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Be and Bring a Friend to Jesus: Building and Bringing

Nehemiah 4:6: So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart.



Relating to the theme of building and bridging, the logo shows a structure of bricks representing the church while each individual brick represents members of the church. The various colours of each brick suggest the differences of each individual, and through sharing their common identity in Christ, they come together to form support for each other. The brick formation expands by reaching out to the 'lost' bricks beyond the community. These 'lost' bricks have a void which only Christ can fill.

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Devotion by David Chan: Life can get mundane after a while. The routines of travelling to and from office; clearing paperwork on the desk; going for tuition or attending enrichment classes; and for parents, the routine of sending the children to and from school/other classes, etc. The routine-ness of life's appointments can leave one with little to look forward to in a week.

Likewise, our relationship with Jesus can get mundane after a while, as we come to church every Sunday; pray the same prayer when giving thanks for the food; or even hear the same old story about Jesus and the Cross. While there is no perfect way to guard against routines of life, I feel it is important to guard our hearts when the routines of life come around. In Ecclesiastes 5:1, 'Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. Go near to listen rather than to offer the sacrifice of fools, who do not know that they do wrong.' The writer of Ecclesiastes warns that the fool is one who lacks understanding and just follows routines and religious duties without knowing that these offerings of piety are meaningless, amounting to nothing at the end of the day. But he extols the reader who is truly focused on building that connection with God, and who learns to develop the very important quality of listening to the Spirit's still, small voice.

This Season of Lent, may we re-ignite our walk with God as we still our souls and listen to Him; may we rediscover afresh the Hope of Glory and the Lover of our souls, who for the joy set before Him, endured the Cross, scorning its shame, and then sat down at the right hand of God's throne

Worship Ministry by Ivan Ng : "Glorify God through engaging the congregation in authentic and inspiring praise and worship". This simple statement embodies the mission of the worship ministry.

The theme for the worship ministry this year is "Sing to the Lord a new song", something repeated throughout the Bible, (eg. Ps 96:1, Ps 98:1, Ps 149:1, Isa 42:10, Rev 14:3). For a long time, the repertoire of songs that are sung during our worship services have been quite limited. There is nothing wrong with singing old songs or hymns. In fact, some of them are very beautiful and meaningful. However, we also have to recognize the importance of praising and worshiping God with new songs. Besides being biblical, it also injects a sense of freshness into our worship. The Lord desires to hear His people praise Him with new songs.

To keep up with the mission of providing "authentic and inspiring praise and worship", we are embarking on a number of initiatives which deal with both "hardware" and "software". On the "hardware", we have invested in a new *Korg* keyboard, a bass amplifier, upgraded our PA system, serviced our existing musical instruments, and are in the process of acquiring a new worship software. All these are done with the objective of enhancing the worship experience for the congregation.

On the "software", there will be special focus and emphasis on training. The objective of "Developing the musician within you" has been set for each worship team member. As part of the training plan, we have invested in a number of excellent

instructional DVDs and scheduled regular training sessions, starting from 18 Feb. Besides group training, active self-directed learning is also strongly encouraged. To deliver consistent quality praise and worship, each worship leader, musician, backup singer, PA crew and projectionist has to be thoroughly equipped and well trained. Excellence comes with a price. There is no shortcut if we want to give our very best to honour God through our service in worship.

The worship ministry is indeed excited about what lies ahead for 2012. We look forward to engaging the congregation weekly with authentic and inspiring praise and worship. **To God be the glory!**

Visitation Ministry: Ps Chua Siew Tiang has led this new initiative to mobilize retirees of CCBC to visit and minister to those in the church and their extended family members. The team comprises: Chua Soo Hwee, Jenny Chua and Margaret Khoo. Through this ministry we hope to build relationships intentionally to reach pre-believers for Christ. Please contact the team should you have friends/family members who liked to be visited or prayed for.

Good News Club (GNC): Five brothers and sisters have commenced their Good News Club Training organized by Child Evangelism Fellowship (CEF) over 5 full Saturdays from 11 Feb to 24 Mar. Pray for a home to be opened to begin a GNC.

The Care & Share (C&S) Ministry: A friendship-building event coming up soon is a walking tour at Pulau Ubin and Changi Coastal Boardwalk on 17 Mar 2012, Saturday from 8.00am to 1pm. Next is a Bridge-Building Event which the Boon Tiong C & S group will be coordinating and it's scheduled on 5 May 2012 (Saturday, Vesak Day). Invite your family and friends to join us for a relaxing afternoon of food and movie. A High-Tea reception will be provided following the movie "Courageous" and testimony sharing.

CCBC Pulpit 2012-13: We will conclude our study of the five major teachings of Jesus by March 2012 before Easter. Beginning April 2012, we begin a new sermon series from the book of *1 Timothy—A Memo to the Minister and the Church*.

Mar 04	Matt 18:1-35 Life in Community Disciples	Dr Gary Choong
Mar 11	Matt 24:1-51 The Return of the King I	Dr Gary Choong

Mar 18	Matt 25:1-46 The Return of the King II	Dr Gary Choong
Mar 25	Matt 26:36-36 (47-56) The Passion: The Anguish of the King	Dr Gary Choong
Apr 01	To be Advised	Mr Bennett Wong
Apr 06	Good Friday	
Apr 08	Easter Sunday	CCBC & RBC Combine
Apr 15	1 Tim 1:1-11,18-20 1 Tim Series- A Memo to the Minister and Church	Dr Gary Choong
Apr 22	1 Tim :1:12-17 1 Tim Series- Transformed	Dr Gary Choong
Apr 29	1 Tim 2:1-8 1 Tim Series - Prayer	Dr Gary Choong

CHURCH EVENT:

Good Friday Service

The service is on 06 April 2012 and will be held at No. 1 Cambridge Road from 9.30 to 11.00 am.

BILATERAL EVENTS: Redeemer BC

Evangelistic Easter Sunday

We will be participating in RBC's 20th anniversary celebration on Easter Sunday, Apr 8, 2012.
Venue: Civil Service Club, Tessensohn Road
Time: 10.00am-12.00 noon

Church Retreat 2012: Plan to Participate!

Date: 7-10 Jun 2012 (Thursday to Sunday)
Venue: Pulai Spring Resort, Johor
Published Rate: \$310 for adult, \$180 kids with bed (4-12 yrs) , Free for kids below 4 yrs

2011 Financial Report in Brief

Income:		\$134,364.32
Expenditure:		\$124,318.06
Staff Expenses	59,981.68	
Administrative	30,410.22	
Ministry & Events	19,126.16	
Mission & Support	14,800.00	
Surplus:		\$10,046.26
FD with Bank		\$182,295.94

Total amount contributed through our church towards the Baptist Centre Project: \$22,410-00