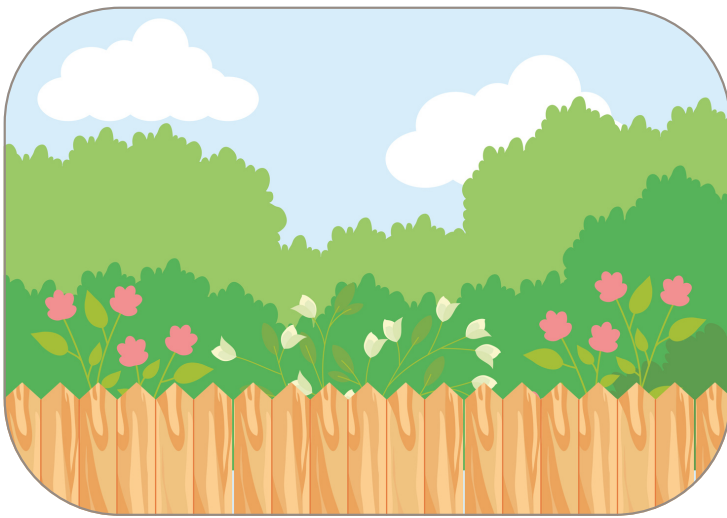


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CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



7 August 2022

### In Search Of The Garden

By Irvin Wan

The story of Scripture begins with God creating a garden in Eden where man and woman were invited to cultivate a good, beautiful creation. It was the best kind of home, where they were fully satisfied, never lacking and fulfilled in the work that they did.

Ever since humanity was cast out of this paradise after the Fall, we've always had a nagging sense that "there must be more" or that "where we are is not where we are meant to be." We are all pilgrims searching for the place we belong, prodigal children wandering until we fall into the arms of the Father.

Today, we will hear from our new minister Irvin Wan who will share about this journey of searching for the Garden, and how we can take heart in our own search for meaning and fulfilment in Christ alone.

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

The Joy of the Lord

Opening

How Great Is Our God

How Great Thou Art

Scripture: Psalm 1

Prayer

Lead Me To Calvary

Communion And Giving

This Is My Father's World

Sermon

I Come To The Garden Alone

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Lord I Lift Your Name On High

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$7759**



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



**7 Aug | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

Heart Danger

*Deuteronomy 29*

By Lim Cher Kiat

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

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"The Messiah's Burial"

*The Gospel of Mark*

By John Lim

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

"Jesus Obeys God"

*Matthew 3:1-4:11*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"Report of the 12 Spies"

*Numbers 13-14*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

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

"Paul was Imprisoned in Rome"

*Acts 28*

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**8 Aug | 7:30pm**

## **Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**10 Aug | 7:30pm**

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

"Amazing Love"

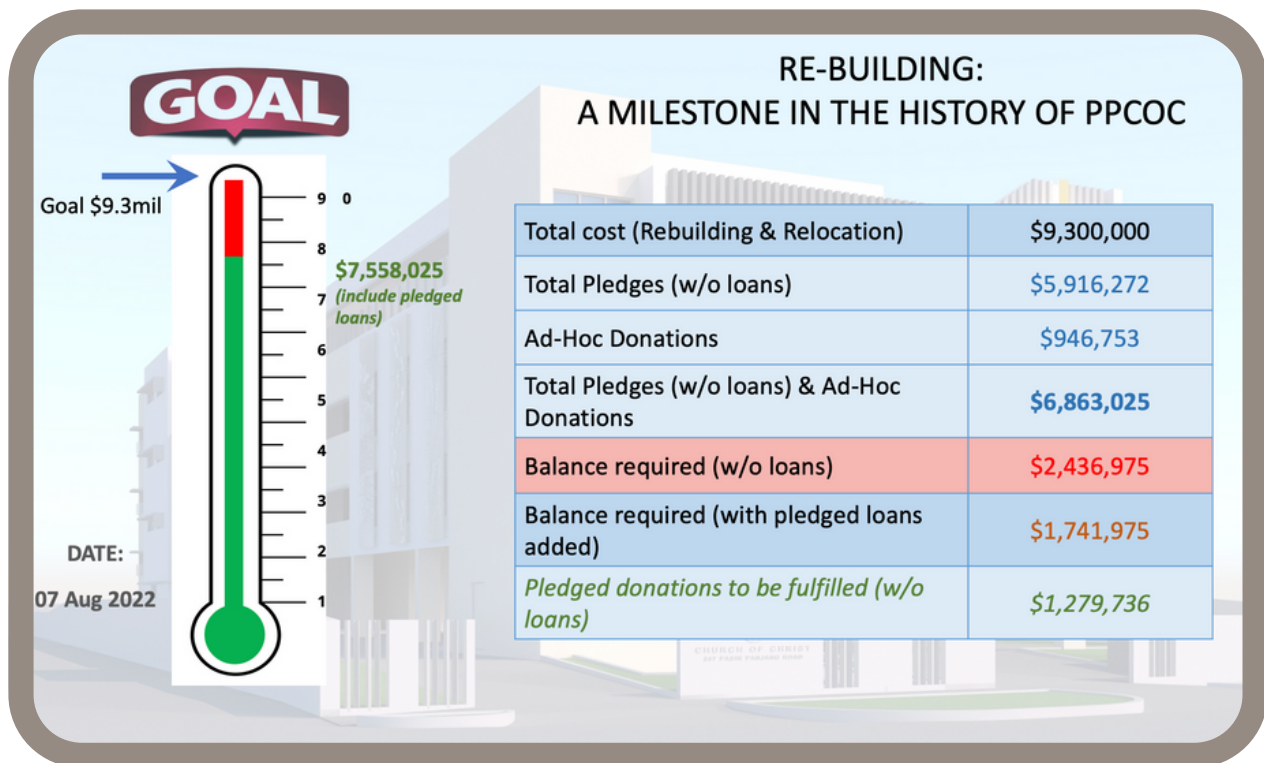
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# Family News



## Rebuilding Update



Pictured: Aidan Jackson's money pouch!

We want to commend parents who have set an example of giving generously to the building fund that prompted their children to do likewise. Some are already working, others are still in school, and some of the younger ones gave from their piggy bank savings. What a wonderful example of families supporting the rebuilding project together!

May they encourage us as a church family to do our part to help meet the cost of the rebuilding project. May each of us seek God's will on how much He would have us give towards this rebuilding effort.

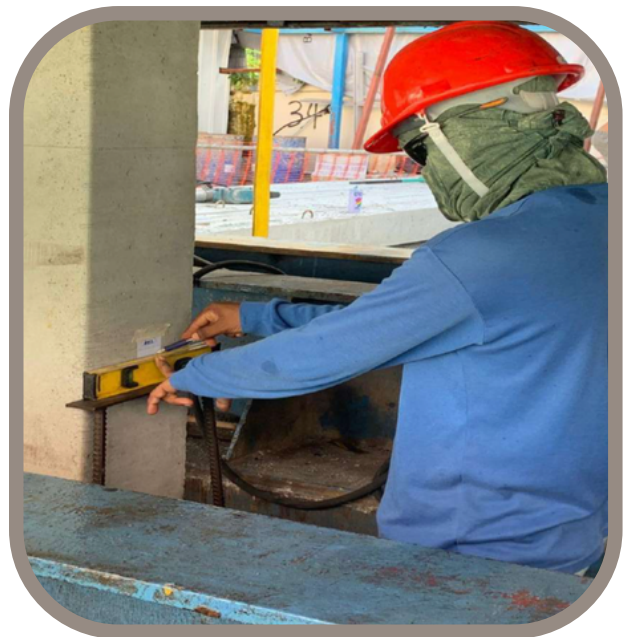




## Rebuilding Update: Snapshots of 347 PP Road



The site is completely levelled and piling works are now in progress! The project is running on schedule, and we thank God for a smooth process so far!





## Combined Youth & YA Event



For the first time in a long while, the Youth and Young Adult Ministries will come together for a combined event! It will be an Amazing Race that will see our young people working hard and playing hard, and building relationships for eternity!

Feel free to reach out to Joel Yeo (9154 8155) or Xinyi (9172 4931) with questions, concerns or affirmations.

Stay tuned for more details!



## Adults Morning Walk



It's not just the young people who are having all the fun! Adults, mark your calendars for Saturday, 27 August. Dust off those walking shoes, and invite a friend for this outdoor activity!

We mentioned last Sunday that we would have to find an alternative brunch place due to Seah Im Food Centre closing for renovations. Thankfully, it will only close in September, so it will still be open when we go! Praise the Lord!



## New Official Church Mobile number

# 9060 1400



We are happy to announce that we have created an official business number for WhatsApp! The number is 9060 1400, and will be run by the ministers. This number can be messaged for church-related purposes such as feedback, questions about announcements, and requests for prayers.

We encourage all members to save this number as a contact in your phone for convenience. We may occasionally use this channel to send out links to articles, resources or Google documents. We will NOT use this number to collect sensitive information. Thank you to all who took steps to check whether this number was legitimate!





## *Accountability Holds the Team Together*

"As each has received a gift, use it to serve one another, as good stewards of God's varied grace." (1 Pet 4:10)

We live in a world that embraces personal freedom to do and act out our 'rights' without accountability to others. To combat this worldview, we need to discover and recover a love for reading God's Word and develop a desire to share that Word with others.

Jesus who knew the importance of teamwork, built a team of twelve apostles who worked humbly together to build the Kingdom of God as one dedicated team. Consider Philippians 2:3-8 where Paul calls us to have the humility of Christ, or John 13:3-5 when our Lord stooped to wash the dirty, mud-caked feet of His disciples.

### **1. Accountability requires humility to accept godly counsel**

Often, we are blind-sided by the lures of this world, and it is our brothers and sisters-in-Christ who can help us see from God's vantage point. That is why we need input from others who are sincere and passionate about the Lord. (Prov 12:15).

### **2. Accountability builds up godly behaviour**

Surround yourself with people who genuinely want the best for you. They are potent allies in your spiritual growth.

Life-giving accountability is not just about keeping records of sins and bad behaviour. It enables others to get close to us, to understand our temptations, triggers, and helps us navigate our lives towards positive and healthy ways, spurring one another towards good works (Heb 10:24).



### 3. Accountability keeps us sanctified

Accountability is not only for offering helpful advice but it is an opportunity to be more Christ-like (Eph 2:10). The journey of leadership can get lonely, difficult, and even burdensome. With 'cheerleaders' who are invested in us and our goals, it is much easier to keep going. They provide follow-up and encouragement to keep us on course, and they celebrate our achievements along the way!

### 4. Accountability builds perseverance

Maintaining passion and zeal in our faith is not easy. Many people start enthusiastically but fade over time. So, keep that passion alive by surrounding ourselves with others who share our enthusiasm, to maintain our fervour (Rom 12:11-12). We can lean on the passion of others and vice versa.

### 5. Consider having a godly accountability partner(s)

Accountability relationships are special and confidential. Find another brother or sister to share your values and passion for Jesus. Talk about what both of you expect from the accountability relationship. A note of caution: "Accountability partners" must be mature and responsible; they shouldn't end up gossiping or meddling.

## Reflection, Prayer, and Meditation

1. Do you desire to grow into Christlikeness? Why, or why not?
2. Do you wish that God will send someone as your 'accountability partner' for Christ to spur you to good works?
3. Do you wish to serve God as an 'accountability partner'?
4. Do you need guidance and training?
5. Pray and offer to serve as a brother's or sister's keeper.

### Prayer:

Eternal Father, grant us each a brother or a sister to be an encourager; a 'cheerleader' when life seems overwhelming and exhausting. May we not serve selfishly, for personal ambition or vain conceit. But help us lead with humility to serve one another. So, Father, raise us up as Your servant-leaders. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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