



READY FOR 2021

Joshua 5:1-6:2

We enter the New Year with almost more of the same from 2020 – uncertainty about containing the Covid-19. Things may look pretty upbeat in Singapore, with low local transmission. But as we have seen in other countries, even our closest neighbors, the situation may easily flare up again, gets out of control. Of course there's also the growing concerns about the vaccine and its side effects.

How then, can we enter into the New Year with confidence and restfulness?

Joshua stood at threshold of a new era with a new generation, ready to possess the Promised land. But are they really ready? From God's point of view, there were still outstanding issues that need to be dealt with. What can we learn from them?

Rooted in God's Faithfulness

First, God commanded the circumcision of the new generation. The old generation who refused to believe God's promises perished in the wilderness. Now God was reminding Israel of the certainty of His promises made to Abraham and his descendants. The unbelief and disobedience of His people can never negate or annul God's promises. They may forfeit the benefits and enjoyment of His promises but never cancel His faithful promises. Here was a crucial test for Joshua – will he and Israel trust God's faithfulness to circumcise all the fighting men of Israel and do it in a dangerous place. The whole army will be incapacitated right in enemies' territory. It will take 10-14 days for them to heal. They will be totally exposed and vulnerable to the attacks of the Canaanites. Will they succumb to unbelief like the previous generation or will they stay rooted in God's faithfulness to protect them?

Welcome!

During this unusual time when we cannot all come together for worship, we can still be part of a worshipping community. We invite you to join us at our live worship service by pre-registration at the church's website <https://www.cplink.org.sg/>. You may join our live-streaming services online via our website. We hope you can also connect with our Life Groups. Please contact one of our Pastoral Staff if you like to join a Life Group. We are still meeting and connecting

Worship Time	
English Services	10.30am
Chinese Service	9.00am
Sri Lankan Service	2.00pm

We want to grow in Christlikeness through devotion and delight in God, nurturing devotion and delight in God, nurturing relationships and intentionally multiplying disciplemakers.

It will be dangerous if we count on our own faithfulness to do well. 2021 presents many challenges to us and it always boil down to the question of trust or distrust in God. We may be uncertain about how 2021 may unfold, but we can always be certain of God's faithfulness.

Remain in Reverent Submission

The encounter Joshua has with the Commander of the LORD's army, was designed to help him relinquish control of whatever plans he has to take Jericho. The Commander's answer that He is not for Joshua nor for his enemies has a simple message. The LORD is not here to serve anyone's agenda and plans. He comes to take over and direct the whole operation. Knowingly or unknowingly, we tend to make graven and distorted images of a God who is here to serve my needs, plans and goals. We live with this sense of entitlement and that God owe us a good life. The Lord has to take us through some painful ordeal to break these graven images.

*"And Joshua **fell on his face** to the earth and **worshiped** and said to him, "What does my lord say to his servant?" 5:14*

The word picture behind "fell on his face", is one of "remaining, dwelling, to be in the place and posture for an extended period of time". We do not know how long, Joshua stayed in that position, but one thing is clear, it was not a quick bowing down but a prolonged prostration. It also has the idea of lowering and getting down from a position of control, and to feel ruined. In a sense Joshua was devastated through this encounter. He was made to see how inadequate his own plans are. Later he was given the promise that God will do the fighting and hand over Jericho to him as a gift.

As we maintain this posture of reverent submission to the Sovereign LORD, and stay grounded in His Faithfulness, we can live 2021 with restfulness and calmness, no matter what the circumstances may be.

Have a RESTFUL 2021!

~ ~ Rev Keith Lai ~ ~

Build our Home, Build their Lives



Gladiolus Place last underwent comprehensive maintenance works on the building in 2013. Since then, many parts of our facility have fallen into disarray. Parts of the ground have sunken, leaving the ground uneven at many places, and causing cracks to several structures of the Home. Last year, we even had to build supporting structures for some dislocated beams and pillars in GP. These areas of the Home are now out of bounds to both Girls and Staff due to safety issues.

Many original window panes are broken, the paint has aged and is falling off the walls and ceilings. All these pose a safety hazard to our Girls. During rainy seasons such as now, GP is flooding almost everyday, the electrical wiring system is old and trips frequently, resulting in blackouts across the Home, false fire alarms, and security concerns when the electrical gates and the CCTVs are out of order.

These are just some examples of the urgent repair and replacement works needed to be done across the Home. There are much more works to be done in order to create a safe and comfortable living space for the Girls we shelter. Not only do we want to provide a place of refuge for our de facto homeless teenage Girls, we also aim to be a comfortable abode and a place where our Girls can call Home and find healing, while we work hard to provide quality care, and effective therapeutic services to both child and family. *For this endeavor, we aim to raise \$400,000.*

Would you help them Build their Lives as you support our drive to Build our Home?



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The mission collection for February 2021 we are collecting for **Gladiolus Place**. Closing date is 14 Feb 2021. Please refer to the bank details below for Mission giving.

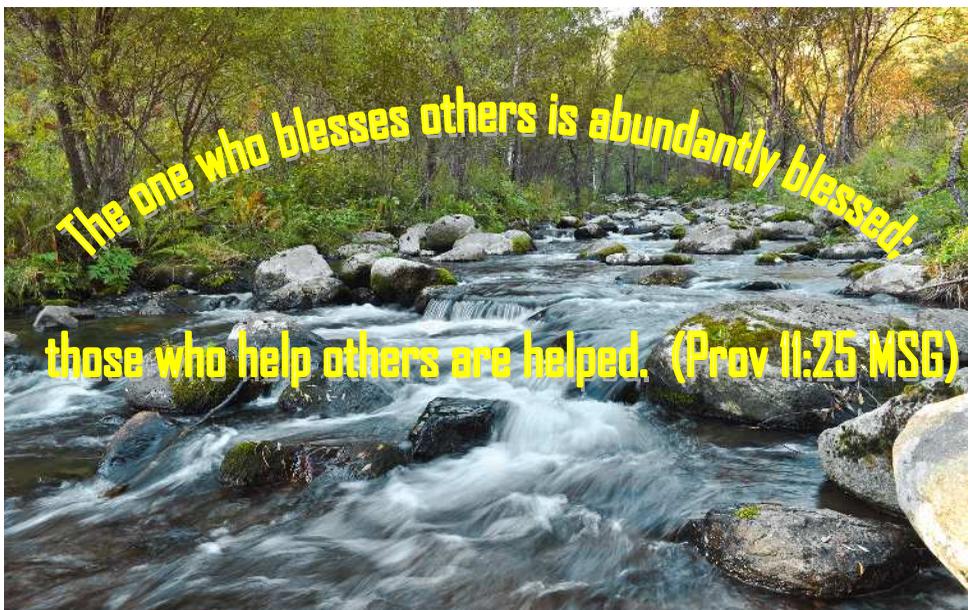
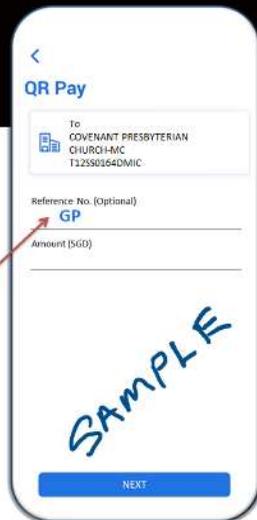
MISSION COLLECTION Feb 2021 for **Gladiolus Place**

Mission Bank Account Name: **COVENANT PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH-MC**
UEN No for mission : **T12SS0164DMIC**
Mission Bank Account: **025-905374-0**



Please indicate **ONLY** the
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GIVING

Kindly take note of the separate bank accounts for Tithes and Offering.

TITHES



Please key in your tithing number at the reference section. If you are unsure of or do not a tithing number, you may drop us an email at the church website. under “Request” tab and we will get back to you.

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: **025-905375-8**

Account name: **Covenant Presbyterian Church - Tith**

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OFFERING



Please key in only the alphabet at the reference section as follows :

*“E” for English Service
“C” for Chinese Service
“SL” for Sri Lankan Service*

INTERNET TRANSFER

DBS Current Account: **033-016873-0**

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

✝ There is **NO** Prayer Meeting (Fresh Fire) in Feb due to Chinese New Year holiday.

✝ **Surround Singapore - Kingdom & Harvest Prayer Walk, 1 - 3pm, 21 Feb 2021**

We're calling for 40 groups or individuals to walk together and kick off our 40 days of Harvest Prayer on Sunday, 21 Feb 21 2021!

Individuals or groups with 2 – 4 people will be given a prayer walk route of 2km – 3km (estimated 1 hr to complete). You will pray with one group and walk till you meet the next group to pray again together.

Join us on this walk to surround Singapore in prayer for the fulfilment of God's Kingdom & Harvest in Singapore as well as to pray for revelations from the Lord about what to pray through or move towards within this 40 days.

Please register your interest **before 5 Feb**, Fri
<https://forms.gle/m98jjbPzR55gFmkr8>

Do send any questions to :
kingdomharvestprayer@gmail.com

✝ The nomination process for new Elders and Deacons is open. The deadline for this will be **28 Feb 2021**.

To initiate this process, you can either complete the hardcopy nomination form, which you can collect from the church office, or access the digital form via this link:
tinyurl.com/CPCNom2021



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Worship

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Ps Lai Mui Fong

Prayer

Rev Dr Henry Wong

Freedom & Wholeness

Alfred & Jenny Koay

GB / BB

Pr Lionel Neo

Chinese Seniors Alpha Course

Pr Chin Yoke Fen

Day Alone with the Lord

Ps Lai Mui Fong