

# Canaan Communiqué

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## Canaan's Theme 2011



### Mission Statement

To glorify God by leading people to Christ and to maturity in Christ through Evangelism, Education, Edification, Exaltation and Equipping them for the work of ministry.

### Vision Statement

To lead the church towards intentional discipling cell church that will transform lives and impact close ones, community and countries for the glory of God.

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## Be Taken Higher By The Holy Spirit

Ps Brian Wong, Worship & Youth Pastor



Recently, I went for an appointment and was made to wait for 30mins before the person arrived. In fact, these situations happen more and more often when people do not have a sense of punctuality. It is annoying, isn't it - waiting for people who turn up late for appointments. There has to be a better use of time than aimless waits, not knowing when the person you have an appointment with will turn up.

In Acts 1:1-8, Jesus gave this command to the disciples, "Do not leave Jerusalem but wait..." They needed to wait for the promise of the Holy Spirit - someone whom seemingly was very important according to Jesus. And Jesus did not tell them how long they were supposed to wait. How responsible was that, some may think?!?!

Thank God there were enough patient people out there who acted upon the words of Jesus and waited! For ten days later, the Bible recorded that the gift of the Holy Spirit was released and the Church was set on fire. The entire book of Acts was all about the Holy Spirit setting believers on fire advancing the Kingdom of God mightily. The disciples were branded with passion and power.

Today, this branding carries on. Every Christian has the Holy Spirit when we believed and accepted Jesus Christ as our Lord and Savior. And it is the Holy Spirit working in us and through us that enables us to live the supernaturally victorious life as intended.

### *Ephesians 1:13*

*And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit.*

The human body is a most remarkable machine. It can maintain a constant temperature of about 37 degrees Celsius no matter what the weather is outside the body. There is an inner mechanism that makes the difference. For the Christian, the Holy Spirit is that inner mechanism operating in us when we allow Him to. When the surrounding is cold and bleak, the Holy Spirit comforts and gives us warmth. When the circumstance is hot and pressurizing, He grants us peace and calmness of heart.

So we have to constantly allow the Holy Spirit to be the driver inside our hearts and not just a resident. Talking about driving, a story was told of a man struggling to start his car. The car just would not start no matter what he did. Ran out of ideas, he went to the front of the car, lifted the hood and discovered that someone had stolen the engine! Of course, the car could not move! The engine that delivered the power was missing. As nice as the car looked from the outside, it could not serve its intended purpose.

Why did Jesus tell the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit? These are important lessons for us.

### 1. It is not about the Program but the Power (Acts 1:6–8)

The disciples said to Jesus “*Lord, are you going to at this time restore the kingdom to Israel?*” They were thinking in terms of timetables, schedules & programs. In other words, they were thinking the ‘when’s, ‘what’s and ‘how’s. Jesus said, “*You all missed the point! It is not about the ‘when’s, ‘what’s and ‘how’s.*” In other words, it was not about the strategies

and programs but verse 8 said it was about having the power of the Holy Spirit.

Singaporeans are very good at troubleshooting, organising and strategizing to tackle our problems. We have developed this mentality that if we plan and execute well, we will have success and great results. And this mentality has subtly made its way into the Church. We

say “*If our discipleship programs and evangelistic events were put in place, Church will work.*” Though it is true that proper planning and programming are necessary and important, we must never lose sight that it is the power of the Holy Spirit that is at work lest we reduce to the thinking that it is our ‘clever’ programs and careful planning that are working.

May we be believers that will have a constant hunger for the Holy Spirit and invite Him to manifest in power in all our Church programs that will catch the attention of the pre-believed.

Actually, to get the Holy Spirit to ‘show up’ is not a hard thing at all. We just need to do one thing and that is to glorify Jesus Christ. That was the reason why Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit?

### 2. It is all about glorifying Jesus (Acts 1:8)

*John 16:13-14*

*But when he, the Spirit of truth, comes, he will guide you into all the truth. He will not speak on his own; he will speak only what he hears, and he will tell you what is yet to come. He will glorify me because it is from me that he will receive what he will make known to you.*

The Holy Spirit points people to Jesus! That was the ultimate reason why Jesus told the disciples to wait for the Holy Spirit!

*Acts 1:8*

*But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth*

Jesus said the world would be changed when the disciples became witnesses for Him! Indeed Jesus was right. The Church of Acts turned the world upside down with the proclamation of the Gospel of Jesus.

And the good news is, this is still true today. We are to be witnesses for Jesus in the sphere of influence that God has placed us and we can turn the world upside down for Jesus as we make known who Jesus is. The more we talk about Jesus, the more the Holy Spirit moves in power because the Holy Spirit’s aim is to glorify Jesus!

Would we let the two following be our “Take me higher” goals for the rest of the year and beyond – to love the Holy Spirit and to keep talking about Jesus Christ to the world?



# Upcoming Events

## Sep

- 3 Alpha Holy Spirit Weekend
- 10 Alpha Course Week 9
- 11 Alpha Celebration
- 13 SWAT Prayer
- 15-19 Beeland Mission Trip
- 23 Kindergarten Kids Church
- 23 Love Singapore Prayer
- 24 5L2F Reading Program
- 24 Elders Meeting
- 24 Council Meeting
- 24 Baking & Cooking Demo
- 25 Filipino Fun Activity
- 27 SWAT Prayer

## Oct

- 1 5L2F Reading Program
- 2 Filipino MC Meeting
- 2 Lunch Fellowship
- 4 MC Meeting
- 8 5L2F Reading Program
- 9 Filipino Evangelistic Fellowship
- 11 SWAT Prayer
- 15 5L2F Reading Program
- 22 5L2F Reading Program
- 25 All Night Prayer Meeting
- 28 Kindergarten Kids Church
- 29 5L2F Reading Program
- 29 Elders Meeting
- 29 Baking & Cooking Demo

## Nov

- 5 LC Planning Meeting
- 5 5L2F Reading Program
- 7 LC Planning Meeting
- 8 SWAT Prayer
- 13 Filipino Evangelistic Fellowship
- 22 SWAT Prayer
- 25-29/30 Bangladesh Mission Trip
- 25 Love Singapore Prayer
- 26 Elders Meeting
- 26 Council Meeting

## Dec

- 4 Filipino MC Meeting
- 6 MC Meeting
- 11 Filipino Evangelistic Fellowship
- 14-17 Youth Camp
- 18 Ministries Volunteers Appreciation Lunch
- 25 Christmas Event
- 31 Elders Meeting

## BAKING & COOKING DEMONSTRATION

24 September 2011  
Sat 3 pm – 5 pm  
Canaan Centre  
Level 1



Our Chef  
Christina Ho



Menu:  
→ Lasagne  
→ Raisin cup cake

# News Flash



Every Sunday  
8:00 A.M.

## Prayer Meeting

Join us for a time of corporate prayer before the Celebration Service. Come and experience how exciting prayer meeting can be in Canaan.

*It is FUN and SIMPLE, CREATIVE and DYNAMIC, GUIDED and SPIRIT-FILLED.*

## CELL GROUP

All members are encouraged to attend one of the cell groups listed below. Please contact the church Pastors for more details.

### ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (OAG)

- \* Bishan (Fri, 8.30 pm)
- \* North East (Wed, 8 pm)
- \* Potong Pasir (Wed, 8 pm)
- \* Sin Ming (Fri, 8 pm)
- \* Woodleigh (Fri, 8.15 pm)

### BASIC ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (BAG)

- \* Rel!Fresh (Thu/Fri, 8 pm)

### FILIPINO ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (OAG)

- \* Dover Filipino (Fri, 8 pm)
- \* Tiong Bahru Filipino (Sat, 3 pm)

### FILIPINO BASIC ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (BAG)

- \* Ang Mo Kio Filipino (Fri, 8 pm)
- \* Pioneer Filipino (Fri, 7.30pm)
- \* RM4@12 Filipino (Sun, 12 pm)
- \* Young Adult (Sun, 12.30 pm)

## SERMON

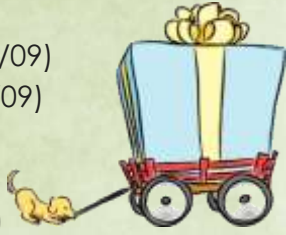
Our Sunday weekly sermons are available on the church's website. If you missed a particular week, please feel free to listen to the online sermon via the church website at:  
[www.mycanaan.org](http://www.mycanaan.org).

## SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (SUNDAY)

- **8.00 am**  
Prayer Meeting
- **9.00 am**  
Sunday Celebration Service  
Sunshine Kids Sunday School  
Youth Service (4<sup>th</sup>/5<sup>th</sup> Sunday)
- **11.15 am**  
Fellowship Time
- **11.30 am**  
Filipino Adult Bible Fellowship  
Mandarin/Cantonese Service
- **11.45 am**  
Adult Bible Fellowship
- **1.00 pm**  
Youth Fellowship

# BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- ☺ Rhaeah Milallos (02/09)
- ☺ Teddy Vergara (02/09)
- ☺ Tess Yunzal (03/09)
- ☺ Adela Lim (08/09)
- ☺ Debbie Siau (11/09)
- ☺ Desiree Casido (12/09)
- ☺ Chua Siew Bee (14/09)
- ☺ Noel Niranjana (15/09)
- ☺ Stacey Cheong (15/09 – Australia)
- ☺ Hannah Low (16/09)
- ☺ JC Trinidad (17/09)
- ☺ Darren Cheong (18/09 – Australia)
- ☺ Sarah Timbang (18/09)
- ☺ Wong Ka Yun (18/09)
- ☺ Alveryn Yee (19/09)
- ☺ Kristeen Chew (22/09)
- ☺ Wong Bick Guan (23/09)
- ☺ Angelita Concepcion (27/09)
- ☺ Sue-anne Cheok (29/09)



## WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- ♥ Yap Say Chung & Elena (16/09)



### ALPHA CELEBRATION SERVICE

Join us on ***11 September 2011 at 9 am*** for a live talk by SP Richard Wong on ***“How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?”***

We will be celebrating the closing of our 5<sup>th</sup> run of the Alpha Course with a lunch buffet after the service on Level 1.

15-19 SEPTEMBER 2011

# BEEELAND MISSION TRIP

Mission Trippers: Yap Say Chung (Team Leader), SP Richard Wong, Steven Cheong, Amanda Chew, Nimrod Chuang, Lee Wee Song and Sally Zhao.

*Please remember the team in prayer and pray for good health and journey mercy.*

# Adult Bible Fellowship

## David – A Man after God's Heart

Every Sunday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm  
(Last lesson on 18 September 2011)

Venue: Level 3 Word and Prayer Room

Teacher: **Yap Say Chung**

## A New Combined ABF Class starting soon!

Start Date: **9 October 2011 (Sunday)**

Time: **12 noon to 1 pm**

Venue: **Level 2 Hall**

Watch out for more details...

## Confession of Faith



Congratulations to **Joselyn Clemente Estor**, **Adelia Carino Castro** and **Richel Casinao Omanita** who had made the decision to be baptised on 4 September 2011.

May their faith in the Lord continue to grow stronger each day and be filled with His blessings.

## Proverbs 9:10

The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding.



## PASTORAL MINISTRY

Anyone who is sick, troubled, requires home blessing, baby dedication, idol removal, wedding, etc., please do not hesitate to call your Pastors, Elders or your Cell Group Leader for prayers and assistance.



## BAPTISM

If you are considering baptism, please see any of our Pastoral Staff for biblical instructions and arrangement.

# Roster – September 2011

## Sunday Celebration

DATE	4 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep	25 Sep
TOPIC	Balancing Life's Demands in the area of Personal Growth	How Can I Make the Most of the Rest of My Life?	Open Topic	Open Topic
SPEAKER	Ps Brian Wong	SP Richard Wong	Ps Larry Arienzano	Rev Dr Samuel Dhanaraj - Rhema Bible Training Center, Singapore
WORSHIP	Ferdie Yunzal	Nimrod Chuang	Ferdie Yunzal	Leylane Anselmo
COMMUNION	Steven Cheong	Arthur Lee	Carlo Vergara	Wong Ka Yun
GREETERS/ USHERS	Albert Yee, Ong Siew Hong, Tony Wong & Chris Tan			
AV TECH	Charles Frivaldo Delle Tan	Dexter Agustines Tan Kim Huat	Wong Ka Yun	Charles Frivaldo Delle Tan



### VCD/CD Library

The Library will be open right after worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Level 1 on **18 September 2011**.

Librarian:  
**Rachel Lee**

## Sonshine Kids – Teachers

DATE	4 Sep	11 Sep	18 Sep	25 Sep
CHAMPIONS (1-4 yrs) Level 3 Word & Prayer Rm	Christina Ho			
ACHIEVERS (5-6 yrs) Level 2 Rm 1 & 2	Lennie Vergara & Rodina Maliksi			
CONQUERORS (7-9 yrs) Level 2 Rm 3 & 4	Wong Lai Kuan			
OVERCOMERS (10-12 yrs) Level 2 Rm 7	Josephine Wong			

## SUNDAY ATTENDANCE (AUGUST 2011)

7 Aug  
Main Service: 202  
Sonshine Kids: 32

14 Aug  
Main Service: 170  
Sonshine Kids: 32

21 Aug  
Main Service: 197  
Sonshine Kids: 34

28 Aug  
Main Service: 180  
Sonshine Kids: 31

