

**“Practical Christian Living:
Personal Growth In Our Lord”**

**The Steadfast Love of Our Lord
NEVER CHANGES**

- 1. GOD is Never Too Busy For You - 1 John 5:14
- 2. GOD Feels For You In Your Deepest Sorrow - Psalm 56:8
- 3. GOD Will Never Abandon You - Psalm 94:14
- 4. GOD Never Changes - Hebrew 13:8
- 5. GOD Loves You Too Much To Let You Go - 1 Timothy 3:16
- 6. GOD Is NOT Against You But Against Your Sin - 1 John 1:7-9
- 7. GOD Knows You By Name - Isaiah 49:16

God Is Perfect. But He is NOT a Perfectionist - A Perfectionist is someone who finds it anxiety-provoking to adapt a imperfect circumstances or situations. God is NOT a perfectionist, He longs to have our company. Our lack of perfection does NOT cause HIM to be disturbed that HE withdraws from us. Read Matthew 5:48



Announcements

- 1. PurposeDrivenLife Class resumes this afternoon.
- 2. Prayer Meeting Every Saturday from 2.30pm to 4.00pm
- 3. Evangelising Sengkang with Gospel tracts from 4.00pm to 5.00pm



14 days to COUNT DOWN
Our 2nd Anniversary ThanksGiving Service
20-09-2009 from 2.00pm -4.30pm **“Only By GRACE”**

Bring someone to this Thanksgiving Service



OUR COLLECTIONS

Proverbs 11:24-25; One man gives freely, yet gains even more; another withholds unduly, but comes to poverty. A generous man will prosper; he who refreshes others will himself be refreshed.

- July 2009 Collection : S\$15,755.05
- Aug 2009 Collection up to 30 Aug 2009 : S\$13,892.60
- 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 6th September 2009
SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES: 10.30am to 12.30pm

GOD’S PLEDGE TO HEAR AND ANSWER PRAYER
**Our Prayer For A Mentor For Pastor,
Advisor To the Board & Church of Sengkang**

I cannot tell you how thrilled and overwhelmed I was when Rev Canon Dr James Wong & his wife Esther willingly accepted the appointment to be Advisor to Church of Sengkang and the Board of Directors. Needless to add we have the whole host of angels rejoicing in seeing our Lord answering our prayers. Since the inception of this ministry, we have never ceased to call upon our Lord to send a



Man of God of good stature and credential to provide spiritual guidance to pastor, the Board and the ministry. Beloved, God’s Word tells us God hears prayers that are according to His Will (1 John 5:14-15) We have submitted this prayer in confidence to our Lord for the last 2 years. Indeed, great is His faithfulness for He Makes ALL THINGS beautiful in His time.

It’s Coming! - Church of Sengkang’s 1st Bible Camp 2010
STOP PRESS!, Rev Canon Dr James Wong & his wife are agreeable to be our 1st Bible Camp Speakers. Tentatively, we intend to hold it during the March 2010 school holidays (normally on the 2nd week of March ie 8/3/2010 to 14/3/2010). If God’s willing we will invite a mandarin speaking sister to minister to the mandarin speaking brethren. More details will be released through the Sunday Times at a later date. On your part, we need to have your commitment to be the first registered camper. We will need a minimum of at least 70 campers. Meantime, join us in bringing this matter in prayers before our Lord.

**And NOW, It’s OUR PLEDGE To Support
God’s Work In Sengkang/Punggol**

MY SHARE
(Please INCLUDE ME As A Partner
In the Ministry of Church of Sengkang)
Please make your cheque payable to “Church of Sengkang Limited”
(1) A Special One-Time Gift of S\$.....
(2) A Monthly Pledge of S\$..... from Sept 2009 to Aug 2010)
You may contact the office at any time to change or stop your mthly pledge.
You may pick up a PLEDGE CARD from the Ushers!

**“None Can Believe
How POWERFUL PRAYER Is....
but those who Have LEARNED it
By EXPERIENCE ”** *Martin Luther*

Come EXPERIENCE GOD in Prayer! Yes, we believe PRAYER is the most powerful activity in our relationship with our Lord. That is why we need to think through what we are praying for another individual. Nothing so moves the circumstances of life as prayer does. Join us in our corporate prayers every saturday.....

Matthew 14:23

“And when He had sent the multitudes away, He went up into a mountain apart to pray: and when the evening was come, he was there alone.”

If Jesus Christ, the creator of Heaven and Earth, the King of all kings and the Lord of all Lords, the One who healed those who are blind and set free those who are bounded by evil spirits needed to isolate Himself to pray, how much more do we need to do so too? Our prayer time should not be done out of a religious duty but instead praying should be a time of talking and listening to our loving heavenly Father.

It is stated in James 5:17-18 that Elijah was a man with a nature like ours, and he prayed earnestly that it would not rain; and it did not rain on the land for three years and six months. And he prayed again, and the heaven gave rain, and the earth produced its fruit. This is the power of prayer; it can even command nature.

6 years ago while I was doing my quiet time, kneeling down on the edge of my bed, I cried out to the Lord saying “God, please heal me of my ear infection” (Even by just coughing, sneezing and by shaking my head, my ears would experience great pain) After asking God to heal me, I heard a soft gentle voice asking me to place my hands on my face near my ears and pray for healing. I did as instructed and lo and behold, the pain was immediately gone! This is the power of prayer; it can bring healing.

What happens if we begin to pray for a powerful session in our 2nd Anniversary Celebration that will take place in just 14 days? What happens if we begin to pray for our friends to come for this event so that they can experience the love of God and eventually get saved? If only we will unify our hearts to pray for this special event, God will for sure answer our prayers. Well, Jesus said in Matthew 17:20 that if you have faith as small as a mustard seed you can move mountains. If you can move mountains, you can definitely move this church to a greater level in Christ Jesus!

We do not just pray because we want to treat God like Santa Claus or make God a supernatural vending machine. We pray because we love God, we pray because we want to recharge ourselves in His presence so that we can continue to go out there and make a difference in this fallen world by His grace. Praying is communicating with the most High, it is building a relationship with the One who died for your sin on the cross.

Don't pray when it rains if you don't pray when the sun shines.

▪ Satchel Paige, 1974

Consistently Praying for & With You,

Bro Roy Tan

Message from Pastor David Kerk

**“Lord, Build Church Of Sengkang
To Be a Church of GRACE”**

GRACE is a necessity in His Church. Apostle Paul's writing in Romans 12:1-6 speaks of the remnant of Israel - those who remain faithful and escape God's judgment though most of those around them were unfaithful. Although small and insignificant, the remnant serves as a symbol of hope pointing toward the vast, innumerable multitude that one day will stand saved before God. We can learn a precious truth from Israel, God's Chosen people did not lose their salvation because God chose Israel as a nation.

As I reflect on this remnant, my heart is filled with thanksgiving to God for His Grace over Church of Sengkang It is the Lord who has chosen us be part of this ministry. So, we need **GRACE** to be the identifying mark of our church. After all, how do we learn **GRACE**? How did you yourself come to Know the **GRACE of GOD**? My guess is that there are 2 possible ways : (1) Someone told you about it (no doubt pointing you to the Scripture and to Christ and (2) Someone demonstrated **GRACE** to you. Most of us have to have both. In fact, it is usually happens that if you have the telling without the demonstration, then the telling is nothing than **JUST TALK ONLY**.

Come 20.09.2009, we will both tell and demonstrate “Only By His **GRACE**” that Church of Sengkang is in the ministry of reconciling men to God. We intentionally choose to be a place where God can continue to demonstrate His **GRACE** to the precious souls and brethren in Sengkang. Not just individual believers, but the church interacting, fellowshiping, serving, loving one and another through the power of **GRACE of GOD**.

Amazing **GRACE** has freed us to Give & Serve. It's the nature of **GRACE** to do this. “For you know the **GRACE** of our Lord Jesus Christ,” Paul says, “.... that though He was rich, yet for your sake He became poor, so that by His poverty you might become rich” read 2 Corinthians 8:9. And again we all know our Lord Jesus came “....not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many” read Mark 10:45. **GRACE** doesn't just accept; it also gives and serves. It's not merely a negative thing that says, “I don't condemn you.” It's not merely a passive thing - a great smile of acceptance. It Acts, It Serves. It Gives.

Beloved, there will many struggles, many sorrows and much pain in building Church of Sengkang. But with our hope and strength in the Lord, we will have less need to fear. **Only By GRACE**, together with our Lord we will build Church of Sengkang for His **GLORY!** Amen.

Church of Sengkang
Under Process In The Spirit

Pastor David Kerk

Today's Sermon

Speaker : Bro Tan Swee Hai

Title of Message:

Jesus' Conversation With the Samaritan Woman by the Sychar's Well

Scripture Text: John 4:1-14

key verse 10: Jesus answered her, “If you knew the gift of God and who is that asks you for a drink, you would have asked him and he would have given you living water” (NIV)

Main Points:

1: She Doesn't KNOW Her Sins

1:1

1:2

1:3

2: She Doesn't KNOW HOW To REPENT!

2:1

2:2

2:3

3: Lord Jesus Saves Her - 5 Steps:

3.1

3.2

3.3

3.4

3.5

4: The Samaritan Woman's Testimony

3:1

3:2

3:3

Reflection On This Message:

What a glorious conversation our Lord had with this woman by Sychar's Well. Has He had such a conversation with you, in which He has revealed to you His wondrous LOVE, in which you have discovered Him and COME to Him and TRUSTED HIM as your Saviour where your life is fully satisfied. Are you willing to bring others to KNOW HIM and to experience His Saving GRACE and His Satisfying LOVE.?

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