



assembly. Some shop for churches the way they scour around for the latest, innovative and attractive products. They are spoiled for choices. There's a huge religious supermarket out there offering different spiritual flavours ranging from the charismatic to the conservative. If you're unhappy with one, you can always move to another, and yet to another till you're satisfied.

Most religious consumers prefer fast-food convenience. But McChristians seldom grow beyond the induction phase of their spiritual development. They remain as stunted as when they first started, unfamiliar with the deeper matters of their faith, and content with external activities and peripherals.

We shouldn't object to activities because "faith by itself, if it is not accompanied by action, is dead" (James 2:17). But activities alone don't build up the innermost core of our being. If we're dependent on them to give us an assurance of our standing before God, we've missed the whole relationship between faith and works. Then we vacillate and drift along the circumference, unable to move towards the core of our being. The consequence is, we confuse the major with the minor, edges with essence, and too quickly claiming the superficial as substance.

Growth requires patience, time and unwavering commitment. We must remind ourselves that we're not a consumer any more than we belong to a spiritual franchise. Our worth as children of God is not measured by our purchasing power, or by the complexity of our carefully researched choices.

To grow, we must cultivate that longing to connect with the unquantifiable possibilities of that deeper intention that gives meaning to our lives. That requires us to diligently read God's Word, pray and obey. As we nurture these disciplines, we'll gradually experience change. God's Word gives us the direction, prayer our passion and obedience our motivation.

But the journey isn't going to be easy as it requires a deliberate choice to work through those emotional patterns and discard those recurring roadblocks that have been hindering our growth. Learn to expand your spiritual consciousness by leaving behind the deadening hum of peripheral pursuits and move into the channels of spiritual innovation, empowered by the Holy Spirit.

Making inroads to our centre is difficult because our fragile egos often stand between spiritual apathy and spiritual maturity. So long as we're unwilling to embrace the truth, and forsake that consumer mentality, we'll remain trapped in our self-restrictive comfort zone.

**Pastor Song Cheng Hock**



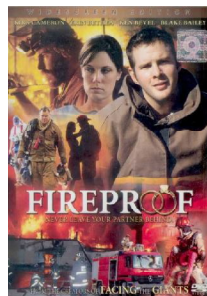
**DO NOT FORGET TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!**

## 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 Form so that we can keep in touch with you.

**Pastor Song and Nellie** would like to thank everyone for their condolence, kindness, presence, prayers and contributions during their recent bereavement.

**"FIREPROOF."** Is the story of God's miraculous restoring of broken marriages and breaking evil bonds that some of us may be experiencing. *Watching this show will also help us strengthen our marriage relationship.* - **Neville and Anne Tan**



**Supper will be provided** so please let Anne know for catering purposes.

**\*Please note time change**

### MISSION Cambodia

Pastor Neville, Anne and two others will be leaving for Cambodia from September 29th to October 2nd 2009. They will be bringing the used clothings for the children for the children of Veal Sbov Village.

**We would like to thank all of you who contributed to this work. May the Lord bless you as you give.**



### SUNDAY BIBLE SCHOOL

*Classes are conducted upstairs every Sunday morning from 9.15 - 10.00a.m. before Worship Services.*

**Basic Christian Living** classes are for new believers or believers who wish to hone their Christian Living. **Facilitator:** Sister Chiew Eng

**Discipleship Class:** For believers who wish to deepen their Christian Life. Studying the book of Philippians. **Facilitator:** Pastor Song.

### NEW IRON MAN. Defective copies.

Some of you who bought the New Iron Man during the book launch may have received defective copies such as pages missing or pages not in order. The whole batch has been returned to the printers for checking. We sincerely apologise for this and if you have bought a defective copy, please bring it back to Bro. Henry Lee who will have them replaced. Again our sincere apologies. - **Neville & Anne Tan**

## PRAYER PAGE



1. **We praise God** for the wonderful response at our Evangelistic Outreach three weeks ago.

Please continue to pray for those who have accepted the Lord then, that they will commit themselves to join the discipleship class. Pray also for those who made commitments, that they will continue to walk closely with the Lord.

**Pray and participate** in our next Evangelistic Outreach on November 29, 2009.

2. Pray for **our Guest Speaker, Rev. Tony Tan**, as he 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.

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

4. Please continue to uphold our **Pastors and their family** in prayer. Pray for their health, that they will enjoy the Lord's rich blessings of strength, peace and joy as they serve Him.

5. Pray for our spiritual well-being - that we may enthrone Jesus as the Lord of our lives and be committed to living a godly life and exercising our gifts to the glory of God.

6. Continue to pray for the **Youths and Sunday School children**, that even in their youth they will love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Pray that they will want to observe and do all the commandments of God.

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.

8. Please do uphold Bible students **Bro. Byju and Bro. Wai Chan** in their studys at East Asia Theological College and the Singapore Bible College. Bro. Wai Chan elected to do his Field Assignment with us until Aug 2010 as **Youth Intern** and will be helping our Youth Ministry.

*Let my will be lost in God's will,  
Ask no question; seek no place;  
Render humblest duties gladly,  
Showing forth His truth and grace. - Anon.  
If God controls you on the inside,  
you'll be genuine on the outside.*

### Memory Verse:

**Last week's:** Serve one another in love. - **Galatians 5 : 13b**

**This week:** Test everything. Hold on to the good. - **1 Thessalonians 5 : 21**