

FOCUS



CHURCH of CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship

25 September 2022



The Kingdom Is Known

By Kyle Hooper

I'm a huge fan of The Lord of the Rings (nerd alert!) where Tolkien presents a vast universe of elves, dwarves, men, fallen angels and magic rings. But even though Tolkien wrote so much, there are also many things he didn't write about. "What happened to the Entwives? Who is Tom Bombadil exactly?"

Yet there is something about the unanswered questions, that "not knowing" that draws us deeper into that world. We learn to wonder (in both senses of that word) at the majesty of the mystery. We learn to wrestle with complexity and tension, and that's not a bad thing.

That's good, because God and His kingdom are beyond our ability to understand in full.

As we conclude our series on the Kingdom of God, we hope that you feel drawn into this glorious mystery. We may not understand it fully, yet we take heart that we are somehow a part of it, and it is working in us.

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Lord Reign In Me

Opening

How Great Is Our God

How Great Thou Art

Scripture: Ephesians 1:16-21

Prayer

Victory In Jesus

Communion & Giving

Open The Eyes of My Heart

Scripture: Matthew 13:10-17

Sermon

We Declare That The Kingdom of
God Is Here

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Come People Of The Risen King

Devotional Questions (Matt 13:10-17)

- 1 What does it take to move from being just "one of the crowd" to understanding the mystery of the kingdom?
- 2 What are some ways that we can open our eyes and ears to what God is doing in the world today?
- 3 How are Jesus' words about hearing and seeing relevant to what we do together as a church?



Upcoming Events



25 Sept | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Healing The Lame Man"

Acts 3

By Foo Yong Wee

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"Theology I: Doctrine of God"

Christian Cornerstones

By John Lim

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"Jesus Has Power Over His Sickness"

John 9:1-41

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"Land Inheritances"

Numbers 32-36

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"The Ark of God Returns To Israel"

2 Samuel 6

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



26 Sept | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



28 Sept | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"Jesus Is God" (John 5:15-24)



29 Sept | 8pm

Online Prayer Warriors

See page 6 for details

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$9921**



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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.

Family News



Leadership Renewal Process

At the close of Nominations last Sunday, 86 nomination forms and more than 850 nominations for various roles were received.

The Elders thank all our members for their participation in this important task of identifying and encouraging suitable men to take on leadership roles in the church. Please continue to commit this matter to the Lord in prayer, as the Elders now speak with the nominees for their consent to serve.

We plan to publish the list of nominees who have consented to serve on 2 Oct. Members will have the opportunity to raise any biblical objections concerning any candidate nominated for Elder or Deacon, so that the current Elders will take these into consideration.



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.

Today is the LAST day that you can have your picture taken!

If you are submitting a photo that you already have, 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!



Missions Month



PPCOC has dedicated the month of October to focus our minds and hearts on the mission of God in the world - how He is expanding His kingdom on earth.

For the next few weeks, we will be digging deep into Acts 1:8, where we will explore how God was already at work in His mission before inviting His people to join, and we join not merely out of obligation to a command but love for our King.



ONLINE PRAYER WARRIORS

29 Sept 2022 | 8pm

Zoom ID: 637 679 3407
Password: Kumbaya



Prayer Theme:
EVANGELISM & RESTORATION



GEMS GAMES DAY

9TH OCTOBER 2022

GAMES : 9.30AM - 10.30AM

MOVIE SCREENING : 11.00AM - 12.30PM

Come, celebrate Children's Day with us! There will be games, prizes, goodie bags and lots of fun. Invite your friends to this exciting event too.



Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang, Singapore



Be One Another's Keeper

Then the LORD said to Cain, “Where is your brother Abel?” “I don’t know,” he replied. “Am I my brother’s keeper?” (Gen 4:9)

The Hebrew word for “keeper” is “shamar” which means, “to keep, to attend to, to watch, to guard”. It is the word used for taking care of a garden, a flock of sheep, or a herd of cattle. In the story above, Cain questioned whether he was to do the same for his own brother, whom he had just killed out of jealousy. Obviously, Cain was wrong.

What does this mean for us who have siblings in the flesh or in the faith? I believe that it means that we are to watch over them and attend to them like a shepherd keeps his sheep. Christians are to be the keepers of one another. Here are a few scriptures that speak on this point:

"For you have been called to live in freedom, my brothers and sisters. But don't use your freedom to satisfy your sinful nature. Instead, use your freedom to serve one another in love." (Gal 5:13)

“Whoever claims to love God yet hates a brother or sister is a liar. For whoever does not love their brother and sister, whom they have seen, cannot love God, whom they have not seen. And He has given us this command: Anyone who loves God must also love their brother and sister.” (1 John 4:20-21)

“Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfil the law of Christ.” (Gal 6:1-2)

Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

Jesus summed it up best in Mark 12:31, “Love your neighbour as yourself”.

This is the identifying mark for everyone who is Christ's disciple. “Keep on loving one another as brothers and sisters.” (Heb 13:1)

Reflection:

- Do we hear the call, “Are we our brother's or our sister's keeper?”
- What is really hindering us from being a brethren keeper?
- List some areas in which you can help keep your brethren in the faith. Now put them into action!

Prayer:

Father, our lives need Your leading and empowerment. Keep working on us until we are submissive to Your will. May each day be a glorious new beginning for us to become more and more like Christ. As we seriously examine our lives before Your Word, cleanse us by the blood of Christ, and help us submit to the control of Your Spirit.

God, make us keepers of our fellow brothers and sisters. Make us into conduits of Your blessings as we live, love, and serve one another for You. We pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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