

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



10 April 2022

### Living Jesus Together: Stick in My Eye

By Simon Goh  
Live @ 11am

Here in Singapore, we've learned to look out for external measures of success - what schools we (or our children) went to, what kind of house we live in or the car we drive, what kind of friends we keep, etc. Conversely (and subconsciously), we judge those who don't meet these standards as lower than ourselves. We think of them as less deserving of our attention, love, and care.

This week, we look at one of the most well-known Bible verses, when we are told to "Judge not" (Matthew 7:1). While it's often lifted out of context and wrongly applied, this simple command of Jesus probably applies to us more than we like it to.

In the kingdom of heaven, there is but one Judge, and He does a perfect job of it. He doesn't need us to add our own judgments; rather He invites us to show mercy, grace and compassion.

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Welcome And Briefing

[Hallelujah Praise Jehovah](#)

[Give Thanks to the Lord](#)

Scripture: Psalm 92:1-4, 12-15

Opening Prayer

[Come Share The Lord](#)

Communion And Giving

[Seek Ye First](#)

Scripture: Matthew 7:1-14

Sermon

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Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

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## Reflection Questions

- 1 What would a society look like when everyone acts in a godly way towards one another?
- 2 Jesus starts with our relationships with others but the focus is clearly on the work we need to do within ourselves. What changes does Jesus call us to make within our hearts?

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,743**



General Fund  
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Missions Fund  
S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund  
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If you plan to make a contribution via cheque, please make sure it is made payable to "[Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore](#)". Please ensure that you write the full name so that the cheque can be processed smoothly.

# Upcoming Events



**10 Apr | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"The Bronze Serpent"

Numbers 20-21

By Clarence Lim

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

"Joseph Rules Egypt"

Genesis 41-50

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"The Messiah Glimpsed"

Mark 9:2-13

By John Lim

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

"Scribes and Pharisees Rebuked"

Matthew 23:1-36

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"The Gentile Cornelius"

Acts 10

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

## **P6 Apologetics Class**

"The Gospel of Christ"

Contact Catherine Leow (9270 1717)

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

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)



**10 Apr | 7:30pm**

## **Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**13 Apr | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)**

"Readiness: The Gospel of Peace" (Eph 6:14)

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos



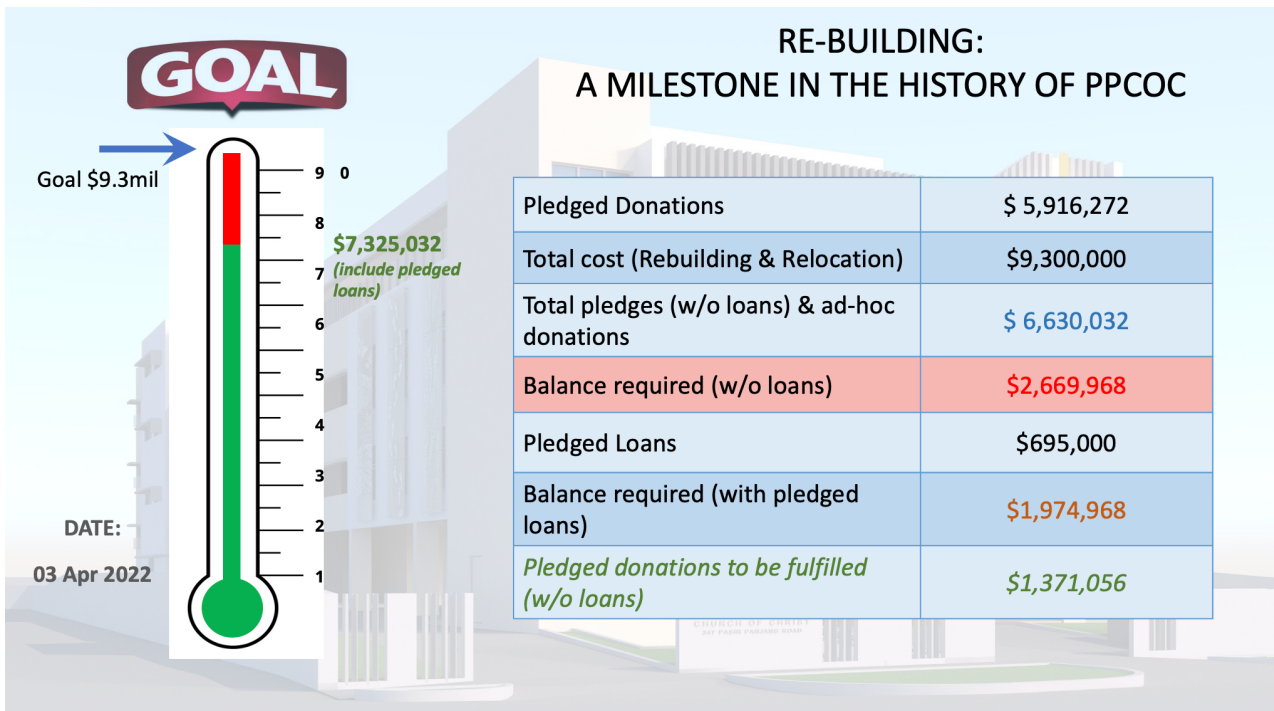
**15 Apr | 9:30am**

## **PPCOC Annual Retreat**

See page 5 for details



## Rebuilding Barometer



We would like to correct a minor error in last week's Focus. Originally, the third row said "Total pledges **fulfilled** (w/o loans)..." when it should have read "Total pledges (w/o loans)..."

Elder Peter Lim also reminded the congregation last week that we are still short of \$2.6 million. He exhorted us to consider giving with whatever means we have, and that this will be our way of contributing to God's kingdom. Do prayerfully consider giving!



## Unto Us a Child is Born!



At 2pm on Thursday, 7 April, Olivia and Jeremy welcomed a bouncing baby boy into the world! May God's blessing be upon this child to grow into a man after God's heart, filled with the Holy Spirit and transformed into Christ! Congratulations also to Catherine and Peng Liam on becoming grandparents!



## PP Retreat 2022

CELEBRATION | DISCERNMENT | COMMUNITY

- 0930** Icebreakers
- 1000** Worship (Young Adults)
- 1030** Skit (Youth)
- 1045** Reflections and Sharing (Adults)
- 1130** Closing
- 1200** Dismissal

15 April 2022 | 9:30am - 12:00pm | Paradiso Room (Level 3)



Join us on Good Friday (15 April) for a morning of worship and community, organised jointly by our Youth, Young Adults and Adults! **Please note that this will be an in-person only event and will not be live-streamed.**

Interested members can book a staycation directly with the hotel. Email [rsvns.gcw@millenniumhotels.com](mailto:rsvns.gcw@millenniumhotels.com).

Quote **"Pasir Panjang Church of Christ (PPCOC)"** to receive a discounted rate.

While we have talked a lot about the staycation, we also want to emphasise the programme of the Retreat itself. We are about three months into our journey of "exile" and it is a good time to take stock of our spiritual health as the body of Christ. How have we been? How have we seen God's mighty hand at work? Where is He calling us to go next?

We believe that this can be a season of maturity and growth - if we seize the opportunities and allow God to work in us. Let us come together, come away from the world, and discern the voice of God.

### Room Only

Superior Room (\$145)

Deluxe (\$175)

### + 2 breakfasts & internet

Superior (\$175)

Deluxe (\$205)

\*All prices subjected to 10% service tax and 7% GST





## IF GOD *whispered,* COULD YOU HEAR IT?



**Be still. Pause. Wait. [Listen to 'God's whisper'.](#)**

"After the earthquake there was a fire, but the LORD was not in the fire. And after the fire there was the sound of a gentle whisper." (1 Kings 19:12)

When Elijah had this amazing encounter with God, he had just won a major victory over pagan gods and priests. At his prayer, fire fell from heaven and burned up the sacrifices while 400 priests of Baal couldn't get their god to listen after a whole day. Despite the victory, Elijah found himself running in fear from the evil King Ahab and Queen Jezebel.

In this crisis, Elijah desperately longed to hear from God, whose word he had heard and whom he had spoken to many times before. In his desperation, he looked for God's words in places of power - wind, earth and fire. Yet those things were only creations of God and not the voice of God Himself. What came at last was the "still small voice" or the "gentle whisper" that comes to one seeking God's will.

How can we listen to God's gentle whisper? Listening to God comes when we have an intimate relationship with Him. Having a personal conversation with our Creator is one of the wonderful privileges of being a Christian.

### **1. Have a Prayer-Conversation with God**

God loves us and wants to reveal Himself to us. God can and will speak to us through His Word. God speaks to create the world. "Let there be light..." (Gen 1:3). From Genesis to Revelation, we read of individuals who had fears and concerns about themselves and the rise and fall of their nation.

## 2. Hear God's whisper, not the noise around us!

Can you hear a whisper in a crowded coffee-shop or in any crowded environment? Obviously not! It will be a struggle with all the distractions and interruptions.

God's voice is loving and sovereign. We must seek to recognise God's voice by seeking His providential care and love for us. God's gentle whisper is reserved not only for church ministers, preachers, theologians and spiritual leaders. Like the gospel call, it is for all.

Jesus said that all those who seek Him would find Him. Those who have 'ears' would hear. It's all about the yearning of our hearts. The good news is that Jesus said His people would know His voice and having recognised it, they would be able to follow. "My sheep listen to My voice; I know them, and they follow Me." (John 10:27)

## 3. Ways to listen to God's whisper.

- Scripture: Listen to God's Word 'whispered' in the Bible
- Prayer: Active praying is talking with God in response to His whisper
- People: At times faithful members of Christ also 'whisper God's Word'
- Daily events and experiences: God gently whispers even in the middle of suffering, like what Elijah experienced.

God can use any situation to speak to us, so be alert and mindful. Remember, in those moments, Satan is also 'whispering' fears, doubts – gloom and doom! Be alert and discern whose voice we listen to frequently.

So, how do we know, if we're listening to God's whisper?

- Every word we hear needs to be tested. Ask yourself: would Jesus or God say this? What would the world or Satan say differently?
- Has the Holy Spirit confirmed it through His inspired Word? God's voice will never contradict His Scripture.

- God's voice will usually speak on the heart of the issue/matter. It gives hope, peace and even joy in adversity.

## 4. Responding in Faith to God's gentle whisper

We act on what we hear from God and obey. This may mean translating our thoughts and words into actions in alignment with Jesus and His will. It means sharing what Jesus has shared with us. We give away what He gave us to bless others, just as God has blessed us.

This rhythm of hearing and response is the essence of our spiritual life. Having a God-conversation is not just about finding the answer to our doubts and concerns. God's whisper builds a mutual trust between God and us.

What's the point of listening to God's voice if we don't act on it? A relationship can only be genuine if all parties are committed. We must draw closer to God and become more like Him, fulfilling His purpose for us in this earthly life.

Jesus said we show our love to Him by doing what He says. To live by faith, we need to respond to God's gentle whisper. That's the way true relationships work.

## Reflect and Respond

1. What words of the LORD came to Elijah as he was in the cave? (v9) What did he complain about to God? (v10) Think about Elijah's feelings at the time.
2. Why was God not in the powerful wind, the earthquake, or fire?
3. What can we learn about God's gentle whisper and apply it to our daily life?

## Prayer

Father, we ask for patience to wait for and listen to Your gentle whisper today. Quieten our fears and anxieties as we seek to be more mindful of Your will and purpose for us. May Your peace fill our hearts today. In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.



# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

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