

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



5 September 2021

The Disciple's Responsibility

By Mac Esmilla
Livestream @ 11am
ppcoc.org/live-stream

We just concluded a worship series on Communion, where we explored how God created us for eternal relationship with Him. Yet it is not a relationship between equals, but between the Almighty Creator of All and, well, us.

This relationship comes with expectations. God calls us to live in a certain manner and be a certain kind of person. But we all know from our own experience that we seldom live up to those expectations. There is a rebel inside of us that does not want to follow God entirely.

But there is good news. God never gives up on us, and even sent Jesus to be our model of true, wholehearted obedience. His Spirit lives in us today, empowering us to be the followers He always meant us to be. This is the journey of Discipleship.

COVID-19 Guidelines

We give thanks to God for the improving COVID-19 situation in Singapore. We warmly welcome everybody back to in-person worship. Please take note that:

- **You do not have to register** for worship at our website.
- **You must be fully vaccinated** to attend in-person worship.
- If you are **not vaccinated**, you need a negative PET result from an accredited clinic no earlier than 12:30pm on Saturday.
- **Children under 12** who are not vaccinated can still attend and do not need to go for PET.

We understand that some members have difficulty meeting the above criteria and cannot yet return to worship. We miss you very much and thank you for your understanding as we adhere to safe management measures for the safety of the community. We look forward to having you back when restrictions relax further in the coming weeks.

Giving

Last week's contribution: **\$7,463**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
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Building Fund
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Upcoming Events

Wednesday, 8 Sept | Livestream @ 7:30pm

Midweek Bible Class

"Rescuing the Godly from Trials" (2 Peter 2:1-10)

By John Lim

Sunday, 12 Sept | Live @ 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Caleb"

Joshua 14:6-15

By Foo Yong Wee



Youth Bible Class

"We Become Harsh to One Another"

12 Ways Your Smartphone Is

Changing You

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)



FFF Bible Class

"When Should We Pray?"

Let's Pray About It

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Elijah at Mt Carmel"

1 Kings 18

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)



GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Jesus' Trial; Peter's Denial"

Mark 14:32-52

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)



GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Eli and his Wicked Sons"

1 Sam 2:12-3:21

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

Sunday, 12 Sept | Live @ 11am

"Choosing the Way of the Cross"

Luke 23:26-43

By Gareth Chan



Pledge Barometer



Rebuilding Tender Calling: Deadline Extended

The Rebuilding Committee has granted a three-week extension to the consultants and tenderers, upon their request.

The tender closing has now been extended to 24 September 2021. This is to allow the consultants more time to prepare the relevant materials, such as updating drawings, preparing the Tender Addendum, and working out the costing.

Please keep this project and the Rebuilding Committee in prayer throughout this process.



Preparing for Missions Month

We are approaching the month of October, a very special month throughout PPCOC's history. During this month, we set our minds on Missions - proclaiming the Good News of Jesus to all the world and bringing the kingdom of God to earth.

Like many other things, COVID-19 has forced us to re-evaluate how we conduct missions. In the last two years, we have seen how there is a great mission field ripe for harvest, at our own doorstep. Singapore needs the gospel just as any other place in the world.

This October, we will be discussing the Church's central purpose of mission, with specific focus on our local community. **Brother John Then has volunteered his time and talents to create an online portal containing resources on local missions.** These include videos, articles, testimonies—many of which are produced by our own PP members!

Check out thenconsulting.com or scan the QR code to access this portal. You can also sign up to be part of the mailing list to receive relevant, and inspirational homegrown content on missions.





OPW Prayer List

On Thursday, 26 August, our Online Prayer Warriors gathered to pray over the Deaf Ministry and many other needs of the church. Take some time to look over these prayers and add them to your prayer list as well.

<u>New Prayer Requests</u>	
Deaf Ministry (Theme)	
1. Rudy and Shana bringing up their hearing daughter, Vera.	1. Irene Thong's health
2. Demise of Hui Ting's father	2. Catherine Leow's health
3. See Mui's sick friend's surgery	3. Rosalind Lee's recovery from surgery
4. Visitor Lily Loke's health	4. Moon's grandma's demise and her work.
5. Recovery of Farida's brother and nephew from COVID & niece from food allergy.	5. Ezra Valdez's mum's cancer and his job search.
6. Joan Mak's well-being in London	6. Fook Weng's cataract surgery
7. Keeping the faithful saved & restoring backsliders to Christ	7. Terry Wan's transient stroke
8. Future plans to grow Deaf members through fellowship, prayer-walk, bible class and worship activities.	8. Wai Leng & Lai Fun's eye surgeries
	9. Mike Choo' feet numbness & safety at home
	10. Angie Loh's cancer treatment
	11. Beng Chuan's friend Wang's prostate cancer
	12. Joena Eslaba's studies and well-being
	13. Students taking PSLE, N, O & A levels
	14. Romaine Jackson's family's safety in UK
	15. AV Ministry
	16. 250 In-Person Worship
<u>Updates on Past Prayers</u>	
1. Duanne Morgan's cancer treatment	5. Clarissa Chan's demise
2. Cheng Ting's gall bladder stones	6. Recovery of Khristina's father from COVID
3. Joyce Tan's hip & knee arthritis	7. CA's Myanmar relatives' recovery from COVID
4. Myan's mum's diabetes	8. Raising \$12k for Myanmar missions

The Online Prayer Warriors meet on the last Thursday of every month at 8pm via Zoom. The next meeting will be held on 30 September, where our prayer theme will be Local Missions. Subsequent months will feature Overseas Missions and the Elders and Deacons.



Testimony: The Global Reach of Prayer

Prayer is often a silent work in the quiet of the heart. However, its effects are powerful and life-changing. Here is a testimony from Deepa and Naveen, brethren who were living, working, and serving in Singapore until they had to return to India due to COVID. We have been praying for them, along with many others, and this is their story.

Hi Church,

We are so thankful and grateful for all your prayers concerning our family. We are truly protected and loved by the most High Heavenly Father.

From the day we arrived in India till today, there were lots of things we had to take care of. Our God was faithful in every bit of our lives which showed his abundant love and mercy, which is really touching. His protection and love has kept us safe.

We wholeheartedly thank PASIR PANJANG CHURCH OF CHRIST and the PRAYER WARRIOR TEAM for praying earnestly for our family.

We truly miss you all very much and we feel blessed to be a part of the CHURCH of CHRIST. Hope to see you all soon.

OUR GOD IS AN AWESOME GOD.

God bless ♥

Love from Deepa and Naveen 🙏

A Minister's Musings



PP '22 | Behold, a New Thing

By John Lim

Thus says the LORD,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters...
Behold, I am doing a new thing;
How it springs forth,
Do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

Isaiah 43:16, 19



In this passage, God calls His people to “behold”—to pay attention to the great miracles that He is about to do. With our hectic schedules, we are usually too distracted to notice God’s daily wonders.

But if we only stop to pay attention, when we simply take time to “behold”, we will be utterly amazed by what God is doing in our lives and the world around us. Like the prophet Isaiah, we cry, all at once, “Hallelujah!”, “Lord have mercy!” and “Here am I, send me!”

While 2022 is still several months away, we believe that God is already calling us to “behold” His plan for us at PPCOC. After all, there are many new things taking place, and we believe our Lord has a hand in them.

A Minister's Musings



PP '22 | Behold, A New Thing (cont)

Singapore is advancing towards a post-pandemic state where daily life will be “same same, but different.” Here at PPCOC, we’re preparing to rebuild our current premises and shift to a temporary location, which brings new opportunities and challenges. Also, our roster of full-time staff is changing as the old guard retires and a new team is installed.

Something new is stirring, and it’s not by accident. God is calling us to behold and adore His handiwork, and also to join Him in this glorious new thing.

One of the ways we articulate God’s calling for the PP church is our yearly theme. Each year, the leaders create a theme to capture the spirit of the year.

More than a string of fancy words, the theme expresses the heart and soul of who we are and the mission that God invites us to join. It is a rallying cry throughout the year, reminding us of our identity and purpose should we lose sight of the goal.

This year, the ministers want to involve the whole church in creating this theme. We believe that the church’s identity and purpose grows out of the collective experience of all members.



A Minister's Musings



PP '22 | Behold, A New Thing (cont)

To use less “cheem” language, we believe that God has given you a special part of His grand vision. We want to bring them together so that we behold the whole picture.

Over September and October, the ministers plan to hold dialogues with various groups and ministries within the church. We want to hear your stories about 2021 - what have you learned so far? How has God been present in your life this year? What burdens has He placed in your heart?

We also want to hear about your hopes and dreams for the future. How do you want to grow in 2022? How do you see yourself contributing to the kingdom of God in this church? How can the church support you in your aspirations?

We will collate all the data and discern the story that emerges from all of you. By integrating the stories of the church into one, we will be ready to present the completed theme by January 2022. It will be a grand mosaic of the memories, hopes, and dreams of the whole church, a theme and vision that we can all truly own.

Going further, this discernment exercise isn't just to create the theme for one more year. It's a chance to take a serious look at who we are and who God calls us to be, as individual members of a bigger community in a particular place and time.

This exercise is about who we want to be five years, ten years, even twenty years down the road. And if we take time to listen to the Spirit, to behold the work of God, surely the Lord will reveal his great and wondrous plan.

Connect With Us

Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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