

### **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

Dn Amos Ru Hui & Leonard Jianzhi, Edmund & Jianmin Sharon

#### NEXT WEEK

[To Be Announced] 1 Kings 8:54–66 - Pastor Wendell Chua

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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: 1 Kings 8:22–53 (Reading verses 22–26) Sermon: What Should We Pray For? – Pastor Yap Kim Sin

Response Hymn

## GIVE TO HIS WORK

Offering & Offertory Response

#### PRAY TO HIM

Pastoral Prayer Closing Hymn Benediction Announcements & Postlude

### **Church News & Activities**

# **STABILISATION PHASE:** (27 September to 24 October)

## SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ZMS AND ZES

Due to the current situation, there will be a few changes to worship services:



8:45am and 5.00pm In-person Worship Services will be suspended. Live-streamed services will continue at 8:45am



11.15am VPWS In-person Worship Service will continue. Capped at 100pax.



We strongly encourage those above 60, and the unvaccinated to stay at home during this period.

If you would like to come for In-person Worship Service @ 11.15am, register @ http://tiny.cc/zs2morning

Please register **before** 12.00pm on Fridays. Seats are given on a first-come-first-served basis.

[There is no need to re-register for those who have already registered.]

If you require any assistance or support, you may send a message to Zion Church hp @ 8463 2186 during office hours.

See you this Sunday online at 8.45am or physically at 11.15am!

### **Church News & Activities**

#### **ONLINE SERVICE ON SUNDAY**

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

### SERVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

Today, 17 October, is suspended

## **New Adult Bible Class** (via ZOOM) A 10-week study of the books of 1 & 2 Timothy

Will commence TODAY, 17 October @ 11.00am Conducted by: Elder Lee Soon Tai Log in @ https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83725460807 Meeting ID: 837 2546 0807

Youth Fellowship (via ZOOM)
16 October – Welcoming P6's
23 October – Youths x Elders Dialogue
For gueries, contact Hannah @ 8830 6317 or Cadence @ 8189 4194.

# **Prayer Fellowship Ministry** (via ZOOM)

20 & 27 October, 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.

## **Church News & Activities**

Mental Health Matters (on ZOOM) 17 & 24 October, 2.15-4.00pm Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85874834640 Meeting ID: 858 7483 4640

Join us later for the 1st session!





## 17 OCT on Zoom

#### Mental Health Talks & Q&A

Speakers: Ms Pamela Koh *(Counsellor from ThriveSG)* & Dr Eu Pui Wai *(Psychiatrist from IMH)* 

Being Trauma-informed, Mind & Body in Mental Health

Panel session

## 24 OCT on Zoom

#### **Testimonies & Prayer**

Listen to our own members share about their personal mental health journey

Sharing time in small groups

Engage in prayer for ourselves, each other and for the church

### Children's Ministry

### Awana Clubs

Meetings will continue to be held on Zoom on 16 and 23 October

### <u>Sunday School</u>

Classes will continue to be held on Zoom today, 17 and 24 October

## Call for Volunteers for 2022

### Do you sense a call to serve the children in our midst?

Join us as a volunteer to find out more and attend the upcoming training session on Saturday, 27 November, 2.00–4.00pm.

For queries or clarification, kindly contact **Iris** @ 9338 2507.

#### 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.

#### **Registration Closes: 19 October**

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

### Deepest Condolences to...

Valerie & Vincent Tee (ZMS) and family on the Home-going of Valerie's mother, Mdm Tay Ah Kim, on 14 October, 2021.

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

# NEW COVENANT BIBLE SCHOOL COURSE

### **OT Testament Survey**

(Starting 21 October 2021 for 8 Thursdays, 7.30–9.30pm via ZOOM)

- \* Thank God for both local and overseas students who have signed up to learn under **Dr Aaron Goldstein**.
- \* Please pray for the Holy Spirit to use this course to expand His Kingdom to every corner of the world.
- \* Pray for **Dr Goldstein** (Main Lecturer) and **Pastoral Intern Joseph Tee** (Teaching Assistant) that they will be able to connect with all students from different cultural backgrounds.

## FOREIGN MISSIONS-Philippines

Please pray for those taking the National Exams:

- \* **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 COVID and access to proper healthcare.
- \* **Healing for the afflicted:** Ask the Lord to help those infected to quickly recover and be spared from the severity of the disease.
- \* **Protection for frontline healthcare workers:** Pray to the Lord to grant them physical strength and health to serve the nation in the midst of a pandemic.

## Doctrinal Christian Fellowship, Cebu

- \* Ask the Lord to grant **Rev Jonathan** spiritual wisdom, strength and grace as he shepherds the youths and mentors the leaders of the church.
- \* The chairman of the board, **Mr Jose Yap**, was recently called Home to the Lord. **Rev Boy**, who is the pastor in charge of Liloan, has assumed the role of interim chairman while the church searches for a permanent replacement.
- \* 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.
- \* Continue to pray for the effective ministry of the Youth Centre as it seeks to reach out to the students of the universities and colleges in the vicinity.

# 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 during this pandemic. Pray that their new income-generating project of water-refilling would supplement the financial needs of the ministry.

## PERSONAL NEEDS

- \* **Mrs Helen Chan (ZES):** She was discharged from hospital a few days ago. She is still running a fever and having episodes of shivering. Doctors suspect it could be due to her low potassium level. She is now receiving outpatient potassium infusion. Pray to the Lord to grant her physical strength and bless her with peace.
- \* Mr Bay Kang Chwee (ZMS): We thank God for His mercies in protecting Mr Bay these past months. Pray for his last chemotherapy session scheduled for this Friday, 22 October 2021 to end on a good note, God willing, with minimal side effects. Pray for weight gain and trust in God.
- \* Remember Joseph Ng in prayer (son of Philip and Nancy Ng ZMS): Continue to pray for Joseph that he will recover well at home before he is admitted to the hospital for his second round of chemo on 21 October. Thank God his appetite is good and he is glad to be at home with his wife and three little girls. He is feeling a little more tired than usual as his blood counts are still recovering. He is considered as immunocompromised, so pray for no infections or complications.

# SERMON NOTES

## WHAT SHOULD WE PRAY FOR?

## 1 Kings 8:22-53

- **1. Adoration** (vv 22-24)
- 2. Supplication (vv 25-30)
- 3. Specifics (vv 31-53)
  - a. Justice (vv 31-32)
  - b. Forgiveness (vv 33-34)
  - **c. Provision** (vv 35-36)
  - d. Deliverance (vv 37-40)
  - e. Glory (vv 41-43)
  - f. Victory (vv 44-45)
  - g. Mercy (vv 46-53)

### 3. Conclusion

# ATTENDANCE

SERVICES	Worshippers + Volunteers
ZMS	suspended
2MS	34
ZES	suspended
SUNDAY SCHOOL	

SUNDAY SCHOOL	5 /
(via Zoom)	54

### WEEKLY OFFERING

### **GENERAL & MISSIONS FUND** (RECEIVED 4-10 OCTOBER)

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#### "Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples!" (Psalm 96:3)

Thank God for answered prayers and the abundance of blessings from Him!

God gave us the privilege and opportunity to minister to 56 children at Awana and 54 children at Sunday School last weekend.

We had 10 newcomers and they were invited to Awana by our own Awana clubbers. Thank God for helping the little ones and their parents to reach out to their families and friends for His kingdom's sake. We are encouraged to hear that 3 of them are keen to enrol in our Awana Clubs after joining us last Saturday. Praise the Lord for drawing these children to Himself so that they may know Him and experience His love!

We thank and praise God for His messengers to the children. We witnessed God's favour and special wisdom and power upon all the Speakers as they delivered His message and the Gospel to the children. Messages delivered were impactful and clear. Presentation style was lively and engaging and illustrations used were creative to engage the children.

We thank God for allowing both programmes to run smoothly on Zoom. He provided all the resources and directions needed for good planning and implementation. Your prayers and the labour of our volunteers in Awana and Sunday School were a great support to accomplish the work.

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage you to pray about serving in our church's Children's Ministry in the coming year. Both Awana and Sunday School provide a platform where His Gospel is preached, His Word is taught and His testimonies are proclaimed through the lives of His disciples. Children's Ministry aims to lead children to Jesus and help them grow in grace and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ. What a privilege and honour to be called by God to minister to children for Him.

Thus, as we continue to obey the Lord to be His fishermen, we will need more Awana leaders and Sunday School teachers to share the work. You may contact Ps Intern Joseph, Deaconess Sylvia, Jenny Lim or me if you

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would like to find out more or sense the Lord's calling to serve in Sunday School or Awana in the new year. We look forward to serving the Lord together with YOU!

May you be blessed by the following testimonies from the three Speakers who brought God's Good News to the children at Awana last Saturday. To God be all glory!

#### ~ Iris Goh

#### What is the most important invitation that we can present to our children?

Last Saturday, a handful of cubbies and their invited friends were thrilled to have received a Royal Party invitation to the AWANA (Approved Workmen Are Not Ashamed) Club Children's Day party. Gathered over Zoom, we had the opportunity to share the Parable of the Royal Wedding Feast from Matthew 22:1-14. Through the Bible story time, the children were presented with the lame excuses given by those first invitees who had rejected the invitation to the wedding feast of the King's Son, and the just punishment of those who had dealt murderously with the King's servants who had carried the Royal invitation. Disobedience harvests just punishment from the King. In closing, they were challenged to warmly receive the Royal invitation to enter into the Kingdom of Heaven, only by wearing the wedding robes given by the King. What an important reminder to us all, that while disobedient people like us deserve a just punishment, Jesus the Bridegroom has taken all the punishment upon Himself and we can freely receive the Royal invitation into the Kingdom of Heaven, not by clinging on to our old self/robes, but by being robed in the New clothes given by the King, the imputed Righteousness that comes from Christ's finished work on the Cross. Let us continue to encourage our children to grow in the fear and knowledge of God through the faithful teaching and study of His Word.

Study to shew thyself approved unto God, a workman that needeth not to be ashamed, rightly dividing the word of truth. 2 Timothy 2:15 (KJV)

~ Elder Reuben Ang (Speaker for Cubbies Club, 4 – 6 y.o.)

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Praise God for a truly enjoyable and meaningful AWANA Children's Day Celebration on Saturday afternoon! Thank God that the theme "A Royal Invitation" from Matthew 22, gave us a wonderful opportunity to clearly present the Gospel to our children! We thank God for the 29 children who attended the Sparks celebration over zoom! Please pray that the Spirit will work in the hearts of the children who have yet to know Jesus as their Saviour.

I thank God also for the deep passion and energy of the AWANA committee and leaders who spent many hours thinking up the zoom programme; sourcing for meaningful and appropriate gifts; packing the gift packs and sending them to our AWANA children – God bless them!

Please pray that God will continue to sustain the Children's Ministry and our leaders as they continue to labour under these exceptional circumstances. The ministry to children is hard enough in the best times, at this time of fear and restriction, it is even harder! Thank God for their dedication and commitment to serving God for His glory. Pray that God will continue to bless the ministry and our children in it.

#### ~ Elder Oswald Goh

(Speaker for Sparks Club, 7 - 9 y.o.)

It was my honour and privilege to speak at this year's AWANA Children's Day Special – "A Royal Invitation". Whenever I am asked to speak, I always feel that I am the one who learns most as I have the opportunity to study the given passage thoroughly and grapple with how to present it in such a way that the children would understand the message clearly.

The whole process sometimes can take a few weeks as the ideas come and go, slipping in and out of my consciousness. At times flashes of 'inspiration' can hit when least expected. I call this the 'stewing' time as bit by bit, the lesson bubbles and broils, developing to become a coherent whole... The contents need plenty of tweaking and adjusting especially as the date draws nearer (and I start to panic when things are not yet fully formed...). Just as in cooking for the family, one has to be aware of the

different tastes and spice-readiness of the different diners. So the lesson approach and delivery can undergo a few changes, finally morphing into a 'dish' that I am comfortable with, one that is palatable to the children. [Is this why we are called to be 'stew'-ards of His Word??!]

I am convinced that God is at work in the whole process. He is constantly refining His message and preparing me to tell His story. I am truly the one who benefits from all this stewing!

I would also like to say that it has been such a joy to work with my fellow teachers – their support has been amazing! I am impressed by the way they go all out to do their part to make it all come together for the children – whether it is in choosing just the right kind of bags to put the gifts in, or in setting up elaborate camera equipment so that the craft work demo can be captured at just the right angle or even in the planning of the delivery schedule. No effort has been spared to make it a special session for the children.

I take my hat off to those who do this week after week. Permit me to join the children in giving thanks to all the faithful teachers in their labour of love! God bless ③

~ Yap Foon Lyn

(Speaker for T&T Club, 10 - 12 y.o.)