This Week Service Workers 本主日崇拜聖工人員:

崇拜組長 Worship Leader: 黄俊謙 Louis Wong

黎昌 Tim Lai

司琴 Pianist: Ming Yu

讀經 Scripture Reader: (Eng) Arthur Tsoi

(中) 游志鑫 Patrick Yau

影音 A/V: 蕭穎堅 Victor Siu

司事 Usher/Greetings: Francis Wong, Marcus Tong, Keith Lau, Roberta

Lau, Winnie Li, Susana Tong

黄鄧寶瓊、江顧燕玲

下主日中文崇拜聖工人員:

講員: 翟林展麗傳道

 崇拜組長:
 徐韓嘉恩
 司琴: 梁比傑

 讀經:
 郭葉正行
 影音: 蕭穎堅

司事: 黄鄧寶瓊、江顧燕玲

Next Week English Sunday Service Worker Schedule:

Speaker: Pastor Amy Wong

Worship Leader: Dave Wong Scripture Reader Alfred Lo Usher/Greetings Ivan Lee, Francis Wong, Roberta Lau, Keith Lau

Snack Time Schedule

Coffer: David Tong

Juice: Stephanie Cheung, Sarah Fok Snacks: Angela Solermani, Lynn Su

上週人數		上主日奉獻:	中文堂	英文堂
Last Week Attendance:		Last Week Offering	Chinese	English
中文堂崇拜 Chi. Worship	-	常費 General Fund\$	5,286.00	440.00
英文堂崇拜 Eng. Worship	73	宣教 Missions Fund\$	2,090.00	1,500.00
兒童崇拜 Children's Worship	_	感恩 Thanksgiving\$	720.00	0.00
中文主日學 Chi. Sun. School	49	慈惠 Love Fund\$	0.00	0.00
兒童主日學 Children's S. S.	_	其他 Others\$	60.00	
祈禱會 (中) Prayer Meeting(Chi)	21	合共 Total\$	8,156.00	1,940.00

主任牧師 Senior Pastor: 闡偉雄牧師 Rev. Stan Man 兒童事工 Children Pastor: 黄以美傳道 Pastor Amy Wong 中文事工 Assistant Pastor: 翟林展麗傳道 Pastor Ginny Chak

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基約宣道會

New Covenant Alliance Church

浸 禮 主 日 Baptism Service

二零零八年十二月十四日上午十時半 December 14, 2008 10:30AM



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羅馬書六章四節

We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life.

Romans 6:4

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動有新生的樣式,像基督藉著父的榮耀從死裡《們藉著洗禮歸入死,和他一同埋葬,原是叫我

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浸禮主日

Baptism Service

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Silent Reflection

崇拜宣召

Call to worship

敬拜祈禱

Opening Prayer

詩歌讚美

Shout to the Lord / Hosanna

Praise

要吶喊,要頌揚/和撒那

經文頌讀

Romans 6:1-9

Scripture Reading

羅馬書 6:1-9

信息訓勉

Starting Anew

Message

重新做人

得救見證

Ryan Yu, Victoria Kwok

Testimonies

林寶娟,黃國富

受浸新葡

Baptism

詩歌獻頌

Teach me to Love

Choir

How Great is our God / How Great Thou Art (Life 12)

回應詩歌 Song of Response

我主偉大/祢真偉大(生命聖詩12)

奉獻回應

Offering

三一頌讚

Doxology

祝福差遣

Benediction

關懷相交

Announcements

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團契: 3	加南團	(年長)	每月第四星期六早	十時正	
\$	約書亞團	(家庭)	每月第二星期六晚	七時半	
7	加利利團	(就業)	每月第二及三星期	五晚八時	
關懷小組: 身	與黃鄧寶瓊	姊妹聯絡	不同時間及地點舉	行	
		Sunda	ny Schedule		
English Worship	: 9:45 a	m En	glish Sunday School:	11:30 am	
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"Never! Can a mother forget her nursing child? Can she feel no love for the child she has borne? But even if that were possible, I would not forget you! See, I have written your name on the palms of my hands."Isaiah 49:15,16a

Supplication

- -Thank God for His amazing love. He never forgets his children and He listens to our prayers.
- Remember the 11 brothers & sisters who are being baptized today. Pray for their spiritual walk with the Lord that they are willing to trust and obey Him.
- -Pray that God will stir our hearts to support mission work through offering and prayers. Remember STM Aruba 2009, that God will call individuals to join the team and provide for the trip.
- Pray for Christmas party on Dec. 20, that many are invited and able to come to celebrate the joy and meaning of Christmas. Pray for the planning and detail of the gathering.
- Pray for Mrs. Lee's (Ben, Carmen, Karen's mom). Thank God for the successful surgery, please continue to pray for speedy recovery.

贸中文堂感恩及代禱事項貿

- 1. 請為教會教牧及長老,並第二個五年計劃的異象祈禱——「將教會 帶進社群,助人群得進天國」。
- 2. 請為現時加拿大聯邦政府的危機祈禱,求神設立合神心意的政府。
- 3. I 感謝神! Ben 長老的母親於星期三成功接受手術,求主給她經歷神的同在及平安,並早日康復。
- 4. 請為教會 2008 年 12 月份舉行的多項外展福音事工祈禱,並求主激勵弟兄姊妹為祂的國度擴展大發熱心,不畏困難,勇於參與。

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每月第二個星期六

頤康安老院

12月20,22,23日

Agincourt Mall Booth

12月24日

聖誕慶祝:情♥意重

♬Hymns 詩歌 Hymns♬

Shout to the Lord 要吶喊,要頌揚

Shout to the Lord, all the Earth, let us sing Power and majesty, Praise to the King Mountains bow down and the seas will roar At the sound of Your name I sing for joy at the work of Your hand Forever I'll love You, Forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have In You My Jesus, my Saviour, Lord there is none like You, All of my days I want to praise, The wonders of Your mighty love My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength, Let every breath, all that I am, Never cease to worship You 獻上頌讚,要吶喊,要頌揚,各處頌讚,眾山歡呼拍掌, 遍野萬里也和應叫嚷,與眾海呼喊,傳揚上主。 跳躍和唱,要述說,祢創造,願永愛著祢, 我這生不變更,這世上永再沒有別人像祢。 在世間,萬有中,哪會有仿似耶穌, 我願頌揚,竭力頌揚,主愛是奇妙浩大。 是我主,是救主,作我安穩庇護所, 我若只有,一息尚存,也要定意敬拜祢。

Hosanna 和撒那

- I see the king of glory, Coming on the clouds with fire The whole earth shakes, The whole earth shakes I see his love and mercy, Washing over all our sin The people sing The people sing
- I see a generation, Rising up to take their place
 With selfless faith With selfless faith, I see a near revival
 Stirring as we pray and seek, We're on our knees We're on our knees
- Heal my heart and make it clean Open up my eyes to the things unseen Show me how to love like you have loved me Break my heart from what breaks yours – Everything I am for your kingdoms cause

As I go from nothing to Eternity

Chorus: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna! Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

1. 我看見榮耀之君,降臨在雲彩當中,全地震動,全地震動 我見那慈愛的主,洗淨我們的罪污,萬民歌頌 萬民歌頌

- 2. 我看見一個世代,正在興起與增長 無私的信、無私的信,我看見教會復興 激發我們求告主,我們跪拜、我們跪拜
- 3. 醫治潔淨我的心,張開我的眼讓我得看見 以祢的愛教導我懂得愛,破碎我心像祢一樣 凡我所有皆為祢的國度,像我從世界進入祢的永恆

副歌: 和撒那、和撒那,和撒那歸至高處 和撒那、和撒那,和撒那歸至高處

How great is our God 我主偉大

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty Let all the earth rejoice All the earth rejoice He wraps himself in Light, and darkness tries to hide, And trembles at His voice Trembles at His voice How great is our God, sing with me How great is our God, and all will see How great, how great is our God Age to age He stands And time is in His hands Beginning and the end Beginning and the end The Godhead Three in One Father Spirit Son The Lion and the Lamb The Lion and the Lamb Name above all names Worthy of all praise My heart will sing How great is our God 耶穌偉大救主,尊貴萬有主, 來讚頌永活主,讚頌永生主, 耶穌宇宙聖光,除去黑夜罪惡, 是勝利至高主,勝利至高主, 容我來稱讚,主恩典, 厚愛,來稱讚,祂當得 讚美,萬膝來跪拜。 祂掌管萬有,時間也在祢手, 從永遠到永遠,從永遠到永遠, 上帝三位一體, 聖靈父與子, 永活救贖主,成就了一切。 美名中最美, 祢配得稱讚, 祂當得讚美,萬膝來跪拜。

December Food and Clothing Bank Drive

We will be collecting food and clean clothing items throughout the month of December for the Yonge Street Mission. Please bring your non perishable food items and clean wearable clothing to the Fellowship Hall and place it inside the available boxes. The box will be available starting Dec 6. Let's see how many pounds of food we can collect. Other required items will be posted on the bulletin board outside the Fellowship Hall.

Community Outreach

On Sun. Dec. 28th, from 1-4pm, we are going out to meet our neighbours! Helping us out are a bunch of university students and staff from Campus for Christ, who will come with us around our community to give out gift packages. We will also be offering prayer and conducting surveys with people who are interested, to see if they are interested in God or church, and how we can meet their needs better. SAVE THE DATE!!!!!

Sign-up is next Sunday (Dec. 21st)

Short Term Mission

Aruba STM 2009: we are organizing a team to Aruba. We need 7 members together with Pastor Amy to run Youth and Children Conference in April 2009. Please pray about this to see if God will send you to Aruba in 2009

Date: April 9 to 21, 09 Deadline: Today # of people: max. 7

Main purpose: to run Children and Youth Conference, Secondary purpose: may need to do visitation and others, Please contact David Tong (Eng. Congregation).

"The Sacred Moment" - NCAC Christmas Potluck and Program

This year, our annual dinner will be held on Sat. Dec. 20th, 6pm. It will be a potluck dinner, followed by a time of artistic presentations designed to remind us about the sacredness of Christmas and our lives. Sign up today! Invite your friends!

Looking for Helpers for Chinese Congregation's Christmas Event Our help is needed!

The Chinese Congregation will be hosting a Christmas Eve dinner on Wed. Dec. 24th and need servers to serve dinner so they can chat with guests. If you are available, please let an EMT member know.

Potluck Information

Dear friends: Reminder, everyone must register for the Christmas Potluck and Program portion of Dec 20th. This is to ensure we have enough food for everyone. Please talk to Tony or Louisa to get your names on the list along with your family and friends. There's a whole range from Roasted Chicken to Drinks you can sign up for – something for everyone. If you want to invite friends and may be hard for them to co-ordinate Potluck, that is ok. They do not need to bring anything, but you still need to register them. For the rest of us that we see on a regular basis, we'd love to co-ordinate this dinner with you so that we can share in fellowship in love with our guests this Christmas season. Please arrive at 5:50pm so we can begin dinner at 6pm sharp. Hope to see you all there. Tony (tonywong@ncac.ca) Louisa (named.louisa@gmail.com)

4中文堂-家事分享4

- 歡迎第一次參加聚會的來賓,盼望您可以繼續參加我們的聚會。會後有午膳,請留步享用。
- 2. 教會祈禱會將於 12 月 31 日(星期三)晚上八時正至九時十五分在交誼 廳舉行,負責人: 聞偉雄牧師,設有托兒服務。如需要接送的弟兄姊 妹,請與牧師聯絡,以便安排。
- 恭賀今天接受浸禮的弟兄姊妹。中文堂:林李麗芳、林寶娟、洪毓 麟、黃國富。
- 4. 感謝神的恩典帶領 11 位弟兄姊妹加入「禱告精兵小組」,我們願意 特別為教會及弟兄姊妹的需要禱告,如有任何個人或事奉的祈禱需 要,請通知翟林展麗傳道。
- 5. 於 12/20, 12/22 及 12/23 擺設的 Agincourt Mall 攤位事工需弟兄姊妹參與, 凡有意的弟兄姊妹請於崇拜後在大堂後登記。
- 6. 12 月 28 日,成人主日學休課。受浸班、長者班、初信成長班,可能 另有安排,學員請與老師查詢。12 月 21 日為<u>主日學結業分享</u>,除了 感謝各位老師的教導,亦希望弟兄姊妹有分享的機會。
- 7. 於12月24日晚舉行的聖誕慶祝晚會現已開始接受報名,費用為成人 \$4,12歲或以下\$2,未信主的親友免費(仍需報名)。請弟兄姊妹於崇 拜後在大堂後報名。若弟兄姊妹有意邀請親友參與當晚的聚會,請將 他們的名字交給翟林展麗傳道,教會將為他們禱告。
- 8. 教會將於4月9至21日派出七人(最多)短宣隊到 Aruba,主要工作為 兒童及青少年事工,並探訪當地華人,詳情及報名與 Rosanna 聯絡, 今天為最後報名日期。

Figure 1 English Congregation - Announcements Figure 1

Prayer Meeting Time

Our next prayer meeting is 8:00pm on Wednesday, on December 17, 2008

Baptism

Congratulation! Wing Hei Pang, Ho Cheung Pang, Ryan Yu, Gary Cheong, Joanne Lee, Victoria Kwok and Xinger Zheng of the English congregation will be baptised today.

Congratulation!

Let us welcome a newly wedded couple: Vincent and Carrie So. Their wedding was last Saturday, December 6, 2008

How Great Thou Art 祢真偉大

- 1. O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder consider all the worlds Thy hands have made I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed.
- 2. And when I think, that God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.
- 3. When Christ shall come, with shout of acclamation, And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart. Then I shall bow, in humble adoration, And then proclaim: "My God, how great Thou art!"
 Chorus: Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee How great Thou art, How great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee

How great Thou art, How great Thou art.

- 主阿!我神,我每逢舉目觀看, 祢手所造一切奇妙大工, 看見星宿,又聽到隆隆雷聲, 祢的大能遍滿了宇宙中。
- 2. 當我想到,神竟願差祂兒子, 降世捨命,我幾乎不領會, 主在十架,甘願背我的重擔, 流血捨身為要赦免我罪。
- 3. 當主再來,歡呼聲響澈天空, 何等喜樂主接我回天家, 我要跪下,謙恭的崇拜敬奉, 並要頌揚神阿祢真偉大。

副歌: 我靈歌唱,讚美救主我神, 「祢真偉大!何等偉大!」 我靈歌唱,讚美救主我神, 「祢真偉大!何等偉大!」

Gary Cheong

T Ti my name is Gary. For those of you who don't know me I've ■ been in this church for a very long time now. And today I just want to share with you a story of how God worked Himself into my life when I felt things were beyond saving. It all started in university a few years back. I had always wanted to do something great in life, I just didn't know what. So when I got into Electrical Engineering at U of T I was more than happy to go. Although it was by the grace of God that I got in with my less then awesome studying habits I also began habitually skipping class as well. Skipping 1 or 2 classes became skipping days of classes and even skipping out on quizzes and tests. So to say the least, my marks dropped dramatically and I was put on probation and eventually kicked out of school last winter; just this past January. I felt lost, all my plans ever since I had the feeling that I wanted to do great in life as a kid were gone in that one moment when I received the letters that kicked me out. For the first time in my life I had no plan, I had no direction or even a sense of it. I asked God, "Why is this was happening to me?" Why had He not shown me a better way earlier? But throughout all my prayers and support from family I began to see how God had already given me everything I wanted in life and that it was me who messed it all up and tried to do everything myself without Him. Even so, He had built me up, gave me all the things I wanted, helped me achieve benchmarks in my goals and never gave up on me. And when I look back, I know it was God all along who was helping me move on from engineering and onto something else, possibly something I would enjoy even more. Knowing all of this, I began to rely on God more and more, I brought all my troubles before Him and asked Him about big things in my life, like what school and subject I should go into and even smaller things like plans for last summer. Slowly things began to change for me. You know how I always wanted to do something great? Well, He put me in a leadership position on our softball team this past summer. And believe me, it's probably been the most rewarding thing I've done up until now. I love my team and I love playing with them. Eventually, l even got accepted into another school, just another way God is showing me how much He cares for me and wants to lead me on new paths in life. I can't say I know what happens in the future, but I know I don't face it alone anymore. Thank you.

≥ Notes 講道筆記 Notes ≤

題目 Topic: 重新做人 Starting Anew						
經文 Scripture:羅馬書 6:1-9 Romans 6:1-9						

多年前,我因急性肺炎入住了一間國家醫院,因故好轉就出院,回加拿大不久,病又發作而入醫院,因病重而在深切治療部昏睡了十八天,全身插滿導管,要用呼吸器才可以呼吸,家人為我焦急不安,我卻一無所知。在危在朝夕,我突然甦醒過來,缺氧十多天的大腦,從現在科學去衡量怎也不能甦醒,祇有神的靈才可以挽救瀕臨死亡的人,第三天我就出院回家,步行如故,回家後才知恩雨之聲的譚牧師家人為我天天禱告。

神為我贖罪挽救了我的生命,我的甦醒是神挽救我生命的見證,我得到平安,是神恢復了我的健康,我不能不感謝神,在神的感召下,我逐步認識了信仰耶穌是客觀存在的真理。從科學理性去探討耶穌的復活,是有時間地點去論証事實真相,神的存在是不能以人的主觀意志而轉移客觀規律,祇有嘗過主恩,才知道天父的親切,因而我堅信耶穌基督,是我今後不再動搖的意志,讓我開懷感恩,讓歌頌神的旋律沸騰在我心中。

曾經災難的人,最懂得人生的意義是平安和喜樂,經過離散,最珍惜神給人的團聚,不用大富大貴,有神去歌頌就滿足了。

Xinger Zheng

I was always a good girl. I never got into bad things, and I loved to help others, give what I can, and simply care for people. You can say I was very "Christian-like". I also grew up in a "Christian" society, being Canada. I remember during the last week of school before the winter holiday, we would always gather in the gym to sing carols and learn about where Christmas came from. Therefore, society has definitely influenced my decision to be a Christian. So when Winnie took me to church 2 years ago on November 12 during Gospel Sunday, it felt right to raise my hand when Auntie Susanna asked if anybody had accepted Jesus into his or her life, and I did. But more powerfully, I knew something else was raising my hand for me. And I didn't fight it because I felt right. The moment I walked into the church, I felt at home. I felt safe and I felt like I belonged. So when God raised my hand that day, it was just... right.

Auntie Susanna took me to the couch room afterwards and she explained to me about the Christian faith, which was a lot more than I expected, but I listened attentive and I was very intrigued. I wanted to learn more, because my belief was solely based on faith at that time and very little on knowledge. But I knew as long as I believed there was a higher being and had faith; everything else will come with it. I had to let Auntie Susanna know that I wasn't able to come to church regularly. I told her about my family and that my parents would not support me coming to church. She said it is ok – as long as I had Jesus in my heart. Then she gave me a booklet, and there was a little prayer in the back with signature and date at the bottom. I signed my name and wrote November 12, and read the prayer over once. She told me I can use this prayer to pray, and I did. Every night before I went to bed, I would open up my bedroom curtains so I can see the sky and say this little prayer. "Dear Lord Jesus, I know that I am a sinner and need your forgiveness. I believe that you died from my sins; I want to turn from my sins. I now invite you to come into my heart and life. I trust and follow you as Lord and Saviour. In Jesus' name I pray, Amen." I said that every night for a year and a half, because I thought that was the only way to pray.

For a year and a half, I did not go to church. I was in grade 11 and extremely stressed. I had a lot of pressure from school and my parents. Personally, I had really high expectations for myself already, so to have more added onto mine was impossible. I was striving for really high marks, because at the time I wanted to be a paediatrician

(children doctor) and I was also involved in a lot of extra-curricular activities at school. So I was everywhere doing everything. I also had a really bad crush, so emotionally I wasn't stable. And that's when I crashed. On February 21, I had a seizure at school and I had no idea why. I was taken to the hospital. Coincidently, I was taking psychology at the time at school, so I thought I was going mental. I had to be hospitalized. I was taken to the psychiatric unit, and stayed there for 4 days until I came to my senses. By the grace of God, I did. Then I tried to get back on track in school, but I was extremely weak. Eventually, I wasn't getting any better, stressed out again, and was hospitalized for a second time. However, this time it was different. This time I was confident that I was going to get better because I felt a hand pulling me up into the unit. I believed God wanted to lift me up from all the commotion going on and heal me Himself. And sure thing, He did.

At that time, my mom knew it was time for me and her to go back to church. My mom grew up in a Christian family, but at one time she did put her faith aside. So after our whole family came to church on April 6th this year, we called my grandparents in China and my grandma told us something beyond this world. She said when she was at the Sunday Service that day, the pastor said "God lost one of his sheeps a long time ago, but today He has found her again." And my mom bawled, knowing she was the lost sheep. So, everyday since all four of us, my mom, dad, brother and I have attended church regularly, and in no time soon was I healed. The reason why I decided to be baptized was because God decided for me. On the second week I came to church, the sermon that day was "Why Not Get Baptized", and throughout the entire service, God was just calling me to get cleansed. And of course, I whole-hearted obeyed. What means the most is my mom is also getting baptized with me. Throughout my whole sick period, I realized how much I was loved by my mom and dad. That they scarified everything for my well-being. I owe a lot to them, but I know I owed more to God. Thank you.

樣,不光牧養著信的,也照耀著叛逆的我,不厭其煩的給我機會改過,回頭,午夜夢回時讓良知深深的責備我。在我的人身路上這情景不斷的上演,一次又一次的,只要願意依從 神的帶領,必能找到光明的前路,但最後都抵不過自我的掙扎,把自己往深淵裡推去。對 神恩賜給我的,全都認為是自己的成就,但遇到稍不如意的事,倒是馬上認為是上帝的不公,為自己尋找叛逆神的理由。盡管試過從別的宗教尋找救贖,但不斷的失望落空更證明了自己心靈的孤單無助。

一次又一次的對神的逃避(太天真了),還是一次又一次的給我自身的機會,直到終于把自己推倒,家庭、事業兩敗俱傷,幾乎攘成大錯。走投無路的我終于看清了 才是真正的拯救,才是最好的道路、真理、生命。明明白白的早擺在我的前面,但我就是視而不見,實在我是不配 的寬恕,但 還是給了我明亮的前路和依歸。我明白到從前以為很重要的金錢物質,別說喜樂,連最起碼的平安都得不著,很多的家庭矛盾,往往還是從它而來。

現在的我終于明白到人最大安全感並不能憑你有多努力而的著,再多的才華、財富都不如我依靠著 神,跟著 走,按的旨意,行在地上,如同行在天上,這才是我一生所追求的依歸和平安。

黄國富

约年時代,我常見到母親向天禱告,在幼小多難的我,就意識到天上有神,須經數十年的洗刷,神的概念依然存在,但如何去尋找神,始終是懸而未決的老問題。

2007年12月,教會在愛靜閣商場設攤位認識了徐太,胡先生和胡太,李先生和李太,他們多次到我家探訪我們,繼而帶我去教會,是我首次接受神的賜愛,接受了很多笑臉迎人的友誼和藹可親的弟兄姊妹,相對過去的不幸,已被神的話語,聖經的啟蒙,內心首次感到平安和喜悅,開始找到人生真正的意義,就是要愛神,神為了人類,竟差自己的獨生子耶穌降世為人,為贖救世人的罪,被釘在十字架上而犧牲,令我萬分感動,世上還有誰如此愛人類?

所行的事上,都要認定祂,祂必指引你的路。』祇要我們肯遵行 祂的教導,成為神喜悅的兒女,神是信實的,祂的應許永不落 空。

回想過去幾個月自己的思想歷程以及身邊所經歷的生活瑣事,真是百感交集,遇到挫折困難勞苦媝煩祇能懮傷流淚,似乎看不到生活的意義。找不到生命的喜樂,甚至悲觀失望,自己從心裡承認主耶穌是獨一真神,祂愛人類,差遣愛子降世成罪,為世人釘死十字架上,而且復活,救我們脫離罪和死的權勢,是過路、真理及生命。祇有藉著祂,才能得著永生的盼望。並且作自己中的救主之後,深深體會到,自己所信的神,是超越時空,掌管人類過去、現在及未來的神,我認識了祂的偉大和權能,更看到自己原來是那麼有限微少。

世事無定,瞬息萬變,但無論發生甚麼,歷史總是在前邊,生活總要繼續,勞苦愁煩不止。但上帝恩典無限,細觀自己的處境,交托有限人生,存著謙卑、信靠、歡喜、歡樂及平安的心,領受神話語的教訓與指示,走出自我,得著從神而來的智慧和加量,迎戰生活的每一天。

洪毓麟

4女 師說讓我寫一份有關我信主的見證,就在本來就墨水不多的 肚皮內翻了個天,胡思亂想過後還是個一片混亂,筆桿好比 千斤重。但我的一生也因此而從封存在腦袋的死角落裡給亂七八 糟的翻出來了。

檢索自己的過往就像翻開一本本的老相簿,有些述說著 悲歡離合、成敗得失……有苦也有甜,但同時也有一些連自己都 不堪回想,只願把它們永遠的埋在記憶的最深最陰暗處。為什麼 呢?從前的我自命是一個理智,自信的人,目空一切。以為道理 總是能用強詞奪來的,憑借那自命不凡的口才,把一切埋沒良知 的事情,都給披上一層冠冕堂皇的外衣:物競天擇,適者生存, 也就是說為求目的,不擇手段的韋小寶神功。這樣就為自己的 "人生大道"長開了綠燈,認為人定勝天,只要好好把握機會, 沒機會時就自己創造機會吧,真的是"命運由我創"!那時不懂 得萬有的 神是何等的慈愛,祂的愛像陽光和空氣一

Joanne Lee

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Joanne Lee. I'm 16 years old. I grew up in a Christian family. Actually, more than just growing up in a Christian family, I've pretty much lived in a bubble all my life. I went to a Christian daycare and I've attended Peoples Christian Academy since junior kindergarten. I've grown up hearing about God and how much he loves me and what he's done for me.

I became a Christian in grade one. I know it was because my grade one teacher said something in class, but I don't remember what she said. What I do remember is thinking about it all day, then going home to my room and praying for Jesus to become my Savoir and Lord of my life. I don't actually remember much about my life before that.

In my life, I've gone through one period where I questioned my faith. That was in grade 7. I knew what I believed and I knew that I did believe, but I wondered whether, given different circumstances, I would have chosen another religion.

In grade 8, I broke my arm in the same place twice during the school year. It was really hard for me to do things that I would have normally taken for granted, like using my right hand to brush my hair and eat with chopsticks, and I really questioned why God would allow that to happen to me. I definitely realized some things that year. I learned that some things, I just couldn't do by myself. I also learned that even if the circumstances seemed bad at the time, God can change them into something that benefits you.

About the time I was in grade 9, I realized what it meant that my grandmother had Parkinson's disease. Her doctors prescribed medication, but it made her hallucinate. She saw rats, insects and snakes. I was there once when she said she saw insects. It scared me so much, because my grandmother was rapidly deteriorating. I've been praying for them ever since I was really little. My grandmother became a Christian around a year ago. When I heard that my grandmother became a Christian, I actually cried because I was so happy. My grandfather became a Christian soon after she did. They got baptized together last winter. That was the first time God had answered my prayers in such a big way.

I chose to get baptized now because over the last few years, I've realized that I believe in who God is, not because of the things I've been told all my life, but because of how God has worked in my life. I believe that God does miracles. He doesn't work the way humans do. He gives us circumstances that would never have happened otherwise. Because of his calling, I've gotten to know some people I would have never expected to become so close to. I believe that God has a plan for all of us. I also believe that God does reveal what he wants us to do. I don't know God's entire plan for me yet, but I know enough not to expect it to be something I can change.

My favorite verse:

"For we are God's workmanship, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do."

Ephesians 2:10

Peter Pang (Ho Cheung)

This testimony is one concerning conversion and change. It may be known to some already.

Since the time when I was an infant, I had been going to the local church where I lived, occasionally attending Sunday services, then regularly afterwards. I have not considered how a life removed from church Sundays occur until I was in secondary school. The thoughtlessness concerning this aspect of life was much more general than what I have said here would suggest. Sundays aside, I did not consider the moral implications of certain actions, and was not careful to not say bad words, nor lie, nor tell half truths, and felt self exaltation in snobbery, and was morally lax in most ways with my peers. Though I might have felt that there was something wrong about worldly principles, they fascinated me and I readily supported them.

It requires effort not to consider the science and spiritualism of present age when one is in it, and is beginning to understand it. I have probably recounted to you some books I have read that are sacred, or were sacred, to certain peoples. I have also considered theories that are a little less than credible. Then, I confessed Christ, but was quite secretly searching, unsure. A short term missions trip three and almost half years ago changed that. Introducing a Christ I hardly knew myself except from the Bible to children in a rural village in China with brethren and sisters who did know Him, and teaching the children

林李麗芳

子先向聞牧師及莊長老致意,感激你們去年十二月上旬,冒著 寒風飄雪的天氣,遠遠的從多倫多往 Oakville 的嘉麗園參加 先父的喪禮,並勞煩牧師為我們道出父親的生平及家人對他的懷 念,謝謝。

對於宗教信仰的問題,尤如身在迷宮,不知何去何從,這都是多年前的感受,九四年認識一位慈祥的女士,她讓我認識神的存在,向神祈禱及感恩,就像向父親說話一樣。九八年兒子Alan 受浸,懷著喜悅的心情來教會觀禮,感到此間一片溫暖和階的氣氛,猶似在家的感覺,那刻就像埋下種子在我心田裡,將來在某一天,我定來這教會聽神的話語。過去大半年,能分別得到Katy, Tim Lai, Patrick 及 Pastor Ginny 的悉心教導,讓我明白多一點神的道理,使我找到人生的目標,堅定的信心去依靠神。

我在零七年十二月廿三日開始參加教會的崇拜,講員朱杞祥先生在台上傳福音,深深感動了我的心靈,決志接受主耶穌基督作個人的救主,信主後自感輕鬆,有信心,心境更平靜,處事行為要謹慎,對罪惡更敏感,警惕自己,不可軟弱易犯罪。人生的路上有主同行,不再感到逃惘。雖不定向主祈禱,但每天都必然的向主禱告。聖經上的金句:『唯喜愛耶和華的律法,畫夜思想,這人便為有福。』

林寶娟

成 謝神,帶領我來到基約宣道會,大家好!好高興在這裡認識了在座的各位弟兄姊妹們,並且更加感到榮幸的是在這裡,我立志信靠了創造萬物,掌管人間萬事的神,主耶穌基督。雖然我從小就是在基督教家庭中長大,身邊也有許多基督教朋友,可惜我卻始終以為神祇是我祖父母的神,我父母親的神,我朋友的神,也從來沒有認真思想過自己對人類所生活的地球有多少了解,對世界上的其他生物、植物、飛鳥、走獸知道多少,留意自己以外的世界許多現象的精巧和奇妙。

感謝主,把我這個迷失的羔羊尋回到祂的身邊。讓我知道,『你們要專心仰望耶和華,不可倚靠自己的聰明,在你一切

an hour. Frankly, I always ended up falling asleep. Fast forward to secondary school, I attended an English Catholic secondary school. Although Catholic, I am thankful towards God for placing me there to keep me in contact with His Word through Religious Education classes. We studied the Bible, mainly the four gospels. Except for the emphasis on Mary, it was very much like studying the protestant bible. Also, God gave me some very good friends who helped me open up again. That was also when I started becoming aware of my wasting time every Sunday morning and afternoon. So I tried to start listening closely, focusing, and writing notes. One thing I remember was that the pastor had asked if we truly believed in Christ, accepted Him, and if we did, to stand before the podium and the whole church would pray for us I thought, why not? Having no reason not to, I stepped up. That was actually my first time saying yes to Jesus so bluntly, but that wasn't enough; it was logic more than anything else. I was taught to accept, and I did. Soon afterwards, my family and I came back to Canada, and to this church. Coming to FOG and Sunday Services really helped me know God better, and develop a better relationship with Him. In between that, my parents had started asking my elder brother if he wanted to get baptized. I had a feeling that my parents would soon ask me too, but didn't spare that much thought. When it was finally my turn, I was sort of scared, and I told my mom, "Mom, can you please stop asking me". I had started to explore on my own, and read the bible more often. I prayed to God to be with me throughout the journey. And God really did that. It was also during that period that my aunt started attending Sunday Services. Our family have always been praying for our relatives, so that they could get to know God. Another thing was that we started this whole lesson on baptism during Sunday school. I felt that God was calling me to him. I've also come to be more dependent on the Lord than ever, and I look to Him for advice, thinking about what he'd like me to do. One last thing, I was thinking about was that those people who prayed for me and the others before the podium, their prayers worked too. God bless!

English, I found immense joy in their conversion. This was a joy that was not usual. Though it might not have been the only transforming incident, that trip with passionate Christians furthered the Lord's work in me by much.

There have been statements that conclude in maintaining that unbelief, though not rejection, is the only reasonable position. I wanted to believe, and I was given a chance to choose to, by the grace of the Lord. Some have accused me of choosing to believe unreasonably, only because of childhood influences. That there can be such influences is grace, my evidence is what I have experienced, and the Holy Spirit's work in me. Living as I did, believing in the Messiah is humbling experience. Knowing that I am as despicable as those that I had looked down upon leaves no room for arrogance, but rather a constant reminder. This opened the channel for considering other changes, which included the moral implications of following Jesus, not by my merits, but by His grace. If truth was important when I was searching, it is all the more important after knowing Christ.

Ryan Yu

Tt has taken me a long time to decide to get baptised and I feel a bit Lashamed that I haven't earlier. It is something that I feel that I should and could have done a long time ago because I have been a Christian for so long. However, there were a few different concerns that caused me to try to delay my baptism and to be quite honest, some of these concerns are still with me, but they are not enough to hold me back from declaring my faith. The struggles I faced were that I always felt self conscious about how I was never the "model Christian". I always feel that because I was born in a Christian family and grew up in the church, that I should know all the bible stories, memorize the bible verses, say the right things at the right times. However, the reality is that there are many bible stories that I don't know and numerous bible verses that I don't have memorized. I often have to try really hard to fight against myself to be more than just a Sunday Christian and that I feel like there are many life lessons that God still has to teach me. I feel like I make many mistakes and so when I came around to writing this testimony, I felt discouraged to write it because I feared that I had nothing uplifting to offer. However, when I think about what it means to be a Christian, like if someone was to ask me

whether I believe that Jesus is my Lord and Saviour, and that he died for my sins, I will answer yes without a doubt, and for that, I have no good reason not to get baptised. I dedicated my life officially at around the age 7 when my mom led me in prayer to accept Jesus into my life and I have never looked back. I had no hesitation. Becoming a Christian didn't mean that things just suddenly got better or that troubles in life got easier. As I have mentioned, even writing this testimony has been quite a tough task for me. Please don't get me wrong, I am ecstatic to share my thoughts to my dearly beloved brothers and sisters, but I feel a bit embarrassed to say that I guess I could try harder, put more effort into spending more time with God. I may not always have my priorities straight because sometimes in tough times, I don't put God first, but I'm working on it and He has been so faithful in continually spurring me on and encouraging me through my friends and family. I wanted to be truthful in explaining that I am getting baptised because I truly believe. I didn't mean for my testimony to sound down or glum, quite the opposite instead. I wanted my testimony to be from my heart, truthful and self convicting. I humble myself today and surrender my insecurities because of this: even though I may not be perfect, that I may not always be at my best, I have accepted and have Jesus governing over my life. Even to this day, through times can get tough, I still hold strong to my faith and that I still have that "no hesitation" faith that I did when I first accepted.

Victoria Kwok

Prior to going to church, my family would occasionally bring me to the Buddhist temple and I was told to place an incense stick in the big pot and bow respectfully. From what I could see, I wasn't doing anything bad, wrong or hurtful, so I just did as I was told.

I first went to church when I was about nine years old, but I did not think much of religion. My mom's co-worker drove us to NCAC one day, and before I knew it, every Sunday morning my mom would tell us to get up early and get ready to go to church. I remember sitting in the car one day thinking, "I don't know why people would ever get up so early on a Sunday morning...just for church?!"

As a kid, I participated in all of the children's activities. Being the "new girl", I just looked to see where the other kids were going

and where the adults were telling us to go, and I followed. Like all kids in the children's ministry, I sat and sang in singspiration, attended Sunday school, played games, read the Bible, memorized (most) Bible verses and attended VBS.

Being the quiet and shy girl, I was really hesitant to agree to go to VBS when my mom proposed it as my summer activity. And so I went. I did have fun at VBS though, at the end of VBS, the teacher invited each camper individually into the next room and asked if we would like to receive Christ. I said yes, and that is where I accepted Christ into my life. I remember coming out of the room extremely happy and filled with joy...in the empty hall, I sang the singspiration songs we learned in VBS with a very glad heart.

After accepting Christ, the changes in my life weren't instant or extremely dramatic; rather, the changes were very gradual. Firstly, waking up early on Sunday mornings is now something I look forward to, rather than dreaded. Through God's blessing, and the power of the Holy Spirit, I'm shedding my shyness and am becoming bolder. This boldness has led me to do many things I wouldn't have done otherwise, such as serving in church ministries and standing up here to share my testimony.

God has become much, much more than just a character in the Bible stories, or someone far and unreachable. God is a very personal God, One who is very real and desires closeness. I am ever grateful for the things that He has done, is doing, and will do in the time to come. Thank you.

Charlotte Pang (Wing Hei)

Lehurch my whole life. But during the "dark ages", around 10-13, I didn't talk to anyone and nobody talked to me, or I'd give really direct slash I-don't-really-want-to-talk-to-you answers. Looking back, I really see the importance of fellowship amongst youth, especially youth who speak the same language as you. The church I used to go to was small and we only had bible study groups every Sunday and Wednesday. But every "youth" was at least already 17 – creating a significant age gap. What's more is that it's hard for a kid around 10 to sit quietly, listening to the pastor delivering his sermon for more than