

FOCUS

For the Week of 6th December 2009

From Our Minister's Desk...



Plan to Grow in Faith and Service for Christ in 2010

As the year comes to a close, and many of us are winding down and enjoying the holiday season, it is a good time for us to reflect on our devotion to God in 2010. I will speak at the 6pm worship next week on the above subject, "Plan to Grow in Faith and Service for Christ in 2010".

The most important thing for every Christian to do is to live the Christian life fully. Christ spells out the call to discipleship in Luke 9:23, *"And he said to them all, If any man will come after me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow me."*

To do this, we need to awaken each day by declaring with the Psalmist that we will dedicate each day to God. *"This is the day which the LORD hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it"* Psalms 118:24.

Begin the day with the Daily Care devotional guide. If possible, do it with your spouse or family members. This will set the tone for the day. One of the things that Nat and I do when we use this guide is to look at the birthday celebrations page. This affords us an opportunity to petition God's blessings on the birthday persons and their families.

Whether you are a student, housewife or on the job, look out for ways that you can reach out to touch lives. It may be as simple as lending another a helping hand or saying a good word to encourage another person. Unless we are focused on others and look out for their

needs, many an opportunity will pass us by. Jesus says in Matthew 5:16 to *"Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven."*

While the Lord has blessed the church with many Christians who are serving in many areas, the most significant work that any member at PP can do is that of inviting a relative or friend to our Care teams or church services. Sometimes, those whom you invited will automatically decline as if by reflex action. But if you persevere, they will sense your sincerity and will be happy to oblige. A useful tip here is to vary your invitation. Below are some examples:

First, you may want to simply ask, "Would you and your spouse like to join my family at church this Sunday?" At another time you may offer, "Could I swing by your home to pick you up for church?" Or you may say, "We have a special series at our Bible classes on 'Finishing Well'. I think you will find it as helpful as I did".

Eleven months of 2009 have flown by so quickly. And you will discover that your days and weeks in 2010 will fly by just as swiftly.

May God bless every member at PP as we look forward to 2010. I want to encourage everyone to do that which is most important - growing in faith and service.

PP FAMILY NEWS

Right: Chen Kuo-Wei and Malinee were presented to the congregation last Sunday when they placed their membership at PP. Brother Kuo-Wei was the writer of our 45th Anniversary Song, "Friend"



A warm welcome to the many visitors who are at our worship. We are delighted that many of our overseas students are back for the holidays, among them Louis, Johnsten and Judith, all from downunder.

At our morning assemblies, **elder Winston Chong** will speak on "God's Love for Us". Come back at 6pm when **brother Samuel Lim** will speak on, "Someday this too shall pass".

The monthly a cappella singing will take place today at 1:30pm. We encourage all to join in this really good time of singing and fellowship. If you have ordered lunch, please collect it from sister Betty.

Join us this Wednesday at 10am for SIBI's Open Bible Study. **Deacon Li Chhoan** will conclude the book of Ephesians with a summary lesson.

Brother Lee Hock will conclude his second last lessons on the SPC series, "Transforming into Jesus' living Church" this Wednesday at 7:30pm. We are enjoying these practical lessons and warm fellowship which is held at the SIBI lecture hall.

ABOUT OUR 2010 COLOUR PICTORIAL DIRECTORY



Releasing a colour directory for a congregation the size of PP is both costly and prone to inaccuracies. This is why we have taken great pains to allow the congregation the maximum amount of time to check and update their data.

The final updated colour proof of the 2010 membership directory is posted at the lobby. It will be up throughout the month of December and taken down after our annual Church Planning Day on 1st January 2010. After this date, it will be prepared for printing and will be released on January 17th.

Worship Service	Today (6 December)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Henry Kong Psalm 119:73-80	Elder Beng Chuan Psalm 119:89-96
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Henry Kong Kenneth Koh Jason Mok Irvin Wan Elder Winston Chong Elder Beng Chuan	Elder Beng Chuan Joel Goh Shawn Lee Vincent Lim Seah Siow Hwee Elder William Wong
Ushers Balcony	Johnsten Wee HI Team	Daniel Ong HI Team
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Henry Kong Psalm 119:81-88 Ban Haw Leong Valmond Teng Elder William Wong Samuel Lim Elder Beng Chuan	Elder Beng Chuan Psalm 119:97-104 Ramesh Dhanabalan Jason Ng Patrick Ong Henry Kong Elder William Wong

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 6th December 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am First Morning Worship
Speaker: Elder Winston Chong
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 11am Second Morning Worship
- 1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends



- 1:30pm Monthly a cappella Singing
with brother Daniel and his
team
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Samuel Lim

Wednesday, 9th December 2009

- 10am SIBI Open Bible Study on
Summary of Ephesians
by deacon Lim Li Chhoan
- 7:30pm SPC: Serving in the Living
Church by Kuek Lee Hock

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- My submission to His love - Soo Lang
God's message that has given me renewed hope
in times of trouble - Peggy and Keng Geok
Adrian Lee that he may come to seek and learn
God's plan of salvation for his life
- Audrey Pang
- My family in India and my study in SIBI
- Immanuel
- Rahim to get well soon - Amparo
Me that God empower me to share the gospel
with my family - Lolita
- The safety of the missions team to Tuao, Nias
and Yangon - Li Jun
- Those preparing for mission trip in December.
Travel mercy be with everyone - Julie Wee
- The well being of Teng, Kam Fong and Vivien's
family in Australia - Fabila Elvira
- Travel mercy to Shanghai starting 2nd
December - Lilian Kok
- Travel mercy and safety of employer and me
to Philippines - Maria
- Travel mercy and safety to Europe starting 29th
November - Kim Teo
- Kumar's driving work. His family in India - Patrick

Thank God for:

- Cher Yam's sermon - Phyllis Ng, Molly Ponnusamy,
Josephine Seow, Amparo, Linda Kho, Rani
Ponnusamy, Peggy Phua, Keng Geok, Hedy
- The safe return of Li Yi from Vietnam - Li Jun
His providence, guidance for me, my employer,
family and friends - Amparo
- All His blessings to me and my family - Amelyn
His providential love and care - Soo Lang
- All PP members - David Dass
Safe return from India - Kumar

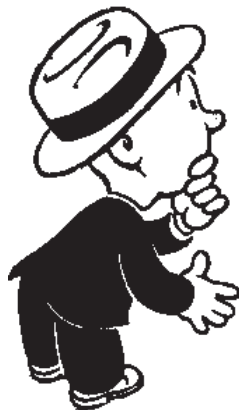
FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	117
11am Worship	233
6pm Worship	36
Total:	386
Morning Giving	\$8904
Evening Giving	\$ 790
Total Contribution	\$9694

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3RsF 1324	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1325	Anonymous	\$300
3RsF 1326	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1327	Anonymous	\$300
MF 1055	Doreen Lum	\$1000
MF 1056	Benny Tabalujan	\$1000



How to Be Involved in the Work for Christ at PP in 2010

As I mentioned on the cover article, the most important thing any member can do at PP is to grow in faith and service for Christ in a personal way. As you live for Christ at home and work, you let your light so shine before men and glorify the Father in heaven - Matthew 5:16.

However, if you aspire to move beyond your personal faith to use your gifts for the Lord's church, here is a brief outline on how you can be involved in the work for Christ at PP in 2010.

The first question you need to ask yourself is to examine the years of your Christian faith, the current level of your participation in church activities and your age and gender.

For instance, new Christians should not aspire to be a teacher or preacher. Young people 's participation at evening worships and SPC adds extra zest to its sessions. Older men and women can mentor younger ones. Ladies will not be nominated for election on the AGM.

If you are in doubt, you can speak to our elders or minister. They are the best people to fit a role to suit your gifts and passion.

1. In preparing yourself for service, set a good example by:
 - a. Studying your Bible.
 - b. Actively participate in your Bible class.
 - c. Attend more than just the Sunday services.
2. To further your Christian enrichment:
 - a. Join a Care team.
 - b. Sign up for a SIBI course.
 - c. Go on a tentmaking trip.
3. As a start, you may want to work behind the scenes by being involved in these areas:
 - a. PPMIG: with an email account, you can join any of the 6 interest groups and be informed of our missionary activities.
 - b. The PPCIG is looking for members who can

keep in touch with Chinese nationals and help mentor one or more in the faith.

c. Bringing an occasional snack for breakfast on Sundays/SPC is something anyone can do.

4. Then you may want to step further by:
 - a. Sitting next to a visitor or new member at worship.
 - b. Bringing a visitor or new member for a meal or SIBI student for sightseeing.
 - c. Fetching visitors to church or sending off mission teams at the airport.

5. If you want to take up some responsibility, you may:

- a. Serve as a greeter in any of our 3 worships, by showing up 15-30 minutes earlier.
- b. Guys can volunteer to serve as an ushers at worship, and gals to help out in communion preparation and cleaning.
- c. Help serve in the cradle roll Class.

6. As you grow in faith, you may want to:

- a. Help facilitate a BC discussion group.
- b. Assist in teaching a Bible class.
- c. Guys can volunteer for men to serve duties and gals can help prepare/organise mission trips, camps and other activities.

7. From then on, the sky is the limit:

- a. Guys can attend awareness sessions, volunteer to preach and serve in ROS committee.
- b. Gals can teach classes, do 1-on-1 sessions, write articles and serve in various committees of the church.
- c. Get together with Care teams, your family or spouse and help support SIBI, missions, hospital visitation or some project.