

A very warm welcome to all our visitors to Lugar Brae Uniting Church  
 Feel free to sign our visitor book on your way out  
 Please join us for refreshments after the service if you are able

**Edward Eager Lodge**  
 This month we are collecting tinned foods or toiletries (soap, toothpaste etc.) in support of all the residents.

**PRAY FOR:**

Margaret's family  
 Bob's family  
 Ryan B.  
 Keira's family  
 Zena  
 Margery & her family  
 Gai  
 Ida, and her son,  
 Jason  
 Daphne(Marilyn's mum)  
 Mandy  
 Joyce

**SERVICE SCHEDULE**

**This week (January 15): 9:30am**

**Worship Service** – Rev. Kevin Kim

**Sunday School** – Ryan Buesnel

Bible Readers: Margaret W. Elizabeth M.

Bible Readings: Isaiah 49:1-7; Psalm 40:1-11; 1 Corinthians 1:1-9; John 1:29-42

**Next week (January 22): 9:30am**

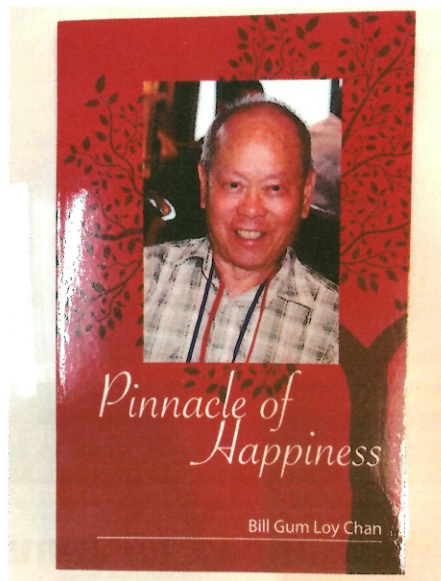
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**Bill's new book**



**Be Prepared: Psalm 27:1, 4-9**

**Prepare for it:** Pray for God's help for this passage to change your heart. The Hebrew name for the book of Psalms means "hymns" or "songs of praise." Ps 27 is in the first of the five "books" of psalms (Ps1-49). Like most of the psalms in this "first book", this psalm is credited to David. The psalm expresses both *confidence* (vv1-6) with *individual lament* (vv7-14) leading debate over how it should be classified. The classification of "Royal Psalm" is favoured by some

**Read It:** Psalm 27:1, 4-9  
 (www.biblegateway.com/passage/?search=Psalm+27)

1. What two images describe the LORD in v1? What confidence does this realisation give to David?
2. For what does David pray in v4? On what does he want to "gaze"?
3. How will this help in times of trouble? (vv5,6)
4. What does David ask of God when he calls to Him? (v7)
5. What do vv8,9 reveal about where the key to a restored relationship with God lies?

**Think About It:**

6. How does spending time with God satisfy your deepest needs?
7. Have you "called on the name of the Lord" yet?

**Get the Message**

This psalm starts with a statement of great confidence: David describes the LORD as his "light and salvation", and also as his "stronghold". The first image speaks of God's ability to rescue us from the darkness of sin and despair, while the second image speaks of God's ability to provide refuge and safety from the perils of life. David's recognition of the great significance of the LORD leads him to ask that he "*may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life*". Since the Temple (the house of the Lord) was God's dwelling place on earth, David is asking to live his whole life in God's presence, one part of which means to live a life in accordance with God's requirements. Such a life will allow him to "*gaze on the beauty of the Lord*" – which has the idea of coming to know the perfection of God's love and righteousness which will satisfy our deepest desires for these things. Further, David knows that if he continues in God's presence, then, "*in the day of trouble he will keep me safe in his dwelling*". When God protects his own, his people can rejoice – God's covenant love casts out fear. But, of course, even our fervent desire to live in God's presence counts for little if God does not respond – so David prays that God will hear him when he calls and will not turn away as he seeks God's face. These words are not words of insecurity but of recognition that our relationship with God can only be restored by God's grace. We can take heart, then, from Paul's quotation of Joel 2:32 in Romans 10: "*Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.*"