

## EASTER SUNDAY, 8 April 2007

Chairman: Pastor Quek Boon Chiau

Praise Leader: Mr Ian Wong

Speaker: Rev Rev James Chan

Praise and Worship

Offertory

Welcome and Family News

Sermon

Benediction

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### From the pastor's heart

.... that Christ died for our sins according to the Scriptures, that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day according to the Scriptures, and that he appeared to Peter, and then to the Twelve. After that, he appeared to more than five hundred of the brothers at the same time, ... Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles, and last of all he appeared to me also, as to one abnormally born. (1 Cor. 15:3-8)

The resurrection of the Lord Jesus erased the questions of the doubting disciples; emboldened the timid ones. If there was only death, then Jesus would be no different from other great men like Confucius, Buddha and the Prophet Mohammad. The resurrection of Jesus tells us that he the Lord of Life and Death has no hold on him.

A theologian once said, "Anybody can be touched by the birth of Jesus, and during Christmas even a fool feels like he is a Christian. But Easter is the most important for if you do not believe in the Resurrection, you are not a Christian."

May we all have the resurrection life; a life of power. We can proclaim to the world "I have seen the Lord". We can say with certainty "Resurrected Lord, I thank you. I want to respond to your finished work of salvation in my life; whatever, however, wherever you ask

of me; I will obey." Let us encounter God much more and by his strength and joy live victorious lives. For the Lord wants us to become a beacon of light to the people around us, so that we may lead them to him.

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.

#### ◆ **Baptism and Dedication of Children**

We rejoice today with our brothers and sisters today as they commit themselves to Jesus Christ and this church.

##### Adult Baptism

Leong Hoe Nam

Lim Hong Huay

Florence Low

##### Children Baptism

Isabel Lee (Parents: Bernard Lee, Florence Low)

Armstrong Ng (Parents: Michael Ng, Alice Cheung)

##### Child Dedication

Hannah Khoo, Caleb Khoo (Parents: Khoo Peng Han, Stephenie Leow)

Marianne Leong (Parents: Leong Hoe Nam, Lim Hong Huay)

◆ Thank you everyone for your generosity to the brothers and sisters of Woodlands Carepoint when they had

a breakfast fund-raising last week. The amount raised was \$2,300.

#### ◆ **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 the session, we will follow with a short discussion or questions and answer session.

#### ◆ **Church Building – Facilities/ Equipment**

We did not meet our target of \$700,000 by March 31 2007. But it's OK. We all have done what we could. We will arrange for deferred payment with the suppliers. Last Sunday, you have given \$54,000. Total received now is \$371,000. Balance needed is only \$329,000. Please prayerfully continue to give sacrificially as the Lord enables you. For those who have not given your share of \$500 each, please do your best to give. Thank you for your love for God and His church.

☺ Next Sunday, there will be Spaghetti and Porridge on sale for breakfast. All proceeds will go to the Facilities/ Equipment fund.

### □ MINISTRY NEWS

#### ◆ **Children's Ministry**

**Worship Time: 9 am**

⌘ Pre-school & Toddler's program

⌘ Children's Church

#### ◆ **Missions**

Continue to lift up our brothers and sisters in the field that the joy of the Lord will be their strength. May the

resurrection power of Jesus Christ embolden them to face every difficulty with courage.

### □ CHURCH PRAYER AGENDA

After Jesus was crucified, 2 of His disciples thought that was the end of their relationship with their Master. They decided to leave the place of action, Jerusalem, to return to Emmaus, which was about 7 miles away. As they walked, they recalled all the seemingly discouraging things that happened the past few days. Both were totally discouraged, and depressed. Little did they know they have missed part of the greatest event that ever took place in the world – the Resurrection of Jesus Christ (Lk 24:13-34).

1. Thank God for sending Jesus to take our pain and death for our sin on the Cross. Through Jesus' death, we are reconciled to the Father. We have new life, and have become children of God. His Resurrection from death confirms He has power over death, and death no longer render a threat on us forever.
2. Just as the 2 disciples felt their hearts burning within them by Jesus' Word – ask God to burn away all negative things, disbelieves and fear within our hearts. Help us to put our complete trust in Jesus Christ in all situations.
3. Even in the great disappointment and discouragement of the 2 disciples, Jesus continued to walk with them though they did not sense it. Ask God to open our eyes to 'see' Jesus is with us in sunshine or in dark clouds. Give us the courage to 'Say to the mountains' that stand in our way; and not just to 'talk about the mountains' and be overwhelmed by them.

