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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



5 June 2022

Mountains & Valleys: Life Experiences

By Kuek Lee Hock
Live @ 11am

We've probably heard life described as a roller-coaster ride. It's incredibly fast-paced, constantly going up and down, sometimes we get sick, and we often can't prepare for what's to come (unless of course you do it over and over again. Editor's question: "Why would you do that?")

The prophet Elijah seemed to live his life that way too, with some very high peaks and low valleys in his life. One moment, he was on top of the world, winning a landslide victory for the God of Israel even though he was outnumbered by the prophets of Baal 400 to one. The next moment, he was running for his life. Talk about a reversal!

Yet what remained constant was the loving providence of God. It was God who provided both the mountaintop victory and comforting rest in the valley. And that can be true for us as well.

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Call To Worship

Hallelujah Praise Jehovah

Surround Us Lord

Opening Prayer

Scripture: Psalm 23

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Communion And Giving

The Lord's My Shepherd

Scripture: 1 Kings 19:1-8

Sermon

I have Decided

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Blessed Assurance

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$6205.28**



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Upcoming Events



5 June | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Teach Your Children"

Deuteronomy 6

By Isaac Tay

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"The End of the World (Not)"

Mark 13

By John Lim

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Showdown at Mount Carmel"

1 Kings 16-18

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"I Am The Gate For The Sheep"

John 10:1-10; Acts 4:12; Psalm 100:3-4

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Paul's Third Missionary Journey"

Acts 18:23-19:20

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



8 June | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)

"Grace Upon Grace" (John 1:15-18)

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

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A note from John



I will be travelling to the US from 10 June to 3 July. You might be wondering why I'm sharing my personal travel plans, and that's because it's not entirely a personal holiday.

I will be spending a week at the Worship Leader Institute, an intensive course organised by Keith Lancaster to train Church of Christ song leaders to be effective in leading acapella worship and grooming local song leaders to do the same. This is my second time attending the course, and I covet your prayers as I strive to learn as much as possible. I pray that my greater knowledge and skills will bless PPCOC so that we may shine Christ's light to others through our culture of acapella worship.

The rest of my time will be spent visiting friends and faculty from Harding. Aside from friendly catch-ups, I hope to make connections between PP and the greater Church of Christ community. Many of the people I will meet have spent lifetimes studying the Scriptures and faithfully ministering to Christians around the world. Some are scholars with PhDs, others are youth and worship ministers like myself, and all are on fire for the kingdom of God. And I pray we may all learn to be that way.

Of course, I also expect a time to rest and reflect on my first year in full-time ministry. You have loved, encouraged and prayed so well for me in my first year of ministry, and I want to come back stronger and recharged for the next phase in our journey together.

Once again, I covet your prayers that I may be able to represent PPCOC well. Pray that I may follow the path of the prophets of old, who were called out from their homes into places of growth and testing and refining, so that they could return in the power and Spirit of God to do His work. Pray that I may be that way.

Grace and peace to you all.



SIBI Graduation



Last Sunday, we celebrated the final graduating class of SIBI Singapore! Jam Delayun, Lydia Li and Paul Palacio passed with flying colours and will begin a new stage of life armed with new knowledge and skills for ministry.

First-year students Christian and Joanna plan to return home to continue their training in other ways. We pray for God's blessing to go with these amazing students and for God's guidance to be with PPCOC as we discern a new direction for our partnership with SIBI.



Harrisons' Send-off



On Tuesday, 31 May, 8am, a small crowd gathered at T3 of Changi Airport to send off Terry and Terilee Harrison as they return to Houston, Texas. They are leaving the work at SIBI Singapore after five fulfilling years of grooming and equipping students. Their next mission is East Africa.

We pray God's blessing and provision for them as they begin a new chapter in their journey of ministry.

Family News



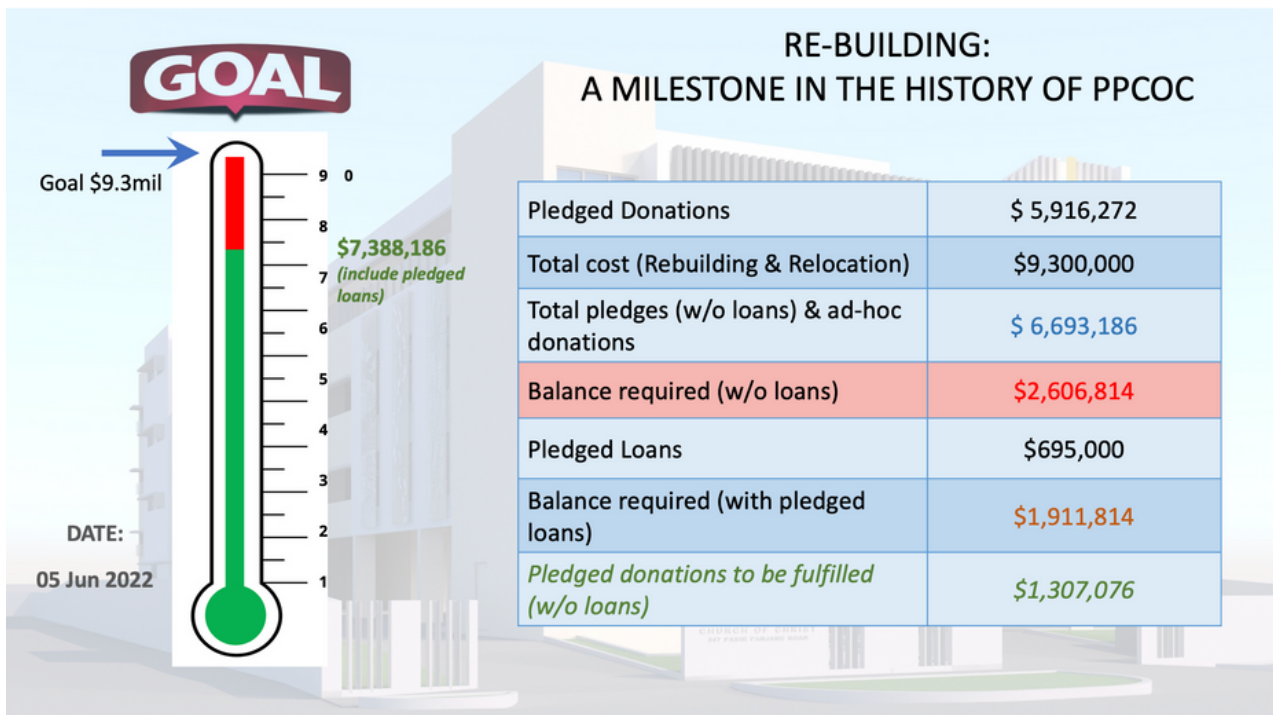
Young Adult Monthly Fellowship

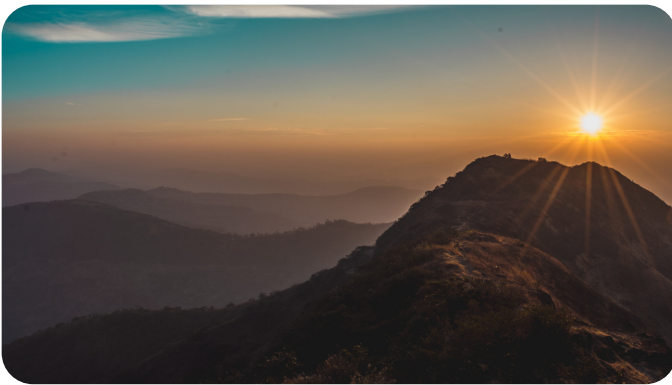


The Young Adults had a wonderful fellowship at the homes of brothers Kenneth Kuek and Chen Yi! In a world thrown about by much chaos, it was a blessing to dwell upon the eternal truths of Scripture in Christian community. The next monthly fellowship will be on Friday, 1 July, at 7.30pm. Young Adults, save the date!



Rebuilding Pledge Barometer





Heal Us From Our Blindness

“As he passed by, he saw a man blind from his birth. And his disciples asked him, **“Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?”** Jesus answered, **“It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him.”** (John 9:1–3 RSV)

Jesus explained with the power and Spirit to His disciples’ question. They were focusing on the cause of this man’s disability while Jesus focused on the purpose behind it.

The spiritual meaning was answered by the God of the universe. “It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, **but that the works of God might be made manifest in him.**” John 9:3. According to Jesus, this wasn’t a punishment or even random misfortune. It is a part of God’s will (planned all along by God). Those words took my breath away. God was answering the self-pity and doubts that many of us have that cause us to find it so difficult to understand the purpose of human suffering.

Suffering brings out the sovereignty and the glory of God. To many, those words may seem puzzling and unbearable. Maybe even disturbing. But when they are spoken to us by the God of the universe, this is a blessed assurance. Job is the ultimate example of suffering for God’s glory!

God uses us to comfort one another **with the comfort that we ourselves have received from God.** It is both a privilege and a responsibility. And as we tell others about God’s faithfulness in the

midst of our own trials, it reminds us afresh that God never forsakes us. Though we may walk through the valley of the shadow of death, we will never walk alone.

We are challenged to remember all the valley experiences and humbly thank God for carrying us through the storms, floods and the fires of our life's journey. Remembering all these often shows us how self-centred we are. Just as God opened the eyes of a blind man to see the glory of God, God opens our spiritual-blindness caused by the 'cataracts of personal desires and self-gratification'.

REFLECT AND RESPOND

1) Are we born blind or have been blinded by the 'city-lights of this world'?

Like his disciples who asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind? It was not that this man sinned, or his parents, but that the works of God might be made manifest in him."

2) Meditate on this verse. In times of struggles with the storms, floods and the fires of our life's journey, in what ways can we accept the manifestation of God's will so His glory can be manifested?

3) Pray and encourage one another, as we find strength to become more and more like Christ daily.

PRAYER:

Father, heal us from our spiritual blindness, so we can see and sense the power and glory of your presence. May we desire to listen to Your whispers of truth and loving guidance so we can see and be mindful of Your will and purpose for us. May Your peace fill our hearts today.

To God be the Glory!

In Jesus' Name we pray, Amen.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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