

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



**Lim Cher Yam | 13 November 2022**

How can we know that the Bible is the Word of God and not just a good book like any other books written by man? What is unique about the Bible that sets it apart from all other books ever written? Is there any evidence that the Bible is truly God's Word? These questions are often asked by sincere truth seekers and sceptics alike and must be seriously examined.

Our answers to these questions will not only determine how we view the Bible and its importance to our lives, but will also have an eternal impact on us.

If the Bible is truly God's Word, then we should cherish it, study it, obey it, and fully trust it. It will be the final authority for all matters of faith, practice, and morality.

External evidences in the area of scientific accuracy of the Bible is one way to verify its claim of inspiration. Because the Bible details scientific facts, its accuracy is subject to verification like any other scientific document.

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Standing on the Promises

Opening

Faithful Love

In Christ Alone

Scripture: Isaiah 12

Prayer

Shout to the Lord

Communion

Giving

Give Me The Bible

Scripture: Isaiah 40:7-8

Sermon

Lord I Believe

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Stand Up Stand Up For Jesus

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$8577**



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.

# Upcoming Events



**13 Nov | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"Saul, The Samaritans and Simon the Sorcerer" (Acts 8:1-25)

By Isaac Tay

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

Contact Agnes Lim  
(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"Doctrine of The Holy Spirit 2"

*Christian Cornerstones*

By John Lim

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

"The Helper Comes"

*Acts 2:1-47*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee  
(9855 4957)

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

"Defeat At Ai"

*Joshua 7:1-26*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee  
(9173 2365)

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

"Absalom's Conspiracy"

*2 Samuel 15*

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**14 Nov | 7:30pm**

## **Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**16 Nov | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class**

"Feed On My Flesh" (John 6:48-59)



**18 Nov | 7:30pm**

## **Youth Huddle**

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

# Family News



## Baptism of Myrna Vergara



We welcome sister Myrna Vergara (center) to our church family! She was baptised last Sunday (12:30pm) at the Moulmein Church of Christ by minister John Lim.

We pray that the Lord will bless this new child of Christ and fill her with the gift of the Holy Spirit, that the love and light of Jesus may shine through her to the glory of God Almighty!



## Youth Camp Meal Sponsorship



Food is a great way to get to build relationships, and sponsoring a meal gives you the chance to make a difference!

This year, the Youth Camp Organising Committee is inviting members to spend time and a meal with the Youth. If you are interested, please look for Kweek Xiu En, Lauren Leow or John Lim.



## Key Challenges for the 21st Century Church

Five decades have passed since I chose to be a disciple of Christ. Becoming a newly minted grandpa has triggered deep reflection of the spiritual journey of the churches of Christ, of how we have grown and the challenges we face.

In this series, with God's help, I will take the liberty of love to share nuggets of past experiences, observations and learnings for us to reflect upon as a family who loves God and His Church.

### Learning 1: Consumeristic Christianity

Consumerism and capitalism have fully infiltrated our lives, luring Christians towards “church shopping” and “what can I get out of the church”. Many go for Sunday services to “get something” but not always wanting to give something. Some even use church to expand their network for economic gains. The pursuit of a church that “fit them” feels like shopping for branded goods that match their checklist of desired preferences, whether it be a school or a smartphone.

Paul's advice is clear — “Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.” Colossians 3:2

The Lord's Church is a place where members of a body come together for purposes beyond themselves. As members of the Lord's Church we must not go along with this consumeristic trend.

The Church is the Bride of Christ, purified by the blood of Christ. It is not a place for self-gratification but sanctification.

## **Learning 2: The Lure to Look for a Hip and Popular Church.**

The consumerism of contemporary Christianity has led many to prefer the more 'popular and hip' churches that 'fit us' (how we look, talk and worship) and be surrounded by people who look, talk and worship just like us.

Aligning ourselves to the world is to be misaligned with God! Social media lures us to curate feeds and surround ourselves with people who pressure us to agree with them and conform to their worldly values. The gospel call to Christlikeness is presented as archaic, narrow-minded and old-fashioned.

“Do not love the world or the things in the world. If anyone loves the world, the love of the Father is not in him. For all that is in the world – the desires of the flesh and the desires of the eyes and pride of life – is not from the Father but is from the world. The world passes away along with its desires, but whoever does the will of God abides forever”. 1 John 2:15-17

## **Practical Suggestions to Counter Trends 1 & 2:**

### **Would You Start the Morning with God?**

God loves it when we spend time with him. Why not do it right before you start your day? Wake up a little earlier than usual and open up your Bible and read what God has to say for the day.

Connecting with God first thing in the morning allows Him to be the first thing on your mind as you wake up, and it will follow you as you face the challenges of the day.

How about writing your daily walk with God in Your Personal Journal? Write down your thoughts and feelings, and Bible verses that help you through the day. Getting it all down on paper or on a digital record is a good way to remind yourself of God's love throughout the day.



# Weekly Nugget | Kuek Lee Hock

Follow up with a Bible study or daily devotional; this can be done on your own, with a buddy, or in a small group.

## **Consider Praying for God to be in Your Presence Daily**

Praying can be done at any time of the day and is a good way to grow your relationship with God.

Tell God what you are feeling and ask for help in any areas of your life.

Prayer is a conversation between you and God so feel free to tell Him anything.

## **Prayer for the Day**

Good morning, Lord! Today's a new day, a chance for a new start. Yesterday is gone and with it any regrets, mistakes, or failures I may have experienced. It's a good day to be glad and to give thanks, and I do, Lord. Thank you for today, a new opportunity to love, give, and be all that you want me to be. In Christ's Name, Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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## Meet Our People

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