

FOCUS



For the Week of 8th June 2008



Campers, please note:

- Arrive at the church building no later than 7:30am - there is no time to get ready for boarding the coaches if you are late. Like previous years, no waiting.
- Make sure you bring your passport - valid until February 2009. Non-ASEAN guests, make sure you have a visa for Malaysia and multiple entry visa for Singapore.
- Be sure to take your breakfast or pack some snacks and drinks as rest stop will be a few hours away.

All children 5-11 years old are reminded to bring your pencil case, coloured pencils, water bottle and Bibles to the camp.



To All Our Overseas Guests

Thailand

Busabong Limprasutr
Wichak Limprasutr
Busaya Limprasutr
Phichak Limprasutr
Utorn Ja-In
Tantiwa Ja-In
Yoothapan Ja-In
Yoothapoom Ja-In

India

Balaji Edwin
David Illankumaran
Raju Hendry Yosva

China

Benjamin Zhang
Wang Zhangkui Charlie

Philippines

Oscar Manangan
Herieina Espinosa
Christian Espinosa
Samuel Cariaga
Elvira Cariaga

Malaysia

(Direct to Camp)

Dino Roldan
Lim Hoei Tjiang
Elsie Fang
Goh Kim Hua
Hoo Wan Mun Amy
Shee Teck Siang Steven
Roldan Dino Jr Avila
Lim Yuen Yew Beverlyn
Tan Ai Ting



Batam COC - Ladies Retreat 12 July 08 (Sat) @ Waterfront City

Itinerary:

0800 AM (S'pore time) – Assemble at Harborfront
0900 AM (Batam time) - Arrival
0930 – 1000 – Opening session
1000 – 1100 – Lesson 1
1115 – 1200 – Discussion
1200 – 13.00 – Lunch
1300 – 1400 – Lesson 2
1415 – 1500 – Discussion
1500 – 1515 – Closing session
1515 – 1600 – Fellowship
1700 PM – Return home
1900 PM (S'pore time) Arrive Harborfront

Interested? Sign up

by 30 June 08

Fees: S\$30 per person (Subsidised)

For more details, contact Irene Cheang 97323958

PP FAMILY NEWS

We warmly welcome all visitors, especially our many overseas guests to our church camp. Most of them have arrived, many more will be coming. Let's extend to each one the world renown PP hospitality.

Our minister will be sharing the "PP Story" at our morning worship. In the evening, we will hear from our **overseas guests** and enjoy a time of potluck and fellowship together.

Brother Edward and the House Helpers BC are cooking up a storm to honour fathers at PP today. Our ladies and Care teams are also helping out with this special luncheon. Everyone is urged to stay back for this time of fellowship.

There will be no mid-week SPC classes this Wednesday due to the annual church. SPC will resume on 18th June with a new series on 'Bible Characters' by **brother Lim Cher Yam**.

The first 3-day full-time SIBI course, "Servant Leadership" by Dr. Charles Cook continues on 9th and 10th June from 10am to 3pm. This is an example of how SIBI is flexible in meeting the needs of our overseas guests. On the works is also a special full-time session for our youth who are awaiting national service or assignment to institutions of higher learning.



Pictured above are the students of the **recent SIBI course** on the General Epistles with instructor, Dr. Charles Cook. We are all very impressed and encouraged with young John's interest and excellent results at SIBI. At this rate, he will be receiving his B.A. degree before he gets his 'O' levels certificate!

THE PP STORY

Our minister prepared 'the PP Story' two years ago when there was an influx of new transferred members at PP. Originally designed for 3 sessions of class instruction to help new members get a feel for PP, it was merged into one session for 1-on-1 teaching.

Since most of our members have never gone through this series, as well as a fitting introduction for our overseas guests, 'the PP story' is presented from the pulpit for the first time this morning.

Members who want the print copy may get it from our minister.

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 (8th June 2008)

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 119:153-160

Elder Adrian Teo
Alvin Tjipto
Matthew Tng
Michael Yam
Henry Kong
Elder Eric Tan
Richard Leow
HI Team

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 119:161-168
Ban Haw Leong
Elder Eric Tan
Elder William Wong
Overseas Guests
Elder Tan Beng Chuan

Next Week

Henry Kong
Psalm 119:169-176

Henry Kong
Alvin Tjipto
Deacon Paul Lim
Michael Yam
Seah Siow Hwee
Elder William Wong
Jerome Goh
HI Team

Henry Kong
Psalm 121:1-4
Ban Haw Leong
Charles Pang
Ramesh Dhanabalan
Overseas Guests
Elder Simon Goh

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 8th June 2008

- 7:45am Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus begins
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Henry Kong
- 9:30am Bible classes for all ages
- 11am Morning Worship
- 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors



- 12:30pm Father's Day Luncheon
- 1:15pm Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus stops
- 6pm Evening Worship
Overseas Speakers
- 7:15pm Potluck - local favorites

LEADERSHIP

DEVELOPMENT SEMINAR

Topic: Servant Leadership



**Monday, 9th and Tuesday, 10th
June 2008**

- 10am SIBI Full-time Course
- 3pm with Dr. Charles Cook

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- God will provide all our needs for my family in
Philippines - Gina Lomabao
- My headache and hand pains - Chie Gee
- Kate Torejas' tumor in her brain. God mercy and
grace for her. God give me strength, courage
to face all the struggles in life - Mildred Delayan
- God mercy for my brother Ernesto illness - May May Pajota
- My husband to believe and obey Christ in this
coming church camp - Serina Kho
- My coming medical checkup - Carol Kiang
- The recovery of granddaughter, Bianca - Lynda Wee
- God's mercy for me and my job. My employer to
allow me to go to church every week - Ailone
- Travel mercy for my school trip to Taman Negara
this week - Angeline Lau
- All camp participants for travel mercy to Melaka
- William Chong, Richard Wee, Sharon Goh
- Brian's safety in Europe - Maria Velano
- Travel mercy for my trip to Malaysia from 7-14
June - Joyce Tan
- Travel mercy to UK and USA - Lilian Kok
- The medical team at church camp - Lynda Wee

Thank God for:

- My father's and younger sister's baptism last Saturday.
Sending Jhunma and Edward to help them
understand and obey the gospel - Maribel
- Good health and safety of my children and grandchildren
- Aquino Milagros
- Deacon Winston's sermon - elder Eric Tan, William Chong,
Carol Kiang, Mildred Delayan
- Elder Beng Chuan and brother Patrick for leading the
youth to visit my mother and sow the seed of God
to her heart through the lovely singing and
communication with her - Li Li
- A safe and well rested trip to Brisbane - Paul Queks
- Ivan's safe return from Perth - Lee Hocks
- Bringing my schoolmates safely from Perth - Li Jun
- His Mercy and providence - May Pajota

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	101
11am Worship	197
6pm Worship	<u>42</u>
Total:	<u>340</u>

Morning Giving	\$10,721
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 94</u>
Total Contribution	<u>\$10,815</u>



THE *Five* LOVE LANGUAGES

Love Language #3 - Gifts

A short Series by
June Dhanabalan

Here are some tips you can use if your partner's love language is gifts. These thoughts were contributed by members at the recent SPC series on the 5 Love Languages.

- Inexpensive gifts, frequently, with a note placed someplace unexpected to surprise
- Personalized gifts e.g. framed pictures, monogrammed items, t-shirt with the children's photos and hand-written love messages or a CD of my favourite songs
- Themed gifts e.g. 12 gifts for the 12 days of Christmas, cooking lessons with celeb chef, equipment, and quirky apron for keen cook
- Wrap presents beautifully with embellishments to show thoughtful contents and presentation
- Even if the woman picks out the present, present it somewhere meaningful, e.g. at a beautiful beach sunset or over dinner somewhere special
- Make a framed collage or scrapbook of your shared memories with photos, quotes, song lyrics
- Buy the best gift that you can afford - do NOT recycle gifts!
- Send me flowers in the office on days other than Valentine's Day and my birthday
- Get an expert in the area he is interested to give you advice on what is the latest gadget to buy or read specialist magazines for tips

- Get him a special experience e.g. book a few hours at "the cage", Gold Class tickets, rent a sports car for a day
- Do a questionnaire of 'favourites' e.g. food, colour, music groups, restaurant and surprise him with these gifts every month.
- Get gifts on the eve of his birthday, on the day itself, and the day after ('boxing birthday')
- Buy a trio of gifts - to develop his mental acuity (e.g. books, puzzles), physical strength and dexterity (sporting goods, sports apparel) and emotional and artistic sensibility (e.g. art, music CDs, DVD movies)
- Frame up pictures of his family and childhood and create a wall of memories in your home.
- Hire a professional photographer to take casual portraits of your family in your home or a favourite place
- Make 'team shirts' for your family before you go on vacation that you can wear with your family name on the back and favourite numbers.
- Upgrade his car stereo or install a handsfree car kit



Congratulations to brother and sister Wan Fook Weng on your 50th Wedding Anniversary last week. Their children thoughtfully and lovingly marked the occasion with a surprise celebration after the Chinese service last Sunday.



An afternoon with the elderly by Eunice Ong

To think about it, this is my first church outdoor activity which I participated in (if I did not remember wrongly). In any case, I must admit that it was worth the trip. Initially I had badminton training on that morning which happened to end at the time we were supposed to meet in church. Actually, I wanted to back out from the visit to the elderly, but God has His own plans for me. Then, I managed to meet up with the rest of the youths for this visit.

We managed to visit 2 of our elderly. Firstly, was Charmaine Tan's grandmother. She is one of the funkiest grandmothers I come across. Though of an age of eighty plus, she loves to let us know more about her. The way she spoke to us was with good humour and also with such animated spirit. We had great laughs at her big yet cozy home (and filled with scent of Chinese herbs). Our plan for each visit was to start with an opening prayer follow by some songs in Chinese or Hokkien then a chit-chat session and end



off with a prayer. It was during the prayers did we realize that it was indeed a challenge to pray in other dialects other than English. You should go try it out!

After lunch, we went on to visit Alistair's great grandmother. She certainly does not look like an eighty years old lady. It came to me as

a great surprise. We were actually running on a later schedule when we visited her since we

decided to have our lunch first. This was a wrong move because when we arrived, she was ready for her afternoon nap. (It was really the best weather for a nap.) Another problem was that none of us could speak Cantonese which was the granny's language. Thus it was relatively tough to communicate much with her. So, we ended up singing more songs for her, which went well as she soon fell asleep. It was a fine afternoon for us, who love to sing, and for granny, as we loves to listen. Then we had a debriefing before we were sent home.

Although it was only a short afternoon of visitation, I am still grateful for it. We are blessed to have some adults who helped us that day. There was my dad, brother Patrick Ong, who drove us around the whole afternoon and elder Beng Chuan who came with us to give us support and encouragement. I do pray for more activities of this kind in future as not only will these visits enriching for us, it was enjoyable for those who were cared for. Well, more planning should be done to improve on this visit like including church members who can communicate (and pray) using dialects. This also proves that the church youths should learn their dialects too and join such activities.

We can spread the love of Christ to the other end of the age group too!



From Alistair Chong's Viewpoint...

Well, I think that this visit has been really meaningful to all the youth who went. We visited two of our old folks, Charmaine's grandmother and my great-grandmother. We set off from church at around 11am (We had planned to leave at 10, but I was late). We went to Charmaine's grandmother's house first, by the church bus - driven by uncle Patrick.

At first I thought things would be very awkward due to the age and language gap. But when we got there things loosened up very quickly. Charmaine's grandmother opened up very quickly and after singing some songs, we begun to joke and share stories. Charmaine's grandmother really enjoys telling stories and we, well enjoy listening.

The stories mainly involved her past, something about her losing wallets, having things stolen by drug addicts... so on and so forth. Most of the talking was done in Chinese, and thankfully, most of us could speak it reasonable well.

It was a bit hard to talk to her about God as the minute heaven was brought, she seemed to dodge the questions and close up. Other than that, everything went quite smoothly and I think all of us, including Charmaine's grandmother, really enjoyed the time we spent there.

From this I learnt that many of the elderly in church really enjoy the company of other people and to have others to talk to and share their life experiences with. There's just so much we can learn from them, so many experiences that they had in their lives. Many youth nowadays do not really spend a lot of time with the elderly. Therefore I think that more activities and visits such as this should be organised, not only to get to know the elderly people in church better, but to help the youth themselves learn a thing or two.

The old folks in church appear very lonely and I am sure that many would appreciate it if we could give up some of our time for them.



The second visit, was to my house to see my great-grandmother. Stopping by for a short lunch, we headed to my house. Well, this visit was quite different. My great-grandmother is not in very good health, and spends most of the time sleeping. So when we

went there she was very tired and wanted to sleep. Her hearing was also slightly impaired so

she had difficulty understanding our mandarin which was not her main language unfortunately (It was Cantonese).

Due to the language barrier, we had difficulty communicating through her, but thankfully uncle Patrick knew a bit of Cantonese. So we asked her a few things about herself, sang some songs and finally, I pray for her (in English).

This made me realise how lucky we were to have such good health now. My great-grandmother is quite a lonely person, though she lives at my granduncle's place, most of the time they are not at home. This is another reason why our youth should organise more of these visits, to spend more time with the old folks.

Most of us have a lot of free time to go out with friends, watch movies and play computer games at home. Surely we could devote some time to visit these old folks. Regardless of how these visits turned out, I am very thankful to the youth who gave up some of their time to visit my great-grandmother.

God has His purpose and plan for everything. I am guessing He was telling us to be more prepared next time and not give up due to one set back. Maybe next time we could get a translator from the Chinese congregation to come along with us.

After the prayer, we allowed her to sleep and had a debrief in my dining room, discussing on how we could make the next visit better. I think that this visit meant a lot to both of the old folks that we visited and all the youth that participated had shown God's love through themselves.