

FOCUS

For the Week of 18th May 2008



What the Church Needs Now: True Leadership

While there are many things that have changed in church work, the foundation of true leadership remains unchanged - servant leadership.

Jesus spells it out in no uncertain terms in Mark 10:44-45 *"And whosoever of you will be the chiefest, shall be servant of all. For even the Son of man came not to be ministered unto, but to minister, and to give his life a ransom for many."*

Just in case we did not understand His words, Jesus illustrated it in John 13:4-17: *"He riseth from supper, and laid aside his garments; and took a towel, and girded himself. After that he poureth water into a bason, and began to wash the disciples' feet, and to wipe them with the towel wherewith he was girded... So after he had washed their feet, and had taken his garments, and was set down again, he said unto them, Know ye what I have done to you? Ye call me Master and Lord: and ye say well; for so I am. If I then, your Lord and Master, have washed your feet; ye also ought to wash one another's feet. For I have given you an example, that ye should do as I have done to you."*

Bottomline: There is a great need for true leaders at PP - not directors or managers. We need people who are ready to roll up their sleeves, humble themselves, go out in the highways and byways to visit, comfort and wash the feet of one another.



THE
Five LOVE
LANGUAGES

Love Language #1 - Words of Affirmation

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

- Praise me for doing something right, "I'm proud of you for..."
- Specifically list things I've done that you appreciate, and why. Acknowledge difficulties I've had to overcome to accomplish these achievements. "It's great that... I know it was difficult..."
- Share with me your feelings and ask me how I feel in return
- Send me Love messages (via sms or hide them in my handbag or briefcase!)
- Buy greeting cards that convey your sentiments if you find them hard to express
- Brag about my accomplishments in front of others. "Did you know... got a promotion?"
- Buy an ad in a magazine he reads expressing how you feel (use your special pet name for him if you are shy!)
- Leave a post-it or note in a new place every week e.g. wallet, briefcase, laptop screen
- Make tapes with messages and favourite songs before he goes on a trip, with recordings of the children, etc. to take along
- Leave messages of love on his voicemail
- Send postcards when you are about to leave on a trip without him, mail them before you get on the plane from the airport so he will receive them when you are away.
- Instead of nagging/threatening/scolding, try "Could you please (or please don't...) because.....(reason) and it makes me feel..... when you do that". If you get the desired behaviour, positively reinforce it with, "Thank you. It makes me feel like....."



Our minister will speak at our morning worships today on the subject of "God Created Man after His Own Image". In the evening, **deacon Li Chhoan** will exhort the congregation on the title "Summer Harvest".

We warmly welcome our returning visitor, **brother Kevin Starr** to Singapore. As with the previous trip, he will be leading songs at our 11am service. Since last week, the announcements are made by the person who leads the call to worship.

This morning after the announcements, the SIBI board will be presenting **certificates of completion** for those who have taken the previous 3 SIBI courses for credit. Congratulations to all the successful candidates.

Families are asked to check on their children at Bible classes and to sit with their children at worships. *"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* - Proverbs 22:6.

PP FAMILY NEWS

Camp registration is now at 338! The camp tees are here and will be released with the camp book soon. In the meanwhile, please take a look at the tentative bus and rooming list. Please let brother Chern Woon, the camp committee or our church staff know if your name is missing.

Many thanks to the **Ronald Leows** for the wonderful act of service to recognise our mothers last Sunday. PP is a great church because of members like these who exemplify true leadership by serving.

Our reference library has merged with the SIBI library. **Sister Tamara Cook** is our new librarian, assisted by brother Patrick Ong. Already, the shelves are filled with a rich resource of atlases, lexicons, commentaries etc - classics, standards and modern. Brother Charles Cook will be bringing in more books to build this library into one of the finest in this region. Our preacher has donated a Sony VCR cum TV to play the collection of hundreds of VCR tapes, some of which will be converted into DVDs.

Sister Emily and her family want to thank the church for the support and conducting the song services and funeral at the recent loss of her mother, sister Goh Soh Kim.

MEN to SERVE for this Week and the Next

Worship Service	Today (18th May 2008)	Next Week
8am		
Call to Worship:	Paul Quek	Elder Adrian Teo
Scripture Text:	Psalm 119:105-112	Psalm 119:121-128
11am		
Call to Worship:	Elder Tan Beng Chuan	Elder Adrian Teo
SR/OP:	Paul Lee	Deacon Li Chhoan
S. Leader:	Kevin Starr	Jason Ng
Communion:	Chew Chong Lin	Peter Lim
Preacher:	Henry Kong	Charles Cook
Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder William Wong	Elder Adrian Teo
i/c Auditorium	Cheng Yi	Louis Lim
i/c Balcony	HI Team	HI Team
6pm		
Call to Worship:	Elder Tan Beng Chuan	Elder Adrian Teo
Scripture Text:	Psalm 119:113-120	Psalm 119:129-136
SR/OP:	Ban Haw Leong	Deacon Swee Aun
S. Leader:	Jeryl Snider	Charles Pang
Communion:	Nehemiah Tan	Elder William Wong
Preacher:	Deacon Lim Li Chhoan	Jeryl Snider
Closing Prayer:	Elder Eric Tan	Elder Adrian Teo

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 18th May 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
- 1:15PM Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus stops



- 2:00pm SIBI class on General Epistles by Dr. Charles Cook
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Deacon Li Chhoan

Wednesday, 21st May 2008

- 6:00pm Dinner fellowship
- 7:30pm The 5 Love Languages: Acts of Service with elder Adrian Teo



Families are encouraged to check on their children at the Bible class hour and worship together during the church service

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please Pray for:

- Brother Jeryl's success in finding a job in Singapore - Richard Wee
- My children and family's good health in the Philippines - Ailone V. Garo
- My family and employer's good health - Amparo Tabbeg
- God's blessing upon all mothers at PP to study and pray with their little ones daily at home and to bring them up in the salvation and discipleship of the Lord - Lilian Kok
- The health and well being of the Myanmar people and the children's illness in China - Rudy, William Chong
- Hui Ting's grandmother's health - Rudy
- Sam's health - Rani Ponnusamy
- Magdalene's trip to Chiangmai for a month-long community project - Li Mei
- Safe return of Rosalind Lee from Beijing on 26th May - Caroline Ang
- God's guidance to help me in my work and time management - Jeremy Tng
- Members of the Ho Chi Minh City church and the leadership - Pearly Kwa
- Charles and Tamara Cook's health and well being while they do the Lord's work in Singapore. Emily to be strong for the loss of her beloved mother - Sandra Chan

Thank God for:

- His mercy and providence. May God strengthen the faith of my family and friends especially those newly baptized believers in Christ - May Pajota
- Brother Cher Yam's sermon - Soo Lang, elder Eric Tan, William Chong
- My mother's recovery from ear pain - See Mui
- Jeryl for preparing lunch for the house helpers class. God grant him a new job in Singapore - Maribel
- A warm, sincere and loving reception - Theresa Wong
- My job to help support my family and my employer's kindness to me - Mercy Magaso

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	134
11am Worship	194
6pm Worship	29
Total:	357
Morning Giving	\$8661
Evening Giving	\$ 685
Total Contribution	\$9346

Gifts of Love to our 3Rs Fund*

Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1124	Anonymous	\$600
3RsF 1125	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1126	In loving memory of the late sister Goh Soh Kim	\$500
Mf	Anonymous	\$10,000



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**PROPOSED COURSES
2008 - APRIL 2009**



Current Course - General Epistles: James, 1st & 2nd Peter
Dr. Charles Cook on May 2 – 24 2008 (weekend schedule) - 3 credits

June 2008 - Servant Leadership (Leadership Seminar)
Dr. Charles Cook on June 7 – 10 (full-time day course)

June 2008 - Philippians: Our Joy In Christ (June Camp Seminar)
Dr. Charles Cook on June 11-14 (Camp) - 2 credits

July 2008 - Sacrificial System: Book of Hebrews
Dr. Gerald Paden on July 4-9 (weekend schedule + 3 nites) - 3 credits

Aug - Sept 2008 - Bible History 1: (Genesis – Judges)
Dr. Charles Cook on Aug 8 – Sept 7 (weekend schedule) - 3 credits

Oct – Nov 2008 - Bible History 2: (Ruth – Esther)
Dr. Charles Cook on Oct 3 – Nov 9 (weekend schedule) - 3 credits

Oct 2008 - Mission Seminar (To be scheduled)
Dr. Mark Hooper - 2 credits

Jan 2009 - Life of Christ (tentative) - Dr. Nat Cooper - 3 credits

April 2009 - Scheme of Redemption: Book of Galatians
Dr. Ed Wharton - 3 credits

Note: all 3 credits courses must meet for 36 hours of class time, all 2 credits for 24 hours of class time... adjustments will be made for Seminar Classes