



CHURCH of CHRIST
— PASIR PANJANG —



31 May 2020

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

Worship Theme:
To Bear Fruit for the Sake of Christ

Today's scripture texts: John 15:1-8; Acts 8:26-40; Psalms 22:25-31

The heart of this week's Scripture Readings is Jesus' exhortation to "bear fruit". There are two emphases in this call.

The first is to "remain in" Christ – dwelling in deep, life-giving connection with Christ. The experiences of Philip, who is guided by God's Spirit, and of the eunuch who comes to faith through Philip's work are examples of this dwelling in Christ.

The second emphasis is to "bear fruit". What this fruit might be is explained by the other passages (but also by the context of this one). John's letter explains that the test of our discipleship, and the "proof" of our love for God is our love for others. This agrees with the context of John 15 which also speaks about love as the commandment Jesus gives his disciples. The reading of Acts and the Psalm also reflect another kind of fruit that we are called to bear – which certainly flows out of our love – it's the fruit of our witness to Christ. This section of Psalm 22, which is the restoration part of the Psalm of lament that Jesus quoted on the cross, speaks of proclaiming God's righteousness (justice) to unborn generations. This is an exhortation to share the goodness and justice of God with others in such a way that it impacts the world for those who are yet to be born. Philip's obedience to the Spirit, and gentle witness to the Ethiopian eunuch is an example of this fruit bearing – sharing God's grace and love with others (who would usually not be welcomed – as a Gentile and a eunuch this man would not have been permitted into the temple) in such a way that it changes the world for time to come – I believe some scholars have speculated that this eunuch could have founded the Ethiopian church that continues to this day. That's quite some fruit! Essentially, the key of this week's theme is that our love for God must flow out into love for others – both Christian companions and others – in such a way that they too come to love God and others. This growing cycle of love for God and neighbour is what it means to bear fruit for God's Reign.

May our worship challenge and change us into true lovers of God and of people so as to create a world in which God's righteousness and justice last for generations.

EVENTS

Online Bible Class & Worship

31 May

9.30 am Bible Class

The Parable of the Faithful Servant

Teacher: Foo Yong Wee

11.00 am Worship

Bearing Fruits for Christ

Preacher: Kuek Lee Hock

Wed Online Bible Class

3 June

7.30 pm

Study on the book of Daniel

Teacher: Lim Lian Chye

Zoom Prayer Warriors

8.30 pm

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.**

Spiritual Reminders through Alphabets!

Although things are not perfect,
Because of trial or pain,
Continue in thanksgiving
Don't even think of whom to blame .
Even when the times are hard,
Fierce winds are bound to blow,
God is forever able.
Hold onto only Him.
Imagine life without His love,
Joy would cease to be,
Keep thanking Him for all the things,
Love imparts you to see.
Move out of complaining

No weapon that is known
On earth can yield the power
Praise can do alone.
Quit worrying about the future,
Redeem the time at hand,
Start every day with prayer
To 'thank' is God's command.
Until we see Him coming,
Victorious in the sky,
We'll run the race with gratitude,
Xalting the Most High God.
Yes, there'll be good times and yes some will
 be bad, but...
Zion awaits in glory...where no one is ever sad!

The one who kneels to the Lord can stand up to anything.

Nuggets for our Soul

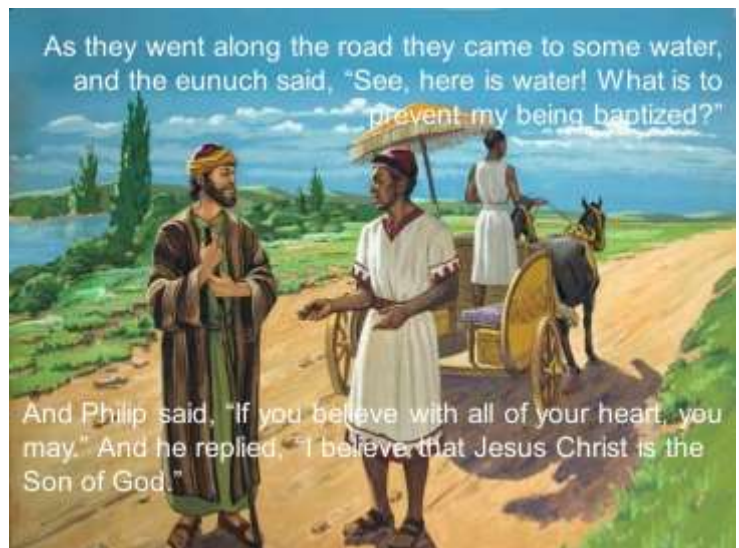
Coming Sunday, I will be sharing God's Word from Acts 8:26-40.

In this text, the evangelist Philip, "preached unto him (the Ethiopian eunuch) JESUS" - the story of the life, death and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth, a new story then but which we now refer to as "the old, old story".

We learn of how the Holy Spirit directed Philip to meet the eunuch to help him understand Jesus Christ. And how the Spirit led them to the discussion of Isaiah 53 that focused on Christ as the Messiah who was sent by God. The encounter ended up with the eunuch's baptism.

Today as we reflect on this text, think about our response of the demands personal teaching to souls desiring to know God. So join me on Sunday at 11am to worship God.

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



Stepping Down as an Elder

Dear Brethren,

It is with a heavy heart that we announce the resignation of brother Ooi Boo Chye from the Church Board and eldership from 1 June 2020. The decision was not an easy one as Boo Chye and the elders prayed and deliberated over it for several months. After serving as an elder for the past year, brother Boo Chye concluded that his competencies were not a good fit for the roles and responsibilities required of an elder and that it was appropriate for him to step down as an elder.

The Board acknowledges and respects brother Boo Chye's decision to resign and thank him for his dedication and service during his time as an elder. We are thankful that he will continue to serve in his capacity as a church member.

From the PPCOC Elders



Dear Brethren at PPCOC,

Thank you for the opportunity to serve as an Elder at PPCOC. It is an honor to serve alongside members of PPCOC. I greatly appreciate working with the other Elders, Deacons, and members of the PPCOC Board and have tremendous respect for their faithfulness, sincerity and dedication as they serve in leadership roles.

During this period of serving as an Elder, I have come to the conclusion that my competencies are not a great fit for many of the day to day roles and responsibilities of an Elder. After much reflection and prayer, I have decided that it is most appropriate for me to step down as an Elder. I will continue serving the church to the fullest extent of my ability in other capacities.

Please be assured that my resignation is not due to any disagreement or dispute with the Elders or PPCOC Board who continue to have my wholehearted support and endorsement.

I look forward to continuing to serve God along with you, as a committed member of the church.

God Bless,

Ooi Boo Chye

Community Garden Ministry by Joanne Wong

"Out of the ground the Lord God caused to grow every tree that is pleasing to the sight and good for food..." [Genesis 2:9](#)".

I always dream of my own organic vegetable garden in my balcony. Do we share the same dream? We believe that growing our own food will reconnect us with nature and help cultivate a community spirit.

In this Community Gardening Ministry, we will learn from each other and invited experts on how to grow different kinds of tropical plants and plants that are pleasing to the sight and good for food.

We will organize meetings, seminars and workshops on gardening. You will experience the joy of growing your own plants & vegetables in your own home. In time to come, you will experience growing vegetables, herbs and fruit trees in the garden of our new church building and enjoy the harvest too.

We are calling on members who are interested to join this Community Garden Ministry. There is no qualification required. If you love to plant, you are welcome to join us and learn together.

Please contact Joanne Wong (Hp 81130716) or Kelly Leong (Hp 90187884) if you are interested to join this ministry.

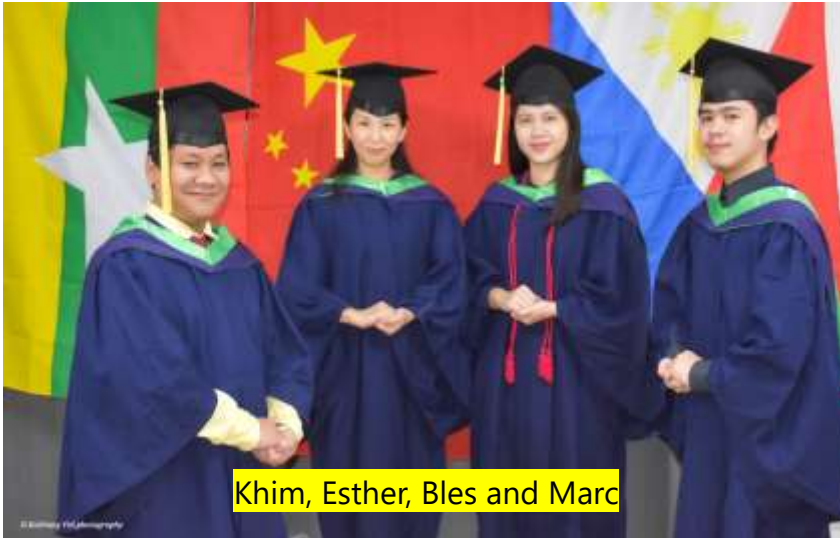


Family News, Concerns & Prayers

SIBI Singapore Graduation Ceremony

Congratulations to the 4 SIBI Students upon their graduation: Nang Suan Khim, Esther Zhang Xin, Bles Payawal and Marc Panday.

Due to the Covid-19 post circuit-breaker phase I measures, the graduation ceremony for 6 June at 1:30 pm has been cancelled. The Graduation Dinner will be streamed via Zoom on Friday, June 5 at 6:30 pm. An invite from the Church Zoom Account will be sent to members to attend.



Khim, Esther, Bles and Marc



FEEDBACK on
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SUNDAY GIVING

FACTS  FIGURES

24 May - \$15,261.10

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, S76SS0008AGFD
3. Indicate your name in the "Reference No." (optional)
4. Enter the amount you wish to contribute
5. Click next, verify the details



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