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LEADING FOR TRANSFORMATION AND GROWTH By Wong Ming Yook

n 11-12 March 2011, Calvary Church held its yearly summit. The theme was "Leading for Transformation and Growth". Our speakers were Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam and Rev. Joel Edwards of The Micah Challenge International.

Calvarites met on Friday, 11 March at Damansara Heights for Session 1: The Church as an Agent for Transformation, which was an open session. Rev. Edwards spoke about the role of the church as an agent of change in the world, particularly in issues surrounding justice and freedom for the poor and oppressed. Rev. Edwards reminded us that we needed to recover our heritage and history because the story of the church is one of life-transformation and change. He took examples from the Old and New Testament to demonstrate how God called individuals and the nation of Israel to be engaged in and stand up for justice and righteousness, peace and well-being for all. In Christian experience too, the church has always been a

global presence for good. According to the World Health Organisation, some 40-60% of health care across the world are provided by churches.

We can thus be effective witnesses for Christ if we face head-on issues that matter to people, such as education, hospitality and care, law and order, citizenship, and even dialoguing about the "big ideas" of life. We must learn to care for all aspects of a person's life, not just the spiritual, in order to draw him to Christ.

Sessions II and III: Leading God's People to Affect Change

were held at the Bukit Jalil Golf and Country Resort on 12 March. Rev. Edwards took lessons from Nehemiah's wall-building to see how he brought in change to the Jews. The catalyst for change begins with the unfavourable and undesired situations we find ourselves in. Nehemiah understood what was happening to the Jews in Jerusalem as they faced obstacles in rebuilding the wall. He did not remain indifferent to them but was deeply



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grieved by the events of which his brother told him.

He responded with passion that pulled him out of his comfortable life as the king's cupbearer and he was moved to pray for Jerusalem. Nehemiah was changed by his passion and prayer. As a result, he found himself changing careers dramatically, from being a cupbearer to becoming a reformer and wall-building engineer.

Nehemiah could not effect change on his own. His work to rebuild the wall would have been impossible without the king's generous responses which were instrumental for changes initiated by Nehemiah. Besides having vision and strategy, Nehemiah had a sense of right timing and harnessed the right people for the job.

church summit



Senior Pastor sharing on "Stay Healthy"

If we are truly concerned for the kingdom of God, we will likewise not be afraid to influence society's decision makers to partner with us in bringing about kingdom values and objectives. Believers must be willing to go out into the world and spread the Gospel of morality and ethics, justice, honesty, salvation and spiritual renewal, so that there will be an upward movement for renewing change across the world. All of society is elevated when God's principles are the orienting and influencing factor at work.

Session IV: Stay Healthy (Psalms 1) put the heart into all that Rev. Edwards said. Senior Pastor took the fourth

does the Church assume its role and function as God's agent of change? Firstly, the believer in the Church must experience inner transformation as a disciple of Christ. Our challenge and reflection was to "stay healthy" spiritually as a righteous community by not-walking, not-standing, and notsitting in the way of the wicked. As we take delight in the Word of God, our life will be apparent as the picture of health to those around us. We shall be like trees planted by streams of water, yielding our fruit in season. This is our point of departure in engaging with society and becoming agents of transformation in the world.

In closing, we had a short time of reflection on all we had learned. We also prayed for the CCC. Indeed, at the completion of its building, we want the CCC to be the facility through which Calvary Church takes up its role and responsibility to be an agent for transformation and growth in Malaysia.



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open session

IT IS HARVEST TIME

By John Lim

he magnitude of the task of reaching the unsaved was brought home powerfully through this scenario painted by Rev. Larry Stockstill: if one were to get all the five billion unsaved world population to line up in single file, one after another, they would be able to circle round the earth 40 times! And every hour, 4,000 and every day, 100,000 souls are sentenced to an eternity without God!

Rev. Larry, the Senior Pastor of Bethany World Prayer Centre in Louisiana, USA was speaking at the Friday Open Session of the Life Group (LG) Seminar on 18 February 2011.

In addition to instilling a sense of urgency to reach out to the lost, Rev. Larry who is also Director of "SURGE", an international church planting movement that has planted some 20,000 churches worldwide pointed out that the harvest is ripe! To bring in the harvest, we must first see the harvest!

We were blessed by Rev. Larry's succint sharing on three truths to bring in the harvest.

First, the mandate. The harvest is a mandate, it is not an option. We must be like Jesus who was driven by His Father's mandate, travelling throughout Judea, preaching from village to village. We have the same mandate, "As My Father has sent Me, even so I send you" (John 20:21). Second, the method. "Discipleship," said Rev. Larry "is the Jesus' method of spreading the Gospel". There is a multiplying effect when a discipled believer goes and effectively shares his faith with everyone he meets.

Third, money. Rev. Larry's story taught us that God is more than willing to provide the financial resources needed to save souls! This man pledged a large sum for missions work in Kenya. He had business dealings with a large oil refinery and during a visit he noticed that one of the pipes was leaking. The leaking pipe was not fixed because to do so, they would have to shut down the entire refinery. He asked if he could put a bucket under that leaky pipe and change the bucket every now and then. They allowed him since the oil would go to waste anyway. Over time, this man collected and sold enough oil from that leaky pipe to meet his pledge of USD150,000 for God's work in Kenya. Indeed, as Rev. Larry reitirated, "Why would God not give us whatever we need to tell people that Jesus came?"

By the end of of his message, many had caught a vision of the harverst. We were encouraged to be soul winners rather than pew warmers. Many of us rededicated our lives to the Lord and made a fresh commitment to make disciples. +





0 n 19 February 2011, 270 Calvarites comprising Life Group (LG) leaders, hosts, potential leaders and other ministry leaders and helpers were privileged to attend the LG seminar with Rev. Larry Stockstill.

Early on the Saturday morning, the participants mingled and fellowshipped over a hearty breakfast hosted by the various LG divisions. After which, they enjoyed the time of worship led by LG Leader Philip Tan. Associate Pastor David Seah welcomed and encouraged all participants to seize the opportunity to be refreshed and become effective reproducing believers.

In the first session, "Multiplication through Discipleship", Rev. Larry shared that most churches face five dysfunctions, namely, being Unfathered, Uncorrected, Unfruitful, Unhealed and Untaught! He taught that the cure was to return to the fivefold ministry pattern as found in Ephesians 4:11-12. He added that there was a need for a call to

life group seminar

BEING A SUCCESSFUL REPRODUCING LEADER By Marcus Solomon

repentance and spiritual refreshing.

During the time of group discussion, participants gathered in groups of four. It was heartening to see the participants actively sharing their views on how they can apply what they have heard.

In his next session, Rev. Larry taught on "Integrity, Purity & Example". He shared on the values of being a good role model and how to develop a godly character. Reinforcing Titus 2:7-8, he stressed that in all aspects of our lives there is a need to live our lives beyond reproach so as to put the devil to shame and to glorify God.

Many responded for prayer by raising their hands. Evidently God has spoken and His people responded to His promptings. The LG Seminar has been very worthwhile!

There was an opportunity to address questions from the floor. LG Leader Chow Sang Hoe moderated the Question & Answer sessions with flair and Rev. Larry was equally deft with his answers.

The concluding session was a strategic time. Many participants

completed their response cards, committing themselves to pray, reach out and disciple their loved ones and friends. A total of 523 names of potential believers were recorded. In addition, those who came have identified 204 believers whom they can nurture and raise to be leaders!

Mode<u>rator</u> with a flair, Chow Sang Hoe

We thank God for a wonderful time during the LG Seminar. We were renewed and inspired to have a more intimate and deeper walk with the Lord. Especially for the LG family, it was a time of hearing from God and repositioning ourselves to experience divine addition and supernatural increase in our lives and ministry!



Warm welcome by Associate Pastor David

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Learning from one another

Engaging in lively

discussions in small groups **By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam**

WHICH IS THE GREATEST COMMANDMENT?

hen one of the scribes came, and... asked Him, 'Which is the first commandment of all?' Jesus answered, 'Hear, O Israel, the LORD our God, the LORD is one. And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' This is the first commandment. And the second, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these" (Mark 12:28-31).

There being more than 600 commandments in the Jewish religious teachings, it was common discussion as to which law was absolute and weightier. The Law taught that "...whoever shall keep the whole law, and yet stumble in one point, he is guilty of all" (James 2:10). Hence the question posed by the scribe (lawyer), "Which is the first or greatest commandment?"

In another instance, the question raised by a rich young ruler to Jesus, also illustrates this concern on which is the greatest commandment. "Now behold, one came and said to Him, 'Good Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may have eternal life?' So He said to him, '... But if you want to enter into life, keep the

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(Mark 12:30).

commandments.' He said to Him, 'Which ones?' Jesus said, 'You shall not murder,' 'You shall not commit adultery,' 'You shall not steal,' 'You shall not bear false witness,' 'Honor your father and your mother,' and, 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' The young man said to Him, 'All these things I have kept from my youth. What do I still lack?' Jesus said to him, 'If you want to be perfect, go, sell what you have and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; and come, follow Me'" (Matthew 19:16-21).

The challenge for every believer is therefore to know and love God by putting God first, above all material possessions and wealth. To follow Jesus is to believe in Him and obey Him. Jesus came to fulfil the law and therefore, we who are in Him are made righteous. It is through His righteousness that we have eternal life.

WHAT DOES IT MEAN TO LOVE GOD? IT MEANS:

1. To love God with all your heart. The heart is the seat of man's affection and will. We must focus our affection and will to love God. The Bible says, "For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also" (Matthew 6: 21). When you do not love God with all your heart, you will not be in tune with God. Jesus rebuked the Pharisees, "Brood of vipers! How can you, being evil, speak good things? For out of the abundance of the heart the mouth speaks. A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matthew 12: 34-35). Jesus also said, "But those things which proceed out of the mouth come from the heart, and they defile a man. For out of the heart proceed

evil thoughts, murders, adulteries, fornications, thefts, false witness, blasphemies" (Matthew 15: 18-19).

What comes from your mouth indicates what your heart is really like. A heart that does not love God wholeheartedly will not live a life that honours God.

2. To love God with all your soul. The soul is the seat of man's breath and life, the essence of man. We must love God with our life. Jesus loved not His life but gave it to do the will of God. The soul is eternal. When man dies, the body dies and the soul goes back to God. Let God's will be done in your life.

3. To love God with all your mind. The mind is the seat of understanding. We must centre our thoughts upon God and "put on the new man who is renewed in knowledge according to the image of Him who create him" (Colossians 3:10), "casting down arguments and every high thing that exalts itself against the knowledge of God, bringing every thought into captivity to the obedience of Christ" (2 Corinthians 10:5).

4. To love God with all your strength.

It is our duty and responsibility to maintain a loving relationship with God. This is the secret of living a fruitful life. Jesus said, "I am the vine, you are the branches. He who abides in Me, and I in him, bears much fruit; for without Me you can do nothing" (John 15:5).

The Bible says, **"God is Spirit"** (John 4:24) whom we cannot see and touch, but the same principles are involved in loving God. They are:

1. Commitment and loyalty. True love does not allow lustful and sensual behaviour with others. It does not covet. True love is a commitment and loyalty to one's spouse. It is very significant that the very first commandment God gives deals with commitment and loyalty.

senior pastor's message

"You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:3). God clearly defines love in terms of commitment and faithfulness.

2. Trust and respect for the person loved. It involves loving the person for who he or she is. We love God because of who He is. He is our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer of life. The Bible says, "Hatred stirs up strife, but love covers all sins," (Proverbs 10:12). 3. Giving and surrendering of oneself. You cannot be selfish or self-centred. In marriage, the Bible says, "... a man shall leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and they shall become one flesh" (Genesis 2:24). You cannot say you love God and not give yourself to God. King Solomon said, "My beloved is mine, and I am his..." (Solomon 2:16). When you surrender to God, He says, "I will walk among you and be your God, and you shall be My people" (Leviticus 26:12). 4. Knowing and sharing. Part and parcel of a loving relationship is learning,

Obeying God's commandments brings rewards. And when we obey the first and greatest commandment, which is to love God with all our heart, soul, mind and strength, we have the best motivation to live our lives according to God's principles. Loving God wholeheartedly brings us into alignment with His will and purpose for our lives. Jesus said, **"If you love Me, keep My commandments"** (John 14:15). **+**

growing and serving with each other.

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version.



pew

SEEKING GOD'S HEART By Associate Pastor Timothy Ong

uring the Prayer Emphasis Week

from 13-19 April, Calvarites were encouraged to set aside at least 15 minutes daily for personal prayer and join Church to pray during Wednesday Morning Watch and Friday Prayer Concert.

Many took prayer seriously and sought God during the week. Many families made a special effort and came for the Friday Prayer Concert with their young children.

God indeed rewards those who seek Him diligently. Be blessed by the following testimonies:

• Edmund Chung praised God for divine wisdom and discernment in handling changes confronting his company.

• Gan Chew praised God for the joy of



leading Tony, father of his daughter's classmate in the sinner's prayer and salvation of Madam NGL through the Saturday Evangelistic Team.

• Robert Ankiah is grateful to God for a successful merger between his company with another big organisation.

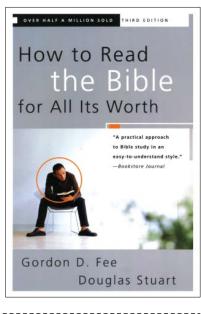
• Andrew Victor thanked God for healing his father's numbress in his hand.

• Lau C.C praised God for healing his mother who can now walk, a step at a time, after being unable to walk for a month.

• Madam Ong was spared of heart surgery and is well now, with medication. +



'HOW TO READ THE BIBLE FOR ALL ITS WORTH' BY GORDON FEE AND DOUGLAS STUART Reviewed by Wong Ming Yook





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worth is one book that will help us study, understand and apply God's Word in our lives. It explains that the 66 books of the Bible are written in different ways and for different purposes. For instance, narratives are biblical stories of our spiritual heritage. Genesis, Exodus, Joshua, Ruth and Esther are some examples. Then there are letters or epistles in the New Testament which were written to encourage or admonish.

Much of our confusion and reluctance to study the Bible is because we do not know that different types of writing (*genres*) should be read and understood differently. If we try to read Leviticus (a book of Law) in the same way as we read Exodus, we will get discouraged very quickly! Fee and Stuart lay the groundwork for us by explaining the characteristics found in the different biblical genres so that we will not get derailed by discouragement!

This handy book also discusses what

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Bible translations to use. Thus our first task should be finding a good translation.

Then only do we move on to the primary task of Bible Study: *interpretation* and *application*. This entails us to first understand what the original message meant to the original readers and hearers. Then we must learn to apply that meaning to our lives today. Both interpretation and application is necessary to our spiritual growth and transformation.

Let us aspire to be good interpreters. Fee and Stuart can set us on the road to discovering the riches of God's Word by giving us the basic tools of effective Bible study and interpretation. But only we can choose to put them to good use. +

easter presentation

WHAT WAS DONE! By Pastor Carol Lim

Senior Pastor proclaims the Gospel at the Easter presentations, nightly

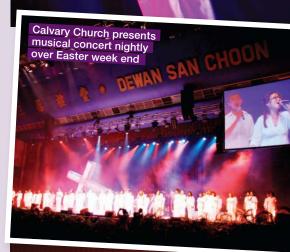
• ver the Easter weekend, 22, 23 and 24 April 2011, Calvary Church reached out in love to the city of Kuala Lumpur and the Klang Valley by staging a musical concert at the Dewan San Choon (Dewan), Wisma MCA, Jalan Ampang, Kuala Lumpur. Entitled, "The Easter Story: IT IS DONE", the 150-strong production, portrayed the Easter story through songs, dance, acting, narratives and a fair bit of creative video clippings.

The Calvary Church family thronged the Dewan, together with their loved ones, friends and relatives. Many came because of personal, handbill or email invitations. Some saw the press reports and advertisements. It was a joy to see the Dewan packed.

Nightly too, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam proclaimed the Word. He shared that Good Friday is the event when God provided the way for man's sins to be forgiven and to have peace with God. Jesus Christ gave His life as a ransom for all who would believe in Him as Savior. He also highlighted some personal testimonies of Calvarites who had experienced God's miraculous power. Some were healed of sicknesses. One averted committing suicide after experiencing God's forgiveness and divine love. And another found purpose in living through stressful and difficult times.

Many were strengthened and encouraged by the message of God's love and grace. Potential believers were well enlightened. In conclusion, Senior Pastor showed how everyone can have peace and fellowship with God. Praise and thank God for more than 500 who chose to believe and responded for prayers of salvation, rededication and healing.

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16).



Seeking God's special touch this Easter



rho Follow up by altar worker

easter presentation IS "THE EASTER STORY:







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A review by Pastor Carol Lim

his production has more than its fair share of enthusiasm and talents. Nimble dancers, dancing their hearts out, evoke a sense of lightness and liberty, and, swiftly won the approval of the audience. The strong staple soloists, augmented by new faces, sounded better each year. As usual, the appearance of the children had their parents bristling with pride. Choir, with many first-timers did very well too. And in the background, the musicians played on, almost unnoticed, so well did they adapt to the mood swings, from the fast paced Happy Day routine to frolicking scenes and the emotion-packed dramatic scenes.

All in all, it was a modern, energetic and fresh presentation, without compromising the pathos of the Easter story. Thank you all in the Easter production team for your labour of love.

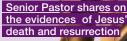
easter sunday worship

"THE PROOF, IT IS DONE"

he Calvary Church family converged at the Dewan San Choon (Dewan), Wisma MCA, on 24 April 2011 to celebrate Easter Sunday. After settling into their favorite seats, Calvarites savored the spacious Dewan that can seat all Calvarites from all the different Sunday service locations under one roof.

The heightened air of expectation was well founded. Worship time was powerful. There were some special Easter presentations followed by Senior Pastor sharing on "The Proof, It Is Done". The death and resurrection of Jesus is a historical fact and there are evidences for both. Senior Pastor, first expounded on the evidences that proved Jesus did die on the cross. Following which, he gave the evidences to prove Jesus' resurrection.

These timely reminders served to fuel our faith. All Calvarites were also encouraged to rejoice in the Lord, do His will, testify and be an effective witness of His saving grace. Opportunity was given for all to reaffirm our faith and rededicate our lives to Jesus Christ, the one and only Lord of all.









While the adults were in worship on Easter Sunday, dedicated Carpenter Workshop teachers and helpers were ministering to the children at Level 13, Wisma MCA.

Welcome and

opening prayer

A section of the bined Easter Sunday

lorship congregation

by Executive stor Peter Ong

The highlight, on Easter Sunday, for the younger aged children (ages 5-6) was an enjoyable video teaching, "The Beginners Bible: The Story Of Easter".

The older children (ages 7-11) were blessed by a skit, "The Winner", put together by the 2011 AIM Youth Leadership students. After the skit, the children gathered in groups of tens and were ministered to by the CW teachers. Praise and thank God that many of them invited Jesus into their hearts.



church involvement





CALVARY CHURCH By Pastor EMPHASISES INVOLVEMENT By Pastor Carol Lim



n God's economy, every member of the church has a role to play. God's pattern is that every believer is to the build the Kingdom of God. This, too has been the emphasis and practice of Calvary Church, to equip, nurture and mobilize Calvarites to serve in all the ministries of the Church.

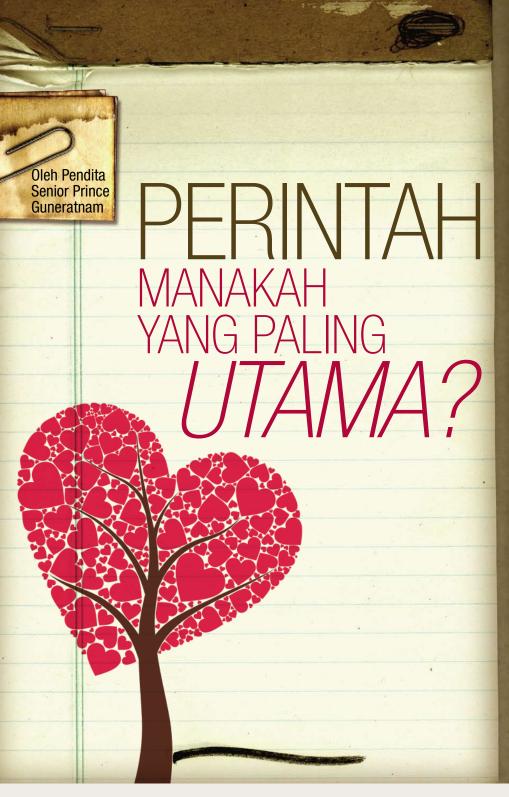
This well practiced principle has been, and will continue to be instrumental to the effectiveness of Calvary Church in fulfilling the Great Commission. The importance of involvement by the whole Church is all apparent when it comes to staging evangelistic presentations on a bigger scale.

Providing ministry opportunities is one thing. What is very encouraging is the desire and willingness of Calvarites from all stations of life to serve in the manifold ministry opportunities in wide ranging capacities. This is a testimony of God's amazing favor, enablement and empowerment to serve Him.

Associate Pastor Richard Yun, the Easter Presentation Coordinator, reports that the whole Church was involved in inviting people for the Easter evangelistic meetings. Some 120,000 handbills were distributed by all Calvarites. And at least 800 Calvarites were directly involved in production (choir, drama and dance), stage management, construction, publicity, technical, grounds and security, intercession, ushering, altar ministry, first aid and hospitality. Some of these ministries are more frontline, while some are behind the scenes.

The Easter evangelistic effort by Calvary Church would not be possible without the united and harmonious efforts of all involved. It takes strong teamwork to get the whole act together. As we synergise, each desiring to honour God, His anointing flows unhindered. This empowers Calvary Church to continue to shine for Jesus.

Calvarites, we salute you and thank God for your faithfulness, commitment and dedication! $\label{eq:calvarites}$



alu seorang ahli Taurat, " yang mendengar Yesus dan orang-orang Saduki bersoal jawab dan tahu, bahwa Yesus memberi jawab yang tepat kepada orang-orang itu, datang kepada-Nya dan bertanya: "Hukum manakah yang paling utama?" Jawab Yesus: "Hukum yang terutama ialah: Dengarlah, hai orang Israel, Tuhan kita, Tuhan itu esa. Kasihilah Tuhanmu, dengan segenap hatimu dan dengan segenap jiwamu dan dengan segenap akal budimu dan dengan segenap kekuatanmu. Dan hukum yang kedua ialah: Kasihilah sesamamu manusia seperti dirimu

sendiri. Tidak ada hukum lain yang lebih utama dari pada kedua hukum ini" (Markus 12:28-31).

Terdapat lebih daripada 600 perintah dalam ajaran kitab Taurat, adalah menjadi kebiasaan perbincangan tentang yang mana satu hukum yang paling lengkap dan lebih penting . Kitab Taurat mengajar bahawa **"...sebab barangsiapa menuruti seluruh hukum itu, tetapi mengabaikan satu bagian dari padanya, ia bersalah terhadap seluruhnya"** (Yakobus 2:10). Dengan itu soalan ini telah ditanya oleh ahli Taurat (peguam), "Yang mana satukah ialah pertama atau perintah paling penting?"

Dalam contoh yang lain, soalan yang dibangkitkan oleh pemerintah muda yang kaya kepada Yesus juga mengambarkan kebimbangan ini bahawa yang mana ialah perintah yang mana paling penting. "Ada seorang datang kepada Yesus, dan berkata: "Guru, perbuatan baik apakah yang harus kuperbuat untuk memperoleh hidup yang kekal?" Jawab Yesus: "Apakah sebabnya engkau bertanya kepada-Ku tentang apa yang baik? Hanya Satu yang baik. Tetapi jikalau engkau ingin masuk ke dalam hidup, turutilah segala perintah Tuhan." Kata orang itu kepada-Nya: "Perintah yang mana?" Kata Yesus: "Jangan membunuh, jangan berzinah, jangan mencuri, jangan mengucapkan saksi dusta, hormatilah ayahmu dan ibumu dan kasihilah sesamamu manusia seperti dirimu sendiri." Kata orang muda itu kepada-Nya: "Semuanya itu telah kuturuti, apa lagi yang masih kurang?" Kata Yesus kepadanya: "Jikalau engkau hendak sempurna, pergilah, juallah segala milikmu dan berikanlah itu kepada orang-orang miskin, maka engkau akan beroleh harta di sorga, kemudian datanglah ke mari dan ikutlah Aku" (Matius 19:16-21).

Cabaran untuk setiap umat Kristian ialah mengenal dan mengasihi Tuhan dengan mengutamakanNya, lebih dari semua harta benda dan kekayaan. Untuk mengikut Yesus adalah dengan mempercayaiNya dan mentaatiNya. Yesus datang untuk menggenapi hukum dan maka itu, kita yang di dalam Dia telah dijadikan orang yang benar. Melalui kebenaranNya, kita mendapat kehidupan yang kekal abadi.

APAKAH MAKSUD MENGASIHI TUHAN?

1. Mengasihi Tuhan dengan sepenuh

hati kamu. Hati ialah tempat berdiam perasaan kasih dan kehendak manusia. Kita mesti memusatkan kasih sayang dan kehendak kita untuk mengasihi Tuhan. Alkitab berkata, **"Karena di mana** hartamu berada, di situ juga hatimu berada" (Matius 6: 21). Apabila kamu tidak mengasuhi Tuhan dengan segenap hati kamu, kamu tidak akan seiringan budimu dan dengan segenap kekuatanmu" (Markus 12:30).

dengan Tuhan. Yesus mengherdik orang Farisi, "Hai kamu keturunan ular beludak, bagaimanakah kamu dapat mengucapkan hal-hal yang baik, sedangkan kamu sendiri jahat? Karena yang diucapkan mulut meluap dari hati. Orang yang baik mengeluarkan hal-hal yang baik dari perbendaharaannya yang baik dan orang yang jahat mengeluarkan hal-hal yang jahat dari perbendaharaannya yang jahat" (Matius 12: 34-35). Yesus juga berfirman, "Tetapi apa yang keluar dari mulut berasal dari hati dan itulah yang menajiskan orang. Karena dari hati timbul segala pikiran jahat, pembunuhan, perzinahan, percabulan, pencurian, sumpah palsu dan hujat" (Matius 15: 18-19). Apa yang keluar daripada mulut kamu menunjukkan sebenarnya keadaan hati kamu. Hati yang tidak mengasihi Tuhan dengan sepenuhnya tidak akan hidup dengan kehidupan yang memuliakan Tuhan.

2. Mengasihi Tuhan dengan seluruh

jiwa kamu. Jiwa ialah tempat untuk nafas dan kehidupan seseorang manusia. Kita mesti mengasihi Tuhan dengan kehidupan kita. Yesus tidak mencintai kehidupanNya tetapi menyerahkannya untuk melaksanakan kehendak Tuhan. Jiwa adalah abadi. Apabila manusia mati, jasad itu mati dan jiwa akan kembali kepada Tuhan. Biarlah kehendak Tuhan dilakukan dalam hidup kamu.

3. Mengasihi Tuhan dengan seluruh akal budi kamu. Akal budi ialah tempat untuk pengertian. Kita mesti memusatkan fikiran kita terhadap Tuhan "dan mengenakan manusia baru yang terus-menerus diperbaharui untuk memperoleh pengetahuan yang benar menurut gambar Khaliknya;" (Kolose 3:10). Alkitab memperingatkan kita untuk "Kami mematahkan setiap siasat orang dan merubuhkan setiap kubu yang dibangun oleh keangkuhan manusia untuk menentang pengenalan akan Tuhan. Kami menawan segala pikiran dan menaklukkannya kepada Kristus," (2 Korintus 10:5).

4. Mengasihi Tuhan dengan seluruh kekuatan kamu. Ia adalah tugas dan tanggungjawab kita untuk mengekalkan hubungan kasih dengan Tuhan. Ini adalah rahsia kehidupan yang berhasil. Yesus berkata, "Tinggallah di dalam Aku dan Aku di dalam kamu. Sama seperti ranting tidak dapat berbuah dari dirinya sendiri, kalau ia tidak tinggal pada pokok anggur, demikian juga kamu tidak berbuah, jikalau kamu tidak tinggal di dalam Aku" (Yohanes 15:5).

Alkitab mengatakan, **"Tuhan adalah Roh"** (Yohanes 4:24) yang kita tidak dapat lihat dan sentuh, tetapi prinsip yang sama terlibat dalam mengasihi Tuhan. lanya adalah:

• Pertama, komitmen dan kesetiaan. Kasih sebenar tidak membenarkan nafsu dan perlakuan berahi dengan orang lain. Ia tidak mendambakan milik orang lain. Kasih sebenar ialah komitmen dan kesetiaan kepada pasangan masingmasing. Adalah sangat penting bahawa perintah pertama yang Tuhan berikan adalah berkaitan dengan komitmen dan kesetiaan. **"Jangan ada padamu tuhan** lain di hadapan-Ku" (Keluaran 20:3). Tuhan dengan jelas memberikan maksud kasih dalam erti kata komitmen dan kesetiaan.

• Kedua, kepercayaan dan rasa hormat terhadap orang yang dikasihi itu. Ia melibatkan mengasihi orang itu dengan seadanya dirinya. Kita mengasihi Tuhan kerana siapakah diriNya. Dia ialah Pencipta, Penebus dan Penyambung hidup. Alkitab berfirman, "Kebencian menimbulkan pertengkaran, tetapi kasih menutupi segala pelanggaran," (Amsal 10:12).

• Ketiga, pemberian dan penyerahan

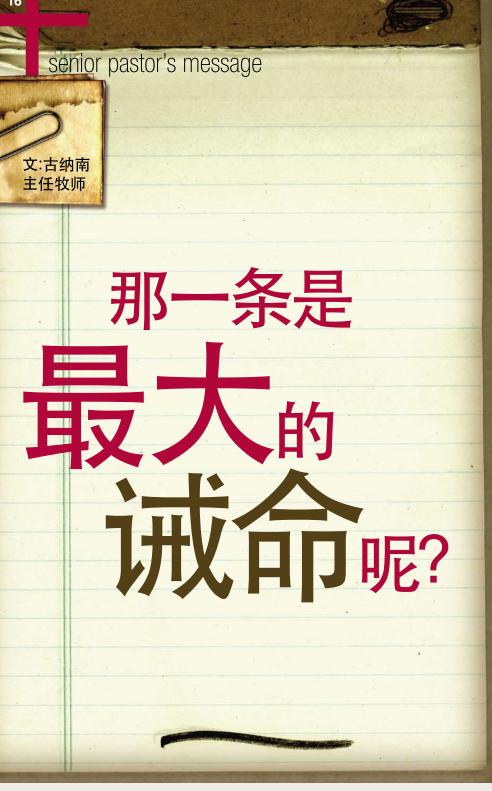
senior pastor's message

diri seseorang. Kamu tidak boleh pentingkan diri sendiri. Dalam perkahwinan, Alkitab berkata, ".... Sebab itu seorang laki-laki akan meninggalkan ayahnya dan ibunya dan bersatu dengan isterinya, sehingga keduanya menjadi satu daging" (Kejadian 2:24). Kamu tidak boleh berkata bahawa kamu mengasihi Tuhan dan tidak menyerahkan diri kamu kepada Tuhan. Raja Sulaiman berkata, "Kekasihku kepunyaanku, dan aku kepunyaan dia..." (Kidung Agung 2:16). Apabila kamu menyerahkan diri kepada Tuhan, Dia berfirman, "Tetapi Aku akan hadir di tengah-tengahmu dan Aku akan menjadi Tuhanmu dan kamu akan menjadi umat-Ku" (Imamat 26:12). • Keempat, ia melibatkan pengenalan dan perkongsian. Sebahagian daripada perhubungan kasih ialah pembelajaran, pertumbuhan dan pelayanan antara satu sama lain.

Mentaati perintah Tuhan membawa ganjaran. Dan apabila kita mentaati perintah pertama dan paling penting, iaitu mengasihi Tuhan dengan segenap hati, jiwa, akal budi dan kekuatan kita, kita akan mempunyai dorongan terbaik untuk hidup berasaskan prinsip-prinsip Tuhan. Mengasihi Tuhan dengan segenap hati membawa kita ke dalam penyelarasan dengan kehendak dan tujuan Tuhan untuk hidup kita. Yesus berfirman, **"Jikalau kamu mengasihi Aku, kamu akan menuruti segala perintah-Ku"** (Yohanes 14:15). **+**

Semua petikan adalah daripada Terjemahan Baru.





-个文士来,听见他们辩论,晓得 耶稣回答得好,就问他说:"诫命 中哪是第一要紧的呢?"耶稣回答说: "第一要紧的就是说:'以色列啊,你要 听! 主我们神是独一的主。你要尽心、尽 性、尽意、尽力爱主你的神。'其次就是 说: '要爱人如己。'再没有比这两条诫 命更大的了"」(可12:28-31)。

在犹太教的经典教诲中有超过600条的 戒律,通常讨论的问题是到底那一条戒律 是绝对和重要的。律法教导, 「…因为凡 遵守全律法的,只在一条上跌倒,他就是 犯了众条」(雅2:10)。因此, 文士(律法

师)提出此问题, 「那一条是第一或最大 的诫命呢?」

在另一个场合,一个年轻富有的官向 耶稣提出这个问题,也显示了对那一条 是最大的诫命的关切。「**有一个人来见** 耶稣说:"夫子,我该做什么善事才能得 永生?"耶稣对他说:"你为什么以善事 问我呢?只有一位是善的。你若要进入 永生, 就当遵守诫命。"他说:"什么诫 命?"耶稣说:"就是'不可杀人,不 可奸淫,不可偷盗,不可作假见证,当 孝敬父母,又当爱人如己。'"那少年 人说:"这一切我都遵守了,还缺少什么 呢?"耶稣说:"你若愿意作完全人, 可去变卖你所有的,分给穷人,就必有财 宝在天上;你还要来跟从我"」 (太19:16-21)。

每一个信徒面对的挑战就是要认识和 热爱神,把他放在首位超过一切物质财 物和财富之上。跟随耶稣是相信他和服 从他。耶稣来履行律法,因此,我们在 主里算为义。藉着他的义,我们有永恒 的生命。

爱神意味着什么?

1。你要尽心爱神。心是人的情感和意志 的所在。我们必须集中我们的情感和意 志来爱神。圣经说:「因为你的财宝在哪 里,你的心也在那里」(太6:21)。当你不 尽心爱神,你将不会与神保持和谐。耶稣 斥责法利赛人,「毒蛇的种类!你们既是 恶人,怎能说出好话来呢?因为心里所充 满的,口里就说出来。善人从他心里所存 的善,就发出善来;恶人从他心里所存的 恶,就发出恶来」(太12:34-35)。耶稣也 说,「惟独出口的,是从心里发出来的, 这才污秽人。因为从心里发出来的,有恶 念、凶杀、奸淫、苟合、偷盗、妄证、谤 渎」(太15:18-19)。从你嘴里说出来的 话,显明你心的真正情况。一个不全心全 意爱神的心是不会在生活上尊崇神。 2。你要尽性(灵魂)爱神。灵魂是人呼吸 和生命的所在,人的本质。我们必须以我 们的生命来爱神。耶稣不爱惜他的生命, 而献上以遵行上帝的旨意。灵魂是永恒 的。当人死后,身体死亡,灵魂归回上 帝。让上帝的旨意成就在你的生命里。 3。你要尽意爱神。心思意念是理解的所 在。我们必须集中我们的思想在神身上, 并「穿上了新人。这新人在知识上渐渐更 新,正如造他主的形象」(西3:10)。圣经 告诫我们要「将各样的计谋,各样拦阻人 认识神的那些自高之事一概攻破了,又将 人所有的心意夺回,使他都顺服基督」 (林后10:5)。

4。你要尽力爱神。保持与神在相爱的关 系中是我们的义务和责任。这是一个结果 子的生命秘诀。耶稣说,「我是葡萄树, 你们是枝子;常在我里面的,我也常在他 里面,这人就多结果子。因为离了我,你 们就不能做什么」(约15:5)。

圣经说,"**上帝是个灵**"(约4:24), 我们看不到和触摸不到他,但是在爱 神也是关乎到同样的原则。它们是: • 首先,委身的承诺和忠诚。真正的爱情 不容许与他人有淫荡和肉体上的行为。它 是不贪婪。真正的爱情是委身和忠于自己

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的配偶。上帝给于人的第一个诫命是关于 委身的承诺和忠诚,这是非常重要的。 「除了我以外,你不可有别的神」(出 20:3)。神清楚地以委身的承诺和忠诚的 来界定爱。

其次,信任和尊重所爱的人。它涉及到 按人的本相来爱他或她。我们爱神,因为 他的所是。他是我们的创造者,救赎主和 生命的维持者。圣经说,「恨,能挑启争 端;爱,能遮掩一切过错」(箴10:12)。
第三,献出和舍弃自己。你不能自私, 或以自我为中心。在婚姻中,圣经说, 「因此,人要离开父母与妻子连合,二人 成为一体」(创2:24)。你不能说你爱神, 而不要奉献自己予神。所罗门王说,「良 人属我,我也属他…」(歌2:16)。当你 奉献于神时,他就说,「我要在你们中间 行走,我要作你们的神,你们要作我的子 民」(利26:12)。

 第四,它涉及到了解和分享。一个充满 爱的关系的必定包括了学习,成长,互 相服事。 服从上帝的诫命能带来赏赐。而当我们服 从第一和最大的诫命,就是要尽心、尽 性、尽意、尽力爱神,我们就有最好的动 力去照着神的原则生活。全心全意爱神带 领我们进入与他给我们的旨意和生活的目 标一致。耶稣说,「你们若爱我,就必遵 守我的命令」(约14:15)。+

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water baptism

五月份

日期: 29-05-11 讲员: 余金凤 时间: 下午五点正 地点: 伯特利楼

六月份

日期:26-6-11 讲员:林俊新 时间:下午五点正 地点:伯特利楼

加略山教会家庭营201

"爱上帝和爱人如己"(太22:37,39) 日期: 6-6-11 – 9-6-11 讲员: Rev Susan Seow 地点: Swiss-Garden Resort, Damai Laut, Perak

申请浸礼及会籍浸礼及会籍课程

日期: 11-6-11 (星期六) 时间: 下午一点半

浸礼聚

日期: 12-6-11 (星期日) 时间: 早上十点半 地点:加略山教会(大堂) 报名截止日期: 1-5-11(星期日)

8 BAPTISED IN WATER!

Praise the Lord eight individuals were baptised in water at the 10.30am Worship Service on 13 April 2011 at Damansara Heights.

We thank God for each one of them, who by this act of obedience, publicly declared their faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. +

Left to right: Nimfa M. Lago, Arthur Yeo Hing Choon, Brendan Yeo Shan Yu, Makaziwe Licia Motsa, Dony Choo Yit Ching Tan Lee Li, Cornelia Mak Shoi Kim, Eliza P. Pomledo





The group makes their way carefully through the muddy access road

Entering the site in single file over the makeshift plywood path over steel reinforcements

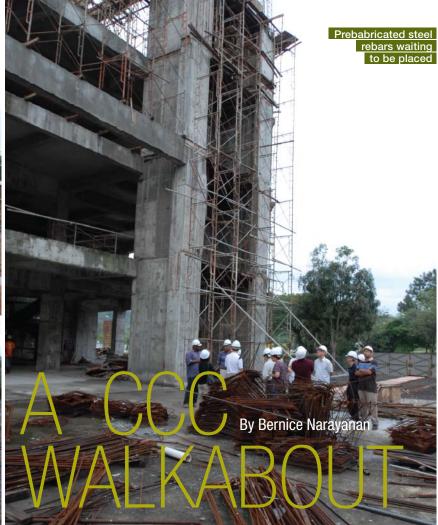






 The CCC construction blueprints
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he dawn of a new day welcomes the sounds and movements of activity at the site of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC). It will continue to dusk as man and machine work alongside to meet the demanding daily timelines and schedules. The construction of the CCC continues, with every day bringing the CCC closer to realisation. Where once an empty and vacant piece of land stood, today stands the CCC building structures in various stages of completion.

On the morning of 26 February 2011 our Senior Pastor, Senior Associate Pastor Petrina and Associate Pastor Peter Ong, together with the Board of Deacons, took an early morning walkabout at the CCC site. Mark Thomas, the Project Manager, showed them around the construction site, explaining the different aspects of the CCC building as they went along.

The CCC is taking shape quickly. Although the paths were muddy, it was refreshing and enlightening to walk the breadth and length of the premises. Viewing the building close-up, and walking up the stairs to get to the different levels gave the group a good idea of what the actual structure would be like. The group saw, among other things, the foyer, the auditorium and the multipurpose hall. Standing on the upper floors and looking down towards the auditorium gave a better idea of how big the auditorium is, and how a gathering of 5,000 people would fit well into it.

The walkabout was both instructive and encouraging. As the group finished the tour around the CCC, they gathered to pray at the site office. With God all things are possible. When we pray, God is able to answer. Thus, much prayers are solicited for the fulfilment of the CCC.

Since 29 January 2011, the Pastoral Life Groups have been spearheading weekly onsite prayer visits to the CCC on Saturday mornings. If you like to join an onsite prayer visit, please contact Pastoral Life Groups at 03 77286000 Ext 333. + Calling upon the

scg open session



Executive Pastor Peter leading the congregation in corporate prayer

"WHEN GOD'S PEOPLE PRAY"

hat happens when God's people pray? The School of Christian Growth (SCG) Open Session on April 1 was the first in a series of inspiring video teaching on prayer by Jim Cymbala, author of the best-selling books Fresh Wind, Fresh Power; Fresh Faith and Breakthrough Prayer.

Jim Cymbala, the Senior Pastor of Brooklyn Tabernacle started his church on Atlantic Avenue, New York 25 years ago in an area wrecked by poverty, drug addiction, prostitution and inner city violence. Together with his wife Carol and the small congregation of 30 then, they began to "call upon the name of the Lord" recognising that it was the only way to break through the insurmountable obstacles facing them. Through periods of intense prayer, they soon began to see breakthroughs as God brought growth to the church. Today, the church has a congregation of 10,000 with a weekly prayer meeting attendance of close to 3,000 people.

God has chosen prayer as His channel of blessing and is waiting to answer us and supply our needs just as Jeremiah 33:3 declares, "Call on me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know."

By Carol Weller

But as Jim Cymbala observes, God's people often turn to Him only in the day of trouble as did the descendants of Seth who must have first "called upon the name of the Lord" (Genesis 4:26) because of hardships faced. If God is rich in mercy towards those who call upon Him, why do we not then take prayer seriously and call on Him passionately?

Reflecting on the faithfulness of God, Jim Cymbala shared an amazing testimony of how the Lord provided millions of dollars for the work of restoring and converting a run-down theatre on Fulton Street formerly known as Loew's Metropolitan theatre into a 3,200 seating auditorium to house the growing Brooklyn Tabernacle congregation. Despite one problem after another, God saw them through as the church persevered in prayer.

Following the teaching session was the sharing of testimonies by two members of the Brooklyn Tabernacle whose lives had been transformed through the power of prayer. Danny had been a successful hairdresser and make-up artist until he overdosed on drugs, lost everything and decided to live on the streets. Wanda, a member of the Brooklyn Tabernacle had been



trying to reach out to him and unknown to him, had rounded up many others to intercede for him. One day, while he lay dying on a hospital bed, he remembered the words she once said to him, "The day you call upon the name of the Lord, He will set you free." He did just that and was instantly healed and delivered!

Roberta began taking drugs at 18 years of age to fill a sense of inner emptiness and eventually contracted HIV. She lived near the church and would hear the choir singing weekly. One day, she was drawn to the prayer meeting where she gave her life to Christ. God used her to minister to many in dire need through the church ministry to the homeless. God healed her of AIDS and set her free from a destructive relationship through clinging on to His promise of deliverance.

Many of us who attended the session left with a new resolve and determination to see God do greater things in our lives and church through PRAYER. +

ministry team



Raymond Yong, Associate Pastor David Seah, Associate Pastor Karen Seah, Audrey Kum, Donna Yee. Front row (from left to right) Jim Guneratnam, Associate Pastor Peter Ong



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may -	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
8	Rev. Margaret Seaward Mother's Day	Rev. Margaret Seaward	Rev. Margaret Seaward	Rev. Margaret Seaward
15	Associate Pastor Tlmothy Ong	Associate Pastor David Seah	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam
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Water Baptism & Membership

WATER BAPTISM/ MEMBERSHIP CLASS

date 11 JUNE 2011, SATURDAY time 1.30PM venue Berean Bungalow

WATER BAPTISM SERVICE

date 12 JUNE 2011, SUNDAY time 10.30AM

Closing Date for submission of forms: **1 MAY 2011, SUNDAY**



"Love God and your neighbour as yourself" (Matthew 22:37 & 39).

announcements

CHILDREN CAMP For KIDS Ages 4-13

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CALVARY FAMILY CAMP 2011

6 - 9 JUNE 2011, MONDAY - THURSDAY,

 venue
 SWISS-GARDEN RESORT, DAMAI LAUT, PERAK

 speakers
 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

 Rev. Chadwick Mohan
 Rev. Susan Seow (Chinese Language)

ABOUT OUR GUEST SPEAKERS

REV. CHADWICK SAMUEL MOHAN is the English Service Pastor for New Life AG (NLAG) in Chennai India. NLAG is a thriving church with 30,000 worshippers, led by his father, Rev. Dr David Mohan. Rev. Chadwick is a gifted preacher who moves in the power of the Holy Spirit. He is married to Sumi and they have been blessed with a son Naethan Godwill Samuel.

REV. SUSAN QUEK-SEOW is an ordained minister with the Assemblies of God and serves in Elim Church, SIngapore. She is actively involved in the Chinese ministry and has rich experiences teaching in the underground churches in China. She ministers well to a wide range of Chinese congregation; the Mandarin, the Hokkien and the Cantonese speaking. She ministered to our Chinese congregation in our Family Camp 2010 and due to popular demand, she's back!

HOTEL LOCATION

Located along the southern reaches of Lumut, near the West Coast's only turtle sanctuary, Swiss-Garden Resort Damai Laut is one of the gateways to beautiful islands including Pangkor Island and offers eco-cultural attractions, charcoal factory, championship golf course, and long private beaches. The Swiss-Garden Resort, Damai Laut is truly a resort of international standards.

FACILITIES

The resort has a 18-hole (par 72) championship buggytracked golf course, spacious swimming pool, tennis courts, Beach volleyball and football. Water-sports range from sailing to canoeing to boat joyrides and trips. The resort is also known for her clean white sandy beach, accessible only to residents.

REGISTRATION

All Locations: Every Sunday from 17 April 2011 DH: Every Friday from 15 April to 13 May 2011

Closing date for registration: 15 MAY 2011, SUNDAY

CHINESE FELLOWSHIP Sunday | 5pm

29 MAY 2011

speaker DONNA YEE venue BETHEL HALL

26 JUNE 2011

speaker LIM CHUNE SIN venue BETHEL HALL

* Bring your Chinese-speaking family and and friends. Call Donna Yee at 03-7728 6000 ext. 301 for more information.

BAHASA MALAYSIA FELLOWSHIP Sunday | 12.30pm

29 MAY 2011 speaker ASSOCIATE PASTOR KAREN SEAH venue BETHEL HALL

26 JUNE 2011

speaker FELISA FOO venue BETHEL HALL