



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



1 March 2020

2020 Year Theme:

Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9

Worship Theme: Fill us with hope in God's ever-present reign

Today's scripture texts: Isaiah 64:1-9; 1 Cor 1:3-9 ; Psalm 80:1-7

They will be called the Holy People, the Redeemed of the Lord; and you will be called Sought After, the City No Longer Deserted. Isaiah 62:12

Words from Isaiah inspired the famous "Battle Hymn of the Republic": "Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord, / He is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored; / He hath loosed the fateful lightning of His terrible, swift sword; / His truth is marching on ... We can almost hear the trumpet sound, the Lord's return is near; / There are still so many people lost, His message they must hear; / Father, give us one more moment, one more day, just one more year— / With God we're marching on."

The imagery that opens this song comes from Isaiah 63, in which God appears as a mighty Warrior to fulfill His promises of justice and judgment on the nations (Isaiah 63:1-6). This does not sound like the meek and gentle "doormat" stereotypes of God that some have constructed—it is important for us to remember that when sinners drink the cup of God's wrath, they are getting what they deserve. God's grace and mercy are real and powerful, but it is also true that His holy nature cannot tolerate sin.

Also in today's reading, the kingdom of God's future glory is exuberantly described. Jerusalem will be a reborn city with a "new name that the mouth of the Lord will bestow" (Isaiah 62:2). Her righteousness will shine forth to all nations for the glory of God, and she "will be a crown of splendor in [his] hand" (Isaiah 62:3). Once again, we find joyous wedding imagery, with the Lord as the groom and His people as the bride (Isaiah 62:4-5). No matter what lies ahead—and Isaiah knew it was conquest and exile—the covenant relationship will prevail in the end. The ultimate reality is truly wondrous: "O Lord, you are our Father. We are the clay; you are the potter; we are all the work of your hand" (Isaiah 64:8).

APPLY THE WORD - Though we might not be physically carried away into exile, we all go through periods of life that feel like conquest. It is important to remember during these times that God is not defeated, and His purposes cannot be thwarted. We have His promise of a glorious future. If you find yourself struggling through a difficult time, read Revelation 21-22 and rejoice that the trials of this life are not the end of the story. Our God reigns, and He is preparing a place for us for eternity!

by C H Spurgeon

Our Vision

To Be A Vibrant, Growing Community Where Every Member Ministers to One Another



Equipped by Ministry Leaders

Supported by Mission Interest Groups & Partners

Reached out to by Care Teams

Our Mission

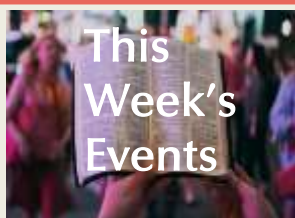
We are Called Out To...



Worship God

Testify to the Nations the Gospel

Make Disciples



1 Mar (Sun)
8.00 am & 11.00 am
Romaine Jackson
Isaiah 64:1-9
6.00 pm
Simon Goh
James 1:2-4



4 Mar (Wed)
7.30 pm
Wed Bible Class
Ecclesiastes
Vincent Lim
Chinese Worship Hall



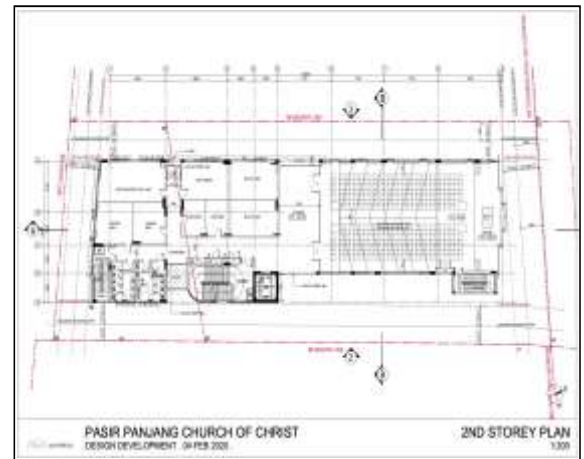
Church Rebuilding Update

Everything happens for a reason and we see how the delay in the building plans and finding a suitable temporary location as God's timing for the project. Had we started the building construction and move to a temporary location in Q4 of last year, the outbreak of COVID-19 would have had an impact on the construction and our rental lease period. We thank God for how he uses the efforts by all in this project and the timing of how things developed to teach us to stay focus and learn to work together and more importantly to put our trust in Him. Col 3:17 encourages us *"And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him."*

Building Plans

It has been a challenging year for the building committee. Despite their work and personal schedules, the committee attempted to meet as often as able to work on the building plans, especially in complying with authorities' requirements. Some recent revisions include raising the ground floor level by 1m due to the potential rise in water level as a result of global warming. This alone require changes to the building height, different floor ceiling heights and relocation of some of the fixtures in the building.

We are happy to announce that the plans are in its final stages and pending approval by the URA, we are looking at putting it for tender in Aug/Sep 20 and construction to start in Oct 20.



Relocation Plans

We thanked God for how we finally found a suitable temporary location at Block 211 in Henderson Industrial Park. It met all the key considerations we had – good and accessible location, both the English and Chinese congregations co-located in the same building, sufficient rooms to meet our needs and reasonable rental rates. Being situated near to mature estates like Henderson, Telok Blangah and Bukit Merah, it also opens up opportunities for us in our local mission outreach.

The next step for the committee will be the lease agreement and submission to the authorities for approval to use the place for religious purposes and we ask that you pray that it will be approved.



Pledge and Building Fund Plans

We are heartened by a number of members who have decided to shorten their donations in instalments to help meet the payment schedule for the project. The total amount of pledges and ad-hoc donations stands at close to 80% of the total cost of reconstruction and relocation. We look forward to more members who are able to donate or increase their donations to the project and ask for every member to continue to be prayerful in this area.

It's timely for us to be reminded that the building is but one of the means to help achieve the vision of PPCOC - *That by God's grace, our vision is to be a vibrant and growing community of Christians serving one another, the community and helping our mission partners abroad for God's Kingdom.*



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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 Tuesday** of each month.
Contact: Lim Lian Chye.

9 Mar (Mon)
7.30 pm
Gladiolus Place
Devotion
Catherine Leow

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

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

25-29 July (Sat-Wed)
59th Asian Mission Forum
Chennai India
<http://amf2020.webflow.io/>

FEEDBACK on Church Matters



<http://bit.ly/38KH8wK>



Venue: Hotel Hyatt Regency, Chennai, Tamil Nadu, India
Cost: USD 295 for twin sharing (exclude airfare)
Website & Registration link: <https://amf2020.webflow.io/>

Keynote Speakers:
Thomas CL Thomas (SIBI)
Mark David Allen (Mission Resource Network)

Typically PPCOC members make up a majority number of the attendees in the annual Asian Missions Forum. Should you be interested to attend, you can find out more from Bro Beng Chuan or Sis Wai Leng.



DR. C.L. Thomas brings unique qualities and gifts to enhance the effectiveness of ministry training. He is a dynamic preacher but also a scholarly teacher who is sound in faith. His positive experience in evangelism and growing congregations will help to equip future preachers and missionaries for their task of expanding the borders of the Kingdom.

Brother Thomas graduated from Sunset with a Bachelor of Biblical Studies degree in 2000. Since then, he has received Masters Degrees in Ministerial Leadership and Christian Apologetics and is enrolled in a PhD program in Apologetics. His advanced studies are preparing him to challenge the presumptions of an increasingly skeptical generation and prepare God's people with a credible defense of faith.



Mark David Allen is Co-Director of MRN who has equipped over 230 participants from six countries in 3-month, 6-month, 1-year, and 2-year discipleship and missionary training programs. He is also a member of a team which has established five churches in northern Thailand.

His current focus includes evangelism, discipleship, counselling and leadership development in the sixth church planted at Hang Dong, Thailand. He has been involved in team formation and training, and developed collaboration among SE Asian churches through networking, seminars, and joint service projects.

He has also been Speaker at many international events such as the Asian Mission Forum, Penang, Malaysia, Assoc. of Campus Ministries Conference, Singapore Youth and College Ministry, Moulmein COC Family Seminar.

Family News & Concerns

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Pray for God's favour and healing for the sick and all Covid-19 patients. Pray for all care-givers, nurses and doctors in all nations.



PPCOC Website

Our church website (www.ppcoc.org) has recently gone through a revamp. Have you visited it yet?

Apart from a whole refreshed layout, we have made access to regular content like Focus Newsletter & LIVE Stream more convenient via the Resource tab and quick links at the bottom of the home page.

Moving forward, we are adding an Events plug-in and are looking for content and photo contributors. If you are interested, do let Dennis Law know.



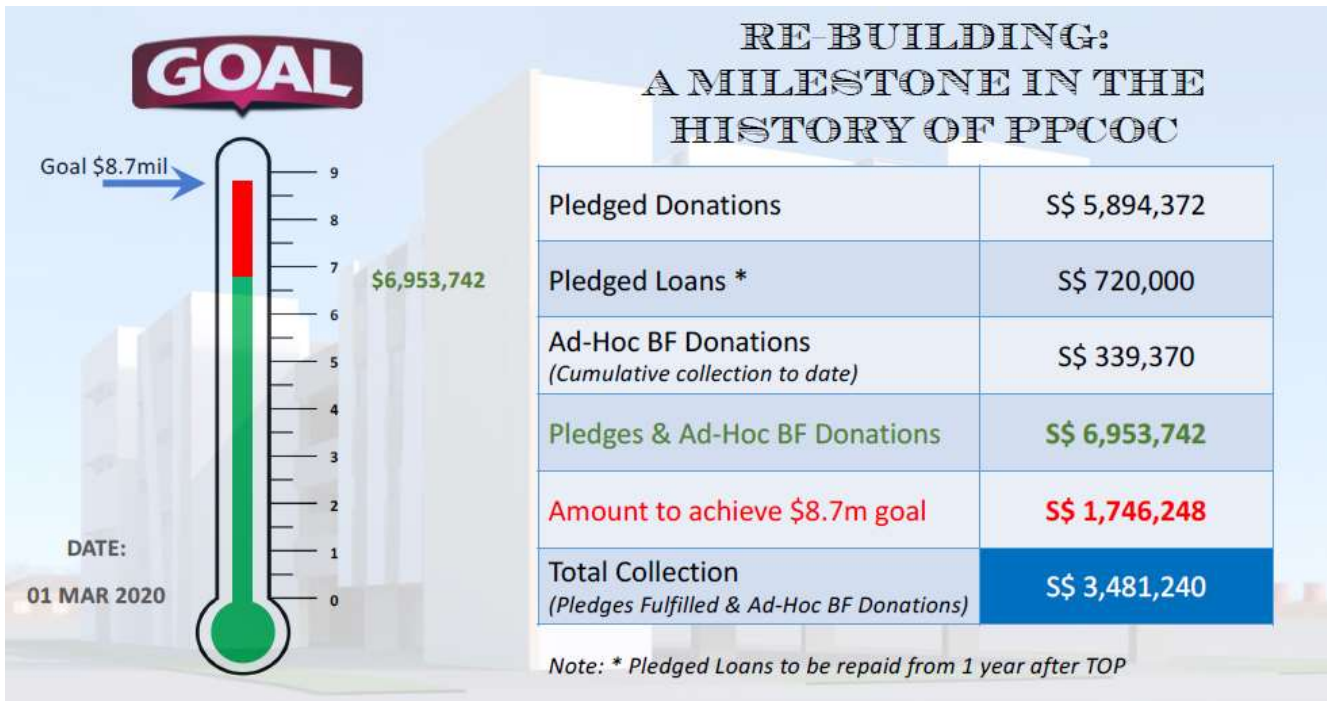
LAST SUNDAY



FACTS FIGURES



GF	\$6,759
MF YTD	\$117,999



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