

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship

21 August 2022



### The Kingdom Defined

By Kyle Hooper

Have you ever read through the Gospels and felt like "Didn't Jesus already say this?" Jesus' disciples probably did. If there's one thing that Jesus keeps talking about over and over (and over) again, it's this idea of "the Kingdom of heaven".

We hear "kingdom" and think of a place or territory. Or of a powerful king with vast armies that conquer the world. As Christians, we often talk about "kingdom" as the church (the people and the place where the people meet) or as heaven itself, that place beyond the skies where we'll enter after we leave this world.

But what if the idea of "kingdom" is even BIGGER than that?

Join us on this new series as we explore the teachings of Jesus on what it (really) means to be a part of His kingdom, and how we can play a part in that kingdom here and now!

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

O Worship The King

Opening

We Will Glorify & Joy to the World

Scripture: Psalm 47

Prayer

Our God Reigns

Communion & Giving

Come People of the Risen King

Scripture: Matthew 4:12-17

Sermon

Build Your Kingdom Here

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Doxology

1. Jesus often preached about the Kingdom being “at hand” or “near.” Once, when talking to a scribe (Mark 12:34) He said, “You are not far from the kingdom of God.” What could Jesus mean by this?
2. What are 1-2 ways that you can see evidence of God’s rule and reign in the world today apart from the church?
3. Name one way we can help God’s reign on earth as His created “image bearers.”

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$7015**



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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



**21 Aug | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"Passing the Torch"

*Deuteronomy 31-34*

By Lim Cher Yam

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

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"The Messiah's Commission"

*The Gospel of Mark*

By John Lim

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

"Be Born Again"

*John 2:12-3:20*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"Aaron's Rod That Budded"

*Numbers 17-18*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

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

"Review - Life of David"

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**22 Aug | 7:30pm**

## **Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**24 Aug | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class**

"He Must Increase" (John 3:22-36)



**27 Aug | 9:00am**

## **Adults Morning Walk**

Meet at Labrador Park MRT with your water bottles and insect repellent!

## Nominations for Elders, Deacons & Board



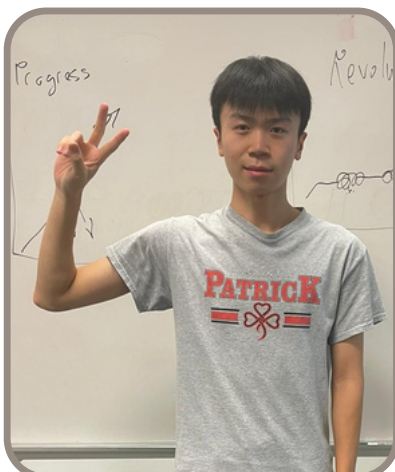
Our leadership renewal process begins today! Do pick up a nomination form after worship today.

Our six-week sermon series in June-July has been preparing us for this season. It is a time to discern and identify the men in our congregation who are full of the Spirit and willing to serve the church.

- We encourage everyone to pray for our leaders, present and future, to have good conversations and to make wise decisions.
- We encourage our men to boldly step up to the challenge, trusting in the Spirit's power and not your own.
- We encourage everyone to nudge capable men to overcome any doubts or uncertainties and answer God's calling.
- We encourage everyone to be humble, respecting the decisions that are made and trusting that God's Spirit is at work through the whole process.



## Baptism of Peter Guo



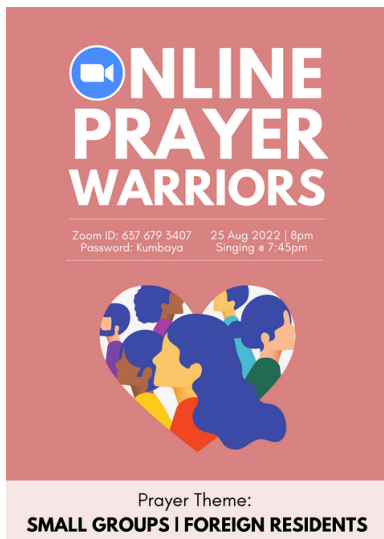
We rejoice to hear that Peter Guo has chosen to obey the Lord Jesus in baptism! Having found PPCOC by the sheer guidance of the Holy Spirit, Peter has already been an active and energetic member of the Youth ministry. He has just started reading philosophy at SIM and looks forward to being in Singapore for a good while.

**The baptism will be held at Moulmein CoC's auditorium at 1pm after today's service.**

# Family News



## Online Prayer Warriors (25 Aug)



Our next OPW session is this Thursday at 8pm! Join us for a time of prayer for our small groups and foreign residents (see more below).

PPCOC is blessed to have many members of various backgrounds, ages and interests, and who are all striving towards the same goal of becoming more like Jesus. That 'becoming' is best done when you have a group of close brothers and/or sisters to be open and honest about your efforts and struggles. So let us gather to pray for one of the most vital ministries in PPCOC!



## Honouring Our Foreign Brethren



In line with our OPW prayer theme above, this week we recognise our brothers and sisters from the different nations of the world. The Church warmly welcomes all our foreign brethren for choosing PP as your church home while in Singapore!

This week, we have prepared little tokens to show our appreciation, which we will distribute at the end of our Sunday service.



## Welcome Baby Aden!



We rejoice with Daryl and Li Yi on the birth of their firstborn, Aden! PPCOC wishes the new parents, God's richest blessings as they raise this bundle of joy to grow in wisdom, stature and favour with God and with man!



## Retirement of Barnabas Thng



Today, as Brother Barnabas Thng closes one chapter and begins another in his life, we would like to take the opportunity to thank him for 31 years of faithful service as our church family's Building Supervisor.

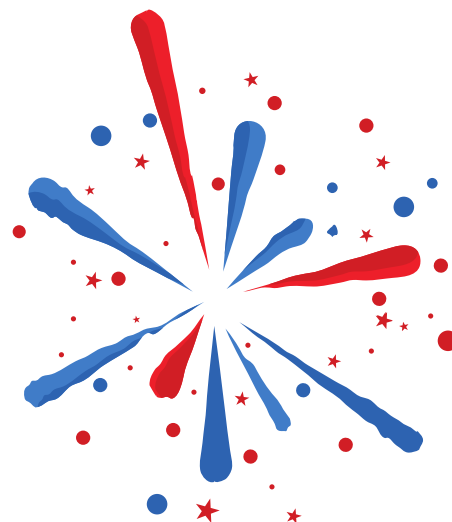
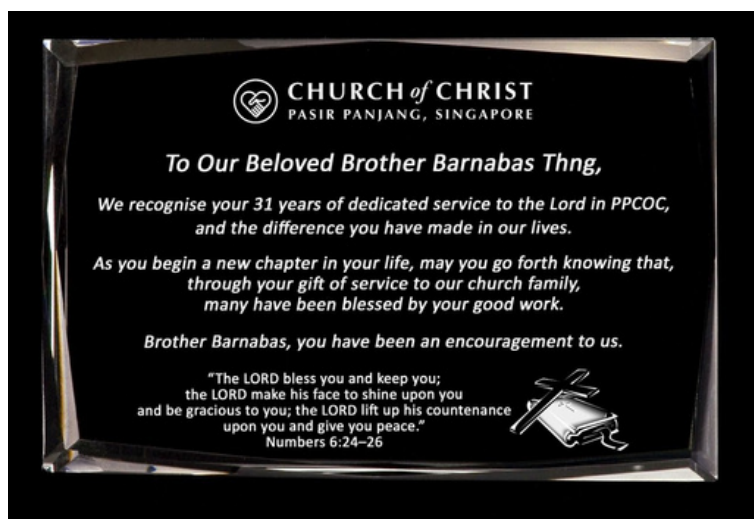
As our Building Supervisor, Barnabas tirelessly worked behind the scenes to ensure the smooth operation, cleanliness and safety of our church compound. Like the priests of old who were entrusted the sacred duty of preparing the house of God for worship, Barnabas took great pride in his work.

One trait that we will remember Barnabas for is his heart of service. Ever one with a heart for those in need, Barnabas would often extend himself to assist those who approached him.

Barnabas was also a man of foresight and initiative. Under his charge, the worship services at church incorporated video transitions, standardised templates and even live-streaming, years before Covid-19 made it a necessity.

We thank God for Barnabas and his service to God and our church family. We pray that God will bless his future with good health, the joy of continuing to serve, and gladness of a job well done.

With Great Affection and Gratitude,  
from Your Church Family in PPCOC







## Retirement of Barnabas Thng

*A Note from SIBI-Singapore*

Dear Barnabas,

It seems strange to think of you retiring. You have always seemed to be a permanent fixture around Pasir Panjang. You never put yourself out front, but your presence was always known as you did your work in the background – but work that was necessary to keep things running smoothly.

Terilee and I want to thank you for your support of SIBI-Singapore. You were there, of course, to print things that we needed for classes, Ladies' Day and Graduation. You even went the extra mile to print special things for us. But you went beyond that. You and Annie set up my office. You helped with the internet (before the server was installed) when it went down. You ran the technology for Graduation and Ladies' Day. You helped keep the lights on in the classroom – literally! – replacing bulbs or working on electrical fixes. But you also helped watch over the students. You scolded them when they needed it. Mostly, you just made sure they were safe. They always knew you were there, and I know many times they asked for and received your help. Thank you for being there for us, and for them.

You are not one for hugging others, but if Terilee and I were there, we'd give you a hug anyway. We are grateful for you and all your hard work and long hours. May God bless you in retirement – because I have a feeling that you will find ways to continue to serve and be useful. That's the gift that God gave you.

In Christian love,

Terry and Terilee Harrison



## *True Repentance Overcomes Sin*

Sin attempts to overthrow our Lord God from His place of supremacy. It seeks to rid Him from our bodies, which are the temple of God. Put another way, the greatest sufferer for any sin committed is us! And then there is our Saviour, Jesus Christ, who died for us!

Sin invites us to blaspheme the name of the God. "As it is written: 'God's name is blasphemed among the Gentiles because of you.'" (Romans 2:24)

Sin persecutes the Lord Jesus. "As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?' 'Who are you, Lord?' Saul asked. 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting,' he replied." (Acts 9:3-5)

Sin resists the Holy Spirit. "You stiff-necked people, with uncircumcised hearts and ears! You are just like your fathers: You always resist the Holy Spirit! Was there ever a prophet your fathers did not persecute? They even killed those who predicted the coming of the Righteous One. And now you have betrayed and murdered him." (Acts 7:51-52)

Sin grieves the Holy Spirit. "And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption." (Ephesians 4:30)

Sin crucifies the Lord Jesus. "It is impossible for those who have once been enlightened, who have tasted the heavenly gift, who have shared in the Holy Spirit, who have tasted the goodness of the word of God and the powers of the coming age, if they fall away, to be brought back to repentance, because to their loss they are crucifying the Son of God all over again and subjecting Him to public disgrace." (Hebrews 6:4-6)



# Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

Sin puts out the Spirit's fire. "Do not put out the Spirit's fire." (1 Thessalonians 5:19)

How shall we repent of sin? As David prayed, 'Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me.' (Psalm 139:23)

1. As God brings our sins to mind, write them down. Make a list of your sins.
  2. Then, ask 'Is there anything else?' As He shows us more sins, write down every sin He shows us.
  3. Don't be in a hurry and don't make excuses. Make our list as complete as possible.
  4. Next, confess and ask God for forgiveness. Pray carefully through the complete list, confessing them one at a time. In 1 John 1:9, God assures us that: "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."
  5. Renounce sin by the Name of Jesus Christ, the Name above all names, using the full power of the Holy Spirit available to us!
- NOTE: When we come into agreement with God about our sin, He restores us. We are forgiven and cleansed by the blood of Jesus

## **Prayer:**

Father, we desire to have a strong and binding relationship with You. Open our eyes so they can see the glory of Jesus. Open our hearts so that they can hear your voice. Break the yoke of sins in our lives, so we may be willing to repent. May your Holy Spirit and Word convict our hearts unto repentance. Bring us out of darkness! Save our souls so that You may be glorified in Your Light! Bless us with the joy of salvation 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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