

FOCUS

For the Week of 22nd June 2008

PP Growing in Hospitality

Most churches in Singapore have annual Bible camps in Malaysian resorts. What makes the annual PP church camp different is the invitation to over 2 dozen regional visitors each year. Over the years, this has become an integral part of the overall camp experience.

The purpose of inviting these church leaders to the camp is to share PP's leadership experience and help them see a functioning church with a team ministry. These Christians return home energised, not only from what they learn but also with new ties formed, relationships forged with various members.

I am touched by the readiness and outpouring of hospitality by our members. PP has grown so much in the area of hospitality and continues to grow in generosity and thoughtfulness.

When I was putting the list of slots available for the Thai and Indian guests, I shared it with several in an email. Within the week, all the slots were filled and I had to decline several offers from members who wanted to take them out.

Some gave cash, others contributed expensive Singapore Flyer tickets. PP members rolled out the red carpet, taking guests to the zoo, night safari, Sentosa and giving of their time to make them feel welcome. It was a hectic week for Nat and myself, as it was for most of us. We enjoyed every minute of it and are looking forward to more of the same - not just next year, but every opportunity we get.

Hospitality builds character and gives life to the church. It blesses us more than we can ever bless the people we reach out to. Thank you PP for modelling the way. **- Henry Kong**



Love Language #5 - Physical Touch

June Dhanabalan

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

- Buy those 2-in-1 'love seats' at the movies so we can cuddle during the movie
- Love me in front of others - hold my hand, put your arm around me in public!
- Waste time on me without any specific goal
- Hold me tight when I cry or am upset.
- Ask me where I like to be touched
- Compliment me on my body e.g. 'I love your soft hands' whilst touching
- Giving me a massage when I've had a tough day. Foot massage when I've been on my feet all day.
- Hugs and kisses before he leaves home
- Familiar bedtime rituals like hugs and kisses
- Giving him a good neck, shoulder and back massage
- Lightly touching him when you pass
- Holding hands whenever you are walking side by side
- Playing 'footsie' under the dining table
- Leaning against him when watching a movie or TV
- Scratching his back
- Running your hands through his hair
- Enthusiastically welcoming him home with hugs and kisses.

Final article in this Series



PP FAMILY NEWS

We rejoice that sisters **Shernise and Clarita** were baptised at the church camp in Malacca. Also, we want to welcome brother Benjamin Foo who has placed membership with PP.



At our morning worship today, **brother Kuek Lee Hock** will speak on the subject of "Standing on God's Promises." Come back at 6pm to hear from his second son, **brother Ivan Kuek** speak on "Contentment".

SPC's new series continues this Wednesday on "**Bible Characters**" by brother Cher Yam at 7:30pm.

There will be a **Singspiration** this Friday, 27th June at 7:30 pm at the home of deacon Paul Lim, 94 Grove Drive. Tel: 64681172. All are welcome.

We appreciate yet another popular series by **sister June Dhanabalan** on the '5 Love Languages' in the Focus which concluded today.

Please Note: The Daily Care is published for our worshippers every last Sunday of the month. Please take just a copy as not deprive others of theirs.

Coming in July:

SIBI course on the Sacrificial System by brother Gerald Paden. July 5-27 (Fri 7-10pm; Sat/Sun 2-5pm).

New combined Sunday 9:30am adult series on the **Book of Galatians** by brother **Lim Cher Yam** starts on 6th July.

New Singing Class by the Daniel Ng family on Sundays at 9:30am starts from 6th July and ends on 28th September. Please register with brother Daniel if you are interested.

AGM 2008 will be held on Sunday, 20th July at 1:30pm. Lunch will be provided.

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 (22nd June 2008)

Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Psalm 121:5-8

Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Kenneth Kuek
Deacon Paul Lim
Kelvin Koo
Kuek Lee Hock
Elder Simon Goh
Louis Lim
HI Team

Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Psalm 122:1-5
Deacon Lim Swee Aun
Jeryl Snider
Nehemiah Tan
Ivan Kuek
Elder William Wong

Next Week

Henry Kong
Psalm 123:1-2

Elder Adrian Teo
Kenneth Kuek
Edward Lee
Kelvin Koo
Deacon Lim Swee Aun
Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Nehemiah Tan
HI Team

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 125:1-2
Ban Haw Leong
Jeryl Snider
Deacon Lim Swee Aun
Deacon Paul Lim
Elder Tan Beng Chuan

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 22nd June 2008

- 7:45am Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus begins
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Kuek Lee Hock

- 9:30am Bible classes for all ages
- 11am Morning Worship

- 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors
- 1:15pm Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus stops

- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Ivan Kuek

Wednesday, 25th June 2008

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



Friday, 27th June 2008

- 7:30pm Singspiration at the home
of deacon Paul Lim,
94 Grove Drive.
Tel: 64681172.
All are welcome

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- Shernise's new life in Christ after her baptism at the camp.
She will grow to be a disciple of Christ - Julie Wee
- Richard Leow's rashes spreading to his ear from his head.
Bless the doctors to find him the right medicine
- William Chong
- Me to be patient and allow God to direct my path
- Keisha George
- Travel mercy for my employers - Maribel Cammayo
- My employer and son safe return from holiday
- Maria Velano
- Health and guidance for my employer, friends and family
- Amparo Tabbeg

Thank God for:

- Mercy and protection from all harm. God heal all who are
sick especially my brother Ernesto and my
employer's mother, Lim Tan Song's well being
- May Pajota
- Clarita for her obedience and baptism in Christ. Pray for
her spiritual growth - Karen Cammayo
- The safe return of all campers - Fook Weng, Grace
Mariaraja, Li Li
- The excellent camp committee and the nursing team of
servant leaders - Li Li, Lynda Wee, Hedy Wong, Paul
Quek, Richard Wee, Doreen Lum
- Refreshing and restoring of our spirit particularly my wife,
Kok Heong and myself - Fook Weng
- His grace and mercy for my mother's health and for all
who prayed for her well being - Ai Choo
- Sister Connie Chee's rededication of herself to do better
as a disciple of Christ. Pray for her to be strengthen
in her faith and discipleship - Patrick, Henry
- Thank God for our safe journey to and from the Camp
in Malacca. My thanks to sister Lynda Wee for taking
good care of me on my shingles and all who prayed
for my recovery - Richard Leow

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	118
11am Worship	214
6pm Worship	<u>58</u>
Total:	390
Morning Giving	\$7688
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 778</u>
Total Contribution	\$8446

Gifts
of Love
to our
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Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1135	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1136	Anonymous	\$600
3RsF 1137	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1138	Chew Chong Lins	\$600

SACRIFICIAL SYSTEM

A study of the Old Testament worship based on the Law of Moses and the concepts of sacrifice and atonement

Instructor: Gerald Paden



Gerald Paden has preached the gospel in many parts of the world, he served for 6 years as a missionary to Italy and has been an instructor in Bible and Missions at Sunset International Bible Institute in Lubbock, Texas for 30 years.



He has taught several times at our associate school in Batam, Indonesia and in July he will teach for us here in Singapore. Gerald is a supremely skilled teacher, dearly loved by his students who are now scattered world-wide proclaiming the Message of Christ.

Gerald will be teaching The Sacrificial System, a study connecting the books of Leviticus in the Old Testament with Hebrews in the New Testament. Each book (Leviticus and Hebrews) will be covered in 2 separate sessions and will be counted as 2 courses. These back to back courses will give you Bible-wide insights you may never have thought of before, you don't want to miss these 2 sessions.

Enrol by filling the attendance cards

July 5th to 27th 2008; Fri (7-10pm) & Sat & Sun (2-5pm) Course

Credits: 3 (Fee: \$20)

Closing Date for Registration: Sunday 30 June 2008

For email registration, please email Patrick Ong at patrick@ppcoc.org



An understanding of the Sacrificial System is key to understanding the Old Testament. We are calling on all our members and Care teams, especially Bible class teachers to sign up. Just as brother Charles excites us with an understanding of Revelations, brother Gerald will uplift us with the insights of the Sacrificial System. Lets break all records on this important course!

Henry Kong, Minister



IMPRESSIONS OF THE JUNE CAMP

One day, Henry and I bought ourselves the latest PDA phone called the HTC Touch Diamond. To quote Henry "It has everything but the kitchen sink". It is small, thin, light and looks gorgeous. The phone has Bluetooth and Wifi and 3.5G. You can send email, SMS, MMS, surf the website, listen to FM radio, store 3,000 songs, has a 3.2 MP camera, calculator, calendar, address book for a few thousand names, weather check, GPS, watch movies, a special Youtube programme and can play games. You can do all these by touching the screen and scrolling with your fingers. Naturally it has become a hot seller. It fulfils a consumer's varied needs. To create an object of desire, the manufacturer must know what consumers want, design something to meet it and sell it at a price that they are willing to pay.

The Church Camp this year is much like the Touch Diamond. It meets the needs of members and visitors as well as achieving a purpose. The organisers have achieved the same level of wisdom and skill as the manufacturers of the Touch Diamond in meeting expectations and needs.

My personal criteria for a successful church Camp are:

1. It must be spiritually uplifting.
2. It should be fun and relaxing.
3. Participants should be able to bond and forge closer relationships.

Spiritually Uplifting

The daily lessons expounded by Charles Cook were deliberately kept brief but achieved their intended purpose of stimulating thoughts on the subject which were skilfully expanded to be included at devotionals, which allowed for purposeful sharing. In fact, some of us continued to debate the lessons after a late night meal over coffee at the hotel lobby. The delivery of the lessons set the tone for the relaxed atmosphere and Charles' cool dressing and demeanour reinforced the atmosphere. As a result of

the lessons and discussions following the lessons, I got to thinking about modifying my speech and actions amongst my non-church friends so as to reflect more of Christ's ways and not to slide into unbecoming behaviour and mannerisms and speech. I associate mostly with business people and their ways sometimes rub off on you, so the camp helped pull me back on track. We all need this as we immerse ourselves in work and forget what we are.

Fun & Relaxing

Prior to going it to Malacca I had misgivings about the choice of Malacca and the hotel in the city as a venue with many distractions. I envisioned such camps to be a away from areas of distraction and with a quiet ambience suitable for quiet contemplation, prayers and fellowship. (Much like a monastery?) I was proven dramatically wrong as the organisers managed to leverage on the venue through appropriate planning and adaptation. First, the hotel, a five star one, was comfortable, able to accommodate a large group and support its activities. This set the tone for a hassle free stay. The Amazing gRace was a clever choice of physical and mental activity that forced those in the team to bond. Malacca with its quaint

narrow streets and shops and great food was the perfect setting for this activity. It was fun and I got to know my team members quite well, some of whom I see every Sunday but hardly spoke to. As there was a lot of time to complete the race and the rules were not punitive, everyone took diversions to shops and food outlets. Although it was a competition, everyone took it in the right spirit of fun. The durian feast was another highlight that underlined the fun element at this year's camp. There was also plenty of free time to cater to individual needs.

Including the youths in our activities and devotions was a very good move as we were able to interact at close quarters and achieve a balance of thinking between young and old. The spontaneous call for all during a lesson to shake hands and hug each other warmed up the entire camp as kind words and loving comments were exchanged. Even meal times were relaxed and because of it very few took advantage of it by not being late for lessons and activities.

Like the Touch Diamond, there was some serious thinking and planning behind the event to make it (device and camp) fun, fulfilling and enjoyable. I am sure there will be a desire to want more of the same

Bonding

There was true bonding – at meal times and at devotional sessions, between foreigners and locals, between young and old. This was made possible by not only the relaxed setting but also the clever threading of lessons and activities - another Touch Diamond feature that allows the user to have fun using it but on a highly technical and serious device. I spent meal times with different people but had the privilege of sharing and discussing the day's lessons at devotionals and fun and games with my devotional team comprising two husband and wife teams and some juniors and other adults. The ladies in my group were more impressive than the men, myself included, for their knowledge, enquiring minds and the desire to get to the crux of a subject.

Like the Touch Diamond, this year's church camp met the needs of what people have been hankering for. To win over their minds and hearts

permanently there must be consistency of purpose, meeting of expectations and recognising the needs of a diverse group of people bound together by its belief in God and His love for us. I am quite sure next year's camp will exceed this year's in attendance and enthusiasm.

I have asked my daughter and her friends in church to sign up next year. I hope, like them, those who stayed away because they did not feel it worth their while to spend a few days of their precious annual holiday quota with members & visitors of the church I would urge them to reconsider and place it above all the other holidays planned for the year and make it part of their yearly quota. It's worth it, like the Touch Diamond! But like the Touch Diamond, planners must ensure consistency in maintaining a successful formula to ensure a constant following.

- Peter Soh



I thank God for the Camp. When I first realized the camp would be in Malacca, I cringed at the thought of prayer walks in the city. But I think it worked out really well.

Based on the feedback I received, I think many described the camp as "a relaxing family camp". Having said that, the room devotions and Amazing gRace exceeded my expectations in its effect. I had the opportunity to bond in a meaningful way with several individuals including Peter (Linda's husband), Dr Lim, Thames (Serina's husband), my own children, and a few others outside my group.

Many thanks to each facilitator and those who were right in the thick of planning the Amazing gRace – Ting Chew, KC, Adrian, Chern Woon, and Kelvin in particular.

The hotel's handover on Wednesday was not ideal, but we got through it. The quality of the rooms made up more much shortfall in food. Thank you Chern Woon for all the organization here.

Overall, I thought the show of love and level of interaction in the Camp was exceedingly high.

Best regards
Deacon Winston Chong



I agree that this is definitely one of the best, if not the best camp at PP.

What made this camp really unique and different (to me)...

1) Relaxed pace that allow people to focus on relationships and spiritual reflections, instead of rushing from discussion to devotions like in previous years. There was more "heart" sharing vs "head" sharing.

2) Amazing gRace went way better than I expected. To be honest, I was a little "too" worried about how it would go and was "splitting hairs" over how it could have been better managed. But sometimes, we limit God's providence and power with our planning and best intentions. Indeed, Amazing gRace could be a permanent highlights in future camps.

3) Revised groupings along family lines. This I believe was a masterstroke. It was refreshing seeing how Christian families work together in both games and devotions. That said, I felt leaving the youths out on the last night was critical and important to allowing the adults to open up more. My group had both Doreen Lum and Cot Espinosa sharing their confessions and rededications. There were tears and heartfelt prayers.

4) Having Charles handle the lessons allowed the elders and deacons focus on the "bigger things" like feeling the pulse of the campers and knowing the hearts on the ground.

Of course, there were "issues" that will need to be worked on for next camps but in the grand scheme of things, I believe that the camp went as well as God intended it to.

Thanks Chern Woon for all the hard work and long hours. Could see more white hairs on you

Kelvin Koo

Yes, this year's camp is a family camp, both for our spiritual and physical family. Plenty of time to talk to each other.

My wife and me were blessed with opportuni-

ties to talk and know several church members better, especially brother Tay YG and his wife; brother Tay is very friendly and warm. I came to know Iris and Ronald Leow better, we shared about our common Christian life and goals, their interest in mission, and our family.



-- The room devotion is so far the best I had experienced. no rush, every one take time to share; my family and I have learned a lot from others. 100% attendance at all sessions.

-- Getting to know the group better. Brother Peng Liam shared wonderful insight, and his prayers honor God and touches our lives, sister Catherine, brother CC Teng and sis Hong Siok shared too. Many good things happened. The sharing were very frank, honest, encouraging and enlightening.

-- Many brothers, e.g. like Richard Leow, Henry Tang & their spouses served well and they enjoyed it. Sister Mee Hoe was called 'Captian' by some sisters on Sunday.

-- Elder William's, Amy Wu's and Connie's rededications moved the heart of God and souls in us.

Praise and glory to God for His grace and encouragement to us.

My family and I like to show our appreciation to all who serve, helping us to grow closer to God, and to our family, also to the members of the body of Christ.

In Christ,
Elder Eric Tan



Our HI group had a different devotion from the hearing.

We used object and activities plus games to bring out the 3Ds camp theme lessons.

It was a 100% attend-

ance participation from every member (13 of them including Siew Gek's husband, Soon Yong).

Devotion begin with writing and collecting of prayers from each individual member. These prayers were later separated into two category: acceptable and unacceptable.

A game on how the devil used 'sin', 'selfishness', 'my way', 'disobedience', and 'doubt' block our prayers from reaching God. The church members come in to block the devil from interferring.

On discipline, we put on an act by two HI members behaving in Christian and unchristian attitude at various situation. The HI were excited because they felt related to their real life. We had an intense and active discussion. At the end of the lesson, we had a confession session.

Discipleship began with a game collecting worldly needs and wants. These wants tied them up so that they are unable to serve God. By cutting off those worldly wants, we are free to pick up the cross and serve God. This is followed by adhering to Jesus' teaching -- washing of one another feet (live demo).

The camp is a success because the HI members understood the 3Ds camp theme this year.

To God be the glory!

We want to say a big thank to the Camp committee for job well done.

God bless all,
Patrick & Judy Ong

This year's camp is by far one of the best.



For me it was the most relaxing camp - I had no duties - simply sat back and enjoyed the fruits of labour of the committee.

I tried to sit with different folks at each meal time - to get to know them better.

The program is well designed and thought out.

I am so encouraged by all those who worked towards the success.

Am sure there were lots of sacrifices and the Lord has blessed them with wisdom in the planning.

It is also very wise of the committee to involve members like Henry Tang , Mee Hoe, Richard and Linda Leow - as bus captains.

I have personally witnessed the spiritual growth of Mee Hoe and Linda - and they in turn encouraged their husbands.

Mee Hoe was made a facilitator in the Ladies class discussion group - and she did a very good job.

The lesson we learn is to engage them and they will rise to the occassion.

On Sunday morning , Mia Cher was distributing thank you cards - which showed how much work had been in put in by this couple.

GOD has been so kind and gracious - He has blessed us abundantly and took care of us every step of the way - the weather was in our favour all the time

TO GOD BE THE GLORY

Hedy Wong



This year's camp was really, really good. I will go as far as to say, the best so far.

Most congregations in Singapore go to resorts for camps, so PP's camp is no different except for the great hospitality of overseas guests. I am so touched by the outpouring of hospitality that I wrote a cover article in today's Focus. Now there is a SIBI sector at the camp period, the June PP camp is really value added.

Henry Kong