



**CHURCH of CHRIST**  
— PASIR PANJANG —



18 October 2020

### 2020 Year Theme:

**Be Strong and Courageous! Joshua 1:9**

*Be a Disciple-maker  
making Disciple-  
makers*

## HOW TO FIND *God's Calling* FOR YOUR LIFE

1. Be Obedient - Do what God last told you.
2. Be Humble - It's God's Calling, not yours.
3. You have Gifts & Talents - Use them!
4. Let Fear Be a Catalyst - Cling to Him.
5. Find The Sweet Spot - Where your gifts & call intersect
6. Be Prepared & Tenacious!
7. Stay in the Word!

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### **Online Mission Workshop:**

**With A Demonstration by Winston at 9.30 AM**

Text: 1 Corinthians 2:1-16; Isaiah 58:1-12; Psalm 112:1-10

In Isaiah's reading, we hear a compelling cry for righteousness and kindness - a valuable reminder that God's light shines no more brightly than when we serve humanity. Similar themes are echoed in the psalm's reading that light shines through the lives of the righteous. Here, too, righteous living is living committed to others. In the 1 Corinthians' reading, we hear Paul clarifying the nature and essence of his sharing as a missionary and a disciple maker, insisting that both derive their power from God and not from human sources.

Hence, the theme from the Old Testament reading and the psalm present the image of true followers of God as the means of God's manifestation. And in the epistle reading, Paul stresses that the power of his sharing comes in demonstration of the Spirit and of power.

### **Worship Theme:**

**Consider Your Call by Peter Lim at 11 AM**

Text: 1 Corinthians 1:18-31; Matthew 5:1-12; Psalm 15

This week, we get a glimpse into God's longings and the 'workings' of God's heart. God longs for us to know Him and be in an intimate relationship with God - as shown by Paul's reflection, Jesus' teaching, and by the Psalmist's question - all of which show us God's longing to be known by us (Corinthians), to bless us (Matthew), and to have us in God's presence (Psalm 15). What a loving source of life we have in God! *Thus, I propose that Mission is a Function of Worship: We want to glorify God and share the love of God that we have received and experienced.*

## EVENTS

**18 October**

**Mission Sunday**

**9.30 am Online Mission Workshop** "With A Demonstration" [1 Corinthians 2:1-12 (13-16)] by Winston Chong

**11.00 am Live Stream Worship** "Consider Your Call" by Peter Lim

**Oct 25**

**PP 56<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**

**Online Wed Bible Class**

**21 October**

**7.30 pm**

The Book of Psalms  
"Feeling Abandon"  
by Vincent Lim

**Zoom Prayer Warriors**

**8.00 pm**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tue  
Lim Lian Chye

**Gladiolus Place**

**Devotions**

**7.30 pm**

Every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Mon

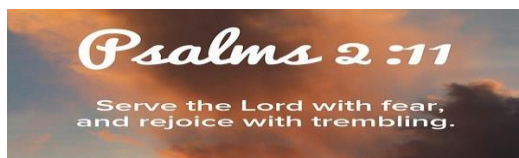
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Online Worship



In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today (up to 100 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. You may also use the QR code on Page 4 of the FOCUS Newsletter.

You can join us in worship by going to [www.ppcoc.org](http://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.

## PRAYING FOR THOSE WHO LABOUR IN THE LORD'S VINEYARD



Every year, the Pasir Panjang Church of Christ (PPCOC) sets aside a day for intentional giving to the mission fund to support mission efforts of the church. The mission giving goes towards supporting our mission partners and funding PPCOC's mission trips to these countries. PPCOC has been blessed with like-minded mission partners around the region who share the same vision and passion for the Lord's work in their respective countries. We thank God for our mission partners, and we want to take this opportunity to share their prayer requests. In mission and ministry, prayer is more than just something we do in preparation for our work... **Prayer is our Work!**

*For those of us who work in the world of missions and ministry (a distinction with little meaningful difference), we need to understand that prayer is not something we do in preparation for our work. Prayer is our work. Prayer is not something we do to support mission work. Prayer is mission work. Prayer is not just a prelude to setting strategy. Prayer is our strategy or should be. Prayer immerses us in God and joins our spirit to His Spirit as we join His work in the world. Once we grasp this, living out mission without immersion in prayer will become obviously ludicrous.*

*Dan Bouchelle, Mission Resource Network*

### The Philippines



**Jhun Ma, Babes and kids**  
Tuao Church of Christ

*From Jhun Ma:*

Please pray for Tuao Church, especially for our 15th Anniversary, and also for my 46th birthday. May the Lord give me and Babes more wisdom and strength to lead the congregation for growth and to disciple them to be more like Jesus.

May the Lord draw to us more disciples that will make disciples for our community and to the whole of Tuao and Cagayan Valley.

Also, we would like to thank PPCoC & Midtown churches for our continued partnership.

*From Jojo Ramos:*

Praises to God with thanksgiving for His love & care for all of us. Praying for all the young preachers whom we are caring for & to whom God draws near us (single, married or starting a family) and are in need of financial and business advice, income and start-up capital. As part of our "Business As Missions" (BAM) Ministry, we pray that God would guide them in their endeavours and provide sustenance during this pandemic season.

We pray that we can sustain our BAM ministry with resources to reach more young preachers in need and that God would use us as instruments to help them. We also pray for wisdom as we prioritize preachers in real need based on our resources.

We also pray for God's wisdom and knowledge in this pandemic season to grow spiritually and prepare ourselves for the mission that God is doing in the world.



**Jojo, Janet Ramos and family**  
Midtown Church of Christ

Also, we request prayers for guidance and wisdom for my family as we steward our resources into making the right decisions to survive this business drought, to learn more skills and ideas in business, and to be a blessing to others and steward well our "Business As Missions" (BAM) Ministry.



**Joemar, Annaliza and Bless Recomono**  
*Pacao Church of Christ*

*From Joemar:*

Please pray for:

- Wisdom and guidance for my wife and me as we serve the Lord in two congregations.
- Newly baptized Christians last month, 5 from Tugao church and 3 from Pacao church
- Our Pacao second anniversary this coming December.
- Our youth and new visitors in Pacao and Tugao church that the word of God will grow in their hearts.
- Our rice field harvest.

Thank you PP Church for your time to pray for us. We appreciate it very much.

## Indonesia

*From Herbin:*

Here are our struggles in prayer:

- The COVID-19 infections are increasing rapidly in Batam. We pray for God's protection
- Extending permit of the school in Jakarta
- Our mission work in Duri, Pekanbaru, Solo, Pontianak and Manokwari Papua – for the churches to grow and be faithful
- The stability of our economy
- The recovery of Darlina (Herbin's wife) from her medical condition
- The loneliness of Winston Bolt



**Herbin and Darlina**  
*Batam Church of Christ*

## Myanmar

*From Sam:*

For Sam and his family's health and safety during the pandemic  
For the orphans' well-being in the orphanage  
For the refugees from the Rakhine state

We hope you are all healthy, and things are fine.  
We pray that God will continue to protect you.  
Thank you and God Bless.



**Sam Thang and family**



**Sam's Orphanage**





**Beckham and family**  
*9 Mile Church of Christ*

*From Beckham:*

First of all, let me express my heartfelt thanks to everyone for your financial support and prayers.

Here are my prayer requests:

- Please do kindly continue to pray for our country, especially for God's protection against the COVID-19 viruses and illnesses during this time in Yangon.
- Please pray for us to be able to continue to evangelize and attend church service.

We will continue to pray for you constantly.



**Joseph and family**  
*Yangon Church of Christ*

*From Joseph:*

Dear PP brethren,

God bless you all and empower and strengthen you in this difficult time. Please do continue to pray for Myanmar. The COVID-19 cases are higher and are spreading fast in Myanmar, especially in Yangon. It has been a week since Yangon was locked down. Factories, restaurants, food shops and stores are closed. Many people cannot go to work.

We keep you in our prayer always.

## **India**

*From Kiran:*

- Safety for all of us in Reddy Palem Church of Christ during the COVID-19 pandemic (Kiran is a full-time preacher in RCOC)
- Pray for me as I lead His church and His mission work in Reddy Palem City, Guntur
- For the health of one of the church members, brother Samadanam, who had a heart attack last week
- Pray for our new visitors



**Kiran and family**  
*Reddy Palem Church of Christ*



**Joel Madiki and family**  
*Gollaprolu Church of Christ*

*From Joel Madiki:*

#### Family

- For God's continuous protection on our family and church families during this COVID-19 period
- Brother Cyril's Family - His mother passed away on 28 September
- Paul and John's family - They lost their jobs due to the COVID-19 pandemic and are now searching for new jobs

#### Ministry

- Churches in coastal areas and low-lying areas have been continuously affected by cyclones and floods.
- Withdrawal of recent amendment to some of the laws by the government which will have an adverse effect on the NGOs
- For God's guidance and wisdom on how to move forward with our mission work in this post-COVID-19 environment and also for our mission partners in various places across our state
- For all the children who will be going to schools, if Lord wills, from 2nd November onwards
- For our ongoing relief work and for the people who are facing difficulties due to COVID-19, cyclones and floods
- For all those who are praying and supporting our ministry and our sustainability plans

#### Church

- For protection of the church family, as we have started to gather in our building for worship while observing COVID-19 safety measures
- Church benevolence programs – rice bank, medical help, elderly meals
- Extension and renovation of existing church building for future use and increasing numbers

## **Papua New Guinea**

*From Arthur:*

- My annual mission trip to Waria, my home village, for a gospel meeting and church visitation from December 15 to January 4. Pray that God will provide the airfare for my travel
- Morobe Provincial Youth Camp 2021 and the fundraising which I am doing to host the Provincial Youth Camp
- Health of my elder sister who has TB and is staying in the village
- The number of positive cases of COVID-19 in PNG has increased to 541 with 7 deaths, so pray for us
- Pray for the church in Waria Valley (my village church) and the Melanesian Bible College (MBC) church where I am currently serving
- Pray for a suitable land that I can build my house and be able to establish a small congregation



**Arthur Gtatara and family**  
*MBC Church of Christ*

- Pray my family that God will provide for us in this difficult time of struggle due to the COVID-19 pandemic

## Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests

1. Thank you Lord for the decreasing number of new cases of coronavirus to 10 or fewer cases, even though the total number of cases is more than 57,000. Lord, have mercy on those infected by the virus and we pray that you will heal them, especially foreign workers living in the dormitories.
2. Thank God for His protection of deaf members in the church against COVID-19 and their online worship on Sunday. Pray for the deaf to love one another and to look out for other fellow deaf members and visitors.
3. Pray for God's protection on frontline healthcare workers, doctors and nurses (Jacqueline & Richard Leow, Joan Lee, Soo Lang, Yang Lin, Mee Geok, Olivia and Jeremy) against COVID-19.
4. Pray for those in the church who are financially affected by the COVID-19 circuit breaker (the freelancers & self-employed) and those who have lost their jobs. Pray for those affected by COVID-19 to adjust to the training provided by the Government to help them.

**Our deepest condolences to Hedy Wong and her family** on the demise of their beloved mother, **Mrs Tan-Lim Kong Lang**, who graduated to glory to be with the Lord. The wake is currently held at Singapore Casket Regency Room. The song service in Chinese was conducted on 16 Oct and 17 Oct but there is no song service on Sunday. The funeral service will take place on 19th Oct (Mon) at 12.30pm before leaving for Mandai Crematorium at 1.05pm. The cremation will be held at 2.05pm in Hall 1. Pray for God's favour, peace and comfort to be with Hedy and her family at this time of sorrow and loss.



### The Lord's Love for Israel by Lee Hock

The Israelites questioned God's love because of their time in captivity in Babylon. That captivity was God's correctional discipline for their continued rebellion against their Abba Father.

So God sent the prophet Malachi to them with His opening words, "I have loved you" (Malachi 1:2). Israel skeptically inquired about how God has loved them. So God, through Malachi, reminded them of how He loved them: He had chosen them over the Edomites. Similarly, we have difficult moments in life, and may be tempted to question God's love for us.

Let's revisit the many good blessings when He has shown us His unfailing love. As we stop to appreciate His goodness, we realise that He is indeed a loving Father. As our heavenly Father corrects us for our eternal good, it will be painful. However, He also comforts us and awaits for us to run home to God whenever we are downhearted, as did the prodigal child. Help us, Lord, to see our life ahead with the lens of your eternal love for us.

## SUNDAY GIVING

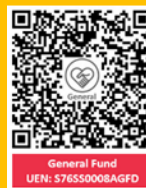
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**11 October - \$6,200**

## WAYS TO GIVE

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### Church of Christ Pasir Panjang Sunday Worship Attendance

Starting today, a maximum of 100 persons is allowed for the In-person Congregational Worship Service every Sunday. Members who intend to worship in the church premises must register before Friday noon for successful balloting.

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



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## Church Wide Covid-19 updates

- i. The In-Person congregational worship service will allow up to 100 persons max every Sunday.
- ii. **Regulations require us to be in two separate groups of 50 with no inter-mingling allowed. So, we will divide you into 2 groups – Group A and Group B.**
- iii. When you arrive each Sunday, take your temperature and register at the temperature taking station. We will tell you whether you belong to Group A or Group B.

**Group A - proceed to the Auditorium level 2;**

**Group B - proceed to the Balcony at level 3.**

- iv. After worship, Group A in the auditorium, please exit by the back door next to the stage. Group B is to exit by the usual staircase in front.

**Please do not mingle – instead, invite each other out in groups of 5 for fellowship.**

- i. If you intend to come for worship next Sunday, please continue to register and submit the registration form on the website for that Sunday. Submissions open on Monday, and the cut-off is on **Friday 12 noon.**

**If the church carpark is full, you may park at Capricorn Science Park 2 but our shuttle bus service is not available – so we solicit the help of brothers and sisters who managed to park in the church building to give a lift to those who need to get to their car at Capricorn after worship.**

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