

FOCUS



CHURCH of CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



17 July 2022

Biblical Leadership **The Deacons**

By Lim Swee Aun
Live @ 11am

In addition to elders (which we explored last week), the New Testament church is also led and served by men called 'deacons'. It comes from a Greek word that literally means 'one who serves'.

Not long after Pentecost, the church realised that there were physical needs that required attention, but the spiritual leaders (then apostles, now elders) could not afford the time without compromising their own role. Enter the deacons, who were handpicked for being 'full of the Spirit' to minister to the physical needs of the church, in order that the church can continue to perform its true function.

As we continue to paint the portrait of different types of biblical leaders, we hope that you'll continue to think about who fits these descriptions and would bless the church through their service. For all you know, it might even be you!

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

We're Marching To Zion

Opening

Blue Skies and Rainbows

On Zion's Glorious Summit

Scripture: Isaiah 6:1-8

Prayer

Here I Am To Worship

Communion And Giving

Jesus Name Above All Names

Make Me A Servant

Scripture: Acts 6:1-7

Sermon

I Offer My Life

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Lord Reign In Me

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$9024**



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Upcoming Events



17 July | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

A Prophet Like Me

Deuteronomy 14-18

By Harry Wong

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"The Messiah Enthroned"

The Gospel of Mark

By John Lim

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"A Messenger"

Luke 1:5-25

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Feeding 5000, Walking on Water"

Mark 6:30-56

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Paul's Defence Before The New Governor" - Acts 25

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



20 July | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class (Zoom @ 8pm)

"Destroy This Temple"

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos

Family News



Celebrating New Baptisms!



On Sunday, 3 July, Jadon Cheng (left) and Desmond Kwok (right) obeyed the Lord Jesus in baptism. We rejoice with the angels in heaven for the addition of two new souls into the Kingdom of God!

Jadon is the son of Johnson and Arial Cheng and has been participating actively in the Youth Ministry Bible Class and Huddles. Desmond is a visitor who found the church through our website and studied the Scriptures with elder Simon Goh.

What's interesting is how our two new brothers came to Christ in different ways, yet the same Almighty God was at work! He put just the right people in their lives and led them through specific situations until He drew them to Himself. May this be an encouragement to all of us as we proclaim the gospel to a world in need of Christ!



Online Prayer Warriors (July)



Prayer Theme:
MINISTERS | STAFF | WORSHIP

Mark your calendars for 28 July for a special time of prayer and dedication! As we officially welcome Kyle & Irvin into full-time ministry, let us pray for the Lord's special blessings to be on them, as well as on all our staff. We will also pray about worship as we take steps to be more intentional in planning and conducting the Sunday assemblies.

Family News



The Hoopers Have Arrived!



After almost a year of prayer, planning and paperwork, the Hoopers are finally here! They landed in Changi Airport just before midnight on Tuesday, 12 July. Do give them a warm PP welcome when you see them!

Kyle will officially begin full-time work with the church on 1 August along with Irvin. We praise God for the future that He is bringing about for the church!



Marriage Celebrations: Mr & Mrs Petras Ching



We rejoice on hearing that Petras Ching and Cheryl Soh tied the knot on Saturday, 9 July! We pray God's richest blessings on this wonderful couple; that their days will be filled with joy and grace, and that their lives shine forth the love of Christ!



Welcome Baby Jovin Lim!



We rejoice with second-time parents Timothy and Pei Shan on the birth of their son Jovin Lim! He was born on Friday, 15 July. May the Lord raise him up to be a man after God's own heart, that he may grow in wisdom and stature and in favour with God and man!



David

Godly Qualities of a Spiritual Leader

Today we reflect on the godly qualities of David's leadership. David used his past experience of killing the lion and facing the giant, Goliath to handle the challenges and dilemmas in life. (1 Samuel 17:34-36)

David did not just rely on his competencies or past successes. Rather, he relied on the power of the Holy Spirit to attain victories. He did not rely on Saul's armour to gain victory over Goliath (vs. 38,39); he put his faith in God! With a sling and five smooth stones (v. 40) to defeat Goliath.

Recognising the limitations of his size compared to the giant, David defeated Goliath in the name of the Lord. (v. 45-46). Each leader must rely and call on the name of the Lord, Jesus Christ, even when he feels small compared to the devil.

David remained faithful and steadfast even when King Saul sought to kill him (19:1, 2, 8- 10). So, each leader must remain faithful to the call of ministry even in the face of trials and tribulations.

David kept company with godly people like the prophet Samuel (v.18). Leaders must seek godly, spiritual fellowship of the saints in the body of Christ, just like David who had strong support from his relationship with Jonathan. (20:42).

A leader must have Jesus Christ in all his friendships and associations and not compromise his character by seeking worldly counsel instead. He must draw strength and confidence directly from the Lord at all times and not be distracted by different sources of strength and motivation. So even when a leader's ministry and function is temporarily removed, he can still obtain the strength and joy from Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reflection, Prayer, and Meditation

1. What is my ultimate focus when serving in the Church?
2. How do I find strength and stamina when serving in the Lord's ministry?
3. Why is godliness so critical for spiritual leadership?

Prayer

Thank You, Heavenly Father for giving us life. Help us to treat all people equally and not favour the rich or educated over the poor or uneducated, or people who falter us. Forgive us when we tend to adopt a secular worldview just to make a living, neglecting our spiritual well-being.

Lord, grant us strength to grow and become the godly spiritual example in our family, church and community, in accordance to Your Holy Spirit inspired Word.

In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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