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away our precious hours and minutes, leaving us barely any time to attend to more needful things: for *Quiet Time*, for *Reflection*, service, and spiritual employments.

Our children today are busy, busy, busy! Amazing new stuff fills their curriculums, taking up practically all their hours, leaving hardly any time for spiritual needs.

The same applies to parents and elders: their workdays are similarly filled with ever-increasing demands to do more and to do better, simply to keep pace with “*modern life*.”

4. What, then, must we do?

“*Spiritual things must be spiritually discerned.*” By prayer and supplication, we make known our concerns to our Master and Lord. He who called us “...*is able to do exceeding abundantly above all that we ask or think, according to the power that worketh in us*” (Eph 3:20).

We considered the urgent needs of the Church, the problems and solutions, and committed them to the Lord in prayer. We are confident, and are sure, that He who called us to serve will also help us to solve these hard problems. Only, be faithful and steadfast, always abounding in the work of the Lord (1 Cor 15:58).

5. Areas of need – urgent

For a congregation of our size, our Session is “*under-powered*.” So much work is being done by so few. But our God is able to multiply our effectiveness, “...*according to the power that worketh in us*” (Eph 3:20).

We need more willing hands to join us in the work to share out the load, for this is “*reasonable service*” for all who have received the saving grace of God. And the best workers are the volunteers – men and women, and youths – those who are minded to repay their “*gospel debt*” unto the Lord who gave us His all.

One area of urgent need is the “*CMC*” – Calvary Missions to Children. Here is the “*acid test*” of devotion, to sacrifice one’s Saturday afternoon in order to help little children aged 4 – 12 years know the Saviour. Our CMC currently ministers to 70 – 80 children, mostly from non-Christian homes within a 5-mile radius. Each Saturday four buses, manned by volunteer members, go out to homes and fetch the children to Pandan, to join other children hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is a labour of love. It requires strong resolution and a grateful heart. I speak to readers who are minded to join in a most rewarding and satisfying ministry. If the message has touched your heart, please see me, or Deacon and Mrs Vincent Teo, or Mr Simon Chua. God bless you.

6. “*Golden Years*” Mini Camp in Penang, June 15 – 19, 2010

God-willing, Preacher Lek and I will lead a group of our “*Old Folks*” and a few helpers to Penang for our second “*Mini Bible Camp*.” The theme “*Rejoice with joy unspeakable*” (1 Pet 1:8) is especially suitable for the “*Golden Years*.” Let’s pray for a blessed time of comfort and encouragement in the Lord. Older readers, please pray and come, join us for a time of happy fellowship in the Lord.

God bless all readers with His peace.

*Faithfully in the Lord
Dr SH Tow, Sr Pastor*

ACM (Annual Congregation of Meeting) 2.00 pm 1 May 2010.

All active communicant members 21 years and above (English and Mandarin) please note.

ADVANCE NOTICE FOR CHURCH CAMP 7 to 12 Jun 2010

Please pray and plan to have a blessed time with the Lord and with one another!



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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, 28 Mar 2010

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

(Combined English & Mandarin)

2 April @ 8.00 pm

Topic: “*The Debt We Owe*”

(Roms 1:14-16)

Preacher: Dr SH Tow

Lord's Supper will be served

that in the last days perilous times shall come” when men shall be “*lovers of pleasures more than lovers of God*” (v 4), “*for we wrestle not against flesh and blood, but against principalities, against powers, against the rulers of the darkness of this world, against spiritual wickedness in high places*” (Eph 6:12).

My dear readers,

1. “*Thistle Hotel*,” venue of Session Retreat 2010

Calvary Pandan held its Session Retreat at “*Thistle Hotel*,” Johor Baru, March 18 – 20. Except for three Elders who were on official duties in Singapore, all the Session were present, including some families. Thank God for providing us the excellent facility to conduct our meetings and deliberations.

2. Theme of our Retreat: “*Perils of the End Time*”

Appropriate “*Guide Notes*” for our deliberations was our Conference Theme: “*Perils of the End Time*,” as God’s Word has warned in 2 Timothy 3:1: “*This know also*,

How much must we servants of God rely on the Spirit for wisdom, direction and power as we wrestle against Satan, the god of this world.

3. A matter of Time and Priority

As we surveyed the scene, it became quite clear: our problem, put in a nutshell, is “*Time and Priority*.” The “*god of this world*,” working by legitimate means, has all but taken

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NEW SANCTUARY (400 SEATS) OPEN FOR MORNING WORSHIP

Conducive place of worship with
CCTV
40 seats in New Sanctuary Cryroom.
Open at 10 a.m. Come early.
All are welcome.

SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: *Victorious Living In Perilous Times*

28 March (6 pm)

4 April (6 pm)

Topic: “*Despisers of Those That are Good*”

“*Traitors*”

Preacher: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

Rev Dr Pradhudas Koshy

Worship Leader: Elder Boaz Boon

Elder Chew Chong Kiat

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

PANDAN FACTS & FIGURES

Ring Pastor Quek 6566 5716; Mobile - 9671 9310 any time; Email - suanyew@gmail.com

- 10.00 am Pre-Service Prayer Meeting: JW Sanctuary**
Today: Elder Jeffrey Cheong; N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat
- 10.15 am Pre-Service Singing: Today:** Dn Milton Ang; N/W: Elder Chew Chong Kiat
- 10.30 am Lord's Day**
Today
Worship Leaders : Dn Vincent Teo / Elder Sim Siang Kok
Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
Message : "The End is Worse than the Beginning" (2 Pet 2:20-22)
- Next Week**
 Worship Leaders : Elder Jeffrey Cheong / Dn Milton Ang
 Speaker : Dr SH Tow
 Message : "The Testimony of Job"

Last Week's (21.03.10) Attendances and Offerings

English Worship	10.30 am	1,159	\$15,283.45	RM50.00
Junior Worship		140		
Mandarin Worship	8.00 am	175	\$ 4,438.40	
Mandarin JW		35		
SGBF	6.00 pm	320	\$ 4,707.25	
Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)	8.15 pm	103		

Lord's Day Activities

Basic Bible Knowledge	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryorum	
	<i>Today:</i> Lesson 11: Discipleship i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai	
	<i>N/W:</i> Lesson 12: Baptism i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai	
ABC	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
DHW	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Sanctuary, 2nd level
Teens' Meeting	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	JW Sanctuary, #02-03
Young People Discn Gp (17-20)	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Rooms #04-05 & #04-06
Library	12.15 pm - 1.30 pm,	Room #03-04
AV Library	12.15 pm - 1.15 pm,	Room #02-02
Choir	1.30 pm - 3.30 pm,	Rooms #02-05-07
Myanmar Fellowship	4.00 pm - 6.00 pm	Room #04-05
Tracting	1.45 pm, Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)	

Lord's Day Duties

	<i>28 March</i>	<i>4 April</i>
Musicians Morning	Ko Lingwei / Eileen Hia	Adrian Ho / Sharon Lim
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Suzanne Sim / Lim Zhongyan	Lois Teo / Rachel Han
Greeters	Emelline & Valerie Tan	Chang Wan Kok & family
Welcomers	David, Hui Meng Loh & fmy	Mr & Mrs NK Hazra
Lunch Coupon Sale	Tan Heng Khuan & Christine	Leonard & Frances Hazra
Kitchen Duty	Hiang Hang & Cynthia's CG	YAF
Ushers	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Timothy Tan, James Lim, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan,	Choir

1 Cor 2: 9 states:

"But as it is written, Eye hath not seen, nor ear heard, neither have entered into the heart of man, the things which God hath prepared for them that love him."

What are these things that Paul referred to in this verse? These things refer to the wisdom of God, the hidden wisdom of God ordained before the foundation of the world. This wisdom of God is personified in Christ Jesus who was "made unto us wisdom from God and righteousness, and sanctification and redemption" (1 Cor 1: 30) [the order of words in the English translation is rendered as it appears in the original Greek Text]. Paul qualified that these things that God had prepared are only for those who love Him. Quoting from an Old Testament passage in Isaiah 64:4 "*For since the beginning of the world men have not heard, nor perceived by the ear, neither hath the eye seen, O God, beside thee, what he hath prepared for him that waiteth for him*", these things are meant for men and women who waits upon God. The knowledge of these things are not meant to be acquired through natural physiological processes that takes place through the visual processes of the eye gate nor the audio processes of the ear nor through the logical reasoning of the mind. As we read on in verse 1 Cor 2: 10, it is very clear that these things are to be comprehended not by the way natural men would understand the world around him. These things that God had prepared for his children are completely spiritual in nature and can only be comprehended through divine enabling by God the Spirit. To whom is the divine enabling given? To the sons of God. Who are the sons of God? The answer in Rom 8:14 - 15 is "*For as many as are led by the Spirit of God, they are the sons of God. For we have not received the spirit of bondage again to fear; but ye have received the spirit of adoption, whereby we cry Abba, Father.*"

And because we have received the spirit of adoption, the Spirit of God indwells every believer. So, the work of the Spirit of God involves the revelation of the Holy Scripture (1 Cor 2: 10 – 11), the teaching (1 Cor 2: 12) and interpretation of Holy Scripture (1 Cor 2:13).

A The work of revelation by the Spirit of God.

The things that Paul described as a mystery (1 Cor 2:7) are no longer a mystery because God had revealed to the prophets of old and to apostles through the revelation of the Spirit of God. Jesus said to the disciples "*when he, the Spirit of truth, is come, he will guide you into all truth: for he shall not speak of himself; but whatsoever he shall hear, that shall he speak: and he will shew you things to come*" (Jn 16:13). The mystery that had been "*kept secret since the world began*" (Rom 16:25b) was made known when "holy men of God spake as they were moved by the Holy Ghost" (2 Pet 1:21). The same Spirit was instrumental in the determination of the canon of Holy Scripture by guiding the early church fathers so that at the Council of Hippo (A.D. 393) and the Council of Carthage (A.D. 397) the 27 books that we have in the New Testament Greek Text were affirmed as the authoritative words of Holy Scripture. By comparison there were less controversy as to which of Old Testament books belonged to the Canon so that by A.D. 250 there was nearly universal agreement on the Canon of Hebrew Scripture. Hence, the deep things of God had been revealed by the Spirit of God (1 Cor 2:10). However, the work of revelation by the Spirit

	Andrew Chiang, Kam Luen, Chee Weng, Kim Hai	
SGBF Singpiration	Dn Chia Chung Seng	Elder Chew Chong Kiat
SGBF Ushers	YAF	Choir
SGBF Greeters	YF	Koh Li Choo & team
SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales	Goh Seng Lim & Nellie	Heng Khuan & Christine
SGBF Kitchen Duty	YAF	Choir

Activities for the week (29 Mar - 3 Apr)

Tuesday 8.15 pm	PRAYER MEETING i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai	
Friday - Sat	YAF Retreat The Attraction of the Cross	Pr Lek Aik Wee
Saturday 2.30 pm	CMC (Calvary Mission to Children)	
5.00 -8.30 pm	YOUTH FELLOWSHIP: Cryroom, 3rd level Sanctuary The Last Seven Sayings of Christ on the Cross - I <i>Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm</i>	Dr Jeffrey Khoo

HOME News & Announcements

1. Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$10,335.90

Ajin Thu - Pontianak 50, 50 = \$100; **Ann Clements & Family** 25, 10, 50 = \$85; **Baraka BP Church** 50, 100, 50 = \$200; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 6, 50, 200, 50, 30, 50 = \$436; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai (Hall Extn)** 50 = \$50; **Baik, Rev - Myanmar** 600 = \$600; **CMC** 250, 1, 100 = \$351; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 10, 50, 100, 20 = \$180; **Dignadice Rev (Van)** 1000, 300, 10, 300, 400, 0.30 = \$2,010.30; **Eric Lim** 50 = \$50; **FEBC** 20, 25, 300, 50, 50, 30, 150, 50, 150, 50, 10, 50, 150 = \$1,085.00; **FEBC Lawsuit** 10 = \$10; **FEBC - Billy** 150, 100 = \$250; **FEBC - Damien** 50 = \$50; **Golden Years** 50, 50, 50.20, 50 = \$200.20; **Hilltop** 50, 50, 50, 12, 5 = \$167; **Hilltop Student** 200, 50, 50 = \$300; **John & Eunice Tan** 80 = \$80; **Jordan** 200, 50, 50, 150, 50, 50 = \$550; **Jose Lagapa** 50 = \$50; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 100 = \$100; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 100, 50, 400, 12, 100, 20 = \$682.20; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 25, 500, 50 = \$625.00; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 25, 10, 50, 10, 302 = \$447.00; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 160, 150, 20 = \$330; **RPG - English/Chinese** 50, 150,

52, 20, 50, 50.20 = \$372.20; **Saipan/China** 25, 50, 50, 50, 400 = \$575; **Tow SH, Dr** 50, 50 = \$100; **Ton Soung Kao, Rev** 100 = \$100; **Sichuan Relief** 50.20 = \$50.20; **Aung - Ah Tu** 50 = \$50; **BDC - Paul** 100 = \$100

Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,818,194.73

Last week: 50, 100, 350, 50, 20, 62, 50, 50, 150, 18, 250, 50, 5, 62, 150, 100, 10, 50, 50, 50, 10, 1, 1, 0.20 = **Total: \$1,689.20**

- SR PASTOR, PR LEK & DR & MRS COLIN TEY** are in the Philippines to minister to the brethren in Bicol today. Please uphold them in prayer. They return tomorrow afternoon.
- CONDOLENCES TO REV & MRS QUEK SUAN YEW, ABIGAIL, ALANNA & ZACHARIAH, MR & MRS ROBERT ANG, GILLIAN, GAIL & SHAWN** on the passing away of their eldest brother/ uncle on 20 March.
REV QUEK, ANGIE, ABBY, ALANNA, ZACH, ROBERT, JESSIE, GILLIAN, GAIL & SHAWN would like to thank the Session and all members & friends of the church for their prayers, words of comfort & gifts during their recent bereavement. **Hebrews 6:10 (KJV)** "For God is not unrighteous to forget your work and labour of love, which ye have shewed toward his name, in that ye have ministered to the saints, and do minister.
- YPC** - Practice is on today at 1.45pm in the JW Sanctuary.
- 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.
- HELPERS' APPRECIATION LUNCH (28 MAY, VESAK DAY, 10AM-1.30PM)** - All who are involved in any ministry/fellowship group/contact group of the church are invited. Registration (for tables of 8) is now open. Kindly indicate your participation with Dn James Fu.

Preaching Schedule for the Month of April 2010				
Date	Speaker	Topic	Chairman	Pianist/Organist
2	Dr SH Tow	"The Debt We Owe"	Rev Dr SY Quek	Ong Su Ling
	<i>Good Friday</i>	<i>(Roms 1:14-16)</i>		Lee Yu Jie
4	Dr SH Tow	"The Testimony of Job"	Eld JCheong	Adrian Ho
	<i>Easter Sunday</i>		*Dn Milton Ang	Sharon Lim
11	Rev Dr SY Quek	"Stir Up Your Pure Minds" (2 Pet 3:1-2)	Eld CK Chew	Michelle Chiang
18	Dr SH Tow	"Scoffers in the Last days"(2 Pet 3:3-7)	Eld KT Goh	Lois Teo
	<i>L/S</i>		*Dr Tan Bien Keem	Ong Su Ling
25	Rev Dr SY Quek	"Not Willing That Any Should Perish" (2 Pet 3:8-9)	Eld SK Sim	Rachel Han
			*Dn James Fu	Ko Lingwei
				Eileen Hia

GOLDEN YEARS FELLOWSHIP EXCURSION - 15 to 19 June 2010			
Hotel Equatorial, Penang			
Group Leader/Speaker: Dr SH Tow			
Rates:	Full Price	50% Subsidy (non earners) /	30% (earners)
Single Occupancy	S\$798	S\$399	S\$558.60
Twin Sharing	S\$626	S\$313	S\$438.20
Vacancy Available: 40			
Registration is open and closes on 29 Mar.			
Contact: Pr Lek (hp: 96355679) / Grace (hp: 81215460) / Rena (hp: 91511626)			
TEACHER'S TRAINING WORKSHOP		YEARLY TEENS RETREAT	
Date / Time : 1st May, 8.30 am to 12.30 pm		21 - 24 June	
Venue: A. V. Studio		Venue: Camp Challenge Sembawang	
Speaker: Rev Quek Suan Yew		Speaker : Dr Paul Ferguson	
Topic: Planning and Teaching Lessons that Capture Children's Interest		Theme: One Body In Christ	
ALL ARE WELCOME		For more info, contact Ern-Min at 81010695	

of God had been completed with the completion of the Canon.

B The work of teaching by the Spirit of God

While the work of revelation had been completed, the Spirit of God continues the work of teaching and illuminating the deep things of God to the believers. In 1 Cor 2:13b "*the Holy Ghost teacheth*", the word "teacheth" in the Greek Text is given in the present active tense. Through the indwelling of the Spirit of God, we are granted the spiritual insight to understand the spiritual things that God so freely favour us with by the active work of teaching by the Holy Ghost. The phrase translated here as "freely given" in 1 Cor 2:11 has as its root the word grace in the original Greek Text. The same Greek word translated as freely give occurs in Rom 8:32 "*He that spared not his own Son, but delivered him up for us all, how shall he not with him also freely give us all things?*" Do we spurn the gracious favour of God because He had so freely gives us these spiritual things? We spurn these spiritual things by our lackadaisical (indifferent) attitude towards the word of God in not reading and meditating on it daily. To Timothy, Paul exhorts "*give attendance to reading, to exhortation, to doctrine*" (1 Tim 4:13b). The phrase "give attendance" has the concept of to give oneself to or to devote thought and effort to. It is an activity that demands our devotion of the highest order because God has given us the Spirit of God that we may understand these spiritual things.

C The work of interpretation by the Spirit of God

God has given us the indwelling of the Spirit of God who teaches us spiritual things through the process of "*comparing spiritual things with spiritual*" (1 Cor 2:13b); a wonderful insight that leads to a correct understanding and interpretation of Holy Scripture for God

cannot be the author of confusion. The Greek word (*sugkrino*) for comparing has the concept of interpreting by fitting things together as a coherent whole so that the interpretation of spiritual things (i.e. the doctrines of the Christian faith) is without ambiguity. Hence Paul exhorts Timothy "*Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth*" (2 Tim 2:15). The word "study" gives the concept that it should deserve due diligence and haste. Without a correct understanding of the word of truth, how can we protect ourselves and our children against damnable heresies taught by false prophets and false teachers in these last days (2 Pet 1:1)?

Conclusion

Since God has so graciously given us the divine enabling to understand the spiritual things through the indwelling of the Spirit of God, do we as children of the living God, devote ourselves to these things? If not, why not? The question we ought to ask ourselves is 'does the Spirit of God truly indwells in each one of us?' It may be that we have deluded ourselves that we are born again and therefore received the spirit of adoption when in reality we have not. For if we are truly born again, then we must hasten to study the word of God who had prepared for those who love Him, the things that eyes have not seen, nor ears heard, neither have entered into the hearts of men.

*N/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew
F/W: Preacher Lek Aik Wee*

