

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



1 August 2021

### The Kingdom of God is Home

Livestream @ 11am  
[ppcoc.org/live-stream](http://ppcoc.org/live-stream)

Today's message is the final keynote of AMF 2021. In the first two, we saw how the Kingdom of God is both "hidden" and "here".

On one hand, Christ has already brought the Kingdom and inaugurated it with his death and resurrection. And that gives us hope that no matter what happens in this life, we have a King who is above all.

On the other hand, the fullness of the Kingdom will not be complete until Christ returns. There shall be our true and eternal **Home**, for which we learn to hope and endure.

# COVID-19 Guidelines

We welcome up to 50 persons to attend in-person worship. If you would like to attend, please visit [ppcoc.org](http://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!

Please contact our ministers should you have any enquiries (phone numbers on the last page).

## Giving

Last week's contribution: **\$10,554**



General Fund  
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Missions Fund  
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund  
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# Upcoming Events



## Wednesday, 4 August | Midweek Bible Study

### Midweek Bible Class

"Shepherd the Flock of God"

By Lim Cher Yam

Livestream @ 7:30pm



## Sunday, 8 August | Bible Classes

### Adult Bible Class

"Faith In God's Promises"

*The Book of Joshua*

By Lim Lian Chye

Livestream @ 8:00am



### Youth Bible Class

"We Become What We Like"

*12 Ways Your Smartphone Is*

*Changing You*

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)



### FFF Bible Class

"Trusting God in Changing  
Circumstances"

*Growing Older In God's Family*

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

### GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

David and Jonathan

Zoom @ 10:00am

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)



### GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"The Triumphal Entry"

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)



### GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"The Sun Stood Still"

Zoom @ 9:00am

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



## NEW: August Worship Series

Next Sunday, we begin a new worship series on Communion. We often we think of it as an **event** - the Lord's Supper that we take each week.



But the reality is far richer than the five-minute event on Sunday. It is a daily relationship that we experience with God and one another - a community united by Jesus' blood. We look forward to walking through this series together!



## Rebuilding: Tender Calling

On Friday, 16 July, the Church put out a call for tender in the Straits Times, inviting the public to take part in the rebuilding project.

In addition to the main building, the Church is now also calling for sub-contractors for ACMV, electrical, and fire protection purposes.

We also invite members of the Church and your contacts to participate in the tender process if you are interested.

For more information on both the main building and sub-contract work, please visit [ppcoc.org/public-tender](http://ppcoc.org/public-tender).

# Family News



## Cheering On Our O/N Level Candidates

This past week, three of our youth took the first of a long stretch of national examinations. **Fun Min** and **Lauren Leow** sat for their English Language oral examination, while **Aidan Pang** sat for his Chinese Language oral examination.

On a related note, **Emily Chen** will be taking her A level examinations in November. Please keep our young people in your prayers as they work hard through these challenging times.



## Young Adults Camp Postponed

Due to P2HA restrictions, the Young Adults have decided to postpone their camp, originally scheduled for 7-8 August 2021. Details are still being decided. Please keep the organising committee in your prayers.

## Celebrating Online Prayer Warriors

On Thursday, 29 July, the Online Prayer Warriors group had a record 39 people praying together for our church and the world around us.

The main prayer focus was our Filipino & Friends Fellowship (FFF). We also prayed for new members and those dealing with health issues, preparing for the future, and more. See the next page for the full list.

As a bonus, members who have attended three times will get a free OPW T-shirt!

### **3 Ways to Get Involved:**

- 1** Book your calendar for 26 August, our next prayer meeting! Contact Lian Chye (9159 4697) or Catherine Leow (9270 1717) if you would like to pray during the session.
- 2** Share your prayer requests with Lian Chye and Catherine so that we can be praying for you as well.
- 3** We have a WhatsApp group chat set up for "flash prayers" so that we can immediately send up prayers as requests arise. Contact Patrick Ong to add you to the group.



# Family News



## Celebrating Online Prayer Warriors (cont.)

### New Prayer Requests

#### Filipino Ministry (Theme)

1. Salvation of Rudjard & Imelda
2. Physical & spiritual well-being of Nalyn, Clarita, Judith & Rubilyn
3. Lourdes' & Amie's future plans.
4. Well-being of Myan's mum, Ephril's parents and children
5. Khristina's father's recovery from COVID
6. Gemma's customs licensing exam
7. Filipinos absent from church
8. Ex-SIBI students Ezra, Janriel and Angela's mission field and future plans in Philippines
9. New SIBI students to arrive soon – Paul, Christian, Johnny & Kyrie

#### Thanksgiving

1. Filipino Bible Class
2. MerryJane's mum's recovery from stroke
3. Dorothy Tay
4. Joanne Deocampo
5. Maribel Cammayo

### New Prayer Requests

1. Yat Kai & Family's well being
2. Faith of Si Hui & Keith
3. Joanna Yu, new SIBI student
4. Chen Ting's gastric problems
5. Joyce Tan's health issues
6. Duane Morgan's cancer treatment
7. Catherine Ann's relatives in Myanmar and their recovery from COVID.
8. Bereaved families of Nancy Tng & Steve Leong
9. Victims of Zheng Zhou flooding and Typhoon in many China provinces

#### Thanksgiving

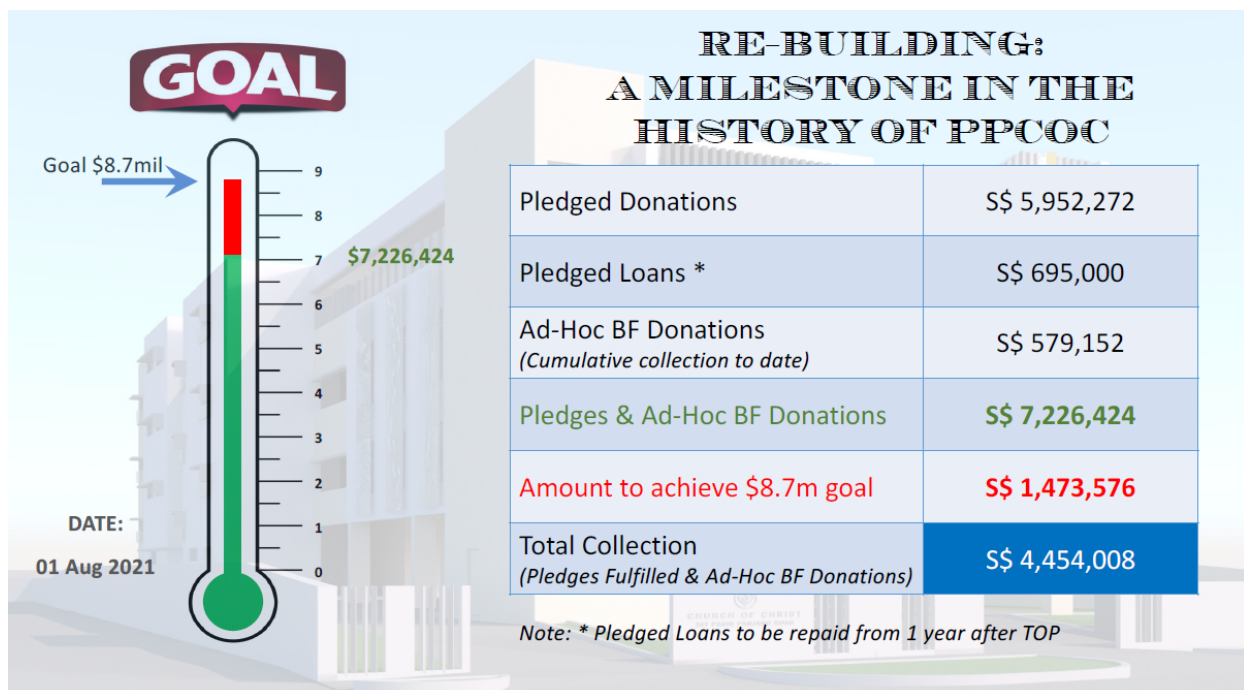
1. Salvation of Wen Fang, Daniel Phang & Khristina
2. Mag & Wang Wei's newborn Asher

#### Updates on Past Prayers

1. Goh Wai Leng's health issues
2. Clarissa Chan's cancer treatment
3. Mandy's (Joanne Wong's niece) health



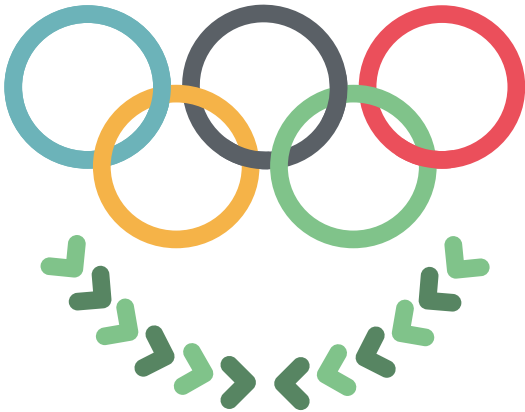
## Rebuilding Pledge Barometer



# A Minister's Musings



## ***Hope of Olympic Proportions | By John Lim***



On 21 July, the Straits Times reported that the head of the World Health Organisation (WHO), Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, showed his support for the Olympic Games, calling it “a celebration of hope” that the world sorely needs.

He added, “The Olympics have the power to bring the world together, to inspire, to show what’s possible...may the rays of hope from this land illuminate a new dawn for a healthier, safer, and fairer world.”

Tedros’ words seem to have a spiritual air about them and I think he’s right. The Olympics do, indeed, have a unique power to ignite hope, and God knows we sorely need hope in this season.

The pandemic may have begun as a healthcare battle, fought through hospitals and oxygen tanks and chemicals. However, as weeks turned into months, medical resources were not the only things that ran low. The human spirit was running low on hope too.

Today, there is something truly awe-inspiring when Olympic athletes at their peak, pour out everything they have in the spirit of excellence. Few things in life match up to the rush of emotions on watching our national swimmers, sailors, paddlers, shuttlers, and fencers compete for the honour of our country.



# A Minister's Musings



## *Hope of Olympic Proportions (cont.)*

For a moment, we are transported to another world, one governed by hopes and dreams, fueled by hard work and absolute focus. These Olympians inspire us because they declare with their performances the full potential of our human bodies. The Olympics inspire hope because we see what it means to aspire towards something higher than ourselves.

But the Olympics don't go all the way. And I say that we can do better.

For all the hype and positive excitement over the Olympics, it doesn't have a monopoly on hope. Sure, it may be a good cause for celebration, unity, and excellence, but it's not the only cause.

For we believe that there is a Power at work beyond what we can see or understand. An ageless and limitless Source of all things who, in His love, works for our good.

**A Power who freely chose to become powerless to take part in the weakness of the world.**

**A Light who entered the darkness of the world so that He could reignite hope of a new dawn.**

**A God who became most fully human, not in terms of Olympic physique, but as the very image of the perfect God, as we were meant to be from the beginning.**

**This is the heart of the gospel of Jesus Christ.**

# A Minister's Musings



## ***Hope of Olympic Proportions (cont.)***

I believe that this story holds the power to truly bring the world together, to inspire hope when all hope seems lost, and to show that even the impossible things of humanity are possible with God. We may celebrate the Olympics every four years, but the celebration of Jesus Christ lasts from eternity to eternity.

What would it look like to be as excited about our faith as the Olympic Games? How would we go about life when the hope of Christ blazes in our hearts?



# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

### Elders

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### Deacons

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