

FOCUS

Happy
Birthday,
Singapore



For the Week of 9th August 2009



From our Minister's Desk:

While the Nation celebrates
our 44th Birthday,
PP is preparing to celebrate
our 45th Anniversary

It is hard to believe that 45 years have passed, since brother Ong Aun Nam led a group of teenagers to start a new congregation at Queenstown.

The Lord has watched over, protected and blessed this work through the years. Certainly we cannot claim any credit as we did not have the wisdom, education, money or experience to do anything much.

So we look forward to Sunday, October 25 to celebrate our anniversary. For the occasion, we are hosting a grand dinner on Friday, 23rd October from 6:30pm-10:30pm.

Many of us remember what a great time we had when we celebrated our 40th Anniversary at the IMM Building. Many members reserved an entire table for their family and friends.

This time, we are fortunate to be able to reserve the spacious Dragon Gate Restaurant at the nearby Harbourfront Centre, just next to the Vivo City Shopping Mall with ample parking at both buildings including the two URA car parks across the road.

The restaurant is well known for its dian xin and Chinese specialities. The cost is affordable, just \$33 per head. Take a look at the variety of dishes in the 8-course menu on the right.

We look forward to a great time of fellowship and thanksgiving. Please book early to avoid disappointment.

PP's 45th
Anniversary Dinner
23rd October 2009 (Friday)
6.30pm – 10.30pm
at
Ballroom B of
Dragon Gate Restaurant,
#04-01 HarbourFront Centre
(pls use lifts at Lobby C)
Singapore 099253

Cost: \$33 per head

Menu

- 1) Five Kinds of Garnish Dish Combination
- 2) Braised Shark's Fin with Crab Meat
- 3) Deep Fried Boneless Chicken with Mango in "Thai Style"
- 4) Steamed Live Seabass in Hong Kong Style
- 5) Baked Special Spare Ribs in Sauce
- 6) Braised Two Kinds of Mushrooms with Spinach
- 7) Fried noodles in Hong Kong Style
- 8) Chilled Honey Dew and Sago

Please book a place by signing up on the poster at the window of the church office. Reservations are confirmed when payment is made.

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PP FAMILY NEWS

SIBI full-time students, David, Michael, John and Joseph were presented to the congregation by elder Winston. They left us for home this past week with fond memories and much knowledge gleaned from SIBI. Elder Adrian covered them with a special prayer.

We want to welcome our many overseas students who are back for the holidays. It is so good to see you at PP again. We have enjoyed having **Dr. Jih-Han Hsieh** at PP for many months, and lately his family as well. They will be returning to USA this week and can be contacted at jihhanhsieh@gmail.com.

We are opening reservations for our **45th Anniversary Dinner** on Friday, 23rd October at the famous Dragon Gate Restaurant at Harbour Front Centre. Sign up at the posters on the window of the church offices.

Brother Lim Cher Yam will speak on "Heaven is the Home of the Redeemed" at our morning worships today. Come back at 6pm to hear our minister, **brother Henry** present the National Day sermon.

With this bulletin is **elder Adrian's report** on his trip to Myanmar. Drop an email to patrick@ppcoc.org if you want more information by joining the PPMYIG (PP Myanmar Interest Group).

SIBI's class on '**Homiletics**' by **Charles Cook** will continue from 2-5pm this afternoon. This weekend class will end on 23rd August. Highly recommended for teachers and preachers.

Please cover **the HZ team** of elder Eric, brother Vincent and sisters Doreen and Alice in your prayers. We invite all members who are interested in the China work to join the PPCIG Google group (PP China Interest Group) - send your email to patrick@ppcoc.org with the heading: "PPCIG".

Join us **this Wednesday at 10am** for SIBI's Open Bible Study on the book of Romans by brother Charles Cook. **At 7:30pm** brother Cher Yam will continue on the parables of Jesus at the auditorium.

The **Greeters Ministry** overseen by deacon Swee Aun is working with Care Teams to involve more members in this good work. All Care team coordinators please coordinate with deacon Swee Aun at 91732100.

Worship Service	Today (9 August)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Psalm 98:1-3	Psalm 99:4-5
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder Adrian Teo Kenneth Koh Matthew Tng Michael Yam Lim Cher Yam Elder Winston Chong	Henry Kong Nehemiah Tan Irvin Wan Ken McCumsey Seah Siow Hwee Elder William Wong
Ushers Balcony	Andy Wee HI Team	Jeronme Goh HI Team
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Elder Adrian Teo Psalm 99:1-3 Patrick Ong Deacon Paul Lim Elder Simon Goh Henry Kong Elder Winston Chong	Henry Kong Psalm 99:8-9 Ban Haw Leong Charles Pang Liu Ming Hui Victor Soh Elder William Wong



Sunday, 9th August 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am First Morning Worship
Speaker: Lim Cher Yam
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 11am Second Morning Worship
- 2pm-5pm SIBI new Weekend Course
Homiletics by Charles Cook
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Brother Henry



Wednesday, 12th August 2009

- 10am SIBI Open Bible Study
on the book of Romans
- 7:30pm SPC new series on the
parables of Jesus with
at the auditorium

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

Guidance for my three sons' studies - Adelma
 My friend, Joy's recent bereavement - Amparo
 Faith in God to draw us closer to Jesus - Maribel
 Tommy Chong's health (both physical and spiritual).
 Connie as his care-giver - Richard Leows
 My chemo-therapy will workout well - Tommy Chong
 My manager's mother-in-law, Mary who is fighting colon
 cancer - Keisha
 Patrick's brother, Simon suffering from Bell's palsy on his
 left face - Richard Wee
 Chia Lynn and me for travel mercy to USA for her college
 - Pearly Kwa
 Protection and preservance on our family's time for the
 mission assignments He has planned for us
 - Winston Chongs
 Salvation for my helper, Teti and my son, Keith. Open
 doors to approach my husband and his family to
 God - Serina Kho
 My two brothers, Kenny and Angel for their well being
 and their job in Russia - Fabila
 Blessings on my son, Renato who is going overseas to
 work - Milagros Aquino
 My family and church in India - Kumar, Immanuel
 Pearl's well being and the salvation of Elaine and
 Emmaline - Alfred Poon
 My father's knee pain. My work and family. My plan to
 build a church for the Lord in my hometown.
 All churches in India, PP leaders - David Dass
 My present tenant transfer to Korea - Joyce Tan

Thank God for:

Elder Winston's sermon - Adelma, Amparo, Foon Yoong,
 Soo Lang, William Chong
 Brother Charles' sermon - Henry, Patrick
 Jesus, the great healer of those afflicted with the H1N1
 virus - Maribel
 His guidance during my three months mentoring work
 - Josephine Seow
 My new job - Jo-Ann Lim

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	127
11am Worship	262
6pm Worship	<u>50</u>
Total:	<u>439</u>

Morning Giving	\$12,104
Evening Giving	\$ <u>288</u>
Total Contribution	<u>\$12,393</u>



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1294	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1295	Anonymous	\$300
MR 0753	Anonymous	\$1000
MR 0754	Paul Lohs For China missions	\$1000

A Prayer For Our Nation

"If My people, who are called by My name, will humble themselves and pray and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." - 2 Chronicles 7:14



Dear Heavenly Father:

You alone are the author of liberty and freedom. Any freedom we enjoy is first and foremost because of who You are, and what You did for us at Calvary.

Lord, Your Word promises us that if we humble ourselves and pray and seek You and repent from our wickedness, that You will hear, that You will forgive, that You will heal our land. That is the prayer of our heart. We need Your healing touch on our country.

We thank You for the privilege and blessing of living in a country that allows us to worship You without fear of punishment. Forgive us for taking this amazing gift so lightly, when so many across this world must risk their lives to worship You.

We pray, dear Father, for those who protect our freedom by their service to our country, and we ask that in return you will protect them and their families. May we never forget their loving sacrifice. May we never neglect expressing our gratitude to them.

Lord, more than ever, our country needs our prayers.

So we pray:

For Christians everywhere to draw closer to You, to realize the many ways we've compromised our covenant relationship with You, and to turn from those compromises to Your loving arms

For our youth that they may cultivate a faith of their own. So that wherever they go, it may shine brightly and draw many to a saving knowledge of Christ

For our parents that they may raise up children by the example and priority they put on you and the church. That together, their homes become beacons of hospitality, outreach and love

For our mission efforts that every member may come to the understanding that "go ye" means "go me"

For our leaders at PP they they will always seek You and follow Your divine wisdom and guidance and be true to Your word

Most of all, Father, we pray for **the leaders of Singapore** that they will always seek to be compassionate, kind and rule with justice. Pray that all Christians will be obedient citizens upholding the law of the land

In the holy and precious **name of Jesus**,
Amen