



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

## **ORDER OF SERVICE**

### **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 Lin Ping  
Sheri, Brenda, David, Ru Hui & Joella  
Si Han & Erica

### **NEXT WEEK**

#### **(Holy Communion Sunday)**

[TBA]  
1 Kings 10:1-29  
- *Pastor Wendell Chua*

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### **PREPARE FOR WORSHIP**

Prelude

### **EXALT HIS NAME**

Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Doxology  
Opening Hymn

### **LISTEN TO HIS WORD**

Scripture Text: 1 Kings 9:10-28  
Sermon: Dangerous Pursuit

- *Pastor Lawrence Ong*

Response Hymn

### **GIVE TO HIS WORK**

Offering & Offertory Response

### **PRAY TO HIM**

Pastoral Prayer  
Closing Hymn  
Benediction  
Announcements & Postlude

### RESUMPTION OF 8.45AM IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES FROM 21 NOVEMBER

Dear all,

Thank you for sharing your thoughts with us through the recent survey. After much prayer and careful consideration of feedback received, we have decided to **resume In-person 8.45am Worship Services from 21 November** for the fully vaccinated.

The livestream at 8.45am will continue to run weekly.

We have all experienced how fellowship is compromised in an online setting. Hence the church hopes that you will prayerfully consider coming back for In-person Services, while we arrange a worship setting that's compliant with safety guidelines.



**Register for In-Person Worship Services from 21 November**

**8.45am (VPWS):** <http://tiny.cc/zsmorning> [240 cap]



**11.15am (VPWS):** <http://tiny.cc/zs2morning> [150 cap]



**5.00pm (non-VPWS)**

Deferred until further notice

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 <https://youtu.be/EzZQA9GluoY> or on our website @ <https://zionserangoon.org.sg/>. The recording will only be accessible until the end of Monday.

### ***Adult Bible Class*** (via ZOOM)

#### **1 & 2 Timothy**

**14, 21, 28 November @ 11.00am**

Conducted by: **Elder Lee Soon Tai**

Log in @ <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83725460807>

**Meeting ID:** 837 2546 0807

**For the notes refer to this link:** <https://zionserangoon.org.sg/adult-bible-class/>

### ***Youth Fellowship***

**13 November** – Group Research (Session 1)

**20 November** – Group Research (Session 2)

**27 November** – TBA

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

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

**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.

## ***Senior Adult Fellowship Talk***

**20 November, Saturday**

**3.00pm @ Sanctuary 2**

**“Stress and Coping Strategies”**

by Ms Christy Lim & Ms Low Hui Ting

Programme Executives from CREST

Fei Yue Community, Mental Health Department

**ALL ARE WELCOME TO JOIN!!!**

For those unable to attend or are not fully vaccinated yet, join us thru online streaming via YouTube @ <https://youtu.be/i6iiGHRAbG8>

## ***Sunday School and Awana Year-End Volunteers Training***

**27 November, Saturday**

**2.00-4.00pm**

- For new and long-term Awana Clubs and Sunday School volunteers.
- We welcome anyone who is discerning their calling to serve in the Children's Ministry to join us.
- Training aims to equip volunteers who are passionate about reaching children with the Gospel and unite everyone around a common vision and approach to ministry.
- Please register early or latest by **21 November 2021** to facilitate planning and logistics arrangements.
- Click on this link <https://forms.gle/5zwncJb9fgJXJgtv7>, to register.

For queries or clarifications, kindly contact **Iris** @ 93382507.

## ***Intergen Interactive Dialogue December 2021***

**4 December, Saturday**

**4.00-6.00pm**

*Come join us for our last Intergen Dialogue of 2021!*

*God-willing, we will meet in-person if COVID-19 restrictions allow.*

*Nevertheless, we will still have a fun interactive time to know one another from the different generations!*

**Register at <http://tiny.cc/ZSInterGenTalk>**

**Deadline: 1 December, Wednesday**

For queries, please contact Pastoral Intern Joseph Tee @:

**[josephtee@zionserangoon.org.sg](mailto:josephtee@zionserangoon.org.sg)**

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## SENIOR ADULT FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Due to the worsening pandemic situation over the last 2 months when our seniors were encouraged to stay at home, several of our planned SAF activities have been suspended, depriving many SAFers of regular fellowship to encourage and strengthen one another during this difficult time.

Please pray that the Lord will:

- \* Enable them to be enriched spiritually even by watching online the weekly Sunday Services and the monthly SAF Bible Study but with a strong desire to return to worship our God in His sanctuary.
- \* Enable them to hold fast to their faith and trust in the Lord to bring them through this Pandemic safely and victoriously for His glory.
- \* Sustain their mental and emotional well-being while they remain socially isolated most of the time during this period.
- \* Keep them in good health and strength and protect them from any infection and fall wherever they are.
- \* Protect the residents and staff of LKH from the pandemic and enable the team of LKH volunteers to meet and worship with the residents again soon for God's glory.

## ZION MORNING SERVICE

**(Resumption of 8.45am In-Person Worship Services from 21 November)**

Please pray that:

- \* Our church members and friends will prayerfully return to in-person worship service.
- \* In obedience to God's command, let us come together to observe the sacrament of the Lord's Supper. May our hearts be filled with thankfulness, our faith be strengthened and hope of our Saviour's coming again.
- \* Our Lord's Day worship services be meaningful, pleasing and acceptable to God, and our souls be nourished and refreshed.

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## PERSONAL NEEDS

- \* **Mrs Helen Chan (ZES):** She was discharged from hospital last Monday night. No more further treatment for her cancer. She is now receiving palliative care at home. Ask the Lord to grant her His comfort and peace and relieve her of any discomfort and pain.
- \* Remember **Joseph Ng** in prayer (son of **Philip and Nancy Ng - ZMS**): Joseph is battling a serious infection after his 2nd round of chemo with nightly fevers raging up to 39-40 degrees. Pray for doctor's wisdom and quick action to treat it before the infection gets worse. Pray also that a suitable bone marrow donor can be found sooner than later, for the matched donor to be willing and for the subsequent procurement process to be smooth.
- \* **Mr Peter Yeo (ZMS):** Thank God for the successful procedures to clear blockage to allow normal functions of the bile duct. The biopsy results should be known soon. Pray to the Lord to guide the doctors and family members as they explore different options of treating and caring for Peter. Ask the Lord to spare him from pain and discomfort and to experience His abiding presence and peace.

## DANGEROUS PURSUIT

### 1 Kings 9:10-28

**Big Idea:** Only Jesus can give us true satisfaction. Apart from Him, our hearts will easily be drawn away often through the smallest shifts.

**I. Coalitions with Hiram** (vv 10-14)

**II. Coalitions with Egypt** (vv 15-24)

**III. Coalitions with other nations** (vv 25-28)

**Application**



# ATTENDANCE

SERVICES	Worshippers + Volunteers
ZMS	suspended
2MS	29
ZES	suspended
<b>SUNDAY SCHOOL</b> (via Zoom)	48

# WEEKLY OFFERING

**GENERAL & MISSIONS FUND**  
(RECEIVED 1–7 NOVEMBER)

**\$ 34,158.80**

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# Getting Married

By Bay Wan Jee

This update may startle many. Maybe it is best to just say it as it is: God has brought Elder Siah Chuan and I together in a relationship. Here is how He has led us.

## **I heard myself say . . .**

After the Lord called me to serve Him in Japan, I prayed for a mate with whom I can serve the Lord together with. Moments of prayers yielded to years and decades of waiting. I became lax to pray. Loneliness, aloneness, illness, even kindness from well-meaning ones can trip me up. That night in the Japanese hospital, after knowing it is cancer, strangely I immediately thanked God "I was not married", because to me then, it seemed bad enough to reveal the diagnosis to my parents and siblings, what more, to a husband or children. As years passed, I imagined my medical condition 'made it harder' for God to answer prayers for marriage. Yet I knew when the time is ripe, God will bring me to the person yet also thought, "it will never happen any soon". But I resolved never to be a bitter single; tried to be content and pressed on to serve God and His people.

## **I heard God say . . .**

During the State of Emergency in Tokyo in April-May 2020, time alone was optimal. There was much to pray about, because my return to Singapore was near. It was then God impressed upon me, "You haven't been praying for your future husband nor marriage." That was true. So, I prayed for him - whoever he will be, and for myself to be ready. Another night, while praying, God asked, "Wan Jee, would you marry a widower?" Startled and not knowing why, I answered, "Sure Lord, that may be easier . . ."

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God continued to speak. God spoke while I stood by the mirror, "Don't cut your hair, you are going to get married." I chuckled - How can it be, Lord? To whom? Forgive me Lord of my little faith. I had my hair cut. Thankfully, the hairdresser accepted the Japanese Bible prepared for him. When I sought God's will on where to go for a vacation during this pandemic, it was hard to understand why God said "Go to Melbourne". I also sensed God telling me during my prayers that He would change my life and bring about something new when I am in Singapore. I was not scared of God's voice but I was puzzled: why and what exactly do these questions/answers mean?

### **I heard him say . . .**

I now know why. Looking back, they were God's specific guidance to prepare me for what/who is to come. In the most unusual circumstance, God's choice for me appeared on screen, at our church's ZOOM prayer meeting. Elder Siah Chuan, then himself under lockdown in Melbourne welcomed me back to Singapore, while I served my Stay-Home-Notice (SHN) at the hotel. Conversations on-line progressed through covid issues, missions, respective personal and family situations, grief counselling, church and the world. Very soon, I heard from Siah Chuan what God had told him at that zoom prayer meeting when he saw me on screen. God revealed to him to "take care of me" . . .

As a friend, Siah Chuan knew there was a limit to how much he can care for me but would be happy to remain a friend if that was all it was meant to be. Also, if God would bring someone else into my life, he would be happy to step aside and still look out for both that person and me. Commitment, magnanimity and attraction fell into place and left me shocked, touched, amazed yet mixed with disbelief that God had handpicked Siah Chuan and said *that* to him concerning me.

I began to piece together the pieces and recalled those personal questions and statements God had revealed to me last year. So, it was God

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pairing us, in spite of gaps in our ages, interests, inclinations, pre-dispositions, set habits and my on-going health issues. It is humbling to be the recipient of God's provision. In retrospect, God had spoken so clearly regarding a spouse-to-be: to care, to protect, to serve, to submit, and to love. Siah Chuan, while not knowing the future in full, yet very aware of my illness and its progression, responded to God's call. He respected my need and time to discern God's will and never pressurized. His proposals for a relationship, for marriage, for a life of ministry together was clear and firm. He obeyed God. What about me?

Past initial months of silent stress trying to discern God's will for both of us midst my nery health-reports, God has given me courage to say "Yes" to Siah Chuan. Honestly, we are unable to fully comprehend and detail His every plan and will for us. Nevertheless, I pray this update and our relationship will honour God, and reflect His glory. He is the Author of our lives, who wrote the Script of our love story. 15 months into the relationship, God continues to lead us. When God wills, He will.

### **Prayer Requests:**

- Praise God for whom all blessings flow. Thank God that He always gives His best to those who leave the choice to Him, even if it means decades of waiting.
- Siah Chuan and I need faith to walk the road ahead and obey God in the joint ministries/mission field He will call us to. Please pray for God's guidance. Following the wedding, I will need to be away from the mission field for a season, and indeed have to be in Melbourne for some months.
- Pray for us to trust in God's Help as we, with our team of helpers, plan a simple wedding to be held on 30 Dec 2021, Thursday.
- Pray for Siah Chuan's eldest sister and Wan Jee's father, who are undergoing cancer treatments. Wan Jee's next medical scans are in Jan 2022.

*The Lord has done great things for us, and we are filled with joy. Psalm 126:3*