

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



09 January 2022

Living the Upside-Down Kingdom

By Kuek Lee Hock
Live @ 11am

In the Beatitudes, Jesus sets forth the “Upside-Down Kingdom” where each disciple commits to spiritual values that are in conflict with the cultural values of the world. The nature and the aspirations of citizens of His kingdom collide within those of the rest of the world, which demands that our five senses be satisfied.

Taken together, Jesus’ message gives a complete picture of a disciple of Christ who is willing to be unsuccessful in the eyes of the world, mistreated, persecuted and even die for his faith to become an heir of God’s blessings.

As Christians, let us desire these spiritual attributes. Let us live out these Christ-like traits and lead others to ponder their salvation in Christ.

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The Beatitudes are a portrait of humility, gentleness, mercy, grief, hungering and thirsting for what is right, purity and peacemaking. That is what it means to live in the Upside-down Kingdom of God.

God's blessings are eternal whereas people's desires are external and temporal in nature.

Order of Worship

Call to Worship

Scripture: Matthew 5:1-12

Scripture: Psalm 1

Sermon

[Living By Faith](#)

[Footprints of Jesus](#)

Opening Prayer

Announcements

[I Come to the Garden Alone](#)

Shepherd's Prayer

Communion

[Shout to the Lord](#)

Giving

Congregational Response:

[I Want To Be Where You Are](#)

Reflection Questions

- 1 How does the 'gospel of wealth and health' contrast to the 'upside-down' call of the gospel of 'be ready for sacrifice'?
- 2 What are we willing to give up and sacrifice to be a part of Christ's Upside-down Kingdom?
- 3 Do we value the blessings promised to us in the Beatitudes? Yes / No / Unsure. (Please elaborate).

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 and in groups of up to 5.

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$12,966**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund
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Upcoming Events



09 Jan | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Worthy of the Kingdom Part 2"

2 Thessalonians 1

By Kelvin Koo

Youth Bible Class

Welcome New Members

The Gospel of Mark

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

FFF Bible Class

Dependence on God

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)

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

Contact Eunice Chen (9176 1667)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

Salt and Light, Law and Anger

Matthew 5:13-26 (Sermon on the Mount)

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



10 Jan | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devo

Contact Lucy Kwan

(9838 3131)



13 Jan | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"Grow" (Ephesians 4:7-16)

By Lim Lian Chye

Family News



Condolences: Family of Yeo Chiew Yen



Our deepest sympathy and condolences to the family of Sister Yeo Chiew Yen on the passing of her father-in-law on the morning of 7 January 2022. We pray for God's peace and comfort over this dear family.



Wednesday Bible Class: Zoom Addition!



As part of plans to make our Bible classes more interactive, we're happy to announce that we will be starting a Zoom session for Wednesday Bible Class attendees to share insights and go through discussion questions! Simply log on to Zoom after the livestream is over and start chatting!

Meeting ID: 853 6167 8088

Passcode: Logos



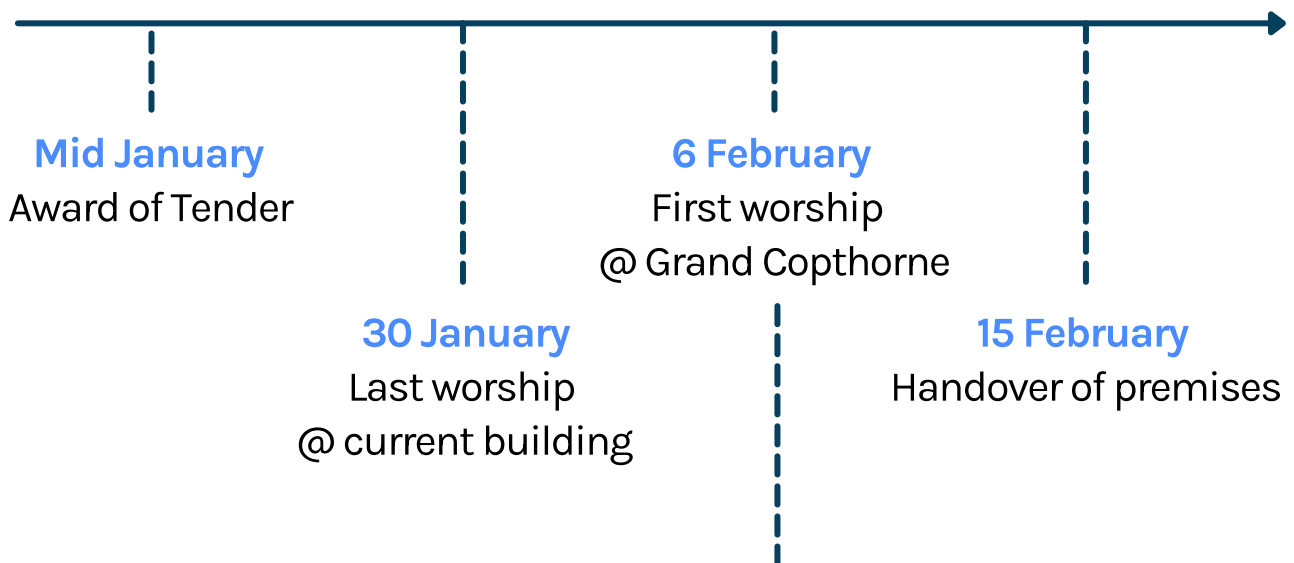
Support for Typhoon Rai/Odette



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. **Today is the LAST day to make your donation!**

Family News (Rebuilding)



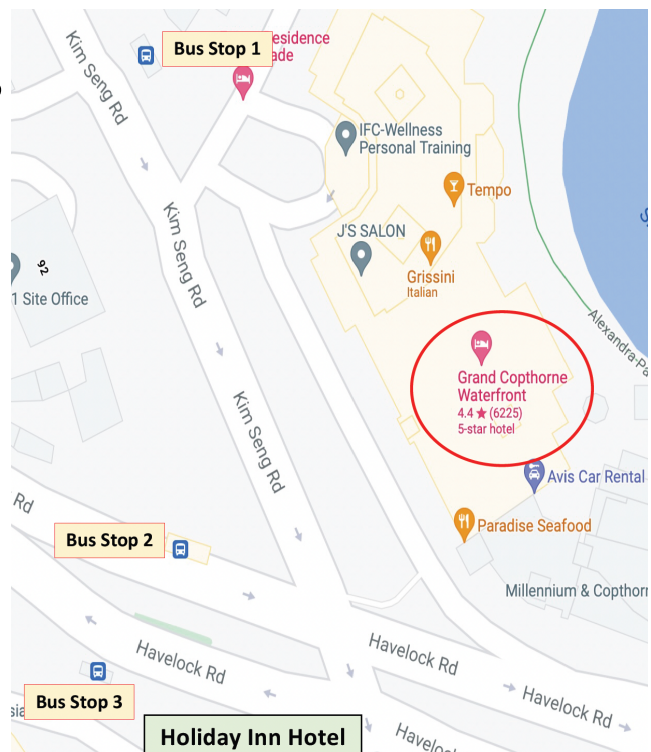
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From Bus Stop 2:
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From Bus Stop 3:
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New MRT station (TR16 Havelock)
expected to open in 2022 beside
Holiday Inn.

Ample car park space @ hotel!



Family News (Rebuilding)



Recruitment of Resident Technical Officer

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. Details may be found by scanning the QR Code.



Celebrate 347!



As we prepare to relocate, we want to celebrate over three decades of God's faithfulness to this church family during our time at 347 Pasir Panjang Road. Here are some ways you can take part in this celebration!

- 1 Send us videos, pictures, and stories of your best moments at the church building! Email them to johnlim@ppcoc.org by 23rd Jan.
- 2 If you have a special memory you'd like to share about the church building, contact John Lim to arrange a weekend interview session (15/16 or 22/23 Jan).
- 3 Collect church items from 16-30 Jan (stone chairs, foldable tables, plastic chairs, Bibles, hymnals, library books and tapes). Approach any church staff to obtain them.

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock



"Cease striving and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." Psalm 46:10

In our culture, to do nothing and let things flow is not the norm. Taking control and getting things done is the order of the day! However, living this life has also taught us that not all 'things' can be fully controlled by our human effort. Pandemics, natural catastrophes, accidents and death can happen all of a sudden and all our security blankets fail us! Instead, we become downcast, overwhelmed by a blanket of despair.

Yet Psalm 46:10 reminds us to "Be still". To "Stop fighting" or "Cease striving". It is certainly a good discipline for believers to take time daily to be still before the Lord in prayer. Perhaps we should consider practising this in 2022, just as Jesus did in Luke 5 where He "often withdrew to lonely places and prayed."

This is One who commands the storm and everything in it to be still before Him and who even raised the dead! We can find comfort in our God, an impenetrable refuge. He will protect his people and bring them to everlasting peace.

So He calls us to stop fearing, to be still and commit our storms of life to Him, and rest assured that we have an impenetrable home with God.

To find security in God, we have to stop finding security in everything else. Nothing in this world will offer you the security other than God. Here are three ways that you can practice Being Still and Silent:

1. Shut Out external distractions. Life can be fast-paced and we may be overwhelmed with busyness and activities. We feel we can't slow down. Our busyness can get in the way of having time alone.

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Find a specific time and place for solitude daily. Turn off any distracting “noise” – from invasive electronic gadgets. Read from a printed Bible (remove possible distractions). Be still. Take the time to experience God’s presence.

2. Shut down internal distractions - the inner voice that keeps talking to you! It is vital to silence our inner being. That is, banish all the thoughts within us that pull our attention away from the presence of God. If something needs to be taken care of later, write it down and then forget about it for now.

3. Let Go & Let God be in Control. Let go of what the culture tells us about who we should be. Spend 30 minutes a day, to let God's Word give you direction for your life, and let His Word guide you daily. God does not want us to handle all of life's issues on our own; He wants us to give our issues, worries, and problems to Him.

Let God into Your daily routine and help you solve your problems. And life would be so much easier if we just let go and let God.

Reflection Questions:

- List the 3 most troubling worries in your daily living.
- What impact does each worry creates in you?
- How will ‘being still in God’s presence by meditating on His Word strengthen you?

Prayer:

Teach us, Almighty God, not to worry about the things beyond our control. Give us inner peace as we go out today to face life’s toughest battles. Ease our mind of anxieties, O loving Father. Draw near and walk with us wherever we go as we draw near to You. Allow nothing to distract or lure us away from Your holy presence. Bless us with love, peace, happiness, and favour wherever we go. In Jesus’ majestic name I pray, Amen!

Connect With Us

Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



Meet Our People

Elders

Simon Goh

Peter Lim

Lim Swee Aun

Deacons

Dennis Law

Lim Kok Hin

Vincent Lim

Ministers

Tan Beng Chuan

Patrick Ong

John Lim

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