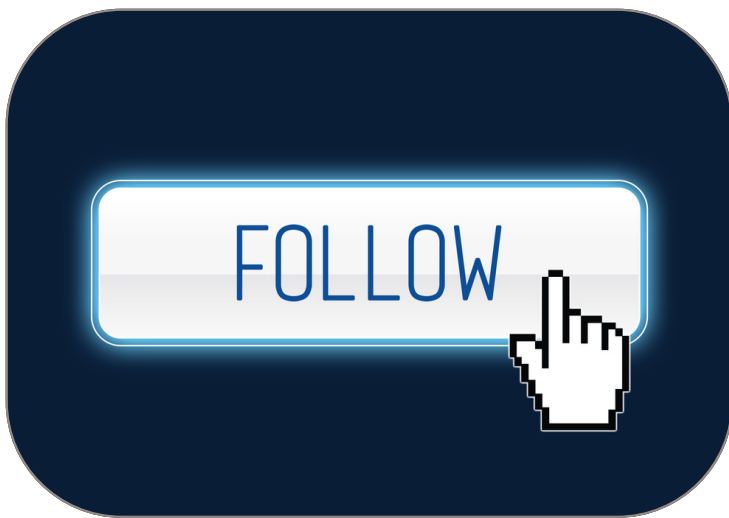


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CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



14 August 2022

### Becoming Fishers of Men

By Kyle Hooper

They had struck the jackpot. A net so full of fish that it was about to break, and so heavy that they needed others to step in and help. For Simon & Andrew Fishing Pte. Ltd., they probably had enough fish to sell that would last them for weeks, if not months.

So imagine their surprise when the strange Rabbi playing “backseat fisherman” (and got it right) told them that they were about to undergo a career change. Leave everything they knew behind and follow this “nobody” from Nazareth. No longer would they be fishermen, but fishers of men.

That strange call still rings in our ears today. Even today, the Galilean preacher calls us out of our comfort zones and into a lifestyle like no other. We seek not our own agenda and comforts, but for the glory and honour of the One who calls us. Will you say “yes”?

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Let Us Worship

Opening

At The Name of Jesus

Scripture: Psalm 105:1-10

Prayer

As Bread That Is Broken

Communion

Giving

Each Step I Take

Sermon

Father God

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Salvation Belongs To Our God

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$14,345**



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



**14 Aug | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

Choose Life

*Deuteronomy 30*

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)**

"Twelve Follow Jesus"

*John 1:35-51*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"The Great Rebellion"

*Numbers 16*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

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

"Review - Life of Samuel & Saul"

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**17 Aug | 7:30pm**

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

"The Condemned"

Zoom ID: 852 6167 8088

Password: Logos



**20 Aug | 10am**

## **Youth-YA Amazing Race**

Contact Joel Yeo (9154 8155) or Xinyi (9172 4931)

# Family News



## Ministers' Emails



We want to hear from you! The ministers would like to share their emails with the congregation so that you can contact them easily for any matters relating to the church. Please feel free to reach out for anything!

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## Worship Locations

For the next two Sundays (21 & 28 Aug) we will be worshipping at the Riverfront Ballrooms on level 2. See you there for worship and Bible Classes!



## New Worship Series



Starting 21 August, our young ministers will be leading us through a new six-week series! With this being another round of change in our church's journey of transition, it's timely to ask once more, "What does it mean to be the church?"

There's a word that Jesus uses to describe His followers before "church". That word was "Kingdom". And our Lord meant more than a secret code for "church." Rather, it was a call to restore the rightful sovereignty of God over all creation, including broken and rebellious humanity.

We hope that all of us will embrace this broader view of the Kingdom of God, and rediscover our fullest identity as Christians.



## *Joy is a “Regulator”*

Where can we find real joy? Here’s an answer from Scripture that may seem strange: “Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. (Jas 1:2-3)

Other people just know when our ‘joy-tank’ is low—we show it well. There are many “joy leaks” at home, at work, and even in church. And we look for ways to plug the leaks. That’s when we realise these leaks come from our emotions: sadness, anger, fear, shame, disgust, and despair.

Joy is not strictly an emotion. Christian joy actually is a ‘regulator’ of our emotions. Jesus refused to relinquish spiritual joy in the midst of His suffering on the cross. “For the joy set before him He endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God” (Heb. 12:2).

Joy is the blessed assurance that God is in control of all that has happened or will happen in our lives. Joy is rooted in our steadfast confidence in God that ultimately everything will be all right. Amidst our murky emotions of anxiety and fear, joy does not always remove our struggles and pains. But joy does give us the strength to endure.

The author of Hebrews exhorts us to see our suffering in the same way, “fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith” (12:2). Jesus’ example helps us persevere through our own pain—if we stay connected to Him during our trials. And as we cling to Him, we find a community of supporters all around us as well.

Joy is relational and communal, so there is “joy in suffering”. For example, if one loses one’s job, that is certainly not a joyful occasion. We will feel sad, angry, even fearful.

# Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

When our joy is anchored in Christ, we are assured that God is with us all the way! We have the support of godly brethren to comfort and pray for us in our times of loss or pain, and this magnifies Christian joy even more.

We lean on God and others in times of mourning over the loss of a loved one. We come together to comfort one another. We share stories about the deceased. We eat together. We sit in silence. We may not be “happy” but we are assured of the joy we have in Christ – our salvation and the eternal home prepared for us!

This is the cry of joy: I want to be with You, God! It is the foundation of an active and strong relationship with God. When we are aligned to living in Christ, we have this joyful state and thrive even in adversities.

Our goal is to have a loving relationship with God until we have no fear as we face life’s challenges. “There is no fear in love. But perfect love drives out fear, because fear has to do with punishment. The one who fears is not made perfect in love” (1 John 4:18).

## **How to be joyful:**

Step 1: Practise Gratitude for Five Minutes. Compile a list of grateful memories. Start with at least 3 grateful memories. Each memory has two characteristics: (1) gratitude and (2) God’s providence.. Relive those memories of gratitude and thank God for them.

Step 2: Repeat for 30 days. Spend 5-15 mins minutes of gratitude twice a day. Do it the first thing in the morning and the last thing you do before going to bed. Recall the details of how God provided and ‘rescued’ you from those challenging times! This will reset your default emotional state from despair to joy. You will begin to feel different when you wake up, and joy will become a part of your life. You will desire to return to joy as soon as possible.

Step 3: Share this Joy in Christ as Jesus started His ministry by preaching about a transformed inner life that drives the outer life.

## **Prayer:**

Father, we desire to have a strong relationship with You. May we learn joy in daily prayer with You, for Your perfect love casts out our anxieties, insecurities and fears. Bless us with joy in Christ. In His Name, we pray. Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

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