

COMMITTING CHRISTIANS OF A GLOBAL CITY TO THE GLOBAL COMMISSION.

(Message delivered by Pastor Tow at the Dedication of Shalom House and Inauguration of Grace B-P Church, Jan. 3rd, 1976. Text: Matt. 28:18-20.)

Today, members and friends of the B-P Church are gathered here, I'm sure, for one purpose-to praise the Name of our Lord Jesus for the extension of His Kingdom to the East Coast. This extension through Life Church, apart from inciting our praises and thanksgivings should also excite sister churches to mutual endeavours. I pray that 1976 may see a half-dozen other branches spread out to other parts of our Island. Even then, what is that in the light of 30,000 units the HDB is building this new year?

The burden of my message from this much recited text of what is called the Great commission, is to widen the horizon of our evangelistic vision and to quicken our Gospel footsteps. While in Matthew our Lord commissions us to go into all nations, in Mark He says, "into all the world". We have, indeed, a Global Commission from the Lord to extend His witness far beyond the confines of our narrow outlook. Not contented with starting a house-church in one estate here, and another a little over there, let us go to the unclaimed towns and villages in our Judea and Samaria - viz., Malaysia, Thailand and Indonesia, yea, even unto the uttermost part of the earth.

What a global vision and responsibility! But are we not Christians from a self-avowed global city? With all the global privileges and global advantages of a global Singapore, we surely bear a high responsibility to this Global Commission. This is the least our Lord expects of us Singaporeans, "for unto whomsoever much is given, of him much is required" (Lk. 12:48).

What I mean by our responsibility and therefore commitment to the Global Commission is far from that self-aggrandising and self-advertising programme that is promoting what I'd call a "balloon evangelism." St. Paul says, "some indeed preach Christ out of envy and contention" (Phil. 1:15). Also since missions has become a popular theme with Singapore churches these days, there is such a thing as keeping up with the Joneses in Church circles. What I mean by our commitment to the Global Commission is to do literally ten times more than what we've done in the past irrespective of what others are doing. With our resources of manpower and financial power increased ten-fold today, we cannot but be committed to a tenfold outreach, way beyond our shores. We should be willing to support young men and women, dedicated to the Cause of Christ, as they graduate from our Bible College, to go to remote places calling us. These calls may come from our next-door neighbour Indonesia, or from distant Africa. If we go in response to their Macedonian call, we can be said to be committed to the Global Commission. If we are merely concerned with Singapore for even our own interests, but give a pittance to missions overseas as an eyewash, we have in effect rejected the Global Commission. Right now we have a call from Singkep Island, 12 hours' boatride South of Tanjung Pinang. Then there is an urgent appeal from Kenya. The Mission Hospital run by the Independent Board for Presbyterian Foreign Missions is calling for a doctor and two nurses, immediately! "Who will go for us"?

Commitment to the Global Commission is popularly measured by the Annual Missionary Budget. In Singapore there are two Chinese Churches which have given \$70,000 each for the year 1975. This is indeed laudable, an example to all of us.

Commitment to the Global Commission, however, cannot be measured by dollars and cents alone. When a young life is committed to this Cause, like that of John Sung, and motivated by His power (Jesus says, "all power is given unto Me in heaven and in earth. I am with you alway..."), then we do not count the dollars, but rather the souls, by the thousands. When a sister's desire in regard to this house is yielded to the Lord, the former hotel it was is now transformed into a church, yea, even a Shalom House for the holding of hundreds of Christian Conferences in the days to come. I challenge the wealthy Christians of Singapore who have big houses like this, or half like this, to give them to the use of the Lord. If you have not houses but much money marking time in the bank then release now those hamstrung thousands which otherwise will gallop from you the moment your eyes are closed.

Now although finance is an important item in the Lord's business, what we sorely need today are young men and women, yea, even old ones, if they are young at heart! Will parents give of your sons and daughters to serve the Lord?

"Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious,
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way.
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious.
And all thou spendest Jesus will repay."

The great joy we manifest today is not only over the offering of their house and the founding of another Church, but more also over the dedication of Dr. Patrick Tan to the ministry of Grace Church, one in the footsteps of Timothy, to run this relay of the Gospel. Lord, raise up a hundred more such sons in this generation in our commitment to the Global Commission.

Jesus further says, "And lo, I am with you always even unto the end of the world." The Global Commission is to be faithfully discharged by the Church to the very day before His Return. Yea it is to be increasingly expedited as Christ in Matthew 24:14 commands, "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." Beloved, the hour of His Second Coming is going to strike any minute now from all the signs round about us. And when we all must appear before the judgment seat of Christ, can we say, we are ready, brother? sister?

Have we been true to the trust He left us?

Do we seek to do our best?

If in our hearts there is naught condemns us,

We shall have a glorious rest. Amen.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS.

Mon. 8.30 a.m. FEBC to Shalom House for Day of Prayer.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at the home of Bro. and Mrs. George Tan.
Sat. 3.00 p.m. Chua - Ong Wedding (Reception at FEBC Hall).

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

4 p.m. Rev. Tan Peng Koen.

Last Week's Offering: \$852.79; Watchnight Service \$640.51; (\$500 for Kelapa Sawit, '76)

Sunday Lunch Roster: 1) Young People: GLTD.

2) Ladies, This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Grace Church Sunday Schedule:

8.30 a.m. Sunday School.

10.00 a.m. Worship.

2.00 p.m. Y.F.

Situation Vacant: 1) Mt. Carmel needs a secretary. Salary \$230 to \$350 p.m., depending on experience and qualification. Min. Qualification: GCE 3 credits and ability to type. Apply to The Clerk of Session, Mt. Carmel B-P Church, 446 Lengkek Bahru, (3).
2) The S'pore Nurses' Christian Fellowship needs a staff worker. Please apply to Miss Elizabeth Lim, 104, Thomson Ridge, S'pore 20.
Deacon William Teo is the new treasurer succeeding Elder Seow Chong Pin from Jan. 1, 1976.

Music cassettes of the B-P Silver Jubilee are still available from the Church Office or Deacon Khoo Wah Ann.

Life Church Session Meeting, on Tues. Jan. 6, 8 p.m., important!

The Address of Mr. & Mrs. George Tan is Blk. 29, 25-A, Marine Terrace, Singapore 15.

Dr. and Mrs. Anthony Thio (and son Warren): Thanks for your tithe that helps boost our Christmas total offerings to nearly \$5,000. Glad you enjoy the Weekly. The Lord bless you all the way and grant you good success.
Sister Seah Siow Pang, 11 Martino Dr., Scarborough, Ont. M1K 2J1, Canada. Thanks for your kind wishes. Your gift for Riau work may be sent by money order. God bless you with good success.

Rawang and Muar. Pastor Tow is scheduled to visit Rawang and Muar, Lord's Day Feb. 8. (Greetings to Mr. Kwa Keng Woo.)

DEDICATION OF SHALOM HOUSE AND INAUGURATION OF GRACE B-P CHURCH. Order of Worship.

Prelude	Mrs. Annie Tan.
Hymn: "To God Be the Glory"	R.C. 104.
Invocation - Gloria Patri	Rev. Philip Heng.
Responsive Reading: Ps. 46	Rev. Paauwe.
Anthem:	Life Church Choir.
Welcome:	Elder Patrick Tan.
Hymn: "I'd Rather Have Jesus"	R.C. 42.
Prayer for Shalom House	Rev. K.C. Quek
Responsive Reading: Ps. 127	Elder C.P. Seow
Hymn: "Rescue the Perishing"	R.C.
Prayer for Grace B-P Church	Elder S.H. Tow.
Message: "A Global Commission"	Rev. T. Tow.
Thankoffering:	Rev. Quek Swee Hwa.
Hymn: "Must I Go Empty Handed"	R.C. 192.
Benediction:	Rev. Quek Kiok Chiang.

"Grace to You and Peace From God" (Philemon 3).

Gifts in Kind received for Shalom House:

1 Acma Fridge; 1 GEC fridge; 1 Pearl River Piano; 2 Usha fans; 1 Holy Communion set; 1 Wooden double decker; 1 set of cane furniture and 2 square florescent lights.

1. LIFE IS REAL, LIFE IS EARNEST,
And the grave is not its goal;
"Dust thou art, to dust returnest,"
Was not spoken of the soul.
2. Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way;
But to act that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.
3. Lives of good men all remind us
We can make our lives sublime;
And departing, leaves behind us
Footprints on the sands of time;
4. Footprints that perhaps another,
Sailing o'er life's solemn main,
Some forlorn and shipwrecked brother,
Seeing, shall take heart again.
5. Let us then be up and doing,
Nor our onward course abate;
Still achieving still pursuing,
Learn to labour and to wait.

H.W. Longfellow.

G.B. No: 434.

FAR EASTERN BIBLE COLLEGE EVENING CLASSES

are open to all Christians.

Commencing Thursday Jan. 8, 7.15 p.m. Rev. Tow lectures on

Pneumatology (The Holy Spirit).

Monday Jan. 12, 7.15 p.m. Mr. Swee Thian Hoe on Principles of Christian Education.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

Reviving Our Book Ministry. ★

One of our earliest ministries, even from the time after our Church was born, is our Book ministry. The selling of Bibles and Christian books is a powerful means of spreading the Gospel, which is also self-paying for any consecrated Christian worker. That the Logos is a floating Christian bookshop (apart from other ministries) illustrates our point.

We first began as the "Malaysia Christian Bookroom". Under this name and by the energy of one man (when there was less to do) the pastor served also as a Bible colporteur. Later, when the Far Eastern Bible College was founded, and when the Christian book-selling was somewhat extended, he gave one of the students this job, which also provided her scholarship.

In 1968-9 Life Church Session acted to found a "Gospel Bookroom" under Rev. Philip Heng and Dr. Lyra. Books were ordered from the West and some sales were made. Without a man solely devoted to this sacred work, the Gospel Bookroom did not get very far beyond the high ideal.

The latest attempt at reviving the Book ministry was by Mr. Willie Seah. This set us to renovate the L-Annex corner-rooms, until they are what they are today. It is pleasant to visit that cosy corner!

During the interval, Mr. Willie Seah has spread a booktable at the Church vestibule, even with the help of wife and daughter, a laudable gesture indeed. With the Seahs moving to Grace B-P Church and with them the booktable, it seemed our newly named "Life Book Centre" would go no further than previous efforts.

But, no! If indeed the ministry of Christian bookselling is an effective means of evangelism, and such good work has blessed many in past days, God must not allow it to falter. As if by clockwork timing, so soon as the Seahs were moved up to Bedok, that very Sunday saw the raising up of another man for the job. Bro. Stephen Kuan offers to give himself fulltime to launch our Life Book Centre, under my supervision. This offer has now been approved by Session.

Mr. Stephen Kuan.

Mr. Stephen Kuan once served the Government as a medical storekeeper. When the Lord called him in 1970, he entered FEBC. After three years of study, graduating with a Diploma, he was ready to serve Him fulltime. With no field suitable to his appointment at that time, he took to secular work again. The latest was his serving as an accounts clerk with a Japanese firm. This, however, gave him no peace until he surrendered to the Lord. Hence, his coming into the picture.

"Lending unto the Lord" (Prov. 19:17).

How can you help in such a "pioneer" work? First, pray for us. Second, patronise us. Third, as the Church has pledged a capital of \$10,000 for the book ministry to be repaid by the Book Centre in three years (free of interest), we welcome you to contribute your share. Can you loan the Church any sum to help launch this project? Your loan is repayable after three years, without interest. Your interest earned from the Lord, however, is better than the 7% Finance companies give you. It is His taking notice of your love and devotion. That is enough. Help given to those who need help is in fact lending to the Lord! "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth unto the Lord; and that which he hath given will He pay him again." (Prov. 19:17). And He will repay you handsomely!

Life Book Centre is also a Free Gospel Tract Distribution Centre.

We carry a good stock of Gospel tracts printed in USA for free distribution. Also, a good stock left behind by the Logos. Mr. Kuan himself has been running a Christian Literature Distributing Centre for many years. His stock is also available. Freely we have received, freely we give.

The latest stock received from USA consists of four cartons of Gospel booklets in Indonesian published by World Missionary Press, Inc., P.O. Box 120, New Paris, Indiana, 46553, USA.

Far Eastern Bible College Has 30 Enrolled.

The College opened this semester with seven new students, viz., Misses Rosalind Ng, Jyotsna Shah, Peter Eng, Kim Kah Teck, Burt Subramaniam, Freddy Yong, Stephen Chua. Four of these hail from Singapore and three from Malaysia. Expecting late arrivals are Nelia Lee from Philippines, Paul Sung from Surabaya, Indonesia. These additions raise the student body to 30. With the trend of enrolment rising year to year, in two years we could reach 40. The College dormitories, however, can take up to 50 students. Our desire is to see an increasing turnover of trained workers for the Lord's vineyard, while He tarries. - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Christian Ed.
(Mr. Swee Thian Hoe).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Holy Spirit
(Rev. Tow).

Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLSD (new time).

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Mr. Swee Thian Hoe.

4.00 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Last Week's Offering: \$542.53 Shalom House
& Grace Church Inauguration: \$975.05 +
\$1,000. Treasurer Deacon William Teo's
phones: 538217, 650644 (office).

Sunday Lunch Roster: 1) Young people: Fam
Chuay Lai, Audrey Lim, Alice Khoo, Cather-
ine Ong, Nellyne Chua, Jennifer Lee, Fam
Chee Meng, Chua Kim Huat. 2) Ladies: This
Week, Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs.
Tan, Tay, Tow.

The Junior Service comes under the super-
vision of Elder Edmund Tay and Deacon Paul
Tsao, William Teo and Teo Soon Hock. On
Holy Communion Sunday the Junior Service
will incorporate with the Church the whole
hour. Reverence in the young is to be
inculcated. The adults are reminded also
to observe strict silence at worship.
Parents with children are kindly requested
to keep them in place.

IN MEMORIAM Madam Rachel Lim Bee Choo, 82,
mother of Elder Khoo Peng Kiat, went home
to be with the Lord, Dec. 29, 1975: "A
sweet testimony was she unto the Lord."

Life Church Annual Congregational Meeting
is to be held on the Lord's Day, Jan. 25,
at 11.15 a.m. sharp. This advance notice
should prepare every member to come to
transact the Lord's Business, to receive
the Church's reports and approve the new
year's budget. The Clerk and Treasurer are
reminded to send out the documents a week
before Jan. 25.

It is learned that our 1975 giving and
income well exceeded the target of \$100,000.
This included sums given for Bedok, praise
the Lord. Our budget for 1976 should not
be less.

Far Eastern Kindergarten has a long waiting
list! Parents who wish to enrol their child-
ren for 1977 should do so in April. Watch
this column in coming issues.

Life Book Centre is now at your service,
Orders for Bibles, etc. may be placed with
Stephen Kuan. The book business needs an
interest-free loan \$10,000. So far two sums
are received: \$1,120 + \$300 = \$1,420 (Tell
the pastor about your desire to have a part
in this sacred business.)

Grace Church Appointments:

Thurs. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Sun. 8.30 a.m. Sunday School.

10.00 a.m. Worship and Holy Communion
(Rev. Tow speaking).

2.00 p.m. YF ... All Welcome.

Shalom House Booking: Mar. 15 - 20, Ngee
Ann College Christian Graduates Camp.

Apportionment of Christmas Offerings \$1,000
each is channelled to Sembawang (for reno-
vations), Kelapa Sawit (building to start)
and Jurong (building in view). To needy
members of a certain number, \$100 each.

Practise Strict Economy in the use of water
and electricity! The bill for Dec. 1975 was
\$465 for Church and FEBC L-Block (excluding
Kindergarten).

Jurong B-P Church celebrates 4th Anniversary
Thanksgiving this Lord's Day at 3.45 p.m.
Apart from Pastor Tow bringing the message,
another one or two Life Church elders or
deacons are invited to come. Bus 174 or
175 takes one to Jurong.

Miss Suvana Ngarmisithichoke sends greetings
from 1/1 Barom Art Road, Uttaradit, Thailand.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.1. Who made you?

A. God.

Q.2. What else did God make?

A. God made all things,

Q.3. Why did God make you and all things?

A. For His own glory.

1. I MUST HAVE THE SAVIOUR WITH ME,

For I dare not walk alone;

I must feel His presence near me,

And His arm around me thrown.

Then my soul shall fear no ill,

Let Him lead me where He will,

I will go without a murmur,

And His footsteps follow still.

2. I must have the Saviour with me,

For my faith, at best, is weak;

He can whisper words of comfort

That no other voice can speak.

3. I must have the Saviour with me,

In the onward march of life,

Through the tempest and the sunshine,

Through the battle and the strife,

4. I must have the Saviour with me,

And His eye the way must guide;

Till I reach the vale of Jordan,

Till I cross the rolling tide.

G.B. No: 343.

With the opening of Life Book Centre, the
office of the Armed Forces Committee (Christ-
ian Servicemen) is moved up to the Life
Church Office. Phone: 513676.

A Dozen Stray Bibles that have accumulated
thus far are deposited at Life Book Centre.
Please claim yours from Mr. Stephen Kuan.

Guests at FEBC Hostel 1) Rev. and Mrs.
Pardedee of Medan, Indonesia. 2) Rev. and
Mrs. Yrjole of Bangkok and Finland. 3) Rev.
and Mrs. Tan Peng Koen and daughter of
Indonesia.

Shalom House Renovation. A new contract is
given to renovate the kitchen and pantry
in toto at a cost of \$5,700.

FEBC Outreach to Kulai Besar. Car leaves
every Friday afternoon about 3 p.m. Interest-
ed in missions?

Kelapa Sawit Wedding. Pastor Tow is schedul-
ed to be there Thurs. Jan. 15, 10.30 a.m.
Life a visit and Chinese dinner?

FEBC CHINESE CLASS. Every Mon. 3 p.m. Free
tuition!

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

Jurong a Quadrilingual Congregation!

When I was invited to speak at Jurong's 4th Anniversary Thanksgiving last week, I noticed further progress this little Church has made since the year before. The sitting room that is used as the Church hall was filled with over 50 big and small. A dozen Tamil adults have been added to the congregation since the conversion of Burt Subramaniam, including his own mother-in-law. (She also has burnt her idols.) This has necessitated a second interpretation in Tamil after the first which is Malay. But two Chinese-speaking factory girls have also joined the Church through our new Tamil converts. Since these two could understand neither English, Malay nor Tamil, Freddy Yong, our new FEBC student from Jurong, had to relay the message to them in Chinese, (in a corner at the back).

While Life Church is a main contributor to Jurong Building Fund, the little Church has spared no effort to build up with their own. The selling of old newspapers to add to this is their regular feature. Their B.F. is nearing \$14,000!

But, How Many Shares Have You Acquired in the Lord's Business?

As we all prepare for our Annual Congregational Meeting to hear reports and approve the Budget for 1976, I think it appropriate to review here the state of the Lord's Business at Gilstead Road. But, how many shares have you acquired in the Lord's Business? What is your contribution in time and money to keep all the soul-saving and welfare work going on in 1975? Last year, our Silver Jubilee Year, was a bumper year. With the \$4,500 offered towards the Sponsorship of the National Theatre night, our people gave (plus some outside gifts for Bedok) about \$110,000.

How and where did we use this total contribution from members and friends of Life Church? As to how, we have used every dollar as prayerfully and economically as possible. As to where, let me enumerate first of all the various bodies and departments utilising our 60,000 sq. ft. compound.

I Life Church with all her departments.

1. Sunday School, Junior Service.
2. Sunday Lunch.
3. Y.F., YAF, GLTD, and several School Christian groups.
4. Parsonage, Garden Cabin.
5. Two furnished guest rooms for passing through Christian workers.
6. Life Book Centre.
7. Child Evangelism Office.
8. Armed Forces Committee (Christian Service-men) Office.
9. Printing Room serving all departments and associates.
10. Wedding Centre for several other Churches.

II Far Eastern Bible College.

1. Dorms (with capacity for 50 men and women students).
2. Dean's Office and quarters.
3. Missionary quarters.
4. Library (open to Lifers and friends).
5. 1 Quarters for married couple.
6. Campsite during vacations.

III Far Eastern Kindergarten (100 children).

1. Playground open to all.

IV Life Church Chinese Service (Sunday afternoon).

V Galilee Church with all her departments (")

VI Free Car Park for Lifers and associates. (One big item of expenditure was Renovations, costing some \$25,000), during a two-year period.

But we must not forget our outreach ministry.

I Theological Scholarship (about 10 for Lifers and needy foreign students).

II Kelapa Sawit (Building Fund).

III Jurong (Building Fund).

IV Sarimbun (self supporting).

V B - P Missions.

VI Kulai Besar.

VII Tanjung Pinang, Riau Islands, Indonesia.

VIII Rawang, Muar.

IX Bedok (Shalom House & Grace B-P Church).

From Productivity to Productivity.

In the parable of the talents, we see a principle paramount in the Lord's Business, as in any business enterprise. It is the principle of productivity to **greater productivity**. The two-talent man made another two, and the five talent man made another five. To whom much was given, much was required. To whom more was given, more was required. (Luke 12:48). The one talent is rebuked because he makes no effort to bring gain to the Lord's Business, so that his undertaking becomes an idle loss. We have made Gilstead Road an open house for all that the Gospel might reap the highest profits, in souls saved and blessed both spiritually and materially. How about applying the same principle in our individual lives, our resources, our opportunities and positions for the Lord?

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Christian Ed.
(Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Holy Spirit
(Rev. Tow).
Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
1.00 p.m. Magnus - Chang Wedding.
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow.
11.45 a.m. Congregational Meeting (N.B!)
4.00 p.m. Rev. Tan Peng Koen.

Last Week's Offering: \$608.43.

Sunday Lunch Roster: 1) Young People: GLTD.

2) Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

New Officers of the Life Church Y.F.

Pres.: Elgin Tay;

Vice-Pres.: Chua Kim Huat.

Hon. Sec.: Audrey Lui.

Treasurer: Alice Khoo.

Comm. Members: Sim Mong Eng, Fan Chee Meng, Lim Chwee Eng, Peter Eng, George Lee.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Surfley W. Magnus and Miss Patricia Chang Sook Yin will be solemnised in Church, Sat. Jan. 24, 1976, 1 p.m. the pastor officiating. Reception thereafter at FEBC Hall. The new couple will be settled at 149-S Marine Crescent, Blk. 31, S'pore 15.

Pray for Mrs. Lim Giok Kim, after an operation at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

Life Book Centre. With another \$1,000 loan promised, our total is \$2420.00. Visit the Book Centre and see how our stocks are growing each day. Full range of Bibles, including gift Bible for Bride!

Further Gifts for Shalom House: One new Olympia Typewriter, one aluminium sink.

(Why let it waste in a lumber room? Whatever be your buried talent, we can use it for the Lord!) Booking by AFC (Christian Servicemen) Apr. 27-May 1.

Grace Church Sunday School starts at 8.30 a.m. Worship: 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow officiates Lord's Supper this Lord's Day. Next week's speaker: Mr. Anthony Tan of Galilee and FEBC. Bro. Philip (Hassan) Jawabreh of Jordan writes of working now with Arabs in Israel. He will rejoin the Logos when it returns to Egypt. He sends greetings to Lifers and FEBC. His correspondence address: P.O. Box 1, Bethlehem, Israel.

Good News of favourable consideration of Galilee and Calvary's joint application for one acre land each at Pandan is received from J.T.C. Onward till He comes!

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.4. How can you glorify God?
A. By loving Him and doing what He commands.
Q.5. Why ought you to glorify God?
Because He made me and takes care of me.

1. COME TO THE SAVIOUR, MAKE NO DELAY;

Here in His Word He hath shown us the way;

Here in our midst He's standing to-day,
Tenderly saying, "Come!"

Joyful, joyful will the meeting be,
When from sin our hearts are pure
and free,
And we shall gather, Saviour with Thee,
In our eternal home.

2. "Suffer the children" - oh! hear His voice,
Let every heart leap forth and rejoice,
And let us freely make Him our choice;
Do not delay, but come.

3. Think once again, He's with us to-day;
Heed now His blest command and obey;
Hear now His accents tenderly say,
"Will you, My children, come?"

G.B. No: 221.

CHINESE BIBLES We have a full range at Life Book Centre. Get one for your Chinese-speaking spouse or loved one. Spread the Good News. What better gift than God's Word?
T'ien Kuo Ch'un Ch'iu (天國春秋) the Bible retold in modern Mandarin by Rev. Elisha Wu sells at cost price \$4/- only. A best gift for Chinese students.

Swee Pharmacy, 83 Telok Blangah Drive, Blk. 46, S'pore 4, is where Mt. Carmel has a branch Sunday Service. Your presence and patronage will help advance a new work. (Dr. Tan Kim Ping is "resident" elder).
The Presbytery meets Lord's Day Jan. 25, 8 p.m. 1976 at Zion Church, Serangoon Garden. All elders take note!

The Auditor and Clerk of Session are reminded to send in the Church audited accounts and minutes for cyclostyling and posting to members by Tuesday p.m. in order to reach members before the Congregational Meeting, Lord's Day Jan. 25, 11.15 a.m. The Lord's Business requires haste.

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"Holding Forth The Word of Life".

A REVIEW OF 1975, OUR SILVER JUBILEE YEAR. ★

When the pastor discovered from Lev. 25 that the celebration of 1975, our Silver Jubilee Year, should not be a few days' affair but rather a year-long commemoration, he exhorted the congregation to present themselves cheerfully for this jubilee service. He called for a sustained and extended effort in every sphere of our Church's testimony and for our 1975 budget to be raised to \$100,000.

Whilst no appreciable increase could be seen at the Prayer Meeting and Family worship during the week days, the Lord's Day Services were evidently a blessing to an overflowing congregation. During the year 53 adults and 9 infants were baptised and 5 transferred their membership to Life Church. This raised our membership to 478. The S.S. under Elder Edmund Tay also saw an increase to 200. The Junior Service which worships at the FEBC Hall while the Church goes on in the main auditorium grew proportionally. Special mention must be made of the busy hands of the ladies who cook our Sunday Lunch to feed 120-150 people after service, and of the young hands that wash the dishes.

Our Church has three youth groups viz., the Y.F., the YAF which is the Young Adults Fellowship outgrowing the YF, and the GLTD (Gospel Letters and Tracts Department). The YF was under the leadership of Peter Quek, the YAF under David Chua and the GLTD under Lau Chin Kwee. The GLTD is now 100 strong. At a camp held at Sarimbun last December the same number of young people attended and a good many found the Lord. Special mention must be made of the Life Church Choir of 50, drawn from our youth groups and even from Session, under the baton of Peter Tan. Our choir formed a section of the 230 voices that sang at the Silver Jubilee Night.

While the young offered their voices 50 Lifer families and couples subscribed to the sponsorship of the Jubilee Night. Indeed the members were borne along throughout the year to offer their resources most cheerfully unto the Lord. This hilarious giving of the Church including attendant incomes which amounts to \$114,000 exactly doubles that of the previous year of \$57,000. Half of this sum, however, has been spent for the extension of the Gospel beyond Gilstead Road, particularly towards the building funds of Kelapa Sawit and Jurong.

An event that marked our Jubilee Year as the year ushering in a new dimension of Gospel outreach was the gift by a sister on Oct. 1, 1975 of a three-storey house at Bedok for the founding of a Grace B-P Church. Together with this property was a sum of \$10,000 given for renovations. But of greater significance was the offering of a man to head this work, who is none other than Elder Patrick Tan, with the hearty support of Annie his wife.

The Gospel Outreach through Life Church was given another boost with the holding of a Child Evangelism Institute at Gilstead Road for 11 weeks from May to August. 24 students from 7 countries were graduated, half of whom were FEBC students. The Church gave increased support to the Bible College in the over half-dozen scholarships awarded to needy foreign students.

The pastor who was called in previous years to minister at Tanjung Pinang, Riau, regularly visited the Presbyterian Church there. In December a week's Daily Vacation Bible School with Gospel meetings at night was launched. Rev. and Mrs. Tow were helped by FEBC students, young and old Lifers, numbering altogether 12. Over 30 children accepted the Lord while 9 adults were baptised.

Life Church with BPM and FEBC support still maintains oversight of Kulai Besar and Kelapa Sawit. The pastor also takes charge of the Chinese Service (Mandarin-Teochew and Hokkien) that meets in the afternoon. Deacon and Mrs. Jng Teck Leong who head the Sarimbun Gospel Mission now attend the afternoon Chinese Service. The pastor was recalled by Rawang to visit once a quarter.

While the battle was pressed on way beyond the serene church compound, even in the sending of the pastor to Nairobi, Kenya for the ICCO Congress (July 1975), the quiet work of ministering to one and all continued without abatement on the home front. The Church and College maintain three furnished guest rooms to give shelter and refreshment to passing through pastors and Christian workers. These were filled most of the time. Renovations to make the quarters and grounds yielding pleasanter accommodation and retreat, including the Life Book Centre, were completed under the faithful supervision of Mr. A.C. Eng. The dorms were open to Church camps during vacations. The Kindergarten catered to 100 young children under Mrs. Lange. The Church opened its doors also to not a few weddings of other Churches. The grounds are open to half a dozen other groups, including the APC (Christian Servicemen). The greatest use made of Life Church, however, is by Galilee on the Lord's Day afternoon with her busy choir and Sunday School Y.F., etc. Far Eastern Bible College, the first love of the pastor, more than receives every attendant blessing from the Church in the provision of utilities, free renovations and repairs. Life Church in opening all her doors to all and in going out of these doors herself to anywhere the Lord would call can praise God that we have, by His grace, been "holding forth the Word of Life" for a most bountiful year. - Respectfully submitted to the Annual Congregational Meeting by Deacon Paul Tsao.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Mr. Swae).
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Rev. Tow).
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
 4 p.m. Rev. Tan Peng Koen
 (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering: \$548.00.

Sunday Lunch Roster: 1) Young People: Sim Mong Eng, Catherine Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia Poon, Elgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong. 2) Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. (Next Lord's Day being the 2nd of Chinese New Year, and our homes are overflowing with food, there will be no Sunday Lunch!)

Congregational Meeting is held this Lord's Day, Jan. 25 from 11.15 a.m. sharp to receive and approve the Church's Annual Report (which appears on front page) the Treasurer's Report and 1976 Budget which is sent earlier by post to you. If you are a member of this Church, it is your duty to attend! Others also welcome!

The Ebenezer (Finnish Gospel Yacht) of Rev. Yrjole (Yu Lai Ler) is now anchored at Kallang basin. One wagon load of surplus clothing plus 40,000 tracts were taken on board by FEBC students to further the ship's ministry.

Shalom House Bookings (to date).

1. Mar. 15-20 Nghee Ann Graduates.
2. " 22-25 VCF
3. Apr. 16-17 Galilee.
4. " 27-May 1 AFC (Christian Servicemen)
5. May 31 - June 5 Galilee.
6. June 7 - 12 Toa Payoh B-P Church.
7. " 14 - 19 Sembawang Sunbeams.
8. Dec. 6 - 11 Kulai - Jurong.
9. " 13 - 18 Young Lifers.

Grace Church Sun. School 8.30 a.m.

Worship 10 a.m. Speaker next week: Mr. Tony Ting.

Received from an elder, 8 dozens plates and cups.

The Committee of Enge nominated by Life Church Session to govern Shalom House is reconstituted, with new members coopted:

Elder Patrick Tan (chairman), Rev. Tow (ex-officio), Messrs. Willie Seah, George Tan, Wee Hian Kok, Lim Fook Sau, Tony Ting.

Registration for Easter Baptism Please meet next Lord's Day after service with the Pastor.
Life Book Centre Loans received now total \$2,520.00.

T'ien Kuo Ch'un Ch'iu (天国春秋) has sold over 40 copies. At cost, \$4 only, the Bible retold in modern mandarin by Rev. Elisha Wu.

Elder Seow Chong Pin is requested by Sembawang B-P Church to sit on their Session. (Elder Seow also serves Life Church Service).

Rev. & Mrs. Jim Turner of Child Evangelism are in S'pore. They are guests at the Church College Hostel from next week till Feb. Welcome!

Kong Hee Fatt Choy! But is it in the Lord? Your Angpow offering this Chinese New Year will go towards paying for our new Gestetner machine which costs \$2,700. We are also giving a renewed Gestetner costing \$1,100 to Tanjung Pinang to help in the propagation of the

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Q. 6. Are there more gods than one?
 A. There is only one God.
 Q. 7. In how many persons does this one God exist?
 A. In three persons.
 Q. 8. What are they?
 The Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost.

1. PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND,
 Lead me on, help me stand;
 I am tired, I am weak, I am worn;
 Thru the storm, thru the night,
 Lead me on to the light,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.
2. 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.
3. Precious Lord, take my hand,
 Lead me on, help me stand;
 I shall rise, I shall run, up and on;
 Thru the storm, thru the night,
 Lead me on to the light,
 Take my hand, precious Lord, lead me home.

Favorites Vol. One. No: 2.

Gospel through the printed page. (The Chinese Service's angpow will help Tg. Pinang).

Regular Users of the new Gestetner machine are reminded of their monthly contribution of \$5 to ensure a better cyclostyling service for themselves. Please see our church clerk. The regular users are LCSS, GLTD, FEK, FEBC, Jurong, Toa Payoh, Galilee, AFC.

"Economy is the mother of Prosperity"
 Please switch off fans and lights immediately after use! Do not forget! Do not waste the Lord's money!

Swee Pharmacy, 83 Telok Blangah Drive, Blk. 46, S'pore 4, is where Mt. Carmel has a branch Sunday Service. Your presence and patronage will help advance a new work. (Dr. Tan Kim Ping is "resident" elder).

Situation Vacant Chinese Lady assistant, at an Airlines Office. Must speak the several dialects. Please phone pastor, 50617.

FEBC closes for the Chinese New Year, Friday Jan. 30, after lunch till Tues. Feb. 3 8.00 a.m. when class resume with Chapel. Why not invite some of our foreign students to your house?

A Long-awaited FEBC Publication is an Abridgment of Vol. 1, Book I and II of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion by Rev. T. Tow which is coming out of the press before Easter, 1976. Over 200 pages, the price is \$3.00 per copy. If you order yours now, it is \$2.50. Please phone Mr. Stephen Kuan of Life Book Centre, 9A Gilstead Rd., 513069.

HOW ZACCHAEUS GOT SAVED (LUKE 19:1-10).
(Sermon by Dr. John Sung at Amoy, 1935)

Vs. 1 reads, "And Jesus entered Jericho and while passing through..." This was Jesus' last visit to Jericho. What a rare occasion! So the Bible particularly records the action of "His passing through" (Chinese Transl.). How marvellous!

Should a merchant pay a visit to Amoy, he would look for the main street and the biggest building. Should a student come to Amoy, he would not miss a visit to Amoy University. Should a cinema fan be in Amoy, he would enter the cinema hall. But as for Jesus, He visited Jericho not to sight-see... but to save sinners. Beloved brothers and sisters, Jesus is here tonight. If you are a sinner, He is looking for you. If you are a sinner, Jesus wants to save you. This is a rare chance. You have been looking for salvation for years without finding it. May everyone find it tonight. Vs. 2. "A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus; he was a chief tax collector and was wealthy. Whom did Jesus seek when He came to Jericho? To seek His greatest treasure. Here it says, 'A man was there by the name of Zacchaeus.' Zacchaeus means 'Pure'. But, that might just be an empty name! May be there are some in the audience called Thian Teck, i.e. 'Heavenly Virtue'... Is that an empty name too? Zacchaeus means 'Pure', He is a big shot, and a capitalist but a sinner through and through. However, a rich man can also be saved. Jesus once said, 'It is easier for a camel to go through the eye of a needle than for a rich man to enter into the Kingdom of God.' Let me tell you, a rich man can also be saved. Zacchaeus' name is now written in heaven!

Zacchaeus had money, fame, power, everything: But what he lacked was peace. He deserted from his own people and gave the money to Rome. He was a traitor. The Jews hated him. But Zacchaeus paid no attention to the peoples' boos and hatred. He was now looking for Jesus, and he was happy in his search.

Vs. 3. "He wanted to see who Jesus was, but being a short man he could not, because of the crowd". Here it says, Many were following Jesus. Yes, wherever Jesus goes, many will follow Him. Zacchaeus wanted to see Jesus. He wanted Jesus to give him peace. Perhaps Zacchaeus had visited the temple to call on the idols, "O Idols, save me, save me!" But he got no peace. He ran out to see Jesus, not to see the crowd, but to see Jesus. Tonight let us not look to anyone at all. Let us see Jesus.

Zacchaeus a rich man was fat and short. So he could not see Jesus. Beloved brothers and sisters, there're many outside the Church who can't see Jesus, because we are blocking their way!

No matter what, Zacchaeus must see Jesus. Though a short fellow, he had found a sycamore tree. He climbed up the tree, saying to himself, "Jesus is sure to pass this way". All the people jeered. He didn't care. He forgot his status. He realised he was a sinner. He wanted to see what Jesus was like.

I have been to many places. I've met quite a few big officials who dared not come openly to hear me. One wrote me, "Mr. Sung, please come to my house for dinner. I like to hear you preach." But, look! Here is Zacchaeus on the tree waiting to see Jesus.

Vs. 4. "So he ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree to see Jesus..." Zacchaeus did not take his sweet time. He ran. He ran ahead and climbed a sycamore tree.

Vs. 5. "When Jesus reached the spot he looked up, and said to him, Zacchaeus come down immediately. I must stay at your house today." These few words paint a picture of Jesus' love. Jesus came, step by step. He came to where Zacchaeus was. He looked at him with loving face. Amidst thousands, Jesus looked at no one, but Zacchaeus. Jesus comes to save sinners!

As Jesus looked up, he said, "Zacchaeus, Zacchaeus! My beloved Zacchaeus!" Zacchaeus had never seen anyone before who looked so kindly at him. Never heard any calling so gently to him. Though Zacchaeus was a sinner, Jesus loved him.

Jesus said, "Come down quick! Zacchaeus, come down quick! Today I must be at your house." Not tomorrow, not day after tomorrow, but today. I want to stay at your house. Zacchaeus' house was unclean, yet Jesus wanted to go to his house. Beloved brothers and sisters, though our hearts are unclean Jesus wants to come in to stay.

One day, I was at a certain place preaching. A woman said to me, "Mr. Sung, though I am blind, I had sinned. I had illicit intercourse and gave birth. I killed the baby. Can Jesus save a person like me?" I said, "Sister, if you repent, Jesus will save you."

Once, I came to Kiangsi. There were two sisters, very pitiful. They were the only survivors of a family killed by bandits. They were school girls, but after this they sold their bodies to become prostitutes. One sister could not go on in this and became crazy. After this a military officer helped the other to learn nursing. This girl came to hear me. Being convicted she asked me, "Mr. Sung, will Jesus save a girl like me?" I said, "Sister, if you repent, Jesus will save you!"

I remember a Customs Officer who repented after hearing me for the first time.

But he didn't come the next day. He said, "I'm still young. If I listen to the Gospel I can't womanise or gamble. It won't be too late to hear the Gospel before I die."

Vs. 6. "Zacchaeus came down at once and welcomed Jesus gladly." Beloved brothers and sisters, Look! Many believers wear a sad countenance. Not Zacchaeus. He is very happy.

Vs. 7. "All the people saw this and began to mutter, 'He has gone to be the guest of a sinner.'" When the crowd saw Jesus go into Zacchaeus' house they began to murmur. They said, "Zacchaeus is a sinner. Why did Jesus go to his house? Many places there are in Jericho, why should Jesus choose to go to Zacchaeus' house? Many don't know Jesus' heart. Many in the Church don't know Jesus' heart. O, is not Jesus come to save sinners?"

Vs. 8. "Zacchaeus said to the Lord, 'Look, Lord! Here and now I give half of my possessions to the poor.'" If he had \$10,000 then it would be \$5,000 for charity. That's no easy matter! Zacchaeus promised the Lord there and then, not afterwards. "Let all the poor come. I'll give them half of my property." For having found Jesus he won't mind being penniless. Zacchaeus also said, "If I have cheated anybody, I will pay back four times." O! To pay back four times is no easy matter!

In five minutes after hearing the Gospel, Zacchaeus was saved. On the tree, This covetous fellow got saved, on the tree.

Vs. 9. Jesus said, "Truly Salvation has come to this house." Not tomorrow, but today, salvation comes to this house. Before Jesus came into Zacchaeus' house, Zacchaeus' whole house was saved. Jesus saved not only Zacchaeus but his whole family. O! Zacchaeus the sinner was changed, in less than five minutes, he was changed. But, how sad it is that many "believers" in the Church for years are not saved.

Vs. 10. "The Son of Man came to seek and to save what was lost." Jesus said, "Zacchaeus, I come to save you. For the last 30 years what sorrows have I tasted - for you. Not for any other, but to save you."

Beloved brothers and sisters! Let me give you my testimony. I am a sinner of sinners. My father was a pastor. Our family all were believers. I was baptised at birth. I prayed. I read the Bible. But not in my heart. At 18, I went to America. I forgot the Lord. I thought I was clever and learned. I got everything, but no peace. I wanted to commit suicide many times. I was looked upon as a scholar, very happy. But they didn't know my sorrows. At first I thought Jesus was a mere man, not the Saviour. Praise the Lord! It was Feb. 10, 1927. That night, Jesus found me in America. Jesus found me in Room 405 of an atheistic seminary. That night, the Holy Spirit shone into me. I wept. It gave me relief. Midnight, I saw a light. In the light Jesus said to me, "Little child! I died for your sins." At this, I was completely changed.

Beloved brothers and sisters, How I wish that the Jesus who saved me save you today. Jesus came into this world. He left all His glory in heaven- for you and for me. Though our sins be as the deepest sea and higher than the mountain, Jesus can change us, save us. May Jesus redeem you by His precious blood.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 a.m. FEBC resumes with chapel.
3.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting. (Session meeting postponed to Feb. 10).

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture on Holy Spirit (Rev. Tow).

Sat. 4.00 p.m. Showing of film, "Like a Mighty Army" at Y.F.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Tow Siang Hwa.

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

Last Week's Offering: \$523.30 + \$200.00 + \$100.00 for Life B-P Weekly.

Sunday Lunch Roster. Ladies, next week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. (No lunch this Lord's Day in view of Chinese New Year).

Angpows for the Lord go towards purchase of our new Gestetner machine costing \$2,700 and to a renewed one, \$1,100, for Tanjung Pinang.

I REMEMBER DR. JOHN SUNG is a new book on China's greatest apostle by Rev. William E. Schubert his close friend. Through Miss Alic Doo, another close disciple of John Sung, this book is now being printed here under the auspices of Far Eastern Bible College. A second book "Revival Sermons by John Sung" will also come off the press through the translator's pen of Rev. T. Tow. Read the first sermon today!

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS THAN SILVER OR GOLD,

I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nailpierced hand.

Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause,
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world wide fame,
I'd rather be true to His holy name.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.

Billy Graham Crusade Song Bk.No70.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.9. What is God?

A. God is a Spirit, and has not a body like men.

Q.10. Where is God?

A. God is everywhere.

Q.11. Can you see God?

A. No; I cannot see God, but he always sees me.

NOAH AND THE BUILDING OF THE ARK (GEN. 6-7:5.)

(Sermon by Dr. John Sung, 1935)

Ch. 6:1-4. In these verses are described two kinds of people. The first are the sons of God. The second are the people of the world. Believers may be called God's children. They belong to the first kind. Unbelievers are called the people of the world. They belong to the latter kind. Is it good or not that God should be our Father? Someone asked me, "Who is your father?" I said, "God!" I remember while my earthly father was a pastor and I a pastor's son, how proud I was to go in and out with him! Some who didn't know my father asked me, "Who is he?" I said, "He's my father!" Glorious! Now God is our Father. How blessed! We must have self-respect.

Here it says that the sons of God had intercourse with the people of the world. For this reason the Spirit of God would not remain always in their hearts. The sons of God inter-married with the people of the world. How awful! The children of the world love gambling, smoking and drinking. We must be separated from them in holiness. If you do not keep separate in holiness from them, you will surely become worldly and carnal.

Vs. 5-8. Because of the increase of wickedness of the people of the world, God repented. For what the worldly people thought about day in and day out was wickedness. God was deeply saddened at the sight of all this. Man should listen to God's Word. Having changed into carnality, he is separated from God. God is very saddened at this. I remember when I was a boy I used to argue with my dad and he thrashed me for this. When he went into the room I peeped to see what he was up to. Oh My dad was in tears! When I saw the people of the world sinning, he was also very sorrowful. He would not destroy them from off the earth if He could help it.

Nevertheless, Noah found grace in God's eyes. All had sinned, but only Noah found grace. This was no small matter. The world might disregard me. If God takes notice of me, that is enough. A woman said to me, "My husband and in-laws all disregard me. She was heart-broken. I said, "Does God regard you?" She said, "He regards me!" I said, "That's enough!" Was not Noah one individual who found grace before God?

Vs. 9-13. Why did God love Noah? For his wealth? Education? No, but for three good points. 1) Noah by faith was a righteous man and born again. 2) Noah was a perfect man. 3) Noah walked with God, i.e., he was obedient to the Holy Spirit. God loved him for these three things. Are you like Noah? Born again in holiness and obedience.

Noah had three sons. Shem, Ham, Japheth. Eight in the family. Now, the character "Hsin" (信) i.e. "Believe" includes eight mouths in its composition. All the eight of them had faith. They believed God. This is no small matter. In many families we do not see such oneness of faith. Where the husband believes, the wife does not. Where the mother-in-law believes, the daughter-in-law does not. Where the father believes, the son does not. And where the elder brother believes the younger does not. Oh the quarrels and heartaches that upset so many families today! But Noah's was a happy family, a peaceful house.

I found our family a delight for we believe God with one heart. My mother used to lead in family worship. My mother at first had no education. She came from a Buddhist home. But my father taught her to read, and she became a zealous believer. Our family worship was most interesting. We prayed and read the Bible by turns. My dad told us many stories. After worship we continued with a musical session. Each played his own instrument. The family was filled with joy. Now we all have our families. Let us hold family worship. Yes, let us practise family worship. I believe Noah's family had family worship. So God called Noah to prepare the Ark to save himself and his family.

Vs. 14-22. God told Noah to do this on a mountain. Now, the boat belongs to the sea, but God told Noah to make it on a mountain. The boat Noah made was rectangular: length 300 cubits, width 50 cubits and height 30 cubits. It looked rather like a Bible. And the Ark is a type of the Bible. There are three storeys with a window on top. The Bible is divided into three sections: 1) the Old Testament, 2) the Four Gospels and 3) the Epistles. Revelation is the window on top. The boat has only one door. To enter the Kingdom of Heaven there is also only one narrow door. The whole Ark is made of one type of wood. The whole Bible is written by inspiration of the Holy Spirit. The Ark's length is 300 cubits inasmuch as Jesus' life span on earth was thirty years. Three storeys also stand for Jesus' three years of preaching. The window on top stands for the last year of Jesus' work, and it also typifies the Cross.

The people of the world seek worldly wisdom in marriage. They go into worldly enterprises. But, Noah remains on the mountain to build the big boat. Now it takes united effort to build the boat. Should Noah's family be disunited, the Ark would not be completed. This was Noah's first good point. Secondly, Noah stored up treasure in heaven. He had sold away all his property. To the years put into building the Ark, he would not mind further sacrifice of selling all he had. He was concerned only with the Ark's completion.

I have also told my wife, "Nothing matters as much as preparing the Ark. To build the Ark is to give oneself to fulltime preaching. In preparing the Ark, we should

not regard the present, but rather the future. To look at the present we would be discouraged. Perhaps one of Noah's daughters-in-law got discouraged, when she saw others with permed hair, gold ring, gold watch, leading a leisurely and pleasurable life while she herself had to slog in the kitchen. Noah comforted her. Perhaps one of Noah's sons said, "Other sons have returned from abroad with a university education. They come back necktie-in-collar, and they eat with fork and spoon, but I have to slog on like this!" Noah comforted his son, "Don't look at the present, but the future!" Perhaps Mrs. Noah said, "I'm old. Still I have to do all the cooking. Other wives go to the park, and how relaxed!" Noah also comforted her, "Look to the future and not the present." Perhaps Noah had to hold a revival meeting at home each day.

When I returned home a few years ago, I remembered how my wife burst into temper, "What, I, a doctor's wife, have got nothing? And to do cooking everyday? Others can relax. My classmates take it easy and I suffer thus? I comforted her, "Look to the future and not just at the present". Not only we are to look to the future, but also hold back every present ridicule. All laughed at Noah's foolishness in building the Ark. Some said he was crazy. But Noah called on all to repent, for The Flood was coming. He was no madman. Though the people assailed Noah, he kept his peace. He carried his cross daily, building the Ark. He laboured everyday on the mountain. He preached 120 years. No one listened. Noah was not discouraged. He plodded on.

Ch.7:1-5. The Ark being completed, Noah took all his in. Besides himself there were seven others. These seven are a type of the seven churches. There were also seven pairs of animals. Some tall, some short. The birds, and there were seven pairs of them too, represent the victorious Christians. Noah organised a Gospel team and he was its captain. They all entered the Ark. On the 10th day of the 2nd month, the big door of the Ark was shut. On the 17th of the 2nd month the Flood came and covered the earth. The people escaped to the mountain tops. Now they began to call for help. Now there are many who come to Church as "rice" Christians who shall never enter the Ark. The whole world was covered by the Flood, but only Noah's Ark was on top of the waters.

Beloved brothers and sisters! Many there are who weep, but only Noah's tears remain. Noah preached 120 years and no one listened, but his reaching remains. Outside the Ark all perished, but all inside the Ark, men and beasts, remained. I tell you, there are those who labour ceaselessly for nothing. Noah's work remains through our Lord Jesus Christ. Many study hard to make money, become corrupt officials and are finished. But if while you study you prepare yourself to be an instrument for the Lord's use, the Lord will preserve your study. Doctors who make a lot of money and build big mansions for their own glory end up nothing, except those who practise for the Lord. Teachers lead a hard life everyday, but if while they teach they are doing it for the Lord, theirs will remain.

Beloved brothers and sisters! Is it vain to be born again and lead a holy life? Is it vain for us to hold this fortnight's meetings? I believe it is not in vain. Many mothers bring up sons who make a lot of money, but in vain. If it is for the Lord to bring up sons, it will remain. Is it vain that our preaching be ridiculed? To carry the Cross for the Lord remains. To bleed and sweat for the Lord - is it vain? It remains.

One day the whole world will be burnt up. But to witness for Christ, to preach to bear fruit, remains forever. Only the Cross shall stand firm in this mundane world. Should I have 1,000 sons, I would that they all be preachers. For all is vanity. To preach the Gospel to save souls is not in vain. I hope all of you will preach and witness, even while you're a teacher or merchant. We can witness in any profession. Who'll do this? Noah's building of the Ark was not in vain.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Christ. Ed. (Mr. Swee) 1.
Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Mtg.; Session Mtg.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Holy Spirit (Rev. Tow)
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Edward Pauwe.

4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

(Rev. Tow at Grace Church, Bedok).

Last Week's Angpow Offering: \$1,584.05. Thru pastor's hand \$50 + \$100. (Any more angpows?)

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam and Poon.

Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng and Khoo.

This Lord's Day our pastor preaches at Toa Payoh, Rawang and Muar. Stephen Kuan accompanies with Bibles and books.

Further bookings: Shalom House: June 23-26

Mt. Carmel Y.F., Nov. 22-26 AEF Child Evang.

FEBC May 31-June 5, Zion Centre; June 5-12

GLTD; June 14-18 Toa Payoh Bible Church.

CATECHISM 12: Does God know all things?

A. Yes, nothing can be hid from God.

Q. 13. Can God do all things?

A. Yes, God can do all his holy will.

JESUS IS COMING AGAIN

Marvelous message we bring,
Glorious carol we sing,
Wonderful word of the King:
Jesus is coming again (again!)

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!)

BURDEN OF SIN LIFTED (John Ch.8). - JOHN SUNG.

Vs.1. "And every man went unto his own house. Jesus went unto the mount of Olives." It is stated here that everybody went home. The crowds went home, indeed, like those returning after a show. The show they saw was Jesus. And what did they bring home with them, each one? Each with a pair of ears. What are we gathered here for tonight? Is it not to hear the Word of God? I'm afraid some of you will also return home each with only a pair of ears.

Now Jesus went to the mount of Olives in order to pray and meditate. What do you do when you get home? To commit sin? Brothers and sisters, if Jesus' Word dwells in your heart, your sin will be taken away.

Vs.2. "And early in the morning he came again into the temple, and all the people came unto him; and he sat down, and taught them." Jesus returned to the temple at the break of day and there was gathered a multitude to hear Him. Jesus needn't worry if He would get a crowd. Wherever Jesus went, there went the people. Jesus taught in the temple in order that the people might be saved, and not one be lost. Jesus wants everybody to get a chance to be saved. Beloved brothers and sisters, if Jesus' Word, just only one Word, should cut into your heart, you will be saved.

When I was preaching at Chiang Chew, one fellow told me how long he had heard the Word, but not a grain of it ever entered his ear. One early morning, while he was in Church, he heard a voice calling him. Suddenly, his spiritual eyes opened. Henceforth, his whole life was changed.

This was due to Jesus' light shining into his heart. This exposed all his sins. He was also unburdened all his sins. Beloved brothers and sisters! Has Jesus' light shone into your sins?

Vs.3. "And the scribes and Pharisees brought unto him a woman taken in adultery, and when they had set her in the midst." While Jesus was preaching, there came a big crowd, stone in hand, leading a woman, bound. This woman had committed adultery. She deserved to be stoned! This crowd accused the woman before Jesus how bad she was. She deserved to die! These people only saw what's wrong with others, but not their own. May everyone of us here see what's wrong with our ourselves. Do you have sin or not? If so, then ask Jesus to wash you clean. Let Him unload your sin.

When I was preaching in Peiping, I met the wife of General Feng Yu Hsiang. She said, "I've left off attending church for 30 years. My father was an elder in the church. During the Boxer Rebellion he sought refuge at the door of the missionary pastor, Rev. Mark. The door was shut to him. The Boxers killed my father." I said to her, "Don't just look at others' mistakes. Look at yourself if you haven't any wrong. You have not attended Church. You have over-esteemed yourself." Brothers and sisters. Never look at the faults of pastors and evangelists. Rather look at your ourselves.

When I was at Foochow, a deacon of a certain church had become anti-Christian. He said to me, "I hate the church" This man had joined a pastor in business. His share was \$500. When the business began to fail, the pastor withdrew his share. He was left in the lurch. Now, this man only found fault with the pastor, but not with himself. Beloved brothers and sisters, don't judge others, but rather ourselves. Look to Jesus and your burden of sin will be lifted.

Vs. 4. "They say unto him, Master, this woman was taken in adultery, in the very act." All shouted, "This woman deserves to die. She was caught in the act of adultery." Beloved brothers and sisters, the Devil is the chief accuser. When you fall into sin, he'll accuse you. But, remember, sin can be removed by faith. So if your faith is not strong, your sin will not be removed. All my sins are stamped on my heart. Your sins are also stamped on your heart. It is hard to rub them away. You'll always remember them. So the Devil keeps on accusing us of our sins.

An old woman picked up a bangle on the road seventy years ago. She could not forget this matter even now. She scolds herself for this. Bitter are all the sins stamped on our heart. They can never be erased. If you sin everyday you'll feel the sin more and more, pressing on your heart, and the harder to forget them. How wretched is human life! Everyone carries a load of sin. A child of 2 can sin. He gets crossed if you give him half a donut. A child of 5 can lie. At 7 he can join a gang. At 8 he can gamble. At 9 he can steal for pocket money. At 10 he can hate. At 11 he can smoke. At 12 join a fight. At 13 he can join a demonstration. At 14 he can read immoral novels, he likes make-up. Ah, sin increases with age. At 15 he rebels against parental teaching. At 16 he becomes a pilferer. At 17 his mind is corrupted, and practises it in a dark room. At 18 he can dance and indulge in love-talk. At 20 he can commit fornication. Sometimes he thinks of suicide How awful! The older, the greater the sin. Miserable indeed. Young people, when you sin, your heart is not happy. Your mind suffers. Though not shown on the face, these are hidden within, tears of a broken heart. Others may not know your sorrows. Jesus does. You've thought of ways and means to get rid of your sins, but in vain. At night you're locked in your room, shedding tears of a broken heart. Young people, are you not feeling miserable?

Vs.5. "Now Moses in the law commanded us that such should be stoned: but what sayest thou?" Beloved brothers and sisters! Jesus loves sinners. He wants to save sinners. He gave His life to save sinners. Men say your sin is beyond salvation. That is the Devil's accusation. How did Jesus treat this woman? The woman needed pity. She wept, head bowed, before the crowd. But Jesus stooped to lift up her sin-load. He said, "Woman, I die for your sin." Jesus came to die for sinners, for you and me. This is the only way for a sinner to find freedom. There is no other way.

Vs. 6,7. "This they said tempting him, that they might have to accuse him. But Jesus stooped down and with his finger wrote on the ground." They did not know what sort of person Jesus was. All put the question to Jesus, but Jesus perceived it in his heart. He said to them, "He that is without sin among you, let him first cast a stone at her." Brothers and sisters, Who is without sin? Here's the womaniser and gambler. There's the covetous and a robber. Who is without sin? They could not answer this simple word from Jesus. Pitiful! All are sinners.

Vs.8. "And again he stooped down, and wrote on the ground. After saying this, Jesus stooped down and wrote. Do you know what Jesus wrote? Jesus wrote, "I die for every sinner!" Praise the Lord! Jesus died for everyone of us sinners. Jesus the sinless has lovingly sacrificed Himself for sinners. He lifts up every load of sin. Sinners, we deserve to die. Who is without sin?

Vs. 9,10. "And they which heard it, being convicted by their own conscience, went out one by one, beginning at the eldest, even unto the last: and Jesus was left alone, and the woman standing in the midst." Beloved brothers and sisters, Do you understand this verse? Let us look at them. There they go, a 75-year-old woman, and a 60-year-old man, A 55-year-old, a 50, a 40, a 35 and a 30-year-old. Still another 25-year-old, another 20, one by one. Where did they go? O, pitiful, there they went, each carrying a load of sin- to hell! All sinned. All went to hell. None of them knew Jesus.

Let us consider if a child can sin? Look! There goes another aged 15, and yet another 10 years old. These children knew not Jesus. Brothers and sisters, with eyes closed, imagine how many were left? All went, leaving Jesus and the woman. Why didn't the woman go. Ah, she had sinned. She was guilty. She dared not leave. She only wept.

She would not leave Jesus. If she left, she would die. Jesus said to the woman, "How many are your accusers?" Beloved brothers and sisters, How many had condemned this woman? The woman said to Jesus, "Lord they are gone. None." "Woman, neither do I!" Is this woman happy? Is she still under sin? The load of many years' sin, a ton of sin, is lifted. It is gone! How was her sin-load lifted? Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn thee!" Beloved brothers and sisters, why was Jesus crucified? Is it not for our sin? for this woman's sin? Now that the woman's load of sin is lifted, will she carry it again? No! When Jesus has taken away our load of sin, he removes it forever. How light she now feels. How happy! Jesus said to the woman, "Go back. Where did Jesus tell the woman to go? To bitter suffering? Certainly not. He told her to return to a happy place. Her sin load is lifted, how delighted! Go back! Don't sin again. Brothers and sisters, go back. Heaven is our happy home. This world is all vanity. We trust Jesus. That's enough. Father, mother, brother, sister, they cannot forgive our sin. Jesus can. Trusting Jesus, we are forever satisfied.

When I was preaching at Chiang Chew, a girl surnamed Teo came. The more she listened, the more she found it tasteful and the more warmed up was her heart. Realising she was a sinner, she confessed her sins immediately after the service. She went home and told her mother, "Mother, I've believed in Jesus, my Saviour. He saved me today." But Mother got very angry. She beat and scolded her and threatened her with every threat not to believe Jesus. But she wasn't afraid. She prayed to Jesus. When I heard of her staunch faith, I was very happy. Praise the Lord!

May you my beloved brothers and sisters all trust Jesus, look to Jesus. Your sin-load will be lifted forever!

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Sat. 2.30 p.m. Wedding between Mr. Sng Choon Huat and Miss Rita Seah Swee Lang of Toa Payoh, Rev. Heng officiating.

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

4 p.m. Tai po-fu.

Last Week's Offering: \$854.23.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Fam Chuay Lai, Audery Lim, Alice Khoo, Catherine Ong, Nellyne Chua, Jennifer Lee, Fam Chee Meng, Chua Kim Huat. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

DAYS ARE FILLED WITH SORROW AND CARE,

Hearts are lonely and drear,
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Calvary, Calvary;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

Cast your care on Jesus today,
Leave your worry and fear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q. 14. Where do you learn how to love and obey

A. In the Bible alone. God?

Q. 15. Who wrote the Bible?

A. Holy men who were taught by the Holy Spirit.

Troubled soul, the Saviour can see
Every heartache and tear;
Burdens are lifted at Calvary,
Jesus is very near.

200 Revival Choruses. No. 72.

ON DEDICATION (Jn.6: 11-14).

- "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?"

(A sermon by Dr. John Sung)

Beloved brothers and sisters, you have heard the passage of Scripture read, which is the very familiar story of Jesus feeding the five thousand in a desert place. But you all know that this present age is a "desert" age. Why is ours a "desert" age? Because there are multitudes today without food - without spiritual food. The problem today is: "Whence shall we buy bread, that these may eat?" When Jesus uttered these words, He knew very well what He would do, for He wanted to "prove" Philip.

What did Philip give for an answer? He said, "Two hundred pennyworth of bread is not sufficient for them that everyone of them may take a little." As a matter of fact Philip said this by way of contrast. Philip might not have that much money in his hands.

What did Andrew say? He said, "There is a lad here, which hath five barley loaves, and two small fishes ..." This little boy had bread and fish in his hands. O, let us become like this little boy before God. "Except ye be converted, and become as little children, ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."

Friends! Do you have bread in your hands? Fish? Yes! You and I have them. Where? How many fingers have you on your hands? How many toes on your feet? Five to each hand and foot. How many senses? Five! How many viscera. Five (heart, liver, lung, stomach, kidneys)! Are not these your five loaves? Now, how many hands? Two! How many legs? Also two! How many eyes have you? Two! How many ears? Two! Are not all these your five loaves and two fishes?

Now let us take a look at this lad's attitude. When the disciples asked of him the loaves, he could adopt four different attitudes.

No. 1. He could say, "I won't give you. I want to eat them, for I am hungry!" Beloved, there are some who adopt this attitude. They eat up their five loaves and two fishes. After eating, however, they are still hungry. For, their loaves and fishes have not been changed."

No. 2. The little boy could say, "I won't give you! My relatives and friends are here. They want to share with me." There are today people like this. The loaves and fishes which are not sufficient to feed them have got to be shared with relatives and friends. No satisfaction either. Why? Because their loaves and fishes have not undergone change.

No. 3. The little boy could have capitalised on the hungry five thousand to make big business. He could well have shouted, "Who would want to eat these loaves and fishes? Let them buy them for a \$1,000." Now there are such people today. For, having merely a bit of education - from America, or graduating from a university - they become conceited! If they should be approached to join the preaching ministry, they would use the occasion to raise the price of their five loaves and two fishes. How do they raise the price? They will answer thus, "If you pay me so much per year, I'd then serve in your church as a preacher. If not, nothing to do with you!" Pitiful! How they have commercialised their five loaves and two fishes!

No. 4. The little boy could have said, "My loaves cannot feed five thousand. After I have eaten them myself, I'd rather throw the leftovers away." Friends, there are men like this today! They have wasted the loaves and fishes God has bestowed them on useless endeavours! Whatever they do each day is zero, of little benefit to others. Think of it. Isn't this miserable business?

Let us take a look at what the little boy in fact did. Immediately, the loaves and fishes he had

1. were sent up to Jesus' hands,
2. Jesus blessed;
3. Jesus broke;
4. Jesus gave to the disciples,
5. The disciples passed them on to the multitudes.

Since we are the loaves, let us put ourselves into Jesus' hands. If we are not in Jesus' hand, then He cannot bless us. Nor will He protect us. How can we send ourselves up to Jesus hands? By dedicating everything in us to the Lord. Placed in His hands, we can obtain His blessing.

Jesus broke (the bread). This signifies His crucifixion. So need your old Adam, old nature, old self be broken. When you are completely reduced to nothing, then only will God greatly use you. When God has changed you, you will be able to feed many people. It is when Jesus has broken you that you will receive power. Until you are broken (which also means the giving forth of your witness to others, and your being sent to preach the Gospel) you have no strength. The more you're broken the more you are changed. When He stops breaking you, your power through changing also stops!

What do you do after being broken? You are given into the hands of the disciples. The disciples pass on to the multitudes. In the same manner, as often as Jesus passes on to you, you in turn are to pass on to others.

What happens? All become fed. Moreover there are twelve baskets of crumbs left over. Wonderful? I think this is what is meant by the twelve disciples each carrying home a basket: You give up yourself to the Lord. He changes you. He uses you to feed others. But He also keeps many a happiness and abundance for you. So, quickly come and give your all to the Lord!

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Rev. Tow).
Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

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

4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung of Indo-

Last Week's Offering: \$487.65. nesia.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Sunday School Attendance last Lord's Day: 203.

S.S. Teacher's Training Class Graduation is held this Lord's Day with the pastor giving the exhortation. There are 15 graduates.

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism resumes this Lord's Day, after service at Primary S.S. Classroom.

Deacon Khoo Wah Ann left for Perth West Australia last Thursday for higher studies. He will be away for three years.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Matthew Chan Kum Hong and Miss Helen Pang Lai Ping of Emmanuel Church will be solemnised on Sat. Mar. 6, 3 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Sister Seah Siow Pang. Thank you for your kind letter and remittance for Tanjung Pinang work. Miss Seah's address: 11 Martorino Dr., Scarborough, Ontario M1K, 2J1, Canada.

More Bookings at Shalom House: Apr. 5-8, VCF-FES; (Mr. Thomas John); June 23-26 Mt. Carmel YF; Nov. 22-26, AEF Children's Evangelism. FEBC: June 21 - July 3 Varsity Navigators.

YAMAHA ORGAN KEYS Someone borrowed from parsonage, but hasn't returned them.

It was a joy to see 60 worshipping at Toa Payoh and about the same number at Grace the Sundays past. Offering at Grace was over \$100.

In order to inculcate deeper reverence (100% silence is the mark) at worship, the Session has decided to have the follow Bible sentences written facing the main and two side entrances: 1) BE STILL AND KNOW THAT I AM GOD. 2) BUT THE LORD IS IN HIS HOLY TEMPLE. 3) LET ALL THE EARTH KEEP SILENCE BEFORE HIM.

Gestetner Machine 320 for Tanjung Pinang.

This costs only \$1,100 and no freight charge. With Sister Siow Pang's remittance plus \$300 from Chinese Service, we need another \$600+. If you cannot go far to preach the Gospel, your offering towards the Gestetner will help print God's messages for the Riau Islands. Why not see the pastor?

VISIT LIFE BOOK CENTRE on week days, or see Mr. Stephen Kwan at the booktable at the Church vestibule Sunday morning after service. A service that satisfies your pocket too. Dr. Allan Adams of the Logos is now in Singapore.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee called to meet Mon. Mar. 1, 1976 8 p.m. at the parsonage.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.16. Who were our first parents?

A. Adam and Eve.

Q.17. Of what were our first parents made?

A. God made the body of Adam out of the ground, and formed Eve from the body of Adam.

Q.18. What did God give Adam and Eve besides bodies?

A. He gave them souls that could never die.

1. O TO BE LIKE THEE! BLESSED REDEEMER,

This is my constant longing and prayer;
Gladly I'll forfeit all of earth's treasures;

Jesus Thy perfect likeness to wear.

O to be like Thee! O to be like Thee,
Blessed Redeemer, pure as Thou art!
Come in Thy sweetness, come in Thy fullness;
Stamp Thine own image deep on my heart!

2. O to be like Thee! full of compassion,
Loving, forgiving, tender and kind;
Helping the helpless, cheering the fainting,
Seeking the wand'ring sinner to find.

3. O to be like Thee! lowly in spirit,
Holy and harmless, patient and brave;
Meekly enduring cruel reproaches,
Willing to suffer others to save.

4. O to be like Thee! Lord, I am coming
Now to receive th' anointing divine;
All that I am and have I am bringing
Lord, from this moment all shall be Thine.

5. O to be like Thee! while I am pleading,
Pour out Thy Spirit, fill with Thy love;
Make me a temple meet for Thy dwelling,
Fit me for life and heaven above.

G.H.F. No. 316.

Kelapa Sawit What has delayed the launching of building operations is the hold-up in the Engineer's calculations. However Miss Tay Siew Mui our architect estimates we could call for tenders mid-March.

Rev. C.T. Hsu. Many thanks for the books you've ordered from Moody Press. Please diversify, 6 copies for any title at a time. You're not only building FEBC Library but also helping Life Book Centre to her feet.

Far Eastern Bible College postpones the mid-Semester break to Mar. 12 in order to coincide with the school holidays. Future vacations will also be similarly adjusted.

Shalom House appreciates latest gift of a wall clock. From March, a quarto-size 1 weekly proper from Grace Church will be published.

Have you found the Lord, have you been blessed, by the John Sung Revival Sermons? If so, why not write us a testimony that others may be further encouraged. When we've translated 40 of these sermons we'll put them in to a book.

THE STORY OF THE HERO - MODEL OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. (Gen.Ch. 11-22.)

(A sermon by Dr. John Sung)

From Ch. 11:27-32 we learn that Abram's father was Terah. Terah had three sons: Abram, Nahor and Haran. We do not know much about Abram's youth, but here's an interesting story about him:

Terah was a devout idol-worshipper. He built a big shrine in his house. In this shrine he kept all kinds of idols and images, and spent all his time serving them. But, Abram did not believe in idols.

One day Terah went out of the house on business. He entrusted the shrine to Abram's care. Now, while his father was out, Abram took a hammer and smashed all the idols to the ground. Then he put a piece of meat in the mouth of one of the idols, and left them as they were.

When his father returned home to this situation, he was furious beyond words. He asked Abram, "How did all these idols become like this?" Abram replied, "Soon after you went out, someone brought us meat. The idols rushed upon the meat, and a fight broke out. Do you see the meat in that idol's mouth?" Terah was dumbfounded, but the whole family turned to God that day.

One day God said to Abram, "Leave this dark place of Ur, leave your home-country" God did not tell him where, but only towards the South. Abram went in absolute obedience. This was his first obedience. To obey God in the first instance, we must leave our "home-country". Beloved brothers and sisters, to obey God, one must leave everything! So Abram went out in obedience to God, four in the company. Himself, father, wife and nephew Lot. They found their way to Haran.

When Abram came to Haran, he halted. He stopped half-way in his journey. Beloved brothers and sisters, Abram got downhearted! How many have followed Jesus and stopped half-way? Now Abram was weak, and God wanted to train him. God also wants us to go forward and not stop half-way.

Now, when Abram halted, the Lord let his father die. Abram wept, "O God, How is it that death has taken my father? And in this foreign land? God said, "Abram, my beloved Abram! Because you have not obeyed me fully, to follow me all the way." Not going with God all the way has brought death to his father. God said, "Get up and go on."

Ch. 12 vs. 1-4. "Now the Lord had said unto Abram, Get thee out of thy country, and from thy kindred and from thy father's house, unto a land that I will show thee: And I will make of thee a great nation, and I will bless thee, and make thy name great; and thou shalt be a blessing: And I will bless them that bless thee: and in thee shall all families of the earth be blessed." When Abram heard this Word and started out, he was seventy five years old. Beloved brothers and sisters let us never, never stop half-way. Let us go straight forward, and glorify God.

vs. 5-8. Abram headed southwards with Sarai his wife and Lot his nephew. That's not easy! The people of the land were giants, and they were short. Moreover this was a wild country where human beings were sacrificed, even sons and wives. They were a fierce people. Abram was afraid, and his heart throbbed. Slowly he came to Sichem, to the oak tree of Moreh. There he built an altar to the Lord. God said, "Fear not, I will give this land to your children. Abram, don't be afraid of your surroundings." Abram was assured, and he continued on his journey.

When he came to Bethel he became frightened. He built another altar and sacrificed to the Lord. The Lord comforted him further, and he went on his way. Whenever Abram was afraid, God comforted him, and he would build an altar to the Lord. Beloved brothers and sisters, the greatest lesson is this: Whenever we are afraid, let us look only to God. The oak tree which is deeply rooted and presents a beautiful picture to the eyes is a symbol of Abram's faith. In our heavenly pilgrimage, we should also rise above our circumstances. If not, we will not obey. Elder sisters, do you hear me?

vs. 10-12. Abram slips! Confronted by a fierce famine, Abram went down to Egypt. And now he falls flat. He is overwhelmed by the circumstances. When he went down to Egypt, he no more followed the Lord. O, how many on the heavenly pilgrimage have forsaken God when their skies darkened. They also "go down to Egypt," not following the Lord. How many meeting with evil circumstances go it alone. They trust in their own strength!

At that time Sarai's beauty was in full bloom. Abram was very fearful for this and said to Sarai, "Let us promise together. I know you are a charming lady. When the Egyptians see that you are my wife, they are sure to kill me and take you away. Let us call ourselves brother and sister."

When they came to Egypt, the Egyptians lusted after Sarai's beauty. Pharaoh's ministers talked about her before Pharaoh. Seeing she was such a charming woman, Pharaoh took her for himself. Abram wept for having left the Lord and gone on his own way. Beloved brothers and sisters, how many have gone on their own way! They drink bitterness as a result. Why is your family in such bitter unhappiness? It's because you've left the Lord. Otherwise, peace is surely yours.

Abram prayed the Lord to forgive him and the Lord listened to his repenting heart. God in a dream spoke to Pharaoh and Pharaoh got frightened. Pharaoh called Abraham and said to him, "Why did you bluff that your wife is your sister?" Pharaoh returned his wife with a gift and asked him to leave. Beloved brothers and sisters, when you truly repent and get back on your heavenly course, God will forgive you.

Now Abram had become a rich man when he returned from Egypt with gold, silver and animals. This divided his attention in running the heavenly race. A pilgrim must give up his own plan. Beloved brothers and sisters, A self-wise man is bound to lose his way. As for me, I pray for the Lord's will in anything I do.

Ch.13. vs. 1-18. Here is recorded Abram's becoming a rich man after leaving Egypt, having many herds and camels. Lot also changed. Lot now left the Lord out in everything he did. His heart was bent on money and self. He could no longer stay under Abram's roof. This led to quarrels over grass feeds between Abram's servants and Lot's servants. Quarrels led to fights. When Abram heard this his heart was grieved. He called Lot to a dividing of their property. Lot's eyes were upon the world. He took leave of Abram and moved, step by step, towards Sodom. Abram's heart was grieved for Lot, but God comforted him. Beloved brothers and sisters, as followers of Jesus, you must treat money and the world as nothing. God comforted Abram and led him to the highest country. There He told him to look north, east, south, west. He said, "All the land you see I will give you and your children, forever. And I will increase your descendants as the sand." Beloved brothers and sisters, let us never be near-sighted. Let us look to the future. Let us enlarge our vision. Now often there are also conflicts inside the Church. Pitiful! Beloved brothers and sisters, let us not look at the things we now see just in front of us. (Continued next week)

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.00 p.m. FEK Com. Meeting.
Tues 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Rev. Tow).
Sat. 3.00 p.m. Chan - Pang Wedding.
Lord Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Miss Alice Doo (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering. \$571.40. Boxes \$118.85 + (\$60 to Galilee).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Sim Mong Eng, Catherine Lee, Cheong Yoke Fun, Wong Poh Peng, Angelia Poon, Elgin Tay, David Cheong, Francis Leong. Ladies. This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

Gestetner for Tanjung Pinang. Rec. last week \$100+\$100+\$20. We need \$400 more to send out this Gospel duplicator.

Catechism Class for Easter Baptism. "He that believeth and is baptised shall be saved" (Mk. 16:16). Meet pastor at L-room!

NOW IS THE ACCEPTED TIME is an extra Bible text added below the Church clock. The cost of these artistic letterings, incl. "LIFE BOOK CENTRE" is \$200. Who'll make this offering that will last for decades?

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Matthew Chan Weng Lock and Miss Anna Ho Swee Chum will be solemnised Sat. Mar. 13, 10 a.m., the pastor officiating.

THOMPSON CHAIN REFERENCE BIBLE Stephen Kuan has many for you to choose from to suit your pocket.

YAFers behind Rev. Pauwe's wheel have visited Kulai Besar where a weekly English Bible Class is held on Friday night. After camping there for the night they left Saturday morning for Jemaluang and Endau on a survey for some Gospel work to be done during the U's long vacation.

JOHN SUNG SERMONS "I have often heard of how the Lord used Dr. John Sung to cause a revival in Singapore. I have read his biography too. But I have never read of any of

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Q.19. Have you a soul as well as a body?
A. Yes; I have a soul that can never die.
Q.20. How do you know that you have a soul?
A. Because I think about God and the world to come.
Q.21. In what condition did God make Adam and Eve?
A. He made them holy and happy.

SURELY GOODNESS AND MERCY (Fav. No. 5: 38.)

1. A pilgrim was I and a wand'ring,
In the cold night of sin I did roam;
When Jesus the kind Shepherd found me,
And now I am on my way home.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life,
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life,
2. He restoreth my soul when I'm weary,
He giveth strength day by day;
He leads me beside the still waters,
He guards me each step of the way.
3. When I walk thru that dark lonesome valley,
My Saviour will walk with me there;
And safely His great hand will lead me
To a mansion He's gone to prepare.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life,
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days, all the days of my life;
And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever,
And I will feast at the table spread for me. Surely Goodness

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his sermons. I was very happy when I saw that the sermons by John Sung were printed in the Weekly. The Lord has given me the desire of my heart. I share this with the GLTD. I hope you will continue to print the sermons." - Johnson See Choon Hock.

Vs. 14-16. As Lot grew richer, he drifted farther to Sodom. He made his pile from Sodom by opening many business houses - Lot Trading Co., Lot Groceries, Lot Travel Service, Lot Banking Corporation. He built a villa for himself.

As for Abram he kept to his old job of tending the sheep and herds in the country. He received from haughty Lot no better regard than sarcasm and ridicule - What Jesus? What God? How foolish! Lot prided over his goods and his popularity. His daughters could dance and swirl around like society birds. Lot became a tycoon. But Abram remained in the village, from the world. He praised God all the day.

Now a war broke out between the five kings of Sodom, Gomorrah, Admah, Zeboim and Bela and the four kings of Shinar, Ellasar, Elam and Goiim. The five kings were defeated by the four, who broke into their cities. Lot Company and Lot Bank crashed, and Lot villa was burnt up. Mrs. Lot and eldest daughter were carried away. Lot wept. Beloved brothers and sisters, when Lot wept bitterly for his sins, God comforted him all the same. God sent Abram to save him.

When Abram heard of Lot's misfortune, he forgot the past. He took 318 of his trained soldiers to go and save Sodom. He recaptured all the booty taken by the enemy, including all that belonged to Lot, even the women. All gathered to congratulate Abram, even kings, with many presents. But Abram refused them and Abram said, "Lot, do you now understand me? I won't take even one blade of grass nor one thread from you. I only pray that God's servant Melchizedek would bless me." Abram spurned these things. What he desired was God. Beloved brothers and sisters, may you treat money and all this world's things as nothing. Follow Jesus to the end.

Now the defeated four kings wanted to take revenge. Fear gripped Abram, but God assured him, "I am your shield. I will give you everything." Abram replied "But I have no son. What's the use of all these?" God said to Abram, "Lift up your head to the skies and look at the stars. I will give you children like the stars." Though Abram was old, he believed and he was counted righteous. Nevertheless, he could not but keep within himself a little doubting. So, God gave him proof, "Take for Me a three-year-old cow and a three-year-old she-goat, one three-year-old ram, a turtle dove and a young pigeon. Cut each one in two," Abram obeyed, and knelt down to pray. Suddenly fire came down from heaven. That day God made a covenant with Abram. God said again, "The day will come when your descendants will be taken into slavery, but I will save them from Egypt to Canaan." Abram believed! Wonderful! Let me tell you, God will open a way for me into all the world, and I believe. Though I am a speck before Him, He is almighty. He can do the impossible. Now wasn't Abram wonderful in having given up everything around him to come and trust in God? But he had no son, and he became anxious. He thought of taking another wife, seeing how pretty Hagar his servant girl was. He did not ask the Lord when he married her, though it was Sarai's plan for him to have a son. But when a person does anything without the Lord, he will get into the soup. When Hagar bore him a son she despised her mistress. Quarrels now rocked the family. Beloved brothers and sisters, one thing is sure to fail. A quarrelling family is worse than hell! Abram regretted. God told him to send Hagar away and he obeyed. Let us also follow Jesus to the end.

Ch. 17. Now Abram was 99 years old. He was dissatisfied with the old way of life. He put to death the old man in him. He lived a new life. He made a covenant with God through circumcision, separating unto holiness. God changed his name to Abraham, i.e. Father of many nations. Sarai became Sarah. God said, "Next year I will give Sarah a son. I will bless her and she will be a mother of many nations. Abraham did not believe. He said in his heart, "A 100-year-old man. Can he beget a son? How can?" Nevertheless, he clung to God's Word.

Ch. 18. Here we see the depraved depths of sin and pollution into which Sodom and Gomorrah were sunk. Lot lolled luxuriously on.

God decided to destroy the two cities and God told Abraham. Abraham was very worried, so he knelt and prayed, "O God! Would you destroy that city if there are fifty righteous men in it?" God said, "If there are fifty righteous, I will for their sake pardon the place." He prayed again, "If forty-five righteous? Thirty righteous?" God said, "If there are so many, I will not destroy it. And I will not destroy it if there are only ten righteous." Beloved brothers and sisters, God treasures ten righteous souls more than anything. Everything is vanity. Souls are most precious. God loves the souls of the righteous. Beloved brothers and sisters, God regards the souls of ten righteous men more precious than the whole world. So does He regard Amoy and Kulangsu's ten righteous souls today. For Abraham's sake He saved Lot, and with Lot only two daughters. Mrs. Lot who lingered behind to take a last look at the world was turned into a pillar of salt. Sodom and Gomorrah perished in flames. God showed Abraham that the world was all vanity. God had trained him many years so that he would give up every whit of materialism.

Now, the next year, saw the birth of a son, Isaac, when Abraham was 100 years.

(continued next week)

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 7.00 p.m. FEBC Film: "Rembrandt and the Bible". All Welcome.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Rev. Tow).
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Willie Seah, 57 Jalan Puri Dedap, 8 m/s Changi Rd., (16).
Sat. 10.00 a.m. Chan - Ho Wedding.
4.30 p.m. Galilee Missions Conference.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Allan Adams of Logos.
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon (Rev. Tow at Kelapa Sawit).
(From 3 p.m. next Sunday, Mandarin Bible Class for Adults under Mr. Paul Sung).
Last Week's Offering: \$506.66 + \$200 + \$50 (Galilee).
Wall Lettering. \$20 + \$40 + \$50.
Life Book Centre Loan. \$400.
Gestetner for Tanjung Pinang. \$400.
Shalom House Booking: Fri: Mar. 26, 6 p.m. by Say Mia Tng Y.F.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.
The Old Hammond which has served us faithfully since Feb. 1963 is now given continued employment at Grace B-P Church.
Deacon Khoo Wah Ann is now at 134 Vincent St., North Perth 6006, W. Australia.
Far Eastern Kindergarten. Registration for Lifers for 1977 begins Apr. 1, 1976.
Jurong B-P Church Building Fund acknowledges with thanks the receipt of \$1,600 from Dr. Su Hong Zee in remembrance of his father.
Kulai Besar. Rev. Pauwe and Brutus of FEBC will stay overnight on the Friday trip to make a survey of the Galilean English children's work at the Oil Palm Estate, Kelapa Sawit.
Far Eastern Bible College takes a mid-Semester break between Mar. 13 and 21. Classes resume with the Monday Homiletics Hour. Mar. 22, 8 a.m.
Paul exhorts us: "Give Attendance to Reading" (1 Tim. 4:13). Here's one we recommend: "How Great Christians Met Christ" by James C. Hefley, Moody Press, 160 pages. Read the lives of such great men: John Wesley, Charles Spurgeon, A.B. Simpson, Billy Sunday, over 40 of them. Only \$2.30. Available from the Life Booktable. Also Thompson Chain - Ref. Bibles!
GENERAL ELECTIONS COMING (Sunday Apr. 4, '76)!
This is overdue by 5 months in view of a number moving to Grace Church. We are to elect or re-elect the pastor, elders and 12 deacons/deaconesses. Nominations with seconds from the congregation are to be made in writing to Elder Edmund Tay, Elections Officer, the latest by Sunday Mar. 21, two weeks before Election Day.
Life Church Chinese Service extends a cordial welcome to Miss Alice Doo of Grace (John Sung) Institute, Taiwan as she delivers the message this Lord's Day afternoon. She is the source of our present series of translations of John Sung sermons. Bring a friend this Lord's Day afternoon.
Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd, Singapore 11. Tel. 513676 & 50617.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

- Q. 22. What is a covenant?
A. An agreement between two or more persons.
- Q. 23. What covenant did God make with Adam?
A. The covenant of works.
- Q. 24. What was Adam bound to do by the covenant of works?
A. To obey God perfectly.
1. THE LOVE OF GOD IS GREATER FAR THAN TONGUE OR PEN CAN EVER TELL;
It goes beyond the highest star, And reaches to the lowest hell:
The guilty pair, bowed down with care, God gave His Son to win;
His erring child He reconciled, And pardoned from his sin.
Oh, love of God, how rich and pure!
How measureless and strong!
It shall forevermore endure
The saints' and angels' song.
2. When hoary time shall pass away, And earthly thrones and kingdoms fall:
When men who here refuse to pray, On rocks and hills and mountains call;
God's love, so sure, shall still endure, All measureless and strong;
Redeeming grace to Adam's race - The saints' and angels' song.
3. Could we with ink the ocean fill, And were the skies of parchment made;
Were ev'ry stalk on earth a quill, And ev'ry man a scribe by trade;
To write the love of God above. Would drain the ocean dry;
Nor could the scroll contain the whole, Tho' stretched from sky to sky.
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THE STORY OF THE HERO - MODEL OF THE OLD TESTAMENT. (Gen. Ch. 11-22), Pt. III.

(A sermon by Dr. John Sung)

Ch. 22. God had led Abraham step by step to treasure His Word, to treasure the value of righteous souls. Now he must needs put him to another test, even his faith.

Isaac was a handsome, lovable son, the darling of Abraham's soul. How should a son of a 100-year-old father be not beloved? As Isaac grew up, he was a gentle character, at the beck and call of his father. Abraham loved him, like "carrying a pearl in the pan of his palm." Isaac had become his idol, occupying his thoughts more than God. Isaac took the place of God.

One day God said to Abraham, "Take your son, your only begotten son, your beloved son, to Moriah, to the mountain of my appointment and there sacrifice him to Me." Beloved brothers and sisters, Abraham burst into tears! But though he understood not, he obeyed: The Lord's will be done.

The next day, before it dawned, Abraham got up. Silently, lest Sarah should know, he took Isaac and two servants, and off they went to Moriah.

A lovable son of thirteen left with his father Abraham in the mirky darkness of dawn. As they went along, Abraham's heart ached with every step. That night they stayed at an inn. Abraham told his two servants to sleep in the hall, while he and his son slept inside the room.

Abraham spent a sleepless night. He knelt before God and cried, "O God, I can't understand this! He is a lovable boy of thirteen. Nevertheless, not my will, but Thine be done." Isaac woke up afraid. "Father," he said, "How are you? Father, why are you awake?" Abraham replied, "My son, sleep on!" Abraham pleaded with the Lord, "O God! Let this bitter cup be removed from me. Only let Thy will be done."

As they continued their journey the next day, his heart weighed heavier still. This heaviness wore on into the third day, which made Abraham even more restless throughout the night. As he now stroke Isaac's head and gazed on his gentle, handsome face, he groaned, "O God! Why did You deceive me? Did You not promise me many children like the stars? But why do you want to take away my only begotten darling son? Why? Yet, I trust in you." As he gazed for the last time on his son so soon to leave this world, he wept.

The morning of the third day, saw the four of them plod on to their destination. Abraham told the two servants to wait at the foot of the hill. Isaac now carried the wood, and step by step father and son climbed the hill. Frightened, Isaac asked his father, "Father, everything is ready. But where's the lamb?" Stabbed to the heart, Abraham said, "My son, God can prepare it for us."

On the top of Mt. Moriah, Abraham held Isaac's hand, and said, "My little darling. You are the lamb! God wants me to offer you a sacrifice." Isaac replied, "Father, May the Lord's will be done!" So Abraham tied his darling, 13-year-old son and made him lie over the wood. With eyes upon his son he called to heaven, "O God, I praise Thee, I obey Thee! I love you above everything." "Now, to Isaac he said, "My son, I love you, but I have to carry out God's will ...". As he painfully raised the knife to kill his son, suddenly a voice called out, "Abraham, Abraham!" Abraham answered, "Here I am." God said to him, "Do not hurt your son. Now I know you love Me. You love Me more than all, even more than your only begotten son!" Beloved brothers and sisters, today God is still seeking, seeking for you. On Moriah God had found Abraham. Beloved brothers and sisters, on Mt. Moriah, there was one who had offered his only begotten son to God.

Abraham looked up when he heard the voice, and lo! in the thicket there came the bleatings of a lamb. God said, "Offer this lamb to Me" Abraham took that lamb and offered it a burnt offering, its blood in the place of his son. This lamb's blood saved Abraham's children and children's children. Who is the Lamb? O, He is our Lord Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God. He walked after God for 33 years. Finally he gave his precious body a sacrifice for the whole world, to save all mankind. Beloved brothers and sisters, Three times our Lord prayed in Gethsemane, (This represents Abraham's three days journey.) On Golgotha God sacrificed His Son for Abraham's children. (Even so on Moriah, He stood on one side for the Old Testament and on the other for the New.) Beloved brothers and sisters, Do you know what the Cross means? Beloved brothers and sisters, do you love Jesus above everything? Abraham was victorious! He became the Father of all ages. He loved the Lord over everything. Beloved brothers and sisters, who in Amoy and Kelangsu loves God more than everything else? May the Holy Spirit pour out His power to move us to love Jesus to the end.

Recommendation: If you enjoy this Weekly series of John Sung Revival Sermons, you should all the more want to read the biography of this man of God. "John Sung, the Flame for God in the Far East" by Leslie T. Lyall is now being ordered from Moody Press, USA. Be sure to get your own copy!

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENT

Mon. - Wed. Geylang M.C. Leadership Camp at FEBC.

Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.

4.00 p.m. LCYF & YAF.

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

4 p.m. Rev. Djunaidi D.V.

Last Week's Offering: \$516.25 + \$210.00 for "Lettering on the walls".

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life Church YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Attend Adult Mandarin Bible Class every Lord's Day. 3 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung, a graduate FEBC student from Indonesia is in charge.

"Give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13). This week's offer is "Against the Tide", the story of Watchman Nee by Dr. Angus Kinnear, 256 pages. At \$4.90 only, from Life Book Centre. Watchman Nee died recently in a Communist Prison for his faith. He is the founder of "The Little Flock", a contemporary of John Sung.

"Qs. & Ans. on Everlasting Life for Children" (Catechism for Young Children) will soon be available to many making request. (Published by FEBC Press and distributed by Life Book Centre).

We acknowledge with thanks the placing of flowers for our Lord's Day Services the last few weeks by Lim Florist, 34 Emerald Hill Rd., (Elder Lim Choon Kee of Bethel Church, Upp. Serangoon).

The Sunday School needs another set of stone table and 10 stools to be placed in the cool Banana Garden (at the back) for another class. Who'll offer \$180?

Shalom House Mar. 15 - 20 Ngce Ann College Graduates Camp. (Mar. 22 - 25, VCF); (Mar. 26, 6 p.m. Say Mia Ting YF).

Rev. Tow leaves this Lord's Day 1.30 p.m. for Kelapa Sawit. Any coming?

Hassan (Philip) Jawabreh sends greetings from Israel. At present he is lodging with a Christian family (cast out by his own) at c/o David Zeidan, P.O.Box 505, Petah - Tikvah, Israel.

Capt. and Mrs. Bjorn Kristiansen: send greet greetings from Kongsberg Sykehus, 3600 Kongsberg, Norway.

Congratulations to Grace B-P Church for launching a mini-mosquito Weekly. Get yours from Dr. Patrick Tan. (The Bill for scraping and repainting Shalom House, in and out, is \$8,700).

"Building God's Kingdom at Kelapa Sawit" The calling for tenders to build the new church-kindergarten complex at Kelapa Sawit is to be made by the architect (Miss Tay Siew Mui) any moment now! It seems there has been some procrastination in this sacred work, but we might be one of the causes - by our lack of faith and prayer.

"Building God's Kingdom at Kelapa Sawit" is a thrilling project to His glory. Come with the pastor whenever he goes there to preach and administer the Lord's Supper. For, it is not so much the new building we're stressing to build as the lively stones in the membership of new believers. Of late, there has been a marked increase in the Youth Fellowship with a dozen young people baptised.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q. 25. What did God promise in the covenant of works?

A. To reward Adam with life if he obeyed him.

Q. 26. What did God threaten in the covenant of works?

A. To punish Adam with death if he disobeyed.

Q. 27. Did Adam keep the covenant of works?

A. No; he sinned against God.

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."

Only Jesus! Only Jesus! Only He can satisfy;
Every 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'nly light He doth bestow.

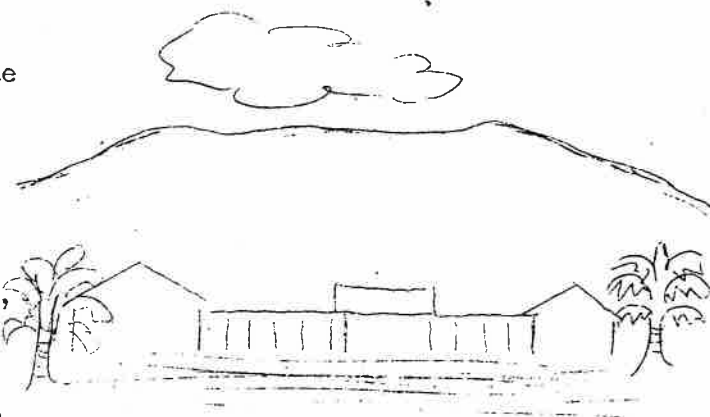
3. I've found a blessed hope divine in Jesus,
'Tis a Day Star ever shining bright;
It fills my earthly way with heav'nly glory,
And it turns life's darkness into light.

(Favorites I, No. 32)

These are zealously keeping up with the doctrine of salvation they have imbibed. These are going out to their young friends with the Gospel.

The kindergarten that teaches the Word every day in word and song has about 70 little ones. This is a means of saving young souls and feeding them into the Church.

How can you best give to the Lord's Kingdom? We have believed that the most effective and most concrete way of giving is to build Churches. Besides, Kelapa Sawit has a master plan to accommodate 50 campers. The Church grounds are on the highest part of the village, in clean, green setting with the blue mountain for backdrop. We have half-an-acre leased at only \$6,700. We believe in economy and cost-effectiveness in any sum we spend for the Lord.



Midway between Hong Kong and Amoy, two hundred miles eastwards of the British Colony, is situated the port of Swatow. It is the hub of communications for that easternmost seaboard of Kwangtung Province, where the Teochew and Hakka races have for centuries made their homeland.

A hundred and twenty years ago, before Swatow became an "open port," it was fast growing into an emporium. Sprawling the delta of the Han River, it was a natural outlet of this densely populated district in South China. Twenty miles up-river straddled Chaochow-fu, prefectural city of Chaochow, or Teochew, with a quarter-million inhabitants.

Foreign merchants from the West had begun to plant a foothold in this burgeoning Southern city. A goodly number made lucrative business out of a nefarious two-way trade of importing opium into the country, and out of it exporting the cheapest of Chinese labour. In this "coolie traffic," many were packed like sardines into dark, slimy, suffocating hatches of junks and steamers, sailing south. Theirs, was a dreary destination, as they were being consigned to a life of indentured labour in the jungles and mines of Nanyang. (Nanyang is a term still used today by the Chinese for the maritime lands and archipelagoes of Southeast Asia.) There was a current Teochew saying about such inhuman exploitation, that those who were thus sent abroad were "sold for piggies to Djihli." (Djihli perhaps referred to some labour syndicate in North Sumatra).

This was a barbaric age for the Teochew clansmen, not only in their emigration, which was "due largely to natural disasters and man-engendered tribulations," but also in their scramble to eke out a livelihood at home. Whilst the "offscourings of Chinese society had congregated here from all southern ports," like flotsam gathering in an eddying stream, the country districts and coastal regions were inhabited by a fierce race of farmers and fishermen. Feuds often broke out between clan and clan, village and village. And when these mini-wars were waged, cannibalism was oft-times practised. Victims had their hearts and livers gouged out. These were boiled and eaten, so as to infuse their desperate devourers with "green" courage. Such atrocity perpetrated by ancestors of today's successful sons of Swatow sounds like a fairy tale, were it not unhappily re-enacted in our lifetime in the notorious eating of human soup by Cantonese Red Guards - a horrendous episode from Mao's cultural revolution a decade ago. How these heinous crimes bring to mind God's condemnation of our wicked past; "And you hath He quickened, who were dead in trespasses and sins; wherein in times past ye walked according to the course of this world, according to the prince of the power of the air, the spirit that now worketh in the children of disobedience. Among whom also we all had over conversation (manner of life) in times past in the lust of our flesh, fulfilling the desires of the flesh and of the mind, and were by nature the children of wrath, even as others" (Eph. 2:1-3). O the pravity upon pravity of a fallen mankind!

Our fathers sat in prisons dark
 Amidst South China's plain
 Till one from England did embark
 Bearing the Light from Heaven.

The vessel whom the Lord had sent:
 His name was William Burns
 To Hong Kong Island first he went
 In eighteen forty-seven.

From thence sped he forth to Canton
 But God soon turned his step
 To Amoy where he found a town
 That gladly sought his help.

T'was in Amoy that he settled
 That God's Word might go forth,
 From thence again he went to battle
 Farther, yet farther north.

To Shanghai, and on to Nanking:
 He scanned her from the bow.
 But meanwhile God was planning
 To bring him to Swatow.

The Captain of a British Ship
 Offered to take him South,
 And so in eighteen fifty-six
 On Swatow soil he ploughed.

T'was on this trip to our City
 That Hudson Taylor came,
 With Burns in the same ministry,
 And they were not ashamed.

Into this dense darkness of avarice and cruelty of a corrupt, old order shone a new light from Heaven through the providential coming of the Gospel tandem - Hudson Taylor and William Burns, through the kindness of Captain Bowers of the ship Geelong. Hudson Taylor's visit however was short-lived, but that of William Burns, pioneer missionary of the English Presbyterian Mission, remained. It was he, upon seeing the barbarity of the people and experiencing it himself in being robbed and humiliated that made the missionary the more determined to labour and pray for these blighted people. The Gospel had come to stay, at last, in Swatow. Previous to Burns planting the banner of English Presbyterianism here, Swatow was for a time evangelised by Lechler, "the German Pastor" as he was called by Chinese Christians, of the Basel Missionary Society, 1848 - 1852.

Now, while Swatow was established headquarters of the Mission, there was not lacking an out-going zeal poured upon the early missionaries by the Holy Spirit. This hastened to quicken their footsteps to the regions around and beyond. Amidst turbulent weather of

opposition and persecution, whereby the first converts were often beaten and thrown into dung pits in which some lost their lives, the Gospel seed struck root in the "good ground" of Iam-tsau, a little fishing village twenty-five miles north of Swatow. Iam-tsau, like Bethlehem being not the least amongst the princes of Juda, has since become, and remains to the this day, a household word among the faithfuls in the Presbyterian Church of England. Now, of the early converts that formed the embryonic Iam-tsau Church was an oyster-fisherman, Lim Ah Chou by name, grandfather of Lim Puay Hian.

The labours of the early missionaries were concentrated in soul-saving and Church-founding, methodically, according to the injunctions of our Lord's Commission. Every effort for the Gospel, whether in the opening of a Hospital at Swatow in 1863, or the establishment of clinics and schools farther afield, was towards this end. A vital final step in this direction, according to the same Commission, was the forming of a Theological College. A four-year course of study and training was given to nurture a new generation of Chinese preachers and pastors to spread the Gospel and feed the flock among their own countrymen. Incidentally, Tan Khai-lin, the author's maternal great-grandfather, Swatow's first convert (1859), was ordained first pastor and tutor of Swatow Theological College (1883).

Coming back to Lim Ah Chou, Puay Hian's grandsire, it is noted that this early convert had four sons. These he named Judah and Jacob, John and Mark. Since not many Chinese Christian parents at this time adopted Biblical names for their children, nor is it the practice today among the Chinese-educated, the naming of the four sons after Patriarchs and Evangelists speaks well of grandpa Lim's Bible-centred faith. John, the third son, became Puay Hian's father.

Of the four "Biblical" brothers, John was one who felt God's call to fulltime service at the age of seventeen. From then onwards, he devoted himself to studious study with the application of a Confucian Scholar, "reciting the classics in moonlight and rising early with the cock-crow." At twenty, he found entrance to Swatow Theological College. After four years of instruction, he was graduated with honours, and subsequently promoted to that small circle of ordained men, who numbered only a dozen in 1911. Puay Hian's mother was a product of Sock Teck, the Mission's School of Feminine Virtue. She wholeheartedly joined her husband in the pastoral ministry and helped to visit the women in an extended parish of four congregations. Before their pastoral commission, however, the young couple were assigned to teach at the Mission's village school at Iam-tsau, for a season.

In 1901, while the young couple were serving at Iam-tsau, the year after the Boxer Rising that also welcomed the birth of John Sung, on a cold Spring day, the 29th of the second moon, Lim Puay Hian was born. He was the second of a family of three boys and five girls. Arriving somewhat belatedly after an older sister, he evidently fulfilled his parents' hope, for sons were treasured above daughters in that old-fashioned, heathenistic age.

The newborn son, however, was named Juat Tao, meaning "Delight-in-the-Word." "Tao" is the Chinese character for Taoism, that also translates "Word" or "Logos", found particularly in John's Gospel. This "milk" or birth name (it was customary for one to acquire another later in life) of Puay Hian was picked out of John's Gospel, since Puay Hian's father was originally named John. (John assumed the name of Moh Tee upon his ordination which means "A thirst-for-Knowledge!") Now, although both parents had found new joy in a male scion, it was Pastor John Moh Tee the father himself, who desired that Juat Tao should become a preacher. For, often he quoted to his wife, "Every male that openeth the womb shall be called holy to the Lord" (Luke 2:23). As the boy grew up, did he know by this Bible text that he was one of the privileged few to a new heritage?

Preview to a new book, "IN JOHN SUNG'S STEPS - the Story of Lim Puay Hian" by T. Tow.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.00 a.m. FEBC resumes classes.
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Wed. 7.00 p.m. FEBC Film: "Martin Luther"
 All welcome.
 Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Holy Spirit (Rev. Tow).
 Sat. 4.00 p.m. YF & YAF (Rev. Tow speaking on Parables).
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
 4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.
 Last Week's Offering: \$376/- + \$100 + \$100.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.
Ladies: This week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.
Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Lim Ian Chung on the gift of a daughter, Karen Lim Twan Soong.
General Elections: Nominations with seconders of pastor, elders and deacons are to be handed in today to Elder Edmund Tay. The

Session will meet one week early on Tues. Mar. 30 (instead of Apr. 6) to finalise Elections.
Hear Rev. Djunaidi of Kalimantan this Lord's Day afternoon, 4 p.m. at the Chinese Service.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.28. What is sin?
 A. Sin is any want of conformity unto, or transgression of, the law of God.
 Q.29. What is meant by want of conformity?
 A. Not being or doing what God requires.
 Q.30. What is meant by transgression?
 A. Doing what God forbids.
 Q.31. What was the sin of our first parents?
 A. Eating the forbidden fruit.
 Q.32. Who tempted them to sin?
 A. The devil tempted Eve, and she gave the fruit to Adam.
 Q.33. What befell our first parents when they had sinned.
 A. Instead of being holy and happy, they became sinful and miserable.

Ch. II. "FROM A CHILD"

By the turn of the century, the Gospel brought by the English missionaries had taken a great forward leap. In a 150-mile arc, it passed through such well-known stations as Mee-oh, Ho-pho and Lok-hong to the westernmost coastal town of Swabuay. Swabuay is Swatow's Land's End, this side of the Cantonese border, with Hong Kong barely 100 miles away. It was a thriving centre of marine industries, where another Teochew clan earned a living by boat-building, salt-panning and fish-curing. Its scenic harbour was made more picturesque by echelons of broad brown sails, the pride of slow, unwieldy junks, trooping in and out, so typical of the China coastline, to this day.

At the request of a growing number of believers on this western seaboard, the Mission established Swabuay in 1898 as its third centre in the Teochew-Hakka field. National preachers were greatly needed to supply this extension work. An opening was offered to pastor John Lim Moh Tee, then serving at his home-village of Lam-tsau. From the easternmost corner of the Lord's Vineyard to the westernmost, the growing Lim family was thus transplanted. The Gospel in the earlier days of missionary endeavour was ever on the go.

Soon after their arrival at Swabuay, when Juat Tao was at the formative age of five, a "red-haired Mok Sir" (missionary) called on the new pastor to say "Peng Ann" (Peace to you). Is this not a more Biblical way of greeting one another among Christians than just saying "Hi"? Taking a fancy in the sprightly youngster, the missionary asked Juat Tao what he would be when he grew up. "Kiang Tao!" he snapped. From "Juat Tao" to "Kiang Tao"? Would the hope of a pious father turnout to be a robber? Whether the lad understood what he said or not, the blood of his heady ancestors had surged in his veins.

The pravity of human nature began to surface more markedly as the boy grew up. At the age of eight he had discovered the thrill of playing truant. Some of the pranks he played around the house behind his father's back could well have brought disaster to the whole family.

One Sunday afternoon while Papa was out visiting, Juat Tao stole upstairs with a playmate on an exploratory expedition. Suddenly, that six-round revolver Papa had bought from Swatow, a standard armament against thugs and robbers in those days, came into his prying hands. In gleeful excitement the trigger-happy intruder triggered. Bang! It really worked! But, the fury of the mighty little cannon scared him not a bit. Fortunately, no one was hurt, nor was the matter reported to father.

Since the mischief was not discovered by Papa, after some days, that impish urge raised its ugly head again, without a qualm. Bang! This time he did it all alone, but it backfired. Just then, Papa was stepping into the house from the outside. The thrashing Juat Tao doubly earned left him more dead than alive.

Like son, like father, the Rev. John Moh Tee was also a hothead in his younger days until the saving Grace of God enlisted him. By the further tutelage of the Holy Spirit, he had become a meek and saintly man. Daily he would lead his family in evening worship, and when he prayed he would bow over earnestly clasped hands. This spiritual exercise exerted a powerful restraint to Juat Tao's youthful roguery.

Nor need the pastor-father have much recourse to the rod in the governing of his growing household. Whenever any of the junior generation misbehaved (Juat Tao was the No.1), he would make the young offender stand aside the dining table, while others ate. Rice-bowl and chopsticks sheepishly in hand, he would be rationed a modicum of viands, just enough to tide him over his bowl of plain rice. Dinner over, the same offender would carry out the remainder of the sentence by cleaning and washing up.

Growing up at the Swabuay Parsonage under such benign dictatorship was the beginning of Juat Tao training in the School of Christ. But what stood little Juat Tao in good stead in the rigorous days to come was the learning of the Word from his mother's lips in the countless Bible stories told and re-told. From his father he imbibed many a wonderful tale of God's deliverance of the Lim family. "Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it" was one golden text from the Treasury of Solomon that the devout parents had learnt and put into practice.

Besides this daily nurture in the things of God, there were the regular Lord's Day services and Midweek meetings, the Sunday afternoon visitation and tracting teams. Juat Tao liked best of all to join in the Sunday afternoon outings, and he would not be left behind in handing out Scripture portions and speaking a word for the Lord.

When Juat Tao was nine years old, a soul-stirring Revival visited Swatow in 1909 through the preaching of Miss Dora Yu Tzi-tu, a Mandarin-speaking evangelist from Shanghai.

Miss Yu was one of the elite of China's rising generation. Coming from a well-to-do family and being educated at a mission school, she had a fair knowledge of Christianity. Having graduated with honours, she was sent by her family to pursue a medical career in Great Britain. She set sail in a ship via the Suez Canal. But the words of Christ confronted her seriously what her ultimate purpose of life was, as the vessel ploughed through the high seas. When the ship had negotiated through the placid waterway and anchored in the Mediterranean, before taking on the last leg of the voyage, her decision for Christ was irrevocably made. She transferred to another ship returning to the Far East. She returned to preach Christ to her own people. Having put her hands to the

Plough that day, she never looked back on the world again. And inasmuch as she had to break completely with the world to serve her Master, she also made the painful decision to separate from a young man to whom she was betrothed to be married. Such a consecrated life was one of the secrets of the power behind her preaching.

The Dora Yu Revival that shook North China and Korea in the first decades of the Twentieth Century, hit Swatow like a monsoon. It soon spread to all the churches in the Teochew-Hakka field. Its influence was felt also at remote Swabuay. Three young preachers from Swatow who came under the baptism of that Revival were invited to hold meetings. The phenomenon that happened in Swatow of hearers writhing in agony on the ground under conviction of sin and leaping up, to thank and praise God for deliverance, was repeated at Swabuay. But there was no speaking in tongues. Juat Tao was curious about all this. Why? Why all this behaviour at such a meeting? Why do other preachers leap for joy, and Papa remains quietly seated? He dared not ask aloud but kept these cogitations in his heart.

At one of the meetings, he wept at the thought of the sins he had committed. Then, suddenly, when he saw those delivered from sin leaping up and praising God, he also leapt. However, he experienced no change of heart nor any joy of the Holy Spirit. It was that surge of his ancestors' blood in his veins again.

Many were blessed by the Revival meetings conducted by Dora Yu's followers. Church attendance doubled, while mid-week meetings were filled as never before. Juat Tao remained his old self. Nevertheless, it was good to have gone through all these divine meetings. This was a part of his training, from a child, in the School of Christ.

When the Dora Yu Revival visited Foochow a decade after in 1920, there was another young man who heard the lady evangelist. His name was Watchman Nee. At the age of sixteen this young man was soundly converted. He yielded his whole life to fulltime service. He became founder of what is popularly known as the "Little Flock."

- Preview of a new book, "In John Sung's Steps" - the Life of Lim Puay Hian by T. Tow.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENT

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecutre (Mr. Swee).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting to finalise nomination for Apr. 4 Election.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture.

Sat. 2.30 p.m. SNCCC Annual Conference at Zion Kindergarten.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper & Gen. Elections).

4 p.m. Rev. Djunaidi (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering: \$603.33 + \$200 thru pastor.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life Y.F.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

SAVE WATER! The PUB observes we are a heavy consumer. Lifers and FEBCers take note!

Hassan (Philip) Jawabreh, now with O.M. in Israel sends greetings as well as a gift of 30 Hebrew Bibles to FEBC from Bible Centre in Jerusalem. Any gift for Hassan may be made c/o Church Treasurer, Deacon Teo.

Life Church Auditorium is booked by Mt. Carmel for Good Friday Service Apr. 16, 4.30 p.m.

GIVE ATTENDANCE TO READING (I Tim. 4:13);

This week's recommendation: "John Sung" by Prof. Lui in Chinese, 250 pages. New stock of Trinitarian Bibles, price lower than elsewhere.

CAM INFORMATION is a new Christian monthly magazine published by Mr. Liew Kee Kok serving Churches and Theo. Colleges. Read for useful information.

REV. ANDERDAS DJUNAIDI is head of the West Kalimantan Pioneer Mission to the Dyaks. He gave his life to the Dyak work after a clear call from the Lord many years back. He now operates an orphanage and a Bible School, a church and Gospel Stations, all with the Dyaks.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.34. Did Adam act for himself alone in the covenant of works?

A. No; he represented all his posterity.

Q.35. What effect had the sin of Adam on all mankind.

A. All mankind are born in a state of sin and misery.

Q.36. What is the sinful nature which we inherit from Adam called?

A. Original sin.

Q.37. What does every sin deserve?

A. The wrath and curse of God.

Q.38. Can any one go to heaven with this sinful nature?

A. No; our hearts must be changed before we can be fit for heaven.

THE GREAT COMMISSION

1. Go into the world, into all the wide world,
And tell the joyful news to ev'ry perishing soul,

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2. For you I have sent into all the wide world,
And you shall be my witnesses from Jerusalem,
And you shall be my witnesses from Jerusalem.

3. 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.

4. 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.

TO KALIMANTAN, ON TO KALIMANTAN,
O send the Gospel Light into West Kalimantan,
Along dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Reader,

"LONG TIME NO CHAT"

Our Weekly Chat has been taken over quite a while by the John Sung Sermons, and lately by a preview of "In John Sung's Steps," the story of Lim Puay Hian. This is a new book coming out, as previously promised. As the publishing of the Life of John Sung has been a blessing to countless readers, it is hoped that the life-story of Evangelist Lim, another revivalist God had raised up after John Sung, will be a blessing to many others. Please pray for this new book.

A Publication Ministry.

It is interesting to note that in line with our Life Book Centre, the Lord is leading us into a publication ministry. The dissemination of good Christian books is an effective means of spreading the Gospel and edifying the faith of Christians. I myself have been blessed of late reading the Watchman Nee Story, and now the story of Stephen, the Chinese Pastor. Get this copy from Stephen Kuan.

One reason why we are printing good books locally is the matter of increased prices of foreign books due to the inflation. By printing them locally we can save quite a bit. And since Singapore is an important centre of international communications we should find as ready an outlet here as anywhere else. We should be a distributing centre for South-east Asia, at least.

The Far Eastern Bible College Press is releasing the first of our 1976 series next week. It is the long-awaited Abridgment of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion, Vol. I, Bk. I & II. Next in line to come off the press is "Qs & As on Everlasting Life for Children." After this is Rev. William E. Schubert's "I Remember John Sung," to be followed by "In John Sung's Steps" and 40 John Sung Revival Sermons. Life Book Centre will be distributing agent for all these.

We reproduce herewith an announcement from Dr. Tow Siang Hwa, President of SANA (S'pore Anti-Narcotics Assoc.) We urge you to attend.

LAUNCHING OF NADAC '76 (NATIONAL ANTI-DRUG ABUSE CAMPAIGN).

DATE: 15 April 1976 (Thursday)

TIME: 7.30 p.m.

VENUE: Singapore Conference Hall, Shenton Way.

- PROGRAMME: (a) Showing of colour slides on drugs and drug victims.
- (b) Speech by Mr. Chua Sian Chin,
Minister for Home Affairs & Education.
- (c) Speech by Dr. Tow Siang Hwa,
President, SANA.

Copies of SANA latest publication "Conquer Drug Abuse Now" will be given free to those attending.

All Christians who are concerned about the welfare of young people and the dangers of drug abuse are urged to attend this very important function. We need to be informed about the current problems of society and how we as Christians can help.

Please let me know not later than 12 April 1976 the number of tickets which your church/group requires and these will be sent to you.

General Elections, 1976.

This Lord's Day is a day of epochal significance in the history of our Church. Since our last Elections, two groups of members have branched out to form new churches - Calvary at Jurong, Jan. 1973 and Grace at Bedok, Jan. 1976. A goodly number of our good leaders have left us for the furtherance of the Gospel. This is very healthy growth, as it gives place to other capable members of the Church to lead. Now, if you're reading this you are reminded once again to exercise your duty as a member and take part in the voting this Lord's Day, April 4, 1976, 11.15 a.m. sharp.

A Personal Testimony.

A quarter of a century has passed since I assumed the pastorate of this Church. This is my 26th year. During the decades past we have seen God at work in our Church. From Life Church has branched forth the following:- Kelapa Sawit, Zion, Sembawang, Galilee, Jurong, Pulau Tekong, Mt. Carmel, Life (Chinese), Rawang, Toa Payoh (English), Calvary, Sarimbun, Kulai Besar, Grace. Of late, the Lord has led us to needy fields in next door

Indonesia. All glory and praise only to the Almighty Father and our Lord Jesus Christ. We are but unprofitable servants, with many weaknesses and failures.

I'd like to add a personal word of testimony of God's goodness. As I enter the first year of the last quarter of this century, I feel a renewed energy from above. If the Lord wants me to stay by you at Life Church, I can only gladly give my all and best to Him with your support.

I feel the days for all of us are numbered. This period of enforced peace by the merciful hand of God (Rev. 7:1-3) cannot be prolonged forever. As the days of peace are being given us here in Singapore, we should use them not for our own pleasure but rather for "the saving of all men" (I Tim. 2:4). May the newly elected Session be motivated by this divine imperative, and be conscientiously involved everyday and not merely once a week in Church. - Yours for the Gospel, Rev. Timothy Tow.

WHO'S WHO FOR THE ELECTIONS

OFFICE	NAME	STATUS	PROFESSION	CHURCH INVOLVEMENT
Pastor	Timothy Tow	Married	Pastor	Pastor
Elder	Seow Chong Pin	"	Insurance Executive	Elder
Elder	Khoo Peng Kiat	"	Lecturer, Nursing Sch.	Elder
Elder	Lau King Hong	"	Lecturer	Elder
Elder	Edmund Tay	"	Teacher	Elder
Deacon	Koh Kim Song	"	Clerk	Deacon
Deacon	Lau Chin Kwee	Single	Teacher	GLTD (President)
Deacon	Lim Teck Chye	Married	Obstetrician Gynaecologist	Deacon, Banner - Treasurer
Deacon	Mahadevan E.	"	Assistant Sup. of Police	FEC Com. Member
Deacon	Seah Walter	"	Analyst	Member
Deacon	Seow Chong Kiong	"	Engineer	Member
Deacon	Sng Teck Leong	"	Driving Examiner	Deacon
Deacon	Phang Chin Yen	"	Proprietor	Member
Deacon	Teo Soon Hock	Single	Marine Consultant	Deacon
Deacon	Teo William	Married	Inventory Control Supervisor	Deacon
Deacon	Tsao Paul	"	Dental Surgeon	Deacon
Deacon	Wang Peter	"	Engineer	S.S. Teacher
Deacon	Wong Roland	"	Clerk	Sun. Lunch Staff.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENT

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture.
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Thurs. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Yrjole of the Ebeneser.

4 p.m. Rev. Djunaidi of Indo.

Last Week's Offering: \$568.04 + \$60.00

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

In Memoriam: Madam Yin Ah Nui, 76, mother of Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiat went home to be with the Lord Mar. 23, 1976. Funeral on Mar. 25 was officiated by Rev. Tow.

Life Church Booking. Good Friday Service, Apr. 16, 4.30 p.m. Mt. Carmel worshipping.

Shalom House Booking. May 17-22, Poly Christian Fellowship (Cheong Kwai Fun, Tel. 632653) Rev. Tow will be the Lord's messenger at the Maundy Thursday Service, Tampoi, Apr. 15, 7.30 p.m.

Congratulations to Dr. Patrick Tan for obtaining the M.Sc. and David Cheong the B.D.S. degrees.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q. 39. What is a change of heart called?

A. Regeneration.

Q. 40. Who can change a sinner's heart?

A. The Holy Spirit alone.

The National Archives and Records Centre is preparing an Inventory of Photos on religious buildings in S'pore. Our Church is included. Photographers, please take pictures both of the exterior and interior. What a privilege! Give attendance to Reading (I Tim. 4:13) One that will solemnise your soul is the story of "Stephen the Chinese Pastor" by Mary Wang. As from this Lord's Day, the Book Centre will be open. Please see Stephen Kuan at the back. Rev. Yrjole (Yu Lai Ler) is the Lord's Messenger, Apr. 11, 10 a.m. He reports the wonderful opportunity of distributing the 17 gunny sacks of clothes and hundred of Indonesian Gospel booklets from our Church to 3 Vietnamese refugee boats and to three remote islands, 30 miles from Tg. Pinang. There were about 1000 who heard him rightly.

My dear Reader,

The SHAKESPEARE of THEOLOGY

All Protestants thank God for Luther who delivered them from the dark superstitions of the Roman Catholic Church - from a crooked system of salvation by works to God's appointed way of salvation by Grace through faith.

All Protestants of the Reformed or Presbyterian tradition thank God for Calvin, for it is he who has given us an immortal, systematic teaching of the Bible doctrines. This he has done in the four books of "Institutes of the Christian Religion." ("Institutes" means "Principles"). "Calvin's Institutes," for short, are so masterfully written that Professor B.B. Warfield of Princeton called Calvin the Shakespeare of Theology. As every student of English desires to read some Shakespeare at least for self improvement, every Christian should read, at least, a portion of what Calvin has expounded from the Word of God.

By God's help, I have got Calvin's first two books abridged and simplified, and now printed! In heartfelt thanks-giving, I am offering a copy to any Lifer who desires reading this "theological Shakespeare," simplified, free of charge. The hope in me, as your pastor, is that if you get to appreciate a little more of the wonderful truths Calvin has discovered for us, you will become a much stronger and active Christian.

As to footing the printing bill, I go by St. Paul's principle of putting no burden on anybody at all. But if you have been blessed through this labour of love, and you wish to have a part in this holy work, well and good. "God loveth a cheerful giver."

"If ye love Me, keep my commandments" Jn. 14:15.

This truth is reflected in the Confucian teaching, "Obedience is filial piety." Last week, I told the story from Lim Puay Hian's life how his mother exhorted him to look after his younger brother and sister before she died. A loving mother to the younger children to the end!

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Now, before our Lord left for heaven, He commanded the Church to consider those that are still lost. He said, "And other sheep I have, which are not of this fold: them also I must bring..." This is the missions imperative!

Insofar as reaching beyond the four walls of our Church for lost souls is concerned, we have done a little here and there in the past. This is not enough. We should do much more if we say we love the Lord.

Easter Offerings for Indonesia.

One field in which much can be reaped for the Lord is Indonesia. You have seen the 120 children under the Gospel-teaching for a week at Tanjung Pinang, besides the nine adults baptised - in the BP Banner.

Now, if we can't go, we can give. It is proposed that our Easter offerings help effective workers in Indonesia. First is Rev. Djunaidi with the Dyaks in West Kalimantan. Our offerings can help him buy a portable generator for his projector when he goes to show Gospel slides in the jungles. Second is Rev. Yrjole of Finland, sailing his old yacht Ebeneser. He is giving the Gospel to untouched islands in Riau. Hear him this Lord's Day, Apr. 11, 10 a.m.

HOLY WEEK SERVICES

1. This Lord's Day is Palm Sunday. On this day Jesus rode an ass into Jerusalem in fulfilment of Zechariah's prophecy as the lowly King. Jesus stoops to conquer. He comes to die that we might live. Do we love Him? Then let's come and worship, and give Him our devotion.

2. Good Friday Night, Apr. 16, 8 p.m. The Lord's Supper will be saved. Speaker: Rev. Djunaidi of Indonesia.

3. Easter Sunrise Service Apr. 18, 6.30 a.m. at McRitchie Reservoir. Thereafter, back at Church under the Royal Palms, Easter Fellowship Breakfast. Elder Lau King Hong is coordinator for the makan.

4. Easter Baptismal Service Apr. 18, 10.00 a.m. May I remind parents to send in the names of their children.

5. Easter Service (Chinese) Apr. 18, 4 p.m. Rev. Djunaidi of Indonesia speaks for the last time.

An Educative Meeting.

Don't miss the "NADAC" Meeting at Conference Hall, Apr. 15, 7.30 p.m.! Drugs, heroin; are claiming more and more casualties amongst our young. It is an educative meeting that should not be missed. Get your tickets from the Deacons.

Membership Directory

I want to thank "A Regular Lifer" for his or her kind letter to me on our Membership Directory. I must apologize for some irregularity in the mailing of the Pastoral Letter to members. This touches on some who are still at Life Church, when they are thought to have gone to Bedok. With a little more time for things to settle, we shall be enabled to put out our Membership Directory - Yours for the faith, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture (Mr. Swee).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.30 p.m. "NADAC" Meeting at Conference Hall.
Rev. Tow at Tampoi Service.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Good Friday Service (Lord's Supper).
Rev. Djunaidi speaking.
Lord's Day 6.30 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service
McRitchie Reservoir.
8.00 a.m. Easter Breakfast in Church.
10.00 a.m. Easter Baptismal Service.
4.00 p.m. Easter (Chinese) Service, Rev. Djunaidi.

Shalom House Apr. 16-17 (Galileans).

Last Week's Offering \$692.48 + \$200 + \$130.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Mrs. S.E. Woo, 4976 Fulwell St. Burnaby B.C. Canada V5G 1P2. Thank you for your remittance for Easter. God bless you and your family.

New Address: Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Lum, 386 N. Blk. 40, Telok Blangah Rise, S'pore 4.

We acknowledge with thanks the flowers offered weekly by LIM FLORIST, 24 Emerald Hill Rd., 9. Tel. 376471/2353292 (Elder Lim Choon Kee of Bethal Presbyterian Church, Upper Serangoon).

THE EARLY BIRD CATCHES THE WORM. I'm reliably told you will not find a seat if you don't get to the Nadac Meeting before time!

April 1976 GENERAL ELECTIONS RETURNS

Total ballots: 174

For the office of pastor:

1. Rev. (Dr.) Timothy Tow 171

For the office of elder:

1. Mr. Seow Chong Pin 160

2. Mr. Khoo Peng Kiat 167

3. Mr. Lau King Hong 155

4. Mr. Edmund Tay 166

For the Office of deacon:

1. Mr. Koh Kim Song 125

2. Dr. Lim Teck Chye 136

3. Mr. Mahadevan E. 131

4. Mr. Phang Chin Yen 97

5. Mr. Seah Walter 113

6. Mr. Seow Chong Kiong 99

7. Mr. Sng Teck Leong 135

8. Mr. Teo Soon Hock 132

9. Mr. Teo William 149

10. Dr. Tsao Paul 158

11. Mr. Wang Peter 131

12. Mr. Wong Roland 101

"Give attendance to Reading" I Tim. 4:13.

The pastor offers every Lifer who desires to read "the Shakespeare of Theology," Calvin's Institutes Abridged (and simplified, with a glossary) a copy free!

The Life Book Centre is open every Lord's Day for your convenience. New Stocks of Bibles arrived. Prices on the low side always, to serve you and promote the Gospel!

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.41. Can any one be saved by the covenant of works?

A. None can be saved by the covenant of works.

Q.42. Why can none be saved through the covenant of works?

A. Because all have broken it, and are condemned by it.

Far Eastern Bible College Final Exam. for the year begin Apr. 23. College closes for the long vacation Apr. 30 with end of term dinner. The next academic year is scheduled to reopen Mon. July 19, 1976. 8.30 a.m. Kulai Besar Gospel Outreach Teams

1st week Bobby Phee & Co.

2nd week Rev. Paauwe, Brutus, Burt.

3rd week Bobby Phee & Co.

4th week Stephen Kuan and Kutty.

5th week Mr. Swee Thian Hoe & Co.

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 past is gone, there's a morrow,

All sufficient is His grace.

He raised me from Death Vale's sorrow,

Saved my life for better days.

Had the Lord my spirit taken,

Death in Christ were not in vain.

Or there be widow and orphans,

He will provide to the end.

The way 'fore me's strewn with thistles,

While dark clouds round me enfold.

The Way of the Cross more bristles,

With heel life '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.

GOOD NEWS TO PARENTS AND SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

The Catechism for Young Children serialising in this column will be available in a most attractive booklet called "Qs & As on Everlasting Life for Children," published by FEBC Press. Price 25 cents per copy or \$2.00 per ten copies. To be released on Easter Lord's Day!

Get yours from Life Book Centre.

"I Remember John Sung" by William Schubert, now is course of printing, will be out soon!

Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore. Tel: 50617 or 513676.

COME AND SEE FEBC COLOUR FILM "The Lord's Supper," Wed. Apr. 14, 7.00 p.m.

EASTER TESTIMONIES

I. I come from a Christian home and was baptized when I was only an infant in 1961. I started attending Life Church Sunday School from 1965 and ever since I have believed in the LORD and SAVIOUR JESUS CHRIST.

I was nurtured with the TRUTH since I was very young. My father has been praying for me during our nightly family devotions. I believe the Holy Spirit of God has been working in my heart to move me to attend this Catechism class for the confirmation of my faith in JESUS CHRIST. Through making this public confession, I pray that the LORD will strengthen and guide me spiritually. - Amy Khoo.

II. When I was young I attended Life Church, Prinsep Street. I learnt about Jesus. I learnt mainly that he was a good and kind man. A man who is capable of performing miracles. I learnt about his parables and the wise teaching of the Bible. About 10 years ago I left the Church to pursue my education. However, Jesus Christ was still dwelling in the deepest part of my mind. I managed to get my degree 10 years later. Praise the Lord, I then suffered a delusion. I decided to return to Church. Within a year I changed a lot of my perspectives which I held as a child: I have now decided to be baptised. - Ho Hong Hwar.

III. I come from a mission school. Every morning we had assembly with the singing of hymns and reading a few Bible verses. From this I came to know more about Jesus and the wonderful miracles he had done. I took him as a perfect man, but I did not know that he is a Saviour that can give us eternal life and save us from all our sins.

I believed in the Lord but I did not know he could save us. So everything was so meaningless, and everything was just mere believing without really experiencing the meaning of it.

It was in Sec. 4 that a neighbour began to tell me that Jesus is the only way to salvation. I accepted Him as my Saviour.

The Lord blessed me bountifully through the Saturday GLTD club meetings and Church services. I began to grow in my Christian Life. In the camp at Saribum in 1974 and 1975, the Lord really taught me many things and blessed me greatly. The Lord has changed my life and everything is really different now from before. - Ng Suet Wan.

IV. Before I came to know the Lord, life was very miserable for me. My parents were always finding fault with me. At the sametime, migraine struck me again after an absence of five years. My parents had told me I was given to my late uncle and aunt as they were childless. So I assumed that I was an orphan. I thought of running away from home and committing suicide.

In my early secondary schooldays, my classmates tried bringing me to their YFC meetings. However, I never had the heart to attend. It was only after my elder sister was saved that I really came to know Christ. She brought me to the GLTD Saturday Club meetings.

My elder sister asked me many times whether I wanted to accept the Lord, but I just could not decide. It was on the night of 19th July 1975 that I said "yes" when she asked me again. Under her guidance, I prayed to the Lord and repented of my sins. I also prayed to Christ to cleanse me with His precious blood and come into my heart. I read a prayer from a gospel tract too. I was saved that day. I had never felt so happy and light-hearted before. It seemed that I had just let down something very heavy from my body. I thank the Lord for healing me of the migraine. It very seldom strikes me now. - Fong Yoke Mei.

V. I am from a non-Christian family. When I was twelve, my mum brought me to the temple. At that time, I followed my mum's religion and believed I might be able to enter Heaven by worshipping those idols, and by doing good works.

As one occasion, when I was in the temple, I saw an act of pick-pocketing. I pondered whether Buddhism was the true religion. From this incident my belief in Buddhism was shaken.

In my teens, a Chinese Teacher in school taught us about Jesus Christ. I even went to Sunday School under the guidance of that teacher for quite sometime when my mum put a stop to my Church-going.

God is so merciful that He once again called me back and gave me another opportunity to be His child. He redeemed me from my sins by using a friend in my class to bring me back into His fold. I faithfully believe that Salvation comes only through Jesus Christ and in no other way. Thank God for saving my soul that I am living a life that is meaningful. - Sum Kwai Peng.

VI. As a child I often followed my prents to the temples. As I grew older, I began to doubt the existence of these idols. In my primary school days, some people told me that they believed in one true God. I became very confused about this issue of God and religions. I wondered why there were so many religions and so on. I told myself that it could probably be true that there was only one true God.

No one had told me about the Lord Jesus until I was in Sec. 2. I had the impression that people who went to church were high class people with Christian names. I wondered what Christianity was all about. One day I found out that one of my classmates was also a Christian and I found an opportunity to ask her what was Christianity when no one was around. Ever since that day she kept telling me lots of things, trying very hard to convince me of the existence of God and also of the reality of the Gospel. She began to give me

booklets and tracts to read. It was when I was reading the gospel of St. John that my heart was moved to believe for the first time, not that I fully understood the book (in fact I had a hard time trying to understand what the Lord Jesus was talking about), but somehow or other as I read I got the idea that everything written in that book was true. I longed to read the full Bible and I envied those that had Bibles.

When I was in Sec. 3, a few classmates always gave me Christian literature to read and they persuaded me to go to church with them, but I refused as I was afraid to be in the midst of strangers. One day one of these classmates gave me a Bible and subscribed for me the Daily Bread. I was delighted to have the Bible but when I began to read it I found that I could not understand it well. This classmate then lent her New Testament which was in today's English, and I found it very interesting and wonderful.

I continued in this manner until I was in pre-U I when I began to attend GLTD's Saturday Club Meetings.

It was only during the past two or three years that I grew in the Lord. Now as I look back my days since I came to know Christ as my Saviour I can see God's leading hand that brought me safely through, and also how time and again I had hindered God's blessings for myself with or without knowing it. As I go further in my Christian life, my fellowship with the Lord grows sweeter and I have full confidence that I am His. - Tan Puay Hwa.

KULAI GOSPEL TRIP (by Francis Leong)

To begin with, we are unworthy to do the Lord's work; but in many ways, He met our needs according to His grace and mercy.

I just want to share one thing that really thrills our hearts - i.e. the provision of brother David Wong (from Kulai) and brother James Chong in our midst to cater for the needs of an unexpected influx of Chinese and Hakka-speaking people (most of them children). I must emphasize that without these two brothers, we would be "lost".

We had three nights of gospel meetings with colourful film strips which proved to be a great attraction to the people (especially the children). Most of the children who came to our meetings wanted to receive Christ, and there were quite a number of adults too.

God also provided us with a bus at quite a low rental. Which we used to pick up the people because transport is not too convenient up there.

On the whole it's to God that we give our thanks and praise. Lastly, we find Kulai Besar is indeed a field ready to harvest.

Ed. note: 17 members of our Young Adults Fellowship camped at Kulai Besar B-P Church for several days the early part of April. This spontaneous effort to spread the Gospel should encourage other groups in our Church to witness for Christ. The YAF has also contributed a sum for the painting of Endau Church.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Easter Mon. No FEBC classes.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Fri. 8 a.m. FEBC Exams. begin.

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

4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua.

Last Week's Offering: \$656.22.

Good Friday Offering: \$786.00 + \$100 (thru pastor's hand).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next

Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Corrigendum: Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Lam, 387N (not 386N) Blk. 40, Telok Blangah Rise, S'pore 4.

Easter Flowers. Roses and Purple Orchids by Lehia Paauwe and Rev. Tow in memory of Mrs. Nancy Tow and Le Anne. Carnations from Mr. &

Easter Baptisms. Mrs. Sim Swee Peng.

1. Infants: 1) Karen Lim Twan Soong d/o Mr. & Mrs. Lim Ian Chung, (born 17-2-1976).

2) Jason Foo s/o Mr. & Mrs. Foo Eng Leong, (born 9-3-1976). 3) Jacqueline Lum Shuet Lyn d/o Mr. & Mrs. Ricky Lum Yan Kan, (born 7-9-1975).

2. Adults:

Name	Occupation
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| 1. Ho Hong Hwar | Cadet. |
| 2. Pek How Sian | Student |
| 3. Lim Hai Seng | Art student. |
| 4. Ong Eng Lam | Student. |
| 5. Tan Cheng Wah | Student. |
| 6. Foong Yee Kuan | Student. |
| 7. Koh Kim Ngo | Private tutor. |

8. Chia Lai Keng, Linda Student.

9. Ng Keng Choo, Rosalind... Student.

10. Tan Puay Hwa Relief Teacher.

11. Phua Mui Khim, Adelisa .. Clerk.

12. Sum Kwai Peng Clerk.

13. Ng Suet Wan Student.

14. Goh Quee Siang, Alice ... Student.

15. Fong Yoke Sim Student.

16. Ho Chow Pheng Unemployed.

17. Teo Aye Tee Student.

18. Fong Yoke Mei Student.

19. Wong Wing Kaye, Stevie .. Aeronautical Eng.

20. Quek Poh Sian, Maureen . Sales.

Re-affirmation of Faith:

1. Chan Yim Cheong, Winston. Solicitor clerk.

2. Seah Geok Leng Student.

3. Amy Khoo Student.

Chinese Service Baptism:

1. Sharon Chua Auditor.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q. 43. With whom did God the Father make the covenant of grace?

A. With Christ, his eternal Son.

Q. 44. Whom did Christ represent in the covenant of grace?

A. His elect people.

Q. 45. What did Christ undertake in the covenant of grace?

A. To keep the whole law for his people, and to suffer the punishment due to their sins.

Pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

SHAKESPEARE of THEOLOGY APPRECIATED.

It is a pleasure for me to have presented you a copy of my recent Abridgment of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion. This offer is still open to any Lifer. But the condition, is that you promise to read it!

Here is an encouraging letter received last week from a Lifer. I publish it in full. May it also encourage you - to read it! The letter says:

"I have just glanced through your Abridgement of Calvin's Institutes and my immediate impression was that the book is of tremendous potential both to Christian workers and laymen such as I. Whereas once the word 'Calvinism' brought to my mind an obscure image of a seemingly inaccessible theological study meant only for aspiring Bible scholars, it now presents before me as comprehensible and readable as a textbook, through your painstaking effort.

For the privilege of knowledge, and for the gift of your book I would like to express my sincerest thanks. May God indeed grant you health and continued wisdom to complete the remaining books as we eagerly await its publication.

May I however offer a humble suggestion that an index be introduced in your subsequent publication so as to enable quick and easy reference to topics/subjects dealt with. Undeniably it means more effort. Perhaps it can be done in later/revised editions?

Once again, my profound gratitude. May your gift of understanding ceaselessly enrich those around you."

Life Book Centre - Our Auxiliary Gospel Outreach.

It is three-and-a-half months since we launched this newest branch of Life Church's testimony. Any business requires capital. In the parable of the pounds (Lk. 19) and the talents (Matt. 25) Jesus teaches the importance not only of good management in business but also the prerequisite of capital.

Life Church Session approved a capital of \$10,000 (a very moderate sum) to start our Book Centre. We opened the Book Centre to members to contribute a share of the capital either by gift or loan. So far we have received \$1430 in gifts and \$1,400 in loans. So, our capital is less than a third of that originally targeted.

Be that as it may, we have no doubt but that the Book Centre is fulfilling an important ministry as our auxiliary Gospel Outreach. With honest and diligent management and cheerful, fair-priced service, we have no doubt either but that this business for the Lord will succeed. Come to the Book Centre and see for yourself. We have Gospel tracts and booklets in several languages for free distribution. This is one part of the Book Centre's ministry that feeds ammunition to the frontline soldiers-of-Christ.

With prices doubled for most articles since the inflation, books are no exception. However, we are determined to be of service to you at as low a level as we can make it. But remember that the Lord's servant is entitled to a minimal wage. Therefore when you buy at our Book Centre you are not only getting something worth its value or even more but also contributing to the support of God's work. For example, when the Logos came with books, you bought with a confidence, knowing that whatever was paid went to the book as well as to the running of the ship.

The lost art of reading?

Is this an age of TV's, tape recorders and cassettes? Should we lose the time-honoured art of reading? Reading the Bible everyday is a must for the feeding of our soul. Reading of good Christian books is a virtue second only to Bible-reading. Insofar as Christians are concerned, good books on theology and Christian biography, etc., should rank next to reading the Bible. This I can testify from my recent experience of enforced reading of half a dozen Christian biographies - John Sung, Watchman Nee, Stephen the Chinese Pastor, Chinaman's Chance (Harry Liu of the Pocket Testament League), Lim Puay Hian Memoirs, William Burns - from whose lives I have been requickened with a new dedication to the Lord. Yes, in trying to put in print the Story of Lim Puay Hian my heart has been deeply etched by the Spirit-filled exploits.

I believe therefore that you should cultivate this good habit henceforth. I recommended "Stephen the Chinese Pastor" the other week. The stock got exhausted. But we have new stocks and as for "Watchman Nee", there's only one copy left.

Far Eastern Bible College Reopens July 19, 1976.

The College closes on Friday April 30 with an end of term dinner. Until its reopening on Mon. July 19, 1976 the College will go on vacation. Our students will be available during this time to help out in any Church or Gospel station that requires them. A team is formed to visit churches in Malaysia. One or two might join Rev. Yrjole in Island Evangelism.

Did you know that Life Church is supporting seven foreign students and one Lifer at FEBC? Also one scholarship goes to another Lifer studying in USA? Please remember

these in your prayerful giving. If you can't go out witnessing for the Lord, the support of these students goes to your account with the Lord. I say this with the Apostle Paul, "Not because I desire a gift: but I desire fruit that may abound to your account" (Phil. 4:17). - Yours in His Service, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 6.30 p.m. FEBC End of Term Dinner.
Sat. LCSB Picnic at Mr. L.S. Pang's.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu.
Last Week's Offering: \$930 +.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.
Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.
Shalom House. Apr. 27-May 1 booked by AFC (Christian Servicemen).
Pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.
The Newly Elected Session is invited by the pastor and Mrs. Tow to a fellowship Curry dinner on Tues. May 4, 6.30 p.m. at the parsonage before going to business meeting at 8 p.m.
Elder Lau King Hong will be absent from Singapore on a two-month visit to London.
Rev. Tai Po-fu is due back from Taiwan, Thurs. Apr. 29.

GOOD NEWS TO PARENTS AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS

The "Qs. & As. On Everlasting Life for Children" (Catechism for Young Children) published by FEBC Press is out of the press! Attractively printed and a boon to every child or adult, it is priced at 25 cents or 10 copies for \$2/-. Visit Life Book Centre NOW!

New Shalom Booking May 14-15 by Navigators Staff; May 17-22 by Poly Christian Fellowship.
Rev. Tow will be the Lord's messenger at Chin Lien Bible Seminary, Lord's Day May 2, 7 a.m. (Lord's Supper).

Rev. Djunaïdi returned to West Kalimantan Apr. 22 with Rev. K.C. Quek in company; Rev. Djunaïdi thanks our Church for contribution towards his work with the Dyaks.

INSPIRING HYMNS (Many have been asking).

They are available at \$10/- a copy. Get yours from Stephen Kuan today! New stocks of Bibles, plenty to choose from!

Big White Bouquet last Easter Lord's Day was specially ordered by Mrs. Lily Dauber, in loving memory of Mrs. Nancy Tow and Le Anne (Apr. 19, 1965).

We recommend Lim Florist, 34 Emerald Hill Rd. 9. Tel: 376471/2353292. We thank them of weekly offering of flowers during the last two months.

Easter Sunrise Offering is around \$1,300. Half goes to W. Kalimantan and half to Kelapa Sawit.

New Address: Dr. & Mrs. Patrick Tan, 43 Toh Tuck Crescent, Singapore 21. Tel: 674564.

THE PRESBYTERY MEETING announced for Apr. 26, 8.00 p.m. is postponed sine die.

EXTRA BLESSING THIS LORD'S DAY!

See a film on Israel Today, "The Parable of the Fig Tree" right after Sunday Lunch - Gospel Letters and Tracts Dept.

CATECHISM FOR YOUNG CHILDREN

Q.46. Did our Lord Jesus Christ ever commit the least sin?
A. No; He was holy, harmless, and undefiled.
Q.47. How could the Son of God suffer?
A. Christ, the Son of God, became man that he might obey and suffer in our nature.
Q.48. What is meant by Atonement?
A. Christ's satisfying divine justice, by his sufferings and death, in the place of sinners.

HALLELUJAH, CHRIST'S ASCENDED.

Seated now on God's right hand.
Salvation by Him perfected,
From the dead He rose in triumph.
Praise Him, O what jubilation!
Christ and His Glorious ascension.
By Him perfected salvation,
From the dead He rose in triumph.

Hallelujah, Christ's ascension -
Welcome home by all His saints.
Ruler o'er a new creation,
His majesty is regained.
Praise Him, O what jubilation!
Borne on clouds, glorious ascension.
Ruler O'er a new creation,
His majesty is regained.

I am ris'n with Christ my Saviour,
Seated now with Him in heaven.
Life abundant, in Him secure,
Peace and joy, world without end.
Praise Him, O what jubilation!
Seated now with Him in heaven.
Secure in Him, Life abundant,
Peace and joy, world without end.

(To the tune of "Is not this the Land of Beulah")

Translated from Dr. Chia Yu-ming's Hymnal.

FOUR BILLION SOULS

The population clock at the Museum of science and Industry in Chicago indicated on Sunday, March 29, that the world population has probably just passed the four billion mark. The clock has been set to tick away at about 2.2 persons per second, this figure being determined by statistics received periodically from the Population Reference Bureau, a private agency that collects population growth data from every available source. A spokesman for the Museum noted that there is still room for considerable inaccuracy because of the difficulty in collecting the data. It was explained by Mr. Bruce Mitchell of the Museum that the world's population reached one billion in about 1850, two billion in 1930, and three billion in 1961.

The question must be asked, What are the Christians doing to take the Gospel to the millions who have never heard?

-Christian Beacon.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Reader,

AFTER 14 YEARS THERE ARE NOW 40

When Far Eastern Bible College closed last Friday evening for the summer vacat it is worthy of note that she completed twice seven years of training young men and women for the Gospel ministry. After 14 years there are now forty sent out to the fields.

True to the College's name, our graduates (including two graduands) are scattered to bear a witness in the following countries.

Singapore	21	Australia	1
Malaysia	2	USA	4
Indonesia	3	England	1
Thailand	1	Canada	4
India	1	Middle East	2

True to the College's aim - to train a new generation of preachers and teachers to serve the Church of Jesus Christ, our graduates (including two graduands) are serving in the following capacities:

Pastors	6	Christian Book Manager	1
Church Workers	10	Higher Studies	14
B.College Lecturers	3	National Service	2
Missionaries	4		

The College closes this academic year with 25 students under training. These are now serving the Lord on weekends and the Lord's Day. Four or five of these rotate to maintain a weekly Bible-teaching ministry at Kulai Besar for about 25 young people. The College has about ten prospective students for the next academic year commencing July, 19, 1976. One is applying from Philippines and another from Sri Lanka.

Seeing that the training of worthy foreign students and sending them back to their own countries is a most effective means of spreading the Gospel to the uttermost part of the earth, Life Church has therefore given a total of seven scholarships to this end, not counting two which are for her own sons, young Lifers. If we add two new ones, from Philippines and Sri Lanka, Life Church will be giving nine foreign scholarships next July.

Dear Reader, we boldly present this need of the FEBC before you. Who'll give \$600 a year for one foreign scholarship or \$1,200 for two? And if you support one, will you keep it up till the student graduates (in 3 or 4 years)?

Apart from the two scholarships, we have to tell you of a deficit right now as disclosed by Elder Heng Yow Tong our Treasurer. This means the honorarium for the lecturers is not being met. This is around \$2,000. As long as the meal in the barrel and the oil in the cruse are supplying the needs of the school of prophets, it is not our policy to ask. But when it gets below the subsistence level, I believe it is pleasing to God to let you know. We don't mind being kept in straightened circumstances, even in poverty, so long as we can make others rich. But now, in the Name of the Lord, Elijah calls to the widow, "make me thereof a little cake first." (I Ki. 17:13). The Far Eastern Bible College is worthy of your support also for the reason that it is most economically run. And inasmuch as Elijah's presence at the Widow's house was not a burden but a blessing, I dare say the presence of FEBC students from seven countries training to serve the Lord is a blessing to Life Church in one way or another.

FEBC being so closely linked to Life Church deserves Life Church's closest support! If you love the Lord and this school of prophets, then see the principal personally.

Grace B-P Church

With the enthusiastic support of Lifers transferred to Bedok under the steady helm of Elder Patrick Tan, Grace Church has become not only self-supporting but is contributing a share towards the renovation costs of the kitchen. It is gratifying to note also the many new comers and visitors from the East coast.

Another very encouraging news is the application by a group of Chinese-speaking young Christians living along the East Coast to use our premises for worship on Sunday afternoons. When this is approved, we praise God that Shalom House is taking another great forward leap in the advancement of God's Kingdom.

400 Booklets Sold!

Since we announced the publication of "Qs. & As. on Everlasting Life for Children" last week, 400 copies of this booklet have been taken. If you take 10 copies, per booklet costs only 20 cents. Make it your purpose to give a copy to every young person in your household and the relatives and friends. And inasmuch as Mencius the Chinese philosopher says that the superior man does not lose the heart of a child, and Jesus says that we must all become children to enter God's Kingdom, adults are just as needful of this booklet on eternal life as children. So, get your copies from Stephen Kuan after service from the Life Book Centre. And if you have no Bible, why won't you get one?

"Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

Although Jason Linn has come out of the jungles of wildest East Borneo, the dark country of the Dyaks, we are glad for Rev. Djunaidi carrying on for the last two decades with the Dyaks of West Kalimantan. Your gift is not in vain.

I met an Indonesian Chinese pastor the other day and asked him why so few Chinese would want to work with the Dyaks. "Well," he mused, "one great barrier is The Dyak's food, that rotten hogshead wiggling with maggots that they relish. If you go and live among them, you must learn to eat this Dyak delicacy."

At my prompting Rev. Jason Linn thinks we should revisit the Dyaks whom he had evangelised 45-30 years ago. If we can write a sequel to his masterpiece, it will enhance the value of "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" threefold. These sentiments apart, may our Readers wake up to their responsibility to the underprivileged, our Indonesian neighbours, Dyaks or Chinese, who are waiting for us to tell them the Way of Everlasting life.

- Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 6.30 p.m. Curry dinner for Session
Members at Parsonage before business meeting at 8 p.m.
8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 3.00 p.m. Gospel Team to Kulai Besar.
Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.
8 p.m. Rev. Tow at Kelapa Swait.

Last Week's Offering: \$491.23.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. John Chiew and Miss Shelly Loh will be solemnised on Thursday May 13, 10.30 a.m., Rev. Philip Heng officiating. Reception thereafter at FEBC Hall.

Shalom House bookings henceforth will be handled by Dr. Patrick Tan, phone 674564. (Galilee May 13; Navigator Staff, May 14-15; Poly CF May 17-22). Grace Church has gladly assumed part payment for the new Kitchen at over \$3,000.

Logos Conference Coming! To be held at Life Church - FEBC June 14-19. Mr. Miley will be present to conduct the campaign.

Life Book Centre. Praise the Lord that a \$1,000 loan has been converted into a gift by a zealous sister of Life Church & S.S. Have you seen the latest arrivals of Bibles and books?

Recommended for reading: 1) Watchman Nee Story (2 copies left); 2) Stephen the Chinese Pastor; 3) Red Sky at Night by Leslie Lyall. "Decorate" your church with bright Bible verse posters. \$1.80 per poster.

Hear Rev. Tai Po-fu at Chinese Service this Lord's Day 4 p.m. Rev. Tai has just returned from an intensive evangelistic tour of Taiwan and Japan.

Kelapa Swait Sunday Services are now altered to 8.00 p.m. in order to allow the young people schooling to attend Church.

Kulai Besar. Another advancement of the work here is the provision of a bus by Life Church YAF to bring the young people to the Bible classes. What can you do for Christ?

The Ebeneser, (Rev. Yrjole) is due to sail mid-May for the Riau Islands.

Jurong B-P Church Building Fund now stands at \$16,000.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XVII

Q. 49. What did God the Father undertake in the covenant of grace?

A. To justify and sanctify those for whom Christ should die.

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 past is gone, there's a morrow,
All sufficient is His grace.
He raised me from Death Vale's sorrow,
Saved my life for better days.
Had the Lord my spirit taken,
Death in Christ were not in vain.
Or there be widow and orphans,
He will provide to the end.

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.

Child Evangelism will run a training course at FEBC, Nov. 29-Dec 31, 1976, Rev. & Mrs. Jim Turner incharge. Get your C.E. materials from Child Evangelism Centre, inside Life Book Centre; Misses Dorothy, Eunice incharge.

GO, LABOR ON; SPEND AND BE SPENT;

Thy joy to do the Father's will;
It is the way the Master went;
Should not the servant tread it still?

Go, labor on while it is day,
The world's dark night is hastening on;
Speed, speed thy work, cast sloth away,
It is not thus that souls are won.

- Horatius Bonar, 1808-1889.

FROM DIMNESS TO BRIGHT HOPE

By Bobby Phee.

It was disappointing. Only five to ten youths attended each Friday night. All the way from Singapore to Kulai Besar, a 35-mile drive, turned out to be depressing when only a handful of people came for the meeting held at Kulai Bible-Presbyterian Church. In spite of this, the few of us prayed and urged the Lord to bring in the sheaves of believing souls. We examined ourselves and confessed to the Lord our complacency and lack of enthusiasm for His work. The picture of expanding the mission work in Kulai Besar was dim. Nevertheless there is always a streak of light and hope when we begin to put our trust in the Lord.

It was about a few months ago that we began to notice the Lord answering our prayers. Students from the nearby school started to get interested in the Friday night meeting and came to join the Fellowship through the invitation of some Christians. From the usual number, it increased to twenty or so. The zeal of the Christians was enhanced further when the Life Church YAF organised a week-camp in Church. Tracts were distributed, people invited and prayers uttered to God - these activities brought in more people and encouraged the Kulai Christians to know that God hears and answers our heart's desires.

Each week we witness new-comers joining us. The gospel has to be presented again and again. Young converts have to be followed-up. Christians have to be indoctrinated with the Word and challenged to further the great commission of the Lord.

Lately, the young people have initiatively taken the leadership role. They have organised a committee to run the fellowship. In addition to this, one Indian girl who endeavoured to bring the good news to her family members, was forced to bow down to the idols by her parents. In doing so, they hoped to stop her "nonsense." In such situation, it causes us only to turn to the Lord for wisdom as to how to counsel and comfort her.

Last Friday, our hearts were much encouraged to see 35 youths in our fellowship. There were a few non-Christians. The gospel was shared with them and some responded to receive Christ. Not only youths came but also four little boys ranging from three to seven years old. A class had to be held to cater to them.

As we can see, there is much work to be accomplished. Much prayer needed for the strengthening and edifying of Christians. "Not words, but more deeds" should be our slogan for the Lord's vineyard in Kulai Besar.

(Ed. Note: Bobby Phee graduated from FEBC in 1974 and is now pastor of Sembawang B-P Church.)

Life Book Centre Concentrates on Life - giving Books.

Last week we reported the sale of 400 booklets of Qs. & As. on Everlasting Life for Children. This sale has increased to 700 during the week. (Rev. Philip Heng took 200, being mightily impressed).

Life Book Centre's distinctive is to concentrate on Life-giving books. So the first stocks arriving both from England and America are Collins and Thompson Bibles. Come and see our full range, at a competitive price. Second, you'll find the best of Christian classics and theological books. Besides, we carry a good selection of Logos books. When giving a gift to somebody you love or respect, what better gift than a Bible or a Christian classic? Say it with a good book.

In five months, Life Book Centre is prepared to lift its wings off the ground, I have given all my energy to promoting a work I've loved from the beginning of my pastoral ministry. Now, there are others to help. Life Church Session has kindly let me off as "Advisor." In my place of supervision, we've appointed Deacons Phang Chin Yen (Chairman), William Teo and Peter Wang to oversee the Life Book Centre. Mr. Stephen Kuan will henceforth report the month-to-month business progress to them.

So far, we've spent out of Life Church \$3,000, the amount offered and loaned for this book ministry. Some old stocks of Logos books under my care and my own books are added without charge to boost the young enterprise. Besides these we've received a lot of salvation booklets and literature from USA. These are given out free. There's good quantity of such literature always available for the asking.

Praise the Lord, Life Book Centre is beginning to make an impact on the Christians of Singapore. Daily we've outsiders who come in to buy the Word of God.

Grace Church Self - Supporting and Looking Beyond!

By God's help, Grace Church at Bedok is completely self - supporting. (Of course we must not forget the \$25,000 spent by Life Church to start them off.)

Grace Church will henceforth house a Chinese service composed of a group of Chinese-speaking young Christians branched off from an East Coast Church. This will further cater to the spiritual needs of Chinese-speaking inquirers living at Bedok.

But we must not stop short at Bedok. With the development of Changi Airport, the East Coast is becoming more and more important. There are many townships springing up like mushrooms on every side. Marine Parade itself deserves to be catered to with some member's spacious home open to the preaching of the Gospel. It is not too early to think of branching out from Shalom House! - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 10.30 a.m. Galilee Wedding, reception at FEBC Hall.
Fri. 7.30 p.m. Chin Lien Bible Seminary Graduation.
Sat. 4.00 p.m. YF, YAF.
(Rev. Tow speaking on the Holy Spirit).
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.
Last Week's Offering: \$730 + \$200 thru pastor.
Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: GLTD.
Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.
Pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.
Life Book Centre Committee: Deacons Phang Chin Yen (Chairman), William Teo and Peter Wang. Advisor. Rev. Tow.
Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Chng Khim Yong and Miss Wong Chiew Kuen of Fishermen of Christ will be solemnised at Life Church, Sat. May 22, 3 p.m., Mr. Huang Yu Yuen officiating (Reception at FEBC Hall).
Tan Wai Choon reports that after completing his S.T.M. at Faith Seminary this June, he will proceed to Covenant Seminary for another year (for the Th.M) before returning in the summer of 1977. We welcome him to serve both at Life Church and FEBC.
Shalom House: May 17-22 booked by Poly Christian Fellowship.
Inspiring Hymns missing! If you have borrowed a copy be sure to return it. With increasing Church attendance they are all the more needed. We have added 20 dark blue Hymnals this week!
Dr. Patrick Tan's former dean's office is now assigned to YAF. Meantime the former deans quarters, most affected by a fault in the foundation, are undergoing repairs and renovations. Dr. Tan phone is: 674564.
Galilee Church has been given use of the printing room (the Gestetner machine will soon shift out). Phone 513676 for Anthony Tan.
A sink is installed at the back facing the car park for the convenience of officers at the L-Block.
Recommended books for this week: 1) The New International Version New Testament, a fundamentalist "international" English translation is recommended to check the evil influence of e.g. the New English Bible: "Yours for only \$2.30! 2) "Demons in the World Today" by Prof: Unger, hard cover, special price \$5/- 3) Chinese Hymnary (Staff notation) available!
Ordination of New Deacons is scheduled for Lord's Day July 4, 1976.
Guest at the FEBC Hostel. Mrs. Paul Sung, Mrs. Tan, wife of the president of Southeast Asia Bible College, & co.
Hear Mr. Paul Sung this Lord's Day afternoon. Rev. Tow ministers at Kelapa Sawit this Lord's Day evening 8 p.m.
Patronise our Church Florist, Lim Florist of 34 Emerald Hill Rd., 9. Tel: 376471/2353292.
Operation Mobilisation is recruiting young Singaporeans for one year's service in the Middle East and India. A "Logos Conference"

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XVIII

- Q.50. What is justification?
A. It is God's forgiving sinners, and treating them as if they had never sinned.
Q.51. What is sanctification?
It is God's making sinners holy in heart and conduct.

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS THAN SILVER OR GOLD
I'd rather be His than have riches untold;
I'd rather have Jesus than houses or lands,
I'd rather be led by His nailpierced hand.

Than to be the king of a vast domain
And be held in sin's dread sway;
I'd rather have Jesus than anything
This world affords today.

I'd rather have Jesus than men's applause,
I'd rather be faithful to His dear cause;
I'd rather have Jesus than world wide fame,
I'd rather be true to His holy name.

He's fairer than lilies of rarest bloom,
He's sweeter than honey from out the comb;
He's all that my hungering spirit needs,
I'd rather have Jesus and let Him lead.

Billy Graham Crusade Song Bk.No.70

SPECIMEN OF N. I. V. TRANSLATION

Wives, in the same way be submissive to your husbands so that, if any of them do not believe the word, they may be won over without talk by the behaviour of their wives, when they see the purity and reverence of your lives. Your beauty should not come from outward adornment, such as braided hair and the wearing of gold jewelry and fine clothes. Instead, it should be that of your inner self, the unfading beauty of a gentle and quiet spirit, which is of great worth in God's sight. For this is the way the holy women of the past who put their hope in God used to make themselves beautiful. They were submissive to their own husbands, like Sarah, who obeyed Abraham and called him her master. You are her daughters if you do what is right and do not give way to fear. Husbands, in the same way be considerate as you live with your wives and treat them with respect as the weaker partner and as heirs with you of the gracious gift of life, so that nothing will hinder your prayers. - I Peter 3:1-7.

will be held at Gilstead Rd. June 14-19, Mr. Miley speaking. Logos representative in Singapore now is Dr. Allan K. Adams, 602, 6th Floor, Chinese Chamber of Commerce. Hill St. 6.
A Significant Sequel to the translation of Jason Linn's "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" is the desire of both author and translator to visit a field that was so intensively cultivated between 1930 and 1945. According to recent information, one Chinese missionary sent after Jason Linn remains still in the jungles of East Borneo. What is the state of the succeeding generation of Dyak Christians? With a direct charter service now connecting Balikpapan with Singapore, a visit to the old field is made far cheaper. Pray!

GLTDERS GOING ON TO RIVER VALLEY.

Young Lifers of the "Gospel Letters and Tract Department" are a vigorous, soul-winning group that deserves the whole Church's prayer and support. Through them have been won many young lives into the Kingdom - through their Saturday Club meetings, camps at Sarimbun, and surely at a DVBS to be held during the school vacation in June. Inasmuch as "the King's business requireth haste," the GLTDers are now launching out to River Valley!

A wooden-brick house in a kampong of fifty families has been rented for a new Gospel outreach. This is in keeping with their desire to establish a local, self-supporting Church (the more the merrier)! For the moment it will serve as a station to reach the kampong people, but more with the view of saving young souls from three secondary and two primary schools situated nearby. From what has been attained in the past, we are confident that this River Valley station will become a bright lighthouse to many groping in the Valley. Winning the young to Christ, before they fall deeper into sin, such as the plague of drug taking these days, is a sure contribution to the welfare of our nation. Will our Government recognise this?

Who are the GLTDers? It all started with the prompt answer that a young man gave to the Lord who called out of a dark crisis that overtook Life Church. This was Easter Monday, 1965. Fifty Lifers were headed for Cameron Highlands, when at the foothills a bolt from the blue raptured three lived. They were Mrs. Nancy Tow, daughter Annie and aunt Mrs. Tow Keng Chuan. The crash of that Easter Monday motor accident was heard the same evening by two young men in Singapore - Deacon Koh Kim Hiang (Calvary) and Bro. Goh Seng Fong (Life). These two were staying at Elder Joshua Lim's while the family was gone on the Cameron Highland trip with the rest of the fifty campers. Tears and remorse filled the whole Church, as did Bro. Seng Fong's heart. But a still small voice lingered strong and persistent after the wind and fire. Before daybreak, Seng Fong had given his life to the Lord. "Vanity of vanities For what shall it profit a man if he shall gain the whole world but lose his own soul?"

Since Easter 1965, a new lively branch has shot forth out of the three deaths. Seng Fong, a qualified teacher, gave himself to about two years of part-time training at the Far Eastern Bible College, from where he received a Certificate of Religious Knowledge. Meantime he had started a Bible Class at Monk's Hill where he was teaching. Young souls confronted with the question of eternal life or eternal death came to the Lord one by one.

When this little beginning developed into a sizeable group, and when the authorities forbade religious meetings in school, Seng Fong brought his group to meet at Newton Life Church. In 1968 the meetings were shifted to the balcony of Life Church. Ever since the GLTD meetings have been one distinctive characteristic of the Life Church congregation. Today the young people who come to the GLTD Saturday meetings hail not only from Monk's Hill, but also from many other schools.

The GLTD concentrates a great deal on Bible learning and tract distribution. A visit to their office up the corner of the balcony overlooking the pulpit will convince you that they are a people on fire for the Lord.

As the River Valley station opens to the first meeting this Lord's Day afternoon, let us give to our young people every encouragement they need in the Lord!

(Leaders of the GLTDers are Bros. Lau Chin Kwee and Johnson See. Bro. Seng Fong who is married to Daisy Koh is with his wife and child in the States. Having spent nearly four years studying abroad, it is expected they will soon return to Singapore.)

"Meat In Due Season" (Luke 12:42).

The meat or food referred hereat is of course that which is spiritual. The Prophet Amos predicted a time when there would be a famine of the words of the Lord. Jesus therefore exhorts His servants to be mindful of feeding the souls of His children with "meat in due season."

One happy result of our starting Life Book Centre is that it has, first of all, become an auxiliary to our pulpit ministry of the Word at Life Church. The Book Centre carries not only a wide range of Bibles, but also an increasing stock of good, Christian devotional books and standard theological works, etc., etc. The recommended books are "meat in due season" to feed your souls. A brother, having bought and read Unger's Demons in the World Today appreciates the pitfalls pointed out, e.g. that palmistry is prohibited by God's Word. Others have told me how they have been blessed reading "Stephen, the Chinese Pastor."

This week, I can highly recommend the Story of a young Korean Christian engineer who lived a hide-and-seek life under the Korean Communists and how God delivered him. This would better alert you to what a Christian must undergo under the heel of the Evil One. This book sent by Rev. Hsu my good friend in New York is entitled "Decision at Dawn" by Chulho Awe. Only one copy, it is open to borrowing, first come first served! This is meat that whets your spiritual appetite for God! (Borrowing time: one week). - T.T.

1976 HONGKONG ANNUAL MEETING

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Sat. 3 p.m. Chng - Wong Wedding & Reception
 (Fisherman of Christ).
 4 p.m. YF (Rev. Tow speaks on Holy Spirit).
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Yrjole of Finland.
 4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua.
 Last Week's Offering: \$530.50 + \$50. Boxes \$28.50.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young people: Life YF.
Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

Obituary. Madam Tham Foong Ying, 55, mother of Bro. Ricky Lum, passed away peacefully May 10. Funeral on May 13 was officiated by Rev. Lau To Chan and Rev. Tow.

Kelapa Swait: Two young people were baptised last Lord's Day while one reaffirmed her faith.

Mr. Han Joong Sik (FEBC B.Th. 1974) has been awarded a prize by Winnipeg Theo. Seminary. He is also seconded to teach Greek and Greek Exegesis while taking the Th. M.
Dr. Allan Adams newphone: 4422784.

Wedding Bells: The holy matrimony between Mr. Andrew Chua Boon Chye and Miss Wong Moon Peng of the Bible Church (P. Panjang), will be solemnised May 29, 2 p.m. (Reception at FEBC Hall), Rev. Tow officiating.

Guests at FEBC Hostel: Mrs. Lukas Candra of S E Asia Bible College and Mrs. Shao.

Chin Lien Bible Seminary graduated 10 on the occasion of her 39th anniversary, Fri. May 14, 1976.

"Give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13) Big stocks of Bibles and devotional books from US and England have arrived! Also Hebrew Bibles from Israel. Get your best selection at a price you will be pleased with! Recommended: Dr. Unger's Classic: "Demons in the World today" hard cover for \$5 only. Know your enemy and you will not be tricked.

Mr. Ang Kheng Leng, architect who built our Church and College, is now shifted to Suite 2406, 24th Floor, International Plaza, Anson Road, Singapore, phones: 2209917; General Office: 2209757.

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PS. 126. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XIX

- Q.52. For whom did Christ obey and suffer?
 A. For those whom the Father had given him.
 Q.53. What kind of life did Christ live on earth?
 A. A life of poverty and suffering.
 Q.54. What kind of death did Christ die?
 A. The painful and shameful death of the cross.

O BETHANY, MY HOME SWEET HOME

- 3 5 2. 1 3 5 2. 1
 1. O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home,
 1 3 5. 3 2 1 4-
 Where my Lord is wont to stay.
 4 6 3. 2 4 6 3. 2
 Unworthy though as I can be,
 2 3 2. 1 1 5-
 He's forgiven me by His grace.
 3 5 2. 1 3 5 2. 1
 What a blessing 'fore Him seated!
 1 3 5. 3 2 1 6-
 Who can take away my part?
 5 6 7 7 6 7 3 3
 O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home!
 1 2 3. 5 2 3 1-
 God and man share heart to heart.

Chorus:

- 1 6. #5 6 i.
 My heavy burdens,
 7 6 5. #4 5 3-
 He puts them on Himself.
 3 2. #1 23 #4-
 Through Valley of Tears,
 i 7- 6 5
 No more bereft.
 3 5 2. 1 3 5 2. 1
 For Jesus is my Home Sweet Home,
 1 3 5. 3 2 1 6-
 I must see Him day to day.
 #5 6 7 7 6 7 i i
 His love endures till worlds be gone,
 1 2 3. 5 2 3 1-
 With Him life brings no dismay.
 3rd #5 6 7 7 6 7 i i
 (vs) His love endures till worlds be gone,
 1 2 3. 5 6 5 1-
 I'll go with Him all the way.

2. My Home Sweet Home, by Olivet
 Finds grace in Emmanuel's eyes.
 Where joined in one are heart and heart,
 Then soar our souls to the skies.
 I pour on Him my ointment sweet,
 Little token of my love,
 O Bethany, my Home Sweet Home -
 Endless blessings from above.
 3. With Jesus my Lord and Saviour,
 Heart to heart and face to face,
 I shall triumph o'er each trial,
 By His help, I'll run the race.
 Blow thou North Wind, and thou South Wind!
 O what fragrance fills our home!
 My Lord and I, what joy divine,
 Love sublime forevermore.

Words and Music by John E. Su,
 translated by T.T.

MY TESTIMONY

By Dr. John Sung.

Let me relate my testimony in the context of Genesis. My name, according to the flesh, is Sung Siong-ceh, according to the spirit, John. My life may be divided into seven stages according to the order of the creation:

1. Light and darkness.
2. Water, Air, sky.
3. Earth and vegetation.
4. Sun, moon and stars.
5. Sea and fish, Air and birds.
6. Lower order of animals; higher order of animals.
7. Rest.

The key to my life, John, may be found in the seven stages above.

Period I.

Light and darkness. This was the period of superstitions. My father was a devout pastor. He served in the ministry for forty-four years. I thank God for such a father who loved me, taught me and fed me with spiritual food. What I am today is all from my father. There were six boys and four girls in our family. How could a pastor with so many children survive? My father was a good writer and speaker. When he first became pastor of Hinghwa city, he had a church capable of admitting 3,000. However, his congregation in the first year numbered two hundred odd. This increased to five to six hundred in the second year, and to over a thousand in the third. I have never seen such a prosperous church.

When my father was twenty years old, he was rather anxious about his livelihood. One evening he heard the Lord speaking to him quite suddenly, "But seek My kingdom and righteousness, and all these things I shall add to you." After this my father related his new-birth and its happy experience to me. Sad to say, I did not know what was meant by sin and re-birth at that time.

My father kept a diary. It is from him that I have acquired this habit of keeping a diary. Every Saturday he would climb a hill to pray for his Sunday sermon and congregation. He was not a strong man. He was often plagued with coughs. Once he coughed so badly that my mother and I got together to pray for him. Thanks be to God, He heard our prayer and healed him.

My father loved most to preach in the villages. He taught me how to preach the Gospel. In my first attempt, I could speak but a few words. The second time I could speak several hundred words. This was in 1909 when I was nine years old.

There was a revival in the city. Several thousand were filled with the Holy Spirit, after they confessed their sins in tears - drunkenness, smoking, theft. People came from Foochow and Amoy. Chinese pastors and foreign missionaries, one and all, were deeply moved.

I loved to study during school days. I was more gifted than my school-mates. I was against their anti-Japanese demonstrations and found excuse to take leave, and of course I was dubbed "Slave without a country." But I retorted, "I am a son of God. Go on sneering."

We had family worship. The youngest child at home could pray. When I got promoted to senior middle, I used to help my father preach. I led thirty to forty to the Lord. I taught the young children the Lord's Prayer and the Ten Commandments. Thanks be to God, I had all the good seed sown into my heart while I was so young. Though I was darkness, I received light from my father. He was a lamp unto my feet.

Period II.

Water, Air, Sky. This was the period of a struggle within me between science and faith. At 18, I said to my father, "I want to go to America!" My father said, "Can you go without any money?" I said, "By faith. Prayer can succeed!" God heard my prayer. I received a letter from a Methodist College in U.S. granting me a tuition scholarship. But I had no money for the passage. It happened that World War I was on. The U.S. dollar was low. My father borrowed \$500 from his students for me. I said, "I will return this sum to them within a year after reaching America!" But I suffered from sore eyes disease and my father said, "You can't go now!" I said, "I'll be allright in a week!" God again heard my prayer.

When I got to Shanghai, there were seven of us. The other went to the restaurants and cinemas, but I remained behind reading my Bible. Although they laughed at me, I had this reply, "I am a son of God. Go on!"

When we got on the boat, no sooner had the vessel put out to sea than all of my companions became sea-sick. I was the only one unaffected. We were twenty days on board. When we arrived in San Francisco, I was grown quite stout on the food left by the seven.

But when I arrived in U.S.A. I gave up my original intention of studying theology. I became a science student. I had six dollars left in my pocket. No one helped me, as my English was poor. I could only look up to God, pray. Later I got a job that gave me one dollar for four hours of work. This barely kept my body and soul together, but was better than nothing. Then I found another job at a factory. Everyday I worked eleven hours. This job gave me \$100 per month. After paying \$50 for food, I could little save up to repay within a year the sum I borrowed to come to U.S. I could only look up to God in prayer.

I love to sing. I sang loudly in my work. My fellows-at-work liked the singing. So

they gave me a treat.

One day a foreman took me to lunch. I told him the reason why I came to U.S.A. He gave me a job that paid a dollar an hour. However, this rise could not help much after deducting food and vacation. I prayed again, and I got another job. I worked three hours a day and my monthly pay was \$30. Because I worked very hard like two men, when school reopened, I was the first in earned income among a thousand students. I had saved up \$500. At this time the U.S. dollar shot up. An American dollar was worth more than two Chinese dollars. So, with over US\$200 I cleared my debt.

Now the normal college course takes four years. I requested my principal to let me do it in three. My principal said my English was too little, and on top of that, I had chosen Science. He replied, "You couldn't graduate in five!" But I replied "Two!" Nevertheless my principal agreed that if my results were good, I could graduate in three. I prayed earnestly to God. I was first in astronomy in a class of 300. I could complete my study not only in three years but also have the choice of subjects from chemistry, physics, maths, psychology to sociology.

Although I had made progress in studies, my faith began to waver. I forgot to pray and read the Bible. Before I was like water, becoming air. Now I was backslided. God chastised me and sent me sickness. Because of over-study, I became ill. The doctor said, "This sickness needs an operation, or life will be in danger." Alas! What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul? I could only have recourse to prayer that the Lord would forgive my sins. "When my father and mother forsake me, then the Lord will take me up." Before operation, I was obliged to write a last letter informing my parents. I told them I had repented and I wasn't afraid of death at all. After two weeks in hospital, I recovered. With neither kith or kin, where could I find the means of paying my hospital bill, costing several tens of dollars? Again I prayed, "O Lord give me parents that can look after me." The Lord heard my cry. The pastor of the Church where I used to worship, hearing of my sickness, reported to the congregation. Yes, they all came to see me, and paid my fees! My faith shot up once more. But in no time it was lost to science. I backslided. After three years, I graduated the best among four. I was the only Chinese. My photo was splashed far and wide. As I became known abroad and began to strut around, my coughs returned. I repented and prayed. The Lord sent me out to mow grass. After one week I recovered, and I soon became ruddy again. I recovered completely in three weeks. At this time as I studied more science, my spiritual life dropped further. I got sick again, and again I turned to the Lord. This was my period of change, from water to air. (to be continued). - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 3 p.m. Gospel Team to Kulai.
Sat. 2 p.m. Chua-Wong Wedding, Rev. Tow officiating.
4 p.m. YF & YF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi.
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Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Peter Lau Hua Tong and Miss Soon Ai Ling of Glory Church will be solemnised on Sat. June 5, 2 p.m. Rev. Tow officiating. (Reception at FUEC Hall).
We welcome to our pulpit Rev. Yrjole of the Gospel yacht Ebeneser. (Rev. Tow preaches at Sembawang this Lord's Day).
Thompson Chain Reference Bible. Own one for a lifetime's study! "Say it with a book!" When expressing your love or appreciation for someone why not give a Bible or a good devotional book?
Patronise Lim Florist. Phone: 376471/2353292.
Bookings of Shalom House should henceforth be made direct to Dr. Patrick Tan, 674564. Tony Ting of Grace Church leaves next week for anti-drug training at the instance of Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.
Lt. Col. Patrick Tan is visiting U.S.A. July 2-8 on invitation by the Officers Christian Union International. The OCUI Conference will be held in Virginia.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO:XX

Q.55. Who will be saved?
A. Only those who repent of sin, believe in Christ and lead holy lives.
Q.56. What is it to repent?
A. To be sorry for sin, and to hate and forsake it because it is displeasing to God.
Q.57. What is it to believe or have faith in Christ?
A. To trust in Christ alone for salvation.
Q.58. Can you repent and believe in Christ by your own power?
A. No; I can do nothing good without the help of God's Holy Spirit.
Q.59. How can you get the help of the Holy Spirit?
A. God has told us that we must pray to Him for the Holy Spirit.

Galilee Church celebrates 16th Anniversary Lord's Day June 6 with buffet dinner on our Church grounds, 6.30 p.m. after the service. F.E. Kindergarten Committee is called to meet at the parsonage, Mon. June 7, 8.00 p.m.! The Life Book Centre Committee comprises Deacons Phang Chin Yen (Chairman), William Teo and Peter Wang. (Rev. Tow, advisor). A full stock of stationery from Far East Book Co., at competitive prices is offered by the Book Centre to our members.

ALWAYS FINISH

IF A TASK is once begun
Never leave it till it's done.
Be the labor great or small,
Do it well or not at all. -Unknown.

MY TESTIMONY
By Dr. John Sung.

Period III

Earth and Vegetation. This was a period of struggle between social service and faith. This was the period during which I got my bachelor, master and doctor's degrees. In only five years and two months, I earned three degrees. In taking the doctor's, I needed German and French. Praying earnestly, and shutting myself up in the room for two months of relentless study, I could translate chemistry German and French. The professor, seeing my work, asked, "Have you had seven or eight years of German and French?"

During this period I was very humble. I also found opportunity to assist in teaching. I got a high-paying job according to the hour. With scholarship and money, I became more active. I started an international students society and became the president. Members came from not less than 13 countries. From here we organised a concert. We invited the principal and professors, and charged each person five dollars. We sold over \$1,000 tickets. This sum of money we loaned to needy foreign students free of interest, after the charitable deeds of our Lord. Though I believed in God at this time I took Jesus to be a perfect, moral, and self-denying man.

After this I organised an international society for peace, to unite all races and nations to abolish super-nationalism. I put Jesus alongside Confucius, Mencius, Lao-tse and Chuangtse. I was applauded. I got many invitations.

When I wanted to return home in 1927 I received a lucrative offer. While I was trying to make up my mind, a voice said to me, "What shall it profit a man if he should gain the whole world and lose his own soul?" At that moment I could clearly see my Father praying for me. He said to me, "Did I not send you to America to study theology?" Then I saw a cross, and I heard a voice, "Without the Cross you can't save any people or country!" Overwhelmed as it were by a flood, I found a safe place inside the ark of the cross. I was greatly relieved. So I decided to give myself to the Lord. I entered a seminary in New York.

Period IV and V

It was a pity to hear renowned scholars when lecturing on Matthew Chapter I to put a question mark over Jesus' virgin birth by Mary. These same professors dismissed as unscientific and unbelievable the Genesis account, and the doctrine of the resurrection. They said prayer was hypnosis. These teachings stirred up the doubts within my heart. As I began to doubt the reliability of the Bible, I thought of founding a new religion. I regarded Confucianism and Buddhism superior to the Bible. Since I thought the Bible to be unscientific, I gave up prayer. I turned against Christianity. But He who is not willing any should perish, had helped and saved me through these five or six years. He saved me from the road of destruction. He turned me around.

Poisoned by modernism, I gave up the desire to preach. This was 1927 when I decided to return to China. I regarded the answers to my past prayers to be no more than happy coincidences. On the point of going home, I suddenly heard a voice, "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and will bring to nothing the understanding of the prudent." (1 Cor. 1:29). I said, "O God, What is the meaning? What must I do?" God showed my sins. In Jan. 1927, I deeply repented. From this time forth, I read my Bible and prayed everyday. I disregarded the word of man. I obeyed only the Word of God. On Feb. 10th, I saw myself so polluted with sin. I prayed, "Lord, You who love me, I have left You. I have said with my mouth, There is no God. You heard my prayers before and saved me. Can my sins be forgiven now? I shall not return. Only You must bless me!"

I saw the Lord standing before me: "Your sins are forgiven! Your name is changed to John." I said, "Lord Jesus, don't leave me! I am sorrowing terribly because of your death for me."

Since the Lord changed me over, I saw the devil in certain pastors and professors. With the eyesight God had now given me I read my Bible. God saved me from the road of destruction as He led Abraham out of a road leading nowhere. I was like a fish in the sea becoming a bird in the air. I was filled with the Holy Spirit. I knew the Bible was God's Word, every jot and tittle, unchangeable. I refused to study the theology of devils. I went out to preach. Many thought I had gone crazy, but the power of God was with me.

On Feb. 17, when I went outdoors, I saw a child write the word "Rest" on the road. I saw another child writing the same word. I saw yet another writing that word. This made me feel uneasy. When I returned to seminary, the door was shut to me. I was not permitted to enter. I asked the people, "What is this?" They said, "You are sick. We'll send you to rest at the hospital." Though I tried to get out of this sudden situation, God said, "Rest! Rest!" I brought my Bible and pen along, and lo and behold! I was sent to a lunatic asylum. Pity me I now was turned into a fish in the deep sea. Though they tried to take away my Bible, could they forbid theological professors and students from reading the Bible? Now, since I had no diary or paper, I could write only on the margin of my Bible what the Holy Spirit taught me.

On the second day, a panel of scientists gathered to study the root of my sickness. They asked, "Are your father and mother affected by mental sickness? Are your mother's parents also affected?" I said, "Do you think me mad? Please examine my brain and see who is more lucid." Though they discarded me, God was with me. He taught me the Scriptures. The Holy Spirit led me to write down notes. I saw in the creation a revelation. I saw God as my loving Father. He gave me spiritual eyes. He taught me things of the Spirit. At this time ... Satan came to tempt me. After the devil of conceit left, the devil of jealousy came. Every day, a devil came. Thanks be to God, I won against the Devil through prayer. Though I was like a fish in the sea, I could rise like a bird in the sky.

At this time I was in the company of a inmate of 13 years. How could I stand it? I waited for a chance to escape. But they caught me within half a mile. Now they really regarded me a madman. I was bound hand and foot. I was put into an inner ward. My companions wailed day and night. How could I get any consolation? From sanity to insanity! I could only pray. God came to comfort me, "Fear not, I am with you. This is your cross!" I stayed in this wilderness for 193 days. This reminded me of the Lord Jesus who had borne our sins for 1930 years. So, I must bear this sin-load for 193 days. After 193 days, God said to me, "Today is your day of release." True enough, a friend just returned from Europe to America became my guarantor. It fulfilled what God revealed to me. (to continued) - T.T.

USE YOUR HANDS by Rev. Edward Paauwe.

The Word of God enjoins believers not to be lazy but to work diligently and hard. "Go to the ant, thou sluggard; consider her ways, and be wise" (Proverbs 6:6). "Whatsoever thy hand findeth to do, do it with thy might" (Ecclesiastes 9:10).

The Apostle Paul adds to this "...work with your own hands" (I Thess. 4:11) and "even when we were with you, this we command you, that if any would not work, neither should he eat" (II Thess. 3:10). Paul followed his own exhortation, as is clear from I Thess. 2:9 - "Ye remember, brethren, our labour and travail; for labouring night and day ..." Luke explains that Paul's labour was the making of tents - "And because he (Paul) was of the same craft (as Aquila and Priscilla), he abode with them, and wrought; for by their occupation they were tent makers" (Acts 18:3).

We know then that believers ought not to be ashamed of working hard with their own hands. As such we would exhort all our school-going young people to support our government's "Use Your Hands" campaign which is being organised during the June School holidays.

However, in supporting our government's drive we must further note that God has exhorted believers to "Remember the sabbath day, to keep it holy. Six days shalt thou labour, and do all thy work; But the seventh day is the sabbath of the Lord thy God: in it thou shalt not do any work ..." (Exodus 20:8-10).

According to a report in "The Straits Times" of Monday, May 17, 1976 (page 9), "Most teachers and students will return to their schools on the two Sundays during the mid-year holidays, as immediate follow-up action on the Use Your Hand campaign to be launched on June 5.

While we support the Use Your Hand campaign as being fully in agreement with the teachings of the Word of God, we must at the same time say that we cannot condone work on the Lord's Day.

One school principal told the Straits Times, "This community ideal is and has been a voluntary project."

We would exhort all our school-going young people to participate to the fullest of their ability in the Use Your Hands campaign; but we would also exhort them not to participate on Sundays. Since the project is voluntary and not compulsory, schools should not object when students will volunteer their time and energy from Monday to Saturday but keep the Lord's Day holy by refraining from work. We look forward to a full complement of students in Sunday School and church during the Use Your Hands campaign and welcome them to come with dirty hands to prove they are supporting our government.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Mtg. & Session Mtg.

Fri. 3 p.m. Gospel Team to Kulai.

Sat. 9 a.m. GLTD Daily Vacation Bible School.

2 p.m. Lau - Soon Wedding.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper)

4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu (")

Last Week's Offering: \$495.33.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next

Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Births: 1) To Dr. & Mrs. Raymond Phua - a daughter, Melissa Mae Lin, 5th May, 1976.

2) To Mr. & Mrs. Kang Seow Hoe, a daughter, Miriam, 24th May 1976.

Pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hosp.

1. NEARER, STILL NEARER, CLOSE TO THY HEART,

Draw me, my Saviour, so precious Thou art;
Fold me, O fold me close to Thy breast,
Shelter me safe in that Haven of Rest. (2x)

2. Nearer, still nearer, nothing I bring,

Naught as an off'ring to Jesus my King;
Only my sinful, now contrite heart, (2x)
Grant me the cleansing Thy blood doth impart.

3. Nearer, still nearer! Lord to be Thine,

Sin, with its follies, I gladly resign;
All of its pleasures, pomp, and its pride;
Give me but Jesus, my Lord crucified. (2x).

4. Nearer, still nearer, while life shall last,

Till all its struggles and trials are past;
Then thro' eternity, ever I'll be
Nearer, my Saviour, still nearer to Thee. (2x)

MY TESTIMONY
By Dr. John Sung.

Period - VI

Lower form of animals and high form of animals. God said to me during this period, "When you return to China, go to the villages and preach the Gospel where others loathe to preach." When I came back, many regarded me a scientist as the world would see me. My parents suspected I was crazy. When I returned home I did not write in advance of my coming. So, when I entered the home, my sad and kind-looking father said to me, "Who are you? Are you return home a crazy fellow?" I replied, "When I went away I was dead. As I come home now, I am alive." My parents observed me a full month to see if I really was crazy.

At that time I got a job as a science teacher in a school. To start out I taught them the big lesson on chemistry - the feeding of five thousand with five loaves and two fishes! Then they really thought I was mad. But as I preached, many repented and believed the Lord. Is this what a crazy fellow can do? Before, these boys and girls who never read the Bible and were against the Bible became born again now. They began to love reading the Bible and pray. Because I found rapport with the students, my colleagues began to eye me with fear. They concocted rumours against me. Those of the Kuomintang, seeing I was often out preaching, called me a Communist. No doubt there were also Judases among my students who sold me away which grieved me the more. Nevertheless, when they chased me out and beat me, I prayed for them that the Lord might forgive their sins. On another occasion when they were about to assault me, I prayed. Suddenly it thundered with lightning. This scared them helter-skelter instead to quick shut the windows. Praise the Lord, He guided and helped me Himself. Though I was like a lower form of animal, the Lord made me a higher form of animal. For, when I went out to preach in the villages, my zealous students went along with me.

Period VII

At this time, I went out with my students everyday to preach. The Spirit of God was with me. I knew the vanity of the social gospel, and the futility of movements, science and organisations. Only the precious blood of the Crucified Jesus can save a man's soul. I was engaged in much evangelism for two to three years. I preached eight to nine times a day, until I became hoarse and almost speechless. Last year I almost died through illness. Many prayed for me and I recovered. God still wants me to lead many souls to Christ, so He gave me back my life. In my teaching job or in my preaching job, I never considered the question of pay. I needed only six or seven dollars, to live per month. Many thought I had overworked but I did this in the light of Jesus Coming. Why should I hasten with the work? I spend ten months away from home every year, but my heart is filled with joy. Last year I was sick almost to death. But I was very happy when I thought of my work. Lord, this body of mine is Yours. The learning of this world, name, riches, are all empty. Only the merits of the Cross remain forever. Thanks be to God, that I am able to work for You, to be crucified for You. I was a great sinner but, Lord, You saved and changed me, and use me. What work is grander than rural evangelism? I saw many lost sheep repent. Wasn't I thrilled in my heart than the angels? Wherever I go people constrain me to stay. I say, "I'll come again." Because God is with me, my mouth is His mouth, my feet, ears, eyes, heart are also His. With these I can only do His will. You are all God's children. May you think as He thinks. God is not willing that any should perish. How many are there in Shanghai who have not believed? Who's responsibility is it? God has chosen you to be shepherds. How can you take it lightly? How can the world take advantage of you? (1930). - T.T.

"GO OUT INTO THE HIGHWAYS AND HEDGES" (Lk. 14:23).

That is what the GLTD is doing during the coming week of Vacation Bible School. The young people have 200 school children signed up who are scattered as far as Upper Serangoon. Two school buses will round up these along the highways and even from the hedges of some hidden away kampong. They are doing what the Lord has commanded. Now, it takes expenses to run two buses for the Lord's sake. Your concern in this good work will be rewarded.

Talking about going to the hedges, i.e. to remote places for the Gospel's sake, I have a letter written by one of the boys at Kulai Besar to Esther Djunaidi, who ministered there Sept. to Dec., 1974. After one-and-a-half years, she is still remembered. This boy reiterates his faith in the Lord Jesus Christ. The weekly young people's English Bible class as well as the Chinese class maintained by Bro. Sun Looy, preacher at Kelapa Sawit, are surely not in vain. The law of a good harvest is wide sowing. This is true in spiritual work too.

SENT YOUR CHILD TO VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL HERE
at Gilstead Road the whole of this week!

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 9 a.m. Vacation Bible School, GLTD.
 Tues 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Fri. 3 p.m. Team to Kulai Besar.
 Sat. 2 p.m. Tsao - Koh Wedding.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. George Wiley.

(Chairman: Eld. Seow Chong Pin)

4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.

Last Week's Offering: \$545.77; \$200 for Life Book Centre, in thanksgiving.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young people: GLTD. LAD
 Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next
 Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between
 Mr. Tsao San and Miss Dora Koh Ah Moy will
 be solemnised Saturday June 12, 1976 at 2p.m.
 Rev. Tow officiating.

Welcome home to Lina Seow our former organist
 on vacation from higher study in Canada.

Philippines In Distress News has just been
 received from Rev. Ormeo's son of the suffer-
 ings of Christians under the recent Typhoon,
 in which 100 were drowned and thousands ren-
 dered homeless. Charity offerings from Read-
 ers will be channelled to Rev. Ormeo for his
 Church members.

Rawang Church, Muar. Rev. Tow will preach at
 Rawang, Lord's Day, July 11.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee meet Mon.
 June 7, 8 p.m. at the Parsonage.

The Holy Word Church at Tampoi Johore, built
 at a cost of \$120,000, will be dedicated on
 the Lord's Day, June 20, 3 p.m.

Hear Dr. Tow Siang Hwa at Life Church on the
 Lord's Day, June 20, 10 a.m.

Rev. and Mrs. Tow will be on vacation, June
 13 to 21.

Sembawang B-P Church Renovation. Apart from
 individual surs, Life Church has voted \$1,000
 for their needs.

"Give attendance to reading" (I Tim. 4:13).

"Miracles in Indonesia" by Don Crawford is
 recommended. Know what God is doing in a
 country of 150 millions! Praise the Lord,
 "In John Sung's Steps - the story of Lim Puay
 Hian" is now completed and will be sent to
 the press for compositing next week. (Have
 you visited the Life Book Centre. Open after
 service to cater to your spiritual needs!)

Hear Rev. Tai Po-fu at the Chinese Service
 this Lord's Day, 4 p.m.

WHO ARE MY PEOPLE? - Rosa Zagnoni Marinoni

MY PEOPLE? Who are they?

I went into the church where
 the congregation

Worshipped my God. Were they my
 people?

I felt no kinship to them as they
 knelt there.

My people! Where are they?

I went into the land where I was born,
 Where men spoke my language ...

I was a stranger there.

"My people," my soul cried,

"Who are my people?"

Last night in the rain I met an old/
 Who spoke a language I do not speak,
 Which marked him as one who does not
 know God.

With apologetic smile he offered me
 The shelter of his patched umbrella.
 I met his eyes... And then I knew...

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NCS: XXI & XXII

Q.60. How long ago is it since Christ died?

A. More than nineteen hundred years.

Q.61. How were pious persons saved before the
 coming of Christ?

A. By believing in a Saviour to come.

Q.62. How did they show their faith?

A. By offering sacrifices on God's altar.

Q.63. What did these sacrifices represent?

A. Christ, the Lamb of God, who was to die
 for sinners.

Q.64. What offices has Christ?

A. Christ has three offices.

Q.65. What are they?

A. The offices of a prophet, of a priest, and
 of a king.

THE LOOM OF TIME

MAN'S LIFE is laid in the loom of time

To a pattern he does not see,
 While the weavers work and the shuttles fly
 Till the dawn of eternity.

Some shuttles are filled with silver threads
 And some with threads of gold,
 While often but the darker hues
 Are all that they may hold.

But the weaver watches with skillful eye
 Each shuttle fly to and fro,
 And sees the pattern so deftly wrought
 As the loom moves sure and slow.

God surely planned the pattern;
 Each thread, the dark and fair,
 Is chosen by His master skill
 And placed in the web with care.

He only knows its beauty,
 And guides the shuttles which hold
 The threads so unattractive,
 As well as the threads of gold.

Not till each loom is silent,
 And the shuttles cease to fly,
 Shall God reveal the pattern
 And explain the reason why.

The dark threads were as needful
 In the weaver's skillful hand
 As the threads of gold and silver
 For the pattern which He planned. -Unknown.

1. WHEN UPON LIFE'S BILLOWS YOU ARE TEMPEST TOSS'D

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.

Chorus:

Count your blessings, name them one by one,
 Count your blessings see what God hath done;
 Count your blessings name one by one,
 And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done.

2. Are you ever burden'd with a load of care?

Does the cross seem heavy you are called to bear?
 Count your many blessings, ev'ry doubt will fly,
 And you will be singing as the days go by.

3. When you look at others with their lands and gold,

Think that Christ has promis'd you His wealth
 untold!

Count your many blessings, money cannot buy,
 Your reward in heaven, nor your home on high.

4. 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.

LIM PUAY HIAN ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Q1. Who then has the Holy Spirit?
A. He who is born again (Jn. 3:6) because those who are born again are children of God (Gal. 4:5,6).
- Q2. How can we receive the Holy Spirit?
A. Being moved by the Holy Spirit (Jn. 16:8), we repent and confess our sins (Acts 2:38) and believe in Jesus (Jn. 1:12).
- Q2. What is the meaning of baptism of the Holy Spirit?
A. It is Spiritual baptism whereby our sins are cleansed by the Holy Spirit (I Cor. 6:11). At Pentecost the disciples received the Holy Spirit, confessed their sins and had themselves cleansed. Thus they were baptised by the Spirit, and fulfilled the Lord's promise (Acts 1:4,5). It is an experience every born again, saved person must go through.
- Q4. Is our Spiritual baptism now the same as that experienced at Pentecost?
A. No. The disciples at Pentecost when going through the Spiritual baptism took ten days. Now that the Holy Spirit has descended for over 1900 years, we can receive the Holy Spirit immediately if we truly repent and thoroughly have our sins cleansed and by faith receive the Holy Spirit. For the Church has fulfilled the Lord's promise (I Cor. 12:13).
- Q5. Is there any difference between receiving the Holy Spirit and being filled with the Spirit?
A. There's a difference. He who is born again has received the Holy Spirit (Eph. 1:13; Acts 2:38). But one must be holy and fully obedient (I Pet. 1:2; Acts 5:32) before one can be filled with the Holy Spirit.
- Q6. What's the difference between baptism of the Spirit and filling of the Spirit?
A. Baptism of the Holy Spirit occurs once, as at Pentecost. There was no baptism of the Holy Spirit before Pentecost, but there was filling of the Holy Spirit, e.g. John the Baptist and his parents (Luke 1:15, 41, 67). The filling of the Spirit occurs many times (Acts 2:4; 8:31).
- Q7. What are the evidences of receiving the Holy Spirit?
A. 1. Holiness (Acts 15:8,9). 2. Boldness (Acts 4:13,31). 3. Power (Acts 1:8). 4. Love (Rom. 5:5). 5. Spiritual fruit-bearing (Gal. 5:22,23).
- Q8. What is the Holy Spirit's purpose in descending on a person?
A. The purpose is to witness for Jesus (Acts 1:8). - to be continued.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

1. The Question of Tongues-speaking

Speaking in tongues is a badge of Pentecostal Churches. While tongues-speaking is not forbidden (I Cor. 14:39), neither is it to be played up above what is taught in Scripture.

In writing the biography of Lim Puay Hian under the title, "In John Sung's Steps," I've made a wonderful discovery of what Evangelist Lim has written on the subject of Tongues. It's a masterly treatment fully supported with Scripture. It is a reflection also of Puay Hian's own experience of Pentecost under the Revival ministry of Dr. John Sung. During the Pentecostal Revival under John Sung and Puay Hian in the thirties there were thousands who repented in tears and witnessed with joy - but no tongues. So read Puay Hian's Answers above and the concluding part next week.

2. Mr. Logos is Here!

I think I'm not wrong to call Bro. George Miley Mr. Logos. He has held the spiritual helm of this Gospel ship for over five years now, having visited us since 1971. Next week Bro. Miley will hold a Logos Conference at the FEBC to challenge young people to serve with the Ship. We extend him a warm welcome and we also invite you to attend the sessions. Maybe, there's a place for you to serve in some needy country for a year!

3. The GLTD Vacation Bible School

I am very delighted to report to you the holding of a full week of Vacation Bible School for over 200 children by the big brothers and sisters of the GLTD. These daily arrive in two school buses chartered by our young people - by faith.

I'm glad also to note several parents have sent their children to our own VBS. The Gospel in all earnestness has been preached and taught to the very young. The most important foundation in life - faith in the Lord Jesus Christ and new birth by the Holy Spirit - has been laid.

What makes the GLTD tick? It is the Spirit of God working in their hearts. This is well-evidenced by their prayerfulness - on bended knee crying out to the Lord with one accord. Let this fire in the young people's hearts spread to older members of the Church.

4. "Man proposes, God disposes."

This common English saying which someone has traced to Plato is given by Solomon in these words: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." (Prov. 16:9). Have you not experienced such a situation in your life? Have you not planned to go to a wedding feast, e.g., but suddenly something happens that prevents you from going. Or

have you not wished to study at Singapore University, but the results of your HSC were just one point below the mark, and you were channelled to join the Poly or go abroad? Life is full of such deviations. Well, don't forget the higher factor of God in all our life's struggles.

I'd like to share with you my experience of Prov. 16:9 quoted above: "A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." Before school vacation began we had been praying for guidance where we should go for a 10-day break. At first, we seemed to be groping in darkness, since we could not agree where we should go. Then one morning, as we prayed, we seemed to have solved the problem: "Let's take a roundtrip to Kuching by Straits Steamship." It costs only \$160 per adult with good discount for wife and children. When I phoned the Travel agent the answer I got was: "All booked. But, there's a cabin on the ship to Brunei." Since we'd thought that a seatrip would be beneficial to our health and spirits, we accepted the Brunei offer.

The next day after booking our Brunei tickets, there came Margaret Tan, FEBCer 1975 and DTC graduand 1976. "What wind blows you here?" I asked. "I've come to invite you to our Valedictory on June 26 and to tell you I'm going to Brunei to teach."

"Praise the Lord!" I said in my heart. "What else will you do in Brunei?" I asked Margaret. "To help in the Church on the side." She replied. "Then, I now know why we're going on this seatrip to Brunei. You will be my agent for Life Book Centre. We can send you Bibles, Christians books and Salvation tracts to distribute to the people there."

Yes, it is a wonderful idea to be able to do some Gospel extension work when we take a vacation away from home. The extra thrill we're getting is that we have the confidence that something extra good will result through meeting with Christians over there. Please pray for us that the Lord will lead as He has so wonderfully led thus far. "A man's heart deviseth his way, but the Lord directeth his steps." Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXIII

Q.66. How is Christ a prophet?

A. Because He teaches us the will of God.

Q.67. How is Christ a priest?

A. Because He died for our sins and pleads with God for us.

Q.68. How is Christ a king?

A. Because He rules over us and defends us.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon.-Sat. Logos Conference.

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting at Paauwe flat.

Wed. 3 p.m. Team to Kulai Besar.

Sat. 10.30 p.m. GLTD.

4.00 p.m. LCYF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Tow Siang Hwa

(Chairman: Eld. Lau King Hong)

4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Last Week's Offering: \$534.55.

Philippines Distress. Total collected last week was \$93. Any more for Rev. Ormeo's Church members?

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Obituary: Madam Chang Ching Ho, 87, passed in to glory Fri. June 4, 1976. Funeral on Sun. June 6 was officiated by Dr. Maak Hay Chun of Singapore Bible College. Madam Chang is survived by a son Rev. John Chang, pastor of Sembawang Baptist Church and a daughter, missionary with Neil Road Gospel Hall.

Rev. Andreas Djunaidi will be holding a series of Gospel meetings at Tanjung Pinang end of June and is expected thereafter to visit Singapore.

Tan Wai Choon is presently serving at the Bible Presbyterian Church of Grand Island, N.Y. and looks forward to Dr. Patrick Tan's visit.

GLTD "graduates" 200 children after 6 full days of Bible instruction. The Church has presented 250 copies of Qs. & As. on Everlasting Life for Children for each child to learn.

THE DAYS OF SODOM

The days of Sodom now are here

And soon the age will end;

The judgment of Almighty God

Will suddenly descend.

For violence rages in the streets

And hearts are filled with fear;

While crime and immorality

On ev'ry side appear.

Rebellious youth would rule the world,

Their parents disobey;

While revolution rears its head,

The souls of men to slay.

Their nakedness they now display,

And long they wear their hair;

Nor will they listen to God's Word,

They seem to have no care.

They talk of love and yet forsake

Their parents in their need;

So the wrath of God must come

Before they will take heed.

They murder children still unborn

In hundreds day by day;

While in adultery they live,

And mock at those who pray.

They sell themselves to lives of shame,

Men using men to sin;

The Sodomites are here again,

The Devil's fight to win.

Our educators teach them sex,

And damn them in their youth;

The books they read are filled with filth,

Nor will they face the truth.

Lord Jesus, come, let judgment fall,

And usher in at last

The Day of righteousness and peace,

To blot out all the past.

Oswald J. Smith.

The Y.F. has put the "Use Your Hands" campaign into good effect by cleaning up around the Church. Today!

LIM PUAY HIAN ANSWERS QUESTIONS ON SPEAKING IN TONGUES

- Q 9. What are tongues?
- A. Tongues are foreign languages (Acts 2:4,6), languages of earth and not languages of heaven. They are foreign languages (I Cor. 14:21,22).
- Q10. Why did the disciples speak in tongues after being filled with the Holy Spirit?
- A. Because at Pentecost God wanted specially to broadcast the message of Jesus' resurrection from the dead and grant the gift of the Holy Spirit to the Jews gathered from every nation, therefore the Holy Spirit caused the apostles to speak the languages of all nations. This was the fastest means of communication.
- Q11. Apart from Acts 2:4, are there other instances of speaking in tongues as a result of the filling of the Holy Spirit?
- A. No. Acts records Stephen, Barnabas, Paul, and the disciples of Antioch in Pisidia as being filled with the Spirit but does not mention their tongues-speaking. (See Acts 6:5; 7:55; 11:24; 9:17; 13:9,52).
- Q12. Why did the house of Cornelius speak in tongues?
- A. The house of Cornelius spoke in tongues because God wanted the opinionated Jews to believe that God blessed the Gentiles the same as the Jews. (Acts 15:8,9).
- Q13. Did the Samaritans speak in tongues when the apostles laid hands on them?
- A. The Bible does not record any tongues-speaking on their part. But in laying hands on them, the apostles manifested the gift of the Holy Spirit, witnessing the Lord's promise, and showing that their position in Christ was equal to that of the Jerusalem Church.
- Q14. Why did Paul lay hands on the twelve at Ephesus causing them to speak in tongues?
- A. Because they were disciples of John the Baptist and did not understand the coming of the Holy Spirit. So when Paul laid hands on them, he wanted them to have a share of the full blessing of the Holy Spirit. Thus they spoke in tongues. Some commentators say these twelve were Grecians. That God manifested the gift of the Holy Spirit on them was the same as He did to the house of Cornelius. (Acts 10:45,46).
- Q15. Were the tongues spoken at Corinth the same as the tongues spoken at Pentecost and at the house of Cornelius?
- A. Not the same.
- Q16. Why not the same?
- A. Because the tongues spoken at Pentecost and at the house of Cornelius could be understood by others. But the tongues spoken at Corinth could be understood by no one. This is because the Gospel of Christ was preached and there was no need for God to use tongues to make known his message, as in the beginning at Pentecost. Therefore those tongues that could be understood were not given at Corinth. We see that God has a special purpose for every period of action. For example, God sent ten plagues at the time of the Exodus. After that period, however, He did not act likewise. As to tongues-speaking, there is also a difference between periods. This is a logical comparison.
- Q17. Did the tongues-speaking at Corinth last for long?
- A. No. After a while, the tongues ceased, even to this day. Apart from Pentecostals, the Church does not advocate speaking in tongues again. Tongues are a matter of the past.
- Q18. Since tongues are a matter of the past, why do the Pentecostals incite others to speak in tongues?
- A. Because they misinterpret the Pentecost of the past as something that remains and is not past. They quote Joel, that now is the time of "Spring rains," a second Pentecost. But the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost was not the fulfilment of Joel's prophecy. What Joel predicted refers to what will happen before the Great Tribulation (See Joel 2:28-32). When Peter quoted Joel, he merely pointed out God's promise to give the Holy Spirit as a matter of fact, to explain that their speaking in tongues was not due to intoxication, but a gift brought by the Holy Spirit. This was used as a Gospel witness to the Jews. We are now living in the period between Pentecost and the Blowing of Trumpets. We are not in the period of Pentecost. The situation of the Church today is quite different from the situation at Pentecost. Pentecost is clearly past. Though the Spirit has used the term "Spring rains" for a comparison of the filling of the Holy Spirit, it nowhere states this as referring to the work of the Holy Spirit at the end of the Dispensation of Grace as being a second Pentecost.
- Q19. Why do Pentecostals insist on laying hands on people to make them speak in an unknown tongue?
- A. Because, in order to imitate the early Apostles in their giving of spiritual grace, they lay hands too freely upon those they have laid hands. Some do speak in an unknown tongue. These then claim themselves to have proof of being baptised by the Holy Spirit. But the Bible tells us that speaking in tongues is but one gift of the Holy Spirit. (I Cor. 12:8-10) and not evidence of being baptised by the Holy Spirit. The Pentecostals say that being filled with the Spirit is something that belongs to them in tongues-speaking. Without tongues-speaking, they say, there is no proof of Holy Spirit baptism. They forcibly equate filling of the Holy Spirit with baptism of the Holy Spirit. This is very wrong.

- Q20. Are the interpretations given by Pentecostals to their tongues reliable and believable?
- A. Whether the interpretations agree with the tongues only the Lord knows.
- Q21. Pentecostals also think that if everybody in the Church speak in tongues then the Church would become as it was at Pentecost. Can this thing be realised?
- A. Not at all. For the Church is now at the end of the Laodicean age. There is no possibility of returning to Pentecost. At this age God wants everyone in the Church to become an overcomer, that when the Lord comes, we might sit on the throne with Him as Christ sits with the Father (Rev. 3:21). What we are hoping for is the future gift of His promise, and not to learn how to speak in tongues. Tongues are not a necessity for the Church of this age. Know that for the Church to revive, it is not tongues but rather willingness on everyone's part in the Church to turnover a new leaf, totally confessing our sins and repenting, seeking holiness and the filling of the Holy Spirit. With love and power to witness for the Lord, and to "bring them in." For when the Lord comes to reward us, we might reign with Him in great glory. Can speaking in tongues obtain to this?

NOTE: The climate of Israel has two rainy seasons: Big rains at end of October to enable sowing. These are "Autumn rains." During April, big rains precede the harvest. These are called "Spring rains." - Concluded.

TAN WAI CHOON writes: Thank you very much for your kind letter and statement of support.

I'm deeply touched by the confidence the Session has expressed in granting me the scholarship of US\$500.00. Life Church, by this generous gesture, has melted my heart to consider very seriously my serving there as your assistant pastor. When Dr. Patrick Tan visits me in the United States, I shall discuss the matter in greater detail and frankness with him.

Praise the Lord for your Calvin's Vol. I. I'm looking forward to reading it as well as "In John Sung's Steps." Probably I'll get them from Dr. Tan.

Praise the Lord for giving me a tremendous ministry here in the Bible-Presbyterian Church of Grand Island. The Lord is truly preparing me for His ministry back home. Will continue to covet your prayers. Pray that the Lord will use me to bless the people here. Pray that they may be great blessing to me too. "Not by might or by power, but by My Spirit says the Lord of Hosts."

DEBORA LUKITO writes: "I am now a full-time worker and I have finished my introductory period for 3 months. I also have decided to carry on with church work for some time until the Lord leads me to do other Christian work. My church has lots of activities. There are altogether not less than 10 committees. I presently involve in 3 committees; Sunday School (Children Com.), youngteen and ladies. From 27th April - 1st May 1976 we had a Vacation Bible Sch. with 94 children, and the Lord had done wonderfully in that camp. He did the same thing at our ladies' retreat, 20th-22nd May '76. Grandmas enjoyed God's Word as much as children. Their testimonies touched our hearts really."

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Tow Keng Chuan and Madam Png Gek Kee, worshippers at Life Chinese Service, will be solemnised on Mon. June 28 at the Registry. At 6 p.m. the same day a worship and buffet dinner will be held at 11B Queen Astrid Park with Rev. Jacob Fung of Wai Yan Tong in the chair.

S.U. NOTES 1976. Subscribers please collect your 2nd quarter S.U. Notes from Dr. Peter Wang.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXIV

Q.69. Why do you need Christ as a prophet?

A. Because I am ignorant.

Q.70. Why do you need Christ as a priest?

A. Because I am guilty.

Q.71. Why do you need Christ as a king?

A. Because I am weak and helpless.

1. "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."

2. Hear the voice that entreats you,
Oh return ye unto God!
Hear the voice that entreats you,
Oh 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.
Oh return ye unto God!
Oh return ye unto God!

3. 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.

200 Revival choruses & Hymns, No. 178.

"USE YOUR HANDS CAMPAIGN" Thanks to the GLTD group for taking the lead to tidy-up the "U" balcony in the Church auditorium it's now beautiful. What a fine example!

We need a dedicated group who love the Lord to look after the flowers and plants around the Church compound. Please see Elder Tay.

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OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

CHRISTIAN VACATIONING

Taking an annual vacation abroad was out of reach to most of us two decades ago. Today, it is one accepted aspect of a new lifestyle, so called. To take a holiday outside Singapore, once a year, is a good change, and salutary to one's body, soul and spirit.

As for us, we like to get away from all the hubbub of city life. We like to return to the bosom of nature, to quiet and seclusion beneath open skies, by the sea, up the mountain, in God's unsullied domain. While away from home in another land, we would be delighted most to visit another Church, another mission, and to learn of their successes and struggles. Such contact is made with a view to contributing to the expansion of God's Kingdom (at no cost).

The Lord gave us the desires of our heart this year by providing a return seatrip to Brunei. We arrived back safely and much refreshed last Sunday afternoon - on the dot of 4 p.m., in time to join the Chinese Service! As to the last point of our ideals in Christian vacationing, we are happy to report that we found sweet fellowship with Rev. Moses Cheng a young pastor of a flourishing local church. We were glad to be able to present him and his Church a selected number of Christian books for the edifying of their faith. Besides, Brunei is one country that welcomes Singaporeans with open arms (no visa is required), and therefore has won our goodwill. For a full report, please read the B-P Banner.

Christians, Awake to Communism!

This past week's report of how Communism has taken over the Malay press, both in Malaysia and Singapore, is most astounding! But, all that is reported is true. Communism is a tool of Satan, and Satan comes into our life in a most subtle way. See how the Serpent wriggles - he comes from the side, from the most unexpected quarter. Communism, if it cannot succeed in a frontal attack, will infiltrate. When Communism takes over, then it will be speaking through the barrel of a gun.

When Communism comes, there will not be all the freedom that we so much enjoy and take for granted. When Communism comes it will kill and plunder, rob and steal. It will exterminate the Church totally.

When I was a boy in China before our family migrated to Singapore, in the days of the Second Revolution when a power struggle ensued between the Kuomintang (Nationalist) and Communist followers of Sun Yat Sen after Sun's death in 1925, I heard my elders often describe the atrocities perpetrated by the Communists, as you hear and read of what they have done these days. Here is a description of how the Teochew Church suffered, as quoted in my new book, "In John Sung's Steps - the story of Lim Puay Hian." It reads:

'In 1927 a Soviet was set up and a reign of terror instituted with the aim of making a real Communist society on the Russian model. All land was claimed as public property, title deeds were burnt and boundary lines destroyed: anyone who possessed more than about \$500 was considered to be a capitalist and condemned and executed without a trial. The Reds also decided to clear out (1) their political opponents; (2) the socially undesirable people, such as wizards, fortune-tellers, idol mediums, Buddhist priests, etc.; (3) the incurably diseased, the blind, the crippled and lepers; (4) the old (and therefore useless) people. This policy was carried out with terrible ferocity and tens of thousands were killed. In towns that resisted, men, women and children were massacred en bloc.

At first nothing was done against the Christians as such, for fear of complications with other nations, but in Suabue a big anti-Christian meeting was held which led to the arrest of the Italian priests and nuns. They were only released when a gunboat was sent from Hong-Kong to rescue them.

Our missionaries had been recalled to Swatow in 1925 before the Communist outbreak, but their houses were looted and also the schools and churches, which were then used as public meeting places. The hospital was not looted but was taken under Communist control, and the Chinese doctors were required to work under Red supervision. They were Christians and carried on every bravely. Of the sixteen Presbyterian churches in the district several were burnt or destroyed. Three preachers were killed. One of them, Mr. Tan Kam-lin, a fine man and very popular in his village, did not go into hiding and was arrested. The villagers pleaded for him and told how he had loved and helped the people, but it was of no avail and he was shot."

If anyone thinks that Communism has changed, that in fact it has brought progress to such a poor country like China, let him read the experiences of Christians who have come back alive to tell the story in this generation. The most famous of stories of Christians who have been beaten and imprisoned by Communists is that by Pastor Wurmbrand. "Tortured for Christ" is a best seller, and we have no stock now.

"Red Sky at Night" and "Stephen the Chinese Pastor", available at Life Book Centre at a discount, describe to you the persecutions in China. For more varied reading I have the two greatest thrillers "Richard Wurmbrand" by Mary Drewery and "Decision at

Dawn" by Chulho Awe, a Korean Christian engineer. The latter book describing an Asian setting but the same dastardly bullying should be read by every complacent Singapore Christian.

In trying to alert our Readers against the ominous menace of Communism right in our midst, I must exhort you to pray for our Government, to play our part as loyal citizens, to double-up in our witness for Jesus Christ.

A shepherd has a duty to guard his flock against wolves. A pastor has a greater duty of warning his congregation of Christianity's Enemy No. 1, the wolves of Communism. Read John Chapter 10! Yours for the faith, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 3 p.m. Gospel Team to Kulai.
Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
4 p.m. YF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siam Hua (Lord's Supper).

June 13 Offering: \$511.94 + \$510 for Philippines Distress. Last Week's Offering: \$480.46.

Philippines Distress: Total offerings to date: \$823. Praise the Lord for this wonderful, spontaneous response. It shows our Readers are reading the Weekly and you need no exhortation to good works. Here's a blessing: "He that hath pity upon the poor lendeth to the Lord; and that which he hath given will he pay him again" (Prov. 19:17).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Warm Welcome to Singapore University Navigators and to Logos members from Australia and Philippines worshipping with us this Lord's Day morning.

We commend Lim Hai Seng a young member of our Church (baptised last Easter) as he joins the Logos for a year's service. We thank God for support from Batu Pahat his home town, and we should like to add a part.

We bid Godspeed to Elder Patrick Tan who is flying Wed. June 30, 6 p.m. to USA to attend the Officers Christian Union International in Virginia. Dr. Tan will visit Tan Wai Choon at Grand Island, N. York.

The S.U. Navigators are camping with us till Sat. July 3.

Flowers every week are offered by Lim Florist phone 376471/2353292.

Potted Plants in front and around the Church are the good work of those who "Use their Hands" under the direction of Elder Tay and Deacon Roland Wong.

Continue to pray for Elder Tow Keng Hee at Mt. Alvernia Hospital.

Old School Furniture, yet very useful, has been brought here by Mr. Bobby Phee of Sembawang B-P Church. Part of this lot is offered to GLTD River Valley centre.

Life Readers! Have you been blessed by the Book Centre? If you want the Christians of Brunei to share your blessings why not contribute to a Brunei Book Fund? Books will be despatched at little cost. Who could donate a Thompson's Chain Ref. Bible?

S.U. Notes 1976. Subscribers please collect your 2nd quarter S.U. Notes from Dn. Peter Wang.

AMENDMENTS TO SHALOM HOUSE CAMPING RULES.

After 6 months of experience of loaning our Shalom House to various churches and youth groups the Church Session has to introduce several amendments. they are the following:-

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XXV

- Q. 72. How many commandments did God give on Mount Sinai?
A. Ten commandments.
Q. 73. What are the ten commandments sometimes called?
A. The Decalogue.

I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY Jerusalem, CMD.

1. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Come unto Me and rest;
Lay down thou weary one, lay down
Thy head upon My breast."
I came to Jesus as I was
Weary, and worn, and sad;
I found in Him a resting place,
And He has made me glad.
2. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one,
Stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank
Of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
And now I live in Him.
3. I heard the voice of Jesus say,
"I am this dark world's light;
Look unto Me; thy morn shall rise,
And all thy days be bright."
I looked to Jesus, and I found
In Him my star, my sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk,
Till all my journey's done.
Church hymnal No. 226.

1. The cost of camping will be \$2 per person per night with a minimum charge of \$25.00 B-P groups will be given 10% discount only.
2. There will be a booking fee of \$10 which is non refundable.
3. Approval to applications will be made 3 months prior to camping date to allow B-P groups to apply. The Church committee does not have to give any reasons for rejection.
4. The organ may not be used by campers at any time.
5. No camper is allowed to check in on Sunday night. Only the moving in of stores will be allowed. - from Grace Weekly.

Ordination of New Deacons Deacons elected for the first time to Life Church Session are reminded of their ordination by the hands of the pastor and elders at next Lord's Day worship, July 4. Come fully dressed for this sacred occasion!

Life Book Centre Committee is reminded to meet Wed. June 30, 8 p.m. in Church. (Deacons Phang, Teo, Wang; Rev. Tow and Stephen Kuan).

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

"A GOOD BOOK ..."

"A good book is the precious life-blood of a master spirit," says Milton. And what better book to present to the Christian leadership of Brunei than a Thompson's Chain Reference Bible? A Bible that carries with it all the study helps, analyses of books, outline studies of characters, charts, maps, and a harmony of the Four Gospels? We asked for such a gift to help strengthen the Church in Brunei last week and a young couple has graciously answered our appeal with a \$100 cheque. Since the Thompson's Bible costs less than \$70, there's a remainder to buy a selection of good theological books (in Chinese as well, since the Church is bilingual). The Lord bless our new ministry of supplying good Christian books, and we want to thank our brother and sister most heartily for their sweet sacrifice.

Life Book Centre

This book ministry begun barely six months ago, by the help of the Lord, can be said to have got off the ground, like an airplane. With your prayers and support it must rise steadily and gather speed in her advance for the Lord.

To steer it on course, Life Church Session has appointed a committee from the Session itself. The Committee is comprised of Deacon Phang Chin Yen (chairman), Deacon Peter Wang, secretary, Deacon William Teo, Deacon Seow Chong Keong and Rev. Tow (adviser). Mr. Stephen Kwan is manager.

The committee noted with satisfaction that this new work for the Lord has met a very vital need of the Church as well as of our B-P Churches and the Christian Community in general. For Lifers, it is so convenient, isn't it? Anytime we come to Church, the Centre is at our service.

Be sure to make good use of this service. Parents, if you want your children to grow up God-conscious and living upright, start to inculcate them with Christian books. There's a Jungle Doctor series that both thrills and instructs. To start with, there is the Children's Bible. A good selection of children's books is now available.

On the Road Again!

One aspect of Paul's ministry is that he is often on a journey - to give out the Gospel to those in far off places who are waiting to hear. For some time, the Lord has given me rest from making those trips to Rawang and Muar which I did once a month for almost eight years. Then there were seven seatrips that I counted going to Tanjung Pinang.

In view of the fact that both Rawang and Tanjung Pinang are Teochew-speaking and there are so few conversant in this dialect of our own number, I am obliged to answer Rawang and Tanjung Pinang again.

To Rawang and Muar I am pledged to visit on July 11 and to Tanjung Pinang, July 23-25. Not only to administer the Lord's Supper, but also to baptise. At Tanjung Pinang, to which we come on a Friday and leave on Sunday after the morning worship, we can do a further work of holding special meetings during the weekend. We welcome Gospel-partners for both Rawang and Tg. Pinang. Please get in touch with me as early as possible.

Our Own Missionary

The time has come, the Session feels, that we can support Missions in a more vital and personal way by sending out someone from our midst. As we prayed, we thought of Sister Linda Liem (Pramanawati). Sister Linda found the Lord at Life Church while studying in Singapore. I baptised her. She joined FEBC. After four years, she graduated with honours. She returned home to Surabaya. (During her stay in Singapore she made many Indonesian tapes for FEBA.)

We have written Linda about becoming our missionary. She is delighted! She says, "It has been my longing to be in the fulltime ministry At present my concern is very much in teaching in a Bible School..." Since Deacon Phang Chin Yen is visiting Surabaya soon, we see the Lord's Hand in guiding us nearer to our new goal in His service. Deacon Phang can see Linda personally and sound out how we may best cooperate in Missions, while He tarries. Will the Lord eventually lead us to found an Indonesian branch of the Far Eastern Bible College?

Kelapa Sawit Latest

Kelapa Sawit is our oldest branch. It was established by Life Church in Jan. 1954. We bought over the present old shophouse in town two decades ago for \$1050 only. That was during the unsteady days after the Communist uprisings.

Today the old shophouse is worth well over \$20,000! When this is sold it will add quite substantially to Kelapa Sawit's building fund now standing at about \$35,000.

We are grateful to Miss Tay Siew Mui our architect, the same who built Rawang Church. For supervision's sake, however, she is transferring the work to another architect in Johore Bahru who recently built Tampoi Church. This will expedite and streamline the work of operations. Deacon John Ling of Kelapa Sawit has given me this latest report.- Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.
Wed. 3 p.m. FEBC Faculty Meeting.
Fri. 3 p.m. Gospel Team to Kulai.
Sat. 10.30 p.m. GLTD
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF
Lord's Day 10 p.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow at Rawang,
8 p.m. Muar.

Last Week's Offering: \$604.80 + \$200 + \$100.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tow Sng, Khoo.

Church Auditorium Keys. Whoever holds them, please return.

Lost and Found. An envelope addressed to Miss Lim Swee Ling.

Obituary: Elder Tow Keng Hee, 84, went home to be with the Lord Wed. June 30, 1.30 p.m. at Mt. Alvernia Hospital. A memorial service was held at Life Church (Say Mia Tng) Prinsep St., Sat. July 3, 2.30 p.m. before interment at Chua Chu Kang cemetery, Rev. Heng Teck Im officiating and Rev. Tow interpreting. Condolence gifts were shared by Prinsep St. Building Fund and Li Sun High School (Presbyterian).

Rev. Philip Heng will be the Lord's messenger at Kelapa Sawit, Sunday July 11.

New Arrival at Life Book Centre. Jungle Doctor Giant Adventure Pack of 6 books at only \$22.80. Lead your children to the Lord through jungle thrillers!

Far Eastern Bible College reopens Mon. July 19, 8.30 a.m. Meet promptly for opening Day of Prayer.

Pray for the Gospel yacht Ebeneser as it sails to the East coast - Musing, Kuantan, Dungun, Kuala Trengganu, George Kutty of the FEBC is with the boat.

THE STRANGER AT THE DOOR

Behold a Stranger's at the door!
He gently knocks, has knocked before,
Has waited long, is waiting still:
You treat no other friend so ill.

O lovely attitude, He stands
With melting heart and bleeding hands;
O matchless kindness, and He shows
This matchless kindness to His foes!

But will He prove a friend indeed?
He will: the very friend you need;
The friend of sinners - yes, 'tis He,
With garments dyed on Calvary.

Rise, touched with gratitude divine;
Turn out His enemy and thine,
That soul-destroying monster, sin,
And let the heavenly Stranger in.

Admit Him, ere His anger burn;
His feet departed, ne'er return;
Admit Him, or the hour's at hand,
You'll at His door rejected stand.

(Joseph Grigg)

Behold I stand at the door and knock: if any man hear My voice and open the door, I will come in to him, and will sup with him, and he with Me (Rev. 3:20).

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXVI

- Q. 74. What do the first four commandments teach?
A. Our duty to God.
Q. 75. What do the last six commandments teach?
A. Our duty to our fellow men.
Q. 76. What is the sum of the commandments?
A. To love God with all my heart, and my neighbor as myself.
Q. 77. Who is your neighbor?
A. All my fellow men are my neighbors.
Q. 78. Is God pleased with those who love and obey him?
A. Yes; he says, "I love them that love me."
Q. 79. Is God displeased with those who do not love and obey him?
A. Yes; "God is angry with the wicked every day."

1. JESUS, I MY CROSS HAVE TAKEN,
All to leave and follow Thee;
All things else I have forsaken;
Thou from hence my all shalt be.
Perish every fond ambition,
All I've sought, or hoped, or known;
Yet how rich is my condition,
While I prove the Lord my own.
2. Let the world despise and leave me,
They have left my Saviour, too;
Human hearts and looks deceive me,
Thou art faithful, Thou art true.
O, 'tis not in grief to harm me,
While Thy love is left to me;
O 'twere not in joy to charm me,
If that love be hid from me.
3. Soul, then know thy full salvation;
Rise o'er sin, and fear, and care;
Joy to find in every station,
Something still to do or bear.
Think what Spirit dwells within thee;
Think what Father's smiles are thine;
Think that Jesus died to win thee;
Child of Heaven, canst thou repine?
4. Haste thee on from grace to glory,
Armed by faith and winged by prayer;
Heaven's eternal day's before thee;
God's own hand shall guide thee there,
Soon shall close thy earthly mission,
Soon shall pass thy pilgrim days;
Hope shall change to glad fruition;
Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

(Church Hymnal No: 267)

We are glad to learn that Miss Nelia Lee of Rev. Ormeo's church is arriving soon to join the FEBC. We are expecting in all 10 new students.

Our Big Frigidaire inside the store room has now been overhauled (at \$350) and is humming with chilled air again!

Patronise Lim Florist, phone 376471/2353292, at your immediate service.

Dr. Tow Siew Ai has ceased practice at 314 South Bridge Rd. To get her, ring 663035 at 11-B Queen Astrid Park.

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Beyond Israel's Legendary Exploit

As Akiva Laxer, a 30-year-old Israeli attorney from Tel Aviv settled comfortably with 250 others in an Air France flight from Athens to Paris, suddenly he was aroused by a gruff German-accented English announcement over the loud-speaker, "This is your new captain speaking. This plane has been hijacked by the Che Guevara Arm of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine." A blond woman in a jeans suit stood in the front of the plane with pistol and hand grenade. Two Arabs covered the rear with more grenades. The plane was taken to Benghazi, and from Benghazi to Entebbe Airport in Uganda in a new hijack drama. This happened on June 27, 1976, still freshly vivid in our memory.

After some 150 non-Israeli passengers were released, the remaining 100 Israelis and non-Israelis of Jewish extraction were herded into a stifling room of the ramshackle terminal. Several more terrorists who had waited in a Mercedes on the tarmac for the hijacked jetliner joined the gang to keep watch. Uganda soldiers added to the terrorists guarding their quarry numbered 80. According to seven Greek seaman released by the hijackers, President Amin and his security forces were in full cooperation with the gang.

The hostages had now spent almost a week in confinement. As the long week of agonised waiting began now to gather momentum towards its deadline of Sunday, July 4 (1100 hours GMT), dynamite was placed around the hostages. The hour of execution loomed nearer, if the air-pirates' demand for the release of 53 political prisoners in five countries were not met.

It was Saturday midnight. Entebbe Airport, sitting in perfect calm overlooking the placid water of Lake Victoria was pounced upon from the pitch-dark sky! An explosion woke everybody out of sleep, including the off-guard hijackers. In the moments that the sleepers awoke and rubbed their eyes, there swooped on the runway two Israeli Boeing 737s and a Hercules C130 transport. Within minutes eleven Ugandan MiG fighters were set aflame while Israeli commandos charged into the terminal where the 100 Israeli hostages plus 12 members of the Air France crew were kept for execution. All the six or seven hijackers, caught unawares, were liquidated at one stroke. In the commotion, three hostages were killed. The Israeli rescuers lost only one man, a 30-year-old Lt. Colonel commander. An aftermath statement by President Amin says, "Over 100 members of the Ugandan Army were reportedly killed together with a total loss of seven MiG 21 and four MiG 17 (jet-fighters) and a number of civilian aircrafts and complete destruction of the old Entebbe Airport."

As the Ugandan armed forces sat dumbfounded and in despair as to what to do throughout the whole coup, says West German correspondent Willy Luetzkirchen, the commandos whisked all the hostages aboard the waiting aircrafts. In five hours they were returned safe to their homeland 3840 kms. away. "We are saved!" cried the hostages who were delivered, as the Chinese saying goes, "out of the tiger's mouth." All who love righteousness and hate evil must sing together, "Right has triumphed over Might."

Commenting on the justness of this "Rescue Mission" The Strait Times Editorial of Tuesday July 6 adds this admiration of the Israeli exploit:

"Israel's 'mission impossible' rescue of more than 100 hostages held in Uganda by pro-Palestinian guerillas has, with the exception of some members of the Organisation for African Unity, excited the imagination of people all over the world. It was a rescue operation straight out of the pages of the thriller, although a fiction editor might have rejected the plot as too unlikely for readers to swallow. As a feat of arms, a military exploit brilliant in conception and execution, it will live in history, while becoming required textbook reading for all students of irregular warfare."

An A.P. report datelined Sunday July 4, Tel Aviv calls the Entebbe rescue mission Israel's most stunning anti-terror operation:

"The Israeli rescue of hostages in Uganda today was the most stunning anti-terrorist raid ever mounted by Israeli military forces ... The Uganda raid was the second Israeli assault on an airport in peacetime. In December 1968, Israeli commandos in helicopters attacked Beirut Airport, cleared civilians out of the way and blew up 13 Arab airliners parked on the ground. There were no casualties on either side. That was a reprisal for the Palestinian ambush of an Israeli EL Al plane in Athens - the same airport where the latest hijackers seized the Air France airbus they took to Uganda ..."

The Israelis once ranged even farther abroad than Uganda, but not for a military attack. On Christmas Eve 1969, Israeli sailors in disguise managed to spirit five gunboats out of Cherbourg Harbour in France, 4,800 km away.

Israel had bought the gunboats but President Charles De Gaulle had forbidden their delivery. In a piece of modern gunboat diplomacy, the Israelis "liberated" the little warships and sailed them all the way to Haifa Harbour. They are now part of the Israeli navy.

Just three days after the Cherbourg episode Israel reported it had mounted another startling operation outside its borders. Using blowtorches, Israeli raiders lifted an entire Soviet-built radar station from Ras Ghaereb in Egypt and flew it to Israel with helicopters.

The highly sophisticated electronic post was on its way to Israel before the Egyptians knew the Israelis were in action."

Whilst even the super powers must take off their hats to such legendary exploits

had the added help of God and His holy angels. How they read like modern versions of Gideon and Samson, David and his mighty men of valour, of Judith and the heroisms of the Maccabees.

That Israel should rise again and be-established as a nation is plentifully foretold by the prophets. This is in order that the fallen throne of David might be raised up and Jesus Christ, the greater David, the Messiah, might return to earth and rule as the Prince of Peace. Before this comes to pass, it is also foretold that Israel must go through the birthpangs of a new day. Many nations will fight against Israel, as is illustrated by the Ugandan collusion with the hijackers.

But God had put a seal on Abraham, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3). He reiterates the same guarantee through Zechariah: "Behold I will make Jerusalem a cup of trembling unto all the people round about, when they shall be in siege both against Judah and against Jerusalem. And in that day will I make Jerusalem a burdensome stone for all people: all that burden themselves with it shall be cut in pieces, though all the people of the earth be gathered against it. In that day, saith the Lord I will smite every horse with astonishment, and his rider with madness: and I will open mine eyes upon the house of Judah, and will smite every horse of the people with blindness." In the light of these assurances let us not forget that it was the Lord who gave the Israeli rescuers good weather to facilitate their raid. It was the Lord who sent a deep sleep over the hijackers, and caused even the one on duty not to load his gun. It was the Lord who struck such awe into the hearts of the Ugandan troops that they were held in their positions, without moving a trigger, spellbound.

Oh, how we yearn for the Israelis that they return to the God of Abraham their forefather. That they come humbly to the feet of Jesus Christ His Son, Saviour of Israel and of the world. Let us pray for Israel, for the peace of Jerusalem. ("They shall prosper that love thee." (Ps. 122:6). Let us pray for their Arab cousins that they also turn to God. Yes, this will all take place in one day when the Messiah shall soon descend from heaven on the Mount of Olives (Zech. 14).

Beyond Israel's legendary exploits we see God working out His purpose before that great and fearful Day of His Coming and judgment. Dear Reader, are you prepared to meet Him when He comes?

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8 p.m. Family worship at the home of Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee, 127 Emerald Hill Road.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Paauwe.
(Rev. Tow at Grace Church).

4 p.m. Mr. Andrew Bo of Norway.

Last Week's Offering: \$945.25 + \$200 for Philippines Disaster.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sing Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Six New Deacons ordained last week are E. Mahadevan, Phang Chin Yen, Walter Seah, Seow Chong Kiong, Peter Wang, Roland Wong.

Lost & found: Pencil box with contents. N.B. Miss Wee S. Hong!

Far Eastern Bible College reopens Mon. July 19, 8.30 a.m. with Day of Prayer at McRitchie, Mr. Bobby Phee speaking.

Eddy Ho, FEBCer '75 writes of transfer this Sept. from Regent College, Canada to Northwest Baptist Theo. Seminary USA.

Two Foreign Scholarships are awarded to Miss Nelia Lee of Philippines and Mr. Wilson Wong of Malaysia to study at FEBC. Congratulations to Mr. L.S. Pang on his being conferred Datu Paduka Jiwa Makota by the Sultan of Kelantan, July 10, 1976.

New Address Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chan Weng Lock, (Anna Ho Swee Chun) 34C Delta Ave, 3. Mrs. Annie Heng: Your special gift is gratefully acknowledged.

Dr. Tow Siang Yeow at J.B. may be reached through 01-21391 (home) or 01-5086 (office). Singapore 11.

YERUSHALAYIM, MESSIAH IS COME

Yerushalayim, thy sons and daughters love thee! Two thousand years they've wandered in exile. Now by God's grace, they're gathered to thee in peace, By thy embrace, their weeping turns to smile.

Yerushalayim, let peace and freedom ring,
To thee Shalom, to thee Shalom!
Yerushalayim, lift up thy voice and sing,
Messiah is come, Messiah is come!

Yerushalayim, behold Christ Jesus has come
To save thy sons, if they will turn to Him,
By death and pain, He has become their ransom.
Rising again, He has forgiven their sin.

Yerushalayim, behold Messiah shall come
To save thy Land, when thou shalt cry to Him.
He comes on clouds, with awesome loud trumpet sound
To judge the earth - peace a millennium.

Yerushalayim, God is thy 'ternal peace,
City of Zion, David's throne rise again!
City of Truth, resplendent in His glory
Till sun shall rise and moon no more shall wane.

(To the tune of "How Great Thou Art!")

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XXVII

Q. 80. What is the first commandment?
A. The first commandment is, Thou shalt have no other gods before me.
Q. 81. What does the first commandment teach us?
A. To worship God alone.

Rev. Tow is scheduled to visit Tanjung Pinang Friday July 23, returning Sunday evening July 25. Any coming? Cost for round trip including visa is now reduced to \$60.

Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Road, Singapore 11. Tel: 513676, 50617.

My dear Readers,

1. Rawang and Muar, once every quarter

Last week, I returned to Rawang and Muar after an absence of five months.

I was glad to see 70 - 80 at Rawang for the Lord's Supper Service. A young man who shifted with his family to settle adjoining our church grounds asked to be admitted to the Lord's Table after the service. It was a joy to see the sons and daughters of a 54-year-old congregation returning one by one to the Lord.

At Muar the English services of Trinity and Living Water Churches are now combined in view of a lack of preachers. So we had about 100 attending the service.

With increased attendances at both Rawang and Muar, we felt the long journey we took better spiritually compensated.

2. Mr. Lin Tah Mon

This trip upcountry, I had the company of Mr. Lin Tah Mon, who has been a regular preacher at Life Chinese Service. Mr. Lin was all keyed up for action. So, he preached both messages for me, though I had to render his Mandarin into Teowchew at Rawang. Mr. Lin, for quarter of a century a chief translator of the Singapore Government, is naturally at home in English. Being bilingual, he is a tremendous addition to our small company of preachers. Mr. Lin accompanied us to Tanjung Pinang last year. There he preached in Mandarin (rendered by me into Teowchew) and brought blessings to the Chinese congregation.

Mr. Lin is retired from Government Service for the last two-and-a-half years. While others would spend their evening years in some hobby to get touring here and there, Mr. Lin has rather redoubled his efforts to work - for the Lord. This is a wise move, indeed, that sets a fine example to other pensioners. It is not necessary of course that every-one retiring turn preachers.

But Mr. Lin had received a call from the Lord to preach as early as six years before retirement. It came from a God-fearing mother whose brother was a Methodist bishop in Foochow. Mr. Lin responded to his mother's exhortation. He told me that he began self-study of the Bible and theology after that. I have spoken to Mr. Lin that he should prepare for ordination, and he feels highly honoured. Incidentally, Mr. Tah Mon is Chinese tutor at FEBC for the last three years.

3. Far Eastern Bible College

FEBC reopens Monday, July 19, 1976, 8.30 a.m. with a Day of Prayer, the morning to be spent at McRitchie. Mr. Bobby Phee is the Lord's messenger. Bob is FEBCer 1974 and now pastors Sembawang B-P Church. He also visits Kulai Besar, twice a month.

FEBC's total enrolment this year is 32. Eight countries are represented in the Student body.

Half of our students are Singaporeans. The rest come from Malaysia, Indonesia, India, France, Philippines, New Zealand and Norway. There are eleven new students this year.

As students for the Gospel ministry, it is natural for them to get involved in some missionary outreach. Our students, apart from the local ones being linked to their respective churches, go wherever there is opportunity to serve. Several of them help each week at Jurong under Rev. Paauwe. Some go to Kulai Besar, and two Indian brethren are in charge of the Tamil (and now English and Chinese too) work at Kelapa Sawit Oil Palm Estate. Kutty of India is with Rev. Yrjole on the Ebeneser along the East Coast of West Malaysia. Our Indonesian students preach and teach Sunday School at two Indonesian churches in Singapore. Two who are Chinese-educated preach at the Life Mandarin-Teochew Service, etc.

4. FEBC Evening Classes, Mondays and Thursdays.

Since 1962, two evening Bible and Theological courses have been regularly run, Mondays and Thursdays, 7.15 p.m. to 9.15 p.m. These classes serve a double purpose. While they are for FEBC students, the public is welcome to attend without charge. Here's a special offer to Lifers who want extra Bible instruction.

The courses offered with the new Semester, ending around Nov. 20, are Calvin IV, Monday and Pauline Epistles, Thursday. Pauline Epistles, such as Corinthians, Philippians, etc. are taught by Rev. Paauwe. Calvin IV, that is, the fourth book of Calvin's theology, discusses the doctrine of the Church, the Sacraments and Civil Government. Young people who have asked me about how our Church is run and what our policy is could very well profit from attending this course. One reason why Calvin IV is taught is in order to accelerate the abridgment of the Four Books. By abridging Calvin IV week by week in cyclostyled notes to my students, I hope to complete the Abridgment of the Four Books in a year's time. The total time spent on abridging Calvin will be seven to eight years.

5. Tanjung Pinang, July 23 - 25

The reason why I've not sent some co-worker to Tanjung Pinang is two-fold: 1) He must be ordained to administer the Lord's Supper and baptise, and we are limited in ordained men. (My proposal to Mr. Lin Tah Mon is relevant). 2) He must be Teochew or Hokkien speaking or Mandarin at least. Our younger men are mostly English-conversant only, (FEBC stress on Chinese as a two-hour course throughout the year for the Chinese-conversant is also relevant).

Since there are no Teochew speaking preachers available apart from Rev. K.C. Quek, I have to visit Tg. Pinang again to answer an urgent call. Souls are waiting to hear the Gospel and to receive the Lord in baptism. Any coming? Self-paying at \$60, all the rest provided, for a Gospel trip to Indonesia! I encourage such company, for by visiting a sister church your heart will warm towards the Lord's work. Yours in His Service, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.30 a.m. FEBC reopens
Wed. 7.00 p.m. Colour slides on Faith Seminary.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistle (Rev. Paauwe).
Sat. 10.30 p.m. GLTD.
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Elder Patrick Tan
4 p.m. Rev. Tai Po-fu
(Rev. Tow at Tg. Pinang)

Last Week's Offering: \$690.34.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan Tay, Tow.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee Members are requested to meet at a special meeting, Tues. July 20, 9.00 p.m. after the Church Prayer meeting to consider the starting of a second session, as encouraged by the Education authorities. Action must be taken early, so don't delay!

Life Book Centre. Have you visited our Book Centre, all re-arranged to give you better service? Any problem in buying somebody a gift? A Bible or a good Christian book is a lasting gift! See Mr. Kwan after the service.

New Students at FEBC

1. Mr. Andrew Bo, Norway.
2. Nelia Lee, Philippines.
3. Calvin Channing, New Zealand.
4. Mrs. Paul Sung, Indonesia.
5. Joyce Teng, Malaysia.
6. Wilson Wong, "
7. Kam Siew Eng, Singapore.
8. Eric Kwan, "
(Parttime: Richard Lai, Michael Chung, Teow Ah Eng, Tan Boon Kwang, all from Singapore).

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXVIII

Q. 82. What is the second commandment?

A. The second commandment is, Thou shalt not make unto thee any graven image, or 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 to them, nor serve them; for I, the Lord thy God, am a jealous God, visiting the iniquity of the fathers upon the children unto the third and fourth generation of them that hate me; and showing mercy unto thousands of them that love me, and keep my commandments.

FEBC Library. Borrowers of books are kindly requested to return as soon as possible. Several hundred books have just been added to our Library, overflowing to the adjacent room. Jurong Building Fund is heading on to \$17,000. Who'll give \$300 to help them put in a fixed deposit of \$10,000 to earn interest?

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LIM HAI SENG WRITES "Greetings from Annecy, France and in His Precious Name! I am now in this French City of 50 thousand inhabitants. This city is famous for its fresh-water lake. There are a lot of Roman Catholic Churches, age-old, full of statues and paintings. I was travelling in a van of 8 fellows from Brussels to Annecy. The local church in Annecy is very small and the pastor is crippled. The majority of the denizens here are Roman Catholics and the response to the evangelistic outreach here has been very encouraging to the Asians but disappointing for the Americans and Europeans because they think we are Mormons, Jehovah Witnesses or Children of God. I was selling books - Un Seul Chemin Magazines, records and tracting with a French brother - He hardly speaks English so the language barrier exists between us but I remember the song - They will know we are Christians by our love. And the younger generation responded to the books and tracts given to them but the older people are cold. It was in the evening, Praise the Lord that I had the opportunity to talk to an elderly Frenchman - Georges Clivaz and to sell him the book - Un Seul Chemin's Nouveau Testament but he said I am too young and since, he is an official of the Tourist Promotion Board of Annecy - He brought me to the office (I was alone there), then to his home - (lives alone) and to the festival. I was at the Opening Ceremony of the week long festival. Monsieur Georges Clivaz brought me to the Town Square where the cocktail reception was held and the VIPs and government officials including the Mayor of the city. Boy! I couldn't imagine myself standing among the important people of the city and wearing the Un Seul Chemin badge. I give Monsieur Georges a portion of the Bible - the Gospel of St. Luke and he was very much touched by it. He really thank me for the Gospel and he invites me to have lunch with him the next day. Please pray for him. Old and lonely."

CALVIN'S INSTITUTES ABRIDGED

Bk IV Ch. 1. The True Church, and the Necessity of Our Union with Her, Being the Mother of all the Pious.

1. This last book is an exposition of the last portion of the Apostle's Creed. It relates to the Church and the Communion of Saints.

The Church

We shall study under three main headings: 1) The Church. 2) The Sacraments. 3) Civil Government.

The Church is the mother of all believers of all ages, even as the apostle has declared the new and heavenly Jerusalem to be "the mother of us all" (Gal. 4:26).

2. That article of the Creed, in which we profess to believe the Church, refers not only to the visible Church of which we are now discussing, but also to all the elect, including both the dead and the living.

The Church is called CATHOLIC or universal. The Church is one. There could not be two or three churches without Christ being divided. All the elect of God are so connected with each other in Christ that as they depend upon one head, so they grow together as into one body, through the Divine Spirit.

3. This article of the Creed relates in some measure to the external Church, that every one of us may maintain a brotherly agreement with all the children of God, may pay due deference to the authority of the Church. Therefore, THE COMMUNION of SAINTS is added to express the character of the Church. The saints are united in the fellowship of Christ, that they should mutually communicate with each other. The community asserted is such as he describes, that "the multitude of them that believed were of one heart and of one soul" (Acts 4:32). Paul exhorts the Ephesians to be "one body, and one spirit, even as they were called in one hope" (Eph. 4:4).

4. From the title mother as given to the Church, we are to learn that we are conceived by her, born of her, nourished at her breast and continually preserved under her care and government to the end of our lives. Out of her bosom there can be no hope of remission of sins, or any salvation, according to Joel and Isaiah (Isa. 37:35; Joel 2:32). This is confirmed by Ezekiel when he denounces that those whom God excludes from the heavenly life shall not be enrolled among his people (Ezek. 13:9).

5. It is the Church that educates her children. This is effected through apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers (Eph. 4:10-13). The preaching of the heavenly doctrine is assigned to the pastors (Isa. 59:21). In former ages God commanded solemn assemblies to be held in the sanctuary that the doctrine taught by the mouth of the priest might maintain the unity of the faith. And as formerly He was not content with the written law, but appointed priests as interpreters, so in the present day, He not only requires us to be attentive to reading, but has appointed teachers for our assistance. Now there are many who are urged by pride to read and meditate in private and to despise public assemblies and consider preaching as unnecessary. Since these break the bond of unity, they are involved in pestilential errors and pernicious reveries. We hold those apostates who cause divisions in churches.

6. There are two extreme views at present respecting the ministry discussed above. Some exaggerate its dignity beyond measure. Others contend it is criminal to transfer to mortal man of what properly belongs to the Holy Spirit.

From a careful study of Scripture passages bearing on the subject, we see it is God, the Author of preaching, who gives success. Ministers, though necessary, are nothing considered in themselves: "Neither is he that planteth anything, neither he that watereth, but God that giveth the increase" (I Cor. 3:7). Again, "I laboured more abundantly than they all; yet not I, but the grace of God which was with me" (I Cor. 15:10). Now, while God ascribes to Himself the illumination of the mind and renovation of the heart and thereby declares it to be sacrilege for man to arrogate to himself any share in either, yet there is this ministry of man appointed by God to teach, and the imposition on believers to listen to their teaching in modesty.

7. The word Church is used in two senses. In the first sense the Church is the sum total of the elect who have lived from the beginning of the world. In the second sense, the Church refers to the whole multitude of believers dispersed all over the world, who profess to worship God and Jesus Christ, who are initiated into the Faith by baptism, who partake of the sacred supper, and who consent to the Word of the Lord. In this Church are included many hypocrites, many persons ambitious, avaricious, envious, slanderous and dissolute in their lives who are tolerated for a time. This is because they cannot be convicted by a legitimate process, or because discipline is not maintained with sufficient vigour. Despite these anomalies, this Church which is visible to men we are commanded to honour, and to maintain communion with it.

8. Since it is God Himself who "knows them that are his" (II Tim. 2:19), we should not make presumptuous judgments on others. For those who seemed the most abandoned are recalled by His goodness into the right way, while some, who seemed to stand better than others, fall into predication. "According to the secret predestination of God," Augustine observes,

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. FEBC Lecture, Calvin on the Church (Rev. Tow).
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe).
 Fri. 3.00 p.m. FEBC Team to Kulai.
 Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
 4.00 p.m. LOYT & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. (Lord's Supper)
 4 p.m. Rev. Andreas Djunaidi (Lord's Supper)
 5 p.m. Rev. Tow at Bethany B-P Church.

Last Week's Offering: \$363.80 + \$200 + \$30 for Philippines Disaster.

Tan Wai Choon sends greetings to the whole Church through Elder Patrick Tan just returned from USA. He is now assisting at a B-P Church at Grand Island, N.Y. before going to Covenant Seminary in Sept. Dr. Tan brings greetings also from Lawrence Leong and Rev. Grauley.

New Address Bro. and Mrs. Peter Chan, 324-H Dover Crescent, Blk. 20, Singapore 5.

FEBC Yap Beng Shin of Jurong B-P Church is the ninth fulltime student joining this year. Welcome.

The name "Life" for our Book Centre seems to have been taken by some other book enterprise and cannot be registered with the Government. What other name? Shall we not be better called EternalLife Book Centre?

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

Pray for Mrs. Khoo Peng Kiat convalescing after an operation at Ward II, Tan Tock Joo Hospital, and for Mrs. Edmund Tay at Ward 12, Outram Rd. Deepest Condolence to Bro. Stephen Kuan on the passing of his father, July 23, 1976.

"A man's heart deviseth his way: but the Lord directeth his steps." The pastor's visit to Tanjung Pinang this Lord's Day is postponed in view of Rev. Djunaidi's timely arrival this week. As Rev. Djunaidi is able to act for Rev. Tow, the time is saved for a future occasion. With Dr. Patrick Tan at the pulpit this Lord's Day, the pastor takes this opportunity to visit Sarimbun with Deacon Sng Teck Leong, which he has not visited for two years. Sarimbun should be further developed!

Rev. & Mrs. Djunaidi are arriving this Lord's Day evening and will be lodged at Life Church - FEBC Hostel.

Bali Appeal. Rev. K.C. Quek appeals for the rehabilitation of a Christian work there demolished by the recent earthquake.

Mr. & Mrs. Ben Asher of Israel Many appreciations of your kindness.

Dr. Tow Siew Ai announces removal of office from 314 South Bridge Road to 11B Queen Astrid Park, Tel. 663035. Her old clinic was partly destroyed by fire on June 29.

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Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXIX

- Q. 83. What does the second commandment teach us?
 A. To worship God in a proper manner, and to avoid idolatry.
 Q. 84. What is the third commandment?
 A. The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.
 Q. 85. What does the third commandment teach us?
 A. To reverence God's name, word, and works.

Calvin's Institutes Abridged continued

"there are many sheep without the pale of the Church, and many wolves within."

9. The visible Church is where the Word of God is purely preached and heard, and the sacraments are administered according to the institution of Christ. This is a Church of God, for "where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them" (Matt. 18:20).

The universal Church is the whole multitude, collected from all nations, who, though dispersed in countries widely distant from each other, nevertheless consent to the same truth of Divine doctrine and are united by the bond of the same religion. In this universal Church are comprehended particular local churches, distributed in towns and villages. Each of these respectively is justly distinguished by the name and authority of a church.

10. We have stated that the marks by which the Church is to be distinguished are the preaching of the Word and the administration of sacraments.

The Church is called "the house of God, the pillar and ground of truth" (I Tim. 3:15). Here, the Church is seen as the faithful guardian of the truth.

The Church is also called the spouse of Christ, chosen and separated, "not having spot or wrinkle" (Eph. 5:27). She is "his body, the fulness of him that filleth all in all" (Eph. 1:23). Hence it follows that a departure from the Church is a renunciation of God and Christ. To leave the Church is to violate the conjugal relation that Christ has condescended to form with us!

11. Satan would like to destroy the Church by effacing those marks that distinguish a Church. By his subtlety, it has happened in some ages that the pure preaching of the Word has altogether ceased. The other tactic of his to destroy the Church is to inspire us with contempt of the Church and drive us out by an open separation.

NOTE to YFers and YAFers! Recently the YF held a forum to study the nature and "policy" of the Church. Lectures on Calvin's doctrine of the Church will begin next Monday night. Lecture I is published hereat. We invite you to read and come and hear.

The True Church, and the Necessity of Our Union with Her, Being the Mother of all the Pious.

12. But as long as a Church continues in the pure ministry of the Word and pure order in the celebration of the sacraments, although in other respects it may be chargeable with many faults, such a society should never be rejected.

Fundamentals of the faith are to be firmly adhered to, but there are some lesser doctrines that are controverted among churches, yet without destroying the unity of the faith. A diversity of opinion respecting non-essential points ought not to be a cause of discord among Christians. While I would not be understood to plead for any errors, I maintain we ought not to abandon the Church on account of every trivial difference of sentiment. In the meantime, if we endeavour to correct what we disapprove, we are acting in this case according to our duty.

13. In bearing with imperfections of life, we ought to carry our indulgence a great deal further. For there are those who fall into Satan's trap who from a false notion of perfect sanctity despised the society of all men in whom they could discover any remains of human infirmity. Such in ancient times were the Cathari and the Donatists, and in the present day some of the Anabaptists, who think they have made advances in piety beyond all others. There are others who err more from an inconsiderate zeal for righteousness than from this unreasonable pride. Supposing it impossible for the Church to exist where there is not a perfect purity of life, they depart from the true church while they imagine themselves to be withdrawing from the factions of the wicked. This attitude is too severe in contrast with our Lord's who requires the exercise of mercy. For the visible Church is composed of good and bad men mingled together as found in our Lord's parable of the net of fishes of all kinds collected, and no separation is made till they are exposed on the shore. This truth is taught further in the parable of the wheat and tares (Matt. 13:24) and the parable of the threshing floor (Matt. 3:12).

14. The judgment of the apostle on the Church of Corinth is likewise.. Among the Corinthians dreadful crimes were committed. Does the apostle separate them and reject them from the kingdom of Christ? He did none of these things but on the contrary speaks of them as a Church of Christ and a society of saints. If such a bad Church as Corinth with all her corruptions be not rejected, who can refuse the name of a Church to those who cannot be charged with a tenth part of those crimes?

15. Though the Church may be deficient in its duty to deal with offenders (which is a fault not to receive any extenuation), it does not follow it is the place of every individual to pass judgment of separation for himself. I admit it is the duty of a pious man to withdraw himself from all private intimacy with the wicked, but it is one thing to avoid intercourse with the wicked and another thing from hatred of them to renounce the communion of the Church. Every member partaking the Lord's Supper is exhorted not to examine the whole Church but rather himself (I Cor. 11:28,29). It ought not therefore to be left to the judgment of every individual who ought to be admitted into the Church, and who ought to be expelled from it. This authority belongs only to the whole Church.

16. Those who are most daring in promoting a separation from the Church have in general no other motive than to make an ostentatious display of their own superior excellence and their contempt of all others. Lest some should destroy the communion of the Church merely on account of some wicked men in her, let them consider, in the first place, that in a great multitude there are many who escape their observation who are truly holy and innocent in the sight of God. Secondly, let them consider that of those who appear wicked, there are many who are oftentimes aroused with a serious fear of God. Thirdly, let them consider that judgment ought not to be pronounced upon a man from a single act, since the holiest persons have sometimes most grievous falls. Fourthly, let them consider that the ministry of the Word, and participation of the sacraments have too much influence in preserving the unity of the Church, to admit of its being destroyed by the guilt of a few impious men. Lastly, let them consider that in forming an estimate of the Church, the judgment of God is of more weight than that of man.

17. While it is true that Paul tells us, "Christ loved the Church, and gave himself for it, that he might sanctify and cleanse it, by the washing of water by the word, that he might present it to himself a glorious Church, not having spot or wrinkle, or any such thing" (Eph. 5:25-27), it is nevertheless, equally true that the Lord works from day to day in smoothing its wrinkles, and purging away its spots. Whence it follows that its holiness is not yet perfect. The Church, therefore, is daily improving, but has not arrived at perfection.

18. Of this truth Christ Himself, the apostles and almost all the prophets have given us an example. Dreadful are those descriptions in which Isaiah, Jeremiah, Joel, Habbakuk and others deplore the disorders of the Church of Jerusalem. There was such general and extreme corruption in the people, in the magistrates and priests, that Isaiah does not hesitate to compare with Sodom and Gomorrah. Their manners were generally disgraced by thefts, robberies, treacheries, murders and similar crimes. Nevertheless the prophets on this account neither raised themselves new churches, nor built new altars. If the prophets were restrained by a sense of duty from forsaking the Church on account of the crimes that were practised, it is extreme arrogance in us, if we presume immediately to withdraw from

from the communion of the Church where the conduct of all the members is not compatible either with our judgment, or even with the Christian profession.

19. In the days of Christ and the apostles, the impicty of the Pharisees and the dissolute lives led by the people could not prevent them from using the same sacrifices, and assembling in the same temple with others for the public exercise of religion.

Let these two points, then, be considered as decided: First, that he who voluntarily deserts the external communion of the Church where the Word is preached, and the sacraments are administered, is without excuse. Secondly, that the faults either of few persons or of many, form no obstacles to a due profession of our faith in the use of ceremonies insituted of God.

20. In the Creed, the communion of saints is immediately followed by the forgiveness of sins. This forgiveness can only be obtained by the members of the Church (Isa. 33:24). Our first entrance, therefore, into the Church and kingdom of God is the remission of sins, without which we have no covenant or union with God. To demand a sinless perfection of the Church and at the same time to teach her members to groan under the burden of sins and to seek pardon all their lifetime is a diabolical invention.

21. God not only receives us into His Church by the remission of sins but also preserves us and keeps us in it by the same mercy. God has called us to eternal salvation. We ought therefore to believe that His grace is always ready to pardon their sins. Therefore it ought to be held as a certain conclusion, that from the Divine liberality, by the intervention of Christ, through the sanctification of the Spirit, pardon of sins has been, and is daily, bestowed upon us, who have been engrafted into the body of the Church.

LIFE CHURCH AND FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin (Rev. Tow).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting
Session Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Pauline Epistles
(Rev. Paauwe).

Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at the home
of Elder & Mrs. Seow Chong
Pin, 7 Lily Avenue, S'pore

Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (National Day
Service).

4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

3 p.m. Rev. Tow & Rev. Djunaidi
at Kelapa Sawit Service.

Last Week's Offering: \$499.62 + \$20.00 for
Philippines Disaster.

Chinese Service: \$38.20.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Good News to Parents still looking for a
Kindergarten for their four and five-year-
old children! With encouragement from the
Government, Far Eastern Kindergarten is
considering running two sessions beginning
Jan. 1977, an early morning three hours
session, 8.30 to 11.30 a.m. and a late-morn-

ing session from 11.45 a.m. to 1.45 p.m.
This is to meet the pressing need of a long
queue on the waiting list. FEK Committee
members please meet with the pastor immediate-
ly after the service this Lord's Day.

Life Book Centre. "A picture is worth a
thousand words," says a Chinese proverb.

Why not decorate your home with one of sun-
set or seascape or flowers? Only \$8.50 per
picture.

Big stocks of New International Version
New Testaments have arrived!

Be sure you get your Jungle Doctor books
books with a spiritual lesson and moral to
train up the young.

Miss Margaret Tan, FEBCer 1975, and member
of Mt. Carmel, left for Brunei July 27, '76
by Brunei Airlines to teach at a Mission
School. She will help with the English
Service at the Christian Centre. The Thomp-

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXX

Q. 86. What is the fourth commandment?

A. The fourth commandment is, Remember the
Sabbath day to keep it holy. Six days
shalt thou labor, and do all thy work, but
the seventh day is the Sabbath of the
Lord thy God; in it thou shalt do any
work, thou, nor thy son, nor thy daughter,
nor thy manservant, nor thy maidservant,
nor thy cattle, nor thy stranger that is
within thy gates: for in six days the
Lord made heaven and earth, the sea, and
all that in them is, and rested the seven-
th day; wherefore the Lord blessed the
Sabbath Day, and hallowed it.

Q. 87. What does the fourth commandment
teach us?

A. To keep the Sabbath holy.

son Chain Reference Bible for Rev. Moses Cheng
is sent through her.

FEBC The tenth fulltime student to join the
College is Bro. Seah Eng Chee of Jurong B-P
Church. Though he has joined Singapore U.
he feels unhappy until yielded to study for
the Lord in His appointed place.

Report on Sarimbun Deacon Sng Teck Leong has
been the mainstay driving up in Mrs. Ho's VW
Combi each Sunday with the company of sisters
Fan Siew Yin and Mary Sun. Though there were
less than ten children and young people, they
were not discouraged.

The bungalow where meetings are held is all
so neatly painted by the GLTD in white. An
L - out house recently constructed adds much
space for campers. The grounds are now
regularly kept by our next door neighbour at
\$30 per month.

The Sarimbun district sees an increase of
activity in new settlements made and farm-
lands cultivated. The challenge is for some
Christian worker or a couple to stay on the
spot - open a Kindergarten. "Who'll go for
Us?" (Sarimbun has over 20,000 sq. ft. of
high ground, beautifully situated.)

Catechism Class Preparing for October Baptism.
This class will commence next Lord's Day, Aug.
8, immediately after service. Candidates N.B!

The True Church, and the Necessity of Our Union with Her, Being the Mother of all the Pious.

22. It was to dispense this blessing to us that the keys were given to the Church (Matt. 16:19; 18:18). When Christ conferred on the apostles the power of remitting sins (John 20:23), it was not with an intention that they should merely absolve from their sins those who were converted to the Christian faith, but rather that they should continually exercise this office among the faithful. This is taught by Paul in the message of reconciliation committed to the ministers of the Church (II Cor. 5:18-20). In the communion of saints, therefore, sins are continually remitted to us by the ministry of the Church, when presbyters or bishops confirm pious consciences by the preaching of the Gospel or in the administration of the sacraments. This is the principal exercise of the power of the keys.

23. But there are those who would rob the Church of this sole anchor of salvation- the Anabaptists whom I had mentioned above. Like the Novatians who disturbed the ancient Churches, the Anabaptists imagine that by baptism the people of God are regenerated to a pure and angelic life which cannot be contaminated by any impurities of the flesh. And if any be guilty of sin after baptism, they leave him no prospect of escaping the inexorable judgment of God. In short they encourage no hope of pardon in anyone who sins after having received the grace of God, because they acknowledge no other remission of sins than that by which we are first regenerated. But what does our Lord teach in the Lord's Prayer (Matt. 6:12)? He requires from the saints a confession of sins, and that daily as long as they live, and He promises them pardon. What presumption is it either to assert that they are exempt from sin, or, if they have fallen, to exclude from all grace! If we are commanded to pardon our brethren seventy times seven in imitation of His clemency, how much more, surely, will God pardon us!

24. That there is pardon of sins, even of heinous crimes, maybe taken from the examples in the infant Church during the times of the patriarchs. The sin of conspiracy to murder Joseph by his brothers, of selling him away as a slave, is wellknown. The murder of the inhabitants of Sicheon and Levi, the sin of incest by Reuben and Judah is also recorded. Yet these patriarchs were constituted heads of the nation (Gen. 37:18,28; 34:25; 35:22; 38:16). What shall we say of David and his notorious crimes? Without further dwelling on other particular examples, the numerous promises of Divine mercy to Israel are so many proofs of God's placability to the offences of His people - if they would return to Him (Deut. 30:3,4).

25. And what sin is worse than rebellion? It is described as a divorce between God and the Church: Yet this is overcome by the goodness of God. Jeremiah says, "If a man put away his wife, and she go from him and become another man's, shall he return unto her again? Shall not that land be greatly polluted? But thou hast played the harlot with many lovers, and thou hast polluted the land with thy whoredoms and with thy wickedness. Yet return again to me, thou backsliding Israel, saith the Lord, and I will not cause mine anger to fall upon you; for I am merciful, saith the Lord, and will not keep anger forever." (Jer. 3:1,2,12). The offer of forgiveness to the repentant is reiterated by Solomon (I Ki. 8:46-50) in the dedication of the Temple. Nor was it without cause that in the Law the Lord ordained daily sacrifices for sins, for unless He had foreseen that His people would be subject to the maladies of daily sins, He would never have appointed these remedies. (Num. 28:3).

26. If God has so abundantly pardoned His people in the Old Testament, how much will He the more pardon His children with the advent of Christ. Examples to prove this are not wanting. Did not Peter deny Christ three times even with execrations? Yet he was not refused pardon. Nor does Peter drive Simon Magus to despair, but rather directs him to cherish a favourable hope when he persuades him to pray for forgiveness. (Acts 8:22).

27. What are we to say of cases in which the most enormous sins have sometimes seized the whole Churches? From this situation Paul rather mercifully reclaimed them than abandoned them to the curse. The defection of the Galatians were no trivial offence (Gal. 1:6; 3:1; 4:9). The Corinthians were still less excusable (I Cor. 1:11,12; 5:1. II Cor. 12:21). Yet neither are excluded from the mercy of the Lord. Finally, the order of the Creed teaches us that pardon of sins ever continues in the Church of Christ, because, after having mentioned the Church, it adds the forgiveness of sins.

28. Some persons argue that while sins of ignorance are pardonable, those committed by voluntary transgression with the full exercise of one's knowledge and will are unpardonable. But as the Lord in the law commanded some sacrifices to be offered to expiate the voluntary sins of believers and others to atone for sins of ignorance, what presumption it is to deny that there is any pardon for voluntary transgression! I maintain that the one sacrifice of Christ is available for the remission of the voluntary sins of saints. Christ is the fulfilment of all the legal sacrifices, with so many types.

29. In the ancient Church, a distinction was made of private offences and public crimes which were attended with great scandal in the Church. When the ancient Church made it a difficulty for them who had committed anything deserving of ecclesiastical censure to obtain forgiveness, they did not mean no pardon absolutely from the Lord. They only intended by this severity to deter others from rashly running into crimes, which would justly be followed by their exclusion from the communion of the Church. The Word of the

Lord, which is our only rule, certainly prescribes greater moderation. For it teaches that the vigour of discipline ought not to be carried to such an extent as to overwhelm with sorrow the person whose benefit we are required to regard as its principal object; as we have before shown more at large.

LIFE CHURCH AND FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. National Day.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at Parsonage.
Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Andreas Djunaidi.
4 p.m. Rev. Andreas Djunaidi.

Last Week's Offering: \$648.02 + Galilee \$50/-
+ \$200/- + \$120/-. Chinese Service: \$37.40.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next
Week: Mrs. Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

ELDER AND MRS EDMUND TAY would like to acknowledge with deepest thanks and appreciation to the Lord for a very successful operation on Mrs. Tay and for her rather speedy recovery. A big thank you to all B-P members, Life Church and S.S. members and friends who visited her and prayed for her and for their wonderful gifts.

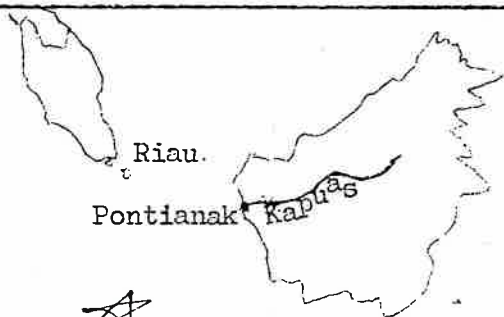
Elder Khoo Peng Kiat thanks the Lord for the continuing recovery of Mrs. Khoo, now convalescing at home.

Exhortation on Church Attendance: Don't be late! Enter into worship upon ringing of the Church Bell! Kindly let mothers with infants sit in the reserved back rows.

We acknowledge with thanks the continuing offering of flowers each Lord's Day by Lim Florist Phone: 376471/ 2353292.

FEBEC has an earlier mid-semester break, Aug. 28 to Sept 6 to parallel the school holidays, so that our students may be more involved in church activities.

Far Eastern Kindergarten begins to register students for the 2nd (late morning) session, 11.45 to 1.45 p.m. The fee is \$30/- inclusive of a midday snack, as directed by the Education Dept. Register early while vacancies last!



GO!

GO!

GO!

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,
O send the Gospel light into West Kalimantan,
Along dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.

The refrains of this gospel chorus calling for outreach to West Kalimantan, yea, into the dark basin of the 660-mile long mighty Kapuas River as early as 1971 has at last been answered! At the last Session meeting it was unanimously resolved to establish a new work named Kapuas Gospel Mission, with the cooperation of Rev. Andreas Djunaidi and his trusted comrade in the gospel 30+ year old Rev. Barnabas Simin, a Dyak pastor, graduate of Jaffrey School of Theology, Makasar. This decision was truly made by the moving of the Holy Spirit as a new-elected Deacon spontaneously offered to underwrite one whole year's support for Rev. Simin plus incidentally expenses. The pastor has also been requested to visit this new field, outside Pontianak, and finalise the organisation of the Kapuas Gospel Mission. Praise the Lord! (God willing, Pastor Tow will leave during the school vacation.)

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXXI

- Q. 88. What day of the week is the Christian Sabbath?
A. The first day of the week, called the Lord's Day.
Q. 89. Why is it called the Lord's Day?
A. Because on that day Christ rose from the dead.
Q. 90. How should the Sabbath be spent?
A. In prayer and praise, in hearing and reading God's Word, and in doing good to our fellowmen.

SINGAPURA!

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.
4. 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!

The True and False Church Compared.

1. The true Church is one where the Word of God is faithfully preached and the sacraments properly administered, though it may be encumbered with smaller errors or irregularities of conduct. But as soon as falsehood has made a breach in the fundamentals of religion and the system of necessary doctrine is subverted, and the use of the sacraments fails, the certain consequence is the ruin of the Church. Christ declares the Church to be "built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Jesus Christ himself being the corner-stone" (Eph. 2:20). If the foundation of the Church be the doctrine of the prophets and apostles which enjoins believers to place their salvation in Christ alone, how can the edifice stand any longer when that doctrine is taken away?

2. As this is the state of things under the Papacy, it is easy to judge how much of the Church remains there. Instead of the ministry of the Word there reigns a corrupt government by which the light is extinguished. An execrable sacrilege has been substituted for the Lord's Supper. The worship of God is deformed with a multifarious mass of superstitions. The doctrine, without which Christianity cannot exist, has been entirely forgotten or exploded. In withdrawing ourselves from all these enormities, there is no danger of separating ourselves from the Church of Christ.

The Papists, however, claim their Church to be the only one and all who dare to withdraw are branded schismatics and heretics. And the reason they give to prove theirs to be the true Church is their perpetual succession of bishops, traced to ancient times. This plea of uninterrupted succession is a vain pretence. If their argument is correct, why are the Greeks also called schismatics among whom there has never been any interruption of that succession of bishops?

The pretensions of the Romanists are no other than those which appear to have been formerly set up by the Jews in their blindness and idolatry. For as they boasted of the temple, the ceremonies and the priesthood in which things they firmly believed the Church to consist, so instead of the Church the Papists produce certain external forms which are often at a great distance from the Church and are not at all necessary to its existence. We need no other argument to refute them than which was urged by Jeremiah against the foolish confidence of the Jews: "Trust ye not in lying words, saying. The temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord, the temple of the Lord are these" (Jer. 7:4). For the Lord acknowledges no place as His temple, where His Word is not heard and devoutly observed. So though the glory of God resided between the two cherubim in the sanctuary, yet when the priests had completed His worship by perverse superstitions, He departed. If that temple which appeared to be consecrated to the perpetual residence of God could be forsaken, there can be no reason for their pretending that God is so attached to persons or places or confined to external observances as to be constrained to remain among those who have nothing but the name and appearance of the Church.

In regard to the government of the Church nothing can be more frivolous than to place the succession in the persons to the neglect of the doctrine. The Church does not exist by a kind of hereditary right but rather by a maintenance of pure doctrine.

The true Church is not characterised by the vain glitter with which the Romanists dazzle the eyes of the simple, but by the voice of the good Shepherd speaking in it: "Everyone that is of the truth heareth my voice" (John 18:37). Jerusalem is to be distinguished from Babylon, the Church of Christ from the synagogue of Satan, by this difference: "He that is of God heareth God's words; ye therefore hear me not, because ye are not of God" (John 8:47). In fine, as the Church is the kingdom of Christ and He reigns only by His Word, those who are destitute of His Word cannot qualify to be His Church.

5. For withdrawing from the Roman Catholic Church to establish separate assemblies where we preach a different doctrine from theirs and administer baptism and the Lord's Supper, we have been branded heretics and schismatics. Augustine says heretics are those who corrupt the purity of the faith by false doctrines and schismatics are those that break the bond of affection. But the communion of the Church is preserved by us in the agreement of sound doctrine and by brotherly love. This communion, however, must be in Christ our foundation, as exhorted by the apostle Paul (Eph. 4:5). All union which is formed without the Word of the Lord is a faction of the impious and not an association of believers.

6. Cyprian also, after Paul's example, deduces the origin of all ecclesiastical concord from the supreme bishopric of Christ. He says, "There is but one Church which is widely extended into a multitude by the offspring of its fertility. Just as there are many rays of the sun, but the light is one; and a tree has many branches, but only one trunk, fixed on a firm root. And when many rivers issue from one source, though by its exuberant abundance the stream is multiplied into numerous currents, yet the unity of the foundation still remains" No representation could be more elegant to express that inseparable connection which subsists between all the members of Christ. We see how he continually recalls us to the fountain-head. Therefore he pronounces the origin of all heresies and schisms to be, that men neither return to the source of truth, nor seek the Head, nor attend to the doctrine of the heavenly Master.

Though the Romanists have expelled us as heretics with anathemas because we have withdrawn from their Church, we have done so because theirs cannot possibly be the pure

profession of the truth. It was necessary for us to withdraw from them in order to approach Christ.

7. There was a true Church among the Jews and Israelites while they continued to observe the laws of the covenant, the doctrine of truth in the law, the ministry thereof committed to the priests and prophets. They were initiated into the Church by circumcision and were exercised in other sacraments for the confirmation of the faith. There is no doubt that the commendations with which the Lord has honoured His Church truly belonged to their society. But after they deserted the law and fell into idolatry and superstition, they partly lost this privilege. On the other hand, who would dare to give the appellation of a Church to that society where the Word of God is openly trampled under foot?

Kapuas Gospel Mission. (No. 2)

Since our announcement last week of Session's action to launch the Kapuas Gospel Mission, we have received two thankofferings, \$100 and \$60, for this Outreach. We take this to be a further confirmation from the Lord.

Kapuas is that mighty 660-mile river, lifeblood of West Kalimantan. With the co-operation of Rev. Andreas Djunaidi, we are starting a new mission for refugees of the 1967 Massacre at Siantan Tengah, on the outskirts of Pontianak, W. Kalimantan's chief-port. Our missionary is Rev. Barnabas Simin, a young Dyak pastor and a trusted friend of Djunaidi's.

By the Great Commission, we visited West Kalimantan in 1971 on an evangelistic mission. There I felt a great urge to send the Gospel light to thousands who are still in darkness. The following penned in March 1971 is calling us to action today!



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.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,

O Send the Gospel Light into West Kalimantan.

Along dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.

Rev. & Mrs. Djunaidi thank Life Church for her hospitality. They are leaving us about Aug. 22 for a week's work at Tanjung-Pinang before returning to W. Kalimantan. Rev. Tow hopes to catch up with them at Tg. Pinang to take the same boat to Kalimantan.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,

Beyond dark Kapuas River in West Kalimantan.

There're countless little rivers in West Kalimantan.

To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,

O spread the Gospel Light to Dark Kalimantan.

Where men are rowing, rowing, to no destination.

LIFE & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin (Rev. Tow).

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe).

Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

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

4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.

Last Week's Offering: \$473.40.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next

Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Births 1) To Mr. & Mrs. Brutus Balan, FEBC a son, Joel, Aug. 12 1976. 2) To Deacon & Mrs. Sng Teck Leong, a son.

Rev. Ormeo replies on behalf of Philippines Relief: "This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter with the check for \$400 (U.S.) as relief for typhoon victims, brethren from our churches in the Philippines. I raised my heart in praise and thanksgiving to God for you and the faithful at Life Bible Presbyterian Church claiming Luke 6:38 in your behalf Distress calls for help from brethren badly hit by Typhoons Didang and Huaning are received and evaluated. I have just bought P550.00 worth of medicine for gastro-enteritis, flu, fever, and cough, and other respiratorial ailments which are after-effects of long exposure to floods and the inclement weather. We also extend help to blown down chapels, houses, and destroyed crops. We have gathered clothings from our local churches in Metro Manila for the destitute in the provinces. Edwin, (Rev. Ormeo's son) who is now in the States, will follow-up our appeal for relief clothings from ICR

Extend please my heartfelt thanks and sincere regards to the brethren at Life BP Church.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXXII.

Q. 91. What is the fifth commandment?

A. The fifth commandment is, Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long upon the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.

Q. 92. What does the fifth commandment teach us?

A. To love and obey our parents and teachers.

The True and False Church Compared.

8. The Jews adopted many corrupt ceremonies in the time of Rehoboam, yet the doctrine of the law and the rites of the priesthood were still preserved at Jerusalem. The Jewish Church in its defection degenerated by degrees.

As for Jeroboam who made the calves in opposition to the express prohibition of God, in this case religion was totally corrupted.

9. The state of religion of the Papists is as corrupt as it was in Israel in the time of Jeroboam. Indeed, they practise a grosser idolatry, and their doctrine is equally, if not more, impure. Therefore, we can scarcely assemble with them on a single occasion without polluting ourselves with open idolatry. The principal bond of their Communion is the mass which we abominate as the greatest sacrilege.

10. The Papists demand that whatever honour, power and jurisdiction Christ has conferred, upon His Church, we should attribute the same to theirs. In the steps of Elijah and Micaiah of Israel and of Isaiah, Jeremiah and Hosea of Judah, who withdrew from the company of the false prophets and priests, it is necessary for us also to separate from communion with the Papists.

11. Nevertheless, as in former times the Jews continued in possession of some peculiar privileges of the Church, the Papists of the present day retain some vestiges of the Church which remain among them even after its removal. When God had once made His covenant with the Jews, it continued among them rather because it was supported by its own stability than in consequence of their observance of it. So, after He had deposited His covenant in France, Italy, Germany, Spain and England when those countries were oppressed by the Antichrist, still in order that the covenant might remain inviolable, He preserved baptism among them. He also caused other vestiges of the Church to remain that it might not be entirely lost.

12. While we refuse to allow the Papists the title of Church, we do not deny that there are Churches among them. We only contend for the true and legitimate constitution of the Church, which requires not only a communion in the sacraments but above all an agreement in doctrine.

Daniel and Paul had predicted that Antichrist would sit in the temple of God (Dan. 9:27; II Thess. 2:3,4). The head of that abominable kingdom, in the Western Church, we affirm to be the Pope. Nevertheless, under his tyranny, Churches may exist, though he had profaned them by sacrilegious impiety and corrupted them by false doctrines. In such Churches Christ lies half buried, the Gospel is suppressed, piety exterminated, and the worship of God almost abolished. Amidst such confusions whereby they exhibit a picture of Babylon rather than the holy city of God, there are still Churches, inasmuch as God had preserved among them a remnant of His people.

Book IV, Chapter III.

The Teachers and Ministers of the Church; Their Election and Office.

1. It is the Lord's will that for the government of His Church He uses as His instruments men whom He appoints as His delegates, not to transfer His right and honour to them, but only that He may Himself do His work by their lips. There are several reasons why He prefers making use of them. 1. By this method He declares His kindness towards us, since He chooses from among men those who are to be His ambassadors to the world, to be interpreters of His secret will and even to act as His personal representatives. 2. This method trains us to humility. If He were Himself to speak from heaven, there would be no wonder if His sacred oracles were instantly received with reverence. But when a contemptible mortal addresses us in the name of God, we give the best evidence of our reverence towards God if we readily submit to be instructed by His minister. 3. Finally, this method promotes brotherly love. It fosters a bond of mutual connection of men while one is constituted pastor to teach all the rest, and they who are commanded to be disciples receive common doctrine from the same mouth. The classic passage on this ministry of men over the Church is given by St. Paul in Eph. 4:4-16 in which he says, "And he gave some, apostles; and some prophets; and some, evangelists; and some pastors and teachers; for the perfecting of the saints, for the work of the ministry, for the edifying of the body of Christ"

2. In this passage he shows that the ministry of men, which God employs in His government of the Church, is the principal bond holding believers together in one body. By means of ministers Christ distributes His gifts to the Church (Eph. 4:10). Thus is the body of Christ edified; thus we grow up unto Him who is the Head in all things and are united with each other. Whoever therefore either aims to abolish or undervalue this order of government attempts to disorganise and subvert the Church.

3. In order that we might hold this order in the highest estimation, Christ has called the apostles "the light of the world" and "the salt of the earth" (Matt. 5:13,14). He further says to them, "He that heareth you, heareth me" (Luke 10:16). But there is no passage more remarkable than that in Paul's Second Epistle to the Corinthians where he contends there is nothing more excellent than the ministry of the Gospel in the Church, inasmuch as it is the ministration of the Spirit, and of righteousness, and of eternal life (II Cor. 3:6 etc.).



My dear Readers,

In the last two Weeklies you have been introduced to the extension of a new outreach by our Church called Kapuas Gospel Mission. Kapuas is the 660-mile river of West Borneo or Kalimantan Barat. To take the name of Borneo's mightiest river for our mission we are reminding ourselves of the teeming shoals that await us and our coworkers for the catch. Our fishers-of-men are Rev. Djunaidi and Dyak pastor Barnabas Simin his trusted

friend.

It is the Lord's perfect timing that the cargo boat Enggano is sailing Aug. 27 for Permangkat, the day FEBC begins her mid-semester break. This enables me to take the same boat with the Djunaidis who are now returning home via Tanjung Pinang. This is the most economical way of travel as the boat takes us almost to the doorstep of the Djunaidi house. In less than a hour after disembarking at Permangkat, we'll be in Dyakland!

After visiting Djunaidi's work, we'll take a bus the next day straight to Pontianak, the chief port situated at the mouth of the Kapuas. It is here, at Siantan Tengah on the outskirts among the Chinese refugees of the 1967 Massacre that we intend to found the new mission. It is here that we shall have the joy of meeting with Rev. Barnabas Simin our Dyak coworker to discuss the Kingdom of God. Please pray for me your representative amidst the swirling dark brown waters of the Kapuas.

As we also review our past connection with Tanjung Pinang we thank God that our Chinese brethren there have been linked with our Church for a high purpose. Since it is necessary to board the Enggano from Tanjung Pinang, our transit station will afford another opportunity for spreading the Word to the Riau Islands. - Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin (Rev. Tow).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe).

Sat. 2.30 p.m. Chung-Tay Wedding.
4.00 p.m. Rouillard-Wong Wedding.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Mr. Swee Thian Hoe.
(Chairman, Elder Tay).

4 p.m. Miss Esther Djunaidi.

Last Week's Offering: \$488.60 + \$100.00
thanksgiving offering for Kapuas Gospel Mission. Chinese Service: \$40.00.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between :
1) Mr. Chung Kiah Sing and Miss Tay Bee Eng of Fishermen of Christ will be solemnised Sat. Aug. 28, 1976, 2.30 p.m. Mr. Huang Ee Yuan officiating. 2) Mr. Daniel Rouillard and Miss Wong Shook Lan of Mt. Carmel B-P Church, Sat. Aug. 28, 1976, 4.00 p.m., Rev. Heng officiating. (Reception follows the weddings at FEBC and Green Pavillion respectively).

A New Electric Cooker is presented to the Church kitchen by two Lifers working in the same Electric appliances company. Much appreciated!

Eternalife Book Centre: That's our registered new name approved by the government. "His Guiding Hand" by a Swiss missionary tells the thrilling story of his work in China and captivity under the Communists in their Northern March to Yenan. Special price \$2.70!

Mr. and Mrs. Goh Seng Fong who have been away in the States study for the ministry are due back "soon". We extend them a warm welcome home in the Lord.

Catechism Class. Preparing for 26th Anniversary Baptism Now On! Candidates are reminded to attend faithfully immediately after service. Join us thereafter for Sunday Lunch!

"Cast thy bread upon the waters: for thou shalt find it after many days" (Eccles. 11:1). The sum of \$2,500, which was our Christmas offering some years ago, was given to Tanjung Pinang to buy land at Kijang, a coastal town on the other side of the Island. We are glad to hear that before a church is built on this land, a Sunday School is now opened, catering to scores of Chinese children. Rev. Djunaidi's going ahead to Riau is by appointment to do some pioneer work at Kijang. Pray for this new advance.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XXXIII

Q. 93. What is the sixth commandment?

A. The sixth commandment is, Thou shalt not kill.

Q. 94. What does the sixth commandment teach us?

A. To avoid angry passions.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Good news to parents whose children between 4 and 6 years next January have still not found a place at Kindergarten! To relieve the situation we are opening a late-morning session 11.45a.m. to 1.45 p.m. (with playtime cut out) with Government encouragement. The study hours are practically the same as the morning session 8.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. The approved fee is \$30/- per month. Register with Mrs. Lange early to avoid disappointment. Phone 513676, 8.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

For the edification of Christians, the pastor offers free to our Readers 1) Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion Abridged Bk. I & II. 2) Pioneering in Dyak Borneo by Jason Linn, trans. by T. Tow. The condition is that you'll read them, or that the recipients will read them. Please ask from either Deacon William Teo or Elder Edmund Tay. (This offer is valid between now and Oct. 17, the 26th Anniversary Thanksgiving.)

The Teachers and Ministers of the Church; Their Election and Office.

This doctrine is further illuminated by example in the sending of Peter to preach to Cornelius the way of salvation and to baptise him.

4. Those who preside over the government of the Church, according to the institution of Christ through the apostle Paul are: 1) apostles; 2) prophets 3) evangelists; 4) pastors, 5) teachers. Of these, only the last two sustain an office in the Church: the others were such as the Lord raised up at the commencement of His kingdom, and such as He raises up on particular occasions where required by the necessity of the times.

The nature of the apostolic office is manifest from this command: "Go, preach the Gospel to every creature" (Mark 16:15). No certain limits are prescribed, but the whole world is assigned to them. The "apostles" therefore were "missionaries" to establish God's kingdom by universally preaching the Gospel.

"Prophets" refer not to all interpreters of the Divine will, but only to those who are honoured with some special revelation. Of these there are none in our day, or they are less conspicuous.

"Evangelists" were inferior to the apostles in dignity, but next to them in office who performed special functions. Such were Luke, Timothy, Titus and perhaps the seventy disciples. Those three offices were not instituted of permanent continuance in the Church, though I do not deny that God has sometimes raised up apostles and evangelists as He has done in our own time.

Next follow "pastors" and "teachers" who are always indispensable to the Church. The difference between the two is that teachers have no official concern with the discipline or the administration of sacraments, but only with interpretation of Scripture.

5. Pastors bear the same resemblance to the apostles, as our teachers do to the ancient prophets. The province of pastors is the same as that of the apostles except that they preside over particular Churches respectively committed to each of them. Now although according to the meaning and etymology of the word, all the ministers of the Church may be called apostles, it was necessary that those twelve, together with Paul, should be distinguished beyond all others.

6. Of the nature of their functions, let us now proceed to a more detail statement. Our Lord commissioned the apostles to preach the Gospel and to baptise all believers for the remission of sins. Hence, we conclude, those who neglect both these duties have no just pretensions to the character of apostles. From such passages as I Cor. 4:1 and Titus 1:7,9. we may infer that preaching the Gospel and administering the sacraments constitute the two principal parts of the pastoral office. The pastoral office is not a respectable sinecure, but one which involves not only public discourses but also private admonitions and the maintaining of proper discipline. What the apostles did for the whole world, that every individual pastor ought to do for his whole flock to which he is appointed.

7. A pastor who is connected with one Church may assist others, especially when disputes arise or when his advice is asked upon any difficult subject. Otherwise he should resort to his appointed place and not invade the province of another. For we read of Paul and Barnabas how they "ordained elders in the respective Churches of Lystra, Iconium and Antioch" (Acts 14:21,23), and Paul himself directed Titus to "ordain elders in every city" (Titus 1:5). those

8. In calling/who preside over Churches by the appellations of bishops, elders, pastors and ministers, without any distinction, I have followed the usage of Scripture which applies all these terms to express the same meaning (Tit. 1:5; Phil. 1:1; Acts 20:17,28).

In Romans and I Corinthians, Paul enumerates others as "powers," "gifts of healing," "interpretation of tongues," "governments," "care of the poor" (I Cor. 12:28). Those functions which were merely temporary, I omit, as foreign to our present subject. But there are two which perpetually remain - "government" and "the care of the poor." "Governors" I take to have been persons of advanced years, selected from the people to unite with the bishops in exercising discipline (Rom. 12:8). The office of government is necessary in every age.

9. The care of the poor was committed to "deacons" (Rom. 12:8). There are two distinct orders of deacons, those who administered alms and those who cared for the poor and sick, such as the widows mentioned by Paul to Timothy (I Tim. 5:9,10). The origin of deacons is described in Acts 6:1,3.

10. Now, as "all things" in the Church are required to "be done decently and in order" (I Cor. 14:40) restless and turbulent persons may not presumptuously intrude themselves into the office of teaching and governing. It is expressly provided that no one shall assume any public office in the Church without a call. Paul refers to this call in his apostleship together with his fidelity in the execution of that office.

11. With regard to the call there are four branches to be discussed. 1) What are the qualifications of ministers. 2) In what manner they are to be chosen. 3) By whom they ought to be appointed. 4) With what rite or ceremony are they to be introduced into office.

There is an external and public call by the Church and there is that secret call of which every minister is conscious himself before God. The secret call is the honest testimony of our heart, that we accept the office offered to us, not from ambition or



My dear Readers,

So, when you read these paragraphs this Lord's Day, I shall have arrived at Pemangkat, to visit Rev. Djunaidi's Dyak work, before going on to Pontianak on the Kapuas River our final destination.

The Kapuas Gospel Mission now being undertaken by our Church is another door Christ opened. Members of Session can testify this. It was not due to the pastor's zeal or foresight. Circumstances so worked that when the Call from Kapuas River came to us, the Lord moved every heart to

respond, with confidence. Yes, we have confidence in this outreach, because we have seen and heard Rev. Djunaidi, a man of God.

We have confidence in the Kapuas Gospel Mission upon a review of past outreaches. Take the case of Kelapa Sawit. We entered this field in 1954. Today, she is about to begin building operations on a half-acre of land in the centre of the village. We went to Rawang in 1966. Today there's a new Church and Kindergarten complex established with a growing congregation. We were "channelled" to Kulai Besar again by force of circumstances. Today we own a new corner-house property worth \$30,000 where weekly youth meetings are held both in English and Chinese with FEBC help. But all these endeavours have not thrust forth the Gospel beyond a 130-mile radius.

With the Kapuas Gospel Mission coming into the picture, we are entered into a new territory 600 miles out by cargo boat. This will require much more effort to maintain. Fortunately, Rev. Djunaidi will be able to help us. But this is the least we should do, since we have received 25 years of grace from the Lord. Our 26th year, 1976, is also our first year into the last quarter of the Century. We should want to see the Gospel Light diffused far beyond Pontianak, right into the upper reaches of the 660-mile Kapuas River.

Though a deacon has underwritten the support of our Dyak co-pastor, Rev. Barnabas Simin, to thrust forth the Gospel effectively needs the combined effort of our Readers. We shall need hundreds of thousands of rupiahs, since R10,000 is worth only \$60 (Singapore). Who would contribute R10,000 for a start? The Gospel literature and books I'm distributing during this trip should cost R20,000. We need to sow the good seed along the way. Pray for us. Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

- Mon. FEBC Mid-Semester Break on.
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting (Deacon Mahadevan).
 Fri. 3.00 p.m. FEBC Team to Kulai.
 Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
 4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Philip Heng (Lord's Supper).
 4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's Supper, Rev. Andrew Bo).

(This is scheduled in case the pastor is delayed in West Kalimantan).

Last Week's Offering: \$467.66. Chinese Service \$70.00 (for Kapuas Gospel Mission).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

Don't be late! Remember the Foolish Virgins!

Lost and Found. Black Bible, Mrs. Tan Poh Lin! (now at the Parsonage).

Birth. To Mr. and Mrs. Ron Loh a boy, Benjamin Pui Meng, Aug. 24, 1976.

See our new Tricity Electric Cooker and Oven in the Church Kitchen!

Our Church Florist is Lim Florist, Ring 376471 or 2353292.

Corrigendum. Our Book Centre's name is finally registered as Christian Life Book Centre.

It is governed by a committee comprising Deacon Phang Chin Yen (Chairman), Deacon Seow Chong Keong (Treasurer), Deacon Peter Wang (Sec.) Deacon William Teo and Pastor Tow (adviser). Mr. Stephen Kuan, Dip. Th., is manager.

INSPIRING HYMNS Lifers who would like to add new hymnals to the pews! Why not buy a few

for your family worship? \$10 a copy! Far Eastern Kindergarten. (Principal Mrs. Lange) With Government encouragement we shall run a late-morning session 11.45 to 1.45 p.m. (teaching time about the same as the early session 8.30 to 11.30) from January 1977. Approved fee \$30 a month. Register now to avoid disappointment! Phone 513676, 8.30 a.m. to 12.15 p.m.

Kapuas Gospel Mission Receipts: \$100+\$100+\$60+\$70+\$60.

Rev. and Mrs. John E. Grauley's Address: 42 Pin Oak Drive, Telford, Pa. 18969, U.S.A.

Miss Kamala our Church clerk is on vacation 30th Aug. '76 to 6th Sept. '76.

Sister Anne Cheang, c/o M.V. Logos, 64 Tweedy Rd., Bromley, Kent, BR1 3NJ, England, writes of motor accident from which she has been delivered and healed. She thanks FEBC students and Lifers for their prayers.

I REMEMBER JOHN SUNG by William E. Schubert, John Sung's bosom friend now in his eighties, is a must for every Reader. Coming out in September, this 106 - page booklet will be sold for only \$1.00 (Published by Far Eastern Bible College Press).

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XXXIV

- Q. 95. What is the seventh commandment?
 A. The seventh commandment is, Thou shalt not commit adultery.
 Q. 96. What does the seventh commandment teach us?
 A. To be pure in heart, language, and conduct.

The Teachers and Ministers of the Church; Their Election and Office.

There is an external and public call by the Church and there is that secret call of which every minister is conscious himself before God. The secret call is the honest testimony of our heart, that we accept the office offered to us, not from ambition or avarice, but from a sincere fear of God. For those whom the Lord has destined to so important an office, He first furnishes with those talents which are needed for its execution, that they may not enter upon it unprepared (I Cor. 12:7 etc). This is the first point of our discussion.

12. Furthermore Paul teaches in I Tim. 3:1 etc. and Titus 1:7 etc, that bishops are to be men of sound doctrine and a holy life. The same rule is laid down for deacons and governors.

The question relating to the manner in which they are to be chosen, I refer not to the form of election, but to the religious awe which ought to be observed in it. Hence the fast and prayer which Luke states to have been practised at the ordination of elders. (Acts 14:23).

13. The third inquiry we proposed was, by whom ministers are to be chosen. As for the apostles, they were not chosen by men but called and appointed by the Lord Himself. Hence when they wish to substitute another in the place of Judas, they nominate two that the Lord may declare by lot which of them He wills to be his successor (Acts 1:23). In the same sense must be understood the declaration by Paul that he had been created "an apostle, not of men, neither of man, but by Jesus Christ and God the Father" (Gal. 1:1).

14. But the election and appointment of bishop by men is necessary to constitute a legitimate call to the office, no sober person will deny. For though an apostle is appointed directly by the Lord, yet this appointment is accompanied with the form of an ecclesiastical call with the laying on of hands (Acts 13:2).

15. But, what is to be discussed here in regard to a minister's appointment is whether he should be chosen by the whole church or only by the other ministers and the elders who preside over the discipline, or whether he may be appointed by an individual. Those who attribute this right to any one man quote Paul's injunctions to Titus and Timothy (Titus 1:5; I Tim. 5:22). They are mistaken in this view as I can prove from the way elders were ordained by Paul and Barnabas. From Acts 14:23, according to the Greek reading, their ordination was by the suffrages or votes of the people. Those two apostles ordained them, but the whole multitude according to the custom observed in elections among the Greeks, declared by the elevation of their hands who was the object of their choice.

16. There remains the Form of ordination which is the last point that we have mentioned relative to the call of ministers. It is by the imposition of hands. This rite, I believe, descended from the custom of the Hebrews. When Jacob blessed Ephraim and Manasseh he laid his hands upon their heads. (Gen. 48:14). This custom was followed by our Lord when he prayed over infants. (Matt. 19:15). It is with the same design that the Jews were directed in the law to lay their hands upon their sacrifices. Wherefore the imposition of hands of the apostle was an indication that they offered to God the person whom they introduced into the ministry. This imposition of hands was made not only on pastors and teachers but also deacons.

Finally, the imposition of hands on the ministers was not the act of the whole multitude but was confirmed to the pastors. While more than one pastor performed this ceremony (Acts 6:6; 13:3), Paul speaks of himself as having laid hands upon Timothy (II Tim. 1:6).

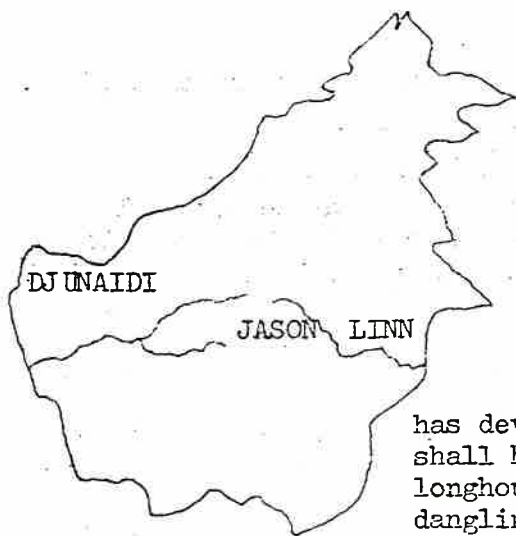
Book IV Chapter IV.

The State of the Ancient Church, and the Mode of Government Practised Before the Papacy.

1. Hitherto we have treated of the mode of government in the Church as it has been delivered to us by the pure Word of God, and of the offices in it, as they were instituted by Christ. Now, let us examine what was the form of the ancient Church in these particulars.

As we have stated that there are three kinds of ministers recommended to us in Scripture, so that ancient Church divided all the ministers it had into three orders. From the order of presbyters, they chose some for pastors and teachers; the others presided over the discipline and corrections. To the deacons were committed the care of the poor and the distribution of alms. Readers and Acolytes were not names of certain offices but young men to whom they also gave the name of clergy. These were trainees for a future office as I shall soon discuss more fully. Jerome enumerates five orders of the Church - bishops, presbyters, deacons, the believers at large and catechumens. He assigns no particular place to the clergy and the monks.

2. To guard the general consequence of equality, the presbyters in each city chose one of their own number whom they distinguished by the title bishop. The bishop was not superior to the rest in honour and dignity as to have dominion over his colleagues. He merely presided at proceedings to carry out what had been decreed by the general voice.



In making this trip to Pontianak on the estuary of the Kapuas River, I have the luxury of Rev. Djunaidi's company and guidance. Rev. and Mrs. Djunaidi who left Singapore a few days ahead of me to come here have been preaching at Kijang, 20 km from Tanjung Pinang on the other side of the Island.

From Tanjung Pinang we board the Pelui cargo boat Enggano that will take us, after 30 hours sailing, to Pemangkat. In an hour from Pemangkat, I shall experience the excitement of entering Dyakland where Rev. Djunaidi has developed a marvellous ministry during the last 17 years. I shall have the thrill of seeing firsthand the way Dyaks live, longhouses and, perhaps, smoke-brown skulls of a bygone day still dangling from the beams! What I have visualised through translation of Jason Linn's masterpiece, "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo"

will now come to life before my very eyes! But the transformation in a Christian Dyak village that Djunaidi will show me is the result of years of blood, sweat and tears. In this connection, I have urged Djunaidi to write his version of Dyak Borneo. I'm glad he has accepted my idea. I have promised to translate it, provided it is written in Chinese. (Djunaidi is a ready writer in both Chinese and Indonesian).

Talking about the conversion of Dyaks now being pursued by Rev. Djunaidi, I cannot help mentioning again my good friend Jason Linn. His exploits in East Kalimantan are well-known to our Readers. His work was of a more mobile nature and took him literally hundreds of miles deep into Interior Borneo. He had a Gospel boat which gave him entrance into the upper reaches of the Mahakam River. He spent a total of 15 years in the prime of his youth in the midst of a semi-civilised people. He baptised 3,000 converts and today there is a Dyak Church flourishing over the territory he covered. Professor Tregonning, formerly of Singapore University, commends Jason Linn, "It is a most unusual book which tells a great deal about the noble character of the author, as well as the Dyaks.... I hope the book is widely read."

Since its publication in Dec. 1973, over 3,000 copies of this book have been sold or distributed. In order to give you a thrilling insight of what still goes on in Dyakland, I'm offering this 250-page book free, between now and Oct. 17 (Life Church's 26th Anniversary) to any Reader. My prayer is that after reading it you will become a prayer partner in the unfinished work of missions. You will no more say with Cain, "Am I my brother's keeper?" You will henceforth say with St. Paul, "I am a debtor (of the Gospel) both to the Greeks and to the barbarians; both to the wise and to the unwise."

So, let me take leave of you now. (We are deeply grateful to the Tanjung Pinang brethren for taking care of us in our journey to Daykland.) God-willing, I hope to return before Sept. 5. Immanuel. Yours for the Gospel, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH AND FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.00 a.m. FEBC Homiletics hour resumes.
7.15 p.m. Calvin Lecture (Rev. Tow).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Session Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Pauline Epistles (Rev. Paauwe).
Fri. 3.00 p.m. FEBC Team to Kulai.
Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
3.00 p.m. Lim-Tan Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow.

Last Week's Offering: \$516.39 plus \$50.00 for Galilee B-P Church.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies
This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Lim Boon and Miss Tan Kim Kian of Fishermen of Christ will be solemnised Sat. Sept. 11, 1976, Mr. Huang Ee Yuan officiating.

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel Rouillard of the Logos are now settled at the former Adeney flat, 33H Gilstead Road, phone 552457.

IN JOHN SUNG'S STEPS - the story of Lim Puay Hian by T. Tow, 150 pages, with rare photos illustrating the ancestry of the Bible Presbyterians and glimpses of the John Sung Revival is to be released on the eve of Life Church's

26th Anniversary. \$2 a copy. Both this book and I REMEMBER JOHN SUNG will have a back-cover commentary from Dr. Tow Siang Hwa who personally heard John Sung and Lim Puay Hian.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XXXV.

Q. 97. What is the eighth commandment?
A. The eighth commandment is, Thou shalt not steal.
Q. 98. What does the eighth commandment teach us?
A. To be honest and industrious.

FEBC is a recipient of SANA's Certificate of Participation during the National Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign. Rev. Paauwe, who is a member of SANA's English Speaker Panel, will receive the Certificate. Remember: Healthy Living Needs No Drugs!

The junction of Gilstead and Evelyn Roads is a dangerous one, as many Lifers undoubtedly know. We have written the Traffic Police requesting signs indicating this dangerous junction. The reply of the Traffic Police reads in part, "... this Division has made the necessary recommendations to the PWD for the erection of traffic signs and road paintings." We are grateful for this action.

The State of the Ancient Church, and the Mode of Government Practised Before the Papacy.

Jerome, commenting on the Epistle to Titus, says, "A presbyter is the same as a bishop. And before dissensions in religion were produced by the instigation of the devil, and one said, I am of Paul, and another, I am of Cephas, the Churches were governed by a common council of presbyters. Afterwards, in order to destroy the seeds of dissension, the whole charge was committed to one. Therefore, as the presbyters know that according to the custom of the Church they are subject to the bishop who presides over them, so let the bishops know that their superiority to the presbyters is more from custom than from the appointment of the Lord, and they ought to unite together in the government of the Church." If the territory placed under a bishop was too extensive to manage, presbyters were appointed to act as his deputies in things of minor importance. These were called chorepiscopi or country bishops.

3. But with respect to the office of which we are now treating, the bishops and presbyters were equally required to employ themselves in the dispensation of the Word and sacraments. Up to the days of Gregory when the Church had considerably degenerated from its ancient purity, bishops continued in the ministry of preaching. Gregory says, "A priest dies when he's sound is not heard." (Exod. 38:35). It was therefore long maintained in the Church, that the principal office of a bishop was to feed the people with the Word of God.

4. The establishment of one archbishop over all the bishops of each province, and the appointment of patriarchs superior to archbishops at the Council of Nice were regulations for the preservation of discipline. The principal/^{reason} for the institution of these orders was that if anything should take place in any Church which could not be settled by a few persons, it might be referred to a provincial synod. If such a difficulty could not be resolved, the patriarchs were called to unite with the synods and from them there could be no appeal but to a general council. This constitution of government some called a hierarchy - a name not used in the Scriptures. However, the ancient bishops had no intention of contriving a form of government for the Church different from that which God has prescribed in His Word.

5. Until the days of Gregory, deacons still faithfully discharged their duties of distributing the daily contributions of believers and the annual revenues of the Church to the support of ministers and of the poor at the direction of the bishops.

It is probable that subdeacons were first attached to deacons to assist them in transacting the business of the poor. Archdeacons were first erected when the extent of the property required a new and more accurate mode of administration. Archdeacons were appointed to read the Gospel and to exhort the people to pray and their admission to the administration of the cup in the sacred supper were intended to help them execute their stewardship with deeper dedication to God.

6. Hence it is easy to judge what use was made of the property of the Church, and in what manner it was dispensed.

"Whatever the Church possessed, whether in lands or money, was the patrimony of the poor." The bishops and deacons are continually reminded that they are not managing their own treasures, but funds to supply the necessity of the poor. If they unfaithfully withhold or embezzle they will be guilty of murder.

Since it is sanctioned by the law of the Lord, that those who are employed in the service of the Lord should be maintained at the public expense of the Lord, the distribution was such that neither were the ministers left without support, nor were the poor neglected. But, care was taken that the ministers themselves who ought to set an example of frugality to others should not live in splendour. Jerome says that those of the clergy who take what belongs to the poor beyond their own patrimony are guilty of sacrilege and eat and drink judgment to themselves.

7. In order to correct abuses, canons were made, which divided the Church revenues into four parts: 1. To the clergy; 2. to the poor; 3. to the repair of Churches; 4. to poor strangers. Although some canons assign the last part to the bishop the intention was that it should not be used by him for his own consumption but rather for hospitality as required by St. Paul (1 Tim. 3:2,3). If any bishop began to transgress in this matter, living in luxury and pomp, he was immediately admonished by his colleagues. If he would not comply with the admonition, he was deposed from office.

8. The portion which they applied to ornament the sacred edifices at first was very small. Priority was given to the care of the poor. When famine prevailed in the province of Jerusalem, Cyril sold the vessels and vestments to buy food for the stricken.

9. Having enumerated the offices of the ancient Church, let us consider others which are mentioned by historians, though these are preparations and not offices.

In order to train future ministers of the Church those holy men took under their charge youths, with consent of their parents, to educate them from an early age. Those who were thus trained were called the clergy. This name given them is not very appropriate, for Peter calls the whole Church the clergy, i.e., the inheritance of the Lord (1 Pet. 5:3).

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My dear Readers,

I want to thank the Lord for a voyage of discovery to the Kapuas River by the cargo boat Enggano. The journey took me nine full days. It gave me opportunity to minister at Sebetung, Pontianak and Tanjung Pinang (Riau Islands).

1. Economy. It costs only \$200 for the whole trip, half what it would cost by air. Nor is the time spent at sea too long - two nights and one day only (the nights don't count since one is asleep!)

2. Double Benefit. It affords a stopover at Tanjung Pinang where I preached on the Lord's Day Sept. 5. Tg. Pinang is appreciative of such pastoral visit, with administration of the Lord's Supper. It mutually benefits the traveller with a free lodging while waiting to take the ferry back to S'pore.

3. Pastor Barnabas Simin is a genial worker with children. The new Gospel station he is opening at Siantan Tengah where many refugees from the 1967 Massacre have settled is a happy haven for swarms of children running around bare-backed or naked, without education and without God.

4. A foothold established at Pontianak opens a new vista of evangelistic outreach into interior Borneo. Pastor Simin will accompany Rev. Djunaidi to answer a call from Putussibau, 500 miles in the Interior. Fortunately they can fly cheaply with the Missionary Aviation Fellowship and save weeks chugging up-river. Christian leaders I've met in W. Kalimantan are appreciative of the establishment of Kapuas Gospel Mission by our Church. - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

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Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Wed. 4.00 p.m. FEBC Faculty Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Paul (Rev. Paauwe).
Sat. 2.30 p.m. Chang - Chng Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 p.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Tsao See.

Last Week's Offering: \$533.33+\$40+\$200.

In loving memory of Mrs. Lim Ee Lee, mother-in-law of Mr. Chua Kim Soo, \$200 is given to Kapuas Gospel Mission.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next

Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

Hear Rev. Tai Po-fu this Lord's Day, 4 p.m. at the Chinese Service!

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between 1) Mr. Joseph Chang Thye Cheong and Miss Liesl

Chng Siew Choo of Bethesda will be solemnised Sept. 18, 2.30 p.m., Dr. James Hanam officiating. (Reception at FEBC Hall).

2) Mr. Phang Moo Kiat and Miss Chai Poh Kim (Deaf Carpenter's daughter) at Kelapa Sawit Christian

Church, Sept. 18, 11 a.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Sister Betty Tow will be away from FEBC on a tour to Gt. Britain and USA with her father,

Sept. 13 - Oct. 20, 1976.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Lee Choon Ngee on the occasion of the wedding of their son

Desmond to Miss Choo Chong Yee, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Choo Jim Teck at St. Andrew's

Cathedral, Sat. Sept. 11, 3.30 p.m.

Congratulations to Toa Payoh B-P Church on the occasion of their 5th Anniversary, Sept. 12,

1976. Elder Edmund Tay and Deacon Roland Wong represent Life Church at the Thanksgiving

with gift of 10 copies of Calvin and Dyak Borneo each.

Elder Lau King Hong's phone 2355267.

Deacon Sng Teck Leong has presented the Church with 10 chromed offering bag frames.

Ladies, please help to supply with the making of the bags!

40 Inspiring Hymns at \$10 each are to be added to the pews. Do you wish to contribute?

Also to be added are 40 steel chairs at \$15 per chair.

The Life Church YF and YAF will be presenting a musical entitled 'CELEBRATE LIFE' this Christmas. We hope that Lifers will show their support for this endeavour by their gifts which can be made to any YF/YAF committee member or to Tan Yew Chong, VP-YAF.

Guest arriving at FEBC. Wed. Sept. 15, Rev. Johannes Micha Ateng of Indonesia from Holland.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXXVI.

Q. 99. What is the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment is, Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbor.

Q. 100. What does the ninth commandment teach us?

A. To tell the truth.

PASTOR SIMIN REPORTS ON THE LORD'S BUSINESS

After your departure, Brother Tju Lip Phin and I have contacted the land owner. After a long bargain, the price is arrived at Rp. 385,000. The total cost will be Rp. 400,000 which includes Government expenses. I have sent this news to Rev. Djunaidi at Sebetung. But I leave it to you to make the final decision.

My family and I are very happy of our fellowship, and I make ready myself to be used by the "Kapuas Injili Mission." If there be any new idea for the work here, please let me know, because I will be happy to carry out this duty. The most important thing now is to save the souls in Pontianak, especially among the Chinese who are still living in darkness. This is my heart's burden. I never forget to pray over this matter day and night."

Ed. Note: R400,000 is roughly S\$2,400. This sum buys a two-unit Malay house that requires renovation. It includes also 15,000 sq.ft. of land. Without the extra land, the house sells for R125,000.

The clergy in training were charged with the opening and shutting of temples. So they were called ostiarii, or door-keepers. Afterwards they were called acoluthi, or followers, waiting upon the bishop in domestic services and accompanying him on all occasions, whereby they might learn to speak before the people. By degrees they were promoted till they were made subdeacons.

10. In the ancient Church, in the matter of determining the qualifications of a bishop they ran into one error of immoderate severity, and that was the requirement of celibacy. As to the consent of the people being required in the admission to the clergy, this rule began to be relaxed in process of time, since those admitted to the clergy took a long probation, and this was not to a high office. Afterwards, in the other offices also, except the episcopate, the people generally left the judgment and choice to the bishop and presbyters. With considerable time given to training and probation, a subdeacon would be constituted a deacon. A deacon who conducted himself with fidelity would obtain the rank of a presbyter. The election of presbyters, however, always required the consent of the inhabitants of the place. And all ordinations took place at stated times of the year, that no one might be introduced clandestinely.

11. The right of voting in the election of bishops was retained by the people for a long time. The Council of Antioch decreed this and Leo the First confirms the same: "Let him who is to preside over all, be chosen by all."

12. On the other hand, an election should not be left entirely to the populace, for it scarcely ever happens that so many heads concur in one opinion for the settlement of any business. To remedy this situation, the clergy alone made their choice and presented the chosen person to the magistracy. They deliberated on the election and if it appeared to them a proper one, confirmed it. Otherwise, they chose another person whom they preferred. Then the business was referred to the multitude, though they were not bound to concur in these previous opinions. Or if the business commenced with the multitude, this method was adopted in order to discover who was the principal object of their wishes. After hearing the wishes of the people, the clergy proceeded to the election. Thus the clergy were neither at liberty to elect whom they pleased, nor under a necessity of complying with the foolish desires of the people. This order is stated by Leo in another place, "It is requisite to have the votes of the citizens, the testimonies of the people, the authority of the governors, and the election of the clergy."

13. This mode of election was still practised in the time of Gregory, and it is probable that it continued long after. Within the last five hundred years Pope Nicholas made this decree respecting the Roman pontiff that the cardinals should take the lead, that in the next place they should unite with them the rest of the clergy, and lastly that the election should be confirmed by the people. The consent of the emperor, as far as I can discover, was required only in two Churches, at Rome and Constantinople, because they were the two capitals of the empire. This by no means allowed a king to supersede all canonical election by appointing a bishop at his own pleasure. It only gives the emperor the honour of confirming a legitimate election by his authority.

14. It remains for us to state by what ceremony the ministers of the ancient Churches, were initiated into office. This the Latins have called ordination. The Greeks called it cheirotomia, extension or elevation of hands, and sometimes cheirothesia, imposition of hands. The former word signifies that kind of election in which the suffrages are declared by the lifting up of the hands. There is a decree of the Council of Nice that the metropolitan should meet with all the bishops of the province to ordain him who shall have been elected. But if any of them be prevented by the length of the journey or by sickness, at least three should meet and those who are absent should testify their consent by letters.

The reason why all, or at least as many as had no sufficient excuse, were commanded to be present, was that there might be more solemn examination into the learning and moral of the person to be ordained. For the ordination was not affected without examination.

15. This was the universal practice, without any exception. By degrees a different custom was introduced and the persons elected went to the metropolitan city to seek ordination. This change arose from ambition and a corruption of the ancient institution. Not long after when the authority of the see of Rome had increased, almost all the bishops of Italy went to Rome to be consecrated.

Presbyters and deacons were also ordained solely by imposition of hands. But every bishop ordained his own presbyters in conjunction with the assembly of the other presbyters of his diocese. Now though they all united in the same yet because the bishop took the lead, therefore it was called his ordination. The ancient writers noted that a presbyter differed from a bishop in no other respect than that he did not possess the power of ordination.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT.

My dear Readers,

1. Tempus fugit (Time flies)!

In one month, our Church will have arrived at her 26th Anniversary Thanksgiving! On Sunday Oct. 17, 1976 there will be the usual celebration of welcoming another batch of candidates for baptism.

Two new voices will echo the Lord's grace upon their lives through Life Church - Deacon Mahadevan and Mrs. Lehia Paauwe. A Chinese 8-course lunch will be held as last year, catered by Tian Heong - immediately after the service. This will afford a time of fellowship and opportunity to speak to one another of the goodness of God.

2. Our Offering to God for 1976.

On such a happy occasion, what have we to return to the Lord in thanksgiving? We thank God that the year 1976 has seen us branch out to Bedok (where now flourish both an English and Chinese Service). In January we also started a bookroom which is now registered as Christian Life Book Centre. A new dimension in Gospel outreach is being achieved as the Book Centre grows from strength to strength. What we want to praise God most concerns the establishing of a Gospel Station in the slums of Siantan Tengah, Pontianak where Pastor Barnabas Simin is winning the bare-backed urchins, children of Chinese refugees from the 1967 Massacre. Therefore Session has decided to give the 26th Anniversary Thanksgiving wholly for this work. The initial cost of an old Malay 2-unit house with 15,000 sq. ft. of land is \$2,400. Renovation and furnishings are estimated at \$2,000. We thank God too that starting a mission in Indonesia costs so much less than what we would have to pay in Singapore.

3. "Freely Receive, Freely Give."

Another item of praise is the coming release of the twin books, "I Remember John Sung" by William E. Schubert and "In John Sung's Steps - the story of Lim Puay Hian" by T. Tow on the 26th Anniversary. These books will be presented you on a free-will offering basis, the proceeds will also go to help the founding of Kapuas Gospel Mission. The price of both books is \$3/=. Now if the authors are willing to donate of their substance, it should inspire the readers to do the same for God! Pray for the early publication of these two books. Prayerfully, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBEC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecutre on Calvin (Rev.Tow).
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Paul (Rev.Paauwe).
Sat. 10.00 a.m. Tan - Tan Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.
4.30 p.m. Rev. Tow at Galilee worship.

Last Week's Offering: \$564.22.

Kapuas Gospel Mission: \$100.

Inspiring Hymns: \$100 Who'll contribute to install another 30 copies to replace the worn out ones at \$10 each?

Sunday Lunch Roster; Young People: GLTD. Ladies
This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Birth. Congratulations to Mr. & Mrs. Chan Ngiap Khoon on the gift of a boy Sept. 11, '76.
Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Robin Tan Kiat Hong and Miss Patricia Tan Soh Wah will be solemnised Sat. Sept. 25, 1976 10 a.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

JURONG B-P CHURCH Praise the Lord for a letter from JTC assuring us of availability of the land applied for.

Grace B-P Church. Mr. Tony Ting has resigned to take up an appointment with a Church in Hong Kong ministering to drug addicts. Mr. Tan Choon Seng, a senior FEBEC student, is taken on in a part-time capacity.

Rev. Jim Turner of Child Evangelism is expected to arrive Wed. Sept. 22 and will be guest at Life Church - FEBEC Hostel. Child Evangelism will hold a six-week course at FEBEC, Nov. 22 - Dec. 31, 1976 with instructors coming from abroad to teach. FEBEC students taking this course will receive two credits towards their College requirements.

Christian Life Book Centre is open everyday of the week except Monday. Order any book from anywhere in the world through us. Prompt service guaranteed! "Come Help change the World" by Bill Bright telling the thrilling story of the growth of Campus Crusade is recommended to our Readers.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XXXVII.

Q. 101. What is the tenth commandment?

A. The tenth commandment is, Thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's house, thou shalt not covet thy neighbor's wife, nor his manservant, nor his maidservant, nor his his ox, nor his ass, nor anything that is thy neighbor's.

Q. 102. What does the tenth commandment teach us?

A. To be content with our lot.

FAR EASTERN KINDERGARTEN will run a late-morning session 11.45 a.m. - 1.45 p.m. to meet the pressing needs of children on the waiting list. Though of a two-hour duration the teaching time given will be just a little short of the regular three-hour session. Playtime and rest-time will be dispensed with, according to Government directives. The fee is \$30 per month. Register now to avoid disappointment! Phone Mrs. Lange, Mon.-Fri., 8.30 a.m., 513676.

Sunday Lunch. It is decided that any surplus fund accumulated from the Sunday Lunch will go to Kapuas Gospel Mission - saving stray children to life everlasting in Christ.

Pisang Raja. If you have a little backyard why not give place to the King of bananas? Get your sapling from the pastor!

The Ancient Form of Government Entirely Subverted by the Papal Tyranny.

1. A comparison between the ancient Church and the Papal system will show what kind of a Church there is among those who arrogate to themselves this exclusive title.

We shall first consider what kind of men are called into the ministry, beginning with the bishop. It is a shame that bishops are chosen from lawyers who understand pleading in a court than preaching in a Church. For a hundred years scarcely one in a hundred that has been chosen had any knowledge of Holy Scripture!

As to their morals, we find among them drunkards, fornicators, gamblers, hunters and fowlers. Boys, scarcely ten years of age, have by permission of the pope been made bishops.

2. All the right of the people to choose has been entirely taken away. All the power is transferred to the canons. They confer the bishopric on whom they please. Bishoprics often are the rewards of adulterers and panders.

3. This abuse in the choice of bishops arose from the negligence of the people. Left to the presbyters, the latter usurped the power which they afterwards confirmed to themselves by new canons. Under these disorderly circumstances occasion was given to princes to assume the presentation of bishops to themselves. Courtiers are made bishops and sent from the court to seize upon the Churches.

4. Bishops claim apostolic succession. The power of creating presbyters, they say, belong exclusively to them. Presbyters are ordained not to rule and feed the people, but are made priests to offer sacrifices. Deacons are consecrated who have nothing to do with their proper office, but only to certain ceremonies about the chalice and patine.

In the Council of Chalcedon, however, it was decreed that there should be no absolute ordinations, that is, without some place being at the same time assigned to the persons ordained, where they were to exercise their office. This decree was highly useful, that the Church might not be burdened with an unnecessary charge and, secondly, that the persons ordained might consider themselves not as promoted to an honour, but as intrusted with a sacred office.

But the Romish doctors, who think their belly ought to be all their care, explain the requisite title to consist in an income sufficient for their support, whether arising from their own patrimony or from a benefice. Therefore, when they ordain a deacon or presbyter, without giving themselves any concern where he is to officiate, they readily admit him if he be rich enough to maintain himself. This sort of business gives rise to a thousand frauds as when some falsely exhibit empty titles of benefices. Others, under a secret stipulation, borrow benefices which they promise to return immediately, but which in many instances are never returned. But even though these abuses were removed, is it not absurd to ordain a presbyter without assigning him any station?

5. As to their ordination they adorn with many pompous ceremonies that its appearance may gain the veneration of the simple. The bishops have their vicars to examine the learning of the candidates before ordination. All they interrogate them are whether they can read masses, whether they can decline some common noun or conjugate a verb. None are rejected from the priesthood who are deficient even in their puerile elements if they bring the present or recommendation to favour.

6. I maintain that scarcely one benefice in a hundred, in all the Papacy, is at present conferred without simony. I do not say that they all purchase with ready money. But show me one in twenty who obtains a benefice without any indirect recommendation. Some are promoted by relationship, others by alliance, others by the influence of parents, others gain favour by services. In short, the end for which sacerdotal offices are conferred, is not to provide for the Churches, but for the persons to whom they are given. And therefore they call them benefices, a name by which they declare that they view them as donatives of princes by which they conciliate the favour of their soldiers, or reward their services. These rewards are conferred upon barbers, cooks, muleteers and other dregs of the people. Infants just beginning to lisp succeeded to it as an inheritance transmitted by their uncles and cousins, and sometimes even by fathers to their illegitimate children.

7. It is still more monstrous that one man should preside over the government of five or six Churches. Young men there are who hold one archbishopric, two bishoprics and three abbeys. And it is a common thing for canons to be loaded with five, six or seven benefices, of which they take not the least care, except in receiving revenues. Both these things are execrable enormities, utterly repugnant to God, to nature and to the government of the Church - that one robber should engross several Churches at once and that the name of pastor should be given to one who could not be present with his flock.

8. Now let us see how faithfully they exercise their office, which is the second mark by which we are to judge of a legitimate pastor. Of the priests whom they create, some are monks, others are called seculars.

The former were unknown to the ancient Church, and to hold such a place in the Church was incompatible with the monastic profession, that anciently, when anyone was chosen from a monastery to be one of the clergy, he ceased to be a monk. For of the monks some are mendicants and a few of the others preach. All the rest of the monks either chant or mutter over masses in their cloisters.

My dear Readers,

1. To Kalimantan, on to Kalimantan,
O send the Gospel Light into West Kalimantan,
Along DarkKapuas River in West Kalimantan.

The Kapuas River is 660 miles long, mightiest in Indonesia. It is the life-blood of West Kalimantan. So, when we call our mission Kapuas Gospel Mission, it is equivalent to naming it West Kalimantan Gospel Mission.

Praise the Lord, we have answered the call from West Kalimantan. We have remitted Rp. 500,000 to buy a humble property with 15,000 sq. ft. of land, as well as pay two months' salaries. Three fifths of this sum is given by a Deacon. Our Readers, with a little effort, can take care of the rest! Roughly, if you contribute \$60, we have Rp 10,000! The said Deacon, when cheerfully offering his lion's share, remarked: "We're paying the gospel debt as the Western missionaries paid theirs when they came to China years ago. Now, it is our turn to extend the gospel to the Dyaks and Chinese refugees of West Kalimantan."

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"Every work for Jesus will be blest,
But He asks from everyone His best
Our talents may be few, These may be small,
But unto Him is due Our best, our all."

2. Dr. Tow Siang Hwa has written the book cover commentary for "I Remember John Sung,"
authored by William E. Schubert.

Published by Far Eastern Bible College Press, this book of 106 pages, and priced at \$1 will be given together with "In John Sung's Steps - the Story of Lim Puay Hian," price \$2, to worshippers at Life Church in October. Those who ask for these two books are exhorted to put into the box a free-will offering to help launch our Kapuas Gospel Mission. "Freely ye have received, freely give."

3. "Say it with a Bible or a good Christian book."

When giving someone a gift, there is no better choice than a Bible or a good Christian book, or books. Our Christian Life Book Centre comes handy to serve you in this need. It is open every day of the week except Monday. On Sunday, we serve you for an hour after service, to save you time, petrol or busfare.

Our Book Centre has grown phenomenally. We carry a good range worth \$23,000, so you have plenty to choose from.

Now that Christmas is in the offing, the various departments, especially Sunday School, will be thinking of giving away prizes. Let Mr. Stephen Kuan serve you!

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Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Mr. Tsao See (Lord's Supper).

Last Week's Offering: \$679.15. Kapuas Gospel Mission \$50+\$25. Boxes \$50.

Sunday Lunch Roster (Any proceeds go to Kapuas Gospel Mission) Young People: Life YF. Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

30 More Inspiring Hymns Needed; at \$10 a copy. Any contribution?

26th Anniversary Thanksgiving Chinese "Dinner," catered by Tian Heong. Get your coupons now from Deacon William Teo. \$8 (earners) \$5 (non-earners) \$3 (children).

Second DVBS for Tanjung Pinang, Indonesia.

Date Dec. 13-17. If interested, see Mrs. Ivy Tow.

Kapuas Gospel Mission Committee: Rev. Tow (chairman) Elders Seow Chong Pin and Lau King Hong.

Child Evangelism will run a full six-week course at FEBC, Nov. 22-Dec. 31 Rev. Jim Turner, Director is here till Mon. Sept. 27. Praise the Lord for the firstfruits of seven baptised at Grace Church last Lord's Day (Sept. 17, 1976) Rev. Paauwe officiating. Grace Church runs a Junior Service from this week. Mr. Tan Choon Seng, a FEBC senior

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXXVIII.

Q. 103. Can any man keep these ten commandments perfectly?

A. No mere man, since the fall of Adam, ever did or can keep the ten commandments perfectly.

Q. 104. Of what use are the ten commandments to us?

A. They teach us our duty, and show our need of a Saviour.

student is in charge.

For fresh flowers phone either 376471 or 2353292 for Lim Florist.

"Miracles in Indonesia" 160 pages at only \$2.50 from Christian Life Book Centre. Read what God is doing to an Asean country.

"Another set of stone table and benches at \$180 is needed to replenish a cool spot in our garden -- to cater for Sunday Lunch or provide a cosy corner for study. Any giver? The FEBC Library has added hundreds of good books of late. If you need any of these valuable books, please see Rev. Paauwe, Librarian. A new home for these added books is to be established in the next room with shelves lining every available wall space. (Thanks Rev. C.T. Hsu (USA) for your contributions). "Write Better, Speak Better" and "Use the Right Word" by Readers Digest are available.

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The Ancient Form of Government Entirely Subverted by the Papal Tyranny.

While the Scripture testifies it is the duty of a presbyter to govern his own Church (Acts 20:28), is it not a profanation to transfer to another object, or rather to make a total change in, God's sacred institution? For when they are ordained monks, they are expressly forbidden to do things which the Lord enjoins upon all presbyters. Let a monk be content in his cloister, and not presume to administer the sacraments or to execute any other branch of public duty.

9. I proceed to the seculars, of whom some are called beneficiaries, that is, they have benefices by which they are maintained. Others hire themselves to say mass or sing and live on the wages which they gain from these employments. So benefices are either attended with bishoprics or parishes or they are stipends of delicate men who gain a livelihood by chanting. But in the confusion which has been introduced, abbeys and priories are conferred not only on secular priests, but also on boys.

Now, if it be the duty of a presbyter to feed the Church and administer the spiritual kingdom, all those priests who have no work or wages, except in making merchandise of masses, not only fail of executing their office, but have no legitimate office to execute. There is no place assigned to them to teach. They have no people to govern. In short, nothing remains to them but the altar upon which to offer Christ in sacrifice. This is a sacrificing to demons, as we shall see in another place.

10. Canons, deans, chaplains, provosts and all who are supported by sinecures are to be considered in the same light. These have discarded the preaching of the Word, the superintendence of discipline and the administration of sacraments, as employments attended with too much labour and trouble. They have chanting and pomp of ceremonies, but to what purpose? While they claim to be presbyters we shall find that their whole profession is most foreign and remote from the office of presbyters. Since chaplains, canons, deans, provosts and other idlers of this description do not even with their little fingers touch a particle of that duty which is necessarily required in presbyters, it is not to be endured that they should usurp the honour and thus violate the sacred institution of Jesus Christ.

11. Bishops and rectors of parishes who wish to be considered pastors, however, desert the churches committed to them and transfer the care of them to others. They act as if the office of a pastor consisted in doing nothing. Many of them all their lifetime devour the revenues of Churches which they never approach even to look at them. Treating the Churches as no other than farms, they place over them their vicars as bailiffs. Pastors only in name, they never saw one of the sheep!

12. Some seeds of this evil appear to have sprung up in Gregory's time. He heavily complains, "The world is full of priests; but yet there are few labourers found in the harvest." Again: "Because they have no bowels of charity they wish to be considered as lords; they do not acknowledge themselves to be fathers. They change the place of humility into an aggrandizement of dominion." Gregory used this language against those who were only chargeable with a want of diligence in their office. What would he have said if he had seen scarcely any of the bishops, one in a hundred, ascend a pulpit once in their lives?

13. The whole form of ecclesiastical government which exists today under the Papacy is a nest of the most lawless and ferocious banditti in the world. While those in high position claim to be pillars of the Church and the vicars of Christ because they have succeeded to the power and authority of the apostles, they have nothing in common with the apostles, especially in the office of preaching which they so carefully avoid. Bishops for the most part are illiterate asses while rectors of Churches think no more of feeding the flock than a shoemaker does of ploughing.

14. What if we proceed to inquire into their manners? Are they salt and light as Christ requires of them? There is no class of men in the present day more infamous for profusion, delicacy, luxury and profligacy of every kind. No class of men contains more apt or expert masters of every species of imposture, fraud, treachery and perfidy. Nowhere can be found equal cunning or audacity in the commission of crime. I say nothing of their pride, haughtiness, rapacity and cruelty. I say nothing of the abandoned licentiousness of every part of their lives.

15. Deacons today no more are in charge of the sacred distribution which they have of the property of the Church. Deacons are created rather to serve at the altar or chant the gospel. Deacons are one step below the priesthood.

Of the alms given at present, no more reaches the poor than if they were thrown into the sea. Like robbers, these men have made a division of it and everyone has seized as large a share as he could.

16. The principal part of this plunder was seized by the bishops and the presbyters of cities, who being enriched by it were converted into canons. These have taken care that not a penny of all the property of the Church should reach the poor, who were entitled at least to half of it.

My dear Readers,

26th Anniversary Thanksgiving

As we enter the month of October, may I remind you that in two weeks we shall be celebrating our 26th Anniversary Thanksgiving on Oct. 17. Notice that Thanksgiving is the keynote of our Church's birthday. It is good to celebrate, to hold a special makan on such an auspicious occasion, but unless we come to acknowledge God's goodness, we shall have missed all the blessings that our Father above has in store specially for us that day.

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not his benefits:

Who forgiveth all thine iniquities;

Who healeth all thine diseases;

Who redeemeth thy life from destruction;

Who crowneth thee with lovingkindness and tender mercies." Ps. 103:2-4.

So, it is good to review the 365 days gone by since Oct. 1975 and the occasions wherein His hand has delivered us and duly give thanks (Many have simply forgotten when the trouble was over). Thanksgiving is a part of our daily and weekly worship. But a special Annual one is a reminder for the times we've so conveniently forgotten.

As for the Thanksgiving Chinese "Dinner" (8 - course) to be held after the Service, be sure to get your coupons from Deacon William Teo: \$8 for earners, \$5 non-earners, \$3 children.

Anniversary Sale by our Book Centre

To further rejoice on this occasion, our Christian Life Book Centre will give you a discount of 15% on all books (except Inspiring Hymns). This lasts only 15 days, Oct. 2 to Oct. 17. This is really a bumper offer. Buy now and save! Any problem buying a Christian gift? A Bible or Christian book, bringing spiritual blessings, lasts a lifetime. Why give anything less? - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

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Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.

Session Meeting.

Thurs. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Paul (Rev. Paauwe).

Fri. 3.00 p.m. FEBC team to Kulai.

Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.

4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

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

4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.

Rev. Tow at Jurong Anniversary Service.

Last Week's Offerings \$420.63 & \$200.00.

Inspiring Hymns: \$300; \$100; \$10.

Kapuas Gospel Mission: \$200; \$46.20 (from wedding); \$50.

Stone Table and Benches: \$180 by post from a Lifer.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies:

This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

Hear Mr. Teo Siau Hua at the Chinese Service this Lord's Day, 4 p.m.

Guest at Church-and-College Hostel: The Yrjole family of the Ebeneser. Who has an electric kettle to spare for our guest room?

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between:

1) Mr. Tan Boon Khearn and Miss Wong Lai Wah of Bible Church will be solemnised on Sat. Oct. 16, 2.30 p.m. Rev. Philip Heng officiating, reception thereafter at FEBC Hall; 2) Mr. Low Woh Weng and Miss Chew Siew Kiang of Life Church on Sat. Oct. 16, 4.30 p.m., Rev. Tow officiating.

Rev. Andrew Bo is on a short visit to Tanjung Pinang this Saturday. After speaking to the YF this Sat. Evening and to the Church, Sunday morning, he returns to S'pore by Sunday night.

Christian Life Book Centre holds 15 days sale to celebrate Life Church's 26th Anniversary, Oct. 2 to Oct. 17. Save 15% on all books (except Inspiring Hymns). "I REMEMBER JOHN SUNG" by William E. Schubert, \$1, is out. "In John Sung's Steps - the story of Lim Puay Hian" is inadvertently delayed till November. Regrets.

Life Church Chinese Service beginning this Lord's Day allots the Holy Communion offerings to Kapuas Gospel Mission.

On the Second Anniversary of the home-going of Miss Leona Wu, Oct. 9, the Evangelistic League and Chin Lien Bible Seminary will pay a visit to Chua Chu Kang Cemetery.

Good News to Sarimbun Campers. The mile-long laterite road of Jalan Bahtera leading in from the main road is soon to be wholly metalled! Pray for the spacious property how we may best develop it.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XXXIX

Q. 105. What is prayer?

A. Prayer is asking God for things which he has promised to give.

Q. 106. In whose name should we pray?

A. Only in the name of Christ.

Q. 107. What has Christ given us to teach us how to pray?

A. The Lord's Prayer.

Q. 108. Repeat The Lord's Prayer.

A. Our Father which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever, Amen.

THRILLING TESTIMONIES OF BAPTISM CANDIDATES

- I. It was on 13th March '76 when I attended the Holy Matrimony of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chan at Life Church that a strange inspiration grasped me. When the Church bell sounded, I was gripped by a certain warmth - a warmth so hard to describe - it ran through me. I felt strangely composed and as I looked up I viewed with awe the column of light that shines on the wall of the Church. Tears reached the corners of my eyes - I don't know why. Mentally I followed the order of the ceremony, I sang the hymn along with others, but spiritually I knew I was lost.
- I attended the following Sunday's Services - nobody asked me to, just that I wished to visit the place again. On that very night, I read through some chapters of the Bible before going to bed. The night was cool; I soon fell sound asleep. In all suddenness, I could hear the rush of winds - it grew stronger, yet stronger, very violent, very loud. I saw the cloud swirl thicken. Extreme darkness encamped the surroundings. Another violent rush of the winds brought forth a heavy storm, their devastating ferocity spelt disaster to everything below. I looked around but could see no one. Almost everything around me was levelled. I was frightened, lost. I ran hither and thither but could find no safe shelter. I tried to shout but I felt my throat choked. In desperation, I looked up, knelt and prayed, "Lord, save me!" Miraculously, everywhere became a sudden quiet - as sudden as it appeared. I opened my eyes - I knew it was a dream. Nevertheless, it's so strange. I could no longer sleep. I prayed.
- I realised I needed the Lord. HE who had given me inspiration in Church also showed me HIS tremendous power - also His power to SAVE. I have decided to steer away from my family that worships mini-gods, at all expense, to follow the Lord. - Chew Soon Kheng, Richard (teacher).
- II. How I came to Jesus Christ happened like this. I came to Life Church to attend my sister's wedding. That was the first time I ever stepped into a Protestant Church (I was brought up in a Catholic School). When I stepped into the Church a wonderful peace descended upon me. At the same time I observed that the Wedding service was so much more meaningful than other wedding ceremonies I had witnessed before this.
- What further amazed me was a similar divine experience that gripped my fiancé as he sat beside me. My fiancé comes from a Buddhist family. I remember him once saying we should not adopt any other religion since both of us came from Buddhist homes. After that mutual experience, however, it was he who urged me to believe in Jesus Christ, as the Lord had so willed. His faith is very firm in this matter. So both of us have been attending Church ever since my sister's wedding. - Ho Tai Long, Coreen (clerk).
- III. I come from a non-Christian family. I learned about the Lord in my early secondary schooldays. I was brought to Life Church by my elder sister in 1975. It was my sister's baptism day and that was the first service I attended. From that day on, I have been a regular worshipper at Life Church.
- My parents then tried to discourage me from going to Church. I felt very hurt whenever they started to scold me. However, as Jesus Christ was dwelling deep in my heart, I took courage to come to church. I would pray that my parents should not scold me. I also asked God to forgive my parents. Gradually, my parents changed their attitude!
- God is really wonderful in giving me the opportunity to become His child through Baptism. He blesses me bountifully in all my work and I thank Him for all that He has done for me, especially in sending His only Begotten Son to redeem me from all my sins. - Annie Ho Mei Peng (auditor).
- IV. I first heard the Gospel, while still a student, from good friends who were then members of the Oversea Christian Fellowship in Australia. Since then I have gone through various stages of my spiritual life. Today I am proud to be called a Christian because I am able to enjoy an inner peace of mind simply by putting faith in the Lord. I believe, and experience wonderful feelings each and everytime I pray to the Lord, Jesus Christ. These feelings could never be gotten prior to my becoming a Christian. - Low Woh Weng (engineer).
- V. At first when my beloved wife asked me to go to church, I said I had too many business worries and could not give my mind to the church.
- Later, Mrs. Woo (now in Canada) encouraged me to follow my wife to church. I made arrangements to be relieved from work on Sundays. I then accompanied my wife to church for nearly a year.
- During that time my faith in Christ grew. I told my wife a couple of months before she passed away that I intended to get baptised.
- Since the death of my beloved wife, I have spent much time in prayer. I have found much comfort in Christ. I have found peace of mind. I have confidence to face life after my prayers. My faith in Christ is sure, and I am convinced that I should not delay to seek baptism any longer. - Willy Seow Cheng Seong (Bakery towkay).
- VI. What is life? Is life just mere existence - you're born, you grow up, you study, work, get married, raise a family and then you die. Full stop. In my teens, I had wondered about the meaning and purpose of life.

One day, a friend brought me to a Sunday School where I was taught John 3:16 "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus Christ, that whosoever believes in Him should not perish but have eternal life." I was surprised to learn that Jesus Christ is a personal God. He claims to be the only one who loves me enough to die for my self-centredness - His invitation to me that day was that if I would believe on Him and would open the door of my heart to Him, He would come to indwell me and change me from inside. I took that step of faith when I prayed to receive Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord.

The day I prayed to receive Christ was the happiest day of my life. For the first time, I was sure that I knew God personally. My searching heart was not empty anymore. It was filled with Jesus Christ.

Another change which Jesus brought into my life is that when He enables me to see myself as I really am - self-centred and to see others as He sees them - people He died for, I am able now to go out to them and allow Him to love them with my heart. One of the first persons Jesus gave me a genuine love for is my mother. My relationship with her has improved greatly since I became a Christian.

In conclusion, I want to say that my purpose in life is no longer to live for myself, profit for myself but to know Christ and to make Him known - to share His claims with others. - Polly Low (university student).

26TH ANNIVERSARY THANKSGIVING BAPTISM

Infants: Heng Ai Ki (31/8/74) and Heng Ai Ju (27/10/75) children of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Heng.

- Adults: 1. Seow Cheng Seong, Bakery proprietor.
2. O. Juat Lan, student nurse.
3. Ho Lay Oon, pupil midwife.
4. Low Woh Weng, engineer.
5. Loon Chue Cheek, Nat. Serviceman.
6. Lim Lay Hoon.
7. Low Polly, university student.
8. Coreen Ho Tai Long, clerk.
9. Richard Chew Soon Kheng, teacher.
10. Annie Ho Mei Peng, auditor.
11. Tan Khoon Eng.
12. Tan Lay Hean, student.
13. Gan Kah Hock, nat. serviceman.
14. Lim Lay Hiong, student.

Last Week's Offerings: \$550.75 + \$50 (Kapuas Gospel Mission).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies:

This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo.

The Annual General Meeting of the Presbytery is scheduled to be held at FEBC Hall, Oct. 24, 8 p.m. Elders, N.B!

Christian Life Book Centre. Welcome to our guests to visit the Book Centre at the corner room, FEBC Block. You will be pleasantly surprised!

Far Eastern Kindergarten has some vacancies for 1977. A Brimming Thanksgiving Spirit!

Praise the Lord, the spirit of thanksgiving this year exceeds even that of last year's which was our Silver Jubilee.

This was first reflected in the overwhelming response to install new Inspiring Hymns and another set of stone table and benches. During the week, we were surprised by the spontaneous offering of 24 new chairs by a Chinese Service brother. A sister of the Chinese Service follows up with offer of a FOUNTAIN to mark the 1st anniversary of her baptism. Meantime two sisters brought to the pastor personally \$500 & \$200 respectively while a Galilean gave \$10 in appreciation.

Yes, giving to the Lord is loving the Lord. Giving much to the Lord is loving the Lord much. God bless each worshipper as the gifts are offered today!

Q. 112. What is the second petition?

A. "Thy kingdom come."

Q. 113. What do we pray for in the second petition?

A. That the gospel may be preached in all the world, and believed and obeyed by us and all men.

JOYFUL, JOYFUL, WE ADORE THEE,

God of glory, Lord of love;
Hearts unfold like flow'rs before Thee,
Hail thee as the 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!

All Thy works with joy surround Thee,
Earth and heav'n reflect Thy rays,
Stars and angels sing around Thee,
Centre of unbroken praise;
Field and forest, vale and mountain,
Bloss'ming meadow, flashing sea,
Chanting bird and flowing fountain
Call us to rejoice in Thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving,
Ever blessing, ever blest,
Well spring of the joy of living,
Ocean depth of happy rest!
Thou the Father, Christ our Brother,
All who live in love are Thine:
Teach us how to love each other,
Lift us to the joy divine.

NOW THANK WE ALL OUR GOD,

With hearts and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom His world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms,
Hath blessed us on our way,
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours today.

O may this bounteous God,
Thru 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.

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 heav'n adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

The Primacy of the Roman See.

But what He there promised to one, He in another passage confers upon all the rest together and delivers it, as it were, into their hands (Matt. 18:18; John 20:23).

5. But this declaration, "Thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church" (Matt. 16:18), they say, is nowhere to be found addressed to any other. To the contrary, Peter claims not this declaration for himself since he enjoins us to be "as lively stones", who, being founded on that "cornerstone, elect and precious" (I Pet. 2:5,6) are by this connection united to our Lord and to each other. Paul also states of "Christ the chief cornerstone" to be that upon which they are built, who "grow unto a holy temple in the Lord" (Eph. 2:21,22). I readily allow Peter the honour of being placed among the first in the structure of the Church, but I will not permit them to infer from this that he possessed a primacy over the rest.

6. For the present I only mean to show that they have no solid argument when they wish to erect an empire over the universal Church upon no other foundation than the name of Peter.

But Peter in his own name and that of his brethren had confessed Christ was "the Son of God" (Matt. 16:16) Upon the rock of this confession Christ builds His Church, because it is the only foundation, as Paul says, "other" than which "can no man lay" (I Cor. 3:11).

7. On further examination of the Scripture itself, we shall only find that Peter was one of the twelve, equal to the rest, their companion, not their master. Peter obeys what is determined by the rest of the apostles in council (Acts 15:6-29). When he writes to pastors he does not command them with authority like a superior, but makes them his colleagues (I Pet. 5:1). Commanded by his colleagues to go with John to Samaria, he uses not (Acts 8:14,15). In Galatians Paul devotes nearly two chapters to show he was equal to Peter in the dignity of the apostleship (Gal. 1:2).

8. Granted that Peter was chief of the apostles, should they convert a particular instance into a universal rule? If there be one president over twelve men, will it therefore follow that there ought to be but one president over a hundred thousand men?

In arguing that the whole economy of nature teaches us that there should be one supreme head over all, they adduce the example of cranes and bees, which always choose for themselves one leader, and no more. I admit the examples they produce, but do bees collect together from all parts of the world to choose one king? Each king is content with his own hive. So among cranes every flock has its own leader. What will they prove from this but that every Church ought to have its own bishop?

9. The Church has Christ for its sole Head, under whose sovereignty we are all united together. They offer a gross insult to Christ, therefore, when they assign the preeminence over the universal Church to one man. For "Christ is the head; from whom the whole body, fitly joined together, and compacted by that which every joint supplieth, according to the effectual working in the measure of every part, maketh increase of the body" (Eph. 4:6).

6). Though the Romanists admit Christ is properly styled the sole Head, they argue for another ministerial head, as the phrase is, to act as His viceregent on earth.

10. But Paul, while giving us a lively description of the Church on various occasions, never mentions its having one head upon earth. There is "one Lord", Paul says, "in you all ... And he gave some apostles; and some, evangelists; and some, pastors and teachers" (Eph. 4:5-7, 11). Why does He not say, that he has appointed one to preside over all as His viceregent? Why has He not added, "one supreme pontiff to preserve the Church in unity?"

11. For the sake of argument, granted that the primacy of the Church was established in Peter and to be continued by a perpetual succession, how will they prove that its seat was fixed at Rome? By what right do they restrict to one place this dignity which was conferred without the mention of any place? Peter, they say, lived and died at Rome. What shall we say of Christ Himself? Was it not at Jerusalem that He exercised the office of a bishop while He lived, and fulfilled the priestly office by His death? The Head of the Church could not obtain this honour for the place where He lived and died. How then could Peter, who was inferior to Him?

12. If it is true that the Church in which Peter settled ought to have the privilege of primacy, then I infer that the Church of Antioch where Peter was first stationed to be justly entitled to the primacy. They confess that Antioch was originally the first, but allege that Peter on his removal from it, transferred the honour which was attached to him to Rome.

13. Let us suppose that the primacy was, as they pretend, transferred from Antioch to Rome. Why did not Antioch retain the second place? How came Alexandria to have preeminence over Antioch? Is it reasonable that the Church of a mere disciple should be superior to the see of Peter? If honour be due to every Church according to the dignity of its founder, what shall we say of the other Churches? Paul mentions three apostles, "who seemed to be pillars, James, Peter, and John" (Gal. 2:9). If the first place be given to the see of Rome, in honour of Peter, are not the second and third places due to Ephesus and Jerusalem, the sees of John and James?

My dear Readers,

"TO BEAUTIFY THE PLACE OF MY SANCTUARY" (Isa. 60:13).

One spontaneous expression in our Thanksgiving this year has been the joy of members "to beautify the place of My Sanctuary" (Isa. 60:13). It began with an elder and deacon taking a lead to retire the old cactuses and substitute with new pots of bougainvillea - now luxuriating at the front porch. This has been caught up with the offering of some 60 new Inspiring Hymns, another set of stone table and benches, a deacon's repair of the rattan seats of our pews, another deacon and an elder's wife's making of offering bags, 24 new chairs by a brother of the Chinese Service. The full bloom of flowers from over half a dozen bouquets of daisies, roses and orchids last Week (one weekly from Lim Florist) reflected the greater beauty of the morning sunlight bathing our sanctuary. And what song could have been more appropriately sung for the Occasion than:

"Joyful, joyful we adore Thee, God of glory, God of love;

Hearts unfold like flowers before Thee, Hail Thee as the sun above."

Yes, it is to God's glory that we "beautify the place of My sanctuary" (Isa. 60:13) for He adds, "And I will make the place of my feet glorious." In this connection, were you not thrilled last week to read of Richard Chew Soon Kheng's baptism testimony? He said,

"It was on 13th March '76 when I attended the Holy Matrimony of Mr. & Mrs. Matthew Chan at Life Church that a strange inspiration grasped me. When the Church bell sounded, I was gripped by a certain warmth - a warmth so hard to describe - it ran through me. I felt strangely composed and as I looked up I viewed with awe the column of light that shines on the wall of the Church. Tears reached the corners of my eyes - I don't know why. Mentally I followed the order of the ceremony, I sang the hymn along with others, but spiritually I knew I was lost.

I attended the following Sunday's Services - nobody asked me to, just that I wished to visit the place again ..."

The "beauty of holiness" (Ps. 96:9) which warmed brother Chew's heart simultaneously touched his fiancée's. Through this beautiful worship the young couple have been drawn to Church each week, and finally to the Lord.

"To Beautify the Place of My Sanctuary" - with a fountain!

The most heartfelt offering to "beautify the place of My Sanctuary," however, has come from a sister of our afternoon Chinese service. In thanksgiving to God for her deliverance from sin and sickness on the first anniversary of her baptism, she has offered to beautify our "Japanese" garden with a fountain. This will make our garden a soothing retreat to worshippers before and after service, and visitors throughout the week.

Now a fountain cannot function without a sizeable body of water. It is therefore proposed to convert the lawn into a mini-lake, yea, even with the harp shape and beauty of the Sea of Galilee. Session members are particularly requested to examine the site of our proposed fountain and mini-lake. Let us through all these expressions of beautifying God's House become more conscientious, however, in keeping God's House clean, for it is said that cleanliness is next to holiness! Let us "beautify the place of My sanctuary" that visitors to Life Church may be attracted to come again and find the Lord as their Saviour. Yours beautifully, T.T.

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4.00 p.m. YF & YAF.

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

4 p.m. Mr. Paul Sung.

Last Week's Thankofferings: \$2,973.21 + \$910 thru pastor's hand + \$100 for Inspiring Hymns (There were 24 tables).

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Kam, Poon. Next

Week: Mrs. Tow Sng, Khoo.

Lost and Found A lady's handbag. Ask Mrs. Tow.

Hear Lydia Lee of Tanjung Pinang at the Chinese service this Lord's Day afternoon, 4 p.m.

Welcome to new worshippers: Mr. Kenneth Wong Choo Leong of 21 Jalan Menarong, (20) Tel:

591682, introduced by Hassan when he visited Israel en route back from London. Also to

Mr. Wong Ah Siong (father) and Miss Wong Pek Wah, (sister). Visitors are kindly requested

to sign Visitors Book, Deacons please be ready to welcome our friends.

Rev. Jim Turner of Child Evangelism is now in Singapore to prepare for opening of the CE Institute, a six-week course from Nov. 22 to Dec 31, 1976. Ring 50617!

Far Eastern Bible College Final Exams begin Nov. 5 and end Nov. 12. The College reopens Jan. 3, 1977 for the 2nd Semester.

"IN JOHN SUNG'S STEPS" - the story of Lim Puay Hian by T. Tow will come off the press in November. If you have read "I Remember John Sung" (2,000 copies taken!), you will not be satisfied until you have followed up on what God did after John Sung. (Evangelist Lim Puay Lian is father of Elder Joshua Lim).

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XLII

Q. 114. What is the third petition?

A. "Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven."

Q. 115. What do we pray for in the third petition?

A. That men on earth may serve God as the angels do in heaven.

PARKING: It is dangerous to park on the side road! Why not inside the car park which is free on Sunday?

The Primacy of the Roman See.

But among the patriarchates Jerusalem had the last place. Ephesus could not be allowed even the farthest corner. Other Churches also, as well as those founded by Paul, and those over which the other apostles presided, were left without distinction. The see of Mark, who was only one of the disciples, obtained the honour.

14. All that they say of the settlement of Peter in the Church of Rome appears to me of questionable authority. The statement of Eusebius that he presided there twenty five years, may be refuted without any difficulty from the first and second chapters of Galatians. Peter was at Jerusalem for about twenty years after the death of Christ, and from thence he went to Antioch. If he continued long at Antioch, he could not have resided at Rome except for a very short time. Paul's Epistle to the Romans^{was} written four years before his arrival at Rome. Yet it contains no mention of Peter, which ought on no account to have been omitted, if he had presided over the Church. Nor did Paul mention Peter at the conclusion of the Epistle where he enumerates all that were known to him.

15. Again when Paul was afterwards brought to Rome, Luke says he was received by the brethren, but says nothing of Peter (Acts 28:15). From Rome Paul wrote to several Churches. In some of these epistles he introduces salutations in the names of certain brethren but they contain not a single word implying that Peter was there at that time. Where was Peter then? For if they say that he was at Rome, how deep is the ignoring which Paul fixes on him, that he was a deserter of the gospel, since in his letter to Timothy he said, "all men forsook me" (II Tim. 4:16).

Another discrepancy concerning the claim that Peter held the see at Rome is the disagreement among ancient writers in regard to Peter's successors. Some say it was Linus. Others Clement. Yet, in consequence of this agreement of the ancient writers, I will not dispute his having died at Rome, but that he was bishop there, and especially for any length of time, is what I cannot be persuaded to believe. Nor am I anxious respecting this point, because Paul testifies that the apostleship of Peter particularly belonged to the Jews, and that his own was directed to us. We should therefore rather look up to the apostleship of Paul than to that of Peter.

16. As to the ancient writers uniformly giving great honour to the Roman Church, I consider as arising from three causes. 1. That it had been founded and settled by the ministry of Peter operated very powerfully to gain credit and authority. 2. Rome was the capital of the empire. 3. While the Eastern and Greek Churches and even those in Africa were agitated by numerous dissensions of opinions among themselves, the Church of Rome was more peaceable and less disturbed. Hence it happened that pious and holy bishops, on being expelled from their sees, resorted thither.

17. Jerome, writing to Nepotian, says concerning the hierarchy of the Church, "Every Church," he says, "has its distinct bishop, archpresbyter, and archdeacon, and all the order of the Church depends upon its governors." This is the language of a Roman priest, recommending unity in the order of the Church. Why does he not mention that all Churches are connected together under one head? Jerome's view is most excellently described by Cyprian, "There is only one bishopric, of which every bishop holds an integral part; and there is but one Church, which is widely extended into a multitude by the offspring of its fertility. As the sun has many rays, but only one light, as a tree has many branches and only one trunk, fixed on a firm root so also the Church, illuminated with the light of the Lord, extends its rays over the whole earth, yet it is one and the same light which is universally diffused, nor is the unity of the body destroyed. It stretches its branches, it pours out its ample streams, all over the world. Yet there is but one root, and one source." We see how he attributes the universal bishopric to Christ alone, and says that integral portions of it are confided to all those who discharge the episcopal office under this head. Where is the primacy of the see of Rome, if the universal bishopric is vested in Christ alone, and every bishop hold an integral portion of it?

Chapter VII

The Rise and Progress of the Papal Power to Its Present Eminence, Attended with the Loss of Liberty to the Church, and to the Ruin of all Moderation.

1. In support of the antiquity of the primacy of the see of Rome, there is nothing to be found before the Council of Nice (325) by which the bishop of Rome is allotted the first place among the patriarchs.

2. When the Council of Chalcedon was held in 451, Leo managed to persuade Marcian the emperor to let him occupy first place, since the Eastern bishops who presided at the Council of Ephesus before this were unsteady and disorderly. This shows that the bishop of Rome had the first place in the Council of Chalcedon not because it was the right of his see, but because the Council was in want of a suitable president.

When Leo's successor sent his legates to the fifth Council of Constantinople (553) he contended not for the first seat which was yielded to Menna, patriarch of Constantinople.

So in the Council of Carthage, at which Augustine was present, the place of president was filled by Aurelius, archbishop of that city, and not by the legates of the Roman see.

My dear Readers,

1. Rev. & Mrs. Barnabas Simin Arrive by Cargo Plane!

That our Dyak brother and his wife and baby have got a free lift in a cargo plane from Pontianak is another token of the Lord's blessing upon our Kapuas Gospel Mission! Since arrival Simin has ministered to the FEBC Chapel Hour, and he will be the Lord's messenger in Church this Lord's Day. After this he will speak at FEBC again and at Jurong the following Sunday. Why not give him the right hand of fellowship and encourage him in the work we're supporting at the Kapuas River?

2. Far Eastern Kindergarten Expands 50% in 1977!

With the opening of two late morning classes for many children who have no place in the earlier session, we can increase our educational service to the community 50% in 1977. By 1978 we would increase 100%. The late morning session is from 11.45 a.m. to 1.45 p.m. Though one hour shorter than the regular, little of the study hours will be missed. Rest and playtime are logically curtailed first in order that learning might not suffer. Register your child now while a few more vacancies last! (The charge is \$10 less than the earlier session).

3. Christian Life Book Centre Steers Ahead!

With Mr. Stephen Kuan, Dip. Th. (FEBC) giving himself solely to this newest ministry of Life Church, under the steering of Deacon Phang Chin Yen, Deacons Seow Chong Keong, William Teo, Peter Wang and the pastor, the Christian Life Book Centre is heading resolutely on! Why not order your books through Stephen, always at your service?

The Book Centre has sold well over 200 copies of "John Sung".

Have you seen our "sunset" posters and other pictures that are sure to brighten your home? The glories of God's creation are captured to brighten your sitting room, to cheer you 24 hours a day for months and years -- and all that for a song! Yours, T.T.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 7.15 p.m. Lecture on Calvin (Rev. Tow).
 Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
 Session Meeting.
 Wed. 3.00 p.m. FEBC Faculty Meeting.
 Fri. 8.30 a.m. FEBC Examinations begin.
 S 8.00 p.m. FEK Committee Meeting.
 Sat. 10.30 a.m. GLTD.
 4.00 YF & YAF.
 Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Andreas Djunaidi
 (Lord's Supper).
 4 a.m. Mr. Paul Sung (Lord's
 Supper, Rev. Andrew Bo).
 7 a.m. (Rev. Tow at Chin Lien
 Bible School).

Last Week's Offering: \$460.96.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sng, Khoo. Next
 Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Obituary 1) Mrs. Goh Chin Meng (Madam Lia) of Kulai Besar went home to be with the Lord Oct. 21. Funeral on Sat. Oct. 23 was officiated by Rev. Tow and Miss Goh of Kulai Besar Presbyterian Church.

2) Leow Hwee Meng, 48, son of a member of Life Church Chinese Service, passed away Oct. 24. Funeral on Thurs Oct. 28 was officiated by the pastor.

Far Eastern Kindergarten held Graduation Concert Fri. Oct. 29. The Kindergarten extends school one week beyond the regular school session.

Far Eastern Kindergarten Committee is called to meet at the parsonage, Fri. Nov. 5, 8.00 p.m. to elect new members, as required by law.

Users of Gestetner Machine. Registered users of our new machine are charged \$5 per month. Have you paid up?

The Presbytery continues to meet at FEBC Hall this Lord's Day evening. Oct. 31, 8 p.m.

HEAR REV. RICHARD WURMBRAND author of "Tortured for Christ" at Life Church, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.

"I Remember John Sung" Why not order for your Church and distribute to members as a Methodist pastor has done with 100 copies? Pray for all young people who are sitting for Examinations. Say it with flowers! Ring 376471/2353292 for Lim Florist.

Congratulations to Sembawang B-P Church as they dedicate their renovated Church on the Lord's Day Nov. 21, 1976.

Pastor Tow will administer the Lord's Supper at Trinity Church, Muar, Nov. 21, 10 a.m. and thereafter minister at Rawang and the English service in Muar the same night. (Mr. Kua Keng Woo N.B!)

Do you know that 40 new steel chairs (chocolate colour) have been added to the FEBC Hall, for Sunday Lunch especially, at \$15 per chair? Any offerer?

Do you know there is free Sunday parking at the Car Park adjoining the Church? It is dangerous to park on the side road where inconsiderate drivers zoom through at high speed all the time!

Do you have big pots to spare for Elder Edmund Tay? He needs these for more bougainvillea planting.

Fortnightly Saturday Night Gospel Meetings (7.30 p.m.) under the auspices of the YAF & YF (Mr. Teo Gim Tong, chairman) are on! Come next Sat. 7.30 p.m.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO. XLIII

Q. 116. What is the fourth petition?

A. "Give us this day our daily bread."

Q. 117. What do we pray for in the fourth petition?

A. That God would give us all things needful for our bodies and souls.

Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead Rd., Singapore 11, Tel: 50617, 513676.

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Moreover, there was a general council held in Italy at which the Bishop of Rome was not present. This was the Council of Aquileia at which Ambrose presided. whose dignity caused the see of Milan at that time to have the precedence above that of Rome.

3. The Council of Carthage prohibited that any one should be called "the prince of priests" or "the first bishop." In more ancient records the bishop of Rome was content to be addressed "brother." Nothing was heard of a supreme pontiff or a sole head of the Church on earth. Even Jerome who was a Roman presbyter declared, "Wherever there is a bishop, whether at Rome, at Engubium, at Constantinople, at Rhegium, he is of the same dignity and of the same priesthood. The power of riches, or the abasement of poverty, makes no bishop superior or inferior to each another".

4. Respecting the title of universal bishop the first contention arose in the time of Gregory and was occasioned by the ambition of John, bishop of Constantinople. In the controversy, Gregory said of John, "But what does this pride of his indicate, but that the times of Antichrist are already at hand?"

5. I now come to the jurisdiction which the Roman pontiff asserts that he holds over all churches. How it is exalted to assume jurisdiction over other Churches happened thus: When the Eastern Churches were divided by the Arians in the reign of Constantius and Constans, sons of Constantine the Great, and Athanasius the principal defender of the orthodox faith was driven from his see, this calamity drove him to Rome. By the authority of the Roman see, he hoped to repress the rage of his enemies and to confirm the faithful. He was honourably received by Julius, then bishop of Rome and prevailed on the West to undertake the defence of his cause. The pious in the Eastern Churches, finding themselves in great want of foreign aid and saw that their principal succour was to be obtained from Rome, readily ascribed to it all the authority they possibly could. This dignity gathering around Rome was augmented by men of wicked and abandoned lives who fled there to escape punishment. For example, as soon as any wicked man was convicted before the ordinary tribunal in Africa, he would fly to Rome and bring accusations against his superiors. The see of Rome was always ready to interpose, with culpable eagerness, considering it a kind of extraordinary power to interfere in the concerns of distant Churches.

6. But however this might be, let us examine what jurisdiction the Roman see then possessed. Now, ecclesiastical power consists in 1) the ordination of bishops, 2) the calling of councils, 3) the hearing of appeals and 4) corrective admonitions or censures. All the ancient councils command bishops to be ordained by their own metropolitans. They never direct the bishop of Rome to be called to this office except in his own province. By degrees, however, a custom was introduced for all the bishops of Italy to go to Rome to be consecrated, except the metropolitans who did not suffer to be subjected to this bondage.

7. Next follow admonitions or censures which, as the bishops of Rome formerly employed them towards others, they also received from others in their turn. Irenaeus, bishop of Lyons, sharply reproved Victor, bishop of Rome for having raised a pernicious dissension in the Church on subjects of no importance. Victor submitted to the reproof without any opposition. He, in like manner, when occasion required, admonished others of their duty and reproved them of their faults.

8. With respect to the calling of councils, it was the duty of every metropolitan, at stated seasons, to summon a provincial synod. There the bishop of Rome had no authority. But a universal council could only be called by the emperor.

9. There remains the fourth kind of ecclesiastical power which consists in appeals. It is true many often appealed to the bishop of Rome and he also attempted to assume cognizance of the causes. But he always became an object of derision whenever he exceeded his proper limits. The bishops of France resisted him when he discovered an inclination to usurp authority over them. So did the Africans deny the claims to authority by the bishop of Rome, even in the time of Augustine.

10. A single transaction related by Augustine will be sufficient to show what kind of jurisdiction was anciently possessed by the bishop of Rome. Donatus, bishop of Casae Nigrae, had accused Caecilianus, bishop of Carthage. The matter was brought before the Emperor Constantine. The Emperor referred the matter to Melchisedes the bishop of Rome with whom he associated other bishops from Italy, France and Spain. If it was Rome's jurisdiction to hear an appeal, why did her bishop suffer any colleagues to be appointed with him at the behest of the Emperor? Why didn't he undertake the business from his own authority?

11. Of those ancient pontiffs of Rome who extolled the majesty of their see, Leo was one who had an immoderate thirst for glory and dominion. Many were offended at his ambition and resisted his claims.

12. In the time of Gregory this ancient custom had already undergone a considerable change. When the empire ^{was} convulsed and torn assunder and Africa almost ruined with incessant calamities, in order to preserve the unity of the faith from destruction, all the bishops round about connected themselves more closely with the bishop of Rome.

LIFE CHURCH & FEBC APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Fri. 6.00 p.m. FEBC End of Term Dinner
and Worship (Rev. Paauwe).
Sat. 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. GLTD. Vacation Bible
School Reunion.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Richard Wurmbrand.
4 p.m. Mr. Teo Sian Hua.
8 p.m. Rev. Richard Wurmbrand.

Last Week's Offering \$510.46 + \$200. For
Kapas Gospel Mission \$600 + \$10 + \$100.
Sunday Lunch Roster Young People: Life YF.
Ladies: This week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam. Next
Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.
From our 26th Anniversary Thankofferings
\$2,000 is granted to Little Jurong Church
Building Fund.

Deacon Paul Tsao and Roland Wong are elected
to the Kindergarten Committee which consists
also of Rev. Tow, Elder Seow, Deacon Mahadevan
and Mr. Eio Eng Hua. The Principal is Mrs.
Lange.

Two of our new offering bags are presented
to Sembawang B-P Church on the occasion of
their Renovation and Dedication, Nov. 21, '76.
The GLTD is holding a children's camp at
Sarimbun Nov. 15 to 19, 1976.

November Weddings 1) Chew Soon Kheng and Ho
Tai Long, Nov. 20, 10 a.m., Rev. Tow officia-
ting. 2) Ong Eng Kiang and Ng Suit Leng of
Evangelical Free Church, Nov. 20, 2 p.m.
3) Lai Choon Teck and Siaw Kah Pin, of Fish-
ermen of Christ, Nov. 20, 4 p.m. Mr. Huang
Ee Yuan officiating. (Reception at FEBC Hall)
4) Lim Chwee Teck and Chow Tai Hua, Nov. 27,
3 p.m. Mr. Huang officiating.

Presbytery has appointed a Committee of three
comprising Rev. Paauwe, Elders Patrick Tan
and Heng Yow Tong to welcome Rev. and Mrs.
Wurmbrand and arrange meetings.

Child Evangelism Institute begins Nov. 22 and
ends Dec. 31, 1976. A real boon to Kinder-
garten teachers and Junior Sunday School
teachers! Enrol now!

Situation Vacant. Fulltime caretaker and
gardener for our Church. Please see Elder
Tay.

8 new fans are to be added to the two corri-
dors to cater to the overflowing congrega-
tion, and in time for the Wurmbrand meetings!
Deacons, please see that fans are promptly
switched off after service - "economy is
mother of prosperity." Who would like to
install a fan at \$140?

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in placing an order for S.U. Notes 1977 and
Sunday School materials, please collect the
Subscription form from Deacon Peter Wang.

Rev. Philip Heng is elected Moderator of the
B-P Church, Elder Patrick Tan stated clerk and
Elder Seow Chong Pin treasurer.

Rev. K.C. Quek who is now in Tokyo for the
ICCC Conference sends greetings.

Rev. & Mrs. Barnabas Sinin, our children's
workers under the Kapuas Gospel Mission re-
turn to Pontianak, Monday Nov. 8 via Tanjung
Pinang where they will minister to the local
congregation.

New Address: Mr. & Mrs. Ron Loh Kok Keong,
348L, Blk. 1, Ghim Moh Road, Singapore 10.

Rev. Wurmbrand at Life Church Nov. 14, 10 a.m.
and 8.00 p.m.

Rev. Richard Wurmbrand, 20th century hero of
faith, who survived 14 years' torture in a
Communist prison, is known throughout the
world through his book "Tortured for Christ,"
now in 23 languages. Some years back, he visit-
ed Singapore and spoke to a packed house at
Zion B-P Church. This time he is accompanied
by his wife.

It is the Lord's particular blessing to Life
Church that his servant is scheduled, under
the auspices of the B-P Church, to speak at
Gilstead Road, Lord's Day, Nov. 14, 10 a.m.
and 8 p.m. Though seating capacity will be in-
creased to 800, I must advise you to come early
particularly at the evening meeting. Late-
comers might not have standing room.

Rev. Wurmbrand is unique because he is also
a Jew. He is a saint, scholar, theologian
and philosopher. This is a rare chance to
hear him! Don't miss your portion of bless-
ing. (Rev. Paauwe who is chairman of the
Wurmbrand meetings will give you more news
next week).

CALLED TO ICCC CONFERENCE IN TOKYO, NOV. 8-12, '76.

Dr. Carl McIntire, president of the Inter-
national Council of Christian Churches, is on
his annual visit to Korea. En route, he
desires strongly to meet with leaders of the
Far East in Tokyo. Hence, the Far Eastern
brethren are meeting with him, Nov. 8-12, to
bear testimony for the fundamental faith to
the Japanese Church. As president of the Far
East, I have been requested to attend.

After the Lord's Supper this Sunday, I shall
leave by Cathay Pacific 1505 hours. In my
company are Rev. Djunaidi, president of the
ICCC chapter in Indonesia, and Mr. Chua Kim
Soo an old Lifer. Pray for us that we might
play our part well to His honour and glory.

Sunday Nov. 14, I shall preach at Tokyo
Bible Centre, founded 25 years ago by Rev.
Timothy Pietsch, a well-known radio preacher
in Japan.

In our Hong Kong stopover, I shall have the
pleasure of renewing friendship with Rev.
Jason Linn of Dyak Borneo fame. The Life
Church Chinese service has a love gift for
him, and I shall bring him three combs of
pisang rajah, his tropical delight. We re-
turn to Singapore via CX711, Nov. 16, 1920 hours.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XLIV

Q. 118. What is the fifth petition?

A. "And forgive us our debts, as we forgive
our debtors."

Q. 119. What do we pray for in the fifth
petition?

A. That God would pardon our sins for Christ's
sake, and enable us to forgive those who
have injured us.

* Hear *
* * * * *
* Pastor Wurmbrand *
* at Gilstead Road, *
* Nov. 14, 10 a.m. & 8 p.m. *
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CALVIN'S INSTITUTES ABRIDGED Bk. IV Ch. VII (continued).

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The consequence was that the power of the Roman see was greatly enhanced. The see of Rome was held in such reverence that its authority would repress the refractory and obstinate Gregory proudly boasted, "I know no bishop who is not subject to the apostolic see, when he is found at fault." Those who were willing consented to it. Others who disapproved of it opposed it. These were formed the majority. Nevertheless, Gregory was appointed by the emperor to decide these causes.

13. The power possessed by the bishop of Rome at this time was to oppose rebellious and refractory persons. He was to assist and not to hinder other bishops. He gave his command to other bishops involved not from his own authority but by the mandate of the emperor. Nor did he act the sole judge, but promised to assemble a synod to judge the whole affair.

14. The bishop of Constantinople, as we have already stated, was at that time engaged in a contest with the bishop of Rome respecting the primacy. For after the seat of empire was fixed at Constantinople, the majesty of the government seemed to require that the Church to be the next in dignity to the Church of Rome.

In the Council of Turin it was decreed that those which were the chief cities of the respective provinces in the civil government should be the principal sees of bishops, and that if the honour of the civil government should happen to be transferred from one city to another, the seat of the metropolitan should be removed to the same place.

15. According to this ancient ordinance, it was decreed in the first Council of Constantinople that the bishop of that city should have the next rank and dignity to the bishop of Rome, because that was the new Rome. But when a similar decree was passed long after the Council of Chalcedon, Leo strenuously opposed it. He foresaw what actually came to pass not long after, that as the glory of Rome was declining, Constantinople would not be content with the second place, but would contend for the primacy. Yet all his clamour was unavailing. The decree of the Council was confirmed.

16. But after a while, John, who presided over the Church of Constantinople while Gregory was bishop of Rome, had the arrogance to assume the title of universal patriarch. Gregory, not afraid of defending his see in a good cause, resolutely opposed this assumption. Now, Gregory did not claim to himself what he denied to another, but execrated the title, by whomsoever it might be usurped, as wicked and impious. Gregory's was a good and honourable cause, but John, being supported by the favour of Mauritius the emperor, could not be diverted from his purpose. Cyriacus, his successor, was equally inflexible.

17. At length Phocas, who ascended the throne after the murder of Mauritius, being more favourable to the Romans, granted to Boniface the Third what Gregory had never demanded - that Rome should be the head of all Churches. Thus the controversy between Rome and Constantinople was decided. Yet this grant of the Emperor could not have been so much to the advantage of the see of Rome, if it had not been followed by other things. For Greece and all Asia soon after separated from its communion. France revered it only so far as not to carry its obedience beyond its inclinations. Nor was it reduced to entire subject-
ion till Pepin had usurped the crown with the help of Zachary the Roman pontiff. From a similar cause the supremacy of Rome was confirmed by Charlemagne in years to come. Charlemagne was indebted to the Roman pontiff for his exertions in raising him to the dignity of emperor.

18. From that time, as things daily became worse and worse, the tyranny of the Roman see was gradually established, and that was partly through the ignorance and partly through the indolence of the bishops. We see therefore a horrible profanation of everything sacred at Rome in the days of Bernard. He complains that the ambitious, the avaricious, the Simoniacal, the Sacrilegious, the adulterous, the incestuous, from every part of the world resorted to Rome in order to procure or to retain ecclesiastical honours by the apostolic authority, and that fraud and violence were generally practised.

19. From the middle ages, let us come to our present day. The Romanists designate the pope no otherwise than as the supreme head of the Church on earth, and universal pope of the whole world. And when the pontiffs speak they command that all their decrees are to be received as if they were confirmed by the voice of St. Peter. For want of their presence provincial synods have no authority. They have the power to ordain priests and deacons for all Churches. The sum of them all comes to this: that the Roman pontiff alone has the supreme cognizance of all ecclesiastical causes, whether in judging and determining doctrines, in enacting laws, in regulating discipline, or in exercising jurisdiction. Their arrogance is beyond all bounds, and claiming, "The judge shall not be judged, either by the emperor, or by kings or by all the clergy, or by the people." Again: "The actions of our subjects are judged by us; but ours by God alone."

20. To add weight to their edicts they have falsely substituted the names of ancient pontiffs, as if things had been so regulated from the beginning, when in fact they were a recent fabrication. Through such fabrication have proceeded those famous axioms, which today are universally received by them as oracles: That the pope cannot err; that the pope is superior to all councils; that the pope is the universal bishop of all Churches and supreme head of the Church upon earth.

This book is prefaced by Leslie T. Lyall, author of John Sung, Flame for God in the Far East. Its backcover commentary is written by Dr. Tow Siang Hwa as follows:

"Brilliant, ambitious and rebellious - Lim Puay Hian had visions as a young man of becoming somebody in the world rather than a mere minister of the Gospel as his pastor father had intended for him. However, when God's spirit moved through the preaching of John Sung, he capitulated like St. Paul on the Damascus Road. Since that turning point in 1933, Puay Hian bade good-bye to all worldly aspirations and for 42 unbroken years, became a humble soldier of the Cross.

While John Sung blazed the Gospel trail in whirlwind meetings, Pastor Lim Puay Hian followed up and consolidated, keeping the revival fires alight long after John Sung had gone. No place was too small or too far for him as he carried the Gospel to the remotest parts, "Off the beaten track," spending long months and years away from the comforts of home and the ease of city life.

Pastor Lim was no stranger to hardship and loneliness. After the loss of his beloved wife and three daughters by World War II bombing, he continued serving the Lord without wavering or flagging for 34 more years until his home-calling in 1975. His devotion to the Gospel cause finds no better description than St. Paul's words in 2 Corinthians 11: "in labours more abundant, ... in journeyings often, in perils of waters, in perils of robbers, in perils by mine own countrymen, in perils by the heathen, in perils in the wilderness ... in weariness and painfulness, in watchings often, in hunger and thirst, in fasting often."

"Faithful unto death" best sums up the life of this minister of the Gospel, a life which cannot fail to challenge and rebuke those who truly want to be used of the Lord." (Get your copy from Mr. Stephen Kuan, Christian Life Book Centre, 9A Gilstead Rd., Phone 50617).

Wurmbrand Writes on RUSSIAN CHRISTIANITY

In Russia, a monk passed through an open space where soldiers were learning to shoot. Their target was a cross. The Christian shouted to the soldiers, "I won't allow you to shoot at this symbol." They laughed: "How can you stop us from doing what we like?" The monk answered, "I'll show you" and he stood before the cross. "You will have to shoot at me." One soldier did; he missed. The other did not shoot.

The Christian Varvara was a nurse in a prison. She was so good that a murderer of seven, who lay dying in the ward, asked her, "Are you an angel or a human? Why are you so good to me?" She replied "Because you suffer." He confessed, "I deserve it. I have killed many." She comforted him: "God is gracious. Those who have sinned little do not need much pity. For great sinners, He has much grace. For you He has grace over grace. You are more valuable in His eyes than all the others." The criminal said, "How can God take you and me to the same heaven? Is He blind? Does He not see the difference between us?" She began to weep. "You weep for me? Except for my mother when I was a child, nobody has ever wept for me." The criminal begged, "Pray." He had an Orthodox background. She, an Evangelical, prayed with him in the Orthodox manner, knowing that only this could touch his heart. He died repenting. (V. HORNER, Die Grune Limonade, Deutsch Verlagsanstalt)

In today's RUSSIA, Christians like this monk or this nurse have to suffer much, but they are not depressed. They would not say like Solomon, "I hated all my labour." If you live and act in their spirit in your little sphere, you will rather say like St. Paul, "I magnify my office" (Romans 11:13), even if it is the humble office of working in a factory, on a farm, in a hospital, in a kitchen, in a school, or sweeping the streets. Do everything with love for Christ and your fellow men!

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
(Rev. Tow returns from Japan).
Sat. 10.am Chew - Ho Wedding.
2.pm Ong - Ng "
4 pm Lai - Siaw "
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Dr. Patrick Tan.
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.
(Pastor Tow at Muar and Rawang).

Last Week's Offering \$530.65+\$30 for Steel/
Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD. Ladies
This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

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Dr. Patrick Tan will be the Lord's messenger at Life Church, Nov.21 in the absence of the pastor who had been requested earlier to administer the Lord's Supper at Trinity (Chinese) Church, Muar and further preach at Rawang and the English Service.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XLV

Q.120. What is the sixth petition?
A. "And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil."

Q.121. What do we pray for in the sixth petition?

A. That God would keep us from sin.

* HEAR MRS. WURMBRAND *
* AT 4.30 PM (GALILEE CHURCH) *
* AND REV. WURMBRAND *
* AT 8.00 PM TONIGHT *

The Rise and Progress of the Papal Power to Its Present Eminence, Attended with the Loss of Liberty to the Church, and to the Ruin of All Moderation.

21. But let the advocates of the Roman see answer me, with what face they can dare to defend the title of universal bishop, which they find to have been so often anathematized by Gregory to be that of Antichrist. By extending his jurisdiction without limits, the pope does a grievous and atrocious injury, not only to other bishops but to all other Churches. But when he exempts himself from all the judgments of others and determines to reign in such a tyrannical manner as to have no law but his own pleasure, this is certainly so foreign from the order of the Church that it is altogether intolerable and incapable of any defence.

22. The state of the Papacy today is evidently a hundred times more corrupt than it was in the times of Gregory and Bernard. We find no sermons preached, no attention to discipline, no concern for Churches, no spiritual function performed. In a word, nothing but the world.

23. Supposing, therefore, all these things to be true, which, however, we have already refuted - that by the voice of Christ Peter had been constituted head of the universal Church, that the honour vested in him he had committed to the Roman see, that this had been established by the ancient church and confirmed by long usage, yet I reply that none of them would be of any avail unless there be at Rome a Church and a bishop.

But where will they show us any form or appearance of a Church? And I should wish to know what resemblance the pontiff himself bears to a bishop. The first duty of a bishop is to instruct the people from the Word of God. The second duty is to administer the sacraments. The third is to admonish, exhort and reprove those who offend. Which of these duties does he perform? Let them tell me, then, upon what principle they require him to be considered as a bishop who never even in appearance with his little finger touches the least portion of the duty.

24. The case of a bishop is different from that of a king who still retains the title of a king though he execute none of the royal functions. I deny that the Roman pontiff is the chief of bishops, because he is not a bishop himself.

Furthermore, as the Roman pontiff violently rages against the revived doctrine of the Gospel and exerts all his power to crush it in order to preserve his own domain shall he not have declared himself to be the Antichrist?

25. Some persons think us too censorious when we call the Roman pontiff Antichrist. But we speak after the apostle Paul who says that Antichrist "sitteth in the temple of God" (II Thess. 2:4). Now though all the heresies and schisms which have existed from the beginning belong to the kingdom of Antichrist, yet when Paul predicts an approaching apostasy, he signifies by this description that the seat of abomination shall then be erected, when a universal defection shall have seized the Church, notwithstanding many members, dispersed in many places, persevere in the unity of the faith. But when he adds, that even in his days "the mystery of iniquity" did "already work" (II Thess. 2:7), he gives us to understand that this calamity was neither to be introduced by one man, nor to terminate with one man. Now, when he designates Antichrist that he would rob God of his honour, this is the principal indication which we ought to follow in our inquiries after Antichrist. As it is evident that the Roman pontiff has impudently transferred to himself some of the exclusive prerogatives of God and Christ, it cannot be doubted he is the leader of this abominable kingdom.

26. There is also the immense difference between the pope's chancery and a well regulated administration of the Church. The episcopal office consists chiefly in lead and bulls, in frauds and chicaneries. The Roman Church has long ago been converted into a secular court, which is all that is now to be seen at Rome.

27. If we proceed to examine the persons who claim to be vicars of Christ and their theology we will find that the first article of their religion is that there is no God! The second is that all that is written and preached concerning Jesus Christ is falsehood. The third is that the doctrine of a future life and that of the final resurrection are mere fables. This opinion, I confess, is not entertained by all, yet it long ago began to be the ordinary religion of the pontiffs.

28. There was one John XXII who publicly maintained that souls are mortal and that they perish together with the bodies till the day of resurrection. Now, not one of the cardinals resisted this capital error, but the university of Paris urged the king to compel the pope to a retraction. This example disproves the Romanist claim to inerrancy respecting the faith.

29. The Roman pontiffs for a long time have either been totally indifferent to religion, or have shown themselves its greatest enemies. They are no more made the vicars of Christ by the see which they occupy than an idol is to be taken for God because it is placed in His temple.

Their claim to be vicars of Christ is further vitiated by the abandoned living they are given, to all kinds of debauch and obscenity, that they resemble monsters rather than men. I shall not proceed to a further disclosure of their turpitude for it is unpleasant to meddle with such pollution and it is necessary that I spare chaste ears.

My dear Readers,

1. The Japanese Churches Our Host.

That the Far Eastern Council of Christian Churches was able to assemble in its 8th congress was due in no small measure to the zeal and hospitality of the Japanese Churches led by Dr. Hoshino and Dr. Yanaka. God who rules and overrules has seen us through in all our messages and deliberations. May He see these messages and the resolutions adopted for His own glory and the preservation of the Truth around the world. I have written a fuller description of the Conference just concluded for publication in the B-P Banner. This will come to your hand in the December issue.

2. Muar Appointment.

I should want to meet and worship with you after returning from abroad, but the King's business requires that I minister in Muar and Rawang this Lord's Day. This appointment was made two months back. This time I'd be ministering to the Chinese service at 10 a.m. also and administer the Lord's Supper. The moderating pastor to Trinity Church, Muar has been ill for some time and is unable to go. There is an eternal dearth of pastor everywhere!

In this connection, I'm very grateful to Dr. Patrick Tan for speaking in my behalf this Lord's Day. Dr. Tan who is an elder of our Church and a Lt.-Colonel in the army has a higher appointment from the Lord. We wish that he be ordained at the earliest opportunity.

3. Keeping My Promise.

Some time back I announced the twin publication of "I Remember John Sung" and "In John Sung's Steps - the story of Lim Puay Hian." I said I would present both copies to our Readers free to promote Kapuas Gospel Mission. As you take one or two of the copies you may be prompted by the Lord to put something into the box, an offering to help our Bro. Simin in his work to refugee children in the slums of Pontianak. God bless the work of your hands and your heart as you read these latest books.

Now, I'm preparing you for next Lord's Day, Nov. 28, when these books will be at the S. S. Registrar's table.

Reading "In John Sung's Steps," you will have a thrilling sequel to "I Remember John Sung." You will follow the Spirit's conquest of hearts and minds in the crucial days before World War II in this part of the world.

Another reason why you would want to read "In John Sung's Steps" is the historical background which traces how the Gospel came to our ancestors in Swatow and Amoy in the mid 19th century, which is a little over a hundred years ago. In reading this book, you will be stirred by the sacrifices made by early English Presbyterian missionaries who established churches and hospitals to win our ancestors to Christ. It is now our duty to take the Gospel, as Deacon Phang said once to me, "As the English missionaries brought the Gospel to China, we in Singapore should now send it to the less developed peoples in Kalimantan." I'm sure this is every Reader's sentiment in the light of His Word. - T. T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Sat. 3 p.m. Lim - Chow Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Rev. Tow.
7.30 p.m. Carmel Christmas Rehearsal.

Last Week's Offerings: \$1543.44 + \$50 for Galilee Church, evening worship \$1933.65.
Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YF.
Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng. Next Week: Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Wedding Bells! The holy matrimony between Mr. Lim Chwee Teck and Miss Chow Tai Hwa of Fishermen of Christ will be solemnised on Sat. Nov. 27, 3 p.m. Mr. Huang Ee Yuan officiating. Reception at FEBC Hall.

Scripture Union Notes 1977 Those interested in placing an order for S.U. Notes 1977 and Sunday School materials, please collect the subscription form from Deacon Peter Wang.
Praise the Lord for the offering of \$140 for one fan and \$10 for Xmas by a member through the post.

Tanjung Pinang has written to request that the DVBS be extended from Dec. 13 to 18 and that the pastor preach on Sunday Dec. 19, baptise and serve the Lord's Supper.

OUR BOOK CENTRE is open one hour before and one hour after Church Service on Sunday. All are welcome. New arrivals: The New Scofield Ref. Bible; Dare to Discipline by Dr. James Dobson; A return to Christian Culture by Richard S. Taylor; The Reason Why By Robert A. Laidlaw; Faith On Trial in Russia, and Christmas Cards.

Jurong Building Fund now has \$19,000 in fixed deposit and \$415.77 cash!

Mr. T. C. Eng, the printer for our S.S. Teacher Certificate, is at your service!

Lim Florist caters to our members specially. Ring: 376471/2353292.

A WARM WELCOME to Child Evangelism Institute to be held at FEBC, Nov. 22 - Dec. 31.

Miss Debora Lukito, now with CEF, is also here to assist!

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XLVI

Q. 122. How many sacraments are there?

A. Two.

Q. 123. What are they?

A. Baptism and the Lord's Supper.

Q. 124. Who appointed these sacraments?

A. The Lord Jesus Christ.

Q. 125. Why did Christ appoint these sacraments?

A. To distinguish his disciples from the world, and to comfort and strengthen them.

CALVIN'S INSTITUTES ABRIDGED Bk. IV Ch. VIII.

The Power of the Church Respecting Articles of Faith, and Its Licentious Perversion, Under the Papacy, to the Corruption of All Purity of Doctrine.

1. The next subject is the power of the Church, which is to be considered as residing, partly in the respective bishops, partly in the councils. I speak only of the spiritual power. This consists either in doctrine, in legislation, or jurisdiction. The subject of doctrine contains two parts - the authority to establish doctrines and the explication of them.
2. It is necessary to remember that whatever authority and dignity is attributed by the Holy Spirit in the Scripture either to the priests and prophets under the law, or to the apostles and their successors, it is given in a strict sense not to the persons themselves but to the ministry over which they are appointed. They are not invested with authority to teach but in the Name and Word of the Lord. The Lord shows on what condition they were to be heard, when He says, "My covenant was with Levi. The law of truth was in his mouth." And just afterwards, "The priests lips should keep knowledge, and they should seek the law at his mouth; for he is the messenger of the Lord of hosts" (Mal. 2:4-7). Therefore, if a priest would be heard, it was necessary for him to prove himself the messenger of God by faithfully communicating the commands which he had received from his Master.
3. The power of the prophets is beautifully described in Ezekiel, "Son of man, I have made thee a watchman unto the house of Israel; therefore hear the word at my mouth, and give them warning from me" (Ezek. 3:17). When he is commanded to hear from the mouth of the Lord, is he not prohibited to invent anything of himself? The Lord expresses the same thing in other words in Jeremiah, "The prophet that hath a dream, let him tell a dream; and he that hath my word, let him speak my word faithfully" (Jer. 23:28). He permits no one to teach more than he has been commanded.
4. If we advert to the apostles, and since they were called apostles, they were not to declaim according to their own pleasure, but to deliver with strict fidelity the commands of him who had sent them. And the language of Christ is sufficiently clear in which he commissions them, "Go ye, and teach all nations whatsoever I have commanded you" (Matt. 28:19, 20). Christ even received and imposed on Himself the same law, "My doctrine is not mine but his that sent me" (John 7:16). The power of the Church, therefore, is not unlimited, but subject to the Word of the Lord.
5. The fountain of all knowledge of God is in His Son according to Christ's assertion, "No man knoweth the Father except the Son, and he to whomsoever the Son will reveal him" (Matt. 11:27). From this fountain Adam, Noah, Abraham, Isaac, Jacob and others drew all the knowledge which they possessed of the heavenly doctrine. From this fountain the prophets themselves drew all the celestial oracles which they spoke and wrote. But this wisdom has not always manifested itself in the same way. With the patriarchs God employed secret revelations. What the patriarchs had received they transmitted from hand to hand to their posterity. Succeeding generations knew what they heard was from heaven, and not from the earth.
6. But when it pleased God to raise up a more visible form of a church, it was His will that His word be committed to writing. After the promulgation of the law, the priests were commanded to teach "out of the mouth of the Lord" that is, they should teach nothing extraneous or different from the system of doctrine which the Lord had comprised in the law. Afterwards followed the prophets by whom God published new oracles which were added to the law. Yet they were not so new but that they proceeded from the law. The prophets were merely interpreters of the doctrine of the law and added nothing except prophecies of things to come. These prophecies were also committed to writing. To these were added histories composed by the prophets under the dictation of the Holy Spirit. I class the Psalms with the prophecies. So, the whole body of Scripture, consisting the Law, the prophets, the Psalms and the Histories was the Word of God from which the priests and teachers, even to the coming of Christ were bound to conform their doctrine, nor was it lawful for them to deviate either to the right hand or to the left.
7. But when, at length, the Wisdom of God was manifested in the flesh, it openly declared to us all that the human mind is capable of comprehending concerning the heavenly Father. Since Christ the Sun of Righteousness has shone upon us, we enjoy the full splendour of the Divine truth, resembling the brightness of the noonday sun. And when the apostle said that "God, who in sundry times and in divers manners spake in time past unto the fathers by the prophets, hath in these last days spoken unto us by his Son" (Heb. 1:1, 2), he declares that God will not in future, as in ages past, speak from time to time by one and another, that he will not add any more revelation. Therefore we are neither to invent anything new or beyond ourselves nor to receive any such thing from the invention of others.
8. Let us lay down this, then, as an undoubted axiom that nothing ought to be admitted in the Church as the Word of God, but what is contained first in the law and prophets, and secondly in the writings of the apostles, and that there is no other method of teaching aright in the Church than according to the direction and standard of that Word.

"FOLLOWING CHRIST IN OUR SERVICE." (Jn. 4:31-36)

(This message I have preached four times during the last fortnight, once in Tokyo and three times at Muar and Rawang last week - because it spoke so persistently to my heart.)

Like the cross with the horizontal and vertical dimensions, our service to God includes ministry to men and worship of the Lord above. "Following Christ in Our Service" admonishes against those that "serve not our Lord Jesus, but their own belly" (Rom. 16:18). This is reflected in the big output of Bible College and Seminary graduates these days, but the little input of willing effective service.

While "Church workers" there are who would dictate their own terms, our Lord's service unto the Father is: "not to do mine own will, but the will of him that sent me." So the cross has crossed out His own wish to do this or that, and put him under the obedience of a slave, a humble service leading finally to death on the cross. This is what He meant by "to finish his work" (Jn. 4:34).

Jesus was highly mission-conscious. In 33 years he accomplished the work of our salvation. But we who have lived 33, 43, 53, 63 years, even in fulltime service, have so often neglected our mission! Every boy and girl, man and woman, has a mission of life - to study, to work, to pray, to preach, to give. Are you doing your bit each day for God? Or are you like the disciples who perhaps "took it easy" going to the village to eat, who were indirectly admonished: "I have meat to eat that ye know not of" (Jn. 4:32). Dr. John Sung preached three times a day during campaigns because he said he was given 15 years to live. Can we say we have even that time to live in these last days? Do we seek to accomplish our assignment for God?

"Following Christ in Our Service" must not only be subjected to God's will and be mission-conscious, but also with a worldwide vision. This is suggested by Jesus telling the disciples to "lift up your eyes, and look on the fields" (Jn. 4:35). Thank God that many Singapore churches are beginning to become outward-looking. Life Church so far has reached to Muar and Rawang to the north, Tg. Pinang to the South, Kapuas River in Kalimantan on the east, 400 miles across the sea. Dear Reader, what have you done to fulfil Jesus' wish - that the Gospel be preached to all nations?

Finally, to realise that the situation of the soul-harvest is "white," like the over-ripening of the wheat. God's work should ever be urgent! The King's business requires haste. In Tokyo, just opposite Rev. Pietsch's Church, we saw a mini minor parked outside a petrol kiosk suddenly go into flames. What a tense situation, for the fire could turn the kiosk into a fire bomb that could destroy the Church this side of the road. Six fire engines rushed to the scene, one after the other, in a matter of minutes. The urgency was imperative. Let's double up, Readers of this condensed message, before World War III engulfs us! - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 5.00 p.m. Tan - Yong Wedding.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Family Worship at the
Parsonage. Colour slides
of Tg. Pinang & Kapuas G.M.
Sat. 2.30 p.m. Poh - Lim Wedding.
4.00 p.m. Koh - Leong Wedding.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Supper).
4 p.m. Mr. Teo Siau Hua (Lord's
Supper).

Last Week's Offerings: \$455.75 + \$200 Christian Life Book Centre acknowledges with grateful thanks a gift of \$20 postal order from C.L.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: GLTD..

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kam.

Next Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow.

DECEMBER BOOKINGS

1. Child Evangelism Institute now on till X'mas eve.
 2. Hwa Chong Jr. College Camp, Dec. 14 -18.
 3. Christian Musical by 'Living Circle' Dec. 17 & 18.
 4. Life Church Christmas Eve Service Dec. 24, 7.30 p.m.
 5. Galilee Christmas Service, Dec. 25 a.m.
 6. Mt. Carmel Christmas Service Dec. 25 p.m.
- Muar - Rawang - Muar Statistics. Attendance 130, 60, 130. Baptised at Rawang: Adults 2, Infant 1, Reaffirmation 1. Sold 100 copies of "John Sung."

DECEMBER WEDDINGS

- Dec. 2, 6 p.m. Frederick Tan and Yong Mei Ling of Toa Payoh B-P (Rev. Paauwe). Reception.
- Dec. 4, 2.30 p.m. Anthony Poh Yew Hor and Lulu Lim Swee Lee of Bible Assembly (Mr. Fox).
- Dec. 4, 4.00 p.m. Koh Soo Keong and Leong Keat Moey of Mt. Carmel B-P (Dr. Quek).
- Dec. 11, 2.30 p.m. Tan Swee Oon and Poh Ai May of Mt. Carmel B-P (Rev. Tow). Reception.
- Dec. 18, 3.00 p.m. Chung Sow Soun and Loh Lai Fong of Toa Payoh B-P (Rev. Paauwe). Reception.
- Dec. 18, 4.30 p.m. Stevie Wong Wing Kaye and Maureen Quek Poh Sian (Rev. Tow).

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN
NO: XLVII

- Q. 126. What sign is used in baptism?
A. The washing with water.
- Q. 127. What does this signify?
A. That we are cleansed from sin by the blood of Christ.
- Q. 128. In whose name are we baptised?
A. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Ghost.
- Q. 129. Who are to be baptised?
A. Believers and their children.
- Rev. Tai Po-fu's new phone : 261-5216.

The Power of the Church Respecting Articles of Faith, and Its Licentious Perversion, Under the Papacy, to the Corruption of All Purity of Doctrine.

9. Therefore, Peter, who had been fully taught by his Master how far this office extended, represents nothing as left for himself or others, but to dispense the doctrine committed to them by God. "If any man speak," says he, "let him speak as the oracles of God" (I Pet. 4:11). What is this but rejecting all the inventions of the human mind in order that the Word of God may be taught and learned in the Church of believers? This is the extent of the power with which the pastors of the Church ought to be invested - that by the Word of God they may venture to do all things with confidence, may constrain the world to obey His majesty, supported by this power he may govern all mankind, may build up the house of Christ, and subvert the house of Satan.

Between the apostles and their successors, there is this difference - that the apostles were the amanuenses of the Holy Spirit, and therefore their writings are to be received as the oracles of God, but succeeding ministers have no other office than to teach what is revealed and recorded in the sacred scriptures. We conclude, then, that it is not now left to faithful ministers to frame any new doctrine but it behoves them simply to adhere to the doctrine to which God has made all subject, without any exception. God denies to man the right of promulgating any new article of faith in order that He alone may be our Master in spiritual doctrine. This reason is no less applicable to the whole Church than to every individual believer.

10. But if this power, which we have shown to belong to the Church, be compared with that which has now for some ages past been claimed over the people of God by the spiritual tyrants who have falsely called themselves bishops, there will be no more resemblance than there is between Christ and Belial. It is not my intention here to expose the shameful methods in which they have exercised their tyranny: I shall only state the doctrine which they defend in the present age not only by their writings, but also by fire and sword. They claim also that a universal council, being a true representative of the Church and under the immediate direction of the Holy Spirit cannot err. Now as they themselves influence the councils and even constitute them, they wish our faith, therefore, to stand or fall at their pleasure. They fabricate doctrines which they require all to believe and pretend that the Church has authority to make new articles of faith.

11. To substantiate their claim to this authority they say the Church, being the spouse of Christ, will be led by His Spirit into all truth (John 16:13). We contend, however that their verse quoted from John is given not only to the apostles considered as a body, but to everyone of the number, and even to the other disciples whom He had already received, or who were afterwards to be added to them. However all who are guided by His Spirit are to confine themselves within the limits of the Word of God and not to proceed far by their own sense and therefore wander from the right way.

12. But they will object that whatever is partially attributed to everyone of the saints completely and perfectly belongs to the whole Church. But the riches of the Church are always such as to be very far from that consummate perfection boasted by our adversaries. How vain and visionary is it to imagine the Church already perfectly holy and immaculate, while all its members are the subjects of corruption and impurity!

When they assert that the Church cannot err, their meaning is, as they explain it, that as it is governed by the Spirit of God, it may safely proceed without the Word. They claim whatever the Church thinks or speaks, it cannot think or speak anything that is not true. If it determine anything beyond or beside the Divine Word, the same is to be considered in no other light than as a certain oracle of God.

This then is the difference between us. They ascribe to the Church an authority independent of the Word. We maintain it to be annexed to the Word, and inseparable from it. How great is the error of our adversaries who boast of the Holy Spirit for no other purpose than to recommend under His name, doctrines strange and inconsistent with the Word of God, whereas it is His determination to be connected with the Word by an indissoluble bond. Christ has forbidden the Church to add anything to His Word or to diminish anything from it. This is the inviolable decree of God and of the Holy Spirit which our adversaries endeavour to abrogate, when they pretend that the Church is governed by the Spirit without the Word.

14. Here they cavil that it was necessary for the Church to add some things to the writings of the apostles, because Christ declared to them, "I have yet many things to say unto you, but ye cannot bear them now." (Jn. 16:12), and that these are the ordinances which have been received of usage and custom without the Scripture. Let us grant our opponents what they ask: only let them enumerate those things which require to be revealed and are not contained in the apostolical writings. If they dare to attempt this, I will reply in the words of Augustine, "Where the Lord has been silent, which of us can say, these things or those are intended; and if he dare to say so, how will he prove it?"

15. Nor ought it to be esteemed too contentious in me to insist strenuously on this point - That it is not lawful for the Church to invent any new doctrine, or to teach and deliver, as of Divine authority anything more than the Lord has revealed in His Word. All persons of sound judgment perceive how exceedingly dangerous it would be if so much power were once granted to any man. How wide a door is opened to the impious, if we allow the decisions of men to be received by Christians as articles of faith.

OUR WEEKLY CHAT

My dear Readers,

A New Ministry - Bibles and Christian Books

Since our Book Centre was started in January this year, the Lord has blessed this ministry not only in setting it up on its own feet, but also our patrons - particularly Lifers, FEBCers and BFPers. Books that our Readers have obtained so conveniently at a fair price have brought hours of spiritual enjoyment and eternal edification. As far as I am concerned, I'm grateful to the Book Centre for acting as distributor of the books recently published, thus releasing me of an administrative load.

Christmas is almost here. As you are thinking of what gifts to buy, why not switch to giving Bibles and Christian books? As our 1977 Calendar will remind you - "What Greater Gift than the Book of books, and "What Pleasanter Package than from a Christian Writer?"

Last week, we gave away over 100 copies of "In John Sung's Steps" - the story of Lim Puay Hian while offerings for Kapuas Gospel Mission were received. This amounted to \$181.60! A reader came back the next day and bought three more copies.

But "In John's Steps" should be read together with "I Remember John Sung". The two books cost only \$3/-. May I suggest that you give these two as a gift this Christmas, principally for the sake of Revival. To an oldster, it will stir up the fire within from a day of Pentecostal blessing gone by. To a youngster, it will be a challenge to the new generation to serve Christ, as John Sung and Lim Puay Hian had done in their day.

To promote God's work and to hasten the progress of His Kingdom we will make this books within easy reach at the S. S. Registration Table on a free-will offering basis - to Kapuas Gospel Mission. Two other books "Pioneering in Dyak Borneo" and "Calvin's Institutes Abridged" are also available since some have asked. These are all at your pleasure until the last week of this year.



Book Ministry in Philippines and West Kalimantan

The spirit of our book ministry has caught on with Rev. Ormeo in the Philippines. Since we have received \$541 extra for the Philippines Typhoon Relief, we asked Rev. Ormeo if this sum might not be better converted into books which could be used for the "spiritual relief" of his congregation and the Bible school he is starting. He wrote saying "yes" with unanimous support of his elders. In Tokyo I briefed him further on starting a Christian Book Centre. He is thrilled with our recommendation.

Another outreach of our book ministry is West Kalimantan. Having been in touch with Mr. Willard Stone of Christian Literature Crusade, Surabaya, I have asked him to direct a first consignment of Indonesian Christian literature to West Kalimantan where Rev. Djunaidi and Simin can sell and distribute - a new weapon in our spiritual warfare with Satan. - T. T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Mon. 8.00 p.m. Christian Life Book Centre
Committee Meeting.
Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
8.00 p.m. Session Meeting.
Wed. 7.30 p.m. Wedding Rehearsals.
Sat. 2.30 p.m. Tan - Poh Wedding Reception
at FEBC Hall.

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

Last Week's Offering: \$584.53.

Sunday Lunch Roster: Young People: Life YP.

Ladies: This Week: Mrs. Tan, Tay, Tow. Next

Week: Mrs. Tow, Khoo, Sng.

New Address: Mr. Sonny Cheah Swee Hin,
Blk. 16, 174-D, Holland Drive, Singapore 10.

New Arrivals at Our Book Centre. The Picture
Bible For All Ages Vols. 4 and 6.; Dare to
Live Now by Bruce Larson; Sexual Understand-
ing Before Marriage by Herbert J. Mile; The
Art of Understanding Your Mate by Cecil
Osborne.

The Pastor is scheduled to preach over Radio
Singapore the first Sunday of 1977, Jan. 2.
He needs a little Life Church congregation
to join in a live service in which you are to
sing. If you wish to serve the Lord here,
please give your name and IC No. to Elder
Khoo Peng Kiat latest by next week!

Edited by Rev. Timothy Tow, 9A Gilstead
Road, Singapore 11. Tel: 513676, 50617.

1. I HAVE DECIDED TO FOLLOW JESUS (3x),
No turning back, no turning back.
2. The world behind me, the cross before me (3x),
No turning back, no turning back.

ONLY TO BE WHAT HE WANTS ME TO BE,
Every 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.

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN NO: XLVII.

- Q. 130. Why should infants be baptized?
A. Because they have a sinful nature and need a Saviour.
- Q. 131. Does Jesus care for little children?
A. Yes; for he says, "Suffer the little children to come unto me, and forbid them not: for such is the kingdom of God."
- Q. 132. To what does your baptism bind you?
A. To be a true follower of Christ.

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CALVIN'S INSTITUTES ABRIDGED Bk. IV Ch. IX.
Councils; Their Authority.

1. Before I enter on the discussion of this question, it is necessary for me to premise two observations. First, if in this chapter I am rather severe on our opponents, it is not that I would show the ancient councils less honour than they deserve. Secondly, when I attribute to the councils less than our adversaries require, it is not from any fear that the councils would favour their cause and oppose us.

2. Let us come to the subject itself. If it is inquired what is the authority of councils according to the Scriptures, there is no promise more explicit than Christ's declaration, "Where two or three are gathered together in my name, there am I in the midst of them." (Matt. 18:20). But this belongs no less to every particular congregation than to a general council.

Councils of bishops a thousand times who claim they are directed by the Holy Spirit are of little authority until they are assembled in the name of Christ. For it is equally possible for impious and unfaithful bishops to conspire against Christ, as for pious and upright bishops to assemble in his name.

3. History shows us that those in high places of the Church have apostatised. In the days of Isaiah, the prophet spoke of the priests in the following manner, "His watchmen are blind; they are all ignorant; they are all dumb dogs, they cannot bark; sleeping, lying down, loving to slumber: they are shepherds that cannot understand: they all look to their own way, every one for his gain, from his quarter." (Isa. 56:10,11). Denunciations of false priests and prophets were made also by Hosea (Hosea 9:8), by Jeremiah (Jer. 44:14) and Ezekiel (Ezk. 22:25,26,28).

4. But it will be said, though such may have been the case among the Jews, our age is exempt from so great a calamity. I sincerely wish that it were so; but the Holy Spirit has denounced through Peter that "there were false prophets also among the people, even as there shall be false teachers among you, who privily shall bring in damnable heresies" (II Pet. 2:1). So did Christ predict that the greatest dangers would be brought upon the Church by its pastors! (Matt. 24:11,24). Paul expressly denounces that "Antichrist will sit in the temple of God" (II Thess. 2:4).

5. I am not trying to weaken the authority of pastors and bring it into contempt by any means. I only mean to suggest the necessity of discriminating between some pastors and others, that we may not immediately consider persons as pastors because they bear that title. But the pope and all his bishops, casting off all obedience to the Word of God, confound everything at their own pleasure, while they try to persuade us that the Spirit of God perpetually resides in them, and that with them the Church lives and dies. They speak exactly like those who resisted Jeremiah in opposition to the truth, "Come, let us devise devices against Jeremiah; for the law shall not perish from the priest, nor counsel from the wise, nor the word from the prophet" (Jer. 18:18).

6. That a whole body of prophets have erred is remarkably exemplified in the council convoked by Ahab. Four hundred prophets were present. But because they were assembled with no other intention than to flatter that impious monarch, Satan was sent by the Lord to be a lying spirit in all their mouths (I Ki. 22:6,22,24,27). There the truth was rejected with one consent. Micaiah was condemned as a heretic. Jeremiah received the same treatment, and other prophets experienced similar injustice.

7. But one example which is more memorable than the rest to show that a council can err is that convened at Jerusalem by the chief priests and Pharisees against Christ. Christ was condemned and his doctrine rejected. But, it will be said, there is no danger of such a circumstance happening to us. Who has assured us of this? The Spirit, rather, has expressly predicted by the mouth of Paul that there shall come an apostasy which cannot take place without the pastors being the first to revolt from God (II Thess. 2:3; I Tim. 4:1). Wherefore, it is by no means to be conceded, that the Church consists in the assembly of pastors, respecting whom God has nowhere promised that they should always be good. On the contrary He has denounced they would sometimes be wicked.

8. What, then, it will be said, shall the decisions of councils have no authority? Yes, certainly, for I am not contending that all councils ought to be condemned. Whenever a decree of any council is brought forward, I would wish, first, that a diligent inquiry should be made at what time, for what cause and with what design it was held, and what kind of persons were present. Secondly, that the subject discussed should be examined by the standard of Scripture. Upon this principle, those ancient councils, such as the Council of Nice, of Constantinople, etc., which were held for the condemnation of errors, we cheerfully receive and revere as sacred, as far as respects the articles of faith which they have defended. For they contain nothing but the pure and natural interpretation of the Scripture.

But as the progress of the world is generally from worse to worse, it is easy to see from the more recent councils how much the Church has gradually degenerated from the purity of that golden age. Where opinions prevail according to their number, and not according to the weight of argument by which they are supported, the better part of the assembly must of necessity be frequently overcome by the majority. And councils have certainly issued many decrees.

My dear Readers Bible Presbyterian Church on the Air, 1977.

Hitherto, we have not been on the air for a good season. The Sunday radio broadcasts by Churches in Singapore were at one time under the sponsorship of the ecumenical movement, which began first as the Malayan Christian Council and is now called the Council of Churches in Singapore and Malaysia. Perhaps, this Council has undergone another change of name?

In view of the fact that we can broadcast independent of any ecclesiastical patronage, being directly invited by the Government, we are happy to submit our list of churches and ministers to the Department of Broadcasting. Having gone through the constitution and history of the B-P Church of Singapore, the Government has invited us to conduct "Evening Service" and "Epilogue" on the air according to the following schedule:-

Lord's Day	Jan.	2	6.05 + 10.00 p.m.	Life	--	Rev. Timothy Tow.
"	Feb.	27	- " -	Faith	-	Rev. Quek K. C.
"	Apr.	24	- " -	Zion	-	Rev. Quek S. H.
"	June	26	- " -	Jurong	-	Rev. Edward Paauwe.
"	Sept.	4	- " -	Calvary	-	Dr. Tow Siang Hwa.
"	Oct.	30	- " -	Galilee	-	Rev. Philip Heng.

It is a great privilege and high honour for me to be placed first speaker of the New Year. This entails a greater responsibility. On behalf of all our ministers and elder, may I seek the prayerful support of our Readers. Without His help, all our efforts will be in vain, even the perfection of musical renditions.

Apart from your prayers, I need a representative congregation, however, to hear me preach at the Radio studio and of course your participating worship in singing of hymns. I need an elder to read the Scriptures. We want a live worship and broadcast. Those joining me in the broadcast are requested to give their names and IC numbers, which must be submitted to the authorities before Dec. 20, 1976. Above all, pray for souls to be saved. (In Tanjung Pinang Church, a crippled brother told me how he came to the Lord through Singapore's "Heavenly Voice," the Chinese Churches' Broadcast).

★ 2. Second Tanjung Pinang DVBS

By request of children who attended last year's Daily Vacation Bible School at the Gereja Presbiterian di Indonesia, we are conducting a Second DVBS there Mon. to Fri, Dec. 13-17. Our team consists of Mrs. Ivy Tow, director and three teachers, viz; Fan Siu Yin, (Lifer), Tiew Ah Tuan (FEBCer at Kota Tinggi) and Kim Kah Teck (FEBC student). I shall be there, of course, for the evening meetings, to baptise and administer the Lord's Supper. We return Friday evening in time to join Dr. Patrick Tan's house blessing Friday night, Dec. 17.

We expect 120 children to the DVBS. Pray for us that we might win many souls for Christ. This trip costs \$300 in visa fees and boat fares for all of us.

★ 3. What Goes on at Kapuas River?

Since the launching of the Kapuas Gospel Mission, we have brought Dyak pastor Rev. Barnabas Simin and his wife over to meet the people. They have now returned to Pontianak.

At Siantan Tengah on the other side of the River Kapuas at Pontianak, we have bought a property, land and old house costing about \$2,500. But the old house must be thoroughly renovated. It has a good structure, but needs a new roof and walls, flooring and partitions. Being a two-unit house, one unit can be made into a meeting hall. On week days this meeting hall can be used as a schoolroom. On Sundays it will be used for Sunday School and worship.

We need therefore not only to repair and renovate but also to furnish. Desks and benches need to be made to open a primary school for a start - to cater to the needs of the refugee children.

As the Chinese saying goes, "Any start is hard," we are obliged to keep these needs before our Readers. Another \$2,500 is the least required to put our Kapuas Mission into shape. In the meantime Gospel meetings with the children are carried on in the house of Simin's former Bible School classmate. She and her husband were instrumental in bringing Simin to the refugees settlement. - T.T.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Mtg (Rev. Andrew Bo)
9.00 a.m. to Sat. Hwa Chong Camp
Fri & Sat. 7.30 p.m. "Celebrate Life" Musical
(Collections for Galilee & K. Sawit)
Fri. 8.00 p.m. House Blessing at Dr. & Mrs.
Patrick Tan's, 43 Toh Tuck Crescent, 21
Sat. 3.00 p.m. Chung-Loh Wedding (Paauwe)
4.30 p.m. Wong-Quek " (Tow)
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Christmas Baptismal Serv.
4 p.m. Chinese Christmas Service
Last Week's Offerings: \$862.50 + \$200 (Kap.)
Gifts for Kapuas Mission from Lim Puay Hian

Madam Koh Soo Cheng, 85, of the Chinese Service went home to the Lord Dec. 5. Funeral on Dec. 6 was officiated by Rev. Tow and Rev. Ngui of Christ Methodist Church.

1. I KNOW THE LORD WILL MAKE A WAY FOR ME (2x)

If I look to Him and pray,
Darkest night will turn to day,

I know the Lord will make a way for me.

2. I KNOW THE LORD WILL ANSWER ALL MY PRAYERS

If I live a holy life, (2x)

Shun the wrong and do the right,

I know the Lord will answer all my prayers.

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Councils: Their Authority.

It is here unnecessary to produce particular examples, as this will carry us to too great a length.

9. Now, what need is there to enumerate the repugnances between councils and councils, and how decrees passed by one have been rescinded by another? How shall we determine which council is right and which is wrong? From the Scriptures! About nine hundred years ago the Council of Constantinople decreed that all images placed in churches should be thrown down. Soon after the Council of Nice, which the empress Irene convened in opposition to the former, decreed that they should be restored. Which of these two shall we acknowledge as a legitimate council? We shall never be able to discriminate between the numerous councils, which dissent from and contradict each other, unless we examine them all by the Word of God, which is the universal standard for men and angels.

10. Even in the earliest and purest councils there is something to complain of - for being men, they were liable to ignorance and error, and to give vent to their passions. For though they had to contend with Arius their enemy and that harmony should be maintained among those who came to confute the error of Arius, they began to counteract themselves with intestine dissensions. The foulest accusations were heard and there would be no end of the contentions till they had murdered one another if it had not been for the interference of the emperor Constantine.

11. Now, though our adversaries have confessed councils might err in things not essential to salvation, this they have done so merely in words. In practice, they obtrude upon us the decision of every council on every subject, without discrimination, as an oracle of the Holy Spirit. This is tantamount to saying that councils cannot err, or that if they err, it is unlawful for us to discover the truth, or to refuse assent to errors? From these facts I rather conclude that the Holy Spirit governed pious and Christian councils in such a manner, as at the same time to permit them to betray something of human infirmity that we might not place too much confidence in men. This sentiment is far more favourable than that of Gregory of Nazianzum "that he never saw a good end of any council."

12. But the Romanists, when they find all the supports of reason fail them in the defence of their cause, have recourse to that last and wretched subterfuge - that although the persons themselves betray the greatest stupidity in their understandings and pleas and act from the most iniquitous motives, still the Word of God remains, which commands us to obey our governors (Heb. 13:17). But what if I deny that such persons are our governors? Let those who would govern over us be like Joshua who was inaugurated into his gubernatorial office under this condition, "This book of the law shall not depart out of thy mouth; but thou shalt meditate therein day and night: turn not from it to the right hand or to the left, that thou mayest prosper whithersoever thou goest" (Joshua 1:7,8). We shall consider them as our spiritual governors, therefore, who deviate not from the Word of God either to the right hand or to the left. If the doctrine of all pastors ought to be received without any hesitation, why have we such frequent and earnest admonitions from the mouth of the Lord Himself not to listen to the speeches of false prophets? (Jer. 23:16; Matt. 7:15; I John 4:1; Matt. 15:14). Does this not sufficiently declare that it is of the highest importance what kind of pastors are heard, and they are not all entitled to the same attention? Impressed by these warnings, both of precepts and of examples, no names of pastors, bishops, councils, which are as capable of being falsely claimed as rightly assumed, ought ever to prevent us from examining all the spirits by the rule of the Divine Word, in order to "try whether they are of God."

13. Having proved that the Church has received no power to frame any new doctrine, let us now speak of the power which our opponents attribute to the interpretation of the Scripture. We have not the least objection to admit, that if a controversy arise respecting any doctrine, there is no better or more certain remedy than to assemble a council of true bishops, in which the controverted doctrine may be discussed. Thus, when Arius arose, the Council of Nice was assembled, and by its authority defeated the pernicious attempts of that impious man, restored peace to the Churches which he had disturbed and asserted the eternal deity of Christ in opposition to his sacrilegious dogma. Some time after, when Eunomius and Macedonius raised new contentions, their frenzy was opposed with a similar remedy by the Council of Constantinople. The impiety of Nestorius was condemned in the first Council of Ephesus. In short, this has been the ordinary method of the Church from the beginning, for the preservation of unity, whenever Satan has begun to make any attempt against it. But, let it be remembered, that neither every age, nor every place, can produce an Athanasius, a Basil, a Cyril and other such champions of the true doctrine, as the Lord raised up at those periods. Let us also be recollected what happened at the second Council of Ephesus in which the heresy of Eutyches prevailed. Flavianus, a bishop of irreproachable memory, was banished, because it was Dioscorus, a factious man, and not the Spirit of the Lord, that presided in that council.

14. But the Romanists have a further design in maintaining that councils possess the power of interpreting Scripture, and that without appeal. It is a false pretence when everything that has been determined in councils is called an interpretation of Scripture. Of purgatory, the intercession of saints, auricular confession, the Scripture contain not a similar syllable.

When we launched out from Finger Pier last Monday, our boat "Sri Sambu" took the inner route via Samboe and Batam to avoid the lashing waves of the N.E. Monsoon. Nevertheless, when we became exposed in stretches of open sea the vessel reeled like a drunken man, sending some of us to our berths.

A welcoming buffet dinner was spread by the ladies of the Church. About forty ate together in fellowship. This was followed by an after dinner message: "Labour not for the meat which perisheth, but for that meat which endureth unto everlasting life"(Jn.6:27).

Our work began in earnest Tuesday morning when 140 Primary school children enrolled for the VBS. Our teachers consisted of Mrs. Ivy Tow, Fan Siew Yin, Tiew Ah Tuan, Kim Kah Teck, Lydia and her sister Esther with husband Yusuf. This was a daily three hour session, concluding with a Thursday night recitation and a Friday morning revision.

Three Gospel meetings were held for the adults, culminating with Holy Communion for the Church and baptism of a young woman and a child. Twelve hands were raised on the first night to seek salvation by those who desired to be "born again."

But the thirst for the Word did not end here. At Kijang, 17 miles from Tanjung Pinang on the otherside of the Island, a preaching station was opened in September this year. Here we were sent on two afternoons to speak to a packed house of 20 adults and 50 children. To sow a more permanent seed, we taught the new-hearers a Gospel chorus on each occasion. The message was delivered in Hokkien and interpreted into Hakka. (Kijang, a bauxite-mining town, is worked by the sturdy Hakka race).

One further development of our Gospel ministry to Tanjung Pinang is the proposed opening of a Weekend English Bible Class. This is in order to instruct the younger generation in the doctrine of the Word. After preaching comes teaching! Since English is a much desired commodity with the young, teaching of the Bible through this medium should draw a good crowd. If you are interested in this outreach, please see Mrs. Tow!

A Word From Fan Siew Yin

Back to Tanjung Pinang again! But, nevertheless, not an old experience. In this VBS, morning by morning, I could see the Lord's new mercies.

Inspite of the rain, well before the bell rang, the children came cheerfully: - "running to see Jesus." They were most glad to learn English and Chinese songs and they listened in awe to the beautifully visualised Bible stories. Not a few accepted Jesus and there was a young boy who assured me that he would not gamble (ti-kam) again. Showers of blessing indeed!

It is my sincere hope and prayer that others will help to encourage the Christians in this near and yet so faraway place.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. (Dec. 23) Polling Day.
Fri. 7.30 p.m. Christmas Eve Service
Carolling thereafter.
Sat. 2.00 p.m. LCSS Christmas Party.
7.30 p.m. Mt Carmel Christmas Service.
Lord's Day 10 a.m. Rev. Tow.
4 p.m. Mr. Lin Tah Mon.

Last Week's Offering \$565.91.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People Life YP.

Ladies This Week: Tan, Kam, Poon. Next Week: Tow, Sng, Khoo.

The Carollers are coming! If you wish to invite them, please inform Elder Tay latest by Sunday Dec. 19! Carollers are to practise after lunch this Lord's Day.

Rehearsal for Radio Singapore Sunday Jan. 2, 1977 worship hour! All who have registered with Elder Khoo are to meet after lunch with the pastor, before carolling practice! This is also to ensure your admission to the Radio Studio.

Unused flower pots are needed by Elder Tay for further beautifying of the Lord's House. The much-talked about Fountain is singing at last!

Grace Church, Bedok's new phone: 4422440!

New Addresses Diana Sim, Blk. 209, 4582B Avenue 3, Ang Mo Kio, 20. Tel: 2522113.

Philip (Hassan) R. Jawabreh, P. O. Box 53, Beit-Jala, Israel. (Your friend Kenneth Wong sends greetings)!

Christmas Baptisms. Infants: 1. Benjamin Pui

Meng (Aug. 24, 1976) s/o Mr. and Mrs. Ron Loh Kok Keong. 2. Darren Jun Loong, (Sept. 11, 1976) d/o Mr. and Mrs. Chan Ngiap Koon.
Adult: Pang Leong Siang.

A Four-fold Christmas Advance for Christ!

This year's Christmas Offering will be divided into four for the building of four churches:-

- 1) Jurong 2) Kelapa Sawit 3) Galilee
- 4) Calvary Pandan Youth Centre.

Begin the New Year with God! Watchnight Service, Fri. Dec. 31, 10.45 p.m! Pray for the pastor preaching on Radio Singapore Sun. Jan. 2, 1977, 6.05 p.m. and 10 p.m. Come, help and sing!

Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: XLIX

- Q. 133. What is the Lord's Supper?
A. The eating of bread and drinking of wine in remembrance of the sufferings and death of Christ.
- Q. 134. What does the bread represent?
A. The body of Christ, broken for our sins.
- Q. 135. What does the wine represent?
A. The blood of Christ, shed for our salvation.

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Christian Life Book Centre. Good Reformed Commentaries just arrived!

Amos by Ray Beeley \$2.40.

I Corinthians by Geoffrey B. Wilson \$2.70.

2 Corinthians by " " " \$2.70.

Summary of Christian Doctrine by Berkhof \$3.30.

PASTOR'S YEAR END CHAT

My dear Readers,

With the crowning of the year at Christmas, which has just concluded with many a heart blessed and renewed, there remains yet a few days to go before the New Year is ushered in. It is evident that God has so worked out our Calendar that a time is given for more serious reflection, yea, even to make up what is unfinished in our duty for 1976.

The Chinese have a good custom. All accounts must be settled before the old year is ended, so as to start the New Year with a clean slate. It gives you a wonderful, refreshing feeling doesn't it when you have paid up your bills, settled every old score, whatever it may be, that is gnawing all the time in your heart! Do we have any account to settle with our God, He who has kept us safe and going throughout this year?

Facing 1977

1976 has been a year of economic recovery, for which we, as a Church, have given thanks. (Can you say that for yourself and your family?)

1977 is going to be different! Apart from the forecasts of a return to recession and inflation as a result of coming increases in the oil price, there are foreboding signs of other evils on the horizon - the ever present menace of communism.

In the light of these circumstances advancing on us in the New Year, what Word of comfort and cheer can we give to Singaporeans? Incidentally, Life Church has been scheduled the first to broadcast in 1977, i.e., at the Sunday evening 6.05 p.m. Worship Hour and at the 10 p.m. Epilogue. With your many supplications to the Father Almighty, the Lord has given us a message to both Christians and non-Christians, yea, even Jewish listeners.

This message will be delivered live to a little Life Church congregation made up of old and young consisting of the following:-

Roland, Wong Kway Hing	Elizabeth Lee	Lee Gek Kinn
Kwek Sin Chin	Andrew Bo	Tay Bin Thong
Heng Guek Imm	Daniel Phang	Phay Chiang Whye
Chan Ah Siew	Amy Khoo Mei Lin	Khoo Mei Lan, Grace
Faith Khoo Mei Imm	Sng Teck Leong	William Teo
Na Wai Kum	Walter Seah	Seow Chong Kiong
Grace Seow	Khoo Peng Kiat	Low Sock Eng
Phua Mui Khim	Wong Poh Peng	Cheong Yoke Fun
Chua Bee Lian, Nellyne	Teo Soon Hock	Moses Lim Choon Bin
Eric Tay	Endrina Tay	Edwin Tay
Debora Lukito	Jemima Tow Li Mi	Jonathan Tow Shen Han
Ivy Tan	Lim Lee Joon	Mary Ho
Lim Lee Chin	Lehia Paauwe	Jonathan Pang Siung King
Chan Pui Meng	Jane Ho Geok Hua	Jongky Setiawati Harlim
Tsao Sun		

Elders Edmund Tay and Khoo Peng Kiat will read the Scriptures. The congregation will worship together and sing several old-fashioned hymns, including a Psalm. Mrs. Lehia Paauwe will be at the piano. Your part, my dear Readers, is to further pray for us. Your part is to help tell forth the Gospel message. This you can do very easily by inviting your friends and neighbours to tune in 6.05 p.m. and 10 p.m., Sunday, Jan. 2, 1977 to the English programme of Radio Singapore!

Does This Broadcast Augur A 1977 Breakthrough?

Inasmuch as the Word spoken through the air waves will reach a congregation a thousand times that gathered at Gilstead Road, does this newest outreach augur a 1977 breakthrough for Life Church? A breakthrough has come to Life Church at various stages of her development. It has come in 1976, the first year into the last quarter of the century. (We started exactly in the mid-century in 1950). And our hearts are thrilled at what God has done in carrying us through in the launching of

- 1) Grace B-P Church, 5 Jalan Haji Salam, Bedok on Jan. 3, 1976
- 2) Christian Life Book Centre, Jan. 9, 1976
- 3) Kapuas Gospel Mission, Sept. 1, 1976.

These three testimonies and Christian enterprises are doing well, and have in no way become a strain on any member of the Church. Apart from the last, the first two are able to push on under their own steam.

Beloved, this should all the more encourage our Church, as a whole, to "make hay while the sun shines". While there is peace let us hasten to build and extend God's Kingdom. Jesus says, "I must work the works of Him that sent me, while it is day; the night cometh when no man can work."

What new breakthrough the Lord has in store for Life Church I really do not know. But this thing I know. When He calls we will answer. When He summons to battle we will go.

One Thing You Can Do For The Lord, For Example:

One thing you can do in the New Year for the Lord, for example, is to introduce your Chinese (Teochew and Hokkien at least) speaking relatives and friends to our afternoon service at 4 p.m. Here we also run a Mandarin Sunday School for the young.

The mothers of two GLTD leaders are beginning to attend regularly. The mother, brother-in-law and sister of a new Lifer are also coming. And how happy they are to be introduced to the new and living way in Jesus Christ, delivered from the darkness of idol-worship.

God has blessed the Chinese service in a marvellous way. Is it not from the Chinese service that we have found a modern Mary of Bethany? This lady is she who has given us the beautiful fountain and landscaping for our Japanese Garden. So, we never can tell what God will do for new-comers to the Chinese (Mandarin-Teochew-Hokkien) Service every Lord's Day. 4 p.m.

From Calvin to John Sung

For a good long while the Abridgment of Book IV of Calvin's Institutes of the Christian Religion has been occupying the front page of this mosquito paper. Because many will not chew hard meat, I am going to return to John Sung in the New Year. Henceforth the Revival Sermons of John Sung will re-appear. This will help also to hasten the publication of "Forty John Sung Revival Sermons."

"Forty John Sung Revival Sermons" will easily exceed 400 pages. So we shall publish them in Two Volumes. This again will help expedite its publication. Please pray for the translator who has so far completed fifteen. Five more to go to launch Vol II! Wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year in the Lord, Your affectionate pastor, T.T.

FRIEND, COME AND STAY! (Tune of "Abide With Me")

The twilight falls, fast sinks the evening sun.
The night is dark, O Lord, to Thee I run!
Weary and dreary pants my fainting heart,
O never, gracious Friend, from me depart!

The evening haze reflects life's changing day,
Quick as a twinkle ebbs the tide away.

Feastings are few, good fortunes soon decay,
O come, Thou sincere Friend, with me to stay.

The night is long, so winds the worldly path,
A speck of life floats far away from shore.
The fleshly lusts have often gripped my heart,
O holy Friend stay with me ever more.

The years flow on, how soon life comes to end,
The pomp and power of earth are but a dream!
They fade away sure as the law of change,
Eternal Friend, arise, my soul redeem.

- Jason Linn.

ANOTHER YEAR IS DAWNING

Dear Father, let it be,
In working or in waiting,
Another year with Thee;
Another year of leaning
Upon Thy loving breast,
Another year of trusting,
Of quiet, happy rest.

Another year of mercies,
Of faithfulness and grace;
Another year of gladness
In the shining of Thy face;
Another year of progress,
Another year of praise,
Another year of proving
Thy presence all the days.

Another year of service,
Of witnessing for Thy love;
Another year of training
For holier work above.
Another year is dawning!
Dear Father, let it be
On earth, or else in heaven,
Another year for Thee.

LIFE CHURCH APPOINTMENTS

- Tues. 8.00 p.m. Prayer Meeting.
Thurs. 7.00 p.m. Radio participants meet in Church before Recording at the Studio.
Fri. 8.00 p.m. Galilee Watchnight Service.
10.45 p.m. Life Watchnight Service.
(Rev. Tai Po-fu preaching).
Sat. am to pm AFC Conference (Christian Servicemen).
4.00 p.m. Combined Galilee and Calvary Ground Claiming Service at Pandan
(Rev. Tow speaking).
Lord's Day 10.00 a.m. Rev. Tow (Lord's Sup.)
4.00 p.m. Mr. Teo Seow Hua.
6.05 p.m. Rev. Tow on Radio
Singapore.
10.00 p.m. Epilogue Radio S'pore.

Last Week's Offering \$1,138.46 plus \$150.00.
Offering from "In John Sung's Steps" for Kapuas \$15.

Sunday Lunch Roster Young People GLTD. Ladies
This Week: Mrs. Tow, Sing, Khoo. Next Week:
Mrs. Khoo, Poon, Kuan.

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Qs. & As. ON EVERLASTING LIFE FOR CHILDREN

NO: L.

- Q. 136. Who should partake of the Lord Supper?
A. Only those who repent of their sins, believe in Christ for salvation, and love their fellow men.
Q. 137. Did Christ remain in the tomb after his crucifixion?
A. No; he rose from the tomb on the third day after his death.
Q. 138. Where is Christ now?
A. In heaven, interceding for sinners.

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Christmas Greetings are received from Lina
Seow, McMaster U., Hamilton, Ont. Canada.

1977 Life Church Calendars are out! Get yours
now!

Do you want a Dracaena stem-in-water to sprout
green leaves on your table? (Chinese call it
"iron tree"). One piece one family. First
come first Served!