

LOVING BEYOND | BOUNDARIES

BLESSED SUNDAY!

We are glad to worship God together with you! May we continue to be a light and blessing to one another and others beyond boundaries!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eld Daniel Ang Brenda Lee Catherine Ding Louis Tee Ps Wendell Chua Eld Oswald Goh Ng Jianmin

NEXT WEEK Holy Communion

Sovereignty & Responsibility 1 Kings 15:33-16:7 Ps Wendell Chua

Sr Ps Yap Kim Sin 9862 4390 Ps Lawrence Ong 9146 8277 Ps Wendell Chua 9027 7465 Ps Int Joseph Tee 9088 0077

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme Trusting Gods Promises

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship Invocation Doxology Opening Song Responsive Scripture Reading *Luke 4:14-21*

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

Standing on the Promises of God 1 Kings 15:25-32 Ps Int Joseph Tee

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering Offertory Response

Pray to Him Corporate Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Song Benediction Announcements Postlude

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SERMON NOTES

Standing on the Promises of God

1 Kings 15:25-32

Ps Int Joseph Tee



I. The Problem of Our Sin (vv. 25-26)

II. The Prediction of Punishment (vv. 27-31)

III. The Promise of King Jesus (Luke 4:18-19; Isa 61:1-3)

We are to stand on the promises of God because He has kept and will always keep His promises to us.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

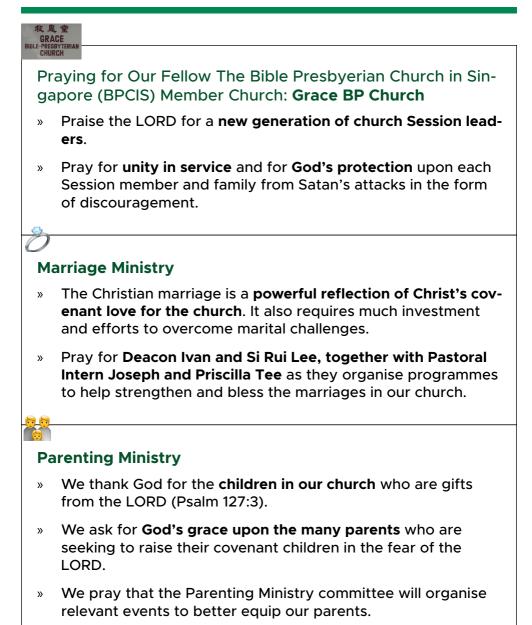
Bangladesh

- Islam is declared its state religion in 1998. Almost 90% of the population is Muslim. Religious freedom, although guaranteed by the Constitution, is beginning to erode. The Christian population (1%) experiences bouts of persecution and oppression. Pray for the raising up of willing servants of God to serve the Church and to reach out to those who do not know the Name of Christ.
- » Thank God that with the help of many NGOs, the country has shrunk its poverty rate, improved health and education. However, pollution, poor safety standards, waterborne diseases, lack of infrastructure and low literacy rates persist. Pray for long-term solutions to these difficult issues.

Agape TEE (Theological Education by Extension)

- Our missions partner, Rev Subash Bala, runs this 2-year training programme to equip local pastors and evangelists to serve the Lord and His people in their local churches. Each year the students attend 4 sessions. Each session lasts 8-9 days. Students are taught Bible books, systematic theology, hermeneutics, homiletics and church administration.
- » Pray for the students as they attend a training session on 11-20 February. They shall be studying the epistle of Ephesians, homiletics and stewardship. Pray that the Lord will bless them with a spiritual-enriching time of learning and to keep them safe and healthy.

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Personal Needs

Joseph Ng

His latest round of chemo to bring him into remission has failed. As a result, the leukaemia cells have progressed even more. The doctor is exploring more options, including drugs still on clinical trials to bring his condition under control.

Joseph and his family are all saddened by this development. Pray for wisdom for the doctor and team to know the next best course of action and for them to continue to hope in Christ.

Mr Tan Thoo Chia (father of James Tan)

Pray for Mr Tan as he awaits a vacancy from Society For The Aged Sick.

Pray that he will continue to call upon the Lord Jesus in his time of need.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



In-person Worship Services

Register for February!

8.45am (VDWS, 240 cap): <u>http://tiny.cc/zsmorning</u>
11.15am (VDWS, 140 cap): <u>http://tiny.cc/zs2morning</u>
5.00pm (VDWS, 140 cap): <u>http://tiny.cc/zsevening</u>

* Please register before 12.00pm on Fridays.

The 8.45am livestream will continue to run weekly.

NEW

VPWS to become VDWS

For ALL worship services (MS, 2MS, ES) from 6 Feb onwards

In line with government directives, **only Vaccinated-Differentiated Worship Services (VDWS)** will be conducted from <u>6 Feb</u> <u>onwards</u>.

This means we **will not** be able to accommodate unvaccinated or Pre-Event Tested (PET) persons.

Do reach out to the church office if you have any needs or concerns regarding this transition. Thank you!

Youth Discipleship Group (YDG)

Every Sunday, 10 am - 11 am

Join our youths for weekly interactive Bible studies on the **Book** of Judges! For ages 13 - 16 years old.

For queries, Contact **Ivan Feng** @ <u>9667 7275</u> or <u>ivan_feng@mymail.sutd.edu.sg</u>

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Prayer Fellowship

16, 23 February, Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our church: http://tiny.cc/zsprayer

Meeting ID: 746 999 515 Passcode: 012422

Please note: There is **no** Prayer Fellowship on <u>1st & 5th Wednesday</u> of the month

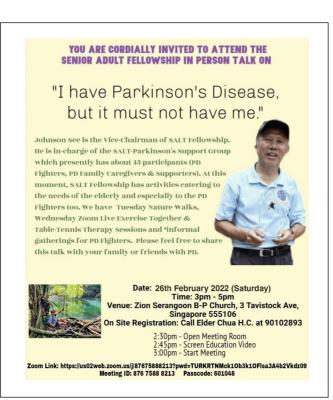
For queries, please contact **Ps Lawrence Ong @** <u>9146 8277</u>

Senior Adults Fellowship (SAF)

Digital Workshop 17 Feb (Thu) & 18 Feb (Fri) 10.30 AM Chapel 1

Please attend according to the workshop day you have registered for. Do remember to bring along your mobile phone

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Jackie and Ruby Huin (ZMS) on the Home-going of their mother, Mdm Lim Bak Cheng, aged 93, on 6 February.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
MS	115
2MS	89
ES	31

Sunday School (in-person)	45
(In-person)	

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 31 Jan - 06 Feb)

\$35,203.70

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DBS Bank Ltd 003-938549-8 Joseph Tee Pastoral Intern

For our **first Family Sunday Worship (FSW)** in 2022 (16 Jan), we received an overwhelming response from parents who brought their children to join us for corporate worship! The response was so encouraging but also highlighted areas of growth for our FSW moving forward.

In particular, for our Second Morning Services (2MS), we recognise that the **physical structure and support** had to be enhanced in order to facilitate the increased number of families attending the service. Thus, we sincerely thank those who have stepped forward to give their feedback on how we can continue to improve the subsequent FSWs.

As we continue to do better for our FSWs, let us first keep the biblical vision for FSWs in our sights. Simply put, FSWs is intended to **fulfil and reflect the beautiful image of what a Covenant Family looks like in the Body of Christ** (hear more about it <u>here</u>!). Specifically, it reflects the following spiritual and practical principles...

1. To model the worship of the LORD to our children (Deut 11:18–19).

2. To welcome children to **know Jesus corporately and personally** (Matt 19:13–15; Mark 10:13–16; Luke 18:15–17).

3. To appreciate that **Jesus' promises are for all**, including our children (Acts 2:38–39).

4. To encourage intergenerational interactions.

5. To help our children ease into the **regular rhythms of corporate** worship.

6. To witness the spiritual benefits of the **Holy Communion** being served.

FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP (FSW)

With this "big picture" in mind, we also want to acknowledge that bringing young children to corporate worship **can be challenging** for many parents. The FSW can also be a "shock" for other worshippers.

In light of all this, I would encourage parents and other worshippers to use FSWs as **opportunities to display more compassion and patience for one another** (John 15:12; 1 Peter 4:8). Said differently, having children with us during FSW is **a source of thanksgiving**! It means that the LORD has blessed us with the next generation worshipping together as the spiritual family of God!

Moving forward, we have come up with a **list of changes** to help make subsequent FSWs more conducive for all. The detailed list can be found at this <u>link</u> but here are some of the highlights:

1. Physical enhancements to Sanctuary 2:

a. Adjusting the "zoning" to allow more worshippers to gather safelyb. Creating a "Young Families Zone" for families with young children.c. Adjusting the creches to allow more families to use safely.

2. **Opening up Chapel 1** as a "cry room" for children.

3. Encouraging young families to attend other services during FSW (i.e. 845 am and 5 pm worship services).

4. **Inviting children & youths to serve** and be engaged in certain aspects of the worship service (e.g. scripture reading, choice of worship songs).

5. Alternate FSWs between the 3rd and 4th week of the month.

a. Allowing worshippers to adjust to the transition.

6. Provide **parenting workshops** to equip parents.

FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP (FSW)



Overall, our FSW is still **a work in progress**. As this is a change to our usual Sunday routine, it is expected that there will be areas for improvement. At the same time, I am thankful for your patience and encouragement as we continue our FSW together. May this endeavour be a reflection of the beauty we have as a covenant family, with the young and old gathered together in worship.

In closing, allow me to leave these words of our Lord Jesus as he interacted with the children in his midst. May it be a reminder of how we are to relate to the young ones in our church.

Matthew 19:13-15

Then children were brought to him that he might lay his hands on them and pray. The disciples rebuked the people, but Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven."

And he laid his hands on them and went away.

If you have any questions or comments, feel free to reach out to me at josephtee@zionserangoon.org.sg.

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP 8TH YEAR ANNIVERSARY Thanksgiving

Thank God for His protection over us during the IF anniversary and for keeping us safe from the virus. Thank God that the message on God being "love and just" supplemented our understanding in our ongoing Bible studies on the "loving-kindness and justice" of God. May His word dwell in our hearts to strengthen our faith in Him and to build a closer relationship with our heavenly Father.

Here are some thanksgiving items shared by a few us:

Mharle Sayson

I'm thankful that I know Him deeper through our IF. That despite of what happened, I'll still hold on His promises to me.

Martha Ina Kii

Thank You Lord for the blessing You have bestowed on my life. You have provided me with more than I could ever have imagined. You have surrounded me with people who always look out for me. You have given me family and friends who bless me every day with kind words and actions.

Elvira Redilla

I'm thankful to God for blessing me with a good employer, allowing me to attend the IF Online BS and the IF Anniversary. Hearing and understanding God's Word has helped me to grow more in my faith and walk closer to God. Thank God for Pastor Yap for his sharing during the Anniversary, and to Elder Hung Choo and Sir James for teaching God's Word in our IF BS. Thanks also to the IF Committee. Knowing that God gives me peace and joy, I pray that I wil obey His Word and follow Him faifhfully.

Chelo Tambe

Thank God for His faithfulness and protection through this pandemic that IF can meet up in-person and celebrate the Anniversary together through the sharing of God's Word & fellowship.

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Mcpaul Wee

What I have learnt during our thanksgiving Anniversary is that Christianity is mainly our relationship with God, and we should live our lives getting to know God better each day because we love God.

