

St John Church of Christ

September 5, 2021

Worship
Service

Premiers
Sunday at 11:00



Welcome to Worship!

We're glad you're here. Bible classes begin at 10:00. For kids, Pete & Penelope, our children's puppet program, is followed by songs and classes.

Join us this fall as we dig into the fascinating book of Revelation. Perhaps no other book of the Bible has been as abused at Revelation. Come learn how a better understanding of "apocalyptic literature" can open doors of insight into the last book of the Bible. Class begins at 10:00 A.M. with worship following at 11:00 A.M.

If you are unable to be with us in person, our worship is shared through our website:

www.StJohnChurchOfChrist.org

Simply select "Sermons" from the menubar at the top, or click this link to visit our page on YouTube:

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Return to Singapore

John McKeel



Singapore is just one degree (65 miles) north of the equator in Southeast Asia. The city has the second-highest population density globally, but it is also one of the wealthiest cities anywhere. (1 in 6 Singaporeans is a millionaire.) Singapore is just a tiny red dot on the map, but her influence cannot be equaled by countries a hundred times her size.

The Pasir Panang Church of Christ is almost 60 years old and has over 500 members. Services are held in English and Chinese (two of the four official languages of Singapore. The other two are Malay and Hindi). There is also a Filipino fellowship, and services are interpreted for the deaf. This is the home of SIBI Singapore - the Sunset International Bible Institute.

Within a radius of 3,000 miles (the width of the United States) lie China, India, the Philippines, Northern Australia, Indonesia, Myanmar (Burma), Thailand, Laos, and Vietnam. This makes Singapore the ideal location for a school to train ministers from those countries. They come for training in the Bible and ministry. At the end of two years, these students return to their homes to establish churches. However, there are challenges. In many of those countries, Christianity is tolerated at best and actively persecuted in many. The students are poor, but they are proficient in English, the universal language. The church in Singapore invites them to come to learn and provides them with housing, a food allowance, and a small stipend.

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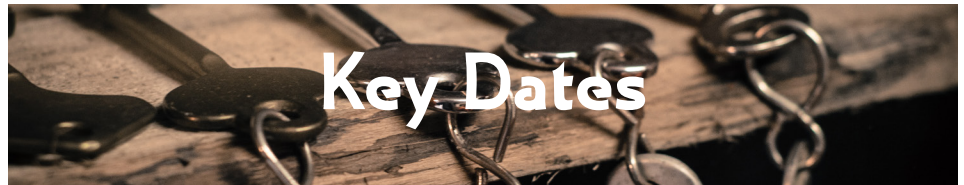
The teachers come from all over the world to teach for two weeks at a time. I have been invited for the third time to come at the end of October to teach James, Jude, 1st and 2nd Peter. The classes are very intense and go from 9:00 in the morning until 4:00 in the afternoon with special programs most evenings.

The trip is exhausting, but the students make it worthwhile. Kiran, one of my former students, has returned to India, working among the outcasts. He ministers to the poor and those who are ravaged by covid. Another student, "Jonah," is working at a "coffee shop" in Beijing. (Officially, they can't start churches, so they often start a "coffee shop.")

This past week, I received word from Terry Harrison, the dean (and an amazing Christian himself) that:

"Some of our graduating students in Myanmar are having real difficulties due to both the pandemic and the military government. Billy ##### and Nhan ##### have both had to flee their homes in fear of the military. Billy is living with his family and a small group of Christians in the jungle. Kim has been able to stay in the city but is keeping a low profile. Both are continuing their ministry work."

It's time for me to pack my bags, my Bible, and my umbrella to return. With the help of Christians across the United States, and under the oversight of the St. John elders, and supported by your prayers, I'm ready for that long flight halfway around the world. What I need most are your prayers. Covid was an issue last year, but it seems the path will be clear by the time I am scheduled to depart. More important than that, please pray for the success of these classes and the safety of our students.



Ladies' Retreat at Silver Maple

Friday, September 24 - Saturday, September 25, 2021 will be the dates for the annual Silver Maple Camp Ladies Retreat. Registration at the door begins at 4:30 p.m. Friday and supper will be served starting at 6:00 p.m. but the preferred and easy pre-registration and payments are online at silvermaplecamp.org.

This year's event is going to be fun, informative, and interactive! We can't wait for you to join us!

The cost is only \$50 (\$20 for Friday only - \$25 for Saturday only). RV hook-ups for an additional \$10.

There will be special missions and vendor tables set up for information and shopping. Shirts will also be available for purchase with the 2021 SMC Ladies Retreat theme.

Questions? call LeAnn Hodson at 620-842-2292.

Save the Date!

The ladies of the Garden City Church of Christ invite you and your friends to join us Saturday, October 9th for a day of fellowship. Details are coming.

Leisure Homestead

Join us every Sunday morning at 9:30 for prayers, songs, and a devotional with the residents at the assisted living center

Birthdays & Anniversaries

9/2: Jerry and Kay Kinnamon Anniversary

9/3: Dena and Garland Mansel Anniversary

9/4: Chris and Marisa Mansel Anniversary

9/7: Daniel Sizemore

9/14: Matt Gunter

9/17: Stan Aldrich

9/18: Marla Lyons

9/24: Devin Sizemore

9/27: Dena Mansel

News & Prayer Requests

Thank you for your prayers! Covid is still active in our community, but the numbers are declining. We have resumed worship services on Sunday mornings at Leisure Homestead.

School has resumed for most of our students, teachers and staff this week, so we want to cover them especially in prayer. It's an exciting time of year!

Terry and Joy have both just tested positive for covid and are confined to their home. Please hold them up in prayer.