



JURONG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

THE VINE

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A WORD FROM OUR PASTOR ...

The grace and love of our faithful God abide with you always!

I would like to take this opportunity to commend and present to you, our new newsletter, THE VINE.

As the name suggests, the main purpose of the newsletter is to intertwine, or interweave us together, like the way the vine grows. This will help us to know the 'what's going on' in one another's life, and also in the different ministries of our church, so that we can intelligently be involved, and be of help to our fellow christians, and also be able to support the various ministries in our church.

I believe that we are in JCC, not by chance, but by divine appointment. God has put each of us in a specific place in HIS KINGDOM TO SERVE HIM. God has put us in JCC! Let us join our hearts and our hands to move forward to strengthen his church, and expand HIS KINGDOM.

LET EACH ONE COUNT FOR GOD!

from the Desk of Your Pastor

GOSPEL RALLY!

by Pastor Chang

Come 25 December 1989, we will be engaging in a very important battle for the Lord - **THE CHRISTMAS AND YOU CONCERT AND RALLY!**

There is no better or more meaningful way of spending the Christmas, other than sharing the love of God with lost sinners. This is the best opportunity for you to bring someone to Christ, by bringing them to the rally and concert.

Let this be a personal challenge for each of us. We are part of the church and this is the church's rally. So it is our rally!

May this be a demonstration of our love for God, and love for man.

Pray that God will impress upon you five names, and that you may successfully invite them to the concert and rally.

Let every believer be a worker for Christ.

Note from the Newsletter Committee :

The Vine needs your support!! If you have any feedback, testimonies or written any articles, don't forget to submit your contributions to any of the Committee members - Pastor Chang, Se Ping, Martin Cheah, Joo See or Amy Saw.

Enjoy your reading!

A funny thing happened to me, on my way to the Reformation Festival. Remembering that Pastor Chang said, "you cannot miss the Yishun Christian Church because it is near the MRT at Yishun", I proceeded to take the MRT without actually finding out where the church is located. From the platform of the Yishun MRT station, I suddenly realised that the church was nowhere in sight, and that it could be in any direction from the station.

As I slowly stepped out of the station I strained my eyes against the dim lights from the shophouses, for a direction. I took cautious steps, and prayed for guidance. Looking around for a phone book, I found none, but eventually my feet led me to the light path, and I found the church. Thank God.

The Lutheran Church celebrated the 472nd anniversary of the Reformation on 31 October 1989, at the Yishun Christian Church. The service had many musical items presented by the various Lutheran Church Choirs. Although not listed on the programme, the English choir of our church also presented an item. Though it was an unexpected call to perform, the choir did quite well; thanks no doubt to all those practices for the Christmas Rally.

The message for the evening was presented by Rev. Choong Chee Pang. He spoke in English and also translated his own message into Mandarin. The essence of the message was extracted from Romans 12:1-2. The main point of the message was the lack of full-time

workers in the church. Rev. Choong made an appeal that when the Reformation Festival comes around again next year, there would be more full-time workers in the Lutheran churches. The collection for the night went to the Building Fund of Trinity Theological College and S'pore Bible College.

After the service, refreshments provided by a family from the Yishun Christian Church, in memory of the late Dr Myron Danford, who was the first pastor of the church, were served.

Though there was a large crowd at the service, only a handful of members from the English Section, excluding the English choir were present. I pray that even if we are not called to full-time ministry, we could be more participative in the activities of the church. In the words of the writer of Romans, "I urge you, brothers, in view of God's mercy, to offer your bodies as living sacrifices, holy and pleasing to God - this is your spiritual act of worship".

IN MEMORY OF OUR DEAREST SISTER,
MRS. K. DANIEL *by Amy Saw*

Death called upon Mrs. D unannounced on 2 Oct 89. Apparently, she had a premonition of "eternal sleep", for at her last Prayer Meeting with the sisters, she shared Chapters 4 and 5 of 1 Thessalonians.

1 Thess 4:13

*... about those who are asleep,
that you may not grieve, as do
the rest who have no hope.*

1 Thess 5:2

*... that the day of the Lord will
come just like a thief in the night.*

Indeed, "the day of the Lord" did not overtake her like a thief. She was well-prepared, being sanctified through our Lord Jesus Christ.

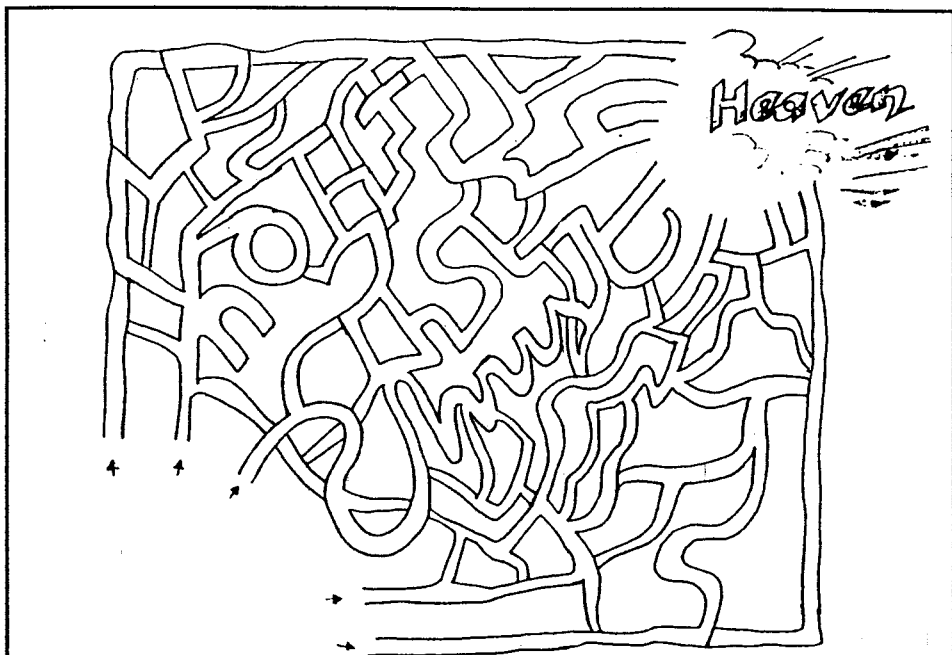
Mrs. D was the "heart" of the Sisters' Prayer Meeting held on Tuesdays. Our church sisters received great encouragement from her, in precisely the way described in 1 Thess 5, verses 11 and 14. They remembered her to be loving, concerned, and ever "persistent" (in the positive sense) in her service at home, and in church. She was tremendously faithful and devoted in prayerlife; an exemplary wife, mother and grandmother.

For many of us, she will remain "alive" in our memories ...

Children's Corner

Jesus says, "I am the Way, the Truth and the Life;
no one comes to the Father but by Me."

THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN CAN YOU FIND IT?



The FIRST correct entry received by the Editor will be the winner.
Only one prize will be awarded.

NAME:

AGE:

ADDRESS:

CHURCH PROGRAMME

1989

Dec 16	Drama Workshop by The Covenant Players from Australia - 6 hrs workshop (Theory & Pratical)
Dec 25	The Christmas and You Concert and Rally (at 7pm)

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Jan 17	Creation or Evolution ? by Dr Aw Swee Eng (Head of Neucleus Dept, SGH)
Feb 2	Chinese New Year Gathering (at 8pm)
March	Leadership Training Course by Rev Alan Catchpoole (from Australia) I Timothy and Titus (4 Fridays)
April	I John (4 Sundays; Guest Speaker : Rev Alan Catchpoole)
May	Church Pinic/Telematch (9 May) District Sisters' Fellowship Retreat (1 May) Book Study on Ephesians (4 lessons)
June 4 - 8	Church Retreat at Majowee Campsite, Johor Baru

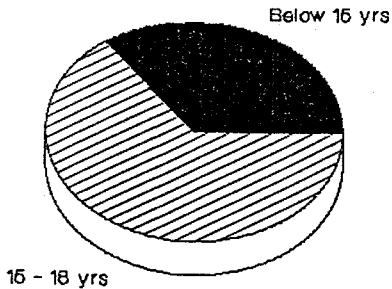
July	District Seminars (3 July) Church Anniversary Youth Sunday
August	Marriage Enrichment Course (2 lessons)
October	Inductive Bible Study by Mrs Karen Bloomquist (8-lesson course on every Thursday; 1st - 4th lesson) Film Show Month (every Saturday) (4 shows from Dobson's Series "TURN YOUR HEART TOWARDS HOME") Excursion/Outing (13 Oct)
November	Inductive Bible Study by Mrs Karen Bloomquist (5th - 8th lesson) Vacation Bible School Youth Camp/Sunday School Camp
December	Void Deck Christmas Concert --- Evangelistic Christmas Eve Buffet Dinner

FEEDBACK ON YOUTH FELLOWSHIP

by Se Ping

A questionnaire was recently given to all youths in our church so as to solicit their feedback about their views towards YF or Youth Fellowship. Produced over the next few pages are the compiled statistics from the survey.

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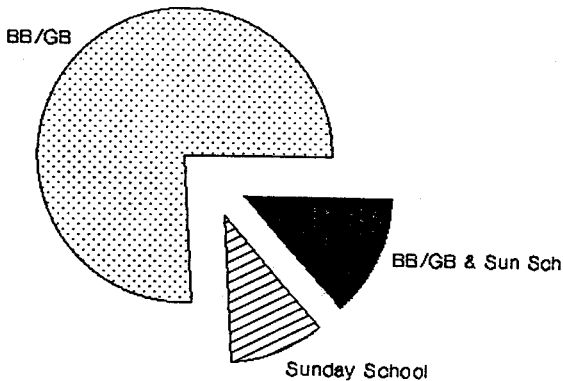


Out of the 37 youths surveyed, two-thirds of them are between the age of 15 and 18, whereas one-third is below the age of 15. None of them are above 18 years of age.

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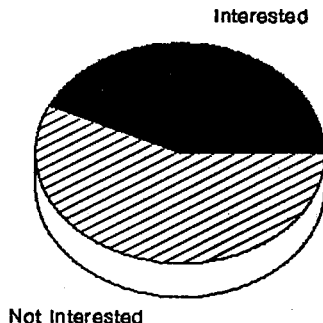
WHICH ORGANISED GROUPS IN THE CHURCH ARE YOU WITH ?



All the youths who responded to the questionnaire, have either joined the Boys Brigade or Girls Brigade, or Sunday School or both groups (that is BB/GB and Sunday School). It should also be noted that most of them are from the BB or GB.

ARE YOU INTERESTED TO PARTICIPATE IN YF ?

Less than half the responded that they are interested to join the YF, and further suggested ideas for the YF programme.

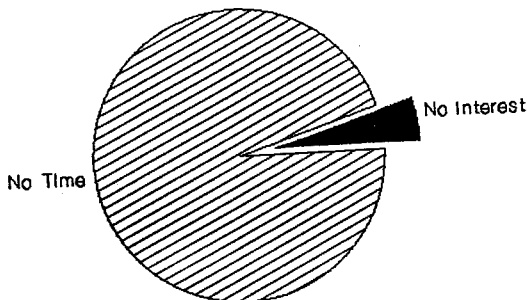


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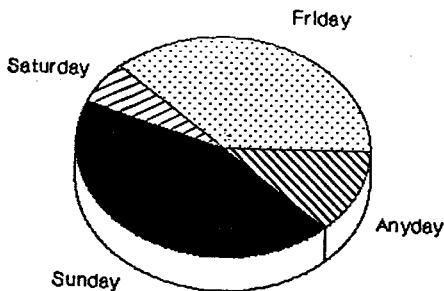
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GIVE REASONS WHY YOU ARE NOT INTERESTED IN YF

As for those respondents who are not interested in YF, most of them have no spare time. This could be due to the fact that they are already in the BB or GB.



WHICH DAY WOULD YOU PREFER THE YF BE HELD ?

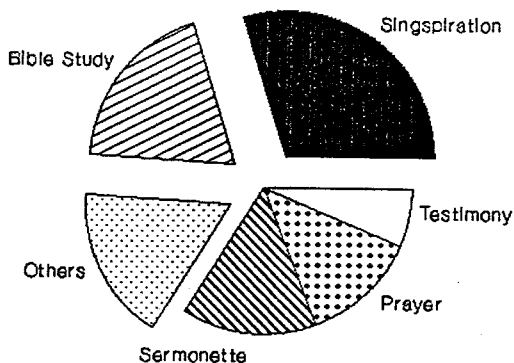


Among those who are interested in YF, 44% prefers Sunday, 38% prefers Friday, 6% prefers Saturday, while the rest has no preference for any day.

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WHAT ARE YOUR SUGGESTIONS FOR YF PROGRAMME ?



Among the many programme suggested for YF are (ranked in order of preference) :

- * Singspiration
- * Bible Study
- * Others such as game and bible quiz
- * Sermonette
- * Prayer
- * Testimony

WHAT OUTDOOR ACTIVITIES WOULD YOU SUGGEST BE INCLUDED IN YF PROGRAMME ?

Many interesting and highly energetic outdoor activities were suggested. They include camping, hiking, canoeing, touring and BBQ.

HOW WOULD YF BENEFIT YOU ?

Most of the youths responded that YF would be a means for spiritual growth, and getting to know each other. Someone added that one could be encouraged by another through the YF.

Greetings. I would like to take this opportunity to tell you where you can find a lot of "Joo See" information about the goings-on in our church.

The Personal Touch column is here to bring you news of a personal nature, like births, birthdays, weddings, moving house, and etc. so that the church can grow as a family, sharing each others' joys and burdens. However, all the news that appear in this column must have the approval of the persons concerned, so that we need not worry about this column turning into a "gossip" column.

I hope that the church would be more willing to share our joys and burdens with each other, so that we can grow closer. And also that I may have something to present in this column. So, if you have some news to share, please let me know.

In this first issue, I am happy to announce that there are two new additions to two families in our midst recently.

Three New Births

The Lord has indeed been gracious to Roy and Juria, when He blessed them with a son on 15 September 89. The boy's name is **BO REN**.

We wish to extend a very hearty congratulations to the happy family, and we pray that the Lord will guide little Bo Ren as he grows.

Congratulations also to Pastor William Chang, who recently became a proud father once again. His wife, Laura gave birth to a girl named **CHARIS** on 27 October 89.

Lastly, congratulations also go to Sister Wei Ling who gave birth to a girl on 8 November 89.

On behalf of the congregation, we would like to wish Pastor Chang's and Wei Ling's family a very blessed family life, and may God be gracious to them.