

### **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 Holy Communion Sunday

Dn Jonathan & Dn Amos Joella, Edmund & Jianzhi

## **NEXT WEEK**

(Christmas Sermon Series #3)

God's Message to Mary: Prepare to be God's Instrument Luke 1:26–30, 46–56

- Pastor Yap Kim Sin

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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: Luke 2:1-20

Sermon: A Season for the Small and Weak

- Pastor Wendell Chua

#### **HOLY COMMUNION**

The Bread/The Cup The Lord's Prayer

#### **PRAY TO HIM**

Pastoral Prayer

### **GIVE TO HIS WORK**

Offering & Offertory Response Closing Hymn Benediction Announcements & Postlude

## **Church News & Activities**

## 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 <a href="https://youtu.be/1BmHF5EbmH">https://youtu.be/1BmHF5EbmHI</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.

**Ps Lawrence** is preaching at the Shalom B-P Church at 9.00am Service today.

### REGISTRATION FOR THE CHRISTMAS SERVICE



Registration closes **23 Dec, 12pm** 



## Registration for Christmas Service is now open!

Register at 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

## **Church News & Activities**

## Youth Fellowship

25 December — TBA

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

## Adult Bible Class (via ZOOM)

1 & 2 Timothy

Today, 19 December @ 11.00am [Last Lesson]

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)

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.

## Administration Manager

Zion Bishan B-P Church is looking for a suitable person for the position of Administration Manager. Interested applicants to email resume to Senior Pastor Alby Yip at alby@zionbishan.org.sg.

### **Church News & Activities**

# Watch Night Service 2021 31 December, 10.30pm Sanctuary 1

## • Last call for Watch Night Service Testimonies!

Please record your testimony with the following requirements:

- Content:
  - Share a 5-minute video of how the LORD has been faithful in your life this year
- Landscape Orientation of Video
- Ensure adequate lighting
- Ensure audio is well captured

For any questions, please contact Pastoral Intern Joseph (josephtee@zionserangoon.org.sg) or Olga (olga@zionserangoon.org.sg)



## • Watch Night Service 2021 Registration

Register to join us this New Years' Eve on 31 December (Friday) @ 10.30pm as we usher in the New Year together in worship.

Registration Link: tinyurl.com/WatchNight21

## **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

#### CHRISTMAS SERVICE

## 25 December, Saturday, 10.30am @ Sanctuary 1 & 2

- \* Pray for the organising team, **Ps Wendell, Peiyi** and **Megan** to be joyful in serving Him. Pray for His help to consider all the big and small details relating to the service well and thoroughly.
- \* Pray for everyone attending the service (both in-person and online) to have hearts that are prepared and ready to receive the message that will be preached. Pray that we may all look to Jesus, the true reason for the season.
- \* Pray for all who are serving in this service. Thank God for their willing hearts to use their gifts to serve and bless. May all the singing, preaching, acting, and speaking be done for His glory alone.

## WATCH NIGHT SERVICE 2021

## 31 December @ 10.30pm

- \* Praise the LORD that we are able to return in person to remember His faithfulness throughout the year.
- \* Please pray for the Spirit to continue to touch the hearts of congregants in sharing their testimonies for our encouragement.
- \* Pray for **Ps Lawrence** as he shares God's Word and prepares us in ushering in the New Year.

## **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

#### PERSONAL NEEDS

Remember in prayer:

- \* Joseph Ng (son of Philip and Nancy Ng ZMS): Thank God for the blessed family reunion during this time until my re-admission on 30 December. Pray for God's shield of protection upon both the bone marrow donor and myself as we approach my transplant date that He will keep us both well and healthy.
- \* Micaiah Koh (daughter of Adrian and Shalynn Koh 2MS): Micaiah's condition has deteriorated. She was crawling yesterday morning as she couldn't stand, which is her default position as sitting and lying down is painful. There was pus today. TCM asked us to go back to western medicine to stabilize her and provide comfort first as they tweaked her medicine four times but are unable to relieve her itch or improve her sleeplessness. We will start ciclosporin which takes 2 weeks to take effect, and pray it will be effective, with no side effects. May God take away her itch and for 3 of us to make it through the next 2 weeks.
- \* Sheela Thomas (daughter of Chacko and Radha Thomas): Sheela had a stroke. Her blood thinning medication caused bleeding. She was discharged after 2 nights due to shortage of bed. They have lowered her medications but she is still bleeding. Please pray for God's healing and intervention.

# A Season for the Small and Weak Luke 2:1-20

| 1. | Introduction | - Just | how tiny | are we? |
|----|--------------|--------|----------|---------|
|    |              |        |          |         |

- 2. Christmas brings God's glory to weak people.
- 3. Christmas gives the weak and small the two things we need most:
  - i. Praise
  - ii. Peace

## 4. Conclusion - God writes straight with crooked lines

**Summary** – We spend much of our lives trying to become successful and accomplished so we won't feel small or insignificant. But the Christmas story shows us that the story of a baby Jesus is wonderful news for those who recognize how small and weak they are.

## **ATTENDANCE**

| SERVICES                     | Worshippers +<br>Volunteers |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| zms                          | 118                         |
| 2MS                          | 75                          |
| ZES                          | 43                          |
| SUNDAY SCHOOL<br>(In-person) | 36                          |

## WEEKLY OFFERING

GENERAL & MISSIONS FUND (RECEIVED 6-12 DECEMBER)

\$ 28,947.45

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## INTERGENERATIONAL MINISTRY

## Sharing by Pastoral Intern Joseph

For those outside the church, the scene two Saturdays ago might come across as... unusual. On this particular Saturday evening, more than thirty people gathered together. This was an intergenerational meeting! (Don't worry! This was done safely according to the latest COVID restrictions.) We had participants ranged from those who were 11 years old to 71 years old!

The participants were then divided into groups of five, and given instructions to play the card game, *Smol Tok* (https://www.starknicked.com/). The purpose of the game was to allow the participants to ask each other questions in a causal manner. Though we had facilitators to help guide the conversations, many of the groups were able to share openly with minimal prompting.

Overall, the participants talked for more than one and a half hours. This allowed them to know each other on a deeper level beyond the casual "hi/byes" on Sundays. Also, it painted the beautiful picture of the intergenerational Family of God united in Christ!

Through such a simple activity, it is humbling to see how the Holy Spirit is using such a platform to build up an intergenerational culture in Zion Serangoon. The entire committee is so encouraged with the turnout and look forward to future such interactions in 2022.

Just to whet your appetites for our future intergenerational activities, the committee has planned for three to four intergenerational meetings in 2022 called, *They really like that meh?* Hopefully, we want to encourage the different generations in our church to understand one another's perspectives on certain issues. Also, we will be encouraging more to join intergenerational 3 –2–1 groups. Generally, these groups will allow three people of different generations (3) to meet for two hours (2), once a month (1).

With all said and done, could you pray about being involved in the intergenerational activities in 2022? Through such participation, let us prepare to see how the LORD can continue to deepen intergenerational relationships in our church!