

From Grace To Glory - All About Our 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration

1. Please REMIND Your Invited Guests

You **MUST** let your LG Leaderships, Senior Pastor David Kerk, Pastor Nicodemus Wang or let sis Jane know the number of guests coming for the Thanksgiving Celebration. It will help us to facilitate the buffet dinner as well as the souvenir gifts

2. Sunday Service As Usual On 19/09/2010

We will still have our usual Sunday Service with Holy Communion. All brethren are to **STAY** back to help in the preparation for the 3rd Anniversary

3. Our Guest of Honor - Rev. Dr. Canon James Wong

Thank God for Rev. Dr. Canon Wong for his spiritual mentorship and guidance in the ministry of cosk.

4. Thank GOD for The Sponsor of Six-Course Buffet Dinner

Do pray for a joyous fellowship over the dinner table. No reservation. Please let our guests have the preference.

5. Thank GOD for the Delicious Cake

To share happily that special cake. May our Lord bless all those generous love gifts for this Thanksgiving Celebration.

6. YOU Mark Your LOVE Gift- 3rd Anniversary Thanksgiving Celebration

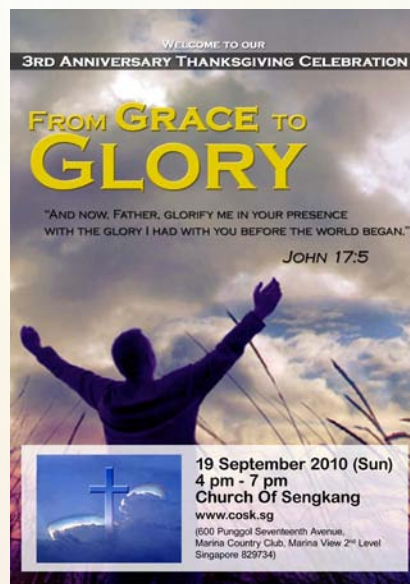
It is indeed more Blessed To Give Than To Receive. It's about time we bless **GOD** through your **LOVE** gift. Mark "3rd Anniversary" on the envelope. You May specify "Souvenir Gift"

7. REHEARSAL Every Sunday Afternoon - 2pm to 5pm

Starting from this afternoon, 22/8/2010 till 19/09/2010, ALL selected personnel of the Praise & Worship Ministry Team **MUST** stay for rehearsal.

8.. Transport Arrangement on 19/9/2010

Please inform your LG Leaders, Bro Peter Tan, Pastor Nicodemus Wang, Senior Pastor David Kerk or Sis Jane if you or your guests **NEED** transport on 19/09/2010. You **MUST** inform us by 12/9/2010. Need be, we will hire additional private hire van or bus.



FROM GRACE TO GLORY

COME CELEBRATE WITH US
CHURCH OF SENKANG
IS TURNING **3!**

PLEASE BE SEATED BY 3.30PM
OUR THANKSGIVING SERVICE BEGINS AT 4 PM
DINNER BUFFET FELLOWSHIP FROM 7PM ONWARDS

PLEASE RSVP BY SEPTEMBER 5, 2010
TO SIS JANE AW AT 9455 7671 OR
EMAIL: JANEAW@LC@YAHOO.COM.SG

YOU CAN BE PART OF THE MINISTRY OF
EXPANDING GOD'S KINGDOM TO SENKANG / PUNGGOL.
IF YOU ARE MARKING OFF A CHECK, KINDLY MARK
"CHURCH OF SENKANG LTD".

DEAR:

YOU ARE INVITED!

FROM GRACE TO GLORY,
SENIOR PASTOR DAVID KERK

OUR COLLECTIONS

Mark 12:43-44;

Calling his disciples to him, Jesus said, "I tell you the truth, this poor widow has put more into the treasury than all the others. 44 They all gave out of their wealth; but she, out of her poverty, put in everything—all she had to live on."

July 2010 Collection:	\$15,765.15
Aug 2010 Collection up to 15 Aug 2010:	\$ 8,576.20
Mission Fund (99+1)	\$ 1,000.00
Church Building Fund:	\$32,330.00

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

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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**

COSK SUNDAY TIMES

22th August 2010

Strictly For Internal Circulation Only

SUNDAY SERVICE TIME:

10.30am to 12.30pm

COUNTDOWN

Days: 29

Together With ONE Heart & UNITED To Build Church of Sengkang For His GLORY!

Nehemiah 3:6-7

Joiada, the son of Paseah, and Meshullam, the son of Besodeiah, made good the old doorway; they put its boards in place and put up its doors, with their locks and rods. By their side were working Melatiah the Gibeonite and Jadon the Meronothite, the men of Gibeon and of Mizpah from the seat of the ruler across the river.

"God's purpose for Jerusalem was that its walls should be a symbol of salvation and its gates a symbol of praise. We can safely assume, I think, that though the men from Gibeon and Mizpah lived some distance from Jerusalem, it was a matter of great concern to them that these symbols of God's glory should be restored." (Extracted from Every Day with Jesus Jul/Aug Edition, written by Selwyn Hughes)

These 3 years in COSK, I experience and witness how God constantly urge, nurture and challenge His sons & daughters to serve in the building of Jerusalem, in this case referring to us individual as Holy Temple of God and Church of Sengkang.

Every little step of faith, every self-realization, every rebellion, every humbling, every obedience, every submission, every encouraging word, every murmur, every malice, every brokenness, every tear, every reconciliation, every uplifting, every restoration, every blessing, every surprise, Not a single step of construction is wasted in the hands of our GOD.

From COSK 1st anniversary "To God be the Glory", which seems to happen only yesterday; to 2nd anniversary "Only by Grace" where God given us Rev Canon James Wong as advisor and Pastor David's mentor; our blessed mission trips; follow by 3rd year, our first COSK Bible Camp "Follow Jesus, all the way" and our participation in Festival of Praise 2010. If it has not been the hand of **GOD** building you & me and our COSK, then I do not know who else can it be? In deed, God reign & rule in COSK!

From Grace to Glory, *Sis Sandy Tan*

Practical Christian Living

They Are Faithful Yet Faithfully Wrong

They Are Faithfully WRONG

Rev Kao from Every House Crusade reminded all of us of the faithfulness of the followers of one of religious extremists. Firstly they have been fervently evangelising their beliefs. We "laughed" at them for faithfully wrong in their belief. Beloved, let's start somewhere if you have yet **JOIN** our every Saturday afternoon tracting at Compasspoint. Start **TODAY**, give one tract to one soul a day or **JOIN** us on every Saturday at the citygate to Sengkang"

United Extremism, Divided TRUTH

Secondly, this extreme sect by themselves can filled a 100,000 Yankee Stadium for their evangelistic propaganda of their religious idea. And we who supposedly to be **UNITED** are still "internally divided, tearing each other down" in the spirit of self-righteousness or i am holier than thou. Nearer to home, at cosk, we are still struggling to fill up our 200 seats chapel. Beloved, may the edifying words of apostle Peter in 1 Peter 4:10-11 spur to use our God-Given Gifts for His **GLORY**. And if we need to suffer, let's suffer for the Gospel's Sake and not suffer unnecessary for prying into other people's affairs. read 1 Peter 4:15

Revised Tracting STRATEGY: Every Saturday 4pm to 5pm & Every FIRST Sunday 3pm to 5pm

Some months ago, two concerned brethren suggested a change of strategy in evangelising Sengkang/Punggol. They opined we should resume our home to home evangelism. Last Sunday, the Spirit of our Lord reminded me through the preaching of Rev Kao. Immediately after the Service, I announced to the congregation that with effect from September 2010, that is every **FIRST** Sunday from 3pm to 5pm; as **ONE UNITED** people in twos we will go door to door evangelism. For an effective strategic evangelising of Sengkang/Punggol, may I suggest all LG Leadership takes ownership of this strategy. We will still continue with our every Saturday afternoon tracting at the citygate of Sengkang.

We Can Achieve The VISION

Finally, many servants of God who visited our church have concurred our **VISION** to reach Sengkang/Punggol for Jesus. Beloved, the time has come for us to be seriously, fervently & faithfully obey the Great Commission. Only then will we be able to realise the **VISION** of winning Sengkang/Punggol for **JESUS**.

We Evangelise Or
We Fossilise

David Kerk
Senior Pastor

Today's Sermon

Speaker: Rev. Dr. Canon James Wong

Title of Message : Paul's Letter of JOY & PEACE To
The Church in Philippi

Scripture Text: *Philippians Acts 16 v 6-15*

Introduction

Paul was led by the Spirit to evangelise Europe (see **Acts 16:6-10**). The first church which was planted in Europe was in Philippi, and the first European Christian was Lydia, a business-woman from **Philippi (vv.12-15)**.

Paul wrote this letter to encourage the church from a prison-cell in Rome about 10 years later.

The city of Philippi

This city was situated in a very strategic site in a trade route between Europe and Asia. It was named after Philip, the father of Alexander the Great. It was a very fertile region and very rich in minerals, especially gold-mines.

The Roman emperor, Caesar Augustus made it a Roman colony. The inhabitants were very Roman in their outlook and way of life. It was a military colony. Few Jews lived in it and this was probably the reason why no synagogue was found in it. Luke, the writer of Acts described it this way in **vv.12-13**.

The Church at Philippi

The first converts were 2 contrasting women. Lydia was a rich business-woman was already touched by God (a worshiper) before Paul met her (**v.14**). Her heart was prepared by the Holy Spirit and she was most receptive to the gospel. She and her whole house-hold were immediately baptised – did it also include children in the family? (**v.15**)

The other woman was a slave-girl who was possessed by demon – a spirit of Python, the Delphi serpent (**see Acts 16:16-18**). As a result of her deliverance, Paul and Silas were thrown into jail which resulted in the conversion of the jailer and his whole house-hold (**see vv.25-34**). The church grew over-night!

The reason why Paul wrote this epistle

When the Philippians found out Paul was imprisoned in Rome, they sent one of their leaders, Epaphroditus to

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minister to Paul with gift of money and the pledge of prayer support (**Phil 4:10**). Unfortunately, Epaphroditus fell very sick while he was in Rome, and the Church was worried about him. Paul assured them that God was in control, and as soon as he recovered and was healed, Paul sent him back with this letter of joy and love.

Recurring themes in this letter - Philippians is primarily a letter of encouragement.

3 prominent themes:

- 1) Christian joy and rejoicing (word occurs 16 times)
eg.4:4
- 2) Gain in Christ (1:21, 3:7-8)
- 3) The importance of living by example of the following:
 - i. of Christ (2:5-11)
 - ii. of Timothy (2:19-24)
 - iii. of Epaphroditus (2:25-30)
 - iv. of Paul himself (Chapters 3 & 4)

Four-fold revelation of Christ

In this epistle Paul gives us a four-fold presentation of Jesus Christ in each of this 4 chapters.

- 1) in 1:21 "for me to live is Christ" – He is believer's **life** – both in life & death
- 2) in 2:5 "let this mind be in you..." Christ is the believer's **mind**.
- 3) in 3:10 "that I may know Him" Christ is the believer's **goal**.
- 4) in 4:13 "I can do all things through Christ..." the enabling power of Christ. He is the believer's **strength**.

Conclusion

Note the sequence and progression of this short letter.

- If Christ be truly our life (ch 1), His life will express itself in and through
- Our mental activity (filled with the mind of Christ – ch 2)
- Then Christ becomes our supreme goal and desire (ch 3), and we will
- Have the strength to enable us to live the victorious Christian life.