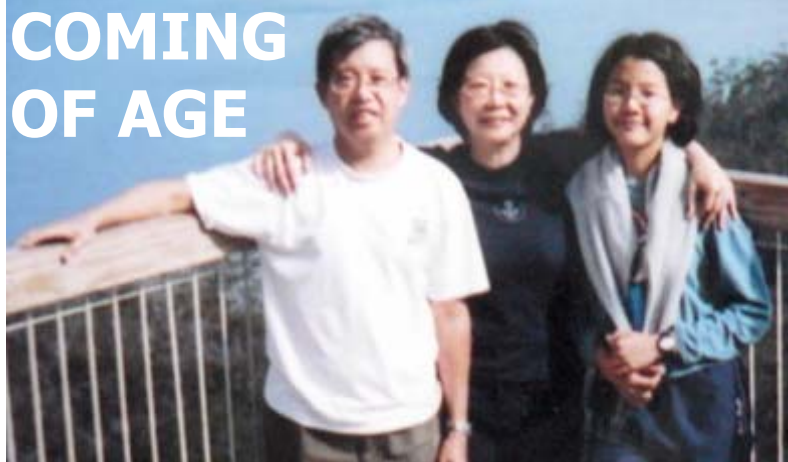


FOCUS

For the Week of 9th November 2008



The CPF Board was the first to offer me birthday wishes. Along with that letter came advice as to how to use my retirement funds.

The current life expectancy for an average healthy Singaporean woman is 85. Wow! That means I have 30 more years to live provided the Lord delays His return and that He will continue to bless me with good health. That's a worrying thought.

I take comfort in the scriptures. In Matthew 6:19-24, Jesus in His sermon on the mount, encouraged His disciples to lay not their treasure on earth but lay their treasures in heaven. In Matthew 6: 25-34, Jesus also encouraged us not to worry but to seek Him first. In 1 Timothy 6:6-8 "Now Godliness with contentment is great gain. For we brought nothing into this world and it is certain we can carry nothing out. And having food and clothing with these we shall be content."

Most Singaporeans have been so blessed with abundance. So much so sometimes, we do not know what to eat or what to wear because we are spoilt for choice. With age comes responsibility. In Titus 2:3-5, instructions were given to older women. We older women have this responsibility of teaching younger women.

What legacy do we leave behind? I would like to be a Eunice or someday be a Lois. I would wish to be remembered as a woman of faith and not a "woman of substance", or possessions, in the worldly context.

We are never too old to serve the Lord. The Lord told Joshua in Joshua 13:1, Now Joshua was old, advanced in years. And the Lord said to him, "you are old, advanced in years and there remains very much land yet to be possessed". Luke 2:36 cites the example of Anna, a prophetess who was still serving in the temple when she was 84 years old. I affirm along with Joshua in Joshua 24:13 "But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" – **Hedy Wong**



"Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him; and a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Ecclesiastes 4:11-12

As we have done for many years, today we release the pocket calendar for next year. With the calendar is our theme for 2009, taken from Ecclesiastes 4:11-12.

"Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone?"

First, the theme starts with the individual who wants to be warm. As elder Adrian exhorted us last Sunday, we must resolve and want to do better in 2009.

"Again, if two lie together, then they have heat: but how can one be warm alone? And if one prevail against him, two shall withstand him..."

Next, this individual must want to connect with another. It can be a prayer partner, Care team member or your spouse. As deacon Winston has said time and time again, we need to seek accountability in the way we live out our faith.

"And a threefold cord is not quickly broken."

Finally, we look to the family unity as we reach out and build the church. No longer should we focus just on the individual but work together with the entire family to build basic core support for every member. This family outreach was emphasized at our recent Missions Resource Network seminar and well received by all present.



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Above: Early risers at the airport on Thursday to send off elder Eric to USA to raise funds and speak at various churches. Deacon Winston will be available to elder Eric's zone members whenever he is out of town.

We welcome our many visitors who are with us today. Recent visitors include the David Maynard family, Jim and Pam from Texas, Nicolas, Denise and Lorene Paulo. Lets greet our visitors and get to know them.

Brother Seah Siow Hwee will speak on the subject of "Making Things Right When Things Go Wrong" at the morning services today. This is an introduction to the upcoming combined adults series from the book of the same name by brother Paul Faulkner. The new series by brother Siow Hwee will begin on 30th November.

Come back tonight at 6pm to hear **deacon Li Chhoan** speak on the subject of "In the Winter of Life". This is part of his popular "four seasons" series of lessons. We look forward to publishing the sermon in a future edition of FOCUS.

SIBI's 3-Sunday Equipping course by brother Tom Goracke starts today at the Youth I classroom. All youth and young adults are encouraged to attend this class from 1:30pm-3:30pm. Packet lunches will be provided for all attending.

Wangsa Maju mission team will be collecting used clothing and toys for refugee children from Myanmar throughout the month of November. Many already brought their donations last Sunday. Contact sister Bernice at 81882708 for more information.

Our minister is working with brother Geoffrey Kiang to organise 4 home prayer fellowships on the last Saturday of each month from February to May 2009. If your home is available please let either of them know.

We are excited as the **Couple's Retreat** is just 10 days away - 20-22 November. See sisters Hong Ngee or Michelle Siew if you and your spouse would like to attend, but have not signed up yet. There are still a few rooms available at this time - hurry!

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 9th November 2008

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Seah Siow Hwee
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 11am Morning Worship
- 1:30pm SIBI Equipping Course
Session #2
For Youth and Young Adults with brother Tom Goracke
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: deacon Li Chhoan

Monday, 10th November 2008

- 10:00am SIBI Evangelism Course
@ Tom's SIBI Office

Wednesday, 12th November 2008

- 10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study
with brother Charles Cook
- 7:30pm SPC series on "Relationship Responsibilities"
by brother Tom Goracke

Sunday, 16th November 2008

- 1:30pm SIBI Equipping Course
Session #2
For Youth and Young Adults with brother Tom Goracke

FAMILY CONCERNS

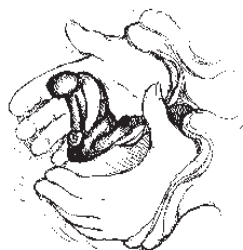
Please pray for:

May Pajota's return to Philippines - Edward
My dizzy spells and better health - Linda Kho
My brother, Johnsten's safety in his field camp
- Audrey Wee
Me to resolve to live a faithful Christian life of love and obedience - Soo Lang
Emilia that she will return to church service on her off day. Karen's health - Maribel
Me as I prepare to go for my bunion surgery on 10th November - Jenny Kwa
Good health - Precious Gomez
Sister Chong's health and nose cancer checkup on 6th November - William Chong

Thank God for:

Elder Adrian's sermon - William Chong, Patrick, Rudy, Henry Kong
Kenneth Koh's sermon - Patrick Ong
A safe holiday to Malaysia - Joyce Tan
His mercy and providence for my family, friends and employers. Travel mercy for me and wisdom for my faith to face trials in my life - May
Thank you all for your visits, prayers and gifts during my recent hospitalisation - Ee Kai

Please note that every prayer request will be petitioned before the throne of Grace by our elders in their weekly prayer sessions on Sundays at 5pm. If you want your request to be mentioned at our assemblies, please hand it to our minister before the start of the service.



FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	112
11am Worship	212
6pm Worship	43
Total:	367
Morning Giving	\$10,265
Evening Giving	\$ 113
Total Contribution	<u>\$10,378</u>

Gifts of Love to our 3Rs Fund*

Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1193	Anonymous	\$1,600
3RsF 1194	Anonymous	\$ 50
MF 0721	Peggy Phua	\$200
MF 0722	Nancy Tan	\$300

* Renovation, Repair and Relocation Fund



*For the full month's listing, look up the Notice Board
For up to the whole year's listing, log in at ppcoc.org/men.htm*

MEN to SERVE at All Services for this Week and the Next

Please call the church office by Wednesday if you cannot serve

Worship Service

8am

Scripture Text:

11am

Call to Worship:

SR/Prayer of Praise:

S. Leader:

Communion:

Preacher:

Shepherd's Prayer:

Ushers i/c

Assistants

Balcony

6pm

Call to Worship:

Scripture Text:

SR/Prayer of Praise:

Song Leader:

Communion:

Preacher:

Prayer of Petition:

Today (9th November)

Elder Adrian Teo

Psalm 24:3-6

Elder Adrian Teo

Deacon Terry Wan

Shawn Li

Peter Lim

Seah Siow Hwee

Elder Simon Goh

Kenneth Kuek

Daniel Ong

Daniel Goh

Johsten Seah

Hans Ng

Adrian Koo

HI Team

Elder Adrian Teo

Psalm 24:7-10

Ban Haw Leong

Edward Lee

Tom Goracke

Deacon Li Chhoan

Elder Simon Goh

Next Week

Henry Kong

Psalm 25:1-3

Henry Kong

Kenneth Kuek

Deacon Paul Lim

Deacon Li Chhoan

Lim Cher Yam

Elder William Wong

Jeronme Goh

Darren Chan

Kwa Chia Rhun

Jeremy Tng

Ivan Kuek

Timothy Chew

HI Team

Henry Kong

Psalm 25:4-7

Tom Goracke

Charles Pang

Ramesh D

Liu Minghui

Elder William Wong



Instructions to our Songleaders

- If you can hear your own singing, you are drowning the congregational singing - step away from the microphone
- There is no need to announce the invitation/giving song numbers - it will be flashed on the screen
- Please email/sms your song numbers to patrick@ppcoc.org and tbthng@hotmail.com by Friday noon.