

OUR CHURCH AT PRAYER

This is the powerhouse and dynamo of our church. We long to fulfill God's Call to his church to be a "house of Prayer". Do join us on Saturday at 2.30pm to pray for our church, our communities, our families and loved ones. If you need transport, please call Sis. Ching Ching at 97710250, Bro. Peter Tan at 81614066 or Pastor David Kerk at 96460704.



CHINESE NEW YEAR 2009

*3 Hours Special Thanksgiving Service
on January 25, 2009*

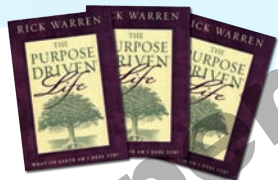
CNY is celebrated from January 25 to February 9, 2009. It is a time of Chingay parade and streets processions involving large costumes, lighted-up floats and thousands of lanterns which light the way for the New Year. Firecrackers (banned in Singapore) were used to frighten the evil spirits away.

If you want to testify of God's Goodness over you, please inform your LG leaders. Yes, there is absolutely no way to repay God's Grace & Goodness. However, there are many other ways to express our thanksgiving unto our Lord for example a one time "Hong Bao Special Offering". But our Lord will be most glad to meet you in His House with thanksgiving from your hearts and praises out of your lips on last day before we usher the Lunar New Year.

Please note there will be **NO CNY 1st Day (26/1/09 - Monday) Thanksgiving Service!** Any **OPEN HOUSE** for visitations, please inform Sis. Ching Ching or Pastor David Kerk.

40 DAYS OF PURPOSE

Rick Warren's best seller "The Purpose Driven Life" is one christian book all of us should have in our personal library.



I am keen to have a copy of "Purpose Driven Life" book.

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OUR VISION: To Worship, Glorify and Serve God at all time. To Proclaim the Good News of Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord. To Welcome all with Love and Compassion. To Call everyone to develop and use God's Gifts in working together for Him. To Live and Work for God's Kingdom.

OUR MISSION: We, Church of Sengkang, exist to bring people to Jesus and membership in His family, develop them to Christ like maturity, and equip them for their ministry in the church and their mission in the world. "God is able to do above and beyond all we ask or imagine according to His power, which is at work in us".
Ephesians 3:20.

CONNECTING WITH GOD AND HIS CHILDREN:

The Christian faith is all about "Relationship", not religion. God has revealed Himself and His Love to us in the person of Jesus. His main mission is to come to seek and save the lost and to give Life to all who trust Him. You can trust Him now by offering his simple prayer:

"Lord Jesus, thank you for coming into this world to save sinners like myself. Thank you for dying on the cross so that my sins can be forgiven. I repent of all my sins and invite you to be my Saviour and my Lord. Thank you for loving and accepting me. Please help me to follow you all the days of my life. Amen."

The bible says, "To as many as received Him, God gave them the right to be His children" - John 1:12. If you have just said the prayer above, and meant it. Congratulations and we welcome you to fellowship with our brethren in the Life Group to help you grow in your new found faith. Get into this family life, if you need assistance, please contact Bro. Joe at 94242177, Sis. Ching Ching at 97710250 or Pastor David Kerk at 96460704 and visit our website at www.cosk.sg.

OUR SUNDAY LUNCH

We thank all those who are involved in this ministry. It is a great opportunity to serve the church by serving at the lunch table. We will like to invite you to be a blessing in this ministry. Please contact Sis. Ching Ching or Pastor David. We are looking into a roster for all LGs to be part of this ministry. Please give us your views!



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Church of Sengkang

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* community filled with and led by the **HOLY SPIRIT**

THE SUNDAY TIMES 11th January 2009
SUNDAY SERVICES TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

Message from Pastor David Kerk



**A Healthy Church With
Believers Becoming Disciples**
Gospel of John Chapter 1:40-42

On behalf of the leadership, we are grateful to our Lord & your continued support for the ministry of Church of Sengkang. To realise the vision our Lord has revealed to us, we are seeking our Lord for spiritual directions in fulfilling the vision to Sengkang/Punggol. We can learn from the gospels and Acts for a good biblical strategy how the disciples were equipped in revolutionizing the early church. Let's take a closer look at how our Lord called Peter, the fisherman to become Peter, the disciple of Jesus.

1. Peter DID NOT Follow JESUS at his First Call

These three verses are commonly known as "Operation Andrew", describing the first time when Peter met Jesus. Jesus **DID NOT** actually **CALL** Peter to follow Him at that moment. Rather, the first time when Peter was called was when he was fishing at the Sea of Galilee. Reportedly Peter left everything and followed Him. Incidentally, this is the reason why many evangelists used this **CALL To Follow** by way of saying the Sinner's Prayer at the preaching of the Good News of Jesus. We can thank God, during our last Christmas Eve, 6 first comers were given the chance to be invited to follow our Lord Jesus. Let's continue to pray for those 6 souls that our Lord will ONE Day call them to FOLLOW our Lord.

2. Peter TRULY Believed In JESUS

It was puzzling as to why Peter would give up his fishing profession and leave every thing immediately to **FOLLOW** Jesus. The gospel of Luke described the incident in great detail. *Read Luke 9:18-20.* The disciples of our Lord were challenged to count the Cost of Discipleship. *Read Luke 9:57-62.* Peter had worked very hard and caught no fish; Jesus asked him to let down the net at the deep water, and the nets began to break and the boats were so full of fish that they began to sink. Peter then truly Believed Jesus as the Messiah/Saviour and responded to the Call to be fisher of man. Jesus subsequently called him to build His Church, to hold the keys of the Kingdom, and to feed His lambs.

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Grace's reflections on Pastor David Message

Hallelujah! Pastor David told us, Peter did not believe when he first heard about Jesus is the Messiah. When he met Jesus, he was using "How Do You Do?", "Nice to meet you" as greeting. But this was important, because without the first meeting, second and even third meeting will not exist. Bible did not mention when Jesus went and lived in Capernaum (*Matthew 4:13*), he became Peter's neighbor and had met for a few times. But Luke did briefly describe how Peter left everything and followed Jesus, it mentioned clearly in *Luke 5:1-11*. Beside Peter, people on the two boats had also left everything and followed Jesus after experienced God's miracle (*Luke 5:11*) including John, Jesus' favorite disciple. *What made these people made such a decision?* The reason is that they needed to be satisfied. They saw two boats filled with fishes with their own eyes. Nothing can surpass "the present" to satisfy them. Professional fishermen were just liked all the professionals who are facing the global financial crisis presently, no matter how hard they tried, they can't change the situations. They needed Jesus to perform the miracles in their life. To start a Life Group to act as a gospel group to help people understand that Jesus can help to satisfy their needs in life.

Thank you Pastor for telling us about Peter's strength that seldom known by people. People liked to mention about Peter's weaknesses, but Jesus had transformed Peter's weakness into strength. Peter's had the spirit of adventure which Andrew and John did not own. Because of this strength, Peter held the keys of the Kingdom. Peter had become the first Bishop, and people built a church named St. Peter's Church. We need to be adventurous enough to make every decision in our life. Do you still remember the story of the eagle? At the age of forty, if the eagle does not make a decision, he will die. In 2009, for Church of Sengkang to become a healthy church and to be like eagle soaring on the two wings, we need to make a decision to rise up brothers & sisters to become disciples. We have to take a little risk to become disciples and the price we have to pay is to sacrifice our times on Saturdays and Sundays to attend Prayer Meeting and receive the disciple trainings, we may also need to sacrifice our time on watching television and surfing the internet for reading the bibles. We may need to spend time on fellowship with others so that they will come and attend Life Group.

Let's Meet on 18/1/2009 (Next Sunday), 2.00pm - 3.30pm:
To Discuss

"Spiritual Directions For COSK Thru' Discipleship".
Be Present for discussion & dialogue.

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3. Peter - A Trained Disciple in the Teachings & Life of JESUS

With the huge responsibilities that Jesus placed on Peter, He gave him the divine training and discipleship which included His teaching, transfiguration, performing many miracles and godly examples. Peter responded with enthusiasm but sometimes in failures, for examples, sleeping while praying, having a big ego, and an impulsive nature and denying Jesus three times. He also took a risk to walk on water, and began to sink when he focused on the storm. Peter's efforts and risks taken were actually the trainings that Jesus used for strengthening him for his CALL. ***Are You willing to take risks for Christ in order that your Call can be strengthened?***

For this coming year 2009, following from stabilising our faith in the Lord from the study of "Faith Lessons"; we hope to move to our next stage of spiritual maturity that is "Becoming a Practising Disciple of Jesus!"

Help Me Lord To Be Your Disciple
Pastor David Kerk

OUR COLLECTIONS

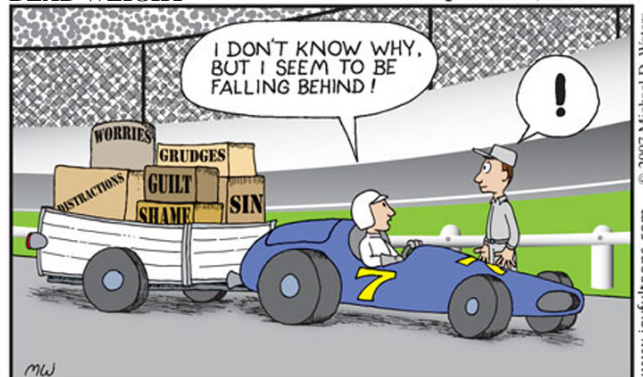
Deut. 8:18: "But remember the LORD your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth, and so confirms His covenant, which He swore to your forefathers, as it is today."

December 08' Collections	: \$19,125.65
Last week's up to 4th Jan 09	: \$12,593.50
Church Building Fund	: \$27,080.00

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"Church of Sengkang Ltd".*

DEAD WEIGHT

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

Hebrew 12:1

Today's Sermon

Speaker: **Pastor Tan Swee Hai**

Title of Message: **The New Beginning**

Main Points:

1. A New Beginning - Deuteronomy 11:11-12

1:1

1:2

1:3

2. Remain In Christ - 2 Corinthians 5:17

2:1

2:2

2:3

3. Have the Right Goal - Philippians 3:13-14

3:1

3:2

3:3

4. God's Anointing - 1 John 2:27

4:1

4:2

4:3

Reflection on this message:

*The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.*