

FOCUS

Mother's Day

For the Week of 11th May 2008

The First Communion



Every soul is precious. The Bible tells us that *"there is joy in the presence of the angels of God over one sinner that repenteth"* Luke 15:10.

At PP, the entire congregation exists for those who are not members. Every effort is made so that we may share the good news with others.

So it is no great wonder that when a person decides to obey the Lord in baptism, careful attention and effort is made to ensure the new convert is given every opportunity to grow in Christ Jesus.

Starting at baptism, if the respondent's father is a Christian, he will be asked to do the honours on this significant occasion. If not, a zone elder will be given the privilege.

On the following Sunday, at his first communion, his zone elder will serve him the Lord's Supper before the rest of the congregation. From this day, an important relationship is established between the new Christian and his spiritual mentor, one that might last for the rest of his life.

New members - whether baptised or transferred from another congregation are then urged to attend Sunday Bible classes regularly and be part of an existing Care team.



"Language of My Love"

by Rich Reith

A New Short Series
by June Dhanabalan

Love doesn't speak itself with words,
it speaks of itself with its life.

When I look into your eyes,
deep into your heart
I say I Love You.

When I take your hand,
as together we climb over the bumps in our lives,
I say I Love You.

When my hands massage your neck and back,
with a touch born of love,
I say I Love You.

When I fold my arms around you,
and your head rests on my shoulder,
I say I Love You

When my fingertips caress your skin,
and I give you my longings,
I say I Love You

When others see me take your hand,
to proclaim that I am yours,
I say I Love You

So listen to me with all your senses,
Hear the sound of my Love with your Heart,
Listen to the force of my Love with your eyes,
Harken to the language of each gentle touch,
Heed the sound of my pride in you and know
That I Love You



PP FAMILY NEWS

The entire SIBI Board got together this past Tuesday to celebrate the 70th birthday of our dean, Charles Cook. Thanks to sister Dorothy who thoughtfully put the event together, complete with cake, long-life noodles and all. As a bonus birthday gift, he received an in-principle approval for his work permit.

June Camp registration now stands 338! We will be passing the 350 mark any time now. If you have not registered yet may see brother Chern Woon or the church staff who will check if there are rooms available at the hotel.

We appreciate so much the effort of many who are attending the current **SPC 5 Love Languages** series. Elder Adrian will be back on the helm this Wednesday at 7:30pm. Dinner starts from 6pm.

We rejoice that **brother Boni** and **sister Mercy** were baptised into Christ last Sunday by brother Edward Lee. The House Helpers BC is full of life, growing in a wonderful way as they moved to a larger classroom.

In conjunction with the 5 Love Languages series, **sister June Dhanabalan** is running a short 7-week series in the Focus. She is leaving this Thursday to take a short job assignment in Hong Kong until September, but will be back home frequently.

Brother Cher Yam will be speaking at our worship services this morning. Come back tonight to end the Lord's Day at the Lord's house. **Elder William** will be exhorting the congregation. Bring a dish with you and stay back for the **monthly potluck fellowship**. Theme: Chinese stir-fry.

Final AMF Reminder: 47th Asian Mission Forum will take place on August 2-6, 2008, at Cochin, Kerala, India at the Nyle Plaza, a brand new hotel. Fees: US\$165 per person, all inclusive of food and accommodations on a double occupancy basis. Fees for children 6 - 12 years old is US\$83.00; Children under 6 free. Please email overcomersinindia@yahoo.com to book your place. You are advised to book your air tickets on Silkair before they are sold out.

SIBI will be issuing **Certificates of Completion** to all students who took the courses for credit next Sunday.

MEN to SERVE for this Week and the Next

Worship Service	Today (11th May 2008)	Next Week
8am		
Call to Worship:	Elder Adrian Teo	Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Scripture Text:	Psalm 119:89-96	Psalm 119:105-112
11am		
Call to Worship:	Elder Adrian Teo	Elder Tan Beng Chuan
SR/OP:	Deacon Swee Aun	Paul Lee
S. Leader:	Shawn Li	Kevin Starr
Communion:	DEacon Paul Lim	Deacon Paul Lim
Preacher:	Lim Cher Yam	Henry Kong
Shepherd's Prayer:	Elder Beng Chuan	Elder William Wong
i/c Auditorium	Richard Leow	Ivan Kuek
i/c Balcony	HI Team	HI Team
6pm		
Call to Worship:	Elder Adrian Teo	Elder Tan Beng Chuan
Scripture Text:	Psalm 119:97-104	Psalm 119:113-120
SR/OP:	Ban Haw Leong	Ban Haw Leong
S. Leader:	Jeryl Snider	Jeryl Snider
Communion:	Ramesh D	Nehemiah Tan
Preacher:	Elder William Wong	Deacon Lim Li Chhoan
Closing Prayer:	Elder Simon Goh	Elder Eric Tan

CALENDAR of events

Sunday, 11th May 2008
 7:45am Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus begins
 8:00am Morning Worship
 Speaker: Lim Cher Yam
 9:30am Bible classes for all ages
 11am Morning Worship
 12:30pm Free Bus for Seniors
 1:15PM Alpha-PP Shuttle Bus stops



2:00pm SIBI class on General Epistles by Dr. Charles Cook
 6pm Evening Worship
 Speaker: Elder William Wong

7:15pm

Potluck Supper

Theme: Chinese Stir-fry

Wednesday, 14th May 2008
 6:00pm Dinner fellowship
 7:30pm The 5 Love Languages: Acts of Service with elder Adrian Teo

FAMILY CONCERNS

Please Pray for:

Boni and Mercy's new walk in Christ – Edward Lee, Jenny Kwa, Doreen Lum, Dorothy Tay, Karen Cammayo
 Jeryl's search for a job in Singapore – Edward Lee
 God's protection and health for Renille's pregnancy – Richard Wee
 My friend's mum who contracted cancer and was sent to Melbourne for treatment – Audrey Wee
 The salvation of my employers and children and my father's baptism – Maribel
 My employer's son's exam and my nephew's board exam – Maria Velano
 My sister's marriage problem and her coming exam – Milagros
 The recovery of Yew Noi's health – Lilian Kok, Soo Lang, Annie
 God's comfort to those who have lost their parents recently – Lilian Kok
 God's healing hands to be with my brother Ernesto who has cancer – May Pajota
 The recovery of baby Mark Yu Chi, Lai Yook and Ernesto – Sandra Chan
 Kim Mui's flu – Chia Gee
 The pain on my mother's right ear – See Mui
 My family in Philippines - Amparo

Thank God for:

Peter's sermon – Elder Eric Tan, Jenny Kwa, See Mui
 Ryan's sermon – Edward Lee, Henry and Nat
 Keeping me safe as I travel – Lilian Kok
 His mercy and providence - May Pajota
 Leaders in HH class who help us grow – Gina, Amparo
 A safe stay in Melaka – Joyce Tan
 Seeing me through my trying times during my hospitalisation and for all who prayed for me and showered me with love and concern - Yew Noi
 A successful operation and recovery and for brothers and sisters in Christ who prayed for me – Lai Yook
 All church members who upheld us in prayer during our 10-day trip to China - Patrick & Judy

FACTS & FIGURES

8am Worship	135
11am Worship	248
6pm Worship	52
Total:	435
Morning Giving	\$12,752
Evening Giving	\$ 1,319
Total Contribution	\$14,071

Gifts of Love to our 3Rs Fund*

Receipt No. Donor Amount

3RsF 1121	Anonymous	\$ 50
3RsF 1122	Anonymous	\$ 600
3RsF 1123	Anonymous	\$1,110
MF 0566	Anonymous	300 (Malaysia)
MF 0567	Anonymous	500 (China)

Trusting in the Lord – Wangsa Maju Experience, 24-27th April 2008

Written by Olivia Mok, Photos by Keisha George



I got a glimpse of what trusting in the Lord is all about. Though strictly speaking, we do not believe in our faith blindly, having come to know God, it does seem like “blind faith” in God is what I need, sometimes.

It starts from receiving the trip notification from elder Beng Chuan. For one thing, due to work commitment, this is not exactly the best time for me to be out of Singapore. For another, I didn’t have any experience in going for such trips and I didn’t know what to expect. Uncertainty and apprehension did

cross my mind, but only fleetingly. In a way, I knew the choice was mine to make and so I suppressed the opposing thoughts, and said “Yes” to elder Beng Chuan almost immediately. I told myself if there was any problem that can be sorted out later. Anyway, add to the fact that I didn’t know who else was going, and so I have no choice but to trust that God will provide for my needs.



And God delivers! Keisha became the first person I will know from the Caribbean and was to become my roommate for the 3 nights we were there. Getting to know her was just a delight and the many conversations we had certainly edified me. I was also touched by the energy, sincerity and love for God in the group members that went.

But going back to “blind faith”, it was to be when we were given the Let’s Start Talking book. It was supposed to be a one-to-one teaching of English using Bible stories. Suddenly, (though I had given tuition before), I didn’t know if I could handle this task ahead, or whether I could answer their questions on the Christian faith, should they surface. In fact, Kenneth and I had planned to coach two students together, but circumstance would have it that this was not to be so. As such, again I have no choice but to do my best and leave the outcome to God.

And yes, it was to be a session that not only went well, I did enjoy the process myself...! It’s hard to describe, but somehow, it was also “humbling” for me in the sense that God continues to demonstrate how great He is and that He desires for us only to do His will, not to worry about the outcome.



On the second day of the trip, I had already “declared” that I was very glad I came for the trip. The friendships I made in the trip, the love I saw extended to one another, the songs we sang together... all these affirmed in Christian Experience 101 that God cares for our well-being, and He is sufficient for our needs. Yes... He is an awesome God we serve and I’m grateful and privileged to be on this trip.