

## Sunday Morning Worship



#### Restored In Hope | 7 April 2024

We often say that the goal of the Christian faith is "salvation" - our sins are cleansed by Jesus which qualifies us to go to heaven when we die. According to the Bible, "salvation" means that and more! It affects not only what happens after we die, but it also totally transforms the life we live now!

This idea is where our fourth church value, "Restorative", comes from. We believe that Jesus has saved us <u>from</u> sin and death and restored us <u>to</u> our original purpose as Images of God in the world. Just as Jesus was raised from the dead to live forever as the rightful King of the universe, so also we have been raised from sin and death to live forever as co-rulers with Christ, blessing and nurturing all of creation until He comes again.

# **Sunday Morning Worship**

### **Order of Worship**

We're Marching To Zion Welcome Family News Call To Worship Jesus Paid It All Living Hope Scripture: Psalm 126 Prayer Hymn of Heaven Sermon My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less Communion Giving Shepherd's Blessing Salvation Belongs To Our God

# Giving

### Sunday Giving: **\$14,223 / \$12,000**



General Fund S76SS0008AGFD



Missions Fund S76SS0008AMFD



Building Fund S76SS0008ABFD

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**



Combined Bible Class
The Life of the Christ
Week 12 - The First Evangelists

**GEMS Bible Class (Kinderkids)** A Burning Bush (Exodus 2-4)

**GEMS Bible Class (Cradle Roll)** Baby Jesus **GEMS Bible Class (P12)** Jesus rejected in hometown; A Miraculous Catch of Fish (Luke 4:16-30; 5:1-11)

**GEMS Bible Class (Toddlers)** David and Goliath

**GEMS Bible Class (Nursery)** The Tower of Babel **GEMS Bible Class (P345)** Sermon on the Mount - The Wise and Foolish Builders (Matthew 7:15-27)

**GEMS P6 Apologetics Class** The Passion of Christ



#### Cleaner

The church is hiring a professional cleaner under the supervision of the FAST team. They will be working from Tuesdays to Sundays, 8am-4pm.

We pray that they will be a blessing to us, and also that they will be blessed by our season of working here with us!

Please note that because this cleaner is not hired as security personnel, they will not be allowed to open the building for members. Members using the building for ministry purposes should seek out their ministry's Facility Steward.





### Modular Bible Classes: From 21 April

It has been a wonderful experience doing a Combined Bible Class for the past year! That said, we are excited to resume our ministry-specific Bible classes in Q2! Classes will be offered for:

- Men (Room 201 Auditorium)
- Ladies (Room 203 Annex)
- Missions (Room 403)
- Youth (Room 406)
- FFF (Room 407)





### **Deeper Session 2**



Last Friday, we had our second 'Deeper' session at the building, where we experienced what it means to pray the characteristics of God. What a refreshing and powerful time of being with and praying with brothers and sisters in Christ!



You can still be a part of this powerful experience of prayer and community by signing up at <u>bit.ly/deeperdinner</u>! Click the link to go straight to the sign up sheet!



### Gardening Ministry: Bi-Weekly Harvests

We thank God for a vibrant and active Gardening Ministry! They will be holding several events in the coming weeks. For information regarding any of these activities, please contact Joanne Wong (81130817) or Kelly Leong (91087884)

### **Biweekly Harvest**

On the first and third weeks of each month, the Gardening Ministry will be harvesting the crops they have laboured over in love! Join them at these times:

- Week 1: Saturday, 9am-12pm
- Week 3: Sunday, 10:30-11am

### Lights Up and Pot Luck

Friday, 12 April, 6pm: the Gardening Ministry will be hosting a a pot-luck dinner at our roof terrace to enjoy the ambiance of our peaceful roof garden!

Scan or click the QR code for more details!

### Workshops

The Ministry will host three workshops on 27 April, 11 May and 1 June. All ages are welcome. Each features a special topic and hands-on experience, such as:

- Gardening techniques
- Trimming, Harvesting, Pest Control
- Healthy Eating Habits
- And more!

Scan or click the QR code for more details!

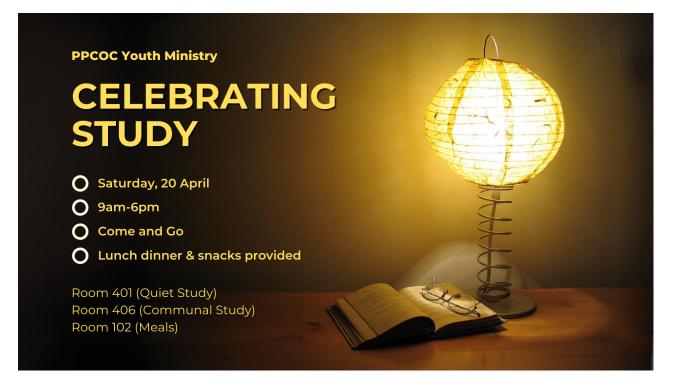








### Youth Huddle



We know mid-year exams are around the corner, and many students are looking for time, space and community to get ready! This month, students are invited to study at the PP Building with fellow Christians. Friends and visitors are most welcome! It's a full-day event, so come anytime!

Students can sign up for meals by clicking or scanning the QR code. You can also indicate if you need meals through the form.

Just like the great Christians of old who worship as they work and study, we will also be weaving times for worship and prayer throughout this day of study. May God be glorified through our study!





### **Culinary Interest Group Event**



Dish : Vinegar Pig's Trotter



• 27 April 2024 (Sat)

Guest appearance of a brethren with his

specialty

- 2pm to 5pm
- Communal Kitchen @347 PPCOC
- All are Welcome!

Please register your attendance with Veronica, at 98337448, by 21 April.

### **Prayer and Fasting Week - Reflections**

From 25-30 March, our church family embarked on a week of prayer and fasting. On top of being a church-wide way to prepare to enter the new building, it was also a powerful way to spend time with God by clearing out the things that tend to distract us from Him. Here's what some of our brothers and sisters had to say about the experience!

#### **Kyle Hooper**

For the week of fasting and prayer, I decided to fast from all social media. The first couple of days, I found my thumb mindlessly wandering toward the app icons on my smartphone, and then I would catch myself—realising the power of my habit.

I would be reminded that I have a need to connect. I recognised that my need for connection with God can actually be much more fulfilling than mindlessly scrolling through others' curated scenes of life. I also realised deeper connection with others is more than liking their posts. I prioritized actual human connection, and even sent messages to a friend I haven't spoken to in years. After that interaction, I gave thanks to God for this friendship being renewed and was reminded of God's presence in that friendship.

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### **Prayer and Fasting Week - Reflections**



#### Ashley Ng

I fasted from Instagram and TikTok. It showed me that God can be so much more present in my life if I allowed Him to fill my head rather than with random social media. I also experienced boredom, but it was a good boredom. I could live in the present and that kinda made me think about life more and appreciate God's creation.

Through this fasting, it showed me that God is always enough for me. He is just as fulfilling and healthier for my mind than Instagram and TikTok, and even more than those. I'm forever grateful for this first fasting that I've done, and I even got to do it with my brothers and sisters. Praise God for leading and guiding us A

#### Chloe Ng



I fasted from secular music. During this time, I realised I was much more alert to God's presence and His voice. I realised that I was more present with God and my relationship with Him. I learned that quieting my heart to hear God is so important and crucial to connect with Him. I also learnt that it is important to be wise in what I expose myself to. In what i listen and watch (Matthew 6:22). The type of things that we watch and listen to will influence the things that we desire and admire.

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#### Bryan Lim



#### Appreciate absence to abundance.

When you experience the absence of food for sixteen long hours, you'll appreciate the first spoon of food you put in your mouth. When you look down at your plate and see that you have so much more, you'll realise the joy of abundance that began from absence. Likewise, in the parable of the prodigal son, Jesus shared that the son experienced absence to abundance. He squandered everything, yet in his hunger, received compassion from his father, was clothed in majesty and feasted in celebratory reunion.

#### Appreciate the air even in absence

Unlike the Muslims that have to experience fasting even from water, you will appreciate water, that sustains life. Like the air we breathe, water is available in abundance for us. Without these abundant yet absolute elements, we would lose our lives. So is God's love. It's given to us freely that we may be alive. So we should appreciate it and know that we love because he first loved us.

#### Peter Guo



Last week I abstained from Instagram and my Chinese side of social media. I would say it was quite successful despite clicking the app a few times out of habit.

I decided to do this to cut distractions and hopefully be spending alone-time with higher quality (listening to hymns, sermons, or quiet time). The experience showed that I'm easily distracted with unimportant worldly things, yet it can and should be improved upon! I'm thankful for God providing this opportunity to change a bit of my daily life and hopefully this ultimately leads to His glory!

## **Connect With Us**

### Meet Our People

#### **Elders** Simon Goh Peter Lim Lim Swee Aun Pang Tee Liang

#### Deacons

Lim Kok Hin Frederick Yu Romaine Jackson

#### Staff

Irvin Wan Kyle Hooper John Lim Liesl Low Josephine Seah

#### Pledge and Building Fund Committee

Peter Lim Jim Kawi Grace Mariaraja



Facility Stewardship (FAST) Team Peter Lim Jason Mok Donald Siew Irvin Wan Josephine Seah

## FACILITY REQUEST FORM



Thank you for joining us in stewarding our new building for the blessing of all! Rooms will be available for request via <u>this Google Form</u>.

After receiving written approval from the PP staff, users may use the space in accordance with the Terms of Use stated in the form. If you have any questions or clarifications, please drop us an email at <u>hello@ppcoc.org</u>.

Thank you!