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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship

11 September 2022



**THE
KINGDOM**
IT'S BIGGER THAN YOU THINK

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It's For All

By Kyle Hooper

My first memory of weddings was when I was a pageboy. It was an outdoor wedding for some reason, and six-year-old me had approximately zero heat tolerance in that long-sleeve shirt and constricting bow-tie. And there was a tag that had not been cut off cleanly which made my back itch for the whole ceremony. I then decided that weddings weren't worth it.

In Jesus' parable of the wedding feast, two things are immediately clear: first, it's important that you show up, and second, make sure you dress for the occasion. Again, it's a parable of the kingdom that invites us to consider our own responses to God's invitation. How are we going to RSVP? And what sort of "clothes" are we going to present ourselves in?

The kingdom life may not be convenient or even comfortable. It may seem much more appealing to stay home in our T-shirts and shorts and our regular rhythms of life. Yet surely, this is one wedding feast that we would not want to miss, and it will be worthwhile.

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Come Thou Almighty King

Opening

Lord Reign In Me

Come People Of The Risen King

Scripture: Isaiah 2:1-5

Prayer

Come To The Table

Communion & Giving

Come Share The Lord

Scripture: Matthew 22:1-14

Sermon

Turn My Heart

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Just A Little Talk With Jesus

Devotional Questions (Matt 22:1-12)

- 1 Why might people refuse God's invitation to the wedding feast today?
- 2 With which character in the parable do you identify most? Why?
- 3 How is the parable of the wedding feast a reminder for the church today? How is this parable a reminder for you individually?



Upcoming Events



11 Sept | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"The Coming Of The Holy Spirit"

Acts 2:1-40

By Kuek Lee Hock

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"Bibliology: Doctrine of Scripture"

Christian Cornerstones

By John Lim

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"What Kind Of Soil Are You?"

Matthew 13:1-23

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Balak & Balaam"

Numbers 22-24

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"Joab Murdered Abner"

1 Samuel 3-4

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



12 Sept | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



14 Sept | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"The Problem of Unbelief" (John 4:43-54)



16 Sept | 7:30pm

Youth Huddle

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,526.17**



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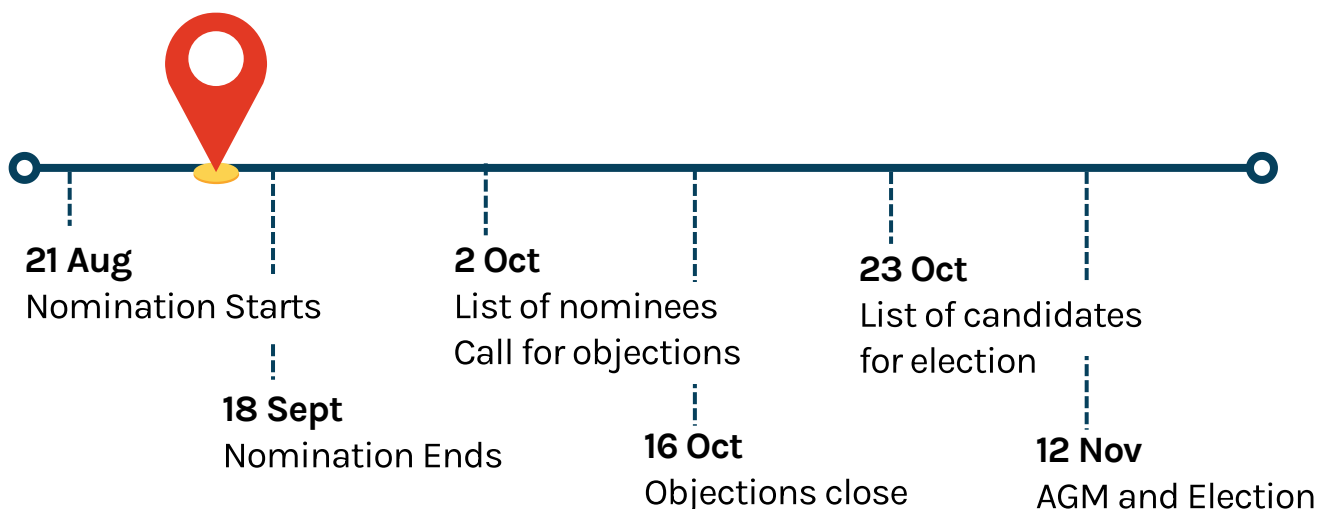
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Family News



Leadership Renewal Process

Just ONE more week to the closing of nominations for elders, deacons and board members! Collect and submit your forms if you haven't already done so!





Directory Photos



The Church plans to publish a fresh pictorial edition of our membership directory in early 2023. If you would like to update your directory picture, we will set up a space where you can take your photo on Sunday.

Brother Larry Lim will be taking photos from 10:30am to 11:00am, and sister Veronica Lim will be taking photos from 12:15pm to 12:45pm. This will last the whole month of September starting today and ending on 28 September.

If you already have a headshot that you would like to use, please email it to minister John Lim (johnlim@ppcoc.org).

Please make sure that your photo is high-resolution (not blurry or grainy), that it is on a plain background (any colour is fine), and most importantly that we can see your entire face. If you're unsure if your photo meets the standard, there's no harm in taking another good picture of yourself!



Welcome Baby Elena!



We rejoice with first-time parents, sister Sarah Yeo and (husband) on the birth of their daughter, Elena! May God bless this family richly as they raise up a new soul in love and wisdom to honour the Lord!



**SATURDAY 24 SEPTEMBER
11AM TO 3PM**

SENIORS GATHERING

50 YEARS AND ABOVE

**LUNCH
SHARING
DEVOTION**



**LIMITED TO
FIRST 40
SIGN-UPS**



**SHERWOOD TOWERS FUNCTION ROOM
3 JALAN ANAK BUKIT (LEVEL 5)**





Genesis Again

The Coming of the Holy Spirit and the Establishment of the Spirit-Led Church.

Isaiah spoke of the day when the Spirit would be “poured upon us from on high” (Isa 32:15). And in Isa 44:3, God promised: “I will pour water on the thirsty land, and streams on the dry ground; I will pour my Spirit upon your descendants, and my blessing on your offspring.”

God also said: “Then they shall know that I am the Lord their God . . . when I pour out my Spirit upon the house of Israel” (Eze 39:28-29) and “it shall come to pass . . . that I will pour out my spirit on all flesh.” (Joel 2:28)

Jesus also said, “If you love Me, you will keep My commandments. And I will ask the Father, and He will give you another Helper, that He may be with you forever; that is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it does not behold Him or know Him, but you know Him because He abides with you, and will be in you.” (John 14:15-17)

On the Day of Pentecost, the Holy Spirit appeared. This day is often called the “birthday of the church.” The Spirit now lives in every believer. (Eph. 1:13-14; 2 Tim. 1:14)

Thanks to the Feast of Weeks, also known as the day of Pentecost, the Jews from across the known world were gathered in Jerusalem. Their presence symbolically reflected the church’s mission of reaching out to all the world!

This is why the gift of tongues was manifested (Acts 2:3-4). These were real languages, as confirmed by what the multilingual audience heard in Peter’s Sermon preached in their very own language (vv. 5-11).

Peter’s evangelistic sermon included the fulfilment of the prophecy; the historicity of Christ’s life, death, and resurrection; His authority as God incarnate (v.22); the sovereignty of God (v.23); and human responsibility for what had been done to God’s Son (v.36).

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

Peter's words pierced their hearts and they questioned what they should do (v.37). Notice how the Holy Spirit moved Peter's message to cause the listeners to confront their sins. He told them to repent, turn to God, and be baptised so their sins would be forgiven (v. 38).

This promise is also for us and our children. It is for everyone our Lord God will choose, no matter where they live (v.39). Peter told them many other things and about 3000 believed his message and were baptised (vv. 40-41).

We find a number of key lessons from Acts 2:

1. Notice that their fellowship centred around good teaching, having communion, praying, and living their new life in Christ.
2. There was mutual commitment to meet each other's needs. Believers gave willingly to help each other. This support included material and financial aid to meet their daily needs.
3. They met daily, either in a formal place of worship, such as the temple courts, or in each other's homes.
4. They praised God for all His good gifts. And finally, although it's not stated directly, they enjoyed having fellowship with each other.

Note: This is the recipe that produces growth among believers. Also, the Holy Spirit is the very representation of Christ in the Spirit after His physical death on the cross!

Questions:

- Do we have an uncompromising allegiance to God's word, no matter what?
- Is our life an embodiment of the Holy Spirit and manifestation of what we believe about the Holy Spirit-inspired Word of God?
- How do we go about seeking guidance, comfort and counsel from the Holy Spirit?

Prayer:

Heavenly Father, may the world see us and catch a glimpse of the glorious salvation in Christ! Search us, O God, and know our hearts and thoughts are pure! And see if there be any grievous thoughts in us but lead us in the way everlasting. Let your steadfast love give us life and be overflowing with the sharing of Your love and salvation. Lord as we walk in the Spirit, grant us the spiritual strength and will to live our lives for Your glory. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



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