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HAPPY
CHINESE
NEW
YEAR



For the Week of 14th February 2010

Elders' Annual CNY Open House



Monday, 15th February Time: 10am-5pm

Elders Simon Goh & Elder Tan Beng Chuan

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HP: 98322392

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Elder Winston Chong

Time: 11am-3pm

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Hougang Ave 2
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Tuesday, 16th February



Elder Adrian Teo
Time: 11am-5pm

443 Pasir Panjang Rd
(The Village)
Tel: 67779987
HP: 97301370



Elder William Wong
Time: 10am-6pm

331 #08-04 River Valley Rd
(Yong An Park)
Tel: 67338176
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22 – 25 Feb. Monday-Thursday
10am to 2:45pm

Theology of Church Planting
by Mark Hooper and Phil Jackson

26 Feb. Friday 10am to 12noon
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26 Feb. Friday 1pm to 4pm
New Life Behavior Seminar
with H.M. Motsinger

[Those wishing to be certified to teach this seminar are required to spend an additional 4 hours of class time with brother Motsinger, either on Saturday evening or Sunday afternoon. Further announcements will be made about this]

27 Feb. Saturday 10am to 12noon
Focus on the Family
with H.M. Motsinger

27 Feb. Saturday 1pm to 4pm
New Life Behavior Seminar
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ALL ARE WELCOME

PP FAMILY NEWS

Right: SIBI students from China - left to right: sisters Melody, Rainy, Smiles and Erica. We are thankful to members who have come forward to host and extend hospitality to our sisters, especially to Smiles and Melody who are spending their Chinese New Year away from home.



We take this opportunity to wish all members and visitors a **blessed lunar new year**. Please take time to pay your respects to our elders whose homes will be open to receive you tomorrow and Tuesday. Details on the cover.

Brother Cher Yam preaches on the subject of "Running the Race of Our Lives" at the morning worships. Come back at 6pm to hear **brother Patrick Ong** speak on "Marks of a Transformed Life" at the evening assembly.

This Wednesday: Join us at 10am for SIBI's Open Bible Study's well-attended series on "Ecclesiastes".

The Wednesday 7:30pm SPC class will take a break this week and resume on 24 February.

Our church office will be closed on Monday and Tuesday in view of the festive holidays. Normal service will resume on Wednesday.

Check out the cover for the learning opportunities that **brothers H.M. Motsinger, Mark Hooper and Phil Jackson** will be providing PP. Let's make every effort to benefit from these rare sessions.

Members who are interested in attending the **2010 Asia Missions Forum** 31 July to 4 August in Bohol (off Cebu) should check out Cebu Air's promotional offer of \$309 return.

Our minister and his wife, Nat are away this weekend in Chiangmai, Thailand.

Worship Service Today (14th February) Next Week

8am

Scripture Text:

Psalm 131:1-3

Psalm 134:1-3

11am

Call to Worship:

Elder Adrian Teo

Henry Kong

SR/OP:

Joel Goh

Joel Goh

S. Leader:

Matthew Tng

Kuek Lee Hock

Communion:

Lam Chern Woon

Lam Chern Woon

Preacher:

Lim Cher Yam

Mark Hooper

Shepherd's Prayer:

Elder Winston Chong

Elder Winston Chong

Ushers

Samuel Wee

Tan Yiu Huat

Balcony

HI Team

HI Team

6pm

Call to Worship

Elder Adrian Teo

Henry Kong

Scripture Text:

Psalm 133:1-3

Psalm 135:1-3

Opening Prayer:

Yeo Teck Chwee

Yeo Teck Chwee

S. Leader:

Tom Goracke

Tom Goracke

Communion:

Elder William Wong

Elder William Wong

Preacher:

Patrick Ong

Raybester Loke

Closing Prayer:

Elder Winston Chong

Elder Winston Chong

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 14th February 2010
 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
 8:00am First Morning Worship
 Speaker: Lim Cher Yam
 9:30am 2010 first quarter series
 - Finishing Well
 Foundation Class
 - Now That I'm a
 Christian by deacon Terry Wan
 11:00am Second Morning Worship
 1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends
 6pm Evening Worship
 Speaker: Patrick Ong

Wednesday, 17th February 2010
 10am SIBI Open Bible Study on
 "Ecclesiastes" by Charles Cook
 No SPC class this Wednesday
 SPC resume on 24 February
 after the Chinese New Year



Saturday, 27th February 2010
 10am to 12noon **Focus on the Family**
 with H.M. Motsinger

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

My efforts to speak more English - Kumar
 Healing of my skin problem and Immanuel's family
 - David Dass
 The health of Mildred's husband. The recovery
 of Adelma's son's leg injury after an
 accident - Catherine Leow
 The Lord's protection for my mother's health
 - Linda Kho
 My faith to grow. My friend, Faye that she will
 be able to accompany me to church
 - Maria
 Travel mercy for my overseas trips - Phyllis Ng
 My mother's relationship and faith in God. My
 brother in Philippines. That they may obey
 the Lord - Maribel

Thank God for:

Brother Henry's sermon - Soo Lang, Foon Yoong,
 Maria, Phyllis Ng, Peggy, William Chong, Lolita
 Deacon Swee Aun's sermon - Patrick, Henry
 Blessing me with a successful project last week
 - Tricia Kiang
 All the grace and blessings. For the good health of
 my family and friends - Amelyn
 All the guidance and blessings from Him - Lolita
 His providence and guidance for my family in
 Philippines. My employer, friends and myself
 as I continue serving my employer & being
 able to be at worship every Sunday - Amparo
 Mary Wee's rheumatism and Kim Mui's health
 - See Mui
 His guidance and presence and wisdom during my
 recent mentoring stint - Josephine Seow
 Jocelyn that God watch over her as she pursues
 her studies in Australia - David Yees
 Providing me comfort and answers during my time
 of trial and difficulty - Matthew Tng

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	151
11am Worship	237
6pm Worship	49
Total:	437
Morning Giving	\$ 14,233.00
Evening Giving	\$ 742.00
Total Contribution	\$ 14,975.00



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1353	Anonymous	\$ 50.00
3RsF 1354	Anonymous	\$300.00



Worshipping in the Land of the Dragon Fruit

By Pearly Kwa

Old records on the Web reveal that a townhouse in Suong Nguet Anh St in the heart of Ho Chi Minh City once belonged to the Church of Christ. Yes, it was seized long ago by the government after the Vietnam War, but it is evidence that COC in Ho Chi Minh City was a vibrant assembly in the '60s.

Today, as far as I know, there are two assemblies in the Ho Chi Minh City conurbation – Vietnam COC in Downtown and the Ho Chi Minh City COC in Binh Tan District. There is a third congregation in Binh Duong Province led by brother Dong. The HCMC COC is led by brother Minh and he advises visitors to make their way to the old Binh Tri Dong Market, at the street corner of Tinh Lo 10 Street (old Ba Hom) and Dat Moi Street and then call him. His cell phone is +84908698053.

The Downtown church was meeting in a budget hotel room until somebody denounced it to the authorities. After more than a year of interrogation, appeals, and merry-go-rounds, praise the Lord, the authorities have allowed the members to rent a house for worship "as long as the neighbors do not complain". They have promised to approve the registration within the next few months.

The full-time minister is brother Stefann Phomasone, an ethnic Chinese of Lao-tian-French nationality who studied at Sunset, US. Although he is married to a local Viet sister, he still has to renew his residence visa every month. They have two children of their own and a third who was left as a baby at their doorstep.

Brother Stefann, being a foreigner, cannot be registered as the church leader. In that respect, the Lord provided brother Phi, who was a Communist Party member and who became baptised after he and brother Stefann were released from a few nights' detention in October 2008. Brother Phi now sometimes delivers the Sunday sermon. Sad to add that lately, brother Phi's right eye has been blinded by glaucoma (do pray for him). He is in his late 30's and has a wife and a young son. Needless to say, he was kicked out of the Communist Party.

Sometimes brother Emmanuel Ndi, from West Cameroon who is an English teacher in a high school, delivers the sermon. He is a great help to brother Stefann. The flock consists mainly of young secondary school and university students. They do not speak much English but are keen to learn and translation is done by brother Stefann.

Brother Tom Tune (long-time missionary in Hong Kong and Samoa) visits whenever he is in the country and is not otherwise preoccupied with his Can Tho City mission in the Mekong Delta. At 80, sprightly Tom has a single-minded aim: to train young Vietnamese to serve the Lord. He has sent a few to study in Harding and a third sister to study at Four Seas Singapore. He would like to send more to SIBI Singapore for economic reasons.

Vietnam COC today meets at 149/21/4 Le Thi Rieng St, Ben Thanh Ward, District 1, HCMC. The narrow three-storey house church, located in a narrow lane, would be challenging for any foreigner to find. Thus anybody who wishes to drop by the church should contact brother Stefann to meet at the main road. At a rental of USD 1,000 in District 1, it would be near impossible to secure a streetfront location. The good thing is, it is ten minutes' away from the famed Ben Thanh Market by taxi. The young flock needs lots of teaching, guidance, encouragement and song-training. PPCOC will begin sending teachers in April with the help of brother Lim Kok Hin who will be stationed in Vietnam and residing in district 7.