

| COMING WEEK APPOINTMENTS<br>(26 January – 01 February 2009 ) |          |   | LAST WEEK'S Collection (18/01/09 )   |            |            |
|--|----------|---|--------------------------------------|------------|------------|
|  |          |   | EBENEZER                             |            | CGF        |
| <b>TUE</b><br>(27/01/09)                                     | 7.00 pm  | CGF Dinner Fellowship   | <b>Attendance</b>                    | 122        | 26         |
| <b>FRI</b><br>(30/01/09)                                     | 8.00 pm  | Chinese New Year Fellowship<br>-Discussion on CNY/Christmas<br>Prayer Meeting/YAF - Rev. Patrick Tan. | <b>Offerings</b>                     | \$1,681.95 | \$434.20   |
| <b>SAT</b><br>(31/01/09)                                     | 8.00 pm  | CGF - BS Discussion /Prayer meeting   | <b>Building Fund Designated</b>      |            | \$140.00   |
| <b>SUN</b><br>(01/02/09)                                     | 9.30 am  | Choir Practice - resume   | <b>CGF Bookstore</b>                 | \$25       | \$205.00   |
|  | 9.30 am  | Pre Worship Prayer Meeting  | <b>Pew</b>                           |            |            |
|  | 10.15 am | Pre Worship Praise  | <b>Internal Loan</b>                 |            |            |
|  | 10.30 am | Ebenezer Worship: "God is Righteous"<br>Psalm 5 – Rev. Patrick Tan (LS)                               | <b>Received To Date</b>              |            |            |
|  | 11.30 am | Sunday School   | Internal Gift                        | 264,294    |            |
|  | 12.30 pm | Tea Fellowship  | Internal Loan                        | 192,000    |            |
|  | 12.45 pm | Bible Study – Rev Patrick Tan   | External Gift                        | 406,277    |            |
|  | 2.30 pm  | Strabane: John Tann   | External Loan                        | 142,408    |            |
|  | 2.30 pm  | BBK at CGF  | Art & Craft                          | 846        |            |
|  | 4.00 pm  | CGF – "Accounted For Righteousness"<br>Gal 3:6 – Rev. Patrick Tan (LS)                                | Book Sales                           | 1,644      |            |
|  | 6.00pm   | CGF Singing Group Practice  | Mission Fund YTD                     | 1,450      |            |
|  |          |   | Pew                                  | 9,410      |            |
|  |          |   | Building Fund giving since 01/07/08: | 13,120     |            |
|  |          |   | <b>Next Loan</b>                     |            |            |
|  |          |   | <b>Repayment</b>                     | 100,000    | 01 July 09 |

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

1. **WARM WELCOME:** Welcome to all . We invite you to join us for Chinese New Year Lunch after the service..

2. **BASIC BIBLE KNOWLEDGE** – Those interested please see Elder Meyale. (Ebenezer), Pr. Lim Hai Seng (CGF)

3. **PRAYER FOCUS:** a) **HEALTH & HEALING:** Stephanie, Mildred. Alicia, Priscilla's mother, Anne's mother, Ps John McKenzie Adelaide, Peter Kooy, Vicky's mother. Kidd Leong. Olivia Ong. Rev Stephen Khoo (bypass) Dr Dallas Clarnette (finger amputation) Tan Bong Keng (dislocation), Lorraine Turner (Mascular Degeneration) b) **MISSIONS:** Cambodia–Life University & BPC: Rev David Koo (Sihanokville); Glory BPC: Rev Stephen Choi (Pnom Penh), First BPC: Bro Chanthon & Siang Lai (Siem Reap). Kenya – Samson & June Korir; Chan Pui Meng at Clinic of Life in Kiluani; Stephen Masilia Nairobi, Surish Laos, Andrew Kam Myanmar, Roska Choi-Sihombing- Batam. Jess & Neeram Chiangmai, Dr Paul Hoole Sri Lanka c) **OVERSEAS & INTERSTATE:** Dr Tow Siang Hwa, Damien, Su Shiang Lo FEBC, Hean, Angie & Kaitlyn in Spore, Karen and Ross, Wei Hua China, Jonathan Raw WA, Michael Benjamin, Joyce & Scott in Qld. Shu ling & Wai Yee, Pastor & Anne Tan. Phebe & family. ,HK/Japan/Vietnam Stephanie Taiwan. Dexter Hong Kong, Xing Mao London.

4. **CAMBODIAN MISSION:** Thank God for safe return of Joseph Lo, Wei Chuien Kew and Richard Tee from the Cambodian mission trip.

5. **ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING:** Members are notified of the ACM on Sun 8 Feb 2009 at 12.15 pm. Election of Resident Pastor 09-12. Total membership 103. Members will be given the Annual Report today. If you have not received one please see Rita for your copy.

6. **ORIENTATION PROGRAM OVERSEAS STUDENTS:** Thank you to the organizing committee and all involved in the planning and functioning of the orientation day at Singapore & KL.Thank God for the good response. Please read the reports in the insert to this Bulletin.

7. **EASTER CAMP 2009:** Date: 9-12 April 09, Venue 606-622 Kilsyth, Speaker: Rev. David Wang (Asst.Pastor of Hope BPC), Camp Master: Chew Hou Lian. More information to come. Watch this space!

8. **CONGRATULATIONS** - To those who have completed their VCE and now received their course placement at University.

**MEMORY VERSE Isaiah 40:31** "But they that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall

**NO EAST OR WEST**

In Christ there is no East or West,  
In Him no South or North,  
But one great fellowship of Love,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

In Him shall true hearts everywhere,  
Their high communion find,  
His service is the golden cord,  
Close- binding all mankind.

Join hands then, Brothers of the  
Faith,  
What'er your race may be !  
Who serves my father as a son  
Is surely kin to me.

In Christ now meet both East and  
West,  
In Him meet South and North,  
All Christly souls are one in Him,  
Throughout the whole wide earth.

John Oxenham



ACN No: A0038695  
"Hitherto hath the LORD helped us."  
1 Samuel 7:12  
Supervisory & Senior Pastor  
Dr S H Tow

**EBENEZER WEEKLY**

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

|                                       | 10.30 am (Ebenezer)   | 4.00 pm (City Gospel Fellowship)           |
|---------------------------------------|---|--|
| <b>Pre Worship Praise</b>             | Paul Yeo/Lydia Chia   | Han Jie Soh                                |
| <b>Prelude</b>                        | Yvonne Yeap(p) Hannah Chia (o)  | Esther Chin                                |
| <b>Flowers</b>                        | Amelia Tann   |  |
| <i>The Lord Is in His Holy Temple</i> |   |  |
| <b>Call to Worship</b>                | Dr. Stephen Lim   | Joo Seng Yap                               |
| <b>Opening Hymn</b>                   | 29 – I Sing The Mighty Power Of God   | 31 – Blessed Be The Name                   |
| <b>Invocation</b>                     | Dr. Stephen Lim   | Joo Seng Yap                               |
| <b>Gloria Patri</b>                   | <i>Glory Be To The Father</i>   |  |
| <b>Responsive Reading</b>             | Isaiah 40: 12-22, 25-31   | Romans 8: 1-17                             |
| <b>Hymn</b>                           | 340 – Hiding In Thee  | 450 – To The Work!                         |
| <b>Tithes / Offering</b>              | 326 – Like A River Glorious<br>Robert Chua/Alan Mouzon/Thomas Tan/David Leong | Richard Tee                                |
| <b>Doxology</b>                       | <i>Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow</i>                                |  |
| <b>Scripture Reading</b>              | Psalm 4<br>Chew Hou Lian  | Galatians 2:15 - 21<br>Richard Tee         |
| <b>Preparatory Hymn</b>               | 364 – Tis The Blessed Hour Of Prayer  | 469 – The Regions Beyond                   |
| <b>Family Prayer</b>                  | Dr. Stephen Lim   | Pr. Lim Hai Seng                           |
| <b>Sermon</b>                         | "God Is My Salvation"<br>Dr. Dallas Clarnett                                  | " Live Unto God"<br>Mr. John Chen          |
| <b>Closing Hymn</b>                   | 115 – Constantly Abiding  | Living For Jesus                           |
| <b>Benediction</b>                    | Dr. Dallas Clarnett   | Pr. Lim Hai Seng                           |
| <b>Postlude</b>                       | <i>The Lord Bless You &amp; Keep You</i>                                      |  |
| <b>**Next Week's Roster</b>           | <b>(01/ 02 / 09 ) @ 10 .30 am</b>   | <b>City Gospel Fellowship (CGF) @ 4 pm</b> |
| Speaker                               | Rev. Patrick Tan (LS)   | Rev. Patrick Tan (LS)                      |
| Pre Worship Praise                    | Stephen Lim/Yvonne Yeap   | Heidi Ho                                   |
| Worship Leader                        | Yew Hock Khoo   | Paul Yeo                                   |
| Scripture Reader                      | William Ong   | Stuart Turner                              |
| Pianist                               | Rachel Soon (p)/Asha Meyale(o)  | Grace Kong                                 |
| Ushers                                | John Tann/Huey Chan/Peter Yong/Richard Ang                                    | Stuart Turner/Keene Chen                   |
| Flowers                               | Irene Khoo  |  |
| Tea Fellowship                        | Poh Lin Lim/Irene Khoo  | Wei Chuien Kew                             |

**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.

From our Supervisory Pastor

25 January 2009

My dear readers,

### TELEPHONE AUCTION OF 64 ANDREW ROAD – PART I

*(Excerpt from "Footprints in the sands of time")*

Number 64 Andrew Road is well known to many of our older Calvinians. It was our Family Home for 36 years and Traveller's Lodge to unnumbered Missionaries, Pastors, Christian groups and Workers, University Professors, Church Members in distress, and Relatives. It served as "Service Hostel" with school transport provided for a string of nine nieces, and Refuge for a family of five for two years.

Some of these guests were unknown to us, but God's Word says, "Be not forgetful to entertain strangers: for thereby some have entertained angels unawares" (Hebrews 13:2).

For two years we lived in KK Hospital Quarters. It was during the "Birthquake" era of the 1960s when our Hospital delivered over 100 babies daily and there was an acute shortage of qualified men.

So, for two whole years, I offered my services as Consultant-on-Call 24 hours a day 365 days a year - a self imposed "Volunteer Service."

Toward the end of my 2-year "On Campus Residency" my wife and I toyed with the idea of buying a house - a bold proposition when we did not have that sort of means. But I had a generous Sister who was kind beyond words. I plucked up courage and gently broached her on the matter. She was encouraging. That was October 1961.

Daily we studied the Straits Times "Classified Columns." Something interesting caught our eye: "No. 64 Andrew Road, bungalow for sale. Deceased estate. Call Mr. Milliken, Hong Kong Bank Trustees."

Our enthusiasm was aroused. "Might this be our 'dream house'?" We studied the Street Directory: Andrew Road was in Caldecott Hill Estate, off Thomson Road, near McRitchie Reservoir. Excellent locality!

That very afternoon, we took a drive and identified the house, an old colonial style bungalow on a beautiful square shaped lawn with few plantings, some fifteen feet below road level. To the Chinese mind, it was not good "fengshui" (geomancy.) This did not bother us.

We liked what we saw. It was "love at first sight." We knocked on the front door and a kindly gentleman, Mr Hamilton, welcomed us in. He showed us the rooms: a large living room downstairs, with windows looking into the garden; a dining room adjoining the kitchen, and two large bedrooms upstairs, with ensuite bath-toilets. We loved the charming high arched ceilings.

Mr Hamilton said he was due to retire and return to Scotland. "The property belongs to the estate of the late Mr Mistri, owner of

Phoenix Aerated Waters, and related enterprises. In fact Mr Mistri owned the entire Caldecott Hill on which he had built some thirty bungalows. He named the roads in the Estate after the Governor Sir Andrew Caldecott, his wife Olive, and children Joan and John."

Mr Hamilton's historical account was fascinating, and fancy, we might become an owner-resident in this prestigious estate! Our imagination was flying too fast!

"Mr Hamilton, we are most grateful for all you told us today. I am a University lecturer, working at the KK Hospital. We have lived two years in Hospital quarters, and thought we might venture into something like this. It's like a dream."

"I hope your dream will materialize. Good luck!"

Thus ended our introduction to 64 Andrew Road. We said our Good-bye and with a long last look around, we returned to our KK Quarters, our minds full of 64 Andrew Road, for we had truly fallen in love with it.

Now I shall tell you the exciting story of our "Blind Auction" which began that very Monday. It lasted for six days until Saturday, a test of endurance and nerve.

#### Day 1 Monday 10 October, 1961

"Good morning, Mr Milliken. I am Dr Tow, University lecturer, KK Hospital. I read in the Classified Column of Straits Times about No. 64 Andrew Road. May I know what the asking prices is?"

"Dr Tow, it is S52,000. The land is 39,700 sq ft freehold. You have a competitor who made the offer. You have to outbid that. It is an auction."

My wife and I had a "quick consult." We agreed to \$53,000.

"Mr Milliken, what about \$53,000?"

"Very well. You're in. I will convey the news to the other party. Please call me this time tomorrow."

So the "telephone auction" took the form of a "six-round bout" a nerve-racking business.

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday - as the stakes rose, so the pulse. Each morning's telephone electron-waves brought new levels of tension.

"Who might our competitor be? Man or woman? Or some tycoon? Perhaps a property agent or investor." It was "shadow boxing." (to be continued)

Lovingly in the Lord,

Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor