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CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



A Thriving Flock | 30 October 2022

Today, PPCOC celebrates its 58th anniversary! It is a time where we remember the past with joy and gratitude, where we renew our commitment to live for Jesus in the present, and look to the future in hope.

If we could summarise the past year in a word, 'uncertainty' would be a good choice. We went from our old building to a temporary venue. New people started work. All around us, COVID regulations were changing and people around us were getting sick. Common sense tells us that this was a time to bunker down and wait "till the storm passes over".

Perhaps it's time to change that analogy. What if the past year has been a year of being shepherded by a Good Shepherd? What if we chose to see our recent past as a journey through difficult and uncertain times but with One who faithfully holds our hand through it all? The circumstances may be the same, but there is much more opportunity for praise. Come, let's celebrate!

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

You're Worthy of My Praise

Shout Hallelujah

Scripture: Ephesians 2:8-10

Prayer

Come People of the Risen King

Salvation Belongs to our God

I Stand Amazed

Scripture: Psalm 23; John 10:11-15

Prayer

Love Lifted Me

Sermon

God Is Love

Communion

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Living By Faith

Jesus Hold My Hand

Our God, He Is Alive

GCW Meeting Venues for November

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

6 November Level 3

13 November Level 2

20 November Level 3

27 November Level 3

Upcoming Events



30 Oct | 9:30am

Adult Bible Class

"Handling Congregational Problems" (Acts 6:1-7)
By Romaine Jackson

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Contact Agnes Lim
(9858 5935)

Youth Bible Class

"Doctrine of Christ"
Christian Cornerstones
By John Lim

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

"God's Big Plan Explained"
Luke 24:13-43
Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Contact Audrey Lee
(9855 4958)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

"No More Manna"
Joshua 5:1-15
Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Contact Koo Hwee Yee
(9173 2365)

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

"David Was Punished"
2 Samuel 12; Psalm 51
Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



2 Nov | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

"The Bread of Life" (John 6:30-40)



5 Nov | 12pm

Youth Huddle

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

Giving

Last Week's Missions Giving: **\$63,436.28**



General Fund
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Missions Fund
S76SS0008AMFD



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.

Family News

Anniversary Sunday Gift



In celebration of our 58th anniversary, we will be giving out limited-edition cloth bags! We hope that these bags will be useful in your everyday life, whether for grocery shopping, an extra bag for overseas holiday shopping, and much more!

May the words on the bag be conversation starters, when people ask you the meaning of "yoke", that you may point them to Jesus.

Family News



Kyle's Travels

Kyle will be traveling to New Zealand for the first two weeks of November to teach a class at the South Pacific Bible College. We pray that God will use him powerfully as a witness to the gospel of Jesus, just as we have explored in our Missions series!



Welcome Joshua Kuek!



On 5 October, Ivan and Joann Kuek welcomed their firstborn son, Joshua, into the world! We celebrate with Lee Hock and Serene Kuek on becoming first-time grandparents!

"We praise thee, Lord God, Almighty Creator, for the wonder and joy of creation.

We celebrate together with Ivan and Joann Kuek for the birth of Joshua Kuek.

We commit Joshua to You, Lord. Let Your grace, protection and blessings of joy and love be upon Joshua. May Your wisdom guide Ivan & Joann, as they raise this child for Your glory and honour. We thank God for adding Joshua into our family. In Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen."

- Lee Hock and Serene



ONLINE PRAYER WARRIORS

———— OCTOBER 2022 ————

MISSIONS

May we be witnesses in our
Jerusalems, Judeas and Samarias,
and to the ends of the earth.

Myanmar – Stephen Sang, Billy

Philippines – Jhun Ma, Joemar
Recomono, Jojo Ramos

Indonesia – Herbin

Papau New Guinea – Arthur
Tartara

India – Joel Madiki, Kiran Babu,
John Then

China

- Bless these families with health and peace to be fully on mission for God
- Engage the cultures of their land with the gospel of Jesus;
- Bless converts and young Christians
- Enable sustainability of finances and leadership
- Bring peace in regions of conflict
- Stir up vision and dreams for ministries new and old, especially for youth and women's outreach, small groups

UPDATES

Angie Loh – breast cancer

Nancy Cheng – recovery from
multiple fractures

Florence Low-Ng – peace amid
cancer treatment

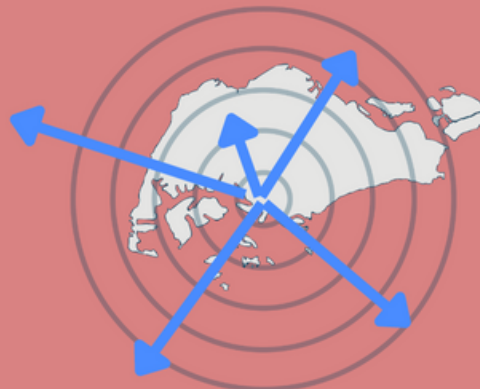
COVID Recoveries – Michael
Choo, Molly P, Ariel & Johnson,
David Yee & family

Current COVID – Charles Pang &
family

Jennifer Wee – fractured elbow

Jocelyn Yee – volunteering in
Ghana

Travelling Members – Peter &
Morene, Rosalind, Theresa





Keeping an Eternal Perspective in a Temporal World

"Set your mind on things above, not on earthly things." (Colossians 3:2)

In Matthew 6:19-20 Jesus said, "Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and where thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal."

So, what is temporal in this life?

According to the American Dictionary of the English Language, "temporal" derives from the Latin "temporalis", which comes from the root "tempus" meaning "time". It pertains to this life, this world or the body only. Temporal affairs are opposed to the spiritual. It is measured and limited by time, or by this life or this state of things; having limited existence; opposed to eternal.

Sometimes we forget that when we get caught up in daily routines, irksome pains, and chasing after our life goals. Yes, our earthly struggles and pains are real, but even an entire lifetime of physical pain or loss is temporal. We often lose our spiritual focus even when eternity is all that matters!

Life is about fulfilling God's purpose for us. We must focus, therefore, on His eternal perspective. James 4:14 says the human life is "a vapour: it appears for a while and then vanishes." Life isn't about accumulating the temporal - money, power, or fame.

Realise that suffering on earth is momentary

2 Cor 4:17 tells us that our afflictions here on earth are "light and momentary" and are "achieving for us an eternal glory" that will far outweigh anything else. In other words, the things we experience here on earth are shaping us and preparing us for eternal life.

We need not be fearful of the temporal afflictions of life

People fear many things, especially death. But 1 John 4:18 tells us that there is no fear in love and that perfect love drives out fear. We have perfect love from our Saviour. On the cross, He demonstrated perfect love by defeating sin, suffering, and death (1 Cor. 15:55-58). Jesus has made available to us eternal life. This means we no longer have to be fearful of anything, not even death. God wants us to embrace and embody the love he has extended to us.

It is all about our personal choice!

Jesus lived his life with an eternal perspective. His obedience would result in his exaltation and the salvation of many. The obedience of Christ bought our eternal salvation. It all comes down to whether we want to live life to fulfil the demands of the temporal world or the eternal world.

Although we live on earth, God created us for eternity. As Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, “[God] has also put eternity in their hearts.” We may live in time, but eternity must be the backdrop of our life.

We should live in thankful obedience to Christ, with grateful hearts overflowing with love for God. Remember, though heaven and earth pass away, God’s truth will never disappear (Matt. 24:35). It is vital to learn to live life in preparation for the eternal. This eternal perspective affects our priorities and actions.

Reflection:

Spend some time pondering about eternity.

In what ways can you reflect on God’s eternal truths today?

What will it be like to see Jesus face to face, to be completely free of sin, and to be fully restored? How will it change how you think and act?

How does that future hope help you live in obedience today?

Prayer:

Loving Lord and Heavenly Father, thank You for the opportunity to spend time in Your Word and prepare my heart for this devotion. You hold the world and the future in Your hands. Everything we see today is set in motion by You. Help me to see things with an eternal perspective and discard the temporary wants and replace them with actions that pertain to Your Kingdom. Give me insight and understanding as I read and reflect on Your Word, and may I mature in the faith, as well as grow in grace and a deeper knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. All these we ask in Jesus' name. Amen.

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Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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Meet Our People

Elders

Simon Goh

Peter Lim

Lim Swee Aun

Deacons

Dennis Law

Lim Kok Hin

Vincent Lim

Ministers

Tan Beng Chuan

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Leadership Renewal

Introducing the Candidates

Elders



Lim Swee Aun (Board Secretary)

Swee Aun was born in Penang, came to PP in 1994 and was baptized later that year. He has built his career in computer technology and continues to be employed in this domain. He was appointed Deacon in 2004 and later as an Elder from 2017. He is Secretary of the PPCOC Board, Chairman of SIBI-Singapore and Indonesia missions coordinator. He is married to Lai Fun, who was instrumental in bringing him to Christ. God has blessed them with two children, John and Christine. Gratefulness continues to motivate him as he seeks God's voice and direction in service to God's kingdom.

Pang Tee Liang

Tee Liang came to the church at Tanglin Halt with his wife, Foon Yoong, over 50 years ago and was baptised on 20 December 1969. He has served as preacher and Bible class teacher and is currently the co-chair of the Rebuilding Committee. He sees himself as being on a lifelong journey of learning and understanding God's word. Tee Liang and Foon Yoong have 3 children and 6 grandchildren. He is humbled by the nomination to serve, and hopes to be fruitful in service, to draw closer to God, and to win souls for the Kingdom.



Peter Lim (Board Chairman)



Peter Lim became a Christian in 1975 and was active in the youth ministry as a young Christian. He has served in various roles, including preaching, teaching adult and youth bible classes, church camp coordinator, Philippines missions IC, and deacon, and currently Board chairman and an elder. He is married to Morene and they have a son, Ryan. An ex-military pilot, he is currently working as a pilot flying private jets. He finds joy in serving God and the church and looks forward to serving in the church for as long as he is needed.

Simon Goh

Simon Goh was born in 1953 and born again in 1969. He is happily married to Wai Leng (his wife of 35 years) and is blessed with four good sons. He is currently working for an SME in the maritime industry. Simon has served at PP for around 50 years in various ministries, including being an Elder since 2004. He and Wai Leng have "exported" VBS to most of our mission partners. He is passionate in serving God and His Kingdom. He will continue to serve as the Lord enables and empowers him.



Deacons



Frederick Yu

Frederick Yu attended a house church in his hometown in Shanxi province with his late mother as a teenager. He was baptized in PPCOC in September 2002 and has been an active member for 20 years. He has preached regularly in Chinese congregations and has supported missionaries in China financially and spiritually. He is married to Sarah, and their children are Sean (15) and Zoe (11).

Frederick holds a bachelor and masters degree in Physics and has been working in Seagate Singapore for nearly 15 years. He feels blessed to be able to serve in the Church.

Lim Kok Hin

Lim Kok Hin was baptized in 1970. He has served as treasurer and has taught various Bible classes, including Men's, New Converts, and the Wednesday Bible Class. He currently serves as co-chair for the Rebuilding Project. He is married to Lay Chai and has a son, Samuel. He is currently 67 years old and prays that he may fulfill the calling to serve with joy and a thankful spirit.



Romaine Jackson



Romaine Lee Jackson became a Christian in 1997 at the age of 8 and has been serving ever since. His grandparents and parents have been active servants as teachers, preachers and missionaries in the Church of Christ. Since then, he has served as a regular preacher and teacher across various congregations in the UK, Hong Kong, here at PP, Macau and Jamaica. He has been married to Sabrina for 10 years and has three children, Aidan Lee, Aria Grace and Anaiyah Faith.

He is a business strategist and markets analyst in the financial capital markets, working for ION group. As part of his role, Romaine is a regular contributor to CNBC on Global business trends and is also pursuing an MBA at Warwick Business School in the UK. He finds joy in serving the Lord, the church and those in need. Aside from family time, Romaine researches dietary trends, plays tennis, practices yoga, runs and goes to the gym in his spare time.

Board



Johnston Seah (Treasurer)

Johnston Seah grew up in the church as a second generation Christian and was baptised in 2001. His parents, Siow Hwee and Doris, modelled for him a life of service for the Lord. He was graced with opportunities to serve the youth and young adults ministries, participated in several mission fields and followed his father's interest in preaching and teaching. He has bound himself to Josephine and spawned a Gabriel and a Genevieve.

He has an audit background and currently works at Coca-Cola in the finance department. He joined the church finance team as a volunteer in November 2021 and has been nominated to the role of Treasurer. He will answer the call.

Dennis Law

Dennis Law was added to the church in 1982 and actively served in youth-related ministries. He has also served as worship leader and leads singing regularly. Married to Marissa, they have two sons - Daryl & Justin. Having spent most of his career in advertising & marketing, Dennis is currently taking on various administrative support roles. He served as a Deacon in the past term and continues to sit on the Church Board. He is also missions IC for the Philippines and helps oversee the digital platforms of the church.



Jason Mok

Jason Mok was baptized in 1998 at Jurong CoC. He served as a songleader at Jurong, Wilmette CoC (Chicago, USA), and PP. Jason also serves in other roles including preaching and teaching the Youth Bible class. Alongside his wife Yvette, they supported a youth mission trip to Baguio in 2011. They have three children - Rafael, Gabriele, and Vidael. Jason currently works as an engineer in the Land Transport Authority. He is always keen to serve God and to do His Word.

Jim Kawi

Jim Kawi became a Christian in 1996 in Jurong CoC. He transferred his membership to PP in 1997 and has been involved in Deaf Ministry ever since. He has also served as a Song Leader, Treasurer, Board Member and Pledge and Building Fund Committee Member. He is married to Farida and they two children and three grandchildren. He works as a lecturer, researcher and administrator at the National University of Singapore. He finds joy in serving and praising God (especially in song leading with or without signing) and looks forward to serving in the church for as long as he is needed.



Board



Lim Lian Chye

Lian Chye became a Christian in 1978. He taught the Men's Bible class for many years and is currently the main teacher for the Wednesday Bible Class. Lian Chye served in various roles as church secretary, treasurer and lately as Board member. He volunteers as a Bible teacher at Gladiolus Place - a residential refuge for girls from disadvantaged families. Lian Chye is married to Janet and together they have three children - Serene, Rachel and Timothy.

Ooi Boo Chye

Boo Chye came to know the Lord through Rosie and was baptized in May 1983. He has served in previous Church Boards in various positions and was also active in the SIBI Singapore Board. Currently, he is a member of the Church Rebuilding Committee. Boo Chye is a retired doctor and was involved in some of PPCOC's medical missions. God has blessed Rosie and Boo Chye with a wonderful family of 3 children and 2 grandchildren. He feels privileged and honoured to be able to serve the Lord and hopes to continue serving the church as a Board member.



Shawn Li

Shawn was brought to church by his parents, Edward and Rosalind in 1988. He was carried and taught by many uncles and aunties as he was growing up at church. He was baptised in 2001 together with his sister, Andrea. He has served alongside other youth and young adult leaders in many camps, mission trips overseas and Bible classes and rose to leading those ministries. He considers himself a teacher and lifelong student of God's Word.

He is married to Charmaine who is his constant rock of love. They have two cats, Sora and Emi whom they love a lot. He currently works as a Senior Art Director because he loves how design thinking can change and inspire the way people experience the world around them. He looks to the Great Designer, YHWH, who designed and created order out of chaos and desires to do the same for the community at Church of Christ, Pasir Panjang.

Trustees



Larry Lim

Larry Lim has been an active member of Downtown Church of Christ (aka Citivision Church of Christ) since 1991 before placing membership with PPCOC. He has served on the leadership committee of Citivision for several years, and also in preaching, teaching bible classes and leading a cell group at Citivision. LL is a practising lawyer by profession. He is married to E Lin and has two children, Cameron and Tristan.

Lee Yoke Choi

Yoke Choi studied the word of God with Bro Hogan Jr in Moulmein Church of Christ in 1974 and was baptised in 1975. He and his wife Swee Yee transferred to Queenstown in 1977 with his mother-in-law. Yoke Choi who has been attending worship regularly since his baptism would readily render his services whenever he was called upon to serve. He and Swee Yee have 3 grown daughters – Pei Ching, Wen Ching and Rui Ching.

Yoke Choi is self-employed and represents a Belgian Manufacturer making power and distribution transformers. If nominated to be a trustee, he will serve the church dutifully.



Leow Peng Liam

Leow Peng Liam was baptised in 1977 and has remained a faithful member with PPCOC ever since. He has served in the Evangelism & Missions Ministries, preached and taught Bible classes, and shared the Jule Miller videos with new members. He continues to serve in worship and joins the Online Prayer Warriors whenever he can. He is married to Catherine and they have 3 children, Olivia, Lauren and Caleb, who are all baptised in the Lord.

He is currently in a regional role with the Merck Electronics Group dealing with semiconductor specialty materials and chemicals. He feels very blessed by God and hopes to bless others in return. God willing, upon his retirement in a few years, he hopes to spend more time doing kingdom work.