

A PASTORAL LETTER FROM OUR SENIOR PASTOR

Dated 3 January 2010

Dear fellow Shelterians,

Last week I wrote that “as we strengthen our resolve to be true to God in our relationship with Him and with one another.... God impressed on Shelter Baptist Church three areas of focus – preaching that is true to God, prayer that is fervent and concerted, and evangelism as a primary mission of the church.” Preaching that is true to God, fervent and concerted prayers and passionate evangelism – these are the marks of a coming revival. A church that has these three ministries actively and passionately participated can anticipate a revival to soon come.

Shelter Baptist Church is poised for a revival in the year 2010, a year which carries the marks of God’s presence and work in our church. I anticipate that it will be a defining year for us from which we will together dare to believe that God will demonstrate His mighty power in and through Shelter Baptist Church. I believe God will send a mighty moving of His Holy Spirit among us even as we preach, pray and evangelize.

Preaching that is true to God, fervent and concerted prayers, and passionate evangelism – we must pursue these three with all our heart soul and strength. We believe in God for a revival, we must therefore participate by availing ourselves to serve God in working a revival through His church. This is the beauty of our service in the church – that God make us active participants of His mighty works and not just passive onlookers.

The year 2010 and the anticipation of revival calls for concerted and united efforts from all at Shelter Baptist Church. The pastoral team, council members, ministry leaders and all members must stand together with mutual submission and esteem of each other to encourage and strengthen each other to face the challenges and any spiritual warfare that will come upon us.

The pastors and all who are called upon to preach will preach believing we are speaking the words of God. The leadership of Shelter will lead by example of what it means to pray fervently and in a concerted manner. I believe God calls the whole church into evangelism and every member has an important role to play in our evangelistic endeavours. Shelter Baptist Church believes that evangelism is the primary purpose God established His church. God gave to every Christian the Holy Spirit so as to empower us to be impactful witnesses in evangelism. Acts 1:8 tells us that “you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be My witnesses...to the ends of the earth.” Last week many of you brought your friends, and relatives to Shelter. Keep up this labour of love that you have so wonderfully exhibited.

I have written to you to “let us together trust that God will make 2010 an exciting and significant year for Shelter Baptist Church. Let us dare to believe that 2010 will be a defining year for us where the presence and power of God will be made manifest in and through Shelter Baptist Church. Let us dare to act by faith what we believe is the call of God for us and together avail ourselves for God’s glory.”

This is our rallying call to all of us at Shelter. God is with us. Together and with faith in God and mutual esteem of one another, let us rise up as faithful and excited witnesses of the presence and power of God with us. This, we dare to believe.

Wishing you all a significant and blessed year 2010!

The presence and power of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all!

Joseph Seah
Your fellow witness of our Lord Jesus Christ