

# RELATIONSHIP BUILDING focus 2021



CHURCH of CHRIST  
— PASIR PANJANG —

10th Jan 2021

## EVENTS

### 13 January

7.30 pm Online  
Wednesday Bible  
Class  
I Will Not Be Put To  
Shame – Lim Cher  
Yam

### 17 January

8 am Online Sunday Bible  
Class  
The Parable Of The Wise  
And Foolish Builder – Lim  
Cher Yam  
  
11 am Live Stream Worship  
Extreme Makeover  
– Winston Chong

### Zoom Prayer Warriors

8 pm last Thursday of  
each month  
Starting 28 Jan 2021

Zoom Meeting  
Meeting ID: 637 679 3407  
Password: Kumbaya  
Breakout Groups for Men  
& Ladies

### Gladiolus Place

#### Devotions

7.30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup>  
Monday  
Catherine / Lucy

LET'S START  
ANEW  
IN 2021!



Lee Hock

### In-person Worship

[www.ppcoc.org/](http://www.ppcoc.org/) - Click on Sunday  
Worship Attendance Request Form

### Live Stream Worship

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CHURCH of CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG

PRESENTS

# SUNDAY Worship

## Invitation To Start Anew

SUNDAY, 10TH JAN 2021

11AM-12.30PM

### TOPICS TO DISCUSS:

What is worldliness?  
Why the Pharisees liked bubbles,  
and why we should avoid them?  
Understanding Christians should  
never isolate themselves from  
the world they are called to  
bring to Jesus

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### 7 Rhythms Of An Intentional Family / Care Team Lifestyle

In this new year 2021, I would like to encourage parents and care team leaders to be intentional in taking advantage of the highly relational small-group environment to nurture and mature their members by:

1. Inviting friends and members along;
2. Praying and fasting;
3. Eating together;
4. Hanging out together;
5. Serving together;
6. Learning together; and
7. Maturing and starting new family / care teams.

Let us make this regular fellowship an intentional routine in **Building Our Faith** (2021 Theme).

**Tan Beng Chuan, Lead Minister**

In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today (up to 150 persons MAXIMUM). Members who intend to worship in the church premises on Sunday are to register and submit the online form on the PPCOC website each week. A ballot may be conducted if necessary. You can join us in worship by going to [www.ppcoc.org](http://www.ppcoc.org) and clicking on "Live Streams" under the Resources tab. You can also click on the Donate tab to find out how to make bank transfers to the church for REBUILDING PLEDGES and offerings.

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WITH  
Lim  
Cher Yam

# Online bible class

EVERY WEDNESDAY 7.30PM

13th January 2021

Psalm 25: I Will Not Be Put To Shame.



[www.ppcoc.org/live-stream/](http://www.ppcoc.org/live-stream/)

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# Virtual SUNDAY

**BIBLE CLASS**

**8 AM JAN 17TH, 2021**

**WISE & FOOLISH BUILDER**

Host

Lim Cher Yam



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## INTRODUCING 2020 NEW MEMBERS INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AT PPCOC

### **Fun Min** baptised on 16 Feb 2020



#### **Hello, I'm Fun Min!**

Before I became a Christian, I viewed life very negatively. I usually thought the worse of stuff when something went wrong and was often fearful of the future.

Before I got baptized, I was already thinking about being a Christian for quite a while, and I was always being encouraged by the people around me. After the 2019 youth camp, I became even more certain of my decision and decided to get baptized! I actually hesitated quite a while before becoming a Christian because I thought that I may have been too young or what if I keep making the same mistakes even after becoming Christian. I really wanted to be a better person in order to spread the word of Christ well and confidently.

After being a Christian I felt confident about myself and the decisions I made. Whenever I felt scared or doubted myself, I knew I could always depend on God and that gave me the confidence to overcome my challenges. I also am really grateful for my friends and family for constantly encouraging me, leading me to where I am today!

## Family News, Concerns & Prayers

### Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

In the new year 2021, Happiness, Good Health and Prosperity may not come our way. Everything happens for a reason that we may not know, but which God has permitted.

So join us to pray for all of us in this new year that:

- We will understand and feel God's love more deeply everyday.
- We will love Jesus more (in practical ways) everyday.
- We will allow His Spirit to convict our secret sins, direct our thoughts and transform us more everyday.
- We will submit to His will for our lives (time, talents, resources) more everyday.
- We will love & build up the body of Christ more intentionally everyday.

May our lives everyday be an encouragement in word & deed, drawing our families and friends to His light. In Jesus' Name, Amen!

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### “Come Follow Me I will make you fisher of men” by Lee Hock

Notice that Jesus took the initiative. He didn't expect people to come to Him; it was He who sought them. They will not seek, they must be sought. They will not learn, they must be taught. They will not come to Jesus, unless they are brought. As followers of Christ, we have the Holy Spirit living in us; we need to be reaching out to the lost just like Jesus did.

What would happen if Jesus had waited for us to come to Him?

Do you think we would have come? Jesus had to go after each one of us! The question is this: will we reach out to people who have eternal souls – what are we doing each day to influence their decision and eternal destiny?



Matthew wrote in 9:36, “Seeing the people, He felt compassion for them, because they were distressed and harassed like sheep without a shepherd.”

Thank God! We too can respond to the Call: "Come, follow Me!" Because someone extended Jesus's call to us! Will we share this Call with someone today?

### FOCUS Editors' Requests:

1. All publishing needs **MUST** be submitted to Patrick by **noon on Wednesday**.
2. Editor will start editing after lunch on Thursday.
3. All Focus and related publishing matters should be completed and emailed to AV guy by 5pm on Friday.

## SUNDAY GIVING



3 January

GF - \$17,433.00

MF YTD - \$103,466.51

## WAYS TO GIVE

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### Church of Christ Pasir Panjang Attending Sunday Worship

A maximum of 150 persons is allowed at the In-person Congregational Worship Service every Sunday. Members who intend to worship at the church premises must register at the PPCOC website each week. A ballot may be conducted if necessary.

Registration is open from **Monday** and the cut-off date/time for submission is **Friday, 12 noon**, for the coming Sunday's Worship Service.



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FEEDBACK on Church matters



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# Sunday Bible class 2021

## Job (Seeing God In The Storm)

Our current Sunday morning Bible classes on the Parable series will conclude on 17 January 2021. We are able to conduct and complete this exhaustive study only because of the great support from many teachers who have volunteered and devoted their time to teach and for this, we are immensely grateful.

For members who have been following these lessons, we trust that you have been blessed and benefitted much from the study.

Beginning on Sunday, 24 January 2021, we will start a new series based on the book of Job. We have planned and put together 18 exciting lessons to share with the congregation. We look forward to your participation.

### Why study Job?

The current COVID-19 pandemic has left nearly two million dead worldwide; 87 million sickened; families torn apart by death, disease and border closures; economies devastated; and an uncertain year looming ahead. Where is God and what is He doing? It is a question many Christians find themselves asking and being asked often.

I don't really have a satisfactory answer, though some have attempted to explain that God is telling us to treasure our relationships because life is fragile and we need to seek Him now.

But I do know that what many of us may be experiencing now has been experienced by Job a long time ago, having to endure much suffering and seemingly not knowing the answer. By studying Job, perhaps, we can get to understand better who God is and how he governs the world today.

The story of Job is one of the best-known in the entire Bible. Yet it is one of the least understood and often neglected. It is a provocative book that takes us into the inscrutable ways of God. The book addresses such profound issues such as:

- Why do the righteous suffer?
- Where is God when tragedy strikes?
- Why does God allow tragedy to come to his children?
- If God is all loving, how can he allow human suffering?
- Does he not care?
- Is God worthy of worship in tough times?
- Must God buy worshipers with blessings?

These are tough questions and the answers we are seeking will not come fast nor easy especially when it involves suffering and God's authority over these things. Rather, the book explores the process of loss and grief, the reworking of faith, and the transformation of the one suffering in the process.

Job is about a godly man, prominent and influential, who in a matter of minutes, lost all his material possessions, children and health. His wife, who is obviously experiencing great distress of her own, tells her husband to curse God and die. Compounding his pain, Job's friends use the ordeal to condemn rather than comfort him. Still worse, God remains silent throughout this nightmare, not answering Job until the very end.

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Throughout this entire trial and ordeal, Job never did understand why he was suffering. There is no explanation from God and no behind the scenes story to bolster his faith. Job is forced to persevere with no answers, and his faith is stretched to its very limits. In the midst of all of his difficulties, Job is forced to simply trust God.

The main message of the book of Job is that righteous people can and do suffer even though they have not done anything wrong. In chapter 2, Job asks, "Shall we indeed accept good from God and not accept adversity?" The underlying theme of the book is "Why does Job serve God?" The answer is because He is God and we are but men.

Our approach to the study of Job:

1. We need to study truthfully, and with the expectation that our faith may be shaken and torn down but will need rebuilding it back up. Our easy answers and laid-back attitude to suffering and God will be dismantled. We need to be ready to be made uncomfortable and to change our thinking about suffering and God. We do not need to defend God but must listen to what God is telling us.

2. The book does not tell us why Job or any of us have to suffer. Do not expect all of your answers about suffering to be resolved. But the book of Job does tell us about how we should think about God and how we should approach Him when we are suffering, which is really what we need to know.

3. The book of Job will help us to explore God's policies with regard to suffering in the world, especially when the righteous or innocent suffer. This book will revolutionize our thinking about God and the way He governs the world. Ultimately, we will see that the way God operates in the world is more complicated than we can all imagine and God's way cannot be reduced to a simple formula or principle.

Pain and suffering are unavoidable and will inevitably afflict each one of us. But will our relationship with God be strong enough when trials come? Will you trust Him through your suffering?

Instead of asking where God is in the midst of your pain, the book of Job affirms God's control and asks us, "Where are we in our pain? Are we trusting our Creator, even though we cannot understand our circumstances?" While we do not always know why we suffer, we can bring our pain and grief to God and trust that He is wise and knows what He's doing.

We need to pray for a stronger faith in the powerful Creator and for a right perspective of Him so that we can clearly see our loving God in the midst of our storms in life; that he has always been there for us.

We invite every member to join us in this spiritual journey in discovering the living messages from the book of Job.

Cher Yam

## Wednesday Night Bible class 2021 Leviticus (Atonement)

Our current Wednesday night Bible classes on the Psalms series will conclude on 13 January 2021. We have been blessed with a few dedicated teachers who are devoted to the Word and have work hard to complete the series. We trust that you have benefitted much from the study.

Beginning on Wednesday, 20 January 2021 we will start a new series focusing on the book of Leviticus and we have planned 14 exciting lessons to share with the congregation. We encourage and look forward to your participation.

The book of Leviticus has always been regarded as complicated and boring. For this reason, it has been very rarely taught. So why study Leviticus?

To begin with, we need to understand that there is a close relationship in the first three books of the Bible. In Genesis we see man ruined in sin because of disobedience, while in Exodus we see God's approach to man to offer him redemption and pardon. But it is in Leviticus that we learn of man's response to God, and how God requires man to approach His presence in worship.

The key message of the book is twofold:

1. Leviticus teaches that the way to God is by atonement (sacrifice).
2. Leviticus teaches that the walk with God is by sanctification (holiness).

In the book of Leviticus, the children of Israel were at the foot of Mount Sinai and the first verse of the book opens with the Hebrew word "*Vayick-rah*", which means "and He called." God has now dwelled in the tabernacle and He calls Moses and the people to meet with Him at the entrance of the tabernacle. He tells them how they are to come and how they are to walk before Him.

The book of Leviticus is like a set of blueprints which contains the Old Testament laws concerning sacrifices, ceremonies, rituals, washings, convocations, holy days, purity, and atonement. All these physical exercises and rituals were given to teach spiritual truths concerning the work of atonement, which were to be fulfilled in Jesus, the ultimate sacrifice for man's sin, accomplished by His death on the cross.

The book of Leviticus is written in the language of ritual and though these practices are obsolete today, yet discontinued practice does not equal discontinued value. Paul wrote: "*Now all these things happened unto them for ensamples: and they are written for our admonition, upon whom the ends of the world are come*" (1 Cor. 10:11). In 1 Corinthians 10:6 he says, "*Now these things were our examples ...*". "*For whatsoever things were written aforetime were written for our learning, that we through patience and comfort of the scriptures might have hope*" (Rom. 15:4).

For example, Leviticus 1:1–7:38 introduces a lengthy catalogue of five different kinds of sacrifices: whole burnt offerings, grain offerings, peace offerings, sin offerings, and guilt offerings. Through patient study, these details reveal insights into the multifaceted work of Jesus achieved through His sacrificial death on the cross.

The work of atonement is so extensive that it requires five different kinds of sacrifice and seven different feasts, an elaborate system of holy days and a carefully defined priesthood, all described in the book of Leviticus to help us understand the significance of Jesus' redemptive work on the cross.

The animal sacrificial system may be totally foreign to us now, but it enables the 21st century reader to understand and better appreciate why Christ's sacrifice is necessary for our salvation.

We invite every member to join us in this spiritual journey in discovering the living messages from the book of Leviticus.