



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



24 May 2020

2020 Year Theme:

Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

Worship Theme:

To Be a Co-worker of God, Empowered by the Holy Spirit

Today's scripture texts: Luke 3:15-17, 21-22; Isa 43:1-7; Acts 8:14-17; Psalms 29

This week the focus is on how God's people are invited to participate in the baptism and to receive God's Spirit. In Psalms 29, God's voice is celebrated. His voice shakes the earth, but also strengthens and brings peace to His people. In the reading from Acts, the Samaritan believers, who have been baptised in the name of Christ, now receive their own "baptism in the Holy Spirit and fire" when the apostles lay hands on them. In the prophecy of Isaiah, God's people are promised liberation and salvation, even though they pass through water and fire, and they are called to be witnesses to God's saving acts. Finally, in the Gospel of Luke, Luke reminds the people of John's prediction that Jesus is the one who will baptise them in the Holy Spirit. Upon Jesus' baptism by John, the voice of God affirms and strengthens Jesus. Jesus' baptism is related to the Holy Spirit and God's calling. What this means is that our meditation on Jesus' baptism this week is not just about Jesus. Rather, it is an acknowledgment that God is still at work in the world, and still invites us to participate in His saving and liberating work. But, to do God's work, we, like Jesus, will need to be strengthened and empowered. We will need to be baptised to receive the gift of the Holy Spirit.

CONNECTING WITH LIFE:

In every community, in every life, there is a need for resources that are beyond our human capacity. Maintaining faithful marriages, keeping families strong, resisting the siren call of greed, addiction, immediate gratification, expediency and personal satisfaction, and making a contribution to the needy around us, all require more of us than we are capable of giving on our own. However, even as God calls us to live with integrity and wholeness, God enters our world and gives us His Spirit to help us to do it. Jesus' act of being baptised is the assurance of his commitment to partner with us and is an invitation for us to participate in God's work. The power we receive from the Holy Spirit and the gift of God's living word that challenges, guides and strengthens us, are all the resources we need to participate in His work. In addition, the message of the Scriptures, which reminds us that even the outcast Samaritans were able to receive God's Spirit, is a call to embrace all people and to invite all people to share in God's saving work, and to be empowered by God's Spirit.

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

24 May

9.30 am Bible Class

The Parable of the Budding Fig Tree

Teacher: Kuek Lee Hock

11.00 am Worship

To Be a Co-worker of God,
Empowered by the Holy Spirit
Preacher: Basil Chong

Wed Online Bible Class

27 May

7.30 pm

Study on the book of Daniel
Teacher: Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

Every 2nd & 4th Tue

Lim Lian Chye

5 Jul Youth for Christ (Youth Day)



Use this QR code to access
Online Worship



CIRCUIT BREAKER TO MINIMISE FURTHER SPREAD OF COVID-19

The Circuit Breaker measures have been in place since 7 April 2020 and will be extended by another 4 weeks until June 1 (inclusive).

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.

A Big Thank You for Your Love and Generosity

On behalf of our mission partners and brethren in India, Philippines, Myanmar and Indonesia, we want to thank everyone who have contributed to the effort to help purchase food for them. A total of **\$11,860** was collected and together with **\$6,000** from the church fund, the money was sent to our mission partners in these countries to distribute to the various congregations in need. Due to the ongoing lockdown in these countries, there were challenges in the distribution of the food, but our brethren have managed to find ways to get the supplies to them. Shown below are just some of the churches and communities that the food items were given to. Photos on the distribution in Myanmar will be shown later when we have them.

"And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased." Heb 13:16

Philippines



Above: 35 families from Kawit & Masbate were provided with rice & meat

Right and Below: Preparing to distribute to the churches in Negros



Indonesia



Pontianak church of Christ, Borneo



Muara Fajar church of Christ, Pekanbaru



Papua church of Christ, Manokwari

Packages were distributed to churches of Christ in Solo, Papua, Pontianak, Duri, Muara Fajar & Kulim, Indonesia

India

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WHATEVER YOU DID
FOR ONE OF THE LEAST OF THESE
BROTHERS AND SISTERS OF MINE
YOU DID FOR ME

MATTHEW 25:40

Family News, Concerns & Prayer

Mission

- SIBI students: Khoo Li Fang (Malaysia), Janriel Abance (Philippines), Ezra Valdez (Philippines), Lady Angela Ramos (Philippines), Sarah Dowluck (Singapore). Pray for their second year study and renewal of their students' passes.
- Thank God for the following SIBI graduates graduating this year: Nang Suan Khim (Myanmar), Esther Zhang (China), Bles Payawal (Philippines), Marc Panday (Philippines). Pray for all of them that they will stay faithful after graduation and that they will continue to sow the seeds of gospel in their home country.
- Pray for members to give continuously for food aid relief to churches and mission partners in India, Philippines, Indonesia and Myanmar.



The Parable Of The Barren Fig Tree

Luke 13:6-9

What does a parable about an unfruitful fig tree have to do with what's going about with our life?

The answer is—quite a bit! There are 3 key areas in the story that have clear symbolic significance.

The vineyard owner represents God who rightly expects to see fruit on His tree and can justly decide to destroy it when He finds none.

The gardener, or vineyard keeper - Christ, who cares for the trees, watering and fertilizing them to bring them to the peak of fruitfulness. He who feeds His people and gives them living water. The tree itself has two symbolic meanings: the nation of Israel and the individual.

To learn more, join us this Sunday for an online recording of our Bible class at 9.30am.

Click on <http://ppcoc.org/live-stream/>

TWO SUNDAY GIVING

FACTS  FIGURES

17 May - \$13,530.80

WAYS TO GIVE

(A) CHEQUE

- Please address the cheque to "Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang"
- Please write the following at the back of the cheque
 - Account number you wish to give to
 - Your name, contact number and address
- Please deposit your cheques at POSB or DBS branches. Please do not mail the cheques to the church office as our staff are working from home.

(B) Donate via BANK TRANSFER

ACCOUNT NUMBERS

1. **General Fund** bank account number: 063-001497-4
 - No further action is required
2. **Mission Fund** bank account number: 063-001495-8
 - Please inform Sis Annie (receipt given)
3. **Building Fund** bank account number: 063-007311-3
 - Please inform Pledge/BF Committee (Peter, Jim or Grace) (receipt given)

(C) Donate via PayNow (QRCode)

1. Scan the QR code using your mobile banking app
2. Verify that it shows:
Church of Christ PPG,
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3. Indicate your name in the "Reference No." (optional)
4. Enter the amount you wish to contribute
5. Click next, verify the details and confirm.



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