

From Grace To Glory - All About Our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration

YOUR BEST NEEDED for our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration - 19-09-2010

We Need your full support to rehearse our Thanksgiving Celebration. We'll be here this afternoon from 3pm to 5pm till September 19, 2010. Join us to rehearse our Thanksgiving Celebration. Kindly inform Pastor Wang, sis Lay Sim or Senior Pastor David Kerk if you need clarification.

1. Please REMIND Your Invited Guests

You **MUST** let your LG Leaderships, Senior Pastor David Kerk, Pastor Nicodemus Wang or let sis Jane know the number of guests coming for the Thanksgiving Celebration. It will help us to facilitate the buffet dinner as well as the souvenir gifts

2. Sunday Service As Usual On 19/09/2010

We will still have our usual Sunday Service with Holy Communion. All brethren are to **STAY** back to help in the preparation for the 3rd Anniversary

3. Our Guest of Honor - Rev. Dr. Canon James Wong

Thank God for Rev. Dr. Canon Wong for his spiritual mentorship and guidance in the ministry of COSK.

4. Thank GOD for The Sponsor of Six-Course Buffet Dinner

Do pray for a joyous fellowship over the dinner table. No reservation. Please let our guests have the preference.

5. Thank GOD for the Delicious Cake

To share happily that special cake. May our Lord bless all those generous love gifts for this Thanksgiving Celebration.

6. YOU Mark Your LOVE Gift- 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration

It is indeed more Blessed To Give Than To Receive. It's about time we bless **GOD** through your **LOVE** gift. Mark "3rd Anniversary" on the envelope. You May specify "Souvenir Gift"

7. Transport Arrangement on 19/9/2010

Please inform your LG Leaders, Bro Peter Tan, Pastor Nicodemus Wang, Senior Pastor David Kerk or Sis Jane if you or your guests **NEED** transport on 19/09/2010. You **MUST** inform us by 12/9/2010. Need be, we will hire additional private hire van or bus.

BE COURAGEOUS

A Joyful 'toon by Mike Waters



Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the LORD your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. — DEUTERONOMY 31:6 NIV

CARRY YOUR BOOKS?

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Casting all your care upon him; for he careth for you. — I PETER 5:7 KJV

OUR COLLECTIONS

2 Corinthians 9:6-7;

Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously. Each man should give what he has decided in his heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.

July 2010 Collection:	\$15,765.15
Aug 2010 Collection up to 22 Aug 2010:	\$ 9,024.60
Mission Fund (99+1)	\$ 1,000.00
Church Building Fund:	\$32,330.00

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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*

COSK SUNDAY TIMES

29th August 2010

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SUNDAY SERVICE TIME:

10.30am to 12.30pm

COUNTDOWN

Days: 22

COSK to Become A Church Who Loves God and The People In Sengkang/Punggol

Hallelujah! Praise and Glory to our God. Looking back in my life, I can only acknowledge God's leading and His Presence is in our footsteps. Even so, with Church of Sengkang.

The one truth I know within the short span of time here, though I have no knowledge how Church of Sengkang has come thus far; and that is God wants to do His works through the Church

The Church is currently busy with the 3rd Anniversary preparation. Deep down my heart, this portion of scriptures from Matthew 22:1-14 is crying out loud. Allow me to take this opportunity to humbly share with you.

The question facing many churches in developed economies in the 21st Century is the declining growth rate. Many in fact faced a more severe problem – A decline in number of Christians. Before I came to Singapore, I heard she is a prosperous and wealthy nation. When I arrived in Singapore, it is indeed prosperous and wealthy. But, as I look closer and nearer, I saw there are many needy and sorrowful people. "Before they can seek help from the Church, first the Church must reached out to them." Many scholars said, there would be no hope in our 21st Century Church, if they are lacking in this pastoral view.

Today, many churches placed little importance to those people who are destitute but many placed their attention in their building and churning out programs. Both in the Old and New Testament constantly mentioned that these people needs care and concern. Unfortunately, many churches have neglected these people and are more concern in their growth rates indicators. In the parable of Jesus, the story of the Good Samaritan, he taught us who the true neighbor is. If there is no love in our heart and if we do not care about the people around us, how then can say we love God. A person who truly loves God, not only love the soul but is also truly concern about the person's livelihood. Regardless of the scientific advancement, the improvements in our living conditions, the state of well-being, there are still people facing poverty. Giving love and concern is the responsibility of the Church. Gospel is not just about loving your neighbor's soul, but also manifest in their lives, this then indeed is the true living gospel. I pray and hope that Church of Sengkang will not only be a church that truly loves God but also His neighbors.

Grace to Glory Pastor Nicodemus Wang

My Testimony

My Past Was Downcasted But My Present Is Filled With Abundance



I was adopted and brought up in a big family of three generation; my foster mother was a very superstitious idol worshipper. The environment was unhealthy and surrounded by gangsters, gamblers, drugs and prostitutes. Naturally, I became one of them from a young age. As a result, I was bonded by drug for a

several decades. I ever thought of starting a family, but I eventually chose "Miss White", which is drug and gave up my fiancé. Instead of entering into marriage, I helplessly ended up in the drug addiction treatment centre.

I actually received Jesus as my Saviour in my earlier years, 1995 and ever stayed in a half way house. However, I still loved the world then and had no desire towards the Lord, thus continued to lead a corrupted life. I was in and out of prison and drug addiction treatment centre 16 times in total and wasted 16 years of precious time. I remembered the last time I was arrested, I was about to jump out of 16 storey window to end my life. Thank God for His mercy, I was held back by the narcotics officers, or I would not be able to stand here testify for the Lord.

That year, I was sentenced to 10 years imprisonment, my heart was then filled with bitterness and my mind filled with negative thoughts day and night. Almost every night, I was unable to sleep. Until one day, a pastor came to counsel me in the prison, I shared my troubles with him, he then prayed for me and I committed my life to the Lord once again. Miraculously, I was able to sleep soundly that night and I overslept. Moreover, those negative thoughts stop to entangle

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me too. As stated in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new". Thank God for He so loved me, though I was rebellious and loved the world, but He still patiently waited for me to repent. Let us applaud and gave glory to our heavenly father.

When I came out of prison in 2009, God lead me to The New Charis Mission. God used Pastor Don and all the leaders to train me and gave me a new life of hope. In my earlier years, I wouldn't share with anyone about my past; but today, the Lord used disgraceful past in the eyes of the world to testify His Glory. Not only that, the Lord brought me to different countries for mission trips, giving meaning to my life. Thank God for His grace. I also want to thank the Lord for leading me step by step to Church of Sengkang, a big family filled with love, care, passion and vitality. Thank everyone of you for giving me a chance to become a part of this family, sharing in the peace and joy of the Lord.

Dear brethren, my past life was down casted and hopeless, but now in abundance and meaning because of the Lord; last time my mind was filled with grieve and bitterness, but now filled with peace and joy; last time others called me drug addict, but now I know I'm a child of God; last time my marriage was unsuccessful, but now I believed the Lord will bless me with another marriage, set up a little family. Hallelujah! Blessed are those who believes, let us once again applaud and give glory to our heavenly Abba Father. Amen.

Bro James Teo
Servant of Christ

Today's Sermon

Speaker: Bro Robin Tay

Title of Message: Let Go and Let God

Point 1: LET GO of Your Priced Possession To God

- Gen 22:2-12
- Mark 12:41-44

Point 2: Let go of your rights to God

- Matt 5:38-39
- Matt 5:41
- 1 Cor 9:1,15

Point 3: Let go of your unforgiveness to God

- Matt 6:14-15
- Col 3:13

Reflection of Message: