

SUNDAY 20 September 2020  
10:00 AM

Paul's Long Sea Journey to Rome (Acts 27:1 – 28:31)

PASTOR WALLACE ONG

WORSHIP LEADERS

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## WEEKLY MEETINGS & SERVICES

### JOIN US IN PRAYER

#### WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING ONLINE

**Date:** Saturday, 26 Sept 2020

**Time:** Zoom in at 8:20am – 9:30am

**Meeting ID:** 861 6426 1666

**Leading:** Henry Wong's group

**Sharing:** Media

#### REGULAR WORSHIP SERVICES / EVENTS

Mandarin	Zoom in 08:30AM
Adult Bible Class	In recess
Bahasa Malaysia	10:00 AM
English	10:00 AM
Youth	10:00 AM
Sunday School	1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sunday Virtual
Filipino (1 <sup>st</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun)	In recess
Cantonese	Zoom in 05:00 PM

#### MONDAY

KARIS Prayer Meeting    WhatsApp Video call 10:00 AM

#### WEDNESDAY

Prayer Meeting    Zoom in 08:00 PM

#### FRIDAY

KARIS Meeting    In recess  
Phinehas Cg Meeting    Zoom in 08:30 PM

#### SATURDAY

Prayer Meeting    Zoom in 08:30 AM  
Boys' Brigade    Zoom in 02:00 PM  
English Service    In Recess

#### WEEKLY WORSHIP LIVESTREAM

[www.pbc.my/livestream](http://www.pbc.my/livestream) at 10:00am

#### SERMONS AVAILABLE ONLINE

Please visit: [www.pbc.my/sermons](http://www.pbc.my/sermons)

#### DAILY DEVOTION ON PSALMS

[www.pbc.my/devotion](http://www.pbc.my/devotion)

## PAUL'S JOURNEY TO ROME

For many years, the apostle Paul had longed to go to the city of Rome to do the Lord's work there (Romans 1:9-12). By God's providence, Paul's desire to make it to Rome was fulfilled (Acts 28:16). After being imprisoned in Caesarea (on the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea) for at least two years, he was transported by ship to Rome, a prisoner of the Roman Empire.

Acts 27 narrates some of the events connected with the major portion of that journey to Rome. This is a historical section of the Scriptures, yet there are numerous lessons which we can observe in the text.

**PASSENGERS** – There were a total of two hundred and seventy-six people on the ship (27:37). That number included those who were operating the ship, prisoners, and a centurion with his soldiers. Specific mention is made of three Christians: Aristarchus (27:2), the writer of the book of Acts (he talks about "us," 27:2), and Paul (27:1,3). Paul counted himself as "the prisoner of the Lord" (Ephesians 4:1) because it was for his commitment to Jesus and the preaching of His gospel that he originally was imprisoned.

**PURPOSE** – In the big scheme of things, this voyage was for the purpose of getting Paul to Rome. On the human side, he was being ushered there by Roman authorities. Why? Because he had appealed to the emperor of Rome to hear his legal case (25:10-12), a right which was Paul's as a citizen of the Roman Empire. On the divine side, God wanted to get Paul to Rome so he could preach and encourage the saints there (Romans 1:15-17). In fact, when Paul had been taken into custody a couple of years before this ship trip to Rome, the Lord promised His apostle, "Be of good cheer, Paul, for as you have testified for Me in Jerusalem, so you must also bear witness at Rome" (23:11). In view of all of this, to Rome Paul must go.

**PERILS** – Paul and all others on board the ship faced some difficulties. Contrary winds (27:7,14), depressing weather conditions (27:20), and the ship running aground and breaking up (27:41) were some of the unpleasant situations that all those traveling on the ship faced. God never promised us that in our earthly lives, everything will be "smooth sailing", both literally and figuratively. There were children of God on board that vessel, but that did not exempt them from having to deal with trials and unpleasantness just like all other folks did.

**PREDICTION** – During the midst of some dangerous weather circumstances, an angel of God appeared to Paul and told him that the ship would run aground on a certain island, but there would be no loss of life (27:24,26). Do you recall how that all played out? Exactly as God said it would. Are you surprised? The ship did run aground on an island (Malta, 28:1). And, all those on the ship set foot safely on land. (27:44). Know this: the God of heaven sees the future, with all of its details, just as clearly as you and I see the present. Yes, our God's infinite understanding is amazing (Psalm 147:5).

**PAUL'S PERSONAL DEDICATION** – When Paul shared with them God's message about the safety of the passengers and destruction of the ship itself, he unashamedly, but not boastfully, expressed his devotion to God and whatever He says. Paul declared that (1) he belonged to God (27:23), (2) he served God (27:23), and (3) he believed God (27:25). In reference to believing God, Paul's own words were, ". . . I believe God that it will be just as it was told me" (27:25). That is the kind of faith that you and I need to have: if God says it, then that settles it! When the devil and his deluded disciples speak blasphemous words about the Creator and His communication to mankind, we must not blink, blush, or abandon ship. We must stick with God's unchanging truth. Why? Only it can make us free and keep us free (John 8:32).

**PRAYER** – After Paul relayed the message about the upcoming peril of the ship, but without loss of human life, "he took bread and gave thanks to God in the presence of them all" (27:35). It always is right to be thankful for our blessings. It always is proper to express our gratitude to God in prayer (1 Thessalonians 5:17,18). It is even appropriate to pray in the presence of others, like Paul did, as long as we are not doing it to draw attention to ourselves and receive the praises of men (Matthew 6:5). Giving thanks for the food which we consume may sound like an .....Cont'd

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## WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

irrelevant, trifling matter to some, but, in God's sight, thanking Him, even for "the little stuff," is a big deal.

**PLEA** – When some on the ship wanted to escape on a small boat, Paul's plea was, "Unless these men stay in the ship, you cannot be saved" (27:31). When the Lord designates a place of safety, then that is the refuge spot into which we need to get and remain! Redemption is in God's Son (Colossians 1:12-14), so that is where every person needs to be. If you are not yet in Jesus – God's place of safety, why not submit to Him today by obeying the gospel (Romans 6:3-5)?

Adapted from article BY ROGER D. CAMPBELL  
<http://klangchurchofchrist.org/acts-27-lessons-from-pauls-journey-by-ship-to-rome>

### MINISTRY NOTICES

#### **PRE-MARITAL COURSE (PMC)**

The next PMC is scheduled to start on 25 October 2020. There will be six sessions, with diverse topics designed to help seriously dating couples prepare for marriage. Perhaps you would like to join us? Give us a call to find out more about the course.

Pr. Cheng Cheung : 03-7957 5103

Sow Cheng : 012-248 0072

You may also pick up a PMC brochure & registration form at the foyer.

More details will be available closer to the commencement date.

#### **BAPTISM CLASS**

**Date:** Sunday, 27 September 2020

**Time:** After worship service

**Venue:** 2<sup>nd</sup> Worship Hall

Lunch will be provided at the same venue.

#### **ADULT BIBLE CLASS**

EXPLORE THE BIBLE

**Books:** 1, 2 Peter & Jude

**Date:** TBA

**Reg:** At the foyer

For more info, please contact Deacon Abraham 012-203 5069.

#### **CARE GROUP MINISTRY**

PJ SELATAN CARE GROUP (SS3)

**Host:** Deacon Tong & Cecilia

**Day:** Every Friday

**Time:** Zoom in at 8:30pm

Those staying around SS3 area are encouraged to join this Care Group. For more info, please contact Deacon Tong 012-651 9359.

#### **MANNA BOX DONATION**

Items collected for the poor and needy.

Rice	Biscuits
Cooking oil	Canned food
Milo	Dried noodles/Maggi Mee
Milk powder	Toiletries – bathing soap, shampoo, detergents etc

#### **COUNSELOR AVAILABLE**

Brother Stephen Wong has availed himself as Counseling intern at PBC starting September. He will listen and help members and worshippers on their challenges.

**Day:** Every Wednesday

**Time:** 10:00am to 4:30pm

**Appointment:** Stephen: 017-298 0546

Previously, Stephen and his wife, Phoebe served as Premarital Counselors.

He can help in the following areas:

- Careers and Studies
- Family and Marriage
- Anxieties management.

#### **VISITATION MINISTRY**

Do you need someone to come alongside to pray with you? Do you need someone to talk to? (All details from visitations are kept strictly confidential. Prayer items are shared only with specific permission). You can call or WhatsApp.

Pastor Soong : 016- 665 5890

Farah Choong : 016-626 1662.

#### **DAILY DEVOTION ON PSALMS**

Our team of writers has been diligently writing daily devotionals since the start of Movement Control Order!

These devotionals, disseminated primarily through our Care Group WhatsApp chat groups, are intended to help us focus on

God and His promises during this challenging period.

If you've missed any or are not part of any Care Group, don't fret! You can find the devotionals under "Resources – Daily Devotion" on our website: [www.pbc.my/devotion](http://www.pbc.my/devotion)

### GENERAL NOTICES

#### **TITHES & OFFERING**

- NON-TAX EXEMPT (WHITE ENVELOPE)

Payee: PANTAI BAPTIST CHURCH

Account No: PBB 3162-232-124 or

- TAX-EXEMPT (BROWN ENVELOPE)

Payee: TPRI PANTAI BAPTIST CHURCH

Account No: CIMB 80-0235771-7

#### **COVID 19 - SOP**

All worshippers MUST:

- Have your temperature taken at the gate
- Scan MY SEJAHTERA or register manually at the entrance of the main sanctuary
- Wear a face mask
- Observe physical distancing
- Take your seat on pews with colored stickers.

#### **PREACHING SCHEDULE**

SEPT	SPEAKER & TEXT
27	Pr. Mark Tan (Free topic)
<b>OCT</b>	
04	Pr. Isaac Yim (Joel 1)
11	Pr. John Kok (Free Topic)
18	Pr. Wallace Ong (Joel 2)
25	Pr. Mark Tan (Joel 3)

#### **PANTAI BAPTIST CHURCH**

##### **Members' Meeting**

In accordance with the Church constitution, the budget for the year ending 30 June 2021 should be presented for adoption by the members within three months of the year ended 30 June 2020. In view of the current Recovery Movement Control Order and possible challenge in attaining the requisite quorum, the members meeting will be held as soon as it is practical on a date to be announced.

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<b>SATURDAY PRAYER</b>	<b>NEXT WEEK'S SERVICES</b>	<b>SUNDAY</b>	<b>YOUTH SERVICE</b>
Date: 26 September 2020 Time: Zoom in at 8:20am Leading: Henry Wong's group	27 September 2020 SPEAKER WORSHIP LEADER	10:00 AM Pastor Mark Tan Joyce Lim / Chow Ee-Tan / Marcus Tan	10:00 AM Samuel Ling