

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

**Worship Theme: Living in view of the New Heavens and New Earth -
Shaped by the Reign of God**

Today's scripture texts: Isaiah 65:17-25; 2 Thess 3:6-13; Isaiah 12

Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. Isaiah 65:17

The theme throughout Today in the Word devotions is "We've Come This Far By Faith." The prophecies of Isaiah have given us a panoramic picture of the story of faith and of God's salvation plan for history. This includes His compassionate judgment on Israel's faithlessness, the special commissioning of His Servant to bring redemption, and the breathtaking glory of His coming kingdom. Our journey through Isaiah's prophecies has included judgment and mercy, idolatry and worship, despair and hope. What can we take away from today's reading? Joy in the destination of faith's journey!

We are headed for new heavens and a new earth. Things that characterize life in this fallen world will be no more, including pain, grief, infant mortality, the trials of old age, economic hardship, and violence. Instead, God's kingdom will be a place of peace, safety, prosperity, eternal life, and close fellowship with Him (Isaiah 65:17-25).

But the truth is that the destination of faith's journey is not so much a place as a Person, God Himself. When Paul spoke of pressing on toward the prize, he had in mind Christ Himself (Phil. 3:12-14). In the same way, Isaiah exalted the Lord as the unsurpassed sovereign Creator of all, who, while being a scourging fire to His foes, is at the same time a tender mother to His children (Isaiah 66:13). As God's people, we need to respond in humility, reverence, and absolute faith. What God has promised will certainly take place—it is a done deal. In the meantime, we follow in the footsteps of our Savior and make His glory known among the nations.

God's covenant relationship with His people is first and foremost about His unending love. Though people may be obstinate and disobedient, a remnant will be saved, and through them, a Servant Messiah has brought and will bring hope and healing to the nations.

by Today in the Word Devotions

YOU are welcome to join us in our Sunday Worship Services because the church leadership has put necessary COVID-19 precautionary measures in place.

Whilst the necessary precautions have been put in place, for those who do not wish to take the risk, you can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and click on our **Live Stream Worship** under Resources tab or Quick Links. You may also check the **Donate** tab on how to make bank transfers to the church for tithes and offerings.

EVENTS

Sunday Worship

15 Mar
8.00 am & 11.00 am
Keith Gant
Isaiah 65:17-25

6.00 pm
Samuel Lim JW

Wed Bible Class

18 Mar
7.30 pm
Ecclesiastes
Vincent Lim

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Every Sat 2.00pm - 4.00pm
Terilee / Dennis Law

Prayer Warriors

Every 2nd & 4th Tue
Lim Lian Chye

31 May (Sun)

SIBI Graduation
12.30 pm Lunch
1.30 pm Ceremony

25-29 Jul (Sat-Wed)

59th Asian Mission Forum
Chennai India
<http://amf2020.webflow.io/>

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Family News & Concerns

Prayer for God's favour

- Pray for brethren and friends who do not have much fellowship with the church during this period of the COVID-19 outbreak.
- Pray for the medical workers and government officials who are putting measures in place to fight against and contain the COVID-19 virus.
- Pray for calmness and peace of mind for all as we experience a rising number of outbreaks in various countries and Singapore.
- Pray for the health of the people who are in countries that do not have adequate resources to curb the spread of the COVID-19 virus.

We rejoice with Isaac and Candice for the safe arrival of their second son, Elisha Tay, on 5 March. Praise the good Lord for the safety of both mother and baby Elisha.



We rejoice with Boo Chye & Rosie over the blessing of their first grandchild, Ellis, through their daughter, Joanna and her husband, Wayne.

COVID-19 Preventive Measures (Update)

Social Distancing Measures - Events Cancellation

In line with the authorities' additional preventive and containment measures, the leaders have decided to limit the church-wide events/activities to only Sunday worships and bible classes and the Wednesday bible class.

The following programs in Mar/Apr will be cancelled:

- 1) Ladies Day - 29 Mar
- 2) Annual Advance - 10 Apr
- 3) Cook For Fund - 11 Apr
- 4) GEMS Hour - 12 Apr

We are thankful for the support and understanding of every member and visitor and ask that you continue to pray for God's protection and care during this period. Let us all be socially responsible to help prevent the spread of the virus.

15 March 2020

LAST SUNDAY



FACTS FIGURES

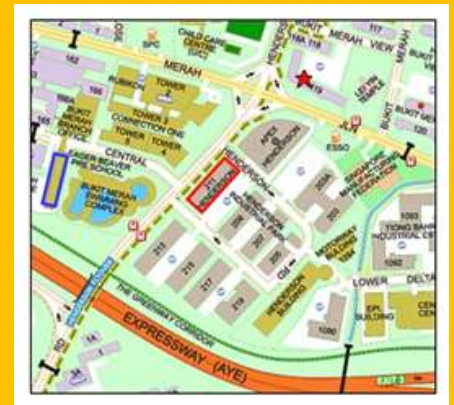


GF \$8,460

MF YTD \$117,999

Building Fund/Pledge Barometer

Please note that the weekly barometer will now be published in the Focus every fortnight from today. This will enable more space for updates on other news, our ministries and relevant Christian articles.



PPCOC Interim Worship Venue @
Blk 211 Henderson Industrial Park

FEEDBACK on Church Matters



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