

## SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Worship Service : 10.30 A.M.  
Sunday School: 10.30 A.M.

### THIS MORNING - (9.15 A.M. - 10.00 A.M.)

#### Adult Bible Class (3rd of 8 sessions)

Venue: Upper Sanctuary

#### Beginning & Going On With Christ (3rd of approx. 8 sessions)

Venue: Youth Room

#### Sunday Service Details

(10.30 A.M.)

Sermon: "The Heartbeat of Missions" (2 Corinthians 5: 14 - 21)

Speaker: Dr Suraja Raman

Worship: Joshua/ Michael Musicians: Carissa/ Crystal/ Andrew

Projectionist: N.G. AV: Jeff

Ushers: Audrey, Geraldine, Gabriel and Weng Khiong

Sunday School: Lavinia, Sai Tien and Jessica

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### NEXT WEEK - (10.30 A.M.)

Sermon: "Receive the Holy Spirit" (John 20:21-23)

Speaker: Ps Neville Tan

Worship: B.K./ Steven/ Henry/ Jeff/ Swee Lian

Projectionist: Giselle AV: Cheng Huat

Ushers: Beng Hwee, Jessica Mustamin, Margaret & Shirley

Sunday School: Lavinia, Sai Tien and Jessica

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### FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

We would like to encourage all to come and join the Prayer Meeting every Friday at 7.45 p.m.

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### LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The ladies will stand down their meetings during the June school holidays.

#### SMALL GROUPS (MEETING - FORTNIGHTLY)

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| 1) Pasir Ris            | Henry Lee  | (H/P 9696-3134) |
| 2) River Valley         | Chiew Eng  | (H/P 9638-1330) |
| 3) Sembawang / Thomson  | N.G. Oh    | (HP 9751-6723)  |
| 4) Serangoon / Sengkang | Chih Chung | (H/P 9681-4680) |

## SERMON NOTES:

### THE HEARTBEAT OF MISSIONS

by Dr Suraja Raman

Introduction: God's heartbeat is Missions

1. The Great Commission
2. The Ministry of Reconciliation
3. We are Ambassadors for Christ

#### Conclusion:

1. Ministering to the unevangelised in the world
2. Reflections on our responsibility



*Where your "born again" experience makes you a member.*

**June 21, 2009**

### **2009 THEME: "Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly ..." (Col 3:16)**

**Our Vision:** To be a growing community of Christ-centred believers committed to honouring God and sharing His love.

#### **Our Mission is to:**

- Build a praying and worshipping community
- Instill a love for the Word of God
- Grow in holiness, unity and servanthood
- Give generously to the Work of God
- Equip God's people for the ministry
- Reach out locally and globally

### **GOD'S WAYS**

**May they sing of the ways of the LORD, for the glory of the LORD is great. (Psalm 138:5, NIV).**

It's never always easy to delight in God's ways especially when we're going through difficult or uncertain times. Trials challenge our assumptions and expectations of what God should or shouldn't do. Often times when we're traversing through uncharted and unfriendly terrain, our defensive antenna loses its bearing and gives out confusing signals. Instead of directing our hearts to God, it misdirects it to focus on what God isn't doing and our suffering.

When we're sore with God, we're likely to experience at least two debilitating feelings:

1. Resentment. The Israelites were so preoccupied with their perceived lack in the wilderness that they wildly romanticised about what they had in Egypt – "We remember the fish we ate in Egypt at no cost — also the cucumbers, melons, leeks, onions and garlic. But now we have lost our appetite; we never see anything but this manna!" (Numbers 11:5-6). They had all but forgotten about God's deliverance and guidance - their miraculous

crossing of the Red Sea, the pillar of cloud that guided them by day and the pillar of fire by night. All they did was to compare, complain and criticise.

2. Self-pity. This is a convoluted and circuitous form of egocentrism. It puts you on a toxic, gratuitous circle of "Why me? Why it has to be me?" It complements the angry harpings of resentment. It demands that you deserve better or at least be amply rewarded. Elijah fell into that narcissistic mental trap barely a day after his victory over the 850 prophets of Baal. He felt all alone and wanted to end it all - "I have had enough, LORD....Take my life; I am no better than my ancestors... I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too" (1 Kings 19:4, 10). He was so self-absorbed that he couldn't remember that his earlier victory came through the hand of God. It wasn't a one-man heroic feat!

God doesn't promise us the most comfortable way but that doesn't mean that that's not the right way. The Lord's right way is paved with one special intention – to produce His son's image in us. We must not miss those teachable moments that God appoints for us.

Sometimes, they're meant to discipline us so that we'll stay on the right path – "Endure hardship as discipline; God is treating you as sons. For what son is not disciplined by his father? If you are not disciplined (and everyone undergoes discipline), then you are illegitimate children and not true sons" (Hebrews 12:7-8).

Other times they're meant to shape our empathy, "so that we can comfort those in any trouble with the comfort we ourselves have received from God" (2 Cor 1:4). Since God is leading us to realise an internal, not external goal, some of our experiences will not necessarily make sense now. It's not essential that they make sense. It's only essential that we see them as God's appointments.

How we view our experiences will shape our attitude and build our resilience. We must therefore remember to be thankful for all experiences, since they all "work together for good...For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the likeness of his Son" (Romans 8:28-29). If we could only see the finished product as God now sees it, we would learn to be grateful for our present circumstances and be able to genuinely sing of the ways of the Lord!

**Pastor Song Cheng Hock**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WE WELCOME all guests who have come to worship with us this morning.** If this is your first visit, please fill in the Visitor Form so that we can keep in touch with you.

## REMINDERS

Please remember to park your car at **Bedok South Secondary School** so that we do not inconvenience our neighbours who have been very understanding.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!

**The Pastors would like to wish all fathers a  
"Blessed Father's Day!"**

## OUR SPEAKER THIS MORNING

**We welcome Dr Suraja Raman to our pulpit this morning.** Dr Raman has served as a missionary since 1976 and has taught in Africa, Asia and Central America. She is a graduate of the Singapore Bible College, Asbury Theological Seminary and Trinity International University.

## Seven-Eleven Gospel Rally

Pastor Caleb How is organising a Gospel Rally at **People's Park Center in Cross Street, #06-15, on July 11 2009** at 7.30 pm. Pastor Neville will be their evangelist and would like us to support this effort by inviting unbelievers to attend.

## PRAYER ITEMS

1. Please pray for our guest speaker, **Dr Suraja Raman**, as she brings God's Word to us this morning. Pray for ourselves too that we may not be hearers of the Word only but doers too.



2. Pray for the **Worship Team**, the **audio/visual support group**, as well as the **ushers**. Pray that God will continually refresh them as they experience deeper worship themselves, leading others to worship God in spirit and in truth.

3. Please continue to pray for **Auntie Alice**, that she will be close to the Lord, and for her to trust the Lord completely during this time of trial. Pray for God's peace and strength for her, and for God's wisdom for Auntie Catherine as she takes care of her sister, as well as for the medical team in attendance.

4. Please pray for **Bro Benjamin Chew**. He suffers from panic disorder & Agoraphobia and is currently undergoing

psychiatric treatment. He is also on medication. Please pray for his well being and for his family.

5. Do continue to pray for our **missions outreach** in Cambodia, Vietnam, India, Indonesia, J.B., Penang. Pray for the pastors, church workers and members, that they will experience the power and joy of the Holy Spirit in their lives.

6. **Pray for the Lord to raise more leadership** in the church so that our church may have continue to advance to the glory of God. Continue to pray for a pastor and especially a pastor for put youth.

7. **Pray for a Prayerful Spirit.** Be joyful always; pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus (1 Thess. 5:16-18). Ask God to teach us to cultivate silence and solitude in His presence:

- that we may adore Him in the depths of our being and await all things from Him.
- that we may remain steadfast, confident in Him and joyful always in whatever circumstances we are in.
- that we may find our hearts directing towards Him in the strength that comes from the joy within.
- that we may learn to discover the beauty of God even in ugly circumstances of our being and await all things from Him. Ask God to teach us to cultivate silence and solitude in His presence.

**PASTORAL PRAYER.** Should you or someone you know need prayer, please send your email to [chggod@churchofgodsg.com](mailto:chggod@churchofgodsg.com) or speak to the pastor.

## **God pours His love into our hearts to flow out to others.**

*Lord, grant me the courage to confess my faults to those I've offended, and the grace to accept the confessions of those who have offended me. May I become a minister of reconciliation to bless my family on Your behalf. Amen*

**A right attitude with your family begins  
with a right attitude toward God.**

**Last week's Memory Verse:** Light is shed upon the righteous and joy on the upright in heart. - **Psalm 97:11**  
**This week:** Above all else, guard your heart, for it is the wellspring of life. - **Proverbs 4 : 23**