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CALVARY CHURCH SUMMIT 2012

BY LESLIE ABRAHAM



Left Releasing confession slips symbolises allowing God to release us into freedom & victory.
Clockwise from top right Praying for one another's needs; Summit participants pray in unity;
Mekand leads in fervent corporate prayer.



Left Melvin Wong who serves on the Membership Committee receives his Letter of Appointment for 2012 from Senior Pastor. **Above** Senior Pastor expounds on building the church by revelation. **Top to bottom** Peggy Low gives an exciting preview of the upcoming Carnival; Ngeow Zoo Gin gives the CCC update; Ding Lai Hong provides the facts and figures on CCC financing.

THE ANNUAL CHURCH SUMMIT SAW THE GATHERING OF 255 CHURCH LEADERS, POTENTIAL LEADERS AND THEIR SPOUSES AT THE COSY ENVIRONMENT OF OUR CHURCH SANCTUARY AT DAMANSARA HEIGHTS ON 5-6 FEBRUARY 2012.

The Summit began on Sunday, 5 February, coinciding with the 5pm service. Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam challenged the leaders stating that a church should not be built with wood and stone and initiated by man, but by revelation from God. When a church is built by God, the people will be of one mind, one heart and there will be divine provision for fulfilling the plans for the church. Senior Pastor also expounded on the theme that we are sons and not servants in the Kingdom of God. We should thus claim our heritage and ownership in the Kingdom of God.

On Monday, 6 February the Summit participants gathered as early as 8am for breakfast at the Church Foyer.

The day began with a powerful time of prayer when Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam led all Summit participants to make an honest confession to God of our sins and weaknesses by stating them on the sheet of paper provided for all, the contents of which were destroyed. Summit participants prayed for one another as well as for every Calvarite and Church ministry to be strengthened and empowered by God. We also prayed that all Calvarites will continue to be strong and tenacious in working towards the fulfilment of CCC. Thank God for the

wonderful pervasive presence of prayer and worship throughout the Summit.

The morning session was a video message on "The Three-Generation Church" which teaches that God wants us to go beyond inter-generation ministry. If we develop three-generation ministries, then the church will perpetuate from generation to generation. This was followed by a presentation by the heads of ministries on their respective 2012 plans to contribute to the vision of the Church. There are three components in Calvary Church's 21st Century Vision, namely, to be a Jesus Generation, an Equipping Institution and Evangelistic & Missions Minded Church.

We were much encouraged by the progress report of the CCC shared by Ngeow Zoo Gin and Ding Lai Hong. God has helped us thus far and we know He will help us complete the building. We were also given a glimpse of the upcoming Carnival by Peggy Low and the team. After the presentations, the Summit participants gathered in small groups to share their input and contributions on how to improve on the plans shared by the ministries' heads.

The finale of the Summit was the presentation of Letters of Appointment for Church Leaders and Office Bearers for 2012 by Senior Pastor.

Praise and thank God for each and every Summit participant who took time off to serve God's Kingdom in attending the Summit. We are inspired to pray, evangelise and develop leaders, as we have been reminded that these are the fundamentals for Church growth. +



Sharing of 2012 Plans by Ministry Heads. Clockwise from top left Executive Pastor Peter Ong; Pastor Timothy Ong, for Prayer & Evangelism; Katherine Lee, for AIM Christian College; Pastor David Seah, for Pastoral Life Groups; Pastor Steven Kum, for Missions; Pastor Susan Tan, for Children's Ministry; Pastor Chris Lee, for Music & Creative Arts; Pastor Chan Lee Peng, for Missionettes; Jim Guneratnam, for Royal Rangers; Pastor Raymond Yong, for Social Concern.

LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER

BY SENIOR PASTOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM



“If then you were raised with Christ, seek those things which are above, where Christ is, sitting at the right hand of God. Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth. For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ who is our life appears, then you also will appear with Him in glory” (Colossians 3:1-4).

FOR THE BELIEVER TO LIVE FOR THE GLORY OF GOD, HE NEEDS TO UNDERSTAND WHAT IS THE LIFE OF A BELIEVER. Paul describes the life of the believer in two ways. First, it is a life that is risen with Christ and second, it is a life that seeks the things above.

1 A BELIEVER'S LIFE IS ONE THAT IS RISEN WITH CHRIST (COL 3:1)
A believer's life identified with Christ in His death and resurrection. The Bible says, “**Therefore we were buried with Him through baptism into death, that just as Christ was raised from the dead by**

the glory of the Father, even so we also should walk in newness of life” (Romans 6:4). This truth about the believer’s life is symbolised by water baptism. When you are baptised by immersion, you are “buried” in a watery grave because you died. And when you emerge from the watery grave, it symbolises, resurrected life! The Bible says, **“And you, being dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, He has made alive together with Him, having forgiven you all trespasses”** (Colossians 2:13). Paul says, “being dead in your trespasses..., He has made alive together with Him”! Again he says in 2 Corinthians 5:17, **“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation; old things have passed away; behold, all things have become new”**. Therefore, when people see us, they see Christ in us. We are His witnesses.

The believer recognises his carnal nature is nailed to the cross and his past sins are forgiven. You live the life of Christ through the power of the Holy Spirit. Paul says, **“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me”** (Philippians 4:13). That’s why we need to ask God, the Father to fill us with the Holy Spirit daily. It is impossible to live the life of Christ in our own ability and strength.

The law of the Christian marriage is, till death do us part. The marriage law is only broken when one of the marriage partners dies. Then the living partner is free from the law of marriage. In the same way, you were married to the fallen nature of Adam, that is bound to a carnal lifestyle that makes you a slave to sin. But when you believed and received Jesus as your Saviour, you died to your Adamic nature. You no longer have to be a slave to sin and please your old nature. You now have a new nature which is the nature of Jesus Christ.

Paul says this, **“Or do you not know, brethren (for I speak to those who know the law), that the law has dominion over a man as long as he lives. For the woman who has a husband is bound by the law to her husband as long as he lives. So then if, while her husband lives and she marries another, she will be called an adulteress. But if the husband dies, she is free from the law, so that she is no adulteress, though she has married another man. Therefore, my brethren, you also have become dead to the law through the body of Christ, that you may be married to another – to Him who**

was raised from the dead, that we should bear fruit to God” (Romans 7:1-4). Therefore the believer is one who is dead to the Adamic nature and is free to be married to the new nature which is of Jesus Christ. This new nature “bears fruits” to the glory of God.

The problem is we are not willing to die. That is why we are not able to “bear fruits” to the glory of God! The only place for the Adamic nature is on the cross. There is no resurrection without death. You have to die in order to be resurrected. Jesus rose from the dead, He has set you free from the law of sin and death and you now can enjoy the grace of God through Jesus Christ. The Bible says, **“For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has made me free from the law of sin of death”** (Romans 8:2). Identify yourself daily with Christ and live in the power of the Holy Spirit and you will have victory over the law of sin and death.

“Since you died and rose with Christ, you no longer submit to worldly principles and the Adamic nature”

2 A LIFE THAT SEEKS THE THINGS ABOVE

Paul challenges the believer to, **“Set your mind on things above, not on things on the earth”** (Colossians 3:2). But in the preceding verse, Paul begins with, “If then”. This means the believer has the choice to seek those things that are above. Paul gives the reason: **“I have been crucified with Christ, it is no longer I who live, but Christ lives in me; the life which I now live in the flesh, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave Himself for me”** (Galations 2:20). He adds, **“For you died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God”** (Colossians 3:3). Since you died and rose with Christ, you no longer submit to worldly principles and the Adamic nature. We are not to love the world nor the things of the world (1 John 2:15). Paul says, **“Set your mind on things that are spiritual and of eternal value”**. This is a choice we must make as a believer in Christ Jesus.

It is a challenging way to live, with a heavenly mindset while living on earth. A believer’s life is not for weaklings, the uncommitted and those who are not willing to be disciplined. The believer’s life calls for discipline. And if you are disciplined to live for God’s glory, you will be with Christ when He comes. Paul adds, **“When Christ who is our life appears then you also will appear with Him in glory”** (Colossians 3:4).

As a believer, you live by faith in the Son of God who loves you. Your life can change because it is the power of God that works within you. The Bible teaches, **“For those who live according to the flesh, set their minds on the things of the flesh. But those who live according to the Spirit, the things of the Spirit. To be carnally minded is death, but to be spiritually minded is life and peace. Because the carnal mind is enmity against God; for it is not subject to the law of God, nor indeed can be. So then, those who are in the flesh cannot please God”** (Romans 8:5-8). When Christ is your life, your allegiance is to Him. You will have a new mindset and the Spirit of Christ rules you and gives you power for His glory.

Having a right mindset is important, if you want to live a life to glorify God. The Bible clearly tells us that you cannot please God as long as your mindset is carnal and worldly! Your mindset determines your attitude, and your attitude affects your behaviour. The Bible says, **“For as he thinks in his heart, so is he”** (Proverbs 23:7). It does not mean that you become so heavenly minded that you are of no earthly good. Rather, you become so heavenly minded on earth that you become a light to those who are living in darkness, so they can find the Lord Jesus Christ as Saviour!

When you have a mind that has been sanctified, cleansed and renewed, you will start thinking the way God will have you think. Then changes will take place because you have the life of Christ and the mind of Christ. The carnal mindset cannot understand the things of God. The life of a believer is only possible by the empowerment of the Holy Spirit. Set your mind on the things of God, ask Him to teach and show you His ways. Let this be your constant prayer. You can live for the glory of God. ✚

All Bible quotations are from the New King James Version, unless otherwise indicated.

HIDUP UNTUK KEMULIAAN TUHAN, KEHIDUPAN ORANG YANG BERIMAN

OLEH PENDITA SENIOR PRINCE GUNERATNAM



“Karena itu, kalau kamu dibangkitkan bersama dengan Kristus, carilah perkara yang di atas, di mana Kristus ada, duduk di sebelah kanan Tuhan. Pikirkanlah perkara yang di atas, bukan yang di bumi. Sebab kamu telah mati dan hidupmu tersembunyi bersama dengan Kristus di dalam Tuhan. Apabila Kristus, yang adalah hidup kita, menyatakan diri kelak, kamupun akan menyatakan diri bersama dengan Dia dalam kemuliaan” (Kolose 3:1-4).

BAGI ORANG KRISTIAN HIDUP UNTUK KEMULIAAN TUHAN, DIA PERLU MEMAHAMI APAKAH ERTINYA KEHIDUPAN KRISTIANAN. Paulus

menerangkan kehidupan orang Kristian dalam dua cara. Pertama, ianya adalah kehidupan yang dibangkitkan bersama dengan Kristus dan kedua, iaitu kehidupan yang mencarikan perkara yang di atas.

1 KEHIDUPAN SEORANG KRISTIAN YANG DIBANGKITKAN BERSAMA KRISTUS (KOLOSE 3:1)

Kehidupan penganut Kristus diidentifikasi bersama Kristus dalam kematian dan kebangkitanNya. Alkitab berkata, **“Dengan demikian kita telah dikuburkan bersama-sama dengan Dia oleh baptisan dalam kematian, supaya, sama seperti Kristus telah dibangkitkan dari antara orang mati oleh kemuliaan Bapa, demikian juga kita akan hidup dalam hidup yang baru”** (Roma 6:4). Kebenaran mengenai kehidupan orang Kristian disimbolkan melalui pembaptisan air. Apabila anda dibaptiskan melalui rendaman, anda “dikuburkan” di dalam kubur kerana anda telah meninggal dunia. Dan apabila anda keluar dari kubur, ia melambangkan kehidupan yang dibangkitkan! Alkitab berkata, **“Kamu juga, meskipun dahulu mati oleh pelanggaranmu dan oleh karena tidak disunat secara lahiriah, telah dihidupkan Tuhan bersama-sama dengan Dia, sesudah Ia mengampuni segala pelanggaran kita”** (Kolose 2:13). Paulus berkata, “meskipun dahulu mati oleh pelanggaranmu..., telah dihidupkan Tuhan bersama-sama dengan Dia”! Sekali lagi dia berkata di dalam 2 Korintus 5:17, **“Jadi siapa yang ada di dalam Kristus, ia adalah ciptaan baru: yang lama sudah berlalu, sesungguhnya yang baru sudah datang.”** Oleh itu, apabila orang melihat kita, mereka melihat Kristus dalam diri kita. Kita adalah saksi-saksiNya.

Orang Kristian mengakui sifat nafsunya telah dipakukan kepada salib dan dosa-dosanya yang lalu telah diampunkan. Anda hidup kehidupan Kristus melalui kuasa Roh Kudus. Paulus berkata, **“Segala perkara dapat kutanggung di dalam Dia yang memberi kekuatan kepadaku”** (Filipi 4:13). Itulah sebabnya kita perlu meminta Tuhan Bapa untuk memenuhi kita dengan Roh Kudus setiap hari. Adalah mustahil untuk hidup kehidupan Kristus dalam kemampuan dan kekuatan kita sendiri.

Hukum rumahtangga Kristian ialah sehingga maut kita berpisah. Hukum rumahtangga hanya dilanggar apabila salah satu dari pasangan itu meninggal dunia. Barulah pasangan yang masih hidup bebas daripada hukum perkahwinan. Dalam cara yang sama, anda telah berkahwin kepada sifat Adam yang telah berdosa, yang terikat kepada gaya duniawi yang menjadikan anda hamba kepada dosa. Tetapi apabila anda percaya dan menerima Yesus sebagai Juruselamat anda, anda mati kepada sifat duniawi Adam. Anda tidak lagi perlu menjadi hamba kepada dosa dan menyerahkan kepada sifat lama anda. Anda sekarang mempunyai sifat baru iaitu sifat Yesus Kristus.

Paulus berkata, **“Apakah kamu tidak tahu, saudara-saudara, sebab aku berbicara kepada mereka yang mengetahui hukum--bahwa hukum berkuasa atas seseorang selama orang itu hidup? Sebab seorang isteri terikat oleh hukum kepada suaminya selama suaminya itu hidup. Akan tetapi apabila suaminya itu mati, bebaslah ia dari hukum yang mengikatnya kepada suaminya itu. Jadi selama suaminya hidup ia dianggap berzinah, kalau ia menjadi isteri laki-laki lain; tetapi jika suaminya telah mati, ia bebas dari hukum, sehingga ia bukanlah berzinah, kalau ia menjadi isteri laki-laki lain. Sebab itu, saudara-saudaraku, kamu juga telah mati bagi hukum Taurat oleh tubuh Kristus, supaya kamu menjadi milik orang lain, yaitu milik Dia, yang telah dibangkitkan dari antara orang mati, agar kita berbuah bagi Tuhan”** (Roma 7:1-4). Oleh itu, orang Kristian mati kepada sifat duniawi Adam dan bebas untuk berkahwin kepada sifat baru yang berasal dari Yesus Kristus. Sifat baru ini “menghasilkan buah” untuk kemuliaan Tuhan.

Masalah kita ialah kita enggan mati. Itulah sebabnya kita tidak dapat menghasilkan “buah” kepada kemuliaan Tuhan! Satu-

satunya tempat untuk sifat duniawi Adam adalah di atas salib. Tiada kebangkitan tanpa kematian. Anda mesti mati untuk dibangkitkan. Yesus bangkit daripada kematian, Dia telah membebaskan anda daripada hukum dosa dan kematian dan anda kini boleh menikmati kasih karunia Tuhan melalui Yesus Kristus. Alkitab berkata, **“Roh, yang memberi hidup telah memerdekakan kamu dalam Kristus dari hukum dosa dan hukum maut”** (Roma 8:2). Identifikasikan diri anda setiap hari dengan Kristus dan hidup dalam kuasa Roh Kudus dan anda akan mendapat kemenangan ke atas hukum dosa dan kematian.

2 KEHIDUPAN YANG MencariKAN PERKARA DI ATAS

Paulus mencabar umat Kristian untuk **“Pikirkanlah perkara yang di atas, bukan yang di bumi”** (Kolose 3:2). Namun di dalam ayat sebelumnya, Paulus bermula dengan “kerana itu, kalau”. Ini bermakna orang Kristian mempunyai pilihan untuk mencari perkara-perkara di atas. Paulus memberi sebabnya: **“namun aku hidup, tetapi bukan lagi aku sendiri yang hidup, melainkan Kristus yang hidup di dalam aku. Dan hidupku yang kuhidupi sekarang di dalam daging, adalah hidup oleh iman dalam Anak Tuhan yang telah mengasihi aku dan menyerahkan diri-Nya untuk aku”** (Galatia 2:20). Dia menambah lagi, **“Sebab kamu telah mati dan hidupmu tersembunyi bersama dengan Kristus di dalam Tuhan”** (Kolose 3:3). Janganlah kamu mengasihi dunia dan apa yang ada di dalamnya. Jikalau orang mengasihi dunia, maka kasih akan Bapa tidak ada di dalam orang itu” (1 Yohanes 2:15). Paulus berkata, “Fikirkanlah pada perkara-perkara yang kerohanian dan nilai abadi.” Ini ialah pilihan yang kita mesti ambil sebagai seorang penganut Kristus Yesus.

Adalah cara hidup yang mencabarkan, dengan mempunyai minda syurgawi semasa hidup di bumi. Kehidupan seorang Kristian bukannya untuk yang lemah, yang tidak berkomited dan mereka yang tidak sanggup didisiplinkan. Kehidupan seorang Kristian memerlukan disiplin. Dan jika anda berdisiplin untuk hidup untuk kemuliaan Tuhan, anda akan bersama Kristus apabila Dia datang. Paulus menambah lagi, **“Apabila Kristus, yang adalah hidup kita, menyatakan diri kelak, kamupun akan menyatakan diri bersama dengan Dia dalam kemuliaan”** (Kolose 3:4).

Sebagai seorang Kristian, anda hidup dengan iman dalam Anak Tuhan yang mengasihi anda. Kehidupan anda boleh berubah kerana kuasa Tuhan yang bekerja di dalam anda. Alkitab mengajar, **“Sebab mereka yang hidup menurut daging, memikirkan hal-hal yang dari daging; mereka yang hidup menurut Roh, memikirkan hal-hal yang dari Roh. Karena keinginan daging adalah maut, tetapi keinginan Roh adalah hidup dan damai sejahtera. Sebab keinginan daging adalah perseteruan terhadap Tuhan, karena ia tidak takluk kepada hukum Tuhan; hal ini memang tidak mungkin baginya. Mereka yang hidup dalam daging, tidak mungkin berkenan kepada Tuhan”** (Roma 8:5-8). Apabila Kristus berada di dalam hidup anda, kesetiaan anda adalah kepadaNya. Anda akan mempunyai minda yang baru dan Roh Kristus memerintah anda dan memberi anda kekuasaan untuk kemuliaanNya.

Mempunyai minda yang betul adalah penting, jikalau anda mahu hidup kehidupan yang memuliakan Tuhan. Alkitab dengan jelasnya memberitahu kita bahawa anda tidak boleh menyenangkan Tuhan selagi minda anda adalah nafsu dan duniawi! Minda anda menentukan sikap anda, dan sikap anda mempengaruhi tingkah laku anda. Alkitab berkata, **“Sebab seperti orang yang membuat perhitungan dalam dirinya sendiri demikianlah ia. ‘Silakan makan dan minum,’ katanya kepadamu, tetapi ia tidak tulus hati terhadapmu”** (Amsal 23:7). Ia tidak bermakna anda mempunyai minda syurgawi sehinggalah anda tidak berguna di bumi. Sebaliknya, anda menjadi begitu berminda syurgawi di bumi sehinggalah anda menjadi cahaya kepada mereka yang hidup dalam kegelapan, agar mereka dapat mencari Tuhan Yesus Kristus sebagai Juruselamat!

Apabila anda mempunyai fikiran yang telah dikuduskan, disucikan dan diperbaharui, anda akan mula berfikir cara Tuhan yang mahukan anda berfikir. Kemudian perubahan akan berlaku kerana anda mempunyai kehidupan Kristus dan minda Kristus. Minda duniawi tidak dapat memahami perkara-perkara Tuhan. Kehidupan orang Kristian adalah mungkin hanya kerana penguasaan Roh Kudus. Tetapkan fikiran anda terhadap perkara-perkara Tuhan, mintanya untuk mengajar dan menunjukkan kepada anda caranya. Biarlah ini menjadi doa tetap anda. Anda boleh hidup untuk kemuliaan Tuhan. ✚



COMPELLING MOTIVATION FOR MISSIONS

BY JOHN LIM & TABITHA ONG

OVER THE MISSIONS EMPHASIS WEEKEND, 6-8 JANUARY 2012, CALVARITES WERE TREATED TO A MAJOR DOSE OF MOTIVATION. The Missions speaker, Dr. Ivan Satyavrata, Senior Pastor of the Assemblies of God Church, Kolkata hit the right note from the onset.

On Friday night, Dr. Ivan reminded us on the rationale for doing missions, “The Only Lasting Motivation For Mission”. On Saturday morning he enlightened the business professionals of their call to be missionaries in their work place and how they affect the success of the church’s missions efforts through their giving! On Sunday, he preached on “Spending Eternity Without Regrets” dispelling any doubts about continuing and increasing involvement in missions, corporately as a church and individually.

Dr. Ivan persistently preached on the theme of the worth while cause of missions! He challenged the youths and young adults to make a radical commitment to follow Jesus! The cost of commitment is high but the youths were encouraged not to lose sight of what makes it worth it! He challenged the youths: to Pray, to Go, to Heal and to Tell!

Other highlights of the Missions Emphasis included an interview by Dr. Dolly Chye with Nehemiah, renowned for successfully rebuilding the walls of Jerusalem against all odds! Associate Pastor Richard Yun, Pastor of the Missions outreaches gave a praise report on



Top Senior Pastor exhorts Calvarites to increase our faith in God. **Clockwise from top left Senior Pastor** introduces Dr. Ivan, the missions speaker to the Sunday congregation; Dr. Ivan preaches well over the Missions Emphasis weekend; Pastor Steven shares the missions budget for the first six months of 2012; Pastor Richard shares a wonderful praise report on the outreaches.



Praying for the Faith Promise pledge cards that represent Calvarites, at all service locations.



Above Responding to the missions challenge at the altar on Friday night. Left to right Helen Read attributes her success to God; Tam Kok Meng is committed to reaching out to street people.



Above Dr. Dolly Chye receives a memento from Nehemiah (played by Lyndon D'Oliveiro) after her interview.



God's wonderful works in the Missions outreaches in 2011. Praise God for 76 salvations, 97 rededications, 46 water baptisms and 11 baptism in the Holy Spirit! The business professionals were inspired by the testimonies of two committed entrepreneurs, Helen Read and Tam Kok Meng. The Calvary Missions News Network presented an encouraging report

on the church's Missions endeavours at home and abroad.

In his brief exhortation, Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam stressed that Faith Promise giving is not fund raising but raising our faith in trusting God. All Calvarites were given the opportunity to renew our Faith Promise pledges for the next six months. The Missions Director, Associate Pastor

Steven Kum shared the monthly Missions commitment for January to July 2012 and reiterated that Faith Promises received was for Missions and completion of the Calvary Convention Centre.

Thank God for His encouragement during this Missions Emphasis. We are compelled to continue to stand firm in our commitment to the work of missions. +



MISSIONS-IMPACTED TESTIMONIES

BY JOHN LIM & QUINTIN TAN

“Remember the Lord your God, for it is He who gives you the ability to produce wealth.” Deuteronomy 8:18

“CAN YOU HEAR HIS VOICE?” ASKED DR. IVAN SATYAVRATA, THE SPEAKER FOR THE MISSIONS EMPHASIS FROM 6 TO 8 JANUARY 2012, ENCOURAGING CALVARITES TO STAND FIRM IN OUR COMMITMENT TO MISSIONS. Praise

God for the good response to altar calls to rededicate our lives and make commitments to pray for the lost, to be messengers of the Gospel and give towards the building of God’s Kingdom.

Top to bottom Senior Pastor prays for the congregation; Dr. Ivan preaches wonderfully to the business professionals.

Be blessed by the following testimonies of Calvarites on how they were impacted:



QUINTIN TAN, a business professional shares, “As the message unfolded, I was encouraged and filled with joy. The clarity of God’s word, the truth, set me free from the purposes and ambitions of this world. It became clear why God has placed us in the market place! The ‘tug-of-war’ tension between ‘making wealth’ and the ‘reasons for accumulating wealth’ has disappeared!”

“God has shown me that business professionals are today’s missionaries with a twofold purpose. Firstly, we are sent and planted in the market place as a testimony and witness. Secondly, we are to excel in the God-given ability to make wealth and support the expansion of God’s kingdom through missions”.



GAN CHEW, a business entrepreneur testifies, “I have been praying, ‘God be real to me’. Thus, when I heard Dr. Ivan preaching about the importance of continually experiencing Jesus, hearing from Him and obeying Him, I was much reaffirmed. When God is so real to you, you cannot help but know His calling! Obeying the Great Commission is not a concept. As Dr. Ivan says, we need to let people see the loving heart of Jesus! This is what reaching out means to me!”



LAI WING FAI, a retired businessman, shares that Dr. Ivan’s messages inspired new passion and faith in him to increase his giving to missions and the building of the CCC.



MAY LEE, a widowed grandmother who has been faithfully giving to God all these years testifies that she was greatly encouraged and any feelings of being burdened or obligated to give had disappeared. For her, giving has now become an even greater joy than before. +

CALVARY NEWS welcomes your testimonies on any aspect of your walk with Jesus for encouraging all Calvarites. Please email your contributions to email@calvary.org. my /drop it in the Church’s mail box, just outside the Pastors’ Lounge at Damansara Heights /send by post to Calvary News, 2 Jalan Damansara Endah, Damansara Heights 50490, Kuala Lumpur.



Top to bottom Kids take turns to share on Friday night; Engrossed in “brick”-making; Pastor Susan explains why they are making a “brick” each. **Above** Kids waving their Faith Promise Pledge Cards.

BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD A BRICK AT A TIME

BY AUDREY KUM

CHILDREN AS WELL AS ADULTS SHARE IN THE WORK OF BUILDING THE KINGDOM OF GOD IN MISSIONS.

Our emphasis for this Missions Emphasis was leading the children to be actively involved in praying, giving and serving God to bring many lives to Jesus.

The children’s Missions Emphasis programme held on Friday, 6 January 2012 was entitled *Missions ‘Rocks’*. The aim was to help the children to identify their involvement in missions that impact the world for Christ and to commit to pray, give and serve God. The avenues that our church is involved in missions were written on slips of paper and placed in ‘rocks’ made of newspaper. The children caught or picked up the ‘rocks’ that were thrown in

the air and went into groups to identify ways that these avenues can ‘rock’ or impact the world for Christ.

Through the message shared by Pastor Susan Tan, they were challenged to follow the example of Peter and Paul who obeyed God’s call and “rocked” their world for Christ. She later prayed for the children who responded that they wanted to do the same for Christ.

The children put into action what they learnt about using each finger of their hands as a guide to pray for missions and five boys and girls led their friends in prayer for those who are serving God and building His Kingdom.

On Sunday, 8 January, at all Service locations, the children were challenged

to be committed to build the Kingdom of God a brick at a time. Just like Nehemiah who built the wall in obedience to God’s direction in involving the people to pray, give and serve, the children were encouraged to build His Kingdom using the similar “tools”. They were admonished to “Stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord” (1 Corinthians 15:58a). The children made a ‘brick’ out of artcard, which they could bring home to remind them of what they had learnt that day. We thank God that those aged seven to 11 years responded by making Faith Promise pledges and those five to six years committed to give to missions via coin-box collections for the next six months. +



Leading the children to be actively involved in Missions.





10 BLESSINGS OF BELONGING TO A LIFE GROUP (LG)!

1 CLOSE-KNIT FELLOWSHIP

The LG operates regularly in a small group environment where close interaction and enriching fellowship can be enjoyed.

2 PRAYER SUPPORT

Every LG member is cared for. They receive spiritual covering from their LG Leader and prayer support from their fellow members. When prayers are answered and needs are met, the faith of members is strengthened.

3 SYSTEMATIC BIBLE STUDY

Members are nourished by the systematic teaching of God's Word through interactive discussions on a wide range of topics ranging from biblical studies to Christian living, missions & evangelism and contemporary issues. Members are disciplined to become disciple-makers.

4 ACCOUNTABILITY

The LG is a place where genuine community can be formed. It provides a safe place for members to open up and share about their struggles to trusted

individuals who are prepared to walk with them in overcoming these challenges.

5 EXERCISE OF SPIRITUAL GIFTINGS

The LG setting provides a conducive environment for members to nurture and exercise their spiritual gifts. The operation of the gifts of the Spirit edifies members and builds up the body of Christ.

6 FULFILLING GOD'S PURPOSE

The uniqueness of each individual and the function of every church member is progressively realised as the LG meets regularly to study God's Word, pray, fellowship, and reach out with the ultimate purpose of fulfilling the Great Commission.

7 POTENTIAL TO GROW IN LEADERSHIP

Recognizing the importance of raising aspiring leaders, opportunities are given for those with leadership potential to be developed as lay leaders. Talents and gifts are discovered and affirmed so that every believer finds a place of ministry in the church.

8 PASTORAL CARE

Every believer comes under spiritual leaders who are caring, credible and dedicated. The Pastoral and ministerial staff visit, call and interact with LG Leaders and members. Besides the pastoral team, sectional Leaders also interact and extend care to the respective LGs under their care.

9 REACHING POTENTIAL BELIEVERS

The setting of a LG offers warmth and hospitality, making it a conducive place to bring potential believers who are given the opportunity to hear the gospel in an environment of grace and acceptance.

10 IMPACTING THE COMMUNITY

The faith of the members is put into action by reaching their neighbourhood. Faith is kept active and growing, and this faith that is accompanied by works pleases the Lord. ✚

Come experience these blessings and more, by belonging to a LG today! Log on to www.calvary.org.my/LGministry.html for more information.

为神的荣耀而活， 一个信徒的生命

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“所以你们若真与基督一同复活，就当求在上面的事；那里有基督坐在神的右边。你们要思念上面的事，不要思念地上的事。因为你们已经死了，你们的生命与基督一同藏在神里面。基督是我们的生命，他显现的时候，你们也要与他一同显现在荣耀里”（西3:1-4）。

信徒想要为神的荣耀而活，他需要了解什么是信徒的生命。保罗以两种方法描述了信徒的生命。首先，它是一个与基督同复活的生命和生命。其次，它是一种寻求在上面的事的生命。

1 一个信徒的生命是一个与基督同复活的生命（西3:1）

一个信徒的生命是与基督的死亡和复活一同。圣经上说，“所以我们藉着洗礼归入死，和他一同埋葬，原是叫我们一举一动有新生的样式，像基督藉着父的荣耀从死里复活一样”（罗6:4）。这项关于信徒的生命的真理是以水的洗礼为象征。当你受浸的洗礼时，你是“埋”在充满水的坟墓，因为你死了。而当你从充满水的坟墓浮出来时，它象征着复活的生命！圣经说，“你们从前在过犯和未受割礼的肉体中死了，神赦免了你们一切过犯，便叫你们与基督一同活过来”（西2:13）。保罗说，“你们在过犯中死了...，他叫你们与他一同活过来！”他也在哥林多后书5:17说，“若有人在基督里，他就是新造的人，旧事已过，都变成新的了”。因此，当人们看到我们，他们看到在我们内里的基督。我们是他的见证人。

信徒确认他的肉体的本性已被钉在十字架上，他过去的罪已被赦免。你透过圣灵的能力活出基督的生命。保罗说，“我靠着那加给我力量的，凡事都能做”（腓4:13）。这就是为什么我们要向父神祈求，每天以圣灵来充满我们。靠我们自己的能力和力量来活出基督的生命，这是不可能的。

基督教的婚姻法，是至死不渝。婚姻法是在婚姻伙伴之一死亡时才不再有效。然后活着的伙伴不再受婚姻法的约束。以同样的方式，你已与亚当堕落的本性结合，一个受肉体生活方式的牵制，让你作罪的奴隶。但是当你相信并接受耶稣作你的救主时，你

向你的亚当本性死了。你不再是一个罪的奴隶，并取悦你的旧我本性。你现在有一个新的本性，它是耶稣基督的本性。

保罗这样说，“弟兄们，我现在对明白律法的人说：你们岂不晓得律法管人是在活着的时候吗？就如女人有了丈夫，丈夫还活着，就被律法约束；丈夫若死了，就脱离了丈夫的律法。所以丈夫活着，她若归于别人，便叫淫妇；丈夫若死了，她就脱离了丈夫的律法，虽然归于别人，也不是淫妇。我的弟兄们，这样说来，你们藉着基督的身体，在律法上也是死了，叫你们归于别人，就是归于那从死里复活的，叫我们结果子给神。”（罗7:1-4）。因此信徒是一个向亚当的本性是死的，并脱离了律法就可以和新的本性结合，即耶稣基督的本性。这新的本性就能“结果子”荣耀神。

问题是我们都不愿意死。这就是为什么我们不能“结果子”归荣耀给神！亚当本性唯一所属的地方是在十字架上。无死亡就没有复活。你必须先死才能有复活。耶稣从死里复活，他已经从罪恶和死亡的律中释放了你，你现在可以藉着耶稣基督享受神的恩典。圣经上说，“因为赐生命圣灵的律在基督耶稣里释放了我，使我脱离罪和死的律了”（罗8:2）。每天与基督认同，活在圣灵的能力中，你将胜过罪和死的律。

2 一个寻求在上面的事的生命

保罗挑战信徒，“你们要思念上面的事，不要思念地上的事”（西3:2）。但在前面的经文，保罗以“若”开始。这意味着信徒可以选择寻求在上面的事。保罗给的理由是：“我已经与基督同钉十字架，现在活着的不再是我，乃是基督在我里面活着；并且我如今在肉身活着，是因信神的儿子而活，他是爱我，为我舍己”（加2:20）。他还说，“因为你们已经死了，你们的生命与基督一同藏在神里面”（西3:3）。既然你死了，并与基督同复活，你不再顺从世俗的原则和亚当的本性。我们不要爱世界和世界上的事（约壹2:15）。保罗说，“思念属灵的事和有永恒价值的事”。身为基督耶稣的信徒，这是我们必须做的一种选择。

这是一个富有挑战性的生活方式，以在天上的思维，而生活在地上。一个信徒

三月份

中文聚会

日期：25-3-12

时间：下午五点正

讲题：被更新和荣耀神

地点：伯特利楼

申请浸礼及会籍

浸礼及会籍课程

日期：10-3-12 (六)

时间：下午一点半

浸礼聚会

日期：11-3-12 (日)

地点：加略山教会(大堂)

报名截止日期：22-1-12 (日)

的生命不是给懦弱，未委身，和那些不愿意接受纪律性生活的人。信徒的生命需要纪律。如果你是有纪律性为神的荣耀而活，当基督再来时你会与他在一起。保罗还说，“基督是我们的生命，他显现的时候，你们也要与他一同显现在荣耀里。”（西3:4）。

作为一个信徒，你活着是因信爱你的神儿子而活。你的生命可以改变，因为是神的能力在你里面工作。圣经教导我们，“因为随从肉体的人，体贴肉体的事；随从圣灵的人，体贴圣灵的事。体贴肉体的就是死；体贴圣灵的乃是生命平安。原来体贴肉体的，就是与神为仇，因为不服神的律法，也是不能服。而且属肉体的人不能得神的喜欢”（罗8:5-8）。当基督是你的生命，你效忠于他。你将有一个新的思维方式和基督的灵治理你，为他的荣耀而给你能力。

如果你想过一个荣耀神的生活，有一个正确的思维方式是很重要的。圣经清楚地告诉我们，只要你的思维方式是属肉体的和世俗的，你是不能讨神的喜悦，！你的思维方式决定你的态度，和你的态度会影响你的行为。圣经说，“因为他心怎样思量，他为人就是怎样”（箴言23:7）。这并不意味着你有属天的思维，而在世上没有任何用处。相反地，你在地上因有属天的思维，让你成为那些生活在黑暗中的人的光，使他们能够找到主耶稣基督为救主！

当你有一个已经成为圣洁，洗净和更新的心思，你会开始以神要你思想的方式来思想。然后就会产生改变，因为你有基督的生命和基督的心。属肉体的思维不能明白神的事情。一个信徒的生命，只有靠圣灵的能力才可能。思念神的事，祈求他教导和指示你他的道路。你要恒切地祷告。你能神的荣耀而活。✝

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MARCH 20
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Holy Communion

SUNDAY SERVICE SCHEDULE

Damansara Heights SUNDAY 8.00AM / 10.30AM	Damansara Heights SUNDAY 5.00PM	Cheras SUNDAY 9.00AM	Damansara Perdana SUNDAY 10.30AM
 Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
 Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Chan Lee Peng	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam	Senior Associate Pastor Petrina Guneratnam

Bahasa Malaysia Service

SUNDAY, 12.30PM
25 MARCH 2012

Speaker: Felisa Foo
Venue: Bethel Hall

Chinese Fellowship

SUNDAY, 5.00PM
25 MARCH 2012

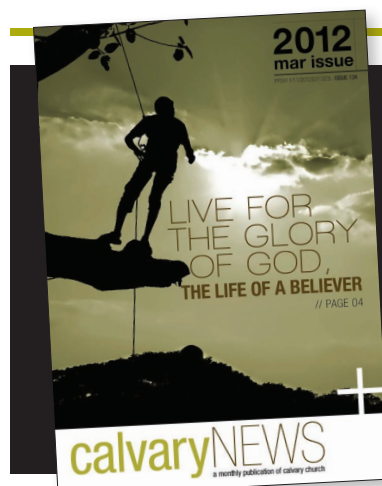
Theme: Be Renewed and Glorify God
Venue: Bethel Bungalow

Water Baptism and Membership Class

10 MARCH 2012
SATURDAY, 1.30PM

Water Baptism Service

11 MARCH 2012
SUNDAY, 10.30AM



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Be informed of what's happening in Church and get current updates of main Church events.

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POWER OF EASTER!

Good Friday Service

6 APRIL 2012
FRIDAY, 8PM

Speaker: Associate Pastor
Richard Yun
Venue: Calvary Church
Damansara Heights

Bring your loved ones and friends!

Easter Sunrise Service

8 APRIL 2012
SUNDAY, 6AM

Speaker: Senior Pastor
Prince Guneratnam
Venue: National Hockey Stadium,
Bukit Jalil

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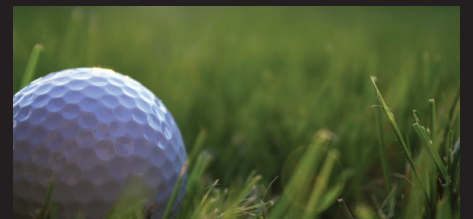
PRE-CARNIVAL EVENTS



CCC Bowling

28 APRIL 2012
SATURDAY, 2PM

Venue: Sunway Mega Lanes,
Sunway Pyramid Shopping
Complex Sunway
Contact: CCC Secretariat at
03-2095 3202



CCC Golf Tournament

11 MAY 2012
FRIDAY, 7AM

Venue: Kota Permai Golf &
Country Club, Shah Alam

Contact: CCC Secretariat at
03-2095 3202

CCC CARNIVAL

*BIGGER, BETTER & MORE
EXCITING THAN EVER BEFORE!*

30 JUNE 2012
SATURDAY

Venue: Taylor's University
Lakeside Campus, Bandar Sunway
Petaling Jaya

*Great opportunity for you and your
friends to be part of this enjoyable
fund raising event. More details coming
your way.*



30th Anniversary Celebration

8 APRIL 2012, 5.30PM

Venue: Bukit Rahman Putra Golf Club,
Sungai Buloh, Selangor



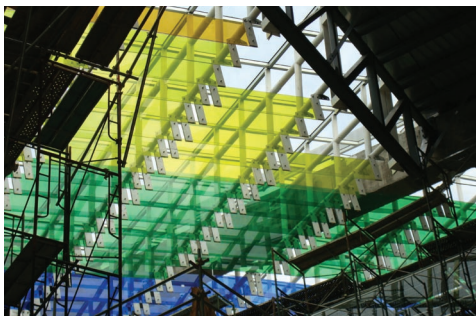
Calvary Family Camp 2012

4 - 7 JUNE 2012
MONDAY - THURSDAY

Venue: Copthorne Orchid Hotel,
Tanjung Bungah, Penang

DON'T MISS THIS CAMP!

Plan your annual leave
Plan your finances
Plan your schedule



SOON EXPECTED PHYSICAL COMPLETION OF THE CCC!

WE ANTICIPATE TO COMPLETE THE PHYSICAL CONSTRUCTION OF THE CALVARY CONVENTION CENTRE (CCC) BY THE END OF 2012 AND HOPE TO OBTAIN THE CERTIFICATE OF FITNESS (CF) BY MARCH 2013. Isn't this amazing, that we can expect to occupy the CCC, just one year away?

Praise the Lord! We are on target to complete Phase 1A comprising the reinforced concrete works, the roof and the façade and glazing works by the end of April. Following this the internal works will proceed with full speed.

Up to the end of 2011, we did not have to utilise the loan facilities from the bank. Every bill was paid for from the Church's funds. This is indeed a powerful testimony of God's faithfulness and provision! With the good progress in the CCC construction comes the need to raise the requisite financing to meet all the progress billings arising.

We are encouraged by many people who have joined hands with us in giving prayer support. Many visiting guest speakers have also taken time to pray for the CCC at the site. The latest being Dr. Colton Wickramaratne, the former General Superintendent of the Assemblies of God in Sri Lanka and Dr. Kim Sunghae Cho, wife of Dr. Cho Yonggi. Dr. Cho is the pioneer and Senior Pastor of Yoido Church in Seoul, the biggest church in the world.

Together we stand on the threshold of another vital phase in the fulfillment of the vision of Calvary Church. Let us continue to pray that the Lord will continue to provide the necessary funding for the completion of the CCC as well as help the contractors to complete their assigned work on time.

The vision of Calvary Church becomes a reality in your heart as you act in faith. ✚



Top right to bottom Façade of Prayer Tower; External overall view of the CCC from the road; Installation of the rainbow glass at the Covered Plaza; Dr. Kim prays fervently in Korean in front of the CCC cornerstone.



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