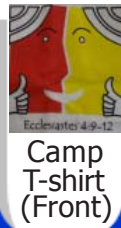


FOCUS

our 4

5th year



For the Week of 12th April 2009

Let's Start Talking/Friendspeak Seminar at PP on Saturday, 16 May 2009



On Saturday, May 16th, LST/FriendSpeak is hosting a training seminar at the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ. The purpose of this training is to instruct on how to implement the LST/FriendSpeak kit in the marketplace as we touch lives for Christ. Retirees, housewives and students will also find this useful.

The Saturday, May 16th, FriendSpeak Training Seminar will start with a lunch at 1pm. From 2:00pm–5:30pm, participants will be equipped with the skills and practice necessary to be effective FriendSpeak workers. The heart of this seminar is to train participants to share their faith in a very natural and comfortable way.

All attending the seminar will receive a kit to use right away with their contacts. The cost of the seminar is S\$70 per person. There will be participants from Malaysia and other congregations in Singapore. Since this event is sponsored by PP, members and visitors at PP will attend for free. Mark your calendars now.



2009 Major SPC Series Starting Soon

We are calling on all Care Teams to set aside their meetings for 7 weeks to enable everyone to attend the main series for SPC in 2009. Starting April 22nd, every Wednesday for 7 weeks, 2009's major SPC series will begin with elder Adrian as facilitator.

The topics for the series are:

- i. Transforming Integrity
- ii. Role-call Presence
- iii. Cheerful Service
- iv. Minding Mindset
- v. Perfecting Influence
- vi. Inspirational Exhortation
- vii. Dedicated Overcoming

These are challenging times for adults and students. Do not let the pressures of each day rob you of the victory we can have in Christ. This life-changing series will help you take stock of your present situation and move you to a higher plane in your Christian walk.

Let's close ranks and come together for this yearly spiritual feast. Dinner will be served every week. Students and young adults are urged to make a special effort to be present.



PP FAMILY NEWS

Brother Ed Wharton will be preteaching a sermon titled "Washed, Sanctified, Justified" at our morning services today. It's our youth emphasis night at 6pm. Brother Kenneth Leow will be the speaker. Please bring extra food for the potluck tonight as our youths will turn up in full force.

After a month, major renovations on the two restrooms as well as the lobby and other areas have finally been completed. Many thanks to all for your cooperation, and to sister Woon Ching for her donation of \$1,000.

On Wednesday, brother John Massie will teach for the last time, at both the Open Bible Study (10am) and SPC (7:30pm) on the subject of Christian Evidences.

Care teams: please be prepared to divert your meetings for 7 weeks starting April 22 to Wednesday for SPC's 2009 major series. Elder Adrian will be conducting this year's series on "Christlike Character Development". Dinner will be served from 6pm.

The final '2 are better than 1' seminar for couples on April 25 will take place as scheduled. There is still room for a few more couples. Please sms elder Beng Chuan at 96393008 to confirm your place if you are interested in being a part of this.

Several have asked to take brothers Ed and John for a meal. Please contact brother Tom at 83683213 if you wish to do so.

We rejoice with sister Serene Kuek on the baptism of her father, brother Ngiam Fook Koon. Special thanks to elder Eric who has been sharing the gospel with this 90-year old patriarch.

Many thanks to elder Winston and his team for a great retreat this past Friday. Also to sister Wai Leng and her team for taking care of the children's session. We appreciate the good effort by the church staff, especially brother Barnabas for his famous, overflowing annual 'Ah Beng's Breakfast'.

Campers (except those who have applied for sponsorship/payment in installments) are reminded to make full payment for the camp as soon as possible.

With this issue of the Focus is the latest China tentmaking report and information on the May 16th LST/Friendspeak seminar. We encourage every member and visitor not to miss this free session (\$70 for all others). Every participant will receive a kit and certification to use these tested and proven materials to reach out to your friends and contacts with the gospel.

Worship Service	Today (12 Apr)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Psalm 71:5-8	Psalm 73:26-28
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Henry Kong Kenneth Koh Jason Ng Lam Chern Woon Ed Wharton Elder Eric Tan	Elder Beng Chuan Nehemiah Tan Jason Mok Ken McCumsey Lim Cher Yam Elder William Wong
Ushers Balcony	Kenneth Kuek HI Team	Andy Wee HI Team
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Henry Kong Psalm 73:21-25 Basil Chong Alistair Chong Chen Yi Kenneth Leow Elder Winston Chong	Elder Beng Chuan Psalm 75:1-3 Deacon Li Chhoan Charles Pang Ramesh Dhanabalan Deacon Paul Lim Elder William Wong

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 12th April 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Ed Wharton
- 9:30am Bible Classes for all ages
New adults combined series
on "God at the Marketplace"
with Peter Lim and his team
- 11am Morning Worship
- 1:30pm SIBI course on Scheme of
Redemption with Ed Wharton



- 6pm Evening Worship
Monthly Youth Emphasis Night
Speaker: Kenneth Leow



- 7:30pm Potluck theme: East meets
West - bring extra for our
youth

Wednesday, 15th April 2009

- 10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study
- 7:30pm SPC on Christian Evidences
with brother John Massie

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

My family's travel to Australia from 15th-22nd April
- Josephine Seow
My family's well-being and for my sister to come
to worship with me at PP - Amelyn
Karen who is seeking employment in Hong Kong
- Maribel

Thank God for:

Brother John Massie's sermon - Patrick Ong
Brother Henry Kong's sermon - Alfred Poon
His faithfulness in keeping me safe for the past
three months of traveling in USA and Canada.
Thank God for providing me with the
fellowship of the Christians in that part of the
world - Lilian Kok
My employers who trusted me with the house-
keeping while away on holidays - Maribel
For Eric's and his family's heart for China. For the
China interest group that is a great source
of support - Henry Kong

Special Thanks:

We would like to thank the church for their love
and concern for Nicole during her hospitalisa-
tion. Your prayers, presence, phone calls,
smses, gifts were a great encouragement to
our family. Nicole is coping well and resting at
home. Praise the Lord for His protection.
- Calvin Siew

FACTS & FIGURES

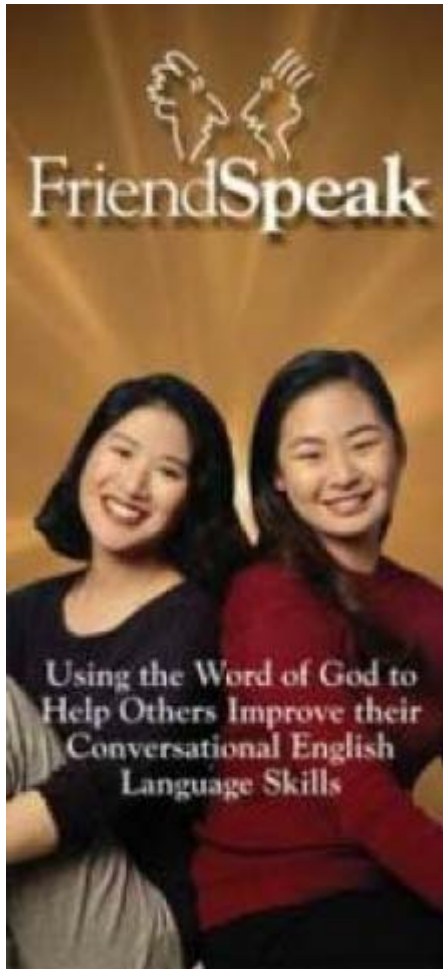
8am Worship	107
11am Worship	236
6pm Worship	<u>56</u>
Total:	<u>332</u>
Morning Giving	\$16,054
Evening Giving	<u>\$ 693</u>
Total Contribution	<u>\$16,747</u>



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1247	Tan Woon Ching (toilet upgrading)	\$1000
3RsF 1248	Anonymous	\$50
3RsF 1249	Anonymous	\$300

Members who wis to help sponsor campers
for the 2009 camp may get in touch with
any our of church staff.



Why choose FriendSpeak? Because we understand your situation. You've found a mission field right outside your front door and you're ready to act. You need something sensible and appropriate; you need something that works. Here's how FriendSpeak can help:

You'll be equipped to meet both the physical and spiritual needs of your international neighbors.

While most churches tend toward one or the other, FriendSpeak combines both in a friendly, one-on-one environment where meaningful conversation, not teaching English, is the goal. Christians meet weekly with their international readers to help them practice their English, discussing the stories of the Gospels from easy-to-read workbooks. In this context, language skills improve, friendships are born, and faith is discussed openly.

Your members are trained to become everyday missionaries.

FriendSpeak prepares your members to conduct well-planned, one-on-one, English conversation classes (entirely in English) while teaching them to share their faith in a very natural and comfortable way. FriendSpeak focuses on three core principles that empower Christians to act with confidence:

The Word is the teacher and we are the illustration.

A friendly relationship is more productive than

Teacher vs. Student.

Scripture is the basis for conversation.

You will attract significant numbers of unchurched people.

We would be happy to send you dozens of references from churches that are opening their doors to entire neighborhoods on a weekly basis. Because English is in such high demand, you can expect a diverse crowd of participants from many different walks of life.

You will witness the development of genuine faith.

You'll observe in your readers the development of genuine faith in Jesus because of their direct experience with the gospel. FriendSpeak fosters spiritual growth and church transformation. As churches focus their attention outward with renewed passion and become more active in real-life, day-to-day evangelism, hearts are changed and lives are transformed.



Youth's Rooming List for 2009 Church Camp

Please direct all queries to Camp Director
Brother Lam Chern Woon

Alvin Tjipto Gareth Chan	Petras Ching Nathaniel Baggao	Irvin Wan Ivan Kuek	Kevin Teo John Lim	Shawn Li Joshua Goh
Kenneth Kuek David Goh	Basil Chong Gideon Siew	Chen Yi Hans Ng	Joel Goh Brian Soh	Melanie Tan Audrey Wee
Andrea Li Nicole Siew	Olivia Leow Joan Mak	Jacqueline Leow Shernise	Magdalene Lim Sarah Yeo	Eunice Ong Hannah Gn
Cheryl Leow Melanie Lim	Amanda Kiang Tricia Kiang	Joanne Seah Amelia Tang Priscilla Tan	Alistair Chong Kenneth Leow Jonathan Alberto	Joanne Seah Vanessa Mak Cheryl Soh
Li Yi Gillian Chong	Charmaine Tan Rachel Teow Si Hui	Michelle Yeo Cheryl Soh	Vanessa Mak Geraldine Lim	Verena Ng



Church Camp Registration Closes last Friday Registrations are now on a case-by-case basis

Glen Gray, Dean of Apollos Institute will be the main keynote speaker and brings with him a wealth of experience on the marketplace ministry. Glen delivered the 2006 Open House forum on "Da Vinci Code – Truth or Fiction".

Tom Goracke, SIBI will be the keynote speaker for our youth. Every alternate year, our youth will have their own activities and programme.

Camp sessions will be highly practical with much interaction and engagement. Our nightly room devotions will begin at 8.30pm so that enough time is carved out for rest and family time.

SIBI will be offering day-time classes from Saturday 6 June to Tuesday 9 June by brother Glen Gray.

Confirmed overseas guests include over a dozen from Philippines, 3 from India, 1 from Myanmar and several from Malaysia.

See brother Chern Woon or our church staff
If you want to register for the church camp, 10-13 June