

FOCUS

For the Week of 20th May 2012

From our Minister's Desk:



**7 Blessings
Members at PP
Enjoy**

There is nothing quite like being added to the Lord's church! It is truly a pearl of great price. Wherever you are, it is just a joy and blessing to be a member of the Lord's church.

At PP, we enjoy so many blessings that we either don't appreciate or else take them for granted. It is not until we go overseas for study, work or missions that we realise how blessed we are and how much we miss when we are away from PP.

1. I will start my list of blessings with the multi-million dollar building that we own, which is fully paid for. It is well used, comfortable and fully air conditioned. Everything is clean and kept in good condition. From well furnished rest rooms to state-of-the-art technology, PP has it all with the trimmings. There is a Coke machine, coffee and tea and wifi available 24/7. With the full-time SIBI classes and students housed at the building, there is an added buzz of activities as well as the coziness of home. Members feel so at home that they hang out and even study and fellowship at church.

2. We are blessed with highly motivated membership who reaches out to meet and minister to every need of the church. PP has a flat organisational system where everyone is just an arm's length away. Our elders are present and praying; deacons working quietly behind the scenes and leaders are empowered. Together, they work by consensus and in consultation with and accountability to the membership.

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Coming in June!

Special Leadership Session
7-8 June 2012 (Overnight at)
NACLI

Members' Equipping Session
9 June 2012 10am-3:30pm

Pre-camp Workshop
11-12 June 2012 10am-3:30pm

Annual Church Camp
13 June 2012 8am



PPCOC CHURCH CAMP

13 to 16 June 2012



Theme: Being and Doing

Venue: Renaissance Melaka Hotel, Malaysia
Keynote Speaker: Tim Woodroof



Sign up on the notice board at the lobby if you can house our overseas campers or take them out a meal or sightseeing.

PP FAMILY NEWS

Left: The Interns Mission Team to Nias, Indonesia led by brother and sister Richard Leow at the departure lounge of the Singapore Changi International Airport.



Brother Kelvin Koo will be exhorting the congregation at our morning worships. **Young Glenn Lim** will be giving his maiden sermon at our evening worship tonight.

Coming in June, leading up to the church camp there will be a lot of excitement and activities:

- Right now, sign up on the **Overseas campers hospitality** sheet to take out a foreigner sightseeing or for a meal.

- On the week before the camp, our keynote speaker, Tim Woodroof and the MRN team will conduct an **overnight leadership series** on the 7-8 June

- For the entire church, **MRN seminar** on Saturday, 9th June from 9am-3:30pm.

If you have always wanted to know about the **Old Testament Sacrificial System**, join our full-time SIBI student this Monday as dean Brandi begins this new 2-week course.

Please uphold **elder Tan Beng Chuan and sisters Irene Cheang and Pang Foon Yoong** who are away in Beijing for a Retreat with local Christians from 18th-20th May.



The **Myanmar VBS Missions** team led by elder Simon and his wife, sister Wai Leng will be leaving this Friday. Team members includes brother Lian Chye, Brian Soh, Terry and sisters Marissa, Keng Geok, Bee Suan and Emily.

The **Vincent Tang family** wants to express their appreciation for the prayers, presence and donations during the wake of his beloved mother.

Dear Brethren:

My mum's conversion is a miracle. Praise God for His grace and mercy! We are grateful to the church for loving, encouraging, praying, visiting and supporting Mum since she fell ill last June. Thank you for taking the time to be there when my mum was baptized. This was a big step, as it is for any Christian. We are so thankful for the baptizers and the nurses who were constantly reassuring her. Knowing that so many of her friends, now family, have been helping and praying for her made the moment even more special and memorable. Thanks again for sharing in this special occasion.

- **Sister Jenny Tan**

Men to Serve today and the next Sunday

8am

Scripture Text:

20th May 2012

Psalm 71:5-8

27th May 2012

Psalm 73:26-28

11am

Call to Worship:

SR/OP:

S. Leader:

Communion:

Preacher:

Shepherd's Prayer:

Ushers

Balcony

Elder Tan Beng Chuan

Kenneth Kuek

Johnsten Wee

Elder William Wong

Kelvin Koo

Elder Adrian Teo

Daniel Ong

HI Team

Elder Winston Chong

Cheang Weng Kheong

Deacon Paul Lim

Vincent Lim

Peter Lim

Elder William Wong

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HI Team

6pm

Call to Worship

Scripture Text:

Opening Prayer:

S. Leader:

Communion:

Preacher:

Closing Prayer:

Elder Tan Beng Chuan

Psalm 73:21-25

Peter Zhu

Shawn Li

Elder William Wong

Glenn Lim

Elder Simon Goh

Elder Winston Chong

Psalm 75:1-3

Simon Sun

Kenneth Leow

Elder Beng Chuan

David Dass

Elder William Wong

THIS WEEK'S



FAMILY CONCERNS

Sunday, 20th May 2012

7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
 8:00am First Morning Worship
Speaker: Kelvin Koo

9:30am Bible classes for All ages

11:00am Second Morning Worship
 1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends

6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Glenn Lim

Mon-Fri, 21st May-1st June 2012

9am SIBI Course on
 -3:30pm "Christian Counseling"
 by Brandi Kendall

Wednesday, 23rd May 2012

7:30pm SPC's Learner on the Go
 with elder Adrian Teo

Sunday, 27th May 2012

7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
 8:00am First Morning Worship
Speaker: Peter Lim

9:30am Bible classes for All ages

11:00am Second Morning Worship
 1:15pm Shuttle Bus Service ends

6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: David Dass

Pray for:

Mission team in Nias – Teck Su
 All who are traveling overseas. Li Yi and I will always seek God first in everything we do, in school and at home. We will continue to walk closely with God every day even if school work takes up a lot of time. God's watch over my family – Li Jun
 Caroline as she goes for her treatment. May God grant her strength to soldier on – Julie
 Irvin's nose infection to improve – Fook Weng
 Salvation and health of my father-in-law who has stomach cancer and dementia. My mother whose leg has become painful. My eyes and CT scan's result – Mee Hoe
 Me to be more obedient and to do God's will – Lolita Cataggatan
 God's guidance for my family to return back to Philippines – Gina
 Amanda's career decision. Mee Hoe's, Caroline's and Richard Wee's recovery from treatment – Geoffrey
 God will mould me into what He wants me to be – Amanda Kiang
 Babu that he may find new job. My mother's health. Immanuel, Satish, David Dass and our job – Kumar
 God's guidance for my family, me, PP church and India's churches – David Dass
 My life and my family in India. David Dass' who will leave for India after the church camp – Immanuel Maddala
 Members who are struggling with health problems and those who have underwent recent surgery - Henry and Nat

Thank God for:

Brother CC Teng's sermon – Allan Cheng, David Dass, Lolita Cataggatan, Simon Clarita, Maribel Cammayo, Josephine, Mary Joy, Linda Malana, Fook Weng
 Brother Voltaire's sermon – Patrick, Amparo
 Brother Lee Hock's Bible class lesson – Lilian Kok
 His faithfulness to His children who are in trouble. Me that I may be obedient to do His will – Maribel Cammayo
 Glenn Lim's zeal in his youth and new faith in Christ - Henry Kong
 The encouragement and awakening for me – Linda Malana
 His protection during our travel and for watching over Michelle – Hedy Wong
 Everything that I have and what I am now. Thanks for all blessing to me and my family – Emilita Lim
 Bringing my boss back to Singapore to work as I am really glad in my heart to see my employer's family bonding – Clarita Simon

FACTS & FIGURES



Receipt No

Donor

Amount

8am Worship: 137
 11am Worship: 217
 6pm Worship: 62
 Total: 416

3RsF 1641 Anonymous \$1,050.00

Morning Giving \$11,881.00
 Evening Giving \$593.00
 Total Contribution \$12,474.00

3. We are blessed with an active youth programme that is mentored by a growing number of exemplary adults. Our youth have active Care teams, regular fellowship and camps. They publish a newsletter and maintain a website. Most of our young people have been involved in one or more mission trips. Many have devoted 3 or more months in an internship programme which includes daily Bible lessons with SIBI as well as overseas missions.

4. We are thankful for the effective and committed Bible teachers from cradle roll upwards. In fact, we think our vacation Bible school is one of the best exports of PP. We have Bible classes on Sundays and Wednesdays; many of our Care teams also study the Bible regularly. If these are not sufficient, the SIBI conducts in-depth Bible study throughout the year.

5. We are blessed to have a lean and mean full time church staff who make sure that nothing falls through the cracks. At every meeting, the building is swept and clean, lights and airconditioning on, with the proper equipment ready. Printouts, refreshments and even meals are prepared, if requested. To our long serving staff, the things we do are more than just a job – they are our ministry to the Lord. Our ministers are on call 24/7 and are among the first to be at your ward when they learn of your hospitalisation.

6. PP is blessed with an abundance of opportunities for members to grow and serve. The foundation class helps a visitor or new convert learn the joys of Christianity. Care teams provide them with a small group that they can bond with and be accountable to. Our intensive missions interest groups provide tried and tested ways for members to reach out. Singing sessions help members harmonise their voices. Our house helpers, foreign members and hearing impaired work offer ways we can learn and serve.

7. A unique feature and blessing of PP is our focus on communications with the view of keeping our membership updated and engaged. Customised and updated publications have played an important part of PP's development since the beginning. We routinely display the past week's activity on a large screen TV every time the church gathers. Giant group photos

of camps, retreat etc. are posted up the same Sunday. Videos of baptisms are screened at the other assemblies. Bible materials have been developed by our minister and his team, including several tracts and books. On the Internet, PP was one of the first churches to set up a website. Members have access to a wide variety of Bible class notes, VBS materials and lessons.

These are just but 7 of the things we are thankful to count as our blessings in the PP congregation. If you can think of more, share it with us on the attendance card and I'll be happy to do a follow-up article.

Each day as we walk with God, there is so much He blesses us. And as we come together as a church, He continues to outpour His blessings.

"When I remember these things, I pour out my soul in me: for I had gone with the multitude, I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise, with a multitude that kept holyday" - Psalm 42:4.

PP Membership Matters How We Keep Track on Members

As the congregation continues to grow, keeping track of members becomes more difficult, especially when members move, change phone numbers, transfer out of PP and are irregular or stop coming altogether.

1. Master Data Base: All members' details are kept in our ECM database program,. Occasionally, we convert the files to Excel for leaders to work on. We maintain records of everyone who has been with PP through the years, updating them when we receive changes.

2. Annual membership directory: Members who have been active during the past 12 months, and have not transferred out of PP or known to be attending other churches, are included in the annual directory. It is up to members to correct, update or edit any published records during the period when the draft is on display. The directory will be published according to the input received - members who do not check and sign on their listing may be omitted or their listing may contain uncorrected errors. Please note that this is a different file from the main database, and any edited info, error or omissions will not affect the main database.

3. Weekly attendance label: Regular members have labels. If you are overseas on extended leave, your label may be removed. Please let the staff know, so we can either suspend or resume printing your label. This is our method of tracking attendance and ensure absentees are receiving the Focus.

Important Camp Instructions

1. When you are issued the Camp Kit, check to confirm that your name is listed in the:

- a. Discussion Groups
- b. Room List and
- c. Bus List (if applicable).

2. Ensure that you check and bring along your passport and visas (as applicable). Keep it handy during the transit to and from the church premises to the hotel.

3. If you are taking the bus to the camp, please be at the church premises by 8am as the bus will leave as soon as the groups are organised. Like previous years, there will be no waiting as we need to arrive in time for lunch at the hotel. Similarly on departure from Melaka, please check out and be at the designated assembly area early.

4. Members are requested to be considerate of other hotel guests and to handle hotel facilities and equipment with care. Please note that the church is liable for lost and damaged items.

Important Note: Please do not change rooms without first consulting brothers Peter Lim (+65 92745457) or Lim Cher Kiat (+65 98197380). Call them if there is anything wrong with your room and you need immediate attention.

Travel Insurance Notes:

1. All campers are covered for medical expenses up to S\$20,000 and accidental death up to S\$50,000 as well as

unlimited amount for emergency medical evacuation.

2. Existing conditions are not covered (e.g. injury caused by the inability to hear properly for a HI person).

3. Coverage only available to those traveling to and from Singapore (excluding those joining us from Malaysia).

4. The coverage is only valid for the camp period from 13 to 16 June 2012. Any extension arranged (either pre/post camp) will not be covered.

5. The coverage is effective regardless of the modes of transport (e.g. campers driving up on their own are covered also).

Camp Committee

Camp Directors: Peter Lim; a/s: Lim Cher Kiat

Program Director: Simon Goh

Children Class: Xinyi, Amanda Tan, Pui Yoong & Team

Master of Ceremony: Adrian Teo

Praise Team: Irvin Wan and team

Prayer Walk I/C: Tan Beng Chuan

Transport Liaison: Patrick Ong, Richard Leow

Registration Team: Morene Lim, Sharon Goh,

Rosalind Lee, Yvette Mok, Gooi Shu Ern

Medical Team: Drs. Char Li Shing, Ooi Boo Chyes & team

Youth IC: Alvin Tjipto, Irvin Wan

Amazing gRace II Team: Lim Cher Kiat, Adrian Teo, Lim Swee Aun, Peter Lim

T-Shirt Design: Shawn Li

Hospitality: Patrick Ong and Henry Kong