## NOT NEGLECTING TO MEET **fogether fogether 2021**



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### **New Groups**

In last week's Focus, I talked about the 7 Rythms Of An Intentional Family. I want to encourage all of us to form informal groups among ourselves to meet together regularly. This week, I would like to suggest the following steps which families and individuals may take to form such new groups among ourselves and spur one another on:

- 1. Pray and if need be, fast first Families or individuals should pray for a period of time seeking the Spirit's leading in terms of whom to invite into the group. Groups should comprise no more than 8 persons.
- 2. Recruitment After a period of prayer, members may gather at an information meeting about the new group. At this meeting, leaders are appointed and all members should agree on how the group will function, as well as basic ground rules of the group. Members should agree on a time frame to commit to staying together, say for six months or one year.
- 3. Weekly meetings Members should establish a time for virtual or face-to-face meetings, or a combination thereof, that will work for everyone each week. Weekly meetings are important in encouraging one another. For instance, families could meet at one home to attend online worship together, a few times every month.
- 4. Relational connection Groups may consider doing certain exercises to help one another grow spiritually.
- 5. Learning together Groups may choose to apply sermon or bible class messages.
- 6. Changing of groupings After the agreed time of commitment has elapsed, a group could multiply into two new groups or choose to maintain the current grouping for another six months before multiplying. Group members must have the common understanding that multiplication is a natural progression. Multiplication is accomplished through forming of new groups with other friends or PPCOC members.

Please feel free to call me and discuss further.

#### Tan Beng Chuan, Lead Minister

In-person Congregational Worship Service continues today (up to 150 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. A ballot may be conducted if necessary. You can join us in worship by going to www.ppcoc.org and clicking on "Live Streams" 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.



17th Jan 2021



### 20 January

7.30 pm Online Wednesday Bible Class Introduction To The Book of Leviticus – Lim Cher Yam

### 24 January

8 am Online Sunday Bible Class Introduction To The Book Of Job – Lim Cher Yam

11 am Live Stream Worship How To Be Blessed In The New Year - If You Choose God's Way – Peter Lim

### **Zoom Prayer Warriors**

8 pm last Thursday of each month

Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 637 679 3407 Password: Kumbaya Breakout Groups for Men & Ladies

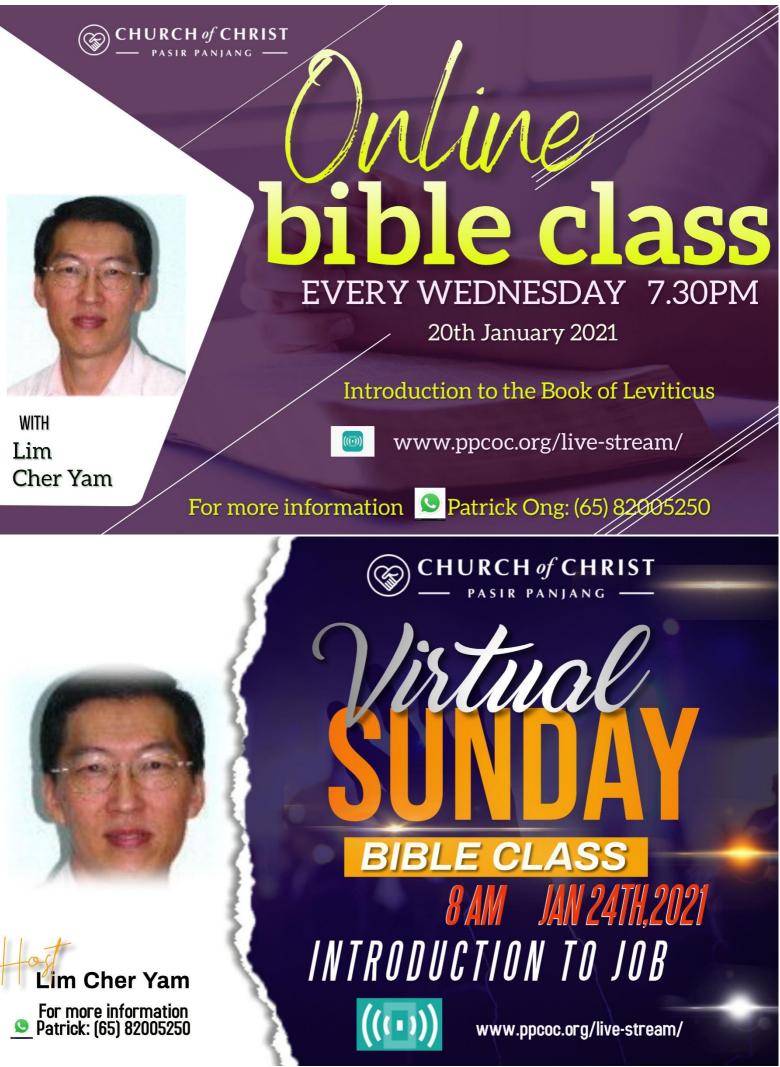
## <u>Gladiolus Place</u> <u>Devotions</u>

7.30 pm every 2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Catherine / Lucy

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# **CARE GROUP MINISTRY**

17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021



## **CARE GROUP MINISTRY**



## INTRODUCING 2020 NEW MEMBERS INTO THE FAMILY OF GOD AT PPCOC

## Rudy Lee Wee Pin baptised on 1 mar 2020



## Hello, I'm Rudy Lee

In the past, for my attitude, feelings and relationship with wife, I had some problems with communication. There were also difficulties due to differing views, perspectives and culture between Singapore and Hong Kong.

I went to church due to my wife encouragement and I decided to follow her for a Christian perspective. I hesitated because I was not sure what path I can lead as a Christian. In the past, I knew about Christ but did not get baptism.

I decided to commit life to Christ to learn about Christian ways and the vast amount of wisdom in the bible. I received Christ through PPCOC Sunday services and grew from God's word.

My life changed after accepting Christ fully with whole heart, so I decided to baptism for my sake and change my life for the better.



# **READY, SET, PRAY**

AN ONLINE PRAYER WARRIOR MINISTRY BY PPCOC

Prayer is the heart of the church. Justas breathing, eating and drinking are vital for our physical bodies, prayer is the sacred food that nourishes the body of Christ. It is not just a sweet treat that is "nice to have every now and then". It is our bread and butter, our rice bowl, the bare necessity that sustains everything that we are.

In prayer, we come face to face with the almighty, living God who transforms us into the image of Christ. In prayer, God speaks his will to us through the gentle whispers of the Holy Spirit. As we pray, Christ enters into us, pouring his strength into our weakness, his grace into our sin, his light into our darkness. Prayer is a mystical, sacred communion that words cannot fully describe.

Perhaps we should rethink the prayers that go "Dear God, please bless me with X and Y and Z. Oh and thank you for the food. In Jesus' name, Amen."

This year, PPCOC will be holding monthly Online Praver Warrior meetings. Beginning on 28th January at 8pm, we will be meeting once a month viaZoom to pray for the ministries of the church. These include worship, youth and young adults, local outreach, and overseas missions. There will also be opportunities to pray for personal needs and concerns. Men and women will have their own breakout rooms so that everyone has a chance to offer prayers. Basically, this prayer effort is for everyone.

This is not just something nice that Christians might do whenever they have free time. (Let's be real: we live in Singapore. When do we ever have "free time" just sitting around?) I mean that praying together is our sacred duty, obligation, and privilege as the body of Christ.

> "**Pray without ceasing**" 1Thessalonians 5:17

One might say that prayer is the work of the church. Everything else we do as the church hangs on this ministry of prayer worship services, Bible classes, local outreach, overseas missions. Cease to pray, and we will be nothing more than noisy gongs and clashing cymbals.

I stress that it is "we" who pray. Since the first century church, prayer has been a plural activity. James K. A. Smith says that the church is not just a collection of atomistic individuals who happen to worship the same God. We cannot claim to be Christians and not pray together, for prayer is the action of the entire church.

"But I already pray together with my Care Team! Why should I (we) come for yet another prayer meeting?"

"But we have been doing just fine as a church!

We've had Sunday worship services and Bible classes and all these other ministries even during COVID - do we really need more prayer?"

"But I'm so busy with my own life! I can't make time to pray with other people! I can just read the prayer list and pray on my own. That way, I can pray in the same Spirit even if not in the sameplace. Right?" Praise God for your personal faithfulness and your Care Team! And also for protecting our church throughout a difficult 2020!

But I urge all of us to honestly search our hearts, Will we say "no" to our greatest ministry because of our own busyness and concerns? Or will we pray together with joyful abandon and join the work that God has begun in us?

We have talked about prayer for long enough. Perhaps It is time that we live as we preach and actually pray together.



# **BUT ENCOURAGING ONE ANOTHER**

Family News, Concerns & Prayers



## **PRAYER WARRIORS**

**DATE & TIME** Last Thur Every Month 8 pm Thur 28 Jan 2021 Join Zoom Meeting Meeting ID: 637 679 3407 Password: Kumbaya

- A. Combined Update on
- 1) answers to past prayers
- 2) update on new prayers
- Jan 2021 Feature: Simon & Wai Leng's Health Update 3) an area of church ministry that needs prayers.
- Jan 2021 Theme: Men of the Church
- **B. Breakout Prayer Groups for Men & Ladies**

Pls text Lian Chye for Men (91594697) & Catherine for Ladies (92701717) if you have a Prayer Request or if you can pray or just wish to listen during the session to facilitate breakout group arrangements. The entire session will not exceed 1.5 hours.

Please support this event & invite your care team members to join. ♣ Col 4:2 Devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful.

> To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing. -MARTIN LUTHER

# SUNDAY GIVING

17<sup>th</sup> Jan 2021



**10 January** GF - \$12,613.00 MF YTD - \$103,466.51

# WAYS TO GIVE

## (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 and confirm.



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

A maximum of 150 persons is allowed at the Inperson 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.



#### Prayer Request / Feedback

on Church Matters



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## **PPCOC Rebuilding Project – Pledges Update**

Dear brethren, as briefed during the AGM in November 20, the reconstruction phase of the rebuilding project is likely to start from June 21, subject to approvals from the authorities and tender.

In light of this, it would be good for members who have pledged since the start of the project to affirm that their pledges are still valid and will fulfill them in due time or on an updated timeline if applicable. The pledge team will follow up with a personal email to everyone who have pledged to confirm this.

We thank God for how things have progressed over the past few years, even for the delay as it has allowed the Rebuilding Committee time to fine-tune the plans with the aim to reduce the cost. The delay has also averted the possible suspension of the reconstruction and unneeded temporary relocation due to the pandemic which would have resulted in additional cost to the overall project. Praise God for His leading and wonderful timing.

As there is still a shortfall to achieve the desired projected S\$8.7 million, we want to appeal to members to prayerfully consider pledging or start giving once the construction starts so that all payments can be made promptly. We are grateful to all of you for your faith and support in this project.

## God is able and He enables. To God be the glory!



PPCOC Pledge Committee