



# **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**

Elder Hung Choo & Dn Lin Ping  
Brenda & Dness April  
Si Han & Wen Hooi

### **NEXT WEEK**

**Holy Communion Sunday**  
**(Christmas Sermon Series #2)**

*A Season for the Small and Weak*

Luke 2:1-20  
- 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: Luke 1:5-25

Sermon: *Is There a Christmas Message for You?*

- Pastor Lawrence Ong

Response Hymn

### **GIVE TO HIS WORK**

Offering & Offertory Response

### **PRAY TO HIM**

Pastoral Prayer  
Closing Hymn  
Benediction  
Announcements & Postlude

## RESUMPTION OF 5.00PM IN-PERSON NON-VP WORSHIP SERVICE

- **Zion Evening Service @ 5.00pm (non-VPWS) will resume today, 12 December.**

## IN-PERSON WORSHIP SERVICES

- **Register for In-Person Worship Services**

Slots for **December** are open for registration!

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

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

**5.00pm (non-VPWS) :** <http://tiny.cc/zsevening> [50 cap]

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

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

- **The livestream at 8.45am will continue to run weekly.**

## ONLINE SERVICE ON SUNDAY

You may access the livestream service from 8.45am via <https://youtu.be/JP89xOxOh1Q> or on our website @ <https://zionserangoon.org.sg/>. The recording will only be accessible until the end of Monday.

## REGISTRATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Registration closes  
**23 Dec, 12pm**



### **Registration for Christmas Service is now open!**

Register to this link: <https://tinyurl.com/ZSChristmas2021>

- It will be held at 10:30am, 25 December in both Sanctuary 1 and 2.
- Slots will be allocated on a first-come-first-served basis.
- Worshippers will be assigned to Sanctuary 1 first, and then Sanctuary 2 [Not to worry about being assigned to Sanctuary 2 because there will be both livestream and in-person worship segments there as well.]
- For those joining us online, there will still be a YouTube livestream.

### ***Christmas Service***

**25 December, Saturday**

**10.30am @ Sanctuary 1 & 2**

**“Zechariah’s Song — Benedictus”**

**Luke 1:57-79**

**By: Rev Alby Yip**

## ***Youth Fellowship***

**11 December** — Pre-camp Briefing

**14-18 December** — YF Camp

**25 December** — TBA

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

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

**1 & 2 Timothy**

**12 & 19 December @ 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/>

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

**15 & 22 December, 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.

## **CHIT CHAT**

**Today, 12 December @ 2.00pm**

**Hybrid Session** (both in-person @ Sanctuary 1 [capped @ 50 pax] and live-streamed)

Register your attendance for the in-person session and/or submit your questions using this form: <https://forms.gle/cJxVix6CiGuXZUQ49>

### **Topics covered:**

1. 2021 Review
2. 5-Year Vision: 2022 Theme
3. Pastor Yap's Retirement Update
4. Q&A

## **CHRISTMAS BLK123 VISIT**

**19 December, Sunday @ 11.00am**

If you would like to visit this rental block with us and commit as a long-term volunteer, please contact **Megan** or **Dness April** by **today, 12 December:**

**Dness April** @ [april@zionserangoon.org.sg](mailto:april@zionserangoon.org.sg)

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

## **Infant Baptism**

For parents who intend to present their child/children for Infant Baptism on **25 December**, please inform and submit completed application forms to the Church Office by **today, 12 December**. For queries, please contact **Ps Wendell** @ 9027 7465 or send a message to **Zion hp** @ 8463 2186.

### ***Register for 2022 Sunday School and Awana Clubs***

#### **HAPPENING NOW:**

It's time to register for Sunday School and Awana Clubs for 2022. Sunday School is for children ages 3-12. Awana Clubs are for children ages 5-12.

Registration is important to ensure that we are able to stay in communication with your family about the various programmes and also to allow you to stay informed about the latest changes especially during the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic.

Regardless of whether your child is already enrolled in our programmes or you wish to enroll your child, please register your 3 – 12 year olds through this link: <https://forms.gle/bV7PIPsJ916mTD65A> **by today, 12 DECEMBER.**

For enquiries, kindly contact:

**Jenny Lim** – 9112 0900 (Sunday School)

**Dness Sylvia** – 9368 7064 (Awana Clubs)

**Iris Goh** – 93382507 (Children's Ministry Staff)

### ***International Fellowship Ministry***

#### **ONLINE BIBLE STUDY**

**14 December, Tuesday @ 8.00pm**

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

### ***Deepest Condolences to . . .***

**The family of Mrs Helen Chan** on her Home-going on 9 December 2021.

## *International Fellowship Ministry*

**RSVP BY 13 DECEMBER TO:**

Elder Chua HC 9010 2893 or Olga 8158 1885

**ALL FOREIGN WORKERS ARE INVITED!!!**



## **Watchnight Service 2021**

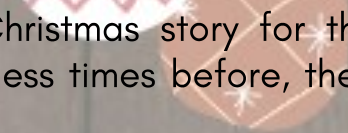
**31 December**

***Calling for those who wish to share your testimony at Watch Night Service!***

Please record your testimony with the following requirements:

- Time limit: 10-minutes
- Landscape Orientation of Video
- Content:
  - Share a 10-minutes video of how the LORD has been faithful in your life this year
- Ensure adequate lighting
- Ensure audio is well captured

**To submit on 18 December.** For any questions, please contact Pastoral Intern Joseph 9088 0077 or Olga 8158 1885.



Whether you are hearing the Christmas story for the first time, or you have heard it countless times before, the LORD has a message for you!

For the next few weeks, we will be having our Christmas sermon series, **"God's Christmas Messages To You."**

Through these sermons, let us prepare to hear the most miraculous Good News the world has ever received!

Moreover, may we be challenged to see our lives as God's instruments of comfort to the hurting world around us.

So do join us in remembering the true meaning of Christmas; celebrating the long-awaited arrival of our Lord Jesus!

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## **CHRISTMAS SERMON SERIES**

### **"God's Christmas Messages To You"**

**12 December, Today - Sermon 1** (Luke 1:5-25) by Ps Lawrence  
*Is There a Christmas Message for You?*

**19 December - Sermon 2** (Luke 2:1-20) by Ps Wendell  
*A Season for the Small and Weak*

**26 December - Sermon 3** (Luke 1:26-30, 46-56 ) by Ps Yap  
*God's Message to Mary: Prepare to be God's Instrument*



# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

### *“The Meaning of CHRISTmas”*

**18 December, Saturday from 5.30-7.30pm, Sanctuary 2**

- \* For this event on the 18 December, reaching out to healthcare staff of LKH, CSLMH and other foreign/domestic workers through fellowship and sharing of a Christmas that's centred on the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
- \* Praying that the invitees respond to the invitation and may God open their hearts to His Word through the message, songs and quiz game.
- \* May LKH staff's work schedules be favourable to those who intend to come to the Christmas celebration.
- \* May the IF committee be focused on sharing the Gospel and carrying out our duties with gladness.
- \* May all involved in the event be protected from the COVID-19 virus.

## CHRISTMAS BLK123 VISIT

**19 December, Sunday @ 11.00am**

Please pray for:

- \* **Megan and Dness April** as they prepare the gifts and food items for the next visitation on 19 December.
- \* Continued joy and wisdom for all the volunteers who have so willingly given of their time and effort to meet regularly with the residents. May they be able to bring the joy of Christmas to the residents through their demonstration of Jesus' love.
- \* Opportunities to have deeper conversations with the residents as we continue to build relationships with them.

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

## FOREIGN MISSIONS — Cambodia

### Phnom Penh Bible School, Phnom Penh

- \* Pray for **Sokheang** as she serves as coordinator of the Library & Literature Department as well as part-time lecturer.
- \* Uphold **Vanna** who has started her first semester of her final year of studies in Master of Divinity at Singapore Bible College. May the Lord grant her wisdom in her studies and keep her in good health.

### Shalom Missions Cambodia

- \* Ask the Lord to guide and help **Pastor Chhinho** who has started the Shalom Dream Center situated in Mondulkiri which is about 7 hours drive from Phnom Penh.
- \* The Center is completed and it houses a Bible school and a school for children.
- \* Thank God for opportunities to share the Gospel of God's love and hope to the people in this remote village. May He lead to Himself those who need to be saved.

## PERSONAL NEEDS

- \* Remember **Joseph Ng** in prayer (son of **Philip and Nancy Ng — ZMS**): Thank God that his family is well and **Joseph** returned home finally. Pray that everyone will remain well during his homestay. **Joseph** will be re-admitted on 30 December for his bone marrow transplant on 6 January. The risk of mortality for this procedure is 20% - there are a lot of things that need to come together for a successful procedure. Pray for the donor to remain healthy and well and for **Joseph's** body to accept the donor marrow well.

### *Is There a Christmas Message for You?*

#### **Luke 1:5-25**

##### Introduction

1. Prepare for it

2. Ask for it

3. Listen for it

**Summary:** Preparing our hearts to receive, asking God to speak to us and listening attentively to His message for us.

## ATTENDANCE

SERVICES	Worshippers + Volunteers
ZMS	106
2MS	81
ZES	suspended
SUNDAY SCHOOL (In-person)	33

## WEEKLY OFFERING

**GENERAL & MISSIONS FUND**  
(RECEIVED 1-5 DECEMBER)

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## **SHARING By Rebecca Lee**

### **Missionary to Cambodia**

Reading Ezra and Nehemiah is somewhat like getting to know ‘twins’ who are similar but not the same, 2 men who shared the goal of seeing Jerusalem rebuilt, and went about it differently because of their personalities, gifts and life circumstances. The similarity lies in how both men saw clearly that it was “God’s gracious hand” (Ezra 7:10, Neh 2:18) that worked things out for them as they took one step after another into a very unknown situation.

Today, I’d like to share about 5 Cambodian believers who are very different, but as we read their stories, they reveal God’s gracious hand in leading and shaping them from past to present. The 5 of them are staff workers at SONOKO, a movement reaching out to university students in both public and private campuses. I’m on the board of SONOKO as the representative from OMF – it was a ministry started by OMF missionaries and still sits under the OMF umbrella. Over these 3 years, it has been a challenge and a privilege to serve in this way.

#### **PHEARAK POV, GENERAL SECRETARY (DIRECTOR) - God’s hand lifted his head to look up and out**

I first got to know Phearak as a shy 19-year-old who hardly dared to lift his head to speak to any older person, especially missionaries. For a long time he was the shadow of another more dynamic student leader and his very good friend. Then that young man, slated to be the first Cambodian General Secretary, died unexpectedly. Phearak never expected to become the General Secretary in Nov 2020 – he was more or less prompted and given a shove in that direction, I felt.

I wish that I could say, after one year, that Phearak is flourishing and exercising full leadership. He’s not (yet). But his gentleness and humility continue to shine, and so does his love for Jesus. As SONOKO becomes more ‘Khmer’ and locally led, it has surfaced a problem of pride: one staff finds it hard to submit

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to his leadership as they had been working as peers before. He'd sometimes pour out his frustrations to me but when I asked, "What can I or the Board do – should we speak to the staff?" he'd tell me to hold back and say, "Let me try again."

Here are his prayer requests:

- for strength, wisdom, and to be faithful and strong in the using my gifts to serve God.
- to focus on God's word and have time to reflect my journey with God and listen to Him.
- for my family to live in peace through Jesus Christ. May God protect them in every sickness.

### **SOPHEAR SOUN, PHNOM PENH BRANCH LEADER – God's hand arranged her romance**

Sophear got married at the beginning of this year. Her husband is quite a few years younger; he joined the student ministry when he was still studying; she never disciplined him directly, but was 'bong' (older sister) to him, as with everyone else because of her maturity in age and experience. Then, as he saw her good heart and love for God, different feelings grew. She had not dared to think of him in a romantic way but his persistence and sincerity won her over. They waited for quite a few years to marry, as he had to graduate and then get a job. Now she is pregnant and looking forward, albeit anxiously, to being a mother.

Here are her prayer requests:

- The baby will grow well; and safety for my husband as he travels to a few different provinces for work.
- Continue to grow in faith and trust in the Lord.

### **SINA KHOUN, SIEM REAP BRANCH LEADER – God's strong and protective hand over her life.**

Sina comes from a very poor family, which delayed her general education. Her journey of faith met with opposition from the family in the initial years. Last year, an older sister died of cancer very quickly after the diagnosis, leaving a

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devastated husband and 3 children behind – thankfully she had trusted in the Lord Jesus before she died. Not long after making a video about SONOKO (see link below) in early November, Sina got infected with COVID-19; her recovery was slow, and then her stomach acted up, again, and she landed in hospital for that. Thankfully she has since returned home and has jumped back into ministry.

Here are her prayer requests:

- for my family to meet Jesus and believe in Him with all their heart and seek Him more and more.
- for me to be close with Jesus daily, be humble and have an open heart to understand others, and growing to think like Jesus.
- for wisdom to make plans and strategies to serve and disciple students.

### **DOEUN LAI, PHNOM PENH STAFF – God’s hand on a tribal boy and a farmer’s son**

Lai is unique in physique and ethnicity. For he is not Khmer, but from a tribal group called Kuy in Preah Vihear province and has those distinctive features of high cheekbones and strong jaws.

Young though he is, he’s already lent his voice for recordings of books of the Bible being translated into Kuy – his family are believers and they know God’s help in their problems. A farmer’s son, he had not visited his family since December 2020 and asked for prayers to be able to make that trip. In God’s timing, he was able to visit them in October this year.

Here are his prayer requests:

- Praise for opportunities to study bible online classes and to take a short course with a Bible school.
- For me to grow more on how to work with students and staff, be humble and love each other.
- For my relationship with God daily to have more experiences with prayer and reading the Bible and worship.
- For me to grow how to make plans and write better reports and understand how to develop and improve myself and ministry.

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**CHENDA SOUS, SIEM REAP INTERN, also a 4<sup>th</sup> year university student – God’s gracious hand in arranging circumstances that led her to turn to Him whom she used to hate.**

“When I did not believe in Jesus, I hated Jesus so much. When my friends told me about Jesus, I was always angry with them. When I was young, my parents argued fiercely with each other... I sat up and looked up to the sky and asked if there is a God in the world... Then my younger sister and I were invited to learn English. The teacher taught us English about a year, and then he started to share the gospel to us. He also invited me and my sister to his church. A year later, we came to believe in Jesus and accepted Him as our Savior. Thank God He changed my life, despite all the difficulties. In 2014, my sister and I got to know SONOKO where I learnt to study the Bible and lead a small group in studying the Word. I always receive encouragement and love from my fellow students and staff.”

Here are her prayer requests:

- for my family, that they may believe in Jesus.
- for my life to glorify Him.
- for Him to fill my shortcomings in serving Him. May God help me be faithful and humble heart in all circumstances.

Has God’s hand been apparent this year for SONOKO – when students disappeared from Phnom Penh or Siem Reap as universities closed; when many returned to remote places that had limited access to modern amenities and the internet; when ideas kept melting away into nothing as online attendance kept dropping? This video <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OJwsm7OKzcA> gives a glimpse of what SONOKO went through this year. Trace the hope they have through what is shared and I believe you will join them in speaking confidently of God’s gracious hand and provision for SONOKO through 2021.