

FOCUS



CHURCH of CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



5 December 2021

What You Need To Be Happy

By Adrian Lee
Live @ 11am

It's that month of the year again! Fairy lights decorate the ceilings of our homes, familiar tunes like "Jingle Bells" and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" go on repeat, and a frenzy of shopping sprees for that perfect gift.

Speaking of gifts, we buy them for others to bring them happiness, and we hope to receive gifts that make us happy. Yet we all know that after some time, the shine fades and the happiness we felt at first goes away. And we go searching for something else to be happy again.

What if our true happiness isn't found in material things? What if we were designed to be satisfied with something beyond this world?

*This week, reflect on these questions: **What do you truly want? What will give you true contentment?***

COVID-19 Guidelines

We have resumed in-person worship services and Bible Classes. Please take note of the following:

- You must be fully vaccinated to come to church.
- Unvaccinated children under 12 years old are allowed to attend.
- Adults, Youth and GEMS Bible Classes have resumed in-person. FFF will remain online until further notice.
- We are allowed to sit in zones of 100. However, we still need to be seated in groups of 2.

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,772.06**



General Fund
S76SS0008AGFD



Missions Fund
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund
S76SS0008ABFD

Bible Classes



5 Dec | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Love One Another"

1 Thessalonians 4:9-12

By KC Cheang

Youth Bible Class

"Online Dating Panel"

Relationships and Dating

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

FFF Bible Class

Peace of God Part 1

By Yap Kian Hwee

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Nineveh Restored"

Jonah 3

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

Character First: Friendship

Proverbs 17:17

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Nabal Refused David Provisions"

1 Samuel 22:5

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



8 Dec | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"You Are Reconciled"

Ephesians 2:11-22

By Simon Goh



Welcome Irvin and Kyle!



(Left to right) The Wan Family
Irvin, Joshua, Xin Tian, Jonathan



(Left to right) The Hooper Family
Kyle, Emma Skye, Rebecca, Korban

At the recent AGM, we were THRILLED to announce that Irvin Wan and Kyle Hooper will be joining the PPCOC staff as full-time ministers in the second half of 2022! They will be taking on roles such as preaching, young adults and worship ministry, missions coordination, and media.

Irvin has been a faithful servant since his teenage years, leading worship services, mission trips, and the Youth/Young Adult ministry for many years. His education and experience in MOE have also equipped him with a diverse skillset that will greatly bless the church.

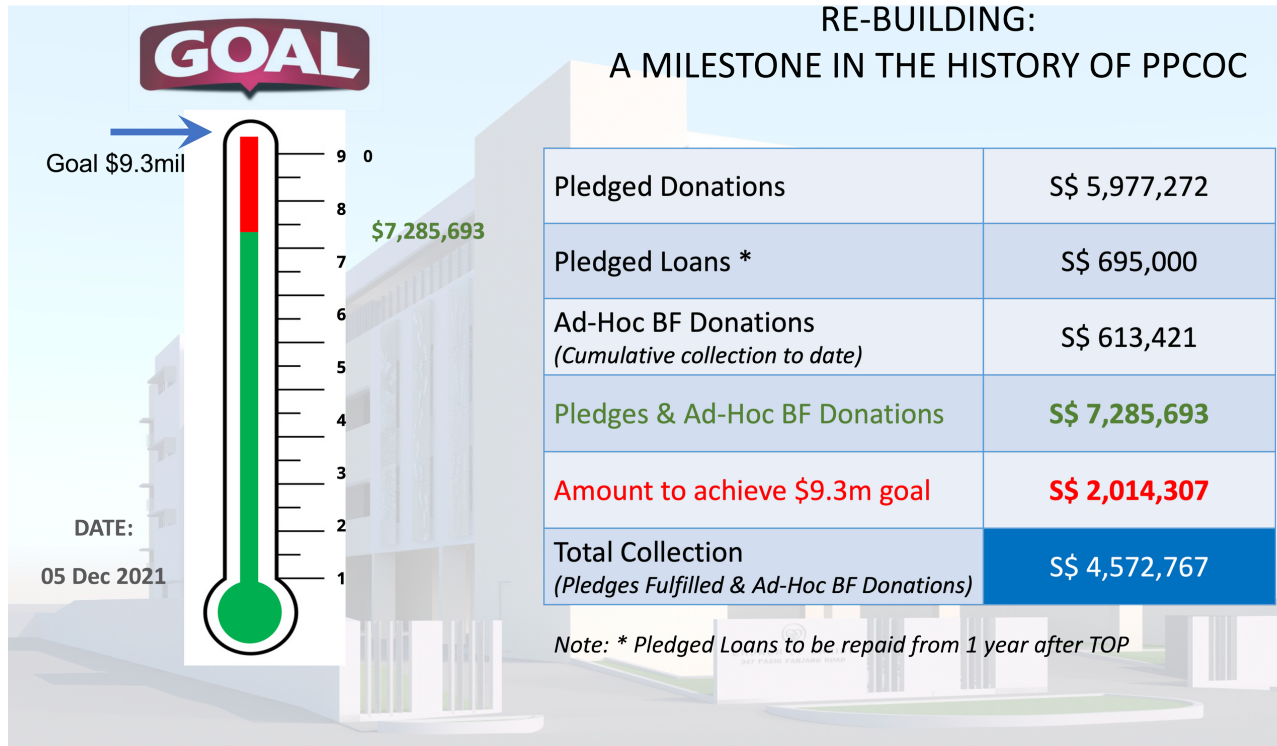
Kyle has much ministry experience under his belt, including time as a full-time preacher in the US and a missionary to China. He and his family are currently in their ninth year in Cambodia and have a passion to bring Christ throughout Asia.

This comes as several of our existing staff - Beng Chuan, Patrick, and Barnabas - prepare to retire by the end of next year. We thank God for the faithful service of those stepping down, and we celebrate the arrival of willing, capable and faithful men to lead us into the future! We invite the church to pray over Irvin and Kyle and their families as they make this transition.



Rebuilding Pledge Barometer & Update

By the Pledge and Building Fund Committee



At the church AGM on 27 Nov, the Rebuilding Committee (RBC) briefed that they are evaluating and finalising the tender documents. The tender award should be in the first quarter of 2022.

As expected, the overall cost has increased due to manpower and material costs. However, the Board has directed the RBC to negotiate and review the costs to cap it at S\$9.3m. With that cap, the 70% threshold approved at the 2018 EGM has been met with the current pledges and ad-hoc donations.

With the Rebuilding project continuing as planned, we strongly encourage members to prayerfully consider pledging and/or donating to meet the cost of the project. It is desirable that members submit pledges so that we have a clearer indication of the donations expected.

Family News

While some may not be able to give much immediately, they can consider pledging small amounts over a longer period. Every donation counts to meet the cost of the project.

As we look forward in excitement to the reconstruction phase, let us continue to pray for God's wisdom and guidance in other areas related to the rebuilding - relocation, moving and disposal of church assets, SIBI students' housing needs etc.



Love Gifts for Mary Jane's mother

We invite the church to support Mary Jane Maglangit, one of our FFF members. Her mother was recently hospitalised and has a very high hospital bill. The Board has already approved a sum of money to support Mary Jane, and we would like the church to show your love and support for her as well.



If you would like to support Mary Jane's family, please make an online payment to the General Fund via PayNow and indicate "Mary Jane" in the remarks.



Condolences to the family of Joyce Tay

The church extends condolences to the family of Joyce Tay, one of our deaf sisters, on the loss of her mother on Tuesday, 30 November. The cremation took place on Saturday.





Cookie Sale - Gladiolus Place Fundraiser

As partners of Gladiolus Place, a home for at-risk teenage girls, we invite all members to show your support by promoting and ordering these baked goods, including 2 special creations - the Red Velvet Marshmallow Cookies and Peppermint Dark Chocolate Cookies. Yum!



We apologise for the inaccuracy published in last week's Focus. There are two ways that you can order these cookies:

You can place your orders with Lucy Kwan (9838 3131) by 12 Dec. You can collect them from church on Sunday, 19 Dec, from 9.30 am - 12.30 pm. Another great reason to attend church in-person on Sunday!

You may also opt for self-collection at Gladiolus Place. You can place individual orders at <https://tinyurl.com/GPBakes2021> and indicate "BakeSale-YourName-PPCOC" under the reference number.



OPW Prayer List

Theme: Elders, Deacons, Board, Ministers & Staff

1. Simon Goh
2. Lim Swee Aun
3. Peter Lim
4. Terry Wan
5. Dennis Law
6. Lim Kok Hin
7. Vincent Lim
8. Ministers – Beng Chuan, Patrick & John
9. Staff – Beng & Annie
10. Board members

Updates on Past Prayers

1. Lim Li Chuan's surgery
2. Leow Teng Hee's stroke
3. Recovery from COVID – Ban, Xin Yi, Lucy & hubby, Nancy Ng & hubby.

New Prayer Requests

1. Rudy Lim's surgery
2. Kidney transplant of Soo Lang's brother, Joo Chai
3. Imelda's baptism
4. Demise of Yiu Huat's brother-in-law
5. Joyce Tan's health & helper Serliana's recovery from COVID
6. Health of Selvaraj's mum
7. Yew Noi's & Jim Kawi's recovery from COVID
8. Health of Mary Jane's mum, Zenaida
9. Goh Wai Leng's health
10. Sis Phay's health
11. Well-being of doctors & nurses dealing with COVID
12. PSLE Results for P6 students
13. Job search for David Dass' son
14. 2021 Church AGM

Feature | Joemar Recomono

Once in a while, we will run special articles by other members and missions partners. This way, we get a glimpse of the work that God is doing beyond the world we normally see. We hope that these articles will inspire you to greater faith, and also to pray for these faithful servants across the world.

This feature comes from Joemar Recomono, one of our SIBI graduates who is currently serving the Pacao and Tugas Churches of Christ, Philippines. This comes from his monthly update on his work and experiences.



November 2021



We have a great time during our **midweek Bible studies**, which happen in different houses every week. Wherever members open their doors for Bible study, we go for it. We are currently going through a series of lessons in the book of Psalms. There are so many good and practical lessons in this book for daily living.

I enjoy every Bible study and the fellowship we have, even though we are facing pandemic crises. Some of our members contracted COVID - even I got sick for 2 weeks! Still, I never gave up serving the Lord and encouraging the saints. What a beautiful journey this year has been - God has truly shown his faithfulness, who promised that he would never leave nor forsake us.

Feature | Joemar Recomono

After I got badly **sick with COVID** for over 2 weeks, I didn't hesitate to get my first dose. 80% of my community got sick and went to the doctor. We were afraid for the result of the swab test. Many members fell sick with the same symptoms that we experienced. I encourage my church family to get vaccinated. It is good to be prepared for the worst.



Thank you to all who encouraged me to get the vaccine, and to those who sent me messages during my sickness. I am more than blessed because of your love and support for me. I love you all, my church all over the world. This year is almost over and you have never left us. On behalf of the Pacao and Tugas Churches, thank you so much.



Here at the Pacao church, God has blessed us so much more than we could ask. We grew in number and in our faith in God. The key to our growth has been the many activities that members participated in.

We have teams in charge of visitation, midweek Bible studies, and radio programs. We visit newcomers and members who were not at worship the previous week. We pray for those experiencing trials and hardship in life. In our community, there are a lot of challenges because of the pandemic. Some church members can't go to church because they need to work even on Sundays to have enough food. We encourage them to remain faithful to God.

Feature | Joemar Recomono

This year we baptised almost 15 people and brought back 10 older members to church. Empowerment is the key of success. I always encourage members to bring a friend. Thanks be to God, we all work for His glory. Thank you so much to all who faithfully support us in prayer and finances. We hope and pray that you will continue supporting us in the coming year.



I am also involved in **training future leaders**. I hold a monthly session to teach young men to be future preachers. I love the desire that they have to grow and serve the Lord. These students also lead a church in their communities. We are so thankful for this opportunity to serve our God. Keep these students in your daily prayers.

In sum, this year I am thankful for :

- Our Almighty God who gave us a great number of baptisms and we continue teach them to walk in the newness of life.
- All individuals and the church who never left me alone as I work in Pacao and Tugas church
- My wife who willingly supports me in the work of the church. We have ups and downs but we remain committed in our work.
- The Bibles sponsored by our brethren from Singapore.

Pray with me for:

- God's protection during the pandemic
- Our 3rd anniversary on December 26th, 2021. Our theme is "Let Us Celebrate His Faithfulness."
- Members who are sick from COVID or other ailments
- Our country's election next year
- More baptisms

Feature | Joemar Recomono

Since COVID has really affected us, I ask for your help so that we can give food packs at our anniversary. We have some members who need food assistance. I am looking forward to God answering our prayer for His greater glory. We have some money from the church which we plan to use in church design and some gifts.

We want our community to see Jesus through us in times like this. I plan to give 3 kilos of rice, noodles, milo, milk and sardines. These are the basic needs for our members.

If you wish to support Brother Joemar in his good work, please contact our elders to make arrangements.

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Joemar Recomono

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



Meet Our People

Elders

Simon Goh	8833 0899
Peter Lim	9274 5457
Lim Swee Aun	9335 9955
Terry Wan	9845 2878

Deacons

Dennis Law	9681 1068
Lim Kok Hin	9679 6027
Vincent Lim	9451 7382

Ministers

Tan Beng Chuan	9639 3008
Patrick Ong	8200 5250
John Lim	8689 2008

Pledge and Building Fund Committee

Peter Lim	9274 5457
Jim Kawi	9825 8792
Grace Mariaraja	9060 7585