

Announcement

1) What is Water Baptism?

The physical act of water baptism has spiritual importance. It is the outward demonstration of the inward reality that took place in you on the day of your acceptance of Jesus Christ as your Saviour & Lord.

In view of the **National Day** celebration, **Water Baptism Class** will start on next Sunday afternoon. We encourage those of you who have accepted Jesus Christ as your Savior to attend this water baptism class. Those who want to know more about the Christian faith are also welcome to join the class.

English Speaking Lessons : Bro Roland Seah
Mandarin Speaking Lessons : Bro Ricky Tan

Date of Water Baptism : 27th September 2009
Venue of Water Baptism : Punggol Beach
Time : 2.30pm to 4.30pm

- 2) Purpose Driven Life class is to resume next Sunday 16/8/09.

These are the words of a student from the Sunday afternoon's learning



"How to doze off when once you know your PURPOSE of being a child of God! Now, I know our birth is not mistake but God has a wonderful plan for me" Brethren if you unsure of your life, your future & your purpose in life, come join this Purpose Driven Life lessons and let Pastor David Kerk turns those pages with you. You are going to enjoy your afternoon with God's loving people!

- 3) The Leadership expresses our deepest condolences to Bro William & Florence Soh on the passing on of bro William's late father Mr. Peter Soh Swee Keng on 4/8/09.



- 4) The Church also want to remember our late Sis Sally Loh on the 1st anniversary of her passing on to be with the Lord on 8/8/08.

Upcoming Events

- 1) Our 2nd anniversary; Guest of Honor: Rev Canon Dr James Wong
2) Water baptism on 27/9/09

How DEEP is Your Love for the KING of kings & the LORD of all lords ?

Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God. He was with the Father during the creation of all things. Together with the Holy Spirit they might have planned and discussed with great joy on the making of Adam, Eve, the animals and the trees. During this fun-filled meeting, all of a sudden, God the father being omniscient (all knowing) knew that His only Son has to throw down His crown, absorb humiliation and experience pain on the cross thousands of years later because He foresaw that men will fall into sin and redemption is required.

This is the greatest portrayal of love. Jesus Christ is the King of all kings and the Lord of all lords, He owns the cattle of a thousand hills, He is the Alpha and the Omega and yet He would let the roman soldiers strip Him naked, whip him like an animal and eventually die for the sake of saving you and me from hell fire. Jesus could have said no, God could have treated us like any 4-legged creature and let us go through an eternal suffering in order to save His Son's glory.

In the book of Hebrew 2:9 it says that "But we see Jesus, who was made a little lower than the angels, for the suffering of death crowned with glory and honor, that He, by the grace of God, might taste death for everyone."

Men had to pay for their sins via death but Jesus took it all upon Him on the cross! It is scientifically recorded that the length of time required to reach death while on the cross could range from a matter of hours to a number of days, the one going through the crucifixion process will face indescribable ongoing pain. Death could result from any combination of causes, including blood loss, hypovolemic shock, or sepsis following infection caused by the scourging that preceded the crucifixion, or by the process of being nailed itself, or eventual dehydration. Legs were often broken to hasten death through severe traumatic shock and fat embolism.

I am very humbled by His willingness to die for me and I constantly ask myself what would I do for the person who saved my life? What does Jesus want from me? In Revelation 3:20 Jesus said that He wants to fellowship with you and spend time with you, but are you allocating time in your day to communicate (pray) with Him? In Matthew 28:18, Jesus called us to evangelize, tell the world about His love but, have you been shunning this sensitive topic away from your friends? Brothers and sisters, we do not serve a torturous God, He does not want to tie you down, He does not want you to lose all your friends and He does not want you to stop having fun in life. All He is asking for are the basics of a relationship.

Is that too much to ask from us in comparison to Him giving his life on the cross?

May you have a great time soaking yourself in the presence of our Lord Jesus Christ this week.

In Christ Love,
Bro Roy Tan

OUR COLLECTIONS

2 Corinthians 8:7; "But just as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in complete earnestness and in your love for us - see that you also excel in this grace of giving"

July 2009 Collection : S\$15,755.05
Aug 2009 Collection up to 2 Aug 2009 : S\$ 7,066.10
Church Building Fund : S\$30,080.00

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Church of Sengkang

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

THE SUNDAY TIME
SUNDAY SERVICES TIMES:

9th August 2009
10.30am to 12.30pm

4 REASONS Church of Sengkang is a Acts 2:42-47 Church by Pastor David Kerk

We were blessed by Rev Canon Dr James Wong with 10 Complimentary Admission to the recent Festival of Praise Celebration in the Indoor Stadium. The LG took turn to join the local brethren in praising the Lord and praying for the peace, solidarity & success of our nation, Singapore.

A timely reminder from Snr Pastor Mark Conners when he took the pulpit after an hour and half of praise & worship. He shared of his recent interest in researching what is an emerging church. After much consultation with Google and Amazon.com, Snr Pastor Mark Conner pointed to the Holy Bible, he was holding in his hand, as the BEST BOOK to know "What Is A Church?".

Someone once said "the Depth of a church is determined by the quality of its Worship and Instruction. We must always keep that near the top of our awareness The Breadth of a church is determined by its Commitment to Fellowship and Evangelism. We must keep reaching out to people who are in need. After all, that is what LOVE is all about".

Four reasons why Church of Sengkang is modelled after Acts 2:42-47:-

Reason No. One - Community of A Relationship of LOVE

We believe Christian Life is about Relationship with God and the brethren. Relationships that are nurtured will be exciting, dynamic and alive. A biblical Christian is a relational being with the Living Christ and His people because we are not meant to be ALONE. When you receive Christ into your life, you begin a new Relationship with HIM and with the brethren into God's family.



Speaker: Bro Peter Goh

Title of Message : Faith In God

Scripture Text: Mark 10:46-52

"What do you want me to do for you?" Jesus asked him. The blind man said, "Rabbi, I want to see." v51

Introduction: Today is our nation celebrating her 44th birthday. It's been a journey for our nation. Success is not a destination but a journey. Our Walk with the LORD is also from glory to glory.

Pause To Reflect:

How's your life? Are you fulfilled? Are you getting every thing out of it you have wanted to? and Is your life turning out the way you thought it would be?

What Can We Learn From the Life of Bartimaeus? Reference Luke 18:35-43

1. **We Need A Healing TOUCH**
v35 Jesus approached Jericho : Blind beggar begging at the gate
2. **We Must Know Our SOURCE of Supply**
v36-38 Crowd Asked What's Happening? : Jesus of Nazareth Is Passing by.
3. **We Have To Overcome ROADBLOCKS.**
v39 Rebuked To Be Quiet!
4. **We Must Have FAITH To Believe & Pay the Price**
v40 Jesus Ordered the man to be brought to HIM
5. **We Need To Know What We Want From God.**
v41 "Lord, I Want To See", the blind man replied
6. **Faith In God - Heals & New Life**
v42 Jesus said to him, "Receive your sight, your Faith Has Healed you!"
7. **Christ In You, the HOPE of Glory** Colossians 1:27
v43 Immediately, he received his sight & Followed Jesus, Praising GOD.
8. **Is Your NEW LIFE In Christ Giving God the Glory?**
Luke 18:43 When all the people saw it, they also PRAISED GOD

Reflection on This Message:

Do you need healing in your life; breakthrough in your living circumstances; provision for your needs and a solution to your problem? Seek the Father In Heaven & Call Upon the Name of the Lord.

Statement Of Faith

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, the 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 a 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 is 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 and land.
11. The expectation of the personal return of the Lord Jesus Christ to receive us to be with Him forever

Reason No. Two - Christ's Followers

We are devoted or constantly delight in apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. For too long, believers have rely on the leaders and pastor for the personal spiritual development. It's time we take personal responsibility for our own spiritual development which comes through regular times of prayer and devotional bible study. But God doesn't want us to train just for our own spiritual health. He called us to follow HIM. And that means working together on his reconciliation ministry - reconcile the world to HIMSELF and not to so and so church.

Jesus left us with many clear instructions on how to work together. Some of them call the "one another commands," and they are found throughout the New Testament. Read Romans 12:10, 1 Cor 1:10, Galatians 5:13. 1 Peter 1:22. And to develop our brethren in Christ, we are revisiting the Purpose Driven Life lessons every sunday afternoon from 1.30pm to 5.00pm. I strongly encourage you to commit once a week in learning the Purpose of why Are You On Earth For? Better still, get into one of the weekly Life Group (LG for short) In these small groups, we make meaningful friendship and biblical discipleship with our brethren who share our joys and struggles. We can also learn to personally KNOW our God. Our current series "Faith Lessons" have strengthened our victorious position in our Lord Jesus.

Reason No. Three - Empowered by the Holy Spirit

By living out these commands through the power of the Holy Spirit, we witnessed the living Christ manifested in our lifestyle of Christian Character. Under His power, we also witnessed God's healing power on the sick as well as His deliverance power on those demon-possessed. The Spirit's power also works through the various spiritual gifts God has given to us. Read Romans 12:3-8, 1 Cor 12:7-11, Eph 4:7-13. These gifts, which include faith and healing, are given to individuals to SERVE the common good of the church family. It saddens God's Heart to hear some brethren demanding others to be like them in ministry to the Body.

Reason No. Four - Participating in God's Mission

We firmly believe God has called us to extend His kingdom to Sengkang/Punggol. To fulfill this vision, we have captured the concept who gains control of the the city gate holds the key into the city (in this instance Sengkang). Beloved, won't you join the church in passionately distributing the gospel tract every saturday from 4.00pm to 5.00pm.

By His grace our second year of ministry is progressing well to His Glory. Do not miss our 2nd anniversary Thanksgiving & Celebration Service on that Special Day. Look out for the details in the coming weeks' Sunday Times. Beloved, the leadership is grateful to our Lord for your constant intercession for the ministry and the leadership. Together with our Lord, we will build church of Sengkang for His Glory..

To Be All His Glory

Pastor David Kerk