

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

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (05 July 2010 – 11 July 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (27/06/10) Ebenezer		
			Kilsyth	CGF	
TUE (06/07/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner CGF Bible Study: Lesson 1 - Hagghai 1: 1-15	<b>Attendance</b>	144	26
WED (07/07/10)	7.30 pm	CGF Bible Study – Su Shiang Lo	<b>Offerings</b>	\$2,220.50	\$337
THU (08/07/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study - Speaker : Rev Jack Sin	<b>MBS Designated Pew/Sanctuary</b>	\$520	\$210
FRI (09/07/10)	7.00 pm	Monash BS - Recess	<b>Received To Date</b>		
SAT (10/07/10)	8.00 pm	YAF:	Internal Gift	321,777	
SUN (11/07/10)	6.00 pm	CGF Facilitators' Meeting	Internal Loan	75,000	
	6.45 pm	CGF Prayer Meeting	External Gift	437,994	
	9.30 am	Choir Practice	Mission Fund YTD	5,000	
	9.45 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	Pew/Sanctuary	21,340	
	10.15 am	Pre Worship Praise	Sanctuary Air con.	(11,630)	
	10.30 am	Worship Service:"Lord Teach Us To Pray" – Rev. Patrick Tan	<b>Next Loan (Internal) Repayment</b>	\$75,000	31 Dec 2010
	11.45 am	Sunday School			
	12.15 pm	Biscuit Fellowship			
	12.30 pm	BBK/SBC			
	1.30pm	Dutch Care – Dn. Philip Soon/Yvonne			
	2.30 pm	Strabane: - Elder Meyale			
	4.00 pm	CGF Worship: Teach The Good & The Right Way – Rev. Patrick Tan			
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group BBK – Recess			

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers invited for fellowship lunch.
- 2. BBK & SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:**
- 3. SKETCH & TELL MINISTRY:** Thank God for Hai Seng;s mission trip to Malaysia and Batam. For safety in travel. Please pray for invitation to him to conduct DVBS at Hope BPC in Adelaide in the first week of July.
- 4. PRAYER FOCUS: a) HEALTH & HEALING:** Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, Ps Sid Bell, Ai Choo, Alan Muzon, Richard Turner, Victor Ho  
**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 Sihombing & Pr Efendi Ginting: Schools & Churches, Ev Ang Liang Filadelfia Shelter Home.
- 5. PASTOR & MRS. BOB VANDERMEY** - Thank you for the pastoral care to the people at Ebenezer, for the visitation, counseling, the spiritual feeding and your fellowship. We wish you God's blessings and a safe trip home to South Carolina, USA on 6th July 2010.
- 6. YOUTH WINTER RETREAT:** Thank God for a blessed camp. May the spiritual food nurture the young and old to a closer walk with the Lord. Thank you to the speaker Pastor Bob Vandermeij and guest speaker Rev. Jack Sin. Appreciation also to the Camp committee and the ladies for Saturday's lunch.
- 7. SABBATICAL LEAVE:** Of Ps & Mrs Patrick Tan. Eld Meyale is in charge. Dn Hou Lian is Prayer Bulletin & Dn Philip Soon is Ebenezer Weekly Bulletin
- 8. CHURCH PRAYER MEETING:** Remember prayer is the powerhouse of God. Do come and unite in prayer, praying for the Lord's work at Ebenezer and her ministries. Come and be spiritually fed as we study the book of Psalms. Time: 8pm on Thursday.
- 9. EBENEZER EASTER CAMP 2011:** We thank God for the provision of camp speakers in Rev & Mrs.Edward Paaawe, Rev. Paaawe is the Pastor of Covenant BPC WA. Do set aside this time to be spiritually revitalize.
- 10. FILADELFIA SHELTER HOME BATAM:** Thank God for the love gifts to this need. Please see Preacher Hai Seng Lim for any further donation of love gifts.
- 11. WELCOME** – To Rev. and Mrs. Jack Sin to Ebenezer. Rev. Sin is pastoring Maranatha BP Church in Singapore and is on a visit to Melbourne. Rev Sin will be speaking at our prayer meeting on 8th July 2010.

**Memory Verse:** - *Philippians 3:14 - I Press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus*

**LORD'S DAY MEDITATION**

Pastor Bob Vandermeij's parting message today on purpose, attitude & motivation from Phil 3:7-14 is timely and timeless. Indeed our eyes 'should turn upon Jesus and to look full in His wonderful face & the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of His glory and grace.'

We must lay aside anything harmful and avoid that which distracts us from following Christ. Like the Apostle Paul, let us seek to know Christ, to be like Christ and to be all Christ has in mind for us 'pressing toward the mark of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus' ( Phil 3:14)

The Apostle Paul has further reminded us that the resurrection of Christ and His victory over death should be the motivation and effective influence on the way we live and serve Him since our labour of love will have eternal results. We should be 'steadfast, unmoveable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labour is not in vain in the Lord' (1 Cor 15:58) This is because of the glorious hope of being resurrected and be given an incorruptible and immortal body.

By steadfast, Paul exhorted that as genuine believers, we should be firm, purposed and faithful. We should stand fast to live for our Lord. We should persevere with our belief in and labor for the Lord.

In 'immoveable', we are to be unyielding and unshaken in our service for the Lord. We cannot be fickle nor can we lack commitment but holding firm our beliefs in the Lord and in serving Him.

We are to abound in the work of the Lord willing to toil even when confronted with fatigue and exhaustion. We are not to slacken nor quit because when know that we will not be left unrewarded and empty handed.

'The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let up out on the armour of light.'



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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)
<b>Pre Worship Praise</b>	Stephen Lim/Samantha Raw	William Ong
<b>Prelude</b>	Sam Raw(p)/Asha Yeap(o)/Keene Chen /Teo Hui En(f)	Rachel Soon
<b>Flowers</b>	Margaret Campbell	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
<b>Call to Worship</b>	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	William Ong
<b>Opening Hymn</b>	34 – <i>Crown Him With Many Crowns</i>	29 – <i>I Sing The Mighty Power Of God</i>
<b>Invocation</b>	Dn. Chew Hou Lian	William Ong
<b>Gloria Patri</b>	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
<b>Lord's Supper</b>	186 – <i>Wounded For Me</i>	186 – <i>Wounded For Me</i>
<b>Responsive Reading</b>	Isaiah 53	Isaiah 53
<b>Praise Item</b>	Mrs. Vandermeij – Violin Recital & Ladies Choir	
<b>Tithes / Offering</b>	529 – <i>Can A Little Child Like Me</i> Vincent Tai/Peter Yong/John Tann/Chia Kwok Lum	Perryn Ng/Dr. Chan Horn Choy
<b>Doxology</b>	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
<b>Scripture Reading</b>	Philippians 3: 7-14, Ephesians 5: 16,17 Vincent Tai	John 19: 17-30 Dr. Chan Hom Choy
<b>Preparatory Hymn</b>	<i>Pressing On (front of hymnal)</i>	183 – <i>Jesus Paid It All</i>
<b>Pastoral Prayer</b>	Pastor Bob Vandermeij	Pastor Bob Vandermeij
	"Purpose - Attitude - Motivation" Pastor Bob Vandermeij	"Crucify, Dead & Buried" Pastor Bob Vandermeij
<b>Closing Hymn</b>	416 – <i>Wherever He Leads I'll Go</i>	178 – <i>At The Cross</i>
<b>Benediction</b>	Pastor Bob Vandermeij	Pastor Bob Vandermeij
<b>Postlude</b>	<i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>	
<b>**Next Week's Roster</b>	<b>11/07/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am</b>	<b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b>
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Pre Worship Praise	William Ong / Carol Raw (p)	Grace Kong
Worship Leader	Dn. Philip Soon	Paul Yeo
Scripture Reader	Jock Campbell	Rong Sheng Kee
Musicians	Rachel Soon(p)/Hannah Chia(o)/Keene/Esther(f)	Esther Chin
Ushers	Joel Tan/Richard Ang/Jock Campbell/Paul Yeo	Andrew Lam/Wei Yong Lee
Flowers	Rita Soon	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Jia Hui Teo/Yvonne Yeap

**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. 31 fruitful blessed years**

*"Bless the LORD, O my soul: and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Bless the LORD, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits" (Ps 103:1, 2).*

Every July causes me to recall the first service of worship at Calvary Pandan BPC. Since then, in the past 31 years, the Lord has multiplied blessings beyond measure as we obeyed His command to *"launch out into the deep"* (Lk 5:4). Time and again we have proved the blessing of obedience to His command, for the Lord of the harvest has rewarded us with a *"great multitude of fishes,"* and our net never broke! Praise God from whom all blessings flow.

As I reflect over three decades of Gospel *"sowing and reaping,"* I am amazed that the Lord of the harvest has enabled us to reach out to a dozen countries in thirty named locations, plus many un-named churches in China (due to security reasons) where house churches flourish anonymously. We marvel that the Lord has counted us faithful to be entrusted with the Word of Life to perishing souls.

With thankful voice we praise the Lord in the words of David the psalmist: *"Many, O LORD my God, are thy wonderful works which thou hast done, and thy thoughts which are to us-ward: they cannot be reckoned up in order unto thee: if I would declare and speak of them, they are more than can be numbered"* (Psalm 40:5).

**2. But we have a problem!**

So far my appeals are apparently like empty words falling on deaf ears. Or maybe not? Nevertheless I am not discouraged, as my task is to sound the alarm and any *"fruit bearing"* is the work of the Spirit. So I persevere. Perhaps I should quote Scripture which is *"quick and powerful"* and able to penetrate hearts more effectively.

I recall the account of our Lord preaching the Gospel of the Kingdom, and seeing the multitudes *"...scattered abroad, as sheep having no shepherd."* He said to the disciples, *"The harvest truly is plenteous, but the labourers are few; Pray ye therefore the Lord of the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest"* (Matt 9:37, 38).

The harvest is plenteous! But where are the labourers?

**3. It is like "preparing for war"!**

Did you ever wonder why our country has compulsory National Service, to make the nation secure and prosperous? In a sense, serving the Lord has similarity to National Service.

Without compulsion, let our men consider the call of our Lord. In the passage earlier quoted, our Lord said, *"Pray ye therefore the Lord of*

*the harvest, that he will send forth labourers into his harvest."*

Who among our congregation are praying? But I say a more relevant prayer for us in this *"end time"* is to pray, *"Lord, if it is Thy will, call me!"*

Readers, consider the harvest field. Our Pandan Congregation, for its numbers, realistically should have a team of Pastors and Preachers twice the present size. This is only a modest estimate, not forgetting the need of our overseas churches.

Remember the hymn *"Must Jesus bear the cross alone, and all of us go free?"* (Yes, I have changed a word to make it strike nearer home.) Reader, will you not join me to seriously pray the Lord of the harvest to raise up able and talented members in our midst to respond to the need of the hour. *"There is joy in serving Jesus."* But to make it relevant to our situation, sing *"There is joy in serving full time!"*

Did you ever consider: What if our Pastors were to be called Home? Think!

**4. Noisy children on the Lord's Day**

We love children and **we ought to.** Our Lord set us the example. He said to the disciples (who regarded the children as a disturbance): *"Suffer little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for of such is the kingdom of God"* (Lk 18:16).

Truly we love children – *"the more the merrier."* I am, however, appealing to parents and relatives, on the Lord's Day, to please keep children from unrestrained noise, within the four walls of the church building, especially those playing *"Catching"* and screaming at the top of their voices. The noise volume in the kindergarten playground and in the surrounding lobby area can easily be reduced with care and cooperation of all concerned.

**I appeal to parents in particular:** please instruct your children that we are in God's House on the Lord's Day. Let us all observe *"Sanctity in God's House on His Holy Day."* With parents' cooperation, **and** children's as well, we can have a sanctified atmosphere, on the Lord's Day.

Presently, the noise at times even penetrates into the Sanctuary! I have no doubt that with the cooperation of all concerned, we will be blessed.

*Faithfully in the Lord*

*Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*