

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (22 February 2010 – 28 February 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (14/02/10)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (23/02/10)	7.00 pm	CGF Dinner	Attendance	144	34
FRI (26/02/10)	7.45 pm	Welcome Day: Sp Rev Yiew Pong Sen	Offerings	\$1,636.35	\$270.20
SAT (27/02/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS – Rev Yiew PS	Camp	S\$700	
SUN (28/02/10)	6.00 pm	YF – BBK Cottage Meeting	Mission	S\$100	
	6.00 pm	Facilitators' Meeting			
	7.45 pm	CGF Prayer Meeting			
	9.30 am	Choir Practice			
	9.45 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Received To Date		
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Praise	Internal Gift	315,042	
	10.30 am	Worship Service – "The Search Of Their Fathers" Job 8:8 - Rev. P. Tan	Internal Loan	127,000	
	11.45 am	Sunday School	External Gift	422,894	
	12.15 pm	Biscuit Fellowship	Art & Craft	846	
	12.30 pm	SBC/BBK	Book Sales	2,244	
	2.30 pm	Strabane: John Tann	Mission Fund YTD	2,410	
	4.00 pm	CGF Worship – Gospel Sunday	Pew	6,110	
		Pastor Syd. Bell	Building Fund giving since 01/07/09 :	\$5,735	
	6.30 pm	CGF Singing Group/BBK - Recess	Next Loan (Internal) Repayment	\$127,000	31 Dec 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Welcome to Ebenezer:** All worshippers & friends invited for F' ship tea.
- BBK :** Today by Eld Meyale, **SBC** resumes by Dr P Tan.
- Sunday Bible Class:** Study on Comparative World Religions & Cults. All are welcome and to update our knowledge. Next week: Hinduism.
- PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Odilia, Tina, Tan Ai Choo. **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-Molot** June Korir; **Laos** Surish, **Yangon** Rev Andrew Kam, - **Batam** Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting. **Chiangmai** Rev Nirand & Jess.
- 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 WELCOME DAY** – Tue Feb 23 at 7 pm we welcome new students. Pray for a good turn out. In March we will begin Bible Study on Epistle of James. "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only." Js 1:22.
- 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. Register now with William Ong.
- WELCOME TO REV & MRS YIEW:** Yiew Pong Sen & his wife Yaw Chor are on a short visit to Melbourne with their son Lucas who is studying in Adelaide. They worship in Life BP Church in Spore.
- FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING** – Session has decided that the church prayer meeting will return to Kilsyth with effect from the first Fri of March. Those who need transport please see Dns Philip Soon or Chew Hou Lian. YAF meetings will also return to Ebenezer Church.
- BATAM MISSION ECHO:** When all the students are returned we will have a time to reflect and praise God for the blessings at Batam. Sun Mar 21 will be devoted to Missions Sunday. "Expect great things from God, attempt great things for God." William Carey.

Memory Verse: John 13:34 "A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another; as I have loved you, that ye also love one another."

Pastoral Meditation

REMEMBRANCE OF EASTER

"Take, eat: this is my body, which is broken for you: this do in remembrance of me." 1 Corinthians 11:24.

Easter referred only once in KJV in Acts 12:4, is properly the Jewish Passover feast. The NT church kept a Christian feast in remembrance of the resurrection of Jesus. "For even Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us." 1 Cor 5:7. Subsequently the early church developed for the keeping of this sacred season a series of observances from Lent to Easter Sunday. The pious will observe the holy days with prayer and fasting.

LENT: 40 days (less Sundays) before Easter Sun, to remember the temptations of Jesus in the wilderness of Judea. Christians deepen their faith with prayer, Bible study and service to community. Believers were also prepared for their baptism in Easter.

ASH WEDNESDAY (Feb 17 2010): 7th Wed before Easter is the first day of Lent. The faithful receive a mark of ashes on the forehead as a token of penitence and mortality. It reminds of sorrow and death.

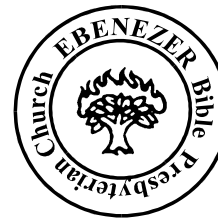
PALM SUNDAY (Mar 28): It marks the triumphant entry of Jesus into Jerusalem. The shout of "Hosanna" is reserved for the Messiah. "Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord." Mk 11:9. Prophet Zechariah spoke of this event in Zech 9:9. Jesus is King

MAUNDY THURSDAY (Apr 1): Jesus kept the Passover with His disciples. That night Jesus initiated the new covenant. The Passover is past and the Lord's Supper now signifies that Jesus is the fulfillment of the "pascal" Lamb of God. Maundy is Latin for "commandment" Jn 13:34. Jesus washed the disciples feet.

GOOD FRIDAY (Apr 2): From noon to 3 pm Jesus hung on the cross. He died a vicarious death for our sins. "It is finished" Jn 19:30 is a shout of victory. God's Son had completed the work of redemption for sinners that God the Father had sent Him to do. "For Christ also hath once suffered for sins, the just for the unjust." 1 Pet 3:18.

EASTER SUNDAY (Apr 4): Mary Magdalene was first to be at the tomb and found it empty. Other disciples came to confirm the resurrection of Jesus. The NT church now keeps Sunday for worship to signify the power and uniqueness of the Christian faith. We have a living Lord and ever present Saviour. Some churches hold "sunrise service" at the break of dawn.

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 1 Samuel 7:12
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ORDER OF WORSHIP		
	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Trish Yeo (p)	Susanna Ting
Prelude	Trish Yeo(p) Hannah Chia (o)	Jia Hui Teo
Flowers	Belle Raw	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	Paul Yeo
Opening Hymn	29 – I Sing The Mighty Power Of God	24 – Praise To The Lord, The Almighty
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	Paul Yeo
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm :8:1-9	Matthew 25:31-46
Hymn	66 – Fairest Lord Jesus!	289 – Grace Greater Than Our Sins
Tithes / Offering	Maybe Today (Insert) Wan Kwang Kow/Greg Miller/Chris Rudalski/J Campbell	390 – Something For Thee Stuart Turner
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Job: 7 :1-21 William Ong	1 Corinthians 8: 1-13 Stuart Turner
Preparatory Hymn	In The Image Of God (Insert)	398 – Whiter Than Snow
Family Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"What Is Man" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Weak Conscience" Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Closing Hymn	337 – Never Give Up	379 – O For A Faith That Will Not Shrink
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
**Next Week's Roster	28/02/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Pastor Syd. Bell
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw/Judith Lim(p)	Grace Kong
Worship Leader	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	William Ong
Scripture Reader	John Tann	Rodney Chen
Musicians	Samantha Raw(p) Asha Meyale (o)	Esther Chin
Ushers	N. Lindenbunrg/Mohan Raw/Robert Chua/David Leong	Rodney Chen/Yoke Teng Chionh
Flowers	Rita Soon	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Wei Lin Gan/Shu Lin Teo

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. The Authorities are concerned

But the people were only enjoying themselves! This week-end the pleasure-loving crowds flocked to Pulau Sentosa (*"Isle of Peace"*) by the tens of thousands, like ants attracted to sugar! *"Lovers of pleasure more than lovers of God"* (2 Tim 3:4). Little wonder, SGBF attendance was slashed by a good half, almost.

You ask, *"Why are the Authorities alarmed?"* Last week, on 9 February, front page headlines of *"Straits Times"* carried the news: *"Schoolgirls aged 12 – 14 are having sex, a trend that is likely to continue."* Alarm bells! Just as God's Word foretold. The trend is on: *"... in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves,"* more than lovers of God, so said the Apostle Paul.

The fact is what God's Word predicted 2,000 years ago is happening before our eyes. Only the spiritually blind do not see, and the slumbering ones are not alarmed. The end time slumber of death is upon us!

2. These are sure signs of the "end times"

We have warned so often, it sounds like *"cry wolf"* without substance. When we remind readers of our Lord's imminent return, some think it's a big joke. God forbid that any should be skeptical and unbelieving. The warning signs are for all to see. We recall three signs, sure and certain, unmistakable.

- a) **Days of Noah.** The *"days of Noah"* will prevail just before our Lord returns: *"And GOD saw that the wickedness of man was great in the earth, and that every imagination of the thoughts of his heart was only evil continually"* (Gen 6:8).
- b) **Days of Lot.** *"Likewise also as it was in the days of Lot; they did eat, they drank, they bought, they sold, they planted, they builded;: But the same day that Lot went out of Sodom it rained fire and brimstone from heaven, and destroyed them all"* (Luke 17:28, 29).

Today's society is a *"re-run"* of the society of Sodom whose people were *"sex mad"* – everybody did just *"what comes naturally"* – which means *"whatever you please,"* carnally, sexually, homosexually, what is pleasing to the *"lust of the flesh."*

"Even thus shall it be in the day when the Son of man is revealed" (Luke 17:30), On Sentosa it shall be enacted.

- c) **Scoffers everywhere – the third sure sign.** The apostle Peter says, *"Knowing this first, that there shall come in the last days scoffers, walking after their own lusts, And saying, Where is the promise of his coming? for since the fathers fell asleep, all things continue as they were from the beginning of the creation"* (2 Pet 3:3,4).

Scoffers are a major feature of the end time. Men (and women) shall say, *"Life has never been so good, so exciting and pleasurable! It's 'business as usual.'"* So true!

Just as God's Word predicted, so it will be. *"Go on with you, don't spoil our fun!"* Scoffers everywhere cannot, will not, heed the Gospel warning, until the last judgment descends. Then too late!

3. What is ahead?

Some readers, at this point, will say, *"No need to tell us: we know all about it!"* You think so? Don't be so sure. Listen to the Word of God which describes the reaction of scoffers, unbelievers, and all those who poke fun at the *"last days doomsayers"* (meaning people like us).

On that day, when our Lord shall be revealed from heaven, then wonders of wonders, the unthinkable happens: The Lord descends from heaven, and all the scoffers and the *"big shots"* wake up from their vain slumber.

"And the kings of the earth, and the great men, and the rich men, and the chief captains, and the mighty men, and every bondman, and every free man, hid themselves in the dens and in the rocks of the mountains; And said to the mountains and rocks, Fall on us, and hide us from the face of him that sitteth on the throne, and from the wrath of the Lamb: For the great day of his wrath is come; and who shall be able to stand?" (Rev 6:15-17).

4. Final warning from Heaven

To all who read, including those who are enjoying the pleasures of sin *"for a season,"* thrilling to the *"... lust of the flesh, and the lust of the eyes, and the pride of life ..."* I say lovingly, *"Awake! For why will ye die?"* Why exchange the salvation grace of God for the pleasures of sin which captivate but for *"a season"*?

But God's salvation, purchased for you by the Son of God on Calvary's cross is for ever, and ever – never ending and never fading!

Young people, the Authorities are alarmed because of social consequences. May God's Spirit awaken and alarm you – those who are attracted by the pleasures of sin – return to the God of your eternal salvation!

God bless all readers.

Faithfully in the Lord

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