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message, “Behold I come!” To any reader who is not really prepared for that day, I draw your attention to Revelation 1:3: “Blessed is he that readeth, and they that hear the words of this prophecy, and keep those things which are written therein: for the time is at hand.”

It is with urgency, and unspeakable joy that I write about our blessed Lord’s return! Why “joy”? Simply because His coming is so near – “for the time is at hand” and He is our life, our joy, our all.

All signs (and they are plentiful) sound the warning, **the Lord’s return is at hand**. As the Lord Himself says, “So likewise ye, when ye shall see all these things, know that it is near, even at the doors” (Matt 24:33). Read again and ponder with prayer.

3. Responding to the Call of God

I have written words of loving concern. May all readers respond **with positive action!** I quote here from Rene Pache (“The Return of Jesus Christ”). He writes from the perspective of our Lord’s imminent appearing.

Quote: “Everything in the daily life of the Christian ought to be influenced by such a perspective. A great number of passages show us the direct connection that there is between our blessed hope and the most diverse areas of our life. Let us simply emphasize some of the great words which take up for us these appeals.”

a. Watchfulness and preparedness

Rene Pache continues: “The Master is coming again. It is an important matter that He should not find us sleeping. “And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. [What would Paul say today!] The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armour of light” (Rom 13:11-12).

“But ye, brethren, are not in darkness, that that day should overtake you as a thief ... Therefore let us not sleep, as do others; but let

us watch and be sober” (1 Thess 5:4, 6; cf Matt 24:42, 44; and Luke 12:35-38).

b. Sanctification and victory

“Seeing then that all these things shall be dissolved, what manner of persons ought ye to be in all holy conversation and godliness, Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God ... Wherefore, beloved, seeing that ye look for such things, be diligent that ye may be found of him in peace, without spot, and blameless” (2 Peter 3:11-12, 14).

“Being confident of this very thing, that he which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ ... Being filled with the fruits of righteousness, which are by Jesus Christ, unto the glory and praise of God” (Phil 1:6, 9-11).

Walk “worthy of God, who hath called you unto his kingdom and glory ... And the Lord make you to increase and abound in love one toward another, and toward all men ... To the end he may stablish your hearts unblameable in holiness before God, even our Father, at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ with all his saints ... And the very God of peace sanctify you wholly; and I pray God your whole spirit and soul and body be preserved blameless unto the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. Faithful is he that calleth you, who also will do it” (1 Thess 2:12; 3:12, 13; 5:23, 24; cf 1 Cor 1:7, 8; 1 Tim 6:13, 14; Titus 2:11-13; Rev 3:11, 12, 21).

All of these passages show how much sanctification ought to be the constant preoccupation of the one who waits for the coming of Jesus Christ. “Follow peace with all men, and holiness, without which no man shall see the Lord” (Heb 12:14). Let us therefore do our utmost to succeed in it according as it is written, “Wherefore, my beloved, as ye have always obeyed ... work out your own salvation with fear and trembling” (Phil 2:12) as if everything should depend on us. (End of quote from Rene Pache).

God bless all readers as we wait and watch for the Lord’s return. Amen.

Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor



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THEME: “Walking with God in Perilous Times”
(2 Tim 3:1)

Senior Pastor: Rev Dr Tow Siang Hwa
Pastor: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

LORD'S DAY, 14 Feb 2010

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SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: **Victorious Living In Perilous Times**

14 February (6 pm)

21 February (6 pm)

Topic:

Unholy

"Without Natural Affection"

Preacher:

Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

Rev Dr Prabhudas Koshy

Worship Leader:

Preacher Lek Aik Wee

Elder Boaz Boon

New Sanctuary (3rd Floor) is open for Morning Worship w.e.f. Feb 2010. CCTV of worship service from Main Sanctuary. All are welcome.

My dear readers,

1. “Walking with God ...”

Our Calvary Pandan theme for the year 2010 is, “Walking with God in perilous times” based on the apostle Paul’s exhortation in his letter to Timothy (2 Tim 3:1). The theme speaks to two groups of people: a) To believers such as we are, and b) to unbelievers and the people of the world at large. To this second group we have the message of repentance and salvation, which we must sound forth clearly and constantly, from the pulpit, in our daily conversation, in our personal communications and by our conduct, as the apostle said, “... I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some” (1 Cor 9:22).

Let us by all means strive for the salvation of the lost, including those in our own families and circle of friends. This must be part and parcel of our “walking with God” – witnessing by our lives.

2. “The time is at hand”

My particular concern is addressed to our own members, Calvarians in Pandan, those who worship and serve the Lord with us: my overwhelming burden is for these. For I am burdened with the same concern of the apostle Paul who expressed it in these words: “But I keep under my body, and bring it into subjection: lest that by any means, when I have preached to others, I myself should be a castaway” (1 Cor 9:27). This is a stern and solemn warning: salvation may be free, but it is a strait and narrow road.

So my question is: “Dear reader, how is your daily **walk with God?** Are you truly walking the narrow road with Him, or are you going along the world’s Broadway?”

Our Lord Himself sounds out an urgent warning: “And, behold, I come quickly; and my reward is with me, to give every man according as his work shall be. I am Alpha and Omega, the beginning and the end, the first and the last” (Rev 22:12-13). How is your work? Will the Lord be pleased?

Thank God for speaking from heaven, through John the apostle to us, the urgent and glorious

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A very warm welcome to visitors and friends in the name of
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

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10.00 am **Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**
Today: Elder Jeffrey Cheong; N/W: Dn James Fu

10.15 am **Pre-Service Singing: Today:** Ko Lingwei; N/W: Dn Chia Chung Seng

10.30 am **Lord's Day**

Today **Worship Leaders** : Dn Ko Swee Chay / Elder Chew Chong Kiat
Speaker : Dr SH Tow
Message : “Marks of a False Prophet” (2 Pet 2:1-3)

Next Week **Worship Leaders** : Elder Jeffrey Cheong / Mr Henry Chua
(L/S) **Speaker** : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : “Judgement upon False Prophets” (2 Pet 2:4-8)

Last Week's (07.02.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1105	\$18,795.10
Junior Worship		143	
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	200	\$ 4,056.20
Mandarin JW		42	
SGBF	6.00 pm	354	\$ 7,551.06
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	116	

Lord's Day Duties

	<i>14 February</i>	<i>21 February</i>
Musicians <i>Morning</i>	Michelle Chiang / Lois Teo	Ong Su Ling / Rachel Han
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Samuel Eio / Lee Yu Jie	Adrian Ho / Lee Yu Jie
Greeters	Leonard & Frances Hazra	Adela & Bernice Cheong
Welcomers	Rayson & Suk Ling Hazra	Stella Tan & Irene Lim
Lunch Coupon Sale	CNY	Michael & Florence Yip
Kitchen Duty	CNY	YF
Ushers	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Peck Thian Guan, Joseph Lok, Andrew Chiang, SKY, Chee Weng, Kim Hai	Steven Lee, David Wong, Woon Chin, Ming Kin, Shue Heng, Ray Tan, Cho Wai Mun, Joel Koh, Mark Woo, John Fong, Victor Wong, Ernest Chan, Mark G, Kok Keong
SGBF Singspiration	Dn Chia Chung Seng	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
SGBF Ushers	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, David Wong, Wai Mun, Wai Ho, Mark Woo	Dn Ko, Thian Guan, Samuel Tham, Dn Eric Lim, Heng Wee
SGBF Greeters	Truth BPC	Dn Eric Lim & family
SGBF Welcomers /	CNY	Irene Lee & Jayme Teo
Dinner Coupon Sales		
SGBF Kitchen Duty	CNY	Dn Ko & Thian Guan

The Year of the Tiger is upon us. According to Chinese belief, tigers, normally associated with power, good fortune and royalty, are viewed with both fear and respect. The year ahead therefore promises to be a difficult one despite the recovering economy.

During this Chinese New Year period, Chinese members will celebrate the occasion with reunion dinners and visitations to family members, relatives and friends. Family dinners express our solidarity with a group of people to whom we are inextricably linked. This is complemented by the eating of special Chinese New Year foods like yu sheng, nian gao and pen chai or treasure pot.

Feasting on these foods plays an important role in sustaining relationships especially with those family members and relatives whom we see infrequently, perhaps only once a year during Chinese New Year. In the midst of the eating and merry-making, let us not forget the people who make the occasion memorable. Let us not take them for granted but treasure each and every one of them. In fact, the English word ‘companion’ is derived from the French and Latin words meaning ‘one who eats bread with others’.

We also treasure people because they are a means of grace to us and we in turn should mean a means of grace to them. As Paul says, “*For though I be free from all men, yet have I made myself servant unto all, that I might gain the more ... To the weak became I as weak, that I might gain the weak: I am made all things to all men, that I might by all means save some. And this I do for the gospel's sake, that I might be partaker thereof with you.*” (1 Cor 9: 19, 22-23) While most Christians regard prayer, Bible-reading, the ordinances of baptism and the Lord's Supper and religious festivals like Christmas and Easter as means of grace, people should likewise be included. After all, people are used by God to bring us into a closer relationship with Him. People draw out and strengthen our life in its many elements and it is people who make us better, holier and sweeter in spirit.

Indeed, we receive the larger portion of our divine gifts through human hearts and lives. We sometimes forget this and think of God as providing His mercies and graces to us directly. However, closer thought shows us that generally this is not the way spiritually uplifting things come to us. Ordinarily, God sends His gifts to us through others.

The Incarnation is a grand illustration of this truth. When God wanted to reveal Himself to men, He did not come down in flaming glory but rather manifested Himself as a babe in a manger before becoming the man of Galilee. In human form, Christ could come close to sinful men without terrifying or frightening them; when they touched Him, grace flowed from His lips and hands to bless and heal them.

For a child, parents are a means of grace as they “*train up the child in the way he should go*” (Prov 22:6), teach him about God and his duties and build him up spiritually and mentally. The child in turn is a means of grace to his parents. When they hold their child in their arms, a devout father and mother learn more of the love of God and of God's fatherhood than what they have learned before from pastors and books. Their own feelings toward their child interpret God's feelings toward them; as their hearts warm toward their offspring with great parental affection, they too learn how the heart of the heavenly Father warms toward them with the same tenderness and yearning.

Parents also learn the lessons of humility and simplicity from their children. Recall that Jesus set a little child in the midst of His disciples and told them: “*Verily I say unto you. Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Whosoever therefore shall humble himself as this little child shall be great in the kingdom of heaven.*” (Mt 18: 3-4) Many a home has been transformed by the honest, earnest and genial nature of a little child.

Children do bring problems as well as comforts. Parents have to work harder to make provision for them; they have to make many sacrifices when they come and begin to live for

All of us are influenced by and impressed upon by our association with other people.

them. Children cost us many anxieties: sleepless nights when they are sick and days of weariness when a thousand things have to be done for them. Then we have to plan for them and think of their education and training, and we have to teach them and look to the formation of their habits. In many instances, they cause sore anxiety and distress of heart - by their waywardness and our apprehension that they may not turn out well.

Yet it is in these very experiences, that our children become especially means of grace to us. We learn lessons of patience in our constant care for them. We become more gentle and temperate in our behaviour knowing that our children will emulate us. We learn to be less selfish as the strong pressure of parental love impels us to deny our wants and make many personal sacrifices and do all manner of service for them. Our distress, as we watch them in their struggles and temptations and are grieved by their waywardness and wanton behaviour, works its rich discipline in our own lives, teaching us compassion and faith as we cry out to God for them. There is really no period of greater spiritual growth in the lives of true Christian parents as when they are bringing up their children "*in the nurture and admonishment of the Lord.*" (Eph 6:4)

Not only are children means of grace to parents, the same is true of all lives in their influence one upon another. We learn many of our best lessons from our relationships with our fellowmen and fellow Christians. Each fragment of moral beauty in a regenerated life mirrors a little, at least, of the image of God on which our eyes may gaze. Every true Christian life is a reflection of God's temple, imperfect though it may be.

If living in direct spiritual communion with God is too elevating an experience for us, God has given us the privilege of meeting and knowing people who are close to and in constant fellowship with Him. These saints, who lie in Christ's bosom and know the secret of abiding in the Lord, cannot but greatly enrich our own knowledge of divine things. They encourage us to "*seek those things which are above*" (Col 3: 1) as we admire their love, gentleness and goodness and seek to attain the fruit of the Spirit for ourselves. We do well to complement this by reading and meditating on the biographies, diaries and devotional writings of godly saints such as Charles Spurgeon, Samuel Rutherford, Robert

Murray McCheyne, David Brainerd, John Sung and George Muller, amongst others.

Even the faults and infirmities of those with whom we come into contact may become to us means of grace. It is admittedly harder to live with disagreeable people than with those who are congenial; but the very difficulty may help to develop in us the grace of longsuffering. People who hold differing views and opinions may try our patience and sap our energies. Yet they may be used by God to develop in us respect for others and spiritual discernment as we understand other points of view and rethink our own position for "*iron sharpeneth iron.*" (Prov 27:17) Association with quarrelsome or quick-tempered people may train us to be temperate in speech, teaching us either to be silent under provocation or to give "*a soft answer (which) turneth away wrath.*" (Prov 15:1)

On every side, we find people to be means of grace to us. From the saintly and the good, we get inspiration to pursue things that are true, honest, just, pure and lovely that lift us up heavenward toward righteousness and holiness. From the loving and the gentle, we receive softening influences that transform our hard, cold wintry hearts into the genial glow of summer. From the rude and the quarrelsome, we learn self-discipline and temperance in our continued effort to live peaceably with them despite their disposition to contention and disagreeable inclinations. May we therefore treasure all those we meet for there is no life with which we come into contact that does not bring us some message from God, or by its very faults and infirmities, help to transform us to become stronger, calmer, deeper and truer persons, and thereby a means of grace to us.

Let us in turn be a means of grace to all those we meet, especially those closest to us, not only during the Chinese New Year period but all through the year by our concern, thoughtfulness, care and service for them. By serving others, whether in our families, work places or the church, we grow and develop our spiritual graces of faith, hope and love. We will then become a blessing, an inspiration, a testimony of God's saving grace, a touch of beauty and a means of grace to every person we meet.

N/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
F/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat

Activities for the week (15 - 20 Feb)

- Tuesday 8.15 pm **NO PRAYER MEETING in view of CNY**
- Thursday 1.30 pm **LADIES' FELLOWSHIP MEETING:** Lounge, Rm #02-14 (left of Tabernacle Bookroom)
Differing Views of the Gospel Rev Quek Suan Yew
- Friday 8.00 pm **HELPMEEET CG** in the home of Whie Kwang and Rachel. Add: 136 Hillview Ave #08-03 Merawoods. Tel: 68931550. "Godliness with Contentment" (1 Tim 6:6-12) Rev Quek Suan Yew
Please contact Rachel 96652477 or Winnie 90434053 for more details
- Saturday **YAF: CNY Visitations**
 - 5.00 -8.30 pm **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Cryroom, 3rd level Sanctuary
What is God? Elder Chew Chong Kiat
Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm
 - 6.30 pm **ADULTS FELLOWSHIP MEETING** - 3rd level Sanctuary
There is No God! - Defence of our Faith Rev Dennis Kwok
A fellowship dinner follows the meeting. All are welcome!

HOME News & Announcements

1. **Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: S\$13,416**
Ann Clements & Family 10, 50, 100, 182, 100 = \$442; **Ajin Thu - Pontianak** 20, 50 = \$70; **BCEA - Tanzania** 200 = \$200; **Benevolent Fund** 200 = \$200; **Baraka BP Church** 50, 150, 50, 50 = \$300; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 50, 202, 400, 50, 150 = \$902; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai (Hall Extn)** 50 = \$50; **Bible Witness** 500 = \$500; **CMC** 50 = \$50; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 10, 200 = \$210; **Eric Lim** 200, 150 = \$350; **FEBC** 43, 57, 150, 200, 25, 200, 20, 50, 50, 30, 30, 50, 10, 50, 100, 50 = \$1,165.00; **FEBC - Michael Accadio** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Peter Nutua** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Charles Sang** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Eric Kambace** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Ibrahim Kiane** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Billy Boyn** 70, 100 = \$170; **Missions** 2000 = \$2,000; **Golden Years** 50, 100, 50, 50 = \$250; **Hilltop** 10, 50, 50, 5, 50, 100 = \$265; **Hilltop Student** 100, 200, 50, 50 = \$400; **John & Eunice Tan** 200, 100, 70, RM115 = \$370; **Jordan** 25, 200, 400, 50, 20 = \$695; **Jose Lagapa** 50, 50, 20 = \$120; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 20 0 = \$200; **Ling Soon Ing, Pr - Sibiu** 100 = \$100; **Miri BPC** 50 = \$50; **Rev Pang Kok Hiong** 300, 200, 200, 20, 150, 50, 12 = \$932.00; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 200, 50 =

Apologies: New Sanctuary's "Teething Problems"

Last Lord's Day was our "*inauguration*" of the New Sanctuary. As with any new venture, the **management** was "*caught on the wrong foot*" and a number of worshippers were locked out of the New Sanctuary, for which we sincerely apologise. We "*live and learn*" and in the weeks following we shall do better.

My message to all worshippers: please bear with us as we adjust and perfect the procedure, with your understanding and cooperation. May we strive together for a better and more sanctified atmosphere of worship.

Thank you for your cooperation. God bless. - Dr Tow

CPK urgently needs two Christian teachers:
Qualifications: Have a burden to serve in this ministry.
Teachers with DPET is preferred.

Or minimum of 5 O levels & B4 for English. Training will be provided.
Applications, as soon as possible, with a resume, should be addressed to
chewchongkiat@gmail.com.

\$300; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 200, 10, 10, 50, 50, 400, 100, 50 = \$870; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 50 = \$50; **RPG - English/Chinese** 1000, 50, 50 = \$1,100; **Saipan/China** 100, 25, 500, 50, 50, 10 = \$735; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Youth Fellowship** 20 = \$20

Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,796,110.83

Last week: 50, 500, 600, 100, 50, 2, 25, 100, 16, 600, 300, 50, 1000, 40, 150, 50, 10, 30, 300, 18, 20, 50, 50, 50, 10, 5, 50, 62, 50, 100, 1, 1, 1, 0.10, 50 = **Total: \$4,491.10**

- PREACHER KO LINGKANG** will be ministering in BPCWA From 18 Feb to 17 May. Plase Pray that God will guide and watch over him, and make him a blessing to the brethren there.
- REV QUEK SUAN YEW** will be preaching at Tengah BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
- DANIEL GOH, LENG LENG & VINCENT GOH** thank the church session and members for their condolences and support in the recent bereavement of their grandmother.
- CMC** - There will be **NO** meeting on 20 Feb due to CNY.
- THERE WILL NOT BE ANY SALE OF LUNCH AND DINNER COUPONS** today in view of the Chinese New Year.
- CHINESE TEACHER FOR CPK** -Minimum qualifications: Certificate in Teaching (Early Childhood) with at least 5 'O' level subjects, and B4 for Chinese. Interested persons please call Eld Chew 97719440.
- CPK REGISTRATION FOR INTAKE 2011** - Registration for the 2011 Intake is now open to Church members' children born in 2008. Please call 65603884 for an appointment. A copy of the child's birth certificate and \$30 will be required for registration.
- WORSHIPPER'S DIRECTORY 2010** - Members, please collect your name lists for verification and update. **You are requested to check all entries and to indicate if there are any changes.** Please put the verified list into the box on the counter outside the Main Sanctuary. Friends of the church are welcome to submit their information for inclusion in our Worshipper's Directory. Please fill out your data on the forms available on the counter outside the Main Sanctuary. Please submit your photo, together with your form, to calvarypandanphotos@gmail.com by 28 Feb. Thank you very much for your co-operation.
- HELPER'S APPRECIATION LUNCH ON 28 MAY (VESAKDAY)** - All who are currently involved in any ministry/fellowship group/contact group of the church are invited. Registration will commence from 21 Feb. Registration forms are now available outside the Sanctuary.

ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT

A reminder to all Session members and ministry leaders: the deadline for submitting your respective ministry reports for the ACM is **21 Feb, Lord's Day**. Please email your reports to Dn Han at wkhanmail@gmail.com

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CHURCH CAMP - 7 to 12 JUNE 2010
Please pray and plan to have a blessed time with the Lord and with one another!

- GREETERS/WELCOMERS/KITCHEN DUTY/SALES OF COUPONS DUTY ROSTER** - Slight amendments have been made to the 2010 duty roster (on the notice board just outside the Main Sanctuary).
- FCM COMBINED POLY RETREAT** will be held from 10-12 March 2010 at Calvary Tengah BPC. Theme: "The Pre-eminence of Christ". Speaker: Pr Lek Aik Wee. All polytechnic students (including those entering) are invited. Those interested please contact Amoz Boon: amozboon@gmail.com / 92725183 for registration form. Deadline: 28 Feb 2010. Full time: \$25 payable on actual day.

Lunar New Year Greetings

The Pastors and Session greet Calvary Pandan's congregation with God's blessings of grace, joy and peace from Father, Son and Holy Spirit. In these **perilous times**, let us all "... *stand fast in one spirit, with one mind striving together for the faith of the gospel*" (Phil 1:27), ever "...*looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of our faith ...*" (Heb 12:2)



God bless your service for Him.

CAUTION - All members and visitors to the church are hereby reminded to keep their belongings with them at all times.

NO SOCCER GAMES OR FRISBEES IN THE CENTRAL COURTYARD. Please note that as glass panels have been installed along the Fellowship Hall, no soccer games or frisbees is allowed in the courtyard. Thank you for your understanding and cooperation to avoid any accident. God bless.

FCM Combined Meeting 2010 will be held on Fri, 26 Feb, 2010 at Calvary Pandan BPC (Level 3 Sanctuary), 7.30pm. Dinner at 6.30pm. Message: "*The Reason for Being Bible-Presbyterian*" by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew. All tertiary students are strongly encouraged to attend. For more info, contact Brian Lim at 91269832.

