

TMC NEWSLETTER

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TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH 34 SERANGOON GARDEN WAY (1955)

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CONSOLIDATED DIRECTIONS FOR 1988

THEME : "TOGETHER WE'LL BECOME THAT
PERFECT WHOLE".

TEXT : 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12 & 27

THEME
SONG : LET US OPEN UP OURSELVES (SOK 168)

1988 will be the 250th Anniversary of John Wesley's 'heart-warming' Aldersgate experience. It will be an appropriate time to recapture the vision God gave him for a people called Methodists.

As we have emphasised renewal and service in the past year, I believe we will need to continue and maintain this emphasis in 1988. We need to consolidate the spiritual gains and progress the Spirit has enabled us to appropriate. It will be necessary to maintain the momentum and build on what has been done already.

The Theme and Scripture emphasise the importance of being God's people **TOGETHER**. Christianity is both a personal and corporate faith. We are Christians and we are also Church. And God has called us together as a Church precisely because this is His plan and method for the propagation of the Gospel of His Kingdom.

The Scripture text is Ecclesiological; that is, it is about the Church. To be mature Christians we need to play our part in the Body of Christ. Only through the Body of Christ can the Gospel be adequately

spread. The Body of Christ can only do that effectively if we **ALL** play our part.

This is what is meant by 'Perfect Whole'; we use the word "perfect" on its original Greek sense (*teleos*) meaning mature or full grown. "Whole" speaks about the Church working **TOGETHER**. What we want to see is a Church maturing and operating effectively as one Body.

And so that is why our theme song is "Let Us Open Up Ourselves". This best enunciates a sound theology of the Church. It speaks about our relationship with God and with one another and how this is related to outreach as well as Christian maturity.

Surely, we want to **become** such a Church! We do not want merely a form of religion, without power. Instead it ought to be "The springs of living water flowing out of the fullness of our lives".

Therefore, our theme will emphasise that we all become involved in the life and service of the Church. We will then **BECOME** the kind of Church the Scriptures define.

EMPHASES AND OBJECTIVES

1. SMALL GROUPS

- 1.1. Priority Programme
- 1.2. To relate all present groups to the Church.
- 1.3. More training to be provided.
- 1.4. Organisational Network and designated night.
- 1.5. Dedication service for leaders and members.
- 1.6. Objective: begin 6 new groups if possible.

2. LAY TRAINING

- 2.1. Another priority, to be continued and intensified.
- 2.2. Proposed courses for 1988:
 - 2.2.1. Intensive Bible Study Methodology
 - 2.2.2. Methodism or Spiritual Gifts
 - 2.2.3. Genesis) Guest courses
 - 2.2.4. Old Testament Introduction)
- 2.3. Film series: Dobson, Discovering Jesus/Paul.
- 2.4. Greater percentage of members participating.

3. WORSHIP SERVICES

- 3.1. Continue to improve usher organisation and training.
- 3.2. Training seminar for worship leaders.
- 3.3. More training for musicians.
- 3.4. Prayer and Praise Worship Leaders quarterly training fellowship.
- 3.5. Organisation of PA crew and training.
- 3.6. New microphones especially for choir.
- 3.7. Organ may need replacement.
- 3.8. Choir recruitment.

4. FINANCE

- 4.1. Percentage pledging increase to 60% as soon as possible.
- 4.2. Continued emphasis on tithing.

5. PHYSICAL PLANT

- 5.1. Airconditioning of the sanctuary.
- 5.2. Refurbishing of sanctuary roof.
- 5.3. Completion of expanded office space.

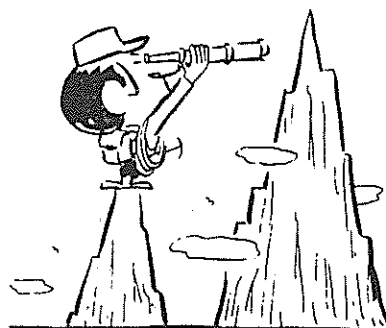
6. STAFF

- 6.1. Employment of: full-time church worker and accounts assistant/secretary.

7. MEMBERSHIP

- 7.1. Complete Membership Survey analysis.
- 7.2. Encourage more regular attendance.
- 7.3. Restoration of absentees through visitation.
- 7.4. Increased involvement of members.
- 7.5. Lay visitation to assist the Pastor.
- 7.6. Implementation of Care Partner Programme.

Sentence Sermon



Set New Goals

If at first you *do* succeed, don't stop. Set a new goal, and try something harder.

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LOCAL CHURCH EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

EX-OFFICIO STEWARDS

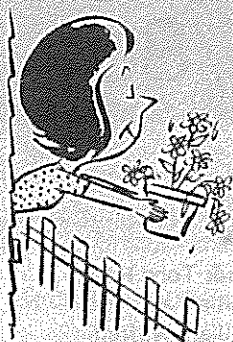
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CHRISTIAN EDUCATION CHAIRMAN
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ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN
VICE-CHAIRMAN
EVANGELISM CHAIRMAN
MISSIONS CHAIRMAN
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Judy Yip
David Lim
Violet Seah
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Tham Yew Kee
Ronald Yong
Bruce Zee



A WOMAN OF GOD

On 23 January 1988, at the TEC Level 2, our sister Margaret Chan shared her thoughts in being a "woman of God" to 40 WSCS members. God was gracious to allow so many to seek Him and find out the roles He has for each of them.

Quoting from Proverbs 31 (verses 10 to 31) and her own experience as a wife and mother, Margaret urged those present to be:

- **Committed to the husband/wife relationship**
As a wife, a woman not only sees to her husband's well-being but must also earn his praise and trust. She complements him so that together, they become stronger.
- **Committed to the parent/child relationship**
As a mother, she teaches God's word and counsels her children. Happiness, warmth and the general well-being of the family are her goals.
- **Committed to total self-development**
A woman should not neglect herself even as she attends to the family's needs. She keeps herself fit and well-groomed, learns useful skills, practises good judgement in investments but above all, remains truly devoted to God.

To be the kind of woman described in Proverbs 31 is indeed a challenge! Many of us fall far short of such an ideal; nevertheless, it is an ideal worth striving towards. Such a woman is "worth far more than rubies". (Proverbs 31 v 10).

Ginger Gabriel, who wrote the Bible Study Guide "Being a woman of God" describes her another way:

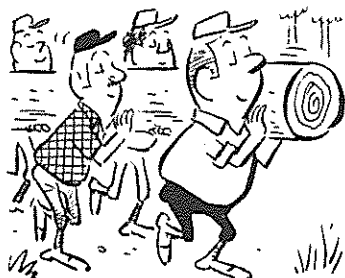
"She is the woman who has committed herself unreservedly to the Lord Jesus Christ and is in the process of becoming all that He wants her to be — spiritually, intellectually, physically and socially. She is vibrant and alive because of the power of the Holy Spirit within her and the fruits of the Spirit give her a beautiful femininity that is uniquely her own. Her commitment to God blossoms out into commitment to her friends and, in most cases, to the man God has chosen for her life; and because the Holy Spirit's power flows through her, she is able to help those around her become more of what God has intended them to be as well."

Yes, the woman has a special role in God's sovereign plan! I believe it is when she allows her life to be ordered in accordance to this plan that she will find the deepest satisfaction, joy and fulfillment in life.

MRS YIP SYN WAN
WSCS VICE-PRESIDENT

Note: WSCS small group meets every fortnight on Wednesdays at 8 p.m. at TEC for prayer, fellowship and bible study. Currently, Ginger Gabriel's guide mentioned above is being used. All ladies are welcome to join the group.

Sentence Sermon



Getting the Job Done

It's amazing how much work is accomplished when no one worries about who gets the credit.

*Available at the RESOURCE CENTRE

Other Books Available

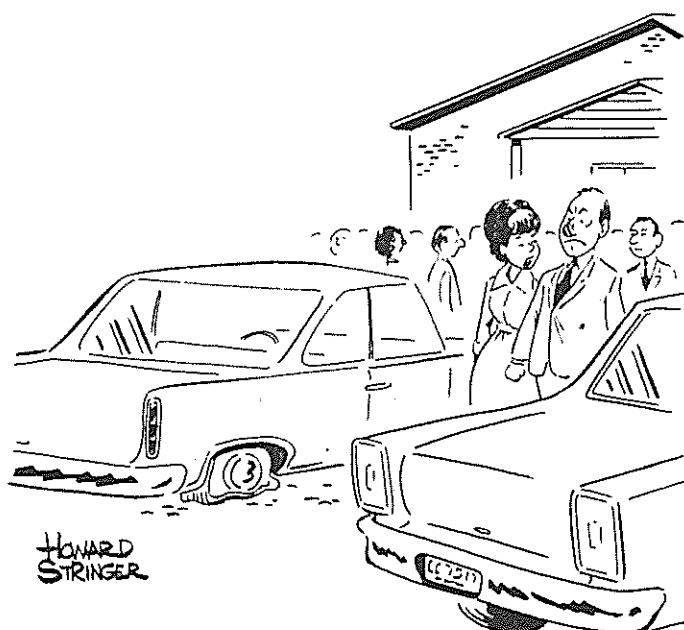
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CHRISTIAN FAMILY

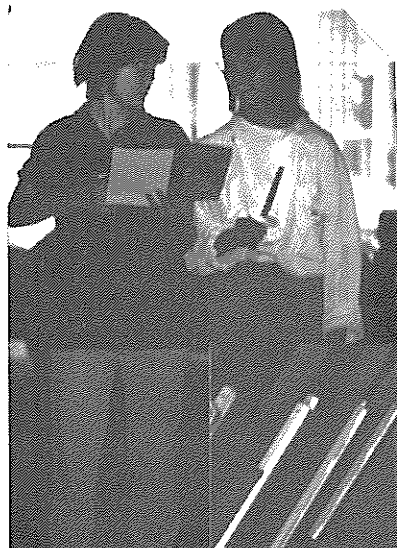
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| 1 | A mother's joy | BACHER, June Masters |
| 2 | Discipline while you can: the strong-willed child | DOBSON, James |
| 3 | Getting married in church | BATCHELOR, Mary |
| 4 | Heaven on your doorstep | SINCLAIR, Max |
| 5 | Help! I'm a parent | NARRAMORE, Bruce |
| 6 | How to be a good Dad | BLY, Stephen A |
| 7 | My three sons | SUMRALL, Lester |

TESTOMINIES/BIOGRAPHIES

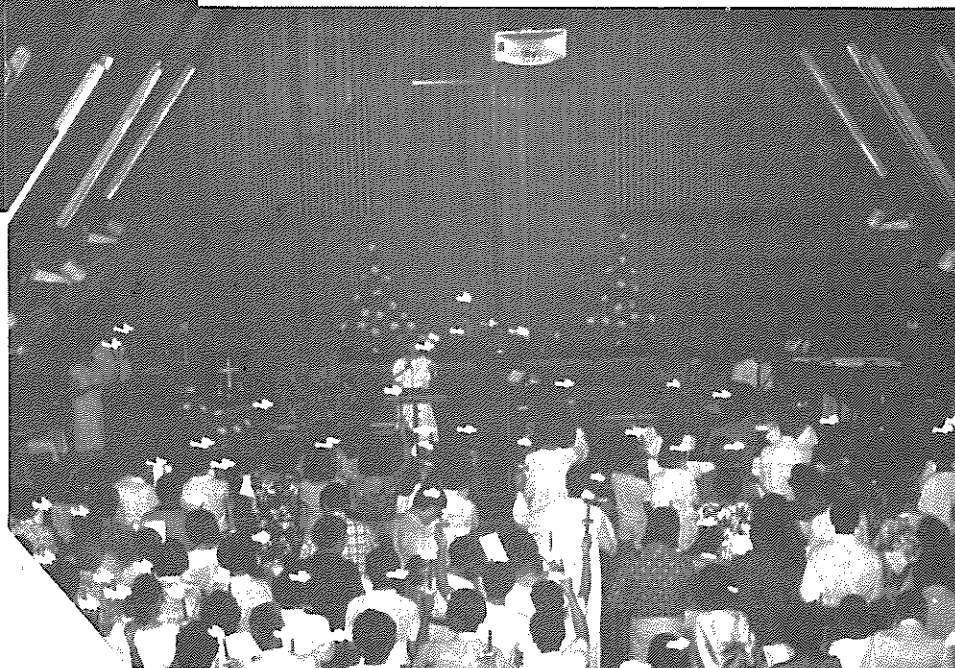
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| 8 | 18, no time to waste | JOHNSON, Margaret |
| 9 | Appointment in Jerusalem | PRINCE, Lydia |
| 10 | Born again | COLSON, Charles W |
| 11 | Tramp for the Lord | BOON, Corrie Tan |
| 12 | Which one's Cliff? | RICHARD, Cliff |



I HOPE YOUR CHRISTIANITY IS STRONG ENOUGH TO HANDLE A FLAT TIRE IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT.



CAROLS BY CANDLELIGHT



CHRISTMAS HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE



BAPTISM, CONFIRMATION OR TRANSFERS OF MEMBERSHIP FROM OTHER CHURCHES

L-R: Patricia Sim, Ann Teoh, Raymond Low, Jeyasingam Shanti, David Fonseka, Celia Chin, Henry Fonseka, Harriet Doraisingham, Thomas Tan, Daisy Vaithilingam, Karen Ho, Pastor and Avery Teo.



Families (L-R): Mr/Mrs Dennis Yong & Noelle, Mr/Mrs Andrew Goh & Isaac, Mr/Mrs Raymond Low & daughters, Jennifer and Sharon, Mrs Lawrence Lau and daughter, Carmen, Victor & Tina & Christabel Tan, Mr/Mrs Pierre Edmond Jacob and daughters, Michelle and Rachel, Mr/Mrs Oei Chooi Leng & son, Leon.

This group photo shows the infants and children baptised recently at the 10 a.m. service.



L-R: Keegan Ong, Swee Heng, Claire Chong, Patricia Sim, Joanne Chia, Joy Sim, Doris Loh, David Seow, Pastor.

Besides Joy and Doris (who are transferred from other Methodist Churches) the others were recently baptised and/or confirmed.

FAMILY NEWS

CONDOLENCES to the family of Mr & Mrs Charlie Tan on the death of her father.

SINGING IN A CHOIR COURSE begins Monday 7 March at 8.00 p.m. This 5-week course will include Basic Music Theory and singing techniques. Cost \$2 for working adults, \$1 for the rest. Please fill in the registration form below and hand it to the church office.
For more information please see the Choir Conductors, Mrs Violet Kwan and Dr Khor Tong Hong.

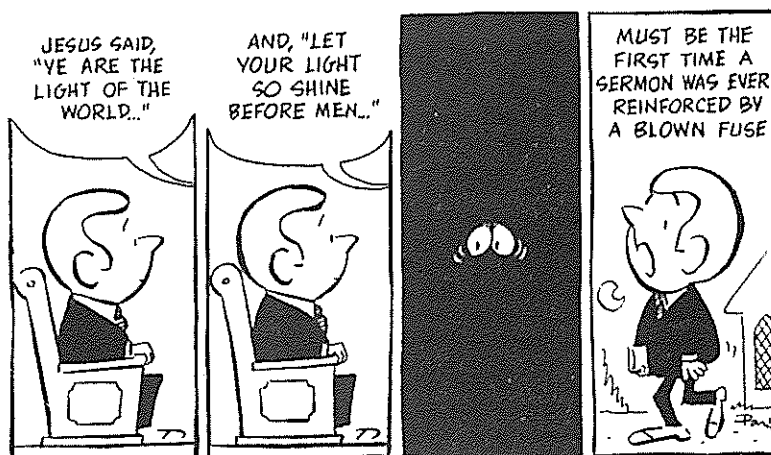
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SINGING IN A CHOIR COURSE

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JOKES

By Tal D. Bonham

Confusion

During the first day at Sunday School, the teacher informed all of the students that if anyone had to go to the restroom, he or she should raise a hand.

"How's that going to help?" asked one lad.

Jobs

She works eight hours and sleeps eight hours — her boss is firing her because they are the same eight hours.

Bravery

A missionary unexpectedly met a lion in the jungle. Not seeing any way to escape, he fell to his knees in prayer. He was comforted by seeing the lion kneeling next to him.

"Dear Brother, how delightful to join you in prayer when only a moment ago I feared for my life," the missionary said.

"Don't interrupt," said the lion, "I'm just saying grace."

Home

"Where does the good Lord live?" asked the Sunday School teacher of a little four-year-old boy in her class.

"In our bathroom," replied the youngster.

"What makes you think so?" inquired the curious teacher.

"Because," answer the boy, "every morning I hear my father shout, 'Good Lord, are you still in there!'"

Baby

An ecstatic young minister wanted to tell his parents about the new baby boy and that his wife was in good health. So he telegraphed his mother this message: "Isaiah 9:6."

Mom got the message. . . partially. She telephoned her husband at his office and said: "A telegram came. Our son's wife evidently had a boy who weighs nine pounds, " and six ounces, and they have named him Isaiah."

8. EVANGELISM

- 8.1. Continue with film-show evangelism (see page 3).
- 8.2. Bi-monthly personal witnessing.
- 8.3. Specific evangelistic programmes.
- 8.4. Guest speaker for Evangelism Sunday.
- 8.5. Andre Kole programme.
- 8.6. Further development of the Follow-up department.
- 8.7. Further training.

9. CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- 9.1. Strengthen Lay Training.
- 9.2. Promote Christian Readership.
- 9.3. Expand personnel Base and Facilities.
- 9.4. Organisation of Church Camps.

10. SUNDAY SCHOOL

- 10.1. Continued emphasis on teacher training.
- 10.2. Small groups for students and teachers.
- 10.3. Evangelism and Follow-Up for Junior/Intermediate departments.
- 10.4. Enhancing present facilities.

11. MISSIONS

- 11.1. Missions Policy to be completed.
- 11.2. Closer contacts with Church-supported missionaries.
- 11.3. Participation in TRAC Festival of Missions.
- 11.4. Training courses for missionary/full-time candidates.
- 11.5. Organise Missions Sunday.

12. WORSHIP AND MUSIC

- 12.1. Car parking problems be looked into.
- 12.2. Funding for replacing aging Church organ(s).
- 12.3. Choir recruitment for Senior and Youth Choirs.

13. SOCIAL CONCERNS

- 13.1. Reorganisation of the Committee.
- 13.2. Review of tuition programme.
- 13.3. Continuation of current activities and programmes.

14. WSCS

- 14.1. Small Group starting November 1987.
- 14.2. Increasing awareness of WSCS activities.
- 14.3. Family Retreat.
- 14.4. Drawing more housewives.
- 14.5. Implementation of the "Cry Room".

15. MYF

- 15.1. Emphasis on discipleship programmes.
- 15.2. Restructuring of small groups.
- 15.3. Increasing outreach.
- 15.4. Preparing future leadership and increasing membership.

16. SENIOR FELLOWSHIP

- 16.1. Continuing present programmes.
- 16.2. Organising special talks for senior members.

17. NURSERY

- 17.1. Registration with the Ministry of Education.
- 17.2. Two session programme up to K1.
- 17.3. Increase in staff and upgrading skills.
- 17.4. Upgrading facilities.

18. RESOURCE CENTRE

- 18.1. Support for Lay Training and Membership Classes.
- 18.2. Expansion of Cassette Ministry facilities.

19. PRAYER AND PRAISE

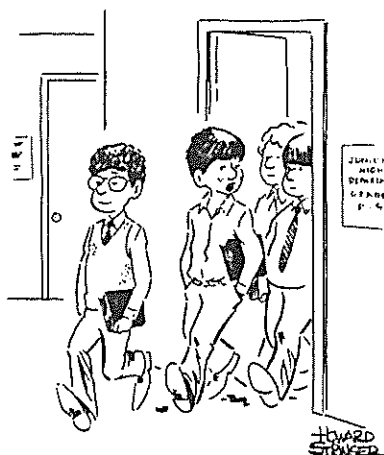
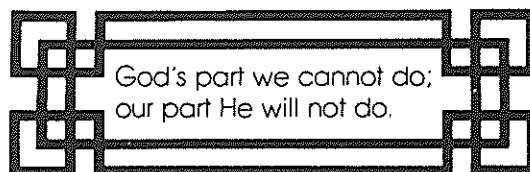
- 19.1. Continued ministry to surrounding Churches.
- 19.2. Emphasis on teaching series to continue.
- 19.3. Arrange testimonies for morning services.

20. LOCAL PREACHERS

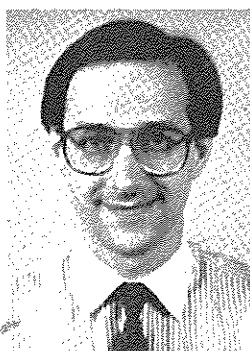
- 20.1. Quarterly meetings with Pastor for training.
- 20.2. Ministry in small groups, parish meetings. Night Services etc.

21. MISCELLANY

- 21.1. Church Clean Up Day – 2 May, 1988.
- 21.2. Beginning a Response Corner for feedback, visitation and prayer requests.



TALK ABOUT SMART—HE EVEN KNOWS WHERE TO
FIND ZEPHANIAH IN THE BIBLE



TRINITY METHODIST CHURCH
TEACHING SERIES
“MEDITATION, PRAYER, FASTING, HEALING”

by Mr Andre de Winne

Sunday 10 April 1988	Meditation
Sunday 17 April 1988	Prayer
Sunday 24 April 1988	Fasting
Sunday 1 May 1988	Healing

Time: 5.00 pm

ALL ARE WELCOME



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