

FOCUS

**SIBI
Internship
Starts on
Monday**



For the Week of 4th January 2009



Elders symbolically washing the feet of incoming candidate

In a simple but meaningful session, the church installed deacon Winston Chong as our 6th elder on 1st January 2009, witnessed by over 130 members. Based on the Bible, and in consultation with brother Charles Cook, the church followed best practices by the churches of Christ in USA. Announced in November last year, the church received over a dozen comments, (all in support of elder Winston) and two concerns which were discussed by our elders and minister (in consultation with brother Charles).



Our elders (with our minister) surrounding elder Winston and his family in prayer after the installation



**Life of Christ
Nat Cooper**

Dr. Nat Cooper, a native of Ireland, is Vice President of International Affairs and Director of the Center for Character Development at Lubbock Christian University, Lubbock, TX. Dr. Cooper has been an educator for nearly three decades. He has conducted over 440 workshops on character education and business ethics and has consulted various institutions in 86 nations. He was an instructor in Bible and Missions at Sunset International Bible Institute, Lubbock, TX. for twenty years.

January 9 - 25, 2009
Fridays: 7pm - 10pm
Saturdays & Sundays:
2pm-5pm

Course Fee: \$20

Use the attendance cards
today to register

For more information,
contact Tom Goracke,
email: sibi@ppcoc.org



What a great Sunday we had last week: the rededication of **brother Martin**, baptism of **brother Joseph Chang**, son of sister Bee Lee, the **Victor Sohs and Ting Yen Pengs** placing membership... and a wonderful crowd who returned to thank God for a wonderful 2008.

More than 130 members were present at the **annual church Planning Day** - see photos on the cover and back. It was a great way to begin the new year with the installation of elder Winston, exciting plans and challenging lessons from our leaders.

There will be no Bible classes at 9:30am today. Instead all members will meet at the auditorium for the annual **'Welcome New Members'** session. Light snacks (generously contributed by members) will be served after the half-hour event to provide an opportunity to get to know our 40 new members better.

Elder Adrian Teo will kick off 2009 with his usual 'first Sunday' message at our morning services. Come back at 6pm when our guest speaker, **Brian McCumsey**, son of the Ken McCumseys will speak on the subject, "Breathe".

Members who have not picked up your **2009 membership directory** at our Church Planning Day can do so at the lobby after the services today. Each member who has been active during the past 12 months are entitled to a copy. Please check with our minister if you have any queries.

Please note that the **shepherding zone has been totally reorganized** under postal codes instead of geographically. Many members will find themselves in another zone. This is done so that every member will be accounted by an elder and a deacon. On the other hand, **Care teams are no longer zoned under elders** but according to geography as indicated on the bookmark. An updated Care team listing will be published next week in the Focus.

At 7:30pm on 7th January, SPC will start off the new year with a 11-week series on **"Leadership, Jesus' Style"** by brother Charles Cook.

It is great to have elder Eric back in Singapore. He has been keeping office hours with the church staff since his return and will leave for Xian on Monday.

SIBI NEWS: The long anticipated **SIBI internship programme** begins tomorrow. Check out the posters or with the SIBI faculty for more information... This Wednesday, the **SIBI Open Bible Study will resume at 10am**. Bring your friends... **The first SIBI course for 2009 starts this Friday**. Dr. Nat Cooper will teach the 'Life of Christ' course. Use the attendance card to sign up, or email brother Tom Goracke at sibi@ppcoc.org.

Worship Service	Today (4 Jan)	Next Week
8am Scripture Text:	Psalm 37:5-6	Psalm 39:4-6
11am Call to Worship: SR/OP: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Shepherd's Prayer:	Henry Kong Peter Lim Chen Yi Lam Chern Woon Elder Adrian Teo Elder Beng Chuan	Elder Adrian Teo Daniel Goh Jason Ng Tom Goracke Nat Cooper Elder Simon Goh
Ushers Balcony	Shawn Li HI Team	Ivan Kuek HI Team
6pm Call to Worship Scripture Text: SR/Prayer: S. Leader: Communion: Preacher: Closing Prayer:	Henry Kong Psalm 37:7-9 Ban Haw Leong Charles Pang Elder William Wong Brian McCumsey Elder Beng Chuan	Elder Adrian Teo Psalm 40:4-5 Deacon Li Chhoan Daniel Ng Tom Goracke Wangsa Maju team Elder Simon Goh

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 4th January 2009

- 7:30am Shuttle Bus Service
- 8:00am Morning Worship
Speaker: Elder Adrian Teo
- 9:30am Welcome New Members
at the auditorium
Junior Bible Classes
- 11am Morning Worship
- 6pm Evening Worship
Speaker: Brian McCumsey

Cover our missionary to China, elder Eric on his first missionary trip to Xian on Monday, 5th January 2009

Monday, 5th January 2009

- 9:30am SIBI Intership Programme
at SIBI office

Wednesday, 7th January 2009

- 10:00am SIBI Open Bible Study
with brother Nat Cooper
- 7:30pm Leadership, Jesus Style
lesson 1 by brother
Charles Cook

Friday, 9th January 2009

- 7:00am SIBI Life of Christ
with brother Nat Cooper

Saturday, 9th January 2009

- 12-4pm God in the Marketplace
Workshop for Young Adults
Garden Hotel
- 2:00pm SIBI Life of Christ
with brother Nat Cooper

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please pray for:

- Nathaniel and Koon Liang to return to Christ and His church.
May God bless and work through Winston when he takes the role of a shepherd - Vincent Tangs
- Mother's health and recovery - Amelyn Allauigan
- Elizabeth's mother who had a fall - David Yee
- My brother, Lim Boon Teck's health and salvation
- Angela Teow
- God to bless Edward to love and care for his family
- Maribel
- Madam Goh Kor King for a successful cancer operation
- Sandra Chan
- Salvation of my family in the Philippines - Amparo
- Sandra's mother, sister Teo who had a mild stroke - Henry

Thank God for:

- Elder Simon Goh's sermon - Michael Mariarajas
- Our deacons and their presentation - Henry Kong
- All blessings in 2008 - Josephine Seow, Henry Tangs,
Michael Mariarajas, Fabila, Maribel
- My safe return from Malaysia - Joyce Tan
- Winston and his family. Bless Winston as he takes the role of an elder in 2009. All elders and deacons for the work done in 2008 - Sandra Chan
- All the blessings and answer to my prayer - Clarita Simon
- Blessing my son with an award for swimming meet. Bless him physically that he may study well - Mercy
- His deliverance - Keisha
- All blessings, guidance, love and protection this year and for us to set an example for our children
- Andy Wees
- Taking care and giving us all the things that we need and guiding us and giving us good health - Billy Wees
- The refreshment that I get from PP church and for the equipping provided by SIBI - Jin Eng
- His faithfulness, love and mercy despite my shortcomings - Rudy Lim
- His overflowing love and bountiful blessings for all of us in 2008 - the KC Cheangs

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	104
11am Worship	295
6pm Worship	124
Total:	523
Morning Giving	\$11,067
Evening Giving	\$ 1,623
Total Contribution	\$12,690



Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1209	Anonymous	\$ 600
3RsF 1210	Anonymous	\$ 50
3RsF 1211	Anonymous	\$ 50
3RsF 1212	Anonymous	\$ 600
3RsF 1213	Anonymous	\$2000
3RsF 1214	Chew Chong Lins	\$ 500
MF 0737	Anonymous	\$170
MF 0738	Anonymous	\$200

Group Picture of the 2009 Church Planning Day



Taken by Deacon Paul Lim

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