

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



**John Lim | 27 November 2022**

What do you think our world will look like in 5 years? 10 years? 20 years? If we observe world events and cultural messages, it doesn't look good. Hope is at an all-time low, and optimism is increasingly seen as naive or ignorant.

In this new series, we learn to hope again, just as God's people never lost hope during their darkest days. They believed God's promise that the Light of the World was coming to cast out the darkness, and that they could already begin walking in that Light. Little did they know that Light would become a Man, who would change history forever.

# Sunday Morning Worship

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## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$10,531**



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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



**27 Nov | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"When Am I Saved?"

Acts 9:1-19

By Jason Mok

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

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"Doctrine of Salvation"

*Christian Cornerstones*

By John Lim

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

"Love One Another"

1 John 2:1-17; 3:1-5:4

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"The Crafty Gibeonites"

*Joshua 9:1-27*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

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

"Absalom Killed"

2 Samuel 17-18

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**28 Nov | 7:30pm**

## **Gladiolus Place Devotional**

Contact Lucy Kwan (9838 3131)



**30 Nov | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class**

"Seeking the Glory of the Father"

(John 7:1-19)



**3 Dec | 6pm**

## **Youth Huddle**

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)



## Baptism of Ryan Tan



Ryan Tan will be baptised into the Lord Jesus on Sunday afternoon (12:30pm) at the Moulmein Church of Christ. Ryan recently completed his 'O' Level examinations and is excited to take the next step in his journey of faith. We are excited to welcome Ryan into the PPCOC family!

If you would like to witness the baptism, minister Irvin Wan will be arranging transportation after our worship service. You may look for him at the AV booth once the service ends.



## Congratulations Joseph and Nicole!



We pray for God's richest blessings over Joseph and Nicole as they begin life together as one! They were married on Saturday, 26 November.



## Congratulations Clarence & Cindy!



We pray for God's richest blessings over Clarence and Cindy as they begin life together as one! They were also married on Saturday, 26 November.



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## LEADERS

**Elders** (Swee Aun, Tee Liang, Peter, Simon): may they love and shepherd the church as Christ loves and cares for His Bride

**Deacons** (Frederick, Kok Hin, Romaine): to serve the church with the zeal of Stephen; to proactively discern the needs of the church and serve with the humility of Christ

**Ministers** (Beng Chuan, Kyle, Irvin, John): to lead with wisdom and discernment

**Staff** (Annie): to faithfully and effectively handle church admin and support the spiritual goals of the church

**Board** (Johnston, Dennis, Lian Chye, Boo Chye, Jason, Shawn, Jim): to steward the affairs of the church so that we can remain a functional and effective witness to our nation for Christ

## UPDATES

**Amy Song** - successful surgery on 9 Nov for fractured arm

**Pearly Kwa** - successful shoulder surgery on 15 Nov

**Janet Lim** - healing from spinal injury after bicycle fall

**Vincent Lim's mother** - multiple cancers detected at old age; pray for salvation

**Patrick Ong** - successful surgery on 11 Nov

**Nancy Tan** - stomach/abdomen pains

**Anna Tan** - giddiness

**Rudy Lim** - brother Randy and his wife's recovery from COVID

**Farida** - thanksgiving for safe travels to USA

**Jhun Ma** - youngest son John was hospitalised

**Merry Jane** - traveling to see her mother in Philippines

**Joyce Tan** - suffering from hip pain; medications not working

**Elizabeth's nephew** - recovery from viral gastroenteritis

**Grace M's helper** - family in Cianjur affected by earthquake.





## What's the hardest part of being a Christian?

We don't enjoy being disciplined. We have embraced individualism more than we are willing to admit. Self-gratification overrules the spirit of considering others and their needs. We tend to seek our immediate longings and desires.

“Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.” (Phil 2:3-4)

But the child in us will argue that the world we live in applauds the ‘winners’ with rewards and remunerations for being champions in all areas of life’s endeavours.

The reason we don’t like to be disciplined is that it involves short-term pain. We’re inclined to protect our feelings from being hurt. “For the moment all discipline seems painful rather than pleasant, but later it yields the peaceful fruit of righteousness to those who have been trained by it.” (Hebrews 12:11)

Those who have been trained by it will yield the fruit of righteousness. From this perspective, even the most painful discipline is actually an expression of love. Christian discipline always seeks a child’s best interest.

Like God, a mature parent accepts a child’s rebellion and says, “That’s okay, you don’t need to love me right now. You’ll understand it in years to come.” It hurts temporarily, but to compromise a child’s welfare will hurt a lot worse later, or even result in a lifetime of pain and regrets.

All athletes understand the need to discipline and train themselves if they desire to be winners. They need to obey the training rules and submit to the plans of their coaches and trainers. But the results are worth it!

When we teach our children godly submission, we are teaching them to do the right thing for the right reason and get them to move to obey in love and trust. Discipline primarily starts externally at first, but eventually, it should be internalised and integrated into their character and self-discipline.

As parents, we need to model for our children what we desire in them by our personal godliness and submission to God. How we speak and act towards others will greatly influence who our children become.

## **Reflection:**

- 1.What do we need in every relationship so the Spirit of God can bear fruits of love, patience, gentleness and kindness in our relationships as we practise spiritual discipline?
- 2.If you are the one receiving discipline, how do you want the discipline to be meted out?
- 3.List the lessons from God's Word shared in the devotional and put them into practice.

Pray for God's guidance and strength as you resolve to put into practice God's Word of Life and Light.

## **Prayer:**

Gracious God, please help me develop control over the words I speak, so they are gracious and appropriate and fit the occasion. May my words be filled with Your graciousness and hope even when I am being disciplined. Help me not to blurt out words that might hurt or offend others but may my words be filled with Your wisdom and love. Develop a godly filter over my mouth and help me discipline myself to praise You and encourage others. In Christ's name I pray. Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

### Elders

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