

# FOCUS

**For the Week of 23rd August 2009**



*From our Minister's Desk:*

**"Let me finish my cup of coffee first"**

All of you know what a stickler to time I am. When it comes to the Lord's service, I believe that *'all things should be done decently and in order'* (1 Corinthians 14:40).

When we start and end our services punctually on time:

1. We give due respect to all who regulate their activities in accordance to our stipulated schedule
2. Honour God by not being *'slothful in business; fervent in spirit; serving the Lord'* (Romans 12:11)
3. Men to serve, teachers and preachers give due consideration to one another who have prepared their portion; giving all due time and space to give of their best.

This is especially important when it comes to our Sunday worship services:

1. We cannot begin on time if a good number of worshippers are either tardy or too involved in personal conversations at the worship hour.
2. We miss out on the quiet time needed to prepare for 'worship in spirit and truth' (John 4:24). I love the way brother Kumar makes it a point to be early and devotes this time in prayer preparation for worship.
3. We miss out on the most important reason why we are present: to worship God, but allow ourselves to be distracted by so many other things.

Next time, instead of saying, "wait, let me finish my cup of coffee first", think about the kind of example you are setting for others. Give God the priority in all that you do. Purpose to be at your place of worship at least 5 minutes before the hour. Then tone down in quiet prayer in preparation to glorify God in worship.

## The JBC Annual Children's Outing



The JBC Annual Children's Outing will be held on Sunday, 30 August 2009

All Bible Class children (from Kinder Kids, Promising Primaries and Purposeful Primaries) must:

- 1) Be in church, latest by 9.25 am at the lobby.
- 2) Bring your own water-bottle.
- 3) Bring or wear socks for those playing Mini-golf.
- 4) Those who are cycling, wear proper shoes and bring money for bicycle rental fees.
- 5) Bring some finger food or snacks if desired.
- 6) Bring your consent form (signed) if you have not submitted it.

Parents may call sister Wai Leng at 98360770 for further details, if necessary.

The children will be brought back to the church premises by 12:30pm.

## PP FAMILY NEWS

*Right: The Michael Mariarajas' month old baby, Danzel was presented to the church last Sunday. The family treated the church to snacks after the Bible class hour.*



We warmly welcome back **elder Eric and the HZ team** of brother Vincent and sisters Doreen and Alice from China.

**Brother Peter Lim** will speak on "Be Still" at our morning worships today. Come back at 6pm when **brother Petras Ching** will speak on "Reaching In, Reaching Up, Reaching Out". This is also our monthly youth emphasis night.

Sister Foon Yoong's Care Team is hosting the monthly House Helpers' lunch and fellowship at the function hall of her Gillman Heights Condo from 1-4pm today.

SIBI's Homiletics course ends this afternoon. Plan to attend the new SIBI weekend course, '**Living in a Pagan World**' (I Cor.) which will begin in September.

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.

**45th Anniversary Dinner:** we are looking for 45 choice photos that we can use for a powerpoint presentation and souvenir booklet. Members, interest groups, etc please pass them to our church staff.

**Our Youth** has set up their new notice board on the window of sister Annie's office. Take a look at the active youth programme at PP.

**The annual Children's outing** will take place next Sunday. Please refer to the cover of the Focus or contact sister Wai Leng for more details.

The final '**2 are Better Than 1**' seminar will take place on Saturday, 5th September from 8:30am-noon at the nearby NUSS. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. This session is to help members learn to strengthen their walk with another another. Please confirm your attendance with elder Beng Chuan.

Get to know **sister Jane from Wuhan**, China who is the 12th full-time overseas SIBI student since June this year. We encourage members to get to know them and extend to them every hospitality.

**Coming next at SPC:** A new 7-week series on 'Anchors for the Storms of Life' by brother Seah Siow Hwee will begin on September 9th.

Worship Service	Today (23 August)	Next Week
<b>8am</b> Scripture Text:	Psalm 100:1-3	Psalm 101:1-3
<b>11am</b> Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder Beng Chuan David Dass Mac Ibra Deacon Li Chhoan <b>Peter Lim</b> Elder Simon Goh	Elder Adrian Teo Liu Ming Hui Johnsten Wee Vincent Lim <b>Chew Chong Lin</b> Elder Eric Tan
Ushers Balcony	Richard Leow HI Team	Nehemiah Tan HI Team
<b>6pm</b> Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Elder Beng Chuan Psalm 100:4-5 Youth Emphasis Youth Emphasis Youth Emphasis <b>Petras Ching</b> Elder Simon Goh	Elder Adrian Teo Psalm 103:1-5 Charles Cook Charles Pang Liu Ming Hui <b>Deacon Li Chhoan</b> Elder Eric Tan

# CALENDAR of events

## Sunday, 23rd August 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service  
8:00am First Morning Worship  
Speaker: Peter Lim
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages  
Combine Adults Class Series  
on "Lord, Change My  
Attitude" by deacon Swee  
Aun and his team
- 11am Second Morning Worship  
1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends
- 2pm-5pm SIBI Weekend Course  
Homiletics by Charles Cook
- 6pm Evening Worship  
Speaker: Petras Ching

## Wednesday, 26th August 2009

- 10am SIBI Open Bible Study  
on the book of Romans
- 7:30pm SPC popular series on the  
parables of Jesus by  
brother Lim Cher Yam  
at the auditorium

## Sunday, 30th August 2009

- 9:30am Annual JBC Outing

## Saturday, 5th September 2009

- 8:30am Final "2 are Better than 1"  
Seminar for singles at the  
NUSS. Kent Ridge

# FAMILY CONCERNS

### Please pray for:

- My family and churches in India. Immanuel, Kumar  
and my work - David Dass
- My family in India - Immanuel
- Friends that we invited for monthly House Helpers'  
fellowship - Maribel
- Travel mercy and safe trip to Perth and Rianna's  
(June Kong's friend) faith to continue to  
grow in Christ - Paul Lees
- My son and daughter-in-law's safety and work in  
other country - Milagros Aquino
- God to help me and guide me always. My family's  
well-being in the Philippines and my two  
children's studies and health. My employer's  
health and children - Mercy
- The health and well-being of Janet, Betty, Florence and  
Ee Kai, Tamara - Hong Ngee, Henry and Nat
- My friend, Amanda who is seriously injured in a  
traffic accident that God's grace and healing  
hands may be upon her - Cheryl Leow
- My family in Trinidad that they draw closer to God  
and each other - Keisha
- My nephew Roldan who is suffering from colon  
cancer - Elvira Fabila
- My backache - Ivy Tan
- Kumar's driving test on the 26th August - Henry
- My friend, Mary whose father has cancer. Their  
family. My father to believe in God - Young
- Students from China, their health and learning  
- Nancy Goracke

### Thank God for:

- Brother Siow Hwee's sermon - Joyce Tan, Eileen Lim,  
Henry Kong
- Brother Victor Soh's sermon - Nancy Goracke, Patrick Ong
- His answered prayers and blessing - deacon KC Cheangs
- All His blessings during my trip to North Pole. The  
good lessons I learned in USA - Lillian Kok
- The good work done in HZ and the safe return of elder  
Eric and the HZ team - Henry Kong

## FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	145
11am Worship	236
6pm Worship	<u>66</u>
Total:	<u>447</u>

Morning Giving	\$10,492
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 1,569</u>
Total Contribution	<u>\$12,061</u>

*Gifts  
of Love*

## Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1299	Anonymous	\$300
3RsF 1230	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1299	Chinese Congregation	\$700

# ANCHORS

For The

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Upcoming  
SPC series  
with brother  
Siow Hwee  
starting 9th  
September

Trusting  
**GOD**  
In The  
Storms  
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