

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



18 July 2021

"Try Me In This": Challenged to Give

By Winston Chong

Livestream @ 11am
ppcoc.org/live-stream

Consider this: "Financial giving is the training wheel to godly living." How we use our finances isn't separate from our faith. They are deeply intertwined: our faith informs how we use our finances, and how we use our finances reveals what we really believe.

But that's not the whole of God's economy; God is really after our whole heart! It's not simply about showing up for a couple of hours on Sunday; it's really about the other 166 hours of the week when we're not sitting in the pews (or live-streaming from the sofa).

The question is, how are we honouring God with *all* of our lives? Do we live compartmentalised lives, shutting God out from "secular business"? Or do we live *integrated* lives where Christ is King over all?

COVID-19 Guidelines

We welcome up to 50 persons to attend in-person worship. If you would like to attend, please visit ppcoc.org and fill out the registration form. The form opens on Monday and closes on Friday, 12 noon. You will be notified if you are eligible to attend.

If you are unable to attend in-person, do join us by accessing the live-stream through our website. We look forward to worshipping with you!

Due to Work-from-Home regulations, our full-time staff will be working from home and the office will be closed. Please contact them directly should you have any enquiries.

Giving

Last week's contribution: **\$8,806.52**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
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Building Fund
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 21 July | Midweek Bible Study

Midweek Bible Class

"The Life For God's Glory"
The Book of 1 Peter

By Harry Wong
Livestream @ 7:30pm

Sunday, 25 July | Bible Classes

Adult Bible Class

"By Faith, Rahab"
The Book of Joshua

By Kuek Lee Hock
Livestream @ 8:00am

Youth Bible Class

"We Crave Immediate Approval"
12 Ways Your Smartphone Is Changing You
Zoom @ 9:00am
Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

FFF Bible Class

"Telling the Next Generation"
Growing Older In God's Family
Zoom @ 9:00am
Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"David Is Anointed"

Zoom @ 10:00am
Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"The Transfiguration"

Zoom @ 9:00am
Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"The Capture of Ai"
Zoom @ 9:00am
Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

Upcoming Events



29 July | Online Prayer Warriors

Join us on Zoom for our monthly Prayer Warrior gathering! This month, our prayer focus is our beloved Filipino Fellowship and Friends (FFF), an active and dynamic ministry catering to foreign domestic workers and many others.



If you would like the prayers of the Church over anything, please contact bro. Lian Chye (9159 4697) or sis. Catherine Leow (9270 1717).

If you have yet to join your first prayer gathering, do read brother **Aaron Tan's** testimony of his first OPW experience below!



I attended an OPW meeting for the first time on 24 June, which changed my perception of group prayer. It was heartwarming to see a large gathering of people praying for others - brothers and sisters in Christ both local and overseas!



Even if those praying did not personally know the person being prayed for, they still took great effort and sincerity to ask God for His mercy and offered thanksgiving. I felt the Spirit move through us as we surrendered all our burdens to Him.

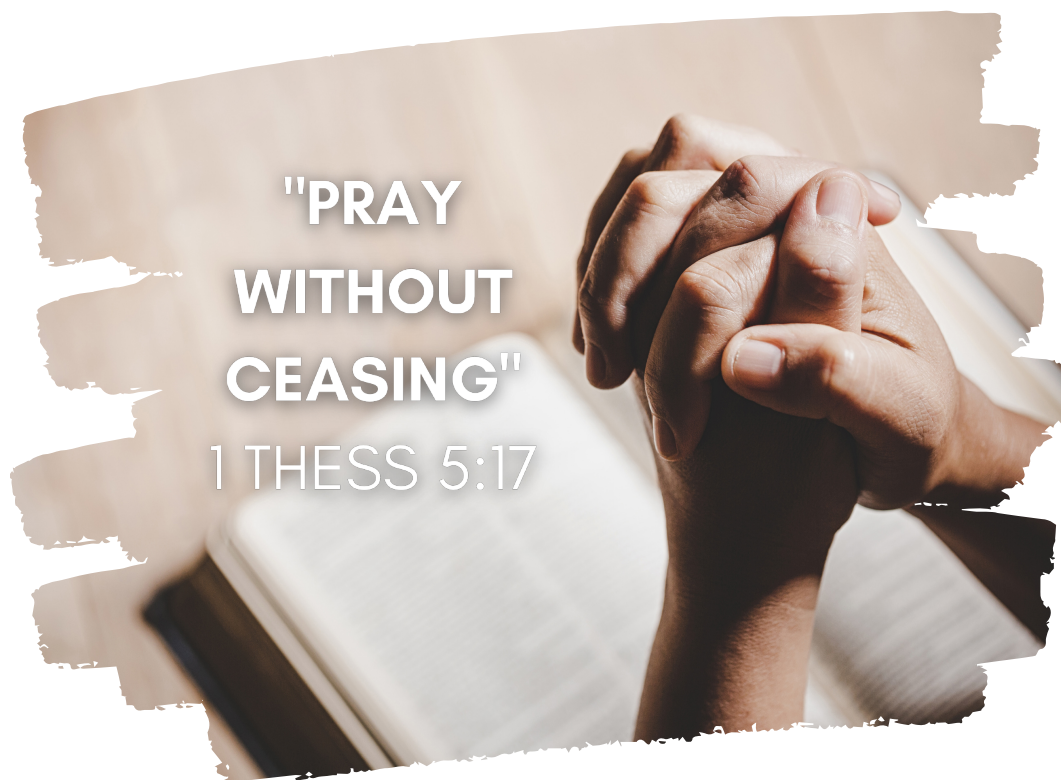
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The OPW is a great testimony of God showcasing how He works in His amazing ways. Warriors have shared many instances of God answering their prayers. I think that is an excellent reminder that God is alive and working in every one of us. We give all glory and honour to Him!

Just a personal story I want to share: A month or two ago, I wanted to expand my scope of prayer and pray for others, but I did not know what and who to pray for. So I asked God to help me with that.

Sure enough, He showed me a platform for me to experience the power of prayers, magnified in a group setting!

I think we know how strong prayers can be, even more so when praying with a group of people. If you are looking for a place to pray for others and experience the power of group prayers because God is among us, come and join us!



Upcoming Events



31 July -1 August | AMF

Asian Mission Forum 2021 (AMF) will be held from 31 July to 1 August as a two-day virtual conference via Zoom.



AMF 2021 features a dynamic program of ideas and research concerning missions in Asia. Our own minister, John Lim, will be teaching a class titled "Intercultural Faith: How Christ and Culture Don't Have to be Enemies."

Sign up for this FREE event at <https://bit.ly/3d1nukH>

Here's a sneak peek at some of the other offerings:

- "Ministry In The New Normal: The Online Kingdom"
- "Money Matters In How A Congregation Develops"
- "Youth In Family Ministry: Discipleship For The Next Generation."
- Intercultural Faith: How Christ and Culture Don't Have To Be Enemies" (John Lim)

Rebuilding



Tender Calling

On Friday, 16 July, the Church placed an advertisement in The Straits Times for the *Proposed Erection of our 4-Storey New Church Building for Public Tender*.

We also invite members of the Church or your friends who are interested to tender, to check the newspapers.

For more information, you may also visit our new “Rebuilding Project” tab on our website (ppcoc.org/public-tender).

**CHURCH of CHRIST**
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

TENDER NOTICE

PROPOSED NEW ERECTION OF A 4-STOREY BUILDING AT CHURCH OF CHRIST, PASIR PANJANG AT 347 PASIR PANJANG ROAD (QUEENSTOWN 2 PLANNING AREA)

Eligibility Criteria	BCA-CW01 (at least B2) BCA-GB1 (Class 1) At least BizSAFE Level 3 status Not debarred from any Public Tender. Not listed in BUS from MOM.
Registration for Interest / Enquiries	By 30 July 2021 (Friday) 4 pm via email to contact@brmstrategic.com Please provide Company Name, person name, designation, email and contact number of one (1) representative for registration.
Tender Deposit	By 30 July 2021 (Friday) 4 pm, Tender Deposit of S\$7,000.00 is payable via PayNow to CHURCH OF CHRIST, PASIR PANJANG - UEN No. S76SS0008ABFD. Please indicate Company Name in the PayNow reference and email proof of e-payment to contact@brmstrategic.com . The Tender Deposit is refundable to unsuccessful tenderers.
Download of Tender Documents	Upon verification of payment, a download link will be sent to registered tenderers to download the electronic copy of the Tender Documents.
Site Visit	Available from 2 - 4 August 2021 (Mon - Wed) 10 am - 4 pm
E-Briefing Venue, Date & Time	6 August 2021 (Friday) 10 am Virtual meeting link will be sent to registered tenderers.
Tender Closing Date	3 September 2021 (Friday) 4 pm sharp

All tenders must be submitted in one (1) hard copy and one (1) soft copy in thumb drive by hand in a sealed envelope marked with the above Tender Title and placed in Tender Box at 347 Pasir Panjang Road Singapore 118688 on the closing date 3 September 2021 between 10 am and 4 pm. Any late tenders received shall not be considered.

The Church reserves the right not to accept the lowest or any tender without assigning any reason thereof.

For more information, please refer to Public Tender on our webpage www.ppcoc.org/public-tender/

A Minister's Musings



Answering the Call | By John Lim



As I write this, it is Day 14 of my journey into full-time ministry. I suppose that like any new phase in life, my first couple of weeks were a total blur of activity. I'm just trying to figure out how things work, getting familiar with my new responsibilities, and learning to establish meaningful routines.

Everything about this feels so exciting and invigorating. All my life, I've felt like this was a call I was meant to answer—to love and serve people until they fall in love with Jesus. Everything I do, whether it's working with the Youth or preparing for worship and engaging with Scripture or curating Christian content for our Facebook page, brings me satisfaction that I cannot yet describe.

At the same time, there is also a gravity and seriousness to this role, and I am just starting to grasp the weight of it. More than the day-to-day duties of “prepare worship for Sunday” or “organize this Youth activity”, ministry is about preparing souls for eternity.

It's a little overwhelming to think that virtually anything I do (or don't do) helps or hinders people from coming to Jesus. Every word I speak, every email I send, every step I take outside my house could be an avenue through which God blesses someone. I so desperately want to get it right because the stakes are eternal.

In the words of Martin Luther, “Here I stand; I can do no other.” I am blessed to be able to enter a vocation where my gifts, passions, and ultimate calling meet together. There really is no higher cause worth living or dying for than the gospel of Jesus the Messiah.

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What about you?

Do you see your life as a calling? Do you see your vocation as a potential avenue that God can use to bless others?

I think that full-time ministry gets labelled as a “calling” as opposed to secular “vocations”. As though secular jobs are somehow outside of God’s plan. As though they have no true purpose other than to put food on the table.

But I believe that God has “called” each of us to a unique role within His divine order. Paul describes the body of Christ as having many parts, each having its own unique function within the overall Life of the body.

Yes, God called some to be full-time prophets, teachers, and ministers. And we have a certain role to play. But God also called Joseph to be an administrator-manager in Potiphar’s house. In the days after the Exodus, God called Bezalel the Artist to use his creative skills to design and build the Ark of the Covenant. God made David a politician to govern and rule his people. *A politician!*

And believe it or not, God called Ezekiel to just lie down on his side for 390 days! For the sleepyheads among us, wouldn’t that be the greatest calling on earth! (What’s more, right after he gets up, God essentially tells him “Actually, go back and lie down again for 40 days. Just do it on your other side.”)

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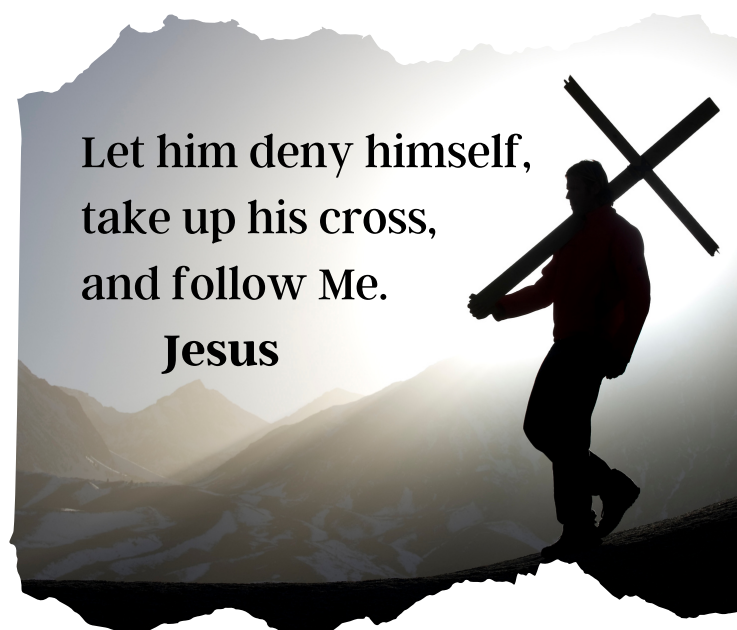
And *every single time*, God transforms their vocations into sacred callings. Joseph's administration saves the world from starvation. Bezalel's creative work becomes the literal dwelling place of God. David's reign is remembered not by his political or military success but by his radical faithfulness. Ezekiel, who had probably the strangest callings of all, used them to preach God's message in ways that stubborn Israel could finally hear.

Today, God has called accountants, lawyers, doctors, cleaning aunties, security guards, activists, civil servants, and every other career into his service.

And that includes you. Let that sink in.

God. Calls. You.

What does your calling look like? How can God use you to bless the world this week?



Connect With Us

Prayer Requests/ Feedback



<http://bit.ly/35FTEyp>

Meet Our People

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Lim Kok Hin	9679 6027
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Patrick Ong	8200 5250
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Ways To Connect



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