

Part of the exercise of prayer is sincerity, without which God will not look upon it as prayer in its proper sense. God says in his Word, **“You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart”** (Jeremiah 29:13). The lack of this sincerity made the Lord reject the prayers in Hosea 7:14, where he said, **“They do not cry out to me from their hearts,” that is, in sincerity, “but wail upon their beds.”** Their prayers were only a fake, a hypocritical show, only to be seen by men, and applauded by them.

Why must sincerity be one of the essential ingredients of prayer which is acceptable to God? Because sincerity causes the soul to open its heart to God, and to plainly tell him the situation, without rationalization; to clearly condemn itself, without deceit; to cry out to God as a friend, without flattery. Sincerity is the same no matter if you are praying alone in a closet, or before the face of the world. The sincere praying Christian does not know how to wear two masks, one before men, and another in the closet; rather it must have God, and be honest with him in prayer. God will not listen to lip service, for God looks at the heart, and listens only to prayer which is accompanied with sincerity.

TEACHING SEMINAR

(Starting the 1st Sunday of March at 9.00am. 6 weeks)

It is encouraging to note that quite a few have already signed up for the Teaching Seminar.

Our Lord's Great Commission is for us to **Go, Make disciples, Baptize and Teach.**

The Seminar will cover many areas of teaching. Some of the subjects covered are:

Learning Styles.

Everyone has a learning style. A learning style is a preferred way of learning.

“Creative Vision” of the teacher:

How do we see our students? Scholars? Church leaders? Teachers?

It's about learning, not teaching:

How do we stimulate learning (active)?

concrete examples to illustrate concepts, clarify thinking, posing questions, giving cases to resolve simulations, collaborative work

Registration is still open and we would like to encourage as many as possible to attend. Please register with **Sister Geraldine Ho** or **SMS her at 9769 2384.**

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE WELCOME all guests who have come to worship with us this morning. If this is your first visit, please fill in the Visitor Form so that we can keep in touch with you.

SPECIAL WELCOME to our guest speaker this morning, **Dr. Patrick Stephen**. Dr. Stephen has been our speaker several times in the past. He is an elder in Revival Church and a faithful supporter of the Hiding Place Ministry.

OUTREACH SUNDAY

Next Sunday 31st January 2010 will be another opportunity for us to share the gospel with someone. **Our evangelist is Pastor Caleb How.** Pastor Caleb has been called to a very special ministry. He pastors a church in Chinatown where he ministers to the very needy, the poor and downtrodden, the mentally unfortunate and the forgotten or leftouts of our society.

Let us remember what our Lord's Great Commission in Matthew 28 is. **“Go and makes disciples...”** Let us therefore pray and make a special effort to bring our friends, colleagues, neighbours, family members or someone to hear the Good News.

FRIDAY PRAYER MEETINGS

We would like to encourage you to **come and pray with us as a church family every Friday.** We will have a short devotional and discussion followed by sharing of prayer needs after which we will go into small groups to pray.

Prayer is important to us as individuals and as a church. There are many prayer needs and many 'prayERS' needed so do come and join us **every Friday at 7.45pm.**

PASTORAL SUPPORT TEAM

The Pastoral Support Team had their first meeting last Tuesday evening. The Team comprising of Brothers Aaron Ang, Melvin Chan and sister Chiew Eng will henceforth be helping the pastor to plan and facilitate programs toward the spiritual growth of the church. We would like to ask for the united prayer support of the church as they serve among us.



PLEASE REMEMBER TO TURN OFF YOUR MOBILE PHONES. THANK YOU

PRAYER PAGE



1. Pray for our speaker Dr. Patrick Stephen as he brings us the Word this morning. Pray that we will be ministered to and will respond to God's calling for us to be equipped for the ministry.

2. Pray also for the worship leader and musicians as they lead us in worship this morning.

3. URGENT PRAYER is requested for Sister Alice. Her condition is not good and she is now experiencing some pain and has been prescribed morphine. Please do uphold her in your prayers constantly.

4. Mr. Henry Yeo who attended our last Evangelistic Outreach and was one of those who received Christ has been hospitalised in NUH. The doctors have discovered he has leukaemia. Please pray for him. **Mr. Yeo has also requested prayer for his wife Doris** that she too may receive Christ and trust **our Lord.**

5. Thank you for praying for **Sister Julia's grand daughter.** Praise the Lord she has been discharged from hospital is now recovering at home.

6. Continue to remember Sister **Audrey's Yeo sister** who also has cancer (advanced stage).

7. Continue to pray for the **Youths and Sunday School children,** that even in their youth they will love the Lord with all their heart, soul, mind and strength. Pray that they will want to observe and do all the commandments of God.

8. Ps. Neville is preaching at the Kim Keat Christian Church this morning. Please pray that our Lord will use him again to edify the people as he preaches.

Counsellors / Befrienders, please meet at **12.15 pm** at the main sanctuary for a short briefing after service today. **Others who may be interested to serve in this ministry are most welcomed to join us too.**

PASTORAL PRAYER. *Should you or someone you know need prayer, please inform the pastor or send an SMS to +6598582530*

Memory Verse:

Last week: Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. – **Matthew 5 : 5**

This week: I will say of the Lord, “He is my refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.” – **Psalms 91 : 2**