

FOCUS

our 4th 5th year

For the Week of 5th April 2009



Camp Rooming List Released Today Cut off date this Friday at the Retreat

The adults' camp rooming list is released today in the insert of this newsletter. The youth rooming list will be released next week. Members are encouraged to sign up by the cut-off date this Friday. After this date, all registrations will not be guaranteed and will be considered on a case-by-case basis.



Bring the Whole Family; Invite Your Friends:
Join us for Breakfast and a Movie
This Friday 10th April at our Retreat

The church is using the Civil Service College at Buona Vista so that we can really enjoy the movie, 'Flywheel' in a theatre environment. We will begin at 8:30am with Ah Beng's famous breakfast. After a rousing devotion, we will enjoy an exciting movie designed for everyone in the family. Elder Winston will lead the discussion after the movie. We will dismiss by 12:30pm. Please refer to the map on the last page.



Gents' Restrooms will be completed next week

The newly renovated ladies' restroom has been in use since last week. Our men's restroom will be completed next week. Thank you for your patience and cooperation during the renovation.

Especially, we appreciate the efforts of our staff, sister Annie and brother Barnabas for supervising this project and cleaning up each weekend so it would be tidy when the church comes together.

Brother Terence Kho was the contractor responsible for the excellent workmanship. His 'A' team was always at the church building bright and early and worked efficiently and quietly throughout the project.

Now that the ladies have a nicer, brighter restroom with lots of hooks and shelves, we want to caution users not to leave anything behind. In the first hours of the completion of the ladies' restroom, sister Hedy found a handphone left behind. Please inform our staff if you have found or lost anything.



PP FAMILY NEWS

We warmly welcome our visitors at our services today. Get to know Mac and Constance who hail from Nigeria, Africa. They are presently engaged in a 3-year IT programme.

The new ladies' restroom is now ready for use. Men, please exercise patience for another week as the gents' restroom will be ready for use by Wednesday.

John Massie will be speaking on the subject of "Faith is a logical conclusion" at our morning services today. In the evening, our minister will speak on 'I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord' at 6pm.

Today the 9:30am combined adults' class will embark on a 12-week series on "God in the Marketplace" by brother Peter Lim and his team.

A cappella singers, please collect your lunch orders from sister Betty at the lobby today. Members are encouraged to join in the monthly a cappella singing this afternoon at 1:30pm.

In view of the a cappella singing, the SIBI course on the Scheme of Redemption by brother Ed Wharton will begin at 3:00pm today.

On Wednesday, brother John Massie will teach at both the Open Bible Study (10am) and SPC (7:30pm) on the subject of Christian Evidences.

Join us this Friday morning, 10th April for our annual retreat at 8:30am. We will begin with a breakfast at the Civil Service College (31, North Buona Vista Road, opposite the Buona Vista MRT). The main event is a family movie, 'Flywheel'. Come with the whole family; invite your friends along.

Members are encouraged to sign up for the church camp (10-13 June) by the cut-off date this Friday. After this date, campers will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The adult's camp rooming list is released today in the insert of this newsletter. The youth rooming list will be released next week.

Care teams: please be prepared to divert your meetings for 7 weeks starting April 22 to Wednesday's SPC so that every member may be present for SPC's major 2009 series. Elder Adrian will be conducting this year's series on "Christlike Character Development".

The final '2 are better than 1' seminar for couples on April 25 will be cancelled if we do not get the minimum required number confirmed by tonight.

Worship Service	Today (5 Apr)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Psalm 68:32-35	Psalm 71:5-8
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder Adrian Teo Vincent Lim Valmond Teng Michael Yam John Massie Elder Tan Beng Chuan	Henry Kong Kenneth Koh Daniel Ng Lam Chern Woon Ed Wharton Elder Winston Chong
Ushers Balcony	Jeronme Goh HI Team	Kenneth Kuek HI Team
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Elder Adrian Teo Psalm 71:1-4 Ban Haw Leong Kenneth Leow Elder William Wong Henry Kong Elder Simon Goh	Henry Kong Psalm 73:21-25 Youth Service Kenneth Leow Elder Beng Chuan

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 5th April 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: John Massie
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
New adults combined series on "God at the Marketplace" with Peter Lim and his team
- 11am Morning Worship
- 1:30pm A cappella Singing with Daniel
- 3:00pm SIBI course on Scheme of Redemption with Ed Wharton
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Henry Kong

Wednesday, 8th March 2009

- 10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study on Christian Evidences with brother John Massie
- 7:30pm SIBI Open Bible Study on Christian Evidences with brother John Massie

Friday, 10th April 2009



- 8:30am Retreat starts with breakfast
Venue: Civil Service College
- 7pm SIBI course on the Scheme of Redemption with brother Ed Wharton

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

My root canal tooth surgery - Ron Tong
 Xiao'ou, a student at NUS suffering from critical illness - visitor Barbara, Minghui
 My children that they are in good health and for their well being - Aquino Milagros
 God to help me trust in His love and care - Soo Lang
 Nicole Siew's recuperation from her surgery this past Tuesday - Henry and Nat

Thank God for:

Elder Winston's sermon - Eileen Lim, See Mui, Maribel, Fook Weng, Josephine Seow
 Brother Minghui's sermon - Hedy Wong, Patrick, Henry Kong
 Taking care of me at work despite my company's restructuring exercises - Stephanie Kiang
 Successful eye surgery and recovery of my eyes - deacon Li Chhoan
 A great 3 months in 2009. For the slew of activities by so many - SIBI internship, Batam Medical missions, elder Eric's full-time missions in China, Couples seminars etc - Henry Kong
 Ely that God watch over her and her work - Maribel
 Brother Daniel Ng for conducting the singing revision class - Josephine Seow
 Giving me grace and hope. Pray for strength to work for my children. May the Lord give them health and help them to study well. Please watch over them wherever they go - Mercy

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	110
11am Worship	170
6pm Worship	<u>52</u>
Total:	<u>332</u>
Morning Giving	\$8,211
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 750</u>
Total Contribution	<u>\$8,961</u>



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1240	Anonymous	\$200
3RsF 1241	Anonymous	\$300
3RsF 1242	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1243	Anonymous	\$400
3RsF 1244	Chew Chong Lins	\$500
3RsF 1245	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1246	Anonymous	\$400



Adults' Rooming List for 2009 Church Camp

Please direct all queries to Camp Director
Brother Lam Chern Woon

Chiew Yen Jill Yeo Jared Yeo	Wee Meng Jenny Tan Austin Tan Aaron Tan	Peng Liam Catherine Leow Lauren Leow Caleb Leow	Swee Aun Lai Fun Christine Lim	Ivy Tan Dorothy Tay Sarah Choong
Caroline Ang Keng Geok	Lai Yook Kim Teo	Winston Chong Hong Ngee	Beng Chuan Richard Wee	Mildred Adelma
Tang Lai Fong Yuen Chin	KC Cheang Minghui	Sharon Goh Soo Lang	Soon Yong Siew Gek	Ronald Leow Iris Leow
Woon Ching Chen Ting	Ee Kai Florence Ng	Chin Soon Mabel Koh	Richard Leow Linda Leow	David Yee Elizabeth Yee
William Wong Hedy Wong	Daniel Ng Betty Ng	Simon Goh Wai Leng	Josephine Seow Joyce Tan	Patrick Ong Judy Ong
Yong Kwang Carolyn Tay	Cheng Chong Hong Siok	Edward Lee Rosalind Lee	Charles Cook Tamara Cook	Yen Peng Ann Loo
Terry Wan Emily Wan	Molly Fang Jenny Kwa	Keisha Shirly	Chern Woon Mia Cher	Mak Kok Meng Evelyn Lim
Tom Goracke Nancy Goracke Jaydon Goracke Shayla Goracke	Kelvin Koo Hwee Yee Baby Koo	Doreen Lum Chery Li Carmen So Caryn So	Louis Sagun Lim Jovy Fernandez Crisselle Lim Lourvie Lim	Jonalthan Alberto Janet Baggao Angela Baggao Jerico Baggao
Sandra Gandhi Molly Ponnu	Audrey Pang Julie Wee	Jason Ng Alvin Tjipto	Adrian Teo Doreen Teo	
Geoffrey Kiang Carol Kiang	Lay Kiaw Elaine Koh	Peter Lim Elmer A Palacio	Lynda Wee	Eileen Lim Mimi Ng
Woo Tai Shiu Khuin	Dino Roldan Erwin Panday	Samuel Thang Joel Madiki	Joe Swamy Philemon	Lim Hoei Tjiang Elsie Fang
Raja Audrey	Sonny Catalan Gina Samonte	Victor Soh Bee Suan	Henry Kong Nat Kong	See Mui Kim Mui

Youth Listing will be published next week

Please sign up before Friday, 10th April 2009



LET'S TALK ABOUT THE WEATHER

By Hedy Wong

The topic of weather is ever so popular. We talk about it all the time, talk about it when we run out of things to say, or talk about it when we try to strike a conversation with some new acquaintances.

Shawn talked about it when he reported on his recent Tuao trip. I remember him saying – the Lord held the rain at bay so that the team could go about their outdoor activities.

Ever so often I will pray for good weather. Especially during the rainy season, my usual Sunday morning prayer will be for the Lord to hold the rain so that we will not be hampered from going to church. More often than not this prayer is answered. And when it rains during service, my next prayer will be – Lord, please stop the rain on time so that we can all go for our lunches and to our homes.

Our Lord our great God is Lord over nature.

Two years ago, I was involved in organizing a golf tournament to raise funds for a school. As all golfers would know, the weather is of utmost importance.

As the day of the tournament drew nearer, I engaged all my believer friends to pray not only for the success of the tournament but also for good weather.

Among the organizing committee were some non-believers including the chairman.

I have made known to the committee and the school principal that some of us had been praying.

The day of the tournament came. Oh no! It started to rain in the morning. I prayed fervently. I told the Lord, "Lord please hold the rain, I need to let my non-believer friends know of your almighty power." I took comfort that the early rain would provide cool weather.

When we arrived at the golf club, the rain slowed to a drizzle. Happy golfers reported for their flights. We were giving away golf umbrellas. Some asked – you mean it is going to rain? I confidently said "No – it is for your future use" – I thought, "I have too much at stake." Somehow I had the faith that the Lord will answer my prayers.

The Lord was gracious. That day's weather was simply lovely for golfers. They enjoyed cool weather with a light cool breeze.

The Lord did not fail me. We raised a record sum for the school. But for me, I felt victorious not because I scored a hole in one (btw I am not a golfer) but that my non-believer friends witnessed the power of our prayers. The chairman in his annual report did mention that some ladies in the organizing committee helped by praying and that our God did answer our prayers.

I take comfort in that some of my friends now recognize the existence of God. The school principal has since given me a new name as a "prayer warrior". To God be the glory.