

BLESSED SUNDAY!

Thank God for the opportunity to worship together as God's family. As we worship, let's support fellow believers as we pray, give and serve one another using this week's bulletin.

SERVING THIS WEEK (Family Sunday Worship)

Elder Reuben, Elder Oswald & Elder Hung Choo Dness Clarissa, Dness Jamie, Ps Wendell, Dn Ivan, Wen Hooi, Joella & Jianmin

NEXT WEEK

Building God's Temple 1 Kings 5:1-18 - Pastor Lawrence Ong

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BECOMING A VIBRANT COMMUNITY OF PEOPLE THAT KNOWS CHRIST AND LIVES AUTHENTIC CHRISTIAN LIVES

ORDER OF SERVICE

PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

EXALT HIS NAME

Call to Worship Invocation Doxology Opening Hymn

LISTEN TO HIS WORD

Scripture Text: Ephesians 2:18-22; Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Sermon: The Family of God

- Pastoral Intern Joseph Tee

Response Hymn

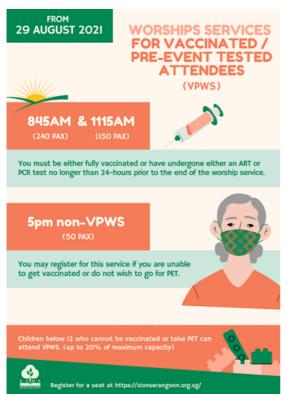
GIVE TO HIS WORK

Offering & Offertory Response

PRAY TO HIM

Pastoral Prayer Closing Hymn Benediction

REGISTER FOR VACCINATED/PRE-EVENT TESTED WORSHIP SERVICES [VPWS]



From today (29 August), our cap has increased from 50 pax to:

8.45am (240 pax) 11.15am (150 pax)

If you are unvaccinated, or do not wish to go for PET, do join us in worship @:

5.00pm (50 pax)

Up to 20% of the maximum capacity of a VPWS can be made up of children under 12 who cannot be vaccinated or get PET.

REGISTER @:

8.45AM Services: http://tiny.cc/zsmorning

11.15AM Services: http://tiny.cc/zs2morning

5.00PM Services: http://tiny.cc/zsevening

*8.45am Online YouTube livestream will continue for those unable to join for the in-person services.

*September In-person Service slots are now open, do register before 12.00pm on Friday.

*Slots are given on a first-come-first-served basis.

Church News & Activities

ONLINE SERVICE ON SUNDAY

You may access the livestream service from 8.45am via https://youtu.be/-H9j7rm4GPo or on our website @ https://zionserangoon.org.sg/. The recording will only be accessible until the end of Monday.

No Intergenerational Ministry Adult Bible Class

Today, 29 August

(Next Zoom Lessons are on 5, 19, 26 September & 10 October)

Youth Fellowship (In-person)

28 August — Small Group Outing

4 September — Mass Game

For queries, contact Hannah @ 8830 6317 or Cadence @ 8189 4194.

Children's Ministry

*Sunday School

29 August (Today) – NO Sunday School (Family Sunday Worship) All classes will resume on **5 September** and held on-site.

*AWANA Clubs

4 & 11 September – Term 3 AWANA Break

18 September – AWANA Term 4 Begins

For queries, kindly contact:

Dness Sylvia @ 9368 6074 (AWANA Clubs)

Jenny @ 9112 0900 (Sunday School)

Iris @ 9338 2507 (Children's Ministry Staff)

Church News & Activities

SAF In-person Bible Study

2 September, Thursday

10.30am @ Sanctuary 2

"Who is God? What is He Like?"

Psalm 121

by Elder Victor Wee

If you are unable to attend, use this YouTube link: https://youtu.be/ O42Vnx7-UeA

Prayer Fellowship Ministry (via ZOOM)

8, 15, & 22 September, Wednesday @ 8.00pm

(NO Prayer Fellowship on 1st & 5th Wednesday of the month)

*To join, log in @ http://tiny.cc/zsprayer

Meeting ID: 746 999 515

Passcode: 012422

ALL ARE WELCOME!!!

For queries, please contact Ps Lawrence @ 9146 8277.

New Covenant Bible School Course OLD TESTAMENT SURVEY

by Professor Aaron Goldstein

Starting 21 October 2021 for 8 Thursdays, 7.30-9.30pm

Does the Old Testament feel like a random mix of people, events and ideas to you? Join us and gain a big picture overview of the Old Testament story, and how each of its four sections – The Pentateuch, Historical Books, Prophetical Books, Psalms and Wisdom Literature – come together as an interrelated whole.

Sign up now at **www.covenantbibleschool.org/register** or contact Dness April Ding @ **april@zionserangoon.org.sg**, for more information.

Registration Deadline: 19 October

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

ANNUAL RETREAT FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS AND AWANA CLUB LEADERS

(Saturday, 4 September)

Sunday School Teachers' Retreat

- 1) Teachers will find time amidst their busy schedule to:
 - * pray for themselves, their Sunday School children and the Sunday School ministry.
 - * be refreshed by the Holy Spirit through the meditation of God's word.
- 2) Good weather so that teachers can spend time outdoors doing (1) and break from their usual indoor routine.
- 3) Great fellowship through a time of encouragement to build each other up in the Lord.

AWANA Club Leaders' Retreat

- 1) We thank God for the good turnout of both leaders and children at AWANA throughout the year including many newcomers.
- 2) Pray for a good time of bonding and fellowship, connecting over our experiences serving in the ministry and encouraging one another.

May the Lord continue to grant all teachers and leaders added strength, wisdom and grace to reach out and share God's word with the children when classes resume.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

FOREIGN MISSIONS—The Philippines

- * Wisdom for the nation's leaders: May the Lord grant wisdom to the government and private sector leaders as they make decisions to mitigate the spread of the virus and increase access to proper healthcare.
- * **Healing for the afflicted:** Ask the Lord to help those infected with the virus to quickly recover and be spared from the severity of the disease.
- * **Protection for front line healthcare workers:** May the Lord grant them physical strength and health to consistently serve the nation in the midst of a pandemic.

Doctrinal Christian Fellowship, Cebu

- * Uphold Rev Jonathan, who is the pastor of the church. May the Lord grant him spiritual wisdom, strength and grace as he shepherds the youths and mentors the leaders.
- * Despite the COVID-19 pandemic, thank God the youth were able to gather once a month for overnight prayer time. It has greatly encouraged them.
- * The weekly church service is done virtually. Pray for the planned skills training so that members will be equipped to use Messenger and Zoom for the activities of the church.
- * Pray for God's provision for the financial needs of the church. Giving has been negatively affected due to the pandemic.
- * The owner of the Youth Centre is considering either demolition or major renovation of the building. Should this happen, may the Lord provide another suitable place so that the ministry to the young people in universities and colleges may continue.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

House of Hope (A Christian Halfway House)

- * Uphold the staff members led by Executive Director, **Ginno Amodia**. Pray for good health, protection and perseverance to continue the ministry during these trying times.
- * Pray for the residents undergoing the rehabilitation programme. May they experience the transforming power of Jesus in enabling them to overcome their bondage to drug abuse.
- * The income for HOH has been adversely affected. Pray that their new income-generating project of water-refilling would supplement the financial needs of the ministry.

PERSONAL NEEDS

- * Mr Bay Kang Chwee (ZMS): He was hospitalised on 25 August because of low blood count and weakness after his 4th cycle of chemotherapy. Thank God that he felt much better soon after immediate treatment was administered. Pray for his blood count to increase. Pray for his upcoming CT scan on 2 September, for peace and joy to receive the results. Praise God that over the course of these months, pain in his abdomen has reduced considerably, although symptoms can fluctuate and ongoing monitoring is needed.
- * Mrs Helen Chan (ZES): Thank God for 3 weeks of break from treatment. This is to allow her to rest and gain strength and weight. She begins a new cycle of chemo treatment starting from 3 September. She will be given chemo drugs via infusion and oral tablets. Pray for positive response to the new treatment and for minimal side effects. May Helen experience the Lord's presence, strength and love in deep and enriching ways.

SERMON NOTES

THE FAMILY OF GOD

Ephesians 2:18-22; Deuteronomy 6:4-7

Note for Parents:

A child-friendly sermon notebook can be found here (https://tinyurl.com/KidsSermonNotes).

Big Idea:

The different generations in Zion Serangoon are to seek unity as a family of God, including with our children because we are united in Christ Jesus by the Spirit.

- I. Our Old Identity: Strangers & Sojourners (Eph 2:18-19a)
- II. Our New Identity: Members of God's Family (Eph 2:19b)
- III. Our Cornerstone as the Holy Temple (Eph 2:20-22)

IV. Our New Responsibilities

- 1. Repenting of Our Selfishness (Eph 4:1-3)
- 2. Teaching Our Covenant Children (Deut 6:4-7)
- 3. Reaching Our Neighbours (John 13:35)

| SERVICES | Worshippers + Volunteers |
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| zms | 63 |
| 2MS | 37 |
| ZES | 41 |

WEEKLY OFFERING

GENERAL & MISSIONS FUND (RECEIVED 16-22 AUGUST)

\$ 17,636.50

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BPCIS Update

29 August 2021

10TH ANNIVERSARY. In October, it will be 10 years since the Presbytery was inaugurated with four Bible–Presbyterian churches. Today, that number has doubled to eight, with BPCIS (Bible–Presbyterian Church in Singapore) officially registered in 2018. A 10th anniversary leaflet is being prepared in e-copy and will be available on BPCIS website.

WEBSITE. Launched on Good Friday this year, it has run several life stories, the latest being "A Pastor in Every Generation" following the ordination of Rev Vernon Quek. A recent report shows 272 visitors and 546 pages viewed. Feel free to visit us at **bpcis.org.sg.**

PASTORS & LEADERS RETREAT. Thankfully, with COVID restrictions eased, we held an in-person Retreat in July for 48 participants at Mount Carmel BPC. Coffee breaks and lunch took place when we left 2 by 2 to nearby eating places. Dr Robert Solomon spoke on the spirituality of sharing resources, pointing us to the Trinity as a model of love among Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One participant commented, "Few speakers can draw out the Scripture with such historical, contextual and cultural insights. Dr Solomon was able to relate the beauty of sharing resources to our Triune God for which we celebrate and give thanks."

"MINGLE" INITIATIVE. A platform for singles from 25 years upwards to meet and mingle was recently launched, attracting 68 sign-ups (32% male, 68% female). Two events had been held with one more to complete present cycle. If interested, you can check it out on BPCIS website.

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NO-FAULT DIVORCE. We commissioned BGST (Biblical Graduate School of Theology) to study the issue from the theological, legal and pastoral angles. We are looking at the first draft and hope to share our findings soon. The No-Fault Divorce is being proposed by the government to lessen the negative impact of divorce on the couple and their children. It erases the current distinction between an offending part and the offended party.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY MEETING. On Saturday, 25 Sep, BP pastors and elders will meet to hear reports, approve budget and elect new office-bearers for the next 2-year term. Others will join for the second part when guest speaker, Rev Keith Lai, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church will address us on the church scene in Singapore amidst the on-going pandemic.

TRIBUTE. Finally, we give thanks to God for the life of Elder Quek Swee Peng of Zion Serangoon BPC who went home to the Lord on 20 August. He hosted the first consultations of BP pastors and elders at Tanglin Club in 2010 which led to the formation of the Presbytery. He supported the birth and growth BPCIS with his encouragement and prayers.

Pastor David Wong,

General Secretary, BPCIS