

SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

Worship Services: 9.00 am - 10.30 am
11.00 am - 12.30 pm
Sunday School: 11.00 am - 12.30 pm

Sunday Service Details

THIS MORNING - (9.00 A.M.)

Sermon: "Parable of the Soils" (Mark 4 : 1 - 20)

Speaker: Ps Song Cheng Hock

Holy Communion: Ps Neville **Announcements:** Henry Tan

Worship: Chiew Eng/ Catherine/ Cheng Huat **Musician:** Swee Lian

Projectionist: NG **AV:** Meng Teck

Ushers: Alice, Jeff, Lilian and Roselind

(11.00 A.M.)

Holy Communion: Ps Song **Announcements:** Chih Chung

Worship: Aaron/ Saimun/ Joyce **Musicians:** Naomi / Andrew

Projectionist: Giselle **AV:** Cheng Huat

Ushers: Weng Khiong, Beng Hwee, Jessica Mustamin & Nellie

Sunday School: Christina, Sai Tien and Jessica

NEXT WEEK - (9.00 A.M.)

Sermon: "Growth" (Mark 4 : 20 - 34)

Speaker: Ps Song Cheng Hock

Holy Communion: Ps Neville **Announcements:** Henry Tan

Worship: Lavinia/ Jeff/ Lilian **Musician:** Naomi

Projectionist: Lavinia **AV:** Cheng Huat

Ushers: Betty, Jessica, Roselind and Vivien

(11.00 A.M.)

Holy Communion: Ps Song **Announcements:** Chih Chung

Worship: Joshua/ Michael/ Joyce **Musicians:** Carissa / Andrew

Projectionist: Ben **AV:** Giselle

Ushers: Meng Teck, Audrey, Grace/Seraphim and Serene

Sunday School: Lavinia, Soo Lin, Adeline and Michelle

FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

We would like to encourage all to come and join the Prayer Meeting every Friday at 7.45 p.m. **Ps. Song** is teaching from the **Book of Revelation** every Friday.

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) |
| 5) Upper East Coast / Siglap | Meng Teck | (H/P 9789-7892) |

SERMON NOTES:

Write down the twelfth memory verse you memorised:



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

May 3, 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

TRANSITIONS

**The LORD is my light and my salvation — whom shall I fear?
The LORD is the stronghold of my life — of whom shall I be afraid? (Psalm 27:1, NIV).**

Change and life transitions can be frightening and unwelcome realities, especially when these are certainties in which we've no control. The current global recession has already claimed many unsuspecting victims. Established companies had to downsize or close down, while loyal workers had to be laid off through no fault of their own. Nothing seems certain anymore. "Security" has become an antiquated assumption that is no longer applicable in today's volatile economy.

Change is terrifying because it threatens to break up the world as we've always known it. Adjustments could mean the erosion of our assumed identity and lifestyle. Change signals the end of safety and beginning of forced transitions.

When one is caught at such a moment, one has to stand toe to toe, eyeball to eyeball, with this intrusive monster. But this isn't always possible when you're in shock. The immediacy of the situation and its imagined impact on your family will

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hamper your ability to optimistically see what the future will now bring forth.

In defence or denial, we tend to tenaciously cling to what we know or think we know, and complain how unfair it is and refuse to move on. This is only natural. Unfortunately, our world doesn't have the time to entertain that sort of illusionary musing.

Yet it is in those helpless moments that we enter into a special awareness of who we really are. When we're in a dark hole, things begin to simplify. Our goal is to survive and to make do with what we have. It's about damage control. There's no time for mournful regrets. Grandiose thoughts, dreams and fantasies will just evaporate into the moment of urgency. In that moment, when there is nothing standing between you and that unexpected imposition, you will be forced to evaluate your priorities and values.

Life transitions, if taken in the right spirit, can actually clarify life issues and life direction. They can drill deep into the deep recesses of our real selves and help us understand our unexamined past and outline our future.

This process must begin with God. We must see Him as our "El Elyon," the God who is the strongest of the strong and the "pantokrater," the One who has His hand on everything. In spite of unforeseen setbacks, we must remember God is sovereign and in control.

Transitions – especially forced transitions, however disorienting and painful they may be at first, can be exceptional pathways for growth and discovery. But we must be realistic and be prepared for this: the transition may not bring you back to your past way of life. Maybe, you'll be worse off financially. But your life structure and faith would have taken a more purposeful direction, because that transition has cleansed and connected you to the deeper currents of your life.

The basic issue is this: don't deny the value of the transition territory. Come to terms with it and you'll get a firm grasp of your "losses," which in turn may be your gains as they free you from your past paradigms so you can be open to God.

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 Card so that we may keep in touch with you.

PLEASE REMEMBER TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!

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.

PRAYER ITEMS

1. Pray for **our worship** service this morning, for ourselves that we may be prepared to know His Holy Presence as we worship Him.



Pray too for our minds to be open to the promptings of the Holy Spirit and to be obedient and to submit to His directions in our lives.

2. **Please pray for our pastors. For Pastor Song** as he brings God's word for us this morning. May the Holy Spirit help us to focus on the Lord Jesus Christ.

3. Pray for **the Worship Teams** as they lead us in worship, and the **AV persons/ushers** on duty.

4. Please pray for **our sister church in J.B.** as they celebrate their Anniversary today.

5. Please pray for the various ministries in **our congregation**, for the children's ministry, the teachers and helpers, the youth and their leaders, the young adults and for ourselves that we may be used by the Lord to serve Him and one another.

6. **BE PRAYERFUL AND LOVING**

The end of all things is near. Therefore be clear-minded and self-controlled so that you can pray. Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins. (1 Pet 4:7-8)

a. Our Lord Jesus is returning! Pray for alertness and readiness!

b. Ask the Lord to give you a desire to pray – to commune with Him, to learn from Him and to do His will.

c. Pray that we may be a loving congregation – ready to look to the interest of others, to forgive and receive forgiveness, to be free from hypocrisy and superficiality.

7. **Please remember those who are not well** and pray that God will bring His healing to all. Pray for God's grace and strength to be with them and their care-givers.

Praying For Our Pastors (Excerpt from The Beacon)

Thoughts: Let the mind of Christ be strong in my pastors. Guard my pastors from mental distractions, doubt, and futile thinking. Enable them to take every thought captive to obey Christ. Cause my pastors to daily seek You for the renewal of their minds so that their visions, values and plans are governed by Your revelation and eternal truth. (1 Cor 2:16; 2 Cor 10:3-5; Romans 12:2)

Fear of God: Lord, keep my pastors in the fear of You. Bind the fear of failure and people. Give my pastors boldness to confront sin and other threats to the church. Enable my pastors to remain confident even when others resist the gospel or their vision. Honour my pastors' stand for You, and come to their rescue when others oppose them. (Prov 19:23; John 14:1, Hebrews 12:3; Psalm 35)

*Lord, keep me in Your groove of grace,
The chosen path for me;
Your will I daily will embrace
Until eternity. - Hess*

CHURCH OF GOD Income and Expenditure Report

Month ending: April 2009

	<u>Bldg.Fund</u>	<u>Gen.Fund</u>	<u>Missions</u>	<u>Total</u>
Income	\$3,953.65	8,976.96	1,960.56	14,891.17
Expenditure		<u>-11,043.87</u>	<u>1,857.57</u>	<u>12,901.44</u>
Income/Exp	<u>\$3,953.65</u>	<u>(\$2,066.91)</u>	<u>\$102.99</u>	<u>\$1,989.73</u>

LADIES FELLOWSHIP

The ladies will be meeting this Thursday (**7 May**) with bring-your-own-lunch to church at 12 pm followed by a topical study. The ladies will stand down their meetings during the June school holidays.

Last week's Memory Verse: And this is the testimony: God has given us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. He who has the Son has life; he who does not have the Son of God does not have life. - **1 John 5 : 11 - 12**

This week: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. - **1 John 1 : 9**