



Upcoming Events

1. CHRISTMAS DAY SERVICE

Date : 25-12-08
 Time : 10.30am to 12.30noon
 Buffet lunch will be served after the Service.

2. WATER BAPTISM ON 25-12-08

Place : Punggol Beach
 Time : 2.00pm-3.30pm

3. CO-WORKERS DINNER

Theme : A Shepherd's Heart
 Date : 31-12-08
 Time : 7.00pm to 10.00pm

4. USHER IN THE NEW YEAR 2009 IN PRAYER & PRAISE

Theme: Count Your Blessings
 WatchNite Service 2008
 Date : 31-12-08
 Time : 10.30pm to 12.05am



**YOUTH CAMP will POSTPONE
TO NEXT YEAR!**

OUR COLLECTIONS

Philippians 4:18: "I have received full payment and even more; I am amply supplied, now that I have received from Epaphroditus the gifts you sent. They are a fragrant offering, an *acceptable sacrifice, pleasing to God.*"

November 08' Collections	: \$32,050.40
Last week's up to 14 th Dec 08	: \$ 6,294.00
Church Building Fund	: \$27,080.00

If you are making out a cheque, kindly mark
 "Church of Sengkang Ltd".

Our Mission

We, Church of Sengkang,
 exist to bring people to Jesus and
 membership in His family,
 develop them to Christ like maturity,
 and equip them for their ministry in the church
 and their mission in the world.

"God is able to do above and beyond all
 we ask or imagine according to His power,
 which is at work in us"
Ephesians 3:20.



Our Vision

To **WORSHIP, GLORIFY** and
SERVE GOD at all time.

To **PROCLAIM** the Good News of
 Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord.

To **WELCOME** all with **LOVE** and **Compassion**.

To **CALL** everyone to develop and
 use God's Gifts in working together for Him.

To **LIVE** and **WORK** for God's Kingdom.



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Church of Sengkang

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

THE SUNDAY TIMES 21th December 2008
SUNDAY SERVICES TIME: 10.30am to 12.30pm

024 NIGHT EVANGELISTIC MEETING

Bring a friend to our Drama & Dance
 Evangelistic Meeting

Date: 24-12-08

Venue: Chapel

Time: 7.30pm - 9.30pm

Join us for a cocktail drink &
 some snacks from 7.00pm.

Rehearsal is on from 2.00pm to 4.00pm





Message from Pastor David Kerk

Hallelujah & Lord help me To Finish Well!

Dec 13, 2008 will go into my journal as one of my happiest moment. Yes, like all parents, I felt a deep sense of achievement at the graduation of Alethea being conferred a degree in psychology. A momentary expression of hallelujah unto our Lord because she has finished well, at least, her academic career.

Hallelujah, the Hebrew word means “**Glory to the Lord**”. In fact, many hymns have been written on this word Hallelujah that explains many kinds of hallelujahs do exist, and all the perfect and broken hallelujahs have an equal value. It’s a desire to affirm our faith in life with enthusiasm and emotions in awe and respect to our Lord for the wonderful times He has done for us.

I have mixed feelings when I reflect on this subject of “Finishing Well” in regards to our spiritual journey with our Lord. Although we don’t often know what to do with such feeling, His LOVE is the only redeeming possibility to lift us up. I don’t think it’s particularly modest to self-assessed with these words “I’ve tried to maintain and minister with the best of my capacities and abilities, and I will continue to serve our Lord until I cross the finishing line”. So, I title this message “**Hallelujah & Lord Help me To Finish Well**”

This whole week, I retreat to immerse myself into some of the spiritual vocabulary used by Apostle Paul on his secrets of finishing well. Apostle Paul shared his heart in his farewell address to the Elders in the Ephesians Church.

(1) Perspective of Life - Worth Nothing

To Paul, his life was not important; it was “worth nothing.” What he meant :- “**IF only I may finish the race and complete the task.**” His life was worthless to him apart from finishing the race and completing the task. Unlike many of us whose focus is often on life’s immediate needs. Paul’s concern was with life’s final outcome. As for the leadership of COSK, the question has got to be “**How will WE fulfill the vision?**” or “**How it would be evaluated by God at the end of our journey?**” Well, I can only come to God with these 6 words “**Lord, Help Me To Finish Well**”. Read Acts 20:22-24

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(2) Innocent of the Blood of All Men - Clear Conscience

There is much to learn from Apostle Paul in confronting difficult circumstances. Paul announced to the leaders in the Ephesian Church that he was innocent of the blood of all men. He had not hesitated to proclaim to them the whole counsel of God. He further claimed that he had not coveted anyone’s gold, silver or clothes, but had worked with his own hands to supply his needs and the needs of those around him. Read Acts 20:25-27; 33-35. In brief, Apostle Paul left a clear conscience with the Ephesian Church that he had done everything above board.

(3) Legacy of Lasting Fellowship

Paul’s spiritual vocabulary in Acts 20:36-38 caught my innermost being with such words... “They all wept as they embraced him and kissed him. What grieved them most was his statement that they would never see his face again. They accompanied him to the ship” Whether it is the close of friendship or relationship, the end of a phrase of our spiritual journey, or the completion of a project or vision, we can learn from Apostle Paul - to leave with a clear conscience that we have done what we ought to have done. Here again, my heart melted when I read “**they knelt down together, they prayed, they wept, they embraced and kissed**” - all signs of Deep Affection & the Bond they shared.

As the cool rainy weather makes way for the first ray of sunlight ushering in summertime in Melbourne, beloved us press on to that high calling, despite the many whispering noises beyond our comprehension. Wherever we are now, our work is not ended yet. We are not there yet. We never know what surprises God may have in store for us. Our work is not ended till He ends it and His ending is and will always Be Perfect. He has our well-being as His first concern. May Apostle Paul’s secrets on finishing well inspire us to leave a legacy for those who come after us for His Glory

Called to SERVE,

Pastor David Kerk



Today's Sermon

Speaker: **Sis. Margaret Tan**

Title of Message: **Conquering the monster of worry**

Scripture Text : **Philippians 4:4-9**

And the Peace of God which surpasses All understanding, will Guard your hearts and your minds In Christ Jesus (v7)

Main Points:

1. Pray Correctly - Philippians 4:6

- 1:1 Focus on God - Adoration, Devotion & Worship Him
- 1:2 Focus on the Problems - Bear our heats & burden before our God
- 1:3 Thanksgiving - Praise Him, Show Gratitude & Appreciation to God for what He has done.

2. Think Correctly - Philippians 4:8

- 2:1 Think/Focus on the Right Thing - True Peace
- 2:2 Think About Jesus - Heart Will Be At Peace

3. Live Correctly - Philippians 4:9

- 3:1 Inward Attitude & Outward Actions Work Together
- Put Bible Into Practice
- 3:3 Talk & Learn From More Spiritually Matured Brethren
- Propel You To Do What is Right

Reflection on this message:

The beginning of anxiety is the end of faith. The beginning of true faith is the end of anxiety. When we become wrinkled with care and worry, it is time to have a “Faith-Lift” and not face lift. Let’s learn from the stories of Winnie the Pooh :- Eeyore is a pessimist while Piglet is often brave & courageous.

*The percentage is a generalization of what we retain.
Understanding and Remembering are better when we make notes.*