

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

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (01 March 2010 – 07 March 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (21/02/10)		
			EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (02/03/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Study of James: Introduction "Faith That Works" Js 1:22	Attendance Offerings CGF Pew	125 \$1,980.10 \$20	38 \$259.65 \$420
FRI (05/03/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS – Dn P Soon YF – Changed Into His Image: L8	Received To Date		
SAT (06/03/10)	6.00 pm 7.45 pm	Facilitators' Meeting CGF Prayer Meeting	Internal Gift Internal Loan External Gift Art & Craft Book Sales Mission Fund YTD Pew Sanctuary Air con.	316,477 127,000 422,894 846 2,244 3,000 17,760 (11,630)	
SUN (07/03/10)	9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am 11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.30 pm	Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service – "God Destroys The Wicked" Job 9:22 - Rev. P. Tan (LS) Sunday School Finger Food Fellowship – Bring a Dish SBC/BBK Strabane: Dr. Stephen Lim CGF Worship – "All Things To All Men" – Rev. Patrick Tan (LS) CGF Singing Group/BBK - Recess	Building Fund giving since 01/07/09 : Next Loan (Internal) Repayment	\$5,735 \$127,000	31 Dec 2010
ANNOUNCEMENTS			Pastoral Meditation		
<p>1. Welcome to Ebenezer: All worshippers & friends invited for F' ship tea.</p> <p>2. BBK : Today by Eld Meyale, SBC How to share the gospel to Muslim .</p> <p>3. Sunday Bible Class: Study on Comparative World Religions & Cults. All are welcome and to update our knowledge. Discussion: Dr Stephen Lim</p> <p>4. PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING: Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Odilia, Tina, 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-Molut June Korir, Laos Surish, Yangon Rev Andrew Kam, - Batam Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting. Chiangmai Rev Nirand & Jess.</p> <p>5. CGF: WELCOME DAY – Praise the Lord for 4 new students who came. Thanks to all who provided food and deserts. Ps Tan spoke on Gal 4:4. March CGF begins Bible Study on Epistle of James under the title "Faith That Works". "But be ye doers of the word, and not hearers only," Js 1:22.</p> <p>6. REV OKMAN KI: He now pastors New Life BPC London. He plans an evangelistic book table outside the church to invite passers-by into the church to grow the congregation. Pray for church growth.</p> <p>7. 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.</p> <p>8. NIZAR HADDAD WINS AWARD: Praise the Lord that our brother from Jarash in Jordan was among 10 recipients of the "Ideal & Outstanding Government Award" from the Prime Minister of Jordan.</p> <p>9. 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 Dn.Chew Hou Lian. YAF meetings will also return to Ebenezer Church.</p> <p>10. 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.</p> <p>11. TEA FELLOWSHIP – 7 March 2010 – Please bring a plate of finger food if you can for a time of fellowship after the Service.</p>			<p>ANGELS MINISTERED TO JESUS</p> <p>"Then the devil leaveth him, and behold, angels came and ministered unto him." Matthew 4:11.</p> <p>The Judean wilderness was a very harsh and barren desert place. Jesus went into the wilderness after His baptism by John the Baptist at Jordan river. The Spirit of God led Him there to undergo spiritual testing before the launch of His public ministry. He fasted 40 days and nights without food. Satan came to tempt Him. Jesus did not yield to temptations. He passed the test so that the sinless Son of God can save sinful man.</p> <p>Compare Adam with Jesus. "For as by one man's disobedience many were made sinners, so by the obedience of one shall many be made righteous." Rom 5:19.</p> <p>JESUS IS WITHOUT SIN LIVING BY BREAD ALONE. The human Jesus would be absolutely hungry and the divine Jesus could turn stones into bread. Satan's appeal would be logical, but it meant yielding to temptation and to sin. Adam yielded when he was not hungry, he was in paradise and not a desert. Man is spiritual and lives by God's word. Deut 8:3. It is more important to meet the spiritual hunger than the physical. The body is temporal but the spirit is eternal.</p> <p>TEMPTING GOD. To quote scriptures out of context is the devil's play as with Ps 91:12. It is true that God will protect the righteous, "there shall no evil befall thee". To challenge God to protect you by your own folly is to tempt God. To what purpose would jumping from the pinnacle of the temple achieve? We must believe that Jesus is God's Son without a show of a miraculous act.</p> <p>GOD ALONE IS TO BE WORSHIPPED. It is not true that Satan owns the whole world. God is sovereign and owns what He has created. Satan has nothing to offer Jesus neither the kingdoms of this world nor their glory. Satan is not worthy to be worshipped neither by man nor the Son of man, Jesus. The Son of God has come to do the will of God. He leads man to the worship of the true God. "God is a spirit: and they that worship him must worship him in spirit and in truth." Jn 4:24.</p>		
Memory Verse: Deuteronomy 6:13 "Thou shalt fear the LORD thy God, and serve him, and shalt swear by his name."			Dr Patrick Tan		



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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	Dr. Stephen Lim/Judith Lim (p)	Grace Kong
Prelude	Samantha Raw(p) Asha Meyale (o)	Esther Chin
Flowers	Rita Soon	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	William Ong
Opening Hymn	40 –God The Omnipotent	3 – Love Divine
Invocation	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	William Ong
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm :15: 1-5	Luke 23: 33-47
Hymn	522 – Jesus Bids Us Shine	565 –Have You Counted The Cost
Tithes / Offering	551 – When I Survey The Wondrous Cross N. Lindenburg/John Tann/Robert Chua/David Leong	Yoke Teng Chionh
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Job: 8 :1-21 John Tann	Psalm 22: 1-18 Kee Zhi Wong
Preparatory Hymn	231 – Come, Holy Spirit, Heavenly Dove	276 – Have You Any Room For Jesus
Family Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"The Search Of Their Fathers" Rev. Patrick Tan	" The Road To Heaven & Home " Pastor Syd Bell
Closing Hymn	432 – Faith Of Our Fathers	114 –At Calvary
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	07/03/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Dn. Philip Soon
Pre Worship Praise	Chris Rudalski/JSamantha Raw(p)	Kee Zhi Wong
Worship Leader	Dr. Stephen Lim	Joo Seng Yap
Scripture Reader	Vincent Tai	Andrew Lam
Musicians	Carol Raw(p) Yvonne Yeap (o)	Yvonne Yeap
Ushers	Vincent Tai/Lionel Leong/Peter Yong/Thomas Tan	Andrew Lam/Yoke Teng Chionh
Flowers	Stephanie Ho	
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.

My dear readers,

1. Lessons from History

"Those who forget history are doomed to repeat its mistakes!" How true. King David in Psalm 103 says, "Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (v 2).

Before me is a copy of "Calvary News," forerunner of today's "Pandan News Weekly." This Calvary News is a "voice from the past" (Vol 1 No.1 September 1970 -- 40 years old!). How interesting, to recall what "Calvary News" said in those early days.

2. Forty Years of Change and Progress



How interesting and instructive to browse through some of the thoughts and plans which guided Calvary through those early years. In the ten years after the British handover of power to Singapore's first leaders (headed by our MM Lee), our City State made phenomenal progress in the business of nation building.

Out of its colonial past, a new nation was emerging and prospering, without the advantage of natural resources, only adventurous and industrious Singaporeans, with passion and vision -- "human resources" with a burning spirit and determination to meet the challenges of the day. These transformed Singapore from a "Third World" colony into a progressive and thriving community with "First World" visions.

By wise leadership, hard work and united purpose, our leaders transformed our island into a "First World" city of global fame.

For all this, our thanks go naturally to our leaders, and above all our God who gave us those leaders. During this time our GDP has multiplied out of all imagination, making Singapore a model of industry, enterprise and economic growth. Our "human resource" has also grown from two million to five million. Astonishing all round achievements!

3 "Spiritual Stock Taking"

While Singapore has leapt from obscurity into the forefront of global prominence, what do we see from the spiritual aspect?

Calvary began with a Committee of Twelve (same number as the Apostles!). To these was committed the task of "reaching out" with the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ. With the passage of years, "change and decay" took a heavy toll of our numbers.

Let's take a look at the Committee's composition and trace each one to his present status:

- COMMITTEE MEMBERS OF THE CALVARY PROJECT
1. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa (Chairman)
 1. Mr. Teo Sook Hwa (Treasurer)
 1. Mr. Wang Hang (Sec. Treasurer)
 4. Dr. Timothy Tow
 1. Rev. Philip Heng
 6. Mr. John Lim
 1. Mr. Chia Hong Chai
 1. Mr. William Seah
 3. Miss Adeline Char
 10. Mr. Paul Foon
 11. Dr. Lim Koh Weng
 12. Mr. Koh Kim Hiang

The first question which comes to mind is: How many, and who, are still serving the Lord with us?

Answer: Three, namely, Tow Siang Hwa, William Seah, Koh Kim Hiang. Each of these is presently leading a church, namely: Calvary Pandan BP Church, Calvary Tengah BP Church, Sydney BP Church.

Next question: What happened to the other nine?

Answer: No. 4, Rev Timothy Tow, was called Home to his rest (20 April 2009) after fifty-nine glorious years. No. 5, Rev Philip Heng, Pastor, Galilee BP Church. No. 9, Miss Adeline Char, missionary, retired. The other six men no longer serve with us. The "way of the cross" carries a heavy price.

4. "Forget Not," But Take Stock

While David calls us "not to forget" God's blessing (in Psalm 103:2), in Psalm 40 verse 5 he says, "Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered."

Looking back and counting God's blessing over forty years, we literally lose count, and we echo David's words: "If I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered." How true!

Having numbered those blessings which can be recalled, we conclude with King David's words: "But I am poor and needy; yet the Lord thinketh upon me: thou art my help and my deliverer; make no tarrying, O my God" (Ps 40:17).

God bless all readers. More, next week.

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr S H Tow, Sr Pastor