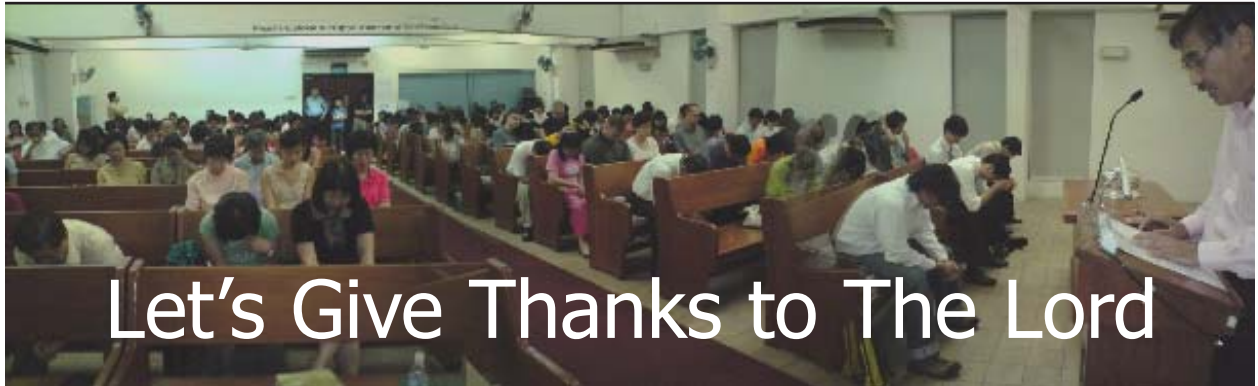


FOCUS

For the Week of 21st December 2008



Let's Give Thanks to The Lord

Last year, at our Thanksgiving Service, 167 members returned to thank God for blessing them throughout the year. Above is a picture taken during the service. This year as we call the faithful together to thank God at the Thanksgiving Service next Sunday evening, here is a checklist of some things that we all can be grateful for. Tick the ones that apply to you and use it as your prayer of thanks to God.

I am thankful for my parents. They gave me life and worked hard to put food on the table and see that I have an education. My dearest wish is to see them obey the Lord so that we will be together forever in heaven.

I am thankful for my spouse who accepts me as I am, warts and all. I want to be a source of strength and comfort to my spouse so that we can weather all future storms of life together.

I am thankful for my children whom God has entrusted to me to take care for a short period of time. May I share with them my faith so that they may have a strong foundation in meeting all challenges of life.

I am thankful for my family members who surround me with unconditional love and tender care. I want to reach out to those who do not know the gospel so that they may experience the same joy and hope that I have.

I am thankful for my health, that in spite of my shortcomings, I can find ready medical care to sustain me to a ripe old age. In so many ways, God has watched over, covered and protected me from harm and trouble.

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AGENDA FOR THE ANNUAL CHURCH PLANNING DAY

1st January 2009

- 0800 - Breakfast
- 0900 - Devotion and prayer
- 0930 - Proposed installation of deacon Winston into the eldership*
- 1000 - Theme for 2009
- 1005 - Events of 2009
- 1015 - Budget for 2009
- 1030 - Bio break
- 1045 - The 3-strand Cord
- 1130 - Marketplace Ministry
- 12:15- Group Photo
- 1200 - Lunch - collection of 2009 directory

*Our minister is inviting comments and concerns from the congregation on the proposed installation of deacon Winston into the eldership. Please submit them in writing by 30th December 2008.

PP FAMILY NEWS

At the 6pm service last week, the congregation surrounded brother Edward Lee after his rededication. Thank God for hearts that can be entreated.

We extend a warm welcome to **brother Brian McCumsey**, son of Ken and Debbi who is here for the holidays. Also visiting Singapore are **sister Barbara**, wife of brother Norton and their son, **brother Brian**. We are so blessed with the wonderful fellowship of these devoted Christian families.

Members, today is the final day to check and verify your 2009 directory entry on the printouts posted outside the church offices.

Use the attendance cards (this week and next) to submit your comments or concerns on the proposed installation of deacon Winston into the eldership on 1st January 2009. All feedback will be prayerfully considered, as full consensus by our current elders is required to proceed with the installation.

There will be no SPC sessions until the 7th of January 2009. **Brother Charles Cook** will start off the year with a 12-lesson series, "Leadership, Jesus' Style". SIBI students in attendance will also receive credits.

There will be no Bible classes next Sunday at 9:30am. Instead, all classes are asked to gather at the auditorium for the annual Junior Bible classes' **Awards Sunday**. It will be a time of delight as the children receive their prizes and put on a show for us all.

We are doing **stocktaking for the JBC Teachers' Resource Library**. Anyone who has borrowed books, CDs or DVDs from the Library, please return the items or inform Wai Leng asap.

Our condolences to **brother Andy Wee** on the demise of his grandmother this past week.

SIBI Internship Programme: If you can spare 1-8 weeks in January and February 2008, speak to elder Beng Chuan or deacon Winston. Great for youth and suitable for adults who want to dig deep. The programme starts on January 5th.

Open Bible Study closes for 2008 and will resume on 7 January at 10am: In addition to all that's going on with SIBI Singapore, one of the joys of my week is to teach God's Word to a truth seeking group of people from the various walks of life in Singapore. In 2009 we want to build this Bible study fellowship into a community-wide influence for God. Join us in 2009 and bring along a friend as we gather every Wednesday morning at 10:00 AM in the Chinese worship hall at the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ. — **Charles Cook**

MEN to SERVE for this Week and the Next

Worship Service

8am

Call to Worship:
Scripture Text:

11am

Call to Worship:
SR/OP:
S. Leader:
Communion:
Preacher:
Shepherd's Prayer:
i/c Auditorium
i/c Balcony

6pm

Call to Worship:
Scripture Text:
SR/OP:
S. Leader:
Communion:
Preacher:
Closing Prayer:

Today (21st December)

Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Psalm 34:4-7

Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Vincent Lim
Kuek Lee Hock
Michael Yam
Paul Quek
Elder Simon Goh
Richard Leow
HI Team

Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Psalm 34:8-10
Ban Haw Leong
Charles Pang
Ramesh Dhanabalan
Henry Kong
Elder William Wong

Next Week

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 36:5-7

Elder Adrian Teo
Kenneth Koh
Daniel Ng
Vincent Lim
Elder Simon Goh
Elder William Wong
Nehemiah Tan
HI Team

Elder Adrian Teo
Psalm 37:1-4
Tom Goracke
Jason Ng
Deacon Winston Chong
Thanksgiving Service
Elder William Wong

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 21st December 2008

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Paul Quek -
"What Keeps You Awake?"
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
- 11:00am Morning Worship
- 1:00pm Hearing Impaired's and
House Helpers' Annual
Thanksgiving Fellowship
- for more information
see brother Rudy Lim or
sister Dorothy Tay
- 6:00pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Henry Kong -
"Our God is Able"

*Cover in your prayers the youth team
who are in Wangsa Maju this weekend*

Sunday, 28th December 2008

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Elder Simon Goh
- 9:30am Annual Junior Bible Classes
Awards Sunday
- 11am Morning Worship
- 6pm Annual Thanksgiving
Service with deacon
Winston Chong
Dinner after worship

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- My cousin's family, for the sudden death of Kathy
- Michael Booker
- Brother Edward's rededication - Lynda and Roland
Wee, Belinda Yam, Mee Geok, Hedy, Henry
- My aunt, Helen to recover from her fall - Ron Tong
- More time for God - Alfred Poon
- Jeryl Snider's hand surgery on 23rd December - Hedy
- Travel mercy for our family to Korea - Linda Ching
- My family travelling to the Philippines - Yew Noi
- Trip to Malaysia from 19th December - Joyce Tan
- The Wangsa Maju mission team trip - Edward Lees,
Patrick Ongs, Winston Chongs, Peter Lims
- My father's health and spiritual life - Maribel
- My family's and employer's health - Maria
Emilia who looking for a new employer - Maribel, Maria
- My husband's health and my plans for my family
- Clarita Simon
- My children's and my health - Mercy Magaso
- Hui Ting's health - Joseph Mymay

Thank God for:

- Deacon KC's sermon - Chern Woon, Fook Weng,
William Chong, Foon Yoong
- Tuao missions team's presentation - Henry and Nat
- Bringing me back to be with the church - Shirley Lee
- His protection over the Tuao mission team - Linda
- The church's prayers for my grand-son Leroy. Safe
return from Hong Kong - Doreen Lum
- The safe trip to Australia. His blessings on my family
- Caroline Ang
- All the hospitable members who bring food and snacks
on Sundays and Wednesdays. We don't know
all of you, but God does - Henry Kong
- For all His blessings - Mercy Magaso
- My new employer - Clarita Simon

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	120
11am Worship	182
6pm Worship	<u>90</u>
Total:	392

Morning Giving	\$10,894
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 323</u>
Total Contribution	\$11,217



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1207	Anonymous	\$600
3RsF 1208	Anonymous	\$50

Let's Give Thanks to The Lord

- ❑ I am thankful for my work that has provided me a comfortable income. Even if I may temporarily be without a job at this time, I have the finances to see me through until a job is secured.
 - ❑ I am thankful for the roof that is over my head, food on the table and recreation to keep me alert and in love with life. Each day as I wake up, I realise that God is presenting me with a new day to rejoice and be glad in it.
 - ❑ I am thankful for my friends who are such a source of joy and comfort to me. I resolve this new year to return their friendship by sharing with them the gospel so that we can truly be friends forever.
 - ❑ I am thankful for my Care team which gives me the spiritual strength that I need on a regular basis. In times of trouble and distress, these are the people I call upon for assistance and comfort.
 - ❑ I am thankful for the country that I live in. In Singapore, water and power work fine; garbage is cleared daily. There is law and order; peace and prosperity. May God bless our leaders that they may always care and make righteous judgments.
 - ❑ I am thankful to missionaries who have sacrificed much in order to bring the gospel to Singapore. We did not ask them to come, nor did they know any of us, but the love of Christ constrained them to reach out to us.
 - ❑ I am thankful for the gospel, and men who have toiled ceaselessly to translate it to the hundreds of languages in the world so that everyone can hear the gospel in their own tongue. There is no book that is so vital as the Bible.
 - ❑ I am thankful for the church which has always been there for me. In the brotherhood of Christians, they have taught me, guided me and cared for me as I grow in my faith. Truly, they will never leave or forsake me.
 - ❑ I am thankful for the leaders and workers of the church who serve freely, diligently and wholeheartedly to keep its light aflame. Especially, I thank God for men who are willing to serve as my elders and deacons.
 - ❑ I am thankful for our ministers and church staff who together, have clocked in more than a hundred years of faithful service. Although demanding, and often thankless each one can continued to serve without giving up.
 - ❑ I am thankful for the good number of teachers who search the scriptures and think through the Bible lessons so that I may be fed and nurtured in the most holy faith. From cradle roll, children, youth and adult teachers and facilitators - each week over fifty men and women break to us the bread of life.
 - ❑ I am thankful for SIBI which helps me to dig deeper into the word. To Charles, Tamara, Tom and Nancy, I want to say what a blessing you all have been to us at PP and all of Asia as SIBI reaches out with the word of God.
- Like David, I need to ask myself as he did in Psalms 116:12 "What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me?" Here are some things you can start with:
- ❑ I can attend the Thanksgiving Service to thank God for 2008 and ask His blessings for 2009.
 - ❑ I can honour God by being regular, punctual and participative at all services of the church.
 - ❑ I can grow in 2009 by adding another service besides Sunday, joining a Care team, attending the church camp, signing up for a SIBI course etc.
 - ❑ I can think of ways I can contribute to the church such as speaking well of the church and its leaders, bringing family and friends, helping with ushering, teaching, encouraging others to serve etc.