

FOCUS



CHURCH of CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



26 September 2021

Cross Over

By Terry Harrison
Livestream @ 11am
ppcoc.org/live-stream

There is a difference between knowledge and wisdom. Knowledge is when you can name all the nutrients that your body needs to be healthy. Wisdom is when you start eating more vegetables.

Discipleship is about living wisely more than knowing a lot of stuff. As we will see in today's message, it's one thing to know "101 ways to love your neighbour" and it's another thing to pay for his medical bill and expect nothing in return.

Discipleship is about following Jesus and living as He did. Yes, we have Bible classes and sermons and a plethora of online resources to study the teachings of Jesus, and those are great assets to have. But we only become true disciples when we pick up our cross and start walking with our suffering Messiah? Are you doing so?

COVID-19 Guidelines

Starting next week, 3 October, we warmly welcome everyone back to in-person worship services! 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: **\$7,484.40**



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Upcoming Events

Monday, 27 Sept | PP'22 Dialogue - Youth #1

Zoom @ 8pm

ID: 822 3488 8306

Password: Theme2022

Wednesday, 29 Sept | Bible Class

Livestream @ 7:30pm

"The Day of the Lord Will Come" (2 Peter 3:8-13)

By Lim Cher Yam

Thursday, 30 Sept | Online Prayer Warriors

Zoom @ 8pm (Singing starts at 7:45)

ID: 637 679 3407

Password: Kumbaya

Saturday, 2 Oct | PP'22 Dialogue - Youth #2

Zoom @ 2pm

ID: 822 3488 8306

Password: Theme2022

Sunday, 3 Oct | Worship

"Choosing the Way of the Cross"

By Lim Swee Aun

Sunday Bible Classes



3 October | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Radically Changed by the Gospel"
1 Thessalonians 1:1-3
By Lim Cher Yam

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim
(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"Rethinking Biblical Friendships"
The Company We Keep
Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Elisha and the Army"
2 Kings 6:8-23
Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

FFF Bible Class

Online Discussion
Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Jesus is Alive!"
Mk 16:1-3; Jn 20:1-8; Mt 28:1-15
Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee
(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Saul Anointed King of Israel"
1 Sam 10-11
Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee
(9173 2365)



PP '22 Dialogues | Monday & Saturday

In this week's Dialogue sessions, we will be focusing on the Youth ministry that grooms the next generation of Jesus followers. We welcome teachers, assistants, parents, and Youth members to be a part of these uplifting and forward-looking sessions. You can also attend if you simply have an interest in the lives of our Youth.

We will meet on Zoom on Monday at 8pm and Saturday at 2pm. You are welcome to attend either session or both.

We will be asking questions such as:

- How has God been present in the lives of our Youth this year?
- How is God leading our Youth to grow and mature in 2022?
- How would you like to play a part in loving and grooming our young people?



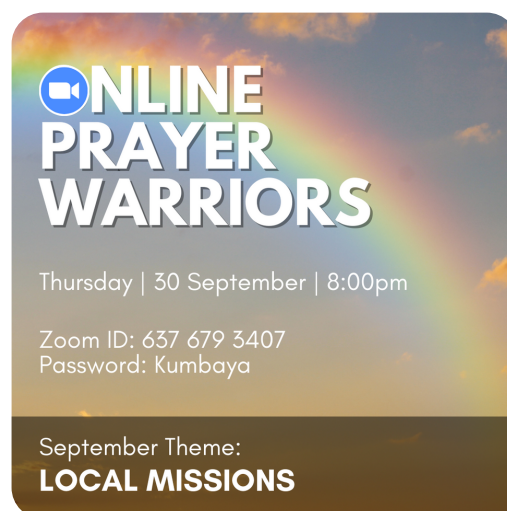
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Online Prayer Warriors September Session

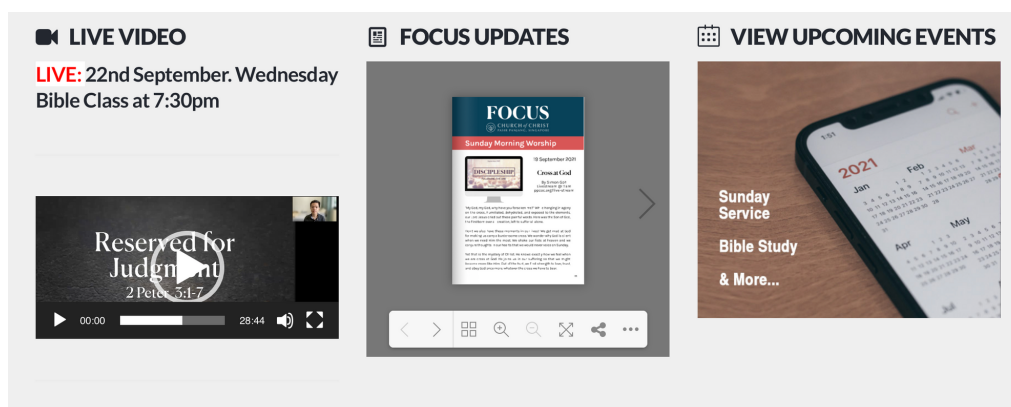
We're focusing on Local Missions to prepare for our Missions Month in October. Let us pray for God to lead us to become a community that loves those at our own doorstep.





Updated Website Interface

We are excited to bring you an update of our website! As soon as you arrive at the front page, simply scroll down to see three panels so that you can access our most timely material: the latest live-stream video (whether it is the Sunday worship or Wednesday Bible Class), the latest edition of the Focus (complete with a satisfactory flipping sound) and our Event Calendar.



The Event Calendar gives you a quick overview of all church events for a given month. If you have an event that you would like the church to know about, such as a prayer meeting or an interest group meeting, simply "Suggest an Event" and we will add it to the calendar.

Events for October 2021

[SUGGEST AN EVENT](#)



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY	SUNDAY
27	28	29	30	1	2	3
Gladiolus Place Devotional PP'22 Dialogue Session – Youth		Wednesday Bible Class			PP'22 Dialogue Session – Youth Ministry	Adult Bible Class Weekly Worship

We are constantly looking to improve our website so that we can empower you to serve God and participate in the life of the church. Let us know what you think!

A Minister's Musings



Worship, Rest and Why We Think Best in the Shower



I have a friend who used to keep a whiteboard next to her shower. I am convinced she is a genius for doing this. She found that some of her most brilliant ideas came during the shower and she needed to write them down as soon as possible before they faded away.

I guess that most of us are like this. There we are, minding our own business, lathering our hair with foamy shampoo, making sure the water temperature is just right. We might even space out and forget whether we had already used body soap or if we need to wash our face again.

And then it hits you. Straight out of nowhere, you think of a solution to the problem you've been working on for weeks. The precise words form in your mind to reply to a client's email—professional, elegant, and maybe even amusing. You remember that important thing you were going to discuss with your spouse but you had forgotten during dinner.

It's almost like how Popeye gets super strength from eating spinach. Maybe our brains become ridiculously overpowered when in contact with steaming hot water.

Really though, why does this happen?

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I think that the shower is where we are least distracted. It is the one place where we cannot bring in our devices—no phone, no watch, no earphones. Even if our devices were waterproof, we can't operate them because (if you're normal) we need both hands to do stuff!

In the shower, we allow our minds to be bored. Our bodies work by muscle memory, and our minds can wander without being chained to a screen. In that freedom, we devote our full focus to what matters most, birthing new modes of thinking and creative solutions.

I think that there's a theological perspective to this. You see, God designed us to be creatures of worship. That means He designed us to love, adore, revere Him with everything that we have.

Everything we could ever want is found in Him. Our hearts will only be satisfied when we find and welcome Him into every corner of our lives as our sole love. As the great theologian Augustine of Hippo famously prayed, "Thou hast created us for Thyself, and our hearts are restless till they rest in Thee."

Yet we live distractedly in virtually (pun intended) every other part of our lives. Technology penetrates every minute of our existence—the office, the bedroom, the public transport commute, the overseas holiday, the dinner table, the worship service.

We can't stop being plugged in, and we are always hyper alert just in case a notification comes in and we simply have to respond to it.

We learn to love immediate entertainment over sitting patiently with the Lord. We grow habits of distraction rather than focus. We skim instead of deep reading and thinking.

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We are absolutely restless, always alt-tabbing and multitasking and jumping between apps in the name of productivity or mindless entertainment. Is it any wonder that we are busy, tired and unsatisfied all the time?

Perhaps it's time to rediscover those sanctuaries of rest. To carve out space in our lives where we can turn our attention fully to worship God. Space where our minds are unshackled from our screens, freed to wander, wonder and worship the glorious mysteries of God, where we find our fullest satisfaction.

Maybe that means the few minutes you spend in the shower. Or powering down your devices an hour before you go to bed. Or maybe it's just sitting, closing your eyes, and breathing deeply for a few minutes, acknowledging the presence of the God who is worthy of all worship.

May God speak to you this week, in the shower or otherwise.

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**As the deer pants for flowing streams,
so pants my soul for you, O God.**

Psalm 42:1

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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