

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

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS (19 July 2010 – 25 July 2010)			LAST WEEK'S Collection (11/07/10) Ebenezer Kilsyth CGF		
TUE (20/07/10)	7.00 pm 7.45 pm	CGF Dinner CGF Bible Study: Lesson 3 –Haggai 2:10-23 – "Serve the Lord with all our hearts"	Attendance	120	20
THU (22/07/10)	8.00 pm	Prayer Meeting/Bible Study – Ps 37 Speaker : Dn. Philip Soon	Offerings	\$2,378.00	\$350.30
FRI (23/07/10)	7.00 pm 8.00 pm	Monash BS - Recess YAF	Love Gift		\$350.00
SAT (24/07/10)	6.00 pm 6.45 pm	CGF Facilitators' Meeting CGF Prayer Meeting	Pew	\$120	
SUN (25/07/10)	9.30 am 9.45 am 10.15 am 10.30 am	Choir Practice Pre Worship Prayer Meeting Pre Worship Praise Worship Service: "Except You Repent" – Rev. Patrick Tan	Building Fund	\$350	
	11.45 am 12.15 pm 12.30 pm 2.30 pm 4.00 pm	Sunday School Biscuit Fellowship BBK/SBC Strabane: - Dn. John Tann CGF Worship: "The Lord Looks On The Heart"– Dr. Stephen Lim	Received To Date		
	6.00pm	CGF Singing Group BBK – Recess	Internal Gift	326,127	
			Internal Loan	75,000	
			External Gift	437,994	
			Mission Fund YTD	5,000	
			Pew/Sanctuary	21,460	
			Sanctuary Air con.	(11,630)	
			Next Loan (Internal)	\$75,000	31 Dec 2010
			Repayment		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 1. WELCOME TO EBENEZER:** All worshippers invited for fellowship tea.
- 2. BBK & SUNDAY BIBLE CLASS:** Resume study of Modern Cults.
- 3. SKETCH & TELL. MINISTRY:** Thank God for Hai Seng's mission trips to Malaysia and Batam. He is now in Hope BPC in Adelaide for VBS.
- 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-Molot** June Korir; **Laos** Surish, **Batam** Ev Roska Shombing & Pr Efendi Ginting; Schools & Churches, Ev Ang Liang Filadelfia Shelter Home.
- 5. THANKSGIVING:** Youth Winter Camp. Dr Bob Vandermay's teaching on Titus and leadership in the CGF. Rev Jack Sin's workshop on Charismaticism.
- 6. 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. Pray for our Pulpit Ministries, both Ebenezer & CGF.
- 7. EBENEZER FAMILY WINTER CAMP 2011:** The camp is now changed from Easter to a Winter Camp with a combined camp with the youth. The date is yet to be fixed. Rev & Mrs Edward Paaau are invited to be speakers.
- 8. FILADELPHIA SHELTER HOME BATAM:** Thank God for the love gifts to this need. Please see Pr Hai Seng Lim for any further donation of love gifts.
- 9. CGF BIBLE STUDY:** Every Tuesday. Study on the book of Haggai. Dinner 7pm and Bible study at 8.00pm. 15, Drummond Street, Carlton. Do come and join in a time of searching the scriptures. **MBS** is on recess.
- 10. VISIT TO DR TOW SIANG HWA:** Ps Tan and Elder Khoo Peng Kiat visited our supervisory pastor in June. He accepted our invitation to be our Guest of Honour for Ebenezer's 11th Anniversary on Oct 31, 2010 and deliver the Protestant Reformation sermon. Dr Tow is in good health.
- 11. ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2010:** Members of Ebenezer are informed that there will also be an election of the 2nd Session on Sun Oct 24. Eld Loke Tat Luen is appointed the Commissioner. Be is much prayer.
- 12. PHILADELPHIA FELLOWSHIP:** Meet of 3rd Sat of each month. They met yesterday at the home of Eric & Siew Leng and completed the study of Esther.

Memory Verse: 1 Cor 10:12 "Wherefore let him that thinketh he standeth take heed let he fall."

Words of Wisdom

TRUTH SPOKEN IN LOVE

"But speaking the truth in love, may grow up into him in all things, which is the head, even Christ." Ephesians 4:15

Christians have the truth because we have the Word of God. From the oldest book of Job to the last book to be written, Revelation of John, we have in the 66 canonized books of the Bible, the total revelation that God would have man to know. Through preaching and teaching God's truth is made available to all who would come to the fountain to drink of the refreshing doctrines.

Parallel to the truth that Christians possess, the Bible has not always been proclaimed in love. It never is God's purpose to proclaim His Word without love. The message of salvation for instance cannot be forced upon sinners. We must understand the love of Jesus and desire in our hearts to receive Him as Lord and Saviour. Evangelical truth cannot be imposed by name calling and hurting words.

Evangelical Truth in the Church Today

Christ is the Sovereign Head: Absolute truth originates from God. Jesus is God and the Head of the Church. He is the Saviour of the Church. He loves the Church and gave Himself for it. Eph 5:25. If Christ loves us, ought we not to love one another? Sadly love is often absent among fundamentalists who hold the truth of the Bible but are unloving in their conduct.

Church grows Christ like: When truth is proclaimed, spiritual growth is expected. Spiritual maturity is nurtured by love of the brethren. When a believer claims that he loves the Lord Jesus, he shows that love by loving concern for the brethren. In fact discipleship is characterized by this kind of love. Jn 13:35. Spiritual growth is fostered by loving regard for people who are created in God's image.

Christians win souls by love for Christ: We are to reflect Christ in our daily conduct. Sinners are attracted to Christ by our loving faith. The truth of God is shared by the channel of good will. We are all to be living "epistles" that are read by all men. 2 Cor 3:2. Hate and anger will not commend our Lord to unbelievers. Nor will the truth we preach be lovingly received. Thus from the pulpit and pastorals we commend the truth in love

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1 Samuel 7:12
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ORDER OF WORSHIP

	10.30 am (Ebenezer)	4 pm (City Group Fellowship)
Pre Worship Praise	Huey Chan/Judith Lim	William Ong
Prelude	Jia Hui Teo(p)/Asha Meyale(o)/Esther /Teo Hui En(f)	Jia Hui Teo
Flowers	Sue Meyale	
<i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i>		
Call to Worship	Dr. Stephen Lim	William Ong
Opening Hymn	24 – Praise To The Lord, The Almighty	197 – All Glory, Laud and honor
Invocation	Dr. Stephen Lim	William Ong
Gloria Patri	<i>Glory Be To The Father</i>	
Responsive Reading	Psalm 121, 122	Mark 12: 26-34
Hymn	119 – Sweeter As The Years Go By	386 – Be Thou My Vision
Tithes / Offering	The Longer I Serve Him – (insert) N. Lindenburg/John Tann/David Leong/Chris Rudalski	Rodney Chen/Robin Chen
Doxology	<i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>	
Scripture Reading	Luke 12: 1-12 Huey Chan	1 Samuel 15: 1 - 22 Rodney Chen
Preparatory Hymn	Let Others See Jesus In You - (insert)	323 – Trust & Obey
Pastoral Prayer	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
	"The Unpardonable Sin" Rev. Patrick Tan	"To Obey Is Better Than Sacrifice" Dn. Philip Soon
Closing Hymn	244 – Fill Me Now	359 – My Faith Looks Up To Thee
Benediction	Rev. Patrick Tan	Rev. Patrick Tan
Postlude	<i>The Lord Bless You & Keep You</i>	
	25/07/2010 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm
Speaker	Rev. Patrick Tan	Dr. Stephen Lim
Pre Worship Praise	Mohan Raw / Sarah (p)	Susanna Ting
Worship Leader	Pr. Lim Hai Seng	Joo Seng Yap
Scripture Reader	Dr. Peter Yong	Kee Zhi Wong
Musicians	Carol Rav(p)/Hannah Chia(o)/Hui En/Esther(f)	Jia Hui Teo
Ushers	Greg Miller/Robert Chua/Patrick Ha/Jock Campbell	Yoke Teng Chionh/Kee Zhi Wong
Flowers	Belle Raw	
Fellowship Tea	Biscuit Fellowship	Grace Yap/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. Paul the apostle our Example of servanthood

If you are in love with the Saviour, the “*Lover of our Souls*,” you will heartily agree with my statement. The apostle was wholly won to the Lord from the moment of his conversion on the road to Damascus on a mission to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. But the Lord stopped him in his tracks, revealed Himself and turned Saul’s direction 180° around. From that moment the destroyer became “*bond servant*” of the Gospel and of Christ the Lord.

With his conversion and “*turn around of direction*” came also a reversal of values, as he testified: “*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ*” (Phil 3:7, 8).

John Sung, China’s “*apostle Paul*” and “*Flame of God in the Far East*” testified in song,

“Only Jesus, always Jesus!
My heart will praise, my song I’ll raise;
Saved and healed me, sanctified me.
Glorious Lord, soon coming King.”

As a bond servant of Jesus, John Sung gave himself heart and soul, mind and strength, to blaze out for the Gospel in fifteen urgent flaming years, until the Lord took him at 44 years, having “*fought a good fight ... finished (his) course ... kept the faith*” (2 Tim 4:7).

This ought to be the course for every faithful servant of the glorious Gospel of Christ our Lord. But – who will? The harvest is neglected for lack of workers.

2. “*Rejoicing in tribulation*” for the Gospel’s sake

It is no easy thing to “*rejoice in tribulation*,” but the Apostle did just that. While incarcerated in a Roman prison (death cell), awaiting execution, he heard reports of the Gospel being preached: “*The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice*” (Phil 1:16-18).

The apostle’s one concern and commitment was that “*Christ is preached*” and the Gospel of life made known to the saving of souls. His life direction and consuming passion was expressed thus: “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*” (Phil 1:21).

Dear reader, will you also make this your life verse? Dr John Sung did just that. Increasingly, as the days go by, it is also mine. I am reminded of the saying,

“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past,
Only what’s done for Christ will last.”

So I constantly examine my own life. “*What have I done for my Redeemer? What will I say when I stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ?*” Reader, pause and think! If any amendment needs to be made, **now** is the time. God help us. Now, for news from afar.

3. Pornography boom in the UK

Friday Church News Notes

A survey in England has found that more than 80% of teens aged 14 to 16 “regularly access hardcore photographs and footage” on their home computers or mobile phones (*Daily Mail*, June 7, 2010). Further, one-third of children have accessed online pornography by age 10. The report states that parents appear to be unaware of the risk to their children and in many cases are unable to keep up with their computer-literate kids.

The truth is that parents today are so often addicted to pornography themselves and are so hardened by sin that they don’t care what is happening to the children. We wonder what the results would be if a similar survey could be taken in Bible-believing churches. I have no doubt that it would be much lower, but pornography is a major moral issue that has seeped into every sphere of life because of modern technology, and if parents are not extremely cautious about what they allow in their homes and if they are not extremely watchful of their children, they can easily fall to the devil’s wiles. All cellphone and computer usage by children and young people should be under strict parental control. Computers should only be used in a public family situation where parents can see what is being accessed. Filters and other controls should be in place. I have found Covenant Eyes to be very helpful. Husbands need to be accountable to their wives, and wives to their husbands, as a safeguard in this vile age. I have heard of men falling to the sin of pornography and women leaving their families after meeting men online. Don’t allow this to happen to you or your family. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). – *CN June 22, 2010*

4. But what does the Bible say?

Pornography is a spiritual problem. It is “*lust of the flesh*” and cannot be solved by parental control, surveillance or any “*spy-like vigilance*” over the child. Such methods have limited use, for in no time the child learns how to deceive or he soon becomes an adult. What then is the solution?

Only God’s Holy Spirit received gladly into one’s heart and mind to take control of one’s life and action can bring about a permanent and effective solution. Listen to God’s Word: “*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*” (Rom 8:6). Read on, Romans 8:7-15.

Dear reader, when our spirits willingly yield the Holy Spirit the rightful control of our wills and actions, the lust of the flesh will find no more place in us: for effectively we are the “*temple of God*,” safeguarded by His Spirit. Thank God for the indwelling Spirit. Invite Him in to take charge! He is the Spirit of peace. Amen.

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor