

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

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (17 May 2010 – 23 May 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (09/05/10) Ebenezer	
			Kilsyth	CGF
TUE (18/05/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Bible Study James: L10 "Planning Without God" Js 4:11-17	Attendance 163	23
FRI (21/05/10)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS – 2 Samuel 19 Prayer Meeting/BS - Psalm 28 Dn. Philip Soon	Offerings \$1,987.55	\$201
SAT (22/05/10)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm	YAF: "One Step At A Time" CGF Facilitators' Meeting	Love Gift - SS Building Fund \$1,300	\$400
SUN (23/05/10)	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: "Forgive Much – Loved Much" Luke 7:47 Rev. P. Tan	Received To Date	
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm	Sunday School Biscuit Fellowship BBK/SBC "Psychology of Cults" Strabane: - Dr. Stephen Lim CGF Worship: "The Glory Is Departed" Pr. Lim Hai Seng CGF Singing Group/BBK	Internal Gift Internal Loan External Gift Mission Fund YTD Pew/Sanctuary Sanctuary Air con.	320,427 127,100 437,994 3500 17,760 (11,630)
	6.00pm		Next Loan (Internal) Repayment	31 Dec 2010
			\$75,000	

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers invited for fellowship tea.
- 2. SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Today & next week: "The Psychology of Cults"
- 3. SKETCH & TELL MINISTRY:** Pr Lim Hai Seng has been invited by 3 church camps in June; 2 camps in Malaysia & 1 in Batam. He has also been invited to speak at Hope BPC DVBS in July. Pray for his gospel ministry
- 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:** Jul 1-3 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. PETRA BP CHURCH BATAM:** This new church has been established at a school being built at Merlion Square. There is opposition by the local people. Pray for Ev Roska as she met the Religious Council. The school is built with legacy from late Korean pastor. Ebenezer held a med/dent mission there in Jan.
- 7. CHURCH PRAYER MEETING:** Session has decided that Church prayer meeting will henceforth be held on Thur night 8 pm beginning on June 3. This will allow greater support for MBS & YAF meetings on Fri.
- 8. FUNERAL SERVICE:** For Mrs Tow (Tan Cheng Im) was held on Sat May 8 at 10 am and committal at Chua Chu Kang Lawn Cemetery. Tye Kim Khai and Jeffrey Leow from Ebenezer were present.
- 9. FILADELPHIA SHELTER HOME BATAM:** This is a residential home for homeless children in Batam sponsored by Grace BP Church. There are 15 children waiting for a new building. Pr Lim Hai Seng has been invited to minister to them in June. Love gifts needed for building & furnishing.
- 10. ELECTION OF NEW SESSION 2010-2013:** Remember ACM & Election in Oct 2010 and pray for God's choice of Session members. "Look ye out among you seven men of honest report, full of the Holy Ghost and wisdom." Acts 6:3.
- 11. GERMAN PIANO:** Thank God for a lovely piano from the late mother of Annette Jones. The former was a neighbour of Frieda.
- 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. All Welcome.

Memory Verse: 1 Corinthians 5:8 "We are confident, I say, and willing rather to be absent from the body, and to be present with the Lord."

11 May 2010

Grateful Appreciation Dr Tow & family
(Christine, Seng Chuan and Lynn, Carol and Ian, Sharon and Manuel)

gratefully acknowledge the immense help and kindness rendered by members and friends during their bereavement on the homegoing of **Mrs Tow** on 5 May 2010.

Special mention:

we are particularly touched by

- a) those who sent cards, emails, letters, wreaths, gifts, etc, b) the Fellowship Groups, FEBC-True Life BPC and Men's and Church Choirs, and friends who rendered timely services,
c) **Rev Quek, Elders and Session members,**
d) **Church Office Staff, Traffic Controllers, Ushers, Welcomers and Refreshment teams** and all others who readily rallied to our comfort and relief.

Finally, a word of appreciation to the **Staff of Trinity Casket Company** for their excellent professional services rendered over several days of the preparation, Vigil Services and burial at CCK Lawn Cemetery.

"Blessed be God ... the Father of mercies, and the God of all comfort; Who comforteth us in all our tribulation ..." (2 Cor 1:3,4).

Soli Deo Gloria.

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1 Samuel 7:12
Supervisory & Senior Pastor
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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	Huey Chan/Judith Lim	Shu Lin Teo
Prelude	Jia Hui Teo(p)/Hannah Chia(o)/Esther Wong/Keene (f)	Keene Chan
Flowers	Stephanie Ho	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	William Ong
Opening Hymn	11 – May Jesus Christ Be Praised	28 – The God Of Abraham Praise
Invocation	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	William Ong
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Hymn	MH 497 – As The Deer (insert)	285 – Whosoever Will
Responsive Reading	Psalm : 42	Acts 9: 1-16
Tithes / Offering	81 – Lord Of The Sabbath) Joel Tan/Greg Miller/Richard Ang/Paul Yeo	Rodney Chen/Robin Chen
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 6: 27-38 Jock Campbell	1 Samuel 3:1-10 Rodney Chen
Preparatory Hymn	MH 91 – The Steps Of A Good Man	375 – Speak Lord In The Stillness
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"Your Father Is Merciful" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Speak For Thy Servant Hearth" Dn. Philip Soon
Closing Hymn	28 – Come, Thou Fount	380 – Close To Thee
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
**Next Week's Roster	23/05/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw / Carol Raw (p)	Grace Kong
Worship Leader	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Dr. Peter Yong	Andrew Lam
Musicians	Carol Raw (p)/Asha Meyale(o)/Hui En,Keene (f)	Han Jie Soh
Ushers	N. Lindenburg/Mohan Raw/David Leong/John Tann	Andrew Lam/Yoke Teng Chionh
Flowers	Rita Soon	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Wai Ye Kan/Jia Hui 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. Victorious in Death

She was ever loving Mummy to our three daughters (and granddaughter). She would never have left us, except that her Lord sent for her. In the words of Job, *"The LORD gave, and the LORD hath taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD"* (Job 1:21). We thank and praise God for His wise appointment. Today it may not be altogether understood, but one day it will all be made plain.

For Mum, she had suspected her time was not far off. When her aortic leak was discovered some years ago, we were alerted to the possibility of an aneurysm developing. When it was revealed by X-ray studies that indeed a 6 cm wide balloon had formed, and causing symptoms, surgical intervention seemed inevitable.

Mum, without hesitation, took the decision calmly (as she always did), chose her surgeon and hospital. Man proposed, God disposed. She was ready, but not her body: her body systems were failing one by one. The signs were evident. On the third post-operative day, the *"outward man"* gave way to the *"inward man"* (2 Cor 4:16). It was victory in death – *"absent from the body ... present with the Lord"* meant instant and glorious victory over death (1 Cor 15:57).

2. Mum will be remembered lovingly

Not only lovingly but longingly by those who had worked with her: during her years with the Maternal and Child Health Clinic (in British *"City Council"* days 1953 – 64), over ten good years. Then she opened her own Cytology Laboratory (1966 – 1995), the first in Singapore, employing a staff of nine girls (some were sent by her to Perth for training). To all categories of staff, she extended to them warm and motherly care. The same applied to her domestic staff, through fifty years.

Solomon's words in Proverbs 31:10-15, 20-28 is a fitting description of Mum: *"Who can find a virtuous woman? for her price is far above rubies. The heart of her husband doth safely trust in her, so that he shall have no need of spoil. She will do him good and not evil all the days of her life. She seeketh wool, and flax, and worketh willingly with her hands. She is like the merchants' ships; she bringeth her food from afar. She riseth also while it is yet night, and giveth meat to her household, and a portion to her maidens. ... She stretcheth out her hand to the poor; yea, she reacheth forth her hands to the needy. She is not afraid of the snow for her household: for all her household are clothed with scarlet. She maketh herself coverings of tapestry; her clothing is silk and purple: Her husband is known in the gates, when he sitteth among*

the elders of the land. She maketh fine linen, and selleth it; and delivereth girdles unto the merchant. Strength and honour are her clothing; and she shall rejoice in time to come. She openeth her mouth with wisdom; and in her tongue is the law of kindness. She looketh well to the ways of her household, and eateth not the bread of idleness. Her children arise up, and call her blessed; her husband also, and he praiseth her."

3. What was the "Cause of Death"?

Technically, the procedure was faultless. But Mum's body succumbed to *"systems failure."* In the past few years, her hearing progressively failed. Then other systems followed. As the Apostle Paul said, *"... though our outward man perish ..."* This refers to the physical person, which is in the *"dying process"* as a result of the Fall (Genesis 3), nevertheless, in Christ, *"... the inward man is renewed day by day"* (2 Cor 4:16). That describes every believer's sure hope.

So for the past few years, a progressive and spreading *"systems failure"* had caused Mum to lose weight, and the function of her digestive and excretory systems: her *"outward man"* could not withstand the stress of the 8-hour surgery. The physical process took its toll on the entire body: it was a *"losing battle"* for her 83-year-old frame.

4. 'In Adam all die ... in Christ all ... alive'

Looking back, it was good and timely that God called: Mum had *"fought a good fight ... finished her course ..."* (2 Tim 4:7). To let the body recover from the surgery was to send Mum back into the former *"unequal contest"* of trying to cope with *"failing systems"* of heart and circulatory system, ears, digestive systems, bones and joints of the locomotor system, and other systems – perishing under the continual stress and strain, wear and tear, an unequal contest of *"sure defeat."* The Creator knew how best to give Mum the needed rest. As I recall, all her simple daily routines e.g. taking her meals, cleaning up, moving about – all required *"double time"* or *"triple time,"* and left her exhausted.

Today, Mum is at rest in *"Abraham's bosom,"* waiting for the coming *"Day of the Lord"* and the change promised all those *"in Christ."* On that day, Mum and all other *"sons of God"* shall be wondrously transformed to be like the Lord, with new bodies (1 John 3:2) – alive and well for evermore! Our God is able! Praise the Lord.

Faithfully in the Lord,

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor