closely knit group of American and British scientists responsible for promoting that picture of world temperatures conveyed by Michael Mann's graph which 10 years ago turned climate history on its head by showing that, after 1,000 years of decline, global temperatures have recently shot up to their highest level in recorded history. ... leaked CRU sent a shock wave through informed observers across the world. Perhaps the most obvious ... is the highly disturbing series of emails which show how **Dr Jones and his colleagues have for years been discussing the devious tactics whereby they could avoid releasing their data to outsiders ...** The second and most shocking revelation of the leaked documents is how **they show the scientists trying to manipulate data through their tortuous computer programmes**, always to point in only the one desired direction -- to lower past temperatures and to 'adjust' recent temperatures upwards, in order to convey the impression of an accelerated warming. ...The third shocking revelation of these documents is **the ruthless way in which these academics have been determined to silence any expert questioning of the findings** they have arrived at by such dubious methods -- not just by refusing to disclose their basic data but by discrediting and freezing out any scientific journal which dares to publish their critics' work." (*End of excerpt*) Amazing conspiracy and deception by so-called scientists! Where is truth and integrity?

5. But "The Earth is the Lord's ..."

While the leaders of 192 countries meeting in Copenhagen were *"much ado about Global Warming,"* the Creator sent a chilling warning with *"Record snowfall and low temperatures"* over the entire Northern Hemisphere, with record snowfall and deep freeze conditions, creating havoc across North-east Asia, US, and Europe. Beijing had its lowest temperatures in two decades with its heaviest snowfall in six decades on Sunday 3 January 2010.

But these record breaking weather changes are not the real problem. Then, what is the real problem? The Earth is the Lord's and man's concerns must be addressed to Him, the Creator.

God's Word serves the real warning to all mankind: *"But the heavens and the earth, which are now, by the same word are kept in store, reserved unto fire against the day of judgment and perdition of ungodly men"* (2 Pet 3:7). What *"Global Warming"*? That's the burning question.

6. Recuperating in Penang January 12 - 21

In Penang (recuperating from my cataract operation) I shall be working on my *"Affidavit"* before the lawsuit Jan 25 – 29 as well as other commitments. Thank you for praying.

Faithfully in the Lord

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor