



Word from our Pastor . . .

Just 3 days before Mother's Day this year, my younger son asked me to cut his hair. So I ask him, how short do you want this time? Then he says, up to me. Then jokingly I said, 'Botak can?' Of course he knew what 'botak' meant. He is quite smart so he said 'no'. However he said it was up to me how short but not botak. As I cut, I try to balance all sides. But I don't know why this time, the more I tried to balance, the more I cut. In the end, I cut until it was very short. My wife saw it and she was angry with me. But I was more worried about my younger son that he would be upset and embarrassed to go up the stage to sing during the Junior Choir presentation on Sunday for mothers. When I carried him to look at the mirror, he just gave me a smile. There was no anger and crying. When I saw that he kept looking at the mirror and touching his head, I felt bad. But what amazed me was his attitude. Even though it was my fault that his hair is now so short, there was no disappointment in his expression. He even responded by saying that his hair will grow back and requested me not to cut his hair so short the next time. I couldn't believe what I heard. At his tender age of just 5 years old, I was amazed at his submissive attitude!

I was reminded by a verse that I would like to share with you through this AGR in Psalm 40:8. The Psalmist wrote: *"I delight to do thy will, O my God: yea, thy law is within my heart."* Yes we know as God's children, we must submit to God's will, and we must always pray, Thy will be done not mine. God's will for us is perfect and contains no mistake. Man can make mistake just as I have over-cut my son's hair. But are we submissive to do His will? In this short verse, I hope to share 3 lessons from the Psalmist.

Not I, but God

The psalmist says, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart." Who is the focus? The psalmist or God? The psalmist may begin this verse with 'I' but this 'I' is really a self-less 'I'. To the psalmist, the priority is not self but God. God takes the prominent place in his whole being. 'I' refers to the whole being, the whole self, the whole body and soul, however it is one that is no more for self but for God. And it is not to any God, or whosoever is up there or anywhere, or whoever can hear me that I delight to do his will. No, the psalmist says, '... O my God.' The psalmist knew his God. This God has revealed Himself to him. He opened his eyes to see Him by faith through His Word and Spirit. And so because of what God has done to save him from his sins, this 'I' is no more the old 'I' but has completely transformed to the new 'I'. 'I' is the 'I' that belongs to God now.

If you are not born again, if you are not His child, there is no way you can utter this verse to God. It will be nothing and meaningless to you. But not when you are God's child; not when you have been called out of darkness into God's marvelous light; not when you have already turned from idols to serve the living and true God. Your heart has been changed from a heart of stone into a heart of flesh. Your 'I' has become a new 'I'.

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Not My Will but God's Will

Because this is no more the old 'I' but the new 'I', all my wants and desires are completely different now. All the pursuit after wealth, fame, positions and honours of this world in the past belong to the old 'I'. These old desires are fit only for the old man. And the old man follows the system of this world and walks according to the lust of the flesh that leads ultimately to eternal destruction. But now I am no more the old man and there is now no more condemnation to them which are in Christ Jesus. For I am now the new man. And the new man desires after Christ, after His righteousness, and holiness. When we become the new man, the way we look at life changes. The way we look at the world changes. The way we look at death changes. The way we look at everything changes. And so the psalmist says, "I delight to do Thy will, O my God." Because it is no more I but God, therefore, it becomes "Not my will but God's will" that takes the central focus. There is a change to this 'I'. This new 'I' is given a new desire and this new desire is to do the will of Him who has saved him.

But why should you want to submit to God's will? What about all your accomplishments and achievements such as degrees, qualifications in life? How about your will? Since this 'I' has been changed and completely turned around, the desire of the will has changed as well. If you say you are a Christian and have been changed by God, but your life remains the same, you are still following your own will in your own way of living and your own way of getting by in this life, having not changed much especially your attitude and behavior. Something is wrong somewhere, isn't it? So if God has saved you, how can your life and will still remain the same as in your old life when you were still in your old man? How can it be? God requires His children to do His will. Not just those who are called to the ministry, but every believer who bears the name of Christ. It is more than just acknowledging now you are a Christian who goes to church every Sunday and read the Bible, and serve God in the church. You are Christians not just on Sunday but every day and until you leave this world. God has revealed His will to us in His Word. We are not kept in the dark to guess what His will is. The more sure word of prophecy has been passed down from generation to generation faithfully to God's people.

Not My Word but God's Word

The second part of the verse, the psalmist says, "... yea, Thy law is within my heart." Having the word only in the mind at most help you to do well in exam in Far Eastern Bible College but not in life. Having the law kept and stored in your heart will carry you through a long way in your life. His will is found in His law. And His law is His Word. And it is not my word or any men's word but God's word that leads us all the way.

I entered FEBC in 1997 with almost zero knowledge in theology. And when I graduated in 2001, it is definitely no more zero knowledge in theology. But I realize that the more I study, the more I realize I did not know much about theology. And so how many percentage of the knowledge in theology have I obtained when I graduated? I dare not even say it is 1% because there is simply so much I need to dig into the great treasures of God's word. Regardless of how many more percentage you need to reach 100%, it does not really matter because you just have to keep on studying. There is no end until we see our Saviour face to face. Therefore knowing God's will is continuous and has no end till we reach heaven.

Conclusion

Since the day I gave my life for Christ to serve Him full-time, it has been more than 10 years already. Will I give up and fail Christ? It is a scary thought for me. How many have already fallen? Of course, it is easy to say with the mouth I will never give up Christ. But, if Peter can easily deny Christ 3 times, I don't think I am better than him. Will I really serve Christ and persevere to the end? Only God knows. That would be a real test of my love for my Saviour. Will I do His will, and to do it with great delight to the end? What about you? It is no more I but Christ that matters. No more my will but God's will that I am to seek after. No more my word but God's word that I am to obey. May God help us to confess with the psalmist with confidence that truly "I delight to do Thy will, O my God: yea, Thy law is within my heart." May this encourage your heart too. Amen.

Rev Dennis Kwok

Dear AF'ers

Another year has passed. How has your spiritual life been - are you more mature now than the year before? How has your walk been - are you walking closer to the Lord than last year? How has your service been - have you used every opportunity to serve Him, and used all our resources for His purposes as good stewards? Have we been complacent in our walk, our devotion, and our service for the Lord? Let us perform a stock check on our spiritual life and resolve to do better for Him.

Dear friends, let us be like the household of Stephanas, who "addicted themselves to the ministry of the saints" (1 Cor 16:15). There are several lessons we can learn:

1. Devotion

It is interesting that the KJV used the word 'addicted' to describe the attitude of Stephanus' household with regard to ministering to the saints. It means willing, fervent, whole hearted, faithful service. It is also volitional and purposeful, with a set intention. It was not imposed upon them, but emanated from their heart. It was their all-consuming desire, their utmost priority.

Although not mentioned, this implies a close walk with God, to be in the will of God, knowing what God wants them to do, and doing it with all their heart.

2. Service

They were involved in the ministry of the saints - wherever there is need, to whomsoever has need. It is all encompassing, with no differentiation or bias. It showed their love for fellow Christians.

Galatians 6:10 'As we have therefore opportunity, let us do good unto all men, especially unto them who are of the household of faith.'

Have we been loving and caring for our brothers and sisters in the AF the church? Do we know when someone has a problem, or is not coming for fellowship?

3. Unity in service

The household of Stephanus was commended, not Stephanus alone. This implied that every member of the household, young and old, were fully devoted to serve God, and doing it together, in unity of heart and spirit. This enabled them to be effective - more so than if Stephanus had served alone.

4. Perseverance in service

The house of Stephanus were the firstfruits of Achaia. From the beginning they served fervently, right up to the time of the writing of the epistle, and I believe into the future. They were not weary in well doing, but were examples to others in their service.

Dear AF'ers, have we slackened, or become weary in well doing? Have we become complacent in our walk or service, and not put service to God as our priority, but have allowed the attractions and cares of the world to take control? Let us 'addict ourselves' (not 'be addicted') to God and His service.

In Christ,
winston



Truth Adults' Fellowship 2013
Motto – To live is Christ, to die is gain (Phil 1:21)

Theme : *Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ*

Theme Verse – 2 Pet 3:18

- Objectives:**
1. Grow in grace
 2. Increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ
 3. To be holy and godly

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Members' Pledge

In joining the Adults' Fellowship, I declare my faith in Jesus Christ as my Saviour and Lord. As a member of this Adults' Fellowship, I shall endeavour to attend every meeting, to be punctual, to pray for other members, to witness for Him and in all things to glorify God in my life. I have read the Constitution and thereby agree to adhere to its rulings.

President's Report

Eric Toh

It is truly a blessing to serve our heavenly Father in 2013. This past year has presented its share of challenges and blessings, and looking back now, it becomes clear how God has been nurturing and encouraging the fellowship to grow in grace and knowledge of Him. Looking forward to the coming year, we will find spiritual struggles and obstacles yet again. But we are reminded to rely on our heavenly Father to guide and lead us. We can live godly and upright lives that glorify God when we walk in obedience.

We started the year with the theme: "Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ" taken from 2 Peter 3:18. Our programmes are aligned to our objectives to help members to grow in grace and knowledge through the study of God's Word so that we are equipped to live holy and godly lives.

The AGM cum Election was conducted smoothly on 19th Jan. Elder Winston spoke on Joshua 7 to encourage us to serve Him with clean hands and pure hearts and not to lean on our wisdom but to obey God whole-heartedly.

On 16th Feb, we celebrated our 7th Anniversary with the theme "The Solid Rock" and Pastor Dennis was the speaker for that evening. Indeed Christ alone is our solid rock and we shall not be moved.

TAF organised a Gospel meeting on 20th April so that our unsaved loved ones and friends might have the chance to hear the Good News! Preacher Ko Ling Kang spoke on "The last Days". Thank God for 7 new friends who came and that we were able to share with the gospel. We have another Christmas gospel outreach on Dec 14 on the topic "The wise men and the prophecy" and 8 new friends joined us on that meeting.

A retreat is always a wonderful opportunity for one to get away from the demands of the hectic daily life in Singapore! The retreat was held on 24 to 25 May at Austin Heights Resort, Johor Bahru. We had a scrumptious spread of spiritual food from Psalm 119:33 delivered to us by Rev P. Koshy. "Teach me, O LORD, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end."

We had a series of 3 messages on "Rooted and built up" which covered the 3 main objectives. This was followed by a book study on Ephesians where we covered a total of 6 lessons. In "Unity in the body of Christ", I am reminded that all believers are united into one body and Christ is the head. Each believer has God given gifts and talents to strengthen and built up one another. I hope as a fellowship, we are doing that to edify each other. In the month of Nov, we had 2 messages on "Christian living" on the topics of "Understanding and controlling anger" and "Encouraging others". Thank God for the faithful preaching of Dr. Jose Lagapa.

We have an outreach and encouragement ministry within the TAF where we visit the sick in the hospital and in nursing homes to bring comfort and share the gospel to those who are still unbelievers. This year we have Uncle Yew Cheong who went home to be with the Lord. We visited him in the hospital and also encouraged the family in the wake. It is a reminder to us of the urgency to visit patients in the hospitals. Please continue to pray for the Pang family who has not been joining us and that we continue to reach out to them with Christian love.

We have a monthly bible study on the prophecies of end times from the Book of Revelation conducted by Rev Quek. It is held on every fourth Saturday of the month and all adults of Truth BPC are welcomed to participate. Finally after more than 2 years, we have completed the book study on Revelation. "Surely I come quickly" is good news to those who trust in Him but a terrible message to those who reject Him to stand under judgement. Let us be a good witness for the Lord and share with others the gospel.

Some highlights of the year-end activities

1. Combine meeting with YAF on 19th Oct

Topic: Put on the whole armour of God

Speaker: Rev Dr. Jeffrey Khoo

The offering collected was channelled to FEBC

2. Christmas Carolling on the 24th Dec

Speakers: Elder Winston Chew and Uncle John Loo

Thank God for open homes. We visited Mr and Mrs Tham Chee Kong and Benny and Jerry. May the joy of Christmas fills our hearts and help us to share the gospel to our friends and loved ones.

Thank God for the many blessings we have received in 2013. May the Lord continue to help each one of us to grow in grace and in the knowledge of Him as we diligently study His Word. Let us not be hearers only but be doers of God's Word and glorify God in our lives. Amen!

Vice President

Paul Tan Chin Cheong

As I pen this report, the nomination for AF Exco 2014 is closing on 29th December 2013, another year is dawning and I recall vividly the last AF Exco election was held on 19th Jan, how time flies! Looking at the packed AF calendar - from organizing the weekly fellowship meetings and monthly Bible Studies to AF Retreat, 2 Gospel Nites, combined meetings with the YAF and YF, Outings, visitations and the recent Christmas Caroling etc, phew!, indeed God has been very gracious to the Exco!

It is certainly a special privilege to be able to serve with the current Exco members because I'm at the receiving end of the blessing for a number of reasons: Firstly, being the youngest in the Exco, I learn a lot from the committee, in terms of how to commit and trust God more and in exercising faith and patience, to wait upon God's providence and timing as we plan and execute the programs. Secondly, it has been a joy to see their zeal in serving God despite their busy schedules and their love for the members, and that serves as a great encouragement to me. Last but not least, it's even sweeter when you could co-labor with like-minded brethren knowing that your reward is in heaven!

I pray that God will continue to use the AF as an effective ministry in reaching out to the adults within the Church and that He will continue to enable the Exco to tender to the spiritual needs of the members so that the formulated program could spur all members to grow spiritually and in the grace and knowledge of God, to trust God even more steadfastly especially when we experience spiritual challenges, wrestling against the powers and principalities of the world.

It is also my prayer that all members would continue to garner the burden to come forward to serve God actively in one way or another so that we may all as one body of Christ, grow in faith and that all would experience God's goodness and blessings through serving.

May this verse encourage all of us – **John 9:4** *I must work the works of him that sent me, while it is day: the night cometh, when no man can work.*

In His service,
Paul Tan

Secretary

Alice Tan

Blessed New Year to all! The Lord has been good to us as individuals, and also as a fellowship group in 2013. Thank God for His guidance, provision and all the spiritual blessings through the speakers, sharing and activities we had in the AF.

Genesis 15:5

*And he brought him forth abroad, and said, Look now toward heaven, and tell the stars, if thou be able to number them: and he said unto him, **So shall thy seed be.***

As we begin the year, I pray that all of us will have the great faith Abraham had. God told him 'So shall thy seed be' when he did not even have a son! Abraham did not know or understand how the Lord was going to fulfill His word, but he believed. To have great faith in God should also compel us to attempt great things for Him. As we saw God's goodness and faithfulness, we might have taken things around us for granted. Many of us might have been complacent and even tardy, did the barest minimum for Him. We might not have prayed or sought God earnestly enough. Everything might have been so superficial. We depended on others 'to do the job' while we just took things easy.

May we resolve to be different in 2014: lest we be found wanting, and seek God more earnestly, for His glory and our blessing.

Psalms 31:16 Make thy face to shine upon thy servant: save me for thy mercies 'sake.

Treasurer

Chan May Ling

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.

The Truth Adult's Fellowship continues to receive God's blessings throughout the year, making it possible to carry out the missions of the fellowship. Once again, we thank the members and friends who have been giving cheerfully and the collections were channeled to support FEBC students, speakers, retreat, fellowship dinner and carolling.

May the Lord bless the cheerful givers and let's pray that God will teach us to be a good steward of our time, talent and material possession and be faithful in our service.

Reports

TAF Outings

Martin Cheong

1st Outing on Thursday 8th August 2013 to Fort Canning

After some discussion with the committee, it was agreed to have the 1st outing to Fort Canning and the National Museum. A recce was made and a route for the walk was mapped out. The time of the outing is to be from 9am to 2pm. On the appointed day, a group of about 25 members and families gathered at the meeting point of Car Park A. It was drizzling slightly and it was decided to have our president to give his exhortation first. We gathered under a pavilion and sang a few hymns. This was followed by a sharing from the President from Isaiah 40:31-“But they that wait upon the LORD shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint.” The drizzle abated and we took a stroll round the park. We discovered many interesting things there like various plants of Singapore and a bit of its history. We ended for lunch at Funan food court and we left for home after that. There were a few who decided to check out the museum and they spend a fruitful afternoon there.

We thank God for the cool weather and the opportunity of like-minded brethren to have warm fellowship with one another amidst the natural surroundings.

2nd Outing on Tuesday 15th Oct 2013 to St Luke’s Hospital and Bukit Batok Nature Park

The outing started with a visit to encourage Brother Swee Tiong’s mother who was warded in St Luke hospital. A group of about 15 members and families gathered at 9am at her bedside and hymns in English and mandarin were sung. President Eric shared from the bible and our advisor Elder Winston Chew inquired and encouraged her.

We proceeded from St. Luke to Bukit Batok Nature Park and took a one hour walk around it. We then went to Tradehub 21 food court for our lunch and we dispersed after that. We thank God once again for the fine weather and the opportunity to minister the gospel to a brethren’s mum.

Gospel Nites

Gospel Nite 20th April 2013 by Paul Tan

By God’s grace, the Truth Adults’ Fellowship was able to organise the first Gospel Nite for 2013 on the 20th of April. The intent of the AF Gospel Nite is two-fold – firstly, to provide the opportunity for more dedicated gospel outreach to friends and relatives, and secondly, to seed the burden of sharing the gospel and exercise our Christian faith amongst AF members.

Preacher Ko Ling Kang delivered the message entitled “The Last Days”. Besides the usual hardcopy pamphlets and notice board pin-up, we thank God that we were able to make use of technologies for His work - utilizing emails, SMS and “Whatapps” application on mobile devices to instantly disseminate, send reminders to members and coordinate the invite. We also thank God for the Tracting session a week prior to the event within the church vicinity in which we managed to witness to a number of people.

Preacher Ko shared from the Book of Mark 13:1-13 where the Bible describes to us at length the signs and how the world would come to an end one day, and everyone would stand before God to give account of how

we lived our life. God gave us this clear “advanced warning” to caution us that the impending end time is at hand, and that men should not be ignorant or be caught unawares. These events include apostasy and manifestation of false prophets, global devastation due to wars and natural calamities including earthquakes, famines and diseases; Our Christian faith will be greatly tested through religious discrimination and persecution, and finally, we would witness the proliferation of the gospel message to every corner of the world. We were exhorted to prepare for these eventualities and to persevere, for if we endure to the end, God shall reward us for our faith in Him.

Praise and thanks be to God, we had seven visitors who came and heard the message, we continue to pray that God will touch their hearts and that by His grace and mercy, they be saved to eternity too. As for us, let us take heed of the message, prepare ourselves, and continue to seize every avenue such as the Gospel Nite to share the biblical prophecies and truth with friends and our love ones who are yet to know Christ!

Christmas Gospel Outreach on 14th December 2013 by Martin

Topic: Wise men and the Prophecy

The 2nd Gospel Meeting of the TAF was held on 14th December 2013 at 7pm in the church. The topic was ‘Wise men and the prophecy’ and the speaker was Dr. Jose Lagapa. An invitation card was designed and printed for members to invite their friends and loved ones. Soft copy of the invite was also sent to members for them to use. During the E-band outing on Sunday 8th Dec, the Gospel Meeting was also made known to those people they spoke to. Members were encouraged to make use of this opportunity of the Christmas season to fulfil the great commission given to us.

Before the meeting, members and 8 guests had a buffet dinner starting at 5:45pm. The meeting started punctually at 7pm with Mandarin translation. Hymns and 2 Mandarin gospel songs were sung. Scripture reading was taken from Matthew 2:1-11. The speaker shared that the wise men (no mention was made of how many of them) from the east probably learnt from tradition in the book of Numbers chapter 24:17 of Balaam’s prophecy and followed the star to Bethlehem. He shared that this is the gift of God for all mankind to save them from eternal damnation.

After the meeting, members and guests adjourned to the Fellowship Hall for some refreshments and there was a time of sharing and counselling with the guests.

Do pray that the message will take root in the guests as the Holy Spirit works in their hearts so that they will receive this most precious of gift in the Lord Jesus Christ and that the members who invited them will continue to share and persuade them to accept this most wonderful gift of all...

Christmas Caroling

Anthony Cheng

On the Eve of Christmas day, Truth BPC Adults’ Fellowship gathered together at a nearby hawker centre to have a Christmas dinner before proceeding to visit the first home of Mr & Mrs Tham Chee Kong at Bt Panjang. There, Brother John Loo shared the message “My times are in God’s hand”, and we echoed the joy of Christmas by the singing of Christmas carols and fellowshiping with Mrs Tham’s family. Our next stop was at the home of Benny and Jerry at Yishun. There Elder Chew gave a short gospel message of “Good news at Christmas”. Once again the joy of Christmas was proclaimed with much singing and the preaching of the

message of hope and salvation with Benny's in-laws and relatives. Both families were grateful of our presence and we pray that the true message of Christmas will remain in their hearts. At about 10.45 pm, several of the TAF members were too tired to stay on and had to call it an early night's rest. We bid good night to Benny and Jerry's family and in-laws while some made their way to the home of Brother Choon Leong and Sis Mary for the last Christmas gathering of the night.

All-in-all, Truth BPC Adults' Fellowship had a fruitful and meaningful carolling night and we are truly thankful to God for allowing homes to be opened for us to share the true message of Christmas, hope and salvation with friends who were present at the carolling night. We continue to pray for those who have heard the gospel message that the Word of God will move them to give their lives to Christ.

Benefits of Christian Fellowship

Rev Daniel K. Yaban

The Lord has blessed Truth Bible Presbyterian Church (Truth BPC) with godly leaders, and has given them wisdom to organize different fellowships groups within the church, according to age, in order to easily cater for their needs. One of the groups is the Truth Adult Fellowship (TAF) whose members are church members of 40+ years old. They usually meet every Saturday (except first Saturdays) at 7 pm at Calvary Pandan BP church premise. It was because of this that, I joined the group on July 2011 when I arrived at Singapore, where I was warmly welcomed. It is now my great joy to share what I have benefited from the fellowship for the last 2 ½ years.

Firstly, TAF provides sound biblical teachings. Besides the sweet and blessed fellowship, the word of God is learned, taught by several speakers. The TAF committee has planned weekly lessons that could easily and immediately meet members' needs and a systematic study of selected books of the Bible. I was privileged to cover some of the books; among others are Minor Prophets and the book of Revelation. Rev. Dr. Quek Suak Yew taught the book of Revelation. He expounded and brought to light some of the difficult apocalyptic passages. Other lessons were covered during annual retreats and Bible camps. I sincerely thank the TAF for sponsoring me to attend all of them. The lessons learned during TAF supplement my studies at Far Eastern Bible College.

Secondly, TAF provides parental counselling. During the sharing and prayer sessions, where the members share their needs, it was revealed that, since most of them are parents, they share a common problem: parental responsibilities. What is interesting and encouraging is that, the younger parents are seeking counsel and advice from the seniors, who generously and graciously share with them their experiences. As a parent, I have also benefited from their sharing.

Thirdly, The TAF provides spiritual, moral and social encouragements. The Epistle to Hebrews states, “*And let us consider one another to provoke unto love and to good works: Not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as the manner of some is; but exhorting one another: and so much the more, as ye see the day approaching*” (Hebrews 10:24, 25). In this passage, three reasons for Christian fellowship are mentioned: 1. to provoke one another unto love, 2. to provoke one another to good works, and 3. to exhort one another.

1. To Provoke one another to love. The fellowship promotes love between brethren and manifest the love of Christ to the world, “*To provoke unto love.*” Although the word ‘*provoke*’ can be used to mean ‘*to offend*’ or ‘*to irritate*’, the intended meaning in this passage is ‘*to arouse*,’ or ‘*to excite*’ or ‘*call into action*.’ Christians are called upon to excite or arouse love for one another. When there is schism among brethren, it is difficult to have fellowship. Jesus Christ commands His disciples to love one another (John 13:34, 35).

2. To provoke one another to good works. Every believer has a duty or duties to perform in the Lord's church, and when they fellowship together, they provoke one another to fruitful service. It is a privilege and joy to serve the Lord, for His work is not burdensome (Matthew 11:29, 30).

3. To exhort one another. Because of spiritual degeneration, believers are called upon to have fellowship together. There are many things in everyday life that try to hinder believers from fellowship with God. If a believer stays away from the fellowship and remains isolated for a long time, without doubt, his or her spiritual condition would be weakened! Therefore, the Bible encourages believers to have fellowship in order to exhort one another, especially brethren who are weak spiritually. Because when believers assemble and worship together, “*holy feeling pass from heart to heart until all hearts are aglow.*”¹ (1Swordsearcher 6.1) A disciple whose faith is cast down, is going to be revived and his soul is encouraged by mutual prayers and the influence of those who are strong in faith and hope.

It is therefore my sincere prayer that the same spirit of Christian fellowship may extend to the church of God in Africa and other part of the world. May God help every believer to have a sincere desire for Christian fellowship.

As I Graduate . . .

Nguyen Van Hieu

1) What is one important lesson you have learnt during years stay and studies here?

One important lesson that I have learnt is dependence on God alone. As I ponder at my study in FEBC, I acknowledge that it is God who has been helping me to go through many challenges. I have also acknowledged that I am not able to do anything without His grace and wisdom. I realised whenever I relied on Him I can do all things that I have been entrusted with. Thank God for this reminder.

2) What was the biggest challenge you faced?

The biggest challenge that I faced was doing assignments in English. Indeed, it has been tough times for me as I was not English educated as you know I could not speak proper English when I first came to Singapore. Understanding lectures and doing assignments were the first items in my prayer. I remember I prayed to God that "My Father, Thou are the One who made many languages and I know you are able to help me to understand this language. Please help me." Yes, God is good and is always good in answering me!

3) What would you like us at Truth to pray for you as you leave for home?

God willing I will be leaving for Vietnam in this coming November. I thank God for the teaching of fundamental doctrines that I have been taught and they have been become my treasure. My great desires are to translate fundamental books from English into Vietnamese language, and to teach others about these fundamental doctrines. I believed that when my people have fundamental books in their hands and being taught fundamentally, they will better understand fundamentalism and thus be better informed to choose the right path and to pass on to the next generation. Please pray for me

Book Review

Serene Lee

Book Title: MY GOD IS TRUE!

My interest to read this book came when I saw it is about "lessons learned along cancer's dark road". I hear of people contracting this terrible disease and also know of them, one of whom is my colleague, and I have not seen him for many months, I hope and pray I will see him at work again soon. And then I can share this book with him, who is an unbeliever.

Paul D. Wolfe, the author, wrote in a very conversational style, which makes it easy to read. One can see his sense of humour too. Best of all, the Lord has really taught him precious biblical lessons through this dark and difficult path, and I love some of the excellent theology that shone in this book. Allow me to quote one conclusion:

The sum of the matter is this: Trust in God's written word -- no more, no less.

No more. That means, do not put promises into God's mouth. Do not start adding assurances to the Bible that the Author did not put there. Acknowledge the question marks in life, and do not try to erase them.

No less. That means, do not live in practical denial of the glorious things our Father has promised to do for His children. Marvel at the exclamation marks of the gospel, and let them dwell richly in the depths of your heart.]

Do read and be encouraged and taught.

PROGRAMME 2013

Date	Topic	Speaker	I/C
Jan 12	Another New Beginning	Rev Jeffrey Khoo	Anthony
19	AGM/Election	Dn Winston Chew	Eric/Exco
26	Bible Study – Rev 18	Rev SY Quek	Alice
Feb 9	No meeting – CNY	-	-
16	AF 7th Anniversary – The Solid Rock	Rev D Kwok	Alice
23	Bible Study – Rev 19 (CNY fship dinner at 5.45pm.)	Rev SY Quek	Martin/Mary
Mar 9	Members' Nite - Grow in grace, and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (2 Pet 3:18)	Rev Stephen Khoo	New Exco
16	The days of Noah & Lot	Rev P Ferguson	Anthony
23	Bible Study – Rev 20	Rev SY Quek	Ben
Apr 13	Church ACM/Election	-	-
20	Gospel Nite – The Last Days	Pr Ko Ling Kang	Paul
27	No Bible Study (Calvary Pandan ACM)	-	-
May 11	Rooted & Built Up – Grow in Grace (Objective 1)	Rev Das Koshy	Eric
18	Rooted & Built Up – Increase in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ (Obj 2)	Pr Dennis Kablingue	Martin
24-25	AF Retreat Theme: Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes; and I shall keep it unto the end. (Ps 119:33)	Rev Das Koshy	Eric's grp
Jun 8	Rooted & Built Up – To be holy and godly (Obj 3)	Pr D Kablingue	Paul
15	No meeting – Church Camp	-	-
Jul 13	Blessings of salvation (Eph 1)	Clement Chew	Anthony
20	By Grace Alone (Eph 2) @ Susan & Jerry's home	Clement Chew	Martin
27	Bible Study – Rev 21	Rev SY Quek	Winston
Aug 10	No meeting – Church Fellowship Day	-	-
17	Unity in the Body of Christ (Eph 3)	Pr Ko Ling Kang	Eric
24	Bible Study – Rev 21	Rev SY Quek	Alan
Sep 14	Walk worthy of the Lord (Eph 4)	Rev Das Koshy	Paul
21	No meeting – Church Quiz	-	-
28	Bible Study – Rev 22	Rev SY Quek	Eric
Oct 12	Walk circumspectly (Eph 5)	Clement Chew	Anthony
19	Put on the whole armour of God (Eph 6) – Combined meeting with YAF	Rev J Khoo	Martin
26	Bible Study – The Work of the Holy Spirit in the Christian.	Rev SY Quek	Paul
Nov 9	Christian Living – Understanding and Controlling Anger	Dr Jose Lagapa	Eric
16	Christian Living – Encouraging Others	Dr Jose Lagapa	Paul
23	No Bible Study (cancelled)	-	Martin
Dec 14	Christmas Gospel Outreach - The Wise Men & The Prophecy (Mt 2:1-11)	Dr Jose Lagapa	P/A/M
24	Caroling	John Loo/Eld Chew	P/A/M

TAF ACCOUNTS 2013

DATE	DEBIT	CREDIT	DESCRIPTIONS	Net Amt
1-Jan-13		\$ 761.01	Carried over from 2012	\$ 761.01
12-Jan-13	\$ 50.00	\$ 250.35	Offering collected	
19-Jan-13		\$ 238.00	Love Gift to Rev Jeffrey Khoo	
26-Jan-13	\$ 150.00		Offering collected	
26-Jan-13	\$ 30.00		Love Gift to BS speaker (Rev Quek) Oct, Nov 2012 & Jan 2013	
26-Jan-13			Love Gift to BS speaker (Sis Carol)	
Total	\$ 230.00	\$ 488.35	\$ 258.35	\$ 1,019.36
16-Feb-13		\$ 432.50	Offering collected	
		\$ 50.00	Love Gift from Truth YAF	
		\$ 50.00	Love Gift from Truth YF	
	\$ 170.00		Cake and Souvenirs	
Total	\$ 170.00	\$ 532.50	\$ 362.50	\$ 1,381.86
9-Mar-13	\$ 50.00	\$ 322.20	Offering collected	
16-Mar-13	\$ 50.00	\$ 230.10	Love Gift to Rev S Khoo	
23-Mar-13	\$ 100.00		Offering collected	
			Love Gift to Dr Paul Ferguson	
			Love Gift to BS speaker (Rev Quek)	
Total	\$ 200.00	\$ 552.30	\$ 352.30	\$ 1,734.16
14-Apr-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Rev Dennis Kwok	
14-Apr-13	\$ 60.00		AF Anniversary	
			Love Gift to BS speaker (Sis Carol)	
Total	\$ 110.00	\$ -	\$ (110.00)	\$ 1,624.16
20-Apr-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Preacher Ko Ling Kang	
11-May-13	\$ 50.00	296.20	Gospel Night	
	\$ 19.60		Offering collected	
12-May-13	\$ 200.00		Love Gift to Rev Koshy	
	\$ 200.00		Cards	
			Love gift to Charles Sang	
			Love gift to Ngoc Chan	
Total	\$ 519.60	\$ 296.20	\$ (223.40)	\$ 1,400.76
18-May-13	\$ 50.00	\$ 156.40	Offering collected	
25-May-13	\$ 300.00		Love Gift to Preacher Dennis K	
8-Jun-13	\$ 50.00	\$ 166.20	Love Gift to Rev & Mrs Koshy (Retreat)	
			Offering collected	
			Love Gift to Preacher Dennis K	
Total	\$ 400.00	\$ 322.60	\$ (77.40)	\$ 1,323.36

16-Jun-13	\$ 1,000.00		Love Gift to Preacher Joshua Yong
13-Jul-13		\$ 413.00	Offering collected
	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Preacher Clement Chew
Total	\$ 1,050.00	\$ 413.00	\$ (637.00) \$ 686.36
20-Jul-13		\$ 132.00	Offering collected
	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Preacher Clement Chew
	\$ 50.00		Gift voucher for Susan & Jerry
Total	\$ 100.00	\$ 132.00	\$ 32.00 \$ 718.36
17-Aug-13		\$ 232.10	Offering collected
	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Preacher Ko Ling Kang
24-Aug-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to BS speaker (Rev Quek) - Aug
	\$ 60.00		Love Gift to BS speaker (Sis Carol) - Jul/Aug
Total	\$ 160.00	\$ 232.10	\$ 72.10 \$ 790.46
14-Sep-13		\$ 289.70	Offering collected
	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Preacher Das Koshy
28-Sep-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to BS speaker (Rev Quek) - Sep
12-Oct-13		\$ 280.00	Offering collected
	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Preacher Clement Chew
Total	\$ 150.00	\$ 569.70	\$ 419.70 \$ 1,210.16
19-Oct-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Rev Jeffrey Khoo (Combined Meeting with YAF)
			Offering \$799.10 channeled to FEBC
26-Oct-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to BS speaker (Rev Quek) - Oct
	\$ 60.00		Love Gift to BS speaker (Sis Carol) - Sep/Oct
Total	\$ 160.00	\$ -	\$ (160.00) \$ 1,050.16
9-Nov-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Dr Jose Lagapa
		\$ 208.75	Offering collected
16-Nov-13	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Dr Jose Lagapa
		\$ 252.40	Offering collected
14-Dec-13	\$ 428.00		Christmas Gospel Outreach - Dinner
	\$ 50.00		Love Gift to Dr Jose Lagapa
24-Dec-13	\$ 363.00		Christmas Dinner at Pandan Gardens
	\$ 46.72		Gifts for Carolling Homes
24-Dec-13	\$ 100.00		Mary - Souvenirs for Anniversary
Total	\$ 1,087.72	\$ 461.15	\$ (626.57) \$ 423.59

CONSOLIDATED ACCOUNTS 2013

Balance carried forward from 2012	761.01
Offering collected	<u>3,999.90</u>
	<u>4,760.91</u>
Less : Expenditures	
Gifts to Speakers	1,760.00
Gifts to FEBC students (Charles and Ngoc Chan)	400.00
Fellowship Dinners	791.00
Admin & Miscellaneous	386.32
Love Gift to Joshua	<u>1,000.00</u>
	<u>4,337.32</u>
Balance as at 31 Dec 2013	423.59

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Compiled by Alice Tan
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