

## From the pastor's heart

As we're about to bid farewell to 2006 and welcome the new 2007, I'm sure all of us have the same thought to give thanks to God for he has blessed our days accordingly with the strength and power that we needed. His grace is more than sufficient for our need, the abundance beyond imagination; let us find a quiet moment to ourselves and also with our families to express our gratitude to God.

Ephesians 5:4 in the New Testament teaches us to say words of thanks when others have done good to us, thus when we have received God's grace, we need to say thank you to Him too. When we pray, are we giving petitions or thanksgiving to God? God loves to have his children make requests, but He also loves to hear them say thank you. Words of thanks to God is prayer, Words of thanks to God said to others is a testimony.

If we have a heart of gratitude towards God but we only come to praise and worship, to offer our money and never have said words of thanks to God nor testified to others how thankful we are, do you think God would be satisfied with this kind of grateful heart? Let us come this evening at 9 pm for a time of thanksgiving sharing.

In 2007 God is going to use this New Building; to use us a New People, and to give to each of us a New Beginning so that we can face the challenges of a new era, to stretch His tent from north to south, from east to west. Let us receive the new challenge with joy for God shall continue to crown our years with His Grace. Amen.

Rev David Koh

## □ FAMILY NEWS

### ▪ Church Office Phone System

Please note that our church is operating with one call-in number: 6337-6196. The new extension numbers for the pastors and staff are shown on the back page.

## ♦ 31 Dec Thanksgiving and Watchnight Service

Congregational Sharing:

- 8.00 pm Youth – The Living Room  
9.00 pm Cantonese – Room 403  
English – Sanctuary  
Mandarin – Room 202  
Children – KYdZ Haven  
Woodlands – The Upper Room  
10.10 pm Break, Level 1 multi-purpose hall  
10.30 pm Combined Service - Sanctuary

## ♦ Church Building Fund Update

Out of the balance of \$308,000 needed to make up the \$6 m for the building construction and basic fixtures, we have received \$98,000 last Sunday. There is only a balance of \$210,000. By God's enabling – let us give generously by faith today to completely raise it. An offering envelope is enclosed for your convenience.

**If you have not brought enough today, you may fill in the "Promise" portion for the amount you have decided to give and drop the envelope into the offering bag. What you promise today will be included in today's collection for the Fund. The actual cash may be given next Sunday.**

## ♦ New price for "Every Day with Jesus" - \$4

The 2007 retail price of EDWJ has increased to \$5.90, thus it is necessary for us to make it available to you at \$4 instead of the old price of \$3.

## ♦ About this building – FYI

The naming of the worship halls is based on a Family or Home concept, hence we have:

- KYdZ HAVEN 1 & 2 – level 5  
THE LIVING ROOM – level 6

THE UPPER ROOM – level 7

The toddlers have a special place on level 4 and their rooms overlook the Sanctuary. Numbers are assigned to those rooms for classes and meetings. For example, 401 is a classroom on level 4. Similarly, 204 is a classroom on level 2.

The General Office for the church is on Level 5.

## □ COMING EVENTS

*The Transforming Power of Jesus – The Exposition of Philipians*

- *Jesus and your Expectations*
- *Jesus and your Attitudes*
- *Jesus and your Passion for Life*
- *Jesus and your Possessions*

2007 Jan 18 & 19

Time: 7.30 pm – 10.00 pm

Speaker: Dr Joseph Stowell

Venue: St Andrews Cathedral New Sanctuary

FREE ADMISSION

## □ MINISTRY NEWS

### ♦ Children's Ministry

**Worship Time: 9 am**

⌘ Pre-school

⌘ Children's Church

⌘ Toddler's Program – the little ones will be joining the pre-schoolers today.

### ♦ Missions

Pray for God's blessings upon our brothers and sisters in the field that they may be renewed in strength and purpose for the New Year. Pray God to also give them and their co-workers rest and fun-time during this festive season.

## □ CHURCH PRAYER AGENDA

Our heart is overwhelmed by God's mercy, grace and faithfulness to us as we stepped into the new sanctuary to worship Him this morning. What He has

done is beyond what we dare to expect and imagine. So let's give Him Praises and Thanksgiving which is due to Him together with one heart.

**Isaiah 25:1** O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago.

**Psalm 72:18-19** Praise be to the Lord God, the God of Israel, who alone does marvelous deeds. Praise be to his glorious name forever; may the whole earth be filled with his glory. Amen and Amen.

**Psalm 57:5** Be exalted, O God, above the heavens; let your glory be over all the earth.

**Isaiah 63:7** I will tell of the kindnesses of the Lord, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the Lord has done for us-- yes, the many good things he has done for the house of Israel, (Kum Yan) according to his compassion and many kindnesses.

**1 Chron. 29:11** Yours, O Lord, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the majesty and the splendor, for everything in heaven and earth is yours. Yours, O Lord, is the kingdom; you are exalted as head over all.

**2 Chron. 6:19-21** ..... Hear the cry and the prayer that your servant is praying in your presence. May your eyes be open toward this temple day and night, this place of which you said you would put your Name there. May you hear the prayer your servant prays toward this place. Hear the supplications of your servant and of your people Israel (Kum Yan) when they pray toward this place. Hear from heaven, your dwelling place; and when you hear, forgive.