

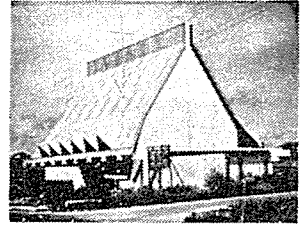
Newsletter

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PASTOR'S MESSAGE

BACK TO THE BEGINNING

As we start a new church year, let me remind you of the most comprehensive statement of the aim of Methodism, given in the Minutes of Conference 1789:

"not to form any new sect; but to reform the nation,
and specially the Church; and to spread scriptural
holiness throughout the land."

Wesley had one aim from which he never deviated - "that of making primitive Christianity contemporary". This meant that there are three main points in which the Methodist movement was based.

First comes repentance. "The process of becoming a Christian begins when a man is terrified about his own sins." When John Wesley was accused of using the threat too freely he retorted that "he desires to keep the two oceans of heaven and hell ever before his eyes while he stands on the isthmus of this earthly life".

Second comes faith. Faith is no more intellectual acquiescence in certain theological truths. "Faith is personal certainty and confidence that God has saved the believer, through Jesus Christ, from eternal damnation."

Third comes holiness. What Wesley did was to take the New Testament and the whole Bible very seriously indeed. It is, or should be, or can be, possible to say of the Christian that he has the mind which was in Christ Jesus (Phil.2:5); he has clean hands and a pure heart (Psalm 24:4); he is sanctified in body, soul and spirit (I Thess.5:3); he does not commit sin (I Jn 3:9); he walks in the light (I Jn.1:7); he is crucified with Christ (Gal 2:20); it is not he himself who lives but Christ lives in him (Gal 2:20); everything he does is done in the love of Christ (Col 3:14,17); he proclaims the excellencies of him who called his own from darkness into his wonderful light (I Pet. 2:9)

Could we do better than get back to our beginning this year?

NEWS OF OUR TRINITY FAMILY

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS The following were received into the membership of the Church at the Anniversary Thanksgiving Service on 17 September:

Baptism Roland Chew Kwong Yew
Miss Irene Lim
Mrs Pauline Seow (Mdm Yap Soo Kee)

Confirmation

Roland Chew Kwong Yew, 55 Huddington Ave. (19)
Miss Irene Lim, 12 Cedar Avenue (13)
Mrs Pauline Seow, 20 Da Silva Lane (19)
Miss June Chew Ai Sim, 24 Alnwick Road (19)
Miss Eunice Chew Ai Bee, - do -
Miss Jacqueline Baruch, 21 Moreton Close
Miss Lorna Khoo Lock Nah, 20 Jalan Sahabat (19)
Stephen Tan Tiong Soon, 85 Bridport Avenue (19)
Miss Darlene Yip Lai Choo, 48 Chiselhurst Grove (19)

CHANGE OF ADDRESS Mr & Mrs Daniel Gwee have moved to:-
111 Tai Keng Gardens (19) Tel: 801271

NEW MEMBERSHIP DIRECTORY A new Membership Directory is being prepared. All members are asked to notify the Pastor of any changes of address or telephone number as soon as possible. Many telephone numbers have been changed recently, and your cooperation in this matter will be greatly appreciated.

WEDDING CONGRATULATIONS to Miss Susie Lim Lai Ng who was married to Mr Lee Kiat Hoon at Trinity Church on Saturday, 24 September. Her new address is:-
115-K Commonwealth Close Blk 81 (3)

CONGRATULATIONS to Mr Andrew Lee who has been made a Fellow of the Pharmaceutical Society of Singapore:
to Miss Violet Tan who has been awarded her Diploma in Education:
to Mr Frederick Chia who has received his pilot's certificate with the P.S.A. and to our young swimmers Janet Koh & Bernard Kan who won silver medals at the S.E. Asian Age-group Meet and Festa Sukan Open.

 MORE FAMILY NEWS

BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP A new Bible Study Fellowship Group begins on Wednesday 11 October at 8 p.m. in the home of Mrs Dorothy Tan, 20 Taman Serangoon (19). Further details in the Sunday Bulletin. All members and friends are invited to attend. We hope this will be only the first of a number of different kinds of fellowship group within the congregation.

LAYMEN'S SUNDAY will be celebrated at Trinity on Sunday 15 October, with members and friends leading our worship services on that day.

THE MONTHLY PARISH MEETING will be held on Saturday 14 October at 5 p.m. in the home of Mr & Mrs Jeffery Chua, 35 Blandford Drive (19). Come and share this fellowship with us.

OUR DISTRICT SUPERINTENDENT Rev Richard Ong had a suspected heart attack while he was visiting his wife's family in the United States last month. He was hospitalised there for ten days and warded again at Outram Road G.H. immediately on his return last week. We understand that he is being allowed to return home for rest and treatment, but ask that you remember him and Mrs Ong in your prayers.

THE LOCAL CONFERENCE will meet on Thursday 19 October at 8 p.m. under the chairmanship of Rev. T.C.Nga. Church members are invited to attend this meeting (though without vote) as we review the work of the past year and plan for 1972/3. Chairmen of Committees and Heads of Organisations are reminded to let the pastor have their Annual Report by Sunday 8 October, please.

ATTENDANCE REGISTRATION We apologise for the slight inconvenience caused by the Attendance Registration which will be carried out each Sunday in October. We ask everybody who attends any service to complete an attendance card each time they are present so that the record can be as complete and accurate as possible.

IMPORTANT DATE FOR YOUR DIARY A whole day Retreat for the whole Church is being planned, to be held at the SIA Bungalow, Windsor Drive on Thursday, 9 November. Details later.

CHURCH CALENDAR

- 1 SUN. Worldwide Communion Sunday & Pledge Sunday
8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 A.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. HOLY COMMUNION SERVICE - The Pastor
- 4 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon
- 5 Thu. 5.30 P.M. Pastor visits in CITY Parish
8.00 P.M. RETREAT PLANNING COMMITTEE at the Manse
- 6 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 7 Sat. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE suspended for three weeks
- 8 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
12.00 NOON Worship Service at Woodbridge Hospital
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
- 11 Wed. 8.00 P.M. NOMINATIONS COMMITTEE at the Manse
BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon
- 12 Thu. 5.30 P.M. Pastor visits in SELETAR Parish
- 13 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 14 Sat. 5.00 P.M. MONTHLY PARISH MEETING at the home of Mr &
Mrs Jeffery Chua, 35 Blandford Drive (19)
- 15 SUN. Laymen's Sunday
8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Laymen
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Laymen
- 18 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon

FOR OCTOBER 1972

- 19 Thu. 8.00 P.M. LOCAL CONFERENCE in the Church Sanctuary
- 20 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 22 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
12.00 NOON Worship Service at Woodbridge Hospital
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
- 25 Wed. 8.00 P.M. BIBLE STUDY FELLOWSHIP at 20 Taman Serangoon
- 26 Thu. 5.30 P.M. Pastor visits in EAST I & II Parishes
- 27 Fri. 8.00 P.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
- 28 Sat. 3.00 P.M. BOYS' BRIGADE PARADE & BIBLE CLASS
- 29 SUN. 8.45 A.M. SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 A.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - The Pastor
11.05 A.M. CHOIR PRACTICE
3.30 P.M. M.Y.F. MEETING
5.30 P.M. SERVICE OF WORSHIP - Mr Lam Yet Seng

PRELIMINARY NOTICES:

A NEW MEMBERSHIP CLASS led by the Pastor will begin at 8.45 A.M. on Sunday 5 November at 20, Taman Serangoon. Time and place of future meetings to be determined.

A WHOLE CHURCH RETREAT will be held at the SIA Bungalow Windsor Drive on Thursday 9 November, transport leaving the church at 8.30 a.m. There will be special facilities for children as well as adults. Book this date NOW.

THE OFFICIAL BOARD. The date of the Inaugural Meeting of the new Board will be fixed at the Local Conference.

WE GRATEFULLY ACKNOWLEDGE

all our generous Pledgers who, in an eleven-month financial year, achieved our 12-month record target of \$ 15,000 for the support of the work of the church during the past year. \$ 2,804 was received during September.

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD for the princely anonymous donation to the Church Extension Fund of \$ 20,000, given in memory of the late Mr. Loh Pend Seah. To the anonymous donors we express our deepest gratitude for this tremendous spur to our future extension plans. May God bless them for their thoughtful generosity.

WE ACKNOWLEDGE ALSO all Anniversary Thanksgiving offerings in aid of the Toa Payoh Methodist Project which totalled over \$600, including the following: Mr Chia Yee Soh (\$25) Rev & Mrs Chew Hock Hin (\$10) Mr & Mrs Chia Kim Teng (\$20) Rev & Mrs T.C.Nga (\$20) Mrs Alice Yap (\$10) Mr Cyrus Chiang (\$20 - in memory of Mrs Chiang who passed away 17 September 1971)

Other Thanksgiving Offerings have been gratefully received from:- Mr & Mrs Michael Ong Swee Lee (\$10) Mrs Susy Lemos (\$5) the family of the late Mr Liu Pai Hu (\$200) Miss P.Baruch (\$50) Mrs Tan Kim Tee (\$40) Mr Chew Chin Bee (\$100 - in memory of his beloved wife Chew Yang Tze Kin) Dr & Mrs Alan Tay (\$10) Miss Susie Lim (\$10) Mr Lee Kong Boon (\$10) Mr S.C.Liu (\$100 - in memory of his late sister Miss Liu Seuk Hi) Mr & Mrs P.Sathiasingam (\$20) Mr & Mrs Chew Chin Nam (\$30 - in loving memory of Mrs Chew Hock Lee (nee Seet Thiam Lee)

HAVE YOU RETURNED YOUR PLEDGE CARD?

The Annual Pledge Appeal Letter has been sent to all church members, and those friends who have been pledging in 1971/2. We need to raise \$ 15,000 for the new year, and our target is TWO HUNDRED PLEDGED GIVERS at Trinity. If you have not yet returned your completed card, please decide now what you can give regularly and post your card to The Pledge Treasurer as soon as possible. Thank you!

 SIXTEENTH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS

Trinity Church celebrated its 16th Anniversary with great joy during the weekend of 16-17 September, with the Anniversary offerings being received in aid of the Methodist Toa Payoh Project, where building operations are now actively under way in Lorong 2.

A large crowd, young and old, gathered for a scrumptious buffet dinner, arranged by Mrs Loh Heng Chow and Mrs Andrew Lee. The Bishop and Mrs Yap were guests of honour, and amongst the visitors were Rev & Mrs John Cook from St. Peter's Church and Mr & Mrs Eric Low from Wesley Church. Following the dinner, and preceding it, an entertainment was organised by the M.Y.F. with Miss Violet Khor as Master of Ceremonies.

The T.K.D. Group put on an impressive demonstration of strong-arm stuff, with fragments of shattered tile and wooden planks flying in all directions. Mr Ong Teck Huat was the commentator. There were musical items and a short country-dance session brought a happy evening to a close. Short speeches were made by Bishop Yap, our Official Board Chairman and Pastor.

Attendance at the Thanksgiving Service on 17 September, at which nine new members were received into the church and Bishop Yap was the preacher, was drastically reduced by a torrential downpour which came at precisely the wrong moment (and half-drowned the choir members, who were in excellent voice!). But we had much to thank God for, and look forward to the future of Trinity Church with keen anticipation and vision.

 M.Y.F. NEWSNOTE

MYF Week has come and gone. We thoroughly enjoyed the joyous event which lasted from August 26 to September 2. The response for most of the projects planned was both good and encouraging. It was certainly an enjoyable affair for all those who attended. An evaluation was carried out during the MYF Meeting on September 10, with Belita Ong
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presiding. During the discussion, a resolution was made for future MYF Week projects to be more widely publicised.

The pre-AGM was held on 17 September, where we were advised on the purposes and procedures of the A.G.M. Mr John Tan from Christ Church, District Adviser, helped us immensely in this field.

This year's Annual General Meeting was held on 24 September. During the well-attended meeting, inquiries, comments and answers were flung from one end of the room to the other. We are certainly of an inquisitive nature. However, the officials for the coming year were soon elected, and we congratulate:

Stephen Tan	-	President
Irene Lim	-	Vice President

on their election.

We are confident that the new Council will unite, cooperate and work towards common goals. And with God's guidance, they will.

LIFE SERVICE RETREAT

The Conference Board of Ministry is organising a Life Service Retreat for young men and women who have completed Form 5 (and above) at the Methodist Mission Bungalow, Frazer's Hill from 7th to 9th December.

The purpose of the Retreat is "to find meaning and inspiration in our Christian commitment, thereby giving ourselves to full-time dedicated service to God and His Church; to share our Christian experience and calling, whereby we hope to catch a vision of our goals and vocation; and to have fellowship with other committed Christians."

Young people who will have completed their Senior this year, or have already completed it, are invited to talk to the Pastor about this. Accommodation at Frazer's Hill is limited, so application forms will have to be sent in as soon as possible.

PETITIONS TO GENERAL CONFERENCE 1972

Members are reminded that the closing date for petitions to General Conference is 14 October. No petitions will be entertained after this date. Any full member of the Methodist Church may petition.