

# **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**

Elder Hongsui Dness April & David Ps Wendell, Dn Ivan & Jonathan Joella

# NEXT WEEK Reformation Sunday (Family Sunday Worship)

Not by Works but for Works Romans 1:16–17 - Pastoral Intern Joseph Tee

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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 8:54–66 Sermon: Finding Rest in God

- Pastor Wendell Chua

Response Hymn

#### **GIVE TO HIS WORK**

Offering & Offertory Response

#### **PRAY TO HIM**

Pastoral Prayer
Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements & Postlude

# [STABILISATION PHASE: SUSPENSION OF IN-PERSON ZMS AND ZES (EXTENDED)]

Dear all,

With the recent announcement of the extension of the Stabilisation Phase, we will be extending the current worship service arrangement till 14 November.



8:45am and 5.00pm In-person Worship Services are  $\textbf{temporarily} \quad \textbf{suspended}. \quad \text{Live-streamed services will}$ 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.

The church will be considering the re-opening of the other worship services after 14 November as we hear from you through an upcoming survey. Stay tuned for any updates!

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.

## **Church News & Activities**

## ONLINE SERVICE ON SUNDAY

You may access the livestream service from 8.45am via <a href="https://youtu.be/NREloeRJZ5E">https://youtu.be/NREloeRJZ5E</a> or on our website @ <a href="https://zionserangoon.org.sg/">https://zionserangoon.org.sg/</a>. The recording will only be accessible until the end of Monday.

Adult Bible Class (via ZOOM)

1 & 2 Timothy

24 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)

23 October — Youths x Elders Dialogue

**30 October** — (To Be Announced)

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

# Prayer Fellowship Ministry (via ZOOM)

27 October and 10, 17 & 24 November, 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**

# Children's Ministry

## **Awana Clubs**

Meetings will continue to be held on Zoom on 23 October

# **Sunday School**

- Classes will continue to be held on Zoom today, 24 October
- Next Sunday, 31 October, will be a Family Sunday Worship. There will be NO Sunday School.

## 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.

# Mental Health Matters (on ZOOM)

24 October, 2.15-4.00pm

Zoom Link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85874834640

Meeting ID: 858 7483 4640

## Join us later for the 2nd session!







#### 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

## **Church News & Activities**

# International Fellowship Ministry

#### **ONLINE BIBLE STUDY**

26 October, Tuesday @ 8.00pm

For queries, please contact **Elder Hung Choo** @ 9010 2893 or **Olga** @ 8158 1885

# BLK123 Deepavali Visitation

## 7 November, Sunday @ 11.00am

Calling for long-term volunteers who are willing to befriend the residents from Blk 123, many of whom live alone.

We need a total of 56 new volunteers to befriend the 28 new families that signed up to be visited at our last visit.

If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please contact by **31 October:** 

Dness April @ april@zionserangoon.org.sg Megan @ megan@zionserangoon.org.sg

## **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

#### MINGLE

- \* Pray for opportunities and good ideas for the Committee as they plan for the venue and activity for the next session amidst the pandemic restrictions.
- \* Pray that God may use these events to bring people together according to His will.

#### INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

- \* During this time of pandemic quite a number of our IF friends went back to the Philippines for good. Pray for those who have just returned that the Gospel messages they have heard will be rooted in their hearts to guide them in their conduct and to be good witnesses for Jesus Christ.
- \* Pray for the IF Committee that they may not grow weary but continue in their effort to invite them to join the Online Bible Study and other means of sharing God's Word with them.
- \* Thank God for the foreign helpers who have faithfully attended the fortnightly Online Bible Study on The Power of Knowing God. May God help them in the understanding of His Word.
- \* Also thankful to their employers who have graciously given them the time to attend the lessons.
- \* May God help the IF Committee to develop and find new ways to minister and reach out to the IF friends, especially during this time of pandemic when big group gatherings over meals are restricted.
- \* Pray that they can get stable internet to zoom in for the fortnightly Bible Study.

## **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

#### PERSONAL NEEDS

- \* Mrs Helen Chan (ZES): She is presently convalescing at home. With medication, the fever and shivering episodes are under control. Chemo treatment is temporarily suspended. She is experiencing significant discomfort in her abdomen which might be linked to the growth of the tumour. Ask the Lord to alleviate any pain and discomfort and enable her to experience His presence and peace.
- \* Mr Bay Kang Chwee (ZMS): By God's grace, Mr Bay received his last cycle of chemotherapy last Friday. Pray for sustainable blood count, minimal side effects and a heart of praise, as chronic symptoms persist. Moving forward, pray for wisdom for the oncologist to discern post-chemotherapy treatment and options.
- \* Remember Joseph Ng in prayer (son of Philip and Nancy Ng ZMS): Joseph has started his second round of chemo and will last around 4 weeks. Pray for minimum residual disease to be low/negative for the bone marrow transplant to be able to proceed. Thank God a Singapore donor has gone for a blood test to confirm the bone marrow match. Pray that the donor would be willing to donate his bone marrow and for the bone marrow procurement process to be smooth. Pray for Joseph to continue to have peace, trust and hope in our Almighty gracious Father God.
- \* Mr Peter Yeo (ZMS): Due to risks involved, the family is contemplating not to proceed with the investigative scope. Thank the Lord that Peter is not experiencing any excruciating pain but only discomfort in his abdomen area. Pray to the Lord to grant wisdom and guidance to the family as they make decisions to care for his physical needs. Pray also for Peter to experience the Lord's abiding presence and peace.

# SERMON NOTES

## FINDING REST IN GOD

# 1 Kings 8:54-66

1. Introduction - God's Purpose for His Creation

# 2. Blessing and Rest

# 3. Solomon's Blessing

- a. Blessed to be a Blessing (vv 54-55; 59-60)
- b. Blessed to Rest (v 56)
- c. Blessed to Obey (vv 57–58)

## 4. Conclusion - Rest and Rejoicing

**Summary** – The House of God is finally completed and Israel stands at the highest point of its history. The land is settled, there's prosperity and they are ruled by a godly king. It is in this setting that Solomon pronounces his blessing upon the nation. But what is true blessing and how does that relate to rest? How can we, as God's people today, experience the blessing and rest that God promises?

# **ATTENDANCE**

SERVICES	Worshippers + Volunteers
zms	suspended
2MS	34
ZES	suspended
SUNDAY SCHOOL (via Zoom)	49

# WEEKLY OFFERING

GENERAL & MISSIONS FUND (RECEIVED 11-17 OCTOBER)

\$ 18,680.70

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# SHARING JANE TENG AND FAMILY

Our family really thanks God for His faithfulness, grace and mercies upon mom through this episode. It has been a very eventful 10 days, right from the first moment at the clinic when we were told of her ART positive result.

Mom was terrified, we were shocked but we had to keep calm and tell mom don't worry, don't worry. As I drove mom back to her house, my mind was totally blank! Thank God we reached home safely.

After mom was sent to NUH, fear gripped us, images of news on the numbers of fatalities among the seniors kept flashing in our mind, we were so afraid of losing mom.

Mom had never been admitted to hospital without family members at her side, so we know it's going to be very, very hard on her especially when she is also suffering from deteriorating vision.

Although for the next two days we had updates from the ward doctor and nurses that she was recovering well, whenever she called my sister and me she sounded quite badly, she was panting and panting, pleading us to bring her home as the doctor and nurses are not treating her, not responding to her needs etc etc... imagine how helpless we were hearing from her.

We are sure we can trust the hospital to take care of her, at the same time we also want to find out if there was any oversight of her needs because we understand how stretched the medical team is, so we reminded ourselves to be very careful and tactful not to stress them whenever we had a chance to talk to them.

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# SHARING JANE TENG AND FAMILY

On Friday we were informed that mom can be discharged because firstly they were fairly happy with her progress plus my sister who was later confirmed COVID infected doing home recovery.

Everyone was looking forward to her discharge but next day came the bad news that she developed UTI and must be retained, COVID is not a threat to her but UTI can kill if not treated ASAP.

So the next few days we were like riding on roller coaster, mom refused to take antibiotics to treat UTI, fever came back, tummy upset so on and so on... each time when doctor called us, we don't know if it's good or bad news.

In the midst of all the happenings what kept us strong definitely is none other than our Almighty God and the Christian community. God is with mom, with us whenever we call upon Him. Even when I tried to call the ward I also uttered a quick prayer that God will please let me get thru the line! The number of times that I prayed to God each day for mom, for my sister for anything... I lost count.

It was on one of the days when Philippians 4:6 came to me: Be anxious for nothing, but in every situation, by prayer by petitions and with thanksgiving present your request to God, and His peace will guard your hearts and your mind in Christ Jesus. Thank God He is a promise-keeping God.

God is good and gracious and finally on Tuesday mom was discharged, reached home, settled down and had a good meal, and was ready to give thanks to God and those who rallied in prayer supports. My sister videoed her message and sent to us. All glory be to God!  $\Delta$ 

Now we pray that mom understands how much God loves her and will not stop praising God with her lips, that she will desire to draw closer and closer to God each day. Amen!  $\mathbb{A}$