



SOUL FOOD

July 2008

***"Behold the tabernacle of God is
with men" Rev 21: 3-5***

New Teachings

So God created man in His own image; in the image of God He created him; male and female He created them. Then God blessed them, and God said to them, 'Be fruitful and multiply.' " Genesis 1:27-28

We worship a Divinely Human God. That is the starting point for everything we do in this church. We are human because He, the Supreme Human, created us in His image and likeness. We look act and feel the way we do largely because we are reflections of a Divine Human God.

*Behold I create Jerusalem as a rejoicing,
and her people a joy (Isaiah 65:17).*

*I, John, saw the holy city, New Jerusalem,
coming down out of heaven from God...
having the glory of God. (Revelation 21:2,11)*

*The holy city, or New Jerusalem,
is the Lord's New Church (Arcana Coelestia 3858:2).*

In the book of Revelation, the Lord showed His apostle John a vision of the New Jerusalem descending from heaven. Centuries later, the Lord revealed that this holy city symbolizes the teachings of a New Church - a new Christianity. Each part of the beautiful city - the foundations of precious stones, the twelve gates of pearl, the golden walls and streets - pictures characteristics of this church which the Lord invites all people to enter.

The inner meaning of John's visions was revealed to a man named Emanuel Swedenborg in the 18th century. Swedenborg also witnessed the beginning of the New Christian Church when, on June 19th, 1770, the Lord sent His disciples throughout the spiritual world to teach people that He alone is God and that His kingdom will endure forever. For this reason, June 19th is commemorated as the birthday of the New Church.

Excerpt from "Talking with God"

by Gwynne Dresser Mack (Freyberg, Maine, 1960) Highly recommended reading.

"I will hear what the Lord will speak" Psalm 85:8

*"Prayer is talking with God"how immense and profound. Talking with God ,
with the creator of the universe!*

That we, any of us, can actually talk with Him-how tremendously wonderful! Or can we? Maybe we don't all truly believe this. Maybe when we say our prayers at bedtime or in church, or cry out : "Please, God help me!" we do not really feel in touch Him at all, but send words in a blind hope that somewhere, somehow they will be picked up.

*Talking with God: not just to Him, but with Him. This means something special, for it implies that not only do we talk- He also talks. It is possible to talk without establishing communication, as to stone walls or deaf people. This is talking to. For talking **with** , there has to be an interchange. True prayer means just that. To feel in touch with the Lord when we pray, we must do more than just recite words or speak aloud.*

We must learn to listen. When we talk with , we take a turn at listening. "Be still and know that I am God.....If anyone hears my voice, I will come in"

June 19th

The June 19th Celebrations this year were inspiring and most enjoyable.

The worship service included some pictures from Revelation and their meaning to us in our lives (by David Ayers) presented by power point to music by Alex.

The congregation swelled in numbers to celebrate, sing and worship together young and old alike☺

This was followed by an informal drinks and snacks time when people could catch up and talk, and then the formal banquet beginning with the toast to the church and the song "our Glorious church".

We enjoyed casseroles creations as the main course and a talk by Deb on "Peace, Joy and happiness". During and after dessert the Aurora Power point by Deb inspired us further with the wonders of creation, symmetry, geometry and algebra in the world of nature created in so orderly and wonderful fashion.

Painting circles in red blue and yellow with kalaidescopic effects left us with momentos of the Aurora New Church celebrations of 2008. Many thanks to Alex, John, Moira, Deb, the helpers in setting up, the cooks who contributed the delicious food and the helpers who cleaned up afterwards. Praise be to God!

Celebration with the Perth Society: *The New Church Day Banquet at Trigg on 19th June was thoroughly enjoyed by those who could attend. "How pleasant it is for brethren to dwell together. It is like the oil that is poured on Aaron's garments."*

Doctrinal Study

Heaven and hell Classes continue to be a success being held on alternate Friday mornings at Val's,

Evening study Class An evening study class is hosted at Frosts every second Thursday evening. Please read and study ahead the first chapter of Divine Providence so that a discussion on the topics may take place using Rev .Mike Gladish's notes. Thank you to the Frosts for providing this venue and opportunity for spiritual food.

News

Visit of Coleman Glenn: He arrives on 16th July and will stay until 22nd July☺

Amy has been selected to participate in a science week trip to New Zealand - she is one of 4 pupils in WA to be awarded this. She leaves on Friday 4th july. We are very proud of you Amy!

Relocation: The Phans have relocated to Harvest Lakes! Crown Content's second edition of

Who's Who in Western Australia , to be published on Friday 13 June 2008, will include an entry listing the achievements of **Dr. Tuan Phan**. His biography will appear alongside those of over 4,000 notable citizens of Western Australia, representing a range of endeavours, who have significantly shaped the community. Tony is off to lecture in Vietnam for a few days in July.

Vacation Employment Congratulations to Anni for a High Distinction in the latest examination!

Grateful thanks to Bernice for much help and healing support to Raymond during the last months☺ and to all those who phone with good wishes and to your prayers for his recovery.

Trip to Sydney. Lisa travelled to Sydney to visit with Heldons and other friends on the occasion of Naomi Heldon's engagement party. She met up again with Coleman Glenn who will soon be here visiting us in Perth!

July Calendar

Thurs 3rd		Divine Providence at Frost's 7pm to 8.30pm
Sun 6th		5pm worship followed by shared meal
Fri 11th	Heaven and Hell class at Val's 10.30am	
Sun 13th	10.30am Worship followed by shared meal	
Thurs 17th	Coleman Glenn arrives	6pm meal and Doctrinal Class at Frosts (DP)
Fri 18th		
Sat 19th		3pm Social followed by shared meal and class (DP) (Smuts)
Sun 20th	10.30am Worship Holy Supper officiated by Coleman Glenn followed by shared meal	5pm Teenage social (Dwyers)
Mon 21st		6pm Farewell Meal (Frosts)
Fri 25th	Heaven and Hell class at Val's 10.30am	
Sun 27th	10.30am Worship followed by shared meal	
Sun 3^d		5pm worship followed by shared meal

Worship Services are held weekly at 10 Broome Street, South Perth (off Douglas Street) See calendar for times. You are invited to join in a shared meal afterwards if you wish.



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