

# JURONG CHRISTIAN CHURCH

## THE VINE

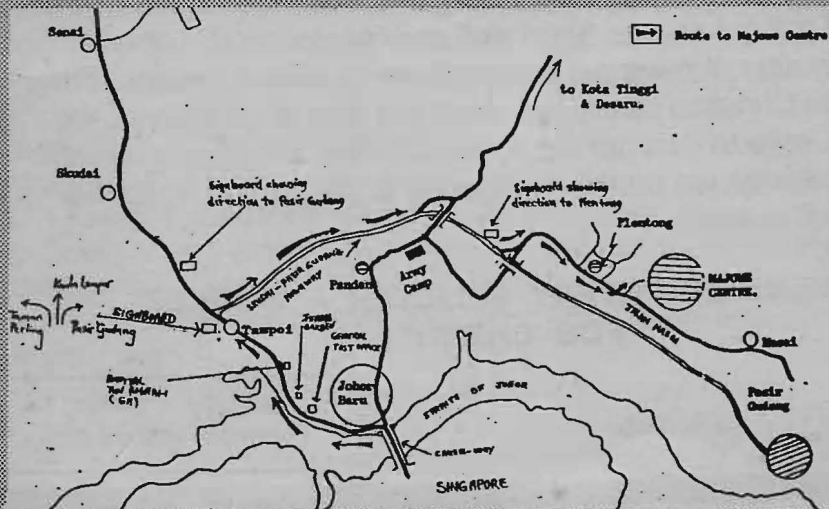
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### ... a sneak preview of ... **CHURCH RETREAT**

The Camp Organising Committee has lined up many interesting programmes for you and your family, at the Majowe Centre in Masai (Johor Baru). The Centre is only a 45-minutes drive from the Causeway, and it lies amidst spacious grounds, and it is away from the hustle and bustle of our busy Singapore. Besides being an ideal retreat for you and your family, it is also an ideal place for us to strengthen our knowledge in God, and renew ourselves for service to the Lord. Sign up quickly, and don't miss out the BBQ, the Picnic, Before You Say Goodnite, and a Surprise Tour, and many, many more exciting activities.

**CAMP: MAJOWE CENTRE DATES: JUNE 4-8**



# FROM THE DESK OF YOUR PASTOR

**Dear Fellow Worker-In-Christ,**

10 months have passed since I became the pastor of JCC English Congregation in last April. I must say that those were not 10 easy months. Not easy, but rather challenging.

I saw myself as a "store keeper" of JCC. When I came into the "store" (the Church), it was messy. Things were all over the place. I started to put things back to where they belong. When the tasks were over, I realised that our "store" wasn't well-equipped. Many things were missing.

And I guess for the next 10 months, I will be scouting around for good "tools" and "parts" for the "store". By now, I believe that you can sense along with me the momentum and direction of the Church. It may not be fast-moving, but we are moving steadily. And I am sure you can "see" better now in the Church. We all know where we are going.

Let us be of help and encouragement to those in the Church, who are not able to "see" well and "sense" well. Let us remember that we are our brothers' or sisters' keeper. For in the Christian family, we don't just care for ourselves, we also have to care for our fellow brothers and sisters as well. In this way, we can work together to tidy up and equip this "store" of ours.

**REMEMBER! "EVERY BELIEVER A WORKER  
FOR CHRIST"**

*Yours For Christ,  
"Foreman" William Chang*

## VOICES

which stands for Voices Of Inspired Christians through Evangelism in Songs, was formed in the early 1987 with the objective of sharing the gospel through songs. It then consisted of 17 members, under the leadership of Vincent Lee.

We presented songs during occasions like weddings, Easter Day and Church's anniversary. The major event of that year was the Christmas concert - "What is Christmas?". That was the first time the Church choir held a concert, and we were faced with many difficulties. However, by God's grace and with the support of the Church, the concert turned out successfully. About 15 people accepted Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior at the concert.

The leadership of the Choir was handed over to Serene Chan and David Chan in 1989. The VOICES then began to recruit members from the Boy's Brigade and Girl's Brigade, as junior choir members. You may recalled that they presented 2 songs on Youth Sunday in 1989. That was their first public appearance.

The Church held another Christmas concert - "Christmas and You" in 1989. The members from VOICES, together with some of the Church members formed a Church Choir, for this concert. The Church was very supportive, and I think the Choir did not let them down! Once again, the concert would not have been possible without the Church's prayers and financial support, and those who have helped in one way or another.

Through this concert, some of the church members ie. Kim Keong, Joo See, Amy and her 2 daughters, Grace, Daniel and Faith, joined the VOICES. To date, the VOICES comprises 27 members. At present, Sylvia from the S'pore Bible College is on attachment to our Church as the Choir's music teacher. Although she is young in age, the Choir has learned a lot from her such as voice projection, pronunciation and expression.

This being a new year, the Church has already planned the programme for the Choir. Be ready for it! If you wish to be part of the VOICES, be it as a choir member or help out in any way, you are always welcome. The VOICES look forward to your continuous support!

## The Boys' Bridgade

Last year in mid-December, the BB organised a trip to Penang, Malaysia. According to Jim, the captain, they visited Penang Hill, and also tried a variety of hawker food which the town is well-known for.

During the last week of December 1989, the boys attended a camp at Sembawang. Image them busy at the canoes!

The total number of boys in the Brigade for the year 1989 was 35. We thank the Lord for an additional 15 new faces in the Company Section, and 13 more in the Junior Section. 7 boys were transferred from the Junior to the Company Section.

## The Girls' Brigade

The recruitment for the Girls' Brigade 17th Company was centered on 2 schools, namely Boon Lay Primary and Shuqun Secondary.

Due to limited time allocated by the schools involved for the recruitment exercise, JCC managed to take in about 15 girls.

In fact, more than 80 showed keen interest in joining the Brigade, but owing to parental objections, only one-sixth eventually signed up.

The figure for 1990 now stands at 50.

Let us join hands to pray for more workers in this area.

## March/April Church Activities

Enrich Your Marriage Relationship Seminar  
on March 10 from 3pm to 7pm.  
Speaker : Rev. Thomas Schaeffer.

Christian/Biblical Leadership  
on March 9, 16, 23 and 30  
Speaker : Rev. Alan Catchpoole

Sermons on I John  
on Sundays of April 1, 8, 15 and 22

AGM  
is on April 29.

# JOIN THE HOME FELLOWSHIP (CELL GROUP)

**A**fter studying our Church Programme for 1990, the Core Group of the Cell Group Ministry, with the guidance of our Pastor has drawn up the following objectives so that we can support and go in line with our Church's theme for 1990 ie. "Every believer a worker for Christ" :-

## 1. Fellowship

We use the opportunity when we meet together, to get to know one another, and to deepen our personal relationships. We can then better exercise our individual ministry by showing care, concern and love in practical ways. We shall encourage one another to equip ourselves for any ministry, by committing to attend Bible Studies and involving in "Prayer and Praise" sessions. We shall also give full support by attending Church's social activities. We can actively communicate our faith thus strengthening each other through sharing of testimonies, scripture verses, hymns or songs, exhortation, answered prayers or teachings. We shall spend time in drawing nearer to God through singing and worshipping and of course, by praying for one another's needs. We should try our best to give our time in service to our God and Church, in whatever form of service open to us individually or collectively.

## 2. Evangelism

We can now invite our Church's visitors, friends and neighbours to the Home Fellowship meetings, as we know that the type of activities organised are suitable to provide warm fellowship. We shall encourage each other to do personal/group evangelism in our neighbourhood or working place, and to participate in our Church evangelism programme.

All who attend JCC are urged to commit to participate in the Home Fellowship. Your involvement is only once a month of 2 hours, at the home of the host chosen by you or even at your own home, provided you are agreeable with it. Your children can come with you without fear of distracting the fellowship. The more active groups are not confined to the monthly meetings but can organise additional activities for themselves whenever time permits.

Anyone who wishes to open your home or be a leader for the Home Fellowship can inform Pastor, Sister Ting Ching or Mr Khoo.

Arrangements for simple refreshment would be determined by the group and such hospitality will not be left to the host alone.

Home Fellowship leaders will need to meet together once a quarter to discuss and plan the activities, report progress and brainstorm for new suitable ideas.

We pray for God to bless our plans and I believe your spiritual life can be strengthened through this fellowship. Besides coming to the fellowship to receive and be blessed, you can also in return give, bless and minister to the Body of Christ. "Let us not give up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but let us encourage one another - and all the more as you see the day approaching" (Hebrews 10:25)

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## **THE UNAUTHORISED VERSION**

Why was Goliath so surprised when David hit him with a stone?  
Because nothing like this had ever entered his mind before.

When was the first case of constipation in the Bible?  
When Moses took the tablets and went into the wilderness.

## Library Report

The English Library was reorganised and open to its members in June 1989. The Library is open every Sunday, from 12.30pm to 1.00pm. Opening hours will be extended in future, depending on the response of members. Currently, there are 4 librarians. They are Teik Keat, Andrew, Joo See and Mrs Khoo. The librarians rotate on a 1-week duty roster, with 2 librarians in attendance each week.

The membership fees are as follows - Family : \$4.00, Adult : \$2.00, and Student : \$1.00.

For the year ended December 1989, there were 20 adults, 10 students and 10 families, who registered as members. Total fees collected amounted to \$90.00.

From the fees collected, \$83.40 has already been spent on the purchase of children's books. As the population of children in our church increases, the library needs more children's books. The library's objective for 1990 is to purchase another bookcase and more children's books.

It is obvious that the library cannot depend on membership fees to fund its projects. Therefore, those who have old children's books to donate, please contact the librarians.

If adults are wondering why the library has left them out, then they should have another look at the number of books available for them to borrow and read.

The librarians have monitored the borrowings of books and tapes for the months of October to December 1989, and the results are shown in the accompanying bar-chart.

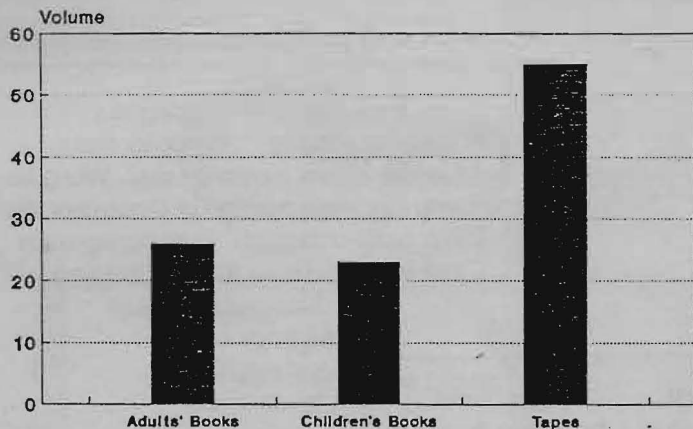
Tapes are most popular with the members, and song/music tapes are generally more popular than message tapes. The song/music tapes were donated by Bro. Khoo Teng Choon and some of the message tapes were purchased from donations from church members.

Muslims call Christians the people of the Book, so join the library and read more books.

*Prepared by Khoo Kwee Siang*

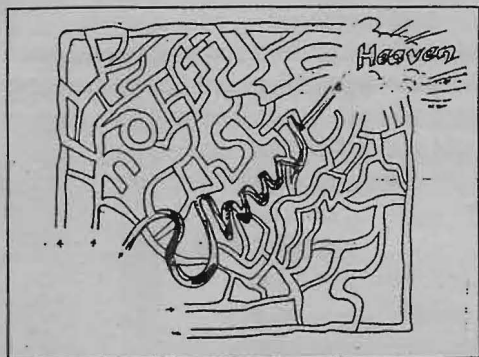


## LIBRARY BOOKS AND TAPES BORROWED OCTOBER - DECEMBER 1989



### THERE IS ONLY ONE WAY TO HEAVEN

Answer to last issue's quiz.  
The winner is Su Pejen.



First Man : I have nothing but  
praise for our new  
minister.

Seond Man : So I noticed when the  
collection plate came  
around.

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A gentleman being at chapel, where  
a very dull sermon quickly dispersed  
the congregation, remarked that  
the clergyman had made a very  
moving sermon.

# PERSONAL TOUCH

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Glad to get in touch again! The stork did not bring in any babies this round, but there are news about weddings to report. One wedding took place in December 1989, while another 2 in February. Finally, there will be a quarterly listing of birthdays from this issue onwards.

*Yours, Joo See*

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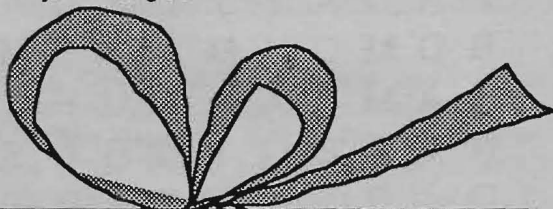
If you see Wong Mui  
carrying a ladies' handbag, that is  
because he is now a married man. Wong Mui  
and Beng Lay were married in December 1989.  
They rushed through their honeymoon  
just to return home for the Christmas  
Rally. Congratulations to  
the happy couple

and may God  
bless them  
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dant-  
ly

I am sure that Daniel  
did not have a hard time deciding  
to settle down, because God told him,  
"My Grace is sufficient for you". Daniel and  
Grace have tied the knot on February  
10 and the Church prayed that  
the Lord grants them  
a good marriage  
life  
together.

We move on to  
another couple who is rather  
quiet in our midst, and some of you may not  
even know them. They are Song Koon and  
Mylene. Both are Malaysians, and they  
got married in Muar on February 17.  
May God's blessings be  
upon them for the  
rest of their  
lives  
together.

Since there are no births to report in this issue, the Committee felt that we should not overlook those who were born earlier. Therefore, we listed out on this page, all members and regular visitors whose birthday fall in the months of January, February and March. If your birthday fall within these 3 months and your name is not on the list, this is because you did not submit your personal particulars form for updating. We wish all those having their birthdays during this quarter a Happy Birthday and may God grant you a long life.



**January**

- 7 Moses Lee
- 12 Tan Swee Leong
- 13 Jessie Lee
- 13 Lynnette Khoo
- 14 Juliana Tan
- 19 Teo Beng Lay
- 22 Kao Hui Ling
- 25 Jonathan Tan
- 27 Daniel Tan
- 27 Susan Yang
- 29 Su Peiping
- 30 PS George

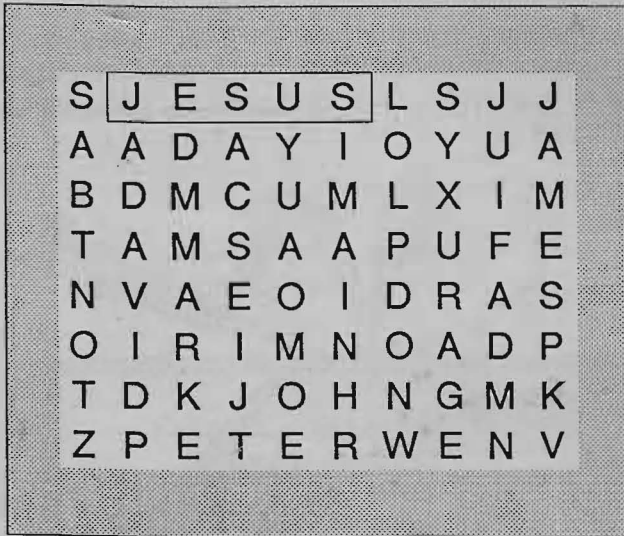
**February**

- 4 Jim Lee
- 7 Khoo Teng Choon
- 16 Lim Sek Hoong
- 20 Jenny Chan

**March**

- 2 PG Thomas
- 4 Wilfred Kao

## HIDDEN BIBLE CHARACTERS



There are a number of famous Biblical Character's names in the above puzzle. The contestant who is able to uncover the most names will win a prize.

All you have to do is highlight the names as given in the example.

Submit all entries to the Newsletter committee before the 31st March 1990.

Name  Age

Address