

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



30 January 2022

### The Heart Of The Matter

By Lim Cher Yam  
Live @ 11am

In Matthew 5:20, Jesus said that unless our righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, we shall never enter the Kingdom of Heaven. Jesus illustrates what “Kingdom Righteousness” is by citing the traditional interpretation and application of the Law regarding murder versus what true righteousness demands: understanding the true intent of the Law.

Man’s righteousness focuses on external appearances and the final outcome but neglects the emotions and the issues of the heart. This righteousness would condemn the act of murder but think nothing of hateful emotions such as anger, name calling and attacks on other people’s character. Even so, both are equally dangerous, and the latter probably more so.

Much of the Sermon on the Mount reflects a three-fold pattern of teaching (traditional teaching, vicious cycles of behaviour, transformative initiatives) wherein Jesus focuses on practical things we can do to live the new way of life. In this sermon we shall explore in-depth the first teaching on murder.

# Sunday Morning Worship

As we hear, read and practice the Sermon on the Mount over this season of Church life, our prayer is that we will all discover new possibilities for life change.

## Order of Worship

Call To Worship

[Angry Words! O Let Them Never](#)

Scripture: Psalm 145:1-9

Scripture: Matthew 5:21-26

[O Worship The King](#)

Sermon

[O What A Glorious God](#)

[O Lord You're Beautiful](#)

Opening Prayer

Announcements

[O Sacred Head](#)

Shepherd's Prayer

Communion (1 Cor 11:27-29)

[O How I Love Jesus](#)

Giving (2 Cor 9:6-8)

Congregational Response

## Reflection Questions

- 1 How do you typically handle conflict? Do you avoid, repress or retreat from negative feelings towards others? Do you go on the offensive, face the conflict head on or immediately attempt to win the argument?
- 2 Jesus moves from a prohibited action (murder) to the real heart issue (anger, conflict). What are some of the negative consequences that result when we avoid dealing with our heart?
- 3 With whom do you have any unresolved issues or conflict? How might you obey Jesus' instruction to "leave your gift before the altar" and go to that brother this week?

# 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 below 12 years of age are allowed to attend.
- In-person Adult, Youth and GEMS Bible Classes have resumed. FFF will remain online until further notice.
- We are allowed to sit in zones of 100 and in groups of up to five.

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$12,749**



General Fund  
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Missions Fund  
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund  
S76SS0008ABFD

# Upcoming Events



**30 Jan | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"Be Not Weary In Doing Good"

*2 Thessalonians 3*

By Lim Cher Yam

## **GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)**

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"Jesus Gets Political!"

*Gospel of Mark*

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)**

"God Created Angels"

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

## **FFF Bible Class**

Eldership - Disciplining The Flock

By Seah Siow Hwee

Contact Dorothy Tay (9363 1260)

## **GEMS Bible Class (P123)**

"Do Not Worry"

*Luke 12:22-34*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)**

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

## **GEMS Bible Class (P456)**

"The Rich Young Ruler"

*Matthew 19:16-30*

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

## **GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)**

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

## **P6 Apologetics Class**

Evidence Against Evolution: Man

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)



**2 Feb | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8:30)**

"Imitate God" (Eph 5:1-6)

By Lim Lian Chye



**4 Feb | 7:30pm**

## **Young Adult Monthly Fellowship**

Contact Kenneth Kuek (9338 9689)





## Online Prayer Warriors

We had a well-attended online prayer warriors meeting on Thursday, 27 January. Here are the prayer requests and thanksgivings that were raised. Join us in prayer for these items!

### Online Prayer Warriors 27 Jan 2022

#### New Prayer Requests

##### **Theme 1: New Converts**

1. Fun Rui
2. Jarmila Lee
3. Benjamin
4. Melanie Lim
5. Cristina Balagey
6. Imelda Fedelicio

##### **Theme 2: Rebuilding Project**

- Project to be completed within \$9.3m Budget and within 18 months Timeline.
- God to grant RBC wisdom to reduce project costs to achieve desired outcomes and find suitable subcontractors for the rest of the work.
- Relocation to short term hotel and office locations to be smooth and that members will adapt to physical worship and Bible Classes at new location.
- Members to donate generously to meet the funding shortfall of \$2.6m.
- God to oversee everything and that new building will glorify him to serve members and the community.

#### New Prayer Requests

1. Demise of Annie Huan
2. Demise of Francisco Cammayo
3. Demise of MerryJane's brother
4. MerryJane's mum's health
5. Tan Beng Chuan's eye cataract operations
6. Thanksgiving for Sandra Chan's recovery of left side numbness
7. David Dass' son's employment in SG shipyard.
8. Thanksgiving for Mee Geok's new job and her challenges ahead.
9. Kok Hin's 2 staff to recover from COVID and family to be protected from COVID.
10. Samuel Lim to be granted wisdom and favour in his job search.
11. Soo Lang's brother Joo Chai's kidney condition as re-admitted to hospital for monitoring of blood.
12. Lydia to be granted acceptance to SBC for Degree in Counselling.

#### Updates on Past Prayers

1. **Goh Wai Leng – seek suitable donor for liver transplant.**
2. **Alice Tan's brain tumour not to develop into malignancy.**

**Pray for peace of mind and strength to endure and for God to do what's best for them.**



## Gladiolus Place Donations

For many years, we have partnered with Gladiolus Place to minister to at-risk teenagers with the love and grace of God. In the past, we have taken up a collection during the Chinese New Year period to sponsor Ang Pows, food, and gifts for the girls.

This year, we want to expand the collection for not only CNY, but other events throughout the year. Funds collected will help to sponsor celebrations during other festive seasons such as Hari Raya and Deepavali. You can make your donation to the Missions Fund (QR code here) and indicate "GP Girls" in the remarks.



## Women's Bloom Conference

*Harding University - College of Bible and Ministry*



**Saturday, 19 Feb (SG Time)**

8am - Keynote Address 1

11pm - Keynote Address 2

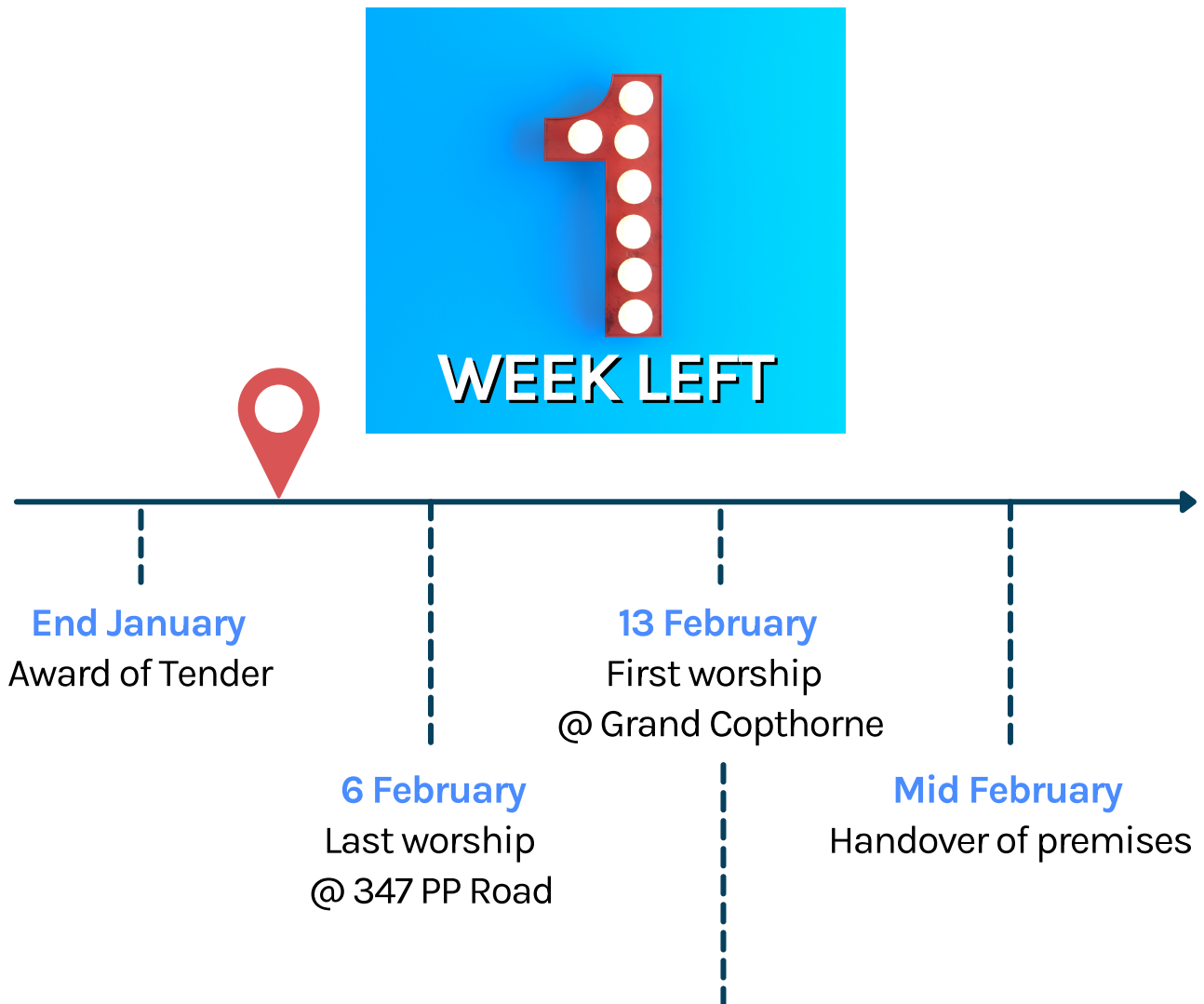
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The 28th annual women's event at Harding University, the Bloom Conference, will be held from February 18-19, 2022. This year's theme is "Unveiled" with keynote speakers Ann Brown, Tessa Davidson and Michelle Goff. They will explore what it means to have authentic and transparent relationships with God and one another. More than a dozen breakout group leaders will develop this theme with smaller groups.

The Bloom Conference is hosted by the College of Bible and Ministry at Harding. If you have any questions, feel free to reach out at [bloom@harding.edu](mailto:bloom@harding.edu).

# Family News (Rebuilding)



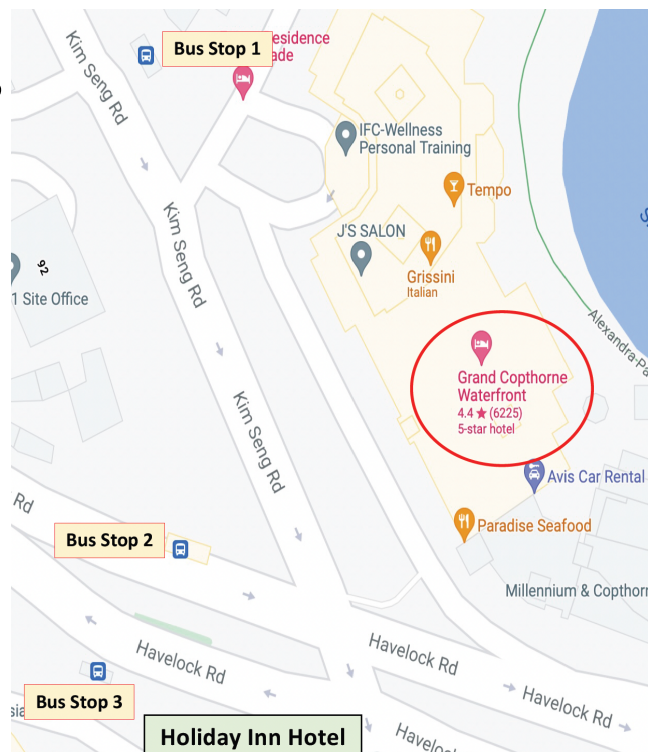
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New MRT station (TE16 Havelock)  
expected to open in 2022 beside  
Holiday Inn.

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



## Transition Worship Series



We are taking a break from our Sermon on the Mount series. As we settle into our new Sunday format, we will have a special sermon series to help us discern the will of God as we begin this new season.

The story of Scripture is of God's people on the move. Having been exiled from the Garden of Eden, they are always seeking to find and return to that blessed place where they may walk with God "in the cool of the day." Their journeys take them through deserts and oceans, to mountaintops and valleys; oft these journeys are uncertain, and yet things work out in the end.

Yet the story of Scripture is not about the people striking it out on their own, but about God who is faithful to lead them with a sure hand through apparent disaster and folly to victory and peace.

Likewise, we recognise that we are not in charge of our own journey, with all our contracts and roadmaps and Excel spreadsheet planning. God is in charge from start to finish, and He deserves our worship.



# PPCOC

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|    | Only vaccinated persons can attend worship & Bible classes (does not apply to children below 12 years).  |    | Singing with mask on is NOT permitted. Congregational response is permissible.  |
|    | Group sizes must be kept to 5 persons (e.g. only 5 people can sit together in a row).  |    | Refrain from using hotel WiFi to free up bandwidth for live-streaming of worship and Bible classes.   |
|    | Comply with safe management measures by the hotel.   |   | Do not mingle or gather at the foyer/along the corridors in between Bible class and worship.  |
|  | Look for ushers for assistance if you are unsure of the location of rooms or hotel facilities.   |  | Do not bring or consume outside food and beverage within the hotel.   |
|  | Scan SafeEntry devices/QR codes at the entrance to each room you enter/exit.   |  | Do not linger around the premises after worship.  |
|  | Please take care of your own belongings. The hotel is not liable for any damage or loss of the church's / members' property.   |  | Do not mingle within the ballroom!  |
|  | All activities (worship, Bible class, etc) are to stay within the respective rooms. No spilling over into the foyer or corridors.  |  | The church is liable for damage or breakage of hotel property. Please handle items with care and report to the church staff if you break or damage items. |
|  | If you test positive for COVID-19 during the week after attending the Sunday services, contact any of the Ministers as soon as possible. The church will need to inform the hotel accordingly. |   |   |

# PPCOC

@ GRAND COPTHORNE WATERFRONT

**Bible Classes**  
9:30am -  
10:30am

**Paradiso**  
Chinese  
Congregation

**Cardinal**  
Nursery, Kinderkids  
GEMS P4-6

**Swallow**  
Toddlers, GEMS P1-3  
Apologetics Class

**Galleria 1**  
Youth

**Galleria 2 & 3**  
Adults & FFF

Cradle Roll

**Worship**  
11am - 12pm

\*There may be changes to the rooms due to prior bookings by other parties. We will inform members in advance of these changes. There will be special signs to direct you to the correct rooms.

**Paradiso**  
Chinese  
Congregation

**Cardinal**  
Deaf Ministry  
Spillover Room

**Swallow**  
Spare Room

**Galleria 1-3**  
English  
Worship

Cradle Roll



*[Jesus] replied: “Watch out that you are not deceived. For many will come in my name, claiming, ‘I am he,’ and, ‘The time is near.’ Do not follow them. When you hear of wars and uprisings, do not be frightened. These things must happen first, but the end will not come right away.” Then he said to them: “Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be great earthquakes, famines and pestilences in various places, and fearful events and great signs from heaven.” (Luke 21:8-11)*

The onslaught of the pandemic is still spreading. Inflation is escalating and the world's energy shortage is mounting. There is troubling fear of major armed conflict among the superpowers. Where might we go to find the answers all these woes?

This week's Nugget aims to deepen our faith walk with God. Following from last week's Nugget, we will reflect further on the unfolding barrage of events that happened over the past week in the light of God's Word.

### **Lesson 3: Discernment comes from knowing God's Truth & Wisdom**

“Now the Berean Jews were of more noble character ... for they ... examined the Scriptures every day to see if what Paul said was true” (Acts 17:11). The Bereans searched the scriptures to validate Paul's gospel. (Even the Apostle Paul's message had to be tested against Scripture!)

The Bible is always the place to start when it comes to discernment. It is the basis for sound guidance that protects us from making errors and feeling at a loss about the mounting circumstances and pressures of life. It is like the guard rails of roads. Every issue and event is a road, while God's Word is the guard rails of wisdom for a blessed life.

# Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

**Lesson #4: Expecting perfection makes for a frustrating life!** Only prefer that things could be better than they are! Leave the perfection to God. Jeremiah 17:9 says that “The heart is more deceitful than all else and is desperately sick; Who can understand it?”

The nature of human pride and lust of the eye and flesh will carry on to mess up God’s beautiful creation. God’s response is this: “For this people’s heart has become calloused; they hardly hear with their ears, and they have closed their eyes. Otherwise, they might see with their eyes, hear with their ears, understand with their hearts and turn, and I would heal them.” (Matthew 13:15)

Let God take control as the driver of our daily life! Then getting to our next destination in life will be a breeze!

## **Lesson #5: Forge Ahead!**

Let’s take Paul’s advice: “Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already been made perfect, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus...” (Philippians 3:12-14)

### **Reflection questions:**

- Whom do I seek counsel and advice from first whenever I am in trouble and whatever trouble I am in? What is the outcome?
- Knowing that humankind has a propensity to ‘meddle, tamper and even distort’ the very nature of God, why do we mindlessly seek human wisdom as our first course of action?
- What would I do differently to walk closer to God?



# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

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