

4. THE NATION'S MIDNIGHT

The times of the Judges were a dark and confused age. The history of this period is hazily recorded as regards chronology, particularly in reference to the first period from Joshua's death to the raising up of the Judges. No one can determine how long this period was. During the end-times of the Judges, and the beginnings of the succeeding period of kings, for instance, there is a blur and indefinable interval. For example, while Saul was king, Samuel continued to exercise his judgeship. Even in David's reign there were Judges remaining as such (I Chron. 26:29). Yea, even Judah's captivity did not keep the Judges out, e.g. Ezra.

Whether the times mentioned in Chapters 17-21 belong to this period takes much investigation. If we base our judgment on Ch. 20:28, then this period belongs to the early days of the Judges. For, Phinehas the priest could not have lived half a millennium. However, from a look at the historical facts, those events verily are post-Samson. Chapters 16 and 17 seem to be two paragraphs of history written at one stretch. According to the years stated in Acts 13:19,20 this page of history should come into the purview of Eli's forty years. Again, from all the historical facts which show an old and groping leadership in Eli, all the more it must be concluded that the stark, beastly events in Chapters 17-21 fit neatly with the Eli era.

The last page of the period of the Judges is Israel's midnight. The wheel of these times was bogged down more and more in the mud that no extrication seemed possible. The downgrade morality of these times seemed beyond retrieval. It is unbelievable that God's chosen race could have sunken to such depths. Although a dim light had filtered faintly out of the darkness, this dim light was of no avail in those days. It could not pierce the gross darkness, for "every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Why did the national morality fall to such a depth? According to the historian the only reason was this: "There was no king in Israel in those days." This situation was like a wheel without axle. This sentence is repeated four times and in the same words is the conclusion to the Book. Yes, the people's morality had sunken to its nadir. For, the seeds of crime were not only scattered through the whole society but its influence had also gripped the people's hearts. This evil penetrated even into the echelons of the religions and political leadership upon whom the destiny of the people hung. Is it not so? Is there not Eli on whose shoulders was placed the religious and the political leadership? But what a good-for-nothing was he! His two sons, also priests, were the worst of culprits, avaricious and lustful. Could such atrocities become the leaders of a people? No wonder the historian calls this a period of anarchy. There is no more suitable than the word "luan" (confusion) to describe the situation of those times.

The crumbling of the national morality was a stark and overall fact. For with the degeneration of the leadership and the loss of confidence by the people, anarchy reigned. Since the people had lost the core of leadership, they became an unruly mob without any restraint. Was Israel really without a king in those days? Facts speak louder than words, had Israel any sense of responsibility, they would not argue merely they had a king or not. How say they had no king? Jehovah the Lord of hosts was their king! Although even Jehovah's vicars, those in high places of leadership, had also gone down the drain with the rest, the Israelites as a whole could give no excuse. For they had themselves discarded the Lord which resulted in their discarding of God's servants. The fall of the ecclesiastical leadership at that time was partly due to themselves and partly to the national morale. This is clearly seen in Israel's request of Gideon to be their governor, but Gideon's reply was unequivocally stated, "The Lord shall rule over you." Truly this word is like a scalpel that cuts into the core of the prevalent sickness, for the people of that age had plunged to a new low in their religious concept. Nor would they accede to this kind of statement. As the historical record tells us, they forsook the Lord and would not want Him to be their king, less would they accept His supreme rulership (I Sam. 8:7; 10:18-19; 12:12)! To them theocracy was a degenerate system. Without a visible king like those of the surrounding nations, they were not keeping with the modernity of the times. The result of keeping up with the Joneses was their throwing off of Jehovah's cords of love. From the pinnacle of theocracy they plunged into the depths of human government. A downgrade movement of God's chosen people back into heathenism! The fruit of this backsliding was the great sin of lawlessness and anarchy, which grew from

bad to worse, generation after generation. This was the end-result of a life in circles: "In those days there was no king in Israel: every man did that which was right in his own eyes." Apart from this verdict to the dark history of the 450 years, can we find any better word to conclude this Book?

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8 p.m. FEK Com. Meeting at the Parsonage.
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.
Wed. 8.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Day of Prayer at Queen Astrid Park.
Thurs. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Evening Class (Dr. Tan).
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow at Jurong Anniversary.

Sunday Lunch Roster: See Siew Hong, Low Soo Kiong, Wong Tiew Yah, Koh Tai San, Kim Neo.

Deacon Teo Soon Hock has returned from Oslo since New Year's Eve!

The New Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee is called to meet at the parsonage,

Mon. Jan. 6 8 p.m. (Members are: Rev. Tow, Elders Seow and Tan, Mrs. Annie Tan, Messrs. Eio Eng Hua, Willie Seah and Mahadevan).

TANJUNG PINANG BAPTISMS at Life Church Chinese Service last week: 1. Madam Tan Hui-Meng; 2. Tan Kee Heng; 3. Tan Kee Tiang; 4. Tan Kee Choo - the wife and children of Mr. Tan Soon Liang.

REV. TAN PENG KOEN, after a sojourn of two-and-a-half months at F.E.B.C. for medical treatment is leaving us Mon. Jan. 6.

MADAM CHUA SEET KIM HUAY, 86, mother of Bro. Kim Soo and T.S. Chua, etc., was called home peacefully last Lord's Day morning. Funeral on Tues. Dec. 31 was officiated by Rev. Quek, Tow, Yap Koh Hu and Yeoh Chak Sin of Kelantan.

Life Church S.S. Officers for 1975:

Gen. Supt. Elder Edmund Tay, Sec. George Tan, Treasurer William Teo.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wang (Susan Quek) on the gift of a daughter on Christmas Day, 1974.

REV. & MRS. JOHN E. GRAULEY send greetings to F.E.B.C. and Readers. Their address: 42, Pin Oak Drive, Telford, Pa. 18969, U.S.A.

KULAI BESAR. After 8 months of "experiment" outreach, it is deemed best to organise a weekly Y.F. meeting with Bible study as its emphasis. The title deeds of the 1680 sq. ft. corner-house property are finalised. The payment for 2 years assessment is below \$100.

MR. LIEW HON SENG has returned from Miri, Sarawak to visit his family in K.L. He is pastor to a Gospel Hall congregation of 100.

LOGOS TRAGEDY. A VW returning from India via Yugoslavia collided head-on with a truck and 4 OMers were immediately taken to be with the Lord: Chris and Hillevi Begg, Sharon Brown and Jay Sunaday.

MOSES' PSALM OF LIFE

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place,
From age to age our rampart.
Before the hills were ever born,
Everlasting God Thou art!
A thousand years before Thy sight
Fly as a watch in the night.

When Thou dost turn man into dust,
He fades away like the grass.
The days of our years are seventy,
Eighty years could hardly pass.
All our strength is sweat and sorrow
All our health fleeting shadow.

Our secret sins before Thee lay.
With Thy mercy satisfy.
So teach us to number our days,
To wisdom our hearts apply.
Through days of toil and affliction
May Thy grace 'pon us be shone.

Lord, Thou hast been our dwelling place,
From age to age our rampart.
Before the hills were ever born,
Everlasting God Thou art!
Be Thou our strength from year to year,
Till 'fore Thy face we appear.

LORD'S DAY I

1. Q. What is your only comfort in life and death?
A. That I, with body and soul, both in life and death, am not my own, but belong unto my faithful Savior Jesus Christ; who with His precious blood has fully satisfied for all my sins, and delivered me from all the power of the devil, and so preserves me that without the will of my heavenly Father not a hair can fall from my head; yea, that all things must be subservient to my salvation, wherefore by His Holy Spirit He also assures me of eternal life, and makes me heartily willing and ready, henceforth, to live unto Him.
2. Q. How many things are necessary for you to know, that you in this comfort may live and die happily?
A. Three; the first, how great my sins and misery are; the second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; the third, how I am to be thankful to God for such deliverance.

Fritz Shuler and Frank Fortunato (fiance of Sharon) the survivors are recovering and need our special prayers. These six OMers have all stayed one time or another at the FEBC. The Logos is due back in Singapore in April. 50,000 tracts left behind by the Logos are available for free distribution.

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Chapter II

A SHINING LIGHT IN A DARK AGE
(Ruth)

The Book of Ruth introduces itself to the reader to be a page from the times of the Judges. But to what stage of history does it belong? When we read the genealogy in the last chapter we can easily visualise it. Amminadab was Aaron's father-in-law. Boaz was of the same generation as Aaron's grandson Phinehas. Boaz was the son of Rahab the Jericho harlot whom Salmon married after entering Canaan. From these facts Ruth should belong to the early or middle pages of the times of the Judges. If we compare Judges 2:15 with Ch. 1:1 of this Book we have no shadow of doubt.

From the story of this Book we can see that Israel's basic characteristics were not absolutely bad. That Israel should go from bad to worse till she became a black mess in the last days of the Judges was due to the allurements from heathen tribes. "As green comes from blue and excels it," the Israelites out-paced the gentile nations in going into sin. However, in the early days of the Judges, all those events akin to the account of this Book should gain Heaven's favour in contrast with the apostasy of latter days. For this reason the historical record of this Book is a must, and writings of this nature also a must. Such records occupy an extremely important position in a period of turmoil, for they not only could implore Heaven's favour but also restore man's heart. Hence, some regard this Book to be the work of Samuel with the view of rousing and saving the people of the latter days, inasmuch as Judges was composed earlier as a warning. These were a mirror of themselves and material for revival-preaching to the people. Putting the facts (of history) together in contrast is far more effective than any treatise.

Ruth is a description of life during the earlier times of Judges, a totally different picture from the living conditions during the latter part - two contrasting vignettes portraying two ways of Israelite life of the same period. Ruth paints Israel's exhibiting her "human nature". Judges paints of her "animal nature", especially during the times of the last few chapters when little "human nature" was left. From this viewpoint Israel's apostasy was rapid like the outburst of a flood, like a man hopelessly falling.

Although this Book gives merely a brief account of a family's history, it presents a sufficient picture of Israel's social conditions in its day. What may be seen from this family was the true self of Israel as a whole. From the previous account we know this Book to be a historical supplement to Judges than merely its intermezzo. And should it be regarded merely as a historical record, we would rather consider it as a drama - to be more impressional and interesting.

This drama consists of four acts. Ruth is the chief actor in this drama. Next to her are Naomi and Boaz. The drama spins around Ruth thus: The first act is her Dependence Lost. The second is her Serving the Mother-in-Law. The third act is Seeking a Husband. The fourth is Re-marriage. Opening as a tragedy, the drama closes in a comedy.

Ruth, an outlandish girl of the Moabite race was Naomi's younger daughter-in-law. Now, Naomi's husband, if he was not a rich man, was at least quite well-to-do. Owing to the man-made tribulations and heaven-sent disasters in those days, they were obliged to seek a way out in Moab. They lived in a foreign country for ten years. They had two sons who married Moabite girls, an indication of the prevalence of Israel's intermarriages at that time. Very unfortunately, as all good things come to an end and blessings come not in pairs, they were soon overtaken by misery. Naomi's husband and her two sons died one after the other, leaving behind three widows. From the account we can conclude that the two foreign daughters-in-law were "virtuous women". Especially Ruth, surely she was one not easy to find. A commoner, yet no commoner was she. She could not bear leaving her mother-in-law now all hopeless and forlorn. She determined at all costs to follow her to a new land and resolved to "keep her chasity like jade" to serve her mother to the end. Under the circumstances, any lesser woman would have failed to carry through. Here is manifestation of the national morality at her zenith. Should it not shame us, God's sons and daughters, to the ground?

Ruth not only was willing to go through thick and thin with her mother-in-law, but also absolutely self-denying in her daughter's status. She was not lacking in every other virtue - loyalty, filial piety, temperance, dutifulness. Moreover, we can see yet another kind of virtue in her, and that was her implicit obedience to her mother-in-law in a most effacing errand. She was also possessed with a strong will

and a clear-cut judgment between good and evil.

Let us see when her mother-in-law pleaded with her to return with her sister-in-law to their home and country this is what she vowed: "Intreat me not to leave thee, or to return from following after thee: for whither thou goest I will go and where thou lodgest I will lodge: thy people shall be my people and thy God my God. Where thou diest, will I die, and there will I be buried: the Lord do so to me, and more also, if ought but death part thee and me." From this we can see with what persevering and noble spirit she was imbued, yea, with what extraordinary farsightedness. For she had the sure knowledge that Naomi's country was her country and Naomi's God her God. She had obtained this best portion of treasure and she would not lightly let it go. How could she return to her home country to relive her old life again? So she felt that apart from death nothing would separate her from her treasure. Nor can this prevent us from considering that this decision was due also to Naomi's good motherly influence. Truly, as Heaven fails not the good-hearted, Ruth and Naomi were finally blessed with a peaceful and beautiful end who braved every trial and refused the pleasures of sin to return to God's embrace. That she has been blessed with "more kindness in the latter end than at the beginning" was no chance happening.

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Evening Class
(Rev. Paauwe),
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 3.00 p.m. F.E.B.C. Gospel Outreach.
Thurs. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Evening Class
(Dr. Tan).
Fri. 4 p.m. Rev. Tow & Co. to Kulai.
Sat. 2 p.m. Session's party to Masai.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Mr. Lai Chong Kai,

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Doreen Lee, Sim Mong Heng, Elgin Tay, Alice Khoo, Mak Pek Wan, Angelia Poon, Gary Chia.

Apportionment of Christmas Offerings:

\$1,000 each to Jurong and Kelapa Sawit B.F., \$1,000 to Mother Church, Prinsep Street, \$500+ from Y.F. to F.E.B.C. students, \$500 to "electronic equipment", remainder to needy members.

Madam Chua Seet Kim Huay. Condolence gifts amounted to over \$3,000 which is apportioned to 11 churches of which Life's share is \$300. \$100 each to Galilee, Kelapa Sawit and Jurong B.F. was designated before her death.

Far Eastern Kindergarten. The newly constituted Committee are: Rev. Tow, Supervisor; Dr. Patrick Tan, Sec.; Mr. Eio Eng Hua, Treasurer; Elder Seow Chong Pin, Mr. Willie Seah, Mr. E. Mahadevan.

Far Eastern Bible College has admitted 6 students for the new semester, viz; 3 from Taiwan, 2 Singapore, 1 Malaysia. Evening classes, Epistles of Peter and Personal Evangelism by Rev. Paauwe and Life of Christ by Dr. Tan are open to the public. "Like a Mighty Army", a film on evangelism, will be shown Mon. evening, Jan. 20. KULAI BESAR: A two-man team, one for the English and the other for the Chinese sections is being formed from F.E.B.C. students to keep the Gospel work going in the new year.

JESUS CHRIST (SUPERSTAR NO.1) SON OF GOD is a folk Christian musical presented by Life Singers (Prinsep St.) at Singapore Conference Hall, Jan. 17, 1975, 8.00 p.m. Tickets at \$2, \$3 and \$5 are obtainable by phoning Mr. Lim/Miss Poon, 34571.

LORD'S DAY II

3. Q. Whence do you know your misery?

A. Out of the law of God.

4. Q. What does the law of God require of us?

A. Christ teaches that in a summary, Matt. 22:37 - 40, Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second like unto it is this, Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. On these two commandments the whole law hangeth, and the prophets.

5. Q. Can you keep all this perfectly?

A. In no wise; for I am prone by nature to hate God and my neighbour.

BLOW YE THE TRUMPET, BLOW! T.H. 392

The gladly solemn sound
Let all the nations know,
To earth's remotest bound:

Chorus:

The year of jubilee is come,
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home;
Return, ye ransomed sinners, home

Jesus, our great High Priest,
Hath full atonement made;
Ye weary spirits, rest;
Ye mournful souls, be glad:

Extol the Lamb of God;
The sacrificial Lamb;
Redemption through his blood
Throughout the world proclaim:

Ye slaves of sin and hell,
Your liberty receive;
And safe in Jesus dwell,
And blest in Jesus live:

Ye who have sold for nought
Your heritage above,
Receive it back unbought,
The gift of Jesus' love:

The gospel trumpet hear,
The news of heav'nly grace;
And, saved from earth, appear
Before your Saviour's face.

Chapter II (continued)
A SHINING LIGHT IN A DARK AGE
(Ruth)

Nevertheless there is one matter that surprises us. How is it that oftentimes "the children of this world are in their generation wiser than the children of light." How is it that in many things some unbelievers have greater faith and virtue than believers? In days of yore was there not a Gentile centurion of Capernaum whose great faith drew admiration from the Lord Jesus? Said He to His followers, "Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel." Conversely there are the so-called believers who in comparison with the unbelievers are by far the worse. This is seen in Jesus' continuing heart-breaking comment, "And I say unto you, that many shall come from the east and from the west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth." (Mat. 8:10-12). Indeed, it was from among the Gentiles that a girl like Ruth was found, while from amongst the Israelites has arisen that "shameful drama" of Judges 19. Yea, even the priest, the only-one appointed religious leader, had also committed fornication with the women who came to serve at the tabernacle entrance. Is it not a fact that we have often heard of what many a pastor's son has done, exceeding the evil of many unbelievers. While on the other hand there are many devout idolaters who upon conversion to the Lord have immediately cooled off from idolatry. In this paradoxical and topsy-turvy world, we can see countless paradoxical and topsy-turvy events. But, basing on the words of Christ we know that it was not without reason that Ruth and her second mother-in-law Rahab were listed in the sacred genealogy.

Although the Israelite society was entered into a state of dark anarchy not all her people were corrupt. So, with Ruth and Naomi, Boaz deserves mention. We cannot help commending him, this "rich ruler" from among so many unrighteous ones who can hardly enter the Kingdom of heaven. What a generous succourer of the poor, an ardent lover of God and an honest recipient of men was he! How rare a specimen of chastity, discipline, faithfulness and dutifulness! Through him we cannot help but congratulate Ruth in her final triumph over a life of bitter struggles in getting such a husband of her dreams. What a wonderful match with all the blessings of heaven! This extraordinary couple, the illustrious ancestors of the Glorious Prince, deserves our praises and congratulations. If to Naomi we say she has been adequately consoled, all the more we need to give a final salute to this virtuous couple. Amidst a world of confusion we see in this biographical sketch a rose among thorns, a shining light in a dark age!

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RENOVATIONS TO GOD'S HOUSE AT GILSTEAD ROAD

Since our Church and College were built in 1962-3 the Lord has preserved His House in a remarkable way, considering the extent the buildings have been put to use without a break, day after day. Apart from the regular services held on Sunday by Life, Life Mandarin-Teochew Service and Galilee, there is day-to-day use of all premises by the Far Eastern Bible College and Kindergarten. Our Church and College are also open to frequent use for weddings, while half-a-dozen youth groups outside our own find shelter here for their religious activities, Fridays and Saturdays. Two guest rooms offer ever-ready hospitality to passing through pastors and missionaries, the Bogos personnel, etc. and one room is used by the Christian National Servicemen as an office.

Seeing that our Church auditorium was long overdue for a facelift two years ago, Mr. T. C. Eng (our present contractor and regular worshipper) volunteered to have the interior whitewashed and the 75-foot steeple repainted. It was a month-long, painstaking job, costing easily several thousand dollars, but our Church paid nothing for it!

The decision to renovate fully both Church and College was made eight months ago when our application to add an extension behind the Church was rejected.

During this period we have white-washed the College facade overlooking the new car park, built a retaining wall, repaired the church roof over the S.S. library which leaked badly, paved a stretch of kindergarten road, built one big storeroom for College and Sunday Lunch, renovated the cook's quarters, turned a staircase storeroom into a living quarters, built shelves for the bookroom, extracted four storerooms out of the annex staircase surplus spaces, built a brick enclosure for drying clothes, constructed art-walls around the gardens, installed two new sets of stone tables and benches, renovated the kindergarten's old sand-pit, etc., etc. With many renovations and innovations still ahead for the beautifying of God's House and the increase of facilities for every group of users, (e.g. we need another four sets of stone tables, benches and stools to cater to the increasing numbers at Sunday Lunch), don't you think the time has come for members and users to give something toward the costs? Though they run into ten-thousands, this is nothing in the light of enjoyment received by hundreds per week.

The records of renovations made on God's House in the Old Testament are plentiful. Read what King Joash in II Kings 12 and II Chron. 24 did, for example, in carrying out the extensive repairs and how the Lord was pleased. Read about David's desire to build the Lord a House in I Chron. 17 and how Nathan the prophet reciprocated in blessing him, "The Lord will build thee an house." There is no work undertaken for our Saviour that will not be blessed.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Class.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Class.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family worship at home of Elder and Mrs. Seow, 7, Lily Ave.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Sunday Lunch Roster: G.L.T.D.

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism (Mar. 30) begins today!

The Annual Congregational Meeting is called to meet Feb. 2 immediately after service.

1975 Officers of LCYF: Peter Quek, president, Sim Mong Eng, Vice-pres., Lim Chwee Eng, sec., Doreen Lee, treas., Elgin Tay, Hwang Meei Yun, Rosie Leong, Fam Chee Min, Judith Loke.

Three(3) more sets of stone tables and benches and stools will complete our full installation of garden furniture. Who'll give a set at \$160?

KELAPA SAWIT B.F. With Life Church Christmas offering it adds up to \$11,215.00!

JURONG B.F. exceeds \$7,600 (with \$1,000 loaned by Life Church).

KULAI BESAR. The weekly children and young people gospel work is now committed to Joseph Tang and Wong Song Lai, F.E.B.C. students.

CAPTAIN AND MRS. BJORN KRISTIANSEN visited shortly before sailing to Balikpapan. Praise God that their visas are approved.

"IT SHALL NOT RETURN UNTO ME VOID" (Isa. 55:11). Five years after the Bob Wells Crusade (1970) when tracts of Christian Literature Centre were distributed, 5 young people have written to the Centre to join its Bible Course. They are aged 11, 13, 15, 17. Their names are given to the GLTD for follow-up.

LORD'S DAY III

6.Q. Did God, then, create man so wicked and perverse?

A. By no means; but God created man good, and after His own image; that is, in true righteousness and holiness, that he might rightly know God his Creator, heartily love Him, and live with Him in eternal blessedness to praise and glorify Him.

7.Q. Whence, then, comes this depraved nature of man?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise, whereby our nature became so corrupt that we all are conceived and born in sin.

8.Q. But are we so corrupt that we are wholly incapable of doing any good, and inclined to all evil?

A. Yes, indeed; unless we are regenerated by the Spirit of God.

SEND OUT THY LIGHT AND THY TRUTH, let

them lead me;
O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.
Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me;
O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.
O let them lead me, O let them lead me,
O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.

Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting;
O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.
Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting;
O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.
O do Thou lead me, O do Thou guide me,
O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.

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"LIKE A MIGHTY ARMY" is a film on evangelism to be shown by Rev. Paauwe for the Personal Evangelism Class, Mon. night, Jan. 20. All Welcome!

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Chapter III

THREE FOUNDING HEROES OF THE NATION

Section I Distinguished Beginnings

(I Samuel)

The Books of Samuel were one volume, without division, in the ancient Hebrew scrolls. They are the records of the early history of the founding of the monarchy. Among the chief characters in the building of the kingdom are Samuel and Saul and in Second Samuel it is David, another eminently important personage in the founding of the monarchy - for it was not until David that the monarchy had begun to properly take shape. Now while II Samuel is all about David's life and work, I Samuel which takes half the length of the whole volume is also on the acts of David, so that to make a division of the volume seems incongruous. For the present we will go along with the traditional division.

In writing Judges the author has observed that during its darkest days there remained still a faint glimmer of light. Although this glimmer of light failed to shine through the extremely dark situation, little rays of light, however, flickered in the hearts of men. For example, there is that old man of Gibeah in Chapter 19 in whose heart was nurtured a little of the national morality. In Chapter 21 we see also a small minority of the people who still held strong religious convictions - although these were brought to the surface by force of circumstances. The clearest manifestation, however, has come from the natural radiance of Samuel's mother's faith. That revival came to Israel at the closing stages of the Judges no doubt was due to God's power in Samuel's life. But the motivation behind Israel's revival must be traced to the womb of Samuel's mother, even to the nurture of her warm tears. If we commend Samuel we must all the more commend his mother. For her to be called "the mother of national revival" is no overstatement.

In telling the story of Samuel's origin, it behoves the narration of a little of this fellow Eli. An old good-for-nothing of a leader, what shall be told of him? Well, it is from his good-for-nothingness that there has arisen such an eminent character as Samuel. Secondly, it is under Priest Eli's tutelage that young Samuel was nurtured, for by his mother's vow to Jehovah, he had become a Nazirite. That he should later become such a commanding personality was, no doubt, in great measure, due to the tension of the times. That he was directly taught of God and basically nurtured by his mother's upbringing was a matter of course. However, the national degeneracy, the people's poverty, the social darkness, the lack of leadership, had all deeply affected him. Particularly was the boy's tender spirit outraged by what he saw and heard in the temple precincts of Eli's failings and his sons' debauchery. These upheavals within led him to doubt, and to a passion for knowledge. This passion for knowledge led him to a treasure house of materials. Under his mother's teaching and the Lord's direct revelations, the result was the coming to the turning point of his life and the laying of foundations for a life-long ministry. No doubt the Lord had endowed him with extraordinary wisdom and predestined upon him the difficult work of reviving the nation. Before Eli's death the future lifework of this young man was recognised. Who did not know at this time that the "super-boy" was the Lord's chosen and talented prophet?

After Eli's death, Israel went through two decades of bitter suffering. The Ark, centre of their worship, was taken by the uncircumcised, whereby the people were plunged into a darkest "ichabod". Without a head their suffering and oppression under the Philistines were even more telling. Fortunately their extreme sufferings like Pharaoh's cruelty became the timely medicine that healed that national disease. Moved by the flood-tide of nationalism and patriotism, Samuel led the people in a new wave of revolution. The mantle of national revival was upon him. At this time he assumed the sacred duties of both prophet and judge. Riding up the crest of the people's restlessness, he called a national assembly to which he delivered a stirring speech. He called the whole nation to a thorough self-examination to sweep away every obstacle against this national revolution, that they might become a purified "chosen people of God" as never before. Thus might the foundations of the national revolution be laid. It was after that he had gathered the nation together into one unified power that the war of resistance against foreigners was launched - to sweep away every foreign oppression, to retrieve lost territories, to complete a century of national salvation work, to restore the glory of "the chosen people." This mighty, epochal revival movement became a beacon of history and raised

Jehovah's chosen people to an honourable position.

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Wed. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Jurong.

Fri. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Kulai.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Worship & Lord's Supper.

11.15 a.m. Congregational Meeting.

4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Sim Mong Heng, Doreen Lee, Elgin Tay, Mak Pek Wan, Alice Khoc, Angelia Poon & Gary Chia.

Acknowledgement: A special gift of \$200 from a regular worshipper to Church, and \$160 from a S.S. member for one set of stone table and stools. Mr. Peter Tan is our new choir master as he begins to train young people after service. They hope to present an Easter cantata.

OBITUARY: Madam Tow Mok Fong, 75, mother of Mrs. Jacob Huang (Loo Keng Eng) was peacefully called home Tues.

Jan. 21. In God's providence the Huangs were arrived in Taiwan from U.S.A. at that time, so that they were able to come speedily for the funeral.

Thurs. Jan. 23. A "Farewell Service" was held at Life Church Garden, Gilstead Road. Rev. Tow officiated with Rev. K.C. Quek interpreting. Other ministers assisting were the Revs. Edward Paauwe, Tai Po-fu and Ho Yew Sam. The Lord is great in withholding a heavy downpour until the service ended.

DR. & MRS. JACOB HUANG may be contacted at 111A Amber Road or 11B Queen Astrid Park. Hear Dr. Huang at Life Church Service this Lord's Day as he tells of his Christian Student work in Baltimore the last few years.

YUNIKO, a stirring Gospel Film on the conversion of a Japanese girl, will be shown at F.E.B.C. Hall, Fri., Feb. 7, 7.30 p.m. All welcome.

INTEREST EARNING is a Biblical way to expand God's Kingdom. Jurong has received \$3,000 free loans to add to her fixed deposit to earn for the B.F.

MR. DAVID WONG'S (now in U.K.) father has received Christ and is now worshipping regularly at Life Church Chinese Service.

MISS ADELINE CHAR is expected in Singapore during Chinese New Year.

REV. C.T. HSU. Thank you for your regular supply of latest theological books.

CHILD EVANGELISM will hold an 11-week course at F.E.B.C., May 19 - August 1, 1975. About six FEBCers have registered.

THE PRESBYTERY STANDING COMMITTEE (all pastors) is meeting at the F.E.B.C. library this Lord's Day, Jan. 26, 8 p.m.

LORD'S DAY IV

9. Q. Does not God, then, wrong man by requiring of him in His law that which he cannot perform?

A. Not at all; for God made man capable of performing it; but man, through the instigation of the devil, by his own wilful disobedience, deprived himself and all his posterity of these gifts.

10. Q. Will God suffer such disobedience and apostasy to go unpunished?

A. By no means; but He is terribly displeased with our original as well as actual sins; and will punish them by a just judgment temporally and eternally, as He has declared, Cursed is every one who continueth not in all things that are written in the book of the law, to do them.

11. Q. Is, then, God not also merciful?

A. God is indeed merciful, but He is also just, therefore His justice requires that sin which is committed against the most high majesty of God, be also punished with extreme, that is, with everlasting punishment of body and soul.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

Go into the world, into all the wide world,

And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing soul,

And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing soul.

For you I have sent into all the wide world,

And you shall be my witnesses from Jerusalem. (2)

But first receive power, the Spirit of God,

And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all the earth,

And you'll go through Judea, Samaria, all the earth.

Go ye into all, into all nations,

And make them My disciples, and baptise them for Me,

And teach them all My Word, for I'm with you to the end.

KULAI BESAR affords a wonderful outreach of the Gospel to the regions beyond. Work is done in Chinese and English. About 30 young people came to the Chinese meeting and 8 to the English Bible Class this week. Any reader interested in this work please inform before Friday for a seat. Kulai Besar is our farthest point reached every week from Singapore.

SARIMBUN. The tarmac road to the gospel station is further extended.

Chapter III

THREE FOUNDING HEROES OF THE NATION

Section I Distinguished Beginnings

(I Samuel) - (continued)

But man is after all a forgetful creature. After several decades Israel apostatised again. They clean forgot the salvation grace of their God. Being steeped in worldliness they could no more manifest their sacred and high office as "a priestly kingdom and a holy nation" to win the heathen tribes.

Rather they followed their heathen ways. Their elders presumptuously forsook the Lord and directly demanded of Samuel to make a king to rule over them "like all the nations." This request could have provoked the veteran hero to death. All his meritorious service and life-achievements were soon to be swept away by this monarchical movement. Were it not for the Lord's consolation he could have so despaired as to leave the people to themselves and departed heavenwards.

Why was Samuel so adverse to their demand for a king? He had seen long ago the corruption of the monarchical system, the shortest cut to the chosen people's unbelief. He deeply recognised that the theocracy was a special system for the Lord's Chosen. It was their special rights, never to be forsaken. But now they were looking for trouble "like all the nations" and adding upon themselves unnecessary sorrows. But they did not respect Samuel's word at all and became all the more adamant over the original plan. They forced Samuel to make them a king which should lead them into heathenism and ultimate apostasy. Thereafter Samuel obtained Jehovah's approval, "Hearken unto their voice, and make them a king." Hereat the decision to establish a monarchy for Israel was taken - from a dream it had now become a fact. Although it was a backward step the Lord had taken vis-a-vis Israel, it was by no means God's defeat. Conversely speaking, this was God's original plan, for the Lord had seen long ago Israel's steep inclination to worldliness. Therefore, as early as Abraham, in the Hebron Covenant, there was written beforehand this promise, "And I will make nations of thee, and kings shall come out of thee." This was in order that the Chosen People might learn the monarchical system, a transition to the future Messianic Kingdom. In a word, no matter how clever Israel was in changing her form, she could little get away from the Lord's inscrutable decree.

Now we enter into the stage of looking for the man. In no time there was found in Saul a champion, head and shoulders above the crowd. As to qualifications, he stood alone without a competition. He was the son of a "rich man" or a "mighty man of valour." He was a giant among dwarfs, noble of physique and handsome of appearance. He carried himself with goodly and gentle manners. He loved his country with all earnestness. Not only was he an all-rounder in brain and brawn, but also a paragon of loyalty and filial piety. Moreover, seeing that he was a deeply religious man and he was soon to be made the first king, the Lord therefore put him to special training. He endued him with "His Spirit," "gave him another heart" and "turned him into another man." He rose from laity to saint, and contrary to expectations, was numbered with the prophets. In short, in him was concentrated every virtue and goodness. Truly, he was a super man. To make such a man the first king of Israel was an honour Israel could boast about everywhere. Moreover, before he ascended the throne, opportunity was given him to prove himself. With one stroke he succeeded and received the whole nation's applause. His life's career was thereby established. (to be continued)

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JASON LINN AND THE FORGOTTEN WAR HEROES

When I recall my school days and the poppy flowers even we students were asked to buy on Armistice Day which was November 11, the day World War I ended, I seem to see Jason Linn, veteran Christian soldier, among the forgotten war heroes who made those crimson flowers for sale. There was a Day, indeed, when those old warriors returned home to a Heroes' Welcome, but after that they were consigned to old peoples' homes to make poppies. Many a missionary hero, like Jason Linn, is quickly forgotten - and left to die an old soldier's death. Were it not that

Jason Linn has authored several books, he would not even come up for mention with the forgotten World War I soldiers.

As I come to the climax of my series of four messages on the four-point programme of the Great Commission - Jesus' marching orders to the Church - and my message today is on "Missions," I'm making an appeal, without apology, quite out of the ordinary. Instead of asking for young people to give their lives to preaching Christ in a far-off land, I'm asking Readers to remember an old forgotten missionary. Instead of asking for offerings to finance some high-sounding missionary project, I'm stirring your conscience to pay a gospel debt, to one who gave the best 15 years of his life to the Dyaks in the deepest jungles of East Borneo.

But, it won't be a-begging for charity. Jason Linn, praise God, has made better things than flowers. He has written a book that fadeth not away, "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo." First published in Chinese two decades ago, it has gone through a second edition and soon there'll be another reprint. The same book is translated into English with a first printing of 6,000, and a second is coming out this year - despite the recession.

Not in the least a book-selling stunt, here is an offer by the translator to the Reader to do something together for Jason by disseminating his book. The idea behind it is to win more young people for the mission field through you who can afford to pay for it. All proceeds, however, will go to Jason Linn as a Chinese New Year angpow. Now if you buy one copy it is \$2.50, but \$20 will get you ten. This you can use to distribute to ten young people and perhaps one will give his or her life to Christ! The money you give serves a double good - it will benefit not only some young life but go to cheer an old missionary as well.

I shall repeat this Appeal until we reach \$500 or H.K. \$1,000, for Jason Linn is now retired in Hong Kong. "Kong Hee Fatt Choy" is to give an angpow to a forgotten missionary like Jason Linn! - T. Tow.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting.

Fri. 7.30 p.m. "Yuniko", a Gospel Film, at F.E.B.C. Hall. All Welcome.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Mrs. Pei of Canada.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye and Richard Lim.

Inspiring Hymns. A good stock has arrived from U.S.A. Please get yours from Mr. Willie Seah.

Angpows for Renovation of God's House

Every year we celebrate Chinese New Year not without an angpow for the Lord. This year it is suggested we give to the repair and renovation of the Church, College and gardens. While the Kindergarten has paid some \$6,000 towards the costs, the Church and S.S. have an equal responsibility. Our target now is \$3,000 to say the least! Offerings may be handed either to Elder Seow or the pastor, or at the worship Feb. 9 & 16.

Greetings are received from John Lim (U.S.A.) and Anne Cheang, Logos, India. KELAPA SAWIT B.F. Received \$100 from Galilee.

KULAI BESAR. About 30 young people came to the Chinese meeting while 8 attended the English Bible Class. One tamil child was counselled by our Indonesian student. Praise God for a good supply team each week! Why not join us?

LORD'S DAY V

12. Q. Since, then, by the righteous judgment of God we deserve temporal and eternal punishment, is there no way by which we may escape that punishment and be again received into favor?

A. God will have His justice satisfied; therefore we must make full satisfaction to the same, either by ourselves, or by another.

13. Q. But can we ourselves make this satisfaction?

A. By no means; on the contrary, we daily increase our debt.

14. Q. Can there be found anywhere a mere creature able to satisfy for us?

A. None; for, first, God will not punish any other creature for the sin which man has committed; and, further, no mere creature can sustain the burden of God's eternal wrath against sin, and deliver others from it.

15. Q. What manner of mediator and deliverer, then, must we seek?

A. One who is a true and righteous man, and yet more powerful than all creatures; that is, one who is withal true God.

MARTIN LUTHER SAID:

"I am much afraid that universities will prove to be the great gates of hell, unless they diligently labor in explaining the Holy Scriptures, and engraving them in the hearts of youth. I advise no one to place his child where the Scriptures do not reign paramount. Every institution in which men are not unceasingly occupied with the Word of God must become corrupt."

Chapter III

THREE FOUNDING HEROES OF THE NATION

Section I Distinguished Beginnings

(I Samuel) - (continued)

After Saul had founded the kingdom and capital at Gilgal, Samuel, now advanced in age, gladly retired. But before doing so he called a general assembly to announce retirement. In his retirement speech what arrests our attention is his declaration of an honest career from youth to old age. Throughout his life he had given of his best for country and people. No selfish motive or endeavour could be found in him. As he retired to his own house he was indeed quite penniless. He could honestly say he had not abused his office. Since he had neither robbed the people nor hurt any of them, he could call heaven and earth, yea, all the people gathered before him, to testify to the same. Moreover, as he closed his speech, he repeatedly iterated his deep concern for the people even to the end of Life. This moved the people all the more to give to the old man an ever-increasing respect. Although age had come upon him so that he no more could move about as before, he promised the people he would remain faithful to his appointment to the very end. He said, "For the Lord will not forsake His people for His great name's sake: because it hath pleased the Lord to make you his people. Moreover, as for me, God forbid that I should sin against the Lord in ceasing to pray for you: but I will teach you the good and the right way." Henceforth this grand sire would give himself to assist the government to the very last day of his retirement. Looking at Samuel's great contribution to country and people we can say that his was not below Moses'. As to the time and energy that he gave in office to the people, he exceeded even that of Moses. A great man full of noble deeds that will be remembered forever more!

As we study Samuel's farewell speech to the people we see how clearly he has stated the purpose of the kingdom. It is that they should realise they are the Lord's Chosen People. Reviewing their history from Exodus he pointed how their fathers were saved when they trusted the Lord, and punished when they rebelled. He brought them through to the present day when they "sinned a great sin" in asking for a king. That Jehovah had chosen them was for "His great name's sake," that He might always be respected in this world, and that the heathen tribes who have had forsaken God might one by one return. This was Jehovah's great plan of salvation for all mankind, as it was promised in the Abrahamic Covenant, "in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." Therefore this holy convocation should endeavour to keep their status to be able to shine forth a converting light to draw all men, to the accomplishment of God's purpose. So Samuel renewed the constitution with the people that they should fear the Lord, serve Him with sincerity, listen to and not rebel against His Word and think of the great deeds God had done for them. Else, whether royalty or laity, they would all perish.

Alas! While the words were still in their ears, there came an over-turning. Despite all the virtues said of King Saul, he had the drawback of a great fault. It was his rashness or "muddleness." By this rashness or "muddleness" he fell into the great sin of "rebellion" and "stubbornness." This involved him not once, but two or three times, so that before he was on the throne for two years he became "rejected" of the Lord. Though he held on to a hollow throne for over a decade, he contributed little by way of government because the Spirit of the Lord had left him. Apart from military honours won by Jonathan his son and several generals of his entourage including David, Saul spent all the days of his life hunting down David. As to the honours won by his generals, these were a reward to his gathering of the wise and able. As to David's slaying of the Philistine giant this was due entirely to his enthusiasm for his God. As for Saul the Great he whittled his days away in the frivolous things of life.

From a general survey of Saul's life after his enthronement, we can compile a biography called "Half a Life of Muddleness". From his rebellion against God and seeking of David's life is seen all the more his stupidity: It is to be noted that Israel at this time was still surrounded by strong warring nations. Yet he cared neither for the people nor the country's defence, but rather exerted his energies to the prolongation of his throne. By spending the resources of the kingdom on his troops merely to seek the young life of David his political enemy, he presented his real enemy the Philistines a golden opportunity to attack, while by his foolishness he was deserted by kith and kin, and more and more as he worsened.

What was the result? While David escaped out of his grip, the enemy from outside came in marauding numbers. This happened when the doyen Samuel whom the Philistines feared had departed this life and the people were in mourning. As Saul was not prepared for the invasion and the Lord would not answer his prayers, he became jittery under the circumstances. Like a hungry man minds not what he eats, he disguised himself by night to ask of a woman with a familiar spirit whom he had hitherto forbidden. This sin against the Lord led to his death. As it turned out, he was soundly defeated by the Philistines on the morrow. With home and country broken, Israel's first king kissed the dust with his three sons on the battlefield. All he did in life burst like a bubble. Disgrace upon disgrace, his severed head was taken on an exhibition throughout the Philistine country "to publish it in the house of their idols." His armour was kept in the temple of Astoreth while his torso was nailed on the wall of Bethshan. Thus Saul not only suffered the fate of his own doing but also brought disgrace on Jehovah's name that should all Jordan's water be emptied it could hardly cleanse it. Fortunately, there came after this valiant men of Jabesh-Gilead who braved to retrieve the corpse. After cremation, father and sons, the four of them, were buried under a weeping willow at Jabesh. Thus the curtain dropped on a generation of fierce princes. What reader of history to this point will not heave a heavy sigh for the heroes under the weeping willows?

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. F.E.B.C. suspends classes for Chinese New Year.
Tues. 9.00 a.m. Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit Chinese New Year Service.
Thurs. 8.00 a.m. Miss Linda Liem at F.E.B.C. Chapel (Homiletics).
Sat. 4.00 p.m. Y.A.F. (Rev. Tow speaking).
Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4.00 p.m. Mr. Wong Song Lai.

Sun. Lunch Roster: G.L.T.C.

We Extend Our Deepest Condolence to Deacon and Mrs. Koh Kim Song, on the death of Baby Ian, 5 weeks old, on Feb. 4, 1975.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Richard Khoh (Amy Lim) on the gift of a son, Clarence Beng Teck, Feb. 7, 1975.
Wedding Bells. The holy matrimony between Mr. Harold Thio Koon San and Miss Magdaline Young of the Bible Assembly will be solemnised at Life Church Sat. Feb. 22, 4.30 p.m.

Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Thio, Flat 201, William Goodenough House, Mecklenburgh Square, London WC1N 2 AB, U.K.

Angpows for Church and College and Kindergarten Renovations: Received \$200 from U.K. and \$160 from Sunday Lunch profits (after 6 months). The final bill (as of present) for renovations is \$8,700 of which the Kindergarten's share is decided as \$5,000. The Church's share is \$3,700.

PYREX kitchenware. Many exquisite selections from Elizabeth, 129, Hill Crest Road, phone 664059. Why not organise a Pyrex party?

KULAI BESAR. With more F.E.B.C. students supply each week, the former tuition classes will resume next week. Pray for more souls!

REV. DAVID LIAO of Los Angeles (introduced by Tan Swee Teck) was guest speaker at F.E.B.C. Chapel last fortnight.

DR. HONG C. SIT, a classmate of Rev. Tow at Faith Seminary, 50 is now in Singapore.

LORD'S DAY VI

16. Q. Why must He be a true and righteous man?

A. Because the justice of God requires that the same human nature which has sinned should make satisfaction for sin, and because one who himself is a sinner cannot satisfy for others.

17. Q. Why must He withal be true God?

A. That by the power of His Godhead He might bear in His human nature the burden of God's wrath; and that He might obtain for us, and restore to us, righteousness and life.

18. Q. But who is the Mediator who is at once true God and a true, righteous man?

A. Our Lord Jesus Christ, who was made unto us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption.

"PIONEERING IN DYAK BORNEO" by Jason Linn, trans. by T. Tow at only \$2.50 per copy or 10 copies for \$20.00 is a more meaningful gift to young people. An elder of Life Church has ordered a goodly stock for this purpose. (The receipts from this sale go towards the Angpow for the retired missionary).

Choruses from "Dyak Borneo"

A BRUISED REED SHALL HE NOT BREAK,
And smoking flax shall He not quench.
What wayward child can Grace forsake?
O come to Jesus, the sinner's Friend!

THE MOUNTAINS SHALL DEPART,
And the hills be removed;
But my kindness shall not depart from thee;

The mountains shall depart,
And the hills be removed;
But my kindness shall not depart from thee.---

WE HIGHLY RECOMMEND Mr. T.C. Eng our church contractor if you need renovations or repairs to your home.

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Section II, THE LIFE OF DAVID
(II Samuel)

Of all in the Bible whose biographies are written, the longest is David's, next to the Lord Jesus. Three books give details of his life apart from his own writings. I Sam. 6 - 31 records young David in the Court of King Saul. I Ki. 1:1 - 2:11 records his evening years. The whole of II Samuel describes David's kingship. This Book gives a detailed description to that portion of history. Apart from this, almost all of I Chronicles tells of David's whole political career.

From the length given to David's biography in the sacred pages we conclude what important position he holds in the Bible. Yes, his visible kingdom, is the fountain and type of the coming Kingdom, while he himself is forerunner to the coming Great King - the Messiah. While the Bible has given attention to mankind's history, it has at least paid particular attention to the history of one nation. However, oftentimes it is a man's words and deeds that have influenced a whole situation. David is such a man. Like Abraham and Moses his individual life affected his whole nation. The two are inseparable. Hence so-called national histories or world histories are but the biographies of a few great men. As to David's link-up with the whole nation, it is not due to his being one of the distinguished founders, but rather due to his exemplary life. As the Bible records, he was "a man after God's own heart." In other words He was a vessel most fit for the Lord's use. From a tender age he had found favour with the Lord.

In God's great redemptive plan, a new era is reached in David. The foreshadowing of Messiah rose in a new brilliance. Henceforth the foundational era of the Great Plan has passed. Step by step is seen a progress towards a perfected organisation till the coming down of a visible kingdom that makes mankind's "earth as it is in heaven," till the Lord God's great work of saving mankind be completed.

The first time we discover of David's name is in Ruth. David was to be a man of wisdom and talent. He inherited dignity and independence from his great-grandparents, who were a bright light in a dark age. His great ancestor was a leader of the tribe of Judah in the Exodus. As to his father, he was a well-known patriarch of his time. Not only did David come of a good family, with good looks and high-learning, he also commanded respect in elegant ceremonies. But what made Jehovah to choose him stemmed from the invisible beauty of his heart.

But this future wise ruler, while he found loving support from both high and low in the nation by his "wise behaviour," on the other hand he incurred the jealousy of the throne. Henceforth this rising young man with a noble heart began to lead a fugitive life. That glittering crown of his dreams was yet to be seen. For the present his lot was one of relentless persecution. His life hung in a balance under Saul's pursuit. He was like a flower in bloom battered by the frost and snow of a severe winter. But, he who would shoulder Heaven's great appointment must pass through such a course and David was no exception. David knew this in his heart from the beginning, so he was neither perturbed nor discouraged. He did not blame Heaven or man. He did not lose heart. He resolutely trusted the Lord to the end in all that he did. So committing all his ways to the will of Heaven, he serenely struggled on to final success.

David was a man rich in sentiments. From small he was possessed with a fervent love for race and country. This love was a product of his loyalty to Jehovah, for he recognised that his people was the Lord's chosen. He held therefore a high view of his people and nation. He felt that this chosen race of God should shoulder a heavy responsibility to lead the world. He also felt that people and country were of first importance while he himself was but a small cell. Though only a cell he also had a duty to perform for the furtherance of the nation. So he was fully resolved to give his life. Sincere in his love of fellowmen, he was ever ready to forgive. He would not remember old scores against his private enemies nor would he indulge in revenge. This can be seen in his fleeing Saul's persecution. He also had a very docile spirit toward his master. So he would not openly attack his political enemy nor secretly plan his destruction. Moreover, when Saul unfortunately died in battle, he not only did not take pleasure in his misfortune but composed a dirge in deep mourning. Moreover he had the young Amalekite executed who reported killing his sovereign. And as to Saul's descendants they were well treated.

Although David from small was a hero of heroes and a great warrior before the Lord, he acknowledged his weakness like a child. His humble and obedient heart overflowed in speech and act so that in the historical record it is often mentioned that "He sought the Lord in everything". A highest and special honour conferred on Moses the Great Leader was "the servant of the Lord." But after Moses there was not in all the kings any who succeeded to "the servant of the Lord" save David. And there was not any like David among the kings who most manifested God and honoured Jehovah as the great king. Only such a man could qualify for king and leader of the Lord's Chosen People.

The enmity between Saul and David at first was confined to the two protagonists in the political arena. After Saul's death, through the machinations of the ministers, this enmity was enlarged to their families. From this situation has arisen unhappy incidents that rocked the national foundations. The people of Judah anointed David King over Judah while Abner, Saul's Commander-in-Chief made Saul's son king to rule over the northern Israelitish tribes. Thus internecine strife ensued which brought bloodshed between brother and brother. This stalemate lasted seven-and-a-half years.

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Jurong.
Fri. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Kulai.
Sat. 4.30 p.m. Thio - Young Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye and Richard Lim.

Last Week's Worship Offering. \$519.91 (including \$200 through pastor's hand).
JASON LINN. Box offerings for his book: \$201.04; Angpows \$20; \$50; \$10; \$42. Total \$323.04. Which reader or readers of Jason Linn will add up to \$500, our target?

Church Renovations. This Lord's Day's angpows from both S.S. and Church will go towards Renovations. Apart from \$360 reported last week, we have further received \$50; \$30 Swiss Cottage ISCF.

Inspiring Hymns at cost price available from Mr. Willie Seah.

Flowers: This week's offering is by Mrs. T.C. Eng. (We welcome such, which may be designated in memory of loved ones).
Chinese Tuition Class for your children. One is being run, Mon. to Thurs. p.m. Contact pastor.

Far Eastern Kindergarten and Zion K. have received certificates at the National Museum's Youth People's Gallery for exhibition of student's group work in art. - fr. Zion Bulletin.

KELAPA SAWIT. There were about 60 when the pastor held a Chinese New Year Service with them. \$135 was offered for the B.F. A tithe of \$150 was specially given by a member to Life Church.

MISS ADELINE CHAR, former missionary to Jemaluang and Endau now residing at Tretoes, East Java, is flying in Feb. 17.
HEAR DR. BOB JONES at the Institute of Education, Paterson Rd., Feb. 21 - 23, 7.30 nightly.

DR. & MRS. ALLAN ADAMS of Australia are here in advance of the Logos. Dr. Adams is available via 363833, office hours.

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LORD'S DAY VII

20. Q. Are all men, then, saved by Christ as they perished through Adam?

A. No; but only those who by a true faith are ingrafted into Him and receive all His benefits.

21. Q. What is true faith?

A. True faith is not only a sure knowledge, whereby I hold for truth all that God has revealed to us in His Word, but also a firm confidence which the Holy Spirit works in my heart by the gospel, that not only to others, but to me also, remission of sins, everlasting righteousness and salvation are freely given by God, merely of grace, only for the sake of Christ's merits.

22. Q. What, then, is necessary for a Christian to believe?

A. All that is promised us in the gospel, which the articles of our catholic and undoubted Christian faith teach us in a summary.

23. Q. What are these articles?

A. I. I believe in God the Father, Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

II. And in Jesus Christ, His only begotten Son, our Lord;

III. Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary;

IV. Suffered under Pontius Pilate; was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell;

V. The third day He rose again from the dead;

VI. He ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

VII. From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

VIII. I believe in the Holy Spirit.

IX. I believe a holy catholic Church, the communion of saints;

X. The forgiveness of sins;

XI. The resurrection of the body;

and the life of the world to come.

Section II, THE LIFE OF DAVID

(II Samuel)

After this, when the northern king was murdered, his supporters began one by one to desert to David. David having brought all territories under his sway became the rightful Head of State. The first to seek an audience with David were Israel's elders. David covenanted with them and was anointed again to complete the union. But this union pleased not the native Canaanite tribes. Philistines came to harass David but they amounted to no more than the guerilla attacks of remnant bandits and hurt David's Kingdom but little. Talking about these Canaanite aborigines, we cannot help but retrace the early days when Israel did not keep the Covenant made between Jehovah and their fathers to exterminate them upon entry to Canaan. This has left to the future generations a legacy of unending woes. The most troublesome amongst them were the Philistines, and the others were the Syrians, Ammonites Moabites, etc. These latter categories, however, were peripheral to the wicked Canaanites, and in fact were Israel's distant cousins. That these should give Israel trouble were mostly sanctioned by the Lord to punish Israel for her sins.

But as to the Philistines and other aboriginal tribes who became a thorn in Israel's side and snares to their feet, these served Israel right because of what she did. That the word Palestine is added to Canaan's nomenclature is but a tonal derivation from the word Philistine. This also shows the Philistines' status in Canaan. As to the Philistines in the Bible; they are mentioned some 300 times, which shows their close connection with Israel. The Philistines with the other Canaanite tribes were a strong force of confrontation to Israel. They became toughest during the times of the Judges and turned the table three times to Lord over Israel. Israel's first king Saul was he who perished at the hand of the Philistines. During David's reign, three wars were waged with them. But they were defeated by David, after which they rose no more but joined the other Canaanite tribes in paying homage to David. Although several other rebellions occurred after this, these were nothing to compare with earlier days.

Philistines apart, Moab, Ammon and Aram were David's enemies. Since they were Israel's remote relatives, Israel gave them little trouble. There should have been a camaraderie between them for this reason. But since from the first they had opposed Israel and involved Israel in great sin, and there was this outstanding score between them, should they not lie low and ponder over their guilt? No, they felt no remorse about this nor would they honour the good fence of neighbourliness, but rather armed themselves for war. This forced David to pick up their gauntlet in four or five contests. This resulted in their subjugation and cession of territory. This without argument was just punishment for the perpetrators of evil. Moab and Ammon became spheres of influence. Defence posts were set up in Edom and Aram. The territories thus extended, peace was maintained throughout the land. The Lord's promise of all the land to Abraham was this day fulfilled to the last inch.

As David's kingdom grew in strength and the natural boundaries were extended, peace reigned. No sooner had peace come than David began to think of Jehovah's holy Covenant and ways of returning thanks. He thought of a resting place for the Lord's Ark. For where the Ark was, there was the Covenant, the centre of worship. Where the Ark was, there was God's royal lodge and God's command headquarters. After Eli's defeat by the Philistines, the Ark in which was centred Israel's national life, was exiled to Kirjath-jearim. Forgotten for decades, it was David who now paid due attention. With 30,000 chosen troops he proceeded reverently to bring back the Ark to David's royal city.

David's zeal for the Lord did not stop short at the Ark. Seeing that the nation was strongly founded and the nomadic days were over, he felt there should be a national capital inasmuch as the Lord of Hosts should have his royal lodge in Israel to make Himself available to the people's service. This led him to plan the building of a temple for the Lord. Such a good desire became the sweetest incense before Him, and found gracious acceptance. Owing however to his warring career, his blood-shedding hands were deemed unworthy to build the Lord's temple. His son and heir was given to complete this good work. Nevertheless God still regarded his loyal heart and renewed the Covenant with him. This covenant was the last of the Old Testament's, and an everlasting

covenant. God's attributes in the Old Testament regarding His justice and righteousness were slowly and surely turned to loving kindness. In other words, God's attributes regarding his justice and righteousness were by stages overshadowed by His emerging loving kindness. As it is also stated in the Ten Commandments, He would visit the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation, but would show mercy unto a thousand generations of them that keep His commandments. This promise since the Davidic Covenant has become the most prominent.

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8 p.m. Special Prayer Service
and fellowship at the Parsonage.
Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow
(Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon
(Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Angpow Offering: \$2,220.60
(incl. \$880 thru pastor's hand and \$100
for Jason Linn).

Angpows for Jason Linn: The grand total
is \$730 (incl. \$113.74 from Chinese
Service).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Doreen
Lee, Sim Mong Heng, Elgin Tay, Alice
Khoo, Mak Pek Wan, Angelia Poon and
Gary Chia.

We welcome Capt. Bjorn Kristiansen to
the pulpit this Lord's Day.

We welcome also Dr. Pei of Canada,
visiting professor in chemical engin-
eering to Singapore U., as he gives his
testimony.

EXTRA BLESSING! Stay behind after ser-
vice to see a film on Israel and ano-
ther entitled "Ultimate Adventure".

Extra plates of mee siam available!

The Newly-Elected Committee of the YAF
are David Chua, pres., Heah Eng Lin,
Vice-pres., Victor Poon, Sec., Chua Hui
Tin, treas., Lim Mei Ying, Teo Gim
Thong, Tan Yew Chong.

"Pioneering in Dyak Borneo": A Christian
businessman, hearing of the book's se-
cond printing to come, has ordered 50
copies!

Situation Vacant: Typist, preferably
Christian, for city firm. Please see
Mr. Willie Seah or ring 414452 after
office hours.

HEAR DR. BOB JONES this Lord's Day
evening, 7.30 p.m. at the Education
Institute, Paterson Road.

JURONG B-P CHURCH has doubled in atten-
dance at worship, and has about 100
children in two S.S. The little
church's B.F. has \$10,000 accruing inter-
est. Pray that the Lord will grant our
application for ½ acre of land at Boon
Lay, submitted today to Jurong Town
Corporation.

KULAI BESAR: Our English Bible Class has
attracted the young people of the old
Chinese Presbyterian Church at old Ku-
lai, one mile away, to join us. The
work is growing!

LORD'S DAY VII

24. Q. How are these articles divided?

A. Into three parts: the first is of
God the Father and our creation; the se-
cond of God the Son and our redemption;
the third of God the Holy Spirit and our
sanctification.

25. Q. Since there is but one divine
Being, why do you speak of three, Father,
Son, and Holy Spirit?

A. Because God has so revealed Him-
self in His Word that these three dis-
tinct persons are the one, true, and
eternal God.

Far Eastern Bible College takes one week's
mid-semester break from Mar. 1. School
reopens Mon. Mar. 10, 8 a.m. with homile-
tics student preaching.

ICY will spend a day at 11B Queen Astrid
Park, Mar. 8.

The Presbytery is invited to meet at the
home of Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, Mar. 2, 8 p.m.

A PSALM OF THE SEA

(to the tune of "Eternal Father Strong to
Save," Melita)

Ye mariners on high seas steep
That toil amid the foaming deep,
Behold the mighty works of God,
And His great wonders as you plod.
O that all men would bow to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

By Thy command the breeze so mild
Becomes a storm and tempest wild,
While oceans writhe with billows high,
And wave 'pon wave mounts up the sky!
O that all men would pray to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

Like drunken men they stagger on,
And at their wit's end they are thrown.
They reel and roll, and to and fro -
The fearful lot of men below.
O that all men would cry to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

"Peace be thou still," spoke Christ the
Lord,
And wind and wave obeyed His Word.
Today the God of Galilee
Still saves His own from sea to sea,
O that all men would praise Thy Name!
Thy mercies mild endure the same.

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Section II, THE LIFE OF DAVID

(II Samuel)

David is one of three great men in the history of the Chosen People. Abraham was founder of the Chosen People, Moses restorer, and David the builder. Without Abraham there had not been the Chosen People. Without Moses the Chosen People could not be delivered from their misfortunes and would have perished in evil hands. But, without David, there would not have been the building-up, and God's covenant and promise with Abraham would not have materialised. In a word, the greatness of these three men was epochal. In the progression of God's great plan, they were His most powerful and meritorious ministers. Together with Noah and Adam, they were representative Covenanters with God. By them God's redemptive plan was more and more manifested as a shadow follows its form. Through them the effectualness of the redemptive plan grew more and more. As we read the prophecies of Moses and David, we know there was coming Some one Greater after them.

"David did that which was right in the eyes of the Lord, and turned not aside from any thing that He commanded him all the days of his life, save in the matter of Uriah the Hittite." This is the historian's final verdict on David. Since the historian brings up "the matter," evidently "the matter" that has so affected David's life must be no small matter. Truly, "the matter" has brought David no happiness but woes. "The matter" put David not a few days through the mills of sorrow and pain. "The matter" gave David the gravest lot that a man can bear. The Bible has gone to great lengths (Ch. 11-20; I Kings 1) to record the cause and effect of "the matter." Neither has the Lord let David go lightly, nor meted visible retribution on any other more open and severe, "Because by this deed, thou hast given great occasion to the enemies of the Lord to blaspheme," the sentence must be a severe one. Thus, what David had done to others, the same must be meted to him, even before his eyes. The historian has commented on David that he "behaved himself wisely in all his ways," but in "the matter" he has done foolishly. And what a fool at that as to fall on his head, and have his body scarred all over.

David in all his dealings was a very careful man. He warned himself always with the adage "evil comes from evil men." Nevertheless "the matter" that has come from him is none other than this. David was an all-victorious king. Wherever he went he found a smooth-sailing path, but in "the matter" he bogged. Moreover his failure this time gave him no chance to amend. No doubt "the matter" was only a matter, but "the matter" had brought the so-called best king regrets of a whole lifetime, yea, even to a thousand years. But, let bygones be bygones, for as Solomon his son has observed, "There is no man that sinneth not." There is a proverb so true, "A lifetime's wisdom is finished by one minute of stupidity." Sin indeed is committed in a moment of blurring charm, as seen in another of David's folly - the numbering of his armies. Fortunately David's ear was open to good advice and his feet ready to retrieve each false step. Once reprimanded, he would remorsefully retrace his sin, as you can find in his psalms of confession. There you will see how he goes out of his way to turn to God. This has moved the Lord to pardon his past and to consider his present. This is what brings David his salvation songs in his evening years. Truly, the life of his throne lasting through the years to give light to Jerusalem was due to Jehovah's holy Covenant, that his salvation plan to save men might be completed, his everlasting kingdom might early appear.

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outside. He picked many of the heart-shaped leaves, pierced them to spell the message, "Remember your Valentine," and sent them to his loved ones by homing pigeons. On each subsequent day, as long as the violets lasted, he sent additional messages, but he changed the wording to a simple, "I love you."

God says the same thing to you, but God did not send a sentiment. He sent His Son, Jesus Christ. The Bible tells us, "Herein is love, not that we loved God, but that he love us, and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins" (I John 4:10). "God so loved the world that he gave his only begotten Son" (John 3:16). This is the highest kind of love. "Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends" (Jn. 15:13). "God commendeth his love toward us, in that, while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us" (Rom. 5:8)...

- Raymond L. Cox.

THE STRANGER OF GALILEE

In fancy I stood by the shore, one day, Of the beautiful murm'ring sea;
I saw the great crowds as they thronged the way Of the Stranger of Galilee;
I saw how the man who was blind from birth, In a moment was made to see;
The lame was made whole by the matchless skill Of the Stranger of Galilee.

Chorus for verses 1 & 2:

And I felt I could love Him forever, So gracious and tender was He!
I claimed Him that day as my Saviour, This Stranger of Galilee.

His look of compassion, His words of love, They shall never forgotten be,
When sin-sick and helpless He saw me there, This Stranger of Galilee:
He show'd me His hand and His riven side, And He whispered "It was for thee!"
My burden felloff at the pierced feet of the Stranger of Galilee.

Come ye, who are driven, and tempest-tossed, And His gracious salvation see;
He'll quiet life's storms with His "Peace, be still!" This Stranger of Galilee;
He bids me to go and the story tell What He ever to you will be,
If only you let Him with you abide, This Stranger of Galilee.

Concluding Chorus:

Oh, my friend, won't you love Him forever? So gracious and tender was He!
Accept Him today as your Savior, This Stranger of Galilee.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
8 p.m. Session Meeting.
Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.
4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi.
Last Week's Offering \$553.60 (incl. \$200
thru pastor's hand). Jason Linn: \$20;
total \$750.

Sunday Lunch Roster: G.L.T.C.

Flowers this Lord's Day are from Mrs.
T.C. Eng.

Congratulations to Elder Patrick Tan on
his promotion to Lieut.-Colonel.

Obituary. Rev. Quek Keng Hoon, 92,
father of Mr. Quek Kow Moh, passed away
peacefully at Taiping, Sat, Feb. 28,
1975. Deepest condolence.

ICY (International Christian Youth) will
hold a day's retreat at 11B Queen Astrid
Park, Sat. Mar. 8.

LOGOS NEWS A residential conference will
be held on board Apr. 18 - 21 for those
who are keen to join the ship. Mr.
George Verwer will be present.

KULAI BESAR: A team of five led by
Joseph Tang had a busy time with both
the Chinese and English meetings. The
English Bible Class had 16 with several
who recently received the Lord.

A CORDIAL WELCOME at the Church-and-
College hostel to Mr. John Maxwell, Aus-
tralian missionary to India, arriving
Mar. 5.

MR. & MRS. SWEE THIAN HOE, 1674 East
Circle, Brentwood, Mo. 63144, USA write
of prospective return in August, when
Thian Hoe will have earned both the M.Div.
and M.Th. degrees. We extend them a
very warm welcome home and invitation to
teach at F.E.B.C.

If you need expert plumbing and electrical
repairs at a reasonable charge, ring
50617 to the pastor for Mr. Goh. Highly
recommended.

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LORD'S DAY IX

26. Q. What do you believe when you say:
I believe in God the Father, Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth?

A. That the eternal Father of our Lord
Jesus Christ, who of nothing made heaven
and earth with all that is in them, who
likewise upholds and governs the same by
His eternal counsel and providence, is
for the sake of Christ His Son my God and
my Father; in whom I so trust as to have
no doubt that He will provide me with all
things necessary for body and soul; and
further, that whatever evil He sends upon
me in this vale of tears, He will turn to
my good; for He is able to do it, being
almighty God, and willing also, being a
faithful Father.

REMEMBER YOUR VALENTINE

(The First Valentine Was A Man, Not A
Message!)

Saint Valentine was a young pagan
priest in Rome during the reign of Clau-
dius II. Despite his devotion to idola-
try, Valentine was horrified by the per-
secution the Roman authorities unleashed
against the Christians. Secretly he assis-
ted the embattled believers, but he was
finally caught and thrown into prison.

Valentine quite likely would have
been released after a short term had he
not been converted to Christianity while
behind bars. That sealed his fate. Not
even the restoration of sight to his jail-
er's daughter, in answer to Valentine's
prayers, could deliver him from martyrdom.
He was clubbed to death on February 14 in
the year 269, a date later set aside to
his memory.

While Valentine was in prison he of-
ten thought of his family and friends, and
he yearned to assure them of his affection.
Tradition has it that he could thrust his
arm through the bars of his cell window
and barely reach some violets which grew

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LIGHT FOR THE CELEBRATION OF OUR SILVER JUBILEE

Once in a long while we are invited by some Church or other Christian organisation to attend some Jubilee celebration, silver, golden, diamond, etc. Now it has revolved happily on us, Lifers especially, to celebrate our own. We are 25 years old this year, so it is our Silver Jubilee!

It is customary for Churches on such an occasion to set aside at most a week to commemorate God's grace. There's first the Church Thanksgiving Dinner, Thankoffering envelopes, with perhaps a sacred concert or a series of special meetings, even a missionary conference, to fill up the programme.

As far as our Church is concerned, as I have said, this is our first time preparing for a Jubilee. We need guidance on how to celebrate to God's glory and to the extension of His Kingdom. To understand the Lord's mind on this important matter, we've given ourselves to prayer for weeks and to searching the Scriptures. Praise the Lord, we've found the answer in Leviticus 25, and we preached from this chapter last week.

We find that there is a day each week given to commemorate God's Rest (Sabbath) from the Creation in the Old Testament. We find that in the New Testament, there is also a day each week to commemorate the Resurrection of our Lord, the completion of God's work of Redemption. But, from the light of Leviticus, we see that a full year is required to celebrate a Jubilee.

Now the word Jubilee is a Hebrew word meaning commemoration of an event after 50 years. And what event? From the Bible account we understand it is the Israelites' 50th Year - Day of Entering Canaan, the Promised Land. After seven times seven years, i.e. 49 years in their happy deliverance from Egypt to Canaan, God's people are commanded to set aside the 50th year, a whole year, to a time of joyous celebration. During the jubilee year they are to hallow it, i.e. keep it as a holy year. With the days of the sacred year given to God, they are to proclaim liberty throughout all the land. A time of special devotion to God, is a time of making Him known, of bringing release to all the people (Lev. 25: 10 - 13).

With this Biblical pattern before us, the Session is unanimously moved to celebrate Life Church's Silver Jubilee throughout 1975. So, this editorial is simultaneously our proclamation to the whole Church. In the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ we are to sing His praises for what He has done during this quarter of a century to each member and his family. To "proclaim liberty throughout all the land unto all the inhabitants thereof" (Lev. 25:10) in our situation means to exert all our efforts to the preaching of the Gospel and the extension of Christ's Kingdom. We who rejoice in our salvation must share it with others!

How shall we go about it during this Jubilee Year?

1) First, there's the Church's revival to consider. While God has been blessing our Lord's Day services, we need to call more people to prayer on Tuesday night. To get more to this power-hour, the pastor will incorporate a half-hour Bible study on the Book of Jonah.

2) Secondly, the Friday night family worship needs to be reinvigorated. This Church family worship is also a means of mutual visitation and closer fellowship, though the Sunday Lunch has been a great boon in this respect. Let there be a spontaneous wave of invitation from members to hold worship in their homes from now!

3) That God has revived our choir this year is no mere coincidence. The choir's coming Easter Cantata, Easter Saturday night, Mar. 29 is a timely boost to our Jubilee commemorations.

4) Then comes our long lost Church Family Camp in June, during the school vacation. A committee is working out a Jubilee Church Camp - perhaps on the golden sands of Port Dickson.

5) The climax to all these devotional activities will be a series of Sunday messages by our good friend Rev. Jason Linn. We are immediately writing him, now in Hong Kong, to come for these great occasions. The series of messages should be so timed as to lead us to our climax on Sunday Oct. 19 when the pastor will deliver the historic message.

6) Insofar as the Presbytery is concerned, there will be a great course of all our 16 congregations at the National Theatre the same night to hear the echoes of kindred hearts to His wonderful grace. Here the founders of the B-P Church, at one time all Lifers but now branched off to the four quarters of the Island, will lead the celebration.

7) Last but not least is the material aspect of celebration, our tithes which we've neglected for several years. If at all our Jubilee celebrations mean anything, there must be a hilarious, cheerful thanksgiving. Session has a target of \$100,000 for our Jubilee Thanksgivings which will be used solely for God's Kingdom and its hastened extension. Apart from using a little for Jubilee expenses, the gifts will be channelled for the building of Kelapa Sawit and Jurong Churches, for missions in Indonesia, for the establishment of a branch Church at Bedok, for the support of any of our own missionaries to a foreign land, for the much needed renovations still going on, etc., etc. Insofar as the projected Bedok Church is concerned, a sum of \$10,000 has already been given. Together with another \$8,000 from general thankofferings accumulated through the years we have \$18,000 accruing interest. With an estimated \$20,000 credit, we need to give only \$80,000 to make the target. "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open your windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it" (Mal. 3:10). Henceforth we shall give a weekly report on the growth of the Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund until the end of 1975. Will the Lord be honoured by our heartfelt thanksgiving? Will this Silver Jubilee Year bring us His multiplied blessings of salvation and peace? - T. Tow.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8 a.m. F.E.B.C. classes resume.
 Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting
 Wed. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Jurong.
 Fri. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Kulai.
 8 p.m. Family Worship at Mr. & Mrs. Mahadevan's, 129 Hill Crest Rd.,
 Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
 4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offering: \$616.44. Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund has a capital of \$18,000 already paid in! A Session member gives a tithe of \$2,000 to make it \$20,000.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Doreen Lee, Sim Mong Heng, Elgin Tay, Alice Khoo, Mak Pek Wan, Angelia Poon and Gary Chia. And notice the mosaic kitchen tables and new water heater. The gift of an electric cooker is much appreciated.

We say farewell to Dr. and Mrs. Pei and daughter as they return to Canada this Lord's Day.

Pastor and Mrs. Tow are ministering at Rawang, Muar this Lord's Day.

We welcome young Galileans to hold their Saturday meetings at Gilstead Road beginning this week.

This week's guests at the Hostel are Rev. Joel of Jakarta and Mr. Leong Mook Chow. Rev. Jason Linn is being invited as special minister to our Jubilee Year. Renovations have now come to the border along our side road leading to the new car park. A stone retaining wall is necessary to hold the erosions. The newly renovated Staircase room, now called "The Garden Cabin," is available for quiet retreat.

In case you have "retired" window curtains, the Bible College library and dorms can use them.

Inspiring Hymns are available from Mr. Willie Seah at \$10 a copy (cost price).

Life Church Mandarin-Tiochew-Hokkien Service: Praise the Lord for an attendance of 50 - 60 last Lord's Day.

LORD'S DAY X

27. Q. What do you mean by the providence of God?

A. The almighty and everywhere present power of God, whereby, as it were by His hand, He still upholds heaven, earth, and all creatures, and so governs them that herbs and grass, rain and drought, fruitful and barren years, food and drink, health and sickness, riches and poverty, yea, all things, come not by chance but by His fatherly hand.

28. Q. What does it profit us to know that God has created, and by His providence still upholds, all things?

A. That we may be patient in adversity, thankful in prosperity, and with a view to the future may have good confidence in our faithful God and Father that no creature shall separate us from His love, since all creatures are so in His hand that without His will they cannot so much as move.

BLOW YE THE TRUMPET, BLOW! T.H.-392.

The gladly solemn sound
 Let all the nations know,
 To earth's remotest bound:

Chorus:

The year of jubilee is come; (twice)
 Return, ye ransomed sinners, home.

Jesus, our great High Priest,
 Hath full atonement made;
 Ye weary spirits, rest;
 Ye mournful souls, be glad:

Ye slaves of sin and hell,
 Your liberty receive;
 And safe in Jesus dwell,
 And blest in Jesus live:

Ye who have sold for nought
 Your heritage above,
 Receive it back unbought,
 The gift of Jesus' love:

The gospel trumpet hear,
 The news of heav'nly grace;
 And, saved from earth, appear
 Before your Saviour's face:

Chapter IV KINGDOM DIVIDED

(I and II Kings)

Section I The Rise and Fall of the Kings

Like the Books of Samuel the Books of the Kings did not have such division in the beginning. Moreover, like Samuel there was no possibility of division because the story ran through them as a whole. If division is a must then I Kings 1:1 - 2:11 should become part of Samuel to do justice to Samuel as a clear-cut, combined biography of the Three Founding Heroes. Then from I Kings 2:12 to the end of II Kings we have the history of the Divided Kingdom.

The Books of the Kings are a combined historical commentary on the rise and fall of the Northern and Southern Kingdoms. Since there is no reason to separate them into two books, we shall proceed to study them as a whole. At the same time we shall make cross-study of the individual acts of the kings and prophets on either side. For the national history of Israel rested not only on the shoulders of each king. Israel's rise and fall was influenced to a great extent by the prophets.

As stated above, Chapter 1 of this Book tells of David's evening years, so it should be included in Samuel. However, it is simultaneously related to the account following, or is it due to the author's connection that this is put at the beginning of the Book as its introduction? Yes, this is a history of tears. Having read the previous book, and now as we embark upon this one, we cannot help but heave a deep sigh of regret for a past generation of heroic struggles. Truly, all the strength the noble fathers had exerted to found a nation so successfully was in a moment dissipated by a degenerate posterity. Nevertheless, neither can the progenitor of the nation go without blame for his moment of stupid-muddleness. What the historian had recorded was not over-fastidious. The fact of the "matter" is very evident. Had David not slipped in "the matter" this degenerate posterity might not have engendered. The swift retribution to David in Amnon was nothing compared with the rottenness that spread from the termite, to the whole nation under David, ever spreading its rottenness. For, even before David's death, there was added to Absalom's rebellion Adonijah's attempt on the throne. This set the pace for the future division of the kingdom which gave the old and ailing David no peace in his death. But, what is the blame? It seemed all this was predestined - the beginning of Israel's split was traced to this.

Though Solomon was not David's first-born, he was the elite among his brothers. He found favour in God's eyes and was made David's heir. Not only was Solomon supernaturally endowed above his fellows, he was filled with a sincere spirit born of love unadulterated. His love for his father's family enabled him to execute his father's will, which was to purge his father's family of traitors and villains. He loved his country. So he bent his whole life and faculties to accomplish his father's unfinished ambitions, to great success. He used his diplomatic prowess to pacify the neighbouring countries and embarked on the extension of international trade to augment the national coffers. Indeed he made such equal progress both in economics and politics that a golden age was ushered in that was never seen before or after this. The enlargement of national territory and the mighty increase of national resources and power exceeded all previous records. His fame spread as far as southern Africa.

Not only did he love family and nation, his love for God was all the more excellent. His zeal for the faith is adequately manifested in the building of the Temple. During Solomon's reign the country became so rich that silver was disregarded, while the gorgeous beauty of his palaces and temple was beyond compare with that of other nations. This Solomonic majesty has even become a world proverb (Matt. 6:29). By the inexorable law of nature, however, saturation brings condensation. Thus, Solomon who took a thousand wives, who revelled in wine and women and went out of his way "to love many strange women," fell. But had not God forewarned him in the making of the Covenant? Did He not emphasise and re-emphasise with "if you."? But he had forgotten and he fell, and retribution came upon him swiftly. The bomb of the kingdom's disruption could not be avoided which exploded from under Solomon's throne.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Evening Class
(Rev. Panuwe).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Bible-study and Prayer
Meeting.

Thurs. 7.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. Evening Class
(Dr. Tan).

Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at the
home of Mr. & Mrs. Francis Sng,
1257-D, Ton Pajoh North, Blk: 207.

Sat 4.00 p.m. LOYF & YAF

Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4.00 p.m. Mr. Wong Sun Looy.

Last Week's Worship Offering: \$621.73
incl. \$80 for renovations and \$50 for
Kelapa Sawit. Box offerings \$25 and
\$40 (for Galilee).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim
Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Low
Cheng Chye, Catherine Ong & Richard Lim.
Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund. Transferred
from Jason Linn Angpow A/c \$750. Total
\$18,750.00. A second session member
pledges a tithe of \$1,500.

IN RESPONSE TO A RIAU REQUEST to baptise
and administer the Lord's Supper for
Maundy Thursday, Mar. 27, Rev. Tow will
leave for Tanjung Pinang the same day
11 a.m., returning the next evening in
time for Good Friday Night service.
Any self-paying companion, \$90 for the
round trip? Any offering for this
missionary outreach?

EVANGELIST LIM PUE HIAN, 75, father of
Elder Joshua Lim passed away peacefully
Mar. 12, 1975. Funeral was officiated
by Revs. Quek and Tow on Friday 14,
with a memorial service held at Gilstead
Road. With the concurrence of Elder
Joshua Lim and Rev. Tow, a biography of
the Evangelist is to be written.

THE NATIONAL THEATRE IS BOOKED FOR OCT.
19, 1975 in accordance with Presbytery's
decision to climax our Silver Jubilee
Commemorations there. With the B-P
membership well exceeding 1,500 and as
many adherents, we need a place with
3,400 seats for such a memorable occasion.

"BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN BANNER" is a new
monthly serving our congregations, to
be out on Easter Day at the Annual Sun-
rise Service at McRitchie Reservoir.
Elder Tow Siang Hwa is Editor-in-chief.
The name was given by Elder Khoo Peng
Kiat from Ps. 60:4, "Thou hast given a
banner to them that fear thee, that it
may be displayed because of the truth."
RAWANG NEWS. At the Lord's Supper Ser-
vice conducted by Rev. Tow last Lord's
Day, there was an attendance of 60 - 70.
The purpose of Rev. Tow's visit was to
officially name the Church as a B-P
Church, and to wind up the Building Fund.
The new church and kindergarten and
parsonage were built at just under \$80,000.
and the B.F. had a surplus of \$250. Ra-
wang is much revived by the resident
ministry of retired Pastor Teo Chiam Seng.

Before the Rawang Service (4 p.m.)
Rev. and Mrs. Tow attended Trinity Church
in the morning. After Church they were

LORD'S DAY XI

29. Q. Why is the Son of God called
Jesus, that is, Savior?

A. Because He delivers us from all
our sins and saves us; and because no
salvation is to be sought or found in
any other.

30. Q. Do such, then, believe in the
only Savior Jesus who seek their sal-
vation and welfare of saints, of them-
selves, or anywhere else?

A. They do not; for though they
boast of Him in words, yet in deeds
they deny the only Savior Jesus; for
one of two things must be true: either
Jesus is not a complete Savior, or they
who by a true faith receive this Savior
must find in Him all things necessary
to their salvation.

kindly hosted by Elder Lim Siew Guat
to lunch, Deacon Kwa Keng Woo and Rev.
John Chin in company.

LOST AND FOUND. A Seiko Watch in Life
Church Gardens. Please see the pastor

THE GOSPEL BELL G.B. 200

The Gospel bells are ringing,
Over land, from sea to sea;
Blessed news of free salvation
Do they offer you and me.
"For God so loved the world,
That His only Son He gave!
Whoso'er believeth in Him
Everlasting life shall have."

Chorus:

Gospel bells! how they ring,
Over land, from sea to sea;
Gospel bells freely bring
Blessed news to you and me.

The Gospel bells invite us
To a feast prepared for all:
Do not slight the invitation.
Nor reject the gracious call.
"I am the Bread of life:
Eat of Me, thou hungry soul;
Though your sins be red as crimson,
They shall be as white as wool."

The Gospel bells give warning,
As they sound from day to day,
Of the fate which doth await them
Who for ever will delay.
"Escape thou for thy life!
Tarry not in all the plain;
Nor behind thee look, oh, never,
Lest thou be consumed in pain."

The Gospel bells are joyful
As they echo far and wide,
Bearing notes of perfect pardon,
Through a Saviour crucified:
"Good tidings of great joy
To all people do I bring;
Unto you is born a Saviour,
Which is Christ, the Lord and King."

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THIS HOLY WEEK OF OUR JUBILEE YEAR

This Lord's Day is Palm Sunday. Palm Sunday is the beginning of the Holy Week, the last week of our Lord's life on earth. The events of this Week are most solemn and significant, for they climax the work of our Lord's mission to save us. It is to the Church's great profit to set aside this week to commemorate His holy and loving deeds, and to reconsecrate ourselves for His service.

Palm Sunday marks the "official" entry of Jesus Christ to Jerusalem. On this Day He rode an ass, according to Zechariah's prophecy, meek and lowly, in His spiritual conquest. On this Day the common people, the innocent children especially, acclaim Him King, with palm leaves waving, shouting "Hosanna!" "Hosanna" means, "Save, I pray," an exclamation of praise offered only to God. No wonder the Jewish Church leaders, jealous of His popularity, became the more angry. But we who have found our Saviour, like the disciples of old, pay Him homage today, willing even to lay down our shirts and sheets before His royal path. Yea, Lord, receive this gift I have kept until now, like Mary, for your burial!

At the beginning of the Holy Week this Jubilee Year of ours, we have great news for you! As we have resolved to bring a total Thanksgiving of \$100,000 this year for our Lord's use, He has answered with a favourable reply from the Jurong Town Corporation in respect of our application for half-an-acre of land to build Jurong Church. We have immediately instructed Mr. Ang Kheng Leng our architect to submit drawings of our Jurong project. Jurong Church, if granted this half-acre land, will build a sanctuary, parsonage, workers quarters, a kindergarten and a youth centre. That Government has so favourably considered our application, I take to be a good omen and confirmation sign from the Lord. May this Jubilee Year be a Year of renewed dedication and service to our King. (In case some reader might question why the projection of a second Church for Jurong, I have Dr. Tow Siang Hwa's hearty approval. Do you know that in another decade Jurong will have a population of 400,000?).

During this Holy Week, I have an assignment from the Lord to go to Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands, to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper. This will be on Maundy Thursday, Mar. 27 the day before Good Friday. Please pray for this Gospel outreach by boat, a five hour ride over fifty miles of inland sea. This will be my fourth visit.

Come to our annual Good Friday Night Service, Mar. 28, 8 p.m. when the Lord's Supper will be served. I shall return from Riau in time. Mr. Lin Tah Mon, retired Government chief translator, will be the Lord's messenger. The Chinese Service will worship together with us.

Then on Saturday evening, 7.30 p.m. the Young Lifers will present their Easter Cantata. This extra effort from the young and zealous deserves the patronage of the whole church. Bring a friend to hear the sacred music. An offering will be taken which will go to Rev. Jason Linn in view of his expected coming to minister to our Jubilee Year.

The climax of the Holy Week is the Resurrection. There will be our 25th Sunrise Service at the McRitchie Reservoir, as usual. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa will be the Lord's messenger. The Sunrise offering will go to the building of Kelapa Sawit Mission Church.

Lifers after the Sunrise Service return immediately to Gilstead Road where a hot breakfast awaits you in the gardens. Jurongites are invited to join. Those who have food to offer are requested to contact Elder Lau King Hong. Let there be no lack.

Easter Baptismal Service will see a record number confessing the Lord. So come for a time of worship and fellowship while peace still reigns in Singapore. Let us pray for the war torn countries of Vietnam and Cambodia, and as we cleanse our hearts meditating on Christ's sufferings, let us do good while we may. - T. T.

<p><u>In loving remembrance:</u></p> <p>GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE Lord's Supper Mar. 28, 8 p.m.</p>	<p><u>Easter Cantata:</u></p> <p>HALLELUJAH FOR THE CROSS by Life Church Choir Sat. Mar. 29, 7.30 p.m.</p>	<p><u>He is risen!</u></p> <p>MCRITCHIE RESERVOIR Easter Sunday, 6.30 a.m. Breakfast at Life Church</p>
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HARK! TEN THOUSAND HARPS AND VOICES
Sound the note of praise above;
Jesus reigns and heaven rejoices,
Jesus reigns, the God of love;
See, He sits while angels stand,
Jesus rules at God's right hand.

Chorus:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia, Amen.

King of glory, reign forever,
Thine an everlasting crown;
Nothing from Thy love shall sever
Those whom Thou hast made Thine own,
Happy objects of Thy grace,
Destined to behold Thy face.

Savior, hasten Thine appearing,
Bring, O bring the glorious day,
When, the awful summons hearing,
Heaven and earth shall pass away;
Then, with golden harps, we'll sing,
Glory, glory to our King!

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ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOUR,
To Thee Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children
Made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel,
Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's Name comest,
The King and blessed One.
All glory, etc.

The company of angels
Are praising Thee on high;
And mortal men, and all things
Created, make reply.
All glory, etc.

The people of the Hebrews
With palms before Thee went:
Our praise and prayer and anthems
Before Thee we present.
All glory, etc.

To Thee, before Thy Passion,
They sang their hymns of praise:
To Thee, now high exalted,
Our melody we raise.
All glory, etc.

Thou didst accept their praises;
Accept the prayers we bring,
Who in all good delightest,
Thou good and gracious King.
All glory, etc.

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Pray for Deacon William Teo as he
convalesces at Mt. Alvernia Hospital,
Room 12 third floor, after an opera-
tion.

The G.L.T.Cers are holding a short
camp at Sarimbun this weekend.
Praise the Lord for an old fridge,
still chugging, installed at the
campsite!

Did you read the hot news about Ju-
rong B-P Church? Turn to the front
page!

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THERE HAVE BEEN NAMES THAT I HAVE LOVED TO HEAR,
But never has there been a name so dear
To this heart of mine, as the name divine,
The precious, precious name of Jesus.

Chorus:

Jesus is the sweetest name I know,
And He's just the same as His lovely name.
And that's the reason why I love Him so;
Oh, Jesus is the sweetest name I know.

There is no name in earth or heav'n above,
That we should give such honour and such love,
As the blessed name, let us all acclaim,
That wondrous, glorious name of Jesus.

And someday I shall see Him face to face
To thank and praise Him for His wondrous grace,
Which He gave to me, when He made me free.
The blessed Son of God called Jesus.

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LORD'S DAY XII

31. Q. Why is He called Christ, that is,
Anointed?

A. Because He is ordained of God the Father,
and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be our
chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully reveal-
ed to us the secret counsel and will of God con-
cerning our redemption; and our only High Priest,
who by the one sacrifice of His body has re-
deemed us, and makes continual intercession for
us with the Father; and our eternal King, who
governs us by His Word and Spirit, and defends
and preserves us in the salvation obtained for
us.

32. Q. But why are you called a Christian?

A. Because I am a member of Christ by faith,
and thus a partaker of His anointing, that I may
confess His Name, present myself a living sacri-
fice to thankfulness to Him, and with a free and
good conscience fight against sin and the devil
in this life, and hereafter reign with Him eter-
nally over all creatures.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting & Special Hymn-sing.

Thurs. 11 a.m. Rev. Tow to Riau Islands.

Fri. 8 p.m. Good Friday Service (Lord's Supper)

Sat. 10 a.m. Cheang - Phang Wedding.

7.30 p.m. Easter Cantata by L.C. Choir.

Easter Day 6.30 a.m. Sunrise Service at McRit-
chie Reservoir.

10.00 a.m. Easter Baptismal Service

(Rev. Tai Po-fu).

4.00 p.m. Easter Baptismal Service

(Chinese) Rev. Tai Po-fu.

(Rev. Tow will be at Say Mia Tng stone-
laying, 3 p.m.)

Last Week's Offering: \$821.31 incl. \$200 thru
Pastor's hand and \$200 thru Elder Khoo Peng
Kiat. Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund \$1,000; \$1,000;
\$400. Total \$21,150.00. (A third session mem-
ber pledges a \$600 tithe.)

Sunday Lunch Roster: G.L.T.C.

From Condolences for Evangelist Lim Pue Hian:

\$500 to Indonesia missions (Rev. Quek) \$400 c/o
Life Church to Jurong B-P Church B.F.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr.
Michael Cheang Kum Meng and Miss Yvonne Phang
Fong Meng will be solemnised, Sat. Mar. 29,
10 a.m. in Church, the pastor officiating.

EASTER 1975

Life BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN WEEKLY
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**"I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold I am alive for evermore,
Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death." (Rev. 1: 18.)**

MAUNDY THURSDAY IN THE RIAU ISLANDS

Although Rev. Tan Peng Koen the "old" pastor was away, the flock he had nurtured the last seven years was by no means scattered. Rather, a new spirit of togetherness drew eighty of the congregation, old and young, to the Remembrance Service, Maundy Thursday night. This spiritual enhancement, evidently, was due to the team work of Rev. Tan's two daughters and their genial husbands. It is also through their enterprising efforts that the Church school with 300 pupils is viably maintained.

What was once a classroom, makeshift meeting place was now transferred to the main hall, renovated and serenely fitted for regular worship. A raised platform is built with pulpit in centre, allowing space on either side for a piano and an organ. Below the platform, an old carpet was spread in anticipation of the baptisms.

This night's Remembrance Service commenced on a solemn note with Mrs. Linus playing the "Keep Silence" piano prelude. Mrs. Yusuf her elder sister, a graduate of Southeast Asia Bible College, Malang, then gave the Psalmist's call to worship. After congregational singing, prayer and the presentation of a choir number, I was called upon to preach.

Though this was my fourth visit to Tanjung Pinang, it was my debut before an expectant congregation. My first visit with Elder Joshua Lim was spent on visiting the outlying projects at Kidjang and Gesek. My second visit with Rev. Paauwe was rather to see Rev. Tan in sickness and to discuss the proper use of Life Church's Christmas gift. My third visit, at Rev. Tan's special invitation, was to discuss the Church school's problems and to arrange for his exit to Singapore for medical treatment. This fourth visit was by special appointment to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper in Rev. Tan's absence.

"A New and Living Way" (Heb. 10:20) was the theme of the message to a conglomeration of hearers, for though this was a service for believers, there was bound to be a goodly number groping in the outer darkness of a mirky faith. Contrasting the Way of the Cross with all the old Chinese superstitions, even the killing of "three lives" and "five lives" for festive seasons, the preacher showed how even the Levitical animal sacrifices could not wash away our sins. The death of Jesus Christ on the Cross to pay the penalty of our sins, even eternal death in hell, was pointed out to be the opening of a new and living Way. This Way, to Life Everlasting, is made sure by the Resurrection. Now when Jesus died, the veil of the Temple curtaining off the Holy of Holies was rent in two. The Way to God the Father was thus forever opened. Henceforth, in Jesus' Name are not only our sins forgiven, but every prayer answered. Henceforth need we no priest, nor pastor, nor mediator of any sort, to get our petitions heard by God. Just pray, "Jesus"!

Having made the Gospel simple and clear also to the baptism candidates, the pastor called each one by name. First was a young man of 16 reaffirming his faith. Together with him trooped up the parents of a total of nine infants, several in mothers' arms, for baptism. It was a covenant baptism in which the arms that held the young must vow with their lips to bring them up in the nurture and admonition of the Lord. Six young adults, from 16 to 30, made up the last batch. Particularly moving was the testimony of the 30-year-old married man, now with half-paralysed legs. He testified afterwards how he rejected repeated offers of friends to take him to the Chinese temples to get a cure from mediums. He has a strong Calvinistic conviction of God's sovereign will for his life.

After the service which lasted two-and-a-quarter hours, Mr. Tan Soon Liang whose wife and three children were baptised last Christmas in Singapore, brought up for consideration the Macedonian call from Sinkep Island. A young convert of Tanjung Pinang now working there has repeatedly requested help. Since no regular boat service links up with Sinkep, Mr. Tan, being a boat towkay, offered to charter one (a ten-hour voyage) if a Gospel team from Singapore would go. The Remembrance Service on Maundy Thursday ended with a fervent evangelistic note — no challenge not only to this missionary-pastor from Singapore, but to you my Reader!

Travel note: Visa fee to Riau is now reduced to \$10. The boat fare is \$40 in and 4000 Rupiahs (\$25) out. Time: 5 hours.

ALLELUIA! ALLELUIA!

Hearts to heav'nly and voices raise;
Sing to God a hymn of gladness,
Sing to God a hymn of praise:
He who on the cross a victim
For the world's salvation bled,
Jesus Christ, the King of Glory,
Now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits
Of the holy harvest field,
Which will all its full abundance
At his second coming yield:
Then the golden ears of harvest
Will their heads before him wave,
Ripened by his glorious sunshine
From the furrows of the grave.

Alleluia! Alleluia!
Glory be to God on high;
Alleluia to the Saviour,
Who has won the victory;
Alleluia! to the Spirit,
Front of love and sanctity;
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To the Triune Majesty.

JESUS LIVES! THY TERRORS NOW
Can no longer, death, appall us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
Thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
Alleluia!

Jesus lives! for us he died;
Then, alone to Jesus living,
Pure in heart may we abide,
Glory to our Saviour giving. Alleluia!

Jesus lives! to him the throne
Over all the world is given:
May we go where he has gone,
Rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia!

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
8 p.m. Session Meeting.
Wed. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Jurong.
Fri. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. Team to Kulai.
Sat. 4 p.m. Yap - Bok Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow
(Lord's Supper)
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Last Week's Offering. \$435.20 (A 4th
Session member pledges \$400 tithe to the
Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Doreen
Lee, Sim Mong Heng, Elgin Tay, Alice
Khoo, Mak Pek Wan, Angelia Poon & Gary
Chia.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between
Mr. Paul Yap Beng Huat and Miss Irene Bok
Hoi Lin of Galilee Church will be solemn-
ised at Gilstead Rd., Sat. Apr. 5, 1975,
4 p.m., Rev. Heng officiating.

Easter Flowers: 1) Orchids from Mrs. T.C.
Eng 2) White and Purple bouquets from
Lehia, Lily and John in loving memory of
Mrs. Nancy Tow 3) Yellow bouquet from Mr.
& Mrs. Michael Cheang.

Transfer of Membership:

- 1) Surfiley Wellington Magnus, Malaysia;
- 2) Peter D. Loster, England;
- 3) Wong Poh Peng, Jurong B-P Church.

"CHRIST THE LORD IS RISEN TODAY," ALLELUIA!
Sons of men and angels say; Alleluia!
Raise your joys and triumphs high; Alleluia!
Sing, ye heav'n's and earth, reply; Alleluia!

Vain the stone, the watch, the seal; Alleluia!
Christ has burst the gates of hell: Alleluia!
Death in vain forbids his rise; Alleluia!
Christ hath opened Paradise. Alleluia!

Lives again our glorious King; Alleluia!
Where, O death, is now thy sting? Alleluia!
Once he died, our souls to save; Alleluia!
Where thy victory, O grave? Alleluia!

Soar we now where Christ has led, Alleluia!
Following our exalted Head; Alleluia!
Made like him, like him we rise; Alleluia!
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies. Alleluia!

Hail, the Lord of earth and heav'n! Alleluia!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n; Alleluia!
Thee we greet triumphant now; Alleluia!
Hail, the Resurrection Thou! Alleluia!

LORD'S DAY XIII

33. Q. Why is He called God's only begotten
Son, since we also are children of God?

A. Because Christ alone is the eternal,
natural Son of God; but we are children of
God by adoption, through grace, for Christ's
sake.

34. Q. Why do you call Him our Lord?

A. Because He has redeemed us, body and
soul, from all our sins, not with gold or
silver, but with His precious blood, and
has delivered us from all the power of the
devil, and has made us His own possession.

EASTER BAPTISMS

Infants: 1) Nicole Lim Lai Peng d/o Dr. &
Mrs. Lim Teck Chye; 2) Deborah Wang Shi-Fen
d/o Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wang.

Adults:

- 1) Hazel Wong, Bank Clerk;
- 2) Florence Tan, Stenographer;
- 3) Grace Tan Gek Choo, Stenographer;
- 4) Yvonne Phang Fong Meng;
- 5) Bernard Lee Chern Choong, Student;
- 6) Lawrence Goh Ann Kee, Student;
- 7) Vincent Goh Seng Mui, Technician;
- 8) Kumari, Production Operator;
- 9) Francis Ee Min Kuen, Student;
- 10) Low Soc Kiong, Roland, Student;
- 11) Jonathan Tan Chong Keok, National
Serviceman;
- 12) Audrey Lui Yoke Ngan, Student;
- 13) Fam Chuay Lai, Student;
- 14) Stephen Tan Nam Hwa, Student;
- 15) Patricia Chang Sook Yin, Accounts Clerk;
- 16) Chan Ngiap Koon;
- 17) Patricia Wong Yim Peng, Student;
- 18) Tan Boon Hwee;
- 19) Lilian Tan Kee Lan, Accounts Clerk;
- 20) Matthew Chan Weng Lock, Teacher;
- 21) Francis Quek Kok How, Student;
- 22) Lim Siew Yong;
- 23) Richard Lim Cheak Chee, Student;
- 24) Tan Lee Keng, Clerk;
- 25) Derbin Liem Kho Bing, Student;
- 26) Peter Eng Yong Soo, Student.

Chapter IV KINGDOM DIVIDED

(I and II Kings)

Section I The Rise and Fall of the Kings

As Solomon rebelled against God, so was he paid with the same coin by Suzerain Hadad "of the king's seed in Edom", by Rezon of Syria, and by Jeroboam his trusted officer. To make it worse, there was added the oppressive rule of Rehoboam his son. It was due to this misrule that Jeroboam led the ten northern tribes to break formally with the House of David. Forsaken by kith and kin, the House of David was all at bay were it not for the support of the only southern tribe - Judah. From I Kings 12 onwards is recorded the rise and fall of the northern and southern dynasties.

Now that the House of David had lost sway of its former power, it dwindled further like a flickering candle in the wind. Nevertheless, the light persisted to shine in Jerusalem. This was due on one hand to Jehovah's keeping of the Covenant, and on the other to the overflowing of the rebels' crimes which obstructed the same from taking over the throne.

In the Kings the dates of their ascent to the throne and the years of their reign, together with descriptions of rebellions and the good and bad deeds of kings are recorded.

Apart from these are the names of queens or queen mothers and their origin. Because these persons were directly or indirectly connected with the kings and their acts, and whether a king was good or bad was due largely to a mother's or wife's influence, we see that not only is a man's destiny, but also a nation's, swayed by a woman's hand.

In the Kings, one who has given us an indelible impression is Jeroboam. He was not only a rebel to the House of David, but also an arch-rebel against the Lord. Like coming out of the same mould, not one of the northern kings had not committed the same sin. Worse still, some of these kings spread their influence to the southern kingdom. This dragged the whole chosen race into the way of destruction in opposition of God's Master Plan. Notice this oft-repeated sentence in the Kings, "And he did evil in the sight of the Lord; he departed not from all the sins of Jeroboam, the son of Nebat, who made Israel sin."

That Jeroboam "a mighty man of valour" lost his promotion was due to his own folly of follies. For he had altogether discarded Jehovah his Promoter, so that his wisdom became his stupidity. Serve him right that God should spue him out. Nothing good that he had done, his whole family met with an evil end, in righteous retribution. Most regrettable of all, there was the sinful root of his planting with all its evil ramifications.

This evil erupted openly in Ahab's reign. Ahab not only rebelled against God's Covenant with his fathers for several hundred years, but also married from the Gentiles. And all was lost when he gave face to his heathen queen Jezebel publicly to institute Baal worship in place of his own. Through this act numberless prophets of Jehovah were put to the sword by the shrew Jezebel. This was an irretrievable, irremediable, colossal collapse, far exceeding a tyrant's evil in oppressing and robbing his people. An unpardonable sin, indeed! For the sins of both husband and wife, the nation had to undergo three-and-a-half years of burning drought. The end result was that he died a sorry and ignominious death. This was just retribution for his "selling out himself," for all his life he walked in extreme opposition to the holy will of the Lord. - Serial No. 27 - Bible Silhouettes.

"PROPHESCOPE" ON VIETNAM

From the prophetic viewpoint, we also agree with our Prime Minister Mr. Lee Kuan Yew that what is now tragically happening in Vietnam (and Cambodia) does not directly affect us. But we see it from the prophet's watchtower in a Biblical context. Because Vietnam is our near neighbour, the loud explosions of war there naturally find a stronger repercussion in Singapore. But, there is a clash (inevitably it is drawing closer each day) that will soon draw the four quarters of the globe into Armageddon - the present Jewish-Arab tensions. A third World War will leave no place safe on this shrunken earth. There is only one refuge for you and me - Jesus Christ! Make sure you have found your shelter in Him, today!

"Believe in the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved, and thy house." (Acts 16:31).

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family worship at the parsonage (Rev. & Mrs. Tow).
Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF
7.30 p.m. AFC Meeting
(Rev. Tow speaking)
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Edward Paauwe.
(Chairman: Elder Edmund Tay).
4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi.
(Rev. Tow at Sembawang 10 a.m.)
Last Week's Offerings: \$2,219.94; thru pastor \$200; Good Friday \$728.10.
Total: \$3,148.04. Easter Sunrise Offering to Kelapa Sawit B.F. \$941.71 (through BPM).
Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Low Cheng Chye, Catherine Ong, Richard Lim.
Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Miss Laura Loo and Mr. Yan Yim Tong of Grace Church, Queen St. was solemnised today 2.30 p.m., the pastor officiating.
Deacon Khoo Wah Ann is elected contributing editor to the B-P Banner. 300 copies of BPD at 20¢ per copy are ordered monthly and distributed free to members, first come first served.
Guests at Life-FEBC Hostel: Mrs. J. Turner; Mr. & Mrs. Nielson of Logos.
REV. PAAUWE will be showing to his Personal Evangelism Class two films, "Challenge to Witness" and "The Gospel Presentation," Mon. Apr. 14, 8.30 p.m. All welcome.
CHILD EVANGELISM will run an 11-week course, May 19 - Aug. 1, at FEBC, granting an International Diploma to successful students. Apart from Singaporeans, students from Malaysia, Indonesia and Sri Lanka have also registered. See Mrs. Turner, hurry!
The Architect's Drawings for a new Church-and-Kindergarten Complex, based on Calvary's, for Jurong B-P Church are being finalised. Our architect is Mr. Ang Kheng Leng.
Corrigendum. Delete Tan Lee Keng, Clerk, from "Easter Baptisms" as listed last week.
FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN Committee is called to meet Mon. Apr. 7, 8 p.m., at the Parsonage. Important business!
Life Church Chinese Service: Baptised Easter Sunday was Soh Beng Tin, granddaughter of Mr. Ang Kah Keng. From Chinese Service to Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund: \$100.
Easter Cantata offering for Jason Linn's ministry \$325.
Peter Quek, LCYF president, is joining the Logos up to Sabah. The Church has voted his support for the duration of his trip.
KING JAMES BIBLES with Concordance are available from Mr. Willie Seah at \$19.25 (limited stock).

GOD IS OUR REFUGE AND OUR STRENGTH

God is our refuge and our strength,
Our ever present aid,
And, therefore, though the earth remove,
We will not be afraid;
Though hills amidst the seas be cast,
Though foaming waters roar,
Yea, though the mighty billows shake
The mountains on the shore.

A river flows whose streams make glad
The city of our God,
The holy place where-in the Lord
Most High has His abode;
Since God is in the midst of her,
Unmoved her walls shall stand,
For God will be her early help,
When trouble is at hand.

The nations raged, the kingdoms moved,
But when His voice was heard
The troubled earth was stilled to peace
Before His mighty word
The Lord of hosts is on our side,
Our safety to secure;
The God of Jacob is for us
A refuge strong and sure.

O come, behold what wondrous works
Jehovah's hand has wrought;
Come, see what desolation great
He on the earth has brought.
To utmost ends of all the earth
He causes war to cease;
The weapons of the strong destroyed,
He makes abiding peace.

Be still and know that I am God,
O'er all exalted high;
The subject nations of the earth
My Name shall magnify.
The Lord of hosts is on our side,
Our safety to secure;
The God of Jacob is for us
A refuge strong and sure.

Psalm 46,
P.H. 90

LORD'S DAY XIV

35. Q. What does it mean that He was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary?

A. That God's eternal Son, who is and continues true and eternal God, took upon Himself the very nature of man of the flesh and blood of the virgin Mary, by the operation of the Holy Spirit, that He might also be the true seed of David, like unto His brethren in all things, sin excepted.

36. Q. What benefit do you receive from the holy conception and birth of Christ?

A. That He is our Mediator, and with His innocence and perfect holiness covers, in the sight of God, my sin wherein I was conceived and brought forth.

Visit Kulai Besar! Every Friday the gospel S-Wagon leaves at 3 p.m. Book your seat.

Chapter IV KINGDOM DIVIDED

(I and II Kings)

Section I The Rise and Fall of the Kings

In all Israel, Jehu was comparatively a good king. He gave the hydra-headed sin of Abab a thorough purge. By killing Jezebel, Ahab's sons, and all the Baal worshippers, he had "done well in executing that which was right in the eyes of the Lord." He had made a wholesale, clean-sweep of Baalism out of the people of Israel. But alas! He remained a follower of Jeroboam the son Nebat like all the other kings.

If the sins sown from dynasty to dynasty by the kings became firmly rooted in the hearts of the Israelites, what would be the result with a nation's supreme head who got worse and worse with the times? So, after a complete cycle the abominable Baal worship appeared in Israel again, and as if this was not enough, it blew over into the South, to the holy land of Judah during the reign of Ahaz, son of Jotham. Fortunately, the South was different from the North. First, it was of direct descent from David. Second, it had a visible worship centre of the True God Jehovah - the Temple with a constant and numerous fervent religious leadership. No matter what, she could not lose her identity like the northern tribes, for God Himself, to say the least, was her constant, unseen Guardian. Thus, when Ahaz apostatised, God immediately raised his son Hezekiah to be a wise king exceeding all others before or after. Truly, by his whole-hearted trust in the Lord, he swept away every high place, so that it is recorded: "after him was none like him among all the kings of Judah, nor any that were before him." So, during his days, the nation in his hand saw revival. Although from him was begotten a worthless son, from his great-grandsons came one into the succession of good kings in the person of Josiah. The birth of Josiah was the fulfilment of prophecy by the man of God to Jeroboam 300 years before. Negatively, he devoted himself to the destruction of idols and other evils. Positively, he repaired the Temple and proclaimed the Law. He made a covenant with the people to return to Jehovah. Revival returned to Judah in a short time and a commendation from the historian says that he sought the Lord "with all his heart, and with all his soul, and with all his might," according to all the law of Moses; neither after him arose there any like him." Like his great-grandfather he trusted the Lord with all his heart to keep the Commandments.

Nevertheless, the decline of morality continued from generation to generation, especially in the Northern Kingdom. The people's faith towards the Lord, at any rate, was heavily contaminated. They had lost their whole-hearted devotion to God, according as Ezekiel had said, "Samaria and Jerusalem are become shameless harlots." For example, the Northern Kingdom: Although there was a time when the eyes of the Lord saw the affliction of Israel, that it was bitter" and there was "no helper" and because He was not willing "to blot out the name of Israel from under heaven," he saved them by the hand of Jeroboam the son of Joash." Nevertheless, the heart of this shameless harlot was melted by fleshly lusts. She not only left all her loving heart for God but to Judah her sister she also displayed a mean and vengeful spirit. Though there were periods of amity, internecine strife was rather the rule. Thus, from a kingdom full of vitality it ended in self-destruction through many a strife. For often they relied on foreign powers for these internal struggles, and Samaria and Jerusalem became two opposition camps. Now, while the kings strove for power and gain and plundered the national treasury, leaving the government to the dogs, and while they indulged in sex without compunction, the morality of the people plummeted and society crumbled. The people sank into a life of oblivion from dawn to dusk under every green tree at the high places. National degeneration pervaded everywhere. This was "finis" for them, everything was "finis" for them. "Having sold themselves out" they were given over to their buyer. Two hundred years of national development was easily turned over to the King of Assyria by the misguided hand of Hoshea, the son of Elah. This transaction was no ordinary deal for it resulted in their exile from the Promised Land of milk and honey and their place being filled by abominable, plundering heathen races. The intermingling of races by the Assyrian King was a great blow to Jehovah's name, through the Israelites. Henceforth the chosen race of God, on whom was spent all His energy to further a holy nation, was left with only the tribe of Judah - like a lone candle

and flickering lamp.

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LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.30 p.m. Gospel Films
(Rev. Paauwe).
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at 11B
Queen Astrid Park, home of Dr.
Tow Siew Ai.
Sat. 4 p.m. YF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. George Miley
of Logos.

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Baptism)

(Rev. Tow at Toa Payoh, 10.30 a.m.)

Last Week's Offering: \$451.62.

Sunday Lunch Roster: G.L.T.D.

Rev. & Mrs. Tow are visiting Kelapa
Sawit and Kulai this Lord's Day. In
their company is Mr. Lin Tah Mon who
will deliver the message.

Guests at Life-F.E.B.C. Hostel: Mr.
Mike Wakely, Mr. Rex Worth, Mr. K.H.
Ong, recommended by Mr. Van Rij, New
Zealand.

Rev. James Turner has arrived from
Australia. With Mrs. Turner he is
settling in to prepare for the open-
ing of the Child Evangelism Institute,
May 19 - Aug. 1, 1975. This 11-week
residential course will conclude with
the granting of an International Dip-
loma to successful candidates.

Rev. Jason Linn plans to come with Mrs.
Linn in August. His son and family
who coincidentally are spending their
vacation in Singapore and Malaysia
will come with them.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN: Registration
for 1976 is open to Lifers from Mon.
April 12. Please see Mrs. Lange.

JURONG B-P CHURCH. The architect's
drawings of the projected Church-
Kindergarten Complex are on display
at both Life and Jurong Churches.
200 Revival Choruses and Hymns (with
music notations in big orange files)
are available at only \$5 per copy
(under cost).

The Annual Meeting of the Singapore
and Malaysia Council of Christian
Churches is called to coincide with
ICY's, Sat. May 3, 1975. N.B. Elder
Tay!

F.E.B.C. FINAL EXAMS commence Fri.,
May 2 and end on the 9th. The College
will close the same day and reopen Mon.
Aug. 11.

THE LOGOS is sailing on Tues. morning,
April 15 and will be in port for a
fortnight. Welcome home to the whole
crew!

Your surplus clothing and other arti-
cles of usefulness may be left at the
parsonage for transhipment to needy
areas by the Logos.

REV. C.T. HSU. Thank you, again and
again, for your constant supply of
good theological books to F.E.B.C.

LORD'S DAY XV

37. Q. What does it mean that He suffered?

A. That all the time He lived on
earth, but especially at the end of His
life, He bore, in body and soul, the
wrath of God against the sin of the whole
human race, in order that by His passion,
as the only atoning sacrifice, He might
redeem our body and soul from everlasting
damnation and obtain for us the grace of
God, righteousness, and eternal life.

38. Q. Why did He suffer under Pontius
Pilate as judge?

A. That He, though innocent, might be
condemned by a temporal judge, and there-
by free us from the severe judgment of
God to which we were subject.

39. Q. Is there anything more in His hav-
ing been crucified than if He had died
some other death?

A. Yes, since thereby I am assured
that He took on Himself the curse which
lay upon me; for the death of the cross
was accursed of God.

THE MESSAGE OF THE BIG CHURCH BELL

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How bright it rings, the Big Church Bell.
Ye boys arise, and young girls too,
'Tis time to come to Sunday School.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How bright it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How clear it rings, the Big Church Bell.
Ye dads and mums, now quickly run!
Sunday School has for you begun!
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How clear it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong.
How soft it chimes, the Big Church Bell.
Where'er God's people now are met,
With contrite heart let them be knelt.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How soft it chimes, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How joyous rings the Big Church Bell!
A sinner lost today is found,
The wayward son has turned around.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How joyous rings the Big Church Bell!

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
Peal on and on thou Big Church Bell!
Jesus has come from heaven to earth,
To save all men who hell deserve.
Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
Peal on and on thou Big Church Bell!

- from Holy Land Songs

SARIMBUN campsite is open youth groups.
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Chapter IV KINGDOM DIVIDED

(I and II Kings)

Section I The Rise and Fall of the Kings

Under good care and repair this lone candle and flickering lamp might have a faint hope of restoring to its former brilliance. But it was "finis" for all, everything was "finis". This flickering and dying lamp, though under Jehovah's personal attention, was beyond salvation. Its destruction was predestined. God could not help but give up without a qualm such a hopeless situation. In His Master Plan, He must needs adopt a new strategy to supercede this present one. With toleration upon toleration, this lone candle and flickering lamp lingered for another century. Finally the anger of the Lord burst over Jerusalem and Judah, "until He had cast them out from His presence."

At first they paid tribute to Egypt. This prolonged their gasping breath over another decade. When this came to their last they were taken captive by the King of Babylon. This spelt their total doom. Jerusalem - the palace of the kings - was fallen. The Temple was sacked. The grounds were strewn with abominable debris. No more were the Jews masters of their own soil, nor were they free to walk about as before. They were obliged to be led captive by the uncircumcised to a far-off land. Although Jehoiachin the last Judean king found favour after forty years and left prison a free man, doffing his prison clothes, yet he was not out of the King of Babylon's surveillance. He received only his own daily rations from the hand of the Babylonian king. But this was a symbol, a symbol most befitting Israel today - a prisoner without prison clothes. So the Book closes and with it another chapter of Israel's National Movement.

As we read this history, what is our conclusion but that man's life is only a dream. From the division of the Kingdom, the history of both North and South lasted but 396 years, 6 months and 10 days. The North lasted only 241 years, 7 months and 7 days, and that divided by 9 dynasties with nine different regimes. That such a short-lived age should be the lot of the so-called "Chosen People of God," and of "Jehovah's Kingdom" was beyond imagination. The answer to this defect, however, is found in the words of the wise of a bygone age. Solomon says, "Righteousness exalteth a nation: but sin is a reproach to any people." (Rom. 14:34). David says, "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord; and the people whom He hath chosen for His own inheritance." (Ps. 33:12). Isaiah says, "For the nation and kingdom that will not serve Thee shall perish; yea those nations shall be utterly wasted." (Isa. 60:12). Taking stock of the years, the Southern Dynasty had twenty kings but only eight of them could be called good. As to the North, only one, Jehu, was comparatively good among 19 kings. Like king, like people, is our verdict. As we think it over, we agree that such nations cannot live, such people cannot prosper. Thus, God could not help but to cast Israel aside at length, cast away a visible, materialistic kingdom. He changed His strategy in His plan to save the entire world.

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LOGOS, AHoy!

After another year of ministry mainly around the ports of the Indian subcontinent, Logos is back in Singapore again. And we are privileged to have in our midst Mr. George Miley this Lord's Day to deliver the Message. To the Logos, and to him especially, we extend a very warm welcome.

The Logos is in the good hands not only of Mr. Miley but also Mr. Verwer this time. (We're glad to hear that an old friend, Mr. Jordan Khan, is on board as well). As far as Singapore is concerned, an increasing number is being "signed on" to this novelty of naval evangelism. We're glad that Peter Quek, president of Life Church Y.F., is serving with the ship. Session has voted to support him in this missionary outreach.

Pray for our brother. And pray for the 130 members that make up the whole crew. Pray that wherever they go they may be exemplary ambassadors of the Lord Jesus Christ. May each gospel marine be a good fighter for the Lord Jesus Christ, with a dedication to win and conquer against every odd. Logos, ahoy!

-T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8 a.m. Rev. Tow at Logos.
Sat. 4 p.m. YF & YAF.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow at Sembawang YF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offerings: \$405; Boxes \$12; \$200 thru pastor to Jurong B.F.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Sim Mong Heng, Doreen Lee, Elgin Tay, Mak Pek Wan, Alice Khoo, Angelia Poon & Gary Chia.

Deepest Condolence to Elder and Mrs. Seow Chong Pin and Mr. and Mrs. Seow Chong Keong on the death of their father, Mr. Seow Seck Beng, 81, at 8 Marlene Ave., 19, April 12, 1975. Funeral on Apr. 15 was officiated by Rev. Paul Hsui of Jubilee Church. Deacon Tan Wai Choon sends greetings, also with good wishes from John Lim of Galilee Church.

Far Eastern Kindergarten: Registration for 1976 is open to Lifers. Please contact Mrs. Lange, 513676. Guests at F.E.B.C. Hostel: Mr. and Mrs. Armstrong of the Logos.

JURONG B-P CHURCH. The architect's drawings after display last Sunday are now forwarded to the JTC.

KELAPA SAWIT B.F.: \$13,835.38.

REV. SIANTURI of Medan, pastor of our Batak students at F.E.B.C. is now in Singapore.

CAPT. & MRS. BJORN KRISTIANSEN are now happily with YAKIN, Tromolpos 161, Surabaya, Indonesia. Their residential address (not for post) is Jalan Jambi 21. To Captain: Your boxes of books are intact.
LIFE CHURCH CHINESE SERVICE. We welcome to our pulpit Rev. Pasaribu of Medan. Rev. Pasaribu was our guide when we visited Batakland some years ago. To be baptised this Lord's Day is Mr. Wong Tah Kim, father of Mr. David Wong of Mt. Carmel.

"CHILD EVANGELISM" an internationally recognised Christian organisation training you how to speak and teach the Word to children is holding an 11-week Institute for Southeast Asia, at Far Eastern Bible College, May 19 - Aug. 1. Apart from Rev. and Mrs. Jim Turner, experienced instructors are flying in to make up the teaching staff. Students from S'pore, Malaysia, Indonesia and Sri Lanka have registered. It is an asset for every church to send someone to receive this training. An international Diploma will be awarded upon successful completion of the course.

PIONEERING IN DYAK BORNEO by Jason Linn, translated by T. Tow, is inspiring reading to every young person. When giving a gift to the young why not choose this book? Only \$2.50 per copy or 20 copies for \$20.

LORD'S DAY XVI

40. Q. Why was it necessary for Christ to humble Himself even unto death?

A. Because, by reason of the justice and truth of God, satisfaction for our sins could be made no otherwise than by the death of the Son of God.

41. Q. Why was He buried?

A. To prove thereby that He was really dead.

42. Q. Since, then, Christ died for us, why must we also die?

A. Our death is not a satisfaction for our sins, but only a dying to sins and entering into eternal life.

43. Q. What further benefit do we receive from the sacrifice and death of Christ on the cross?

A. That by His power our old man is crucified, slain, and buried with Him, that so the evil lusts of the flesh may no more reign in us, but that we may offer ourselves unto Him a sacrifice of thanksgiving.

44. Q. Why is there added, He descended into hell?

A. That in my greatest temptations I may be assured, and wholly comfort myself with this, that my Lord Jesus Christ, by His inexpressible anguish, pains, terrors, and hellish agony in which He was plunged during all His sufferings, but especially on the cross, has delivered me from the anguish and torment of hell.

A PSALM OF THE SEA

(to the tune of 'Eternal Father
Strong to Save, 'Melita)

Ye mariners on high seas steep
That toil amid the foaming deep,
Behold the mighty works of God,
And His great wonders as you plod.
O that all men would bow to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

By thy command the breeze so mild
Becomes a storm and tempest wild,
While oceans writhe with billows high,
And wave 'pon wave mounts up the sky!
O that all men would pray to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

Like drunken men they stagger on,
And at their wit's end they are thrown.
They reel and roll, and to and fro
The fearful lot of men below.
O that all men would cry to Thee,
Thou God of heaven and earth and sea.

"Peace be thou still," spoke Christ the Lord,

And wind and wave obeyed His Word.
Today the God of Galilee
Still saves His own from sea to sea,
O that all men would praise Thy Name!
Thy mercies mild endure the same.

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BEYOND "ECONOMIC PROGRESS AND SOCIAL JUSTICE"

To keep Asean countries from becoming another Cambodia, Mr. Lee Kuan Yew counsels, "Each Asean country has to ensure sufficient economic progress and social justice that will make insurgency unattractive and unlikely to succeed." (Straits Times, April, 24, 1975). This he has done, and is still striving to do for our City-State, for which we are most thankful to the Almighty.

But we must not forget the spiritual needs of the people, and in this respect the Church has a responsible part to play. Beyond "economic progress and social justice" man needs comfort and tranquility to his soul more than ever in times like these. Jesus foretold that in the last days before His coming "men's hearts (would be) failing them for fear, and for looking after those things which are coming on the earth ..." (Luke 21:26). The tragedies that are daily being enacted in our wartorn neighbouring countries bear out our Lord's prediction. People are running, running, and trying to run where there is no place to run from the enemy. As a last resort, they take the despairing step of those who fear to live by committing suicide. Straits Times reports of a 43-year-old American-trained telex operator who was advised by his doctor friend in Danang that the only way to escape Communism when they come was to take one's own life - which the doctor did, not only to himself, but to his wife and children, by setting themselves on fire in a locked car. O the human tragedies piling up by the hundreds each day, these days, because men's hearts, without Christ, are failing them for fear, and for looking after those things that are coming.

The Christian, on the other hand, will never say "die." The Christian on the other hand has hope, hope of deliverance by his Saviour, whether He comes for all in His Personal Glorious Second Coming in the clouds of heaven, or by His unseen Providential hand. The Christian knows Psalm 46: "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. Therefore will not we fear, though the earth be removed, and though the mountains be carried into the midst of the sea" - such as would be seen in an atomic holocaust. The Christian, in the midst of hail and fire, hears a still small voice in his heart repeating the words of the Risen Saviour, "Fear not; I am the first and the last: I am He that liveth, and was dead; and behold, I am alive forever more. Amen; and have the keys of hell and of death" (Rev. 1:17).

Now we who are Christians, who are redeemed from our heathen or superstitious ignorance, have the life everlasting, and the good news of Jesus Christ committed to our propagation to the whole world. We are not to keep the glad tidings that bring forgiveness of sins, peace, assurance and tranquility to ourselves, but to broadcast it to a dying world around us. Do we do that? This is God's spiritual assignment to us where to our Government He has committed the secular duty to maintain justice, moral, social and economic.

"When the enemy shall come in like a flood, the Spirit of the Lord shall lift up a standard against him" (Isa. 59:19). As war and pillage flood our neighbouring countries, will it please the Lord that those of us who are temporarily unaffected should continue to loll in our armchair Christianity?

Let us in our daily prayers remember the widows and orphans of Cambodia and Vietnam. Let us pray for all the wounded and crying without any hope of God, perishing. Then, seeing the lost souls around us, in our neighbourhood, in the city, beyond Singapore, in Malaysia and Indonesia, even to the borders of conflagration, let us do something, do everything, to tell forth the good news of salvation in our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

This is also Life Church's Jubilee Year and we have set a target for renewed faith and love, both in worship and witnessing and in giving from our wallet. We need to give our resources to advance God's Kingdom, which is as spiritual as going out preaching. Reader, have you done anything for Christ thus far, and what will you decide to do as you ponder over these things? Beyond "Economic Progress and Social justice" is the part every Christian must play for God and country.

-T. Tow.

MR. JORDAN KHAN, TO PREACH HERE TILL MAY 25

One windfall of blessing that has resulted from the Logos coming is Mr. Jordan Khan, an old friend who first visited our church in 1956. Mr. Jordan Khan, a leading elder of the Believers Assemblies in India, is a man of prayer and preacher of righteousness. Author of many devotional books, he has preached widely in Europe and U.S.A. He has also represented India at several ICCO Congresses for the defence of the Gospel. Life Church pulpit extends Mr. Khan a warm welcome today!

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. to Wed. 8 a.m. Mr. Jordan Khan
at F.E.B.C. chapel.
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. LCSS Picnic at Loyang
(Mr. & Mrs. L.S. Pang).
Fri. 7.45 p.m. Gospel Film "The
Peacemaker", thrilling story
of a Vietnamese soldier.
Sat. 11.30 a.m. Mr. Jordan Khan at
G.L.T.D.
4.00 p.m. LCYF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. Jordan Khan.
4 p.m. Mr. Jordan Khan.

Last Week's Offering: \$406.95. (The
Young Adults Fellowship pledges \$200
per month, underwriting Life Church's
Scholar. Fund for FEBC foreign students.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai,
Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence
Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye &
Richard Lim. The gift of a Kenwood
Electric Blender is gratefully ack-
nowledged.

Surplus Clothing received being of
small quantity is divided between W.
Kalimantan and Medan. (Who would
like to offer a food basket to a sick,
old member of the Chinese service?)
Patronise the Logos Book Sale today!
Peter Quek sails with the Logos for
Sarawak, Brunei, Sabah, Phil. and is
scheduled to return June 5. Logos
Telephone: 76021 Ext. 774. The ship
leaves the container wharf Mon. morn-
ing and sails at midnight. The FEBC
visit Mon. p.m. is cancelled. Further
sailing schedule: Philippines May 28 -
June 24; Taiwan June 28 - July 14;
Korea July 18 - Aug. 8; H.K. or Bang-
kok early Sept.; S'pore Sept. 19 - 22;
India Oct. 1

SMCCC Annual Meeting is called to meet
at Gilstead Road, Sat. May 3, 2.30 p.m.
The ICY is called to meet Fri. May 2.
The B-P Banner is out today!

Members who wish to park in Church
compound instead of its adjoining
public car park, please inform the
pastor.

CHILD EVANGELISM will hold an 11-
week Institute at F.E.B.C., May 19 -
Aug. 1, granting an international
diploma to successful candidates.
Please see Rev. and Mrs. Jim Turner.
Mr. Stephen Kuan: Your gift of theo-
logical books to F.E.B.C. is grate-
fully acknowledged.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN COMMITTEE is
called to meet Mon. Apr. 28, 8 p.m.
at the Life Church parsonage. Import-
ant Business!

MRS. HAN JOONG SIK, wife of FEBC B.Th.
graduate, 1974 is leaving with two
children for Canada to join her hus-
band now taking post-graduate studies
at Winnipeg. Her departure date: May
12, 1975. Godspeed!

exceeding riches of his grace in his
kindness toward us through Christ Jesus
(Eph. 2:7). - B-P Banner.

LORD'S DAY XVII

45. Q. What does the resurrection of
Christ profit us?

A. First, by His resurrection He
has overcome death, that He might make
us partakers of the righteousness which
He has obtained for us by His death;
second, we also are raised up by His
power to a new life; and third, the
resurrection of Christ is to us a sure
pledge of our blessed resurrection.

MASTER, SPEAK

Master, speak! Thy servant heareth,
Waiting for Thy gracious Word;
Longing for Thy voice that cheereth,
Master, let it now be heard.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee:
What hast Thou to say to me?

Speak to me by name, O Master,
Let me know it is to me;
Speak, that I may follow faster,
With a step more firm and free,
Where the Shepherd leads the flock,
In the shadow of the Rock.

Master, speak! tho' least and lowest,
Let me not unheard depart;
Master, speak! for oh, Thou knowest
All the yearning of my heart.
Knowest all its truest need;
Speak! and make me blest indeed.

Master, speak! and make me ready,
When Thy voice is truly heard,
With obedience glad and steady,
Still to follow every word.
I am listening, Lord, for Thee;
Master, speak, oh, speak to me!

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THE BEST INVESTMENT

The best investment is in heaven:
in God's work, in supporting missions,
in every Gospel outreach, in helping the
needy. Every dollar thus invested is a
dollar saved for eternity, adding to our
everlasting enjoyment in God's kingdom
and redounding to the glory of His holy
name.

A certain reader still holds 2000
PEGI shares bought in 1973 at a cost of
\$28,000. Today, they are worth \$6,000.
It is always less costly to learn from
other people's mistakes than to learn
from one's own folly!

What is the conclusion of the whole
matter? He that layeth up treasure for
himself is not rich toward God. (Lk. 12:
21). But, the blessing of the Lord, it
maketh rich, and he addeth no sorrow
with it. (Prov. 10:22). In Christ, there
is no inflation, no recession, no depres-
sion, no devaluation! Every offering
given to God will be multiplied thirty,
sixty and a hundred-fold.

For the present, the believer has
the assurance that God shall supply all
his need according to his riches in
glory by Christ Jesus. (Phil. 4:19). In
the ages to come, the Lord will show the

"OPERATION TOTAL MOBILISATION"

This fortnight past Singapore has been visited by the Gospel ship "Logos" for the fourth year. This naval evangelism is the ultimate extension of a small student-vacation evangelistic outreach started by Goerge Verwer from U.S.A. some eighteen years ago. In carrying out the Great Commission of our Lord to go into all the world, "Operation Mobilisation", which is the name of this young peoples' movement from many nations, is endeavouring to do just that from port to port. The zeal and consecration of OM's leaders should serve as a challenge to all our Churches. What have you and I done in our comfortable surroundings to extend God's Kingdom? Paul says, "Woe is me, if I preach not the Gospel" (I Cor. 9:16).

While it is the ideal of "Operation Mobilisation" to recruit young people from all nations for the Unfinished Task of the Great Commission, it should be the call of this Church to every member to play a part conscientiously for God's Kingdom, each week of the month, and each day of the week. I was very much moved by an old English plumber on board the Logos when he declared, with clenched-fist determination, his desire to spread the Gospel far and wide. Let Life Church's motto, for the sake of the Gospel, be "Operation Total Mobilisation!! Let each Reader do something, yes everything, to make Christ known. Why should such a great task for such a wide world be left to the effort of so small a number? The tragedy is that to many a Church-goer, God's Kingdom extends barely outside the window-view of his stained-glass Church!

But, I am better persuaded that what I have observed just above is not the Lifers' circumscription. Rather, I have been encouraged in my ministry by your whole-hearted devotion and determination to strike out for our Lord everyday. I am buoyantly borne forward by your response whenever the call is issued. Together, we shall see a great leap forward for our Lord this Jubilee Year. And this Jubilee Year of Life Church and the Bible-Presbyterian Movement is not for earthward celebration but rather to increase our determination to occupy with the view of His Second Coming.

Let me mention briefly some of the encouragements I've experienced as I walk among you week in and week out. Come with me every Saturday morning and see the young people of the G.L.T.D. speaking to younger brothers and sisters about their souls. Listen to the young people's choir rehearsing on the Lord's Day afternoon! Visit the kitchen on Sunday morning and see how the ladies labour lovingly for the Lord's sake. Follow some of our Christian National Servicemen to their camp meetings, and I am told by an elder in this work how after a Gospel film show recently 900 Gideons Bibles were distributed to new recruits.

Last week I appealed for a food basket for a sick old member of the Chinese service. After service this appeal was answered by an old-timer. Another brought in \$1,000 in response to our Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund, which is designated for Bedok (see below). Another handed me \$200, as a matter of habitual thanksgiving. The YAF has responded with a pledge of \$200 per month to underwrite our Church's support of foreign students at F.E.B.C. Space does not permit me to cite many other heart-warming examples.

Nevertheless, to those who have not fully responded to our "Total Mobilisation", let me say that the time is short. Let us work while it is day. The night cometh when no man can work. What work must we do for Christ's Kingdom? First, pray! Pray that we may have more faith and love for Him who first loved us. Pray for our family, the unsaved members, and pray with our family in worship in our own homes. Pray for the dying and despairing, the suffering in Cambodia and Vietnam down to our immediate unsaved neighbour. Attend Church and Sunday School every week, rain or shine, and bring an unsaved friend. Invite the Church to your house for family worship. Come to Tuesday night prayer meeting, which is the hour of power. Bring home a stack of tracts at the Church door and give a tract-a-day to some non-Christian friend. Support the Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund with your tithes, and if we all tithe, we will become yet richer materially so as to be enabled to support God's work more and more. Be assured that your offerings handled by the Session are most economically and cost-effectively used for God's Kingdom. But often the Lord's work is bogged down because the people are not giving their dues.

There are three centres of God's Kingdom immediately needing our attention: First is Kelapa Sawit which must start building this year. Second is Little Jurong B-P Church with the architect's plans already submitted. Third is a house at Bedok, offered for the starting of another branch church and the developing into a per-

manent Conference centre. These three all deserve our whole-hearted tithing support. But this is not all. The call comes often from Indonesia, from the Riau Islands, from the remotest corner of the earth. Who is able to suffice all these? With God's help, in this Total Mobilisation, we can extend God's Kingdom wherever He has deigned to give us His appointment. - T. Tow.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.
Fri. 6.30 p.m. F.E.B.C. End of Term
Dinner.
8.00 p.m. Worship, Mr. Khan
speaking.
Sat. 11.30 a.m. Mr. Khan at G.L.T.D.
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi.

Last Week's Offering: Over \$400; plus
\$200 and \$20 thru pastor.

Sunday Lunch Roster: G.L.T.D.

The S.S. Picnic at the seaside bungalow
of Mr. and Mrs. L.S. Pang at Loyang was
attended by 70. Messages were brought
by Mr. Turner and Mr. Khan.

Hear Mr. Charles Tsao at the Chinese
Service this Lord's Day afternoon
(4 p.m.) as he relates his experience at
the Christian funeral of Chiang Kai Shek.
Mr. Jordan Khan speaks this Lord's Day
3.45 p.m. at Jurong and at Toa Payoh
May 11, 10.30 a.m.

Child Evangelism Institute has further
enrolled students from Sarawak and Thai-
land. Only a few vacancies left, hurry!
Far Eastern Kindergarten. The accounts
for 1973 and 74 have been worked out by
Mr. Eio Eng Hwa and are being audited
for submission to the Government.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE holds End of
Year Worship, May 9, 8 p.m. at the FEBC
Hall. Readers are cordially invited to
hear students' testimonies and a message
by Mr. Jordan Khan. A special Book Sale
by Mr. Willie Seah follows that will
please your pockets! The College is
scheduled to reopen for the 14th acade-
mic year, Aug. 11, 1975. Mr. Swee Thian
Hoe will join the faculty.

LORD'S DAY XVIII

46. Q. How do you understand the words, He
ascended into heaven?

A. That Christ, in the sight of His
disciples, was taken up from earth into
heaven, and there continues for our inter-
est, until He comes again to judge the
living and the dead.

47. Is Christ, then, not with us even to
the end of the world, as He has promised?

A. Christ is true man and true God:
with respect to His human nature, He is no
more on earth; but with respect to His God-
head, majesty, grace, and Spirit, He is at
no time absent from us.

48. Q. But if His human nature is not pre-
sent wherever His Godhead is, are not then
these two natures in Christ separated from
one another?

A. Not at all; for since the Godhead is
illimitable and omnipresent, it must follow
that it is beyond the bounds of the human
nature it has assumed, and yet none the
less is in this human nature and remains
personally united to it.

49. Q. Of what advantage to us is Christ's
ascension into heaven?

A. First, that He is our Advocate in
the presence of His Father in heaven; se-
cond, that we have our flesh in heaven as
a sure pledge that He, as the Head, will
also take us, His members, up to Himself;
third, that He sends us His Spirit as an
earnest, by whose power we seek the things
that are above, where Christ is, seated on
the right hand of God, and not the things
that are upon the earth.

SIDANG INJIL BORNEO B.O. Box 47, Lawas,
Sarawak, Malaysia: Your 3rd remittance
for Capt. Kristiansen is received.

BRIGHTEN THE CORNER WHERE YOU ARE

Do not wait until some deed of greatness you may do, Do not wait to shed your light afar,
To the many duties ever near you now be true, Brighten the corner where you are.

Refrain:

Brighten the corner where you are! Brighten the corner where you are!
Some one far from harbor you may guide across the bar, Brighten the corner where you are.
Just above are clouded skies that you may help to clear, Let not narrow self your way
debar,
Tho' into one heart alone may fall your song of cheer, Brighten the corner where you are.
Here for all your talent you may surely find a need, Here reflect the Bright and
Morning Star,
Even from your humble hand the bread of life may feed, Brighten the corner where you are.

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AFRICA CALLING, CALLING, CALLING!

ONE DOCTOR and three nurses are urgently needed to serve at the Mission Hospital at Mwingi, Kenya. This Hospital has 101 beds and is run by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions which sends the Paaues to teach at Far Eastern Bible College.

When our cooperating Mission Board is in need and calls to Singapore for help, it is only our "reasonable service" to respond - now! Has the Lord spoken to you in times past about serving Him as a medical missionary? Is He speaking to you again as you hear Africa calling? Africa is calling, calling, calling! If so, we shall be delighted to hear from you. Just ring 50617 for Rev. Tow.

"I can hear my Saviour calling,
Take thy cross and follow, follow Me."

"PAY THY VOWS" (Ps. 50:14)

One of the definitions of a vow is "an earnest wish or prayer." Now, we are exhorted by God's Word to pray for all men, especially the suffering and the afflicted. When Saigon fell and refugees fled for their lives by the thousands, we as a Church prayed for them. Such prayer was earnestly made, and I'm sure, if you had some loved one stranded there, you would have vowed, with every promise to God. Our prayers to God should be so earnest as to vow to do everything for Him.

One week after our prayer for Vietnam refugees, ships carrying several thousands of these arrived in our midst. Now while we prayed and pitied those who were scrambling aboard U.S. warships, we were suddenly confronted by as live and vivid a situation. We even heard on the radio of one of the refugee fishing boats sinking just outside the roads. What was your reaction? As far as my heart was concerned, the response was: prove the sincerity of my prayer by instant action.

The morning after I heard the arrival off Bedok of over 30 Vietnam refugee ships, I hastened to the Red Cross at Penang Lane to inquire how we as a Church could help. The lady-in-charge, while welcoming surplus clothes, stressed the need of foods or cash to buy the refugees milk and medicine. That night which happened to be the Tuesday night of the Session's meeting, the matter of translating our prayers into charitable gifts was placed before the elders and deacons. A sum of \$1,000 was unanimously voted for these Vietnam refugees now anchored in Singapore waters. The next morning I telephoned an elder of a sister church. Our sincere desire to do good to the suffering in Jesus' Name was matched the more by the elder and his family who also pledged to give \$1,000 the same night. This flame of charitable service soon spread to other B-P Churches and not the least to the students of F.E.B.C. At the principal's report the students collected from among themselves \$101, which is already one tenth of Life Church's total giving!

Despite the news reports of some bad hats among the refugee crews, these who are afflicted, homeless, deprived of every decent comfort of life, deserve our help. For, we who were once strangers from the commonwealth of Israel, the kingdom of God, we who were lost in sin, without God and without hope in the world, were delivered by the merciful hand of God. Let us do good even to the unlovely and the unloving.

Now, while we should give out of a pure heart in worship to God and in service to our fellowmen, and should not seek reward of any kind, there is the promise of God that He will deliver us when it should be our turn to flee. "Pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me."

"Then shall the King say unto them on his right hand, Come, ye blessed of my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world: For I was an hungred, and ye gave me meat: I was thirsty, and ye gave me drink: I was a stranger, and ye took me in: Naked and ye clothed me: I was sick, and ye visited me: I was in prison, and ye came unto me.... Inasmuch as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." (Matt. 25:34-40)

ADVICE TO THOSE WHO TALK DURING WORSHIP SERVICE: (Eccles. 5:1,2)

"Keep thy foot when thou goest to the house of God, and be more ready to hear, than to give the sacrifice of fools: for they consider not that they do evil. Be not rash with thy mouth, and let not thine heart be hasty to utter any thing before God: for God is in heaven, and thou upon earth: therefore let thy words be few."

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Fri. 3 p.m. F.E.B.C. team to Kulai.
 Sat. 4 p.m. YF & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
 4 p.m.

Last Week's Offering: \$541; \$20 thru pastor for Jurong B.F.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Doreen Lee, Sim Mong Heng, Elgin Tay, Alice Khoo, Mak Pek Wan, Angelia Poon, Gary Chia.

Mr. Jordan C. Khan flies Monday May 12 9.00 a.m. for Brunei to join the Logos. This is necessitated by his not being granted visa extension. Mr. Khan speaks this Lord's Day at Toa Payoh B-P Church, Barker Road Methodist Church Y.F. 2 p.m., and at the Christian Assembly, Toa Payoh, 7.30 p.m.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE closes for the long vacation and reopens Mon. Aug. 11, 1975. The student body on hearing the needs of the Vietnamese refugees in Singapore collected \$101, which is to be forwarded thru the Red Cross.

Situation Vacant: Clerk-typist for the Church-FEBC-FEK office. Miss Elizabeth Lee, please see pastor for temporary help.

Relief for Vietnam Refugees. The Session has voted \$1,000 for the relief of Vietnam refugees now in Singapore which sum is to be transmitted thru the Red Cross at Penang Lane. Surplus clothing should be sent direct. Simply leave it downstairs and record same in an exercise book on the counter. This Lord's Day offering will go to make up the \$1,000. It is heartening to report that another \$1,000 was offered at an elder's family-worship (of a sister church).

KULAI BESAR. The Lord is increasing the bilingual testimony. If you are interested to see this work, board the VW station wagon from Church every Friday 3 p.m.!

Peter Quek sends greetings from Kuching and reports of a good time of learning and service.

Miss Anne Cheang, F.E.B.C. graduate 1974 who served with the OM teams in India for one year, elects to remain for another. Her address: 190 Gautam Nagar, New Delhi 110049. India.

ANNE CHEANG WRITES: On 21st March, I left Madras for the ship in Visak. The ship was supposed to sail on 29th. On 27th, I was suddenly troubled and had no peace within me. I felt like crying and one question popped out, "Can I make a last minute change to stay on in India?" One of the leaders encouraged me to do so and pray about it. On the same night, 2 leaders shared with some of us the urgent need of a secretary for U.P. 75. They thought Singaporeans and Malaysians are ideal persons to stay because they have no visa problem. I was then challenged to pray about it and many people were praying for me too. Next morning, I was asked to give an answer. While on the way to the ship, suddenly the Lord reminded me of the verse (Rom. 10:1) I loved to quote and asked whether I really meant what I said. He also showed me how unwilling I had been throughout. After much prayer and talking to George Miley, I made my final decision of staying behind. Then peace came into my heart.

50. Q. Why is it added, And sitteth at the right hand of God?

A. Because Christ ascended into heaven for this end, that He might there appear as Head of His Church, by whom the Father governs all things.

51. Q. What profit unto us is this glory of Christ, our Head?

A. First, that by His Holy Spirit He sheds forth heavenly gifts in us, His members; then, that by His power He defends and preserves us against all enemies.

52. Q. What comfort is it to you that Christ shall come to judge the living and the dead?

A. That in all my sorrows and persecutions, with uplifted head I look for the very same Person who before has offered Himself for my sake to the tribunal of God, and has removed all curse from me, to come as Judge from heaven; who shall cast all His and my enemies into everlasting condemnation, but shall take me with all His chosen ones to Himself into heavenly joy and glory.

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD

The Lord's my Shepherd,

I'll not want;

He makes me down to lie

In pastures green; He leadeth me

The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;

And me to walk doth make

Within the paths of righteousness,

E'en for His own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through death's
 dark vale,

Yet will I fear no ill;

For thou art with me, and Thy rod

And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished

In presence of my foes;

My head Thou dost with oil anoint,

And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my life

Shall surely follow me;

And in God's house forevermore

My dwelling place shall be. HD 231

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

For half a year this page has been dominated by Jason Linn's "Bible Silhouettes". The "Bible Silhouette" series is herewith suspended in order to bring back "Our Weekly Chat" which, I feel, is more needed for heart-to-heart talk in times like these.

Readers who were blessed by Jason's profile Bible study, however, need not be disappointed. Translation of the "Silhouettes" is proceeding apace. When the 39 Books of the Old Testament are completed, they will come to you in one book. Pray for your translator that he might be enabled from On High to finish this assignment.

Multiplied 1,000-fold when you give it to Jesus

The feeding of the five thousand with five loaves and two fishes given by a boy (Matthew 14, Mark 6, Luke 9, John 6) was a miracle wrought "on the vertical line". As Jesus broke the bread and fish given into His hands more and more multiplied from the original gift until the thousands were fed.

Today the miracle of multiplied thousands works all the same, though "on the horizontal line". For our Lord is more pleased to have the hands of His children taking a part. When we bring a gift to the Lord, no matter how small, God will cause it to grow "by addition". He will do this by moving others to add to it. While this method works "on the horizontal" the end result is the same - multiplied thousands.

For a recent example, let me quote our Church's decision last week to give \$1,000 for Vietnamese Relief. This has sparked off a wave of giving in our sister churches to add and add to it. The total, running into several thousands, will be announced in the B-P Banner.

The Divine law of increase is expressed by King Solomon thus: "There is that scattereth, and yet increaseth; and there is that withholdeth more than is meet, but it tendeth to poverty" (Prov. 11:24). (Mark this verse!)

"Read your Bible, morn and night, Think upon Him
through the day. He who turns his face to the
Light, Shall find guidance all the way."

It appears to me that not a few of the increasing number of worshippers on Sunday morning come without a Bible! Is it because you don't even possess one? I don't blame you if you're just an inquirer. But, even one finding out what Christianity is cannot be honest to oneself until one has read the Book of books! Get your copy at the entrance from Mr. Willie Seah at 10 per cent discount.

Perhaps there are others who think the Church has them in the pews. Sorry, there are few if not none! This is Life Church's tradition to make every worshipper own one and carry one! Carrying a Bible to Church is a form of Christian testimony.

There may be some who own no Bible because they haven't got the habit of reading it. Perhaps it is due to their not being born again. A baby needs milk and he loves it. If you are a born again Christian you will desire the sincere milk of the Word.

For the beginner in Bible reading, one helpful way is to bring a red ball pen to Church. Mark the Bible portion read in Church, particularly the theme text. Look up and mark every verse quoted in this Weekly. Mark every golden text in your further reading. It will amaze you how much new territory you will have covered in one year!

But, the above method is merely a "warming up". Soon, as you discover to your delight the sweetness of God's Word, you will want to read regularly a portion everyday. You will want to read it even more and more and meditate upon it. For it not only gives you daily guidance but also soothing relief and satisfaction to your nervous, restless, thirsty soul.

Welcome Child Evangelism Students to Life Church and
Far Eastern Bible College

This first Child Evangelism Institute held at Gilstead Road is sponsored both by the Church and College. FEBC students who take this course and pass are given 6 credit points. We extend a cordial welcome to new students from Sri Lanka, Thailand, Sabah, Sarawak and not the least from our own City. May you find our Church compound and College campus a quiet haven for serious study, especially when this is only an eleven-week course. We welcome you foreign students to our Church services, for we are one big family in the bonds of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

Talking about "Child Evangelism", may I remind parents of our bounden duty to bring up our children in the fear of the Lord. Do we pray for and with them each day, and teach them God's Word apart from their Sunday School? Do we hold a short family worship each night before we retire our young ones to bed? Read Mr. Willie Seah's testimony in the coming issue of Bible-Presbyterian Banner.

Yours affectionately T.Tow

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 6.30 a.m. CEF classes begin
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Fri. 8 p.m. Family Worship at the new
home of Dn. & Mrs. Sng Teck
Leong, 2J, Henderson Road,
Block 96, S'pore 3.
Sat. 11 a.m. Tang - Tan Wedding
2 p.m. Tan - Tang Wedding
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Hon

Last Week's Offering: \$700.00 (for Vietnam
refugees); through pastor's hand \$1,400
cheque.

Other offerings for Vietnam Refugees \$14.50
from FEBCer; Chinese Service \$100; Jurong
\$88.05; Toa Payoh English \$50.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim
Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine
Ong, Low Chong Chye & Richard Lim.

25 New Inspiring Hymns contributed by
Galilee Church have been added to the pews.
More will be added as the old ones are
withdrawn.

Congratulations to Dn. Tan Wai Choon on his
graduation May 19 from Faith Seminary, USA
with the Master of Divinity degree. Wai
Choon will continue to study towards the
Master of Sacred Theology.

Mr. Wong Sun Looy is called to serve both
at Kelapa Sawit and Kulai Besar commencing
June 1, 1975. Mr. Wong is a graduate from
Chin Lien Bible School and has spent one
semester at FEBC.

Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiat. You are kindly re-
quested to take the children's S.S. class
of the Chinese Service during the FEBC
vacation.

Who would like to give a year's FEBC
scholarship to a prospective student from
India who has worked with the Logos for
several years and is well recommended?

Call to Singkep Island. In response to a
second call to preach to the unevangelised
island of Singkep, 10 hours by motor launch
from Tanjung Pinang. Rev. Tow plans to
leave Mon. June 2. Any company?

Rev. & Mrs. Jim Turner may be reached by
phone: 513069.

New Addresses: 1) Dn. & Mrs. Sng Teck Leong,
as above; 2) Mr. & Mrs. George Tan, Block
29, 25A, Marine Crescent, 15; Tel. 418643.

Wedding Bells. The Holy Matrimony between
1) Mr. Tang Fook Weng & Miss Tan Kuan Kuan
2) Mr. Tan Eng Boon & Miss Veronica Tang
Poh Eng will be solemnised Sat. May 24, 11
a.m. and 2 p.m. respectively. Rev. Tow
officiating.

Life Book Centre begins to display Bibles
and good Christian books at the Church
entrance each week. Selections from Logos
stock!

LORD'S DAY XX

53. Q. What do you believe concerning
the Holy Spirit?

A. First, that He is true and co-
eternal God with the Father and the
Son, second, that He is also given me
to make me by a true faith partaker of
Christ and all His benefits, to comfort
me, and to abide with me forever.

THE PILGRIMS' HOME SWEET HOME

(To the tune of "Home Sweet Home".)

1. These pilgrims and these strangers
Have died in faith,
And they have gladly laid down
This side Jordan's wave.
The promise of God drew
Their steps up and on.
And they have fondly confessed:
Heaven above's their home.

Chorus:

Home, home, sweet, sweet home,
Yes, they've fondly confessed:
O, Heaven above's our home.

2. These pilgrims and these strangers
Have left their lands,
And they have forsaken them
Ne'er more to return.
A better land above
For them God's prepared.
The City of God is
Way beyond compare.

3. In Abraham's God trusting,
I've joined the band
Of pilgrims and strangers
To the Promised Land.
This world is not my home,
I'm just a-passing through,
Each day draws me nearer
Home beyond the blue.

Home, home sweet, sweet home.
Yes, I too fondly confess:
O, Heaven above's my home.

MT. CARMEL WEDDING. The holy matrimony
between Mr. Robert Choo Chen Hon and
Miss Peggy Khoo Kooi Bee will be solemn-
ised at Gilstead Road, Mon. May 26, 1975
11 a.m. with a reception thereafter at
FEBC Hall.

REV. & MRS. JASON LINN are scheduled to
arrive in Singapore, Aug. 13, 1975.

KELAPA SAWIT B.F. acknowledges gift of
\$200 from a Lifer. Our total is now
about \$14,500!

Gilstead Road Church Compound has parking
space during week days to facilitate
members. Please register with the Pastor.

MT. CARMEL B-P CHURCH celebrates 8th
Anniversary on May 25, 1975. Congratulations!

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

"TARES SOWN AMONG THE WHEAT" (Matt. 13:25)

In the parable of the wheat and the tares (Matthew 13:24-30), Jesus tells how an enemy of a farmer sowed tares, i.e. weeds, among his wheat. This parable forewarns us of Satan's opposition to whatever we endeavour to do in the work of the Lord. Let me tell you of a latest example.

I have just received Deacon John Ling's letter from Kelapa Sawit. He informs me that the Roman Catholics are taking steps to buy the other half acre of land adjoining ours to build their church! The other half acre is also Government land. Now, if we had started to build our Church there earlier, this would have discouraged them from intrusion. Deacon Ling therefore appealed to us to start building operations as soon as possible.

Yes, this disturbing report has galvanised me into immediate action! I have got in touch, yea, sat down to a thorough discussion, with Miss Tay Siew Mui the architect who planned Rawang Church, to finalise the drawings of Kelapa Sawit Church. The whole Church-and-Kindergarten complex, with parsonage, is estimated at \$90,000. I have also got in touch with Rev. Philip Heng who is also a visiting pastor to Kelapa Sawit. He heads a monthly English work with the children of the Oil Palm Estate. I want to get in touch with you, dear Reader, as we bring our petitions together unto the Lord.

Yes, we must build immediately to forestall any more tare-sowing by the enemy. Our present assets are as follows:-

- 1) The half acre of land purchased from Government at \$6,700.
 - 2) The old shophouse Church, saleable for \$20,000.
 - 3) In fixed deposit with the bank, \$14,000.
- So, we need another \$56,000. God is able.

RELIEF OF THE POOR

Offerings for the relief of the Vietnamese refugees from all our B-P Churches total around \$3,300. This shows there are those who are mindful of the poor, which is a sacrifice well-pleasing to the Lord. As the Vietnamese Relief Fund is closed, and there comes to hand \$24/a youth group, I shall channel this sum to an orphanage. The surplus clothing left at the parsonage will also be despatched to the same orphanage and to an old peoples home under the direction of Rev. Djunaidi in West Kalimantan. There are over 40 poor children at the orphanage.

MR. JORDAN KHAN C/O M.V. LOGOS, P.O. BOX 3335, S'PORE, WRITES:

I would like to thank you and sister Timothy Tow for all your love, care and hospitality. Your place became real "Bethany" to me.

I would also like to thank your church, and elders and the saints of Toa Payoh Church, the youth group and the Sunday School Children for their love-gifts to me. Thank you, beloved, for all your practical expressions of love. May the Lord bless and reward the labours of your love and of the Saints.

The Lord had put His seal in bringing me to Brunei. In the meetings, I spoke so far in both the places - Brunei and Kota Kinabalu, many have been found broken and awakened and many made decisions of Salvation, Restoration and Consecration.

In Brunei, one day there was a record sale of \$12,000 and on other days there was a very encouraging sale, including Bibles, and Christian books. The young man from your church is very much blessed. He wants to continue his stay up to Philippines.

I enjoyed my fellowship with the students of F.E.B.C. too. I was sorry to leave you all dear one two weeks earlier, yea all things work together for good to them who love the Lord.

I am speaking every day either on the ship or in churches at Kota Kinabalu.

CHURCH WITH THE BIGGEST CAR PARK!

With the completion of Fringe Car Park J adjoining Life Church-FEBC (6 acres of parking space), we have suddenly awakened to being the Church with the biggest car park! Late motorists on Sunday are advised to use it. On week days, it is pleasant to go to town by shuttle service! - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 11 a.m. Mt. Carmel Wedding, Robert Choo and Peggy Khoo. Dr. Quek Swee Hwa officiating.

Tues 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Sat. 2 p.m. SMCCC Annual Meeting.

4 p.m. YF and YAF

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)
Rev. Tai Po-fu (")

Last Week's Offering: \$439.10¢.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Teo Hwee Meng, Seet Chuan Hoo, Richard Chan, Leong Nam Fook, Jenny Goh.

Applicants to the post of Church Clerk are advised to do so with a hand-written letter. Rev. Tow's trip to Singkep is postponed to June 9 in view of other more pressing commitments, including visit to Kelapa Sawit, June 8.

The Holy Matrimony between 1) Mr. Lim Ian Chung and Miss Tan Kee Lan 2) Mr. Vincent Goh Seng Mui and Miss Jennifer Chng Swee Kheng will be solemnised on Sat. June 7, 2 p.m. and 3 p.m. respectively, Rev. Tow officiating.

The Holy Matrimony between Miss Judy Fong Hung Sim of Life Church and Mr. Sim Swee Peng of Glory Church was solemnised at Glory Church, Sat. May 24, 11 a.m.

GALILEE CHURCH celebrates 15th Anniversary Thanksgiving on Lords Day June 1 with a Chinese dinner at Gilstead Road and extends cordial invitation to the whole Life Church Session with their spouses.

Get your copy of B-P Banner today!

SMCCC ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING. Notice is given to all concerned that this meeting will be held at Life Church Sat. May 31, 2 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

2 Dozens of Constitution of the Bible Presbyterian Church (USA Edition) are available from Rev. Paaue at \$6/- per copy.

Miss Yusiniar of Medan, FEBC Certificate student, is leaving Mon. May 26, 11.40 a.m., GA.909.

LIFE BOOK CENTRE. At last it is ready for opening! A new red floor is just paved over the main room. See Mr. Willie Seah for your Bible supply.

CHILD EVANGELISM INSTITUTE, under the sponsorship of FEBC, has 24 students under an eleven-week training course. Students hail from Singapore, West Malaysia, Sarawak, Sabah, Indonesia, Sri Lanka, USA and Great Britain!

SHORT SERMONS

If you look back too much, you will soon be heading that way.

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People may doubt what you say, but they will always believe what you do.

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When it comes to giving, some people stop at nothing!

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Mend your nets by witnessing with prayer, cast them in faith, and draw them in love.

LORD'S DAY XXI

54. Q. What do you believe concerning the holy catholic Church?

A. That the Son of God, out of the whole human race, from the beginning to the end of the world, gathers, defends, and preserves for Himself, by His Spirit and Word, in the unity of the true faith, a Church chosen to everlasting life; and that I am, and forever shall remain, a living member thereof.

55. Q. What do you understand by the communion of saints?

A. First, that believers, all and everyone, as members of Christ, are part-takers of Him and of all His treasures and gifts; second, that everyone must know himself bound to employ his gifts readily and cheerfully for the advantage and salvation of other members.

56. Q. What do you believe concerning the forgiveness of sins?

A. That God, for the sake of Christ's satisfaction, will no more remember my sins, neither my sinful nature, against which I have to struggle all my life long but will graciously grant unto me the righteousness of Christ, that I may never come into condemnation.

HOUSE BLESSING THROUGH DAILY FAMILY WORSHIP
(to the tune of "Jesus, Where'er Thy People Meet", Hebron, Hymns of Universal Praise 169)

Where two or three together meet
In Jesus' Name to sing God's praise,
And pray to Him with one accord,
There He'll visit them face to face.

Though God in highest heaven reigns,
He condescends to dwell below,
And finds a home in every heart,
Wherein the fires of first love glow.

In mansion high or cottage low,
Where Jesus' Name is daily praise
By word and deed to God and man,
Rain showers of blessing from His Grace.

O may the grace of God abound
From house to house and door to door,
And to our sons and all our friends
Grant life eternal ever more.

WILL IT HAPPEN TO YOU?

A Boy gave his lunch to Jesus, and 5,000 men, besides women and children, were fed.

A Sunday School Teacher visited Dwight Moody in the shoeshop where he worked, spoke to him about Christ, and Moody became a world-renowned evangelist leading thousands to Christ.

Hudson Taylor said 'Yes' unreservedly to God and more than 1,200 missionaries went forth to China under the banner of China Inland Mission (now Overseas Missionary Fellowship) which he founded. It can happen again! Will it happen to you?

"Ye shall be my witnesses" - Acts 1:8.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

'God blessed me with a house because I tithed'

An old Bible woman who got a lift from me to go to a funeral gave me an envelope. It contained a \$100 note which she designated for Far Eastern Bible College. She said, "This is my tithe, God's money that must be returned to Him. Please use it for the upkeep of your Bible College".

Then she continued: "I have practised tithing from the beginning. The amazing thing is that instead of becoming poorer, I have increased in finance. I have always had a surplus. On top of that, the Lord has blessed me with a house which I in my own strength could never have bought."

Here is another living example of what God has done to open windows of heaven and pour out a blessing upon those who honour Him. May this remind us of our years of neglect to return to God our dues. Let us make good during this our Jubilee Year.

Conversely, if we are content to dwell in luxurious homes while God's storehouse remains empty, we may end up as Haggai the prophet says to backsliding Israel, "And he that earneth wages earneth wages to put it into a bag of holes" (Haggai 1:6).

Nevertheless, there are encouraging examples from Lifers too. A young couple gave me a cheque for \$1,400 the other day. Another makes it a regular habit to bring \$200 to the Lord about once every third Sunday. There's a family gathering a total gift of \$10,000 for Jubilee Year. Big or small sums, it is our heart that counts. Big or small sums the Lord can multiply so that the two younger Churches in our movement might be enabled to build.

As pastor reminding members to worship the Lord with their substance, I am doing none other than what St. Paul did: "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil. 4:17). Every gift brought to the Lord not only goes a long way to extend God's Kingdom on earth, but ascends as a sweet sacrifice to God's throne high above. "Offer unto God thanksgiving; and pay thy vows unto the most High: And call upon me in the day of trouble: I will deliver thee, and thou shalt glorify me" (Ps. 50:14,15).

SARIMBUN

Situated in the Northwestern corner of Singapore overlooking the Johore Straits, one mile from the 19th m.s. Lim Chu Kang Road, Sarimbun stands like a lone sentinel. Nevertheless, a Sunday School for children is regularly maintained by Deacon & Mrs. Sng Teck Leong, Miss Fam Sui Yin and Mary Sun. They go up in a VW Kombi provided by Mrs. Ho the land lady. First-fruits of their faithful labours are ripening on the stalk. Some of the older children, having received Christ, desire baptism!

Sarimbun during the school vacations serves as a campsite for the Gospel Letters and Tracts Department of Life Church, a growing group of young people zealous in soul-winning. At one of their camps which I visited, a score of souls were added to the Kingdom. Half a dozen camps are held at Sarimbun in this fashion, and 70-80 young people are accommodated each time! How?!

Sarimbun needs renovation badly. With Mr. T.C. Eng our Church contractor finishing on his job at Gilstead Road, we should take this golden opportunity to repair God's House in the wildwoods. Extensions will facilitate and ease the teeming number. Come and see Sarimbun for yourself!

CHILD EVANGELISM

Under the auspices of Far Eastern Bible College, a "Child Evangelism" Institute is run which takes in 24 students from nine countries. FEBC students taking this course of eleven weeks of intensive training receive 6 credits towards their academic work in Christian Education.

Child Evangelism, as the name implies, stresses the salvation of children at as early an age as possible. It is possible for a child of five to realise he is a sinner needing salvation when the Gospel message is made clear to him. Testimonies from such have convinced students who had not thought it possible. But the surest proof is from Timothy which is further attested by the Apostle Paul. The aged master reminded his disciple of his early conversion, and that he should pay heed to what he has taught him to do. Paul says, "And that from a child thou hast known the holy scriptures which are able to make thee wise unto salvation through faith which is in Jesus Christ" (II Tim. 3:15).

"Child Evangelism" is an effort to make good what is neglected by parents, church and Sunday School. This should challenge parents to carry out their duty of

bringing their children to the Lord. This is best done at family worship. The Church through the Sunday Junior Department should remind the teachers to apply the Scripture lesson taught. Every now and then the teacher should ask the class, "Who would like to confess his sins to Jesus who died for you on the Cross? Who would like to be saved from everlasting punishment in hell to everlasting life in heaven?" "Child Evangelism" is the first step in any Gospel extension work!

Yours affectionately T. Tow

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Session Meeting

Sat. 2 p.m. Lim - Tan Wedding

Goh - Chng Wedding

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow

4 p.m. (Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit)

Last Week's Offering: \$411.45¢ + \$200 (thru. Pastor's hand).

Sunday Lunch Roster: See Siew Hong, Low Soo Kiong, Wong Tiew Yah, Koh Tai San, Kim Neo.

Baptism. Mr. Tang Fook Weng, 18 Emerald Hill Road on Sun. May 18, 1975.

Obituary. Mr. Chong Tee San, 69, of 174A, Florence Road, brother of Madam Chong of Life Church Chinese Service, passed away Sunday May 25. Funeral on Tues. May 27 was officiated by Rev. Tow.

Renovations. To cater to the increasing number of Sunday diners, we need to install another set of stone table and stools at only \$160.

Walk around the gardens, including the new one abutted by Car Park J, and see what have been added! A little gate opens to the new car park (735 cars) to facilitate late motorists who are obliged to park there.

We welcome students at the Child Evangelism Institute (under the auspices of FEEBC) to Life Church, including the afternoon Chinese service. Students at C.E.I. are: 1) S'pore: Miss Leng Sou Kin, Mrs. Irene Lim, Miss Lim Siew Yong, Tan Choon Seng, Miss Dorothy Tan, Tan Eng Boo, Joseph Tang, Miss Eunice Teo, Miss Teo Ah Eng 2) West Malaysia: Brutus Balan, Miss Betty Tow 3) Indonesia: Miss Linda Harlim, Miss Debora Lukito, Dohar Siregar, Sahat Siregar 4) Thailand: Miss Chin Lawan, Siengsukon Thira, Mrs. Siengsukon Montira 5) Sabah: Yee Ting Kong 6) Sarawak: Miss Elisa Lim 7) Sri Lanka: Mrs. Hannah Jeyaratnam, Lillian Wijewickrama, 8) England: Peter D. Lester 9) U.S.A.: Mrs. Leah Paauwe.

GALILEE TITHE. Your \$100 envelope in the Box has been transmitted.

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS OF SMCCC, 1975

President : Rev. K.C. Quek

Vice-Pres. : Rev. T. Tow

Treasurer : Elder Heng Yow Tong

Sec. (Eng) : Rev. Edward Paauwe

(Chin) : Elder Teo See Yah

Com. Members : Dr. Quek Swee Hwa

Dn. Chang Woon Soc

Elder Secw Chong Pin

Mr. Teo Gim Tong (ICY)

REV. K.C. QUEK flies June 8 to USA in advance to help prepare for the ICC 9th Congress in Nairobi, July 16-27, 1975

MR. TEO GIM TONG of Life Church YAF and ICY will also go to Nairobi, via SIA.

LORD'S DAY XXII

57. Q. What comfort does the resurrection of the body afford you?

A. That not only my soul, after this life, shall immediately be taken up to Christ, its Head; but also that this body, raised by the power of Christ, shall again be united with my soul, and made like unto the glorious body of Christ.

58. Q. What comfort do you derive from the article of life everlasting?

A. That, since I now feel in my heart the beginning of eternal joy, after this life I shall possess perfect bliss, such as eye has not seen nor ear heard, neither has entered into the heart of man - therein to praise God forever.

STORIES OF JESUS

Tell me the stories of Jesus

I love to hear;

Things I would ask Him to tell me

If He were here;

Scenes by the wayside,

Tales of the sea;

Stories of Jesus,

Tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children

Stood round His knee;

And I shall fancy His blessing

Resting on me;

Words full of kindness,

Deeds full of grace,

All in the lovelight

Of Jesus' face.

Tell how the sparrow that twitters

On yonder tree,

And the sweet meadow-side lily

May speak to me

Give me their message,

For I would hear

How Jesus taught us

Our Father's care.

Show me that scene in the garden

Of bitter pain;

And of the cross where my Saviour

For me was slain

Sad ones or bright ones,

So that they be

Stories of Jesus,

Tell them to me.

(Golden Bells 656)

AN ART WALL with a Spanish air is built adjoining the F.E. Kindergarten airwell. This is completed and timed to welcome Galileans celebrating their 15th Anniversary Thanksgiving this Lord's Day.

Bring a friend to the GOSPEL RALLY
at

Toa Payoh B-P Church

383 Block 71, Lorong 4

June 5-7, 7.30 nightly

Organizer: Rev. Edward Paauwe

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

JOIN ME TO WELCOME THE CEF THAI STUDENTS

There are three Thai students with the C.E. Training Institute now being sponsored by Far Eastern Bible College. They are Thira Siengsukon and his wife Montira, Miss Chin Lawan, with their teacher-translator Miss Lucille. These four will repeat John 3:16 in Thai, ("For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life"). Then they will sing a Gospel hymn in Thai and round off with a testimony by Thira Siengsukon on how he, a staunch Buddhist before, became a Christian. Surely you will be thrilled to see Christians from another Asean country. In this connection, we had Miss Suvana Ngarnsithichoke study at FEBC some years ago who is now a Church worker in Southern Thailand. We should give the Thai students a special warm welcome, considering the great odds facing them as Christians in an all-Buddhist country. We should pray for Thailand as one of our missionary fields.

"FIRST LAST, LAST FIRST"

Serving the Lord is like running on race. Like many champions dropping out for one reason or another, Jesus says, "Many that are first shall be last; and the last shall be first" (Matthew 19:30).

Life Church is one of the very first in Singapore to go into all the world in the missionary endeavour. We formed the Malaysia Pioneer Mission as early as 1952, which today is called Bible Presbyterian Missions. Our missionary agency has during these long years done something for the Lord, e.g. giving support to the younger groups like Kelapa Sawit, Galilee, Jurong, Mt. Carmel, in earlier days, and now e.g. Kulai Besar and Kelapa Sawit still.

Now, our missionary effort has not been limited to these places. Your sending me to minister to Muar and Rawang for about eight years, resulting in the rebuilding of Rawang Church, is another dimension of missions. But, we cannot rest on these laurels. Dollars-wise we are far behind the giving of two Chinese Churches in Singapore who have suddenly appeared on the scene of missions with manifest zeal and power!

1. Grace Church at Queen Street (Wai Yan Tong)

Founded by Rev. Ho Yiu Kin about the same time Life Church began (1950), this Church now has a majestic mansion in Queen Street. Last year the Church inaugurated Missions with a target of \$20,000. But, as their "Go and Preach" editorial says, "We had too little faith. The people gave \$60,000 in that first year!" This triple giving over a Church's missionary budget is unheard of in our circles. We are just crawling while others have soared. We first? We are last!

2. Chen Li Presbyterian Church

The other Church that deserves honourable mention is Chen Li Presbyterian Church at Guillemard Road. This Church has set a target of \$50,000 for Missions this year. This sum has also been oversubscribed to exceed \$60,000. Praise the Lord for such hilarious, spontaneous giving. Praise the Lord that with such hearty support Asian missionaries for the first time are going out there, here, far and near for the extension of God's kingdom. How about us? If every member will give his or her tithe, we will exceed the target of \$100,000 for our Jubilee Year.

A CREATIVE MISSIONARY ENTERPRISE

While material support is important in the advancement of missions, the nurture and training of missionaries is even more. Our Lord paid far less attention to the former, but gave three-and-a-half years of His life to train the first batch, viz. the twelve apostles. These literally went into every part of the inhabited world to preach the Gospel.

In this connection, the role that is being humbly played, silently and assiduously by Far Eastern Bible College, day in, day out, cannot be disregarded. Particularly significant is the fact that FEBC is training half of her students for the far-flung countries of the Far East. Over a dozen FEBC graduates are now serving in their respective homelands:- West Malaysia, Sarawak, Thailand and Indonesia, while some, like Mr. Han of Korea now studying in the West, should soon return to their countries of origin.

Seeing what high dividends such a creative missionary enterprise is yielding, Life Church Session has decided to extend another four foreign scholarships to two new applicants from Indonesia (both children of missionaries) and two from the Philippines (one being the son of a pastor). A foreign scholarship is \$600 a year. With the one previously mentioned, being granted to an Indian student, we have to date promised five foreign scholarships. Reader, here's your opportunity to pay

the Gospel debt. Support one or two? FEBC, while training our own pastors and workers endeavours "to be a creative missionary enterprise".

Yours affectionately T. Tow

MEMO OF M.V. LOGOS TRIP BY PETER QUEK

Praise and thank the Lord that there was a great sense of appreciation and gratefulness for this unusual yet pleasant trip; as I came back to Singapore after 5 weeks of experience and tremendous encounters.

Basically, there was a tripartite engagement of self-development, Christian fellowship and witnessing that really enabled me to open up, to learn and consequently to grow (mature a little) as a Christian. The ship-life was not, as spectacular as many think or even a sailing utopia of Christian community. No! In fact that was where the greatest test of love and faith was "fought out". But, praise God that it was only through much prayer, worship and thanksgiving, and devotion that the 140 members from 20 different nations could really live together as one big family in Christ, who is the Head.

At every port of call, I was very much involved in leading and singing in meetings both on board and on shore, in schools and churches. It was really an eye-opener as well as a great encouragement to see such tremendous response to the Gospel; to the challenge of a world-wide vision of the "harvest fields"; and to witness the distribution of thousands of bibles, tracts and Christian books to the many "hungry" souls in East Malaysia and the Philippines. Praise the Lord that I could move out with a team of 6 other members for an overland trip into Sarawak. This experience alone accounted for many great blessings from our Gracious Lord.

Personally, it was easy to be depressed and thus become ineffective as a so-called "soldier for Christ" but thank God that He gave me new victories by His Grace; to really accept myself as He has made me, and in turn to be vulnerable to others as well as to affirm others in Christ Jesus.

Excitedly, I have much to share, but to round it up, the Lord has definitely convicted me of the urgent needs around us, and as He leads, I pray that I may be a faithful servant in this overwhelming ministry of spiritual warfare! Amen!

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting at Dr. Patrick Tan's flat.

Sat. 4 p.m. YF and YAF

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow

4 p.m. Rev. Tow

Last Week's Offering: \$647.95 (incl. \$120 thru pastor's hand). Junior Service: \$6.65. \$160 also received for set of stone table and 10 stools for Sunday Lunch.

We thank Mr. Yee Ting Kong of Sabah for his bright testimony last Lord's Day.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Audrey Lim, Doreen Lee, Sim Mong Heng, Elgin Tay, Alice Khoo, Mak Pek Wan, Angelia Poon, Gary Chia.

Rev. Tow visits Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day. He brings a gift of \$2,000 from Life Church to boost their Building Fund. Also a gift of \$200 is to be transmitted to Tampoi Church of the Evangelise Chinese Fellowship to help their Building Fund. (Your gifts to the Jubilee Thanksgiving Fund are used for the highest purpose).

Rev. Tow and family leave Mon. June 9 for Tanjung Pinang. From there he'll sail southwards to Singkep with Mr. Tan Soon Liang, a converted boat towkay to answer a repeated call to hear the Gospel. They expect to return to Singapore Friday 13.

Life Church Committee to the Presbytery in preparation for the Silver Jubilee Celebrations consists of the pastor, Elder Edmund Tay and Deacon Lim Teck Chye.

MISS KAMALA, sister of Mr. Charom, is our new Church Clerk.

THE MAROON FORD FALCON parked in the Church ground is a gift by a Jurongite to the Logos, awaiting shipment in September.

ANOTHER \$160 is received for the stone furniture, so we'll buy 2 sets.

LORD'S DAY XXIII

59. Q. But what does it profit you now that you believe all this?

A. That I am righteous in Christ before God, and an heir to eternal life.

60. Q. How are you righteous before God?

A. Only by a true faith in Jesus Christ; that is, though my conscience accuse me that I have grievously sinned against all the commandments of God and kept none of them, and am still inclined to all evil, yet God, without any merit of mine, of mere grace, grants and imputes to me the perfect satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ, as if I had never had nor committed any sin, and myself had accomplished all the obedience which Christ has rendered for me; if only I accept such benefit with a believing heart.

61. Q. Why do you say that you are righteous only by faith?

A. Not that I am acceptable to God on account of the worthiness of my faith, but because only the satisfaction, righteousness, and holiness of Christ is my righteousness before God, and I can receive the same and make it my own in no other way than by faith only.

SURPLUS CLOTHING. One box has been transported to W. Kalimantan. Another to Tg. Pinang.

OBITUARY. "Mr Robin Foo Kok Ek left us for the Lord 5-6-75". Funeral on Sat. 11 a.m. was officiated by Revs. P. Heng and Tow, assisted by Dn. William Seah. Mr. Foo was a new believer attending Calvary Church.

REPORT ON TANJUNG PINANG

I had an invitation from Tanjung Pinang to go with the brethren to Singkep to preach to the Chinese population. As the trip to Tanjung Pinang takes only four hours and is quite pleasant, I decided to bring my family along. Particularly the children enjoyed the boatripe when we made this trip last Monday.

We were comfortably settled at the Manse of the Gereja Peresbeteryan di Indonesia at Jalan Bakarbatu. Linus and Yusuf, the sons-in-law of Rev. Tan and their wives took good care of us. They were delighted to see us for one big reason. Mr. Tan Soong Liang, the newly-converted boat towkay, had just shifted into his new house-on-the-sea. He had invited the whole church to a makan on Tuesday evening, to be preceded by a worship service. We could not have chosen a better time to come to Tanjung Pinang, they said.

Tuesday night saw sixty old and young gathered in the breezy courtyard of his new house. As the sea lapped lazily below, we were exhorted to give thanks to the Lord for His blessing on the new house. The pastor brought a house-blessing message from Ps. 128, showing that a righteous man's portion from the Lord is long-standing, yea everlasting.

The trip from Tanjung Pinang to Singkep takes 12 hours, but what makes it more difficult for us is there is no scheduled service. So, Mr. Tan suggested we go by charter. We were supposed to leave Tanjung Pinang on Wednesday at 12 noon. At the last moment, however, the deal fell through. As there was no other boat available, we felt God had a higher purpose.

Sure enough there came later on Rev. Yrjole the Finnish missionary of the gospel yacht "Ebenezer" anchored a little distance from the wharf. He asked me to preach for him the same night as he had an appointment with a Gereja Pantekosta, an Indonesian speaking church on the hill-slope above ours. Taking this to be a reason from the Lord for not facilitating our trip to Singkep, I readily complied with his request. At the mid-week service there that night, over 30 came to hear the Gospel.

Since I had Thursday night free before sailing back on Friday, the brethren arranged for an evening meeting at the Presbyterian Church. Over 40 came to hear an hour-long sermon on "From Death to Life", based on Rom. 6:23. This was spoken in Teochew and interpreted into Hakka. So our original Singkep appointment resolved rather into a three-night preaching assignment at three places in Tanjung Pinang.

It was a joy to visit Tanjung Pinang again this time. We saw improvements and expansion in every sphere of work.

1. The muddy Church-and-school quadrangle was just being given a 4-inch coat of cement. This should give worshippers and visitors a brighter and pleasanter welcome.

2. A new work was opened only two months ago at a farm at the 4th mile. A new Sunday School outreach, it is averaging 40 children every Lord's Day afternoon.

3. Several adults are preparing for the next Baptisim around Christmas.

4. A first D.V.B.S. is planned to run early December, with Singaporeans supplying the teaching staff.

5. The present flimsy wooden Church auditorium which is termite-eaten is to be rebuilt in brick with a parsonage and living quarters on top in the next two years. This will make Tanjung Pinang a conference centre even for Singaporeans!

6. Linus and Yusuf, lay preachers, are planning to study at FEBC.

While you who read this latest report on the Gospel work at Tanjung Pinang will rejoice in the progress made, there is one sad note that must be recorded. It is the practically non-existence of Indonesian Bibles on the Island. Rev. Yrjole told me neither could he get any from Singapore, so much so he would have to make a trip to Jakarta to find out. Anyone can get us some Indonesian Bibles for the Riau Islands? A happier note is we "smuggled" two packets of Chinese Gospel tracts this time. (Any literature in Chinese, except Bibles, is prohibited).

Geographical Note:

Tanjung Pinang is situated on the south-western tip of Bintan Island which is twice the size of Singapore. It is 48 miles from Singapore and thrives in our shadow. Its T.V. sets receive not Indonesian programmes but rather Singapore and Malaysia's.

The Chinese population is predominantly Teochew, Hakka and Hokkien are next in density. The people live by trading, fishing, and a little farming. Kijang on the other side of the Island has a busy bauxite mine that transports the mineral by cable, a sight quite similar to that at Mt. Faber. The Presbyterian Church at Tanjung Pinang has acquired a piece of land with the \$2,500 offered by Life Church. A school is planned to be built here wherein church services will be held. Kijang is 26 km. from Tanjung Pinang. - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Fri. 8 p.m. Family worship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Harold Quek, No. 9, Goldhill Rise (11).

Sat. 4 p.m. Y.F. Rev. Tow speaking.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow

4 p.m. Rev. Tai

Last Week's Offering: \$516.25 plus \$100 for "Boon Lay".

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fan Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye & Richard Lim.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Wong Cheong Fo and Miss Nancy Fong of Galilee Church will be solemnised on Sat. June 28, 3 p.m., Rev. P. Heng officiating. Reception follows at FEBC Hall.

Miss Yusiniar sends greetings from Medan and tells of new opportunities in Serving the Lord, fulltime. Her address: Jln. K. Api Gg. Pertama 5, Sukaramai, Medan, Sumatra, Indonesia.

Greetings are also received from Miss Lina Seow, 970 Englington Ave. East, Apt. 400, Toronto, Canada (Summer Add. till Aug. 31st). She writes: "I am not attached to any church in particular here, but usually I attend the Baptist Church. Since it is vacation now, and I am living in Toronto, I attend the Chinese Gospel Church, in which some of our old friends are there too. Most notable one is Jonathan Quek. Please remember me in your prayers".

Tan Swee Teck, new address: 657-30th St., Hermosa Beach, CA90254, USA, writes:- "I would like to thank you and the church for faithfully sending the Weekly and Beacon. They have been a blessing and have kept us well informed. I am glad to learn that Rev. David Liao got in touch with you. He and his family worship at our church in Los Angeles. He is also one of the dozen or so Missionaries our church have a share in supporting. The congregation have been generous toward foreign missions. This year over \$40,000 have been pledged for Missions alone. Enclosed is a cheque of \$25/- to help pay the postage for all the weeklys I have been getting. Many thanks. Say hello to members of your family and Siang Hwa's family for me".

Mr. & Mrs. Mahadevan send greetings from their W. Malaysia travels: "My children are missing Sunday School. But throughout our journey they were singing choruses and saying praises to God".

MR. GEORGE VERWER of Logos writes: "This is just a brief letter to thank you for all that you did to make the recent visit of Logos to Singapore a time of great encouragement and blessing. I also want to thank you for visiting the ship and ministering the Word of God. We praise the Lord for brother Peter Quek who has been on the ship and we trust that he will prove to be an outstanding leader among your young people.

His address: 64 Tweedy Road, Bromley, Kent, BRI 3NJ., U.K.

DR. TOW SIANG YEW: Thank you for your Penang letter.

DR. TOW SIANG YEW: now in K.L. is soon on transfer back to J.B. as Principal Medical Officer.

LORD'S DAY XXIV

62. Q. But why cannot our good works be the whole or part of our righteousness before God?

A. Because the righteousness which can stand before the tribunal of God must be absolutely perfect and wholly conformable to the divine law, while even our best works in this life are all imperfect and defiled with sin.

63. Q. What? do our good works then merit nothing, while God will yet reward them in this and in the future life?

A. This reward is not of merit but of grace.

64. Q. But does not this doctrine make men careless and profane?

A. By no means; for it is impossible that those who are implanted in Christ by a true faith should not bring forth fruits of thankfulness.

SONG INTRODUCED BY LIFE CHURCH CHOIR

Precious Lord, take my hand,
Lead me on, let me stand,
I am tired, I am weak, I am worn,
Through the storm, thru' the night,
Lead me on to the light,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When my way grows drear,
Precious Lord, linger near,
When my life is almost gone,
Hear my cry, hear my call,
Hold my hand lest I fall,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

When the darkness appears
And the night draws near
And the day is past and gone
At the river where I stand
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

We extend our best wishes to Zion Church on her attaining the 18th birthday. Rev. and Mrs. Tow were invited to her thanksgiving dinner last night at the Church premises.

The Gospel Letters and Tracts Dept. is camping at Sarimbun, June 16-21.

MR. MICHAEL CHUNG, FEBC Graduate, has joined CNEC as an assistant pastor (English) at Toa Payoh.

I know the Lord will make a way for me,
I know the Lord will make a way-for-me,
If I look to Him and pray,
Darkest night will turn to day,
I know the Lord will make a way for me.

I know the Lord will make a way for me.
I know the Lord will make a way for me.
If I live a holy life,
Shun the wrong and do the right.
I know the Lord will make a way for me.

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT.

My dear Readers,

OUR HUMBLE ANSWER TO THE PROBLEM OF AIMLESS HIGHRISE YOUTHS.

Are the youths become aimless because they live in highrise flats, such as are mentioned dwelling in Toa Payoh by Straits Times this week? These youths tend to be led into crime and drugs, and pose a problem to our Government.

To tackle this problem more sports and recreational facilities have been provided, to quote just one of the efforts made from the sociological viewpoint. While it is admitted that education and physical culture are a means of keeping the young in trim, we have a surer way of making them straight. "It is the Gospel of Jesus Christ and the power of His Salvation. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" (Prov.22.6). Train them up through Sunday School and Church services, youth fellowships and camps, and when they have been led to Christ, they will not be aimless! Having found life's deep answers- from where we've come and where we are headed, to hell outside Christ and to heaven through Christ-they will walk with Jesus in resolute step.

OUR WITNESS AMIDST THE HIGHRISE FLATS.

First, we have Mt. Carmel Bible-Presbyterian Church at Lengkok Bahru. Started as a Sunday School for children in 1960 by Robert Ong (and soon assisted by Eio Eng Hua to bring it up to a Teenage Service), it is today a flourishing Christian society of 150 young people, practically all come out of paganism or Buddhism. From Mt. Carmel has shot forth the Mt. Hebron branch.

Toa Payoh Bible-Presbyterian Church, both Chinese and English congregations, are an answer to the aimless youths. Witness not only those who come to Church and Sunday School on Sunday but also the 200 Kindergarten children who are daily infused with some Bible knowledge. Recently, a Child Evangelism Good News Club was held at a member's flat in Toa Payoh. Of eleven children who received Christ as Saviour, 10 were those who have been regular Sunday School goers. Are not the young won to Christ early and further nurtured in the Word being reinforced to withstand the later trials of life?

Jurong B-P Church has during the last one year been holding a Sunday School at a member's flat at Jalan Boon Lay where Jurong's skyscrapers are. Here we have also received good reports. Souls were recently saved at another Child Evangelism Good News Club. Pray that Government will soon approve our application for half-an-acre of land at Boon Lay to build a Church-and-Kindergarten complex. Then our outreach and effectiveness will increase literally 30-fold!

This forecast is drawn from what is going on at Calvary at Tao Ching Road, two miles away. That Calvary with the concerted efforts of her elders and young people amidst their ample surroundings has risen practically overnight a full-fledged Church, reaching a few hundred old and young (including the kindergarten) is a wellknown fact.

Let Government grant us land to build His House at Boon Lay for Jurong B-P Church and at Pandan for Galilee and Calvary. It is no boasting to say another 1,000 will be brought under the sway of Righteousness through these three centres and a sure directive injected into the aimless highrise youths of these new townships. We are for our Government, and we sincerely offer our services to help - from the spiritual angle. We have a spiritual acupuncture that has yet to be recognised by the world!

IT IS WORKING AT SARIMBUN!

The Gospel Letters and Tracts Department, a youth group of zealous soul winners at Life Church held a camp for 80 young people from several Government schools last vacation. Over a score were converted. These have gone out to bring in others.

I visited Sarimbun this week to see over 20 young people at what they term a "work camp". Young people, called out of sin and ignorance, gladly give themselves to serve the Lord - repairing His House, and pews. These young people who increase their love for Christ and for one another through work will be a salutary influence to their classmates. The GLTD is easily 100 strong!

In this connection, may we offer Sarimbun as a campsite to our other Youth Groups. For quiet and seclusion it is second to none. But those who go to Sarimbun must be scouts. Yet the place is not so wild as you think. The "American style" bungalow is real airy, has a big kitchen, electricity and running water, gas and a fridge!

Sarimbun is a Gospel Station. A Sunday School is maintained by Deacon Sng Tek Leong and other Lifers driving up in Mrs. Ho's VW Kombi, on a 40-mile round trip. Here 25 young children each week are brought under the Gospel all the same.-T.T.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 1.30 p.m. Swiss Cottage ISCF
Gospel Rally.

Sat. 10.30 a.m. Pastor officiates
wedding of Miss Han Sin Hua, former
missioner at Kelapa Sawit, at Chaah,
Johore.

3.00 p.m. Wong-Fong wedding,
Galilee Church, Rev. Heng officiating.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Rev. Tai.

Last Week's Offering: \$507.46.

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

Congratulations to Bro. and Mrs.

George Tan on the gift of a baby girl,
Wed. 18th June, 1975.

We extend our deepest condolence to
sister Veronica Lim Mei Ying on the
passing of her father, Mr. Bill Lim
Chew Swee at 21 Bo Seng Ave. Sat.
14th June, 1975.

We extend hearty congratulations to
Rev. and Mrs. C.T.Hsu, 541 W. 49 St,
#61, New York, N.Y. 10019 on their
son David K.Hsu's obtaining the M.A.
in Bible. Mr. David Hsu is pastoring
two small churches in Pennsylvania.

Miss Kamala Sany has started work
from 20 June, 1975.

The Organising Committee of the B=P
Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocat-
ion (National Theatre, Oct. 19) meets
at Dr. Tow Siang Hwa's, 64 Andrew Rd,
this Lord's Day, June 22, 8 p.m.
Lifers are represented by the pastor,
Elder Edmand Tay, Deacon Lim Teck Chye
and Choirmaster Peter Tan.

Do you have Chinese Devotional Books
for the Kelapa Sawit Y.F. Library?
Indonesian Bibles for Tg. Pinang?

Mr. Willie Seah announces the arrival
of new stock of King James Bibles
beginning at \$3.50 per copy.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony
between Mr. Alan Chan York Meng and
Miss Mabel Koh Geak Har will be
solemnised at Kampong Kapor Methodist
Church, Sat. July 5th, 1975 2 p.m.

KULAI BESAR had a record attendance this
Friday when Mrs. M. Fiant of C.E.
spoke to 21 in the English Bible Class
and 40 at the Chinese Class.

EVERY DAY WITH JESUS

Is sweeter than the day before,
Every day with Jesus, I love Him more
and more;
Jesus saves and keeps me, And He's
the One I'm waiting for;
Every day with Jesus
Is sweeter than the day before.

The gem cannot be polished
without friction, nor the child of
God perfected without adversity.

The Bible is the sheet-anchor
of our liberties, Write its principles
upon your heart and practice them in
your lives.

65. Q. Since, then, we are made partakers
of Christ and all His benefits by faith
only, whence comes this faith?

A. From the Holy Spirit, who works it
in our hearts by the preaching of the holy
gospel, and confirms it by the use of the
holy sacraments.

66. Q. What are the sacraments?

A. The sacraments are holy, visible
signs and seals, appointed of God for this
end, that by the use thereof He may the
more fully declare and seal to us the prom-
ise of the gospel; namely, that He of grace
grants us the remission of sins and life
eternal, for the sake of the one sacrifice
of Christ accomplished on the cross.

67. Q. Are, then, both the Word and the
sacraments designed to direct our faith
to the sacrifice of Jesus Christ on the
cross as the only ground of our salvation?

A. Yes, indeed; for the Holy Spirit
teaches us in the gospel and assures us by
the sacraments that the whole of our
salvation stands in the one sacrifice of
Christ made for us on the cross.

68. Q. How many sacraments has Christ in-
stituted in the new covenant or testament?

A. Two: holy baptism and the holy
supper.

WHEN MOTHERS OF SALEM

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Their children brought to Jesus,
The stern disciples drove them back,
And bade them depart:
But Jesus saw them ere they fled,
And sweetly smiled, and kindly said,
"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

"For I will receive them,
And fold them in My bosom;
I'll be a Shepherd to those lambs,
Oh, drive them not away!
For if their hearts to Me they give,
They shall with Me in glory live:
Suffer little children to come unto Me."

How kind was our Saviour
To bid those children welcome!
But there are many thousands who
Have never heard His Name;
The Bible they have never read;
They know not that the Saviour said,
"Suffer little children to come unto Me."

Oh, soon may the heathen
Of every tribe and nation
Fulfil Thy blessed word, and cast
Their idols all away;
Oh, shine upon them from above,
And show Thyself a God of love;
Teach the little children to come unto
Thee.

Where souls are being tried and
ripened, there God is hewing out pillars
for His temple.

A man may be at his wit's end but
he need not be at his faith's end.

SILVER JUBILEE THANKSGIVING CONVOCATION OF THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH OF SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA.

I have written before at length on Life Church coming to 25 years in October 1975 and of our plans to celebrate this memorable event.

I have shown you from the pulpit, according to Leviticus 25, how we must give God a whole year in its commemoration, and that our spirit of commemoration should be one of praise and thanksgiving, of internal reviving and evangelistic outreach.

But Life Church does not stand alone in this, "once-in-a-lifetime" event. Life Church is at the head of a family of Churches which have come into being since our small beginning at Prinsep Street, Oct, 20, 1950. Do you know that through the years there have been added another 20 Churches and groups, three of which are in Malaysia, viz., Kelapa Sawit, Rawang(Muar) and Kulai Besar? We have one tucked away in Pulau Tekong (Singapore's biggest satellite island), while the rest are scattered far and wide in our City - State. Can you name them? If not, here they are: Galilee and Life Mandarin (holding services on Life's premises in the afternoon), Zion and Faith in Serangoon Garden, Bethany at Seletar Hills, Sembawang, Mt. Carmel, Mt. Hebron, Sambau, Toa Payoh (Chinese and English), Calvary (English and Chinese), Jurong, Sarimbun (Lim Chu Kang).

Presbytery deems Life Church's Jubilee also to be the Jubilee of the whole Church Movement. Therefore, Presbytery has called on each and every Church in our movement to prepare from now for a Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocation to be held at the National Theatre, Sunday night Oct. 19th, 1975. Presbytery has appointed Elder Tow Siang Hwa, an original Lifer and now a Calvinian, to head this night of nights.

The National Theatre, seating over 3400, is expected to be filled to overflowing as we seek to praise and thank God with all our heart and strength. This Night, as we all look forward to, with every member of our family, will be one of a lifetime's blessing! This Night will be our united Christian witness to the whole City of Singapore - that there is a God in heaven and Jesus Christ is His only begotten Son, whose coming to earth is to save us from hell that we might have everlasting life. Am I talking a simpleton's uncouth language when I speak so plainly? No, our Salvation is uppermost in our Lord's thinking, who disregards even such powers as casting out demons, saying, "But rather rejoice because your names are written in heaven" (Luke 10:20).

Why has Life Church and her branches and associate Churches prospered in the last two-and-a-half decades? It is because we have made declaration of the Gospel the chiefest mission of our witness. That being the case, all our offerings of worship and thanksgiving must be used for the extension of the Gospel.

Insofar as Life Church is concerned, we have called on our members to read God's Word, to hold family worship and invite the Church to their homes for worship. We have called on the members to bring in the neglected tithes. We have set a target of \$100,000 in our renewed giving for 1975. Apart from paying our share for the Jubilee expenses on a pro rata basis and defraying the usual expenses in our annual budget, we shall use the rest of our offerings for missions, theological scholarships, for the building of outlying mission Churches and for renovations around the Church.

We have apportioned another \$2,000 of late to Kelapa Sawit, \$200 to Tampoi Church Building Fund. We are glad to hear that Jurong Town Corporation has replied favourably to Jurong B-P Church's submission of architectural drawings, that when final plans are drawn for the Jalan Bahar area, our request will be considered and incorporated. So, a great part of our offerings can be channelled to a young, struggling Church that is witnessing in a very outlying part of Singapore. Is this gesture of our Jubilee celebration worthwhile?

As to the overall witness at the National Theatre, a combined choir of at least 100 to 150 voices is essential. Young Lifers (and the old guards too) are especially requested to offer their talents to sing for the Lord. Dr. Quek Swee Hwa is appointed the Choirmaster. Watch for announcements!

Two speakers are specially invited to the Big Occasion, viz., Rev Jason Lim and Rev. Paul Contento, both good friends of our Churches. Let every Reader prepare now for the Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocation, Oct 19th, 1975!

- T.T.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 8 p.m. Session Meeting.
 Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
 4 p.m. Miss Linda Liem.
Last Week's Offering: \$540.83.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye & Richard Lim.

New Address: Mr. & Mrs. Chan Bah Chee, 66K Block 60 Marine Parade, 15. A first family worship and house blessing was held there last Friday.

Elder Edmund Tay's new phone is 803344.

Mrs. J. Packer, sends gift for BP Banner, etc. From Aug. 1, 1975 her new address will be: 20 Isabella St., Moorabbin 3189, Victoria, Australia.

Latest renovations around the Church College - Kindergarten compound includes an emerald green floor across the pillared corridor, exclusive for Kindergarten use during week days. Two sets of round stone tables and stools, now being ordered, will be installed soon!

Motorists. Please park your cars on the adjacent fringe car park and relieve congestion in our grounds. Come in by a short cut through a gate in the fence.

KELAPA SAWIT gratefully acknowledges receipt of \$50 from Galilean (thru Anthony Tan) and \$100 from Life Elder.

JURONG B-P CHURCH BUILDING PROJECT advances one more step! A latest communication from JTC accepts our architect's plans for incorporation in its overall planning for the Jalan Bahar area. This will be about a mile north of Boon Lay on the way to Chua Chu Kang Christian Cemetery.

GOSPEL TRACTS by the kilos are available from Life Book Centre free! A wonderful range by Pilgrims Tract Soc. of U S A !

BIBLES. Can a Christian go without a Bible? Get your copy from Mr. Willie Seah today!

"WHOSO OFFERETH PRAISE GLORIFIETH ME"

(Ps. 50:23).

Calling both young and old Lifers who can carry a tune to join the Combined B-P Choir to sing at the Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocation, at the National Theatre, Oct. 19, 1975. First practice at Life Church Sun. July 6, 1975, 7.30 p.m., Dr. Quek Swee Hwa conducting.

NEW ADDRESS: Mr. & Mrs. Willie Seah, 57, Jalan Pari Didap, Singapore 16.

"TO LIVE ABOVE

With saints we love
 Oh! That will be glory!
 But to live below
 With saints we know
 That's quite a different story."

69. Q. How is it signified and sealed unto you in holy baptism that you have part in the one sacrifice of Christ on the cross?

A. Thus, that Christ has appointed this outward washing with water and added the promise that I am washed with His blood and Spirit from the pollution of my soul, that is, from all my sins, as certainly as I am washed outwardly with water, by which the filthiness of the body is commonly washed away.

70. Q. What is it to be washed with the blood and Spirit of Christ?

A. It is to have the forgiveness of sins from God, through grace, for the sake of Christ's blood, which He shed for us in His sacrifice on the cross; and also to be renewed by the Holy Spirit, and sanctified to be members of Christ, that so we may more and more die unto sin and lead holy and unblamable lives.

71. Q. Where has Christ assured us that we are washed with His blood and Spirit as certainly as we are washed with the water of baptism?

A. In the institution of baptism, which reads thus: Go ye therefore, and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them into the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, Matt. 28:19. And: He that believeth and is baptized shall be saved; but he that disbelieveth shall be condemned, Mark 16:16. This promise is also repeated where the Scripture calls baptism the washing regeneration and the washing away of sins, Tit. 3:5; Acts 22:16.

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WHEN UPON LIFE'S BILLOWS YOU ARE TEMPEST-TOST,

When you are discouraged, thinking all is lost,
 Count your many blessings, name them one by one,
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

Count ... your blessings, etc.
 Are you ever burdened with a load of care?
 Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?

Count your many blessings, every doubt will fly,
 And you will be singing as the days go by.

When you look at others with their lands and gold,
 Think that Christ has promised you His wealth untold,
 Count your many blessings; wealth can never buy,
 your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

So, amid the conflict, whether great or small,
 Do not be discouraged, God is over all;
 Count your many blessings, angels will attend,
 Help and comfort give you to your journey's end.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

PRAISE THE LORD FOR JURONG'S OPEN DOOR.

From last week's report, Jurong B-P Church is virtually promised land in the Jalan Bahar area. The Lord has given Jurong an open door that no man can shut. Praise the Lord! As a gesture of confidence and thanksgiving, a Jurongite gives \$550. As a gesture of support, Life Church Session votes to convert into a gift the \$2,000 loaned to Jurong some months ago to earn 10½ % interest. With interest accruing, Jurong's B.F. is now reaching \$12,000!

Jurong's attendance now runs in the thirties. Jurong is our only English-Malay service. Jurong not only runs two Sunday Schools but also a Good News Club for children during the week. It also has the most number of FEBC students serving.

RENOVATION FOR THE GOOD OF ALL AND FOR HIS GLORY.

With some experience in the building line, I have been given full mandate by Session to renovate our Church, College and Kindergarten the first time in 13 years. In this time - consuming job, I would have been at a loss had I not got the expert services of Mr. T. C. Eng (Mr. Eng painted the interior of our Church, and exteriorly the steeple - free of charge, as a offering to the Lord). A man who loves our Church to such an extent cannot be the wrong guy to work on God's House again. As to charges, we can rest assured that his is the most moderate, and only what is deemed necessary is undertaken.

"Give and it shall be given unto you" (Luke 6:38) is a happy principle that brings returns to our renovations.

Better facilities mean better appreciation of the Church. The fact that when one set of stone table and stools was, appealed for and two sets were simultaneously offered is a reflection of our members happiness over the renovations.

Renovation must not only be utilitarian, but tasteful and elegant. The choosing of colour, e.g., is one important decision to make. There must also be a theme or motif in the overall work. But since a hundred people have a hundred tastes, no matter how artistic a work may be deemed by one might be condemned by the other. As it is said, "Beauty is in the eye of the beholder," let us have charity to one another's taste and opinion. Let us remember that renovations are made with certain higher interests in view, e.g., the Kindergarten which is a vital part of the Church's testimony. One mother told me one reason why she sent her child to F.K: "Because the surroundings are so beautiful".

FOUR FROM SINGAPORE TO THE ICCC CONGRESS IN NAIROBI

Since the founding of this Church, we have been a part of the Twentieth Century Reformation Movement of the ICCC (International Council of Christian Churches). Our Church takes a separatist stand from what is known as the Ecumenical Movement of WCC (World Council of Churches). The WCC seeks to unite all churches, irrespective of their faith and doctrine. By taking a stand from such an unholy union, we have been blessed with clean, healthy growth all these years, like a young shoot severed from a poisonous, decaying trunk.

Life Church Session has voted to send the pastor to the ICCC Congress in Nairobi, July 16 - 27. Going to the same Congress and representing the Youth of our Church is Teo Gim Tong, thanks to his SIA job. One important duty the pastor of Life Church must discharge is editing the Congress daily newspaper.

Others from Singapore attending the Congress are Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang and Rev. Edward Paaue. Rev. Paaue is called also to attend a Missionary Conference of the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions. Moreover, he is guide to five Indonesian delegates travelling via Singapore and Holland.

Pray for us that our participation at such an international assembly of Churches will contribute to the united witness for the Truth around the world.

READ THE BIBLE-PRESBYTERIAN BANNER

The Bible-Presbyterian Banner, edited by Elder Tow Siang Hwa, is making an impact on all our Churches as well as reaching out to Christian of other denominations. Its evangelistic approach makes it a paper that your unsaved friends should read. It should make an impact on those outside. Read and pass it on that it may bear more fruit. It is distributed to members free, but every issue costs 300 x 20 - \$60.00. Any who would have a part in the Banner ministry?---

Yours for the Faith,
T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. Pastor Tow leaves for Nairobi.
Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Patrick Tan.
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon

Last Week's Offering: \$1,125.80 & \$50/- for Galilee (handed to Deacon Ambrose) & \$200/- thru pastor's hand.

Sunday Lullah Roster: GLTD.

Corrigendum: Mr. Chan Bah Chee, Blk 60, 60K Marine Drive, Singapore 15.

Situation Vacant: Managerial position with a private business, Christian preferable, Please contact Dr. Lim Teck Chye, 50645.

While the Pastor is away attending the ICCO Congress in Nairobi; 1) he will keep Readers in touch as before by a series of Weekly Letters. Read Nairobiogram No 1. next week. 2) Dr. Patrick Tan will edit the Weekly News and also be chairman of the pulpit.

Worshippers sitting on the side pews in the heat of the sun are exhorted to come to the shaded side in front and not at the back!

"I'm singing for my Lord, everywhere I go." Are you?

Prove it all the more by coming this night July 6, 7.30 p.m. to the first Combined B-P Choir Rehearsal, Dr. Quek Swee Hua conducting. Rev. Tow will give a short word.

"Give-a-tract-a-day". That is the least we can do for Christ. Tracts galore are available from the Life Book Centre.

An Up-to-date Directory of members and worshippers is long overdue.

We need latest information on essential personal particulars. Kindly take ONE minute to fill in the blank slips provided in the slots of your pews. Please give us your =

1. Name _____
2. Address _____ Postal Dist _____
phone _____
3. Occupation _____
4. Place of work _____ phone _____

(Overseas members an airmail Post Card from you will be appreciated.)

CHILD EVANGELISM INSTITUTE will hold graduation on July 31, 1975 instead of Aug. 1st.

PRAY FOR THE ICCO CONGRESS IN NAIROBI, JULY 16 - 27, 1975.

The ICCO Congress in Nairobi this month was urged by zealous African delegates back in 1973.

The World Council of Churches (WCC) had planned theirs to be held in Jakarta this year, but opposition from Muslims deviated them to Nairobi, Nov. - Dec., 1975.

That the WCC is brought face to face with the ICCO reminds us of a similar fateful situation, Ahab's false prophets of Baal brought before Elijah on Mount Carmel. What confirms my heart as never before that the ICCO Congress in Nairobi is of the Lord's direction is their unpremeditated confrontation with the WCC.

Let us pray all the more for light, strength and guidance to the ICCO leaders that their testimony might be used of God to defeat Satan's machinations. Pray that they will hear these words again, "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, saith the Lord of hosts." (Zech. 4:6). -- T.T.

LORD'S DAY XXVII

72. Q. Is, then, the outward washing with water itself the washing away of sin?

A. No, for only the blood of Jesus Christ and the Holy Spirit cleanse us from all sins.

73. Q. Why, then, does the Holy Spirit call baptism the washing of regeneration and the washing away of sins?

A. God speaks thus not without great cause: to wit, not only to teach us thereby that as the filthiness of the body is taken away by water, so our sins are removed by the blood and Spirit of Jesus Christ; but especially to assure us by this divine pledge and sign that we are spiritually cleansed from our sins as really as we are outwardly washed with water.

74. Q. Are infants also to be baptized?

A. Yes, for since they, as well as adults, are included in the covenant and Church of God, and since both redemption from sin and the Holy Spirit, the Author of faith, are through the blood of Christ promised to them no less than to adults, they must also by baptism, as a sign of the covenant, be ingrafted into the Christian Church, and distinguished from the children of unbelievers, as was done in the old covenant or testament by circumcision, instead of which baptism was instituted in the new covenant.

HE WILL HOLD ME FAST

When I fear my faith will fail,

Christ will hold me fast:

When the tempter would prevail,

He can hold me fast:

He will hold me fast, He will hold me

fast: For my Saviour loves me so,

He will hold me fast.

I could never keep my hold,

He must hold me fast,

For my love is often cold,

He must hold me fast;

I am precious in His sight,

He will hold me fast,

Those He saves are His delight,

He will hold me fast;

He'll not let my soul be lost,

Christ will hold me fast,

Bought by Him at such a cost,

He will hold me fast:

My dear Readers,

From Mt. Carmel to Nairobi

When Israel had departed from the Lord to serve Baal in the reign of wicked King Ahab, God summoned the false prophets of Baal to meet Elijah on Mt. Carmel in a contest for the Truth (1 King 18). In these last days, when the Christian Church is being led astray by the Ecumenical Movement of the World Council of Churches to serve Baal of their modernistic and socialistic ideologies, God has raised the International Council of Christian Churches (ICCC) to stand against this full flood of apostasy. Nairobi, Kenya, is the Mt. Carmel of today where both Church Councils are holding their Congresses this year. The WCC, having been prevented from holding their Assembly in Jakarta have changed their venue to Nairobi. In God's Providence the ICCC had decided as early as 1973 to go to Nairobi. That the Hand of God is forcing this situation is clearly seen.

The defeat of Baalism on Mt. Carmel by Elijah is going to be re-enacted soon at Nairobi, when the dark and evil ideologies of the WCC (WCC's latest is overthrow of governments by violence and bloodshed) will be exposed by the ICCC Congress meeting July 16 - 27. Our going to Africa is in crucial confrontation with the WCC so as to save God's people there from being ensnared, and to bring them out to the side of the Truth. For without such confrontation with and exposure of evil, the bulk of the Churches in Africa is bound to "halt between two opinions" In the spirit of Elijah we must go and tell those Churches which have not joined the Ecumenical Movement to stand firm as they are. In the spirit of Elijah we must deliver those who are blindly led by the modern Ahab to break away and stand with Jehovah. (Read 1 King 18).

This ICCC-WCC confrontation has raged for 27 years since 1948 when the two Church Councils were organised simultaneously in Amsterdam. That the two Councils should meet in Nairobi, in the same city, after 27 years, shows all the more the importance of this conflict. (Paul says, "Fight the good fight of faith"). The Battle for the Faith this time is seen to be the greatest yet. So we need your incessant prayers. Pray for me that I might know what to write in the work of editing the daily Congress paper.

"Fellowhelpers to the Truth" (III John 8)

Who are "fellowhelpers to the Truth"? This title of commendation is given by the Apostle John to Gaius who is wellknown for receiving Christians in travel passing through, some strangers indeed, for the sake of the Gospel. (Read III John 1-8) Life Church and FEBC have striven our level best to extend hospitality to pastors and missionaries, yea, even to strangers, passing through, who need a place to rest their weary feet.

In my absence, there will come into our midst two eminent American theologians, Prof. H.C. Hoeksema and Rev. C. Hanks, recommended by Mr. Van Rij our ICCC friend in New Zealand. Prof. Hoeksema and Rev. Hanks are invited specially to speak in New Zealand and Australia in order to strengthen the faith of the Reformed Churches. They are from the Protestant Reformed Church of America. They consider "that current ecumenical endeavours with their compromise and sacrifice of doctrinal purity for outward unity, present one of the greatest dangers to historical, Biblical Christianity today" (quoted from a handbill advertising their meetings). Their coming in a sense will reflect what we are striving to do in Nairobi.

Bro. Ong Keng Ho who graduated from New Zealand and is recommended to our Church by Mr. Van Rij will deputise me to take care of these two men of God. Two night meetings are arranged at Gilstead Road on Tues. and Wed. July 22 and 23 with special co-operation from the Gospel Letters and Tracts Department. I should propose that our Tuesday night Prayer meeting join the special meeting downstairs. Let us show them hospitality that we may be "fellowhelpers to the Truth".

"Preparing For Big Student Intakes"

Under this caption the Straits Times, July 8, continues: "Most of the institutions of higher learning here are already gearing up for bigger intakes of students, particularly in the technical courses, to meet the growing demands of industry for skilled manpower".

While the harvest fields of souls around us whiten and the labourers are few, what have the Churches done to meet this need? And should war break out, present golden opportunities of reaping will stop! Are we "hasting unto the coming of the day of God"?

The soon graduation of 24 from the Child Evangelism Institute after 11 weeks intensive training should see an opening into a new children's work in Singapore and

S.E.Asia. An increasing number of students joining FEBC in the new year should be welcomed. This is one reason why renovations and extensions are carried out at Gilstead Road, for soon there will be no room to contain them!

"Man Proposes, God Disposes"

My leaving Singapore July 10th evening by Pakistan International Airlines for Nairobi takes me first to Karachi. After a day's wait I take a connecting flight which should land me in Nairobi Sat. night, July 12th. As I pen these lines, however, there comes a sudden cancellation of this schedule and ticket. This reminds one of the saying, "Man proposes, God disposes." I should have added 'D.V.' to the date of departure. D.V. in Latin means "Godwilling". One consolation for this delay is I'll be able to accompany my sister, also going to the Congress. D.V., we fly Tues. evening, arriving Nairobi morning of July 16. Affectionately, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family worship at the new home of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Seah, 57, Jalan Pari Didap, Singapore 16, (Elder Edmund Tay speaking).
Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF & YAF
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Patrick Tan.
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po Fu.
Last Week's Offering: \$651.87. Postal gift from AFC is acknowledged.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye & Richard Lim.
We welcome to our pulpit this Lord's Day Dr. Bobby Sng.
Wedding Bells: The holy matrimony between Miss Yusniar Lumbantoruan (FEBC Cert. graduate) and Mr. Sahad M. Sianturi was solemnised at the Pentecostal Chapel, Jalan Lorong Gino 16, Sat. July 5, 1975.
Hear Professor H.C. Hoeksema and Rev. C. Hanko of the Protestant Reformed Church of America at FEBC Hall, Tues. and Wed. July 22 & 23, 1975, 7.30 p.m.
Lost and found: A "Cross" Ballpoint pen. Claim from paysonage.
First Silver Jubilee Choir Rehearsal at Gilstead Rd. last Lord's Day had 150 out. We need 200 voices for Oct. 19, 1975 at the National Theatre!
Rev. Edward Pauwe flew Thursday morning for London to take the charter to Nairobi.
Elder Joshua H.W. Lim has left Government service as of July 10, 1975. His residential phone is now 2354050.
Mr. and Mrs. Eddie Ho, FEBC graduates, are scheduled to leave Singapore Aug 3, for Canada to study at Regent College, Vancouver.
A high light of the Silver Jubilee Convocation at the National Theatre, Oct. 19, will be the projection of colour slides (commercial size 3 1/4"x4") of each Church and Mission. Mr. William Teo of Life Church, our "official" photographer, is at your service!
Another high light will be the release of the first volume of Calvin's Institutes Books I and II, abridged by T. Tow published by Far Eastern Bible College.
Hear Dr. Tow Siang Hwa at Life Church, Sunday July 27th, 10 a.m.

LORD'S DAY XXVIII

75. Q. How is it signified and sealed unto you in the holy supper that you partake of one sacrifice if Christ, accomplished on the cross, and of all His benefits?

A. Thus, that Christ has commanded me and all believers to eat of this broken bread and to drink of this cup in remembrance of Him, and has added these promises, first, that His body was offered and broken on the cross for me, and His blood shed for me, as certainly as I see with my eyes the bread of the Lord broken for me, and the cup communicated to me; and further, that with His crucified body and shed blood He Himself feeds and nourishes my soul to everlasting life as assuredly as I receive from the hand of the minister, and taste with my mouth, the bread and cup of the Lord as sure signs of the body and blood of Christ.

76. Q. What is it to eat the crucified body and drink the shed blood of Christ?

A. It is not only to embrace with a believing heart all the sufferings and the death of Christ, and thereby to obtain the forgiveness of sins and life eternal, but, further, also to become more and more united to His sacred body, by the Holy Spirit, who dwells both in Christ and in us, so that, though Christ is in heaven and we are on earth, we are nevertheless flesh of His flesh and bone of His bones, and live and are governed by one Spirit, as members of the same body are by one soul.

77. Q. Where has Christ promised that He will as certainly feed and nourish believers with His body and blood as they eat of this broken bread and drink of this cup?

A. In the institution of the supper, which reads thus: The Lord Jesus in the night in which he was betrayed took bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake it, and said, This is my body, which is for you; this do in remembrance of me. In like manner also the cup, after supper, saying, This cup is the new covenant in my blood; this do as often as ye drink it, in remembrance of me. For as often as ye eat this bread, and drink the cup, ye proclaim the Lord's death till he come. This promise is repeated by St. Paul, where he says: The cup of blessing which we bless, is it not a communion of the blood of Christ? seeing that we, who are many, are one bread, one body; for we all partake of the one bread.

My dear Readers,

"Man's Disappointment, God's Appointment."

I told you last week how all the booking to fly Thurs. July 10 fizzled the last moment. The next earliest flight I could take is tonight's. Though at first a disappointment to my human reaction, I can see clearly now its God's appointment.

These several extra days home have given me the time to clear a heavy backlog of business, particularly in regard to the publication of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, Book I & II. ("Institute" means "principle"). Calvin's theological treatise is the most deeply spiritual and learned exposition of God's whole plan of salvation. It is a 12-course Spiritual Chinese dinner, that must enrich your soul to overflowing. Calvin's theology is: "Salvation is of the Lord" (Jonah 2:9). By God's grace the work of abridging and simplifying the first two of Calvin's four books is completed after 4 years. Pray for the printer now that he be enabled to deliver the finished product by Oct. 19, Silver Jubilee Day.

Reader, don't be discouraged by some set-back in your life. There's a Higher Hand directing otherwise - to your ultimate good.

Rev. Paul Contento Delighted to Come.

Another good of my delay is to receive just in time Rev. Contento's letter from the Philippines. Rev. Contento is an old friend of Life Church and a strong supporter of FEBC. It was his vacated house in 1960 at Pasir Panjang that got Galilee Church started. Our friend is delighted to be invited to speak at the National Theatre, Oct. 11, and hasn't God planned all this? Now teaching at a Chinese Bible College in the Philippines, he says he has a week's vacation between Oct. 12 and 19! (He must get back after 19 to teach). It is proposed that Calvary and Galilee take him on Sun. Oct. 12, Life Church Oct. 19 morning and National Theatre Oct. 19 night. During the weekdays it is proposed by Rev. Philip Heng that Galilee and Life Churches hold a united Gospel Campaign, Oct. 13-17.

"The First and the Last" (Isa. 44:6)

The above five words form the theme of the ICCC Congress and they are from Isa. 44:6 which reads, "I am the first and the last; and beside Me there is no God." Let me give you the deep meditation of Dr. J.C. Maris, Gen. - Sec. of the ICCC, on God the Lord:

"Under the influence of modern, man-centered theology large sections of Christendom have lost all sense of communion with the living God and the risen Saviour.

It is the tragedy of our day that under the threat of a collapsing world order the people are turned away from God to man. But in spite of all efforts to build a better world, futurologists and economists, philosophers and politicians are drawing a gloomy picture of doom and despair.

How glorious, then, is the self-disclosure of the living God as "the first and the last!"

This is what God said to His people in Babel when from all human standpoints there was no reason for hope (Isa. 44:6), and least of all in their own behaviour (Isa. 48:8-12).

Again, we find this expression in the book of Revelation, where Jesus Christ applies it to Himself (chaps. 1:11, 17; 22:13). So, then, by this name God reveals Himself to His Church throughout the ages, and till the end of the days. On the last page of the Bible, at the close of history, it is God in Christ, it is the God of all grace and of free salvation, who comforts His Church by the assurance, "I am the first and the last."

In human relations nobody can be the first in an absolute sense. It would be useless to speak of the first, if there were not at least a second. The glory of "the first" depends on the achievements of the second, the third, etc. Being the first, then, is always conditioned by those that come next, as can be easily seen in the world of sports.

But God is the absolute First and, because of His being the eternal God, He is the Last. When all has passed away, He is there, Christ is there, the same yesterday, today and tomorrow.

Almighty God, the Creator of heaven and earth, is the First. He is the source and origin of all that exists, the eternal Father of life itself. Even the most brilliant mind cannot conceive of anything that would precede God's eternal Being. And even the most darkened primitive people, however distorted their religion may be, think of God as the Most High.

There is no alternative. But even when trying to paraphrase the expression, our understanding must fail us. God is God.

He is the Beginning. He is our Origin. And, in spite of our scandalous disobedience, He brought us back to Himself, He brought us nigh through the blood

of Jesus Christ (Eph.2:13). This is the radical change, the heavenly blessing to sinners who were "without God in the world" (Eph.2:12).

Whatsoever may trouble our thoughts, turning to God in Christ brings the peace that passes understanding."

"Look unto Me, and be ye saved, all the ends of the earth" (Isa.45:22).

Another verse guiding Congress is Isa. 45:22. Here is salvation in every aspect of our lives offered - to uttermost part of the earth. God's view is a world view. But we in Singapore, confined to a little island of 225 sq. miles, often are like frogs in a well. Let us look far and wide in our witness for the Lord. As I go to Africa, it is to represent you, to learn for you, and to see and report what God has done in far off regions.

Right now, Africa is calling one doctor and three nurses to service at Mwingi Hospital, 100 miles out of Nairobi. While Miss Anne Cheang an FEBC graduate has gone to New Delhi, and this encourages our heart to know some light is spreading from Singapore, where are the young people whose strength the Lord needs to go to the ends of the world?

Yours for the faith. -T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Sat. 4 p.m. LCYF, YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.

4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offering: \$528.00 and a sum of \$300.00 from an individual.

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

Child Evangelism Institute held a Pastors Breakfast at FEBC Hall, Tues. morning, July 15, at which the case of evangelising children was effectively presented by the students. Child Evangelism seeks to help every Church to increase the effectiveness of their Children's programmes.

Rev. Tai Po-fu administers the Lord's Supper at Toa Payoh B-P Church (Chinese). This Lord's Day Mr. Lim Tah Mon substitutes for him at Life Chinese Service.

Guest at the Cabin. Mrs. Pardede, missionary from Medan and three children, enroute to Australia.

Dr. Patrick Tan, on a year's scholarship from the Army is back at Singapore University studying Public Health.

Hear Prof. H.C.Hoeksema and Rev. C.Hanko of the Protestant Reformed Church of USA at FEBC Hall, Tues. & Wed. July 22 and 23, 7.30 p.m., under the auspices of the Gospel and Tracts Dept., Life Church.

First Silver Jubilee Choir Rehearsal for Lifers on Sunday 12.30 p.m., Peter Tan conducts.

LORD'S DAY XXIX

78. Q. Do, then, the bread and wine become the real body and blood of Christ?

A. No; but as the water in baptism neither is changed into the blood of Christ, nor is the washing away of sins itself, being only the divine token and confirmation thereof, so likewise the bread in the Lord's supper does not become the real body of Christ, though agreeably to the nature and property of sacraments it is called the body of Christ Jesus.

79. Q. Why, then, does Christ call the bread His body, and the cup His blood or the new covenant in His blood, and Paul, a communion of the body and blood of Christ?

A. Christ speaks thus not without great cause; namely, not only to teach us thereby, that, as bread and wine sustain this temporal life, so also His crucified body and shed blood are the true food and drink of our souls unto eternal life; but much more, by these visible signs and pledges to assure us that we are as really partakers of His true body and blood, through the working of the Holy Spirit, as we receive by the mouth of the body these holy tokens in remembrance of Him; and that all His sufferings and obedience are as certainly ours as if we ourselves had in our own persons suffered and made satisfaction to God for our sins.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE.

3. Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine;
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the Joy divine.
4. Mortals, join the mighty chorus
Which the morning stars began;
Father love is reigning o'er us,
Brother love binds man to man.
Ever singing, march we onward,
Victors in the midst of strife,
Joyful music lifts us Sunward
In the triumph song of life.

1. Joyful, joyful, we adore Thee,
God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee,
Praising Thee their Sun above.
Melt the clouds of sin and sadness,
Drive the dark of doubt away;
Giver of immortal gladness,
Fill us with the light of day.
2. All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heaven reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Blooming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain,
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

My Dear Readers,

1. "A Prosperous Journey By The Will Of God" (Rom. 1:10).

We left Singapore Tues. night by Alitalia in one hop to Bombay. At Bombay we changed to East African. After a brief stopover at Karachi we flew into Nairobi Wednesday morning 7.00 a.m. The total flying time was only 12 hours. By God's grace I slept soundly through the three logs of journey. This gave me energy to start off with work immediately upon arrival. This remind me of Ps. 127:2, "It is vain for you to rise up early, to sit up late, to eat the bread of sorrows: for so He giveth His beloved sleep". May God bless you with good health and energy which money cannot buy.

2. No Better Choice Than Nairobi.

Our Congress meets at the Kenyatta Conference Centre with seating capacity for 3,500. The Centre surely rivals Singapore with all the facilities. But that which Nairobi excels is its pleasant climate. Though near the Equator it is 5,000 ft. above sea level like Cameron Highlands. The temperature was 60°F when we arrived. At night it goes down to 50°F. Although we have to walk from the Six-eighty Hotel to the Conference Centre several times a day we don't sweat a bit. It becomes a healthy exercise for car-bound Singaporeans.

3. Greatest Congress Yet!

We came to Africa not merely for the wonderful facilities mentioned, but rather by earnest invitation of our African brethren. The ICCC is well established on this Continent with three regional councils, viz., East, Central and West. We come to Africa the leading of the Higher Hand of God, as I told you before. How we had chosen Nairobi in 1973 and how the WCC was forced by circumstances to shift from Jakarta to Nairobi was described in the last letter. Because of this confrontation, a great interest has been aroused. So, the Africans themselves who are interested to know the difference between the leadership of the ICCC and WCC have turned out in a surging mass of humanity, from even distant places like Niger, Nigeria and Liberia.

At the opening of the Congress Reception we of the Executive Committee who had to welcome the people stood shaking hands for 2½ hours, and still there was no end of the line. At the opening meeting in the evening the Hall was filled with 3,000, like a gathering at our National Theatre.

4. Dr. McIntire's Leadership Is Of The Lord.

That the ICCC has been able to hold 9 global Congress from 1948 to 1975 is due Almost entirely to the efforts of one man - Dr. McIntire. This leadership is not of man, but of the Lord.

Our entrance into Africa, into the very "tiger's lair" of the WCC, has shaken the enemy camp to its foundations. As certain WCC elements try to tear up our witness by getting Dr. McIntire to face a 3-man debating team over 45 mins. of national T.V., instead of cornering him or dealing him a knockout, the enemy was simply flabbergasted on all sides by the Word of God. As the whole nation watched the debate, everybody could judge for himself which was right and which was wrong.

We thank God for a group of young and able and energetic African leaders who has already led hundreds of churches out of the Ecumenical fold. The messages by these leaders refuting the modernistic and paganistic ideologies of WCC Churchmen in Africa thrilled the whole Congress this morning.

5. Faithful Preaching Of God's Word Attended By God's Spirit.

The messages given at the Congress here, have not only been well - prepared but also delivered with great unction. As God's Word is upheld and Jesus Christ is exalted, as sinners are warned of perishing in hell except they find salvation in Him, the Holy Spirit's power is felt in the Conference atmosphere. And why should not the Gospel be so simply declared? With thousands listening and sitting in, including mothers with babies, including many young people and old ones too, there is always the sacred duty to make the salvation message known. There is the so called positive side of the Word that is never forgotten at every Congress.

6. President Kenyatta invites ICCC.

In spite of the many repercussions to our Congress, the Government seems to take a favourable view of us - though McIntire is called a fanatic. President Kenyatta himself has sent an invitation for the ICCC leaders to visit him somewhere 100 miles out in the country this Saturday July 19.

7. Congress Closes On July 27.

After the Congress closes on July 27. there will be a further 2 days of missionary conference which we would attend. I leave Nairobi July 31, 12.40 p.m. for Bombay to catch Alitalia, leaving Bombay Aug 1, 12.02 p.m. for Singapore. God be with you till we meet again. Yours affectionately, - T.T.

Tues: 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting. Rev. Antonio Ormeo speaking.
 Fri : 8 p.m. Family Worship at the parsonage. Rev. Antonio Ormeo speaking.
 Sat : 4 p.m. YF Dr. Patrick Tan.
 Sun : 10 a.m. Holy Communion, Rev. Antonio Ormeo speaking.

12.15 noon Choir Practice.

4 p.m. Rev. Timothy Tow.

Last Week's Offering : \$937.00.

Sunday Lunch Roster : Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye, Richard Lim.

Welcome to Singapore: Rev. Antonio Ormeo and the Philippines delegates to the ICCC.

Church members who would like to host them for lunch or dinner on Tues. to Friday please see Elder Edmund Tay.

We welcome to our pulpit this Sunday Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, elder of Calvary B-P Church.

Rev. Timothy Tow, returns from ICCC Congress at Nairobi on Friday Aug. 1 by Alitalia flight No. 760 via Bombay.

Child Evangelism graduation service will be held on Wed. 30, July, at 7.30 p.m. at the FEBC Hall. Attendance by invitation.

Membership directory, any member of Life Church, either by baptism or by transfer of membership who have not sent in your Particulars, please see any elder or deacon for the form.

9th World Congress of the ICCC. See Notice board for the Reformation Reporter No. 1&2, edited by our pastor.

SWEETER AS THE YEARS GO BY.

1. Of Jesus' love that sought me,
 When I was lost in sin;
 Of wondrous grace that brought me back to
 His fold again;
 Of heights and depths of mercy,
 Far deeper than the sea,
 And higher than the heavens,
 My theme ever be.

Sweeter as the years go by (2X)
 Richer, fuller, deeper,
 Jesus' love is sweeter,
 Sweeter as the years go by.

2. He trod in old Judea Life's pathway long
 ago:
 The people thronged about Him His saving
 grace to know;
 He healed the broken hearted,
 And caused the blind to see,
 And still His great heart yearneth
 In love for even me.

3. 'Twas wondrous love which led Him
 For us to suffer loss,
 To bear without a murmur The anguish of
 the cross;
 With saints redeemed in glory,
 Let us our voices raise,
 Till heaven and earth re-echo,
 With our Redeemer's praise.

Hymnody No. 135.

Quote:-

"The world has many false religion:
 But only one true gospel"- Owen.

80. Q. What difference is there between the Lord's supper and the popish mass?

A. The Lord's supper testifies to us that we have full pardon of all our sins by the only sacrifice of Jesus Christ, which He Himself has once accomplished on the cross; and that by the Holy Spirit we are ingrafted into Christ, who according to His human nature is now not on earth but in heaven, at the right hand of God His Father, and wills there to be worshipped by us; but the mass teaches that the living and the dead have not the forgiveness of sins through the sufferings of Christ unless Christ is still daily offered for them by the priests; and that Christ is bodily present under the form of bread and wine and is therefore to be worshipped in them. And thus the mass, at bottom, is nothing else than a denial of the one sacrifice and passion of Jesus Christ, and an accursed idolatry.

81. Q. For whom is the Lord's supper instituted?

A. For those who are truly displeased with themselves for their sins and yet trust that these are forgiven them for the sake of Christ, and that their remaining infirmity is covered by His passion and death; who also desire more and more to strengthen their faith and amend their life. But hypocrites and such as turn not to God with sincere hearts eat and drink judgment to themselves.

82. Q. Are they also to be admitted to this supper who, by their confession and life, show themselves to be unbelieving and ungodly?

A. No; for in this way the covenant of God would be profaned and His wrath kindled against the whole congregation; wherefore the Christian Church is in duty bound, according to the ordinance of Christ and His apostles, to exclude such persons by the keys of the kingdom of heaven, until they show amendment of life.

ONLY TO BE WHAT HE WANTS ME TO BE,
 Ev'ry moment of every day;
 Yielded completely to Jesus alone,
 Every step of this pilgrim way;
 Just to be clay in the Potter's hands
 Ready to do what His word commands,
 Only to be what He wants me to be,
 Every moment of every day.

SOMEONE IS FOLLOWING IN YOUR FOOT STEPS.

A careful man I ought to be;
 A little fellow follows me.
 I do not dare to go astray,
 For fear he'll go the self same way.
 Not once can I escape his eyes;
 What e'er he sees me do he tries.
 Like me he says he's going to be,
 That little chap who follows me
 I must remember as I go.
 Through Summer Sun and Winter Snow,
 I'm molding for the years to be -
 That little chap who follows me,

Anon.

My dear Readers,

1. Best Congress Ever

Of all the ICCO Congresses I've attended, there is no doubt that this was our best. Best, I can truthfully say, in every respect. Nearly 4,000 delegates, observers and visitors were registered (2,500 Kenyans), while the newly built Kenyatta Conference Centre, with accommodation equivalent to our National Theatre, was filled night after night.

What made this congress best were not the numbers I'm reporting, but rather the fervent spirit and the high quality of the messages. I can say every item of this crucial witness for Jesus Christ was presented on a high note. Literally so, as I should not forget the innumerable choirs, American, Brazilian and African, and the solos, Hawaiian, American, Pakistani, etc., but best of all the Kim Trio Sisters' superb combination of Violin, Cello and piano. The Kim Sisters from Korea have become world famous through their last performance at Cape May, 1973. They were our ambassadors finally to appear before President Kenyatta on the last night of Congress.

2. Dramatic Turn Of Events.

Well, we did not get an audience with President Kenyatta, after all! By a dramatic turn of events on the second last day of Congress, when the crescendo was being reached, suddenly struck a mournful note. Early that morning, while Dr. McIntire was taking breakfast with his family, Immigration officers came to the hotel. Without warning, without even 5 minutes grace given for any explanation, they took him to the airport where an East African plane, bound for Rome, was waiting. Dr. McIntire was deported! I'm sure this drastic action by the Kenyan government was splashed to you in Singapore.

How this happened was the climax of a series of confrontations between a hostile press and Dr. McIntire (remember we're in WCC territory). But none could have touched us so sorely, were it not for our own mistake. The Press officer of our Congress had an article previously printed on ICCO letterhead which he issued to newsmen on his own initiative, without authority or approval of the Congress. In this article some remarks were made in favour of the White Ian Smith regime which Africans interpret to be anti-Black. When published in the local press, this raised such a storm in the government that an apology from the ICCO was demanded. When we apologised, but a little too late, things went out of control. Dr. McIntire, being president of ICCO (though he did not say those words, nor the Congress), was held responsible. Of course there were other counts made against him, but these were unfairly made as all could see. That an unwise statement had escaped from this Congress, resulting in such a political storm, cannot be denied.

3. A Lesson Learnt.

A lesson learnt from this world-shaking episode is this : Words have atomic power! Be careful how you use them! Personally, I was grilled by the press for nearly an hour. The newsmen tried to get me committed to the White-Black issue. At that time I did not realise the dangerous situation I was in. By God's grace, I was given the wisdom to avoid the issue by concentrating on matters relative to the Christian Faith.

Though Dr. McIntire was "raptured" (i.e. taken away by force), the Congress continued to the end without a break, with many praises to God. At the close of Congress, however, the African delegates issued their own statement, dissociating themselves from the controversial, unofficial ICCO statement. This should restore their good standing with the government.

"Unto The Furtherance Of The Gospel".

Now, while Dr. McIntire's removal from the country was like a slap in our face, on the other hand, I believe much good has also come of this. Another one deported to Rome for Christ's sake 1900 years ago was the Apostle Paul. He said to the Philippians, "But I would ye should understand, brethren, that the things which happened unto me have fallen out rather unto the furtherance of the Gospel" (Phil. 1:12).

4. The Gospel Preached to Africa.

Yes, the Gospel of salvation has been preached without let up at this Congress. Delegates invited to African churches have declared the Cross with power. We have also had close fellowship with African Christians, such as a trip out 50 miles to an African Church under Bishop Kivai. A handsome gift by the visitors was made to this Church, now in the process of construction.

While my duty at the Congress was the editing of the "Reformation Reporter", I should not forget to report on the work done by Rev. Paauwe as Dutch interpreter, etc., the representation of Teo Gim Tong for Singapore at the ICY, the faithful attendance by my sister Dr. Siew Ai, and last but not least Rev. Quek Kioh Chiang, the indefatigable Recording Secretary.

5. Safari.

After Congress, my sister "blanja" me to a two-day Safari to Nyeri, 175 Kilometres from Nairobi. This Safari is not only worthwhile, but worthy of a Queen. It is to the Treetops Hotel, a three-storey wooden structure perched around a giant chestnut tree overlooking a waterhole and salt lick. Here come elephants, buffaloes, rhinos, waterbucks, wildboars, leopards, hunting dogs, hyenas, antelopes, baboons, mongoose, etc. to drink, but particularly to lick the health-giving minerals.

6. Lesson From Waterbucks And Elephants.

In 1952 when Queen Elizabeth was still princess, she and prince Philip also came to Treetops. On that occasion they were sadly-thrilled to see a waterbuck fight which landed the victim in the pool. The weaker animal was rammed in the side by the horns of the stronger. It fell into the pool and soon reddened it with oozing blood. After looking on for half-an-hour, the victor left. Thereupon came an old elephant. Sniffing of blood in the water hole, the third-party visitor retreated in silence. I'm told that in the midst of this pathos, news was received by the princess of her father's death. A bad omen?

Exciting, surely, this above incident was. But, I did not want to receive such an omen. However, we did see a field dotted with half a dozen species of the listed animals. Not too many came to the salt lick, because of a heavy rainstorm. In the early hours of the next morning, three elephants trooped up like three Indian princes most graciously, swinging their trunks. It was moving to see a cow elephant repeatedly put the salty substance she had sucked with her trunk into the mouth of a bull elephant. Here's a lesson for human couples, and a pleasanter note to end this Congress report, I'm sure.

Your affectionately, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Mon. 8 p.m. FEK Committee Meet at Passonage 83.
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.

Fri. 3 p.m. FEBC Team to Kulai.

Sat. 11 a.m. GLTD.

4 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day : 10.00 a.m. Mr. David Adeney.

4.00 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offering : \$1,442.00 plus \$200 thru hand of Elder Tay.

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn are scheduled to arrive MAS from Hong Kong via Penang Tues.

Aug. 12, 2 p.m. Session has decided to hold a dinner in their honour, in remembrance of their 15 years' labours with the Dyaks of Interior Borneo. The Date is Friday, Aug. 15, 7.30 p.m. sharp, under the royal palms in the Church garden. Our caterer is Tian Heong. Earners \$10 and non-earners \$6, per person. Kindly register with Deacons Khoo Wah Ann and William Teo.

Mr. & Mrs. Swee Thian Hoe returned from USA last Tuesday. A warm welcome home.

Rev. Edward Paauwe is scheduled to return this Sunday night and Rev. Quek in another week.

Rev. Tow visits Kelapa Sawit next Lord's Day Aug. 10, leaving 1.30 p.m. Pray for K.S. Building Fund.

REV. ORMEO SAYS :

"Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" by Jason Linn is a must reading not only for all pastors and missionaries but also for every layman. The Lord says, "Where there is no vision, the people perish". This book has stirred my heart deeply. God's call to Jason Linn to go to the Dyaks is like the call He gave to Jeremiah, "Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee and I ordained thee

a prophet unto the nations" I see from this book a similar cry for salvation from the many tribes still without Christ. Read "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"!

(See and hear the author of "Dyak Borneo" live at the welcome dinner, Fri. Aug 15, 7.30 p.m. at the Church Gardens!)

LORD'S DAY XXXI

83. Q. What are the keys of the kingdom of heaven?

A. The preaching of the holy gospel, a and church discipline or excommunication out of the Christian Church. By these two the kingdom of heaven is opened to believers and shut against unbelievers.

84. Q. How is the kingdom of heaven opened and shut by the preaching of the holy gospel?

A. By proclaiming and openly witnessing, according to the command of Christ to believers, one and all, that, whenever they receive the promise of the gospel by a true faith, all their sins are really forgiven them of God for the sake of Christ's merits; and on the contrary, by proclaiming and witnessing to all unbelievers and such as do not sincerely repent that the wrath of God and eternal condemnation abide on them so long as they are not converted. According to this witness of the gospel God will judge, both in this life and in that which is to come.

85. Q. How is the kingdom of heaven shut and opened by church discipline?

A. By forbidding, according to the command of Christ, the use of the sacraments by those who under the Christian name maintain unchristian doctrines or practices; who will not, after repeated brotherly admonitions, renounce their errors and wicked course of life; and who, having been complained of to the church, or to those who are thereunto appointed by the church, depise their admonitions - by which censure they are excluded from the Christian Church, and by God himself from the kingdom of Christ; and by again receiving such as members of Christ and His Church when they promise and show real amendment.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE: ANOTHER YEAR WITH GOD.

By sponsoring Child Evangelism Institute during our long vacation, 12 FEBC students, representing exactly half of the student body, have greatly benefited. The six credits they have earned in Christian Education through Child Evangelism have helped several towards their coming graduation. Indeed, FEBC's 8th Graduation (date to be announced) will be the biggest in her history. Three degrees, two diplomas and four certificates will be awarded. The recipients respectively are Eddy Ho, Debora Lukito, Linda Pramanawati; Michael Chung, Joseph Tang; Yusiniar Lumba toruan, Teow Ah Eng, Mike Manning, Peter D. Lester.

While several of the graduates are going for higher study, such as Eddy Ho to Regent College, Vancouver, the rest will enter the Lord's vineyard. Yusiniar is now married to the principal of a Bible School in North Sumatra. Michael Chung is an assistant pastor with CNEC, Joseph Tang and Teow Ah Eng have signed on with Logos to work in India. Debora has a teaching job at an Indonesian Bible College. Linda has her 8th grade music exam to take in September before returning to Indonesia.

Students enrolled for the new academic year comprised of : Tan Eng Boo, Lim Siew Yong, Stanley Tan, Moses Lim (Singapore); George Kutty (India); Siahian, Hutabarat and David Djunaiddi (Indonesia). May the Lord guide each of the above to come on time.

With God's help, the teaching staff is further strengthened by the return of Mr. Swee Thian Hoe from USA. Mr. Swee graduated from FEBC with the B. Th. in 1970. During the last five years he has worked hard to obtain two Masters degrees, viz M.Div., and S.T.M.

Dr. Patrick Tan, Dean of students, continues in this administrative duty, but takes leave from teaching in view of a scholarship he is pursuing at the Singapore University. Mr. Samuel Huang has resigned to give more time to his pastoral work.

One special lecturer and counsellor who will benefit the College during his extended stay in Singapore is none other than Rev. Jason Linn of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" fame. Another is the Rev. Paul Contento, of the Philippines whose coming to Singapore in October in conjunction with the Bible Presbyterian Silver Jubilee will add to the spiritual life of the College.

Under the renovations carried out by Life Church and Far Eastern Kindergarten during the last 1½ years, the College has also been blessed with increase facilities. With the Lord's provisions rationed out to meet our physical needs, both staff and students can sing, in spite of inflation and stagflation, "A frugal life day by day, is gain with hearts content."

Come what may, Far Eastern Bible College looks with confidence to another year with God!

Talking About Missions.

Missions has caught on with Asian Churches these days! Two Singapore churches that have surged forward in the missionary enterprise, insofar as statistics are concerned, are the Chen Li Presbyterian Church and Grace Cantonese Church. The former lists 6 missionaries under her support and the latter has a \$60,000 target this year, with 6 missionaries to come under her support. This is encouraging indeed!

Missions makes a church appear fashionable too, for without it, she might look like a woman dressed in the gowns of the 19th Century. Hence the temptation of sending at least a missionary or two, of getting missionary accounts frequently published, in order to keep up with the Joneses.

Missions in retrospect, that is honouring faithful missionaries now in their evening years who have really produced the goods but are less heard for their age, may not be a very fashionable thing. Like the old Indian pony who has drawn his "tonga", trot-trot-trot-trot, until he is too old to pull when he will be slaughtered for his meat, some old missionaries have suffered a similar fate at the hands of the church.

Fortunately for Jason Linn, God has endowed him with a versatile pen. "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" which has told the story of his labours has not only inspired many young hearts to give their lives to the Lord's service, but has also moved Life Church to encourage the author himself.

At the last Chinese New Year when the challenge was made to remember him in his old age in a practical way by giving him an angpaw, the young Lifers in particular were forward to gather the love gift. The whole church responded, and there's to be presented to him and his wife the angpaw now, \$1,000.

A special evening is set aside also for their honour. Friday Aug. 15, 7.30 p.m. is the finest hour in the Lord's servants' lives when the Church and delegates from our sister churches and friends will eat a fellowship dinner with them. We shall hear from their lips a testimony of God's grace upon their valiant lives. We shall hear them talk to one another that serving the Lord indeed is not vain. We shall see them bearing more fruit, like the palm trees, in their old age. - T.T.

Mon. 8.30 a.m. FEBC reopens with Day of Prayer at Elder Tow Siang Hwa's.

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Life Church Prayer Meeting.
1.30 p.m. Rev. Jason Linn arrives MAS from Penang.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel (Rev. Tow).

Fri. 7.30 p.m. Welcome Dinner to Rev. & Mrs. Jason Linn under the Royal Palms.

Sat. 4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Jason Linn.
4.00 p.m. Rev. Jason Linn.

Last Week's Offering : \$1,132. Thanksgiving Boxes \$65 plus \$75 for Galilee.

Sunday Lunch Roster : Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye, Richard Lim.

Garden Furniture. The 2 long-awaited sets of round table and 10 stools have now been installed at only \$160 (part-offering price by manufacturer) per set.

Lost and Found. A lady's watch, last Sunday night (Aug. 3) after the B-P Choir practice. Mr. and Mrs. Swee Thian Hoe who were reported to have returned on Tues. the week previous had digressed to Taiwan en route, arriving finally Wed. Aug. 6. Welcome home.

Molly Seah Siow Pang was given a send-off satay dinner by the YAF in the Church gardens, Thurs. Aug. 7. She will be leaving us Aug. 13 for Canada. Her new address: 11 Martorino Drive, Scarborough, Ontario M1K 2J1, Canada.

The engagement between Deacon Koh Kim Hiang of Calvary Church and Miss Mabeline, Aug. 8, 1975 is announced.

Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn and family (son and daughter-in-law and their three children, and daughter) are arriving from Hong Kong via Penang, Tues. Aug. 12, 1.30 p.m. on MAS flight. (Rev. Linn's son is an electrical engineer with the China Electricity Co. of HK and has been given this vacation trip by his company).

A welcome dinner in honour of Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn for their 15 years labours in Dyak land will be held in Life Church Garden, Fri. Aug. 15, 7.30 p.m. sharp. Readers of "Dyak Borneo" will be able to see and hear the hero and heroine of that thrilling story live.
The charge is \$10 for earners, \$6 non-earners, \$3 children under 10.

An invitation is also extended to sister churches to send two representatives to grace this happy occasion.

Catechism Class for Silver Jubilee Baptism begins today immediately after Church service. Please see the pastor at the corner classroom, FEBC. Enjoy fellowship lunch thereafter with your early ordering.

86. Q. Since, then, we are delivered from our misery by grace alone, through Christ, without any merit of ours, why must we yet do good works?

A. Because Christ, having redeemed us by His blood, also renews us by His Holy Spirit after His own image, that with our whole life we may show ourselves thankful to God for His benefits, and that He may be praised by us; then, also, that each of us may be assured in himself of his faith by the fruits thereof, and that by our godly walk our neighbors also may be won for Christ.

87. Q. Can they, then, not be saved who, continuing in their wicked and ungrateful lives, do not turn to God?

A. By no means; for the Scripture declares that no unchaste person, idolater, adulterer, thief, covetous man, drunkard, slanderer, robber, or any such like, shall inherit the kingdom of God.

SINGAPURA!

(A hymn of prayer for Singapore's continued prosperity.)

O fairest Isle of southern seas,
Thy waters are so blue;
Waft by a balmy ocean breeze,
Thy land is decked with dew.
Singapura! Singapura!
Thou favoured Isle of ease.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

Our fathers came to this green shore
From many climes and lands;
They found a richer life in store
Beneath just ruling hands.
Singapura! Singapura!
Thou Haven of the free.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

On thee we've built a new city -
Fourth great port of the world.
Let Right prevail and Equity,
Not by might nor by power.
Singapura! Singapura!
So may thy sons serve thee.
God bless thee yet with thine increase
And peace from year to year.

Today we sail as one nation;
Our flag is flying high.
May our Captain by wise action
Steer us with Compass nigh.
Singapura! Singapura!
Lightship of liberty.
Sail on unto prosperity
And peace a thousand years!

Tune: "Materna."

From the deep jungles of "Dyak Borneo": "At dead of night, there orchestrated a chorus of voices from insects, birds and wild beasts to the sighing of the wind and the gurgling of mountain brooks. They formed themselves into a natural band striking up a melodious note, with such perfect precision that you must say it was a hilarious performance! Who says travel is lonesome? At midnight the mountain rains pattered down. One was obliged to behold the heavens weep till daybreak while embracing a bed of sleepless night....."

- Jason Linn.

A GLIMPSE BACK INTO DYAKLAND.

By Jason Linn.

Music is a special ingenuity of sons of the tropics. The South Seas have produced not a few born geniuses. The Dyaks are not behind others in the pursuit of music so much so that they make tools of daily toil into instruments of music. For example, the staves that the women use to pound their rice is a sort of musical instrument. Made of the hardest Bornean wood, these staves are hollowed at the top for the insertion of one or two wooden slabs. As simple as that the pounding stave can make music. In the evening sun one could see some young girls around a rice-pounder, set high on a platform. As the pounding staves began to work, up-down, up-down, there was orchestrated a rhythmic sound most soothing to the ears.

For pleasure they usually play several kinds of bamboo instruments. Apart from flute and pipe they use a thin slice of bamboo which they blow with their lips while being tapped upon one side by a finger. The sound produced thereby also strikes a responsive chord in one's heart. However, their music produces a lugubrious note which quickly induces sadness in the hearers.

The principal musical instruments they have made naturally appear crude to us. Under a rhythmic orchestration, however, that indescribable music produced therefrom becomes such a grandeur as to charm you through and through. The whole orchestra of musical instruments is divided into three kinds. The principal ones are a set of six brass bells, shaped like small gongs. These are ranged on a stand. It is said on these six brass bells may be played over four hundred tunes. After these comes the drum. This is made up of two types: one worked by striking with the palm and the other with a thong. The drum is simply to keep time and add colour to the performance. Finally there are the eight or ten big and small brass gongs worked by a tandem. These gongs boom a strong solemn sound audible for a mile or two. These musical instruments are most useful for the celebration of "Pilihan," a sort of primitive, mystical, religious ceremony. When somebody became ill, they would "make Pilihan" lasting from three, five, seven days to as long as a month. The most macabre celebration of "Pilihan" is called "Naikkepala" or "skulls up!" When a harvest is bad or when sicknesses abound, they think these are due to the mischief of demons. So, "Naikkepala"! The whole village, in and out, is decorated with flowers and leaves, buntings and mysterious-looking carved figurines. Then when the gongs boom and the drums thud a host of male and female "devils", skulls in hand, begin to dance. The skulls on ordinary days are hung up in the village.

Talking about skulls there existed among the Dyaks a hocus-pocus known as "Ayau". This mystery was widely rumoured even during the first years of our arrival in Borneo. The "Ayau" was supposed to be a head-hunter of the night. After the Dutch Government had taken action this "Ayau" disappeared. Actually, the Dyaks have a hero-worship instinct. When a girl picks a husband, she does not consider the wealth he possesses but rather the numerosity of human skulls. Such a term for dowry is never heard of anywhere else in the world. Another reason for head-hunting stems from furtive murder originating in revenge, or lucre. Head-hunting, however, is now a thing of the past.

Every "Pilihan", involves the spearing of an ox. First there is planted in the middle of a field a totem pole carved with a weird naked figure. A thick cane several score feet long tethers the ox to this pole. Then comes a witchdoctor who recites incantations over the ox for a long while before the animal is ready for execution. Now, as soon as the mumblings are over, the ox is surrounded in a tight circle of hostile spearmen. As the spears find their mark, the blood-oozing ox lunges forwards and sideways, to find himself enclosed by the enemy. This action becomes more and more tense until the ox loses all breath of life, and down he collapses. The ox is purposely made to suffer pain on behalf of the sins of the whole village. It is said, that some forty years ago a human being bought with money was made a sacrifice in this manner. After he died, his head was chopped off and hung in the centre of the village. As it is said that his soul still lingered over his skull, a fire was lit to smoke it away until the blood was dried. The soul of the victim became the guardian-hero of their houses. This is cruel business and foolish darkness, but the belief in the shedding of blood to atone for sins tallies exactly with the Judeo-Christian truth. How did they get this idea we can hardly know. However, this opens for us an effectual door to lead them out of darkness into the light, to receive the truth of sins forgiven through the Cross.

Every "Pilihan" is accompanied by some games. One of them, "Peğantar", is a pot-pouri dance. This dance seems too simple and monotonous to the uninitiated, or maybe there is a faux pas somewhere. Those who know can see clearly that this dance goes with every variation of the music. Sometimes it is a solo, sometimes it is group dance, and sometimes by a couple. This dance is an exposition of both foot and hand action and of the philosophy of strength. The weakling has no place in the dance. The dance is often a time of competition, of flirtations, which ends in inevitable promiscuity. It is also an occasion for gambling, further augmented by fierce games of strength-testing between man and man, cock and cock. - Pioneering in Dyak Borneo.

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on John 3:16, (Mr. Swee)
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Wed. 7.30 p.m. Magic Lantern on Africa by Rev. Paauwe & Rev. Tow (supported by African Choirs).
 Sat. 4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
 4 p.m. Miss Debora Lukito.
Last Week's Offering: \$557/-

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

Mrs. Woo Sock Eng 4976 Fulwell St., Busnaby, 2 BC V5G 1P2, Canada, sends greetings to Lifers.

The Engagement between Miss Annette Leonie Fox, d. of Mr. Thomas Fox of Bible Assembly, Toa Payoh and Mr. Paul Martnel of Harlow, Essex, England on Sat. Aug 16, 1975 is announced. Isa. 43:5. (By special request).
A Chinese Dinner held at Life Church Garden Fri. evening Aug 15 in honour of Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn now visiting with his son, daughter-in-law, grandchildren and daughter was attended by 11 tables of well-wishers, including delegates from our B-P Churches. This dinner was to honour Rev. and Mrs. Linn for their 15 years of faithful service in the jungles of Dyakland, interior East Borneo, 1929 - 1945. Rev. Paul Lenn who worked in the earlier years with Rev. Linn was also present. Rev. Quek Kiek Chiang added that Rev. Jason Linn not only pioneered into the jungles but also started a new work in Singapore in establishing Zion Kindergarten which today is a centre of our B-P movement.

B-P 25th Anniversary Date Changed to Sat.

Oct. 25, 1975! This is to make way for some official culture show that takes precedence over our function. This change might be as well since Oct. 25 coincides with our 25th year!

Hear Rev. Jason Linn this Lord's Day 10 a.m. at Life Church, 4 p.m. at Life Church Chinese Service and at Faith Church, Aug. 24, 10.30 a.m.

FEBC Lecture on Daniel, every Thurs. night 7.15 p.m. ., was inaugurated with 35 in attendance. If you are interested in Prophecy, join early in order not to be "left behind"!

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN. The many renovations carried out by Mr. T.C. Eng for the improvement of the Kindergarten have been highly commended by the Government. The monthly fees of \$40 (no extras) are also confirmed.

AFTER MAKAN: Lifers and FEBCers who have not given their contributions to the Jason Linn Dinner are kindly requested to contact the pastor.

Rev. Tow is the Lord's Messenger at Galilee Church this Lord's Day, Aug. 17, 4.30 p.m. He will speak on "What is the greatest happiness?"

88. Q. Of how many parts does true conversion, or the turning of man to God, consist?

A. Two: the mortification of the old man, and the quickening of the new.

89. Q. What is the mortification of the old man?

A. It is heartfelt sorrow that we have provoked God by our sins, and more and more to hate them and flee from them.

90. Q. What is the quickening of the new man?

A. It is heartfelt joy in God through Christ, and with love and delight to live according to the will of God in all good works.

91. Q. But what are good works?

A. Only those which are done from true faith, according to the law of God, and to His glory, and not such as are based on our own opinions or the precepts of men.

HE IS MY FRIEND

Jesus is my honoured Friend;
 He knows me through and through.
 His love is sure and full of grace,
 Makes me love Him anew.
 When I leave Him, I cannot stand,
 O let me turn to Him!
 I must seek Him now and always,
 He is my Friend.

When I feel weak and weary,
 Sunk in the depths of woe,
 He lifts me up to run the Race
 Through Danger's gate and toll.
 He keeps me straight with rod and staff:
 Love descended from Heaven.
 With Him my Guide, what more to ask?
 He is my Friend.

I love Him and He loves me.
 He is my bosom Friend.
 He shares my joys and my sorrows,
 And helps me to contend.
 He teaches me to cling to good,
 But flee from lust and sin,
 Like Him in all-holy living.
 He is my Friend.

My Lord's Command I'll obey.
 How dare I fall behind?
 To save the sheep awandering,
 Redeem a lost mankind.
 The love of Christ they've never heard,
 His blood that's shed for sin.
 My hand in his, I must advance!
 He is my Friend. - Jason Linn.

FREE! If you are thrilled by what you have read from the page from "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" overleaf and by this song, and would like to have a copy with the author's signature, please see the pastor after service. (A new edition of the book is to be printed soon!).

WHAT IS THE GREATEST HAPPINESS?

Text: "Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered. Blessed is the man unto whom the Lord imputeth not iniquity, and in whose spirit there is no guile ... Acknowledge my sin unto thee, and mine iniquity have I not hid. I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin. Salah." (Ps. 32: 1,2,5.)

"Blessed" and "blessing" in the Bible may be rendered "happy" and "happiness". The Lord is mindful of the welfare of each one of us as a father of his children's. Every parent wants his or her child to do well in life, and the ultimate of well-being is happiness.

Different people have different views on happiness. Generally speaking, we are happy when our needs are met or fulfilled.

A person who is in need of money finds happiness when he makes a profit in business. Often, however, he goes beyond his needs. He will gamble or speculate, he will go into the share market to make a quick buck, to find his fingers badly burnt. His happiness is turned into sorrow.

A person in love regards his loved one the acme of his happiness. More often than not, the marriage that results from the love between these two persons ends up in heartbreak and sorrow - when they take things into their own hands, leaving God aside. As the saying goes, "Beauty is but skin deep."

Yet, happiness is the most important thing in life. The Chinese trio of a good life on earth are well known, viz., Hock, Lock, Siew. Hock is Happiness, Lock is a good position and income and Siew is longevity. Do you not see that the wise Chinese mind regards happiness even about money and long life, for without happiness which money cannot buy, what is the purpose of life?

According to God's Word, however, there is no true happiness until the basis of happiness, which therefore is the greatest happiness, is found. According to the testimony of King David in Psalm 32 it is this, "Blessed (or happy) is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered."

In the light of a gruelling trial in Singapore of a minister of state charged for corruption, and as you sometimes might sympathetically put yourself in his shoes, I'm sure you would agree with me that the greatest happiness is "Not to be prosecuted." Indeed, it seems to be today's philosophy that so long as you are not found out, you remain happily innocent. But if your sin is uncovered, then "grin and bear it." But, oh, the heartaches, the nightmares, the wish to just drown oneself in the deepest sea.

Now, in the process of human justice, an unhappy accused person can have recourse to an advocate, a lawyer, who will defend him. If circumstances are "lucky", he might still escape the eagle-eye of the law. Human law is concerned only with an accused person's act or word, but not with what he thinks and perpetrates to do, so long as these are kept secret in his heart. So, not a few accused persons get away scot-free through the prowess of their lawyers or through lack of adequate evidence.

This is not so with the Divine Tribunal. Before God, no one can speak on our behalf except Jesus Christ (1 Jn. 2:1), but if you have not asked Christ to save you, you are totally helpless. Before God, not only are your acts and words judged, but your innermost thoughts. Jesus says that he who is "angry with his brother without a cause" is guilty of murder, he who looks on a girl with a lustful heart is guilty of adultery! No one person on earth, even if he has done his best to do good, is able to escape God's judgement.

The only way to the happy innocent state is that He would forgive us! But He cannot forgive us without paying the price of our sins, which is death. This He has done by giving His Son, Jesus Christ, as a sacrifice for our sins. The word "blessed" actually comes from an old English word meaning "bleed". Unless Christ had bled for our sins we could never find The Happiness. The word "covered" in Hebrew is connected with the word "atone" i.e. to pay for, to make good. Christ has atoned for our sins.

But we have our part to play. Ps. 32:5 says, "I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord; and thou forgavest the iniquity of my sin." No one can find himself happily declared innocent until he has come to the foot of the cross. Heaven cannot be entered except on our knees, confessing our guilt before God and pleading His mercy. Reader, if you have never felt guilty and lost, if you have never asked God's pardon, you are still under prosecution and there is no escape. No wonder, Jesus also said with David that the greatest happiness is to be forgiven our sins. In Luke 10 He told His disciples not to be too elated because they could cast out demons. "But rather rejoice, because your names are written in heaven."

To help you find the true happiness of sins forgiven, you can write in your Bible, "I have this day confessed my sins to the Lord Jesus who died on the cross to pay for the penalty of my sins. I thank God and will serve Him always, for He has forgiven me of my sins." Date _____.

Signed _____.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS.

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on John, Mr. Swee.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel, Rev. Tow.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family worship at home of Dr. & Mrs. Tan Kong Chin, 51 Greenmead Ave.
Sat. 4.00 p.m. LCYF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4.00 p.m. Rev. Jason Linn.

Last weeks offering: \$525.80.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Sim Mong Eng, Dorothy Ng, Florence Ng, Catherine Ong, Low Cheng Chye, Richard Lim. You are invited to stay behind for fellowship lunch at FEBC Hall. Earners \$1.00; Non-earners \$0.60.

Idols from the household of Mr. Ho Gim Tin, 97A Prinsep St., were removed last Monday night and burnt at the Church grounds. Praise the Lord for His power over false gods.

We extend a cordial welcome to Dr. & Mrs. C.C.Loo, stationed here by Carnation, who are worshipping with us. Dr. Loo is the son of the late Mrs. W.P.Loo.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Chiang Wah Tuck and Miss Nancy Loong Peck Nguk of Fisherman of Christ will be solemnised in Church, Sat. Sept. 6, 2.30 p.m., Mr. Huang Ee Yuan officiating. Reception thereafter at FEBC Hall.

The pastor will be the evening speaker at the Ngee Ann College Christian Fellowship Camp at the Anglican High School, 8½ m. Changi Rd., Mon Sept. 1 to Thurs. Sept. 4.

Elders and Choir leaders are invited to a dinner at Elder Tow Siang Hwa's, 64 Andrew Rd. this Sunday night, Aug. 24, 7 p.m. to welcome back Mr. & Mrs. Swee Thian Hoe from USA as well as to finalise the Silver Jubilee Celebration, Oct. 25, 1975 at the National Theatre.

THOUGH YOUR SINS BE AS SCARLET

"Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow; Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow.

Though they be red like crimson, They shall be as wool. Though your sins be as scarlet, Though your sins be as scarlet, They shall be as white as snow, They shall be as white as snow."

Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God! Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God! He is of great compassion, And of wondrous love. Hear the voice that entreats you, Hear the voice that entreats you, O return ye unto God! O return ye unto God!

He'll forgive your transgressions, And remember them no more; He'll forgive your transgressions, And remember them no more. "Look unto Me, ye people," Saith the Lord your God. He'll forgive your transgressions, He'll forgive your transgressions, And remember them no more, And remember them no more.

Psalter Hymnal No. 399.

LORD'S DAY XXXIV

92. Q. What is the law of God?

A. God spake all these words, saying: I am Jehovah thy God, who brought thee out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage.

I. Thou shalt have no other gods before me.

II. Thou shalt not make unto thee a graven image, nor any likeness of any thing that is in heaven above, or that is in the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth; thou shalt not bow down thyself unto them, nor serve them; for I Jehovah thy God am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children, upon the third and upon the fourth generation of them that hate me, and showing lovingkindness unto thousands of them that love me and keep my commandments.

III. Thou shalt not take the name of Jehovah thy God in vain: for Jehovah will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

IV. Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labor, and do all thy work; but the seventh day is a sabbath unto Jehovah thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter, thy man-servant, nor thy maid-servant, nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is within thy gates: for in six days Jehovah made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that in them is, and rested the seventh day: wherefore Jehovah blessed the sabbath day, and hallowed it.

V. Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which Jehovah thy God giveth thee.

VI. Thou shalt not kill.

VII. Thou shalt not commit adultery.

VIII. Thou shalt not steal.

IX. Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

X. Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his man-servant, nor his maid-servant, nor his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

93. Q. How are these commandments divided?

A. Into two tables: the first which teaches what must be our attitude towards God; the second, what duties we owe to our neighbor.

94. Q. What does God require in the first commandment?

A. That, as much as I love my soul's salvation, I avoid and flee all idolatry, sorcery, soothsaying, superstition, invocation of saints or other creatures; and that I rightly acknowledge the only true God; trust in Him alone, submit to Him with all humility and patience, expect all good from Him only, and love, fear, and honor Him with my whole heart; so that I leave and forsake all creatures rather than do even the least thing against His will.

95. Q. What is idolatry?

A. It is, instead of the one true God who has revealed Himself in His Word, or besides Him, to devise or have something else on which to place our trust.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT.

My dear Readers,

Silver Jubilee Fever On!

Should you stay behind after Church Service into the early afternoon, when both the Life and Galilee Church Choirs are rehearsing one after the other for Saturday Night, Oct. 25, you will realise that the Silver Jubilee fever is on.

This fever has also caught on with the pastors, elders and other leaders of our Churches. There was an enthusiasm that drew some forty of us together at Elder Tow Siang Hwa's last Lord's Day evening. We were unanimous in the decision to go to the National Theatre, Saturday night, Oct. 25, 1975 despite the change from the original date (Oct. 19). In fact we were happier by this change because Oct. 25 coincides with our 25th Anniversary, a date even easier to remember. The highlights of this "Night to Remember" will be the 200 - voice choir, the audio-visual presentation of glimpses of all our churches and missions on a gigantic screen, the messages from our leaders including the climaxing one by Rev. Jason Linn.

Since this Silver Jubilee comes to us only once in our lifetime, it is felt that the cramped programme at the National Theatre will not suffice our festive mood. It is therefore decided that Sunday night, Oct. 19, be fixed for a preliminary Family Gathering at Life Church, at which the Choir will sing and testimonies of God's Grace be given. The Silver Jubilee Fever is on!

Another highlight of the Silver Jubilee Celebrations will be the publication of a Souvenir Magazine with a brief history of each one of our Churches, photographically illustrated. It is suggested that sponsors of the Silver Jubilee Celebration be listed in this Souvenir Magazine and the offering of one sponsorship be up to \$100. Many of our Readers can give this sum as a little contribution to make the Silver Jubilee a success. If you are moved to this sponsorship, please see Elders Seow Chong Pin, Edmund Tay, Khoo Peng Kiat, Lau King Hong or Dr. Patrick Tan.

Suddenly Called to Riau!

Last Lord's Day afternoon, Mr. Tan Soong Liang, Deacon/Treasurer of the Presbyterian Church, Tanjung Pinang visited us at the Chinese Service. He requested me to go over to administer the Lord's Supper this Sunday. He said they had had no Holy Communion since last Easter! and the pastor from Singapore who was supposed to officiate two weeks ago did not turn up. Since I can spare this Lord's Day, I promised to go. We leave therefore this Friday to Tg. Pinang again. After the Lord's Day service we shall sail back by the Taruna, arriving about 7 p.m. The day off from Singapore affords me also an opportunity to prepare for the messages to be delivered to Ngee Ann College.

Mr. Swee Thian Hoe.

Though I shall miss you in Church, I am happy to introduce to the pulpit a young and promising servant of the Lord in Mr. Swee Thian Hoe (Dr. Patrick Tan will be chairman). Mr. Swee was my student at FEBC. In 1971 he graduated with a Bachelor of Theology. Soon after graduation, he left for the States where he earned two Master's degrees in four years. He returned early this month with his wife Lee Yen, and has since been invited to lecture at FEBC. His return is beginning to add strength not only to the Bible College but also to our Church movement. May the Lord bless your hearts through his message this Lord's Day.

30 Years After.

Rev. Jason Linn, author of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo", left his jungle parish in interior East Borneo in 1945, after the Japanese surrender. When he revisited in 1973 the towns of Balik Papan and Samarinda, the base of his early operations, he regretted afterwards that no prior arrangement was made to enter his jungle parish. His translator has also felt a loss in his not fully consummating his 1973 visit.

In view of this lack, there has arisen not only a spontaneous discussion between author and translator about re-entering the jungles of East Borneo, but also a chiming in by Rev. Paul Lenn, Jason's old-time partner. Having found such consensus between the three of us, we believe it is the Lord's will to return to the jungles to find out the results of work done 30 years ago. What will be seen 30 years after those pioneering days should form an exciting sequel that Readers of Pioneering in Dyak Borneo would want to know. The inclusion of this final chapter, the Sequel, should increase the value of Jason's book as a testimony of God's grace to the Dyaks of East Kalimantan.

The only snag before us is that Rev. Jason is travelling on a Certificate of Identity from Hong Kong. A C.I. holder going to Indonesia might need one month to get a visa. Please pray that we might have a prosperous journey to our East Bornean destination.

Yours for the Gospel,
T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS.

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on John.
Mr. Swee.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting postponed to Sept. 9.
(pastor speaking at Ilgee Ann College,
Sept. 1 - 4. p.m.)
Wed. 3.00 p.m. FEBC Gospel Team to Jurong.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. No Daniel Class tonight!
Fri. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel (N.B.
change of day).
Sat. 2.30 p.m. Chiang - Loong Wedding
(Fisherman of Christ).
Lord's Day. 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Rev. Tai (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering : \$740.90.

Sunday Lunch Poster: GLTD.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between
Mr. Benjamin Sng Teck Hock and Miss Lee Lee
Keow of Galilee Church will be solemnised
in Church Sat. Sept. 13, 3 p.m., Rev. Hong
Officiating.

Congratulations to Toa Payoh B-P Church
(English) as they celebrate their 4th
Anniversary Thanksgiving, Sunday Sept. 14,
1975, 10.30 a.m., with a Buffet Lunch after
service. An invitation is sent to Life
Church and Life Chinese Service for two
representatives each.

LORD'S DAY XXXV

96. Q. What does God require in the second
commandment?

A. That we in no wise make any image of
God, nor worship Him in any other way than
He has commanded in His Word.

97. Q. May we, then, not make any image at
all?

A. God neither can nor may be visibly
represented in any way. As for creatures,
though they may be visibly represented, yet
God forbids us to make or have any likeness
of them in order to worship them or serve
God by them.

98. Q. But may not images be tolerated in
the churches as books for the laity?

A. No; for we must not be wiser than
God, who will not have His people taught by
dumb images, but by the living preaching of
His Word.

ALL THAT THRILLS MY SOUL

Who can cheer the heart like Jesus,
By His presence all divine?
True and tender, pure and precious,
O how blest to call Him mine!

Chorus:

All that thrills my soul is Jesus;
He is more than life to me;
And the fairest of ten thousand,
In my blessed Lord I see.

What a wonderful redemption!
Never can a mortal know
How my sin, tho' like crimson,
Can be whiter than the snow.

Hymnbook No. 298.

In Preparation for the B-P Silver Jubilee,
do you know all our B-P Churches, pastors
and workers? Here they are:

1. Bethany - Mr. Charlie Tan - 811728.
20, Jalan Lakum, 28.
2. Calvary - Rev. Philip Heng - 656193,
654295. Mr. James Chan, Miss
Joanna Yam, Mr. Peter Tow
Siang Kwang.
1, Tao Ching Rd., 22.
3. Calvary(Mandarin)- i/c Dr. Cheng Wei Nien
- 653860.
4. Galilee - Rev. Philip Heng - 656193,
654295.
c/o 9, Gilstead Rd., 11.
5. Jurong - Rev. Edward Pauwe - 513676.
80, Rural West 14½ ms,
Jurong Road, 22.
6. Kelapa Sawit (Hakka/Mand) - Mr. Wong
Sun Looy, Miss Grace Lim.
Kelapa Sawit N/V.
26 ms Kulai Rd., Johore.
7. Kulai - i/c Rev. Timothy Tow
FEBE Students.
266, Kulai Garden, Kulai,
Johore.
8. Life - Rev. Timothy Tow - 50617,
513676.
9, Gilstead Rd., 11.
9. Life(Mandarin/Teochew) - Rev. Timothy
Tow - 50617, 513676.
9, Gilstead Rd., 11.
10. Mt. Carmel-i/c Dr. Ang Beng Chong
Rev. Quek Swee Hwa, Mr. John
Ting - 52705.
Blk. 61, 446. Lengkok Bahru, 3.
11. Mr. Hebron - i/c Dr. Ang Beng Chong,
Rev. Quek Swee Hwa - 801532.
Blk. 21, 4110, Holland Dr. 10.
12. Rawang - Evangelist - Mr. Teo Chiam
Seng.
4½ ms. Jalan Sungei Mati,
Rawang, Muar.
13. Sambau Gospel Mission - i/c Dn. Anthony
Tan - 532793,
4, Sambau St. 2.
14. Sarimbun- i/c Dn. Sng Teck Leong
56C, Jalan Bahtera, 24.
15. Sembawang-Mr. Bobby Phee.
Rev. Quek Swee Hwa - 801532.
Rev. Philip Heng - 656193.
99 Nemesu Ave. 20.
16. Tekong - Mdm. Toh Ah Eng,
Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang.
Pulau Tekong.
17. Toa Payoh-Mr. Peter Chua - 513676,
Rev. Edward Pauwe - 513676.
Blk. 71, 383, Lor 4, Toa Payoh, 12.
18. Toa Payoh(Mandarin) - Mr. Koh Kian Mia-
552814.
Blk. 71, 383, Lor 4, Toa Payoh, 12.
19. Zion - Rev. Quek Swee Hwa - 801532,
884786, 880733.
5, Tavistock Ave. 19.

Tanjung Pinang, Ahoy!

When Rev. Tan Peng Koen first set foot on Tanjung Pinang in 1967 to establish the Geredja Peresbeteryan di Indonesia, the pleasant location where this young Church is fast taking root was once a deserted, haunted mansion, overgrown with a mini-jungle.

When I first visited the Church with her Sekolah Dasar Kristen (Christian Primary School) in August 1973, much reclamation was made from the primitive wild conditions. Since Rev. Tan left this work October last year to his two daughters and their husbands, further improvements have been made. Revisiting Tanjung Pinang last week, I was surprised to see the stony grounds all levelled and paved with a new coat of cement. A green wooden fence put up all around the compound not only keeps children from falling off the cliffs, but also adds beauty to the habitation. A new pulpit and holy communion table were added to the renovated chapel.

The Geredja Peresbeteryan di Indonesia has grown by leaps and bounds, indeed, since her founding seven years ago. During the last two years wherein I've visited this work half-a-dozen times, I have seen a steady increase in the membership of the Church. Fifty were present at last Lord's Day's service and about 30 partook of the Lord's Supper. The Sunday School had well over 100. On Saturday night I spoke at the regular youth meeting, and there were 70. This number was augmented by some oldsters, since they heard that the pastor from Singapore was here on a special visit. Another feature of the liveliness of this young Church is the excellent music accompanying every service from the skilful playing on that old piano given by Faith Church. The young people's choir is well-trained and sings even over the local radio.

With encouragement from Singapore, the young church has launched out to the "Vegetable Garden" four miles out to start a branch Sunday School. Here 40 children gather at a farm house every Lord's Day from 1.30 p.m. to 2.30 p.m. Mr. and Mrs. Yusuf lead in this work of love.

One of the young people who studied at the Church School and became a Christian is now working at Singkep, an island about 12 hours boat-ride south. The call to Singkep keeps coming, but we have not made it yet to answer this call.

Tanjung Pinang in the Riau Islands is important as a half-way station between Medan and Jakarta. A regular passenger service is run between these two Indonesian ports. One student from Medan to the FEBC has travelled to Singapore via Tanjung Pinang. Another shipping service regularly plys between Singapore and the ports of Pontianak, Singkawang and Pematang in West Kalimantan. Two FEBC students from W. Kalimantan also sailed via Tanjung Pinang, to take the "local" to Singapore. Our students are given a hospitable welcome by the Church there whenever they pass through. The blessing is mutual, for they repay the Gospel debt in their midst with preaching and teaching the Word of God.

Tanjung Pinang, ahoy! Here is a Church in full fellowship with our Church that every reader will want to visit.

Hassan Jawabreh

When Ivy and I were in the Holy Land 1969, we met Hassan, who has come to study at Far Eastern Bible College for almost a year. At that time he was not yet a Christian.

When Hassan became converted prior to his coming to Singapore, he met with such opposition from his family that he literally had to run for his life. Hassan, in a sense, is a refugee for the Lord.

Hassan now has a problem. His passport is fast running out. It will expire in October. But, being an Arab, a Jordanian, he cannot get the passport renewed here. The nearest Jordanian consular body is at Bangkok or in India. Be that as it may, Hassan has been praying for a couple of months if he should not join the Logos. This will give him a chance to do something for the Lord as well as get his visa renewed in India.

Hassan has valuable assets for the Logos ministry. He is a qualified electrician, and he can help maintain the ship's electrical system. Being an Arab (also Hebrew-speaking) he can communicate more than others when the Logos sails to the Arab-speaking lands.

We are glad to hear that he is one of five accepted on the Logos which is due to arrive Sept. 18, 1975.

Mary Sun

Another of the five taken on is Mary Sun of Life Church and Sarimbun.

We commit both of our members to the Lord for His safe-keeping, that they will war a good warfare in their new assignments. (The term of service is between one and two years.) We commend them to our Readers that you might remember to bear them up in prayer.

We should hold a commissioning service for these two who are called to regions beyond on Sept. 21, eve of their sailing.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 1.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on John (Mr. Swee)
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Session Meeting (N.B.I.)
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel (Rev. Tow).

Sat. .00 p.m. Sng - Lee Wedding.
Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Jason Linn.
4.00 p.m. Mr. Lin Tai Mon.

Last Week's Offering; \$890.18 + \$200 + \$250.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Sim Mong Eng, Catherine Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia Poon, Elgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong.
Congratulation to Mr. & Mrs. Lim Fook Sau for the gift of a daughter, Sharon, Hui Mien, Aug. 22, 1975.

Baptised at Mt. Alvernia Hospital on Thurs. Sept. 4, 1975 Mr. and Mrs. Yeng Kok Eng (Kuan Hui Choo) at the instance of Elder Tow Siang Hwa, Rev. Tow officiating.

Pray for Deacon Lim Teck Chye now at Mt. Alvernia Hospital after an operation.

Corrigendum to last week's Directory: Mt. Carmel i/c Dr. Tan Kim Ping. Addendum: FAITH (Mandarin/Teochew) 5 Tavistock Ave., 19. Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang - 884786, 880733. Worship 10.45 a.m.

Elder & Mrs. Tan Kim Ping cordially invite the session of Life Bible-Presbyterian Church to the dedication of 83 Blk. 46 Telok Blangah Drive and opening of SWEET PHARMACY by Rev. Tow Siang Hui on Sat. 13th Sept. 1975, at 4.00 p.m. (Please do not send gifts or flowers)
Calling future Sunday School Teachers! Come to our S.S. Teachers Training Class, Every Sunday 8.45 - 9.45 a.m., starting Sept. 7! See Supt. Edmund Tay for registration.

Life Church Elders and Deacons Please be reminded of the Session Meeting, Tues. Sept. 9, 8.00 p.m. at FEBC Library. A most important meeting to consider the Silver Jubilee Celebration!

Interested in Prophecy? Why not come to the FEBC Daniel lectures, every Thurs. evening, 7.15 to 9.15 p.m.? Rev. Tow will teach the next lesson in Daniel 5 & 6.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. James Chua Hoe Seng and Miss Susan Lee Cheng Lian of Mt. Carmel will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. Sept. 20, 3.30 p.m., with a reception thereafter.

Miss Suvana Ngarmsithichoke, FEBCer in Thailand, visited during the week. Her new place of service is 1/1 Baroomaark Rd., Klong Po, Uttaradit, Thailand.

THE LOGOS returns on Sept. 18. The ship will probably be at the Container Wharf, via Pedestrian Gate A. For information contact David Teo, Office 335640; Home 640660.

Do you know how much it costs to rent 100 chairs for holding a reception? \$50! (That's the price charged on a wedding party at FEBC Hall recently.) Moral: Did you thank God for all the store furniture you sit on in the garden?

Guests at the Hostel. 1) Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn 2) Rev. Johanes Micha Ateng of Indonesia.

Mrs. Margie Grauley (USA) and Mrs. A.H. Lennox (Aust.) Your letters and gifts for the Weekly are acknowledged with thanks.

Edited by Timothy Tow, (A, Gilstead Road, Singapore 11.

LORD'S DAY XXXVI

99. Q. What is required in the third commandment?

A. That we must not by cursing or prejury, nor by unnecessary swearing, profane or abuse the Name of God, nor by our silence or connivance become partakers of these horrible sins in others; and briefly, that we use the holy Name of God no otherwise than with fear and reverence, to the end that He may be rightly confessed and worshipped by us, and be glorified in all our words and works.

100. Q. Is, then, the profaning of God's Name by swearing and cursing so heinous a sin that His wrath is kindled even against those who do not, as much as in them lies, help to prevent and to forbid such cursing and swearing?

A. Certainly; for no sin is greater or more provoking to God than the profaning of His Name; wherefore, also, He has commanded this sin to be punished with death.

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

1. Marvelous message we bring,
Glorious carol we sing,
Wonderful word of the King:
Jesus is coming again (again!)

Chorus

Coming again, coming again,
May be morning, may be noon,
May be evening and may be soon!
Coming again, coming again;
O What a wonderful day it will be
Jesus is coming again!

2. Forest and flower exclaim,
Mountain and meadow the same,
All earth and heaven proclaim:
Jesus is coming again! (again!)

3. Standing before Him at last,
Trial and trouble all past,
Crowns at His feet we will cast:
Jesus is coming again! (again!)

G.H.F. No. 151.

Greetings we received from Anne Cheang, FEBCer 1974, now serving with Operation Mobilisation in India (17.8.75). In Zion Bulletin she writes "Last night, during our extended time of prayer, we once again realized the serious condition of this land (India) and the seriousness of the emergency, especially for us foreigners. We may be imprisoned. But we will press on till the time when they say "stop". There're 5 Christian organizations branded as militant groups. Every Home Crusade is one of them and we too. It is those who are going all out for the Lord that Satan is interested to stop and hinder... All through my stay here, I'm very conscious that I'm not only representing Christ, but also my country and my church. I'm glad that so far the Singaporeans have had a good impression upon our Christian brothers and sisters here and also upon those from the West. We're respected for being conscientious, industrious, and organized people, but they think we're a bit too critical and too systematic."

TRIPLE SILVER JUBILEE CELEBRATION FOR LIFE CHURCH!

Everyone of the 20 churches and groups in the Bible-Presbyterian movement is looking forward to Saturday night October 25, 1975 at the National Theatre! Get your ticket or tickets early to avoid disappointment! The National Theatre can take only 3450. As things are shaping up, there might be no vacancy for the late comers.

A Pre-Jubilee 'Family Reunion' will be held at Life Church, Sunday night, Oct. 19, 1975. This is our second celebration. It has some pleasant surprises that should not be missed!

Now, while the B-P Church will celebrate her 25th Anniversary, it is Life Church's honour, as an individual Church, that can celebrate Silver Jubilee locally, for we are the founding Church. Therefore, we have decided to hold one ourselves apart from the above-mentioned double celebration. Ours would be a Triple Celebration.

Chinese "Dinner" at Life Church, Oct. 19, 12 Noon.

How do we go about it? We will hold our own Jubilee on Oct. 19, at the usual worship hour. Some 25 new members will be added to the Church by baptism and by transfer of membership. Our Senior Elders will give testimonies. The Life Church Choir will sing, etc.etc. After the Thanksgiving Service, a Chinese "Dinner" will be held at the Green Pavilion and Kindergarten corridors, catered by Tian Heong. Like last year, the charge will be \$8/- for earners, \$5/- non-earners, \$3/- children. This time admission will be given only to coupon holders. Please register early with Deacon William Teo (Church); Deacon Khoo Wah Ann (S.S) and young people with the respective presidents of Y.F.; YAF and GLTD. A fellowship that no lively Lifer will ever want to miss!

Be a Sponsor

One way of paying for the Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocation is to request your sponsorship. B-P Banner says, "Each sponsorship is \$100. If you want to be a sponsor but can only afford \$50, find another person to join you make up the \$100". The Session has voted to give without exception. If you have difficulty to make up \$100, ask your wife for the other 50! Every couple should not give less than \$100!

Ladies can offer cakes.

In order that as many as possible be involved in the coming celebration, it is suggested that our ladies make cakes for Sunday night Oct. 19. After the "Family Reunion" meeting in Church, we who are the host Church should entertain all who come with some refreshments. It is suggested that if 10 ladies will each contribute 100 cakes we have enough for an expected crowd of 700 - 800. Tea and soft drinks can be contributed by the gents!

Jubilee Gift of a \$5,000 Yamaha Organ

A harbinger of many blessings in the offing, as we prepare for Silver Jubilee is the gift of a \$5,000 Yamaha Organ by an elder of a sister Church to Life. This is deeply appreciated, since our old Hammond is getting hoarse under years of strain. As it is more blessed to give than to receive, let us match such a gift by diverting more funds for Gospel outreach - Kelapa Sawit must start building this year or else their lease from Government would be cancelled!

Bibles and Other Christian Books, 1/3 off!

We have a stock of Christian books, including a good selection of Bibles, to be cleared at 33 1/3 % discount. These books will be displayed at the "Green Pavilion". This is a good opportunity to buy for your own needs at a discount, to get someone a more meaningful Christmas gift, to cultivate someone's Christian faith. The proceeds go back to the Logos. The benefit is all round.

A New Gospel Witness at Swee Pharmacy.

This afternoon (Sat.) Dr. Patrick Tan and I will be on the programme for the opening and dedication of a pharmacy owned by a modern Aquila and Priscilla, Elder and Mrs. Tan Kim Ping of Mt. Carmel. The pharmacy which closes on Sunday will open however for Christian meetings. Readers who live near 83 Telok Blangah Drive Blk. 46, (Tel. 642474) are welcome to fellowship. May God use this new witness for His glory.

Telok Blangah

Telok Blangah is the second offshoot from Mt. Carmel at Lengkok Bahru. The first offshoot is Mt. Hebron, which is located at 411 Q Blk. 21, Holland Drive, 10, Dr. Ang Beng Chong in charge.- T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & F.E.B.C. APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on John
(Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel
(Rev. Tow).
Sat. 3.30 p.m. Chua - Lee Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow
4 p.m. Rev. Jason Linn.

Last Week's Offering: \$505.70.

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

Madam Kuan Hui Choo (Mrs. Yeng Kok Eng) who was baptised together with her husband at Mt. Alvernia Hospital, Sept. 4, passed away peacefully on Sept. 9. Funeral on Sept. 11 was conducted by Revs. Tow, Jason Linn, Paauwe and Elder Tow Siang Hwa, attended by FEBC Choir.

40 new copies of Inspiring Hymns are added to the pews. Please use with care. If you desire to donate, it is \$10 per copy.

B-P Banner. We have increased our order to 400 copies, so that each worshipper might have a copy.

Rev. E.R. Hutabarat of the Geredja Pantekosta, East Java, has finally arrived to study at FEBC. He desires to see Bro. Stephen Kuan. FEBC Hostel during the Dec. holidays. Bookings have been received from Jurong, Mt. Carmel and Kulai, the dates to be finalised accordingly.

A Five-Day DVBS in Chinese and Indonesian, is planned for 200 children of the Geredja Presebeteryan di Indonesia, Tanjung Pinang, with a series of Gospel Meetings at night, in Chinese, for the adults. This is timed for the December holidays. To kill two birds with one stone. Readers who wish to get away from Singapore for 5 days may come along. Please see Mrs. Ivy Tow.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Wee Hian Kok on the gift of a girl, Sept. 9, 1975 at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

Congratulations to Mr. Bobby Phee, FEBC Dip. Th. 1974, who has been elected to pastor Sembawang B-P Church as from Sept. 1975. Mr. Phee has kindly accepted to make the Kulai Trip the first Friday of each month. Sembawang is also holding its Bible Class at FEBC every Wednesday night.

Lifers who wish to view the Bedok House may do so this Lord's Day after service. Please contact Deacon Teo Soon Hock who will lead the way.

LOVE WORKS IN WAYS

That are wondrous and strange,
And there's nothing in life
That love cannot change.
Love can transform the most common place
Into beauty and splendor.
Love is unselfish, understanding and kind,
For it sees with its heart,
And not with its mind.
Love is the answer
That everyone seeks,
Love is the language
That every heart speaks.
And all the world
Needs lots more of
The love that comes
From God above. - Cheryl Low.

LORD'S DAY XXXVII

101. Q. But may we not swear by the Name of God in a godly manner?

A. Yes; when the magistrate demands it of his subjects, or when otherwise necessity requires us thus to confirm fidelity and truth, for the glory of God and the welfare of our neighbor; for such swearing is grounded in God's Word, and therefore was rightly used by the saints in the Old and the New Testament.

102. Q. May we also swear by saints or any other creatures?

A. No; for a lawful oath is a calling upon God, as the only Searcher of hearts, to bear witness to the truth, and to punish me if I swear falsely; which honor is due to no creature.

MY ONLY FRIEND

O Thou my noble Friend,
Shall I ungrateful be?
When I was lost in sin,
Thou diedst for me.
Salvation freely flows;
Thy blood shed from the Tree.
No other one below
Can set me free.

O Thou my sincere Friend,
How can I stray from Thee?
From foolish sin and shame
Thou savedst me.
Thou leadst me in the way
Through Death's dark vale unseen
To waters bright as day,
And pastures green.

O Thou my gracious Friend,
Shall I e'er Thee forsake?
Thou my Rock and my Strength,
In Thee has taken effect to
Like gushing streams Thy love,
It cleanses all my stains.
O bear me up above,
My health regain.

O Thou my life-long Friend,
Let me ne'er Thee forget!
All good things come to end,
Thy love except.
E'er shining bright this love,
Turn earth's dark night to day!
O may Thy Precious Word,
Keep me alway!

O Thou my only Friend,
I will abide with Thee.
Though others fled and ran,
I'll wait on Thee.
Both branch and tree are one:
The Law of Life that binds
Both branch and tree are one:
The Life that binds.

Rev. Jason Linn.

John 3:16. "For God so loved the world that He gave His only Begotten Son; that whosoever believeth in Him should perish, but have everlasting life".

OUR WEEKLY CHAT.

My dear Readers,

Urgent Business

Last week, our Bible-Presbyterian Missions received a sizeable gift from an elder together with this note: "The Lord has increasingly laid on me the urgency of extending His Gospel May the Holy Spirit empower us to burn out for our Lord ere He comes." Praise the Lord for such a realisation of the urgency of times, and the encouragement given to our Gospel outreach. This brings to mind the words of St. Peter, "Looking for and hasting unto the coming of the day of God" (II Pet. 3:12). This brings to mind the words of our Lord, "And this gospel of the kingdom shall be preached in all the world for a witness unto all nations; and then shall the end come." (Matt. 24:14).

During the last few years, we have seen an awakening among Singapore churches for the extension of the Gospel. We have mentioned, e.g., how one Church, the Wai Yan Tong (Grace Cantonese Church), has given \$60,000 to missions in one year! This is marvellous. Pure Gospel work, soul-saving work, deserves our utmost support. But beware, lest God's money be channelled to secondary and less urgent issues. One item of giving, as far as Life Church is concerned, is towards the support of needy FEBC students. From my position as principal, I can assure you that the money is well-spent, yielding rich dividends of the Gospel being extended, and souls being saved.

"Striving together for the faith of the Gospel" (Phil. 1:27).

St. Paul does not mind the imperfections of other preachers of the Gospel, so long as the Gospel is preached (Phil. 1:15-18). Let those who are separatists from the Ecumenicals and liberals beware lest they separate from those who are vitally preaching the Gospel. Let us "Strive together for the faith of the Gospel." with those who are seeking to advance God's Word, though they may not belong to the same denomination.

Of late the calls have come most from Tanjung Pinang. Hence last week's announcement of the need of preparing for 5 days intensive Gospel campaign - a Daily Vocation Bible School for 200 children in the morning and Gospel meetings to both young and old at night. Who'll come with us?

Again, the call has come from Rawang. This is a second call! The earlier request could not be answered, because of other commitments. It seems the only time we can make it is Oct. 5 after our morning worship. (Oct. 12 is our date with Kelapa Sawit).

Finnish Missionary, Rev. Yrjola, of Gospel Yacht "Ebeneser".

One friend I've come to know while preaching at Tg. Pinang is Rev. Yrjola. A missionary sent out to China in 1929 (the same year Jason Linn went to Borneo), he is still at it, though now sailing in the "South Seas". Rev. Yrjola humorously puns his name as "Yu Lai Ler", in Mandarin meaning, "Have come again." A man now in his sixties, he refused to leave his missionary assignment, though faced with many setbacks during World War II.

In 1955 he came back again to the Orient in the Ebeneser, a Gospel Yacht of 300 tons, with three sons and their wives, like Noah of old! They plied the coasts of India and Ceylon with the Gospel for 16 years until the Lord led them to Indonesia in 1971. Since then, with Singapore as a supply Station, Rev. & Mrs. Yrjola, minus two sons and their wives, but with added Indonesian hands, have been evangelising out-of-the-way islands. He also has visited Balikpapan where Rev. Jason Linn was. In fact, it is through reading "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" that Rev. Yrjola has made a special trip to visit Gilstead Road. This happily lands him on our pulpit this Lord's Day. A missionary who has braved the seas for 20 years, much longer than the Logos, deserves a hearing! But, Readers, what will you do for Jesus? Have you contributed anything of yourself for the advancement of the Gospel?

Praise the Lord for Kelapa Sawit!

One reason why we have not pressed on as we should to start building the Kelapa Sawit Church is the encroachment of 7,000 sq. ft. of our land by an illegal householder. We have just received good news from Deacon John Ling of a preliminary settlement between this illegal occupier and our deacons before the State Councillor. This, however, has to be ratified by further action from the Land Office. At any rate, the time given us to start building by Government stipulation is running out. The deadline is Jan. 1976. We must hasten our architect.

The development at Kelapa Sawit, like Rawang, will benefit many youth campers. The "master plan" provides for full facilities for youth camps. What is good about Kelapa Sawit over Rawang is that it takes one third the time to get there as it does for the latter. - T.T

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LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on John
(Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel
(Rev. Tow).

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Jason Linn, Rev. K.C. Quek. interpreting (Rev. Tow at Faith Church).
4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi.

Last Week's Offering: \$511/-

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Audery Lim, Alice Khoo, Catherine Ong, Nellyne Chua, Jennifer Lee, Fam Chee Meng, Chua Kim Huat.
By special request of Mr. Yeng Kok Eng and after satisfactory examination, three children Yeng Chia Ping, Yeng Chia Ling and Yeng Chia Kern were baptised Friday, Sept. 19 at the FEBC morning worship, Rev. Tow, Jason Linn and Elder Patrick Tan officiating.
The Yamaha Organ has now been installed on one side of the pulpit.
Sponsors of the Silver Jubilee Celebration at the National Theatre are requested to indicate their desire the latest by Sunday Sept. 28 when the list will be closed and presented to the Presbytery.
Rev. C.T.Hsu. Your copies of Indonesian Bibles have arrived, and will be distributed to Tanjung Pinang.
Mary Sun is unable to join the Logos to India because of non-clearance from her employment.
We bid Godspeed to Hassan Jawabreh as he joins the Logos on Monday.

We welcome Mr. Billy Jones of the Logos who gives testimony this Lord's Day, and to all others as they minister in selling of Christian books.

Members of Presbytery are reminded of the final meeting before Silver Jubilee at Elder Tow's, 64 Andrew Rd., Sept. 28, 8 p.m.

New Address: Mrs. Lily Dauber, 863 E. Waterloo Road, Akron, Ohio 44306, U.S.A.

LORD'S DAY XXXVIII

103. Q. What does God require in the fourth commandment?

A. First, that the ministry of the gospel and the schools be maintained; and that I, especially on the Sabbath, that is, the day of rest, diligently attend the church of God, to learn God's Word, to use the sacraments, to call publicly upon the Lord, and to give Christian alms. Second, that all the days of my life I rest from my evil works, let the Lord work in me by His Holy Spirit, and thus begin in this life the eternal Sabbath.

GOD MOVES IN A MYSTERIOUS WAY

His wonders to perform;
He plants His footsteps in the sea,
And rides upon the storm.

Deep in unfathomable mines
Of never-failing skill,
He treasures up His bright designs,
And works His sovereign will.

Ye fearful saints, fresh courage take!
The clouds ye so much dread
Are big with mercy, and shall break
In blessings on your head.

Judge not the Lord by feeble sense,
But trust Him for His grace;
Behind a frowning providence
He hides a smiling face.

His purposes will ripen fast,
Unfolding every hour;
The bud may have a bitter taste,
But sweet will be the flower.

Blind unbelief is sure to err,
And scan His work in vain;
Gid is His own interpreter,
And He will make it plain.

Golden Bells : Tune of Dundee, No.284.

PICTURES OF JESUS CHRIST FROM THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

1. To seekers of the eternal Logos, Jesus Christ is the Word of Life.
2. To the joined in holy matrimony, Jesus Christ is the Wine of Life.
3. To him not born a second time, Jesus Christ is the Breath of Life.
4. To her unquenched by five-fold philandering, Jesus Christ is the Water of Life.
5. To the invalid, sick and abandoned, Jesus Christ is the Physician of Life.
6. To hungry multitudes of the world Jesus Christ is the Bread of Life.
7. To those who imbibe of His Spirit, Jesus Christ flows as Rivers of Life.
8. To men and women in dark pleasures, Jesus Christ shines the Light of Life.
9. To the blind of body and spirit, Jesus Christ is the Sight of Life.
10. To His own sheep who hear His voice, Jesus Christ is the Door of Life.
11. To both dead and living believing, Jesus Christ the Resurrection and the Life.
12. By His death that many might live, Jesus Christ is the Seed of Life.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT.

My dear Readers,

"Yu Lai Ler" = "(He) has come again"

Rev. Yrjola of the gospel yacht Ebeneser puns his name with "Yu Lai Ler," meaning, "(He) has come again". He gave us a heart-searching message last Lord's Day which I feel must be retold to our Readers. Yrjola must come again to speak to us!

It was a missionary, as usual, reading the last verses of Matthew, giving us a missionary challenge. But this was quite a different message. It was charged with Divine power. For the missionary has been an unusual one - he had heard the call of God when a young man of sixteen. And he has been hearing it all the time, not disobedient to the heavenly vision. For the last 20 years he has been sailing the Eastern Seas, the last four in and out of the unvisited islands of Indonesia. Yrjola's appeal is to young men and women to give themselves in the prime of their life, fulltime. Unless the Gospel is sustained by dedicated messengers of the Cross, it will not go forward.

If others heeded not the call, I for one was blessed. I resolved to serve the Lord with greater determination and deeper devotion.

Silver Jubilee Days Are Here!

As far as Life Church is concerned, we shall celebrate our own 25th Anniversary on Sunday Oct. 19. It will be a memorable occasion when all the old-timers will appear before the congregation and sing a special number. Certain elders will tell of early days and testify. There will be a Chinese "dinner" following the service at 12 noon, catered by Tian Heong. The charge is \$8 for earners, \$5 for non-earners, \$3 children. Admission will be by coupons. Please get them from Deacons William Teo and Khoo Wah Ann and from the presidents of YAF, YF, and GLTD. Representatives from all our branch Churches will be invited. Spend a happy time in Christian fellowship, Oct. 19, 12 noon!

Oct. 19, Night (7.30 p.m.).

This will be a preliminary meeting to the Oct. 25 Night at the National Theatre.

Oct. 19 Night will see all the B-P Churches gathered at Life Church. The 250 voices combined choir will sing. There will be many pleasant surprises. The FEBC graduates will receive their degrees and diplomas before the whole church, as a gesture of mutual felicitation. (The FEBC is an independent institution and not under control of the B-P Church).

The Night of Nights, Sat. Oct. 25, 7.30 p.m.

The Night of nights is Saturday Oct. 25, 7.30 p.m. when the whole church will congregate at the National Theatre together with all the honoured guests and friends. It will be a night to remember!

1. The 250 - voice choir will sing.
2. The B-P story will be told on a giant screen, displaying slides accumulated through 25 years of exciting history. See yourself, some of you as a little tot!
3. Hear the testimonies of our founders.
4. Hear Rev. Jason Lim's challenging message.
5. A souvenir magazine with a historical sketch of each of our 20 Churches and missions will be distributed free.

The Theatre will be packed so get your ticket early!

Are You a Sponsor.

Quite a number have given their sponsorships to the Silver Jubilee Celebrations. Per sponsorship is \$100. You will be remembered in the Souvenir Magazine. This is merely our expression of solidarity. It will also go towards the support of the Lord's work. The offering coming in this Silver Jubilee will go towards the building of Kelapa Sawit Church and the Old Peoples Home of Ling Kwang Mission. This Lord's Day is the last day you can register as a sponsor!

Far Eastern Bible College.

The College is graduating the biggest number to date! There will be the conferment of 3 degrees, and award of one diploma and 5 certificates.

Six new students, 3 from Singapore and 3 from Indonesia have joined this new academic year. Another, from India, should be arriving any time, though late, owing to present restrictive conditions in India.

Apart from a brief Graduating exercise at the B-P Preliminary Convocation at Life Church, Oct. 19 Night, there will be a College Night held on Friday Oct. 17, 7.30 p.m. when the Board of Directors will be invited together with all friends supporting the College. The Board is called to meet the same afternoon at 4.30 p.m.

During the December holidays, the College will send a faculty-and-student team to Indonesia, just across the Straits. It is to Tanjung Pinang, the Riau Islands. A week-long Daily Vacation Bible School and a 5-night Gospel Campaign will be held at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, founded by Rev. Tan Beng Koen. Since Rev. Tan has retired from

Tanjung Pinang, the Church there has more than ever looked up to Singapore to meet their spiritual needs. Pray for us! Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC lecture on John (Mr. (Mr. Swee).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC lecture on Daniel (Rev. Tow).

Sat. 6.00 p.m. Liew - Chew Wedding.

Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4.00 p.m. Rev. Tai.

(Rev. Jason Linn at Calvary Chinese Service 7.30 p.m., Rev. Tow at Rawang, Muar 4 p.m.)

Last Week's Offering : \$489.16

Sunday Lunch Roster : GLTD.

Bedok House Committee (Rev. Tow, Elders Seow, Tay, Tan and Mr. Willie Seah, please meet after Sunday lunch this Lord's Day at 12.30 p.m.)

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. John Liew Kim Meng and Helen Chew Kim Choo of Wilkie Terrace Christian Assembly will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. Oct. 4, 1975 6 p.m., Mr. Richard Chia officiating. (Photographers, please note that no pictures are to be taken from behind the minister or from the pulpit steps. Solemnity of the worship is to be strictly enforced!)

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Ricky Lam on the gift of a baby girl, Sept. 7, 1975.

Sister Seah Siow Pang sends greetings from Canada. Her address: 11 Martorino Dr., Scarborough, Ontario M1K, 2J1, Canada.

Mr. Daniel Rouillard from the Logos is guest at FEBC Hostel. An outstanding ventriloquist, he has given roaring entertainment to FEK children before and will speak again Tues. morning. A witness for Christ, he weaves in the Gospel message. Three other kindergartens have made appointments with him. If you need him for any children's gathering, please contact Rev. Tow. A Solemnisation Service will be held for Mr. and Mrs. John Fooyont Phanich (Florence Sng) at Life Church, Fri. Oct. 3, 5.30 p.m., Rev. Philip Heng officiating.

Far Eastern Bible College will be closed for the mid-semester vacation from Oct. 4, reopening Mon. Oct. 13, 8 a.m. with the Homiletics Hour. During the vacation students are welcome to a few days retreat at the Bedok House (see Mrs. Tow for special arrangement). (The VCF will be at the Bedok House Oct. 1-4, Mr. Peter Tan in charge.)

Praise the Lord for many Tamils coming to the Jurong Church Service. At last week's worship, Tamil interpretation was added to the Malay interpretation. Pray for Jurong!

AN ANCIENT CHINESE ANECDOTE relates how a country man took a measurement of his feet to prepare for purchasing a pair of shoes. When he got to the shop in the city, alas! he had forgotten the measurement which he left on his bed. Immediately he went back to fetch it. Upon his return, the shop had closed.

A friend asked him, "Why couldn't you have tried the shoes with your own feet?" He answered, "I trust my measurement rather than myself."

LORD'S DAY XXXIX

104. Q. What does God require in the fifth commandment?

A. That I show all honor, love, and fidelity to my father and mother, and to all in authority over me; submit myself with due obedience to their good instruction and correction; and also bear patiently with their weaknesses and shortcomings, since it pleases God to govern us by their hand.

SILVER JUBILEE JOY ONCE IN 25 YEARS

Only 4 weeks to go!

Have you got your ticket?

Have you invited a friend?

PICTURES YOU'VE NEVER SEEN BEFORE!

1. Our B-P PAGEANT IN COLOUR will show pictures of B-P leaders of 20 or 25 years ago, some as small kids, some teenagers.
 2. See Life Church, Prinsep Street (now gone, demolished!)
 3. See historic pictures of our B-P Movement.
 4. See our 1st BIBLE CAMP, our early helpers, OMF Missionaries.
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THE GOSPEL BELLS ARE RINGING,
Over land, from sea to sea;
Blessed news of free salvation
Do they offer you and me.
"For God so loved the world,
That His only Son He gave!
Whosoever believeth in Him
Everlasting life shall have."

Chorus Gospel bells! how they ring,
Over land, from sea to sea;
Gospel bells freely bring
Blessed news to you and me.

The Gospel bells invite us
To a feast prepared for all:
Do not slight the invitation,
Nor reject the gracious call,
"I am the Bread of life:
Eat of Me thou hungry soul;
Though your sins be red as crimson,
They shall be as white as wool."

The Gospel bells give warning,
As they sound from day to day,
Of the fate which doth await them
Who for ever will delay.
"Escape thou for thy life!
Tarry not in all the plain:
Nor behind thee look, oh, never,
Lest thou be consumed in pain."

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

SILVER JUBILEE JOY!

That 40 Lifers and Life Church -related bodies have responded to the Sponsorship is some manifestation of our Silver Jubilee Joy! Another appropriate word to use is Hilarity meaning gaiety or pleasurable excitement. Have not our members given cheerfully? For that is what hilaros the Greek word means. We have given joyfully, cheerfully, hilariously, because we have received so much from the Lord in the past.

Silver Jubilee Cakes.

Since my last suggestion that our ladies either bake or contribute cakes and our men offer soft drinks for the Oct. 19 Night, I've received spontaneous offers, even the baking of meat pies! The College at the back has some tapiocas luxuriantly ripening. We will chankul the roots fresh from the ground, and our Malay cook will make some coconut - sugared kway for you. What will be the recipes of our other ladies? Apart from soft drinks, there must be Chinese tea to blend with the sweet-meats. Now, since 800 are expected to jam this Preliminary Night before we go to the National Theatre (Oct. 25.), we really need our ladies' help and the young peoples' service.

Silver Jubilee Makan Coupons and Tickets.

As far as Life Church is concerned, Tian Heong our caterer will bring us together at 12 noon, Sunday Oct. 19 at our Silver Jubilee Makan. The charge is minimal - \$8 for earners, \$5 non-earners, \$3 children.

Now, we've a new ruling - no coupon, no makan! Get yours early from Deacons William Teo and Khoo Wah Ann and from the presidents of the YAF, YF and GLTD. Closing date is Oct. 12!

Then, don't forget your tickets to get into the National Theatre, Oct. 25, the Night of nights! Of the 3,450 seats, Life Church's quota is 800. Elder Edmund Tay has already claimed 200 for the S.School. That leaves 600 for the whole church - on a first come first served basis. But, if you take your share and perhaps 2 or 3 for friends you're inviting, please make sure that all will be there. Don't deprive others by your extravagance! Sponsors' tickets are red in colour and they will be seated in the VIP section! Get your ticket from the Deacons today! Closing date is Oct. 19!

Silver Jubilee Advance to East Coast.

For quite some time the offer of the use of a three-storey, 10-room mansion on the East Coast at 5 Jalan Haji Salam, 200 yards before the Bedok Bend, has been in the offing. But that offer did not materialise until Oct. 1, 1975. It seems the timing is from the Lord, meaning to say, the greater celebration for this Silver Jubilee of our church is to advance another step for Him. By God's Grace, let this be a great forward leap! For, is it not so that most of our 15 congregations on Singapore Island are concentrated central and west, and none at all has been established east? The proposal by the offerer that a Grace Bible-Presbyterian Church be established at Bedok with equipment and furnishing upstairs for a permanent Conference Centre has been accepted by Life Church Session and a Committee of Five elected to realise this holy desire.

For over a fortnight, Mr. T.C. Eng our Church Renovator has been feverishly working on the Shalom House (as I would call it) to make it function again. A new 4 ft. cubic water tank had to be hoisted to the rooftop, the water closets almost everyone had to be renewed and the lights rewired. Tons of rubbish had to be disposed. Praise the Lord, by Oct. 1, the Varsity Christian Fellowship (Peter Tan and David Cheong) could enter in! Meanwhile 20 steel double deckers were installed with scores of flexiform mattresses and bedsheets. Elder Heng Yow Tong got us the bed-linen at a premium!

But the House is far from perfect. Therefore it is proposed that during FEBEC's short vacation, we would go up with some students to give it a real good scrub. At the same time our contractor can start to give it a new white coat (internally and economically).

While Shalom House will be a boon to many camp-hungry youth groups (sorry, no camp on the Lord's Day), our main objective is the founding of another Gospel Station for the Lord Jesus Christ. Soon, you'll hear the sound of an organ, the gathering of God's people at worship, the happy chirping of children going to Sunday School. As for space for worship, there's a downstairs hall that can easily take in 100.

Now, I see that Monday Nov. 3 is a public holiday. If this date is not taken by the Sunday School, may I propose that the Church hold a short "picnic" at the Bedok Shalom House, after which you can go to Changi Beach for a swim. This preliminary gathering is to get all interested in the Gospel "Witness on the East Coast" to come together for prayer and deliberation. Even if you're not going to branch out here in worship, it will be an eye opener to behold another offshoot from Gilstead Road, glory to His Name. Silver Jubilee Joy is best experienced in greater service for the Lord!

Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

Mon. LCYF and Toa Payoh Picnic at Shalom House. 105. Q. What does God require in the sixth commandment?

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.

Sat. 4 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Jason Linn (Last time).
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon
(Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit).

Last Week's Offering:- \$420.65 + \$200 + \$20.

Sunday Lunch Roster:- Sim Hong Eng, Catherine Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia Poon, Elgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong. Silver Jubilee Convocation Tapes at only \$3 if orders are placed now! (\$5 after Convocation).

FEBC Board of Directors will meet at the Library, Sunday Oct. 12, 8 p.m. The College Faculty and Students will hold a Graduation Get-together to hear testimonies and sing praises to God, after dinner, Fri. Oct. 17. Please inform Michael Chung. All alumni and friends welcome!

Another student joining in the second quarter of the 1st semester is Daniel Rouillard of France. Do you need his Christian ventriloquism?

Guests at FEBC Hostel during the week were Rev. Maxwell Hall of Australia and brother-in-law, friends of Mr. & Mrs. Michael Cheang.

Rev. JASON LINN, author of Pioneering in Dyak Borneo is here not for long. Have you read his book? Why not get a copy with the author's signature. Give it as a Xmas present to some young soul!

Rev. Tow resumes his ministry to Rawang this Lord's Day after the morning worship. He will also be speaking to the combined English service between Living Water and Trinity Churches. Travelling with him are Mr. & Mrs. Chew Kia Song.

INVITE A FRIEND to the National Theatre, Oct. 25 as a least service you can render to the Lord! Pray for the Lord's messengers Revs. Quek, Tow and Jason Linn!

Deacon Tan Wai Choon Writes:- "I've read the reports about the coming Jubilee celebrations with great interest and gratitude. Wished that I were there to join in with the rejoicings. However, I'll be there in spirit. Enclosed is US\$40.00 offered as a thank-offering to our Lord and Saviour for His many benefits (Psalm 103). The sum is for the Jubilee celebrations. May the Bible-Presbyterian Church continue to "content for the faith which was once delivered unto the saints" (Jude 3); May we continue to stand up "for the Word of God, and for the testimony of Jesus Christ" (Rev. 1:9). Then the Lord will continue to give us open door (Rev. 3:8)." George Kutty of India (formerly of the Logos) arrives this afternoon to join FEBC in the new semester.

SHALOM HOUSE The initial bill for urgent repairs is \$1,550. Who would offer a small organ for the starting of a Sunday School and Church service? Who has a big fridge to spare?

Edited by Dr. Timothy Tow, 9A, Gilstead Rd., Singapore 11. Tel: 50617, 513676.

A. That I, neither in thought, nor in word or gesture, much less in deed, dishonor, hate, wound, or kill my neighbor, whether by myself or by another, but lay aside all desire of revenge; moreover, that I harm not wilfully expose myself to any anger. Therefore, also, the magistrate is armed with the sword to prevent murder.

106. Q. But this commandment seems to speak only of murder?

A. In forbidding murder, God teaches us that He abhors the root of murder, as envy, hatred, anger, and desire of revenge; and that He accounts all these as murder.

107. Q. But is it enough that we do not kill our neighbor in any such way?

A. No; for when God forbids envy, hatred, and anger, He commands us to love our neighbor as ourselves: to show patience, peace, meekness, mercy, and all kindness towards him, prevent his hurt as much as in us lies, and do good even to our enemies.

I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE C.H.NO. 219.

I hear Thy welcome voice,
That calls me, Lord, to Thee
For cleansing in Thy precious blood
That flowed on Calvary.

Chorus:-

I am coming Lord,
Coming now to Thee,
Wash me, cleanse me in the blood
That flowed on Calvary!

Thou' coming weak and vile,
Thou dost my strength assure;
Thou dost my vileness fully cleanse,
Till spotless all and pure.

Tis Jesus calls me on
To perfect faith and love,
To perfect hope, and peace, and trust,
For earth and heav'n above.

1. ONCE IT WAS THE BLESSING
Now it is the Lord;
Once it was the feeling,
Now it is His Word;
Once His gifts I wanted,
Now the Giver own;
Once I sought for healing,
Now Himself alone.
2. Once 'twas busy planning,
Now 'tis trustful prayer;
Once 'twas anxious caring,
Now He has the care;
Once 'twas what I wanted,
Now what Jesus says;
Once 'twas constant asking,
Now 'tis ceaseless praise.
3. Once it was my working,
His it hence shall be;
Once I tried to use Him,
Now He uses me;
Once the power I wanted,
Now the Mighty One;
Once for self I laboured,
Now for Him alone. - A.B. Simpson.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

1. Up-country B-Pers Coming in force.

Our three churches in Johore, Kelapa Sawit, Rawang and Kulai Besar have all cheerfully given to the Sponsorship! B-Pers are coming from Rawang and Kulai, but most of all from Kelapa Sawit who are thrilled that half of the offerings on Oct. 25 night will help their new church. Friends from Muar are also coming.

2. Far Eastern Bible College Graduation on Oct. 19 Night at Life Church.

When we gather at Life Church on Oct. 19 Night for a preliminary Family celebration, FEBC will join in the Silver Jubilee Joy, inasmuch as she is closely linked to B-Pers and Life Church.

FEBC has had a most prosperous year as she graduates the greatest number in history.

The degree of Bachelor of Theology will be conferred on Misses Debora Lukito and Linda Pramanawati of Indonesia, and on Mr. Eddy Ho of Penang (now in Canada). The Diploma in Theology is awarded to Mr. Michael Chung of Singapore (CNEC), The Certificate of Religious Knowledge is awarded to Miss Yusiniar Lumbantoruan of Indonesia, Mr. Peter Lester of Gt. Britain, Mr. Mike Manning of India and to Miss Irene Tay (Sembawang) and Miss Margaret Tan (Mt. Carmel).

During the long vacation from May to August, a Child Evangelism Institute was held under the auspices of the FEBC at which 24 from seven countries completed a 11-week course. Half of the trainees were FEBC students. These received 6 credits in Christian education towards their overall study programme. As a result of this training, several children's Good News Clubs have been started by FEBC students, in Jurong and Toa Payoh, and even at an Indonesian diplomat's house by our Indonesian students.

FEBC students have during the year faithfully maintained two weekly gospel outreaches. On Wednesday to Jurong and on Friday to Kulai Besar. A combined Bible camp for Jurongites and Kulai Besarites is planned for December. Last, but not least, is a Gospel Campaign and DVBS planned for the Phio Islands with a team of Indonesian students.

Two FEBC students (on leave) have joined the Logos for one to two years, Hassan of Israel - Jordan and Joseph Tang of Bartley Church.

FEBC reopened in August with 8 new students. Three are from our B-P churches in Singapore (Life and Galilee), three from Indonesia, one from France, and one from India.

Added to the Faculty is Mr. Swee Thian Hoc who has returned with the M.Div. and Th.M. degrees after four years' study in USA.

3. Dr. Patrick Tan to Head Grace B-P Church at Bedok. ✕

Praise the Lord, Dr. Patrick Tan is the Lord's chosen to head a new branch out of Gilstead Road to start the Grace B-P Church at Bedok. All who are interested in establishing our only East Coast witness, please see him!

Nov. 3 is fixed for half-a-day of Get-together at the Shalom House, 5 Jalan Haji Saifam, Bedok. Come, see the goodness of the Lord.

Dec. 20 is the date for the Inauguration of Grace B-P Church. Invitation is given to all our sister Churches to participate at this high and happy hour.

Mr. T.C. Eng is entrusted to continue all renovation work.

The new church needs a piano. Who has one to offer? And your surplus fridge? Who would like to offer ceiling fans (we need half a dozen, at \$100 a fan). Here's a chance for you to add to the function and beautification of God's House. Some can bring potted plants. Whatever you can do will be happily appreciated.

4. While We Write a Piano is Offered!

Now, while this Weekly Chat is in progress, the phone rings on a the same high, happy note. It's an elder of a sister church, who recently visited Shalom House and praises God for this long-overdue witness. He asks, "What does your new branch church need? An organ? A piano?" "A piano!" echo I. To which comes the ready offer. This means that a new piano will arrive on the premises before anything else, so far as the Church auditorium is concerned. How true is the Divine principle of material prosperity, "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you" (Matt. 6:33).

5. FEBC Working-Vacation.

During this short break of a week for FEBC we have deployed several pairs of students to jaga the Shalom house. This has given them an opportunity to get to know the people around. We were amazed at the number of Roman Catholics staying in this area. Some have even welcomed the idea of sending their children to our Sunday School. The prospects of a thriving Church and Gospel witness in the days to come are certainly bright.

Yours for the Gospel, T.C.

Mon. FEBC 2nd Term, 1st Semester begins,
"Wylie Tan at Homiletics Hour."
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 3 p.m. FEBC team to Kulai.
Sat. 4 p.m. YF & YFF
Lord's Day 10 a.m. 25th Anniversary Thanks-
giving Service. Rev. Tow.
12 noon "Makan"
4 p.m. 10th Anniversary Thanks-
giving Service (Chinese) Rev.
Jason Linn and Tea.
7.30 p.m. B-P Preliminary Silver
Jubilee Service (Cakes, Kway,
Drinks).

Rev. Tow leaves for Kelapa Sawit this Lord's
Day. 1.30 p.m. Today's meeting with the
Deacons is a most important one, preliminary
to launching building operations, latest by Dec.
Last Week's Offering : \$962.00.

Sunday Lunch Roster : GLTD.

"Make Me a Blessing", III. 394, is chosen for
this Lord's Day by Mrs. Mahadevan. We welcome
such a choice from worshippers! Please let
pastor know.

Today, Get your coupons for the Chinese
"dinner", Oct 19, 12 noon. No coupon no
makan!

Infant Baptism. Please register your child-
ren for Silver Jubilee Baptism Oct. 19!

A Challenge to members who want more action!
We need you to feed the Weekly Youth meeting
and Bible Class at Kulai Besar, every Friday
7 p.m. The distance from here is 33 miles.
Driving time 1 hour 10 mins. Why let FEBC
faculty and students only bear the burden?

A Preview of 200 Historic Slides of 25 years
of the B-P Movement has thrilled those who
saw them. This documentary presentation
through the magic lantern in sacred music
setting is worth your visit. How about the
250 voice choir? The messages from the hearts
of our leaders? The message from Rev. Jason
Linn specially invited from Hong Kong? Have
you seen the Souvenir Magazine with a story
of each of our 20 churches and stations?
Don't miss the Night of nights, B-P Silver
Jubilee Thanksgiving Convocation at the
National Theatre, Saturday Oct. 25, 7.30 p.m.
Bro. Lee Chee Seng, 2- Crediton Road, Kensal
Rise, London NW 10, writes: "I am indeed thank-
ful to you for providing me spiritual guidance
in the study of His Words for the past. Praise
God that at present I am attached to a local
Anglican Church (Church of England). Please
pray for me to continue study His Words
diligently daily as I pursue a 2 years engine-
ering course here.

I believe the preparations for the coming
B-P 25th Anniversaries thanksgiving and
Convocation has reached a climax. May our
Lord continue to provide the wisdom and bless-
ing to this auspicious occasion of the B-P
Churches in Singapore. May you allow me to
give a toast to this memorable B-P occasion.
"Glory and praise, to the name of the Lord
most high". Last but not least, may the
everlasting love, grace, peace of our Lord
and Saviour Jesus Christ be with you, elders,
deacons, Sunday School staffs the whole
congregation, the GLTD, the YAF, the YF, not
forgetting the FEBC students."

108. Q. What does the seventh commandment
teach us?

A. That all unchastity is accursed of
God; and that we must, therefore, detest it
from the heart, and live a chaste and continent
life both within and outside of holy wedlock.

109. Q. Does God in this commandment forbid
nothing more than adultery and such like
gross sins?

A. Since our body and soul are both
temples of the Holy Spirit, it is His will
that we keep both pure and holy; wherefore
He forbids all unchaste actions, gestures,
words, thoughts, desires, and whatever may
entice one thereto.

HE IS MY FRIEND

Jesus is my honoured Friend,
He knows me through and through.
His love is sure and full of grace,
Makes me love Him anew.
When I leave Him, I cannot stand,
O let me turn to Him!
I must seek Him now and always,
He is my Friend.

When I feel weak and weary,
Sunk in the depths of woe,
He lifts me up to run the Race
Through Danger's gate and toll.
He keeps me straight with rod and staff:
Love descended from Heaven.
With Him my Guide, what more to ask?
He is my Friend.

I love Him and He loves me.
He is my bosom Friend.
He shares my joys and my sorrows,
And helps me to contend.
He teaches me to cling to good,
But flee from lust and sin,
Like Him in all-holy living.
He is my Friend.

My Lord's Command I'll obey.
How dare I fall behind?
To save the sheep awandering,
Redeem a lost mankind.
The love of Christ they've never heard,
His blood that's shed for sin.
My hand in his, I must advance!
He is my Friend. - Rev. Jason Linn.

Late Sponsorships. Several have been received
after the closing date of Sept. 2^d. These
will be remembered in the next B-P Banner.
B-P Banner Souvenir Magazine, with the story
of the 25 years of development of our 20
churches and stations, will be given free to
worshippers in Church Oct. 26 the next day.
Silver Jubilee Souvenir Sheaffers' Ballpens
at a discount. Get yours from Deacon William
Teo.

Night of Nights

Saturday Oct. 25 7.30 p.m.

25 YEARS OF GRACE.

A deacon of another B-P Church asked me, as his eyes surveyed the royal palms gracing our Church and College, "Did you visualise all these when you started out at Prinsep Street 25 years ago?"

"Not a bit," was my reply. "What stands before you, and all the congregations and properties of our 20 churches and stations, are given by the Lord. 25 years of grace!"

Yes, all that we have is not by our might or power. It is given by God, unworthy and sinful though we have been - for His own Name's sake.

A latest instance of His gracious dealing is the offering of Shalom House at Bedok for the starting of a Grace B-P Church. Everyone who has visited this newest addition marvels again at the grace of God.

As we come before Him on the occasion of our Silver Jubilee Thanksgiving, what is the keynote of our worship service? It is already emphasised in the word "Thanksgiving". From year to year for 25 years, God's dealing with us has been "by grace". Paul says, "For by grace are ye saved, through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: Not of works, lest any man should boast" (Eph. 2:8,9).

As we look back into the past, has it not been that our livelihood, our family, our success in study, career, business, the joy of friends and home (despite many heartaches due to our follies) have come from the gracious Hand of a loving Father? But the greatest of all His gifts is His Son Whom He has sent to die on the cross to pay for the penalty of our sins. The greatest of His gifts is His forgiveness of our sins, the cancellation of the punishment we deserve in hell, and the conferment of life everlasting. Let us give thanks most of all for the fact that our names are written in heaven (Luke 10:20).

A Church that tells her members how to enter Heaven freely, by the new and living Way of the crucified and risen Saviour, need not worry about support. When the members have received the gifts of eternal life, they will gladly offer gifts from the temporal. As angpows overprinted with "25 years of grace" are distributed to remind ourselves of the debts of love we owe to God, it is the renewed devotion that He treasures, and not so much the material. Let us give Thanks with solemn and cheerful preparation, with heart-felt worship for all His past blessings.

Now every meaningful thanksgiving has begun with a tenth! Abraham and his grandson Jacob, after deliverance from danger, each gave to the Lord one tenth. That's only the beginning. It's a yardstick, indeed, to measure the depth of our devotion.

The greatest thankoffering we can give is ourselves, our whole being, to fulltime service. In Africa, where offerings are given often in kind, a big urn is placed at the pulpit to receive their bulky expressions. Some brought bundles of corn, others fruits, and so on. A poor boy who got saved had nothing to give but himself. He went up at offering time and sat in the urn! FEBC students who are worshipping and dining with us today, may you examine your hearts whether you have given yourselves as earnestly as this poor African boy? And why are there so few Lifers willing to give up themselves to fulltime service? If there are those zealous for His kingdom, let them speak less and do more.

Jesus says, "Freely ye have received, freely give" (Matt. 10:8). This is the secret to a happy life. This is the Divine principle of a happy economy for the people of God. If we have received so much from God, how shall we hoard what is freely given? There is a parable we can draw from two seas mentioned in the Bible. One is the Dead Sea and the other the Sea of Galilee. The Dead Sea is literally dead, with not a speck of marine life in it, no, not even a salted crab. It only receives, but never gives. It receives millions of tons of fresh water from the River Jordan, but gives not one gallon out. It is dead. The Sea of Galilee receives water from the hills above and discharges it into the Jordan. It is a fresh water lake, full of life, blessed of the Lord who even sailed over it on His feet. Let us, as we celebrate 25 years of grace, learn to live a life of freely giving because the grace of God has so much abounded, and overflowed in our lives!

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Tonight (Oct. 19) 7.30 p.m.	NIGHT of NIGHTS!
Preliminary B-P Silver Jubilee	When
Family Reunion	3,500 B-Pers
Honouring of Founding Fathers and	and Friends
(Graduation of F E B C Students)	meet at
Message by Elder Tow Siang Hwa	The National Theatre
Refreshments - Fellowship - Booksale.	Saturday Oct. 25, 7.30 p.m.

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBCLecture on John, Mr.Swee 110.
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Thurs.7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Daniel,
 Rev. Tow.
 Sat. 7.30 p.m. B-P Silver Jubilee Convoca-
 tion at National Theatre.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Edmund Tay.
 4 p.m. Rev. Jason Linn.
 8 p.m. Presbytery Meeting at
 Gilstead Rd.
 (Rev. Tow at Calvary B-P Church 10 a.m.)
 Last Week's Offering \$450.05.
 Sunday Lunch Roster : Fam Chuay Lai, Audery
 Lim, Alice Khoo, Catherine Ong, Nellyne
 Chua, Jennifer Lee, Fam Chee Meng, Chua Kim
 Huat.
 Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Walter Seah
 on the gift of a daughter, Serene, Oct. 13,
 1975.
 Silver Jubilee Baptisms (May these names be
 written in heaven!)

Infants: 1. Eunice Tan Pik Yu, d/o Mr. & Mrs.
 George Tan. 2. Sharon Wee Hsu Oon d/o Mr. &
 Mrs. Wee Hian Kok. 3. Clarence Khoh Beng
 Teck s/o Mr. & Mrs. Richard Khoh. 4. Sharon
 Lim Hui Mien d/o Mr. & Mrs. Lim Fook Sau.
Adults.

1. Alice Khoo Chiu Hiang, Student.
2. Lee Chee Weng, Draughtsman.
3. Lee Li Kiang, Student.
4. Lee Lit Miah, Student.
5. Lim Foong Ngee, Student.
6. Lim Siew Tee, Student.
7. Pek Bee Hong, Army nurse.
8. Cheong Yoke Fun, Student.
9. Lee Mei Har, Student.
10. Lee Chee Wai, Student.
11. Lee Kim Chye, Supervisor.
12. Cheong Han Long, Student.
13. Larry Lai Hoe Shen, Student.
14. Collin Toh Kim Ho, Student.
15. David Soh Kin San, Student.
16. Edward Tan Swee Huat, Student.
17. Koh Tai San, Student.
18. Janise Wee, Student.
19. Kheng Siew Kiong, Student.
20. Choi Lin Fong, Student.
21. Lilian Chan Sook Choo, Nurse.
22. Roland Tay Chye Kwee, Artisan.
23. Foo Eng Leong, Senior Service Engineer.
24. Amy Ang Chye Luang, Secretary.
25. Mrs. Phay Chiang Whye, Housewife.
26. Mrs. Lai Sani, Housewife.

Transfer : Mr. & Mrs. Peter Wang.

1. COME, WE THAT LOVE THE LORD,
 And let our joys be known,
 Join in a song with sweet accord, (2times)
 And thus surround the throne. (2 times)

We're marching to Zion,
 Beautiful, beautiful Zion,
 We're marching upward to Zion,
 The beautiful city of God.

2. Let those refuse to sing
 Who never knew our God;
 But children of the heav'nly King, (2 times)
 May speak their joys abroad. (2 times)

(CH NO. 9.)

110. Q. What does God forbid in the eighth
 commandment?

A. God forbids not only such theft and
 robbery as are punished by the magistrate,
 but He also brands as theft all wicked tricks
 and devices whereby we aim to appropriate our
 neighbor's goods, whether by force or with
 show of right, as unjust weights, ells,
 measures, and wares, false coins, usury, or
 any other means forbidden by God; likewise
 all covetousness and all abuse and waste of
 His gifts.

111. Q. But what does God require of you in
 this commandment?

A. That I further my neighbor's profit
 wherever I can or may, deal with him as I
 would have others deal with me, and labor
 faithfully that I may be able to relieve the
 needy.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD.

1. Now thank we all our God
 With heart and hands and voices,
 Who wondrous things has done,
 In whom His world rejoices;
 Who, from our mothers' arms,
 Has blessed us on our way,
 With countless gifts of love,
 And still is ours today.
2. O may this bounteous God
 Through all our life be near us,
 With ever joyful hearts
 And blessed peace to cheer us,
 And keep us in His grace,
 And guide us when perplexed,
 And free us from all ills,
 In this world and the next.
3. All praise and thanks to God,
 The Father now be given,
 The Son, and Him who reigns
 With them in highest heaven,
 The one eternal God,
 Whom earth and heaven adore;
 For thus it was, is now,
 And shall be evermore. (PH NO. 332)

O HAPPY DAY

1. O happy day that fixed my choice
 On Thee, my Saviour and my God!
 Well may this glowing heart rejoice,
 And tell its raptures all abroad.

Happy day, Happy day,
 When Jesus washed my sins away!
 He taught me how to watch and pray,
 And live rejoicing every day;
 Happy day, Happy day,
 When Jesus washed my sins away!

2. O happy bond, that seals my vows
 To Him who merits all my love!
 Let cheerful anthems fill His house,
 While to that sacred shrine I move.
3. 'Tis done: the great transaction's done;
 I am my Lord's, and He is mine;
 He drew me, and I followed on,
 Charmed to confess the voice divine.

(III NO. 98.)

ONWARD TILL HE COMES - A PASTOR'S RESOLVE.

At the Pre-Silver Jubilee B-P Family Reunion last Sunday night, Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang, Elder Heng Mui Kiah, Rev. Jason Linn and I were honoured for being in the Lord's service. Each of us received a citation (Rev. Linn was not inappropriately called Rev. Linnvingston for his 15 years in the jungle of East Borneo). Each had a Pagol day-date watch! The three pastors also received each an angpow of \$1,000, Rev. Linn's from Life Church and Rev. Quek and Tow's from the Presbytery - the last two with a specification that the money be used for a missionary trip.

I was overwhelmed by the kind words lavished by Rev. Philip Heng the chairman of the service, and I'm still overcome by this kindness that has moved me to this testimony.

Though I feel unworthy to receive all this, I must thank the Presbyters who delivered this happy "coup" for their heartfelt brotherly love. To show my appreciation, let me share my "trophies" with you.

A pewter plate, moreover, was presented to the B-P ministers and elder. The one to me has these words inscribed: "In recognition of 25 years of faithful service, this token is presented to Rev. Dr. Timothy Tow Siang Hui, Minister of the Gospel and First Pastor, the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Singapore and Malaysia, 19th October, 1975. Rev. 2:10" That my brethren in the Lord's service should give me this recognition, I deem to be of greater honour than receiving a degree from a higher school of learning.

Now, the theme of our Silver Jubilee is "Onward Till He Comes", a message received from the Lord by the chairman of the Convocation. These four watchwords ring like a bell in the night. I can hear that ding-dong clarion calling to immediate action! Inasmuch as the Lord has sounded this call to action, He has also placed before us this Jubilee hour three tasks to perform.

First, the launching of building operations for Kelapa Sawit Church. As the time stipulated for this commencement is fast running out, it behoves our architect to call for tenders even now! We must break ground before Christmas!

Second, the launching of Grace B-P Church on Dec. 20, also before Christmas. This spiritual work is entrusted to Dr. Patrick Tan. Your prayers and support are much needed.

As to the physical preparations, Mr. T.C. Eng is helping daily with his team of workers. While the whitewashing, patching, painting is going on, built-in furniture is being ordered to economise on space. Five sets of stone tables and benches, yielding a seating capacity for 50 diners, are ordered with the hallmark "Shalom" imbedded in the terrazzo work. Each set costs \$230. Now these few items mentioned are just to give you a glimpse of the extent of development before us to make Shalom House not only a new place of worship, but also a permanent conference centre and campsite for Christians.

Third there is our Gospel Campaign for the Riau Islands. This was decided last August to give the young Church at Tanjung Pinang a further boost. An FEBC faculty-student team is preparing for a week of intensive evangelism to the whole Church and School. While the principal will hold four nights of Gospel meetings, culminating in a Sunday worship service and baptism, the registrar and students will conduct a five-day vocation Bible School in both Mandarin and Indonesian. It is expected that 200 from a school of 300 will come daily under the Gospel sound. It is also hoped that the call from Singkep, south of the Riau Islands, will be answered before long.

The three projects above-mentioned are to be accomplished before the Jubilee Year is out. What will open up in 1976, we believe, will be greater calls, while He tarries. "Onward till He comes" be every pastor's resolve, in loving obedience to the Lord's Unfinished Commission.

TELEGRAM TO OUR SILVER JUBILEE.

THE INDEPENDENT BOARD CONGRATULATES YOU ON THE OCCASION OF THE SILVER JUBILEE OF THE BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF SINGAPORE AND MALAYSIA WE REJOICE WITH YOU AT WHAT GOD HAS DONE IN THIS BRIEF PERIOD OF TIME WE ARE THANKFUL THIS BOARD HAS HAD THE PRIVILEGE OF PARTICIPATING EVEN IN A SMALL WAY IN THE ESTABLISHMENT OF YOUR STRONG TESTIMONY FOR THE WORD OF GOD AND FOR THE TESTIMONY OF JESUS CHRIST I REGRET MY INABILITY TO BE WITH YOU ON THIS HISTORIC OCCASION BE ASSURED OF OUR CONTINUED PRAYERS FOR YOUR TESTIMONY UNTIL JESUS COMES
REVELATION 19.

LYNN GRAY GORDON PRESIDENT IBPFM (The Independent Board For Presbyterian Foreign Missions).

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on John (Mr. Swce).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Daniel (Rev. Tow).
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Miss Debora Lukito.

Last Week's Offering: \$2264.50 (exclusive of offerings for Bedok). Offering at the Night Meeting for FEBC \$1132.35.

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

WE BID FAREWELL to Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn who have ministered amongst us during the last two-and-a-half months (particularly on the occasion of our Silver Jubilee at the National Theatre). They fly MAS Wed. Oct. 29 8 a.m. for Hong Kong.

ACCOMMODATION WANTED for a Bible College couple and two single lodgers. Please phone 50617.

ANOTHER TELEGRAM: "Heartiest congratulations on your Silver Jubilee. May you be blessed all the time" - Ben Ashers, Israel. Greetings with a gift have also come from Rev. & Mrs. Burton Toms, USA. Late sponsorship will be listed in next B-P Banner.

Mon. Nov. 3 is the day for a get-together of Lifers interested in branching out to Bedok. If you require transport there, please meet at Gilstead Road at 8.30 a.m. After a preliminary "open house" and service at Shalom House, 5 Jalan Haji Salam, at which Rev. Tow will speak (9.30 a.m.), you are free to go to the sea just 1½ miles away. Soft drinks will be served. Incidentally, the YAF of Life Church (Victor Poon) holds camp here, Nov. 3 - 8.

New Address: AB Tow, John S., 144404866, PSC4, Box 12735, Keesler AFB, MS 39534 USA. John is now in the U.S. Airforce.

THE PRESBYTERY is called to meet at the FEBC Dining Hall, Sunday Oct. 26, 8 p.m. Hear Rev. Jason Linn for the last time at the Life Church Chinese Service this Lord's Day afternoon!

GOD HAS SPOKEN AT THE NATIONAL THEATRE!

Before a full house of 3,500 the Lord has spoken to the Church and City of Singapore as the B-P Church recounted the blessings of 25 years on a giant screen. The Lord has spoken through the chairman, through the 220-choir under the direction of Dr. Quek Swee Hwa, through Rev. Quek, Tow and Linn who delivered the messages. The Gospel was given over the screen, the principles of a Church blessed stated, the challenge to the young to fulltime service made in the light of Christ's coming. "The Church must return anew to Christ" by Rev. Jason Linn warns of the many pitfalls laid by an unconverted clergy.

With the help of brethren in the Lord, particularly the expert staff of FEBC, the messages of this night, in preaching and song, will be relayed through 1000 cassettes.

The offerings taken, to be divided between the proposed Old Peoples' Home of Ling Kwang Mission and Kelapa Sawit Building Fund amounted to \$5464.70.

Edited by Dr. Timothy Tow, 9A. Gilstead Road, Singapore 11. Tel: 513676, 50617.

LORD'S DAY XLIII

112. Q. What is required in the ninth commandment?

A. That I bear false witness against no man; wrest no one's words; be no backbiter or slanderer; do not judge, or join in condemning, any man rashly or unheard; but that I avoid all sorts of lies and deceit as the proper works of the devil, unless I would bring down upon myself the heavy wrath of God; likewise, that in judicial and all other dealings I love the truth, speak it uprightly, and confess it; and that, as much as I am able, I defend and promote the honor and reputation of my neighbor.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ANTHEM

Life Church Sunday School -

That's the place for me,

Every Lord's Day, happy as can be,

Here I read the Bible, and I learn the Gospel,

Here I worship Him who died for me.

Praise Him! Praise Him! Let us one and all

Spread the Good News whether big or small.

So let's bring our friends and loved ones

To our Saviour, Jesus Christ of Calvary.

Life Church Sunday School,

Holding forth the Word,

Teachers, students let us serve the Lord.

Purity in doctrine, purity in living,

Let the Holy Spirit live within.

Press on, fight on! We will never fear,

Down with Satan; see, the Lord is near.

So let's onward march my comrades

Loud the song of vict'ry ever singing!

THE MESSAGE OF THE BIG CHURCH BELL

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How bright it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ye boys arise, and young girls too,

'Tis time to come to Sunday School.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,
How bright it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

How clear it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ye dads and mums, now quickly run!

Sunday School has for you begun!

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

How clear it rings, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

How soft it chimes, the Big Church Bell.

Where'er God's people now are met,

With contrite heart let them be knelt.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

How soft it chimes, the Big Church Bell.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

How joyous rings the Big Church Bell!

A sinner lost today is found,

The wayward son has turned around.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

How joyous rings the Big Church Bell!

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

Peal on and on thou Big Church Bell!

Jesus has come from heaven to earth,

To save all men who hell deserve.

Ding dong, ding dong, ding dong, ding dong,

Peal on and on thou Big Church Bell!

- from Holy Land Songs.

ONWARD TILL JESUS RETURNS - IN 25 YEARS? 10 YEARS?

Although our National Theatre message in reference to Christ's Second Coming quoted our Lord, "It is not for you to know the times or the seasons" and discouraged speculation on this subject, we should in no wise fall back into complacency. True, it is, that no one can name the day or hour of His Return, but we should also be sensitive to the rumblings preceding that cosmic explosion of His Coming. In this respect, the Lord has given us the signs. The Bible Student is amazed by the number of successive fulfillments of such during the last 25 years. The rumblings are looming closer and closer!

One thing all are agreed upon in regard to our Lord's return is that since we started out in 1950, we have advanced 25 years nearer to meet Him at His Coming. Should He tarry another 25 years, till 2,000 A.D., when most of us in the course of life would still be here, what must we do? No, I have no confidence this age of grace would prolong till then from what is happening today! At the rate the powers, big and small, are arming themselves, with no sure solution for the Middle - East, the arena of prophetic events, it will be this poor old world's good fortune if the uneasy place now fast running out can last to the eighties. At any time the Third World War should break out, I would take this to be one overpowering sign of His Coming. "For in those days shall be affliction, such as was not from the beginning of creation, which God created unto this time, neither shall be." (Mark 13:19). Can we be so blind to what the next War will bring? Missiles and rockets carrying atomic warheads blasting down the skies! Significantly, scientists declare one-third of mankind will be wiped out, or have they consulted Rev. 8? Jesus had already predicted such a global holocaust 2,000 years ago!

If the next ten years, rather than 25, are most crucial, what must we stress, first things first, in the advancement of His Kingdom? We must not only be busily occupied, but rather hasten as in an emergency. (II Pet. 3:12). Hasten to do what? Peter tells us in verse 9 of the same chapter that soul-saving is our urgent business, for "The Lord is not willing that any should perish, but that all should come to repentance."

The modernists go about their work "for the Lord" professionally in their usual promotion of social work. The New-evangelicals "in order to show, the world" they are also concerned for social improvement and alleviation of human sufferings issue manifestos on the same. While we are not unkind of the cries of the poor, and we've given Christian Relief to them in less fortunate countries, including the Vietnamese refugees, we must not sidetrack from the paramount work of soul-saving. Christ gave relief in the feeding of the 5,000 but once. He refused to be sidetracked from His preaching ministry. In fact He refused those of the 5,000 who sought free makan a second time. "Labour not for the meat that perished, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life," He cried.

"Snatch-save the souls!" was the cry of the Chinese Church before Communism overran China. But, the work of soul-saving in the last minute reaped mere handfuls. Let us learn this lesson well. Let us not be sidetracked, in the light of Christ's any-moment Coming now. In the wake of our resounding Silver Jubilee celebrations let us follow up with spiritual than social conquests. Wherever and whenever there is a door opened to save souls and gather them into the Church!

As far as Lifers are concerned, we are determined to help Kelapa Sawit build their Church, which should be used for the further in-gathering of souls. We are determined to send a number of Lifers (other B-Pers welcome) to Bedok to start another evangelistic work. Shalom House, to be used as a campsite, should be a place for soul-saving and nurture and not for frolic and fun! With the help of FEBC students, we're determined to go to Riau to preach the Gospel, and if possible, even to Singkep. Our obligation to help the weaker Malaysian Churches being renewed, we need your further prayers. Onward till Jesus returns - A.D. 2,000? 1985? Even now, come Lord Jesus, Amen.

A DEACON'S INITIATIVE.

Here's another example how God's Kingdom is being advanced by laymen. It is a deacon's initiative in providing for the needs of God's work.

Reading through the little ads one early morning, this deacon noticed a removal sale of some educational furniture. His heart, according to his description, became restless. Since he felt the opportunity would be lost if he did not get a hour's leave from office, he took time off from his superior.

Sure enough, some choice quarry was bagged by the Lord's hunter. Twelve streamlined desks, all for a song, were immediately carted to FEBC. When Deacon S. asked the principal if the College could use them, there beamed a grateful reply, "Sure, can. In fact we were looking for another dozen since last year. With students on the increase, yours come in real handy." Praise the Lord!

FEBC Note. FEBC will close for the Christmas holidays Dec. 5 and reopen for the 2nd Semester, Jan 5, 1976. Three new student, all from Singapore (including a Lifer), are accepted for the new year. If you do not want to "miss the boat", register now before it's too late - T.T.

Mon. 8.30 a.m. Lifers leave Gilstead Rd. for Bedok.
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Session Meeting.
 Thurs. Daniel (Rev. Tow).
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Patrick Tan.
 4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

(Rev. Tow at Sembawang, 10 a.m.)

Last Week's Offering: \$517.93 + \$120 by post.

The total count of the National Theatre

offerings is \$5464.70 + \$53.50 = \$5518.20.

Sunday Lunch Roster : Sim Hong Eng, Catherine Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia Poon, Ilgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong.

We extend our heartiest congratulations to Mr. L.S. Pang of UOB for being conferred the Darjah Yang Amat Mulia, Seri Paduka Mahkota Johor, (S.P.M.J.) by the Sultan of Johor.

Mr. Pang gratefully acknowledge this as from the Lord.

Pioneering in Dyak Borneo (in Chinese) by Rev. Jason Linn now available at \$2.50! Get yours from Rev. Tow. Also his "Bible Silhouettes" of the O. Testament (in Chinese) at \$4.00 per copy.

Spend a profitable outing at Shalom House, 5, Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok from 9.30 a.m. Nov.

3. Soft drinks served. Bring your own lunch. Trek to seashore! Meet 8.30 at Church.

New Address: Rev. & Mrs. Burton Toms, P.O. Box 148, Apollo, Pa., 15613, USA. The Toms send greetings to Drs. Siow Ai, Siang Hwa, Patrick Tan, Elder Edmund Tay, the Paaupes and FEBC Students.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Peter Chan on the gift of a baby girl on Oct. 21st. 1975.

Scripture Union Notes for 1976. Those interested to get order form from Peter or Susan Wang or Khoo Wan Ann.

Situation Vacant. Experienced Secretary with good and speedy shorthand and typing required. Please see John Chow.

SILVER JUBILEE BALLPENS are available from Dr. Tow Siang Hwa 10 cents! This includes two Scriptural lines of overprinting in gold. Minimum order is 500 pieces for any one church group. This offer is open until 9 November 1975.

SHALOM HOUSE at Bedok. Praise the Lord for the gift of a fan from an oldtimer, a big new fridge from a new Lifer. Just installed today, 2 sets of stone dining tables and benches, 100 steel chairs, chocolate hue to match, crockery and cutlery. For the "airing" of congested campers to come, we must install altogether 11 fans!

Going to Riau, Indonesia, Dec. 9 - 14? Be prepared to spend \$100 inclusive for the trip. Mr. Lim Tah Mon of Faith Church is coming. Visit a mission church and school in action. Join in the work of the Lord. Get some relaxation and sea breeze with the monsoon. Pray for the Lord's power to convert sinners to Christ! Phone 50617! Rev. Tow speaks this Lord's Day morning 7 a.m. at Chin Lien. Who comes?

113. Q. What does the tenth commandment require of us?

A. That not even the slightest inclination or thought contrary to any of God's commandments shall ever rise in our heart; but that at all times we shall hate all sin with our whole heart and delight in all righteousness.

114. Q. But can those who are converted to God keep these commandments perfectly?

A. No; but even the holiest men, while in this life, have only a small beginning of this obedience; yet so that with earnest purpose they begin to live, not only according to some but according to all the commandments of God.

115. Q. Why, then, will God have the ten commandments preached so strictly, since in this life no one can keep them?

A. First, that all our life long we may learn more and more to know our sinful nature, and so become the more earnest in seeking remission of sins and righteousness in Christ; second, that we may constantly endeavor, and pray to God for the grace of the Holy Spirit, to be renewed more and more after the image of God, till after this life we arrive at the goal of perfection.

RISE UP, O YOUTHS OF GOD!

Rise up, O youths of God!
 Have done with lesser things;
 Give heart and soul and mind and strength,
 To serve the King of kings.

Rise up, O youths of God!
 The Church for you doth wait,
 Her strength unequal to her task;
 Rise up, and make her great!

Lift high the cross of Christ!
 Tread where His feet have trod;
 As Soldiers of the Son of Man,
 Rise up, O youths of God!

Rise up, O youths of God!
 His kingdom tarries long;
 Bring in the day of His Advent
 When Right triumphs o'er the wrong.

The Hymnal for Youth No. 258.

SHALOM HOUSE BOOKINGS. 1) Life Church YAF, Nov. 3 - 8 (Victor Poon). 2) Mt. Carmel, Nov. 24 - 29 (Patrick Chiang). 3) Life Church Y.F. Dec. 8 - 13; 15 - 17. (Peter Quak). 4) Dec. 29 - Jan 1, '76 Yio Chu Kang Gospel Hall (Daniel James).

The charge is \$1 per person per night (80 cts for B-Pers). The holy sabbath of the Lord's Day is to be kept absolute!

FEBC BOOKING. Combined Jurong and Kulai Besar Camp, Dec. 15 - 19, (Rev. Paauwe). Kulai Besar needs your outreach on some Friday afternoons. Start out 5 p.m. Return 10 p.m. Makan at Kulai before the English Bible Class, 7 - 8.30 p.m. Car provided if needed.

SHALOM HAS COME TO THE EAST COAST.

When 80 - 90 Lifers congregated last Monday morning at 5 Jalan Haji Salam for house warming, they turned this erstwhile hotel into a House of Peace. Shalom has come to the East Coast!

Elder Dr. Patrick Tan who has been appointed by Life Church Session to lead this new Gospel Outreach to Bedok has pledged to do his best. With the support of Lifers residing on the East Coast, Grace B-P Church should soon become a sturdy bough of the Life Church tree. Yes, support in the furnishing of God's House has also come from several quarters, as reported last week. The Lord has seen each sincere and heartfelt gift, and the Lord grant you Shalom - Peace!

While there are those who have given hundreds, and we've received a new fridge, and a sum given for a new piano, here's an opportunity for other Readers to give, equally concretely! The Pulpit and Holy Communion Table, made of good wood with teak facing, cost around \$400. The 100 steel chairs at only \$15 each (factory price). The double deckers at \$115. The ceiling fans (we require 10 more) at \$100 each. Literally concrete are the terrazzo tables and benches at \$230 per set.

Shalom House is the fulfilling of a dream not only to extend the Gospel to the East Coast but also to provide a conference centre and campsite for the B-P family and other Christian groups. A quiet, secluded sanctuary, whose flat rooftop overlooks the sea, where the strategy of God's Kingdom may be studied and discussed, where young souls will be saved!

Moreover, there is on the rooftop a prophet's chamber. The donor's wish in respect of this high-view room is that it be open to pastors for rest and meditation. This, I have used to great profit whilst directing operations in the initial stage of renovation.

In view of the fact that Dec. 20 is too close to Christmas, the date picked for Grace Church's inauguration has been extended to Sat. Jan. 3, 4.30 p.m. Please mark it on your new calendar and come join in bringing Shalom to the East Coast.

PROMOTE MISSIONS WITH YOUR TOURISM.

During the December holidays, not a few of us would be going somewhere for a vacation. Make sure that you do something to encourage the Lord's servants in some distant corner of His vineyard. If you're going north by car, for example, why not call at Kulai Besar and Kelapa Sawit? If you're hitting the East Coast despite the monsoon, there are Jemaluang, Mersing and Endau en route.

Praise the Lord, some are registering to go with the FEBC team to the Riau Islands, Indonesia Dec. 9 - 14. We would do our best to keep you comfortable. But join us in the Gospel meetings at night and the Bible School for the 200 children in the daytime. Catch a vision for missions. Be more involved in the work of the Lord. Perhaps, our next venture for the Lord would take us across the South China Sea to Rev. Djunaidi among the Iaks of West Kalimantan.

I AGREE WITH DR. GWEE AH LENG.

So, let me reproduce in toto the Straits Time report (Nov. 6) his thesis, as follows:-

"Dr. Gwee Ah Leng, a physician in private practice, suggested at a conference yesterday that the problem of the aged need never arise.

"No one is too old to be of any use except when he is also physically incapable," he said in a paper on The Care of the Aged at the Pan-Pacific Conference on the Rehabilitation of the Disabled at the DBS Building.

"If we can face this fact as a truth, then the problem of the aged will cease to be one, and the question why the aged should be cared for will never have arisen.

"Even if it does in a purist world, it would have been a very small question indeed," he said.

Dr. Gwee said that aging was seldom a catastrophic happening. "Commonly it is a gradual decay with differential loss, and many aged men retain qualities which compare well with the average right up to the end.

"An aging Bernard Shaw would will be more than a match for many young leading satirists, and a decrepit Einstein in fact was in leading research projects right up to the moment of death."

He said it was only in the real life of retirement and pension schemes that a cut-off point was taken, so that a man doing a good and efficient full day's work at the age of 64 years and 365th day could be declared incapable and inept the next day!

"Obviously this is a most damaging scheme for the individual and society," he added.

"In fact, more enlightened societies are planning to replace abrupt retirement with a gradual decline. The idea is to make the transition from the peak of our

attitude, for by deprivation and isolation, we not only rob ourselves of their contributions, but we force them into dependent inactivity, so as to present us with the problem of the care of the aged."

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on John (Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Daniel (Rev. Tow).
Lord's Day: 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Peter Chua.

Last Week's Offering : \$1015.30.

Sunday Lunch Roster : GLTD.

Supplementary List of Sponsorships to the B-P Silver Jubilee Convocation : 1) Dr. & Mrs. Tan Kong Chin. 2) Dr. & Mrs. Tow Siang Yew. 3) Mr. & Mrs. Quek Sin Chin. 4) Dr. & Mrs. Paul Tsao. 5) Mr. Tan Teck Huat. 6) Madam Phay Chiang Whye 7) Anonymous. (This raises Life Church's sponsorships to a total of 53).

Lost and Found. A lady's watch. Please see the pastor.

Congratulations to Lt. George Tan on his commissioning last Wednesday.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Deacon James Ambrose and Miss K.R. Mani will be solemnised at Gilstead Rd. Sat. Nov. 29, 4 p.m. Rev. Philip Heng officiating.

Reception thereafter at FEBC Hall.

Interested in Prophecy? Hear Dr. Tow Siang Hwa at FEBC Hall, Thurs. Nov. 27, 7.15 p.m. lecture (with colour slides) on "Who is the Antichrist?"

Scripture Union Notes for 1976. Those interested to get orderform from Peter or Susan Wang or Khoo Wan Ann.

Rev. and Mrs. Jason Linn, 24/A Tat Chee Ave G/F. Yau Yat Chuen, Kowloon, Hong Kong thank the B-P Church for the honours and cordiality accorded them with special regards to Drs. Tow Siew Ai, and Tow Siang Hwa, and Mrs. Patrick Tan, Rev. & Mrs. Paauwe, and FEBC Students.

Kelapa Sawit. With the onset of the monsoon bringing frequent rains, the architect advises that building operations be delayed till Feb. 1976. Meanwhile, Rev. Heng is holding a Bible Camp for K. Sawit and Tampoi at Mr. Fan Tjok Sin's Kota Tinggi Estate.

Shalom House is grateful for a young Lifer's gift of his family's refrigerator.

Congratulations to Dr. Tan Kim Ping, elder of Mt. Carmel in his being made a Fellow of the Royal College of Radiologists.

Deacon William Teo has been elected Treasurer by Life Church Session to take over from

Elder Seow Chong Pin from Jan. 1976. We record our deep appreciation for Elder Seow's faithful and efficient management of the Church Treasury during the last 16 years.

Pray for Miss Jenny Froude of Kulai Besar after an operation at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

LORD'S DAY XLV

116. Q. Why is prayer necessary for Christians?

A. Because it is the chief part of the thankfulness which God requires of us, and because God will give His grace and Holy Spirit to those only who with hearty sighing unceasingly beg them of Him and thank Him for them.

117. Q. What belongs to such prayer as God is pleased with and will hear?

A. First, that from the heart we call upon the one true God only, who has revealed Himself in His Word, for all He has commanded us to ask of Him; second, that we right thoroughly know our need and misery, in order to humble ourselves before the face of His majesty; third, that we be firmly assured that, notwithstanding we are unworthy of it, He will, for the sake of Christ our Lord, certainly hear our prayer as He has promised us in His Word.

118. Q. What has God commanded us to ask of Him?

A. All things necessary for soul and body, which Christ our Lord has comprised in the prayer He Himself has taught us.

119. Q. What is the Lord's Prayer?

A. Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name:

Thy kingdom come;

Thy will be done, as in heaven,
so on earth.

Give us this day our daily bread;
And forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors;
And bring us not into temptation,
but deliver us from the evil one.
For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory, for ever.

Amen.

SEND OUT THY LIGHT AND THY TRUTH

1. Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me;

O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.

Send out Thy light and Thy truth, let them lead me;

O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.

O let them lead me, O let them lead me,

O let them bring me to Thy holy hill.

2. Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting;

O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.

Lead me, O Lord, in the way everlasting;

O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.

O do Thou lead me, O do Thou Guide me,

O lead and guide me to Thy holy hill.

PSALTER HYMNAL No. 85.

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"Holding Forth The Word of Life" Phil. 2:16.

FEBC HAS GRADUATED CHRISTIAN WORKERS FOR 8 FAR EASTERN COUNTRIES:

One happy note about Far Eastern Bible College is that the original vision of training a new generation of Christian workers for the farflung countries of the Far Eastern hemisphere is beginning to be realised today! While we pray for the school it has dawned upon us that FEBC has graduated 36 Christian workers for the following eight Far Eastern countries :- Singapore, Malaysia, Thailand, Vietnam, Indonesia, Korea, India and Australia.

The conviction comes to us, all the more, that God is using this school of prophets as an effective means of propagating the Gospel, not only in the Far East, but even to the uttermost part of the earth.

In order that this new strategy of missions might be implemented, we must see not only a regular inflow of students from Singapore, Malaysia and Indonesia, but also from the countries beyond, with the objective, of course, of sending them back to witness to their own people.

In this connection, I would like to share with our Readers the prospects of a well-recommended young lady from the Mizo tribe of Northeast India. Her name is S. Lallianmawii. She is the first woman graduate from the Presbyterian Theological Seminary of Roorkee, U. P., India under the good training of Rev. R. B. Strom, my classmate in Faith Seminary. Now, if she has had her training already in India, why should we think of taking her into FEBC? Well, here is where FEBC's teaching of Greek and Hebrew comes into focus. Miss Lallianmawii, though having studied some Greek, requires more of it under our instruction. As she is interested in Christian writing and translation work for her people, her further study of Hebrew at FEBC would be an immense asset. Writes Principal Strom: "The young lady we are specially concerned about in this matter is interested in Christian writing and translation, especially for her own tribal people. She is an ardent witness, and has been blessed in evangelistic efforts among her people. Pray for her." Give such a zealous young student two to three more years of theological instruction, particularly in the Biblical languages, and she would be a mighty pen-power to her tribal people.

The reception of such a worthy student into Far Eastern Bible College would benefit not only the Mizo tribe in days to come, but also our multi-racial fellow students, in opening to them a wider vision in the Lord's work. Yes, we have been blessed by other foreign students already, as each one brings in some talent from his or her own country. (For example, our going to the Riau Islands requires the help of Indonesian students).

If you feel the FEBC is playing an effective role in the evangelisation of the Far East, if you agree the taking in of the Mizo girl will bring salvation to a remote tribe in Northeast India, perhaps, God is calling you to do your part. And why not have a word with the principal? Help us to graduate more workers for more Far Eastern countries!

Ed. note: Three new students from Singapore are registered for the 2nd Semester beginning Jan. 5, 1976. One is applying from Indonesia and another from Philippines.

THE JUNIOR WORSHIP SERVICE.

The Junior Worship Service of Life Church should be the concern of the whole Church, Session members who are also in the Sunday School are delegated under Elder Tay to oversee this work. Young people who lead in the worship are reminded of the important role they play to lead the children in reverent worship. Parents who send them there should not shirk their parental responsibility in keeping "watch for their souls" (Heb. 13:17) always.

To inculcate reverence in worship and link the juniors to the Church service, our children are henceforth required to sit with their parents in the first part of the Church Service. They can sing from the Inspiring Hymns, they can join in the singing of the doxology, they can take part in the public prayer, they can read the Psalms, and they can bring their offering to the Lord. After the offering is presented, let them quietly and orderly march to the FEBC Hall to hear the message. In this connection, it is incumbent on the messenger to prepare with prayer and diligence that will be compatible with their needs. After the service, it is required that the children recess at the back and no noise should be heard from any pranks that may be practised in the Kindergarten lawns to the distraction of the main service. Once again, we would remind our parents to watch over their children. - T. T.

"TRAIN up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it." Proverbs 22:6.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN COMMITTEE is called to meet at the Parsonage, Mon. Nov. 24, 8 p.m.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on John (Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Worship at the new home of
Bro. & Mrs. Tan Eng Hin, 649
J, Blk. 107, Depot Road, 5.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Philip Heng.
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.

Last Week's Offering: \$510.45.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Audrey
Lim, Alice Khoo, Catherine Ong, Nellyne Chua,
Jennifer Lee, Fam Chee Meng, Chua Kim Huat.

New Addresses: 1.) Mr. & Mrs. Tan Eng Huat,
155 J, Blk. 220 Boon Lay Ave., 22 (where a
special house blessing was held last Friday
Nov. 14). 2.) Mr. & Mrs. Tan Eng Hin, 649 J
Blk 107, Depot Rd., 5. 3.) Mr. & Mrs. Kwek
Sin Chin, 158 - E, Block 21, Tiong Bahru
Road, Singapore 3.

Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Ong Beng Tiong
in the gift of a boy, Peng Tong, Nov. 10, '75.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between
Dr. Lim Kien Peng of Batu Paht Presbyterian
Church and Dr. Shirley Chan Thein Gi of Mt.
Carmel will be solemnised at Gilstead Rd.,
Sat. Nov. 29, 2.30 p.m.; Rev. Philip Heng
officiating.

Shalom House is booked by the IECF (Richard
Chan) Nov. 17 - 22.

Bible Presbyterian Missions is called to
meet one week in advance, i.e. on Sunday Nov.
23 p.m. at the home of Elder Joshua Lim.
Members of the Committee are Rev. Tow, Rev.
K. C. Quek, Dr. Patrick Tan, Elder Joshua
Lim, Rev. Quek Swee Hwa, Elder Seow Chong
Pin, Rev. Philip Heng.

Scripture Union Notes for 1976. Those
interested to get orderform from Peter or
Susan Wang or Khoo Wan Ann.

1975 LCYF Annual Camp. Dec. 8 - 14th.

- * Dec. 12th Friday 7.30 p.m. Shalom House.
Gospel Film Show - "FLIPSIDE"
Everyone welcomed.
- * Every evening at 7.30 p.m. from Dec. 8 -
13th. (excluding 12th) come and hear
Mr. Wong Chai Kee, a Christian Psycholo-
gist, speak on "Man Himself" - understand-
ing yourself in the Light of Scriptures
and Psychology.
- * Sponsors needed for this camp!
Anyone wishing to help, please see
Peter Quek.

Pray for Dohar, FEBC student, as he lies ill,
awaiting hospitalisation.

We bid farewell to Miss Linda Pramanawati
who is now returned to 4 Minak Jingya,
Probolonggo, East Java, Indonesia. and to
Miss Debora Lukito as she leaves Mon. Nov.
17. Her address: Loka Sari, Blk. D/30,
Djakarta, Indonesia.

FEBC Final Examinations for the 1st Semester
begin Fri. Nov. 28 and end Fri. Dec. 5.

The Faculty are called to meet Thurs. Nov.
20, 4 p.m. at the Principal's qrs.

Hear Dr. Tow Siang Hwa lecture (with slides)
on "Who is the Antichrist?" at FEBC Hall,
Thurs. Nov. 26, 1975, 7.30 p.m.

LORD'S DAY XLVI

120. Q. Why has Christ commanded us to add-
ress God thus, Our Father?

A. To awaken in us, at the very begin-
ning of our prayer, that childlike reverence
and trust toward God which should be the
ground of our prayer; namely, that God has
become our Father through Christ, and will
much less deny us what we ask of Him in true
faith than our parents will refuse us earthly
things.

121. Q. Why is there added, Who art in
heaven?

A. That we may have no earthly thought
of the heavenly majesty of God, and may
expect from His almighty power all things
necessary for body and soul.

JESUS IS ALL THE WORLD TO ME.

1. Jesus is all the world to me,
My life, my joy, my all;
He is my strength from day to day,
Without Him I would fall.
When I am sad, to Him I go,
No other one can cheer me so;
When I am sad He makes me glad,
He's my Friend.
2. Jesus is all the world to me,
My Friend in trials sore;
I go to Him for blessings, and
He gives them o'er and o'er.
He sends the sunshine and the rain,
He sends the harvest's golden grain;
Sunshine and rain, harvest of grain,
He's my Friend.
3. Jesus is all the world to me,
And true to Him I'll be;
Oh how could I this Friend deny,
When He's so true to me?
Following Him I know I'm right,
He watches o'er me day and night;
Following Him by day and night,
He's my Friend.
4. Jesus is all the world to me,
I want no better friend;
I trust Him now, I'll trust Him when
Life's fleeting days shall end.
Beautiful life with such a Friend,
Beautiful life that has no end;
Eternal life, eternal joy,
He's my Friend.

Hymns of the Christian Life No: 335.

Pray for the Inauguration of

GRACE B-P CHURCH

at

Shalom House

5 Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok, 16.

Saturday Jan. 3, 1976, 4.30 p.m.

THE CHRISTIAN AND HIS SPEECH.

By Betty Tow (to FEBC students at the Homiletics Hour)

"Let your speech be always with grace, seasoned with salt, that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." (Col. 4:6).

The highest gift that God has given to man is the gift of speech. Basically, there are three things which determine a person's character. They are the thoughts, the words, and the deeds. The words make up the speech of a person. Speech is most important to us because it is the most effective means of communication. And, we either make the best or the worst use of speech. Therefore, my topic for this morning's chapel is, "The Christian and His speech."

I

How we should speak? The Apostle Paul says to the Colossians, "Let your speech be always with grace." The dictionary defines 'grace' as 'ease', 'elegance', 'a pleasing quality', 'mercy'. As Christians, our speech should be with grace, with a pleasant and pleasing quality.

Positively speaking, our speech, besides being with grace, should be seasoned with salt. In Matt. 5:13, Christ says that we are the 'salt of the earth.' Have we lived up to the name that Jesus has given us? Salt, as you know, is used to preserve food, such as fish, meat, or even eggs. The salt penetrates into the food, taking away the smell. Likewise, our speech, if seasoned with salt, will take away all filthy, evil and corrupt words. Grace is the salt which seasons our speech or conversation and keeps it from corrupting. If we want our words to be preserved, to be remembered, we should see that they are seasoned with that all-important salt called grace.

Salt is also used to add flavour to our food. We can add 'flavour' to our conversation by speaking words of kindness, comfort, cheer and encouragement. Those who are in pain or sorrow would be very much comforted by our words of consolation. A word of encouragement would help a person who is feeling depressed and who is feeling down and out.

Personally, there have been times of depression especially when I was at the crossroads of life. I can still remember those words which encouraged me very much, "Draw nigh unto God, and He will draw nigh unto you." Those were unforgettable words. What about us? Have we in our speech, given words of comfort, cheer or encouragement to others in need?

Negatively speaking, we must not forget that in giving flavour to food, we must add appropriately - not too much salt, nor too little. The same goes for our speech. We must speak necessarily and appropriately. Proverbs 25:11 says "A word fitly spoken is like apples of gold in pictures of silver." What a wonderful and beautiful description this is! So often we find ourselves speaking the wrong word at the wrong time. In good communication, we should speak the right word at the right time. Once again, Proverbs has this to say to us, "A man hath joy by the answer of his mouth; and a word spoken in due season, how good is it." (Prov. 15:23).

A pinch of salt, when added to the soup, makes a lot of difference. The soup is tasty, and delicious. Little words such as 'please' or 'thank you' make a world of difference. These are the magic words, not only at the dinner table or at social functions, but in our daily conversation with one another, whether it be at home, at school, at work or even over the telephone. Such words may not mean a lot to you, but it means a lot to another person.

On the other hand, just a few words, if not used carefully, could cause a misunderstanding and hurt a person. A.W. Tozer has said that "in our desire to be frank, we become rude." When we try to be frank and honest, we are "blunt" most of the times, and those words just cut into a person's heart and are like wounds to a person's body. Someone has said that "a tongue, three inches long, can kill a person six feet tall!" How often we need to be tactful in our speech. In the preparation of this message, I have examined myself, and I see that I myself have fallen short in many areas. Indeed, our speech should be seasoned with grace, yea, even with salt!

II

Why we should speak with grace, seasoned with salt. Col. 4:6b says "that ye may know how ye ought to answer every man." We need wisdom and grace in order to give proper answers to people who would question us about our faith or our doctrine.

Others are watching us, and we should show the love, joy, peace, kindness and gentleness manifested in us. Through our speech, people will be able to differentiate between Christians and non-Christians. After all, we must be different from non-Christians, and one of the ways in which we can show this uniqueness is from the way we speak. Is our speech gracious?

We should think twice before we speak, for we speak not only before men, but also before God. It has been said, that when we speak, we speak for all eternity. Jesus

teaches us that in our daily conversation, we should be careful and accurate, as serious as when we are speaking before God. In the Sermon on the Mount He says, "But let your communication be yea, yea; Nay, nay: for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil" (Matt. 5:37). May the Lord help us as we endeavour to "let our speech be alway with grace, seasoned with salt".

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on John (Mr. Swee)
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.30 p.m. "Who is the AntiChrist"
Lecture by Dr. Tow Siang Hwa
(with slides).
Fri. 8.30 a.m. FEBC Exams. begins.
Sat. 2.30 p.m. Lim - Chan Wedding,
4.00 p.m. Ambrose - Mani Wedding, Rev.
Heng officiating.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. Stephen Hyun of
Gideons International.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow.

Last Week's Offering : \$723.80.

Sunday Lunch Roster : G.L.T.D.

New Addresses: 1) Mrs. Lee Khim Hock, 34B,
Blk. 45, Marine Crescent, Singapore 15, 2)
Dr. & Mrs. Anthony Thio, William Goodenough
House, Thecklenburgh 80, London WC1N 2AB,
United Kingdom.

FEBC With Dr. Patrick Tan taking up new
responsibilities at Bedok in the new year,
Rev. Pauwe has been elected the new Dean of
Students as well as Treasurer for Life Church
offerings for FEBC.

Dohar is now at T.T.S.H., Ward 34.
Contribution to his medical expenses are
welcome.

Wedding Bells on Dec. 6, 1975.

1) 11 a.m. The holy matrimony between Mr.
Chan Ngiap Khoon and Miss Tan Ong Lan, Rev.
Tow officiating. 2) 2.30 p.m. between Mr.
Ong Weng Kee and Miss Teo Chor Tiang, Dr.
Quek Swee Hwa officiating. 3) 3.30 p.m.
between Mr. Peter Chia Chan Seng and Miss
Amy Ang Chye Luang, Rev. Tow officiating.
Congratulations also to Deacon Koh Kim Hiang
on his marriage to Miss Mabeline Fung at
Calvary B-P Church, 3.00 p.m., Rev. Philip
Heng officiating.

Shalom House, Nov. 24 - 29, Mr. Carmel Camp-
ing (Patrick Chiang).

Sarimbun Dec. 15 - 20, GLPD camping (Lau Ching
Wee).

FEBC Gospel Campaign in Riau Islands. Three
students are coming along to help run the 5-
day Daily Vacation Bible School, 3 hours per
day. It costs \$100 each for transport, visa,
etc. Any who would be a part in this soul-
saving work? (The faculty pay themselves).

LORD'S DAY XLVII

122. Q. What is the first petition?

A. Hallowed be thy name. That is:
grant us, first, rightly to know Thee, and to
sanctify glorify and praise Thee in all Thy
works, in which Thy power, wisdom, goodness,
justice, mercy, and truth shine forth;
further also, that we may so order and direct
our whole life, thoughts, words, and actions,
that Thy Name may not be blasphemed but
honored and praised on our account.

KEEP ON BELIEVING.

1. When you feel weakest, dangers surround;
Subtle temptations, troubles abound;
Nothing seems hopeful, nothing seems glad,
All is despairing, oftentimes sad.

Chorus:

Keep on believing, Jesus is near,
Keep on believing, there's nothing to fear;
Keep on believing, this is the way,
Faith in the night as well as the day.

2. If all were easy, if all were bright,
Where would the cross be? where would the
fight?

But in the hardness, God gives to you,
Chances for proving what He can do.

3. God is your wisdom; God is your might;
God's ever near you, guiding you right;
He understands you, knows all your need,
Trusting in Him, you'll surely succeed.

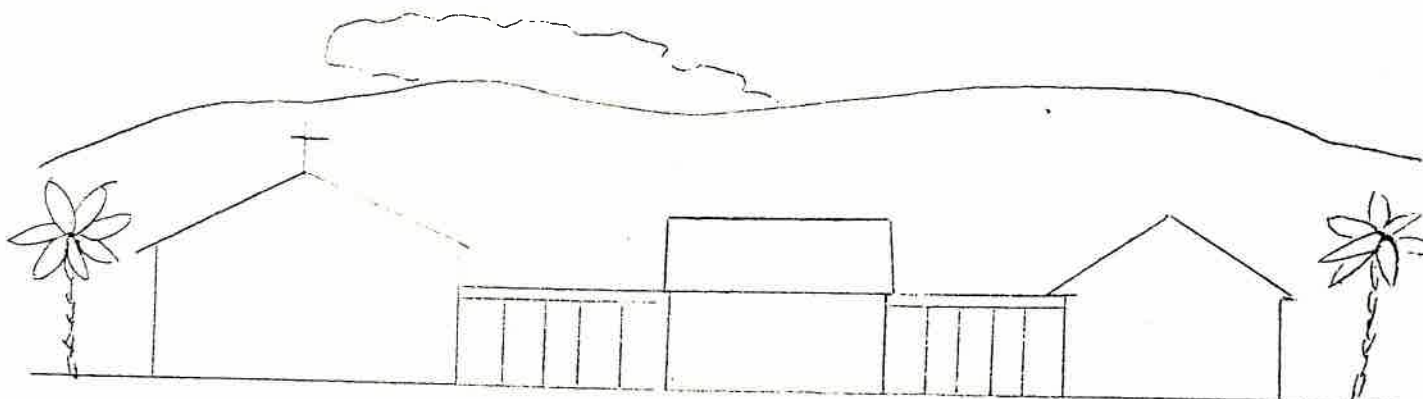
4. Let us press on then; never despair;
Live above feeling, victory's there;
Jesus can keep us so near to Him,
That never more our faith shall grow dim.

Chorus:

Keep on rejoicing, Jesus is near,
Keep on rejoicing, there's nothing to fear;
Keep on rejoicing, this is the way
Songs in the night as well as the day.

HYMNS OF THE CHRISTIAN LIFE No. 383.

Shalom House has need of a washing
machine. Any to spare?



Kepala Sawit Church, Parsonage and Kindergarten.

THE WORLD'S LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

(Reproduced from TIME Magazine, Dec.1, 1975)

Before the first glinting rays of Sunday hit the steel mills surrounding Hammond, Ind., the vanguard of 1,000 bus volunteers check in. Soon 230 blue-and-white First Baptist Church buses are plying routes across northern Indiana and South Side Chicago, and before the morning is over the drivers will have hauled as many as 10,000 persons to what foot-high signs on the sides of the buses hail as the WORLD'S LARGEST SUNDAY SCHOOL.

The claim is rock-solid for the U.S., if not the world. According to Christian Life magazine's annual survey, no church comes close to First Baptist in Sunday school attendance. It draws an incredible average weekly turnout of nearly 14,000. (Runners-up: Highland Park Baptist, Chattanooga (7,453); First Baptist, Dallas (6,703); Akron Baptist Temple (5801); and Thomas Road Baptist, Lynchburg, Va. (5,566).)

Hammond's Baptists, hard-shell fundamentalist, use liberal doses of Barnumism that would make less exuberant Christians blush. A "battle" between two competing bus teams, spurred on by bands and flags, rocketed attendance last March 16 to a record 30,560. This fall's attendance drive has featured a man on stilts inviting squealing moppets into the church, free goldfish, and ice cream sundaes for sixth-graders. Past bait has included zoo trips, picnics, even horseback rides.

"We'll trade a horseback ride any time for the opportunity to teach the Bible," says Bus Minister Jim Vineyard, who marshals the weekly ingathering. "We've been accused of bribing kids to come to church, but a bribe is a payment to get someone to do wrong. We're getting them to do right."

With soul-saving zeal, First Baptist welcomes deaf and retarded children, as well as surprising number of Chicago street toughs, some of whom come equipped with clubs, knives and chains that have to be wrested away from them. For small troublemakers, Vineyard keeps a paddle handy. Explains one deacon blandly: "We ram respect and discipline down their throats." And more. First Baptist insists on short hair ("cut so that it is at least one finger-width above the eyebrows"). Primness also counts at the church's elementary and high schools and at its three-year-old, unaccredited Hyles-Anderson College, where a boy may not sit on a piano bench next to a girl, or touch her.

"I think a lot of people in this country are hungry for what we call decency," says Pastor Jack Hyles, 49, the preacher-impresario who made First Baptist No. 1. If decency alone will not hold a crowd, he makes sure theatrical oratory will. In the course of Sunday worship, Hyles shouts, whispers, jokes, cries. "It's a rare sermon when I don't weep," he says.

Spellbinder Hyles was anything but that in his first stuttering try at preaching in 1947. "Elijah blushed and Heaven's flag flew at half-mast for three days," he says. In classic bootstrap style, Hyles proceeded to enroll in speech courses while clerking at J.C. Penney's in Marshall, Texas. Before long, he was wowing audiences with a folksy, roaring delivery. He took a church and was summoned to the Hammond pulpit in 1959.

The church has 22,000 active members, and Hyles reigns like a benevolent autocrat with a \$4.5 million-a-year budget. His salary is a lean \$11,000, and he says he plows his substantial book earnings (one of Hyles' 22 books, How To Rear Children, has already brought in over \$80,000) back into the ministry. One recent Sunday morning he asked his rapt congregation: "When God decided to make the biggest church in the world, who did he choose to build it? He said, 'I think I'll use old Hyles. He's the crookedest stick I've got.' I'll tell you why I'm here - so people can say, 'He's not so hot, but God's a wonderful and mighty God.'" And why is newly baptized Chicago Typist May Lind there? "I can't explain it really. I guess it's the feeling of being wanted."

Editorial Comment: We Singaporeans may not agree with all that's done in America, but reading such a report should lift us froggies in the Singapore well to a new perspective of God's Kingdom. Surely, we can learn much from Pastor Jack Hyle and his deacons. Why should the Church be on the defensive? Let every Reader think seriously what he or she can do to advance God's kingdom in our situation here. We welcome your views and suggestions.

Insofar as the B-P Movement is concerned, we have adopted the opposite method of advancing the work of the Lord, viz; Decentralisation. But consolidation is important too. - F.T.

Suggestion: Whiles Life Church does not own a single Church bus (though the pastor's and FEBCO'S station wagons are at your service), members' cars find parking in the Church grounds a tight problem. Many overflow to the adjoining roads, and some to the fringe car park. Here's a suggestion how you can increase God's Kingdom. Bring in some friend or neighbour as you come to Church Sunday morning. Fetch someone who is off the mainroad, especially the senior and junior members needing help. That's the least we can do for Christ and His Kingdom. - T.T.

Tues. 8.00. p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting.

Fri. 6.30 p.m. FEBC End of Term Dinner & worship.

Sat. 11.00 a.m. Chan - Tan Wedding (Rev. Tow)

2.30 p.m. Ow - Teo " (Dr. Quek)

3.30 p.m. Chia - Ang " (Rev. Tow)

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).

4 p.m. Rev. Tow (").

Last Week's Offering : \$496.94.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Sim Mong Eng, Catherine Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia Poon, Elgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong. We welcome to our pulpit this Lord's Day Mr. Stephen Hyun, Far Eastern representative of Gideons International. Also Mr. E. Mahadevan a Lifer and Gideon as well, as he testifies. A cordial welcome to Mrs. Garrett of Gt. Britain at the College Hostel.

Pray for Mrs. Susan Wang, after an operation at Alexandra Hospital, Ward 14.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Lawrence Tan Geok Chua and Miss Anne Yeo Siew Khim of Galilee Church will be solemnised on Sat. Dec. 13, 10.30 a.m., Rev. Heng officiating.

"Shew Me a Token for Good" (Ps. 86:17).

Last week, we gave you a preview of the new Kelapa Sawit Church, Parsonage and Kindergarten. An immediate response from TotaPayoh to give their New Year offering to the building of God's House was accepted as a "token for good".

Now, we've received another "token for good" for Kelapa Sawit. Pastor Philip Heng relates how he went to Kelapa Sawit Nov. 26, to confirm a Mr. Liew with his family of 10, who turned "from idols to serve the living and true God" (1 Thess. 1:9). Though the family had discarded their idols through Deacon John Ling, there were still joss papers and charms to be eradicated. A 15-year-old daughter, mentally unsound, was prayed for. Praise the Lord!

LE PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS. At last week's meeting (apart from regular obligations) the following sums were disbursed: \$1,000 to W. Kalimantan; \$1,000 to Sembawang (Renovations); \$250 to Mwingi Hospital, Africa; \$500 to Kelapa Sawit for worker's motorcycle; \$300 for students' passage to Riau.

SHALOM HOUSE: Praise the Lord for gift of another fan, and a wooden double-decker (anonymous).

OBITUARY. Burgomaster A. Warnaar, former ICCG Gen. Sec. was called to glory, Nov. 16, 1975, at Waddinxveen, Holland.

NEW ICCG ADDRESS. P.O. Box 148, Bilthoven 2660, Netherlands. Tel. 030-764344. Cable: Intcouncil-Bilthoven.

Rev. & Mrs. C.T. Hsu, 541 West 49th St., #61, New York, N.Y. 10019, USA. Thank you for your constant supply of valuable theological books. We're extending the FEBC Library to contain them!

Rev. John Chen Ping, now heads an In-Center Christian Union, 93 Lyndale Ave., Elingville, Staten Is., N.Y. 10312, USA.

"THEN SINGS MY SOUL"

New song book published LCYF at only \$1.50. Hurry while stocks last!

123. Q. What is the second petition?

A. Thy kingdom come. That is: so rule us by Thy Word and Spirit that we may submit ourselves more and more to Thee; preserve and increase Thy Church; destroy the works of the devil, every power that exalts itself against Thee, and all wicked counsels conceived against Thy holy Word, until the perfection of Thy kingdom arrive wherein Thou shalt be all in all.

NO ONE EVER CARED FOR ME LIKE JESUS

1. I would love to tell you what I think of Jesus
Since I found in Him a friend so strong and true;
I would tell you how He changed my life completely,
He did something that no other friend could do.

Chorus:

No one ever cared for me like Jesus,
There's no other friend so kind as He;
No one else could take the sin and darkness from me,
O how much He cared for me.

2. All my life was full of sin when Jesus found me,
All my heart was full of misery and woe;
Jesus plac'd His strong and loving arms about me,
And He led me in the way I ought to go.
3. Ev'ry day He comes to me with new assurance,
More and more I understand His words of love;
But I'll never know just why He came to save me,
Till some day I see His blessed face above,

CHOICE HYMNS NO: 100.

"Who is the AntiChrist?" At a special lecture sponsored by FEBC last Thursday attended by 120, Dr. Tow Siang Hwa identified him as arising out of the Western bloc of nations, with America as the "little horn" of Daniel 7:8. His lecture was well documented and illustrated with slides.

SAT. DEC. 20, 1975 p.m. is booked by LCYF & YAF for a Christmas Song Service Night, Rev. Philip Heng speaking.

Elder Edmund Tay announces a Session-YAF carolling team that will be visiting members' homes (by request) on Christmas Eve, Dec. 24 after the traditional carol Service in Church. Limited to 40 persons, and to those who come for the rehearsals.

FEBC closes for the Christmas vacation Dec. 5 and reopens Jan. 5, 1976 with a Day of Prayer at Shalom House, Bedok. Three from Singapore and one from Philippines have registered for the new semester. In-coming students are advised to see the principal personally. The gift of a box of used window curtains is much appreciated.

Edited by Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 11. Tel: 513676, 50617.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT.

My dear Readers,

Soul-winning and Consolidation through Bible Camps.

Our Church is one of the very first in Singapore to run Bible camps for youths (since Telok Paku, 1954). With Shalom House booked by six to seven youth groups this vacation, we are contributing more and more to the Bible camp movement. Bible camps are to be promoted because we have found these an effective means of winning young souls for Christ and consolidating them.

In this connection, we're happy to report a record number of 80 of the GLTD camping at Sarimbun Dec. 15 - 20. At Shalom House the Young Lifers will hold one Dec. 8-13. A combined camp under Rev. Paauwe will be held at FEBC for Jurongites and Kulai Besarites, Dec. 15-19. Meanwhile a first camp is being run by Rev. Philip Heng at Kota Tinggi, Dec. 2-5, for Kelapa Sawit and Tampoi, with a following from Calvary and Galilee.

Then there is Tanjung Pinang out in the Riau Islands. By request since August this year, a Daily Vacation Bible School for 250 Chinese-Indonesian children is being planned, Dec. 9-14. These children will be taught the Word for a 3-hour period each day, interspersed with songs, games and quizzes. Then there is the series of Gospel meetings every night for the adults where we expect 100 to attend. Pray for all the above-mentioned gospel ministries, for except the Lord build the house, they labour in vain that build it.

International Gospel Team to Bangkok.

A couple of months ago, several FEBC students began to pray for some extended gospel ministry during the December holidays. They became burdened for Thailand. Looking only to the Lord, they have steadfastly prayed and it now seems the Lord has opened a way for them to Bangkok. The team consists of a Singaporean, an Indian, a Frenchman and an Indonesian. They will travel northwards by train, and the fare one way is only \$46.50. Our prayer is that they may make good use of every opportunity throughout their journey. It is interesting to note that three of the four are ex-logos crew.

Talking About Mission Trips.

An elder once heard of young people going out afield to preach the gospel. He retorted, "There are many souls in Singapore to save, which will keep them busy till Jesus comes. Why go so far, for what?" The same elder I hear has also curtailed the activities of the young people of his own church. If we have never lifted a finger for the cause of missions, what right have we to wag our tongue on a work closest at heart to the Lord? Nevertheless, let all venturing out for Christ abuse not their privilege and mission. How sorry it will be to hear that, worse than Peter, they toured all night, and caught nothing.

A Concluding Thought:

One tangible proof of our business-mindedness for the Lord is that we set out fully equipped with plenty of gospel ammunition: Bibles, portions and tracts charged with earnest prayer.

"Everywhere I go it's Christmas"

This theme song sung by the Galileans at a Christmas Cantata before describes rather the commercialised aspect of the Holy Season. With all the attractions merchants have put up in a trading city like Singapore, Christians, the ladies particularly, cannot escape from the web of Christmas spending. Yes, at Christmas there seems to be that magic touch on our purse-strings. The dollars and cents roll out more generously. And we buy gifts for our children and loved ones, we think of the poor and sick, we become a little more charitable.

I think I should encourage a little more spending this Christmas to help out the recession too! But in all our spending and giving this Christmas, will there be one item for the Person whose Birth we are supposedly celebrating?

HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP.

I had the nicest Christmas list,
The longest one in town,
Till Daddy looked at it and said,
"You'll have to cut it down."

I knew that what he said was true
Beyond the faintest doubt,
But was amazed to hear him say,
"You've left your best Friend out."

And so I scanned my List again,
And said, "Oh, that's not true!"
But Daddy said, "His name's not there,
That Friend who died for you."

And then I clearly understood,
'Twas Jesus that he meant;
For Him who should come first of all
I hadn't planned a cent!

I'd made a Christmas birthday list,
And left the Saviour out!
But, oh, it didn't take me long
To change the list about.

And tho' I've had to drop some names
Of folks I like a lot,
My Lord must have the most - because
HIS NAME IS AT THE TOP!

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 11 a.m. Tg. Pinang Gospel Team sails from Telok Ayer.
8 p.m. Prayer Meeting at Elder Patrick Tan's.
Sat. 10.30 a.m. Tan - Yeo Wedding (Rev. Heng) and reception at FEBC Hall.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Khoo Peng Kiat (Elder Tay, Chairman).
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.
7 p.m. Tg. Pinang Gospel Team lands at Telok Ayer.

(Rev. Tow baptises and administers at the Lord's Supper at Tg. Pinang 10a.m.)
Last Week's Offering: \$902.44.

Sunday Lunch Roster: G.L.T.D.

New Address: Dr. & Mrs. Andrew Heng, 116, Taman Permata, Singapore 20.

Our New Gestetner 460. The old 360, after 15 years of faithful service (and much bullying) has expired! To overhaul it would cost several hundred dollars. The Church is obliged to install a new 460 model whose list price is \$3,950. For auld lang syne, Gestetner has given us a special discount and extra value for trade-in, so that we need to pay \$2,700 cash. With the installation of the new machine, a new order has come upon the using of the new machine. Everyone, whether of Life Church, FEBC or other related groups desiring the use of the machine must be registered. A monthly contribution from each group is expected towards the cost and running of the new machine, if its efficiency is to be maintained for the good of all. Only approved hands are permitted to use the machine. "Let all things be done decently and in order" (1 Cor. 14:40).

Obituary. Mrs. Seo Cheng Seong (nee Seah Swee Eng), 60, went home to Jesus, Saturday Dec. 6, 1975. A service will be held at her home, 47 Carlisle Road, Sunday night 8 p.m. Rev. Tow speaking. Cortege leaves Monday Dec. 8, 2 p.m. for Chua Chu Kang Christian Cemetery.

Welcome Toa Payoh B-P Church (English) to hold Prayer and Adult Fellowship meetings at Gilstead Road!

Miss W. Wrigglesworth, Australia. Thank you for your Christmas gift to the Weekly.

Renovations of Gilstead Road. With the final bill submitted for \$9,000 the account for all work done during the past 2 years is closed at \$25,000.

B-P Jubilee Cassettes are ready. Please get them from Deacon Khoo Wah Ann.

MR. & MRS. PETER CHUA will move at the end of the year to their new home at 377N Telok Blangah Rise (Blk. 41), Singapore 4.

LORD'S DAY XLIX

Q. What is the third Petition?

A. Thy will be done, as in heaven, so on earth. That is: grant that we and all men may renounce our own will, and without any gainsaying obey Thy will, which alone is good; that so every one may discharge the duties of his office and calling as willingly and faithfully as the angels in heaven.

I HEAR THY WELCOME VOICE

I hear Thy welcome voice,
That calls me, Lord, to Thee
For cleansing in Thy precious blood
That flowed on Calvary.

Chorus:

I am coming, Lord!
Coming now to Thee!
Wash me, cleanse me, in the blood
That flowed on Calvary.

2. 'Tis Jesus calls me on
To perfect faith and love,
To perfect hope, and peace, and trust,
For earth and heaven above.

3. 'Tis Jesus who confirms
The blessed work within,
By adding grace to welcome grace,
Where reigned the power of sin.

4. All hail, atoning blood!
All hail, redeeming grace!
All hail, the gift of Christ, our Lord,
Our Strength and Righteousness!

G.B. NO: 240.

FEBC and Life Church Invade Indonesia! Our FEBC Team to Tanjung Pinang, comprising Rev. and Mrs. Tow, Mima and Jonathan, Sahat, Esther, Fan Siu Yin, Miss Tiew Ah Tuan is further augmented by Elder Seow, Mr. Tsao Sec, Mr. Lin Tah Mon, and Sim Chee Seng. A new day of visit to mission fields should promote further missionary outreach! Pray for us.

FEBC Team invited to Bangkok comprises Tan Eng Boc, George Kutty, Daniel Rouillard, E. Hutabarat.

Lifers who have children enrolled at the Far Eastern Kindergarten for 1976 are kindly requested to see Mrs. Ivy Tow.

FEBC students are kindly requested to pack away their possessions and make room to campers coming in during vacation.

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JURONG JOYS

Nineteen seventy-five has been a year of consolidation and expansion for Jurong Bible-Presbyterian Church. In 1972 the worship service, which had been discontinued in 1963, was restarted, with the Chandra family and FEBC students forming the majority of the 12-15 worshippers. Mr. Eddy Ho, FEBC student, became student pastor, while Rev. Edward Paauwe, missionary under The Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions, became supervisory pastor. Rev. F. Burton Toms, another missionary of The IBPFM, maintained the ministry in Jurong during the Paaupes furlough.

In December 1973, Jurong held its first Bible Camp. Sixteen of the young people gathered at Life Church to be taught the Word of God. The younger campers had Bible classes, while the older ones were taught some basics of teaching. These basics were put to work during the Daily Vacation Bible School which was held immediately after the camp.

The Jurong work has always been mostly a ministry to Indian people, and off and on some Sunday School teaching was done in Tamil. The need was there; the problem was finding a suitable Tamil speaking Sunday School teacher. In August 1974, Mr. Brutus Balan, who speaks Tamil, entered FEBC. The Lord led him to Jurong where he and his wife, together with the wife's sister and Miss Kamala Samy (Life Church clerk) established a Tamil Sunday School in September 1974. This new language Sunday School became an immediate success with attendance running at about 30-40 every week. Because of the large number of children it was found necessary to have two classes in the Tamil department. At present the first class (taught by Mr. Burt Subramaniam) is for children, while the second (taught by Mr. Brutus Balan) ministers to the teenagers and adults.

Also in September 1974, Mr. and Mrs. Burt Subramaniam opened their home for a branch Sunday School in Boon Lay Garden. Since there are many Chinese speaking people in that area, the Lord led us to establish a Chinese as well as an English Sunday School. These two Sunday Schools have struggled along for more than a year, but some fruit is seen. The Chinese Sunday School class has had many problems, not the least of which was competition from another Chinese speaking Sunday School nearby. It was finally decided to move the Sunday School to Saturday, and to run it as a weekday Children's Bible Club. The need for Chinese speaking teachers for this class remains and any volunteers may contact Rev. Tow or Rev. Paauwe.

Many of the helpers in Jurong are students of the Far Eastern Bible College. FEBC considers Practical Christian Work an important part of its curriculum. Consequently, in conjunction with a course on Personal Evangelism, FEBC students began to go to Jurong every week for personal soul winning. This FEBC activity has been a real blessing to Jurong as many souls are being saved and as the work continues to grow. Jurong Church must express its gratitude to the many FEBC students who have served faithfully in Jurong.

In 1975, attendance continues to increase. Jurong Church decided to buy "Inspiring Hymns" for use in its worship service. By the time the original order of 25 copies had dried, we needed to order another 10 immediately, because attendance had gone up so much. Also, we began to run out of chairs, so, recently we have acquired 20 more chairs to properly seat our members and friends. In addition a few other physical improvements have been made, for which we praise the Lord.

In June 1975 two Five Day Clubs were held at Boon Lay Garden, and continued as Saturday Children's Bible Clubs. The one in Chinese at 533 J, Block 162, was the successor of the Chinese Sunday School, while the other, in English, at 186 D, Block 191, became a new outreach. Both Bible Clubs meet at 3.00 p.m., and more teachers are needed.

The number of young people increased greatly this year, and they felt they should meet on their own. So in September the Jurong Young Adult Fellowship was organised with Mr. Ong Keng Ho as president. Every Saturday evening 25-30 young people attend the meetings, which are designed to help them grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

When Church services were restarted in 1972, it was realised that Malay interpretation would be necessary as some of the people worshipping are weak in English. Miss Debera Lukito became the first Jurong interpreter, followed by Miss Linda Pramanawati. Both of them have graduated from FEBC and are back in Indonesia. They have served faithfully and we appreciate all the work they did for Jurong. Presently the Malay interpreters are Mr. Dohar Siregar and Mr. Sahat Siregar. With the Tamil work increasing, we soon realised that Tamil interpretation would also be necessary. Mr. Burt Subramaniam is our able interpreter. We thank the Lord for Burt's conversion and for the wonderful way He is using him in winning many others to Christ. At present we have double interpretation-Malay (Indonesian) and Tamil.

A special word of appreciation must go to Mr. and Mrs. Chandra and their children. For more than fifteen years the church has met in their home. Think about it- would you be willing to open YOUR home week after week, year after year for the Word of God and for the testimony of Jesus Christ? Mr. and Mrs. Chandra, we thank you and your children for allowing us to meet in your home. May God bless you richly!

Much more could have been said about Jurong's history - we should mention that the Sunday School was started by Miss Ivy Tan (now Mrs. Ivy Tow) and that Rev. Tow used to go to Jurong every week for worship services... But space is running out. We do want to express our appreciation to all who have helped Jurong in one way or another.

Briefly, Jurong's plans for the future are - A regular prayer meeting, to be begun in early 1976; a separate Tamil worship service to be started as soon as possible; to have our own building as soon as God provides. Many of you know that we have approached the Jurong Town Corporation for half an acre of land to build a church and educational complex. We praise the Lord for JTC's reply that "detailed planning at 'Neighbourhood 5' is now under way" and that our "requirements have been noted and will be incorporated in our (i.e. JTC's) overall planning of the area." Preliminary drawings by Ang Kheng Leng and Associates have already been submitted to JTC. The estimated cost for the whole project is \$500,000. Do join us in prayer that the Lord will provide and that a new church will be built to the glory of God and for the salvation of souls. - E.P.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Sat. 7.30 p.m. LCYF - YAF Christmas Song Service.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Baptism of Infants).
4 p.m. Rev. Tow (Christmas Service).
Last Week's Offering: \$711.92, Box offering \$209.21.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Fam Chuay Lai, Audrey Lim, Alice Khoo, Catherine Ong, Nellyne Chua, Jennifer Lee, Fam Chee Meng, Chua Kim Huat.
Christmas Baptism of Infants Parents are requested to register their children during the week. Phone 50617 for the pastor.
Elder Tay requests willing hands to help decorate FEBC Hall on Wed. Dec. 17, 9.30 a.m. Also would-be carollers to rehearse on Dec. 14 and 21 after lunch.

Pray for Woe Hong of Life Church Chinese Service who went to G.H. for an operation last Lord's Day.

The Church Bell is the official announcer of the Church. When it is rung on Sunday morning, it is calling members to worship. On other occasions, when it peals cheerily, it is announcing the arrival of a bride. When it chimes a solemn sound it is announcing the irresistible occurrence of another death. Other users of Life Church are notified to respect the sanctity of the Church Bell. Trial ringing of the Bell last Saturday, just half an hour before the arrival of the Bride, caused consternation to some. Others thought Life Church had gone haywire. May this never occur again!

Shalom House Bookings. 1) Emmanuel Evangelical Church Dec. 15-20; Dec. 22-27, (Mr. Hia Chek Pang) 2) Yio Chu Kang Chapel Dec. 29-Jan. 1.

3) Inauguration of Grace B-P Church, Sat. Jan. 3, 1976 4.30 p.m. 4) FEBC Day of Prayer, Jan. 5, 1976.

Rules of the Game. To maintain the new Gestetner machine, every group using it is kindly requested to register and contribute \$5 a month from this month. This applies to every Life Church department as well.

Combined Bible Camp. Jurong and Kulai Besar will hold a Combined Bible Camp at Life Church/ FEBC, Dec. 15-19. On Monday evening, 7.30 p.m. the film "Teenager's Christmas" will be shown, followed by a message on "Quiet Time" by Mr. Anthony Tan. On Tuesday evening, Rev. Edward Pauwe will speak on "Prayer" after the screening of the film "Am I a Phony?" Lifers and

LORD'S DAY L

125. Q. What is the fourth petition?
A. Give us this day our daily bread. That is: be pleased to provide for all our bodily need, that we may thereby acknowledge Thee to be the only fountain of all good, and that without Thy blessing neither our care and labor nor Thy gifts can profit us; and, therefore, that we may withdraw our trust from all creatures and place it alone in Thee

ONLY JESUS

1. I've found a refuge from life's care in Jesus,
I am hiding in His love divine;
He fully understands my soul's deep longing,
And He whispers softly, "Thou art mine".

Chorus:

Only Jesus! Only Jesus!
Only He can satisfy;
Ev'ry burden becomes a blessing,
When I know my Lord is nigh.

2. I've found a precious joy in knowing Jesus,
Never dreamed of in this world of woe;
No clouds, however dark, can dim the radiance,
Of the heav'n-ly light He doth bestow.

3. I've found a blessed hope divine in Jesus,
'Tis a Day Star ever shining bright;
It fills my earthly way with heav'nly glory,
And it turns life's darkness into light.

FAVORITES NO: 32.

friends are cordially invited for these two meetings.

Life Church Sunday School will have its Christmas party on Sat. 20.12.75 at 3.00 p.m. sharp! There will also be a magic show treat. Sun. 21.12.75 is open Sunday for S.S. and the speakers for Y.Teen and above will be Mr. Swee Thian Hoe and for Pns and Jrs. Mr. Tan Choon Seng. Bring your friends!!

Life Church Carollers will visit homes only by request. Families wishing to invite carollers, are kindly requested to fill in the list at the entrance to the Church

Auditorium.

GOSPEL CAMPAIGN TO TANJUNG PINANG, 9TH - 14TH DEC. 1975.

By Elder Seow Chong Pin

A smooth five-hour sailing in the "Taruna" took the Gospel Team of 12 of us to long-looked-for Tanjung Pinang, capital town of Riau Islands. The smiling and friendly faces of the brethren and sisters who came to the wharf to greet us allayed our fears as we came into this Indonesian seaport. Four bone-shakers which they had chartered, took us to our destination, GEPRIN (Gereja Presbeterian di Indonesia), about one kilometer away.

The first thing I noticed was a red cross on the signboard. This feature appeared over the Christian homes we visited, and I am sure over the other families too. These red crosses painted on the wooden walls are to show that they are Christians, distinct from others. Whilst in Singapore we can hardly indentify outwardly a Christian family from non-Christian, our T.P. brethren boldly show forth what they are. They want to be known as a peculiar people, and they want God's name to be known. Praise be to His Highest Name.

The night of our arrival was the "Welcome Party Night". We were truly moved by the crowd that turned up and the sumptuous dishes they prepared to honour the VIPs from Singapore. They rejoiced in the Grace of God, and we rejoiced with them that did rejoice.

The church is run by Rev. Tan Peng Koen's family, including two sons-in-law who are very zealous in serving God. It is the only church in T.P. having Chinese service and Sunday School in Chinese. The following four days of Daily Vacation Bible School really saw God's Spirit working. Children totalling some 150 attended the classes everyday and they learned what they had never learned before. Mrs. Tow was responsible for the DVBS with the help of the five students. The children were truly blessed by this unprecedented opportunity of seeing and learning many new things brought in by the Gospel Team.

Whilst the DVBS was held in the mornings, Gospel meetings took up the four nights. They were very well attended and we met brethren from distant outlying villages. This greatly encouraged others, since usually only people living nearby come to the Church. The people walk to Church. They do not own motor cars. Motor-cycles and scooters are a luxury. Powerful and explicit Gospel messages were delivered and many people who hitherto had hazy ideas of Christianity now grasped the true meaning of God's Word and understood His saving grace. A pre-Christmas celebration was held on the 4th night with children turning up in full force and taking part in songs and plays. But the climax was reached when a baptism service took place the next morning, the Lord's Day. Nine men and women publicly confessed the Lord as Saviour and were baptised. Three moving testimonies were given. We were amazed by their sincerity, the testimonies spoken out of their own mouths. May God bless them and keep them.

It was a rush after the Lord's Day worship service as there was hardly time left to catch the boat, scheduled to sail shortly after lunch. Therefore, immediately after the Service we were given a quick lunch. This refreshed us and put us in good shape for the return journey. As the waving hands faded and Tanjung Pinang slowly slipped out of sight, my heart prayed to the Lord: "Lord, Tanjung Pinang is white to harvest, Send forth labourers into this harvest." Amen.

Tanjung Pinang DVBS Report.

By Fan Siew Yin.

The four days of Daily Vacation Bible School were attended by over 100 children daily. With Mrs. Tow as the advisor, Esther, Ah Tuan, Sahat, Chee Seng and I taught the children. In the course of teaching, I was very impressed by the children's discipline, keenness and singing.

Each day, new songs, memory verses, handwork, Missionary and Bible stories were taught. By God's grace, more than 30 souls were saved. Praise the Lord! I just trust that the Lord will preserve them unto His coming.

The climax of the DVBS was the Presentation Night in which 10 items were given. The same night was the last gospel meeting, and indeed, what an opportunity to tell the good news to the 200 who attended!

I hope that there will be another opportunity to visit Tanjung Pinang. This time, may many more join in the harvesting of precious young souls.

* Wishing our Readers a Merry Christmas, *
* and a Prosperous New Year in Jesus Christ. *
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LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service,
thereafter carolling by invitation.
Fri. 9 a.m. Bible Church Camp begins
(David Tan).
Sat. 3 p.m. Wedding (Fisherman of Christ),
reception at FEBC Hall.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Dr. Patrick Tan.
4 p.m. Rev. Tan Peng Koen.

(3 p.m. Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit)

Last Week's Offering: \$725.35.

Sunday Lunch Roster: GLTD.

Christmas Baptisms of Infants: 1. Serene
Seah Hui Ling, d/o Mr. & Mrs. Walter Seah.
2. Michelle Chan Kia Ngee, s/o Mr. & Mrs.
Peter Chan. 3. Lydia Teo Li Yen, d/o Mr. &
Mrs. Roland Teo Soo Khiam.

New Addresses: 1) Mr. & Mrs. Chan Ngiap
Koon, 16A Chong Chin Nam Rd, 21, 2) Mr. &
Mrs. Vincent Goh, 1218 Upper Serangoon Rd.,
19. Tel. 689787.

Rev. Tan Peng Koen, founder of Gereja
Presbiterian di Indonesia, Tg. Pinang, who
has been away in Taiwan since January, re-
turned last Tuesday. He is the Lord's
messenger at this Lord's Day's Chinese Ser-
vice (Dec. 21, 4 p.m.) and at the Christmas
Eve Service, Dec. 24. Guests at FEBC Hostel
are Mrs. Kwan, wife of captain of the
"Taruna", Ah Hong her son and Mrs. Tan, all
of Tg. Pinang.

Christmas Devotions. Elder Edmund Tay
cites the following for their unstinted
work in the beautifying of Church: Ng Chai
Lian, Patricia Loke, Elgin, Eric and Endrina.
Elder Tay reminds carollers to practise
after lunch this Lord's Day at FEBC Hall.
8 Carol booklets are missing from last
year. Please return.

Christmas Eve Chinese Service:
Chun See Hong, Grace of Beacon and Mrs. Sng
Teck Leong.

Grace B-P Church Beacon Tan Wai Choon writes
from Faith Seminary, USA: "The reports in
The Life B-P Weekly about the outreach of
Life Church have been exciting reading. The
Lord has at last opened a door for His wit-
ness in the Eastern part of the island.
Glory to His name! I'm so glad that the
new church is called Grace B-P Church, a
name "co-incidentally" I have thought of
for quite a while already that ought to be
named for one of our local Churches. The
word "grace" is one of the most precious
words in scripture. Our Salvation, from
first to last, is of the Sovereign grace
of God."

Pray for Inauguration of Grace B-P Church,
5 Jalan Haji Salam (Bedok), Sat. Jan. 3,
4.30 p.m.

Kelapa Sawit. The architect's plans are now
submitted to the local town council. Tenders
will be called in the New Year. Received
from "God's Children" \$35.00.

Wedding Bell. Congratulations to Madam
Chang Ching He of the Chinese Service on
the occasion of the marriage of her son
Rev. John J.T. Chang to Miss Cheng Wei Hua,

daughter of Rev. and Mrs. Cheng Shen Chu,
Sat. Dec. 27, 3 p.m. at Thomson Rd.
Baptist Church.

LORD'S DAY LI

126. Q. What is the fifth petition?

A. And forgive us our debts, as we
also have forgiven our debtors. That is:
be pleased, for the sake of Christ's
blood, not to impute to us, miserable
sinners, any of our transgressions, nor
the evil which always cleaves to us; as
we also find this witness of Thy grace
in us that it is our full purpose heart-
ily to forgive our neighbor.

O BETHLEHEM

(To the tune of "O Christmas Tree".)

1. O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou David's City Royal!
From days of yore thou art the same:
Thy olive hills and flowers;
Thy rolling fields of barley sweet,
Thy narrow lanes with busy feet,
Resound with wondrous tales of old
The sacred pages unfold.
2. O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of Our Saviour!
Christ was born from the Virgin young,
So forlorn in a manger.
But angels rent the midnight sky,
With song of praise to the Most High,
While shepherds quaked in reverent
fear,
To the first Christmas Noel.
3. O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of the Pilgrims!
Two thousand years thou art the same:
Thy church tow'rs and bells pealing,
O that the angels' song of praise
Thy sons with one accord would raise:
The glad news of God's saving plan
Re-echo from land to land!
4. O Bethlehem, O Bethlehem,
Thou City of All Mankind!
From year to year be thou the same:
Jesus thy Saviour and mine.
Peal on the good tidings of Peace,
Peal forth the Divine Amnesty,
From Christmas Day to Christmas Day,
And Earth shall sing Emmanuel!

Bring your Hokkien - speaking friends
to CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.

Speaker: Rev. Tan Peng Koen of Indonesia.

Christmas is another chance to show the
way of Salvation to our unsaved loved ones
and friends

Edited by Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road,
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YEAR - END MUSINGS.

My dear Reader,

Aging Regrets?

Alas! Another year is fading and soon it will sink into oblivion. And with it another year of our youth and strength! We do not like growing old, for old age brings in death. Hence the worldly philosophy of "Enjoy yourself, while you are young." St. Paul refers to this Epicureanism in I Cor. 15:32, "Let us eat and drink, for tomorrow we die."

But that's the pessimistic outlook of the unsaved man. The Christian has an opposite view of life. Having found the life everlasting in Jesus Christ, we no more live to self but to God. When we live and work for the Lord, He rewards us with youth and strength within (II Cor. 4:16). In the cases of men like Caleb and Moses God gives a continuing physical vigour to a ripe old age. Do you like to enjoy this wealth of years? Serve the Lord with a new devotion in 1976! Serve the Lord with your accumulated wealth, for why should you lose them all when you leave this world? What shall it profit a Christian if he should go to heaven but brought no gains for His Lord? For, we must all appear before the Judgment Seat of Christ (II Cor. 5:10) and "every man's work shall be made manifest," whether it be of gold, silver, precious stones or wood, hay, stubble" (I Cor. 3:12). "Must I go empty-handed"?

★ The Gift of Shalom House.

Talking about doing good in this life for the Lord, I'm sure you are looking anxiously to the inauguration of Grace B-P Church at the Shalom House, 5 Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok. The donor said this was the greatest profit she had made because of the hundred and one uses this house can be put to.

First of all, it is given for the establishing of another B-P Church. Now, though the Church will be English-speaking, we've already had two suggestions for a Chinese Service. One comes from a passing motorist with his devout wife, recently shifted from Opera Estate to Bedok. The couple said, "If a Chinese Service is started here, we'll become your members!"

Shalom House, besides being used as a Church house, has seven rooms available for Bible Camps. Since we took over the house on Oct. 1, eight Bible Camps for groups up to 50-60 have been held. How we thank God for the number of souls saved during these camps.

Moreover, there is a roof-top room open to pastors and missionaries. Whenever it is available it will be made available to servants of the Lord Jesus Christ, free of charge. Shalom House is most suitable for Church Conferences. It has comfortable accommodation for 50 conferees.

Welcome to Shalom House, to witness the founding of Grace B-P Church, Saturday Jan. 2, 1976, 4.30 p.m. Come to praise the Lord and renew Christian fellowship.

Building God's Kingdom at Kelapa Sawit.

Praise the Lord, the architect's plans for a new Church-Kindergarten complex (designed to take 50 campers) have been approved by the local town council. This means that tenders will be called in a matter of weeks. At long last this 21 year old baby, insofar as our mandate is concerned, is coming of age.

Now, this building project which is estimated to touch six figures, has no organisation underwriting it. We just proceed by prayer and giving. We look to God to touch the willing heart to build His Kingdom. So, God Almighty alone receives the praise and glory. We His servants are not to be seen or heard. We do not believe in publishing the names of so and so, and making a parade even of Church Names.

FEBC French Outreach.

One of our students is Daniel Rouillard from France. He is one of four who left by train for Bangkok the earlier part of the vacation. Our French student writes back:

"I want to thank you for your prayers. God has blessed us. And He has blessed my heart abundantly, in giving me the assurance that I was in the centre of His will. He has opened some special doors of ministry for me because of my knowledge of French. I am teaching the Bible to a group of refugees from Cambodia who have already received the Lord. Also I am helping a drug addict from France who is presently in jail for some visa problems.

The three others will be back to S'pore very soon, but I will be staying a few more days, especially because of my French friend in the jail. Every day is precious in helping him, so I feel I should stay longer. I hope to be able to make it back to S'pore, for the 5th of January anyway.

Also, please pray for me, that I may know what to do next year. I have been extremely challenged by the situation here, and I have seen that God can use me here profitably"

Re-opens Jan. 5, 8.30 a.m.

FEBC reopens Jan. 5, 1976 8.30 a.m. This new second semester will complete our 14th academic year. Pray for the College that as students and faculty meet for a Day of Prayer at Shalom House, the Lord will pour out His Spirit, to cleanse us and show us anew His Way. We want to do His will.

This semester will see the entrance of probably another eight students. This would raise our enrolment to 30. As more students come in the expenses incurred for students support, etc proportionately increases. Please remember us in prayer. We are your humble servants in the extension of God's Kingdom in the Far East.

Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.p.m. Prayer meeting.

Wed. 10.45 p.m. Watchnight Service, Lord
Supper, (Rev. Tow).

Thurs. 7.00 p.m. Armed Forces Com. 6th
Anniversary Dinner, (Dr. Patrick Tan)

Sat. 4.30 p.m. Grace Church Inauguration,
Bedok.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.

4 p.m. Mr. Charles Tsao.

Last Week's Offering: \$1809.00; Christmas
Eve \$1221.46; Thru pastor's hand \$974.31.
Total \$4004.47 (Our target is \$5,000 Who'll
add to this to the praise of Jesus' Name?
Bring it in at the Watchnight Service.)

Sunday Lunch Roster: Sim Mong Eng, Catherine
Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia
Poon, Elgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong.
Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between
Mr. Lawrence Chua Kim Choon and Miss Emily
Ong Tiew Eng of Emmanuel Evangelical Church
will be solemnised on Sat. Jan. 10, 1976,
3 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Mr. Thomas Fox and Bible Assembly
(Sembawang) 13 Seraya Crescent, 20 send
Christmas Greetings to Life Church and
Readers.

Friends Abroad 1) Trinh Huong Linh (Mrs. Luo),
D-703, Trinity Ev. Div. School, 2045 Half
Day Rd., Deerfield, Illinois, 60015, USA.,
2). Gan Hee Ann, 349, College Ave., Holland,
Michigan 49423, USA.

New Address : Dr. Tow Siang Yeow, 22 Jalan
Waspada, Johore Bahru.

Need Piano tuning? We recommend Mr. James
Lim of 104K Chua Chu Kang Rd., 23, our
Church tuner. Ring 692063.

We extend a warm welcome to campers of the
Bible Church who are camping till Dec. 31
morning (Mr. David Tan).

We extend heartiest congratulations to Dr. and
Mrs. Tow Siang Yeow for their son Anthony,
13, who is acclaimed child prodigy, holding
a one-man art exhibition at the Sun Art
Gallery, K.L. till Jan. 10, 1976.

Silver Jubilee Thankofferings. National
Theatre collection \$5518.20 (previously
announced) Sponsorship \$12,696.60. Total
\$18,214.80. Kelapa Sawit and Ling Kwang
Mission each receives \$9,107.40.

Kelapa Sawit. The B.F. now rises to \$29,000/-.
David Lim, son of Elder Joshua Lim is
returned from Australia for a visit.

Dr. Lynn Gray Gordon, president of the
Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign
Missions is urgently calling again for a
doctor and two nurses to go to Kenya!

LORD'S DAY LII

127. Q. What is the sixth petition?

A. And bring us not into temptation,
but deliver the evil one. That is: since we
are so weak in ourselves that we cannot stand
a moment, and besides, since our sworn enemies,
the devil, the world, and our own flesh,
cease not to assault us, be pleased to preserve
and strengthen us by the power of Thy Holy
Spirit, that we may not succumb in this
spiritual warfare but always offer strong
resistance, till at last we obtain a complete
victory.

128. Q. How do you conclude your prayer?

A. For thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory for ever. That is: all
this we ask of Thee because Thou, as our
King who hast power over all things, art
both willing and able to give us all good,
and that thereby not we but Thy holy Name
may be glorified for ever.

129. Q. What does the word Amen signify?

A. Amen signifies: it shall truly and
surely be; for my prayer is more certainly
heard of God than I feel in my heart that I
desire these things of Him.

I HAVE LEFT THE WORLD BEHIND ME.

In His steps, bearing my cross.
All the glitters and the pleasures
Now to me are but a loss.
Nor has Jesus failed me, wronged me,
What is sweeter than His love?
Trembling soul, what fear arrests thee,
When thy hands are on the plough?

The way 'fore me's strewn with thistles,
While dark clouds round me enfold.
The Way of the Cross more bristles,
With heel lifted 'gainst the Lord.
Who but Christ can stay the weeping?
Seekest thou the praise of men?
Our Lord hoped from this world nothing,
He walked lonesome to the end.

The sheep are lost in their wanderings,
Who'll find them with compassion?
Souls are drowned in tens of thousands,
And God's House - desolation.
O Lord, cleanse me, try me, use me.
For a brighter day beyond.

Help me with all my strength serve Thee,
Till we all stand 'fore Thy throne.

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