

From the pastor's heart

For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord (Romans 8:38-39).

Unpleasant happenings in life are commonplace and some may choose to face them with blame or anger but I choose thanksgiving. This experience of being ill has given me three lessons. First, about God - learning to trust Him more, building a closer relationship with Him and knowing the priority He has in my life. Next, others - while interacting with other patients in the hospital I began to realize how blessed I am; I had the prayer support and care from the church and personally was able to pray with those who were seriously ill in the hospital. And lastly, myself - to reassess my life and live in a manner of readiness to give an account to God whenever. To fully appreciate that success is not about having everything, rather it's in accomplishing God's will. And failure is not about loss, even the loss of health and life, because no man, object or circumstance shall separate us from the love of Christ (Romans 8:35-37).

Dear brothers and sisters remember this: Faith is not used to explain life; faith is here to uphold life. Faith's power to render support is the reason why we can accept life instead of escaping from it.

Let us declare in the Name of our Lord that we are a people of power and refuse to be held back by past hurts and infirmities; on the contrary, we can re-establish faith, hope and love to continue running heavenward.

Rev David Koh

□ FAMILY NEWS

◆ Be On Time: Honour God

We encourage brothers and sisters to be early or at least seated in time for service at 9 am. Honouring God by being on time and teaching our children to do so is our duty. When punctual we affirm the worship leader and lessen disruption to other worshippers. Let us spur one another on to keep our appointment with God weekly by adjusting our schedules intentionally. See you by 9 am.

◆ Family Ministry

The Five Languages of Love - a 2-part DVD series on Relationships by Dr Gary Chapman

Sunday, 22 & 29 April

Time: 11.15am - 12:30pm

Venue: Room 202

It is extremely useful for those who are interested in improving their relationship with their loved ones, spouses and children. After viewing, we will follow with a short discussion or Q&A session.

◆ Rev David Koh will be on medical leave until May 8. Let us continue to uphold our Senior Pastor before God for complete healing and joy in the Lord every day.

◆ Pastor Boon Chiau and wife, Rebecca, are away in Toronto visiting family until May 4. May the Lord bless their time of rest and reunion with their loved ones.

◆ Pastor Lilian will be away in China from Apr 22 - May 3 for a teaching stint and her vacation. We bless her with God's anointing to speak His message and minister His healing upon the people.

□ COMING EVENTS

Raising Sexually Healthier Children in a World of Risk (organized by Eagles Communications)

24 May (Thu) 7.30 - 9.30 pm

Speaker: Mr Sy Rogers

Venue: Kum Yan Methodist Church (Level 6, The Living Room)

Free Admission. All are Welcome.

Becoming a Woman of Worship, Worth & Wisdom

25 May (Fri) 7.30 - 9.30 pm and 26 May (Sat) 8.30 am - 5.30 pm

Keynote Speaker: Poppy Smith

Venue: Faith Methodist Church

Fees: \$40 (register by 15 April)

Email: godivaysip@faithmc.org.sg

□ MINISTRY NEWS

◆ Children's Ministry

Worship Time: 9 am

⌘ Pre-school & Toddler's program

⌘ Children's Church

◆ Missions

a) Chee Hsiang and family - They have not been in good health. Please pray for God's protection over all of them as they lift up the Name of Jesus in their area.

1 John 4:4

You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.

b) Katherine is home for her furlough. May this be a time of rest, restoration and renewal. Pray with her as she seeks God's leading for the next phase of her ministry.

c) This is a busy period for Jo, Carol and Eileen. Pray for good health and stamina.

□ CHURCH PRAYER AGENDA

We are left with only 4 pastors in 2007. Each pastor together with the respective congregation MC members are doing their utmost to carry out the ministries' work through God's enabling. Now with Rev David Koh down, the load on the other pastors would be even heavier. When God continually does new things in KY in 2007 - the devil also tries his best to thwart what God is doing. It's urgent for all of us to daily sustain all our pastors, LCEC & MC members; and all other leaders of KY in our prayer and intercession.

1. Remember Rev David Koh; our leaders John Kong; Jimmy Leong who are afflicted by cancer. Cover each of them daily with our intercessory prayer. Declare that "the prayer offered in faith will make the sick person well; the Lord will raise him up". Thank God that His power has not diminished. Let God's glory be magnified as He heals our leaders.
2. Remember your Pastors and your leaders in prayer - verbally call out their names, thanking God for their faith and positive examples. Ask God to sustain them through life's struggles. Ask God to keep them strong; and help them to stand firm against the devil's schemes (Eph 6:10-11).
3. Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, Moses, Joshua, David, Paul - each of them had a personal encounter with God before they embarked on their great work for God. Ask God to give each of our pastors and leaders a special encounter with Him. Let each one be renewed in their love and commitment to God. Grant them fresh ideas, new leadership models which are relevant for the new work which God is doing in KY in this new season.

