

The Vine Committee

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HOMI'S REFLECTIONS

Easter eggs and Easter bunnies form the major attractions during Easter. Hence, these elements are largely sold in stores and people exchange these

items with one another as gifts. Chocolate cakes, flowers and colorful lanterns are also presented as gifts to people. Wonderful carnivals throng at the beach state of India, Goa, where various street plays, songs and dances are staged. This rejoicing and jubilation continues for a week or two. Good Friday has been declared as a public holiday by the Indian Government. - [http://easter.fundootimes.com/easter-](http://easter.fundootimes.com/easter-across-the-world/india.html)

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Did you know that Easter is such a big event in India? I didn't know until my colleague from southern India greeted me, "Happy Easter" on Thursday evening as I was leaving the office. He is a Hindu of the Brahmin caste, one of the highest, and also a vegetarian, although he drinks beer, which after all is made of "vegetables" or so he claims.

He told me that in India, the Christians celebrate Easter with some special cakes, which I presume would be hot cross buns. I also presumed that they go around distributing it because my colleague asked me what I will bring to office on Monday. I decided that I should bring some chocolate Easter eggs because I don't find hot cross buns in the neighbourhood confectionery.

Then on Good Friday afternoon around 5:00 pm, the doorbell rang and there at the doorway was Debra, home for the Easter holidays. It was a great shock to us as we were not expecting to see her until December when we go over to Brisbane to witness her graduation and to bring her back. In her luggage was one pack of hot cross buns all the way from Australia.

Now I am trying to connect the dots..... Why did my Indian colleague ask what I would bring to office to celebrate Easter? Why did I presume that he was referring to hot cross buns? Why did God deliver the hot cross buns all the way from Australia? Do I bring some of the buns to office? How do I use the buns to tell the Good News?

I began to search the Internet for some clues but I was surprised to find that Jewish people do not celebrate birthdays. To them birthdays are of pagan origin and the Bible only mention birthday celebrations of Pharaoh and Herod but no mention of birthday celebrations of Moses, Solomon or Jesus. So no birthday celebrations mean no Christmas celebration. Another internet source mentioned that Jesus never celebrated Easter, duh? Since Jesus didn't celebrate his birthday and he didn't celebrate Easter, then should we?

Apparently the people who do not celebrate Christmas or Easter are very vocal about it, putting those who do on the defensive. <http://steadfastlutherans.org/>

One man considers one day more sacred than another; another man considers every day alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. He who regards one day as special, does so to the Lord. He who eats meat, eats to the Lord, for he gives thanks to God; and he who abstains, does so to the Lord and gives thanks to God. For none of us lives to himself alone and none of us dies to himself alone. If we live, we live to the Lord; and if we die, we die to the Lord. So, whether we live or die, we belong to the Lord. Romans 14:5-8

Then let us feast this Easter Day
On Christ, the Bread of heaven;
The Word of Grace hath purged away
The old and evil leaven.
Christ alone our souls will feed,
He is our meat and drink indeed;
Faith lives upon no other.
Hallelujah! - **Martin Luther**

Mordecai recorded these events, and he sent letters to all the Jews throughout the provinces of King Xerxes, near and far, to have them celebrate annually the fourteenth and fifteenth days of the month of Adar as the time when the Jews got relief from their enemies... Esther 9:20-22

So should Christians celebrate the day when God visited the Earth and the day when God had victory over death? It is not a turkey and egg matter. It is the reason for the celebration, that we remember these festivals.

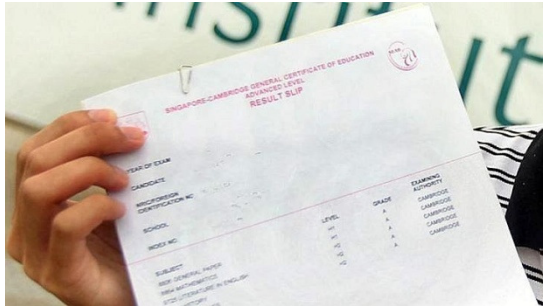
May God grant us evangelistic opportunities this Easter.

Martin Cheah

Go, get all the A's if You can ...
... But Remember Always:
Proverbs 30:7-9

“Two things I ask of you, LORD; do not refuse me before I die: Keep falsehood and lies far from me; give me neither poverty nor riches, but give me only my daily bread. Otherwise, I may have too much and disown you and say, ‘Who is the LORD?’ Or I may become poor and steal, and so dishonor the name of my God.”

The day of reckoning has arrived. It is the day when the “all-important” announcement eagerly waited for is made. It is the day when examination results are released (for PSLE, GCE, Polytechnic or University examinations), with tears of joy (relief) and tears of sadness (anguish) in abundance.



The wait for the results is over. It is decision time on what to do next, which path to take for the next milestone of life that is visualized in the mind.

To all who have done well, getting straight A's:

Congratulations for your good results. You have done yourself and your parents proud. Be thankful for all the blessings you have received in your educational journey thus far. Pursue your onward journey with consistency, and aiming to be an all-rounder, with a balanced attention to both IQ and EQ developments. Your academic journey is just a part of your life's journey. At the foot of Calvary, we all stand equal. Don't forget to give thanks. In everything, give thanks.

To those who have fallen short of their desired results:

All is not lost. There is hope. There are alternative pathways on the educational route and to a fulfilling life, which is not purely based on one set of results. The abundant life that our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, has promised is available to all who seek. He came

that we may have life and have it to the fullest. (John 10:10) The qualification for this abundant life is not based on academic merit.

Here is my personal testimony:

I was never an A-scoring in my student days. I collected many “Bees” (i.e., scoring B grades). Maybe my affinity for “Bees” drew me to the BB (Boys’ Brigade) where I collected more “Bees” (B is for Badges – i.e., the many achievement Badges). On hindsight and on a positive note, I realize that the BB gave me many opportunities to prove my worth, and to excel and achieve meaningful successes that lay ahead of me and out of my immediate sight when I was just enjoying myself with the BB activities. Life’s values were ingrained in me, and FAITHFULNESS was one aspect that I easily scored A++.



I am now a father of two children. I have walked a long journey of life and the journey ahead is still long. The things I have learnt in the University of Life is much treasured as the glory of my academic triumphs (if there were at least a small measure of it) has faded into the past. I live a contented life with my wife and children and have a decent job in a company where I have contributed my FAITHFUL service for many years. Well, I don't live in a mansion and I don't drive a Ferrari. To be honest, I don't envy those who do, and I am satisfied with an adequate HDB flat and travelling in chauffeur-driven transports (I mean the affordable public buses).



Academic life is not just about A's. Thanks be to God if one excels in studies and achieves fully all the A's within his means. However, if one is not made for the A-route, it is not the end. An alternative road exists. There is hope. Our redeeming God does not just look for A-scoring. He is looking out for every precious soul from A to

Z to bless. In fact, if you care to look around, there are enough of success stories of people who failed to be great scorers in their academic studies but turned out to be great performers in life.

It took seven attempts for the 7-UP drinks to be popularized and accepted in the soft drinks market. If the founder of the brand had given up after the 6th failure, we would not have this 7-UP drink to enjoy today.

We rejoice with the straight-A's team and encourage those who may fall outside the team with the message that they can do equally well as, or even better than, the A-team members. There is always a place for everyone. Even the A-team members are worth encouraging to stay their course of success by being vigilant against complacency. All of us regardless of the team we are in (A, B, C ...) need to entrust our lives to God.



What does it profit a man if he gains the whole world but loses his soul? (Mk 8:36)

Jesus came to give us life and have it abundantly. Find the right grade to shine for Jesus always!

TONY KOH
ABUNDANCE CG
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THE ART OF MENTORING



Rev Philip Huan will be teaching the leaders about Mentoring over a period of 6 lessons – to help the leaders raise up the next generation of leaders for JCC.



Current leaders are encouraged to look out for mentees (ie people to be mentored) to bring them along and groom them so that one day they may take over the ministry. I already have 2 young ones taking photos with me and I am looking for someone who would like to give The Vine a new look for the next 25 years to come. Are you out there?

Martin Cheah

THE STORY OF A FOOLISH CATERPILLAR – PUTTING GOD TO THE TEST

Caterpillar tempts frog to eat him

You can watch a YouTube video on this by googling for it.

Jigme (which is Tibetan for “fearless”) was a caterpillar who lived up to the meaning of his name. He had been frequently warned by his butterfly parents to be wary of frogs, because frogs are evil. They are connected with the plagues which fell on the land of Egypt (Exodus 8:2-14 ; Psalms 78:45 ; 105:30), and they are mentioned as a symbol of evil spirits in Revelation 16:13.



After the cautionary words, mother butterfly gave some words of encouragement to the young caterpillar, “My dear Jigme, Heed your parents’ words. Don’t give cause for the frogs to devour you. Be good, and **God will take care of you**. You are a caterpillar today; soon, you will be a butterfly. God makes all things beautiful in His time (Ecc. 3:11), and He will make you beautiful.”

Tragically for the willful caterpillar, he only remembered the words “**God will take care of you**” and quickly ignored the counsel about staying clear of the evil frogs. One day, on his daily walk in the warm sunshine, Jigme saw a large frog resting under the shade of a few large leaves. He decided to show off his dancing skill, twisting his flexible body lithely at some distance. The frog stayed put, not moving and not showing any interest. Seeing this, Jigme was not satisfied. He decided to move closer to the frog to show off his dancing skill, again to be ignored by the silent and unmoving frog. Jigme felt he had enough of the frog’s cold-shouldering of his dance performance. With “fearless” in his name, he decided to poke his head on the frog’s body, even so daringly as to tickle the frog’s lips. At first, the frog simply felt irritated and so lowered its head to give the caterpillar a hard no-nonsense stare. When the caterpillar would not desist his unwelcome attempts to get a welcoming response, the frog decided, “Enough is enough with this annoying caterpillar.” Finally, in one nippy move, the frog finished off Jigme in one gulp. Jigme lived up to the meaning of his name until that point, and he no longer lives to boast his courage to the world.

The butterfly parents appreciated God for creating them beautiful and providing them with rich manna in beautiful gardens where they also had useful jobs. They had hoped that their lovely (even if temporarily ugly) caterpillar child would grow up to be as promising and useful for their God-given roles in the gardens. Sadly, it turned out heartbreakingly all because of the child's disobedience and waywardness. The frog showed no active interest in the caterpillar, but the caterpillar kept inciting the frog to "come, come on ...!" (*Watch the video.*)

Can we be like Jigme, the caterpillar?

The Bible says that the ancient serpent called the devil, or Satan, leads the whole world astray. (Rev. 12:9) The Gospels also detail how Jesus was tempted by Satan in the desert. I don't find anything in the Bible about people tempting Satan. It is the other way round.

Although the Bible does not explicitly caution us against tempting Satan, the Bible does warn us amply against falling into temptations. When people fall into first temptations out of curiosity, hubris or for any other reason, they become easy targets for Satan to aim further temptations to lead them deeper and deeper astray. This becomes like tempting the devil to tempt.

Even if we are not tempting Satan to tempt, we can be like the caterpillar, falling into the temptation of putting ourselves flagrantly in harm's way, sending ourselves "gamely" as a prey to a known predator. In other words, we can be so confident of the "**God will take care of you**" promise that we, at our own mortal risk, put the Lord to the test.

Do not put the Lord to the test

Imagine that you drive a car with high-quality airbags, solid frames and other top safety features. You feel safe, with the trustworthy car creator (manufacturer) having a supreme reputation for his safety promise to all drivers. Obviously, feeling safe and comfortable does not mean that drivers can abandon all good sense and thereby tempt incidents to put the car creator to the test on his faithfulness to his promise. As God's children, we have no fear with the assurance of Psalm 121:7, "The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life." (ESV) Nevertheless, Jesus has also reminded us in Luke 4:12, "Do not put the Lord your God to the test." The reminder was of what Moses had commanded the sons of Israel in Deu. 6:16, "You shall not put the Lord your God to the test, as you tested Him at Massah."

What does putting the Lord to the test mean?

How did the Israelites test the Lord at Massah? God had led them to where they were by a merciful deliverance from Egypt. However, under the trial of hardship with no water to drink, they quarrelled with Moses and tested the Lord, saying, “Is the Lord among us, or not?” (Exodus 17:1-7) The tone of the questioning had the mark of telling God in the face, “You don’t seem to be with us in our present situation!” (Note the exclamation mark.) Not only did they display contempt of God, they sought to compromise their trust in Him and they were ready to stone His servant, Moses. (v. 4)

Christians do not normally go to the extremes of testing out the Lord’s promise of protection by venturing into radical and gratuitous adventures involving evil spirits or clear-cut vulnerability to extant danger. But, from the Massah happenings, we know that testing the Lord is not narrowly limited to this. It is broadly about an attitude of not trusting God, with challenging or intimidating for a wanted response for now and future or else ..., totally disregarding His kindness and blessings enjoyed in the past.

When we are in unsafe circumstances not by deliberate choice, then claiming the promise of God for protection is sensible. Consider this example:



You are a soldier assigned to be a sentry at a location where there are rumours that the place is creepy. Your brave character as a soldier manages to overcome any fear. After all, you tell yourself that you are there doing your duty and you have done nothing to ask to be intimidated by spooks. Besides, as a Christian, you boldly claim God’s protection: “When I stand on the name of Jesus, who can stand before? In the mighty name of Jesus, we have the victory.”

When people claiming God’s protection gratuitously imperil themselves by premeditated exploits to prove God’s presence with them, such as when they engage in haunted-house dares or spirit-channelling games, then it is “a testing of the Lord”, which is an abomination.

When we are in pleasant circumstances in life, the giving of thanks to God and wishing for His grace to keep alive the blessings of a good time is a decent thing to do. When we become beset with troubles or trials, whereby we forget all the blessings of the past and start demanding God to show He is with us by granting us

this favour for now and that for the future or else ..., it too is a “testing of the Lord” that is anathema.

Conclusion

We can be ugly like a hungry caterpillar who eats and eats, well-nourished to grow up into a great beauty to behold. We can eat and eat, hungry for spiritual truth, feeding on God’s Word. Then we can shed whatever spiritual ugliness in our old self as the Spirit of God immerses in us and lead us into a metamorphosis – to become a new pretty creation. (The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.)

Of course, we cannot be like Jigme – the foolish, willful and disobedient one – who was fearless in the wrong way and paid the ultimate price for succumbing to the fatal temptation of putting “**God will take care of you**” to the test.



JOHN LEE



These stones are to be a memorial to the people of Israel forever. Joshua 4:7b

The Fund Raising committee has come up with a memento made of solid glass with the image of JCC carved inside. You can use it as a paper weight or just as a display item in your shelves. Easy to clean and maintenance free, it will be a good memorial of our past for the years to come.

It is priced at **S\$300 only** and is targeted to raise about \$50,000 or more for the Rebuilding of New JCC. If you are aware of anyone who would like to purchase one to help us raise funds, please get the order and pass it to Yew Moi or any of the Fund Raising Committee members. We appreciate all the help we can get.

Martin Cheah

Our Korea Trip from 23rd – 27th March



Peggy and I, with our son Shawn, set off on a Scoot flight to Korea on 23rd March, reaching Seoul’s Incheon Airport late at night. Then we proceeded to stay at a guesthouse in the shopping district of Meongdong.

It was our blessing to have a “Korean-speaking beauty” to be our free tour guide, as you can see in the picture holding an oversized candy floss. She is none other than my lovely niece from Singapore who was then working temporarily in Korea. The accommodation was all arranged by her. We

had much fun and relaxation, exploring the place on our walking tours for the next three days (24th – 26th) before we flew back on an early morning

flight (1.30 a.m.) on 27th.



I told my sister that I went for bungee jump, and got a telling-off from her for risking my life. Actually, mine was just a mental bungee jump while Shawn and his cousin did the actual jump.

Although an adrenaline rush was not for me, it

was equally exciting and enjoyable to roam the streets on foot and on subway, looking out for feasts of authentic Korean food and feasts for the eyes. We witnessed the colourful



and elaborate changing of the guards at one of the palaces there. With the arrival of Spring in Korea, we also had the privilege of taking in the beautiful sight of the cherry blossoms.



There was one bad note in our experience. We had finished eating in a respectable restaurant when the bill was presented to us, written in Korean. I paid the amount as shown, but when my niece took a look at the bill, it looked quite wrong. It turned out that I was overcharged by S\$50 equivalent. Ouch! Fortunately, we were still at the restaurant and so were able to claim back the excess payment. It was a sobering lesson – when in a foreign land, be alert!



While enjoying fun and relaxation, there were also moments for me to do spiritual reflection. At the park where the bungee jump was, there was this thought-provoking fish profile, which looks very similar to the “Jesus fish” that we are familiar with. In the picture, the fish is right-facing because of my standing position. If the photo was shot from the opposite side, then the fish would be like the left-facing one adopted as a Christian

symbol. The Greek word for fish is a five-letter acronym for “JESUS CHRIST, GOD’S SON, SAVIOUR”. The sight of this fish symbol stirs up memory of the fish and their symbolic meanings in the Gospels too, such as Jesus commissioning His Apostles with the words “I will make you fishers of men” (Mark 1), and the Parable of Drawing in the Net (Matt. 13:47-52) which alludes to the final judgment.

It was the Lent season while we were in Korea. As the fish reminds of Jesus, the Lent season is also a reminder of Christ. South Korea is a country that practises freedom of religion. While walking in the busy thoroughfare, I saw a huge banner raised high up on a mobile frame. (See picture.) On another day, I saw someone walking with the banner to another



location in this shopping belt. (Will you see something like this in Singapore?☺)The message was loud and clear to both locals and tourists about the second-coming of Jesus. The season of Lent coincided with springtime in Korea. The word “Lent” actually comes from the German word “Lenz” which means spring. Days in spring are usually long, and it was good to think of the new life and growth that spring ushers in while in a contemplative mood in preparation for Christ’s Resurrection.



Going on holidays is an opportunity to see beautiful scenes, hear lovely sounds, open our nose to smell the fragrance of flowers and food, and let our sense of touch do its part to pick up from the surroundings lots of other subconscious information that lulls the mind into relaxation. We use our senses to

communicate with the mind. Reflecting on 1 Cor. 10:31-32, for whatever things we see as good or praiseworthy, and for whatever things we eat or drink, we see God in our blessings. We give thanks to God for being the provider of everything that we enjoy. (1 Tim. 6:17)



I must say that we feel extra blessed to be enabled by God to make the Korea trip at minimal cost – with air tickets of only \$100+ per person and with a “personal tour guide” thrown in for a stress-free holiday. Hallelujah!

JOHN LEE

*Question: Why don't flies eat durian?
Answer: Even flies have their standards!!!*



STORIES FROM THE DIALECT MINISTRY

SHE IS ABLE, AND JOYFUL IN THE LORD

Who is she? Many among Vine readers may not know her, but those who attend the Dialect Service know her very well as An Able Auntie Bee Hwa.

Auntie Bee Hwa has been with us since the time we started the Dialect Service. Every Sunday, without fail, she will attend the Dialect Service on her trusty wheelchair, accompanied by her helper, Ani. She is always the first to reach the church around 2.45 p.m., even though the service starts at 3.30 p.m.



It is more than apt to call her An Able Auntie. Despite her mobility disadvantage, she is always cheerful, always giving thanks to the Lord and sharing her optimism in Hokkien with the words “*kam sia chu*” (Thank the Lord) and “*chu chiok hok moa moa*” (God bless you richly).



In Johor Baru, during CNY shopping on Jan 18

Here, you see a picture of her on a wheelchair, wearing her vivacious smile, during a trip to Johor Baru for CNY shopping on 18th January. She dotes on her grandson very much and therefore bought many toys for him.

Barely a few days later, she was again wearing her signature smile on another CNY shopping trip organized by the Dialect Ministry to factories in Woodlands.

In fact, for every outing organized by the Dialect Ministry, she is invariably the first one to register her name. She is so eager to go on excursions that whenever she sees me, she would ask, “Pui kee ai pui ki toh loh?”



At Sembawang Park, during CNY shopping trip on Jan 22.

A direct translation of her question is “Where does the aeroplane want to fly to?”

However, the “Pui kee” (aeroplane) is roughly a homonym of my name “Peggy” in Hokkien. So she is actually adding a touch of humour to her enquiry of where I am going for the next outing.



Every Christmas and Chinese New Year, she would invite us to her home for a fellowship with feasting. During singspiration time, she would spontaneously stand, and thus in her unassuming way draw us to stand along with her to give praise to our Lord Jesus.

Auntie Bee Hwa is a faithful Christian. She was also raring to go for our Yishun Dialect Retreat on 1st March. She often takes the initiative to befriend newcomers and help the weaker ones in our midst. She has met my mother many times during the Dialect outings. It has always been nice of her to invite my mum to her home. However, my mother has not taken up the invitation yet.



The cheerfulness, activeness and faithfulness of such an Able Auntie Bee Hwa are a great encouragement to her peers and the younger ones attending the Dialect Service every Sunday. For her and to her, we say:

Kam sia chu (Thank the Lord) and *chu chiok hok moa moa* (God bless you richly).



Peggy Tan

A woman was trying to compliment a young minister's preaching: "Pastor," she said, "We hardly knew what sin was until you joined the ministry team."

Dialect Group's excursion on 23rd April

Our elders in the dialect group had an excursion, with quite a number of first-timers joining the trip. Many of them were senior citizens. Despite their age, they were thrilled as kids – never mind where the venues were. Even

if it was an excursion to nowhere, it would be fun just to “makan angin” (“eat wind” = enjoy the breeze) on the journey.

Of course we didn't just go nowhere. We had our first delicious stop at the Fortune Palace Bird's Nest



Company at Ubi Crescent. Here, we were ushered into a large showroom where we had leisurely time learning more about bird's nests and taking part in a short quiz, with prizes won by a few persons, including Alan's mother and Mr Chow – seen in the pictures with Rev. Chung. We also enjoyed complimentary tasting of the company's herbal jelly in different flavours. In addition, there was concentrated bird's nest on sale for immediate consumption at \$15 per bowl.

After enjoying the bird's nest, we proceeded to Fei Fah Medical Manufacturing Pte Ltd at Kaki Bukit. This was the place to go for anyone with backache, leg pain or stiff shoulder – for the *shifu* there to massage your discomfort away. Rev. Chung tried it out too.



Among the product brands that the company sells are two with interesting names, “Achy Rub” and “Buddy Rub”, for relief of headaches, stiff neck, muscular aches and pains, stomach-aches, cramps, bruises, sprains, itches, running and stuffy nose. They are even touted to reduce drowsiness and refresh the mind.





With such an efficacious range of Chinese medicinal products (including external analgesics and oral health supplements), you can see the smiles of satisfaction on the faces of the visitors. In fact, it was due to popular demand by our elder folk that we planned this trip to Fei Fah again, the last time we visited this place being in October 2013.



Not long after, the aroma of roasted Yan Luck duck and *char siew* meat wafted through the air. \$16 for a whole duck and \$10 for *char siew* were quite an attraction for our dialect aunties that they didn't mind joining the long queue to make their purchases. Maybe a whiff of the



fragrance made them lightheaded to imagine that the meats were free for the grabbing!

☺ And when their purses were loosened, it was happy buying all the way – rice dumplings, tidbits,

soya beancurd, herbal jellies, pastries, etc. until the stomachs started to signal that it was time to move on ...



... It was time for a happy lunch meal at Changi Airport T3. After filling the tummy, there was time to wander, and wonder for some of our senior folk as they enjoyed their rides on the skytrain from T3 to T1 and T2, and walked around the vast space of the terminals. The skytrain rides were free, and so was the sightseeing in the airport! ☺ ☺

After lunch, we headed to Boon Tong Kee sauce shop but it was closed. So we headed back to Jurong. It was raining heavily when we reached Jurong. Thank God that the sky poured only after our visits to the various places.

Till our next excursion, here is wishing our folk in the dialect group continuing good health to enjoy God's blessings to the fullest.



Peggy Tan

Easter at K.I.D.S Church

It is Easter Day. What does Easter Day mean to our Kids in K.I.D.S Church?

Auntie Karen together with her children shared and enacted the Easter message from the Bible on Easter Sunday as the kids listened and watched attentively. Yes, the God we serve sent his beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to die for our Sins. He was crucified, he died and he rose from death on Easter Sunday.



We thank God for giving us his Son that whosoever believed in Him will not perish but have eternal life. We are therefore not eternally doomed and we are spared the eternal fire in hell. We are saved – redeemed by the blood ransom paid by Christ's death on the cross. We just need to believe in the Son of God, Jesus Christ, and accept Him as our Lord. Hallelujah, Jesus is risen and alive. That is Easter for us all.



Will you not believe and accept Jesus?

Easter at the Dialect Service

Over at the Dialect Service on Easter Day, we rejoice and praised God as we welcomed 3 new transferred members to JCC. They are Jenny, Francis, and Meow Eng. Adding to our joy, 2 worshippers accepted



Christ as their personal Lord and Saviour on this Easter Sunday. Hallelujah!

Our faith in Christ is a living faith, because He Lives. And because He lives, we can face tomorrow. This joy of Easter was shared with all the dialect worshippers.

Auntie Meow Eng also celebrated her birthday on this Easter Day as a new member of the body of Christ in JCC.



We wish her a Happy Birthday and a Blessed Easter.

TONY KOH

Evangelism at the work place

There was a barber that thought that he should share his faith with his customers more than he had been doing lately. So the next morning when the sun came up and the barber got up out of bed he said, "Today I am going to witness to the first man that walks through my door."

Soon after he opened his shop the first man came in and said, "I want a shave!" The barber said, "Sure, just sit in the seat and I'll be with you in a moment." The barber went in the back and prayed a quick desperate prayer saying, "God, the first customer came in and I'm going to witness to him. So give me the wisdom to know just the right thing to say to him. Amen."

Then quickly the barber came out with his razor knife in one hand and a Bible in the other while saying "Good morning sir. I have a question for you... Are you ready to die?"

46th Annual General Meeting



27th April 2014. There were dark clouds in the morning but the rains didn't come and soon it became a sunny day. After a faith stirring sermon by Bishop Terry Kee, the 46th AGM was convened with a good quorum.



Most of the reports were passed without questions and soon it was time for the Rebuilding Committees to present the current state of progress. The members were in quiet support of all that were presented. There were no opposition to the rebuilding of JCC. The Fund Raising sub-committee presented first, followed by the Relocation sub-committee, the Leasing sub-committee and finally the Design sub-committee. The members were thrilled to get a glimpse of what the NJCC will look like even



though it is still in a conceptual stage for now.



Finally the new council for 2014 and beyond was installed and then the meeting was closed for the last time in old JCC.



BOYS' BRIGADE ENROIEMENT 2014



On this parade ground, over 46 years, many BB & GB enrolments have marched across. Now this is the last march-past and soon the building will be torn down. Only the photos will be left to remind

us of the times we spent marching about this old building. Some of us will be grown up and not be marching anymore before the New JCC is built but we will remember the good old times and we hope to come back to a vibrant New JCC soon.

