

COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS
(25 May - 31 May 2009)

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION (17/05/09)		EBENEZER		CGF
TUE (26/05/09)	7:00 pm	CGF BS Dinner Fellowship	149	35
FRI (29/05/09)	8:00 pm	Mark 12 "God of the Living"	\$2,291.65	\$472.50
	7:00 pm	Monash BS - Dinner	\$1,000, \$11,000	
	8:00 pm	BS - 1 Sam 6		\$4.35
SAT (30/05/09)	8:00 pm	Prayer Meeting/BS - Rev. Patrick Tan	\$10 \$500	\$210
SUN (31/05/09)	8:00 pm	YAF - Basic Bible Knowledge	\$1,000	
		CGF - BS Discussion/Prayer Meeting	\$2,000	
	9:30 am	Choir Practice	\$500	
	9:30 am	Pre Worship Prayer Meeting	288,930	
	10:15 am	Pre Worship Praise	147,000	
	10:30 am	Ebenezer Worship: "When you Pray"	409,477	
		Mt 6: 5-15, Dn Stephen Lim	150,000	
	11:45 am	Sunday School	846	
	12:15 pm	Tea Fellowship	1,644	
	12:30 pm	SBC: Dn Stephen Lim	3,450	
	2:30 pm	Strabane: - Dn John Tan	10,470	
	2:30 pm	BBK at CGF - Pr Lim Hai Sang		
	4:00 pm	CGF: 3rd Anniversary		
		"Gracious & Merciful God"		
		Jon 4:1-3 - Bro. Wee Hian Kok		
		CGF Anniversary Dinner		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

- WARM WELCOME:** Stay back for tea fellowship.
- THIRD CGF ANNIVERSARY:** Next Sun 31 May at 4 pm at Ebenezer Lodge, 15 Drummond Street. Thanks giving dinner at 6 pm. All are welcome.
- BBK:** Eld Meayale, SBC: Lesson continues "Building the 3rd Temple"
- DEEPEST CONDOLENCE:** To Dn Philip Soon & Rita on the home going of their cousin. The Soon family was in Spore for wake & funeral.
- URGENT PRAYER:** Ps Samson Korir of Mulot BPC in Kenya. He has contracted Typhoid, an infectious disease. He needs daily injection at nearby Catholic Hospital. Pray for his wife June Tan missionary from Life BPC.
- PRAYER FOCUS:** a) **HEALTH & HEALING:** Stephanie, Mildred, Thomas, Priscilla's mother, Anne's mother, Vicki's mother, Olivia Ong, Koh Choon Fong, Michael Yap, b) **MISSIONS:** Cambodia-Life University & BPC; Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Glory BPC; Rev Stephen Choi (Phnom Penh), First BPC; Bro Chantion & Siang Lai (Siem Reap); Kenya - Samson & June Korir; Chen Pui Meng at Clinic of Life in Kiluanji; Surish Laos, Andrew Kam Myanmar, Rosika Chol-Sihombing - Batam, Jess & Niranand Chiangmai, c) **OVERSEAS & INTERSTATE:** Dr. Fow Siang Hwa, Damien, Su Shiang Lo FEBC, Joseph, Hean, Angie & Kaitlyn in Spore, Karen and Ross, Wei Hue China, Jonathan Raw WA, Michael Benjamin, Joyce & Scott in Qld. Shu ling & Wa Yee, Spore. Stephanie Taiwan. Dexter Hong Kong, Xing Mao London.
- THANKSGIVING -** From Offering Bag. "Praise God from whom all blessings flow. Please accept our love & thanksgiving. If you see appropriate kindly apportion as follows: Mission \$1,000; Pew \$500; Play/games area \$2,000; BF \$11,000; Misc as Session sees fit \$500."
- YOUTH WINTER CAMP:** June 28-July 2. Sp: Rev Isaac Ong, Pastor Calvary BPC, Venue Lyrebird Park, Yellingbo. Huey camp master & Shuen publicity. Theme: Sanctification, Growing Together in Godliness. Su Shiang & Damien will return to attend the camp. Registration is now open.
- CALLING ALL YOUTHS:** Combined youth sports night Fri saw 30 youths from YAF, MES & CGF enjoying physical exercise and devotion from God's Word. Next combined day event will be 6 June with bush walk up the 1000 steps Dandenong. Adults welcome. Attend YAF Fri meeting at Kilsyth.

Memory Verses: Acts 20:35 "Remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, it is more blessed to give than to receive."



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"Hiliferto taifi 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)	4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)	
Pre Worship Praise	Jia Hui Teo	
Prelude	Esther Chin	
Flowers	Vicky Leong	
Call to Worship	<i>The Lord is in His Holy Temple</i>	
Opening Hymn	Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Invocation	73 All Hail the Power	
Gloria Patri	Chew Hou Lian	Paul Yeo
Responsive Reading	1 John 1:1-10	
Hymn	326 Like a River Glorious	
Tithes / Offering	405 Hail I Done My Best For Jesus	
Doxology	Jonathan Leo John Tann/Thomas Tan/Richard Ang	
Scripture Reading	Matthew 6:1-4; 16-18	
Preparatory Hymn	Tye Kim Khaiat	
Pastoral Prayer	375 Speak Lord In The Stillness	
Sermon	"Aims and Pasting"	
Closing Hymn	Rev. Patrick Tan	
Benediction	427 All For Jesus	
Postlude	Rev. Patrick Tan	
**Next Week's Roster		
Speaker	31/05/2009 Ebenezer @ 10.30am	
Pre Worship Praise	Dn Stephen Lim	
Worship Leader	Huey Chian/Samantha Raw (p)	
Scripture Reader	Pr. Lim Hai Sang	
Pianist	Jeffrey Leow	
Ushers	Rachel Soon(p)/Hannah Chia(o)	
Flowers	Huey Chian/John Tann/Alan Mouzou/Vincent Tai	
Fellowship Tea	Margaret Campbell	
	Janet Jean/Margaret Campbell/Kathy Tye	
	Candy Ng/Jia Hui Teo	
	Bro. Wee Hian Kok	
	William Ong	
	William Ong	
	Wei Yoo Lee	
	Yvonne Yeap	
	Wei Yong Lee/Kee Zhi Wong	
	Candy Ng/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. "AWARE has never promoted homosexuality!"

This is the bold claim of Dana Lam (Ms), President, AWARE, (Straits Times, May 16, 2009). But in their publication "Comprehensive Sexuality Education" Copyright of AWARE 2007, it says (among other things):

- a) "Anal sex can be healthy or neutral if practiced with consent and with a condom.
- b) "Homosexuality is perfectly normal. Just like heterosexuality, it is simply the way you are. Homosexuals also form meaningful relationships, and face the same emotional issues that heterosexuals do."

The President further claims that "homosexuality has never been a major issue for AWARE. Our stand, throughout the 24 years of our existence, has been identical to that of the Government." A leader of society and president of a public body like AWARE should speak the truth and not to stoop to double talk and deception. Yet this is the method of AWARE.

2. What does the Bible say?

God's Word in Romans says, "For this cause God gave them up into vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: And likewise also the men, leaving the natural use of the woman, burned in their lust one toward another; men with men working that which is unseemly, and receiving in themselves that recompence of their error which was meet" (Romans 1:26-27).

Then in 1 Corinthians 6:9, 10: "Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, nor thieves, nor covetous, nor drunkards, nor revilers, nor extortioners, shall inherit the kingdom of God."

3. "Who is our Intelligent Designer?" Part 5 (by Dr John Whitcomb, Part 5)

The enormous complexity of living things was indeed "a black box" for Charles Darwin and his contemporaries. This has been carefully explained by Michael Behe in his book, "Darwin's Black Box" (New York: The Free Press, 1996).

But Professor Behe, a Roman Catholic theistic evolutionist (cf. *ibid.*, p. 239), like most Intelligent Design theorists, is amazingly naïve concerning the ultimate success of their campaign against materialistic evolutionism: "I remain optimistic that the scientific community will eventually accept intelligent design, even if the acceptance is discreet and muted. The reason for optimism is the advance of science itself, which almost every day discovers new intricacies in nature, fresh reasons for recognizing the design inherent in life and the universe" ("Signs of Intelligence," p. 104).

While he is certainly correct about Darwin, the truth of the matter is that no one even today can fathom the significance of the complexities of the universe without God's help! In the central chapter of the book of Job we read: "But where shall wisdom be found? and where is the place of understanding? Man knoweth not the price thereof, neither is it found in the land of the living...It is hid from the eyes of all living...God understandeth the way thereof, and He knoweth the place thereof...And unto man He said, Behold, the fear of the LORD, that is wisdom; and to depart from evil is understanding." (Job 28:12, 13, 21, 23, 28).

Apart from the revelation which God has given to us of Himself in the Bible, everything in the universe remains a "black box." Not even the Intelligent Design Movement can penetrate this box, because they have officially denied the Lord

Jesus Christ His rightful place in their thinking, and thereby have rejected "all riches of the full assurance of understanding, to the acknowledgement of the mystery of God, and of the Father, and of Christ, in whom are hid all the treasures of wisdom and knowledge" (Col. 2:2, 3).

But who is the "god" -- "the intelligent designer" -- that ID theorists point to? Behe asserts: "While I argue for design, the question of the identity of the designer is left open. Possible candidates for the role of designer include: the God of Christianity; an angel -- fallen or not; Plato's demi-urge; some mystical new age force; space aliens from Alpha Centauri; time travelers; or some utterly unknown intelligent being" ("Intelligent Design," p. 251).

When offered such choices to replace their materialistic reductionism, will many scientists today reject all of the false "intelligent designers" and turn to Christ as "the way, the truth, and the life," and wholeheartedly agree with Him that "no man cometh unto the Father, but by Me" (John 14:6)? No, this will not happen.

Instead, "in the last days perilous times shall come. For men shall be lovers of their own selves, covetous, boasters, proud . . . lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God; Having a form of godliness, but denying the power thereof" (2 Tim. 3:1-5).

Can we take seriously, then, the prediction of Dr. Kenneth Poppe, executive director of the International Foundation for Science Education by Design, that, "in no more than ten years [from 2006], maybe as few as five, strict Darwinism will be a minority belief not only among people in society but also among sciences researchers and science educators. Within this time frame you will see a revolution where more and more politicians and board members vote to allow or encourage - in some cases even require - public school science teachers to cover some form of alternatives to natural evolution in their classes...It is time for natural evolution to wave the white flag of surrender" ("Reclaiming Science From Darwinism" [Eugene, OR: Harvest House Publishers, 2006], pp.289, 290).

This spirit of triumphalism which pervades ID literature is dangerous. It ignores God's written revelation concerning the true condition of the human heart/mind, and the absolute necessity of the transforming work of the Holy Spirit of God through regeneration.

Furthermore, there can be no waving of "the white flag of surrender" on the part of materialistic evolutionism until the Second Coming of Christ. The Lord Jesus did not teach His disciples to pray for a widespread recognition of an unidentified Designer. Instead, He told His disciples to pray "after this manner" - "Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven" (Matt. 6:9, 10).

This is not defeatism. It is divine realism. What kind of a kingdom will this be? Until the kingdom comes, how can we really help people who grope in the darkness of Darwinian evolutionism? (Dr John Whitcomb, *To Be Continued.*.)

Lovingly in the Lord,
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor

Editor:

2009 is proclaimed by scientists as the year of Charles Darwin who was born on Feb 12 1809 and published his epic work "Origin of Species By Natural Selection" in 1859. His theory of evolution has tremendous impact on Science and Christian theology so that the world and the Church is never the same since. The Evangelical Church should commemorate 2009 as the year of John Calvin who was born on 10 July 1509 and died on 27 May 1564. Calvin is the greatest Christian theologian and with his magna carta of the Institutes of Christian Religion published in 1559 proclaims for the Christian Church what we are to believe about God and man. Biblical faith establishes that God created man "in His own image". Man is spiritually and morally in "devolution" because "all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God". Rom. 3:23. Calvinism proclaims that God in His infinite mercy has chosen sinful man to be restored in right relationship with His Creator through His Son Jesus Christ. "Ye have not chosen me, but I have chosen you." Jn 15:16.