

## Announcements

1. Developing the young adults for leadership succession. W.e.f this month, we will have a young adult to chair the Sunday service with Pastor overseeing this transition. Please uphold our young adults in your daily prayers before our Lord.
2. Our deepest condolences to the Sis Karen Goh on the departure of her mother the late sis Lim Chwee Yeo who was Called Home To Be with Our Lord on September 17, 2009.
3. On Behalf of the Leadership, we want say a "Big Thank You" to all who have in one way or another helped in our 2nd anniversary thanksgiving service.
4. PurposeDriven Life Class resumes this afternoon from 2.00pm to 5.00pm. All are welcome to sit in the class.
5. **Mission trip to China** from November 26 to Dec 3. Activities include sharings in the home groups, home visitation, Sunday morning service, friendly ping-pong & badminton games with the China's brethren as well as one night stay up in themountain. Estimated cost S\$550. Those interested, please speak to Pastor David kerk.
6. 1st Annual Bible Camp - March 2010. Please fill up the registration form below:



Venue: **Pulau Ubin Holiday Resorts**

Date: **March 2010** (school holiday week)

Name:

Contact No: (Home/office) (Mobile)

### I am Coming:

- (1) Alone ( )  
 (2) Bring a friend ( )  
 (3) My family - indicate number ( )

Camp Speakers: Rev. Canon James Wong & wife  
 Sis Yuan Fong Choo (to be confirmed)

Camp Fees: Will announce at a later date.

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## What happen a minute before 2.30pm every Saturday?

Pray, Pray & Pray.

That's right!

We step into the House of Prayer to Pray.

I know all of us want to do:- Pray.

Prayer is what we will do when we see a need in the church.

We not only intercede for the many needs of the Church.

Together with Our Lord

we wage war in the spiritual realms

releasing souls into His Kingdom

Through united prayers & thanksgivings.

Read Ezekiel 30:22

Beloved, Come & Experience the Power of United Prayers.

Our God is searching for someone

Who is willing to stand in the gap.

The Lord say in Isaiah 6:8

"Whom Shall I send, and who will go for Us?"

Will we response, just a Isaiah did, "Here am I, send me".

Are you willing to be the watchman that

Our God is looking for?

Beloved, you never know what God

Can do through your obedience.

Come, Join Him In Prayer.

## OUR COLLECTIONS

**Leviticus 23 : 9 - 10;**

The Lord said to Moses, "Speak to the Israelites and say to them: 'When you enter the land I am going to give you and you reap its harvest, bring to the priest a sheaf of the first grain you harvest.

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| Aug 2009 Collection  | : S\$13,892.60 |
| Sept 2009 Collection | : S\$20,818.00 |
| Church Building Fund | : S\$30,080.00 |

*If you are making out a cheque, kindly mark "Church of Sengkang Ltd".*

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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 TIME**

**SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES:**

**04th October 2009**

**10.30am to 12.30pm**

### Sis Karen Goh Is Not Ashamed of the Gospel For The SALVATION of her Mother The late sis Lim Chwee Yeo

Thank you Lord Jesus for your love for us!

Thank God for his great love through Church of Sengkang that my mother, Lim Chwee Yeo's life was filled with abundance and under shelter. Through Church of Sengkang, I have seen His mighty power in changing the lives of my family members and how the stronghold of satan had been broken down. I thank Lord Jesus for listening to my prayer and for my nephew (our family's first grandson Addison who was saved and baptized). I thank God for the holy spirit and the precious blood of Jesus Christ that covers all things and brought my mother, Lim Chwee Yeo to rest in the arms of God entering into the eternal Kingdom of God. All is perfect now! Amen!

On 2nd August 2009 at 12.30 pm, I received a call from my elder sister to visit my mother who is in critical condition at NUH. For that moment, the first thing on my mind is to seek God. I told the Lord that I have known Him for the last 24 years and it is my hope that my family members particularly my parents who are very stubborn can know Jesus. Upon arrival at NUH, we were not able to see my mother who is under observation. But, I saw my family members discussing my mother's funeral. Miraculously, at about 5 pm, the doctor told me that my mother's condition had been stabilized and we can visit her. When Tiong Chai and myself saw Mom, she immediately told us that she felt she were dying. I then told her she was all right as our Church of Sengkang's Pastor & brethren, Chionh Ma Ma, Tiong Chai and myself have asked the Lord to let her soul be awakened.

We all thank God for his mighty power as the Lord begin his work in my family. The next day, Mom was so happy to see a 93 year old elderly woman, Chionh Ma Ma who came to the hospital to visit her, who can sing and speak the bible truth to her. Mom told the family that she was very blessed to have an elderly person to visit her. She returned home after a few days but 3 days later, she was not well again. My family



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members then requested for Chionh Ma Ma to pray for her. She was happy. Thereabout on the 3rd week, she was not well again, as we prayed at home asking the Lord to let digest the food she ate, to grant her strength, she held on to her grandson, Addison, Pastor David and Chionh Mama hands. Soon after, some family members became unhappy and started blaming me for bringing Chionh ma ma and for allowing the Pastor to lead Mom to Christ. My father, in particular, was angry as Mom was an idol worshipper for the last 50 years and now that she is sick, afraid of death, called on Jesus to help her. On the 4th week, mom was admitted to the hospital again; dad was very angry and spoke to all not to allow mom to be baptized and if she passed away must follow the Chinese funeral rites. I thank God on September 15 morning, a psychologist came to speak to my mom and told her that her sickness is terminal and asked if she had any inner desires to be fulfilled. Mom told the psychologist that she wanted to be baptized and wanted a Christian funeral service. My prayer was heard by the Lord as on 17 Sep, Pastor David went to NUH to conduct the baptismal service @9.30 am. At about 1.30 pm, Mom went home to the Lord.... As for the funeral service, it was done in the way of the Lord.



### **A REAL FRIEND is Someone who Walks In When Everybody else Walks Out - anonymous**

We cannot function alone because we are not created to do so. In Gen 2:20 it speaks of Adam looking around for another person to share his life with but he was unsuccessful because he went looking at the wrong places – Adam was searching for a companion among the animals. It came from God's mouth directly in Gen 2:18: "And the LORD God said, "It is not good that man should be alone" and as a result the Lord made Adam his best friend, Eve.

Loneliness is a sour and squashy feeling we all might experience in our lives occasionally, and there is nothing to be ashamed of. When we catch the flu, we will head to the doctors for help. When we need financial advice, we will seek for banking professionals. Similarly, when we are lonely and down, we need to make an effort to make friends. You can start the ball rolling by simply turning to the person sitting beside you and talk about what you had for breakfast.

Individually, friendship helps you to grow as a person. Some people come into our lives and leave quickly. Some stay for awhile and leave footprints on our hearts. And we are never, ever the same. Corporately, friendship helps to build unity and this is a very important factor for us as a church to step up another level in functioning as a 'blessing hub' to this nation.

Don't be discouraged when your attempt in befriending someone fails;

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just try again, it is okay. Don't give up and I assure you, soon, you will find a friend to share your life with. Anaïs Nin said "each friend represents a world in us, a world possibly not born until they arrive, and it is only by this meeting that a new world is born." Friendship is a beautiful thing and good things do not come easy. As such, it is perfectly normal if you hit the bumpy roads in the course of your friend finding expedition.

There is a friend that you cannot afford to forego, His name is Jesus. Yes, Jesus Christ the Son of the living God is your friend.

**John 15:15** - *No longer do I call you servants, for a servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all things that I heard from My Father I have made known to you.*

Friends spend time with one another, they heal each others' pain, they share the deepest secrets in their hearts, they laugh together, cry together and love. How wonderful it is to have Christ to fulfill all the above? Can you imagine Jesus healing your pain, sharing secrets with you, bring joy into your life, giving you godly burdens (Mat 11:30) and loving you like no one else can? If you want Him just simply seek for Him and He will be there for you. Try it, you have nothing to lose. It is worth it.

Your friend,  
Bro Roy Tan

## **"Practical Christian Living"**

### **Whew! Following Jesus Isn't So Easy!**

**.... but then, who said it would be?**

That's what many of us found out as we journey on with our Lord in this love relationship. Accepting Jesus as our Savior is one matter but making Him as our Lord is another. Afterall, our Lord didn't say it would be easy. Thanks to our God, He did say in Luke 9:23 "Anyone who wants to follow me Must put aside his Own desires and conveniences and carry his cross with him everyday and keep close to ME!" (paraphrase today's version). This is what our Lord is saying to those who want to follow HIM:-

### **DECIDE**

For yourself who Jesus is. Do you believe like Peter did in Luke 9:20 that Jesus is the Son of God? Do you believe it enough to follow Him?

### **PUT 'YOU' LAST**

And Jesus first, others second. Go out of your way to help others even to the point of suffering for them or with them. If you can't help, the least you can help is upholding the brethren in prayer before our Lord. Jesus' disciples must have REAL LOVE for others. Read Luke 10:25-28 and John 13:34-35 cosk's motto.

### **LET GOD USE**

What you have ---- your talents, your possessions, your hands, your legs, your time--- all that you are "Come From HIM". Offer yourself back to the Lord each day in prayer & praise, fellowship, tracting, service, usher, washing cups and plates, overseas mission etc. Don't be afraid to put a word in for Jesus when you have a chance. Not forgetting putting a good word for our brethren when the "Accuser" points his finger at our brethren. Read Romans 12:1-8.

Pastor David Kerk

## **Today's Sermon**

**Speaker:** Pastor David Kerk

**Title of Message:** Christians Should Pursue Christlike Maturity

**Scripture Text:** Philippians 3:12-16

**key verses:** FORGETTING what is behind and straining toward what is ahead. I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus v13-14

### **Introduction:**

Biblical concept of "Perfection".

- \* We think that a perfect person would never make a mistake, never sin, never lie, never get angry.
- \* We realize this type of perfection is impossible, and so when God tells us to be perfect, we think He is asking the impossible.
- \* Greek word "Perfection" has to do with completeness & maturity, NOT flawlessness.
- \* A Maturing Christian is one who is "growing normally in Christ" - baby talk & baby behavior may be appropriate for baby christians, but not for those who are older in Christ

### **Main Points:**

1. Paul's GOAL of Maturity v12:

- 1:1 Paul stated that Jesus had a specific Purpose for him - Commission to Preach to the Gentiles
- 1:2 Paul wanted to Fulfill God's Purpose
- 1:3 Paul has not yet "arrived" - obtained Spiritual Maturity

### **Pause & Reflect:**

*Spiritual Maturity is a process- Growth, Stagnation and Death. Healthy plants grow out of (1) sow seeds, (2)water the seeds,(3)till the soils. We do not ask ourselves if we are the kind of people who show love to others; rather we ask how many times we have gone out of our way for someone else. we do not ask ourselves if we know the Bible but how often we have studied it lately. the question is NOT "Do I know the Lord?" but "Have I Grow in the Lord Lately?" Brethen, let's GO For It*

2. Attributes of a Mature Christian v13-14

2:1 Christian Actions, Attitudes & Fashion

- \* Perseverance: Hebrew 12:1-2
- \* Willing to Learn
- \* Other Centeredness - Equip the saints: Ephesians 4:12
- \* Diligence: Until we attain...Ephesians 4:13
- \* Unswerving Faith: your faith is greatly enlarged 2 Thessalonians 1:3a
- \* Love For Others: the love of each one of you grows ever greater 2 Thessalonians 1:3b

### **Pause & Reflect:**

*things that may reflect maturity in our lives are: Our Commitment to God's Goals for us, Becoming Other-centered instead of self-centered, and Searching for ways to improve our relationships, attitudes and actions.*

3. Steps in the Maturing Process v15-16

- 3:1 Growth can be costly
- 3:2 Spend time in Bible study, solitude moments with Him
- 3:3 Personal Prayers: Colossians
- 3:4 Corporate Prayer: House of Prayer

### **Reflection on this message**

I feel that God has wanted me to become more committed in my ministry as a full-time minister. I know that following what He wants me to do will take away from the time I spend on recreation. O Lord, help me to take steps toward growing unto maturity in You.

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