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## Rejoice in the Lord

By Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam

“A cheerful heart  
is good medicine,  
but a crushed spirit  
dries up the bones.”

Proverbs 17:22

Joy comes from the heart. Happiness comes from happenstance and it does not last. The heart is where you hold your beliefs and confess your faith. In order for your heart to find joy, you have to have a right relationship with God. When your heart is right with God, your circumstances, whether good or bad, do not rob you of your joy. That is why the Apostle Paul says, “**Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice!**” ([Philippians 4:4](#)). You can rejoice always—even when circumstances are unfavourable.

The Psalmist points out that blessed or happy is the man that does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers ([Psalm 1:1](#)). The Bible not only emphasises the positive but also the importance of the negative—the ability to say “No”. Today, many believers are losing the power to say “No” to a walk, a position and a fellowship that is ungodly but a righteous man can choose to say “No” with God’s help.

You can choose to be joyful or you can choose otherwise. Joshua

said, “**But if serving the LORD seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your forefathers served beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD**” ([Joshua 24:15](#)). Joshua chose to serve God. It is a choice that you have to make constantly. At a crossroads, you can choose to be joyful or to walk, stand and sit with the ungodly. You are not fated to be unhappy. The choice is yours.

Paul says, “**Therefore, I urge you, brothers, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God—this is your spiritual act of worship. Do not conform any longer to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will**” ([Romans 12:1-2](#)).

Choosing joy is choosing to be godly. Here are seven steps you can take to be godly. First, confess

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# Life Groups enrich lives!

The Life Group (LG) is the best place to have our faith nurtured. Here are testimonies from two individuals who have experienced spiritual growth as a result of attending LGs.

## Veronice Wan

“ Before accepting Christ, I felt insecure. I used to be alone and had no friends to share with and talk to. I was a bad tempered person and seldom confessed my faults. I worried and struggled about changes in my life. I tried to keep my problems to myself and solve them on my own.



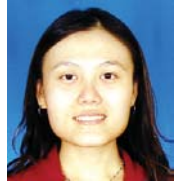
After accepting Christ, I knew there was a reason that God chose that moment to come into my life. It was because He wanted to walk with me during my saddest moments. I started to attend the Ladies' LG at Old Klang Road. Since I accepted Christ, the LG members extended their friendship that I never had before. Their concern, care and encouragement have helped me greatly.

God knows all my needs. When I was down, God used the LG leader and members to talk to me and I learnt from their experience. Sharing testimonies in the LG really encourages my faith in Christ. I now accept changes in my life with minimal struggle as I know that with God, I should not worry. I now understand that everything happens for a purpose. I have learned to depend on God and pray together with the sisters in the LG.

God is really a prayer-answering God. I thank Him for His grace, love and mercy! I know I am not alone and Jesus (and the LG) is always there for me. ”

## Wee Lin San

“ Before I accepted Christ, I used to be someone who was quite shy to mix around with others. Most of the time, I would be at home after I returned from office. Life was indeed boring and my circle of friends was very small.



In early March last year, a friend of mine invited me to join her LG. At the LG meeting, I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Saviour and Lord. My life has been transformed since then. I have come to know many helpful friends through the LG. During our LG meetings, we pray for one another, share testimonies and encourage one another. As a result, I am growing spiritually and am now more open to others.

I have also started to learn how to serve in ministry. Whenever there is someone who feels discouraged, our leaders and members will immediately pray and give support to her. I am touched by the warmth of their friendship.

When I have difficulties in Bible reading, my LG members very willingly guide and help me. I also receive the answers to my prayers as my LG members pray along with me. I enjoy their fellowship and appreciate their advice very much. Life has certainly become more meaningful. I love God and my LG. ”

**Join a Life Group today! You will be blessed.**

For more information, please call the Pastoral Care Department at 03-7728 6000 ext. 307/308

## Calvary Convention Centre (CCC)

# The first Nehemiah Prayer Walk

By Assistant Pastor Seah Lee Peng

The Nehemiah Prayer Walk was launched at the Revival Encounter meetings held from 11 to 13 January 2006 (Please refer to page eight). On Saturday, 21 January 2006, 46 came for a briefing at Antioch bungalow before proceeding to the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) site.

They were divided into seven groups; five groups prayed at the site while two groups went on a prayer drive around the vicinity. They later convened at the park near the site where they shared what the Lord had impressed upon their hearts during the time of prayer; how CCC can be used as God's vehicle to fulfil the Great Commission and how we can join our hands to make CCC a reality. They were challenged to seek the Lord concerning how they, individually, can be further involved in the task of building the CCC. Praise God for good weather and for protection against mosquitoes!

Please call the Calvary Prayer Tower (03-2092 1778) for more information on future Nehemiah Prayer Walks. ”





# CW children commissioned

Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam (right) leading the congregation to pray for the children



Sunday, 8 January 2006, was a day to remember for 62 Carpenter's Workshop children. At the 10.30am Worship Service at Damansara Heights, they were officially commissioned to attend the adult Worship Services at their respective Church locations.

They pledged their commitment to the Lord by joining the adults in worship, prayer, communion, giving and evangelism.



The adults readily welcomed them in response!

Joanna Ka-Yi Bux sharing her testimony



The children presenting a song entitled, "Testify To Love"



The dancers conclude their dance to great applause

## Water Baptism

# Twenty-seven baptised in water!

Praise the Lord for the 27 individuals who followed the Lord in water baptism on 18 December 2005!

By their obedience, they declared their faith and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ as their Saviour, Lord and Master.



Left to Right

Front Row: Paul Liew Tek Vui; Hannah Xavier; David Ranil Nyanapragasam; Rebecca Mooi Khooi Wern; Esther Wong Joon Mei; Wesley Wong Wern Han; Isaac Gan-Selvam; Wendy Teh Ah Kiat; Lim Tian Wen;

2nd Row: Kenny Ng Chee Yong; Glenn Teh Kean Tsing; Phoebe Low Sook Hong; Veronice Wan Sok Wai; Elaine M. Requiom; Marilou M. Millos; Rhodora L. Telan; Mark Loon Chee Yen; Eddy Ng Cheng Han;

3rd Row: Lim Jinq Wen; Joshua Tan Wai Kiat; Kurtwin Low Tsu Jin; Michael Loon Chee Yon; Chan Sze Rong; Daniel Tan Wai Meng;

Not in picture: Mah Sook Mei; Mah Sook Fun; Elijah s/o Elangoven



# Bersukacita di dalam Tuhan

Oleh: Pendita Senior Prince Guneratnam

“Hati yang gembira  
adalah ubat yang manjur,  
tetapi semangat yang patah  
mengeringkan tulang.”

Amsal 17:22

Sukacita timbul daripada hati. Kegembiraan timbul daripada kejadian dan ia tidak berpanjangan. Hatilah tempat di mana kamu memegang kepercayaan dan iman kamu. Kamu harus mempunyai hubungan yang betul dengan Tuhan supaya hati kamu mengalami sukacita. Apabila kamu mempunyai hubungan yang baik dengan Tuhan, maka, apa jua keadaan, baik ataupun buruk, sukacita kamu tidak akan dirampas. Oleh sebab itu, Paulus berkata **“Bersukacitalah senantiasa dalam Tuhan! Sekali lagi ku katakan: Bersukacitalah!”** (Filipi 4:4) Kamu boleh bersukacita – walaupun situasi tidak baik.

Pemazmur menunjukkan orang yang berbahagia tidak berjalan menurut nasihat orang fasik, yang tidak berdiri di jalan orang berdosa, dan yang tidak duduk dalam kumpulan pencemooh (Mazmur 1:1). Alkitab bukan sahaja menekankan yang positif, tetapi juga memberi keutamaan kepada apa yang negatif – iaitu kebolehan untuk berkata, “Tidak”. Hari ini, ramai pengikut Yesus kehilangan keupayaan untuk berkata “Tidak” kepada cara, kedudukan dan persaudaraan yang tidak benar, tetapi orang yang benar boleh berkata “Tidak” dengan bantuan Tuhan.

Kamu boleh memilih untuk bersukacita atau sebaliknya. Yosua berkata – “Jika kamu enggan berbakti kepadaNya, tentukanlah sekarang, kepada siapa kamu hendak berbakti, dewa-dewa yang disembah nenek-moyang kamu di masa kamu di Mesopotamia, atau dewa-dewa orang Amor di negeri

yang kamu tinggal sekarang. Sedangkan bagiku dan keluargaku, kami hendak berbakti kepada Tuhan” (Yosua 24:15). Yosua memilih untuk melayani Tuhan. Ini adalah pilihan yang kamu mesti senantiasa memilih. Dalam keadaan yang susah, kamu boleh memilih untuk bersukacita atau memilih untuk bersama dengan orang fasik. Kamu tidak ditakdirkan muram. Pilihan ada dalam tangan kamu. Paulus berkata, **“Sebab segala rahmat Tuhan kepada kita, hai saudara-saudaraku, maka aku memohon kepada kamu semua: persembahkanlah dirimu sebagai korban yang hidup kepada Tuhan, terserah untuk melayani Dia dan juga berkenan kepada-Nya, inilah ibadat yang sebenarnya yang harus kamu sembahkan. Janganlah menurut teladan dunia ini, tetapi biarlah batin kamu diperbaharui Tuhan dan fikiran kamu diubah. Baharulah kamu dapat mengetahui kehendak Tuhan – iaitu**

**apa yang baik dan berkenan kepadaNya, serta sempurna”** (Roma 12:1-2).

Memilih sukacita ialah memilih untuk diperkenankan Tuhan. Disini ada tujuh langkah dimana kamu boleh turut menjadi orang benar. Pertama, akuilah Yesus Kristus sebagai Juruselamat dan Tuhan kamu. Kedua, datang ke gereja selalu. Alkitab berkata, **“Janganlah kita berhentikan kebiasaan kita berkumpul bersama-sama, sebagaimana dengan sebahagian saudara-saudara itu. Sebaliknya biarlah kita lebih lagi menggalakkan satu sama lain, sebab kita tahu bahawa Hari Tuhan, hari bila Dia akan datang lagi itu, telah dekat”** (Ibrani 10:25). Ketiga, sentiasa berdoa. Langsung tidak berdoa adalah dosa. Yesus berkata, “Apabila kamu berdoa” dan bukan “Jika kamu berdoa”. Keempat, sentiasa baca Alkitab. Ambil masa untuk belajar Alkitab secara sistematik. Kelima, layanilah



Tuhan dengan hati kelegaan. Keenam, bawalah persepuluhanmu, kepunyaan Tuhan, dan persembahkanmu kepada rumahnya. Ketujuh, bercakap tentang Tuhan. Kamu adalah saksiNya.

Orang yang benar bagaikan sebatang pokok. Pemazmur berkata **“Orang itu umpama pokok yang tumbuh di tepi anak sungai; ia berbuah pada waktunya, dan daun-daunnya tidak kering. Dia berjaya dalam segala perbuatannya”** (Mazmur 1:3). Nabi Yesaya berkata, **“Supaya aku memberikan kepada mereka yang berkabung di Sion, kesukaan dan kegembiraan, bukan dukacita; mazmur, dan bukan tangisan. Mereka akan menjadi seperti pokok yang ditanam oleh Tuhan sendiri. Mereka semua akan melakukan apa yang benar, dan Tuhan akan dipuji kerana perbuatannya”** (Yesaya 61:3). Yesus berkata, **“Akulah pokok anggur, dan kamulah cabang-cabangnya”** (Yohanes 15:5). Orang benar, yang dilahirkan kembali mempunyai perhubungan rohani dengan Yesus. Dia adalah benar, keutamaan dan nilai-nilainya berbeza dengan dunia. Dia tidak seperti hampas yang boleh ditiup angin.

Pemazmur berkata bahawa orang yang benar adalah seperti pohon yang ditanam di tepi aliran air. Sama seperti kita ditanam oleh Tuhan. Adakah kamu ditempatkan di mana Tuhan inginkan? Di mana kamu berada adalah rencana kekekalan. Jika Tuhan telah menanamkan kamu di sini, samada dalam gereja, pekerjaan atau memberi kamu pasangan, jadi, tinggallah, bertumbuhlah dan menjadi matang dan melayani di mana Ia telah menanamkan kamu. Tumbuhan yang kerap dipindah-pindahkan adalah lemah dan mudah dimusnahkan ribut. Yakni, apa jua alasannya, sesiapa yang membuat diri mereka berakar, dan meninggalkan tempat di mana mereka ditanam, melemahkan diri sendiri apabila menghadapi pencubaan dan ujian-ujian yang datang. Mereka mudah jatuh atau kembali hidup lama. Dan mereka akan dibinasakan, sebab begitulah

cara iblis bekerja. Ini bukan sahaja terjadi di gereja tetapi juga di tempat di mana kamu bekerja. Kamu mungkin menghadapi kesukaran dengan majikan. Jika Tuhan menanam kamu di sana, bertetaplah. Tuhan mempunyai kasih karunia untuk menolongmu atau kamu mempunyai pasangan yang tidak seiman. Tinggallah dengan pasanganmu kerana kamu membawa keselamatan kepada pasanganmu itu. (1 Korintus 7:14). Tuhan sanggup memberi kamu kekuatan supaya kamu boleh bangkit dan hidup dalam kemenangan di mana Dia telah menanamkan kamu.

Pokok yang ditanam Tuhan akan menghasilkan buah-buah pada musimnya. Sebagai pohon yang benar, kamu juga akan menghasilkan buah-buah-sikap yang baik dan fikiran-fikiran yang indah. Kamu akan menjadi kesenangan kepada orang sekelilingmu dan membuat orang lain tertarik dengan buah yang kamu hasilkan. Sama seperti se pohon pokok yang tidak memakan buahnya sendiri, kamu menghasilkan buah untuk memberkati orang lain.


Daun-daun pokok itu tidak layu. Ini berbicara tentang keberhasilan. Keberhasilan tidak terhad kepada kewangan sahaja. Dengan Tuhan, kamu boleh berhasil walaupun kamu mempunyai sedikit dari segi pandangan dunia. Walau bagaimanapun, ini tidak bermakna bahawa kamu tidak akan berhasil dari segi kewangan.

Alkitab berkata, **“Sebab Tuhan mengenal jalan orang benar tetapi jalan orang fasik menuju kebinasaan”** (Mazmur 1:6). Itulah sebabnya Pemazmur katakan dia berbahagia. Jika kamu mempunyai Tuhan, kamu mempunyai jaminan yang terbaik. Dia akan menjagamu lebih baik dibanding dengan polisi insuran di dunia. Tuhan adalah setia.

Seorang yang benar boleh jatuh dalam dosa tetapi ia tidak terjadi sekelip mata. Orang benar tidak tiba-tiba menjadi orang fasik. Ia terjadi beransur-ansur. Jika kamu berfoya-foya dengan dunia, kamu

akan kehilangan persekutuan dengan Yesus. Alkitab katakan ini adalah perzinahan rohani. Ia bermula dengan perjalanan kita. Bila kamu berjalan dengan nasihat orang fasik, kamu akan terdedah dengan pemikiran duniawi di mana ia bertentangan dengan Tuhan. Keinginan mata, keinginan kedagingan dan kesombongan hidup tidak dapat meyenangkan Tuhan. Jika kamu berjalan dengan orang fasik, lama-kelamaan, kamu berdiri dengan mereka, mengambil tempat orang fasik. Pada mulanya, keutamaanmu adalah mencari Tuhan dan melakukan kehendakNya tetapi lama-kelamaan, keutamaanmu akan berubah. Secara perlahan-lahan kamu mempersoalkan mandat Tuhan kepada gereja dan lambat laun, kamu berhenti menginjili, memberi dan melayani.

Kamu mula berkompromi dan menjadi selesa bersekutu dengan orang fasik. Rohmu menjadi kritikal. Dulunya, kamu di pihak Tuhan melakukan pekerjaannya dan bersukacita dalam keselamatan dan jamahannya di dalam hidupmu. Tetapi kini, kamu mempersoalkan setiap gerak-geri gereja dengan roh syak wasangka. Ini tidak berlaku sekelip mata. Ini terjadi secara beransur-ansur. Dia berjalan, berdiri dan akhirnya duduk dengan orang fasik. Pemazmur katakan bahawa jalan orang fasik adalah jalan sehalu yang menuju ke neraka. **“Sebab itu, orang fasik tidak akan tahan dalam penghakiman, begitu pula orang berdosa dalam perkumpulan orang benar”** (Mazmur 1:5).

Kamu boleh memilih untuk bersukacita menjadi orang benar dengan berkata “Tidak” kepada nasihat orang fasik. Pilihan ada di dalam tanganmu. Bersukacitalah di dalam Tuhan. 

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# Revival Encounter

## Rise, let us go!

By Bernice Narayanan

“Rise, Let Us Go”, Calvary Church’s theme for 2006, was echoed loudly and clearly during the three nights of our Revival Encounter from 11 to 13 January 2006 by the speaker, Rev. Dwain Jones.

Testimonies that focused on personal spiritual revival were shared by Lim Chune Sin and Jeannie Low. Quek Lee Siu, Iris Ong and Benjamin Toh respectively shared how God did something fresh, inspiring and exciting in their neighbourhood, workplace and school.

Each night, those who came were revived, inspired, strengthened and empowered by these testimonies, the special songs presented and the messages shared.

The Nehemiah Prayer Walk was launched. Prior to the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem, Nehemiah prayerfully went to survey the situation and to ascertain the work to be done. He then mobilised the people to accomplish the task at hand (Nehemiah 2:11-18). Similarly, through prayer walks, we pray that God will open our eyes to see the great potential of the Calvary Convention Centre (CCC) being a visible and great witness for Christ in the community,

nation and beyond. And more importantly, like Nehemiah, may we be propelled to action and put our hands together to the task of building the CCC. On all three nights, Jeannie Friis, the Chairperson of the Prayer Committee, who introduced the Nehemiah Prayer Walk, encouraged Calvarities to participate in prayer walks and prayer drives that will be organised during the year (Please refer to page four for the report on the first Nehemiah Prayer Walk).

*Singing with actions, “Strongholds come tumbling down and down and down...” on Friday night when the children joined their parents during the Worship session before adjourning to their own programme*



From left: The Youth Choir; the Sanctuary Choir; KidsCAT

### 11 January | “What are you doing with the Bread you are receiving?”

Taking the miracle of the five loaves and two fish from John 6 as his text, Rev. Jones who is Ministry Representative of Mission of Mercy, drew parallels from it. First, the boy gave what little he had to the Lord. When we willingly give what little we have to the Lord, it is amazing what He can do with it. Secondly, Jesus asked the disciples to make them sit in rows as the

aisles made it easier to get the food to them. Each of us, he said, had an aisle of responsibility to take the Bread of Life to others. Thirdly, Jesus wanted the disciples to gather the fragments and feed those who were not there. Jesus is the Bread of Life. We are His delivery people. What are we doing with the Bread that we have received?



The congregation responding to the challenge to take the Bread of Life to others

### 12 January | “Do you love Jesus more than normal?”



Responding at the altar

“John 3:16 should be our vision, purpose and passion,” Rev. Jones stated. He emphasised that the whole purpose of the whole church is to bring the whole Gospel to the whole world. There will be a thousand and one reasons to discourage us from doing the will of God, failing God being at the top of the list. He shared his personal missionary experience of how there were many difficulties and setbacks to the point that he felt he had failed God. Yet God brought about much fruit through his labour. The only reason that he continued to serve God and to love souls was because he loves God more than normal. Rev. Jones threw us a thought-

provoking question. Can our “neighbours” describe us as people who love Jesus more than normal?

Inspiring us further, Rev. Jones said that in Philippians 4:17, the money given towards the winning of souls, as in our Faith Promise giving, will be credited to our heavenly account. Making the difference in someone’s life should be done with much joy and anticipation. Every prayer we pray, every sacrifice we make is recorded. We should not judge tomorrow by what happens today and by keeping our trust in Him, we will be duly rewarded by our Lord.

### 13 January | “Please don’t forget us.”

“God has got a purpose, a place, a work for each of us to bring the Bread,” said Rev. Jones. He takes us as we are and shows what His plans and purposes are. His power enables each man, woman and child in the family of God to rise from being “nobodies” to “somebodies” for His kingdom.

We need to be in tune with God and hear the cries of wayward children, see the men and women in drugs and diseased and those praying to dead

gods. We are to answer their heart-rending cries of “Please don’t forget us.” We must not underestimate the power of God to save souls (Romans 1:16). The power of Jesus Christ causes men and women to make sacrifices and to give like never before; to declare that Jesus is the Way, Truth and Life; and to take Him to those who so desperately need Him.

Will we heed the cries of “Please don’t forget us” and rise with passion and fervour to fulfil the Great Commission?



Above: Families praying for each other; Below: Rev. Dwain Jones leading the people to face the north, south, east and west to pray for revival in our land



# Children's Revival

By Audrey Kum

11 January | Rise and Eat

From 11 to 13 January 2006, the kids aged four to 12 had their own Revival meetings. Like the adults, they focused on spiritual growth, "Rise and Eat"; being a light in their school and neighbourhood, "Rise and Shine" and on loving their families, "Rise and Love".

The children aged seven to 12 had Pastor Choo Ooi Lin as their speaker. Using creative activities, she encouraged the children to grow spiritually, to witness for Jesus and to apply God's principles in their homes. The kids aged four to six had an equally exciting and creative programme nightly. Praise God for the teachers and helpers who faithfully helped the kids to learn these biblical truths during the three nights! 🙌



Pastor Choo Ooi Lin



12 January | Rise and Shine



13 January | Rise and Love





# Reach for the maximum!

By Kenny Cheah

One hundred and four men gathered together at 7.30am on Saturday, 14 January 2006, to hear Rev. Dwain Jones pose a challenge to the men not to be content with just being average but to reach for the maximum and to excel.

The tragedy is that only two percent of men have achieved more than the norm and become more than overcomers (according to American statistics). Rev. Jones suggested three things for us to consider in order to excel:

- 1 Be a conscientious evaluator;
- 2 Make correct choices; and
- 3 Make a total commitment

With these guiding principles, we would become:

- 1 Men of courage;
- 2 Men with a backbone;
- 3 Men willing to sacrifice; and
- 4 Men who lead by example for His Kingdom's sake.

The meeting concluded with a lovely breakfast of local food, much to the approval of all especially Rev. Jones who loves Chinese food! 🙏



Clockwise: Rev. Dwain Jones praying for the men at the altar; Men praying for one another; Fellowship over breakfast

## Youth Revival Encounter

# Stand up for God whatever it takes

By Adrian Lee

It was an exciting day for the youth on Saturday, 14 January 2006. Many had come in anticipation to hear what God had to say through Rev. Dwain Jones. He had told many exciting stories during the past three nights of Revival meetings and the youth could not wait to hear more about his life's experiences all over the world.

The meeting began with an exuberant time of worship led by Serene Yeoh. God's presence was in our midst as He reminded us of His great love for us.

Rev. Dwain Jones shared a powerful message of challenge to the young people to do whatever was necessary to reach their friends for Christ. Quoting from Luke 24:46 in the King James version he implored the young people to

stand up for God and to do what it takes so that others can experience the love of God. He told the moving story of Rachel Scott, a victim of the Columbine shooting, who refused to deny Christ despite being threatened at gun point and as a result died for her faith. He told of how her sacrifice had literally brought thousands of people to Christ as her funeral was aired on national television.

It was an awesome sight to behold as the altar was flooded with young people making a strong declaration to follow in Rachel's example, a commitment to stand up for God and to do whatever was necessary to touch their generation for Jesus. Nineteen young people also stepped forward to confirm their call to full-time ministry. It was definitely a turning point for many that day. All glory be to God. 🙏



Rev. Dwain Jones challenging the youth



The youth responding at the altar



# “Sing to the Darkness”

By Bernice Narayanan

“Faith Promise giving is giving with faith being involved,” said Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam. Faith is dynamic because it touches our mind, our intellect, giving us the understanding. It touches our soul where our emotions are. And it touches our will. James says that faith without works is dead. Therefore, Faith Promise giving is in accordance with biblical principles as it causes our will to be involved with our intellect and emotions.

Faith Promise giving is also our personal investment in our own harvest. God is using us in Calvary Church to give towards missions challenges as well as to our own Calvary Convention Centre where we will without a doubt see an even greater harvest of souls for the Kingdom of God.

Rev. Dwain Jones, our speaker, confirmed Senior Pastor’s opening statements. He said a church without missions at heart has no reason to exist. He added that what we give will determine where others will spend eternity for there will be many who may not have the opportunity to have the Gospel preached to them for the lack of the missionary dollar. If we determine to be obedient to Jesus’ Great Commission



Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam leading in prayer for the Faith Promise partners

(Matthew 28:19-20) to us, we will be in a place where God will do the supernatural in our lives and do miracles through us that will be totally unbelievable.

We are to sing to the darkness that “Jesus saves. Jesus saves.” The Church of Jesus Christ is the physical evidence that Jesus lives. Our missionary dollar will sing to the darkness. Our singing will bring hope, deliverance and healing.

“Perhaps to some,” Rev. Jones said, “missions is boring.” But how can it be boring if we get excited over the things the Master is excited about! Giving is a sign that we have overcome greed. Since our God is bigger than all other gods, our singing to the darkness will certainly reap a harvest of souls, of healings, of deliverances, of restorations...the list is endless. To do

nothing is basically telling the lost we are not bothered if they go to heaven or hell and even insulting our Church whose heartbeat is fulfilling the Great Commission.

By exercising faith and doing our best to give to missions, we are telling someone who is a “nobody” that Jesus can make him into a “somebody”. We have that opportunity to make the difference.

Our Mission Director, Associate Pastor Peter Ong clearly sums up our involvement in Faith Promise Giving: Calvarities are Called of the Lord; Commissioned by the Lord; Blessed of the Lord and Empowered by the Lord.

We thank God for those who pledged to be faith Promise partners from January to June 2006. 🙏

## Carpenter’s Workshop

# Never too young to give to missions!



Above: Praying before making the promise



Above: The younger kids with their coin boxes

Every kid received their own “Missions Kidz” newsletter

Praise God for the children who became Faith Promise partners! 🙏



Joseph Lee, Administrator of Calvaryland, receiving the cheque from HeART Club



## Buddies needed at HeART Club!

By Samantha Siau

**HeART Club is an outreach service of Calvary Life Ministries (CLM) that ministers to children with special needs and learning difficulties. The club began in January 2005 and meetings are held on every third Saturday of the month at the Bethel bungalow. The aim of the Club is to befriend special children and their families and be a blessing to them.**

A HeART Club meeting is a time of fun for the children. Each child is partnered with a friend they call their buddy. Together the children and their buddies take part in creative activities such as drawing, acting and dancing. They also sing songs and listen to stories. We believe these activities would expose their strengths and talents, encourage self-expression as well as help them feel loved in their interactions with the buddies. To build the children's self-esteem and to teach them values such as gratitude and sharing, HeART Club provides opportunities for them to participate in projects that contribute back to the society.

Among the highlights of 2005 were the drama workshops conducted by

famed stage performer, Pearly Chua and the art workshops by Wairah Marzuki, of the National Art Gallery, whose daughter is also a member of HeART Club.

One of the long-term goals of HeART Club, is to contribute back to society by establishing a home for special children in Calvaryland. Through fund raising projects, HeART Club raised a whopping RM100,000, RM80,000 of which came from the Arts for Life Campaign sponsored by GUESS Kids, while the rest were proceeds from bazaars and the sale of Christmas Cards featuring the children's artwork.

Running concurrently with HeART Club is HeART Club Plus, a support

group that allows parents and caregivers to share their burdens and to encourage one another. For the two hours that their children are having fun, parents come together to talk, laugh, share resources and stories with one another.

It is truly amazing how God has blessed HeART Club in the past year, and how much the kids can accomplish when given the avenues to do so.

Is there room in your heart for these exceptional children who face extraordinary challenges? We have children on our waiting list who would love to join once we can partner them with a buddy. Come and be a volunteer buddy at HeART Club. 🙏

Listening to a story



Engaging in a creative activity



HeART Club Plus in session

**Our next volunteers' training is on 20 May 2006.**

Contact Karen at [heartclub@clm.org.my](mailto:heartclub@clm.org.my) or you can call Jeannie at 03-7710 3360 for more information.



# March

## Chinese Fellowship

Sunday 5pm

- 26** Speaker: Associate Pastor Timothy Ong  
Venue: Bethel Hall
- \* *Bring your Chinese-speaking family and friends. They will enjoy the warm fellowship and food. Call Peng Peng at 03-7727 3948 ext. 323 for more information.*

## Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: Getting Plugged In

- 4** Are You a Lone Ranger?
- 11** Cultivating Community
- 18** What Is the Most Important Thing?
- 25** Youth Celebration

## College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: "The College Student Ponders..."

- 4** Same Sex Marriages—Accepted?
- 11** Chastity—Outdated virtue?
- 18** Pornography—Harmless pursuit?
- 25** Youth Celebration

## Bahasa Malaysia Fellowship

Sunday 12.30pm

- 26** Speaker: Assistant Pastor David Seah  
Venue: Bethel Hall

12-18 March 2006

## Prayer Emphasis Week

### Pray...God is Faithful

Luke 18:1

# April

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Sunday 5pm

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Venue: Bethel Hall
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## Christ's Ambassadors

Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: Ready, Aim, Serve!

- 1** How Real Servants Act
- 8** Easter Tracting
- 15** Combined with Easter Presentation
- 22** Accepting Your Assignment
- 29** Youth Celebration

## College Students' Ministry

Saturday 2.30pm

### Theme: "The College Student Continues to Ponder..."

- 1** Yoga and Martial Arts—Exercise or otherwise?
- 8** Feng Shui—Orientation for success?
- 15** Combined with Easter Presentation
- 22** Alternative Medicine—Viable option?
- 29** Youth Celebration

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## WATER BAPTISM & MEMBERSHIP

### Water Baptism/Membership Class

Saturday | **22 April 2006** | 2.00pm

### Water Baptism Service

Sunday | **23 April 2006** | 5pm

### Closing Date for submission of forms:

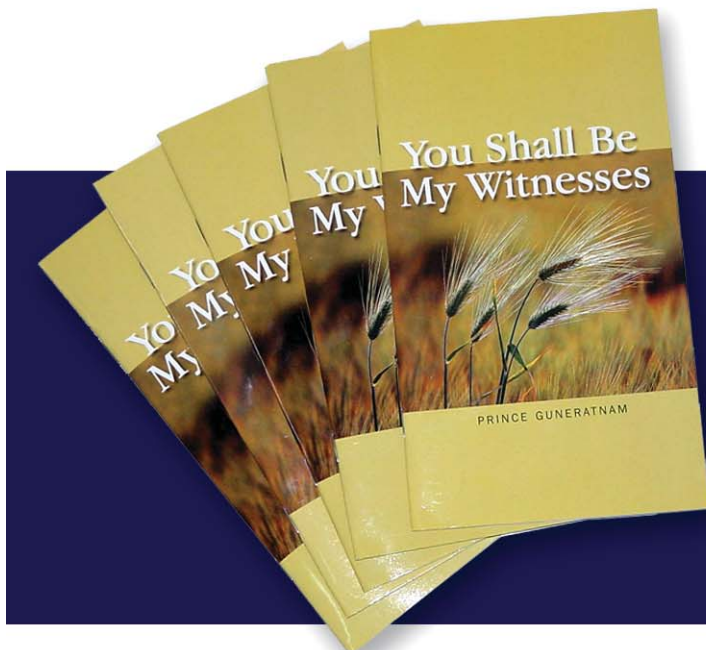
Sunday | **5 March 2006**

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Damansara Heights (DH) 8am • 10.30am		Ampang/(DH) 10.30am 5pm	Cheras 9am	Damansara Perdana 10.30am
	<b>5</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Richard Yun/ Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	<i>Communion</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong
	<b>12</b> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
	<b>19</b> Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam/ Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong
	<b>26</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam	Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam
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<b>9</b> Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun
<b>16</b>	<b>Easter Combined Worship Service at 10am</b> Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam			
<b>23</b> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	<i>Water Baptism</i> Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Timothy Ong	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Steven Kum
<b>30</b> Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Richard Yun	Associate Pastor Steven Kum	Associate Pastor Peter Ong	Associate Pastor Peter Ong
<b>APRIL</b>				

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Jesus Christ as your Saviour and Lord. Second, attend Church regularly. The Bible says, **“Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching”** (Hebrews 10:25).

Third, be faithful in your prayer life. Prayerlessness is a sin. Jesus says, “When you pray” and not “If you pray.” Fourth, delight yourself in the Word of the Lord, day and night. Make time to study the Bible systematically. Fifth, serve the Lord with gladness. Sixth, bring your tithes, which is the Lord’s and your offerings to His house. Seventh, speak about the Lord. You are His witness.

A godly man is like a tree. The Psalmist says, **“He is like a tree planted by streams of water, which yields its fruit in season and whose leaf does not wither. Whatever he does prospers”** (Psalm 1:3). The prophet Isaiah says, **“To appoint unto them that mourn in Zion, to give unto them beauty for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the LORD, that he might be glorified”** (Isaiah 61:3, KJV). Jesus says, “I am the vine; you are the branches” (John 15:5). The godly, born-again man has a supernatural relationship with Jesus. He is righteous and his priorities and values are different from the world. He is not like the chaff that the wind blows away.

The Psalmist says that the godly man is like a tree that is planted by the streams of water. Similarly, we are planted by the Lord. Are you in the place that God placed you? You are where you are by divine appointment. If God has planted you here, whether in a church, job or given you a spouse then stay, grow or mature and serve where He planted you. Plants that are transplanted again and again are weak and can be easily destroyed in a storm. Similarly, those, for whatever reasons they may have, who up-root themselves and leave

where they were planted, weaken themselves when temptations and trials come their way. They easily fall or backslide and are destroyed for this is the way of the Devil. This is not only true within the Church but also in the place where you work. You may face difficulties with your

## Rejoice in the Lord



employer. If the Lord planted you there, stay. God has the grace to help you. Or you may have an unbelieving spouse. Stay with your spouse for you bring salvation to that spouse (1 Corinthians 7:14). God is able to give you the strength so that you may rise above and live in victory where He has planted you.

The tree planted by the Lord will yield fruits in season. As a righteous tree, you will also produce fruits—fruits of good attitudes and a beautiful disposition. You will be a delight to those around you and they will be encouraged by the fruit you bear. Just as a tree does not eat its own fruit, you will bear fruit to bless others.

The leaves of the tree do not wither. This speaks of prosperity. Prosperity is not limited to finances. With God, you can be prosperous even if you have little by the world’s standards. However, that does not mean that you cannot prosper financially.

The Bible says, **“For the LORD watches over the way of the**

**righteous, but the way of the wicked will perish”** (Psalm 1:6).

That is why the Psalmist calls him blessed. If you have God, you have the best insurance. He will take care of you far better than any earthly insurance policy. God is faithful.

A godly man can fall into sin but he does not do so overnight. A blessed man does not suddenly become a wicked man. There is a progression. If you flirt with the world, you will lose your relationship with Jesus. The Bible calls this spiritual adultery. It starts with your walk. When you walk in the

counsel of the ungodly, you will be exposed to the philosophies of the world which is enmity with God. The lust of the eye, the lust of the flesh and the pride of life cannot please God. If you walk with the ungodly, you will soon stand with them, taking the position of the unrighteous. Once, your priority was to seek God and to do His will but soon, your priorities will be changed. Slowly, you question the mandate that God gave the Church and then you stop evangelising, giving and serving.

You begin to compromise and soon you will be so comfortable that you sit in fellowship with the ungodly. Your spirit becomes critical. Once, you were for what God was doing and rejoiced in His salvation and touch upon your life. But now, you scrutinise everything the Church does with a suspicious spirit. All this does not happen overnight. This is the progression of the transgressor. He walks, stands and finally sits with the ungodly. The Psalmist says the way of the ungodly is a one-way street that leads to hell. “Therefore the wicked will not stand in the judgment, nor sinners in the assembly of the righteous” (Psalm 1:5).

You can choose to be joyful by being godly and saying “No” to the counsel of the ungodly. The choice is yours. Rejoice in the Lord! 🙌

*All Bible quotations are from the New International Version unless otherwise indicated.*



# Undivided

By Michelle Wong

For four days and three nights, 274 youths and leaders gathered up in Fraser's Hill for the annual Calvary Youth Camp. The youths were privileged to have our very own Senior Pastor Prince Guneratnam to speak at the camp. Themed 'Undivided', it was indeed a camp where hearts were turned back to God and lives were touched, refreshed and sent forth.

On the first night itself, God's presence was manifested evidently in the service. Many of the youths were moved and touched by the Holy Spirit as they heard Senior Pastor tell his life's story and the remarkable experiences he went through as a young teenager to the time where he became the Senior Pastor of Calvary Church. The young people were awestruck as he spoke of a time where he saw a vision of Jesus and became temporarily blinded. You could say that He had everyone's "undivided" attention! The message was clear. God can use your life in extraordinary ways if you are prepared to submit yourself completely to His will.

During the morning sessions, Senior Pastor taught from the book of

Esther, explaining how we can live a victorious Christian life by allowing the Holy Spirit to be at the centre of our lives. He pointed out that we can choose to either listen to the voice of our own self, represented by Haman or listen to the voice of the Holy Spirit, represented by Mordecai. Workshops were also conducted after the morning sessions, where issues like "Discovering Your Purpose" and

"Building Relationships" were addressed. Games and activities were planned out for the youths and many of them made new friends and were able to forge closer bonds with one another.

All in all, good food, good fellowship and above all, a great time spent with God! Praise God for a wonderful youth camp! 🙌



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