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Singapore society is also much patterned after Hollywood. Little wonder, then, that our unwary young people fall for the “sex bait.”

But what does God’s Word say? Read the Apostle Paul’s letter to the Corinthian Church:

“Flee fornication. Every sin that a man doeth is without the body; but he that committeth fornication sinneth against his own body. What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost which is in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God’s” (1 Cor 6:18-20).

Every faithful Christian would gladly agree and comply with this.

3. One young man stood his ground!

One young man passed the test with “flying colours.” Joseph was a young man (probably in his early twenties). He had no church, pastor, elder, father or mother to help or encourage him. Joseph was in a foreign land, a land steeped in idolatry and ungodly customs. But “**God was with him.**” Four times in Genesis 39 this was written of Joseph in Egypt. **God with him** made all the difference!

Read the stirring account in God’s Word, how he withstood the daily enticement of sex-hungry lady Potiphar, in circumstances absolutely conducive to the

adulterous act. But, by God’s grace, Joseph stood his ground. He repulsed the woman’s persistent advances.

“But he refused, and said unto his master’s wife, Behold, my master wotteth not what is with me in the house, and he hath committed all that he hath to my hand; There is none greater in this house than I; neither hath he kept back any thing from me but thee, because thou art his wife: how then can I do this great wickedness, and sin against God?” (Gen 39:8-9).

4. May God raise up “Josephs” for today – godly boys and girls

The days of Christian virtue and valor are not over! Surely, in these perilous times, nearing our Lord’s return, He will yet pour down His Spirit upon young women and young men, boys and girls, to stand fast “for His name’s glory.”

Thank God for the example of Joseph. May it provoke the obedient and faithful ones among us to raise a shining witness for His name’s sake, and to His glory.

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

Advance Notice!
Combined Family Camp 2012
Date: 11 — 16 Jun 12
Venue: Caribbean Bay Resort, Kuantan
Theme: “Watch and Pray” Matt 26:41
Please book your leave early, and prepare your hearts for camp!

MEDAN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL, 5-9 Jun. We are forming a team to plan for this VBS for age groups kindergarten to teens, and we need teachers and helpers. If you can join us, please contact Angel at Milton4A@yahoo.com or at 90470274.



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THEME: “Watch and Pray”

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LORD’S DAY, 19 February 2012 **PANDAN NEWS WEEKLY** Vol. 9 (38) No. 08

My dear readers,

1. The problem of Teenage sex

One of the FAQs (Frequently Asked Questions) for our Sunset Gospel Hour is: “*Is premarital sex all right?*” This question was dealt with last Sunday (12 February 2012). The plain and ready answer to the question is, “*No, not for the traditional ‘old-fashioned family’ and certainly not for Christian people at any time.*”

Read Matthew 5:27-28:

“Ye have heard that it was said by them of old time, Thou shalt not commit adultery: But I say unto you, That whosoever looketh on a woman to lust after her hath committed adultery with her already in his heart.”

In Straits Times FORUM (18 January 2012) is a letter quoting a retired Methodist minister who advocated **sex education and contraception**. The Forum correspondent, a Mr Tan, rightly

ACM 2012
Date: 28 April 2012, Saturday
Time: 7pm

pointed out that sex education and knowledge of contraception were not the solution to the problem, but rather “... to restrain and avoid situations which tempt ...”

While there is no easy solution we agree with Mr Tan’s advocacy of “restraint” and “avoidance of situations which tempt.”

2. But today’s Social Climate is no help

Today’s “social climate” tends to strongly promote sexual arousal. The media (magazines, books, films, “sex shops,” computers and their derivatives, etc) are strongly geared for sex arousal.

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SGH: ALL PRAISE TO GOD
Tonight a Man’s group from Africa will be singing.
Come, bring a friend.
God be praised!

SUNSET GOSPEL HOUR (SGH)

	19 February	26 February
Topic:	Should I Work in RWS (Resort World Sentosa)?	Singapore should legalise “Gay Marriage.” What do you say?
Preacher:	Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew	Dr SH Tow
	6.00 pm Every Sunday ...	Why don't you bring a friend?

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

HOME News & Announcements

1. **Last Week's LOVE GIFTS TO DESIGNATED FUNDS: \$6,298.00**
Baraka BP Church - Palestine 50 = \$50; Bethel DC - Chiang Rai 200 = \$200; Bible College East Africa 30 = \$30; CMC 50, 50, 100, 50 = \$250; CMI 50 = \$50; Dignadice Leoncio Rev (Ministry) 202, 12, 50 = \$264; FEBC 10, 10, 10, 1, 5, 50, 50, 2, 1 = \$139; Golden Years 50, 55, 50 = \$155; Hilltop 10, 20 = \$30; Hilltop College Student Scholarship 10, 2 = \$12; John & Eunice Tan Suan Toon 22 = \$22; Jordan 10, 50 = \$60; Lek Aik Wee 50, 200 = \$250; Pang Kok Hiong Rev 60, 20, 50, 50, 200, 50 = \$430; Peter Yoksan, Pr 200, 20, 50 = \$270; Pontianak Kalimantan 50 = \$50; Quek Suan Yew, Rev 100, 500, 120, 25 = \$745; RPG - English/Chinese 2, 2, 150, 50, 20, 50, 150, 20, 2, 10 = \$456; Saipan/China/Guam 100, 50 = \$150; Tow Siang Hwa, Dr 10, 50, 25 = \$85; FEBC Std - Lin Yang 50 = \$50; FEBC Std - Kenny Cheong 50 = \$50; Bro Dominino 2000 = \$2,000; Kathmandu BPC 500 = \$500
2. **DESIGNATED LOVE GIFT ENVELOPES** are available at RPG Rack.
3. **CONDOLENCES TO** a) **BETTY LOW, RAYSON & SUK LING, MATTHEW HAZRA** on the homegoing of her mother / grandmother / great grandmother on 5 Feb.; b) **CHUNG BEE SENG** on the homegoing of his brother in China.
4. **THE WELL-LOVED TRACT 'THE REASON WHY' HAS BEEN TRANSLATED INTO CHINESE.** The translation team would like to seek the views of worshippers on the translation. If you are minded to help by writing your comments on the draft, please obtain a copy from Samuel Tham outside the sanctuary immediately after today's service. He will also be in the Audio Visual Library till 1.30pm today.
5. **ACM -** A reminder to all Session members, fellowship group leaders and ministry leaders: please submit your annual reports to Dn Han by **26 Feb 2012**. Pls send to email address: hanwhiekwang@gmail.com
6. **MONTHLY TEENS RETREAT** today in the home of Sis Serena Ko. Address: 136 Lorong Kismis . Speaker: Sis Serena. Bus will leave church at 1.45pm sharp.
7. **LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - Bible Study in March will be on Wednesdays 7th and 21st.
8. **ALL 2011 HOLY LAND PILGRIMS** are invited by Dr Tow for a get together at the poolside of Chelsea Gardens, 2 Walshe Road on Wed 22 Feb at 7.30pm.
9. **CMC** is looking for good condition used badminton rackets and table tennis bats. If you have any to give away, please contact Dn Vincent Teo, 97321813.

<p align="center">Church Bible Study (CBS) Resumes this Saturday - 3 Mar @ 5pm How to Bring up Children – Biblical Discipline Rev Quek Suan Yew Many have been blessed through studying God's Word together. Don't miss out!</p>	<p align="center"><u>YF March Retreat 2012</u> Theme: The Nazarite Vow Speaker: Preacher Ko Linggang Date: 9 & 10 March Venue: Church Forms are available at the YF board (Level 1, outside the lift). Sign up now! Please submit completed forms and registration fees to Carmen Yeo (90037255) and contact Jason Quah (91094668) for more information.</p>
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ready to give an answer for the faith that he has. There are light-hearted moments in his life but at the back of his mind and foremost in his heart is the salvation of his unsaved loved ones and friends. Therefore, when the opportunity arises he would speak up for Christ.

The Last Time! (1John 2:18-19) – There are two meanings to the phrase “the last time.” It could refer to the personal time of every person on this earth. The second meaning is the final moments of man’s existence on this earth. 1John 2:18-19 refer to the second meaning. God reveals to man that his time on earth is at an end. The present day sign is the existence of many antichrists within Christendom. This is definitely not a reference to other religions but only within the Christian circle. They are called antichrists because they are against Christ. How does one know that a person is against Christ? The yardstick to weed out these antichrists is the perfect Word of God. Evaluate their writings and teachings against the Word of God which is the objective rule for faith and life. If they are really of Christ, then they would readily accept the Word of God and not undermine it. They would not attack God’s Word and bring shame to the testimony of Jesus Christ. They would have the highest esteem for God’s perfect Word.

The revelation of the last time is to highlight the urgency of the times. God’s children must be vigilant and not be caught sleeping by

involving themselves only in material things with not a care for their spiritual witness. They ought to be diligent and not be slothful, burying themselves in the study of God’s Word to be better equipped in their service so that even as they serve they do not serve in vain.

CONCLUSION – Either you redeem the time or you waste it! You should not say “no time” because God has given you enough time on earth. When you say you have “no time” for worship or the SGH or Prayer Meeting or Christian fellowship or Bible Study or church camp or service, you know in your heart of hearts that it is not a matter of “no time”- it is that you do not want to make time for these spiritual activities! You have decided to spend your precious time on something else! The last time is before all of us, believers and unbelievers alike. The unbelievers are in darkness and sin and do not know better. However, believers have no excuse when they waste their time on things temporal instead of things eternal. They fail God and the people around them by their foolish ways of wasting time.

Prioritize your time and make sure that your life is characterized by the studying of God’s Word and serving Him by way of a godly witness in all that you do and everywhere you go. Amen.

*N/W: Elder Ko Swee Chay
 F/W: Rev Dr Quek Suan Yew*

<u>Teachers' Training Course [TTC] for 2012</u>		
This course is compulsory for all teachers in the children’s ministry. Attendance will be taken.		
Venue: JW Sanctuary		
Time: 1.30 pm to 3.30 pm		
Christian Philosophy of Education	Rev Quek Suan Yew	19 Feb
Principles of the Learning Process	Mrs Anne Lim	18 March
Characteristics of the Different Age Groups	Miss Jennifer Tan Mis Molly Ho	15 April
Developing Lesson Plans	Mrs June Siew	20 May
Good Classroom Management	Dn Simon Chua	15 July

Lord and Saviour! This is the basis for your existence. Christ has instructions and warnings for you concerning your time on this earth.

Redeeming your time! (Eph 5:15-17; Col 4:5-6) – God teaches in Ephesians 5:15-17 that only Christians can redeem their time. God says that as children of God, we are to keep on rescuing our time from loss. Time waits for no man. It keeps on ticking; whether we are awake or asleep, it does not matter with time. But it matters very much to God. God urges His children to redeem their time by walking circumspectly, i.e. accurately and diligently. This means to live a purposeful life. Do not live aimlessly and while your time away as if you have plenty of it. Only fools, i.e. those who do not have wisdom, would waste their precious and limited time. Live as wise Christians because the days are evil. The lies purported by the media and portrayed by Hollywood are that it is normal and all right to fornicate and commit adultery, and to fall in and out of love many times. The world, including believers, are being seduced and deluded into believing that success in this life equals the accumulation of material things and being surrounded by all things carnal. It is sad that many professing believers have bought into this seduction. Lives are ruined. Testimonies for Christ are shot to pieces. The salt has lost its saltiness and the light that once shone on a hill has been switched off! Therefore, God's warning in Ephesians 5:17 to every believer is to stop being unwise; stop acting without reason or rashly. Instead, be understanding, i.e. to perceive the signs of the end times and take the right course of action with your life according to Holy Scriptures. Find out what God wants you to do with your life and obey and live it out to its fullest and do not be sidetracked any more. True believers are saved for service. Find out what that service is and give your best unto your Master. Stop wasting time. Rescue your time from the wasteland and bring it back to glory land by serving Christ with your all.

This is what it means to redeem the time. Now that you are born again, stop wasting any more precious time and stop living the life of an unbeliever. Live for the glory of God through Christ Jesus your Lord and Saviour. This is the only way you can redeem your time. A life lived in light of God's Word is pleasing to God. God will accept such a life and reward it accordingly on the day of judgement. It is your life and only you can redeem your own time. No one else can do it for you.

Colossians 4:5-6 bring a different perspective to redeeming the time. In the case of Ephesians 5:15-17, the emphasis is on the believer's own life as a Christian and how important it is to stop wasting precious limited time on this earth. Colossians 4:5-6 teach the importance of redeeming the time in relation to the unbeliever's life. The command is to walk in wisdom for the sake of those who are unbelievers. They need to see Christ in the believer's life because of the limited time that both believers and unbelievers have on this earth. The time to testify of Christ to unsaved loved ones and friends on this earth is limited. The moment they die in their sin, they will be permanently fixed in their state of sinfulness and end up in Hell for eternity.

Therefore, God commands that the believer keeps on walking in wisdom. There is so little time to impact his unsaved loved ones for Christ. To walk in wisdom means that his speech should be always with grace, i.e. to speak about Christ. The grace of God in the believer's life must be shared with those who are outside Christ. Everything else is meaningless and will not impact them for eternity unto salvation. Only Christ can! Then the believer has to season his speech with salt. Just as salt is added to food to give it taste, the speech of the believer is to bring spiritual fragrance and wholesomeness to the lives of unbelievers. He is not to laugh at unseemly jokes or conduct himself in a manner that brings shame to the Name of Christ. His speech is godly and influences his unsaved friends for the Saviour. When asked, he is

This pressure cooker society is stealing our time away faster than ever before. The portable internet and explosion of information available at our finger tips compound the problem. The insatiable hunger for up-to-date information has spawned a generation of young boys and girls who are very adept in the use of these modern gadgets. It is as if these gadgets were designed with this young generation in mind. Toddlers nowadays are already quite adept at using ipads, iphones, tablets, computers and laptops before they can even speak a complete sentence. With multi-tasking a fad to be proud of, young people are trying to live four or five lives in one! They watch TV, eat their dinners, surf the internet, talk on the phone and play computer games on one of these handheld gadgets all at the same time! This has become the norm in many households and parents seem to be fighting a losing battle against this global tidal wave. Time is being eaten up faster than we can breathe. Sleep has become a nuisance that interrupts the multi-tasking lifestyle, such that if it were possible, young people would rather not sleep but fill their lives with more "stuff". All parents thank God that inevitably the young will feel the fatigue of such a life.

"No time" is a common reply to invitations to church in the morning or to the Sunset Gospel Hour! There is no time for prayer or family worship or Bible Study or church camps or fellowship meetings or anything spiritual. However, there is always time for friends or the movies or BBQ or that much needed holiday or a computer game or for emails or that addictive thing that seems to dominate our time! The question is: is it really a matter of "no time" or one of prioritizing of time?

Who truly has no time! – There are in truth only two kinds of people who really have no time. The first group refers to those who have lived and have died! They have no time because they are either lying cold in the coffin

are buried in the cemetery. Their time has run out. They have no more time left on this earth. Whatever they have done are all that they could do and no more. Whatever they have not done will remain undone for eternity. They have no time!

The second group of people who can legitimately say that they have no time is those who do not even exist. They have never experienced birth. They will never die because they were never born. They were not given any time by God to live, therefore they have no time to speak of in the first place! They will not go to Hell or Heaven. They do no sin. They do not get angry. They are not missed by anyone at all for no one knows them. They can cry "no time!" as they were not given any time.

Which group do you belong to? If you are reading this, you do not belong to either group. Therefore, you cannot say to anyone that you have "no time!" You do have the time - it is just that you do not wish to give any time to that person who has asked you for some of your time. You do not consider that request as high on your priority list of things to do with your time and so you do not give it time to get it done.

However, if you are truly a believer, then you will have save time and prioritize your time because you know your Heavenly Father has revealed to you that your time is no longer yours but His. God's Word declares in **1 Corinthians 6:19-20**, "What? know ye not that your body is the temple of the Holy Ghost *which is* in you, which ye have of God, and ye are not your own? **20** For ye are bought with a price: therefore glorify God in your body, and in your spirit, which are God's." Everything about you belongs to God. Your life, actions, heart, mind and your time belong to God. You have no right to do whatever you want in this life. Christ purchased you with His precious blood on the day you accepted Him as your

