

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: "Growth" (Mark 4 : 26 - 34)

Speaker: Ps Song Cheng Hock

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

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

Projectionist: Lavinia **AV:** Meng Teck

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

NEXT WEEK - (9.00 A.M.)

Sermon: "Power Encounter" (Mark 4 : 35; 5 : 1 - 20)

Speaker: Ps Song Cheng Hock

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

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

Projectionist: N.G. **AV:** Cheng Huat

Ushers: Alice, Catherine, Chiew Eng and Geraldine

(11.00 A.M.)

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

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

Projectionist: Rena **AV:** Giselle

Ushers: Chiew Eng, Geraldine, Jessica Mustamin & Shirley

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 thirteenth memory verse you memorised:



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

May 10, 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

REJECTION

And they took offense at him (Mark 6:3c, NIV).

Everyone is born with a primal need that has never changed since creation – the need to belong, to be loved and accepted. We needn't be ashamed of that. It's a basic human longing. People who are denied of rightful love will grow up feeling insecure and intimidated whenever they are given difficult tasks, find themselves in unfamiliar circumstances or are around seemingly important people.

Children who are neglected by their parents will develop a "needy" syndrome that craves inordinate, unhealthy attention, which makes them demanding, self-absorbed, sensitive, critical and judgmental. This can lead to a self-perpetuating cycle. Damaged people tend to impose their unhappy experience onto others.

For example, critical people don't usually feel good about themselves. To compensate their lack, they mistakenly believe that if they bring others down to their level, they'll feel better. But they never do, and so they keep trying and repeating that hurtful cycle again and again. Their victims may in turn impose this menacing spirit onto others. It's a lesson we all need to learn isn't it? We ought to be gracious and understanding

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towards others.

With or without the “needy” syndrome, the desire to be liked or at least be accepted is experienced by all. But life doesn’t always work out that way. You’ll face rejection now and then, like receiving a rejection letter from a prospective employer (or even your banker, or credit card company!). Nothing personal of course, but it still stings.

Of course there are other forms of rejection that we feel more deeply, like losing a good friend because of a misunderstanding, when you’re left out of a team selection, or your best friend abandons you for someone else.

How do you handle rejection? Some put on a courageous front, or hide behind a mask to cover up their pain. This doesn’t always help because it may embitter you even more especially when you’re unable to process that pain. Eventually you may end up having that “stuck” feeling and you may not even want to engage with others because you’ve lost your trust.

Jesus himself suffered rejection by his own town folks. He had healed many people of their diseases and infirmities, delivered a man from demons, preached with authority, taught insightful parables, stilled a storm, raised a girl from death to life, and gathered a growing number of followers before He returned home. I don’t think he was in that self-congratulatory mood expecting a hero’s welcome when he stepped into familiar soil.

I’m also quite certain that he wasn’t expecting a rejection either – a rejection that insulted his very being. They took offense at him. In Greek it means they “stumbled over him.” They saw him as a stumbling block because their mindset couldn’t accept and expect anything out of the ordinary from someone so close to home.

They couldn’t explain him. They asked “Isn’t this Mary’s son?” In those days, people identified a man by calling him, “the son of his father,” not “the son of his mother.” They somehow knew about his beginnings – that Mary was pregnant even before she got married. Jesus was known as a bastard, an illegitimate child. They can’t see how this guy could qualify to be a holy person, not to mention a messiah. It was laughable to them.

Perhaps people might treat you unfairly or reject you as less than ordinary. Remember Jesus understands. He’d been on that road before. His death and resurrection assures us that we’ve been accepted by God. You’re worth more than anything to God. Don’t let others determine nor undermine your worth. Place your pain on the foot of the cross and get on with living purposefully for Him. Your experience is an invaluable one. You can reach out to those in need and embrace them with God’s love.

Pastor Song Cheng Hock

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!

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.

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**. Pastor Neville will be their evangelist and would like us to support this effort by inviting unbelievers to attend.

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. Pray for **Philipp and Sherin Lindermann** and their daughter Sarah in Mexico. Their aunt Maryann from JB COG is there to help with post-natal care of baby Sarah, but may have a problem being allowed back into Malaysia. Please pray for her as she makes plans to return.

5. Unc. Neville’s (and Henry Tan’s) elder brother William, is seriously ill and warded in Changi General Hospital. Please pray for him especially for his salvation.

Ps. Neville will be at JB Baptist Church this morning and preaching at an Evangelistic Meeting. He requests prayer for himself that God will use him to lead many to Christ.

6. Please pray too for our congregation as we seek the Lord

for two more members to serve on the Board of Directors.

The Helping Hand is organising their annual Walk-A-Jog on Saturday, 18 July 2009. On this day, uniform groups will set up booths to educate the public on their roles in general. There will also be talks on the prevention of crimes. The Health Promotion Board and CNB will also give messages on the dangers of drugs abuse and smoking. They have invited a thousand students from the various JCs, Polytechnics, ITE and secondary schools.

Besides your prayer support, Bro. Vincent Tan also seeks your help in their fund raising effort.

Those wishing to contribute, please see Bro. Vincent.

A BLESSED MOTHER’S DAY TO ALL MOTHERS.

May the Lord bless you for your love to your children.

FAITH INVENTORY

Are you trusting God fully? Check through the list. Ask God to strengthen your weak areas as:

1. **Seen in undue care**—MATT. 6:30. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith?

2. **Seen in fear**—MATT. 8:26. He replied, “You of little faith, why are you so afraid?” Then he got up and rebuked the winds and the waves, and it was completely calm.

3. **Seen in doubt**—MATT. 14:31. Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. “You of little faith,” he said, “why did you doubt?”

4. **Seen in wrong thinking**—MATT. 16:8. Aware of their discussion, Jesus asked, “You of little faith, why are you talking among yourselves about having no bread?”

5. **Seen in failure**—MATT. 17:20. He replied, “Because you have so little faith. I tell you the truth, if you have faith as small as a mustard seed, you can say to this mountain, ‘Move from here to there’ and it will move. Nothing will be impossible for you.”

Last week’s Memory Verse: 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**

This week: Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make your paths straight. - **Proverbs 3: 5-6**