

FOCUS



For the Week of 18th January 2009



4 baptisms on the first 2 weeks of '09

What a great way to begin 2009 - with 4 baptisms on the first 2 Sundays of the year. No doubt the missions trips to Tuao and Wangsa Maju together with the youth camp and SIBI internship have made an impact on our youth.

While we greatly rejoice with the families of our newly baptized youth, we want the entire congregation to focus on souls in 2009. Many of the baptisms in the past 12 months are from our family members. Each of these souls is precious; but as a congregation, we need to reach out to our friends and neighbours with the gospel as well.

May every member at PP seek out a friend, colleague or neighbour whom we can invite to a Care team, church service or the June camp. As we do, let us be aware of the 2009 theme that 'two are better than one'. Invite these prospects as a couple or family. An example of this is the Seah Ke Howe family who are now attending together. Last year, both mother and son were immersed into Christ the same day!

Pictured from top to bottom are the baptisms of Joshua Goh, Giedon Siew, Lim Shuen and Yang Gin. The entire Ting family is pictured below with Ann Loo, Yang Lin and Yen Peng.



Camp Registration Opens Today!

The following 2009 camp fees apply to all members, visitors and church workers.

Adults (Working) \$250

Adults (Non-working) \$170

Youth/House Helpers \$170

Child (4 to 11 years) \$80

Child (with extra bed) \$150

Single Room \$440

a. Registration will be conducted during Jan – Apr 2009. Please have ready Date of Birth and Passport Number (including Date of Issue and Date of Expiry). Note that 6 months passport validity is required for travel to Malaysia.

b. Full payment is required by end Apr 2009.

c. Members who require financial assistance may approach any of the Registration Committee members.

d. Accommodation will be guaranteed for participants who register by end Feb 2009.

e. Registration after end Apr 2009 will be accepted on a case by case basis, and accommodation is not guaranteed if hotel rooms are limited.

f. Single rooms (without church subsidies) are available but are limited and based on case by case basis.

g. Cancellations made by end Apr 2009 will be entitled to a full camp fees refund, but cancellation thereafter will not be entitled to a refund as payment would have been made to the hotel.



Our hearty congratulations to our regular visitors, **Leng Fong and Shu Ern** on their wedding yesterday. May the Lord bless their new life together with much joy and faith in Christ Jesus.

2 more new babes in Christ: Last Sunday, elder Adrian baptized **sister Yang Gin**, the daughter of the Ting Yen Pengs at the 8am service. At the 11am service, **sister Shuen** was baptized by her father, brother Sze Heng.

We warmly welcome **brothers Charlie and Jack** to Singapore. Brother Charlie was with us at our church camp last year and is doing his Phd at NUS for the next four years. Like brother Minghui, he is also taking time off to attend the current SIBI internship programme. Brother Jack arrived from Wuhan on Wednesday evening and will be taking the SIBI internship courses until mid-February. Get to know our overseas guest and extend them every hospitality.

Our minister will be speaking on 'Facing 2009's gloom and doom' at our morning worships. Come back at 6pm to hear deacon Terry speaks on 'the Love of God'.

Registration for our **2009 church camp** starts today. It will close in April. You can help us help you to have a better camp by registering early. Please refer to the guidelines published in last week's FOCUS. Sign up with the camp registration team at the lobby.

Bring your friends to the **SIBI Open Bible Study** this Wednesday at 10am. Brother Nat Cooper will be sharing special lessons from the word. Brother Siow Hwee was so touched with his 'character building' lessons that he recommended to our minister to invite him back for our youth camp. "It will be so important for our youth," said brother Siow Hwee.

Don't miss the insightful series, "**Leadership, Jesus' Style**" by brother Charles Cook at SPC, this Wednesday at 7:30pm.

The SIBI Internship Programme is off to a great start and much interest. Brother Daniel from Xian has returned home with many good experiences. His co-worker with the church in Xian, brother David will be here for the SIBI Internship in February. Come and join over a dozen students if you can spare one or more weeks - 9:30am-4pm, Monday to Friday until 27th February. Taking the full 2-month internship are sisters Michelle Yeo, Olivia Leow and Cheryl Soh. These students will also be doing part of the internship in Batam.

Worship Service	Today (18 Jan)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Psalm 40:6-8	Psalm 42:9-11
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder Beng Chuan Kenneth Kuek Jason Ng Paul Quek Henry Kong Elder William Wong	Elder Adrian Teo Ryan Lim Daniel Ng Lee Yoke Choi Peter Lim Elder William Wong
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Elder Beng Chuan Psalm 41:1-3 Ban Haw Leong Kenneth Leow Ramesh D Deacon Terry Wan Elder Adrian Teo	Elder Adrian Teo Psalm 46:1-3 Charles Cook Tom Goracke Ken McCumsey Basil Chong Elder William Wong

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 18th January 2009
 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
 8:00am Morning Worship
 Speaker: Henry Kong
 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
 11am Morning Worship
 2:00pm SIBI Life of Christ with
 Dr. Nat Cooper
 6pm Evening Worship
 Speaker: deacon Terry Wan

Wednesday, 21st January 2009
 10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study
 with brother Nat Cooper
 7:30pm Leadership, Jesus-Style
 with brother Charles Cook

Friday, 23rd January 2009
 7:00pm SIBI Life of Christ with
 Dr. Nat Cooper

Saturday, 24th January 2009
 2:00pm SIBI Life of Christ with
 Dr. Nat Cooper

Tuesday, 27th January 2009
 10am-5pm Elders Open House by
 Adrian Teo, Tan Beng
 Chuan and Simon Goh

Saturday, 31st January 2009
 10am-5pm Elders Open House by
 Winston Chong

Saturday, 31st January 2009
 10am-2pm Elders Open House by
 William Wong

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

God to strengthen my faith and help me overcome temptation - Amparo
 Strength to help my children in their health and study well - Mercy
 Mimi and Toh Yock to get well from their flu - See Mui
 Travel mercy for my trip to Malaysia from 22 January to 3 February - Joyce Tan
 Peace among all people around the world to live in harmony with one another despite the current economic crisis - Fook Weng
 My parent's faith in God - Maribel
 My children's health. That my son and daughter will find work soon - Aquino
 My health and work. Pray for safe trip for my two brothers as they return to work in Kazakstan - Fabila

Thank God for:

Nat Cooper's sermon - Amparo, Maribel
 Wangsa Maju Presentation - Patrick Ong
 His love for the house helpers class - Maribel
 Carol's health and well being - Geoffrey Kiang
 Keeping my family safe - Cardenas

Special Thanks:

I want to convey my sincere appreciation to all at PP for the concern and love they showered my grandma during her time with PP, so that she had a chance to experience God's love. Please pray for God's grace and mercy upon my grandma.

- God bless, Chong Hong Ngee

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	107
11am Worship	255
6pm Worship	<u>82</u>
Total:	<u>444</u>
Morning Giving	\$9,959
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 231</u>
Total Contribution	<u>\$10,190</u>



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1219	Anonymous	\$600
3RsF 1220	Anonymous	\$50
MF 0739	Anonymous	\$1000



Chiangmai Church Relocates to New Building

Our minister, together with elder Simon and brother Ee Kai, along with their spouses were in Chiangmai, Thailand last Sunday. The purpose of their visit was to confirm the Vacation Bible School for 2009 and to check on the progress of the building work.

It was heartening to learn that the congregation is already worshipping in the new building. As you can see from the photographs on this page, it is quite an imposing edifice with lots of room in front for parking.

The only item that is not completed are the toilet facilities. Sister Phay has again made another donation of S\$1,000 towards this. Both the Ng Ee Kais and Simon Gohs topped up this gift with S\$200 each, with another S\$1,000 from sister Nat Kong.

Elder Simon delivered the sermon that Sunday and presented the gift after the lesson. When he asked the congregation if any of them remembered sister Phay, many raised their hands in response.

Although the majority of the members of the congregation are over 60, they old folks are hale, hearty and on the go. For example, a week ago, one member travelled to the hill tribes and preached to 500 people there. Another member is away for 3 months in USA visiting his daughter and preaching to the Laotian people in America.

Last year PP hosted the families of Peter and Utorn, leaders of the congregation, during our church camp in June. PP raised most of the funds for the land and building.



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