

then, once interrupted his lesson that morning and suddenly said “there is no excuse for being late if you planned to be on time.” The English word for this is “tardy.” Tardiness means not arriving, occurring, acting, or done at the scheduled, expected, or usual time. Those words stayed in my mind to this very day. **If I plan to be on time I will never need any excuse for being late**, legitimate or just another excuse.

Paul writing to Titus in 2:6-8 said:

*“Similarly, encourage the young men to be self-controlled. **In everything set them an example** by doing what is good. In your teaching show **integrity, seriousness** and soundness of speech that cannot be condemned, so that those who oppose you may be ashamed because they have nothing bad to say about us.*

“In everything set them an example,” wrote Paul. The word “**integrity**” in the next sentence means honorable, reliable, or trust worthy. Every Sunday morning, or whenever we have church services, we have an appointment not just with man but also with God. If we have agreed to meet at 10.30 on Sunday morning to worship God, we should be in church in time to prepare ourselves to worship God. Likewise if we have agreed that we meet at 7.45pm on Friday we should be there at the appointed time or earlier. Let us set ourselves an example by being punctual. Being late can become a bad, unhealthy habit that does not edify the body and may even be encouraging others to do likewise. Remember we teach by being an example.

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.

OUTREACH SUNDAY

The 5th Sunday of each month is our Outreach Sunday. Time and another opportunity for us to share the gospel with someone. **Our evangelist for Sunday 31st January 2010** is Pastor Caleb How. Pastor Caleb has a church in Chinatown where he ministers to the very needy in our society. The poor and downtrodden, the mentally unfortunate and the forgotten or leftout ones in our society.

Let us remember our Lord's Great Commission in Matthew 28 to “Go and makes disciples...” Let us pray and make an extra special effort to bring our friends, family or someone to our Outreach Service so that they may hear the Good News.

Worship Seminar:

We thank God for the Vietnam Team. A big “Thank You” to those who have helped in one way or another, especially those who helped to organise, bring the team out, provide transport, accommodation, food and gifts. Thank you for sharing.

Introducing Our Guest Speaker.

Elder Sunny Chan serves as an Elder of Orchard Road Presbyterian Church and Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church. He is currently an advisor to BBPC Management Committee.

Elder Sunny worked for HP and later TECH Semiconductor, both overseas and in Singapore, until he retired about six years ago.

He attended Gordon Conwell Theological Seminary **Market-place and Workplace Ministry Program** from 2004 to 2006.

Counsellors / Befrienders.

Please meet at 12.45 pm at the main sanctuary for a short briefing after the January 24th morning service. **Others who may be interested to serve in this ministry are most welcomed to join us too.**

Excerpt from Our Daily Bread

After working for 40 years as a teacher, Jane Hanson retired. She and her husband were looking forward to the arrival of their first grand-child.

Retirement is that time of life when many people simply relax, travel, or enjoy hobbies. But Jane heard about a ministry to at-risk youth in a city near her home, and she knew she had to get involved. “I realized there are kids just waiting, and I could make a difference,” she said. She began teaching English to a young Liberian man who had been forced to flee his home country because of civil war. Though he was in a safe environment, he didn't understand the new language. Of this ministry opportunity, Jane said with a smile, “I could just go shopping to stay busy, but what fun would that be?”

Jane is making a difference. Perhaps she has learned a little of what Jesus meant when He said, “Whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will find it” (Matt. 16:25). Giving ourselves to the Lord through helping others takes self-denial, yet one day Jesus will reward that effort (v.27). Let's follow Jane's example of love for God and others - no matter what our stage of life may be.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONES. THANK YOU

PRAYER PAGE



1. Pray for **Elder Sunny Chan**, our guest speaker this morning. Pray that we will be ministered to and will respond to God's calling for us to be equipped for the ministry.

2. Pray for **Sister Lavinia and Bro Henry** as they lead in worship this morning. Pray too for **Naomi and Steven** (musicians) and for the **audio/visual support group**.

3. **The Greeters and Ushers team** will be the first faces that we will meet when we arrive at church. Their's too will be the welcoming faces that guests and visitors will see. Please pray and encourage them as they dedicate themselves to serve among us.

4. **Sister Alice** had to go for a blood test and another blood transfusion on Friday. Please continue to pray for her and **Sister Catherine** who is the main caregiver.

5. **Praise God and thank you for praying for baby Solomon Chew.** He has been discharged from hospital and the doctors have found nothing wrong with him but some infection due to the test he was given.

6. **Pray for the new Pastoral Support Team** as they meet to pray and discuss the matters of the church this Tuesday. Again we ask that you pray that the Lord will grant them wisdom and perseverance as they begin to serve.

7. **Sister Audrey Yeo's sister** also has cancer. Please do uphold her and pray for her.

8. **Thank you for praying for Bro. Nathaneal Ramesh.** His surgery was successful and he has been discharged from hospital.

9 **Pray for our Outreach Sunday** on the 31 January. Pray that many will come and receive salvation. Pray also for Ps. Caleb How as he prepares and shares the good news.

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

Memory Verse:

Last week: 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**

This week: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. – **Matthew 5 : 5**