



# CHURCH of CHRIST

PASIR PANJANG

# FOCUS

16 February 2020

## 2020 Year Theme: Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

**Worship Theme:** To transform us into generous, self-giving lovers  
**Today's scripture texts:** Isaiah 62:1-5; 1 Cor 12:1-11; Psalm 36:5-10

Isaiah 62:1 For Jerusalem's sake I will not rest. (See also Isaiah 62:6-7, R.V.). We have here the unresting Christ. Day and night He pleads for the city that crucified Him; and it is in answer to his supplications that she will one day arise from her ruins. Is it not also true that He ever lives to intercede for us, praying when we are silent, watching when we sleep? His prayer rises for his people night and day. Perhaps they would not pray for themselves, if his intercessions did not incite. Certainly his sifted Simons would drift beyond hope, if He did not pray for them. Every sinner has been prayed for to the end of time by Him who said, "Father, forgive;" and every saint, by Him who promised to pray to the Father that He would give another Comforter, the Holy Ghost. The prayers of Jesus hover over the world like the dove over the weltering chaos of creation.

Next we have the unresting watchmen (Isaiah 62:6). Christ's intercession must be supplemented by ours — whether for the restoration of the Jews, or the up-building of the Church, or the salvation of individuals. There must be oneness of prayer between the Intercessor before the Throne, and his remembrancers on earth; and there will be, if the Holy Ghost is allowed to exercise his chosen ministry of making intercession with us on behalf of the saints, according to the will of God.

Lastly, there is the unresting God (Isaiah 62:7). He, too, has no rest. The rest of God is crowded with thought and care for his own. The image of Buddha presents the conception of an impassive deity whose one aim is to rid himself of all that might trouble his repose. In our God, on the other hand, together with the perfect serenity and satisfaction of his nature, there are the eternal tides of desire and gracious help.

God is not finished with you.

Sometimes I have a hard time finishing something once I have started it. I once replaced an exhaust fan in our bathroom, but accidentally left a hole in the ceiling when I did it. It took me well over five years to get that hole fixed. I have got projects all over the place that I started, but I do not always get around to finishing things. God is not like that. He plans on finishing the work He has done in you. (Phil 1:6 KJV) Being confident of this very thing, that He which hath begun a good work in you will perform it until the day of Jesus Christ.

**Illustration -** Have you ever watched a show on TV that really draws you in? The story is intense, and you wonder how the show will end, but then you see the words "To Be Continued..." You feel kind of let down, wishing you could see how the story ended. But you tune in the following week to see how the story did end. Sometimes we hit spots in our lives where it looks as if things are going to end on a really bad note. Hold on. God is not finished yet. He will finish it for you.

By F B Meyer



**16 Feb (Sun)**  
8.00 am & 11.00 am  
Shawn Li  
Isaiah 62:1-5  
6.00 pm  
John Then  
2 Timothy 4:1-8



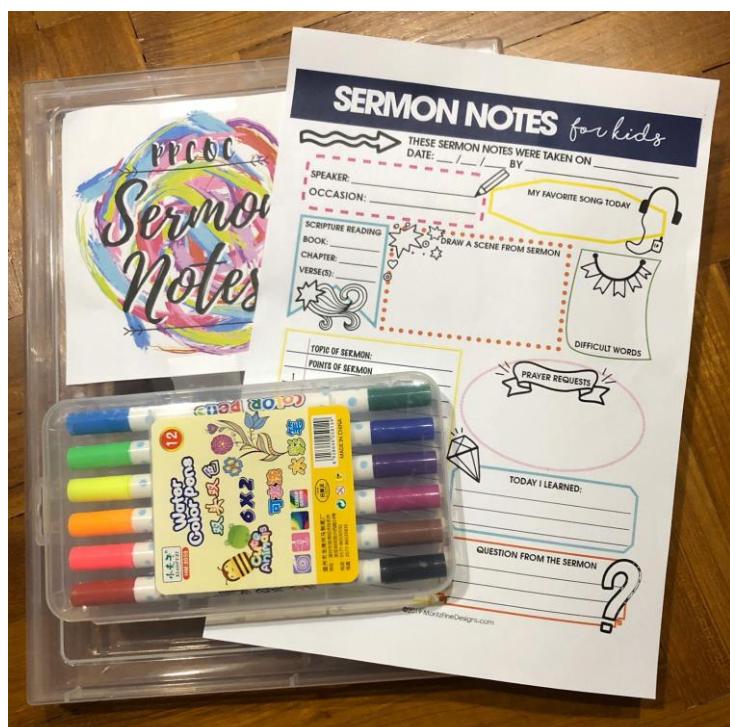
**19 Feb (Wed)**  
7.30 pm  
Wed Bible Class  
Ecclesiastes  
Vincent Lim  
Chinese Worship Hall



## Care Team Meetings



If you are not in a Care Team yet, join one or start one.  
*Let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another - all the more as you see the Day approaching (Hebrew 10:24-25).*  
 Similar to Bible Classes and Church Worship services, we need not stop Care Team meetings so long as the necessary precautions are taken.



GEMS Club would like to help our children focus better during our weekly Church Worship services by introducing them to Sermon Notes.

Next Sun 23 Feb, before both morning worships, we will distribute all GEMS kids a hard plastic document case with colourful markers, for them to journal what they glean from the sermons on creatively crafted worksheets.

It will be helpful if parents use this opportunity to bond with their children, by helping them with the worksheet and discussing the sermon points with them at home. Once they complete 12 worksheets, endorsed with their parents' initials for review, they can submit them for token prizes at our GEMS counters at the end of May and August, during this 6-month pilot run.

***Train up a child in the way he should go, and when he is old he will not depart from it. Proverbs 22:6***

Adults who are interested may pre-order a set at \$5 with Sis Jasmine, while stocks last.

## COVID-19 Preventive Measures:

In line with the recent Ministry of Health (MOH) stepping up their risk assessment from DORSCON Yellow to Orange, the church has instituted additional measures to help minimize the risk and exposure to the Coronavirus and to facilitate contact tracing if required. These measures will include more frequent cleaning and disinfecting, temperature screening and providing hand sanitizers.

Members and visitors are also advised to take note of MOH's guidelines (see attached picture) in practising good hygiene and if you are unwell, to avoid crowded places and stay at home.

**Beginning this Sunday (16 Feb), temperature screening will be conducted prior to members and visitors entering the church premises. As this check may take a bit of time, we encourage members to come earlier for worship services. In addition, as no parking will be allowed in the church premises, members are encouraged to park at the Capricorn car park and use the shuttle bus to minimize congestion at the drop-off driveway. We seek your understanding, patience and cooperation in complying with the additional measures and checks to play our part of being socially responsible in preventing the spread of the virus.**

**2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**  
**PRACTISE GOOD PERSONAL HYGIENE**

**WASH** your hands regularly with soap and water.

**AVOID** touching your face with your hands.

**8 STEPS TO CLEAN YOUR HANDS**

- Palm to palm
- Between fingers
- Back of hands
- Base of thumbs
- Back of fingers
- Fingernails
- Wrists
- Rinse and wipe dry

**DO NOT WEAR A MASK IF YOU ARE WELL**  
There are sufficient masks in the government's stockpiles, if used responsibly.

**WEAR A MASK ONLY IF**

- You have a FEVER, COUGH OR RUNNY NOSE
- You are RECOVERING FROM ILLNESS

Stay home and **AVOID** social gatherings if you are sick.

Get the latest update on the novel coronavirus and other important Government information by signing up for the Gov.sg WhatsApp channel ([www.go.gov.sg/whatsapp](http://www.go.gov.sg/whatsapp)), or at the MOH website ([www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg))

MINISTRY OF HEALTH SINGAPORE

**2019 NOVEL CORONAVIRUS**  
**LET'S ALL DO OUR PART**

Wash your hands frequently with soap

Monitor your temperature twice daily

AVOID touching your face with your hands

Keep your home and surroundings clean and well-ventilated

**Be socially responsible**

- Cover your mouth with tissue paper when sneezing or coughing
- Wear a mask if you are sick and see a doctor promptly
- If you are sick, **AVOID** crowded places and stay at home
- Comply with Home Quarantine Orders and Leaves of Absence and stay at your designated locations

**WE WILL GET THROUGH THIS!**

**Do not spread rumours.**  
Get the latest on the novel coronavirus by signing up for the Gov.sg WhatsApp channel ([www.go.gov.sg/whatsapp](http://www.go.gov.sg/whatsapp)) or at the MOH website ([www.moh.gov.sg](http://www.moh.gov.sg))

MINISTRY OF HEALTH SINGAPORE

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

SING is held every Saturday afternoon from 2pm to 4pm at the church auditorium.

Contact: Terilee or Dennis Law.

Prayer Warriors (PW) is held every 2nd & 4th Monday of each month. Contact: Lim Lian Chye.

**23 Feb (Sun)**  
**GEMS Club**  
**Collection of Sermon Notes Document Box**  
**7.45 am - 8 am**  
**10.30 am - 11 am**

**29 Mar (Sun)**  
**Ladies Day**  
**12 noon Lunch**  
**1 pm Program Starts**

**10 Apr (Fri)**  
**Annual Advance**  
**9 am - 12 pm**  
Breakfast starts from 8 am onwards

**11 Apr (Sat)**  
**Cook for Fund**  
**9 am - 12 pm**  
**Cooking Studio (tbc)**

**12 Apr (Sun)**  
**GEMS Hour**  
**10.45 am - 12.15 pm**  
Have you heard the Good News?

**31 May (Sun)**  
**SIBI Graduation**  
**12.30 pm Lunch**  
**1.30 pm Ceremony**

FEEDBACK on Church Matters



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## Family Concerns

"For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. And there will be famines, pestilences (deadly diseases) and earthquakes in various places. And these are the beginning of sorrows (birth pangs)" Matt 24:7-8.

In Jan 2020 alone, > 10k earthquakes happened with about 200 at M5+, massive bush fires in Australia > 30k sq miles, US and Iran fired missiles at each other and Covid-19 infected > 60k (pestilences).

Many End-Time prophecies have been fulfilled:

- Rebirth of nation of Israel in 1948 (Eze 37:21)
- Increase in natural disasters (Matt 24:7-8)
- Pervasive numbers of false teachers (2 Pet 2:1-3)
- Explosion of travel & knowledge (Dan 12:4)
- 30 countries allowing homosexual marriages (Jude 1:7)

We may be living in the End Times, so let us reflect on our lives. Only what we do for Christ will last. Let us repent of our hidden sins. Let us reach out to our loved ones and friends who are still without the gospel. Never stop praying for souls and opportunities to evangelize. May everything we do whether in thought, word or deed be pleasing to our Lord. (Col 3:23, Psa 19:14)



## LAST SUNDAY



## FACTS FIGURES

8AM	9.30AM	11AM	6PM
127	155	169	24
GF	\$ 9,328		
MF YTD	\$ 117,999		

## GOAL



## RE-BUILDING: A MILESTONE IN THE HISTORY OF PPCOC

Pledged Donations	S\$ 5,894,372
Pledged Loans *	S\$ 720,000
Ad-Hoc BF Donations (Cumulative collection to date)	S\$ 337,392
Pledges & Ad-Hoc BF Donations	S\$ 6,951,764
Amount to achieve \$8.7m goal	S\$ 1,748,236
Total Collection (Pledges Fulfilled & Ad-Hoc BF Donations)	S\$ 3,468,325

Note: \* Pledged Loans to be repaid from 1 year after TOP

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