

# FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST  
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

## Sunday Morning Worship



**Irvin Wan | 4 December 2022**

Here's a wild idea: we humans are a lot like trees! While we can walk instead of being rooted and we grow hair instead of leaves, Scripture tells a story of humanity where we are called to "be fruitful and multiply" and to be grafted into the True Vine of Jesus Christ.

In this season of Advent, we celebrate the Incarnation of the Lord Jesus. God did not stay up there all cozy and comfortable in His heavenly armchair, but came to us as one of us, so that we might behold His glory and find what we have been hungering for all along.

# Sunday Morning Worship

## Order of Worship

Call to Worship

[Come Let Us Worship](#)

[And Bow Down](#)

Scripture Reading: Psalm 72

Prayer

[Come Thou Almighty King](#)

[Jesus Name Above All Names](#)

[Jesus Let Us Come To Know You](#)

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10

Interns Sharing

[I Come To The Garden Alone](#)

Sermon

[All Who Are Thirsty](#)

[Come to the Table](#)

Communion & Giving

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

[Come People Of The Risen King](#)

## Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$12,238**



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



**4 Dec | 9:30am**

## **Adult Bible Class**

"Opposition to Saul"

Acts 9:20-31

By Kelvin Koo

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

Contact Agnes Lim

(9858 5935)

## **Youth Bible Class**

"Doctrine of The Church"

*Christian Cornerstones*

By John Lim

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

"Jesus Is Coming Back"

*1 Thessalonians 4:13-5:11*

Contact Josephine Seow (9170 4343)

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

Contact Audrey Lee

(9855 4957)

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

"The Sun Stood Still"

*Joshua 10:1-43*

Contact Joanne Foo (9683 8266)

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

Contact Koo Hwee Yee

(9173 2365)

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

"David's Song of Deliverance"

*2 Samuel 19-22*

Contact Rosalind Lee (9621 9006)



**7 Dec | 7:30pm**

## **Wednesday Bible Class**

"Out of Your Heart Will Flow Rivers of Living Water"

(John 7:1-19)



**10 Dec | 6pm**

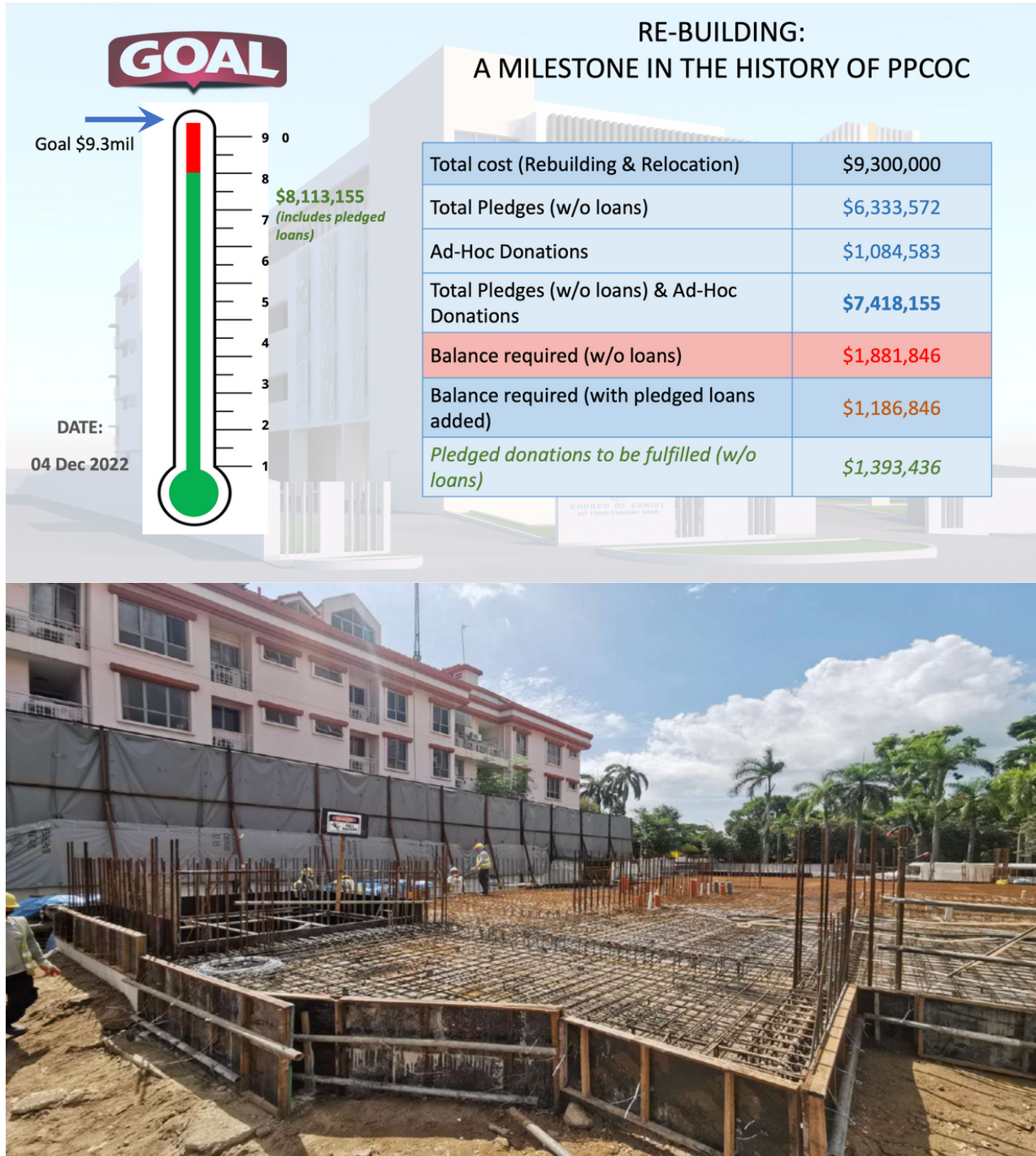
## **Youth Huddle & Barbeque**

Contact John Lim (8689 2008)

# Family News



## Rebuilding Update







## Introducing “The Teh-ology Podcast”



Irvin, Kyle and John are excited to bring you “The Teh-ology Podcast”, a series of conversations about Scripture, God and life!

This podcast grew out of a desire to reflect more deeply during the week on the themes we explored on Sunday.

You can find “The Teh-ology Podcast” at Buzzsprout.com or on your favourite podcast platforms, including Apple Music and Spotify. Each episode is a bite sized 10-15 minutes, and new episodes release every Wednesday. This is the perfect mid-week encouragement for your walk with God!

The ministers would also like to thank all members who were involved in the original pilot group to refine the podcast. We look forward to many deep insights and good conversations!

We would love your feedback, insights and takeaways from this podcast! Do drop us an email at [hello@ppcoc.org](mailto:hello@ppcoc.org) to share with us what you liked or what you'd like to see.

# Family News



## Baptism of Gwyneth & Gabriel Foo



On Monday, 28 Nov, siblings Gwyneth and Gabriel Foo confessed their faith in the Lord Jesus and were baptised by their father, brother Yong Chead. Praise God for these new souls added to His family!

As their new family, let us surround them with our love and prayers as they begin a new and exciting journey as followers of Jesus!



## Sis. Merry Jane's Mother



A few weeks ago, sister Merry Jane had to return home to the Philippines to visit her ailing mother in hospital. We thank all members who supported her financially to help cover the hospital bills.

Sister Merry Jane would like to thank the church for all the support as well:

To all my Brothers and Sisters in Christ,  
I thank our Lord Jesus Christ for always being there for me, and thank you so much for all your prayers for my mum and me, and your support financially and emotionally. It lifts me up knowing that you are all willing to support me as your sister who really needs help. I felt so happy and grateful and blessed to have brothers and sisters like you all, and also that I belong to this church where I became a child of God. May God bless all of you more and more. If someone needs help one day, if I have an opportunity to help, I also want to help in the same way. I believe that God knows our heart and knows when to answer our prayers. His timing is always perfect.  
God bless us all! ☒



## Celebration of Life: The Gift of a Child

Psalm 127:3 “Children are a gift from the Lord; they are a reward from him.”

God tells us that children are a precious gift from Him, made in His image. Before receiving the gift of children at his old age, Abraham asked God, “What will you give me for I continue childless?” (Gen 15:2)

God wants His gifts to be valued and cared for in His name. As parents, we are our children's stewards during their earthly life. The Word of God has a lot to say about children and how we parent them.

How much do we understand and appreciate what this celebration of Life from God? Let's consider a few thoughts. God created the family. Children are a gift from God. God cares about how children are raised and nurtured.

I thank God for the gift of a grandson, Joshua. Daily, I celebrate with thanksgiving and joy for Joshua's growth and development as an infant. Hence, I observed and reflected on Joshua's development as an infant learning to:

- drink and take solid food, control elimination of bodily wastes
- talk, play with toys, crawl, stand, walk, run, climb, jump, throw, etc.
- pay attention, recognise and identify things, persons and events to form simple concepts of social and physical reality
- imitate the behaviour and actions of others
- relate oneself emotionally to parents, sibling and others.

Reflect on these special moments of love and care for the children that surround us. They may not be our own children or grandchildren, or they may be our nieces or nephews, or maybe even a child passing by.

In like manner, Paul's first letter to the Corinthians highlighted the personal spiritual growth & development of Christians whom he referred to as infants in Christ. "I gave you milk, not solid food, for you were not yet ready for it. Indeed, you are still not ready" (1 Cor 3:2).

God wants us to grow! To move beyond the stage of an infant feeding only on spiritual milk. Instead, we should be growing into maturity feeding on spiritual meat.

Authentic Christianity is not a tepid, half-hearted, part-time, or a religious feeling. Authentic celebration of a Christian life is to be restored to God's purpose and why we were created in the first place.

## **Reflection on the Infant Metaphor**

Firstly, others can see how we are growing spiritually. What we show to others is usually made to look better than what is real because we want to leave a good impression. We usually project an inflated version of our true self.

Secondly, as we look into our own spiritual development, the true reflection of our maturity in Christ is seen by those who really know us well.

Thirdly, as we grow in the likeness of our Father in Heaven, we strive to have the character and the holy nature of God, as Peter advised us to do in 2 Peter 1:4. When we are truthful to the three considerations and become aligned to God's Word & will, we will begin to exhibit the character of Christ, becoming more and more Christlike.



Our goal is to be a member of His family—a child of God (Romans 8:13-16). As the saying goes, “Like Father, Like son.” When we work on the three reflections above, we will develop and grow — to be one with Christ and the Father.

## **Prayer**

Heavenly Father, we were born again to embrace a new life and be reconciled to You through Your Son, Jesus Christ, and to accept a gift that we cannot earn by our unworthy demerits of sinfulness.

We long to be like You, Father; we are marred and beaten up by sins that we are not even recognisable, if not for Jesus’ sacrifice and blood that makes us whole again and again.

We were born to receive incredible spiritual love, power and a sound mind. Give us the power to overcome, and endure all the problems in life as we fill ourselves with Your Words of Life.

In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

# Connect With Us

## Prayer Requests/ Feedback



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



## Meet Our People

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