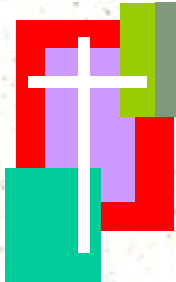


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Living in Harmony with One Another

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One of the major challenges in life is the ability to live in harmony with one another. From the day sin entered the world it became a challenge for man to live in harmony with one another. Adam blamed his sin on his wife, Eve who had (perhaps lovingly but nonetheless wrongfully) shared with him the fruit that God had said that they were not to eat of it (Gen 3:6,12). Soon after, Cain whose offerings were rejected by God murdered his brother Abel out of envy and jealousy



because Abel's offerings were accepted by God (Gen 4:4-5). "Then the LORD said to Cain, "Where is Abel your brother?" He said, "I do not know. Am I my brother's keeper?" (Gen 4:9). By his answer to God, Cain demonstrated a lack of interest in the well-being of his brother. The Bible in Phil 2:1-7 encourages Christians to live in harmony with one another and to look out for the interests of others:

"Therefore if there is any consolation in Christ, if any comfort of love, if any fellowship of the Spirit, if any affection and mercy, fulfill my joy by be-

Sermons in January:

- ALL THINGS ARE BECOME NEW - ONG ENG BOON
- NEW HEART & NEW SPIRIT - KOAY CHUAN LEK
- NEW DOCTRINE? - RICK KIRK
- NEW COVENANT - RICHARD LIM
- NEW EVERY MORNING - LIM CHONG TECK

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All things are lawful for me, but not all things are helpful; all things are lawful for me, but not all things edify (1 Cor 10:23)

ing like-minded, having the same love, being of one accord, of one mind. Let nothing be done through selfish ambition or conceit, but in lowliness of mind let each esteem others better than himself. Let each of you look out not only for his own interests, but also for the interests of others. Let this mind be in you which was also in Christ Jesus, who, being in the form of God, did not consider it robbery to be equal with God, but made Himself of no reputation, taking the form of a bondservant..."

There will always be brethren who have differing opinions on various matters because each has his own preferences on what to do and how to do them. So long as these matters are in the category of "permitted optional matters" and not "required or forbidden matters", we should grant each liberty to do as he or she pleases subject only to the requirement that it be not inexpedient or being unloving (Rom 14:13-15; 1 Cor 8:12; 10:23,31).

The Bible says: As for the one who is weak in faith, welcome him, but not to quarrel over opinions... We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up. For Christ did not please himself, but as it is written, "The reproaches of those who reproached you fell on me." For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, that through endurance and through the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope. May the God of endurance and encouragement grant you to live in such harmony with one another, in accord with Christ Jesus that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God."(Rom 14:1; 15:1-6)

Rom 12:16-19: "Live in harmony with one another. Do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly. Never be wise in your own sight. Repay no one evil for evil, but give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all. If possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, "Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord."

Perhaps the story of the porcupine may be helpful to us all (the story was contributed by Sis Lydia Teh who received it via the email):-

Fable of the porcupine

It was the coldest winter ever - many animals died because of the cold. The porcupines, realizing the situation, decided to group together. This way they covered and protected themselves; but the quills of each one wounded their closest companions even though they gave off heat to each other. After awhile they decided to distance themselves one from the other and they began to die, alone and frozen. So they had to make a choice: either accept the quills of their companions or disappear from the Earth. Wisely, they decided to go back to being together. This way they learned to live with the little wounds that were caused by the close relationship with their companion, but the most important part of it, was the heat that came from the others. This way they were able to survive.

Moral of the story:

The best relationship is not the one that brings together perfect people, but the best is when each individual learns to live with the imperfections of others and can admire the other person's good qualities.

Our Visitors and Visiting Brethren



VISITORS

January 7, 2011

- Ong Jae Wen (Ern Shern)

January 9, 2011

- Michael Ng
- Chan Siew Meng (Richard Lim)
- Harjit & Mandy Singh
- Renganayagi (Mother of Joshua)

VISITING BRETHREN

January 7, 2011

- Sean Lim (Jurong)

January 9, 2011

- Joshua (Iraq)
- Sean Lim (Jurong)
- Tee Ai Vee (Ipoh)



Be diligent to present yourself approved to God, a worker who does not need to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. (2 Tim 2:15)

Services This Week (January 16, 2011)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: The Practice of Prayers
Teacher: Richard Lim

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Living Soberly, Righteously, and Godly, In This Present World
Teacher: Jerry Cheah

Worship

Lesson: New Doctrine?
Preacher: Rick Kirk

Helpers

Communion: Lee Su Cheng & Mah Yit Mui

Statistics for week January 7 - 9, 2011

Friday Bible Class Attendance	-	71
Sunday Bible Class	-	59
Sunday School		
Teachers	-	10
Students	-	20
English Worship	-	90
Children in attendance	-	18
Mandarin Worship	-	19
Tamil Worship	-	20
TOTAL SUNDAY ATTENDANCE	-	147

Services Next Week (January 23, 2011)

Adult Bible Class

Lesson: Studying The Bible
Teacher: Ronnie Lee

Youth Bible Class

Lesson: Looking For That Blessed Hope
Teacher: Randall Chirng

Worship

Lesson: A Christian Prepares for Brain Surgery
Preacher: Yeow Chin Kiong

Helpers

Communion: Joan Lee & Linda Leong



Speak where the Bible speaks. Be silent where the Bible is silent.

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The Klang Church of Christ seeks to glorify its Founder and Head, Jesus Christ (Matt 16:18; Col 1:18), by proclaiming salvation on the same terms stated by Jesus in Mark 16:16: "He who believes and is baptized will be saved".

Having been born again (John 3:3-5) through baptism in water (Titus 3:5; Eph 5:26; 1 Pet 3:21; Rom 6:3-5), we acknowledge the Lordship of Jesus, that "Christ lives in me and the life which I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God" (Gal 2:20). Thus, like the apostle Paul we can say, "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me" (Phil 4:13).

We appeal to all believers to be united in love as desired by the Lord (John 17:20-23; 13:34,35) and that all may "speak the same thing, and that there be no divisions among us, but that we be perfectly joined together in the same mind and in the same judgment." (1 Cor 1:10).

Denominationalism does not feature in God's plan. We urge all to leave denominationalism and to be united in One Body (Eph 2:15-17) on the basis of what the Bible says (and to leave aside the teachings and traditions that are man-made as these are the cause of division among believers). "The churches of Christ greet you". (Rom 16:16)

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Visit the Youth Blogsite at
<http://youths-kcoc.blogspot.com>

Visit the Sunday School Blogsite at
www.ahadschool.blogspot.com

BAPTISMS

Another four youths decided to render obedience to our Lord on Sunday January 16, 2011 and had their sins forgiven through baptism.

1. **Leow Huey Jean**
(daughter of Yew Chong & Lee Hua)
Date of Birth: September 4, 1995
Student, SMK Bukit Kuda (Perempuan)
2. **Aevyn Quek Ren Fern**
(daughter of John & Cheng See)
Date of Birth: May 23, 1997
Student, SMK Bukit Kuda (Perempuan)
3. **Khoo Tze Ren**
(Son of Kay Yeow & Chong Foo)
Date of Birth: May 7, 1997
Student, SMK High School
4. **Lim Chia Ye**
(daughter of Chong Teck & Annie)
Date of Birth: November 2, 1997
Student, SMK Kota Kemuning

PRAYER REQUESTS

- **Bro Eddy Ee & family**, whose mother passed away on January 5, 2011
- **Sis Janet Lee & family** of the Central North COC, Perth. Sis Janet lost her mother, a member of the Jurong COC, on January 10, 2011
- **Sis Poi Ching & family** on the loss of Gary Tan on January 10, 2011
- **The brethren in Toowomba, Queensland**, who were affected by the flood in the last week.
- **Sis Mary DiPalma**, recovering from an asthma attack
- **Bro Yeow Chin Kiong**, to recover completely from a recent surgery
- **Bro Guss Eoff**, for good health