



because they had given up on others to provide the emotional support they need. For every consequence, there is a cause and a trigger. As parents and caregivers, we must always be sources of encouragement, not disappointment. The child who is consistently turned down and repudiated will learn to stop asking for support and will stop anticipating loving responses. I'm not suggesting that we should give everything a child asks for. We're not to spoil the child. But we must be discerning and be aware of the child's pressing needs.

If not, others will fill that gap. This may be a sub-cultural group, like gangs, cults and even drinking buddies. These relationships often provide the individual with much-needed connection and sense of belonging with others. There is often a leader within the group whom members respect and admire. Special status based on drinking ability or fighting skill can elevate individual members' self-esteem. Thus members of the group can feel safe and special and that they belong somewhere.

The group can be a powerful sustaining psychological force for its members, making the activity even that much harder to give up. Thus we need to form a new peer group for someone who is rehabilitating from an addiction. With new connections, the person can generate hope and the creativity needed to form a new life and new attachments. You can be a significant "link person" in a person's journey. Far too often, we're quick to condemn the weak. People make wrong choices all the time. Some have to pay dearly for their moment of indiscretion. If truth be told, each of us has our own set of compulsions and addictions e.g. addiction to Korean drama serials or computer gaming. We, like those deeply in trouble, too need help. The Christian community exists to honour Christ and also to support His body.

Paul tells us there are a variety of ways to help, depending on the state of the person who is in need. So if someone is idle, we're to warn him of the dangers of an empty mind and life. Others may need our comfort and encouragement.

Whatever condition a person finds himself in, let's learn to be patient because our Lord Himself has been incredibly patient with us. He died because we're imperfect. Let's not give up on those who are.

**Pastor Song Cheng Hock**

**Casting all your care upon Him for  
He careth for you. 1 Peter 5:7**

DO NOT FORGET TO SWITCH OFF YOUR HANDPHONES!



## 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.



### OUR EVANGELISTIC MEETING:

November 29th 2009 at 10.30am.

**PRAY, PREPARE PARTICIPATE.** Pray without ceasing. Pray specifically for someone to bring. Pray for salvation for friends and family. Prepare to see many come to know Christ. Be an usher, a counsellor or just a helper (*contact Bro. Henry Lee or Sister Chiew Eng*).

**Participate** in our evangelistic effort. Let's unite in our effort to win souls for our Lord.

**Please do not forget to fill in the commitment form** today and pass them to the ushers or one of our prayer intercessors. **Our evangelist will be Pastor Daniel Teh.**

**Sis. Chiew Eng will be holding a briefing session** on Sun, Nov 22 from 12.15 to 1.00pm at the main sanctuary. Anyone interested to participate as a "befriender" or a counselor, or to acquaint yourself personally to share the gospel are welcome to join. All are welcome!

### PRISON MINISTRY

**Association of Christian Halfway Houses (ACHWH)** have invited us to participate in their program to care for ex-offenders completing the HWH Service Model program (or released directly from prisons). The Church based After-Care program will help ex-offenders reintegrate back into society and become members of the Church.

We have three members already involved in the Prison Ministry but there is still need for more volunteers.

**THOSE INTERESTED TO SERVE AS VOLUNTEERS** may contact Brother Vincent Tan for more details.

### Asst. Treasurer needed.

We thank God for the services of Sister Beng Hwee who has faithfully served as assistant treasurer for the past years. Sister Beng Hwee will be leaving us to join her family in Australia next month and we need to find someone to replace her. If you would like to serve in this ministry, please see our Church Treasurer, sister Desmonda for more details and duties.

### FRIDAY NIGHT PRAYER MEETING

We would like to encourage all to come and join the Prayer Meeting every Friday at 7.45 p.m. Pastor Song is now teaching **1 Corinthians**.

## PRAYER PAGE



1. Please pray for **our guest speaker, Pastor Edmund Chua**, as he brings God's Word to us this morning. Pray for ourselves too that we may not be hearers of the Word only but doers too.

2. Pray for the **Worship Team, the audio/visual support group**, as well as the **ushers**. Pray that

God will continually refresh them as they experience deeper worship themselves, leading others to worship God in spirit and in truth and to encounter Him, to the end that their lives be transformed to His glory.

3. Please continue to uphold our **pastors and their family** in prayer. Pray for their health, strength, peace and joy as they serve Him.

4. Pray for **Uncle Neville**. He is preaching at the **Corrie Ten Boom Church** this morning. **Unc. Neville and Auntie Anne** will travel this Tuesday to Vietnam. They will be visiting some congregations in the highlands outside Ho Chi Minh City. Pray that God will grant them journey mercies, good weather and a fruitful trip.

5. Continue to uphold **sister Alice** in prayer. She went for her heart scan on Thursday morning and is waiting for the results. Pray for God's grace and strength to be with her and **sister Catherine**.

6. **Please remember to pray for our evangelistic meeting on the 29th.** If you have completed your commitment form, please hand it to one of our ushers, Bro. Henry or Sister Chiew Eng or to our prayer intercessors for prayer. Pray that we see many **souls receive salvation. Let us trust the Lord for healing for the sick too.**

7. We want to praise God and give thanks for the faithful services of all who serve in the **various Ministries** of the Church - may the Lord continue to bless us all with good health, strength and joy. May God always supply our need at the right time.

8. 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 for teachable hearts and obedience.

9. **Brother Boon Khim and Sister Enid** will be leaving us this month to join their daughter and son-in-law in Auckland. We thank the Lord for their many years of service to the Lord in our congregation.

**PASTORAL PRAYER.** *Should you or someone you know need prayer, please speak to the pastor or send your email to [chggod@churchofgodsg.com](mailto:chggod@churchofgodsg.com).*

### Memory Verse:

**Last week's:** "Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest." – **Matthew 11:28**

**This week:** *A generous man will himself be blessed, for he shares his food with the poor.* - **Proverbs 22 : 9**