



EBENEZER WEEKLY

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 "Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."
 1 Samuel 7:12
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COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (07 June 2010 – 13 June 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (30/05/10) Ebenezer	
			Kilsyth	CGF
TUE (08/06/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner Bible Study James: Revision & Conclusion	Attendance	137 47
THU (10/06/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS - Psalm 31 Dr. Stephen Lim	Offerings	\$1,863.00 \$941.60
FRI (11/06/10)	7.00 pm	Monash BS – Combined Sports	Love Gift	\$620 \$300
SAT (12/06/10)	8.00 pm 6.00 pm	YAF: Combined Sports MBF CGF Facilitators' Meeting	Building Fund	\$850.00
SUN (13/06/10)	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: "Your Names Are Written In Heaven"- Dr. Stephen Lim	Mission Pew	\$1,500 \$20
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm 6.00pm	Sunday School Biscuit Fellowship BBK/SBC Strabane: - Elder Meyale CGF Worship: "Took Bribes and Pervert Judgment" 1 Sam 8:3– Dn. Philip Soon CGF Singing Group/BBK - Recess	Received To Date	
			Internal Gift	321,277
			Internal Loan	127,100
			External Gift	437,994
			Sunday School	5,000
			Mission Fund YTD	20,800
			Pew/Sanctuary	(11,630)
			Sanctuary Air con.	
			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:** Today: "Jehovah Witnesses" continue
- 3. SKETCH & TELL MINISTRY:** Pr Lim Hai Seng has been invited by 2 church camps in June; 2 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, Ps Sid Bell, Ai Choo, Alan Muzon, Richard Turner, Mdm Ng Sun Wah (Kimmy's mother). **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, **Batam** Ev Roska Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting; Schools & Churches, Ev Ang Liang Filadelfia Shelter Home.
- 5. YOUTH WINTER RETREAT:** Jul 1-3 Speaker Dr Bob Vandermay Theme: "Believing God & Honouring Him in Our Lives" Titus 3:8. Register online www.ebpcwinter2010.blogspot.com. Registration can also be made on the Registration forms (inserts) in your bulletin. All forms to be handed to William/Huey. For organization and catering purposes please register early.
- 6. SABBATICAL LEAVE:** Of Ps & Mrs Patrick Tan. Eld Meyale is in charge. Dn Stephen ic Prayer Bulletin & Dn Philip Soon ic Ebenezer Weekly Bulletin
- 7. APPRECIATION** – Thank God for a blessed 4th Anniversary Service at CGF a ministry to the young overseas and local adults. Thank you to all who had contributed towards anniversary service and dinner.
- 8. CHURCH PRAYER MEETING:** Church Prayer Meeting is now held on Thursday. Our devotion is in the Psalms of David. All Welcome.
- 9. EBENEZER EASTER CAMP 2011:** Rev & Mrs Edward Pauwee will be our guest speakers. Leaders of Covenant BPC WA have approved our invitation.
- 10. 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.
- 11. 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.
- 12. DUTCH CARE:** Postponed to 3rd Sun Jun 20. Dr Bob Vandermay preaching

Memory Verse: James 5:20 "Let him know that he which converteth a sinner from the error of his way shall save a soul from death, and shall hide a multitude of sins."

Lord's Day Meditation

GIVING AND FORGIVING

"And be ye kind one to another, tender hearted, forgiving one another, even as God for Christ sake hath forgiven you."
 Ephesians 4:32

Giving is a stewardship of what God has entrusted to us. We are recipients of "the manifold grace of God" and we discharge our duties faithfully as good stewards. 1 Pet 4:10. We certainly owe a gospel debt as Paul admits. Rom 1:14. Thus we share our faith freely. God has also given us much possessions which we cannot bring with us to heaven but give to those who do not have them on earth.

Forgiving is not as easy as giving although the 2 virtues go hand in hand. Our feelings are hurt and we nurse in our heart a bitterness that we wish with time will go away. It involves a relationship which has been broken. God alone through the love of Jesus can heal the hurt. He is the physician of the soul and mind. When the soul is at peace with God so the mind is in harmony with the brother.

THE OLD AND THE NEW LIFE

Kind and tenderhearted: The new life is characterized as kind and gentle. There is a change of heart which only the Spirit of God can perform. The old feeling of bitterness is replaced by a kindness of the spirit and tenderness of the heart. This is what being born again is all about. Jn 3:5. Ezekiel calls it a heart transplant. God removes the stony and unkind heart, replaces it with a heart of flesh. Eze 11:19.

Forgive one another: The greatest expression of the new life in Christ is forgiveness. With the best of human relationship offences will occur. Spouses quarrel, good friends bicker, even in church committees voices are raised in dissent. After each sermon someone is offended. God's word exhorts us to forgive, heal the hurts and rebuild broken relationships. Forgiveness is the means. Prayer helps in softening the heart. Mutual friends assist in mediation. Christ heals.

God for Christ's sake: God forgives the sinner through mediation of His Son Jesus Christ. The cross of calvary is a symbol of forgiveness through suffering. The sacrifice of the life of God's Son for the lives of sinners is called a propitiation or divine satisfaction for sins between the sinner and an angry God. Christ thus reconciles the hopeless and helpless sinner to the divine and holy God. God forgives through a blood sacrifice. God reconciles for Christ's sake

Dr Patrick Tan

ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4 pm (City Group Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong/Yvonne Yeap	Lynette Ong
Prelude	Judith Lim(p)/Hannah Chia(o)/Hui EnTeo/Keene Chen(f)	Han Jie Soh
Flowers	Serene Yam	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	Paul Yeo
Opening Hymn	88 – Praise Him! Praise Him!	32 – Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	Paul Yeo
<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>		
Gloria Patri		
Lord's Supper	199 – The Old Rugged Cross	244 – Fill Me Now
Responsive Reading	Psalm 37: 23-31, 35-40	Matthew 22:34-46
Tithes / Offering	I'm Not Alone Huey Chan/Chris Rudalski/Lionel Leong/Alex Yam	414 – Is Your All On The Alter Wei Yong Lee/Rong Sheng Kee
<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>		
Doxology		
Praise Service	Ebenezer Choir	
Scripture Reading	Luke 9: 46 – 10:2 Tye Kim Khiat	1 Samuel 7: 1-17 Wei Yong Lee
Preparatory Hymn	423 – Follow, I Will Follow Thee	101 – Leaning On The Everlasting Arms
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"I Will Follow Jesus" Rev. Patrick Tan	"Serve The Lord Only" Rev. Patrick Tan
Closing Hymn	567 – Follow Me	317 – The Solid Rock
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>		
**Next Week's Roster	13/06/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Dr. Stephen Lim	Dn. Philip Soon
Pre Worship Praise	Stephen Lim /Carol Raw (p)	Keene Chen
Worship Leader	Chew Hou Lian	William Ong
Scripture Reader	Lionel Leong	Stuart Turner
Musicians	Rachel Soon(p)/Asha Meyale(o)/Esther/Keene(f)	Rachel Soon
Ushers	Joel Tan/Greg Miller/Richard Ang/Paul Yeo	Stuart Turner/Keene Chen
Flowers	Belle Raw	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Lynette Ong/Agnes Koh

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. The Battle for Truth

Creation versus Evolution, Faith versus Fiction! It is a holy war of no compromise. Evolution is the product of sinful man's imagination. Creation is God's Word of truth. Listen: *"I am the LORD ... Woe unto him that striveth with his Maker! ... Shall the clay say to him that fashioneth it, What makest thou ... Woe unto him that saith unto his father, What begettest thou? ... I have made the earth, and created man upon it ..."* (Isaiah 45:5-13). Evolution changes with time, like fashion and fad. In my time, I was taught that man came by evolution, through 500,000 years of struggling up some *"evolutionary ladder."* Today's pundits talk of 3 billion years for *"time and chance"* to do the job. On the other hand God speaks with sublime authority: *"In the beginning God created ..."* (Genesis 1:1).

"And God said, Let us make man in our image, after our likeness ... and the LORD God formed man of the dust of the ground, and breathed into his nostrils the breath of life; and man became a living soul" (Genesis 1:26, 2:7) – no need of millions or billions of imaginary years. Our God created all things simply in six 24-hour days, according to plan and purpose, perfectly.

In April this year, we launched a *"Creation Essay Testimony."* Twenty essays were received. Our Panel of Judges (Dr Tow, Mr Henry Chua and Mr Samuel Tham) has selected six for progressive publication.

Essay No. 1 *"I believe in Creation"* by Tim Yap age 14 years.

First, to believe in creation is to believe that God exists and He created the world in 6 literal days about 6000 years ago, ex nihilo. This is recorded in the first chapter of the first book in the Bible. I believe in the Bible.

Evidence for creation is found everywhere in nature – in all things created – all possessing beauty, and different from one another (Gen 1:12, 21, 25). Also, they have irreducible complexity that defies evolution, an opponent to creation. This means that an organism cannot perform a particular function if one part is missing. To add to this, many parts are needed to perfect the organ. Evolution is said to work in a long-term way, to build up more parts over the course of a long period of time and finally complete the organ. This may be logically correct if guided by intelligence, but is otherwise altogether impossible.

To express this point, take the bird for example. Believed by scientists to have originated from small carnivorous dinosaurs with a seemingly similar leg structure, they claim that scales gradually modified into feathers. First of all, scales and feathers are very different things. A feather is a very complex structure. If the scales had indeed been evolving, there should be some sort of midway point, perhaps some kind of hairy flake. But, this hairy flake would have no function at all. It would be wasteful for this animal to evolve something that is of no necessity to it, making this very illogical. Apart from feathers, other parts of the bird's body are very complex, such as the bones, air sacs, etc.

Design in plants and animals also bear the marks of creation in them. Some animals can perform amazing feats, like the basilisk lizard's ability to run on the surface of water. Some people actually find inspiration in these mechanisms and body parts and follow them to manufacture items that have very useful purposes. This is also known as biomimicry. The fact that people actually admire the plants and animals' bodies and behaviours implies that they could not have been a product of a meaningless process based on pure chance and survival of the fittest. Instead, it would be easier and much more preferable to trust in creation, in which plants and animals were made by an all-wise God (Gen 1:31).

Also, in recent times, evidence has surfaced to rebut evolution. This is in cryptozoology, the study of hidden animals. Some of these hidden animals are described to be like extinct animals scientists believe to have died out millions of years ago. One example of a previously thought dead animal is the coelacanth, a large fish. It has actually already been discovered as a fish species officially, but it was believed to have become extinct millions of years ago. This would astonish your mind if you were an evolutionist who was sure this fish was long gone. But change millions of years to 6000 years and the reappearance of this fish will be much easier to understand. Dinosaurs and pterosaurs are among the cryptids.

The Bible, revealing the account of the creation, thus cannot be a myth. Physical evidences are at best, only supportive. By faith and God's grace, I

believe in the Bible (Romans 1:17).

Essay No. 2 *"I believe in Creation"* by Joelle Cheong age 15 years.

"Hey! That's really cool!"

I still clearly remember that that was my first response to our first science lesson on evolution. As a young primary school child, like many others who went through the Singapore education system, I blindly believed all that was presented to me as the truth and never dared to question the teacher. During that time, the theory seemed faultless, given evidences from fossil finds as well as seeing adaptations of the creatures in my science textbook. I stared in awe at how the bird's beak would adapt, given a certain natural environment -- from hooked beaks for tearing meat, to long beaks to probe the mud for fish and crustaceans.

Though I had always been a Bible-believing Christian since young, never did it occur to me that what I have been learning in school clashes with my Christian faith. But I thank God for the messages that He has blessed me with in church. These have opened my eyes to see the attacks of the satanic Darwinian theory on our Christian faith. I have known many friends who have started doubting their own faith as its foundation was slowly being eroded by the Darwinian theory taught in schools. But I thank God for Creation Ministry's movie *"The Voyage that shook the World"* which I was able to lend to them to uncover the crumbling links behind what seemed to be the fortress of evolution.

"For we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places." (Ephesians 6:12)

What students are taught in school about how the world began does no justice to God and His Creation. The marvel of the delicate balance of the ecosystem, the marvel of the human body, and even that of a single cell, how can all these be attributed merely to a chemical reaction? Surely there is more to this marvel than a cell multiplying itself and adapting along the way!

Imagine you are sitting in a room with many small parts and gears. Suddenly, lightning strikes and all the parts come together and become an iPhone, its screen lights up as the system starts up! "How absurd!" you might say, "This sounds like something out of *Transformers!*" Surprisingly, scientists, scholars, researchers, and other highly educated men believe in this. Gears reassembling themselves are just like how evolutionists have believed that the chemicals achieved the perfect combination to form the first living cell. I thank God for His marvellous Grace that He had removed the veil covering my eyes and have helped me see the overwhelming absurdity in the theory of evolution.

From the tiniest ant, to the wheat swaying in the wind, to the stars which twinkle in the night sky, each one is a living evidence of the presence of the Creator of the universe. How else would everything be so perfectly made to work in clockwork precision? How else would beauty and perfection show forth throughout the universe?

"And God saw everything that he had made, and, behold, it was very good. And the evening and the morning were the sixth day." (Genesis 1:31)

As a science student, I believe in Creation as I see the overwhelming evidence that proves the presence of a Creator. But as a Christian, I believe in Creation simply because the Word of God says so and because I believe in God the Almighty Creator. Amen.

More next week! God bless all readers.

Faithfully in the Lord

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