

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

| COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (08 – 14 Feb 2010) | | | LAST WEEK'S Collection (31/01/10) | | |
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| | | | EBENEZER | | CGF |
| TUE (09/02/10) | 7.00 pm | CGF Dinner | Attendance | 110 | 23 |
| FRI (12/02/10) | 7.45 pm | BS - Discussion on Evangelism | Offerings | \$1,190.50 | \$513.15 |
| | 8.00 pm | Prayer Meeting/BS – Pastor P, Tan | Bldg Fund | | |
| SAT (13/02/10) | 6.00 pm | YF – Changed Into His Image – Lesson 9 | Rent Top Up | | \$90 |
| SUN (14/02/10) | 7.45 pm | Facilitators Meeting | DVD project | | |
| | 9.30 am | CGF Prayer Meeting | Gift – Monash | | \$630 |
| | 9.45 am | Choir Practice | Strabane gift to | | |
| | 10.15 am | Pre Worship Prayer Meeting | Sunday School | | |
| | 10.30 am | Pre Worship Praise | Received To Date | | |
| | 11.45 am | Worship Service – The Strength Of Stones – Rev. Patrick Tan | Internal Gift | 315,042 | |
| | 12.15 pm | Sunday School | Internal Loan | 127,000 | |
| | 12.30 pm | Church Lunch CNY – Bring a Dish | Worship Service | 422,894 | |
| | 2.30 pm | SBC/BBK - Recess | External Gift | 846 | |
| | 4.00 pm | Strabane: Elder Meyale | Art & Craft | 1,644 | |
| | 6.30 pm | CGF Worship – Better Marry Than Burn – Dr. Stephen Lim | Book Sales | 2,400 | |
| | | CGF Singing Group/BBK - Recess | Mission Fund YTD | 6,100 | |
| | | | Pew | \$4,300 | |
| | | | Building Fund giving since 01/07/09 : | | |
| | | | Next Loan (Internal) | | |
| | | | Repayment | \$127,000 | 31 Dec 2010 |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to Tea:** All worshippers & friends.
 - 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.
 - 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, **Yangon** Rev Andrew Kam, - **Batam** Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting. **Chiangmai** Rev Nirand & Jess. **c)** Students on vacation, assignments & jobs. **Travel:** Janet Jean (Sydney) Safe return Pastor & Mrs. Tan, Lim Hai Seng from Singapore
 - CGF – UNI ORIENTATION TRACTING** – Willing hands and hearts required for this upcoming event. Week starting 22 Feb 2010. Those interested please see William Ong.
 - CGF BIBLE STUDY** – Every Tuesday at 7pm for dinner and Bible Study at 7.45. You are invited to come and be blessed by the teaching, sharing and fellowship.
 - CHURCH LUNCH 14-2-2010:** Appreciate is you can please bring a dish to share. We join our Chinese brethren in celebrating the Chinese New Year.
 - ROOM VACANCY @ CGF Drummond St** – Room for Long term tenancy and a room for short term tenancy for the month of Feb 2010. Suitable for parents coming to settle their child into the new university semester or visitors. Please see William Ong9
 - FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING** – Come and join us in a time of sharing and prayer. On Friday at 8.00pm at Mulgrave Gospel Hall, Garnett Drive, Wheelers Hill. We bring the prayer meeting closer to the congregation. Let us come together to interced for one another and for the Lord's work at Ebenezer and her ministries.
 - 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.
- Memory Verse: Joshua 1:8** "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night that thou mayest observe to do according to all that is written therein

Pastoral Meditation

MINISTRY OF THE CHURCH

"And they continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers." Acts 2:42.

The NT Church began at Pentecost. The gospel call by Peter saw 3000 people coming to faith and they were baptized. The first church had a structure. The body of Jesus Christ began to take form. Christians are to gather together as a distinctive body of Christ.

This was not just a primitive church. The apostles by inspiration knew what was required in building the body of Christ for the worship of God. Today's church either adds or subtracts, de-emphasizes or overemphasizes the apostolic instructions. The disciples were steadfast in their discipleship. The church assembled more than once in a week

CHURCHES FOUR-FOLD MINISTRY

APOSTLES' DOCTRINE – CATECHISM. Some have said that the church needs Christ and not creed. It is true that Christ is the Divine Head of the Church. But we need creed to formalize our faith in Christ. We need to know what to believe about Christ. The BP Church holds to the "Westminster Confession of Faith". The NT was collected together with 27 books as "canonical" and further revelation ceased.

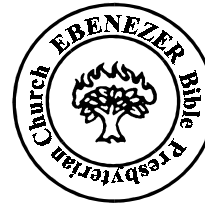
FELLOWSHIP – CORPORATE WORSHIP. Corporate worship is fellowship with God together with fellow believers. Of course we could have individual worship and in a place of our own choosing. But there is a Biblical teaching that the body of Christ must meet for corporate worship. As Israel keeps the Sabbath Day, Christians keep the Lord's Day. It is commemorative of the resurrection of Jesus our Lord.

BREAKING OF BREAD - SACRAMENT. The heart of worship is the Holy Communion. Jesus instituted the sacrament by the breaking of Bread. He kept the Passover feast with His disciples and instructed that this be kept till He returns. It is a means of grace. It renews our faith and loyalty to Him. It represents His vicarious death on the cross.

PRAYER – COMMUNION WITH GOD. We acknowledge God to be our Creator and Jesus our risen Saviour and Lord. God makes available a channel for His children to speak to Him. Prayer allows the Christian to enter into His holy presence and have conversation with the holy God. This is to be done in private any time and place. Prayer also is a component of public worship.

Thus the apostolic church provided an all round ministry for the spiritual growth of individual believers and the total growth of the body of Christ.

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 1 Samuel 7:12
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| ORDER OF WORSHIP | | |
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| | 10.30 am (Ebenezer) | 4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship) |
| Pre Worship Praise | Chris Rudalski/Carol Raw (p) | Kee Zhi Wong |
| Prelude | Rachel Soon(p) Asha Meyale (o) | Rachel Soon |
| Flowers | Margaret Campbell | |
| <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> | | |
| Call to Worship | Dr. Philip Soon | William Ong |
| Opening Hymn | 49 – How Great Thou Art | 290 – Hallelujah For The Cross |
| Invocation | Dr. Philip Soon | |
| Gloria Patri | <i>Glory Be To The Father</i> | |
| Lord's Supper | 122 – Glory To His Name | 173 – There is A Fountain |
| Responsive Reading | Hebrews 12: 5-13 | Psalms 42 |
| Hymn | | 38 – As Pants The Hart For Cooling Stream |
| Tithes / Offering | 27 – Now Thank We All Our God John Tann/David Leong/N. Lindenburg/Richard Ang | Kee Zhi Wong |
| Doxology | <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i> | |
| Scripture Reading | Job: 5: 17-25 Tye Kim Khiat | 1 Corinthians 5 Kee Zhi Wong |
| Preparatory Hymn | 351 – He Leadeth Me | 293 – Burdens Are Lifted At Calvary |
| Family Prayer | Rev. Patrick Tan | Rev. Patrick Tan |
| | "Chastening Of The Almighty" Rev. Patrick Tan | "The Leaven Of Wickedness" Rev. Patrick Tan |
| Closing Hymn | 267 – Only Trust Him | 260 – The Church's One Foundation |
| Benediction | Rev. Patrick Tan | Rev. Patrick Tan |
| Postlude | <i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i> | |
| **Next Week's Roster | 14/02/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am | City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm |
| Speaker | Rev. Patrick Tan | Rev. Patrick Tan |
| Pre Worship Praise | Stephen Lim/Yvonne Yeap(p) | William Ong |
| Worship Leader | Pr. Lim Hai Seng | Pr. Lim Hai seng |
| Scripture Reader | Mark Yeo | William Ong |
| Musicians | Judith Lim(p) Yvonne Yeap (o) | Yvonne yeap |
| Ushers | Peter Yong/Paul Yeo/Robert Chua/Chia Kwok Lum | William Ong |
| Flowers | Sue Edward | |
| Fellowship Tea | Chinese New Year Lunch (Bring a Dish) | Agnes Koh/Adele Kung |

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 "Family Worship DIY"

The New Year 2010 dawns on Planet Earth, in the grips of Satan's domination and oppression. Against him we have no power except power from our Lord. "FAMILY WORSHIP" in every home is the key to a happy and stable home. To each and every believer, God's Word gives the solution to your family's future: *"But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord"* (Josh 24:15). This resolve of Joshua is the best New Year Resolution for the believer.

2. Family worship – The way of Blessing

Following is a reprint from BP Banner (Vol 1 No 1 Mar/Apr 1975) from 32 years ago! Read and be blessed. A Believer's faith is a living faith. It must be "lived out" everyday – in our lives, in our places of work and most important of all, in our homes. Worshipping God once a week in Church is not enough. Having personal devotions and "Quiet Time" is not enough. The Believer's Household must worship God as a family everyday. This is Family Worship. It is an act of Faith, and without Faith it is impossible to please God (Heb 11:6).

How often shall we have Family Worship? The Psalmist says, *"Evening, and morning, and at noon will I pray and cry out loud: and He shall hear my voice,"* (Psalm 55:17). God commanded Israel in this manner: *"These words which I command thee this day shall be in thine heart. And thou shalt teach them diligently unto thy children and shalt talk of them when thou sittest in thine house, and when thou walkest by the way, and when thou liest down, and when thou risest up"* (Deut 6:6-7).

Family worship brings blessings

"What do I get from having Family Worship daily?" This is a good question. Let me reply with a scriptural answer. Firstly, the Act of Worship of a household is pleasing unto God. When we draw near to Him, He will draw near to us (James 4:8). Where two or three gather together in His name, the Lord will be in their midst (Matt 18:20). This is His promise. The home where His holy presence is felt often is a truly blessed home!

Secondly, Family Worship establishes the authority of the Lord over the home, and the authority of the parents over their children. When such correct relationships have been established, there will be no generation gap between parents and children, and between us and God. Rather there will be close bonds of love and respect.

Thirdly, Family Worship strengthens our faith against every kind of evil - the evil influences in society, in places of work and play, in places of entertainment, and in the media. The Devil and his wicked angels are active in the world twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Can you withstand their onslaughts? Without Family Worship there will be many casualties, especially among our young people. Many of them will depart from the Faith.

Let me ask you a question. Are you having Family Worship everyday? If you are, why not share your blessing with someone who has not started, by helping him or her to make a start. If you have not experienced the joy of Family Worship in your home, say to the Lord right now: *"As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord, everyday in Family Worship."* You will never regret this step.

Don't find excuses. Excuses cannot please God. They only please the Devil when Christians say "NO" to Family Worship. "No time, no experience, no place, no piano, no hymn books, no music, children too small, children too big, too many meetings, too much work, etc, etc."

3 Our nightly blessing

"For where two or three are gathered together in my name there am I in the midst of them" (Matthew 18:20)

How wonderful it is to know that the Lord is in our midst whenever we have family worship! We have been having family worship for almost a year, and the Lord has indeed blessed us in many ways. Family worship is a time when our children are not only learning more about the Lord Jesus Christ, but it is also a time when they can freely tell each other how they are blessed for the day, or the time when they really need the Lord to be with them. It is through Bible story-telling that interest in God's Word is increased and faith strengthened. The children enjoy the stories so much that they often are anxious to know the title of the next story.

We begin by singing a few hymns, and this is followed by the recitation of memory verses for the week. We make sure that they know and understand the verse. Next comes the story-telling session, and lastly we take turns to say a short prayer. Before prayer time, our children request for special prayer to help them in many personal things and guidance for everyday living. Does family worship take a long time? The answer is no. Once you get into the habit, the twenty minutes become short and enjoyable. It is worthwhile because we get much closer to God through our prayers, and by reading the scriptures our knowledge of God's Word is constantly refreshed. The children even tell their school friends the following day what they had learnt the night before. Thus, in their small way they are able to witness to others. *(Mrs Cheng Wei Nien.)*

Family Worship restores harmony

I was brought up in a non Christian family before my marriage. Therefore I had never heard of the importance of family worship even though I had attended a Catholic School. In school one of the rules was that we must kneel down to pray as soon as we reached classroom, before lunch, after lunch and before the class was dismissed. We used to pray as fast as we could in order that we could rush to the school canteen to enjoy our lunch and also to get a better seat in the bus when school was over. One day we were caught rushing through our prayers by the teacher. We were punished by having to repeat our prayers several times until we were the last class to be dismissed. Prayer had no meaning for me then.

In our home we have family worship every night after dinner when the washing up is finished. We do most of the house-work ourselves. During family worship every member of the family spends time together to read God's Word and to pray. As we read the Word, God speaks to us and this helps to remove any misunderstandings between family members. Problems are solved and family harmony is restored. I often find that family worship helps to take away my sadness and frustration, and gives the home a happier atmosphere. The Lord also answers our prayers at family worship. This strengthens my faith and helps me in my Christian life. Why not start family worship now and the Lord will bless you also. *(Mrs Siriwan Lim)* [\(End of article\)](#)

Lovingly in the Lord,

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