

## Our Church at Prayer

Every Saturday: 2.30pm to 4.00pm

**SEE GOD'S POWER AT WORK**

**A PRAYING CHURCH  
IS A POWERFUL AND  
GROWING CHURCH**

Let's gather together to pray as the ACTS Church.  
We can experience the same miracle as they had.

**READ ACT 4:29-35:**

- (1) The place shook
- (2) They were all filled with the Holy Spirit,
- (3) Many believed,
- (4) They had one heart,
- (5) They had all things in common,
- (6) Great power was given,
- (7) Grace upon them all and
- (8) There was abundance.

**God wants to do more than we ever think!**

Let's move the hand of God through prayer for Him to move mightily in our Church.

**Come & Join us and Pray like Never Before!**

## Upcoming Events

1. Every Tuesday & Saturdays is our Tracting Day to Sengkang/Punggol. All are welcome. Contact Sis Ching Ching at 97710250 for more information.
2. Special Sunday Afternoon Bible Lessons by Dr. Paul Tan, (former church elder). Dr. Paul Tan is an internationally recognised Bible Teacher with a proven teaching ministry. He is the author of several books include Book of Judges, Salted With Fire, In Power & Glory, Kings & Kingdoms, A Call To War and Keys to Biblical Understandings.  
Date : October 12 & 19, 2008  
Time : 3.00pm to 6.00pm  
Subject : Book of Judges  
Venue : Chapel, 2<sup>nd</sup> level  
**Free Admission: All are welcome.**
3. If you have believe & accept Jesus as you Savior, We encourage you to get baptised. Special Year-End Baptism on Christmas Day 25, 2008. Please get your application form from the office
4. Water Baptism Class commences on 30/10/08, 1.30pm - 3.30pm  
Mandarin Class: Bro Ricky Tan / English Class: Bro Roland Seah
5. Christmas Eve Evangelistic Outreach
6. Christmas Day Service
7. Co-Workers Nite 31/12/08
8. WatchNight Service 31/12/08

## Our Statement of Faith

The Church upholds the fundamentals of Christianity as revealed in the Holy Scripture including:-

1. The divine inspiration and entire trustworthiness of Holy Scripture, as originally given, and its supreme authority in all matters of faith and conduct.
2. The oneness of the Father, Son and the Holy Spirit in the Godhead.
3. The sovereignty of God in creation, providence, revelation, redemption and final judgement.
4. The sinfulness and guilt of all men since the Fall, rendering them subject to God's wrath and condemnation.
5. Redemption from the guilt, penalty and power of sin solely through the sacrificial death as our representative and substitute of the Lord Jesus Christ, the incarnate Son of God, born of virgin.
6. The bodily resurrection of the Lord Jesus Christ from the dead, and His ascension to the right hand of God the Father.
7. The necessity of the work of the Holy Spirit to make the death of Christ effective to the individual sinner, granting him repentance towards God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.
8. The justification of the sinner by the grace of God through faith in Christ alone.
9. The indwelling and work of the Holy Spirit in the believer. The baptism of the Holy Spirit to obtain Divine power to witness for Him.
10. The one holy, universal Church, which the Body of Christ, and by which all true believers belong, and the local church should not be controlled by any other church of religious body in any land.
11. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to receive us to be with Him forever.



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**Church of Sengkang**

Is called by God to be *welcoming* and *prayerful* community filled with and led by the *HOLY SPIRIT*

## CHILDREN CAMP

Date: Nov 17<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>

Fees: S\$50 per camper

## YOUTH CAMP

Date: Dec 20<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup>

Fees: S\$50 per camper

**Call Church of Sengkang,  
Pastor David Kerk @ 96460704**

**Calling All Parents, Children & Youth!  
Specially For You Only!**

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Camp With Plenty of Fun & Learning!**

**Help us by Filling Up the  
Questionnaire Form!**



**THE SUNDAY TIMES**

12<sup>th</sup> October 2008

**Sunday Services Time: 10.30am to 12.30pm**



## Message from Pastor David Kerk

### What Spiritual Wounds Got to Do with Me?

Life isn't meant to be lived alone. Solitary moments with our Lord are really interludes that embolden & renew us for our spiritual journey with our brethren in church & fellowship in the LIFE group. Last Sunday, over the lunch fellowship, I was thoroughly impressed with 2 brethren over matters relating to the ministry of COSengkang. In particular, I was further challenged by the great potential of "multitudes of souls" in Sengkang/Punggol waiting to have a LIVING Relationship with our Lord. Before we can welcome these "multitudes", we must be built up - every muscle & every limb, or every individual part of the body, must be properly exercised and brought to full strength. That's exactly what we believe the LIFE group ministry can be a good vehicle to "transport" all these souls into the kingdom of God through COSengkang. So, beloved, let's come together to straighten the LIFE group ministry.

The strength of the LIFE group ministry will depend on the strength of our intercommunication & interrelationships. We, the leadership & our brethren, know this fundamental very well. However, this is yet to happen in COSengkang among our brethren. Permit me to share one of the often-overlook "leakages" to Spiritual Strength of the "LIFE group Ministry" - that is Spiritual Wounds. The word UNITY has been well-shared in the church of Christ and yet the church is still far from Being United. I believe one of the root cause is that the world is falling into increasing division & ethnic (we are cantoneses, you are teochews, the rest are hokkiens) chaos as their wounds become more infected. If we are not alert, these "divisional" wounds can sift into the LIFE group ministry. We, the English speaking, they, the Mandarin speaking; we are brothers, they are sisters, my LG and your LG. Do excuse me, many of you know that I am educated in the English medium but my Mandarin vocabulary is a qi ji (miracle). Today, I am enjoying being labelled as a Bilingual brother. I got my LORD to be thanked and the many mandarin-speaking brethren for giving me the opportunity to learn the language.

2 Timothy 2:20 refers to the Church as a Great House with many types of vessels - gold, silver, wood & clay and apostle Peter in 1 Peter 2:5 refers all of us as multiple living stones properly fitted together in His Church. Once we know this great fundamental truth - we will experience more of His Presence and will draw back many who have drifted away because of the negative experiences of church life & spiritual wounds inflicted during ministry life.

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Our spiritual journey and ministry experiences can either make us **Better**, but often we have let it make us **Bitter**. We must overcome the wounds and begin to use the wisdom that we have gained to begin **Pulling Others Out** of their misery. Disappointments I have few, betrayals I have two, hurts I have many But I choose to let my Lord have them all. I am reminded of an Old Testament text in Lev 21:20 - one of the requirements for the priests under the Old Covenant was that he could **NOT** have boils. Boils are small unhealed wounds that have become infected. A person with boils becomes so sensitive that he cannot be touched without pain. This of course was a biblical model of how we, too, can be disqualified from effective ministry by letting our small wounds become infected. Then no one can get close to us. To be effective in ministry we must be **TOUCHABLE**. One of common wounds is that wound of **Misunderstanding** due to our lack of intercommunication skills. Other contributing factors include our past bad encounters, wrong belief systems, "why can't you be like me?" etc.

The only requirement for healing such spiritual wounds is that basic, and yet most powerful Christian grace - **Forgiveness**. If we do not learn to **Forgive**, we are the one who will suffer. The words of John Wesley ring loud & clear in me "**IF you don't Forgive, make sure you don't SIN!**". Finally, our Lord's Prayer in Matthew 6:12 states of unconditional **Forgiveness** as **Christ Fully Paid our Debt of SIN**.

I must stop now because the water in the kettle is boiling ready for me to dump away all my "boils". Beloved, you don't have to follow this old-fashioned way of disposing your boils. Just let **CHRIST** - the **Living WATER** wash away all your boils - less painful than the boiling water.

Disciple of Christ By Choice,  
*Pastor David Kerk*

### Our Collections

**2 Corinthians 9:6:** "Remember this: Whoever sows sparingly will also reap sparingly, and whoever sows generously will also reap generously."

<b>September 08' Collections</b>	<b>: \$32,487.10</b>
<b>Last week's up to 5<sup>th</sup> Oct 08</b>	<b>: \$ 6,350.20</b>
<b>Church Building Fund</b>	<b>: \$27,080.00</b>

*If you are making out a cheque, kindly mark "Church of Sengkang Ltd".*

## Sermon

Speaker: **Dr Paul Tan**

Title of Message:

Scripture Text:

Introduction:

**Main Points:**

1. 1:1  
1:2  
1:3
2. 2:1  
2:2  
2:3
3. 3:1  
3:2  
3:3
4. 4:1  
4:2  
4:3

**Reflection on the Message:**

*The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.  
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.*