



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



21 June 2020

Worship Theme:

Theme: To embrace God's presence and rest in God's strength
Today's scripture texts: 1 Peter 3:13-22; Acts 17:22-31; Psalms 66:8-20

All the readings this week call us to embrace the reality that God is with us even in the dark times, and that it is in God that we all "live, move and have our being" – whoever we may be.

In Athens Paul speaks to the people of the city about a God who can be known and "in whom we live, move and have our being." He invites them to recognise that God is very near to all people whether they are aware of God or not. The Psalmist reflects on God's presence even during times of 'testing' and gives thanks for God's rescue and forgiveness, and celebrates that God does indeed hear the prayers of God's people. In Peter's letter the apostle continues to offer comfort to a persecuted church assuring them that they are following in Christ's nail-scarred footsteps, and that in Christ they are saved.

The wonderful, challenging and comforting message of this week is that God is intimately available to us, and that God's presence and resources are accessible to us as we face the challenges and struggles of following Christ and living fully. The inevitable question this raises is whether we are willing to embrace God's presence, and rest in God's strength even as we wrestle with the big crises facing our world.

O God,
Source of all creation, maker of the world
and everything in it,
you are never far from each one of us.

We come into your presence seeking you,
for SG United has a new meaning these
days.

We are SG United in this lockdown time,
in this time shared by people in Singapore,
but we are separated, apart, and
cannot even stand close to one another.
This separateness fights a cruel and lethal
virus.

O God, may we not lose sight
of what SG United really means.
Help us cling to unity once
restored
for we need each other
to give life health and meaning.

O giver of life and breath.
Reveal yourself to us; dwell with us;
and abide in us.
We live because of you.
We hope because of you.
In Christ's Name, we pray. AMEN.

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

9.30 am Bible Class
The Parable of the Hidden
Treasure
Teacher: Kuek Lee Hock

11.00 am Worship
Paul Preachers in Athen
Preacher: Dave Hogan

Wed Online Bible Class **24 June**

7.30 pm
Daniel Chapter 10
"Vision of a Man"
Teacher: Lim Lian Chye

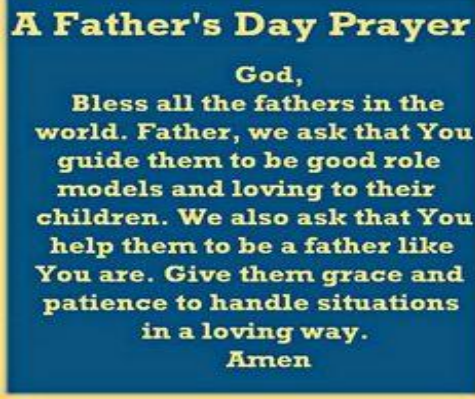
Zoom Prayer Warriors

8.00 pm
Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye



Singapore has moved into phase two (safe transition) of reopening the economy from 19 June. At this phase, in-person congregational worship services are still not allowed. As such, the online worship and bible classes will continue until further notice.

YOU can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and click on our Online Worship under Resources tab or Quick Links. You can also check the Donate tab on how to make bank transfers to the church for tithes and offerings.



Garden Ministry of PPCOC

Vegetables, herbs and fruits are amazing food from God. Let us come together and grow our own food in our new church building! Growing a beautiful edible garden takes time. We would like to start nurturing plant lovers, build bonds among members and have non members join us in the enjoyment of God's provision through the garden ministry.

We shall learn gardening skills as well as tips from experts on

- Plant family
- Soil conditions / environment / habits
- Home-made fertilizers (recycling)
- When to harvest etc.

To join the Gardening Ministry, call Joanne at 81130716 or Kelly at 91087884. Click below for more details: <https://www.ppcoc.org/pat2020/articles/Garden.pdf>

Gen Y Speaks:

"I am an overseas graduate starting a new career as a prime mover driver. And I'm proud of it"

by Andy Wong

"The future of work globally will not be one with a clear blue-and white-collar job divide.

Any job should and will be a good job, requiring a good cross-section proficiency of hard and soft skills, manual and intellectual rigour, regardless of scope or industry.

And I am proud of taking the first small steps in bridging this divide for myself and for society."

May our Gen Y Christians see the current crisis as an opportunity to be an agent for Christ and to look beyond social divides to shine our Christian light.

Click link below for the full story.

<https://www.ppcoc.org/pat2020/articles/GenY.pdf>



Update on the SIBI-Singapore Graduates' Travel Plans

Dear brethren,

Thank you for your ongoing support of the students, and especially for this year's SIBI-Singapore graduates. With the pandemic and the circuit breaker, life for all of us has been affected, and this is especially true for our graduates. The graduates have been waiting patiently for travel restrictions to be lifted and for airline schedules to return to some kind of normalcy so that they can return home.

Here is an update on their current status:

- Bles Payawal will be leaving for Cebu on June 24 (provided Cebu does not go back on full lock down status before then).
- Esther Zhang will be leaving for Zhengzhou, China on July 1.
- Nang Suan Kim is currently in the queue with the Myanmar Embassy to be assigned an airline seat home. As circumstances stand now, when he arrives back in Myanmar, he will be immediately quarantined in a dormitory for 27 days. The one good side of this is that this dormitory space is provided at no charge to him. After the quarantine, he will need to make arrangements for a long bus ride back to his hometown. There is a possibility that all this will change by July 1 and international travel between Singapore and Myanmar will resume "normally". But in the meantime, Kim is waiting to hear from the Embassy as to when he can go home.
- Marc Panday is waiting for international flights to resume back into Clarke AB, near Baguio City. If he flies into Manila, he has to be quarantined there for two weeks at his own expense.

Please keep all these students in your prayers, for their safe return home.



From left to right: Kim, Esther, Bles, Marc

Regarding new students, the SIBI School Board has chosen to keep our normal schedule and resume classes on June 29. However, new students will not be arriving by then because we currently cannot get student visas for them. Where they can, new students will take their classes online via Zoom video conferencing. When new student visas can be issued, we will invite those students to Singapore to join their classmates. For new students who do not have a reliable connection to the internet, we will wait until new student visas can be approved and bring those students here, who will then pick up at the start of a new class. They will still be required to go through the entire curriculum to attain their academic credits for graduation. This means they may not graduate with their classmates, but they will eventually still graduate.

Again, thank you for your support and your prayers. We are looking forward to a good, but challenging new school term. With God's blessing, we are confident things will work out well.

Testimonial of SIBI Graduate, Marc Panday

"To God's elect, brethren who have been chosen according to the foreknowledge of God the Father, through the sanctifying work of the Spirit, to be obedient to Jesus Christ and sprinkled with his blood: Grace and peace be yours in abundance!

Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given you as a church, as one body, the blessing and ability to help people from other countries to be like Christ and do the commission that He has given to us. Truly you have accepted us like your own brothers and sisters, or rather as sons and daughters in Christ Jesus.

In all this I greatly rejoice, though now for a little while you may have had to see me and the others leave. I had a wonderful time here and who would have thought that the body, the family of Christ, is so big yet considered as one!

You have melt my heart by your generosity and kind hearts; letting us students have fellowship with you inside your house and feeding us until we have no more space for tomorrow. Through your continued support for SIBI Singapore,

I, finally, had finished my studies. You might not know how important this is for me, but thank you so much for making this come true. You have melt my heart, by how you welcomed us warmly with open-arms. Though I was away from my true family, this place felt home. Once again, brethren, thank you for everything! See you at the other side, the finish line of our faith."

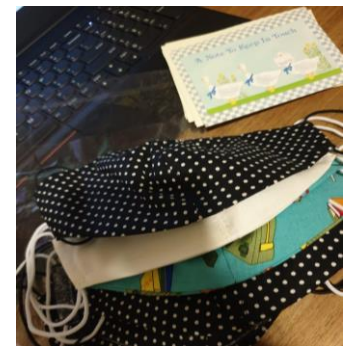
Family News, Concerns & Prayers

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Care teams have continued to meet online and reach out in various ways to encourage the church family and non-members during this Covid-19 period.



Grab-delivered celebratory dinner for SIBI students



Sending masks and cards to lonely seniors.



Personalised bookmarks for the Girls' Home.



Meeting regularly over zoom to do bible study and pray.

Evangelism through Films



Watch Story of Redemption Films - Evangelistic Track online with a non-Christian friend.

WVBS Online Bible School

Enrol as a student in our brotherhood WVBS to study the bible at your own time. Free-of-charge!

Youth Huddles



The last Youth Huddles on 6 & 20 June held via Zoom was very well attended. They shared devotions followed by online games. Please contact John or Christine if you are interested.

Online Bible School
And the things that you have heard from me among many witnesses, commit these to faithful men, who will be able to teach others also. 2 Timothy 2:2

Students Around the World

Currently Enrolled: **4934** Formal Students, **3436** Informal Students, and **11254** Auditing Students (not represented on the map).

Benefits to You	What's the Cost?	How Can I Study?
Increase Bible Knowledge	Free Tuition	Study at Home
Learn to Study the Bible	Free Courses	Study on the Go
Great Bible Resources	Free Testing	Study at Your Pace

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Heartiest congratulations to Allan Poon and Wai Chin on the marriage of their daughter, Deanna, to John Goh on 7 June.

The newly-weds want to give thanks to God:

"Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. (James 1:17) Even in this trial of covid uncertainty, we give thanks to our Father. God never changes, He is faithful and good till the end. Praise the Lord that we can tie the knot and we are looking forward to the day when we can celebrate with more family and friends at our wedding banquet!"

Prayer Requests

- Pray for Janet Gant who will undergo kidney stones operation next week
- Pray for Wai Chin's mother to recover well from spine decompression surgery
- Pray for more men to join the fortnightly Prayer Warriors
- Pray for safe return home for the SIBI graduates: Bles, Esther, Khim and Marc.
- Thank God for His grace & mercy over Alma who secured a new employer.

Update on David Dass

David was tested positive for COVID-19 and was quarantined from May 24th to June 14th, 2020. He has fully recovered and shares this message with us:

"My life's biggest experience. I give thanks for God's love upon me these past two months. He guided me in my journey through the hard times brought about by COVID-19. In response to the difficult conditions, my company halved our salaries. Even so, God kept blessing me each day! Our God is real. I have faith that His blessings will continue to be poured out in the future. Nothing will prevent that from happening. I believe in His promises. Thanks be to the Lord and family of Christ for everything."

Update on Kody Deng

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, Kody returned to China on Wednesday, 17 June. Uphold Kody in prayer as he seeks for God's direction for his career and future endeavour. He shares this message with us:

"I am very thankful to Uncle Beng Chuan and Winston for mentoring and leading me in my spiritual growth during this period in Singapore. Though it is a short journey, the love and encouragement that I received from them, from PP and from God is unmeasurable. With this love I am willing to go wherever God wants me to go, as a part of His body, in remembrance of His salvation. See you again brother and sister, may God bless you and your family."

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