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This ought to be the course for every faithful servant of the glorious Gospel of Christ our Lord. But – who will? The harvest is neglected for lack of workers.

## 2. “Rejoicing in tribulation” for the Gospel’s sake

It is no easy thing to “rejoice in tribulation,” but the Apostle did just that. While incarcerated in a Roman prison (death cell), awaiting execution, he heard reports of the Gospel being preached: “*The one preach Christ of contention, not sincerely, supposing to add affliction to my bonds: But the other of love, knowing that I am set for the defence of the gospel. What then? notwithstanding, every way, whether in pretence, or in truth, Christ is preached; and I therein do rejoice, yea, and will rejoice*” (Phil 1:16-18).

The apostle’s one concern and commitment was that “*Christ is preached*” and the Gospel of life made known to the saving of souls. His life direction and consuming passion was expressed thus: “*For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain*” (Phil 1:21).

Dear reader, will you also make this your life verse? Dr John Sung did just that. Increasingly, as the days go by, it is also mine. I am reminded of the saying,

*“Only one life, ‘twill soon be past,  
Only what’s done for Christ will last.”*

So I constantly examine my own life. “*What have I done for my Redeemer? What will I say when I stand before the Judgment Seat of Christ?*” Reader, pause and think! If any amendment needs to be made, **now** is the time. God help us. Now, for news from afar.

## 3. Pornography boom in the UK

*Friday Church News Notes*

A survey in England has found that more than 80% of teens aged 14 to 16 “regularly access hardcore photographs and footage” on their home computers or mobile phones (*Daily Mail*, June 7, 2010). Further, one-third of children have accessed online pornography by age 10. The report states that parents appear to be unaware of the risk to their children and in many cases are unable to keep up with their computer-literate kids.

The truth is that parents today are so often addicted to pornography themselves and are so hardened by sin that they don’t care what is happening to the children. We wonder what the results would be if a similar survey could be taken in Bible-believing churches. I have no doubt that it would be much lower, but pornography is a major moral issue that has seeped into every sphere of life because of modern technology, and if parents are not extremely cautious about what they allow in their homes and if they are not extremely watchful of their children, they can easily fall to the devil’s wiles. All cellphone and computer usage by children and young people should be under strict parental control. Computers should only be used in a public family situation where parents can see what is being accessed. Filters and other controls should be in place. I have found Covenant Eyes to be very helpful. Husbands need to be accountable to their wives, and wives to their husbands, as a safeguard in this vile age. I have heard of men falling to the sin of pornography and women leaving their families after meeting men online. Don’t allow this to happen to you or your family. “Be sober, be vigilant; because your adversary the devil, as a roaring lion, walketh about, seeking whom he may devour” (1 Peter 5:8). – *CN June 22, 2010*

## 4. But what does the Bible say?

Pornography is a spiritual problem. It is “*lust of the flesh*” and cannot be solved by parental control, surveillance or any “*spy-like vigilance*” over the child. Such methods have limited use, for in no time the child learns how to deceive or he soon becomes an adult. What then is the solution?

Only God’s Holy Spirit received gladly into one’s heart and mind to take control of one’s life and action can bring about a permanent and effective solution. Listen to God’s Word: “*For to be carnally minded is death; but to be spiritually minded is life and peace*” (Rom 8:6). Read on, Romans 8:7-15.

Dear reader, when our spirits willingly yield the Holy Spirit the rightful control of our wills and actions, the lust of the flesh will find no more place in us: for effectively we are the “*temple of God*,” safeguarded by His Spirit. Thank God for the indwelling Spirit. Invite Him in to take charge! He is the Spirit of peace. Amen.

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



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(2 Tim 3:1)

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LORD’S DAY, 18 Jul 2010

PANDAN NEWS WEEKLY

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*“The LORD ... turned the heart of the king of Assyria unto them ...”* (Ezra 6:22)

Our God was mindful of His people’s welfare and turned the heart of a pagan king to favour their cause (Ezra 6:22). If so, can the Lord our God do the same and turn the heart of judges to favour our Bible College? Believing that we should pray in faith, nothing doubting, may I urge all faithful B-P Churches and concerned friends to “*pray without ceasing*” until the “*hearts of kings*” are moved for the College’s welfare! “*The effectual fervent prayer of a righteous man availeth much*” (James 5:16).

But we must “*pray and not faint*” (Luke 18:1). Therefore keep on praying fervently daily! God bless. – *Dr Tow*

My dear readers,

## 1. Paul the apostle our Example of servanthood

If you are in love with the Saviour, the “*Lover of our Souls*,” you will heartily agree with my statement. The apostle was wholly won to the Lord from the moment of his conversion on the road to Damascus on a mission to destroy the Church of Jesus Christ. But the Lord stopped him in his tracks, revealed Himself and turned Saul’s direction 180° around. From that moment the destroyer became “*bond servant*” of the Gospel and of Christ the Lord.

With his conversion and “*turn around of direction*” came also a reversal of values, as he testified: “*But what things were gain to me, those I counted loss for Christ. Yea doubtless, and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the*

*knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord: for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ*” (Phil 3:7, 8).

John Sung, China’s “*apostle Paul*” and “*Flame of God in the Far East*” testified in song,

*“Only Jesus, always Jesus!  
My heart will praise, my song I’ll raise;  
Saved and healed me, sanctified me.  
Glorious Lord, soon coming King.”*

As a bond servant of Jesus, John Sung gave himself heart and soul, mind and strength, to blaze out for the Gospel in fifteen urgent flaming years, until the Lord took him at 44 years, having “*fought a good fight ... finished (his) course ... kept the faith*” (2 Tim 4:7).

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## SUNSET GOSPEL BIBLE FELLOWSHIP

Theme: **The Jewish People In History and Prophecy**

18 Jul (6 pm)

25 Jul (6 pm)

Topic:

The Covenant

Trying To Help God

Preacher:

Dr Jeffrey Khoo

Dr SH Tow

Worship Leader:

Preacher Lek Aik Wee

Elder Sim Siang Kok

**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:** Dn James Fu; **N/W:** Dn Han Whie Kwang

**10.15 am Pre-Service Singspiration: Today:** Dn Chia Chung Seng; **N/W:** Dn Milton Ang

**10.30 am Lord's Day**  
**Today** **Worship Leaders : Dr SH Tow / Joe Chan / Henry Chua**  
**(L/S) Speaker : Preacher Lek Aik Wee**  
**Message : "Christ shall be Magnified!" (Phil 1:19-20)**

**Next Week** **Worship Leaders : Dn James Fu / Elder Goh Kee Tai**  
**Speaker : Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew**  
**Message : "To live Christ, to Die Gain" (Phil 1:21-24)**

### Last Week's ( 11.07.10 ) Attendances and Offerings

<b>English Worship</b>	10.30 am	1,140	\$20,447.05	RM22
<b>Junior Worship</b>		159		
<b>Mandarin Worship</b>	8.00 am	164	\$ 3,437.90	
<b>Mandarin JW</b>		33		
<b>SGBF</b>	6.00 pm	401	\$ 5,587.75	
<b>Prayer Meeting (Tuesday)</b>	8.15 pm	116		

### Lord's Day Activities

**Basic Bible Knowledge** 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Cryroom  
 Today: Lesson 2: Man i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai  
 Next Week: Lesson 3: The Bible i/c Elder Goh Kee Tai

**DHW** 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Sanctuary, 2nd level  
**ABC** 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, Rooms #02-05-07  
**Teens' Meeting** 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, JW Sanctuary, #02-03  
**Young People Discn Gp (17-20)** 12.15 pm - 1.15 pm, New Sanctuary Cryroom  
**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  
**Tracting** 1.45 pm, Lobby outside Sanctuary (2nd & 4th Week)

### Lord's Day Duties

	<i>18 July</i>	<i>25 July</i>
<b>Musicians Morning</b>	Ong Su Ling / Rachel Han	Ko Lingwei / Lois Teo
<i>SGBF (6 pm)</i>	Christine / Serena Ng	Suzanne Sim / Lim Zhongyan
<b>Greeters</b>	Lydia & Lynn Yeo	Margaret Seah & family
<b>Welcomers</b>	Ming Kin & Shevaun Ng	Randal Chow & family
<b>Lunch Coupon Sale</b>	Lily & Charlie K	William Oh & family
<b>Kitchen Duty</b>	YF	Hiang Hang & Cynthia's CG
<b>Ushers</b>	Steven Lee, David Wong, Ming Kin, Shue Heng, Ray Tan, Cho Wai Mun, Joel Koh, Mark Woo, John Fong, Victor Wong, Ernest Chan,	Steven Lee, Nam Moon, Kwok Weng, Heng Wee, Samuel Chiang, Joe Chan, Edgar Teo, Thian Guan, Timothy Tan, James Lim,

	Mark Gossage, Kok Keong, Woon Chin	Andrew Chiang, Kam Luen, Chee Weng, Kim Hai, Wei Jun Dn Chia Chung Seng YAF
<b>SGBF Singspiration</b>	Elder Chew Chong Kiat	
<b>SGBF Ushers</b>	Dn Ko, Timothy Tan, Nam Moon, Joe Chan, Toh Kern, Ray Tan	
<b>SGBF Greeters</b>	Yap Wai Ho & family	YF
<b>SGBF Welcomers / Dinner Coupon Sales</b>	Randal Chow & family	Goh Seng Lim & Nellie
<b>SGBF Kitchen Duty</b>	Dn Ko, Timothy Tan	YAF

### Activities for the week ( 12 - 17 Jul )

Tuesday 8.15 pm **PRAYER MEETING** i/c Elder Sim Siang Kok

Friday 1.30 pm **GOLDEN YEARS CARE GROUP BIBLE STUDY** in the home of Mrs Evelyn Ong. Add: 682 Choa Chu Kang Crescent, #11-526. Tel: 67654456. Friends of Pandan and volunteers are welcome

Thursday 1.30 pm **LADIES' FELLOWSHIP MEETING:** Lounge, Rm #02-14 (left of Tabernacle Bookroom)  
 Put Away that Little Leaven Pastor SY Quek

Saturday 2.30 pm **CMC** (Calvary Mission to Children)

5.30 -8.30 pm **YOUTH FELLOWSHIP:** Cryroom, 3rd level Sanctuary  
 Showing Love to Doctrinally Different Christians  
 Pr Ko Ling kang  
*Come join us for our prayer meeting at 5.00 pm*

5.00 pm **YAF** cottage meeting in the home of Wangshi & He Juan. Add: 76A Redhill Rd, #20-06  
 Go With Him Twain (Matt 5:38-41) Dr Paul Ferguson

7.00 - 9.00 pm **MYANMAR FELLOWSHIP:** Room #04-05

### HOME News & Announcements

1. **Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$9,185.40**  
**Ajin Thu- Pontianak** 50, 50 = \$100; **Ann Clements & Family** 50, 10, 50, 20, 100 = \$230; **Bethel DC - Chiang Rai** 50, 50, 50 = \$150; **Chee Khuen Wah, Rev** 50 = \$50; **Dignadice Rev (Police & Army Ministry)** 30, 500, 50, 50, 50, 59, 50, 100, 100, 100, 200= \$1,289; **FEBC** 50, 100, 200, 600, 50, 200, 100, 50, 500, 50, 50, 50, 100, 50, 1000, 30, 370, 20 = \$3,570; **FEBC - Lawsuit** 100, 150, 10 = \$260; **FEBC - New Premises** 50 = \$50; **FEBC - Karen Lee** 10 = \$10; **Golden Years** 50, 50 = \$100; **Hilltop** 25, 50, 5, 50, 72, 1 = \$203; **Hilltop Student** 2 = \$2; **John & Eunice Tan** 100 = \$100; **Jordan** 400, 50, 50, 1.20 = \$501.20; **Lek Aik Wee, Pr** 10, 200, 200, 50, 50, 10 = \$520; **Ling S I, Mrs - Medical Fees** 172, 400 = \$572; **Ling Soon Ing, Pr** 50, 100 = \$150; **Pang Kok Hiong Rev** 50, 150, 20, 12 = \$232; **Peter Yoksan, Pr** 50, 200, 50 = \$300; **Pontianak Kalimantan** 50, 50, 50, 50, 35 = \$235; **Quek Suan Yew, Rev (Dr)** 20, 160, 50 = \$230; **RPG - English/Chinese** 50, 50, 30, 20 = \$150; **Saipan/China** 25, 50, 50, 5, 0.20 = \$130.20; **Tow SH, Dr** 50 = \$50; **CMC** 1 = \$1.

**AF one day Durian Tour to Segamat on 24 July (Sat). S\$58.00 per person.  
 Shopping in JB & dinner included. Registration opens today**

**Disturbing Noise Level much reduced  
(- report on Week 1)**

With satisfaction, I report that the “*Disturbing Noise Level*” this Lord’s Day 11 July in the approaches to the Sanctuary has been substantially reduced, thanks to general awareness and encouraging response from members.

To all who helped I say “*Thank you and God bless you.*” To children and others who cooperated by observing the signs “*QUIET PLEASE,*” I say a hearty “*Keep it up please! Let your voices take a rest on the Lord’s Day when you are near the Sanctuary, the House of God.*” God bless all.

*Dr Tow, Sr Pastor  
18 July 2010*

**Building Extension (Cost \$2.1 Million) - Collection todate: \$1,893,589.49**

**Last week:** 50, 50, 5, 50, 50, 20, 50, 600, 100, 0.20, 12, 30, 62, 1, 0.20, 50, 50, 150, 0.10, 100  
**= Total: \$1,430.50**

**DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.

2. **SR PASTOR** is preaching at Calvary Tengah BPC this afternoon. Please uphold him in prayer.
3. **REV & MRS QUEK SUAN YEW** are in Australia to minister to the brethren in Sydney BPC at their Church Anniversary. Please uphold them in prayer. They return this afternoon.
4. **MONTHLY TEENS RETREAT** will be held today, 18 Jul in the home of Luke Han. Address: 136 Hillview Ave. Topic: Serving Christ Together. Speaker: Sis Joanne. Bus will leave church at 1.45pm sharp.
5. **PATRIA CONTACT GROUP** meets on Fri 30 Jul in the home of Dn & Mrs Milton Ang. Add: 31 Goldhill Drive, S308879. Newcomers are most welcome.
6. **THE CAMP MESSAGES FOR THE COMBINED FAMILY CAMP 2010** are now available on [www.pandancamp.com/Messages/](http://www.pandancamp.com/Messages/).
7. **CALVARY PANDAN KINDERGARTEN** urgently needs a trained kindergarten teacher or a relief teacher with some experience working with young children. Please contact Lilian at 65603884 / 97682350 if you are minded to serve.

**CALVARY TENGAH IS ORGANIZING A BIBLE STUDY TRIP** (19<sup>th</sup> Nov – 1 Dec 2010) to Turkey (Paul’s missionary journey and churches of Revelation). Please contact Elder Boaz Boon ([boaz.boon@capitaland.com](mailto:boaz.boon@capitaland.com)) if interested, before end July 2010.

**BASIC THEOLOGY FOR EVERYONE BY FEBC**

*Evening classes commences on 19 Jul @ 7.30 pm. Venue: 9A Gilstead Road*

The Book of Second Kings by Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew commences on Monday 19 Jul  
The Book of Second Corinthians by Rev Dr Jeffrey Khoo commences on Thursday 22 Jul  
*Forms are available from Tabernacle Books and Tract Rack at Lobby*

comparison between the works of fallible men and that of Holy Writ inspired by God Himself.

The history of Hebrew Psalmody may be traced to the time of Moses. The Israelites celebrated their victory at the Red Sea with hymns, the songs of Moses and Miriam (Exo. 15:1-18, 21). In like manner was the victory of Deborah and Barak over Jabin the king of Canaan (Judg. 5). "With time the Hebrews even collected their poetry. It is thought that the Book of Jasher, which contained the hymn commemorating Joshua's victory over the Ammorites (Josh. 10:13) and David's lament over the death of Saul (2Sam. 1:17-27), was a book of poetry, or at least contained poetic materials. It is certainly plausible that by the time the books of Joshua and Samuel were written, some Hebrew collections of poetry existed." (Bullock, page 113)

King David's involvement in the tradition of the psalmody was no accident. The reasons are:

- \* *David had great musical abilities* (cf. 1 Sam. 16:18, 23; 2 Sam. 6:5; Neh. 12:36; Amos 6:5);
- \* *David's role as founder or organizer of Temple musicology* (cf. 1 Chron. 15:16; 16:7; 25:1; Ezra 3:10; Neh. 12:24, 46 (this last ref. includes Solomon); and
- \* *David as founder of Hebrew psalmody* (cf. Neh. 12:24, 36, 46).
- \* *David's poetry is found outside the Book of Psalms as well* (cf. 2 Sam. 1:19-27 -- lament over Saul's death; 2 Sam. 22:2-51a -- near duplicate of Psalm 18 was a psalm of thanksgiving after he had been delivered from all his enemies; 2 Sam. 3:33-34 a brief lament over Abner's death; and 2 Sam. 23:2-7 -- David's superb last words).

Old Testament poetry did not die with the death of King David. It lived on and as seen from the songs in some of the prophetic books<sup>2</sup>. The conclusion was that psalmody was a popular literary genre which spanned most of Old Testament history.

**b. PROCESS OF GROWTH** Five factors point to a compilation of the Book of Psalms into its present form. They are:

- a. *many authors and wide ranging dates* (probably over a period of centuries)
- b. *the presence of duplicate psalms* (e.g. Psalms 53 and 14; 70 and 40:13-17; 108 and 57:7-11 and 60:5-12)
- c. *the subordinate grouping within the Book of Psalms itself.*

The Book of Psalms has FIVE Book divisions:

- Division I: Psalms 1 - 41
- Division II: Psalms 42 - 72
- Division III: Psalms 73 - 89
- Division IV: Psalms 90 - 106
- Division V: Psalms 107 - 150

At the conclusion of all the five books, there is a doxology. The entire Psalm 150 is a doxology (sometimes called the "Great Hallelujah).

- Division I: Psalm 41:13
- Division II: Psalm 72:19
- Division III: Psalm 89:52
- Division IV: Psalm 106:48
- Division V: Psalm 150

*[to be continued]*

#### (Footnotes)

<sup>1</sup> NOTE that Jesus referred to "the book of Psalms" in Luke 20:42, and Peter spoke of it by the same title in Acts 1:20.

<sup>2</sup> Isaiah 5:17; 23:16; 26:16; 27:25;-- prophesied during the 8 and 7 Century B.C.; Ezekiel 19 -- prophesied during the 6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C. after he was captured and brought to Babylon in 597 B.C.; Hosea 6:13-- prophesied during the 8<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.; and Habakkuk 3 -- about 6<sup>th</sup> Century B.C.

N/W: Pr Ko Lingkan  
F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew

The book of Psalms belongs to the genre called poetry. It has to be interpreted differently from genres like narratives or parables or epistles. As I am preaching from the book of Psalms whenever I am invited to True Life BPC to preach, I thought that it might be a good thing to write out the notes on all the 150 Psalms. This is the first instalment of our study on Psalms.

Bullock captured the essence and nature of the book of Psalms. He wrote, "Old Testament history and theology are impressed upon this book in fragmented and unsystematic form. The dynamism of history and personal encounter with God exudes from these songs. They have not only arisen out of history and personal encounter, but have also stood the test of the same. To read and pray the Psalms is to join the voices of numberless people who too have read and prayed them, have felt their joy, anguish, and indignation." (Bullock, page 111)

The Psalms were not written from a theoretical perspective but from hearts that longed for God. They were cries from the depths of souls hurt by the many vicissitudes of life. Therefore, they allow us to understand the spirit of the faith of God's people. The Psalms stand as a monumental witness to the timeless and universal nature of all mankind, both evil and godly. Despite man's inclination to sin and wretched state, we find in the book of Psalms a loving and patient God who comes to the aid of all who would cry to Him.

"This collection of ancient hymns represents a wide spectrum of life's experiences, a broad range of social ranks from kings to commoners, a microcosm of human emotions and situations, and a catalogue of spiritual experiences. The simple and sublime of both human experiences and ancient Hebrew poetry exist side by side in this book. Wherever an individual finds himself on the journey of faith, the Psalms provide a place of rest and a time of repose and reflection, as well as a stimulus to send him on his way. As

the occasion of life diversify and emotions intensify, the value of the Psalms increases proportionately." (Bullock, pages 111-112)

**Our English title**, "The Psalms," obtained its name from the Latin Vulgate which in turn obtained its name from the Greek versions of the Old Testament.

The three English titles are: The Psalms; The Psalter; and The Book of Psalms.

- a. "The Psalms" came from the Septuagint (or LXX at about 250-150 B.C.) The Greek word was "*Psalmoi*" which is a translation of the Hebrew *Mizmor* which means "sing a song with stringed instrument."
- b. "The Psalter" came from the later Greek manuscript (about 400 A.D.) of the Old Testament which entitled the book as "*Psalterion*," meaning a stringed instrument.
- c. "The Book of Psalms" came from the Latin *Liber Psalmorum* based upon Jerome's translation.<sup>1</sup>

**The Hebrew Bible** appropriately entitled the book "Praises" (from *tehillim*), a word which means "praise." ALL the 150 Psalms, except Psalm 88 (which has no note of praise in it at all), carry a note of praise. The Hebrew Bible contains 150 Psalms. The Protestant Bible follows the Hebrew numbering.

#### **The Development and Compilation of the Book of Psalms**

The two lines of development of the book of Psalms are: the development of Hebrew poetry and psalmody; and the growth of the Psalter up to its present form.

**a. OLD TESTAMENT PSALMODY** despite the discovery of the non-biblical texts like the Ras Shamra texts, hymns from Egypt, Sumero-Akkadian and Hittite, the Hebrew OT Psalmody is a class by itself. There is no

