



EBENEZER WEEKLY

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 "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."
 1 Samuel 7:12
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COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (24 May 2010 – 30 May 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (16/05/10) Ebenezer	
			Kilsyth	CGF
TUE (25/05/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Bible Study James: L11 "When Money Is Misused" Js 5:1-12	Attendance 145	33
FRI (28/05/10)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS – 2 Samuel 20/21 Prayer Meeting/BS - Psalm 29 Dr. Stephen Lim	Offerings \$2,430.75	\$487.45
SAT (29/05/10)	8.00 pm	YAF: Cottage Meeting	Pew/Sanctuary \$3,000	
SUN (30/05/10)	6.00 pm 6.45 pm 9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	CGF Facilitators' Meeting CGF Prayer Meeting Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service: "An Honest & Good Heart" - Luke 8:15 Rev. P. Tan	Received To Date	
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm	Sunday School Finger Food Fellowship BBK/SBC "Jehovah Witness" Strabane: - Dn. John Tann CGF Worship: 4 th Anniversary "Five Golden Emeralds & Five Golden Mice" – Elder Loke Tat Luen	Internal Gift 320,427 Internal Loan 127,100 External Gift 437,994 Mission Fund YTD 3500 Pew/Sanctuary 20,780 Sanctuary Air con. (11,630)	
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group/BBK - Recess	Next Loan (Internal) Repayment \$75,000	31 Dec 2010

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers invited for fellowship tea.
 - 2. BBK & SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Next week: "Jehovah Witnesses"
 - 3. SKETCH & TELL MINISTRY:** Pr Lim Hai Seng has been invited by 3 church camps in June; 2 camps in Malaysia & 2 in Batam (include Filadelfia Shelter Home). He has also been invited to speak at Hope BPC DVBS in July.
 - 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-Molud** June Korir; **Laos** Surish, **Batam** Ev Roska Shombing & 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 Thu night 8 pm beginning on June 3. This will allow greater support for MBS & YAF meetings on Fri.
 - 8. EBENEZER EASTER CAMP 2011:** Rev & Mrs Edward Pauwee will be our guest speakers. Leaders of Covenant BPC WA have approved our invitation.
 - 9. FILADELFIA 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. Contact Hai Seng.
 - 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. SABBATICAL LEAVE:** Ps & Mrs Patrick Tan will take sabbatical leave June 7-July 7. Ps Tan will conduct a workshop at Life BPC camp at AWANA Malaysia on "Communication in the Christian Home".
 - 12. FINGER FOOD FELLOWSHIP -** Your contribution of a plate of finger food will be greatly appreciated as we have this time of fellowship.
- Memory Verse: Psalm 84:10** "For a day in thy court is better than a thousand. I had rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God, than to dwell in the tents of wickedness."

Lord's Day Meditation

NO TIME FOR GOD

"I was glad when they said unto me, Let us go into the house of the LORD." Psalm 122:1

We live in a very busy world. There are many activities and appointments to keep. The demands of jobs and studies for the students keep everyone busy most of the week. Children cry out for attention. Parents are inundated by household chores. The list of demands for our time is never ending. Now the pastoral letter adds to the weekly demands. I urge you to consider the proposition.

David was king when he penned psalm 122. Surely the affairs of the nation would leave him no time for God. True he had the court officials to handle many duties, but there are things that he needed to handle personally. What are to be his priorities?

MAKE TIME FOR GOD

I was glad: Christians should enjoy their work. We have sought for the Lord's will concerning what occupation we should take up. Much prayer was made before embarking on the right training and then seeking the Lord's will for employment. We should all say we enjoy our work. We also enjoy our family. God has given us a happy home. We enjoy communicating with one another over meals and family devotion. Should not God be our greatest joy? Ps 37:4.

They said unto me: Christian friends should form the best company and joy of our social life. Among the many friends in school, work and recreation, those of like precious faith surely give us much joy in work and play. With some of them we have formed lasting friendships. Good Christian friends give us good advice. We go to them not only for fellowship but wise counsel and help. We value their advice as we walk together along the road of faith. We encourage one another in the Lord and in the Christian faith. Prov 18:24.

Let us go to God's House: Time spent with God is never a waste. But most importantly the Bible commands us to worship God in His house. Worship should be a delight for the Christian. God has appointed a place and a time to meet with His people. The church is the place and the Lord's Day is the time appointed. We will go to God's house in joy, early and spiritually in anticipation. We will make time for God. He deserves our love and worship. Other appointments and programmes can wait after we have given God His due.

Dr Patrick Tan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4 pm (City Group Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Dr. Stephen Lim/Carol Raw	Grace Kong
Prelude	Carol Raw(p)/Asha Meyale(o)/Hui EnTeo/Keene Chen(f)	Han Jie Soh
Flowers	Rita Soon	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	Joo Seng Yap
Opening Hymn	1 – O Worship The King	31 – Blessed Be The Name
Invocation	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	Joo Seng Yap
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Responsive Reading	Psalm:130:1-7	Psalm 78: 50-70
Hymn	289 – Grace Greater Than Our Sins	117 – In Tenderness He Sought Me
Tithes / Offering	74 – For The Beauty Of The Earth Jock Campbell/N. Lindenburg/David Leong/John Tann	137 – Thanks To God Andrew Lam/Yoke Teng Chionh
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Scripture Reading	Luke 7: 36-50 Dr. Peter Yong	1 Samuel 4:1-22 Andrew Lam
Preparatory Hymn	70 – Jesus I Am Resting	47 – Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"Forgive Much – Loved Much" Rev. Patrick Tan	"The Glory Is Departed" Pr. Lim Hai Seng
Closing Hymn	317 – The Solid Rock	384 – My Jesus I Love Thee
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
**Next Week's Roster	30/05/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Elder Loke Tat Luen (4 th Anniversary Service)
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw / Sam Raw (p)	Han Jie Soh
Worship Leader	Philip Soon	William Ong
Scripture Reader	Paul Yeo	Dr. Chan Horn Choy
Musicians	Trish Yeo(p)/Yvonne Yeap(o)/Hui En Teo ,Esther Wong (f)	Esther Chin
Ushers	Victor Ho/Mohan Raw/Robert Chua/Patrick Ha	Dr. Chan Horn Choy/Perryn Ng
Flowers	Sue Edward	
Fellowship Tea	Finger Food Fellowship	Grace Yap/Wei Lin Gan

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. Report from Mrs. Anne Clements

Praise the Lord for lots of answered prayers:

1. Church-wise we have a missionary couple coming once a month on the weekend and once a month for 2 nights during the week.
2. Greg Southwell has been able to prepare a number of messages from Proverbs and whereas in December (09) he was concerned he could not cope with the workload of running the fellowship, a very demanding job, and helping to homeschool his children, he has seen the Lord strengthen him and feels very encouraged by God's provision for them as a family and for us as a fellowship.
3. Grace received a prize for the most improved student in Molecular Biology. She already bought the \$300 worth of books but I am going to Sydney for the certificate presentation on Thursday afternoon.
4. Ruth was awarded a \$500 Rotary Scholarship through school as an encouragement for her hard work. That will be presented tomorrow.
5. James topped his TAFE class in 2nd year electrical course.
6. Naomi has been doing very well at school receiving a number of awards. Andrew is doing well too, especially at French (top of the class!) and is learning to play the trumpet. He also has had a number of awards.
7. We went away for 4 days during our end of term one school holidays, visiting the 2 pastors and their families whom Pastor Peter mentored in the ministry. Both are standing strong for the Word of God: one at an Aboriginal Church in Dubbo, the other as a home missionary at the Presbyterian Church in Gilgandra. He is having a real battle to get people away from church traditions and fired up for the Gospel and doing things according to God's Word.
8. Joy has been kept safe thus far in her travels and was in Bulgaria when I last heard, then going to England and in June to the States where she has a job with the Summer Camps in Illinois.

On the prayer points:

1. Grace has developed migraine headaches and been unwell for 2 weeks, so has some catching up to do. Her exams are in June, but all clumped together at the end of the exam period. Please pray that she will use her time well.
2. Naomi has had tonsillitis and a bad cough and been off school for 2 days so far. Tonight her ears are painful, but she hopes to go to school tomorrow. I'll decide in the morning.
3. I haven't been getting much done on the book these past 4 weeks. Please pray that I can gain, not lose, momentum!

4. Please pray for us as three stay in Wagga on Thursday night whilst I am in Sydney, for safety on the road as I drive.
5. Please pray for my arms to be restored to full strength (wrist, elbow, shoulder and neck joints).

Thanks very much. The Lord bless you and keep you all and all the missionaries under your care and guidance.

Love in Christ, Anne Clements

2. "Let God be true, but every man a liar"

So says the apostle Paul in Romans 3:4. Those of us who had lived through the WWII years may recall Hitler's Chief of Propaganda Dr Joseph Goebbels, Germany's "Father of Lies." His "secret" was to tell lies over and over again from his exalted position, thus inducing people to believe.

Today's "high priest of evolution" Richard Dawkins has adopted a similar strategy of telling lies in a respectable manner in speeches, in print, in articles, and in impressive voluminous books, backed by auspicious degrees and titles. His propaganda thus floods the literary and scientific world, and unsuspecting people, sooner or later, are taken in. Such is the strategy of the "Father of lies."

3. "No reputable scientist disputes evolution"

So claims Richard Dawkins, formerly of Oxford University. By this statement, Dawkins exposes his ignorance (feigned or real). He does not know that some of the world's most eminent scientists are firm believers in creation, men like Dr John Sanford, genetic engineering pioneer and inventor of the "gene gun," also Courtesy Professor at Cornell University; Dr Raymond Damadian, inventor of the MRI scanner; Dr John Hartnett, Research Professor (Physics), University of Western Australia; Dr Ian McCreddie (one of Australia's leading molecular biologists / microbiologists), a Principal Research Scientist at the Biomolecular Research Institute of Australia's Commonwealth Scientific and Industrial Research Organisation (CSIRO).

No! Reputable and eminent scientists in today's world do believe heartily that our God created the world and all things in six 24-hour days, without dispute!

How pitiful, then, for Richard Dawkins to keep ranting at creationists. Look at this quote from his book "The Greatest Show in Earth":

"Beyond reasonable doubt, beyond serious doubt, beyond sane, informed, intelligent doubt, beyond doubt evolution is a fact ... No reputable scientist disputes it, and no unbiased reader will close the book doubting it."

CONCLUSION: God only is ALL WISE, ALMIGHTY, and ALL KNOWING. His Word, Psalm 14:1 says, "The fool hath said in his heart, There is no God." We say, Amen.

God bless all readers.

Faithfully in the Lord,
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor