

FOCUS

For the Week of 6th July 2008



AGM 2008

20th July 2008

Sunday, 1:30pm

Lunch will be served
after the 11am service

Agenda

1. Confirmation of 2007 AGM minutes
2. Chairman's Annual report
3. Statement of Account report
4. Appoint auditor for FY08
5. Any other business
(notice of which has to be given in writing
to the Secretary, brother Lam Chern Woon
or any of the church staff at least 7 days
before the announced AGM session)



Dear brothers and sisters at PP,

Last week, the doctors in Batam have successfully operated on brother Simanjuntak's son who has a hypospadias condition.

We want to thank you for your financial support, prayers and love. We have received your support gift of S\$2134 from various individuals to help pay for the cost for the operation. The family of brother Dunot was very happy and rejoiced in the Lord greatly for the financial support which made the operation possible.

Attached are some pictures of the family and the visiting of the brethren at the hospital.

Praise be to Him forever,
Herbin Simanjuntak





PP FAMILY NEWS

Elder Adrian Teo will speak to us at the morning services. Come back at 6pm to hear **brother Voltaire Tan** from Philippines in the evening service.

The monthly **a cappella singing** will start at 1:30pm today, followed by the SIBI course on Sacrificial System by brother Gerald Paden at 3:30pm.

This Wednesday at 7:30pm, SPC continues with the new series on "**Bible Characters**" by brother Lim Cher Yam.

Keep in your prayer list, the **Shenzhen mission team** of Vincent Lim, Doreen Lim, Alice Tan and Tan Keng Geok who are leaving on 12th July.

The **Batam Ladies Retreat** will take place on Saturday, 12th July led by sisters Peggy Phua's and Judy Ong's ladies Care teams.

The church's AGM for 2008 will be held on Sunday, 20th July at 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided. Please submit any matters for discussion to the church staff by 14th July. Members who are unable to attend may submit the proxy form to any of the church staff.

Brother Cher Yam will conduct the next adult Sunday Bible class series, starting this morning at 9:30am. It is a 15-week combined series on the book of Galatians. As typical of his in-depth teaching style, there will be no discussion groups.

Please note that the Gorackes have updated their phone numbers - Tom's 83683213; Nancy's 83683214.

2008 Inter-church Soccer Results:

Bedok & Northwest Vs Moulmein: 12-1
Bedok & Northwest Vs Pasir Panjang 1-2
Pasir Panjang Vs Moulmein: 5-0

Winning team and undefeated champions:
Pasir Panjang

Top Scorer: Isaac, Bedok
Best Sportsmanship Team: Moulmein
Best Team Cheer: PP
Best Goalkeeper: Joshua, Moulmein
Best Defender: Shawn, PP
Best Midfielder: Gareth, PP
Best Striker: Joseph, Moulmein
Best Substitute: Gideon, PP
Best Goal: Brendon, Bedok
Play of the day: Edward, PP
Best Player Moulmein: Admen
Best Player Bedok: Fred
Best Player Northwest: William
Best Player PP: Alvin

MEN to SERVE for this Week and the Next

Worship Service

8am

Call to Worship:
Scripture Text:

Today (6th July 2008)

Henry Kong
Psalm 127:1-2

Next Week

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 131:1-3

11am

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

Henry Kong
Jonathan Goh
Irvin Wan
Peter Lim
Elder Adrian Teo
Elder Beng Chuan
Samuel Wee
HI Team

Elder Adrian Teo
Peter Lim
Irvin Wan
Jonathan Goh
Gerald Paden
Elder Simon Goh

HI Team

6pm

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

Henry Kong
Psalm 128:1-6
Nehemiah Tan
Charles Pang
Deacon Li Chhoan
Voltaire Tan
Elder Eric Tan

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 133:1-3
Ban Haw Leong
Elder Eric Tan
Elder William Wong
Lam Chern Woon
Elder Tan Beng Chuan

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 6th July 2008

- 7:45am Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus begins
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Elder Adrian Teo
- 9:30am Bible classes for all ages
- 11am Morning Worship
- 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors
- 1:30pm A Cappella Singing
- 3:30pm SIBI Sacrificial System
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Voltaire Tan

Wednesday, 9th July 2008

- 7:30pm SPC New Series on Bible Characters by brother Lim Cher Yam



Friday, 11th July 2008

- 7pm-10pm SIBI Course on Sacrificial System by Gerald Paden

Sat & Sun 12th & 13th July 2008

- 2pm-5pm SIBI Course on Sacrificial System by Gerald Paden

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

My family's health problems - Geoffrey Kiangs
 My mother's injured foot that she will get well soon - Li Jun
 Travel mercy for my wife, Cot and son, Christian back to the Philippines - Noel

Thank God for:

His providence - Josephine Seow
 The safety of my family from the typhoon and my employers' safe return from overseas - Novelyn
 My family safety back in Philippines - Maribel
 Answering my prayer to send rain on the farms in my village in Philippines - Karen
 Deacon Swee Aun's sermon - elder Eric Tan
 Deacon Paul's sermon - Henry

Contributions to complete the Chiangmai Church Building

Needed: S\$9,000

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| MF 0569 | Anonymous | \$3,000 |
| MF 0571 | Simon Gohs | \$2,000 |



FACTS & FIGURES

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| 8am Worship | 126 |
| 11am Worship | 189 |
| 6pm Worship | 48 |
| Total: | 363 |
| Morning Giving | \$8624 |
| Evening Giving | <u>\$1057</u> |
| Total Contribution | \$9681 |

Gifts of Love to our 3Rs Fund*

Receipt No. Donor Amount

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| 3RsF 1139 | Anonymous | \$600 |
| 3RsF 1140 | Anonymous | \$50 |
| 3RsF 1141 | Chinese Congregation | \$700 |
| 3RsF 1142 | Anonymous | \$100 |
| 3RsF 1143 | Anonymous | \$50 |
| 3RsF 1144 | Anonymous | \$600 |

Get to Know our New 2008 Members

Baptisms



Rachel Teow
- 1 January 2008



Ezekiel Loy
- 13 April 2008



Novelyn Sumatra
- 20 April 2008



Mercy Magaso
- 4 May 2008



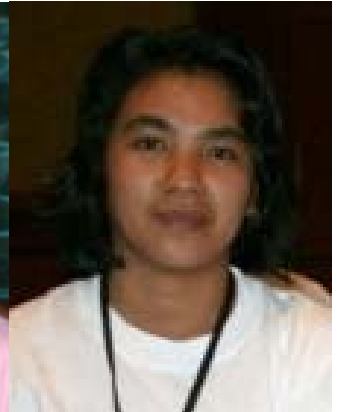
Boni Ramos
- 4 May 2008



Shernise Teo
- 13 June 2008



Clarita Simon
- 13 June 2008



Adelma Doctor
- 22 June 2008

Transfers



Benjamin Foo



Tamara & Charles Cook



Cynthia Gonzales



Zenaida Gonzales



How We Benefited from the Recent Annual Church Camp

STAYING ON TRACK

The episode of "three lost sheep" from the Amazing gRace Team members made me pondered "How not to go astray ...how to keep my Christian faith on track?"

In this year's first sermon by brother Li Chhoan, he said the process of spiritual growth has to be continual, should not be side tracked or slowed down. As we go through life's different stages, there are definitely times that we become vulnerable, not willing to let go our wants, do things our own way and not letting God takes control.

The theme of PP Church of Christ 2008 Annual Camp is on a "3-Ds" Concept... first being Devotion, second to be Disciplined and third how to be a good Disciple. In my opinion, such an awakening message is timely & crucial. "Seek Him first in His Kingdom and all will be given to you" should always be our priority. No matter how busy we are, we must make time for God.

As defined by brother Charles Cook," devotion" is said to be commitment to some purpose, set aside a time or place where we can truly express our love & trust to God.

To be able to stay on track, it is important we look at the next "D"... Discipline & thus have things put in the right order or in place. "Self Discipline" plays a vital role in order to stay focus and committed. It is training that moulds us or perfects us to become godly and moving onto a Christ-like person so as to claim the honour of a "Disciple" of Christ and go on to fulfill the Great Commission.

May all brothers and sisters in PP Church of Christ take heed of such timely lessons & encourage one another to be strong & courageous, walk with each other, walk hand in hand & together we will spread the news to others.

To God be the Glory!
Doreen Lum



REFLECTIONS ON CHURCH CAMP

I enjoyed this year's camp thoroughly. I had no specific responsibilities. I just sat back, relaxed and enjoyed the fruits of labour of the camp committee. God has certainly blessed us with an effective committee. It is evident that they have been blessed with wisdom in their planning.

The programme was well planned. Bro. Cook gave 3 dynamic lessons. I had the opportunity to mingle with visitors and overseas members. The selection of members in the group was well thought out. We had the opportunity to engage the youths and perhaps it helped in bridging the generation gap.

The Amazing gRace was very enjoyable. Our group had to play 5 stones. The "aunties and uncles" in our group proved they were still good at their childhood game (despite some of us having arthritic fingers). I suspect the computer age younger ones in the group took a liking for this game. The other outstanding feature of this race was how the clues in getting to know Malacca got connected with scripture verses. Even though I have attended numerous church camps, sadly I cannot recall the lessons I learned. But what benefited me most all these years was the bonding with the body of Christ.

It was also very encouraging to see couples at work as bus captains and seeing new blood in the organizing committee. Among the campers were grandmothers and even a great grandmother accompanied by their children who were anxious to bring them the gift of salvation.

On Sunday morning, Mia Cher was already moving around handing out thank you cards. So you know how hard they worked and how much effort was put in.

At the conclusion of the camp I responded to the call for helpers/children Bible class teachers for next year's camp. - **Hedy Wong**

What I have learn in the Facilitator's training workshop on Saturday 7th June 2008



Being a facilitator reflects a lot on how an individual actually controls and change the group's dynamics from 'introverts' to 'extroverts' and to hold certain responsibility. We are to be humble and learn not to react impulsively towards an opinion even though we do not agree. In fact, it is our duty to affirm and encourage the people in the group to speak up. More often than not, the problem with group members for not wanting to speak is actually the fear of being ridiculed or embarrassed. Therefore, the key is to assure them that their point may be valid and may even raise an interesting topic for us to discuss if necessary. Being a facilitator does not mean exercising authority all the time or dominating the group discussion, but to 'open up' the members so as to be looked upon as a co-learner.

Even the settings during a discussion may affect group member's feelings! It was concluded that sitting in a circle provides the most conducive environment as it shows equality between facilitators and members.

The task of being a facilitator is not to be an 'answer provider', but to assist the members in finding the answer for themselves. As such, we play the role of being a teacher, guide, coach and leader. There are specific ways of leading a discussion too. First, hierarchical is about being in absolute control of how the discussion should go about, as well as to direct the members to get back on track if the discussion gets off track. This action however stifles initiative. Second, co-operative lowers the facilitator to be part of the team and allows members to have their

say on the topic. This draws on the team's variety of expertise. Finally, autonomous passes on the responsibility to the members to come to a conclusion on the topic discussed. This may however lead to members thinking that we are pushing the role of facilitating to them. Or, concluding that we have the 'don't-care-attitude'. Therefore this requires a certain level of maturity and understanding from facilitator and team.

A good facilitator requires certain virtues like being a good listener, having patience and affirming others. The use of these allow the members to open up and share. Affirmation makes the member feel valued in the discussion. By getting the members to speak up, they may raise points that the facilitator themselves may not have thought of. This promotes learning on both sides. Being a facilitator doesn't mean a problem free discussion. There may be times when a difficult situation may arise and it is our duty not to engage in ugly arguments or personal attacks. This would adversely affect the team's morale and reflect badly on the facilitator as well. Being a facilitator isn't an easy job, we are tasked with various difficulties but there's always to deal with them. What is most satisfying is that we can contribute meaningfully to the growth and development of the people under their care. Facilitating is not that difficult and practice makes perfect. Just like mathematics we practice all the sums and equations; we're to learn to deal with people's emotions and feelings through more practice.

- Samuel Wee

Sister Hedy requested to write an article about my mother who turned 100 recently. God has indeed blessed her spiritually and physically and being the first centenarian in Pasir Panjang Church of Christ. I have been asked by church members what the "secret" to her longevity and mental alertness is. Hedy's interview below will be self-explanatory. — Jessie Chua



AN INTERVIEW WITH A CENTENARIAN — SISTER GOH KHENG GEOK

Hedy Wong: When were you born?
Goh Kheng Geok: 1908

HW: Can you tell us about your family?
GKG: I was married at age 21 and have 4 sons and 2 daughters. Two of my daughters, Bee Har and Jessie worship with me at the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ. I have 7 grandchildren and 9 great grandchildren.

HW: How did you come to know Christ?
GKG: When I was a teenager, I was always interested in Christianity. I enjoyed singing hymns and attended worship services at a denomination church then but stopped attending when it was disbanded many years ago.

Margaret Goh who attended at the Lim Ah Pin Church of Christ was my niece and had been working on Jessie for a long time, to bring her to Christ. She invited Jessie to the church. Margaret's patience paid off when Jessie was baptized at a church camp in Port Dickson, Malaysia where brother Perry Cotham was the keynote speaker at a gospel rally.

Jessie brought me to the Church of Christ that meet at Tanglin Halt. After a year, I was baptized at Punggol (Four Seas College) by brother Kwan Tai Choom.

HW: What is your secret to longevity?
GKG: God keeping watch over me,
Don't bear grudges and be forgiving,
I take some tonic drink in the night

HW: Describe your walk with God.
GKG: I pray the first thing in the morning; I read the Bible as often as I can and wish I had more education so I can understand the Word of God better. Whenever I search for a verse in the Bible (with the help of Jessie), I will seek God's wisdom in understanding it. Jessie taught me about praying for God's wisdom (James 1:5). She told me that if I do not understand God's Words, I have to pray and ask for wisdom in understanding. And that we do not waver or doubt when we pray but leave it to God for His answer in due time.

HW: What advice do you have for us?

GKG: 4 things:

- Remember to pray
- God is real
- God hears us
- Remain faithful

Jessie is very encouraged by her mother who sets the example at home. Sister Goh prays with Jessie and for the family. When Jessie shared Psalm 23 with her, she thanks God for this providential care. Life crisis may come, but the Lord will always be her Shepherd. She believes prayer is powerful and even in the middle of the night when she wakes up,

she will say a prayer. Whenever she prays, she feels an innermost peace. Praying is second nature to her. When she was encouraged to register for the recent church camp, she was very worried that her arthritis may hinder her movements during the trip to Malacca. But she praised God for answering her prayers to enable her to walk without much discomfort.

She is also anxious to go to church on Sundays. On Saturday nights she prepares herself for Sunday worship. She prepares her outfit, her Bible and most importantly her heart to worship God.

- Hedy Wong

My Campus Outreach with Tom Goracke at Wangsa Maju, West Malaysia



Thank you so much for giving me such a wonderful chance to visit Wangsa Maju Church of Christ. It has been a great pleasure to visit. Tom and I arrived here on Tuesday; Steven and Victor picked us up from the bus station. Their hospitality left a very good impression on us. Dino invited me to stay in the church and/or his house after Tom leaves.

They use Bible to teach English to the students here and Tom helped by taking over some of the classes. Some Chinese young ladies went to the church to study and they are usually quite shy. I spoke with them in Mandarin and it seems that they feel more at home at the church now. Now we have become very close friends. They even asked me to teach them mathematics and so we studied together at the church.

I can feel that there are great opportunities to preach the gospel to the college students here as they are willing to study and they are open to us. We have also visited a school where they offered Bible classes to some children from Myanmar. (And they have adult Bible class as well). On Sunday we worshiped the Lord together at the church.

At another church they also offered evening service, but it seemed that they do not have many people as Wangsa Maju Church of Christ. Sometimes we also went to some Christians' house to sing and study together. It was a wonderful experience; I wish I could visit them again in future. Some pictures are attached. I will ask sister Durian to email you as some other pictures are stored in her camera.

Best regards,
Lui Ming Hui