# **RELATIONSHIP BUILDING** focus 2021



### Theme 2021 – Rebuilding Our Faith

2020 has been an eventful and for some, a traumatic year brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic. The effects of the pandemic have resulted in hardship and losses, and even today, many are still struggling to cope with the new "normal". Spiritually we have not been spared either. implementation With the of safe management measures and restrictions, the church was not able to meet and function as we normally do. While the long-term impact of such restrictions is still unknown, there are already signs that Christians have also been "battered" spiritually. Whatever is happening to us has caused some of us to waver in our faith and to question and doubt God's presence and providence. There is possibly a slow and subtle decline in the attention and effort in spiritual matters: the pressing concerns of our physical needs have been prioritized ahead of our spiritual needs. Some may become unmotivated to read God's word, to attend or even join in the online worship services and are indifferent to how they are spiritually.

That is why the leaders have chosen the following theme for 2021 - "Rebuilding Our Faith".

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We want to spend the new year that God has given to us to rebuild and strengthen our faith in our Almighty God. In our rebuilding project, there will be a need for a strong foundation to start off with. And brick by brick, the building will begin to take shape. Likewise, we will need to re-discover the foundation that our faith is based on our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Brick by brick, through studying God's word, working on our spiritual disciplines of prayer, worship and kingdom service and allowing the Holy Spirit to work in our lives, we will end the year stronger in our faith than when we started.

Therefore, we encourage each and every member to do this for 2021 to help rebuild their faith:

- Remember that our God is trustworthy and faithful (Hebrews 10:23).
- Remember to make time for God, His word and His people.

In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today (up to 150 persons MAXIMUM). Members who intend to worship at the church premises on Sunday are to register and submit the online form on the PPCOC website each week. A ballot may be conducted if necessary. You can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and clicking on "Live Streams and Video Library" under the Resources tab. You can also click on the Donate tab to find out how to make bank transfers to the church for **REBUILDING PLEDGES and offerings.** 

# **CHURCH** of CHRIST

- PASIR PANJANG

#### 3rd Jan 2021

**EVENTS** 

6 January 7.30 pm Online Wednesday BC Who May Come To God - Vincent Lim

9 January (Sat) 1:30 pm Focus Day 2021

Zoom Meeting ID: 862 7931 1247 Passcode: FaithBuild Zoom Link: http://bit.ly/3psRI3U

10 January 8 am Online Sunday Bible Class Sheep, Gate And Shepherd – Cher Yam

11 am Live Stream Worship Invitation To Start Anew! - Lee Hock

Zoom Prayer Warriors 8 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Lim Lian Chye

**Gladiolus Place Devotions** 7.30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Catherine / Lucy



It has been said that the only thing that doesn't require effort is growing old and everything else does. So it is with our spiritual lives. It will require us, with God's help, to commit and make an effort to rebuild our faith in God. In line with the theme, there will be a series of sermons and bible lessons to help us in our efforts. 2021 is anticipated to be another but challenging year, our assurance is that our God has gone before us, is with us and will never forsake us.

"So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I vour God. will am 1 strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand." Isaiah 41:10

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## **SMALL GROUPS' MINISTRIES**



with High Intentionality

## **Relationship Building**

### In this Covid-19 New Year, Food Is Love and To Feast is To Worship

On this first Sunday of 2021, we mark a transition into a fresh new year. At the same time, we are also transiting into a long awaited Phase 3.

However, it will still be some time before we get back to pre-covid-19 normal for the world, Singapore and the church. Though we are suffering from fatigue, there is still Kingdom work to be done during this current crisis.

One obervation, I have made is that we are caught unprepared in our small groups' ministries which are crucial at this time when we can only meet in small numbers. This is because we have not been functioning in a small-groups' lifestyle even before the pandemic.

Yes, we need "Hi Tech" in communication but we also need "Hi Touch" in our fellowship. Going forward, I would like to encourage each one of us to invite our cousins, friends and neighbours to a meal fellowship and learn in our online bible classes and worship with us (online or in-person), using digital flyers that will be provided for invitations.

through Small Groups' Ministries

# **Welcome New Members**

Sunday, 3rd January 2021 During Announcement



Simon Goh, an elder of PPCOC

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## **HIGH INTENTIONALITY**

## Family News, Concerns & Prayers

### **Thanksgiving and Prayer Requests**

Pray about the macular degeneration, blur vision and frequent vertigo that my mother is experiencing after the cataract operation in her right eye – Mee Hoe.

## Thankfulness And Faithfulness To God Almighty by Lee Hock

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Gratitude opens our hearts to sense God even in life's troubling moments. Job is known for overcoming "troubling" moments. Indeed, his losses were deep and numerous. Not long after losing all his livestock, he learns of the simultaneous death of all his ten children. Job's profound grief was evident in his response: he "tore his robe and shaved his head" (Job 1:20).

His words in those painful moments help me see Job's discipline of gratitude: he claimed God had given him everything he had lost (Job 1:21).

How else could he worship in the midst of such lamented grief? The practice of daily gratitude can ease the magnitude of pain we feel, in seasons of our loss.

Recognizing God's goodness to us even in the smallest of ways prepares us to kneel in worship before our All-Powerful God even in the 'darkest hours' of our earthly lives.

In moments like this, let's remember to acknowledge the faithfulness and goodness of God to gain strength and victory over the doubts and fears cast by the evil one!

#### **FOCUS Editors' Requests:**

- 1. All publishing needs **MUST** be submitted to Patrick by <u>noon on</u> <u>Wednesday</u>.
- 2. Editor will start editing after lunch on Thursday.
- 3. All Focus and related publishing matters should be completed and emailed to AV guy by 5pm on Friday.



Pledge & Building Fund Committee Peter Lim Jim Kawi Grace Mariaraja Elders Simon Goh Peter Lim LimSwee Aun Terry Wan **Deacons** Dennis Law Lim Kok Hin Vincent Lim

I CAME NAKED FROM MY

MOTHER'S WOMB, AND I WILL BE NAKED

WHEN I LEAVE.

THE LORD GAVE ME

WHAT I HAD, AND THE LORD HAS TAKEN

IT AWAY.

PRAISE THE NAME

OF THE LORD!

I KNOW THAT YOU CAN

DO EVERY THING, AND THAT NO

THOUGHT CAN BE WITHHELD FROM YOU.

JOB 42:2

JOB 1:21

3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 2021



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#### Church of Christ Pasir Panjang Attending Sunday Worship

Starting today, a maximum of 150 persons is allowed at the In-person Congregational Worship Service every Sunday. Members who intend to worship at the church premises must register at the PPCOC website each week. A ballot may be conducted if necessary.

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



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#### **Building Fund**

Previously, this funded the building repairs, partitions, air-conditioners etc. Going forward, it will fund the costs of the new Church building, relocation expenses and rental of temporary premises.

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