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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



By Irvin Wan | 9 October 2022

In the Old Testament, we see that God is always working to be closer to His people. He walked in the Garden with Adam and Eve until they fell; He commanded a tent to be built so that He could travel with Israel through the wilderness; and His Spirit filled the temple of Jerusalem so that from that place of power, His blessing could fill the world.

Yet as glorious as all that was, God still wanted to be closer. He didn't just want to live among people; He wanted to live inside each person! The prophets proclaim that God will one day make His dwelling not in a temple of stone but in the tabernacle of the heart. That has always been God's mission, which we see fulfilled at Pentecost.

What if we saw ourselves as recipients of God's mission to fill us with His Spirit? What if "mission" was more than a burden laid on those who sign up for Christianity? What if our way of participating in God's mission is about inviting the Spirit to fill us, so that we radiate His goodness to those around us?

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Shine Jesus Shine

Opening

Send The Light

Lord Send Me

Scripture: Psalm 67

Prayer

Come to the Table

Communion

Giving

Light The Fire

Scripture: Acts 2:1-4

Sermon

Spirit Touch Your Church

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Lord Reign in Me

Devotional Questions (Acts 2:1-4)

- 1 What does the story of Peter's transformation tell us about following Jesus?
- 2 What might it look like for the Spirit to breathe new life into you? What are the harvest field(s) the Spirit is leading you to?
- 3 How can we be a part of the Spirit's mission to breathe new life into our 'Jerusalem'?



Upcoming Events



9 Oct | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Boldness to Serve"

Acts 4:23-37

By Lim Cher Kiat

Youth Bible Class

"Anthropology: Doctrine of Man"

Christian Cornerstones

By John Lim



10 Oct | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



12 Oct | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"Witnesses to the Deity of Jesus"

(John 5:30-47)

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,835**



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.



Leadership Renewal Process

Elders and Deacons are biblical roles with scriptural qualifications. Any member with reason to believe that a nominated candidate for Elder or Deacon is unqualified for an office, should express such objection in writing based on scriptural reasons to the Elders by 16 Oct 2022, whereupon the Elders may review and decide upon the matter. This is not required for Board nominees.

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GCW Meeting Venues

Please take note of our meeting venues for the month of October:

9 October	Level 2
16 October	Level 2
23 October	Level 3
30 October	Level 3

Family News



 **CHURCH of CHRIST**
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CHURCH CAMP 2023

14-17 JUNE
DOUBLETREE BY HILTON
MALACCA, MALAYSIA

SPEAKER
BENNY TABALUJAN

SAVE THE DATE!

After a three year pause, our church camp is back! Registration will officially begin early 2023, and we encourage all members to begin making plans to be a part of this!



YOUTH CAMP 2022

Praisehaven THE SALVATION ARMY

**18 - 21
DECEMBER**



Scan to confirm
your attendance!

SAVE THE DATE!

The annual Youth Camp is returning to pre-COVID times! Contact Xiu En, John Lim or Lauren Leow for details on how to sign up!

Mission Philippines: An Update



From 16 to 21 September, Kyle Hooper, Peter Lim, and Dave Chan (as observer from Geylang COC) traveled together to the Philippines to reconnect with PPCOC mission partners for encouragement, to introduce Kyle to the brethren in Tuao and Baguio, and to survey the situation in the areas with which we partner.

Tuguegarao

Upon arrival in Tuguegarao (16 Sep), we were met at the airport by brothers Jojo, Jhun Ma, and Jonathan who helped us to our hotel to settle in. We had a meal together in the evening, where we were able to catch up and hear how things have progressed regarding the pandemic restrictions, re-opening, and the status of the area congregations. It became clear that the Philippines is still behind Singapore in returning to normal activities, and several of the congregations have faced similar issues regarding the return of in-person worship and the reluctance of people to disconnect from the live-streaming option. Furthermore, the previous meeting of believers in Tuguegarao city had been suspended due to the pandemic, in addition to the fact that most of the members were students from nearby villages who came to study in the city.

The next morning (17 Sep) we met again with these men, as well as brother Sol and several leaders from the nearby village churches, to consider the possibility of resuming the worship in Tuguegarao city, with a renewed interest in establishing a permanent congregation. All parties voiced their desire to resume this effort and discussed a timeline for the next 1-2 months. They also discussed the need to collaborate on leading this worship and encouraging older members (not just university students) to participate and support this effort.

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After checking out of the hotel, we departed for Tuao after a brief stop at brother Jonathan's shop where we saw the planned location for the reopening of the worship services in Tuguegarao. The space seems large enough in capacity to host initial worship services and student activities, although there is some concern regarding the location, as it is not central to the city or near the universities.

Tuao

In Tuao we were warmly received by brother Jhun Ma and sister Babes with a delicious meal and hospitality. After settling into our quarters (they gave up their rooms for us during our two nights stay), we were invited to a gender reveal party for one of the pregnant ladies of the congregation. It quickly became clear that Jhun Ma and Babes are well respected in this community. Jhun Ma was asked to share a blessing over the event, and Babes has a strong relational bond with the women.

On Sunday (18 Sep) Kyle preached on the power of God's Word. The class time was prompted by questions and included lively discussion and responses. Peter was able to baptise one of the young men who had previously studied with brother Jhun.

The afternoon was filled with more fellowship, including the invitation to join the birthday party for a 2-year old boy. Kyle was able to offer a word of blessing over the child, followed by more food and fellowship.



In the evening, several members joined us at Jhun and Babe's house for devotional singing and fellowship. It was encouraging to hear their stories of faith, and how they felt supported by the Tuao congregation, as well as by those from PPCOC that have visited throughout the years.

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Travel

On Monday (19 Sep) we awoke and departed early from Tuao to travel south to Baguio City. We took sister Maribel's niece, Jam, with us to ISU Cabagan to see the newly constructed house with dormitory rooms.

Along the way to Baguio, we made several additional stops, approximately every 1-2 hours. We were able to visit brother Sol at the Solana school, Rafi Raffy from the Manaring COC in Tanguil Barangay, Jojo's in-laws and family (RayRey) in Ilagan, brother Edmar, and finally met brother Erwin Panday and wife in Santiago City in the evening.



Leaders from Tuguegarao and surrounding villages

The final few hours were filled with many unexpected “twists and turns” as brother Jojo brought us through the mountains to our hotel in Baguio. The day was full of travel but left our hearts full of encouragement as we connected with so many leaders in the region.

Baguio City

On Tuesday (20 Sep) we joined the Midtown Church of Christ and their Leaders Forum. It was impressive to see so much participation during a workday regarding the affairs and ministries of the congregation. Despite not having formal elders and deacons to serve the congregation, this forum took great care in methodically addressing each aspect of ministry connected to the church.

Furthermore, it was clear that concerns were more than just administrative issues of the church as an organization, but also included spiritual matters, ways in which they could evangelize and minister, and even a program intended to serve the widows of the congregation (Naomi ministry).



Midtown COC Leaders

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While the entire meeting lasted approximately 2 hours after a lunch fellowship, we were very impressed with the way in which the meeting was conducted and felt very encouraged by the leadership of the congregation. We took the opportunity to thank the Midtown church for their prayers and financial support for PP's rebuilding project.

In the afternoon, we proceeded to visit one of Jojo's InfiniTea locations in order to better understand how he conducts business as mission (BAM), and heard more about how he utilizes this space for student ministry in "the upper room." This was followed by some leisure and sight-seeing at Camp John Hay, before going to Jojo's house for our evening fellowship with the SIBI graduates.

We were treated to a wonderful home cooked meal by Jojo and Janet and were able to spend some quality time with several of the former SIBI students from Baguio. We were encouraged to hear from them, and we were also able to encourage them as they make important life decisions in this early, young adult life stage.



SIBI Graduates at
Jojo/Janet's home

It became clear that the pandemic has greatly affected their formation in adulthood, but we are encouraged by their attitude and are prayerful for their continued development and ministry opportunities.

Manila

On our last day in the Philippines (21 Sep), we traveled with Jojo and Janet down to Manila to catch our return flight to Singapore. We had the privilege of meeting with Raj and Dea Buo at the airport for a coffee prior to our departure. It was encouraging to discuss the potential of them moving to Hong Kong to serve the overseas workers at the Wan Chai Church of Christ. It seems they are gifted for this calling but are still discerning where God's Spirit is leading them. We were able to encourage and pray with them in this matter and look forward to hearing what will happen soon.

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Next Steps

Overall, we feel there was mutual encouragement and building up of the church through our brief time with our Filipino brethren. Moving forward, we hope to see the following:

- Further development of relationships among church leaders locally, and among leaders at PPCOC (Kyle, mission ICs, etc.)
- Continued encouragement and support of Jhun Ma and Babes in their ministry in Tuao
- A potential mission trip (Tuao, Baguio) tentative in 2023/24 for youth and/or young adults (organized by mission IC(s) and PPCOC ministers)
- Follow up and further encouragement of the plans for Tuguegarao congregation and student ministry
- Reflection on Naomi ministry and possible opportunities for serving widows at PPCOC
- Follow up with Raj and Dea Buo, as well as potential to connect with Wan Chai COC for further inter-congregational relationship

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