



To live is Christ, to die is gain. (Phil 1:21)

# Truth Bible-Presbyterian Church ADULTS' FELLOWSHIP ANNUAL GENERAL REPORT 2010

## Word from our Pastor

Rev Dennis Kwok

*"The LORD hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad"* (Psalm 126:3). I cannot help but remember all the guidance and help the Lord gave us throughout year 2010. Truly this statement is realised when we, *'honour the Lord, the Lord will honour us.'* There are so many blessings that we can never finish counting them. For this we are thankful to the Lord, though we may never ever be able to repay Him, we pray that we will continue to be faithful and true unto Him.

This year has been a good year for me, mainly because I have four capable assistants in the ministerial office. Pr Joshua Yong was the latest addition, even though it was only for a brief six-month period. I thank God for sisters Carol and Boon Choo, who have relieved me of most of the administrative matters. They continue to be faithful in their teaching responsibilities in other ministries. Pr John Loo has been consistent in devoting his time in the Team Barnabas ministry, gathering together not only the seniors but also the mothers of the church. I count it a great joy to co-labour with Pr John. Not forgetting the deacons who continue to give of their best to the Master despite the heavy workload and demands of their secular calling. May God continue to grant us all the wisdom, grace and strength we need to serve Him faithfully.

I thank God for the opportunity to fellowship with the AF in 2010 after relinquishing my duty as YAF advisor. Whenever I have no preaching appointment in other fellowship groups, I make sure I attend the AF meetings or YAF meetings (only when there is no AF meeting). In AF, I can see potential leaders giving their time and effort to serve the Lord. It is my prayer for them that they will go even further, to be future leaders of the church, according to the call that God has for them. Every AFer must play a part in fostering closer Christian bond with one another. There is really no short cut in this. Long-term commitment and initiative are vital keys to closer relationship with one another. Most importantly, each one of us must keep a close walk with the Lord, through consistent prayer and devotion unto Him. We must read His Word daily so that our spiritual body and mind will be strong and healthy. Communication with the Lord helps us to be dependent upon Him entirely. For without Him, we can do nothing (John 15:5).

I thank God for the Biblical parenting Seminar that was conducted once a month for the whole of year 2010. It helps Christian parents to

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buck up in their roles and trust the Lord for spiritual growth. I was also encouraged by the team ( though a very big team) that participated at the combined fellowship Bible Quiz. I can understand why it is a big team. As one advances in age, the mind becomes slower. In addition, the high demand from secular professions. Yet I can see the hard work and effort put in together in order to take part in this spiritual exercise. Thank God for the good effort! Well done and keep it up! May this be a motivation to all of us to continue learning and seeking God's Word daily!

In closing, may I encourage all to work hard for the night is coming. Have we been consistent witnesses for Jesus? Love for God will result in love for men. The more we love God, the more we want others to experience God's love. The Good News is meant to be revealed, not concealed. It is our responsibility to share the Good News with others. We are called to be witnesses for the Lord Jesus. If we are not witnesses for Him, then what are we? A light cannot be hidden under the bowl. While the work of conversion is the work of the Holy Spirit, our part is to shine the light of grace and salvation before men. So let us be burdened for the lost now. Soon we will find perfect peace and rest forever in Christ Jesus our Lord and Redeemer. May God help us. Amen.

## ***Advisor : Dn Martin Cheong***

With a blink of an eye, 5 years have gone by. We are 5 years older, hopefully wiser, with much instruction, listening and learning of God's words from the pulpit and from the messages during our meetings. We have been blessed by the messages from the Sermon on the Mount, and parents have been well-instructed in the biblical upbringing of their children. We also have been blessed by the preaching of God's Word at our retreat. The 2 cottage gospel nights which were organized, provided us opportunities to obey God's command to witness for Him. Though a few guests came, I believe more can be done by all brethren to bring an unsaved soul to hear the good news.

We thank God for the faithful service of our past committee who have worked harmoniously and have cooperated well in planning and executing the various programs for our edification. Truly the Holy Spirit has worked in the lives of all of them to guide and lead them in their service.

Yes, 5 years have gone by..... many have been faithful in coming, many have been faithful in serving ... Could it be that many are also feeling lethargic???

- I have been serving for 5 years continuously without a break
- I need some time for myself
- I am tired
- My workload is getting heavy
- Family commitments are increasing

Many reasons will come to mind as we consider our service and time for God...

Brethren, let us not be weary in well doing and continue to labour on. Let us spend and be spent for the Master's use. Let us press on and run the race that is set before us. The night cometh when no man can work.

These are familiar verses encouraging us to continue serving, which we have heard many times before. Perhaps they are just words to us, without making any impact on us. May we all read and meditate on the verses again and consider what David Brainerd, a missionary to the American Indians in New York, New Jersey, and eastern Pennsylvania who died of tuberculosis at the age of twenty-nine, said .....

"I have received my all from God. Oh, that I could return my all to God." Consider also the life and service of Rev. Timothy Tow, one close to us who gave up his entire life for God.

May we all expect great things from God and attempt great things for God!



***Theme & Theme Song – Only One Life***

***Theme Verse – Romans 6:13***

Neither yield ye your members as instruments of unrighteousness unto sin: but yield yourselves unto God, as those that are alive from the dead, and your members as instruments of righteousness unto God.

**Objectives**

1. Yielding ourselves wholly unto God
2. Do not yield ourselves to sin
3. Be a blessing to others as we yield ourselves to God

**Group Members**

<b>Anthony Cheng (Leader)</b>	<b>Eric Toh (Leader)</b>	<b>Paul Tan (Leader)</b>
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Yee Wing Sun	Franco Wong	Kwok Yumin
Wong Kai Leong		

*You can tell the size of your God by looking at the size of your worry list.  
The longer your list, the smaller your God.  
Author Unknown*

## ***President : Dn Winston Chew***

Dear AF'ers,

'The Lord hath done great things for us; whereof we are glad.' (Psalm 126:3).

We thank and praise God for leading and guiding the TAF through our 5th year, in feeding us with good spiritual food, in providing us with great fellowship, and in helping us to grow spiritually towards Christian maturity. He has indeed blessed us with abundant blessings, beyond what we ask or think.

The Exco decided to retain the theme and objectives of the previous year for 2010 - 'Only One Life'. The focus is on how we can live the life of a true Christian patterned after what is described in the Sermon on the Mount.

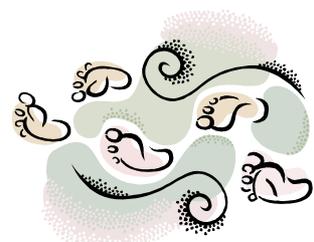
The year started with celebration of our 4th Anniversary. Our Pastor exhorted us to be 'lively stones' for the Lord. The bulk of the messages for the year was on the study of the Sermon on the Mount, as a continuation from the programme for 2009. We thank God for blessing us with very good speakers who expounded God's Word to us with great power and clarity. Towards the end of the year, Preacher Joshua Yong took us through a Bible Study on the Book of Titus. We benefitted greatly from these messages.

We thank God for 2 gospel nights held in the home of members. On 18 Oct we gathered in the home of Martin and Susan, and began with fellowship dinner. Rev Koshy spoke on 'What is your life?' Thank God that 14 friends and relatives came to listen to the gospel. On 18 Dec, we had another gospel night at the home of Yee Sheng and Jean. Eld Peter Goh spoke on 'The Confessions of Christmas'. Thank God two visitors came.

The year ended with carolling on Christmas Eve. Two homes were opened to us - Cherine's, and Winston and Soh Han's. We thank God for the testimony in Cherine's home in the singing of carols, and the gospel message by Bro John Loo. At the next home, we had a meaningful time of sharing. Of course, there was good food too.

Time flies, and we have already celebrated the 5th Anniversary, and we are already well into 2011. My friends, what is our spiritual goal for this year? It is my prayer and hope that we will do as Deut 10:12-13 says,

'And now, Israel, what doth the LORD thy God require of thee, but to fear the LORD thy God, to walk in all his ways, and to love him, and to serve the LORD thy God with all thy heart and with all thy soul, To keep the commandments of the LORD, and his statutes, which I command thee this day for thy good?'



*A good character is the best tombstone. Those who loved you and were helped by you will remember you when forget-me-nots have withered. Carve your name on hearts, not on marble. Charles H. Spurgeon*

## ***Secretary : Alice Tan***

As we look back to the year 2010, our hearts are filled with praise and thanksgiving! We realise the bountiful blessings the Lord has bestowed and how much grace and mercy He has shown to us all, as individuals, as a church and also as a fellowship group!

The Lord has been gracious and merciful to use the AF as an avenue of spiritual blessings and growth. Thank God for faithful speakers who expound His word to us. I am sure many of us have learnt much after every message. As adults, let us draw close to God daily and examine our lives, to see the areas in our lives we need to mortify, areas we need to work on, areas we need to change, areas to improve etc. Let us not be content with the 'warm feeling' of a great message or lesson, and allow the lack of time, the cares and demands of the world etc. to snatch away the truth and stifle our spiritual growth, like the seeds that dried up or were choked up, as recorded in the Parable of the Sower. *To whom much is given, much is expected.*

As we reflect on God's goodness and love in the past year, let us earnestly pray that we will move forward spiritually in 2011, in a direction that will bring honour and glory to His Name. We cannot be easily satisfied. For many of us who have been a Christian for many years, it seems we know a lot or have learnt much, yet we really only know very little of our Saviour and God, who loves us and gave Himself for us. Let us like Paul pray fervently . . .

*'That the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory,  
may give unto you the spirit of wisdom and revelation in the knowledge of him:*

*The eyes of your understanding being enlightened; that ye may know what is the hope of his calling,  
and what the riches of the glory of his inheritance in the saints, And what is the exceeding greatness of his  
power to us-ward who believe, according to the working of his mighty power' Ephesians 1:17-19*

"There are times when solitude is better than society, and silence is wiser than speech. We should be better Christians if we were more alone, waiting upon God, and gathering through meditation on His Word spiritual strength for labour in His service. We ought to muse upon the things of God, because we thus get the real nutriment out of them. . . . Why is it that some Christians, although they hear many sermons, make but slow advances in the divine life? Because they neglect their closets, and do not thoughtfully meditate on God's Word. They love the wheat, but they do not grind it; they would have the corn, but they will not go forth into the fields to gather it; the fruit hangs upon the tree, but they will not pluck it; the water flows at their feet, but they will not stoop to drink it. From such folly deliver us, O Lord. . . ."

*Charles H. Spurgeon*

## ***Treasurer : Mary Yong***

Thank God for another fruitful year in 2010. The Lord has provided all the needs of Truth AF. Towards the end of the year, the fund seems to be going low but the Lord lay upon the hearts of His children to give!

God has provided the funds for AF to do what we ought to do for His glory.

I would like to share some verses from the bible on Christian giving and may this be a reminder to us when we give that we give with the right motive.

***2 Corinthians 9:6-7 But this I say, He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let***

*him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

Sharing of Verses from God's word on Christian giving.

1. **The Lord Jesus expects and requires us to give.**

*Matthew 6:2 Therefore when thou doest thine alms, do not sound a trumpet before thee, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, that they may have glory of men. Verily I say unto you, they have their reward.*

2. **The Lord Jesus wants us to give for the right reasons.**

*Matthew 6:1 Take heed that ye do not your alms before men, to be seen of them: otherwise ye have no reward of your Father which is in heaven.*

3. **The Lord Jesus reminds us that our giving is ultimately to the all-seeing heavenly Father.**

*Matthew 6:3-4 But when thou doest alms, let not thy left hand know what thy right hand doeth: That thine alms may be in secret: and thy Father which seeth in secret himself shall reward thee openly.*

4. **The Bible teaches that Christian giving must be willing giving.**

*2 Corinthians 9:7 Every man according as he purposeth in his heart, so let him give; not grudgingly, or of necessity: for God loveth a cheerful giver.*

Is there joy in your heart as you give?

Pray that we will give as we ought. That we will give for the right motives!

Amen

## ***Publicity Chairman : Joe Tan***

Greetings fellow AF'ers,

How we thank God for yet another blessed year, goodbye 2010, hello 2011. Truly, we are blessed with good messages in the past year. May God continue to protect & bless His faithful servants. And that they may continue to stand fast for the Lord & that include ourselves too.

I pray that the Lord will also continue to bless the AF, lead & guide the Exco in the coming year in the planning of programs & choosing the right speakers for the messages, in order that the members may be fed with rich solid spiritual food.

As we look forward to the New Year, let us all move on with greater zeal & service for the Lord.

***Philippians 3:14 'I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.'***

***Fear knocked at the door. Faith answered. And lo, no one was there. ~Author Unknown***

Group Report

As we come to the close of another year, it is again reflection time.

We cannot help but marvel at how God's hand has led us each step of our way. Surely the LORD is good and gracious!

As we continue with the same AF theme as last year: Only One Life, we are reminded that we should always use the time that is given to serve Him and not purely for ourselves. As a fellowship, we should minister to one another, as what Peter said - "As every man hath received the gift, *even so* minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the manifold grace of God." 1 Peter 4:10

I thank and praise God for my group members who have been faithfully attending the meetings and serving in one way or another. At first Franco and Sara were in our group but later they were "transferred back" to YAF as their advisor. We also had our outing to Bukit Timah Hill as we wanted to be both spiritually and physically fit. Being in a group helps us encourage one another, e.g. serving as listening ears too!

### **AF Retreat**

Date: 5-6 Nov 2010

Venue: Mecure Johor Palm Resort

Topic: Pressing Towards the Mark! (Phil 3:13-14)

Speakers: Rev. Dr. Koshy and Mrs Koshy

The AF had our annual retreat at Mecure Johor Palm Resort, near Senai Airport. A total of 27 adults, 6 teens and 11 Children participated, occupying 17 rooms and 2 suites.

We gathered at Calvary Pandan, early on Deepavali morning and after prayer for journey mercies, we set off with a 7-car convoy to Johor. The journey was smooth and we reached the place at about 8am. The advance party led by Dn Martin was there to welcome us and brought us to the nearby town (Bandar Putra) for breakfast.

The program started at 9:30am. The survey cum evaluation was carried out in the morning and thus the afternoon was free, so that we could do some recreation. Some rested while others played in the pool or at the courts.

Thank God for the 3 good messages:

1. Proper estimate of one's own present condition (vs 13)
2. Placing of one's past in its proper place (vs 13)
3. Aspiring eagerly to a more glorious future

We are reminded to take stock of our Christian walk. We are to constantly grow to be more like Christ. Paul considered himself "not to have apprehended", likewise we should take stock of our spiritual condition and not be indifferent to our shortcomings or 'little sins". We may have overcome many sins in the past, but there are many more temptations ahead. We must not rely on our past achievements. As a runner, we should continue to press on /forward towards the final mark.

The older children and teens joined in the messages while the younger children were taken care of by Mrs Koshy and they studied the bible character, "Ruth". They also presented a special item on the last day.

We have a blessed time at the Retreat and were encouraged to 'press on towards the mark of the high calling in Christ Jesus'.

## ***Committee Member : Anthony Cheng***

### **Church Quiz**

*2 Timothy 2:15 Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth.*

Greetings in the blessed name of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

The focus of our church quiz this year was mainly on two key areas: Book study on Genesis, James, "Theology for Everyone" by Rev Jeffrey Khoo and general knowledge of the Bible e.g. Ten Commandments, Beatitudes, the Lord's prayer, church memory verses, etc. The objectives of the quiz were to encourage fellowship between members, to increase in the knowledge of the Bible, and to promote fun and unity among fellow brethren.

The AF was able to form one team for the quiz. Although the team came in second for the written test and third in the overall quiz, that was a great achievement among the AFers. However, we are reminded that it is not the score that counts but about growing in love for the Word of God, and be doers of the Word through encouraging one another in true Christian Love.

Now let's review how we prepared for the quiz. The approach we took was quite simple. The syllabus was divided into three parts with each part given to the individual group leaders to spearhead the group study effort. It was the responsibility of the group leader to encourage, enlist members and further sub-divide the quiz syllabus into smaller portions for individual members to study. Each group was to cover a particular portion they were responsible for. The team would then gather during the AF Saturday night to conduct a group revision. In the broader sense, the strategy worked for the entire AF team and if God willing, we may embark on a similar approach in the following year.

All in all, we thank the Lord that the quiz has helped to promote unity among the AF brethren albeit not all members participated for the quiz. For those who did not, we certainly hope and encourage them to take on greater role to be soldiers for Christ by committing themselves by studying for the next quiz. One last word, it is our conviction that only the Word of God can give us hope, faith, life and future glory. So let us continue to strive, and to encourage one another in the study of the Word of God. All glory and honour be to God our father and our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, till we see him face to face. Amen.



Blessed is the man whose strength is in thee; in whose hearts are the ways of them. Psalm 84:5



Some of our guests and ..... speaker



Sword & Trowel – Fighting & Building (Nehemiah)



Thanking God for another year of His blessings and guidance

Feb 6	God or Mammon	Rev Koshy
20	Consider the Lilies – Be Not Anxious	Rev Koshy
27	Biblical Parenting (2) - Meaning of Marriage	Rev Quek SY
Mar 6	The Mote and the Beam	Rev J Khoo
20	Seeking and Finding	Rev J Khoo
27	Biblical Parenting (3) - The Biblical Husband Model	Rev Quek SY
Apr 3	The Golden Rule	Pr Paul Ferguson
17	No meeting – Church ACM	-

24	Biblical Parenting (4) - The Biblical Wife Model	Rev Quek SY
May 15	The Strait Gate	Pr Paul Ferguson
22	Biblical Parenting (5) - The Godly Father	Rev Quek SY
Jun 5	Wolves in Sheep's Clothing	Pr D Kabingue
19	No meeting – Church Camp (14 -19)	-
Jul 3	False Christians	Rev Tan KS
17	The Two Men and The Two Houses	Rev Tan KS
24	Biblical Parenting (5 & 6) - The Godly Father & Mother	Rev Quek SY
Aug 7	No meeting – Church Outing (3 – 8pm)	-
21	Conclusion on 'The Sermon on the Mount'	Pr Joshua Yong
28	Biblical Parenting (7) - The Godly Children	Rev Quek SY
Sep 4	Book Study on Titus (1)	Pr Joshua Yong
18	Book Study on Titus (2)	Pr Joshua Yong
25	Biblical Parenting (8) - Biblical Discipline	Rev Quek SY
Oct 2	Gospel Outreach @ Dn Martin's place Topic: What is your life? (James 4:14)	Rev P Koshy
16	Book Study on Titus (3)	Joshua Yong
23	Biblical Parenting (9) - A Christian Home	Rev Quek SY
Nov 5- 6	AF Retreat – Pressing Toward the Mark (Phil 3:13)	Rev P Koshy
20	Book Study on Titus (4)	Pr Joshua Yong
27	Biblical Parenting (10) - Helping Wayward Children	Rev Quek SY
Dec 4	A Prepared Heart (Service for the Lord Ezra 7:6-10)	Pr Lek Aik Wee
18	Christmas Outreach @ Yee Shen's place	Eld D Ho
24	Christmas Carolling	