

# CHURCH OF SENGKANG



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

## REPORT CARD

2008

***To God Be the Glory!***

Date: 28.12.2008

## Comparative Analysis of Survey Results

DECEMBER 2008						JUNE 2008					
Medium	English	%	Mandarin	%	Total	English	%	Mandarin	%	Total	
<b>No. Responded :</b>	34	100	26	100	60	40	100	25	100	65	

### HAVE YOU BEEN BAPTISED

<b>(a) In Water</b>	32	94	24	92
<b>(b) In the Holy Spirit</b>	32	94	6	23

39	98	24	96
35	88	24	96

<b>Do you attend Prayer Mtg?</b>	13	38	6	23
<b>Are you attending any LG</b>	19	56	12	46
<b>Do you attend Sunday Service?</b>	32	94	25	96

13	32	16	64
24	60	19	76
38	95	25	100

### I'LL LIKE TO HAVE SUNDAY TIMES

<b>(a) Weekly</b>	31	91	26	100
<b>(b) Fortnightly</b>	-	-	-	-
<b>(c) Monthly</b>	3	9	-	-

NOT AVAILABLE			
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### PRAISE & WORSHIP

<b>(a) Good Most</b>	26	76	24	92
<b>(b) Good Sometimes</b>	8	24	2	8
<b>(c) Not So Good</b>	-	-	-	-

32	80	18	72
7	18	7	18
1	2	-	-

### HOLY COMMUNION

<b>(a) Good Most</b>	27	79	26	100
<b>(b) Good Sometimes</b>	7	21	-	-
<b>(c) Not So Good</b>	-	-	-	-

30	75	20	80
9	22	5	20
1	3	-	-

### PULPIT MESSAGE

<b>(a) Good Most</b>	26	76	22	85
<b>(b) Good Sometimes</b>	8	24	4	15
<b>(c) Not So Good</b>	-	-	-	-

32	80	18	72
8	20	7	18
-	-	-	-

### OTHERS (TESTIMONY)

<b>(a) Good Most</b>	28	82	23	88
<b>(b) Good Sometimes</b>	6	18	3	12
<b>(c) Not So Good</b>	-	-	-	-

34	85	20	80
6	15	5	20
-	-	-	-

For the period under review from Jan to Nov 2008, judging from the responses collected the ministry performance has been consistent.

### **WATER & SPIRIT BAPTISM**

As at the time of survey, we do have 4 brethren (2 each from the English & Mandarin speaking brethren) who are yet to be water baptised. We do not have information on their spiritual relationship with our Lord. Similarly, the same can be said of those been baptised with the Spirit.

### **PRAYER MINISTRY**

Our regular attendance on the church's prayer cum intercession meeting has declined from 29 to 19 attendance. Brothers & sisters, a praying church is a powerful and growing church. Look at the early church in Acts 4:29-35 where they moved the Hand of God through prayer for Him to move mightily in the church.

### **LIFE GROUP MINISTRY**

Based on the submission of the respondents, we have also recorded a drop in the LG involvement by our brethren. This can be attributed to the 16 brethren who departed on September 21 to set up a new ministry.

### **WEEKLY SUNDAY TIMES PUBLICATION**

Overall, our members are pleased with the contents of the Sunday Times. Many expressed being helped, encouraged and ministered by the weekly message and printed sermon outlines by the various speakers. Out of 34 responded, 31 of them requested to have a copy of the Sunday Times on a weekly basis. In view of the members' feedback, we will continue with the weekly publication of the Sunday Times. We are not resting on our laurels, every effort will be channelled to this media in assisting the spiritual maturity of our brethren. In this connection, we welcome any contribution that can edify the brethren in the Body. The leadership would like to take this opportunity to thank all who have helped in churning the weekly Sunday Times.

### **SUNDAY SERVICE**

Our weekly Service is constituted of Pre-Prayer, Praise & Worship, Holy Communion and Preaching of His Word with sharing of personal testimonies glorifying our Lord. Relatively, our brethren are participative, supportive and reactive to the Service. Survey indicates COSk is raising a congregation of true worshippers and firm followers of the Lord's sacrament to Remember Him as often as we meet. The church is still in her infant stage as regards the eloquency of the preachers. However, we are on a constant outlook for Word-based & theological trained preachers to expound God's Word to nourish our spirit and soul. Till that day comes, the feedback from the pew has very encouraging to us, preachers for Him. We can take a sense of pleasure in our Lord that not one member feels our Pulpit preaching is "Not So Good". In the very near future, the leadership will incorporate thematic preaching on the pulpit.

### **OVERALL COMMENT**

Your prayers and affirmation have and will definitely help us to create a landmark in this ministry where we can be truly honoured by the Lord. We desire the prayers of apostle Paul & Timothy for the church in Colosse be upon Church of Sengkang "For this reason also, since the day we heard of it, we have not ceased to pray for you and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all spiritual wisdom and understanding, so that you may walk in a manner worthy of the Lord, to please Him in all respect, bearing fruit in every work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthen with all power, according to His glorious might, for the attaining of all steadfastness and patience; joyously giving thanks to the Father, who has qualified us to share the inheritance of the saints in light" in Jesus' Name Amen. (Colossians 1:9-12)

# WHAT A GIFT ON CHRISTMAS EVE?

Thank you Pastor, for giving us this opportunity and freedom to perform in the Christmas Eve programme. All glory to God for his guidance and direction in the creation of the musical drama, for being in control every step of the way from the storyline, through to rehearsals and the performance itself.

For me it was a huge honour to uncover my passion for Theatre & Performance and use it to reveal Christ's universal gift of Salvation, which transcends language barriers and helps bring unbelievers, regardless of their cultural and national backgrounds, closer to the Lord our savior. It is clear that drama can have a huge impact for evangelist preaching and I'm sure it will be used more frequently in the Church in the coming years.

Wow- I am so proud of the youth for their commitment and devotion to the play and to their work and trust in God. I have certainly never had the chance before to work with such disciplined and focused performers. And what a joy it was to see young talents (in singing, dancing, movement, multi-media, acting and music) coming together and flourishing at the final moment for a perfect and moving collaboration. Again this is just another testimony of God's presence and work in this church and the young people who are constantly lead and inspired by the wonderful pastoral leaders here and supported from the very roots, by a foundation of prayer and love. I am quite sure that this will not be the last performance of "A gift on Christmas Eve".

As we look forward to 2009, we can surely sit back and smile, knowing the work done in 2008 will bring huge rewards and blessings to this church. I am also confident that the coming year will see more young people coming to know the Lord and finding their talents uplifted in the Church of Sengkang.

*Report by: James Browning*



## WHY I GET **BAPTISED** ON CHRISTMAS DAY?

There is no specific spiritual implication except for easy remembrance. We are also not giving particular attention to December 25, 2008 rather Christmas Day is deemed as the day our Savior was borned in Bethlehem. For a detailed explanations on December 25 as the date for Christmas, please refer to "Things You Probably Do Not Know About Christmas" in our Dec 25, 2008 special issue.



## WHAT ABOUT BEING **BAPTISED TWICE?**

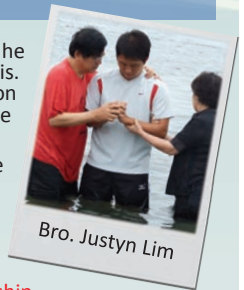
We recommend that you be baptised again:

- (1) if you have not been baptised by immersion since you became a believer.
- (2) personally you didn't understand the meaning of salvation. You got baptised for other reasons rather than a true repentance of your sins and willingness to accept Jesus Christ as your Savior.
- (3) it doesn't devalue a prior experience but simply reflects your desire to be baptised in the way Jesus was baptised.

Resulting from the above, we recommend & approve Sis Jesslyn Lin to be baptised on December 25, 2008 together with your husband. Furthermore, we encourage families to be baptised at the same time provided the family fully understands the meaning of baptism.

**M**eism seems to have a hold over Bro. Justyn Lim's life till that eventful day he came to church of Sengkang. Bro. Justyn was brought to COSk through Sis. Grace Ang & her family. We heard Bro. Justyn's personal testimony on his decision to be baptised on Dec. 25, 2008. Prior to his conviction of his need for a savior, he led his life strictly for himself - it evolved around me, mine and myself.

In Bro. Justyn's personal words "Oay, I was flipping through the bible. One verse particularly spoke to me - John 8:12 Basically I really **FELT CONVICTED** that I was a sinner and Jesus had died for my salvation. ...."



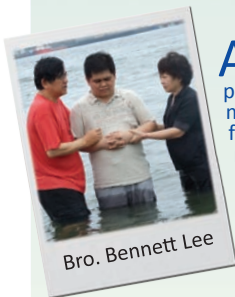
Bro. Justyn Lim

**A**s for Sis. Jesslyn Lin, although she was brought up in a Christian family she didn't have a personal relationship. However, she was asked to be baptised in water by her mother. A condition that she has submitted to her mum if Sis. Jesslyn would want to get married. With Sis. Jesslyn's permission, she has been receiving personal assistance from Sis. Lay Sim over her personal difficulties. In the course of counseling, Sis. Lay Sim challenged her to uphold her husband in prayers before our Lord Jesus. Miraculously and indeed salvation belongs to our Lord, the Lord heard her prayers for her husband, Bro. Bennett Lee. On that fateful day on September 14, 2008 both husband and wife were invited by Sis. Lay Sim to attend COSk's first anniversary celebration. Glory to our Lord, they were ministered by our Lord and the warmth from the brethren. Sis. Jesslyn, having been in church for some years, felt God's love through the brethren. She & her husband decide to attend COSk since that day. In God's wonderful time, Bro. Bennett Lee told his wife that he wants to be baptised. Her heart jumped for joy and shared that piece of good news with Sis. Lay Sim. The rest is history.



Sis. Jesslyn Lin

**A**nd for Bro. Bennett Lee, he is a recipient of his wife's intercessory prayer for him. His personal encounter with our Lord with prayers answered each time he met problems at work. In his own word, "Not sure if it is formula or what but God answered my prayers." Beloved, I am reminded of that verse in Philippians 4:6 "Be anxious for nothing, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God". Praise & thanks be unto our Lord for we ask we receive; we seek we shall find and we knock and it shall be opened to us. Someone once said this "If nothing works, Try Prayer".



Bro. Bennett Lee

# GET CONNECTED WITH GOD'S PEOPLE THROUGH THE LG! LIFE GROUPS: THE PLACE TO BELONG

Success at Church of Sengkang is defined by how effectively we move people from our congregational gathering into small community groups, called Life Groups (LG for short).

At Church of Sengkang, the Life Group is the best place for sustained life change to occur. This is the primary place where people discuss issues and challenges of life in the midst of building great friendships. It's also where they pray, care for one another, and are missed if they don't show up.

Practically speaking, there will never be a way for Pastor David to personally minister to everyone who attends our church. That's why we place such a high premium on the Life Group Ministry. To find out more about Life Groups we encourage you to contact Bro. Joe Tye, Sis. Ching Ching or Pastor David Kerk. For more information on the Life Group Ministry, visit us at [www.cosk.sg](http://www.cosk.sg)

## CHURCH OF SENGKANG LIMITED - An Overview of Financial Performance

INCOME	Last Year (Aug'07 – Dec'07)	This Year (Jan'08-Sep'08)
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter (Jan – Mar)	-	S\$ 83,449.00
2 <sup>nd</sup> Quarter (Apr – Jun)	-	S\$ 72,307.60
3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter (Jul – Sep)	S\$ 35,735.70	S\$ 90,243.65
4 <sup>th</sup> Quarter (Oct – Dec)	S\$ 120,953.10	Figures not ready
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>S\$ 156,688.80</b>	<b>S\$ 246,000.25</b>

EXPENDITURE	Last Year (Aug'07 – Dec'07)	This Year (Jan'08-Sep'08)
Employees Benefits	S\$ 16,325.00	S\$ 71,758.12
Maintenance of Premises	S\$ 15,862.11	S\$ 58,976.29
Upkeep of Motor Vehicles	S\$	S\$ 12,252.46
Expenses	S\$ 32,732.39	S\$ 64,916.17
Finance Cost		S\$ 1,458.62
Equipment	S\$ 371.90	S\$ 1,513.22
Love Offerings	S\$ 3,835.70	S\$ 5,560.00
Ministries	S\$ 1,501.05	S\$ (39.07)
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>S\$ 70,628.15</b>	<b>S\$ 216,395.81</b>

BALANCE SHEET	Last Year	This Year
<b>Assets</b>		
• Cash In Hand & At Bank		S\$ 108,882.61
• Accounts receivable		S\$ 11,206.23
• Motor Vehicles – Van		S\$ 32,000.00
• Other		S\$ 27,364.62
<b>Total Assets</b>		S\$ 179,453.46
<b>Liabilities</b>		
• Accounts payable		S\$ 427.37
• Accrued expenses		S\$ 3932.08
• Short term Liabilities (within 1 year)		S\$ 4895.38
• Building Fund		S\$ 27080.00
• Long Term Liabilities (more than 1 year)		S\$ 18,703.54
<b>Total Liabilities</b>		S\$ 55,038.37

## OUR COLLECTIONS

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

November 08' Collections : \$32,050.40

Last week's up to 25<sup>th</sup> Dec 08 : \$12,477.40

Church Building Fund : \$27,080.00

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

# OUR HEARTFELT THANKS TO YOU, OUR FELLOW CO-WORKERS.

## CO-WORKERS DINNER ON DEC 31, 2008 AT 6.30PM SHARP

Looking back to the beginning of cosk. We are greatly appreciative how God has motivated you to minister to the brethren in our church. There are more smiles, less tears and, more importantly, more lives have been touched because of your love to serve them.

We understand there were times your efforts rendered unto Him seem to go unnoticed. There could be other times it seem to be a thankless work. Let me assured our Lord sees your good & faithful work. It doesn't matter if the brethren didn't even say a word of "Thank You!". Be strong in the Lord and draw strength from the words of our Lord Jesus in Matthew 25:35-40 "for I was hungry and you gave Me food; I was thirsty and you gave and Me drink; I was a stranger and you took Me in; I was naked and you clothed Me; I was sick and you visited Me; I was in prison and you came to visit Me..... And the King will answer and say to them. Assuredly as you DID it to the one of the LEAST of these brethren, you DID it to Me.

Beloved brothers & sisters, the leadership strongly believes that you are God-send to extend God's Kingdom & Love. It's our prayers that you be ministered in your spirit, care for in your soul and physically fed in your body by our Creator Lord. May I appeal to those who are strong to help the weak, those are matured in the Lord to guide the young in the Lord. Finally, for those who are financially blessed by our Lord to share monetary blessings to others who are less well-off. It's our prayers that our good Lord will prosper you in all things and in health, just as your soul prospers.

On behalf of the leadership, our thanks go to ALL of you who sacrificed much time to make Church of Sengkang a place to belong where LOVE is the language.

We invite you to be part of the ministry in Church of Sengkang. Our last count on the number of co-workers serving the Lord in one or more ministry is close to 85% of our congregation. If you want to be part of any ministry, you can get more details more our website [www.cosk.sg](http://www.cosk.sg). And if you intend to support ministry financially, please mark your cheque to "Church of Sengkang Limited".

## WHAT A FANTASTIC YEAR WE HAVE HAD! WATCHNIGHT SERVICE: COUNT YOUR BLESSINGS 2008

As the year comes to a close on 31st December and the beginning of another is coming. As we sit and reflect on 2008, many of us can agree with me that it was an incredible year full of unexpected blessings from our Lord. Of course, there were tensed moments that our hearts almost sunk with tears. Through His Grace, Mercy & Compassion, we have come so far till this date. Thanks be to God for His faithfulness. Can't imagine what 2008 would have been without our Lord! As amazing as 2008 was, let's buckle up for a better & blessed year in 2009 where we will experience His strength, love and joy.

May the coming year be a time where you become more intimate in your relationship with God, where you'll become more loving in every relationship that you have, and where you strategically invest your life for the benefits of others and the Kingdom of God. Have a blessed and fruitful year in our Lord.

Come, Celebrate & Join us in this 2008 WatchNight Thanksgiving Service starting from 10.30pm Dec. 31, 2008 till 12.05am Jan 1, 2009.

# Today's Sermon

## WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE?

Speaker : **Pastor David Kerk**

Scripture Text: John 9:1-11

*We must work the works of Him that sent Me, as long as it is day; night is coming, when no man can work – John 9:4*

### **Opening Thot:**

- Famous English Architect, Sir Christopher Wren – director/builder of St. Paul's Cathedral, London
- Journalist interviewed some of the workers
- 1<sup>st</sup> worker- Cutting stones for 3 shillings a day
- 2<sup>nd</sup> worker – putting 10 hours a day in this job
- 3<sup>rd</sup> worker – helping Christopher build the Greatest Cathedral in Great Britain for the Glory of God.

### **1. We Are In An Unlimited Partnership With Our Lord – John 9:4a**

- 1:1 We Must WORK – Our Lord Associates with us In His Work
- 1:2 We WORK Till “STOP WORK” sign is Up – Our Lord Ends Our work
- 1:3 We Must Assist Him – Offer Help Others Join this Partnership

### **2. We Are In A Specific Time Of Working With Our Lord – John 9:4b**

- 2:1 As Long As It's Day - Period of time – year, month, day, hour, minute or second
- 2:2 As Long As There is Breath – Life of Opportunities – Seize Before It's Gone

### **3. We Are In A Privilege Position To Work With Our Lord – John 9:4c**

- 3:1 The Night Is Coming – Means the end of Opportunity for Living & Working
- 3:2 The Night is Irrecoverable – No Longer we can sing, teach, witness, preach & minister
- 3:3 The Night is Gone – Eternal Banishment from God – all is Lost.

### **Reflection on this Message:**

Christ opens our eyes to the wonder of our partnership with HIM. He emphasizes that we have a specific time in which to work and that all of us face the fact of the passing of the golden opportunity. With eyes wide open, let's cheerfully & willingly offer our lives by way of self-giving service which is the purpose of His salvation upon us. Let us face 2009 trusting Him who is the Light of the world. Let's face 2009 determined to co-operate with Him fully in doing the good works He has entrusted to us. In so doing, we are building COSK for the Glory of God. Beloved, we are NOT working for HIM for that dollar and out of duty rather from a devotion to Him who Loves us. Amen.