



SHA TIN CHURCH

*Priests &
Ministers:
All the
people of
God*

Church On Fire

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***The Fruitful Useful
Joyful Life In Jesus***

3rd Sunday before Advent

9th November 2008

We welcome everyone to our service, especially those who are newcomers today. Please make yourself known to us and sign the Welcome Folder which is downstairs on the Welcome Table. We run a Children's program every Sunday – details inside. A Crèche (Rm 4) is available. Please ask an usher if you want to know where these are located. Also you are invited to share Refreshments with us downstairs after the service.



-----**THE SHATIN CHURCH VISION**-----

CHURCH ON FIRE

- **passionate worshippers**
- **committed disciples**
- **an international church making a difference for the Kingdom of God**



BULLETIN & SERMON (MP3) AVAILABLE AT
www.shatinchurch.org.hk

Church Secretary:

Joyce Lin

9th November 2008
HOLY COMMUNION

Greeting & Welcome

Brent Hauser

Opening Praise

Here is our King
One way
Inside out
Consuming Fire

James Low

Confession

Assurance of Forgiveness

*May Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith,
pardon us and set us free from all our sins,
strengthen us to do his will,
and keep us in eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Song

I Love You Lord

Greeting of Peace

Reading

Mark 3:20-35

Wendy Hui

Declaration of Faith

I Believe

The Apostles' Creed

Collection of Tithes and Offerings

God is able

(Communion assistants come forward: John DF, Wendy B, Pat H, Lourdes B & Young P)

Offertory Prayer

Thanksgiving Prayer

Disciples' Prayer

Holy Communion

How deep the Father's Love for us
Here I am to worship



Post Communion Prayer

Blessing

Announcements

Intercessions

Vanaja Jesudian

Sermon

The madness of Jesus

Dale Hanson

Thanksgiving

Dismissal

Leader: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
People: **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Reprise

MEN'S MONDAY GROUP

Men's Monday at Monte Vista Estate, 9 Sha On Street, Ma On Shan.

Contact Brent Hauser at 9633-1665 or brent.hauser@gmail.com

Come and join Men on Monday at 7:55 pm. We are starting the next Authentic Men Series and this is the perfect time to join us.

In this series we will endeavor to:

- Develop a personal mission for your life that fits "the real you"
- Discover your unique design and what brings you alive
- Learn best practices of successful men
- Learn how to focus your life and get results
- Beat boredom and other opponents of authentic manhood
- Find your road to significance
- Break out of the fog
- Find teammates to "get you there"
- Learn how to begin with the end in mind
- Deal with unfinished business
- Avoid shortcuts (that are really "dead ends")
- Regain a sense of forward momentum
- Find heroes who won't disappoint
- Explore what it means to take the "high ground of life"
- Learn how to leave a legacy you'll be proud of
- Discover the eternal rewards waiting for you

Join us and together we will rediscover the sense of adventure and excitement that God intends for our lives.

CHINESE SPEAKING LADIES BIBLE STUDY GROUP

Chinese speaking ladies Bible Study at Ma On Shan on Friday from 9:30am to 11:30am with optional lunch afterwards. If you are interested or if you know anyone that might be interested, please contact Susanna at 67774095. God bless!

CHURCH FINANCE UPDATE - OCTOBER 2008

We give thanks to God for the generous giving that we have seen this year; in the first six months of this year we gave more than sufficient to cover our budgeted needs and also raised about HK\$100000 to support the mission in Dancalan.

However, over the summer months our giving to general fund declined noticeably raising the possibility that we will end the year with a significant deficit.

We commend this situation to your prayerful response. We pray that our giving in the final three months of 2008 will be sufficient to meet the needs that, under God, we have budgeted for.

Pastor Dale and the church committee



NOTE: Please do not bring any food, snacks, or drinks (except water) into the Church Hall or any classroom or onto the school sport playground. According to the school rules, Food & Drinks are only allowed in the Covered Area downstairs.

CONSIDERING BAPTISM?

We will be holding our next baptisms on Sunday 28th December.

Please get in touch with Dale if you are considering baptism; baptism is the mark of Christian belonging and something that all followers of Jesus Christ are called to receive. If you have been thinking of taking this step take the chance to talk with Dale about it!

SERVICE FOR THE REST OF 2008

Sunday November 9th

Mark 3 verses 20 – 35 “The madness of Jesus”

Sunday November 16th

Mark 4 verses 26 – 34 “Keeping our sanity”

Sunday November 23rd

Mark 4 v35 to chapter 5 v21 “Growing through crisis”

Sunday November 30th Advent Sunday – “all age” followed by church lunch
“Who am I?”

Sunday December 7th

Advent 2

The prophet’s vision: 1 “Praying for revival” Isaiah 64 verses 1 – 9

Sunday December 14th

Advent 3

The prophet’s vision: 2 “Something to shout about” Isaiah 40 verses 1 – 11

Sunday December 21st

Advent 4 “Children’s Nativity”

Wednesday December 24th “Carols by Candlelight” Maranatha House at 7.30pm

Thursday December 25th Christmas Day Service at 10am

Sunday December 28th Morning Worship with Baptisms



NO PARKING

Please note that No Parking is allowed in the school grounds!

Thank you!

PRAYERS FOR THE 3RD SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

We continue to pray for the peace of the world; we pray for the newly elected President of the United States of America that right from their earliest days in office they will seek peace and the common good rather than narrow party or national interests. We pray too for role that the United States plays in the world – may the leaders of the powerful nations see their strength as an opportunity to serve rather than to dominate.

We continue to pray for the world economic crisis, praying that God will bring good out of the current situation. We ask God's forgiveness for the way we can so easily be caught up in sinful human systems and pray that He will help all his people to follow the advice Paul gives to Timothy that has such obvious relevance to our present day:

Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor to put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment.

Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share.

In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of the life that is truly life. [1 Timothy 6:17 - 19]

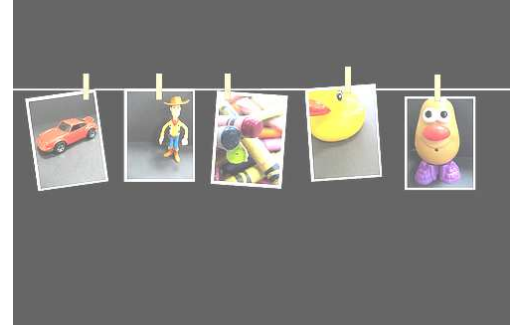
We pray for all those who are suffering because of the economic climate – those who have lost jobs or those who are facing increased pressure at work. We remember too the poorest sectors of our community and the world – those in the deepest need are always the most affected in times of shortage.

Our reading today from Mark chapter 3 shows Jesus divided from His earthly family; pray for all those who share home or workplace with those who are not yet Christians especially those who feel painful division or opposition from those at home. Pray that we will all stand firm in our faith and present a positive witness through all that we say and do at home or at work so that as Jesus commands: *“let your light shine before men, that they may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven.”* [Mathew 5:16]

KINGDOM KIDS

Dear Parents

We are beginning a new year in our children's programme in September with the topic "Virtues and Values". The programme on Sundays start at 10:00am with Worship in the hall before we go downstairs to G02 to learn more about Virtues and Values. The children meet in one large group on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month and in Small Groups on the 1st and 3rd Sundays. We need to know the ages of your children for small group allocation and your contact details (for obvious reasons).



We would really appreciate you joining us in praying for God's covering on things as we start our programme. We would like the children (and everyone) to enjoy what it means to be truly surrendered to God in every part of themselves and to live the life that God has prepared for them.

If you have any queries, please contact any of the Kingdom Kids leaders, our names are on the back of the bulletin.

Looking forward to being with the kids again

In His Majesty's Service

The Kingdom Kids Team

REVELATION WARRIORS



Revelation Warriors is the Sunday Youth Program for 11-14 year old youths at Shatin Church. It is geared toward preparing youths for full participation in the Church community in worship & service. If you are 11 – 14 years old, come and join the RW's Sunday group meetings. Every 1st Sunday of the month we meet the whole morning starting at 10 a.m. The second Sunday, we serve as ushers followed by a group meeting. The third Sunday we join the service, and the fourth Sunday, we have a group meeting.

What do we do in RW's?

Praise & Worship...Ice breakers...Games...Refreshments...Bible Study...Testimonies...Sharing...Prayer

Schedule for Oct. - Nov. (There are some changes due to the Church Camp)

Nov. 9th Small group with Pearl Chan

Nov. 16th Join Worship Service

Nov. 23rd Small group with Susie Young

Nov. 30th Join Worship Service

SOLID ROCK

SOLID ROCK MEETS EVERY SATURDAY

Solid Rock at Maranatha House. The details are:

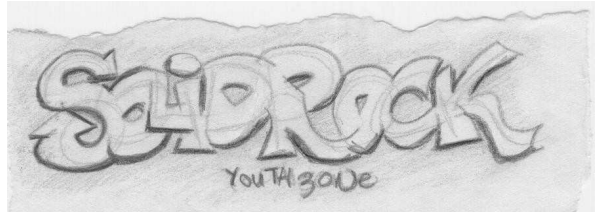
Hired Buses: Leave Chik Wan Street, Tai Wai near the KCR at 4:00 and 5:00 pm
Youth Band, please take the 4 pm bus for practice

Return: We will return to Shatin at around 9:00 pm

Bring: Money for McDonalds (or whatever) with your friends afterwards (**This is up to your parents.**)

Age Limit: Everyone age 11 to 18 (or still in high school) is welcome

Please visit~ <http://solidrock.hk>



PHILIPPINES FELLOWSHIP

PF MEETING

- 9 Nov. - Meeting at Maranatha (church-wide fellowship day)
- 16 Nov. - Meeting at Maranatha (with Patti Hunter)
- 23 Nov. - Meeting at Maranatha (with Pastor Dale)
- 30 Nov. - Meeting at Maranatha (Christmas planning & decoration & prayer)
- 7 Dec. - No meeting (free Sunday)
- 14 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (with Amy Udy)
- 21 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (With Janet Hauser)
- 28 Dec. - Meeting at Maranatha (Christmas party & outreach)

OUR GIVING

WE SUPPORT

Please pray for the people and organisations we support with Our Giving:

<i>China / Communist Asia</i>	<i>Hong Kong</i>	<i>International</i>
1) Generation Ministries (Asian Children)	4) Clarissa Gafoor (Crossroads)	9) All Nations Believers Church (Tanzania)
2) WEC International (Chinalink)	5) Christian Action (Domestic Helpers Program)	10) African Enterprise
3) Mekong Evangelical Mission (Laos & Thailand)	6) Christian Action (Chung King Mansions Service Centre)	11) Lifeway Bible Church Inc
	7) Street Kids Chai Wan	12) Dancalan Christian Fellowship
	8) Youth With A Mission (Sports Services International)	13) Carlos Choi (with St. Stephen's Society in Cebu)
		14) Christian Solidarity Worldwide
		15) Carol Schrecker (Romanian Gypsies)

We give away **15%** of all offerings to ministries outside of Shatin Church.

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Unclassified – these items have been placed by members of Shatin Church but their inclusion does not mean they are endorsed by Shatin Church in any way.

DTS WITH SPORTS OUTREACH

DTS, a discipleship training school, is a basic training course of YWAM, Youth With a Mission. It is a five-month program which includes both a lecture phase and an outreach. During DTS, you can deepen your relationship with God and be equipped to better tell about Him to others.

In January 2009 DTS here in Hong Kong, students can choose to focus on sports: in addition to normal DTS teaching they will learn the basics of sports ministry and during outreach can put it into practice in different sports.

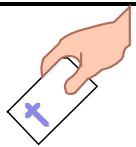
The participants need to be at least 18 years old or have a high school diploma.

For more information please see www.ywamhongkong.org/dts or e-mail Sports Services International at ssi@ssi.corp.com.hk or call 2524 6057.

INTER CHURCH BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT

"Hello there! How are ya'll? =) Interested in getting a work out? Or maybe getting some much needed exercise? Or maybe just feel like playing basketball? Then please join us on saturday 29th November, 2008 for the 3rd ICBT (Inter Church Basketball Tournament). It will be located in Yew Chung International School; for those that don't know how to get there I will be waiting @ Kowloon MTR station near the 7-11 shop. We play 5v5 full court, I'll be mixing the teams, ages 15++ are welcome, 10am-6pm you can leave whenever. This will be a time we can get together, pray, share, and have fun. For more updates and information please leave a voice message, Call or Text 6346-9105 OR email em_en@hotmail.com . My name is Emmanuel."

PLANNED GIVING



IF YOU ARE ATTENDING SHATIN CHURCH, WE ENCOURAGE YOU TO JOIN IN "PLANNED GIVING" (WHERE YOU RECEIVE A NUMBER FOR ANONYMITY AND CAN GIVE BY BANK TRANSFER OR MONTHLY ENVELOPE). THOSE WHO REGISTER FOR PLANNED GIVING RECEIVE TAX RECEIPTS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR. IF YOU WISH TO GIVE TO THE LORD THROUGH THE CHURCH PLANNED GIVING SCHEME, THE FORMS ARE ON THE WELCOME TABLE DOWNSTAIRS. FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE EMAIL THE CHURCH TREASURER, KENNETH AU ON kenaushing@yahoo.com OR CALL 9257 1675. CHEQUES SHOULD BE WRITTEN TO "SHATIN ANGLICAN CHURCH". PLANNED GIVING IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE. THANK YOU!

Tsing Yi Ferry Terminus



Tsuen Wan Promenade



West Kowloon Waterfront Promenade



Cultural Centre Piazza



Avenue of Stars



Tsim Sha Tsui East Promenade



2008 Citywide Christmas Caroling

21 Dec, Sunday, at all 12 venues:

3pm: Opening and Special programs

4pm-5pm: Harbourwide Caroling

5pm-10pm: Special programs continue at

Cultural Centre and Avenue of the Stars

22-23 Dec at Cultural Centre and Avenue of Stars

5pm-10pm: Non-stop Special programs

Everyone is welcome to join!

🎵 Please wear Red Top and Red Caps to this event!

Ma Wan Park



Harbourwide Cruises



Central Piers



Wan Chai Temporary Promenade



Wan Chai Waterfront Promenade



Quarry Bay Park



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Web-site: www.hkcccu.org.hk / www.cityrenewal.com.hk

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Key Points from the Sermon:

About Faith:

“neither _____ or _____
is any guarantee of faith.”

About forgiveness:

1 “Jesus assures us _____ the sins and blasphemies
we commit can be forgiven

About the “unforgiveable sin”

2 “if you are worried you might have committed this
- one thing you can be sure of is that _____
_____”