

# FOCUS

*For the Week of 7th December 2008*



## Little Things Means A Lot...

7 Little Ways to Get A Lot More each Sunday



The leadership at PP wants every member to get the most out of the church. As elder Adrian commented last Sunday, church membership is quite unlike joining a country club. Here is a commitment that we made for life at our baptism, blessings that we received throughout our discipleship and eternal life with God thereafter.

Here are 7 ways that each member will do well to put into action, starting this week.

First, all of us can prepare for each worship by planning to arrive 15 minutes before time. It takes us a while to get settled. Being early and seated, ready to worship is something that will bless us and others by honouring God, and truly worshipping in "Spirit and in Truth" (John 4:24).

Second, let us cultivate the habit to "tarry one for another" (1 Corinthians 11:33) by staying attentive throughout the worship. When we leave before dismissal, we are sending the signal that we cannot wait for the service to end, and that we have more important things to do than giving God our attention, due Him the full worship period.

Third, let us get behind our Bible classes and give our teachers, facilitators and fellow students every support. A lot of effort goes behind every Bible lesson - designed with you and your family in mind. The early church "continued steadfastly in the apostles' doctrine and fellowship, and in breaking of bread, and in prayers" Acts 2:42. When we come for worship and leave without attending the Bible study and fellowship, we are attending only half the activities each Lord's Day.

Fourth, as we have emphasized throughout the year, add an extra service in 2008. It is difficult for people to know you, the leaders to use you or for you to get very involved in the work at PP, if all you do is to come for one service a week. There is so much going on each week: the quietness of the evening worship, Wednesday open Bible study in the morning, SPC mid-week classes, SIBI courses and other activities from time to time. Isn't it time for us to 'seek first the kingdom of God'? (Matthew 6:33).

Fifth, look around you each time you come for worship. Ask not what the church can do for you, but what you can do for the church. Is there a new member, a visitor or someone you can sit with, get to know better or take them out for lunch. A better church starts with us - even if we offer a cup of water in His service, God will reward us abundantly (Mark 9:41).

Sixth, as we prepare for worship each week, let us think of a family member, friend or colleague whom we can invite with us (Hebrews 10:25).

Seventh, it is truly a blessing to be a member of the Lord's church. As we pick up the Focus newsletter each week, as we read, let us cover each activity and person with our prayers (1 Samuel 12:23).



# PP FAMILY NEWS

We warmly welcome **brother Yeo Teck Chwee** and his family who placed membership at PP last Sunday. Get to know him, his wife, **sister Lay Khiaw** and their three pretty daughters, **sisters Sarah, Louise and Rachel**. This family worshipped with the Jurong congregation for more than 30 years before transferring their membership to PP.

**Brother Lim Cher Yam** will speak on the subject of "I Still Believe" at our morning services today. Come back at 6pm to hear **brother Vincent Lim** answer this question - "Is Christianity a Bed of Roses?"

Members, please check and verify your 2009 directory entry, by signing on the proof at the lobby. If your name is missing, please fill it in at the last section. The proof will be displayed until Sunday, 21st December as it will be released on 1st January 2009.

The new 9:30am **Combined Adults Bible class** with brother Siow Hwee on brother Paul Faulkner's book, "Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong" got off to a great start. Class members who wish to get a copy of the book are advised to go online and order online from Amazon.

**The Open Bible Study** continues as usual at 10am this Wednesday morning. The class will take a break on December 24th and 31st before resuming in 2009. A good number have been attending each week with good interest. It is not unusual for after class discussions to go on for over an hour.

**Join in the Conversational Sign Course** this Wednesday at 7:30pm. Come and pick up some useful signs and start communicating with the Hearing Impaired members at PP. This course ends next Wednesday.

## MEN to SERVE for this Week and the Next

### Worship Service

#### **8am**

Call to Worship:  
Scripture Text:

#### **11am**

Call to Worship:  
SR/OP:  
S. Leader:  
Communion:  
Preacher:  
Shepherd's Prayer:  
i/c Auditorium  
i/c Balcony

#### **6pm**

Call to Worship:  
Scripture Text:  
SR/OP:  
S. Leader:  
Communion:  
Preacher:  
Closing Prayer:

### Today (7th December)

Henry Kong  
Psalm 30:1-3

Henry Kong  
Vincent Lim  
Deacon Paul Lim  
Lam Chern Woon  
**Lim Cher Yam**  
Elder Beng Chuan  
Ivan Kuek  
HI Team

Henry Kong  
Psalm 31:14-18  
Ban Haw Leong  
Kenneth Leow  
Elder William Wong  
**Vincent Lim**  
Elder Beng Chuan

### Next Week

Elder Adrian Teo  
Psalm 31:21-24

Elder Adrian Teo  
Daniel Goh  
Chen Yi  
Tom Goracke  
**Deacon KC**  
Elder Simon Goh  
Shawn Li  
HI Team

Elder Adrian Teo  
Psalm 34:1-3  
Nehemiah Tan  
Deacon Paul Lim  
Tom Goracke  
**Edward Lee**  
Elder Simon Goh

# CALENDAR of events

**Sunday, 7th December 2008**

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship  
Speaker: Lim Cher Yam
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 11am Morning Worship
- 6pm Evening Worship  
Speaker: Vincent Lim

*Cover our SZ tentmakers in your prayers: brothers Tom Goracke, Kenneth Koh and sisters Eileen Lim and Alice Tan*

**Wednesday, 10th December 2008**

- 10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study with brother Charles Cook
- 7:30pm Lesson 2 on Conversational Sign Language by the HI team led by brother Patrick Ong

**Sunday, 14th December 2008**

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship  
Speaker: Deacon KC
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 11am Morning Worship
- 6pm Evening Worship  
Speaker: Edward Lee

# FAMILY CONCERNS

**Please pray for:**

- My safe return and travel mercy back to Philippines. My family's health and God's guidance for them - Shirly
- The fruitful youth mission trip to Tuao and their safe return - Fook Weng
- My family who will be travelling to Malacca from 6th to 8th December - See Mui
- God's guidance for my family for a better relationship, bonding and unity. May our focus be centred on Jesus - Doreen Lum
- Our family's trip to Bali - Jasmine Fun
- Shan's recovery from his eye infection - Molly
- Strength to work and my parents' and children's health and their studies - Mercy
- Growth in Philippines and my family well being - Maribel
- God's presence and protection to be with Samuel as he goes through the field camp - Julie Wee

**Thank God for:**

- Brother Kelvin Koo's sermon - Eileen Lim, Paul Quek, Soo Lang
- Brother Patrick's sermon - Henry and Nat
- All blessings that we receive - Emilia, Amparo
- Boo Chye and Rosie for their medical service in Tuao that many will come to believe in Christ - Winston Chongs
- Our Hearing Impaired teaching team and the joy they bring with their lessons - Henry Kong
- Safe return of Ee Kai and Leong Meng who were detained in Bangkok - Richard Leows, Henry Kongs, Patrick Ong

**FACTS & FIGURES**

8am Worship	148
11am Worship	177
6pm Worship	<u>43</u>
<b>Total:</b>	<b><u>368</u></b>
Morning Giving	\$9,600
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 208</u>
<b>Total Contribution</b>	<b><u>\$9,808</u></b>



Receipt No.	Donor	Amount
3RsF 1200	Anonymous	\$ 50.00
3RsF 1201	Anonymous	\$600.00
3RsF 1202	Anonymous	\$ 50.00
3RsF 1203	Anonymous	\$600.00
Missions MF 0736	Albert Lee	\$200.00



# Life of Christ

Taught by: Nat Cooper  
9-25 Jan 2009 (weekend schedule)

## Singapore International Bible Institute

Date:

January 9 - 25, 2009  
Fridays: 7pm - 10pm  
Saturdays & Sundays: 2pm-5pm

Course Fee: \$20

Venue:

Church of Christ,  
347 Pasir Panjang Road,  
Singapore 118688

To pre-register contact Tom Goracke,  
email: [sibi@ppcoc.org](mailto:sibi@ppcoc.org)

Dr. Nat Cooper, a native of Ireland, is Vice President of Inter-national Affairs and Director of the Center for Character Development at Lubbock Christian University,



Lubbock, TX. Dr. Cooper has been an educator for nearly three decades. He has conducted over 440 workshops on character education and business ethics and has consulted various institutions in 86 nations. He was an instructor in Bible and Missions at Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX. for twenty years.

## Guest Speaker

Brother Cooper will also be involved in the PP - SIBI Internship For Young People 2009 (see the Youth Internship poster for details)

Brother Cooper will also be teaching in the regular day time classes for full time students

Brother Cooper will be guest teacher for the Open Bible Studies on Wednesday mornings at 10am for the time he is with us.