

ANNOUNCEMENTS For more information, please approach Gladys or Priscilla.

1. WAC Annual General Meeting 2009

Date: 05 April 2009 (TODAY!), 1.15PM

Venue: Honor Room

All members on the Electoral Roll, please attend the AGM.

2. WAC Family Camp 2009 – “Following Jesus All The Way”!

Date: 16 - 19 June (Tue - Fri)

Venue: The Palm Garden Hotel (Putrajaya, Malaysia)

Brochures are available at the admin counter! Sign up TODAY!

3. WWF – Breakthrough Weekend “Growing Strong In The Broken Places”

Date: 30 April - 01 May

Check in: 6pm Check out: 2pm

Venue: City Beach Resort

Calling all ladies above 21years old. Cost applicable, please refer to brochure. Brochure is available at the admin counter.

4. Pre-Worship on Easter Sunday

There will be a prayer and praise before Service next Sunday (12 April), 9.30 - 10am at the auditorium. Members are encouraged to attend.

5. Baptism

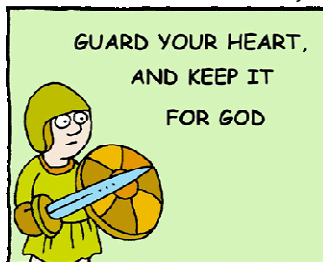
For those who wish to be baptize, please sign up at the admin counter TODAY!

Date of Baptism: To be Confirm

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April	05	(Sun)	WAC Annual General Meeting 2009
	10	(Fri)	Good Friday
	11	(Sat)	Destiny Impact: Silent Angels Weekend
	12	(Sun)	Ministry Leaders Meeting
	17	(Fri)	WDT - 06
	19	(Sun)	GB Enrolment Service
	24	(Fri)	Prayer Meeting
	30 - 01 May	(Thur - Fri)	WWF - Women's Breakthrough Weekend

Any announcements, articles or testimonies to share? Email Gladys @ wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg



WESTSIDE ANGLICAN CHURCH

STRENGTHENING FAMILIES, IMPACTING COMMUNITY

BISHOP: The Most Revd Dr John Chew
DEAN & VICAR: The Very Revd Kuan Kim Seng

ASSOCIATE VICAR: The Revd Canon Dr Louis Tay
PRIEST-IN-CHARGE: Revd Timothy Chow

05 April 2009

WHERE'S JOYCE?!

By Joyce Chow

Some of you would have noticed that I was not in church for 4 consecutive Sundays in March. No, I have not back-slidden. I was on an extended retreat and 40-days fast from February 22 to 2 April to seek the Lord for personal breakthrough.

At 57 years of age, I feel I'm at a major cross-road of my life, and that I needed the unhurried time and private space to get close to God's bosom, hear His heartbeat, know His desires, understand His purpose and yield to His timing and His ways.

As I write this, I've come to Day 40 of my 40-days fast & retreat. What has the Lord been teaching me? To begin with, He led me to read slowly through the 40 chapters of Exodus, one chapter a day for the entire period of my fast. Through the unfolding of each chapter, the Lord gave me fresh insight into my life and ministry. Let me share some of these divine inspiration with you.

My journal:

Lesson 1 - All I would ever need in life is to feed on the bread of life and drink from His spring of living water, because I'm first and foremost a spiritual being, created by God and for God. Then I can experience what Jesus meant when He said, "Seek first the Kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things will be added to you as well" (Matt 6:33). So often I've added these superfluous things to my life first, because I was more concerned about my physical being. This extended fast forced me to de-clutter my life of these things which have distracted me and preoccupied my mind so much so that I can't hear God clearly. It was indeed liberating to discover that I don't need to always give heed to my body's demand for food and drink. In fact, I can rule over my physical body because I am strong in the Spirit.

Lessons from Exodus 2 - God is not slow or forgetful. His divine purpose is surely and steadily unfolding. He has chosen His man (Moses) and has sovereignly protected him from harm. Moses grew from baby to child to a strappy young man. There was a process and passage of time. Therefore, I must learn to wait for God to fulfil His plans in His time. In yielding to God's timing, I learn that "waiting time" is not "wasting time", and in every season of waiting, I can enjoy God's gracious provision to keep close enough to Him to hear His clear command to move on! In the case of Moses, when the time comes, God's plan is activated and God's man is ready and trained to fulfil His purpose.

West Coast Recreation Centre
No. 12 West Coast Walk

Sunday Services

10am - 12pm

English Service @ Auditorium

10am - 12pm

Mandarin Service @ Thanksgiving

10am - 12pm

Children In Action @ Honor

Saturday

3.30pm - 6.30pm

Destiny Impact (Youth) @ Honor

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EVERY MEMBER A FRUIT BEARING DISCIPLE

Lessons from Exodus 14 - God will fight for me. I need only to be still. My attitude of trust must be accompanied by my posture of stillness. This interior composure of peace and blessed assurance will free the hand of God to intervene on my behalf. Divine intervention comes when I give up all my fretting and frazzled plans and become completely still before Him.

Lessons from Exodus 27 - I must prepare to worship God with an undivided heart. The detailed instructions given to the Israelites to construct the tabernacle showed that God is concerned about details! The design of the tabernacle and other related paraphernalia showed balance and consistence. Therefore, God cares about who, where and how worship is done. If I am going to be a worshiper who worships God in spirit and in truth, then I must return to reverence God and stand in awe of Him! I cannot simply come into His presence any old how in a lackadaisical manner. He cannot accept that sort of worship and His glory will not fall, instead His wrath will.

Lessons from Exodus 40 - God is a God of order. He has His unique timing and His fail-proof method. On my part, I must know that the irreducible minimum of God's standard is for His servant to be holy and to be set apart for His work. It is God who anoints and consecrates those He has chosen to serve Him in His sanctuary. I can only finish God's work when I do everything according to His command and conforming to His design. Then the glory of God will fall. It is this glory that will give me true direction in life and I will be guided always towards God's good and perfect will.

God is training me to reign in my impulses and do the one thing well, to choose the better part and to live with a focused purpose. I can see my life taking on greater simplicity, greater balance and greater freedom. Yes, out of "Egypt" and into my "promised land". As Easter approaches, and we're reminded again of the full price that Jesus paid for our redemption, let us all leave whatever holds us in bondage, and let us endeavour to be set free so that we might go and worship our God!

All praise and glory to our Heavenly Father, and to our Lord Jesus Christ and His Holy Spirit. Amen.

DUTY SCHEDULE

	Today 05 th April	Next Week 12 th April (H.C.)
Chairperson	Chia Siew Choo	Kelvin Koo
Speaker	Revd Timothy Chow	Revd Timothy Chow
Worship Leader	Joanie Ng	Denny Lin
Music Team	Joanie, Elissa, Astrid, Althea, Jethro, Jun Hoong, Le fa	Jimmy, Tony, James, Carolyn, Gilchrist, Kevin, Jakob, Jonathan/Sean
Projectionist	Priscilla, Violet	Rachel, Michelle
Soundworks	Janice Leow	Carol Elizabeth Wee
H.C. Server	-	Raymond, Tony, Kevin
Intercessory Prayer	Pang Kwee Hoon	Susy Tan
Scripture Reader	David Yong	Carol Loke

WISDOM DISCIPLINE SHIP TRAINING

DATE	PROGRAM
10 Apr	Good Friday - No WDT -
17 Apr	WDT- 06
24 Apr	Prayer Meeting
01 May	Labour Day - No WDT -

Cell groups are suspended till further notice due to WDT. For further enquiries, you may contact the Office at 63376104 ext 188/189 or email wacoffice@livingstreams.org.sg

QUESTION: WHY DID GOD ONLY TURNED MIRIAM LEPROUS WHEN BOTH AARON AND MIRIAM SPOKE AGAINST MOSES?

Response: (Pastor Raymond)

As in such cases, we can only infer or arrive at some logical deductions based on the context of the verses. It is obvious that Miriam bore the main guilt which is why God chastised her like a father spitting on her face.

Notice that in verse 1, Miriam's name was mentioned first, this might indicate that Miriam was the instigator to the problem. Aaron, being easily swayed by others (cref Ex. 32) was influenced and went along with Miriam.

Notice also that both did not confront Moses, they were talking behind his back. The LORD heard this and summoned the three of them to set the record straight.

Aaron in verse 11 realized that they had sinned and was afraid that he might be punished too and hence pleaded for Moses to intercede. Had Moses not interceded, Miriam may have remained leprous for the rest of her life.

Why Aaron did not turn leprous could be one or a combination of the following:

1. He may have been influenced by Miriam and hence not fully culpable but still guilty, hence in this case, a rebuke would do (v8, 9).
2. He was the high priest and if he was inflicted with leprosy, it would disqualify him to be the high priest (cref Lev 21:16-23, 22:4). God in his mercy spared him because of his priesthood.
3. Moses interceded in time before Aaron's punishment could come. Aaron could have been disciplined in ways other than leprosy.

What we can learn from this?

1. God is angered by people speaking behind another's back, especially about His servants.
2. We must guard ourselves from being easily influenced by the opinion of others, especially when it concerns our leaders.

We need to be like Moses, who did not know that they were talking behind his back and yet when he found out, was still willing to intercede for them, which is why in verse 3, Moses was regarded as the most humble person on earth.

VISION STATEMENT

A home and family focused church committed to building godly families that are the centers of worship, faith formation, discipleship ministry fellowship and witness for Jesus Christ