

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



02 January 2022

**Do. Or Do Not.
There Is No 'Try'.**

By John Lim
Live @ 11am

In this famous scene in "The Empire Strikes Back", Luke Skywalker despairs at the task before him. When he shrugs his shoulders and resigns himself to "trying" anyway, Master Yoda chides him for his lack of faith in the limitless power available to him. That's actually not too far removed from the Christian story.

Our new worship series is on the Sermon on the Mount. Following the approach of biblical scholar Randy Harris, we believe that Jesus calls us to actually live this kind of kingdom life. It's not so lofty that only the religious elite can do it. It's not an impossible standard which we know we'll fail, but hopelessly try anyway to earn points for effort.

Through Jesus, it is possible to live the kingdom life. So let's drop the excuses. Let's "try" less and "do" more.

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Scripture: Matthew 7:24-29

Scripture: Psalm 1:1-3

Sermon

Higher Ground | This Is The Day

In Christ Alone

Opening Prayer

Announcements

Just a Closer Walk With Thee

Shepherd's Prayer

Communion

The New Song

Giving

Congregational Response:

My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

The Lord's Prayer

Reflection Questions

- 1 How would your life be different if you had the opportunity to learn from an expert in the field of your choice (finance, time management, parenting, a sport/hobby)? (Matt 7:28-29)
- 2 What does it mean to "delight in the law of the Lord" (Psalm 1:2)? If you led a life of delighting in God's Word, what would it look like? What habits would be part of your lifestyle?
- 3 What is the distinction between the wise and foolish builders of Jesus' teaching? Do they have the same tools, knowledge, understanding? What is the connection between this teaching of Jesus and Psalm 1?
- 4 What does Jesus want His audience to do in response to the illustration of the builders? What is something specific you can do this week to be obedient to the teachings of Jesus?

Upcoming Events



02 Jan | 9:30am

Welcome New Members Sunday

All Bible Classes will be combined today to celebrate our new brothers and sisters! It will be live-streamed from the auditorium. The regular Sunday Bible Class schedule will resume next Sunday, 9 January.



05 Jan | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"The Basis for Unity" (Ephesians 4:4-6)

By Lim Lian Chye



07 Jan | 7:30pm

Young Adult Monthly Fellowship

A regular gathering for Young Adults to connect, study, encourage and be encouraged in the Christian community.

Contact Chia Koon Liang (9875 4254)



08 Jan | 12pm

Youth Huddle

A bi-weekly fellowship for Youth aged 13 and above. Come join us for food, fun, and authentic Christian community!

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)



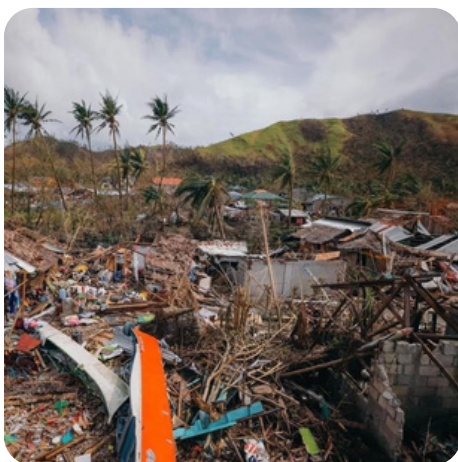
Focus Day 2022: Thank You for Coming!



We kicked off 2022 with our annual Church Focus Day, where leaders shared plans and hopes for the year. It was a great joy to have many members gathering via Zoom, and we saw a vibrant spirit of unity emerging from the various sectors of the church. From Youth to Young Adults, new locations and ministers, 2022 is looking to be an incredible year!



Support for Typhoon Rai/Odette



We are calling for donations to support the relief and rebuilding efforts in the aftermath of Typhoon Rai/Odette in the Philippines. Funds will support brothers Joemar (Pacao & Tugas Church of Christ) and Chito (MARCH for Christ).

Donate via QR Pay to the Mission Fund and indicate "Phil relief" in the remarks. The deadline will be extended to 9 January.



Thanksgiving: Mary Jane's mother

Sister Mary Jane and her family express their thanks to the the church for providing prayers as well as spiritual, emotional and financial support for her mother's medical bill.

"Words are not enough, but I just want to say thank you so much...I feel that I have a family who lifted me up in my difficult times. You are all there to show me the light of Jesus in my darkest moment. I am so grateful and blessed to belong in this family a family of Christ. It really touches my heart that I have a home here away from home and have a family away from my family.



Condolences: Family of Francisco Cammayo



Our deepest condolences to Maribel and Ehpril (SG) & Mildred and Karen (Philippines) on the passing of their beloved father Francisco Cammayo on 30 Dec 2021. His health has been deteriorating for the last 5 years and he died of old age at 82 years old. He was baptised at his hometown river on 1 Jun 2008 by Bro Edward Lee. May God's peace and comfort and their beautiful memories of him ease their loss.



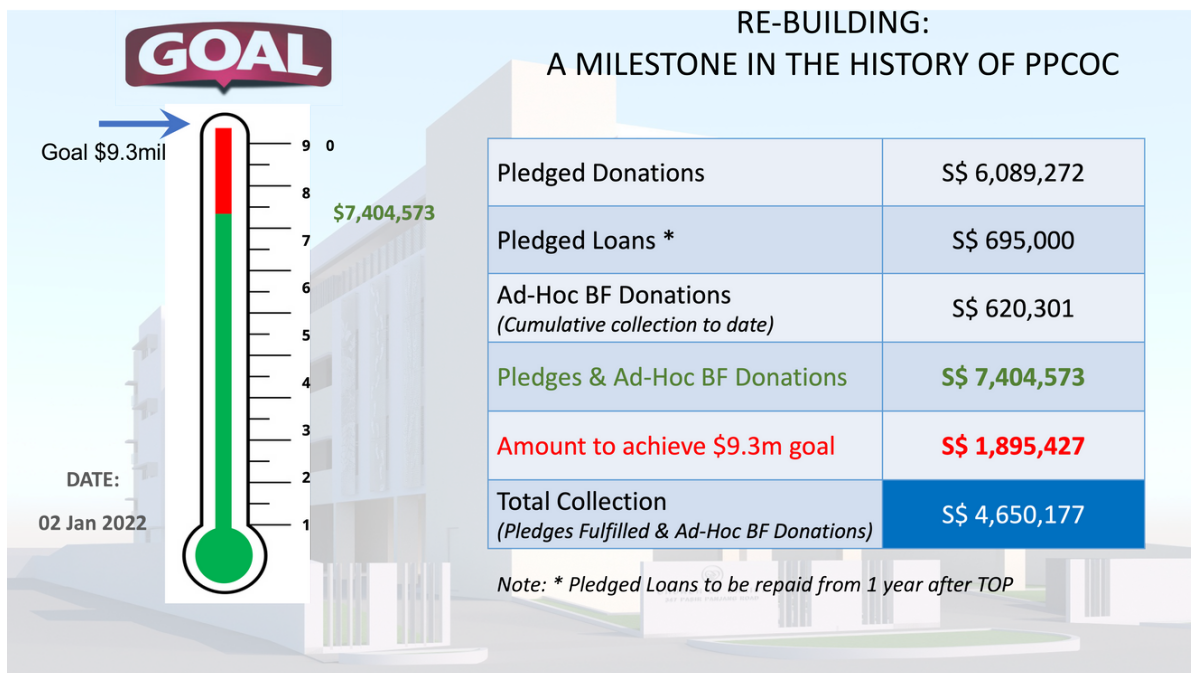
Condolences: Family of Lim Lian Chye



Our deepest condolences to the family of brother Lim Lian Chye on the passing of his mother Annie, who graduated to glory on 1 January 2022. We pray for God's peace and comfort over this dearly beloved family.



Rebuilding Barometer



Recruitment of Resident Technical Officer

The Rebuilding Program will commence from the first quarter of 2022 and is estimated to be completed in about 18 months. The church is looking for a full time Resident Technical Officer (RTO) for the project. Interested applicants may find the job scope, required experience and qualifications by scanning the QR code below.

Interested applicants are to submit their CV and working experience by 31 Jan 2022 to:

Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang,
Singapore
347 Pasir Panjang Road
Singapore 118688
c/o Church Rebuilding Committee

Email admin@ppcoc.org and
cc tanbengchuan@ppcoc.org





Rebuilding Pledges



Members are encouraged to submit their pledges so that we will have an indicative amount that is forthcoming for the project. If you intend to do so, please submit your pledge form to any of the Pledge and Building Fund Team (Peter Lim, Jim Kawi, Grace Mariarajah).

<https://bit.ly/PPCoCPledgeForm>



Elder Terry Wan Steps Down



The Board and Elders would like to announce that elder Terry Wan has decided to step down as Elder from end Dec 2021. It was after much prayers and deliberation that he came to this decision. We want to thank elder Terry for his leadership, and dedication as an elder. His faith and example have inspired many and we believe that he will continue to serve God well in whatever capacity He has provided for him.

Below is his letter to the church on his decision and plans for the future. Do pray for his health and his adjustment to the new routine in his life.

Family News

Dear brethren,

Since my transient stroke in August 2021, I have been experiencing a string of other health issues. This was further compounded by my age and the fast pace of life activities which were often beyond my control. I am currently on long term medication and have been advised to have proper rest, exercise and diet.

As I shared with the elders, my initial plan was to serve in the eldership till the end of my 3-year term in 2022. However I felt the urgent need to make an adjustment now so as to follow through with the recovery routine, and prevent a relapse, God willing. As such, I regret that I have to step down as an elder in end Dec 2021.

I believe that God will continue to raise up younger and faithful men to lead our congregation into the next decade. With our new ministers and the church's rebuilding becoming a reality in the very near future, the Lord has exciting plans for all of us.

My heart's desire is to spend more time with God and meditate on the Word, and to encourage and be encouraged whenever there is opportunity. I am looking forward to a new season of service in His kingdom.

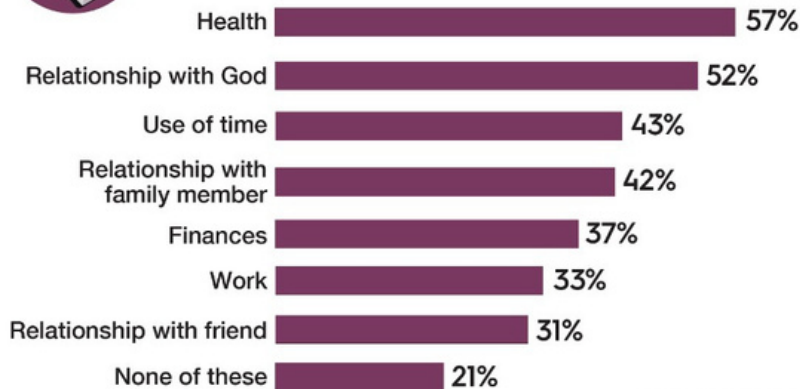
Your understanding and prayers will be much appreciated.
Thank you.



Resolutions Are Not For Us But God's Glory



What topics have you addressed with New Year's resolutions in the past?



Note: Respondents could check all that apply.



LifeWayResearch.com

The holiday season has just passed, and many of us are indulging in retrospection and evaluating life choices. New Year's resolutions give us a re-start to make fresh changes for 2022.

The dictionary defines resolution as “a firm decision to do or not to do something.” It connotes intention, determination and aspiration! It is an act of our will based on our moral or personal belief. We act on something that truly matters.

We are like ships at sea and our resolutions are like the rudders that guide the ships. However, with no wind in our sails, we will remain stranded no matter how much we fiddle with the rudders. We can't accomplish any goals without 'God's wind in our sails'. We need God's help.

Ask God to stand by us in our challenges ahead for 2022. Let Him be part of our spiritual development process, to support, help, and guide us. Give God space in our souls and hearts to help us fulfil our resolutions and dreams!

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

No matter how dedicated we are to our resolutions, success will not matter unless we do them to glorify and serve God. “In their hearts humans plan their course, but the LORD establishes their steps.” Proverbs 16:9.

As Jesus said, “I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me, you can do nothing” (John 15:5).

Let us stay connected to the vine (Christ) and bear fruit with His help and assistance for all our resolutions made in 2020.

Reflection Questions:

- What resolutions will you make in 2022?
- So what changes do we need to make personally in our minds, hearts and bodies for the resolutions to become a reality in 2022?
- Will the changes made in 2022, shine forth the glory of Good to all around us?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, thank You for making all things new! As another new year begins, help us to live daily for You. May we continually have a new song of praise for Your glory and honor in our hearts to sing to You, no matter what comes our way. We trust in You for Your mercies are new every morning, and nothing ahead of me will take You by surprise. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

God bless your journey ahead in 2022!

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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