

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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Take Me Higher Than I've Ever Been

SP Richard Wong

The first six months of 2011 have just come and gone. With this year's church theme, "Take Me Higher", I have been evaluating where the church is in our growth process. We exhort everyone to draw closer, to grow deeper, to build stronger, and to reach farther. We also encourage everyone to look at our 7 areas of life management – work, family, finance, social, spiritual, physical and personal growth – and ask the Lord to take us higher in some of these areas. If everyone would take time to look back and take stock, where are we now in the Lord? Do we feel and think we have raised another notch of spiritual growth? Are we pursuing God more in every direction that He is leading us to?



I wanted to report that over the last six months, we see increased church attendance, higher financial giving, more hospitality, more integration of people in fellowship, more visitors coming, more mission trip goers, worship livelier, but I do not intend to go further in that direction in this article. But truly thanks be to God and all glory to God for what we have seen so far.

As I look forward to the next six months, there are a couple of things I pray we will pursue more. Firstly, we will not fall into any complacency or lose our zeal to be with and to have more of God. To echo my sentiments, the lyrics of 'Take Me Higher' song speak for itself - *Take not Your Spirit from me; for my one desire is the be with You. Come cleanse my life and make me pure; won't You wrap me up in Your arms and take me higher and draw me closer and pull me deeper than I've ever been.* It's my desire to see the church drawing closer to the presence of God and growing deeper in His Word, so that we will honor and love Him more; we will know and obey His ways

above all else.

Some of our cell groups are reading and discussing on John Bevere's book, 'The Fear of the Lord' – Discover the key to intimately knowing God. It's a good book to ponder about our pursuit of the knowledge of God. While many are pursuing their own comfort and success, still others who are pursuing God's presence may do so with zeal not according to God's Word but in their own way and by their own wisdom. They have yet to realize the glory and holiness of the One they desire. There's so much of God to behold and we have not witnessed the greater glory of God yet. I pray that we will continue to pursue and live the knowledge of God. Let's return to the teachable nature of our first love and ask the Lord to 'Take Me Higher.'

Secondly, we must not neglect the heartbeat and mission of God which is to see more and more people coming into His kingdom. Reach out and touch someone for Christ is one of the primary components of discipling. If we would return to our first love, we would

remember how deeply God loves every one of us. To know God and to love Him is to feel this passion towards the unsaved. So if we want God to 'Take Me Higher' in building stronger fellowship, beginning with seeing more people coming to Christ and His church, and reaching farther by getting out of our comfort zone, seeing the lost saved, then let's be proactive in evangelism; let's be Christ's ambassadors and do whatever necessary in order to save some. Do not lose heart on praying for your "Beloved 5 List"; do find every opportunity to invite your pre-believing friends to your home, church and Alpha Course.

As we lead people to Christ and to maturity in Christ, we will experience the blessings and glory of Christ more than we ever imagine. People will hunger more for God; they will want to live in the knowledge of God with reverent fear and love. People will love others more as they truly love God. They will be attracted to the reign of God in our hearts; they will want to follow Jesus. Blessings and breakthroughs will follow. Let this be our prayer, "Take Me Higher Lord, than I've ever been."



Alpha Course 2011

Ask Anything



- 16 July – 11 September 2011
- Every Saturday 3.30 pm – 5.45 pm
- @ Canaan Church Level 4

Invite your prebelieving and unchurched friends to come.

Upcoming Events

Jul

- 1 40 Day Fast
- 2 5L2F Reading Program
- 3 Filipino Sports Fellowship
- 9 5L2F Reading Program
- 9 Kindergarten Family Day
- 10 Filipino MC Meeting
- 12 SWAT Prayer
- 16 5L2F Reading Program
- 16 Alpha Course
- 19 MC Meeting
- 22 Love Singapore Prayer
- 23 5L2F Reading Program
- 23 Alpha Course
- 26 SWAT Prayer
- 29 Kindergarten Kids Church
- 30 5L2F Reading Program
- 30 Elders Meeting
- 30 Alpha Course

Aug

- 6 5L2F Reading Program –
Movie & Manna
- 6 Alpha Course
- 13 5L2F Reading Program
- 13 Alpha Course
- 14 Filipino Evangelistic
Fellowship
- 20 5L2F Reading Program
- 20 Alpha Course
- 23 SWAT Prayer
- 26 Kindergarten Kids Church
- 27 5L2F Reading Program
- 27 Elders Meeting
- 27 Alpha Course

Sep

- 3 Alpha Course
- 4 Filipino MC Meeting
- 6 MC Meeting
- 10 Alpha Course
- 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 Baking & Cooking Demo
- 25 Filipino Fun Activity
- 27 SWAT Prayer



BAKING & COOKING DEMONSTRATION

Due to the Alpha Course, Baking & Cooking Demonstration will not be held in July and August. The class will resume on

24th September 2011 (Sat), 3 pm – 5 pm.

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)

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

FILIPINO ONGOING ACCOUNTABILITY GROUP (OAG)

- * Dover Filipino (Fri, 8 pm)
- * Sembawang 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)

40-DAY 2011 (July 1 - August 9)

"The Eleventh Hour"

Year of reckoning. Uprising, wars, immorality, disasters, diseases...Crisis demands response.

We are living through an 11th-hour moment in history. Wise up to the midnight hour.

**Fast and pray.
Watch and wait.**



SCHEDULE OF SERVICES (SUNDAY)

- **8.00 am**
Prayer Meeting
- **9.00 am**
Sunday Celebration Service
Sonshine Kids Sunday School
Youth Service (4th/5th 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

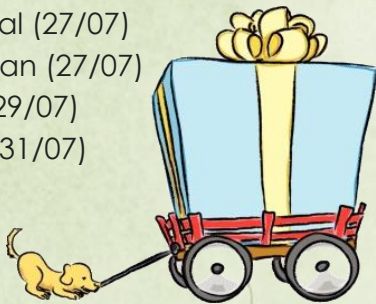
SERMON

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.



BIRTHDAY GREETINGS

- ☺ Chris Tan (02/07)
- ☺ Peter Tigas (06/07)
- ☺ Ariel Casido (08/07)
- ☺ David Tigas (08/07)
- ☺ Tan Hwee Khim (08/07)
- ☺ Jessie Dalde (10/07)
- ☺ Jocelyn Etrata (10/07)
- ☺ Elena Ho (11/07)
- ☺ Samuel Lee (13/07)
- ☺ Billy Trinidad (14/07)
- ☺ Janek Ameresekere (14/07)
- ☺ Janet Salvador (14/07)
- ☺ Vivian Hun (17/07)
- ☺ Rebecca Ng (18/07)
- ☺ Gavin Lim (19/07)
- ☺ Kristin Delos Reyes (19/07)
- ☺ Ong Siew Hong (19/07)
- ☺ Sven Lee (19/07)
- ☺ Cherry Velasco (21/07)
- ☺ Wong Chin Yew (23/07)
- ☺ Victor He (25/07)
- ☺ Joshua Yunzal (27/07)
- ☺ Wong Lai Kuan (27/07)
- ☺ Albert Yee (29/07)
- ☺ Darren Foo (31/07)



CONDOLENCES

Our deepest and heartfelt condolences to **Judy Kate Melendres** on the passing of her father on 3 July 2011. May you find peace and strength in the Lord in your time of sorrow.



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

- ♥ Yoon Wai Nam & Mei Ling (01/07)
- ♥ Nimrod & Joanne Chuang (07/07)
- ♥ Chris Tan & Siew Fong (08/07)
- ♥ Ronnie & Healin Hun (14/07)
- ♥ Richard & Christina Ho (16/07)
- ♥ Ariel & Desiree Casido (19/07)
- ♥ Lester & Grace Sadsad (19/07)

Canaan Polo Tees

Price: \$12

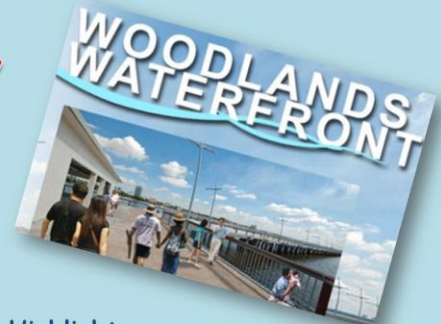
Sizes available:
 Kids: 28 (Pink & Black), 30, 32, 34 (Pink only)
 Adults: S, M (Pink & Black), XL (Pink only)

For purchase pls contact 6292-8850 ext 800 or
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CANAAN FAMILY DAY

9 July 2011 (Sat)
4.30 pm - 6.30 pm

\$8 per pax (exclude transport) or \$12 with 2-way bus transport from Canaan.



Highlights:

- Family Kite Making Competition
- Yummy Refreshments
- Games



**Volunteers needed for this kindergarten outreach event. Kindly inform Lai Kuan if you are available.*

Adult Bible Fellowship

David – A Man after God's Heart

Every Sunday 11.45 am – 12.45 pm

Venue: Level 3 Word and Prayer Room

Teacher: **Yap Say Chung**

Synopsis - Life of King David



Many remember David as the fair-haired shepherd boy who defeated a giant named Goliath. Others recall David as the wise Jewish ruler who brought the tribes of Israel together as a united nation. The ancient texts also present David as a powerful warrior, cunning diplomat, and talented musician. However, with all these tremendous accolades, the foundation of David's fame

and faith can be traced to a period of severe trial and doubting in his life. Indeed, David was a true philosopher.

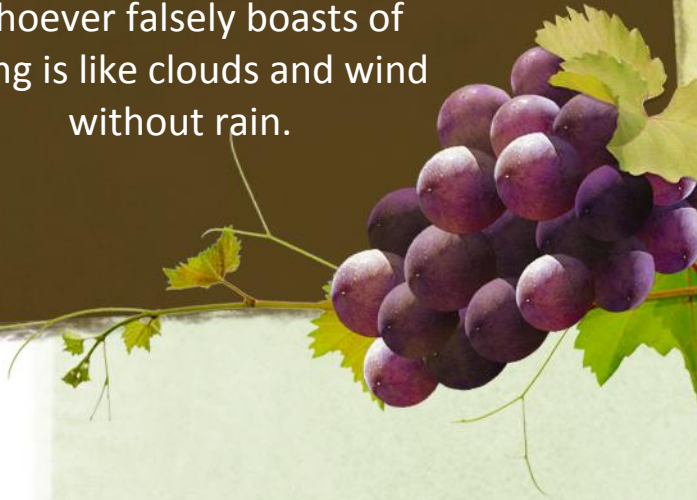
Early in his journey, David was chosen to succeed Saul as the king of Judah. Saul became wary of his successor, so he put out a contract on David's life. David was forced to live on the run, often spending weeks hiding in the network of caves surrounding the Dead Sea.

It is here that David really began asking the tough questions of life. Alone in the dark or on the run through enemy territory, David opened-up and honestly shared his thoughts, struggles, and fears. David was frustrated with God's plan for his life, and he wrote about it in his prayer journals. David's years alone with God forged his exemplary character and unflinching faith. Through loneliness and struggle, David learned to be fully dependant on God.

David wasn't a perfect leader or a perfect man, but his years alone with God, humbled and crumbled in the dark, developed the soul of a legendary philosopher-king, and forged a legacy that endures to this day. Let's take a journey with this man who is after God's heart to learn how we can worship God like David and develop a lifestyle that is after God's heart.

Proverbs 25:14

Whoever falsely boasts of giving is like clouds and wind without rain.



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 – July 2011

Sunday Celebration

DATE	3 Jul	10 Jul	17 Jul	24 Jul	31 Jul
TOPIC	Alpha Sunday	Chiang Mai Mission Trip Presentation	Take Me Higher by Balancing Life's Demands	Take Me Higher in the Area of Family	Take Me Higher in the Area of Physical
SPEAKER	Rev Then Chee Min <i>(Regional Training Consultant for Alpha Asia-Pacific Foundation)</i>	Missions Team	SP Richard Wong	Ps Larry Arienzano	SP Richard Wong
WORSHIP	Ley Anselmo	Ferdie Yunzal	Nimrod Chuang	Ferdie Yunzal	Ley Anselmo
COMMUNION	SP Richard Wong	Elder Steven Cheong	Dexter Agustines	Wong Ka Yun	Carlo Vergara
GREETERS/USHERS	Grace Cruz, Lester Sadsad, Angie Peregrino & Virgilio A. Velasco				

Sonshine Kids – Teachers

DATE	3 Jul	10 Jul	17 Jul	24 Jul	31 Jul
CHAMPIONS (1-4 yrs) Level 3 Word & Prayer Rm	Vivian Hun				
ACHIEVERS (5-6 yrs) Level 2 Rm 1 & 2	Joanne Hun & Rebecca Ng				
CONQUERORS (7-9 yrs) Level 2 Rm 3 & 4	Grace Cruz				
OVERCOMERS (10-12 yrs) Level 2 Rm 7	Wong Lai Kuan				



* The Library will be open right after worship service in the Fellowship Hall on Level 1 on **10 & 24 Jul 2011**.

Librarian:
Maureen Tay

SUNDAY ATTENDANCE (JUNE 2011)

5 Jun
Main Service: 153
Sonshine Kids: 24

19 Jun
Main Service: 164
Sonshine Kids: 23

12 Jun
Main Service: 165
Sonshine Kids: 33

26 Jun
Main Service: 185
Sonshine Kids: 29

