

FOCUS



CHURCH *of* CHRIST
PASIR PANJANG, SINGAPORE

Sunday Morning Worship



26 February 2023

For many of us, we think of 'faith' as something we do or have. We say that we have faith in God, and the way we live is a result of that faith we have. In the world around us, 'faith' refers to the set of religious beliefs about God or gods that anyone subscribes to. In an odd way, the way we talk about 'faith' makes it mostly about humans.

When YHWH God of Israel declares Himself as faithful, it is not that He holds certain beliefs about Himself or His creation. His faithfulness is a quality, a virtue, that means He is true to His word. He always keeps His promises - even when the other party (that's us) doesn't hold up their end of the bargain. And the more we contemplate that, the more we are lost in wonder, love and praise.

Sunday Morning Worship

Order of Worship

Leaning On The Everlasting Arms

Standing On The Promises

Call to Worship

I Need Thee Every Hour

Scripture: Psalm 121

Opening Prayer

In Christ Alone

Scripture: Romans 4:13-17

Communion

Giving

Faithful Love

Sermon

Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Announcements

Shepherd's Prayer

Living By Faith

Giving

Last Week's Giving: **\$11,489**



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



26 Feb | 9:30am

Adults Bible Class

When Rebaptism Is Necessary
(Acts 18:1-19:7)

GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)

Life Outside The Garden
(Genesis 3:22-6:12)

Youth Bible Class

Discovery Bible Study
(Mark 4:35-41)

GEMS Bible Class (P123)

The Call Of Abram
(Genesis 11:27-12:20)

GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)

Baby Jesus

GEMS Bible Class (P456)

Stephen Is Stoned To Death
(Acts 7:1-60)

GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)

Noah's Ark

GEMS (P6 Apologetics)

World Ideologies' Answers To
Life's Big Questions

GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)

Naaman



27 Feb | 7:30pm

Gladiolus Place Devotional

Contact Lucy Kwan



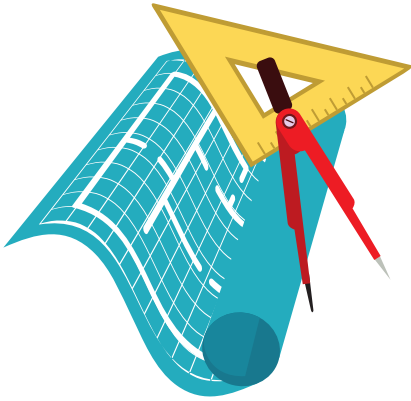
1 Mar | 7:30pm

Wednesday Bible Class

Believe The Works (John 10:22-42)



Rebuilding - Tender for Interior Design



The Church has called a tender for the interior decoration work for the English and Chinese Worship Halls. We invite members of the Church and your contacts to participate in the tender process if you are interested.

Please provide contact details of interested parties to Elder Pang Tee Liang (9618 1862) or Deacon Lim Kok Hin (9679 6027).



Irvin @ HST (22 Feb - 7 Mar)

Irvin will be away for two weeks as part of his masters' program at Harding School of Theology. He will be doing a rigorous program as well as making connections with churches and ministers in the US. Let us pray for travel mercies for Irvin as well as for God's Spirit to anoint him with wisdom and knowledge!



The Youth and Young Adults of PP and Moulmein are invited to a combined worship night led by brothers John Lim and Mit Vikraman! It will be a season for song, prayer and building relationships across our church families!



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CAMP 2023 REGISTRATION

\$10 OFF

registrations
completed
by 19 March

*Working and
Non-Working only

5 MARCH - 9 APRIL

WHAT YOU'LL NEED

Pick up a registration form from our lovely registration team on Sunday! You'll need your date of birth, passport number, date of issue and expiry (passport needs to have 6 months validity), and NRIC number. Registrations are confirmed once full payment is received.

PRICING



Working* - \$280



Non Working - \$180**



Children (4-12) - \$80



Children (below 4) - Free

* Includes NS Men

** Includes Youth, full-time students, domestic helpers, migrant workers, retirees



Camp 2023: Shema

14-17 June 2023 | Doubletree by Hilton | Malacca



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ONLINE PRAYER WARRIORS

— February 2023 —

FAMILIES

May God bless our families with strong and loving marriages, where communication is open and honest, and where troubled ones find healing; may our children walk reverently in God's sight and honour their parents and siblings; may our men rise up as spiritual leaders, our women rise up as encouragers and supporters, and our families as communities of service.

REBUILDING

Thank God for our property and a vision for growth; for a team of volunteers (RBC) working since 2018; for uneventful construction for the past year.

Pray for strength for the RBC to finish well; for contractors and consultants to follow through; for smooth awarding of contracts; for the church's move to Science Park 1 to be smooth and uneventful; for members to give sacrificially to the building fund

REQUESTS

Joan Lee - successful surgery for fractured wrist

Elsie (Betty Ng's sister) - colon and liver cancer, pray also for salvation

Siyona (daughter of Grace M's friend) - unwell and missing school since Dec 2022

Earthquake victims (Turkiye and Syria) - healing for the injured, comfort for the grieving, strength for responders

Phyllis Morgan - comfort after the passing of her husband Duane

Edward Lee - started immunotherapy

Wan Fook Weng - completed chemotherapy sessions

Emil (Ephril's son) - successful surgery on injured toes; pre-diabetic

Sister Lim (Chinese Congregation) - feeling tired and unable to do activities herself, developed skin allergies; pray for healing and strengthened faith

Irvin - spending two weeks at Harding School of Theology for his masters; pray also for Xin Tian, Joshua and Jonathan while he is away

Mission Trip Reflections



John Then

I thank God, my Father in heaven, in the name of Jesus for giving me the opportunity to go to Guntur, Andhra Pradesh, and experience His mighty hands upon the people in Reddy Palem Church of Christ.

Before the trip, I believe the Spirit of God gave me the task of encouraging brother Kiran Babu, the leader of Reddy Palem COC.

The other opportunity was to build a relationship between the Church and the community of Reddy Palem through the leadership of Kiran.



Encouragement

The psalmist writes in Psalm 147:11, “The Lord favours those who fear Him, those who wait for His lovingkindness.” I have been working online with Kiran for slightly more than 2 years, using the Bible to teach English to his Church members via Zoom. Kiran has also invited me to preach on Sunday several times.

I could sense that he needed support - not just for spiritual things like prayers, but also someone to recognise how God is working in and through him to bring the Gospel of hope to his community. I told him that if travel permits, I would visit him. Thank God that India is ready to allow visitors after 3 years of battling Covid-19.



When we finally met on 11 February, we got down to work immediately. We had planned for 4 days of ministering to him, his family, Church members and the community in Reddy Palem.

I preached on Sunday regarding God's mission and our prayers. Grace shared with the women to encourage them; Molly did a Sunday school while Wendy had a session with the youths.



Kiran and I talked about how God was working in Reddy Palem. We talked about the youth ministry, children's ministry, and the women's ministry. I encouraged him to trust in God and told him to keep communicating with like-minded believers. As for some challenges, especially financial matters to do church-planting, I advised him to go to God in prayer and trust in Him. All in all, I believe he is positive as he continues to trust God. We continue to hope and pray that God will supply his needs.

On the 4th day, we had 4 baptisms in the river. Praise God! (Pictured above right)

Building Relationships

We were able to visit more than 15 families over 2 days in the evenings. The community got to know us better as we prayed for their needs. They were very happy and thanked us for our kindness. We reminded them that it was God who was the main reason for the visits.

We also visited a woman with leprosy and another who contracted chicken-pox. On both occasions, we did not shy away as we told them that God is our strength and that He alone can heal our diseases. The women received the prayers with gladness.

We were honoured to experience a church wedding, where I shared Ephesians 5:22 and 25 with the bride.

There were sessions with the youths and children. During these occasions, the sharing of God through games and skits brought us together in harmony and joy. We played games and sang songs. The Church also catered for food for four days and members ate and fellowshiped together.



On the last day of our visit, the Church and the community acknowledged our friendship by giving us gifts.



Conclusion

Although it was a short trip but we could definitely see that the harvest is plentiful and ready for the Gospel. The whole team feels that we (PPCOC) should continue to visit and partner the Church in Reddy Palem. Praise God for His grace!

Mission Trip Reflections



Wendy Then

This is my first-time visiting India. The people in the church in Reddy Palem were very friendly and welcoming. During our five days in Reddy Palem, we visited families of the Church members and conducted programs for the children, youth, and women.

I can see the simplicity of the people there. From the children to the older adults, they are happy to be in the Church, sitting down on the floor singing, reading scripture, and listening to the Word and our sharing.

I am very encouraged to see Kiran, our SIBI graduate, active in serving the Lord. The Lord's favour is on him, and he uses what he learned in Singapore to minister to his people in the village. I remember that when he was in Singapore, he struggled with his English and class work. Now, he is teaching English and computer skills to the youth in his church and drawing people to church!

He also said that just as he received food and gifts during his 2 years of study in Singapore from members in PP Church, he now does the same for the needy in his village. Praise God for this seed that bears much fruit!

One of our objectives for this trip was to encourage Kiran but I think I am more encouraged by him in return, seeing his love and service for the people in his village.

Matthew 9:37 says "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few." During this trip we saw many needs: spiritual needs, physical illness, poverty etc. I pray that the church will continue to pray and partner with this work. I am reminded that we are blessed to be a blessing to the nations. We have many resources that we can share and participate in the harvest in Reddy Palem. May the Lord continue to use Kiran and raise up a team of young leaders to lead the Church!

Mission Trip Reflections



It was a last minute decision to go on this trip but there were definitely no regrets. I couldn't have asked for better company in the combination of John, Wendy and Grace, my sister. All were excited to be together and especially John, who was the funny guy who kept cracking us up in his attempts to speak Telugu using Google Translator 😊

Molly Ponnusamy

As this was my second trip heading to Guntur, I had a fair sense of familiarity about the place and with some people. The last trip I made to India was in January 2020 when we visited both Brother Joel Madiki's and Brother Kiran's places. Both their places a good 5-6 hours by car apart.

The Reddy Palem Church of Christ members are a bunch of very warm and friendly folk. As usual, there was much buzz and excitement upon our arrival with a welcome banner hoisted near the Church premises (which is Kiran's home).



During the five days, we spent our time bonding with the Church members in Reddy Palem by conducting various classes and visiting them at their homes. We saw the warmth and love extended by the people who eagerly awaited our arrival as we were going from one house to another.

Also, we had to pacify and make it up to an old lady who was in tears and insisted that we visit her house despite the late hour. It was a hilarious sight, seeing her going after Brother Kiran, who initially couldn't fit in the visit. They are simple people with big hearts and great hospitality. We drank endless cups of coffee and masala tea!

Church services were made up mostly of ladies, youth and children. They readily streamed in when we conducted the various classes and their singing can be a match to the angels in Heaven. There was much enthusiasm and spontaneity when they were asked to sing or read scripture from the Bible. They were so willing and teachable and in many ways, their hearts desired God.

It is noteworthy to mention the changes and improvements in the Church services and facilities since my last visit. I was very encouraged to see Brother Kiran being active and serving the Lord and the people in Reddy Palem. All praises to our Almighty GOD who equips and enables his workers when they desire to do HIS Kingdom work.

Based on our observations, we saw many needs (ie spiritual, financial needs for the orphans, handicap and widows etc) of the Church family in Reddy Palem that need to be met. I hope that with this testimony, we as a Church body can support the various outreach opportunities that Brother Kiran has enabled. May God continue to establish Brother Kiran and direct his path in leading the congregation at Reddy Palem.

There is certainly immerse warmth from and friendships formed with many at Reddy Palem Church of Christ which I will always cherish. Having said much, I am prepared to go when GOD calls me!



Mission Trip Reflections



Grace Mariaraja

Day 1

It was a long journey to and from Guntur with a 4-hour flight, 3 - 7 hours of transit, a 1.5-hour connecting flight and 2-hour road journey. We had to be on the move for 13 to 17 hours.



We started off with Sunday worship from 10 am to 1.30 pm. The worship hall was jam-packed with happy and eager faces of children and women who greeted us with love and shyness. John preached that morning and Kiran interpreted. It was a powerful combination, and we could feel God's presence among us.

What struck me is that most of the brethren (90% women and children) sat on the cement floor and they hardly moved or left the worship hall. They all sang out loud - with all their hearts and mind and paid deep attention to the sermon. No one fiddled with their phone, except me and my team who took quick photographs. Isn't this an awesome example?

After worship, happy kids surrounded us wanting to shake hands and we had a quick but delicious lunch provided by Sister Mary (from PPCOC).

Molly conducted the children's bible class with me assisting while Wendy conducted a session with the youths assisted by John. We expected 30 but God provided us with double this amount.

We were helped by a young girl, Esther who interpreted for us with her mum, Sister Bavani's guidance. She was doing it for the first time and struggled but her spirit to help and be part of this work was admirable.

The children impressed me with their excitement and eagerness to sing the songs we taught them and their attentiveness to the bible story of blind Bartimaeus, we told them. We finished this session with craftwork which they diligently did. With this, we ended day 1 with thanks to God.

Day 2

The next day, we had a women's seminar where I taught about Godly women raising Godly children. Sister Bavani interpreted for me, and she was just an angel. The ladies took turns singing and when the lesson started, they eagerly read aloud the scriptures quoted. I found it amazing as I do not see this happening here. They were full of zeal and thirst for God's word.

In the evening, we had an impromptu session with the young girls on women's health and hygiene and that helped us to bond well and overcome any shyness that they had towards us.

Day 3

We met with the young men and women learning English online with John to encourage and motivate them. Later that day, we went house visiting in the village. To my amusement, the list of homes kept growing and 10 became 13 and 13 became 15 and (if I am not wrong) we covered almost 20 homes.

Astoundingly, the size of the people's hearts is 10x bigger than their homes. Even our studio flat in Singapore can be considered luxurious considering their homes. They do not have furniture and mostly have light rattan beds which double or triple up as a bed, table, or sofa. When not in use, they are propped against the wall to make space. All toileting is done outside the house and although there is a pump outside many of the houses, the water is not suitable for drinking, washing, or bathing as it is salty and rusty. As such, they need to wait for water tankers to come to fill their pails. Electricity is also scarce and power outages are common.

We ended the day with a movie screening of the Life of Jesus and dinner. It was a fun day and filled my heart with joy.

Day 4

Today we had an unplanned but joyful entry – baptisms. We met the 5 brothers and sisters willing to be baptized including Kiran's wife, Sowjanya. Unfortunately, one of the sisters who wanted to be baptized could not because her husband was not agreeable. Though he was away in the city working, he ordered/demanded she not go ahead. Kiran tried to reason with him but to no avail.

After taking the confessions, we had to travel more than 30 minutes to somewhere far for the baptisms as there was no baptistry in the church building (a.k.a. Kiran's home). We stopped at a canal-like place for the baptisms. To me, it looked deep, and unsafe and made me think of lurking crocodiles. We were informed that this was the best place for that day and so with faith, we proceeded. By God's grace all went well. We rushed back to give our blessings to a bride-to-be, Sowmya.

Later that day, we had a gospel meeting cum farewell where Kiran and John shared a message followed by thanksgiving. We each shared how we felt and expressed our love and desire to see them again soon, Lord willing.

Day 5 and 6

We packed up and had a simple lunch fellowship at Kiran's house and left for the airport in the early evening for our domestic flight to Chennai and international flight to Singapore.

We reached Singapore safe and sound at 8 am spiritually nourished and filled with awe for God's love for His people. God preserved us and brought us back safely to do more in His kingdom.



Meet Our People

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