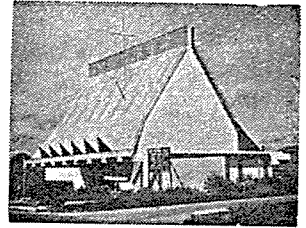


Newsletter

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

MAY 1974

LOVE MAKES THE DIFFERENCE

(with grateful thanks to St. Paul and the Pentecost M.C. Newsletter)

If I speak with the precision of a scholar
and acquire the subdued elegance of a television announcer,
and have not love for all men,
I am but the staccato noise of a rivetting machine
or the irritation of a dripping tap.

And if I have the training of a news analyst to predict
what will happen tomorrow, and understand Einstein's
theory, and can identify questions; and if I have faith,
so as to change the opinions of my neighbours
(which in many ways is more difficult than moving mountains)
and have no warm love for people in my heart,
I am as significant as last week's headlines.

If I give all my money to the (proposed) Community Chest
and if I push my body to the edge of a nervous breakdown,
but have no awareness of God's creative love,
I gain nothing.

Love is willing to wait a long time,
and always searches for evidence of goodness in people.
It does not push its way through crowds,
nor break into the lines at supermarkets.

Love does not care about recognition on committees.
It is not distressed by careless words, nor is it
depressed when a fellow-worker is successful.

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TRINITY FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to Sonia Wee & John Cheang Kok Hoong, whose marriage was solemnised at Trinity Church on Saturday, 15 April. Our prayers and good wishes go with them as they establish their new home in Penang.

EXAMINATION SUCCESS Our congratulations go also to Miss Linda Kan, who gained her B.A. degree in the recent University examinations.

CHURCH DIRECTORY Please try to keep your directory up to date by noting the following alterations:

Mr & Mrs Wee Eng Hock, 40 Greenwood Avenue (11)
Tel: 665551

Mr & Mrs P. Sathiasingam, 16 Jalan Redop (28)
Mrs Harriet Chua's telephone number is 887285

CHURCH PICNIC The Sunday School and the W.S.C.S. organised a very happy picnic for over eighty children and adults at the S.I.A. Bungalow, Windsor Drive on the May Day holiday.

A school bus transported a happy load of picnickers from the church for a day by the sea - even though the sea, at low tide, seemed a very long way off! There were games and contests for the children, with a little Talentime for the younger ones in the afternoon, opportunity to play in the sand (and knee-deep in mud!) or wander beside the sea, delicious food (of course) produced by the W.S.C.S. expert cooks, and a refreshing time of rest and relaxation amongst friends for all of us.

Sincere thanks to those who worked so hard to help the rest of us relax - especially Miss Violet Tan and Mr Chan Chong Hiok.

JOG YOUR WAY TO HEALTH! The Serangoon Gardens C.C.C. are organising a short 'JOG-ATHON' at 8 a.m. on Sunday morning, 12 May. Why not join them at the Sports Club that morning? What better way of preparing yourself for the W.S.C.S. FOOD FAIR after the morning service that day. The Committee says that it will only take half-an-hour of your time (and some of your energy!).

W.S.C.S. SUNDAY The W.S.C.S. members will be in charge of the morning service on 12 May, which is W.S.C.S. Sunday. The Guest Preacher will be Miss Enid Liu, who has been a lecturer on the staff of Trinity Theological College for some fifteen years. The open offerings for that Sunday will be sent by the W.S.C.S. as their contribution to the Trinity College Asian Teachers Foundation Fund.

An increasing proportion of the teaching staff at the college is locally employed, and if the college is going to maintain its life and witness in the years ahead, a solid Foundation Fund is needed to underwrite staff salaries. Please give generously!

W. S. C. S.

FOOD FARE



at Trinity Methodist Church

on Sunday 12th May

For the finest home-cooked lunch in town!

You like it - We've got it!

Mee Siam

Fish Ball Soup

Fried Poh Piah

Chiffon Cake

Chicken Curry

Chicken Porridge

Laksa

Fried Bee Hoon

Bak Chang

Nonya Cakes

etc.,

etc.,

etc.



 ** CHURCH CALENDAR FOR MAY 1974 **

- 1 Wed. 7.45 A.M. LABOUR DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Transport leaves church for picnic at the
S.I.A. Bungalow, Windsor Drive
- 2 Thu. 7.45 P.M. PREPARING TO HELP PEOPLE final session "Goals
and Ideals": at 41, Taman Serangoon
- 3 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 4 - 6 S.M.A.C. LIFE SERVICE RETREAT at Port Dickson
- 5 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE
- 6 Mon. WESAK DAY - PUBLIC HOLIDAY
- 10 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 11 Sat. 3.00 P.M. M.Y.F. COUNCIL meets at 28, Chuan Hoe Ave.
7.30 P.M. SILVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY SERVICE for
Mr & Mrs Wong Yow Chuen
- 12 SUN. W.S.C.S. SUNDAY
8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Miss Enid Liu (T.T.C.)
Service of Infant Baptism
11.15 A.M. FOOD FAIR DE LUXE in the Church Basement
12.00 NOON Worship Service at Woodbrdieg Hospital
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Mr Ong Ing Pee (TTC)
- 18 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 19 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL (NO Membership Class)
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Miss Miriam Gruber
11.30 A.M. LOCAL CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE meets in the
Basement
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
- 24 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 25 Sat. 2.30 P.M. WEDDING SERVICE for Victor Goh & Ivy Yap
at the Paya Lebar Chinese Methodist Church

You are cordially invited
to hear the

BEL CANTO SINGERS

(Director: Mrs Lilian Choo)

at the Cultural Centre Theatre, Canning Rise
on

Saturday 25th May 1974

at 8.30 p.m.



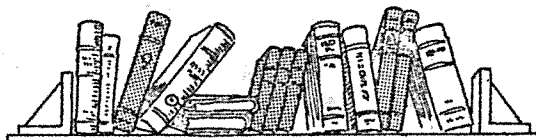
IN AID OF THE CHURCH EXTENSION FUND

Admission by cards: \$20 (donation), \$10 and \$5

- 26 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL & MEMBERSHIP CLASS
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
11.30 A.M. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE & S.S. TEACHERS
meeting
12.00 NOON Worship Service at Woodbridge Hospital
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Mr Lam Yet Seng
7.30 P.M. M.Y.F. presents a film entitled:
'The Cross and the Switchblade' in the church
- 29 Wed. 7.45 P.M. BIBLE CLASS meets at the Manse
- 31 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE

SPIRITUAL RENEWAL SEMINAR will be held from May 20 - 24th
Mornings 8.30 - 12.30 at the Hotel Equitorial
Evenings 7.30 - 9.30 at St. Andrew's Cathedral

REMEMBER TO USE
OUR CHURCH LIBRARY



FROM HERE AND THERE

THE PAYA LEBAR CHINESE METHODIST CHURCH is presenting a programme of Contemporary Christian Music, in their church premises, at 7.30 p.m. on Saturday 11th May. Admission is by programme, obtainable at the church door, and the proceeds of the concert will be used to help support some of the smaller country churches in the Chinese Annual Conference.

CHRISTIAN BOOK CENTRE MOVES. The Scripture Union Christian Book Centre is moving house on 2nd May from its existing familiar premises in Prinsep Street (where only the administrative office and wholesale department will remain) to brand new quarters at:-

Suites 122-125 PEACE CENTRE, 1st Floor
1, Sophia Road
Singapore 9

PILGRIMAGE TO THE HOLY LAND. In conjunction with World Methodism's Convocation on Evangelism 1974, Rev Richard Ong, pastor of Wesley Church, will lead a pilgrimage to the Holy Land from 16 November - 29 November 1974. Visits will be included to Jerusalem, Bethlehem, Emmaus, Samaria, Jericho and the Dead Sea; thence northwards through the Jordan Valley to Nazareth and Galilee; special worship services at the Garden Tomb, Communion in the Upper Room, a dip in Jordan. Aproximate all-inclusive cpst \$3,300, with a possible extra 5 days extension to Athens and Rome (\$700 ex.)

'ALLELUIA! WHAT A SAVIOUR!' This was the title of the John Peterson Cantata sung by the Trinity Church choir, under the direction of Mrs Chew Chin Jin, on Easter Morning. It was a presentation of quality choral singing, and made a fitting climax to the well-attended services of Holy Week. Mr Khoo Eu Keong was the Narrator, with Mrs Khoo at the organ. Earlier in the week, Dr Bobby Sng, Mr Andrew Lee & Miss Miram Gruber gave inspiring messages on the theme 'What the Cross means to Me', and in addition to the crowded Good Friday morning service, friends from St. Peter's Church joined us in the evening for a presentation of the Passion of our Lord.

 WE APPRECIATE YOUR GENEROSITY

We are glad that the work and witness of Trinity Church is being so faithfully underwritten by the regular giving of a large proportion of our members and friends.

We acknowledge with thanks that our record figure of \$19,000 in pledges has not only been promised but is regularly being fulfilled. Half the promised sum was already in hand at the end of the first six months of the financial year, and we say thank you for a further \$1327 during April.

Swelled by the giving of the crowded congregations at Eastertide, open offerings for the month reached almost \$1600.

A friend not belonging to our congregation, who read a newspaper report about our possible coffeehouse project, was moved to send an anonymous gift of \$500, which we have gladly and gratefully received - on the understanding that the coffee-house is still under study by the church, and we may decide not to proceed further at this stage. Grateful thanks to this kind person whose identity is unknown but whose gesture of encouragement means much to us.

Thanksgiving offerings were made by Mrs Tan Kim Tee, Dr & Mrs Alan Tay, Mr & Mrs Tan Keng Hian, Maureen and Melvyn, and Mr & Mrs Henley.

Easter Offerings came from Mrs C.Chan, Mrs Alice Yap, the Angs, Mr & Mrs Ernest Kan, Lye Yuen Weng, Mr & Mrs Tan Hoay Djin, Mr & Mrs Tan Tiam Guan, Rev & Mrs Chew Hock Hin, Mr & Mrs Francis Lee, Mrs Lena Goh, Mr & Mrs Wee Chye Huat, Mr & Mrs Lim Tin Soon, Mrs Kwok Chee Meng, Mr Andrew Goh, Mr & Mrs Tan Keng Hian and family, Mrs Koo Tjang Gwan, Dr & Mrs Tan Beng Guan, Mrs Chia Chye Koon, Mr & Mrs Lim Hock Aun, Mr & Mrs Wei Chong Seng, Mrs Stella Lee.

During the next few months, the Church Extension Fund-Raising Committee will be launching an energetic and urgent appeal to underswrite the plans to build a parsonage and all-purpose Hall on the Lichfield Road site, and to enlarge the present sanctuary to house our growing membership. It is imperative that the large sum needed be raised as rapidly as possible, for the soaring prices of building materials will soon be out of reach for ever if we delay. Please start thinking about the part you can play, NOW.

Love does not rejoice when misfortune comes to a competitor, but rejoices in the right, no matter who gets the credit.

Love is as eternally present as the atom.
As for predictions of the Opinion Polls,
they will melt away.

As for intricacy of language,
the United Nations will soon surmount that.
As for the latest classroom theories,
they will vanish like the early morning mists.

Love shows us how little we really know.
When I was growing up, I was eager to learn,
and soon felt that I knew all the answers.
But when I became full-grown, I blushed
with the realization of how little I truly knew.

For now we see as through
a distorted television screen,
but then it will be person to person.
What a tiny fragment I know about the world!
But there will come a time
when the love of God will show me
the world reflected in the souls of people.

So, nuclear mysteries,
1974 models of everything,
and love
are woven together in the whole fabric of life;
but the greatest of these
is the creative love of God.

He shewed me a little thing the size of a hazel-nut, lying
in the palm of my hand; and it was as round as a ball. I
looked thereupon with the eye of my understanding, and thought:
"What may this be?" And it was answered generally thus: "It
is all that is made". I marvelled how it could last, for it
seemed so little it might suddenly have fallen to naught. And
I was answered in my understanding:
"It lasteth, and ever shall, because God loveth it."
And so the world hath its existence by the love of God.

- The Lady Julian of Norwich -