

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

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (12 April 2010 – 18 April 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (04/04/10)		EBENEZER
			Kilsyth		CAMP
			1/4	4/4	Grampians
TUE (13/04/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Bible Study James: L5 "Faith That Is Dead" Js 2:14-19	85	76	34
FRI (16/04/10)	8.00 pm 8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS - Jude 16-25 Rev Patrick Tan YAF – "Will of God" Series		\$500	
SAT (17/04/10)	6.00 pm 6.45 pm	Monash BS – 2 Kings CGF Facilitators' Meeting CGF Prayer Meeting	318,977		
SUN (18/04/10)	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 6.00pm	Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service: "About My Father's Business" Lk 2:49 Rev. Patrick Tan Sunday School Finger Food Fellowship – Bring a Dish SBC/BBK - Christian Cults Strabane: - Mohan Raw CGF Worship: "In Understanding Be Man" 1 Cor 14:14 Dr. Stephen Lim CGF Singing Group/BBK	435,994 846 2,244 3,000 17,760 (11,630)		
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**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers & friends invited for F'ship tea.
- 2. SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Today: Buddhism. Next Lord's Day "Cultism: Psychological Structure."
- 3. EASTER SUNDAY:** At the Grampians we heard the message from Rev Tan Eng Boo "The People who missed Easter". At Kilsyth Eld Lim Siah Chuan preached that the resurrected Christ will return "Some Blessed Morning".
- 4. PRAYER FOCUS:** a) **HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Odilia, Tina, Ai Choo, Alan Muzon, Richard Turner. 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). Bamabas & Lekema (Poipet); **Kenya-Molot** June Korir; **Laos** Surish, **Batam** Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting: Schools & Churches, Ev Ang Liang Filadelfia Shelter Home. **Chiangmai** Rev Nirand & Jess.
- 5. YOUTH WINTER CONFERENCE:** Jun 30-Jul 3 Speaker Dr Bob Vandermay Theme: "Believing God & Honouring Him in Our Loves" Titus 3:8. We will invite Dr Bob to give 3 Tues of Biblical Training for Leadership in the CGF.
- 6. EBENEZER PULPIT:** April – July a new series of messages from the Gospel of Luke. Theme "Certainty of Christ" Lk 1:4. Dr Luke made thorough research and was assured of Jesus as the Saviour of the world.
- 7. CGF PULPIT:** May to July we will consider some lessons from 1 Samuel under the theme "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped us" 1 Sam 7:12.
- 8. FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING:** 8 pm at Kilsyth. Calling all worshippers to come together for corporate prayer. There is a Bible study on Jude & Psalms.
- 9. YOUNG ADULTS F'SHIP:** Meeting Friday 8 pm at Kilsyth. Present series is on the "Will of God" for our lives. Inviting all youths in Ebenezer & CGF.
- 10. EVANGEL BPC:** Celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> Anniversary on May 2. The church is led by Eld Lim Yew Cheng. Hean Chan and Angie from Ebenezer are serving there.
- 11. VISIT OF SUPERVISORY PASTOR:** Ebenezer BPC has invited Dr Tow Siang Hwa to visit us in Oct 2010 for the election of the new Session and Reformation Sunday.
- 12. NEW CHOIR GOWNS:** Ebenezer & CGF have new choir gowns. They sang at the Maundy Thu worship and CGF sang at Easter service at the Grampians.

**Memory Verse: Romans 12:2** "And be not conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God."

**Pastoral Meditation**

**ACCEPTABLE WORSHIP**  
*"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service." Rom 12:1.*

The heart of worship is a love relationship that God's people have for their God. Adam and Eve loved God unashamedly before they sinned. Gen 3:8. Enoch walk with God on earth and God took him to walk with Him in heaven. Gen 5:24. Job worshipped God with animal offerings. Job 1:5. Israel was instructed to worship God with a blood sacrifice. Exo 12:13. The Church today worships God never empty handed but will always bring a worthy offering.

Worship is the Christian's "reasonable service". Worship is ministrations before God or "divine service" Reasonable refers to the nature of worship which must be rational and logical. God has given His instructions as how He is to be worshipped. Abel did it right but Cain disobeyed. Heb 11:4. The offering of an animal looked forward to its fulfillment in Jesus as the Lamb of God. Jn 1:29.

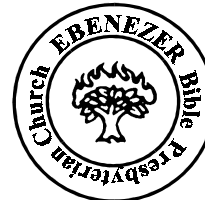
**WORSHIP THAT PLEASURES GOD**

**LIVING SACRIFICE.** In the OT the Passover lamb had to be killed. But in the NT our worship is to present our bodies while we are yet alive. It means that our worship of God is living and while we are capable of thought and action. Our love for God is fresh and vibrant. It can be seen and communicated. We worship Jesus when we are young and energetic. We offer to God our best and not the left over.

**HOLY SACRIFICE.** Youth is the best time to serve. We are not encumbered with the cares of the world, before habitual sins get entrenched in our lives and destroy our testimony. Worldliness has not corrupted our thoughts and before our first love had a chance to grow cold. Our thoughts are pure and our actions are wholesome. We have a whole life time for meaningful service.

**ACCEPTABLE SACRIFICE.** From the point of view of God, our sacrifice is wholesome and acceptable. Our sacrifice is acceptable and well pleasing to God. It comes naturally, voluntarily and cheerfully. "We love him because he first loved us." 1 Jn 4:19. God demands that worship be no less than our declaration of love for Him. God is the sole Judge of our love for Him and the Bible sets the criteria. Mt 22:37.

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*"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."*  
 1 Samuel 7:12  
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**EBENEZER WEEKLY**

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ORDER OF WORSHIP		
	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4 pm (City Group Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Yvonne Yeap	Susanna Ting
Prelude	Jia Hui Teo(p)/Hannah Chia (o) Hui EnTeo,Keene Chen (f)	Keene Chen
Flowers	Christy Chew	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Opening Hymn	317 – <i>The Solid Rock</i>	112 – <i>Redeemed</i>
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 100:1-6	Romans 13:10 – 14:9
Hymn	<i>Our Best (Insert)</i>	91 – <i>Lily Of The Valley</i>
Tithes / Offering	<i>Joy In Serving Jesus (Insert)</i> Huey Chan/ Alex Yam/ Patrick Ha/John Tann	74 – <i>For The Beauty Of The Earth</i> Yoke Teng Chionh/Andrew Lam
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 1:26-38 William Ong	1 Corinthians 13:1-13 Andrew Lam
Preparatory Hymn	335 – <i>Keep On Believing</i>	290 – <i>Hallelujah For The Cross</i>
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"With God Nothing Is Impossible" Rev. Patrick Tan	"When The Perfect Comes" Rev. Patrick Tan
Closing Hymn	336 – <i>Only Believe</i>	3 – <i>Love Divine</i>
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>	
<b>**Next Week's Roster</b>	<b>18/04/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am</b>	<b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b>
Speaker	Rev Patrick Tan	Dn Stephen Lim
Pre Worship Praise	Huey Chan / Judith Lim (p)	Heidi Ho
Worship Leader	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	William Ong
Scripture Reader	Mark Yeo	Perryn Ng
Musicians	Trish Yeo (p) Asha Meyale (o)/Hui Ern, Keene (f)	Jia Hui Teo
Ushers	Joel Tan/Greg Miller/Paul Yeo/Richard Ang	Perryn Ng/Dr. Chan Horn Choy
Flowers	Vicky Leong	
Fellowship Tea	Finger Food Fellowship (Bring A Dish)	Jean Lui/Han Jie Soh

**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. Missions Trip to the Philippines

Emmanuel Christian Church led by Rev Lencio Dignadice was founded 36 years ago with the help of Calvary Pandan BP Church. This visit was our first. Accompanying me were Preacher Lek Aik Wee, and Dr and Mrs Colin Tey.

An account of our trip (written by Dr Tey) is here released for readers' interest and blessing.

## 2. Our Visit to the Philippines

(by Dr Colin Tey)

CBS, Hilltop, Antipolo (March 25-26, 2010)

We touched down at Manila after a 3½ hour flight. CBS Hilltop is about 1,000 feet above sea-level and far from the pollution, noise and humdrum of the city. We lodged at the Eberts' residence, which is a large roomy double-storey complex.

In the evening of our first day, Dr Tow gave his presentation on the history of CBS and how it was founded. Preacher Lek spoke of his call by God into full-time service just as Moses had forsaken Egypt in obedience to God's call.

The following day, Dr Tow delivered three more messages entitled "Will Our Sons Defend the Faith," "Many Bibles, Which?" and "Faith Missions in Perilous Times." I shared my testimony of God's goodness in my recent surgery (the removal of a fist-sized growth from my chest). Later in the afternoon, May had a blessed sharing on the theme "My Homely Faith" with the ladies during the Ladies' Fellowship Meeting.

CBS occupies a 5-acre plot of land with sweeping views of the lowlands, blessed with abundant fresh air, clean water and its own electricity supply. The Sanctuary is named "Calvary Pandan Hall" in acknowledgement of our support over the years.

CBS conducts 4-year Bible courses as well as a one-year "trial course" for those who wish to sample a little of each of the course modules or who are undecided as to whether they wish to go into full-time ministry. CBS currently has around 70 full-time students. One of the ways that CBS recruits new students is through student missions teams which evangelize throughout the Philippines. 70-80% of their graduates go into full-time ministry. The annual course fee is US\$500 per student (to offset the food and accommodation cost). CBS is dependent on love gifts and donations to pay the teachers' and lecturers' salaries and other expenses.

Poor students are given scholarships with a "Mango Fund" contributing in part to this scholarship. (Hilltop has some 60 fruit-producing mango trees.)

In April, CBS will host a home-coming celebration for some 200 of its alumni. This event is held every 5 years. There will also be a medical missions in May 2010 when it is expected that some 1,500 patients will receive medical aid and also hear the Gospel message.

Our team in action: Emmanuel Christian Church (March 27-28, 2010)

On Saturday March 27, we left CBS at 4.30 am (sunrise is around 5.30 am) for Legazpi Airport. Emmanuel Christian Church is headed by Pastor Leoncio Dignadice and located at Daraga, Bicol.

At 9 am, Dr Tow delivered the first of two lectures. Speaking of Noah's flood, he gave us an intriguing insight into the scientific evidence supporting the global flood. This was followed by a message on the perils of using modern English Bible versions. The Q-&-A session was lively and at times heated as some in the audience became somewhat vocal against our KJB-only stand. There was also among the audience a zealous Bible-Baptist pastor who made no effort to keep his KJB-only stand a secret.

The most interesting part of the day was the evening meeting with 300 young police cadets from the Police Academy. The cadets were 100% attentive, absorbing Dr Tow's evangelistic message, and responding with thunderous confessions of faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. They sang "Onward Christian Soldiers" with great gusto.

This ministry to the Police grew out of the Bible classes conducted by Pastor Dignadice with the Philippines Navy some 20 years ago which saw 1,500 Marines accepting Christ in the first year. Today, the ministry to the Police and Armed Services reaches out to some 10,000 personnel.

On Lord's Day, March 28, Emmanuel Christian Church celebrated its 36<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. Dr Tow spoke on "Christ's 2<sup>nd</sup> Coming" from 2 Peter 3. He exhorted the congregation to live their lives in anticipation of the soon return of our Lord Jesus. This was followed by the unveiling of a wooden plaque bearing the words "Calvary Pandan Worship Hall," to commemorate the event. Women's fellowship was conducted in the afternoon by May while I was involved with the men's fellowship meeting.

### Concluding Thoughts

CBS Hilltop is a testament to how God uses His people and supplies their every need. It is wonderful to see how the Eberts and their Filipino co-laborers in Christ have kept CBS going for 20 years.

Pastor Dignadice and Emmanuel Christian Church have existed in the shadow of Mayon Volcano for 36 years and, by God's grace, have been kept from destruction all this time. I was particularly struck by the fervency and zeal of the Christians who readily shared their testimonies during the Q-&-A sessions and the men's and ladies' fellowship meetings.

This is the first missions trip I have participated with my wife which made this experience most precious. It is said that the heartbeat of every missions is the love of Christ. I would encourage more who love the Lord to be involved in missions for "the harvest is plenteous, but the labourers are few." (End of report.)

I trust all our readers have been blessed with Dr Tey's account.

Faithfully in the Lord

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor