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

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COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (03 May 2010 - 09 May 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (25/04/10) Ebenezer	
			Kilsyth	CGF
TUE (04/05/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Bible Study James: L8 "Wisdom Natural or Heavenly" Js 3:13-18	Attendance	135
FRI (07/05/10)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS - 2 Samuel 13/14 Prayer Meeting/BS - Psalm 26 Rev. Patrick Tan	Offerings	\$2163.35
SAT (08/05/10)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm	YAF - "The Game Plan" CGF Facilitators' Meeting	Building Fund	\$100 \$2,000
SUN (09/05/10)	6.45 pm 9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	CGF Prayer Meeting Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service: "Who Can Forgive Sins" Lk 5:21 Rev. Patrick Tan	Received To Date	
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00pm	Sunday School Mother's Day Lunch" BBK/SBC "Psychology of Cults" Strabane: - Elder Meyale CGF Worship: "God Honors Those Who Honor Him" Dr. Stephen Lim CGF Singing Group/BBK	Internal Gift Internal Loan External Gift Art & Craft Book Sales Mission Fund YTD Pew/Sanctuary Sanctuary Air con.	319,027 127,100 437,994 846 2,244 3,000 17,760 (11,630)
			Next Loan (Internal) Repayment	\$105,000
				31 Dec 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers & friends invited for F' ship tea.
- 2. SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Next week: "The Psychology of Cults"
- 3. YAF:** Calling all youths to join the YAF meetings. Contact Carol 0410 149 208 or Heidi 0402 736 248 for transport
- 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). Barnabas & 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 Lives" Titus 3:8. Dr Bob will give 3 Tues of Biblical Training on Leadership "A Life Worth Living".
- 6. CREATION MINISTRIES INTERNATIONAL:** CMI will hold a special meeting at Mulgrave Gospel Hall, Garnet Road, on May 15 at 7 pm. "Voyage That Shook the World" by Dr David Catchpool. All welcome.
- 7. FRIDAY PRAYER MEETING:** Praying together for the needs of the Church. ACM & Election of new Session in Oct 2010.
- 8. SPECIAL PRAYER:** For Mrs Tow Siang Hwa as she will undergo heart surgery tomorrow May 3. For Mrs Phoebe Ling on radio therapy for pituitary tumour. Read Dr Tow's pastoral for the details
- 9. CALL FOR HELPERS:** Musicians and devotion leaders needed for Strabane (weekly) and Dutch Care (monthly). Please see Dr Stephen Lim.
- 10. EVANGEL BPC:** Celebrates 4th Anniversary on May 2. The church is led by Eld Lim Yew Cheng. Hean Chan and Angie from Ebenezer are serving there.
- 11. CONGRATULATIONS:** To Eld & Mrs Michael Lee of Hope BPC Adelaide on birth of grandson Joash to daughter Bernadette and Raphael Ng on Apr 22.
- 12. CGF 4TH ANNIVERSARY:** Scheduled for Sun May 30 at 4 pm at 15 Drummond Street. Eld Loke Tat Luen will be the guest speaker.
- 13. SKETCH & TELL MINISTRY:** Pr Lim Hai Seng has been invited by 3 church camps in June; 2 in Malaysia & 1 in Batam. He has also been invited to speak at Hope BPC DVBS in July. Pray for his gospel ministry
- 14. CHURCH LUNCH - 9th May 2010** in celebration of Mother's Day. Please bring a Dish to share as we show appreciation for the mothers in the church.

Memory Verse: **Philippians 4:13** "I can do all things through Christ which strengtheneth me."

Pastoral Meditation

STRENGTH IN WEAKNESS

"Therefore I take pleasure in infirmities, in reproaches, in necessities, in persecutions, in distresses for Christ's sake: for when I am weak, then am I strong." 2 Corinthians 12:10.

It is common that when afflicted with a serious illness you seek for the very best doctor and specialist. It is also true that if you take another person to court you will hire the best lawyer. You spare no effort to find someone of good reputation to help you. In a situation of weakness you seek for a strong support.

"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." Ps 46:1. When men fail you look up to God. This was what the apostle Paul did. He had an ailment which he calls "a thorn in the flesh" and he prayed three times for healing. While Paul was not healed his prayer was certainly answered. Have you sought the Lord for something and there was no answer. You would want to know the reason for unanswered prayers in the experience of the apostle Paul.

WHEN PRAYERS ARE NOT ANSWERED

Take pleasure in infirmities: Paul was a spiritual giant. God revealed to him the mysteries of the gospel. He visited paradise. He established churches all over Asia and Europe. God gave him special abilities to articulate and write 13 epistles of the NT. His infirmities were to keep him humble. He would not exalt himself in his abilities and "abundance of the revelations". Paul exalted God.

Suffer for Christ's sake: Suffering is part of discipleship and more so of apostleship. Paul was persecuted, humiliated, reproached and often in want of creature comforts that we all take for granted. He could have achieved great heights in politics and law. He turned his back on them for the sake of the gospel. He was committed to saving souls. He fought against authorities and resisted Satan's attacks.

For when I am weak: While Paul could be bold as a lion, yet inside him he is weak as a lamb. Only God could make him strong. In his weakness he called on God all the more to vanquish His enemies. God gave him the wisdom to preach powerful messages, to stand before kings and governors. He defended the faith with words from scriptures. Only when we recognize our weakness will we then call on God for divine strength.

Dr Patrick Tan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4 pm (City Group Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Stephen Lim/Sam Raw	Kee Zhi Wong
Prelude	Rachel Soon(p)/Hannah Chia(o)/TeoHui En, Esther Wong(f)	Heidi Ho
Flowers	Belle Raw	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Philip Soon	Joo Seng Yap
Opening Hymn	65 - And Can It Be That I Should Gain	49 - How Great Thou Art
Invocation	Dn. Philip Soon	Joo Seng Yap
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Lord's Supper	551 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross	551 - When I Survey The Wondrous Cross
Responsive Reading	Isaiah 61	Proverb 3:1-12
Lord's Supper	408 - I Give Myself For Thee	454 - Make Me A Blessing
Tithes / Offering	Jock Campbell/Victor Ho/Robert Chua/Vincent Tai	Rong Sheng Kee/Keene Chan
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Luke 4: 14-32 Tye Kim Khiat	1 Samuel 1: 21-28 Rong Sheng Kee
Preparatory Hymn	269 - Come To The Savior	408 - I Gave My Life For Thee
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"Today Is Scripture Fulfilled" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Lending To The Lord" Rev. Patrick Tan
Closing Hymn	418 - O Jesus, I Have Promised	237 - Revive Us Again
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
Postlude		
**Next Week's Roster	09/05/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev Patrick Tan	Dr. Stephen Lim
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong / Yvonne Yeap (p)	William Ong
Worship Leader	Dr Stephen Lim	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Scripture Reader	Huey Chan	Kee Zhi Wong
Musicians	Samantha Raw(p)/Asha Meyale(o)/Hui En, Keene (f)	Rachel Soon
Ushers	Huey Chan/Lionel Leong/John Tann/Alex Yam	Wei Yong Lee/Kee Zhi Wong
Flowers	Amelia Tann	
Fellowship Tea	Church Lunch (Mother's Day)	Agnes Koh/Lynette Ong

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. Prayer Request

"The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much" (James 5:16). This precious promise comes from the New Testament. From the Old Testament we have an equally precious one and probably better known. *"Call unto me, and I will answer thee, and shew thee great and mighty things, which thou knowest not"* (Jer 33:3)

We have for readers' attention and fervent prayer the following items:

- Tonight at SGBF Dr Mark Harwood of Creation Ministries International (Australia) will speak on *"Dealing with Elephants in the Parlour."* He is a satellite telecom consultant.
- Mrs Phoebe Ling, wife of Preacher Ling of Sibu BP Church, Sarawak, will be completing the first week of radiotherapy for a pituitary tumour, with four weeks more to go.
- Mrs SH Tow, being admitted to Mt Elizabeth Hospital today, for surgery on Monday 3 May, for an aortic aneurysm (ballooning) due to a defective aortic valve.

2. "Faith ... the substance of things hoped for"

Hebrews 11, the *"Faith Chapter"* of the Bible, is full of comfort and hope for God's people. God's Word assures us that by faith we His praying children may obtain wonderful blessings from God. Verse 6 enjoins us to pray, *believing*; elsewhere we are commanded to pray *"without ceasing"* (1 Thess 5:17), and *"... all things, whatsoever ye shall ask in prayer, believing, ye shall receive"* (Matt 21:22).

One verse which speaks especially to those in anxious need is Ephesians 3:20: *"Now unto him that is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think ..."* says that our God is a *"bonus-giving"* God who gives us more than what we ask for! The apostle ends Ephesians 3 with a doxology of praise in verse 21: *"Unto him be glory in the church by Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end. Amen."*

3. Mrs Phoebe Ling, wife of Preacher Ling, Sibu

For over 20 years Mrs Phoebe Ling has served the Lord faithfully alongside her husband, Preacher Ling, in Sibu BP Church, Sarawak. In 1994, the vision in her left eye was blurred due to a pituitary tumor pressing against her optic nerve. After surgery in Kuching she recovered her vision for a time.

Recently, the tumour has recurred and radiotherapy was recommended. Our Board of Elders has advised her to come to Singapore for treatment, as we have more advanced technology. Dr Tan Eng Huat has arranged for her to be under the care of the Radiologist Dr Chua Eu Tiong in SGH. Mrs Ling arrived in Singapore on 13 April 2010. CT scan and MRI were done. Dr Chua has prescribed radiotherapy daily for five and a half weeks. Her treatment started on 27 April 2010.

Please pray that Mrs Ling will be able to bear the treatment and side effects and that God will heal her completely.

4. "By this shall all men know ... ye are my disciples" (Jn 13:35)

When our Session learnt of Mrs Ling's illness and the urgent need of specialist medical care, action was taken to seek urgent medical attention.

Mrs Ling is a visitor to Singapore. She has been given hospitality in the home of Elder and Mrs Chew Chong Kiat. Mrs Julie Chew accompanies her to SGH for treatment sessions, which gives her greatest comfort and encouragement.

While Session will take care of the financial costs, the medical fees are estimated to exceed S\$12,000. Readers who wish to extend a helping hand may send in their gifts in our Love Gift Envelopes by the weekly offering bags, remembering our Lord's words, *"By this shall all men know that ye are my disciples, if ye have love one to another."*

Finally, let all of God's praying people continue in fervent prayer, that God's will may be fulfilled perfectly.

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor