

# FOCUS



CHURCH of CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



3 July 2022

### **Biblical Leadership In The Wilderness**

By Keith Gant  
Live @ 11am

Strong leadership is critical in governments, corporations, educational institutions, sports teams, families and every other kind of organization. And it is just as important in the family of God.

Leadership is a big topic today - a quick Amazon search turns up over 60 000 books on the subject. But the Bible itself is a great manual on leadership.

In today's sermon, we will be looking at leadership lessons from the greatest leader in the Bible, Moses.

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Call To Worship

[This Is The Day](#)

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Scripture: Exodus 15:1-3,11-18

Opening Prayer

[Wonderful Merciful Saviour](#)

Communion And Giving

[He Leadeth Me](#)

Scripture: Exodus 14:10-14

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[I Know Whom I Have Believed](#)

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

[My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less](#)

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11202.00**



General Fund  
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Missions Fund  
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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



**3 July | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"What The Lord Wants"

*Deuteronomy 10:12-11:32*

By Lim Cher Kiat

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

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"The Messiah's Revelation"

*The Gospel of Mark*

By Joel Yeo

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

"Time To Rebuild"

*Ezra-Nehemiah*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"I AM - the True Vine"

*John 15:1-8; Galatians 5:22-23*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

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

"Paul Before The Sanhedrin"

*Acts 23*

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**6 July | 7:30pm**

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

"Water To Wine"

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos



## Groundbreaking Ceremony



On a hot, sunny Monday morning, several PPCOC members walked into 347 Pasir Panjang Road - the construction site of our new church building. 27 June 2022 is a day to be remembered - the historic event of groundbreaking for the new church building for Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang (PPCOC). That day, the first pile for the new 4-storey church building was installed.

It was an exciting moment for those who had gone to this familiar, yet different place. The old buildings had been demolished, the ground had been levelled, a piling machine sat in the middle of the open ground, ready for action and concrete piles lay on site, ready for installation.



We gathered at a sheltered area as we watched representatives from PPCOC, the consultants and contractor holding the gold-painted shovels, under the hot sun, ready to Break the Ground.

Soon after, the contractor, architects, engineers, and PPCOC members mingled over a buffet lunch that was sponsored by the contractor. We left with an oil painting that had been hanging in the site office, to remember how the old building looked like.



## Worship and Bible Classes in July

The locations of our Worship Services and Bible Classes for July are as follows:-

3 July - Level 2

10 July - Level 3

17 July - Level 2

24 July - Level 3

31 July - Level 3



## Online Prayer Warriors

On 30 June 2022, twenty-five members met online to praise and thank God for prayers answered, as well as to intercede for those in need of prayers for their salvation, medical and personal concerns.

### Online Prayer Warriors 30 Jun 2022

#### New Prayer Requests (Theme)

1. Youth
2. Young Adults

#### Thanksgiving

1. Alma's thanksgiving for church's financial and emotional support.
2. Naveen & Deepa's new born
3. Johnston & Jo's new born
4. Ivy Lee's right knee replacement
5. Hendry Yosva's leg surgery
6. Joel Kweek & Jenny Tan's recovery from dengue fever
7. Lillian Loh's breathlessness
8. Members who recovered from COVID
9. Harrisons' settling in Houston

#### Updates on Past Prayers

1. Edward Lee's bladder cancer
2. Mee Hoe's mum's eye condition

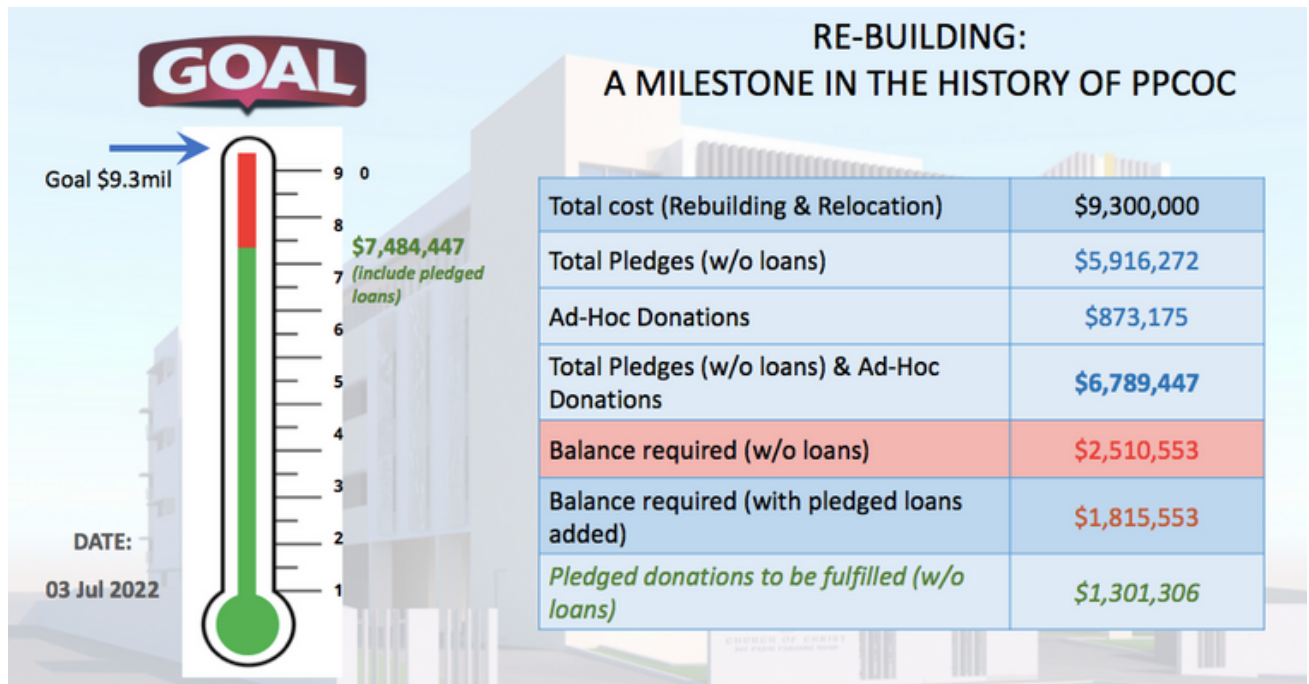
#### New Prayer Requests

1. Soo Lang's 2 brothers' and mum's health & salvation
2. Eileen's right eye cataract operation
3. Mimi's fractured right ankle
4. Emilita's breast cancer and son Justine's salvation
5. Alma family's bereavement on the demise of her husband and job search for elder son.
6. Lai Fun's mum's upcoming eye surgery
7. Covid situation in St Andrew's Nursing Home involving Joan Lee and Elaine
8. Lillian Loh's husband's jaw pain
9. Members who just contracted COVID
10. Janet Gant's health
11. Jane Foo's neck and back aches
12. SIBI students' future plans
13. Visitors Yao Zong, Ken & Jessica and children Chloe & Ashley





## Rebuilding Pledge Barometer



## Blessings For The Generous Giver

Paradox of Giving - Live to Give and Give till you Feel!

“One person gives freely yet gains even more; another withholds unduly but comes to poverty. A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed.” Prov. 11:24-25 (niv)

Generosity and giving is a running theme in the Bible. We all know that God desires His children to be generous and sacrificial in their giving. (Lk 21:1-4; 2 Cor 9:6-13 etc). The world tells us to hold and hoard but God tells us to give freely of all our blessings - our possessions, talents, skills, time and energy. In return, He blesses us right back and His blessings are God-measured - pressed down, shaken together and running over. We are never short-changed by God and our gains are manifold.

The divine joy of seeking God and His kingdom first (without depending on things of this world for happiness) can only be experienced by giving! In giving freely and sacrificially, we put our trust in Him and grow in faith and spiritual maturity. Our God is an abundant Giver and as His children, we are expected to be abundant givers and bring Him honour, glory and praise.

# Family News

In PP, there are many examples of brethren who have given sacrificially to the rebuilding project - a sister pledged and gave a substantial amount monthly when she had a new job; another sister gave her annuity; yet another who prayed that his company would do well, gave his bonus when the company did well. These brethren found great joy in giving and became amazing testimonies of Christians who love and trust our Almighty God.

All of us must play a part in meeting the rebuilding cost, regardless of the amount because it is OUR project and a way of honouring and serving God. We do not need to feel insecure about our giving as long as we give cheerfully and sacrificially. God loves a cheerful giver and commends a sacrificial giver (Lk 21:1-4, the widow who gave 2 mites). Give regardless of your situation because you love God and you want to partner God in this rebuilding project.

We have done well to achieve more than 70% of the cost but we are still short of about \$2m. As reconstruction has started, the monies pledged/collected will run out by end-2023. 2 Cor.8:7 encourages us to excel in giving which helps us to grow spiritually.

We appeal to financially able members to recommit to giving more. If just 20 members/couples/families give \$50k each, we would be able to achieve \$1m! The less financially able (youths or young adults) may excel in giving by taking steps such as forgoing a meal or two a month or delaying buying certain items for the next 1-2 years, to enable them to contribute to the rebuilding project. Every dollar counts as small but sacrificial giving will help to meet the current shortfall.

As God can do immeasurably more than we ask or imagine, we are confident that together we will meet the project cost and even surpass it. Let's strive to be an excellent testimony of Christian unity and faith!

The greatest Giver has demonstrated what it means to give sacrificially when He gave His only begotten Son, Jesus, to die for our sins so that we can have the hope of eternal life in Heaven. 1 Jn 3:16 encourages and expects the same from us - to lay down our lives for others! Give till you feel.

Let us go on our knees and pray for God to open our hearts so that the cost of the rebuilding project will be met soon. Share with us the vision that our new and larger building will be used to glorify God and bless many generations to come.

From The Building Fund and Pledge Team



## Minister Patrick Ong's Reflection



Dear church and family,

First, I am grateful and would like to thank God for PP Elders, deacons, ministers and staff. It is my honour to work alongside each of them.

Next, I want to thank God for church brethren who came and worked alongside me in His kingdom work and growth.

And now, here is my exact thirty seven years and six months church work reflections.

29th June 2022 will mark my step away from full-time church work. I shunned the idea of “retiring from the Lord’s ministry” like the plague, vowing to remain active in His kingdom work and seeking to use the rest of my life to serve the Lord who enables me.

Over the years, the clamps of life have tightened considerably for us all. Personally, I have reflected more on both the starting and finishing lines of my path in full-time church ministry.

A number of biblical passages come to mind as I reflect on finishing well, but three texts from Paul’s ministry stand out for me.

### 1. Fulfil your ministry

Thirty-eight years ago as a Christian and Bible student, I was drawn to Colossians 4:17. Paul’s words presented themselves as a challenge to my young and eager heart: “See that you fulfil the ministry that you have received in the Lord.”



At that time, I didn't know what that "ministry" would look like, but I was committed to serving the Lord without an expiration date.

So, I applied those words to my heart the best I could.

I prayed, "Whatever You have for me to do, Father, I will be committed to it ...to its conclusion."

I confess that I have not always kept that charge as faithfully or as well as I would have liked. But God has been abundantly merciful to forgive me and gracious to pick me up and brush me off time and again, set me back on my feet with fresh resolve to continue the journey with him.

## 2. Finish the ministry

Acts 20:24 records Paul's farewell words to the Ephesians.

He tells them, "I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the gospel of the grace of God."

These words struck a chord in me in the final days of my ministry service, and they continue to.

Both Colossians 4:17 and Acts 20:24 teach that "ministry" is something "received" from the Lord and the recipients have the responsibility to "fulfil" it.

My prayer has now become, "Keep me faithfully pressing on, Father, in obedience to Your heavenly calling in these later years so that I will remain faithful and useful in my service to Your church until You see fit to bring me across the finish line and into my eternal home."

## 3. Keep the faith

In 2 Timothy 4:7, Paul assesses the course of his life and ministry with full awareness that he is about to die: "I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith."

Once again, notice the emphasis on finishing or "fulfilling" the task which God has assigned. Faithful ministers, persevering missionaries, and ordinary followers of Christ surely have great joy as they near the end of life's journey, assured that they have fulfilled the ministry Christ has given them.

# Family News

## In Conclusion

Time and circumstances may require that our venues and tasks be altered. But as long as we have been granted the ability to serve, we must strive to fulfil the ministry to which God has called us, equipped us, and employed us for His glory.

Years ago, as I was beginning my first full-time ministry, two dear brothers took me to lunch and encouraged me with these words of Jesus: “We must work the works of Him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work” (John 9:4).

This verse charted the course of a ministry that is now in its 38th year. It reminds me that in the work of the Lord, there is no such thing as retirement.

While at a doctor’s appointment some months ago, the nurse taking my vital signs asked what type of work I did. I told her that, until recently, I was a church minister. She smiled and responded, “What do you mean you were a church minister? Once you’re a minister, you’re always a minister.”

Dear sisters and brothers, whether you are just starting out, well into, or preparing to step aside from your present ministry, recognize that your call is of divine origin and that you are not alone in fulfilling it.

With Paul, let us together say, “Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own” (Phil. 3:12).

Glory to God alone!

Your humble servant minister in Christ,  
Patrick Ong

\*\* Thank you, Church, for the Crystal Plaque! I am moving from a paid full-time Church Minister to be a Minister in God's Kingdom work, ever striving to fulfil the ministry that God has called us to for His glory. We have enjoyed every moment of it. God's favour and blessings be upon us all always!

Agape -

Pat and Judy



## Growing Together as God's Family

"Anyone who does not provide for their relatives, and especially for their own household, has denied the faith and is worse than an unbeliever." (1 Timothy 5:8)

For years, I have assumed 1 Timothy 5:8, as my responsibility to fulfil the financial and material needs for my family. Surely, every parent wants to provide a roof to live under for the family, to have food on the table, clothes to wear and ensure that their emotional needs are met too.

But we are also called to provide spiritual food from the Word of God to feed one's family and grow into Christlikeness. Paul makes the point very clear to provide for one's family materially and spiritually.

"Jesus said, I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down His life for the sheep. The hired hand is not the shepherd, and the sheep are not his own. When he sees the wolf coming, he abandons the sheep and runs away. Then the wolf pounces on them and scatters the flock." (John 10:11-12)

God calls us to be "shepherd-parents". Let's not regard ourselves as hired wage earners who can be bought easily with money and status. Yes, we need money. God wants us to be financially secure too! But never compromise the spiritual safety of the 'flock'. Be led by God.

The neglect of this duty involves a practical denial of the faith. “Seeing that you were absolutely not redeemed with decaying things, silver or gold, out of your empty behaviour received by tradition from your fathers. But with the precious blood of Christ, as of a lamb unblemished and unspotted... Your calling is too high and too holy to be controlled by lust for money.” (1 Peter 1:18-20)

“You therefore be perfect, even as your Father in heaven is perfect”. (Matthew 5:48)

Parents, lead by example:

- Meditate on the Word of God (head to heart)
- Be a role model by applying the Word to your life (a doer of the Word)
- Commit all your needs to the Lord (trust God’s guidance only)
- Live a life of Prayer (involve the Lord in all areas of your life)

## TIPS FOR PARENTS

(1) Stop nagging, criticizing, and pointing out your children's faults too quickly.

(2) Make a few good rules according to God’s Word and enforce them with loving firmness.

(3) When the rules are broken, make the discipline painful enough so that breaking the rules becomes undesirable.

(4) Compliment them on every good thing done, and reward them so that doing right becomes desirable.

(5) Love them genuinely, and live before them exactly as you want them to live.

(6) Find Bible verses that describe obedient and godly children. Read those Scriptures privately, between you and the Lord, and ask God to make them exactly as these verses describe how children should be.

(7) Have family devotions with your children.

(8) Sincerely believe that God will answer your prayers and give glory to God for answered prayers, in front of your children.

## TIPS FOR CHILDREN

(1) Stop criticizing and finding fault with your parents. Right or wrong, they are your parents, and God has placed them over you for your protection. Do not make their job harder by constantly criticizing them.

(2) Start loving your parents every way you can like you want them to love you. Be obedient. Do everything you can to please them and make life enjoyable for them.

(3) Compliment your parents on everything sincerely. Be grateful, and thank them for all the work they do to provide for you.

(4) Find specific Scripture verses about wisdom, self-control, and love - verses that describe how parents and children should live as family.

(5) Read those verses between you and the Lord, and pray that your parents will be filled with wisdom in giving you direction.

(6) Concentrate on all the good things your parents provide you with, and enjoy all the good things of life that God has given you, through your parents.

(7) Sincerely believe that God will answer your prayers, that your parents will understand your needs, and make life wonderful for you.



Spiritual leadership is the bedrock that forms the foundation of each spiritual family. We need to equip ourselves to exercise the highest and holiest calling to be a spiritual family of God.

## REFLECTION, PRAYER AND MEDITATION

1. What are the key motivations that drive us to be godly parents/ spiritual leaders?
2. Consider starting a weekly devotion to pray and study together as a family/small group. What challenges do you face in having a family/group devotion? Find solutions to overcome these challenges.
3. Review the tips suggested to trigger more actions to grow and develop spiritually as a family throughout the week.

## PRAYER GUIDE :

Thank You Lord for giving us our family. Please forgive us when we adopt a secular worldview to run our family. Grant us strength, Lord, to be godly examples in our home and family, church and community, in accordance to Your inspired Word. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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