

#### 2022

## 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 Oswald Goh Louis Tee Erica Yap Sally Teh Leong Keat Sung Teh KL Merissa Tee Ng Peiyi Edmund Ouek Ng Jianmin Dn Ivan Lee

Marcus Ong Eld Lin Hongsui Eld Hung Choo Xavier Arokiam Cecilia Arokiam Dness Clarissa Leong Megan Tan Chow Lye Kuan Yim-Kow Meng Choo

#### **NEXT WEEK**

Sonja Chua

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James 2:1-13 ATP Joseph Tee

Lead Ps Wendell Chua 9027 7465 Ps Lawrence Ong 9146 8277 Assis-to-Ps Joseph Tee 9088 0077 Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory) 9862 4390

**Read** (Pg 9-10)

Navigating a Challenging Landscape by Pastor David Wong

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Worship Theme



#### **Prepare for Worship**

Prelude

#### **Exalt His Name**

Call to Worship Invocation Doxology Opening Song Responsive Scripture Reading

Psalm 1

Worship in Song

#### **Listen to His Word**

Let's Not Kid Ourselves James 1:19-27 Ps Luwin Wong (Mt Hermon BP)

Response Song

#### Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

#### **Prav to Him**

Corporate Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn Benediction Announcements Postlude



## **SERMON NOTES**

# **Let's Not Kid Ourselves**

James 1:19-27



I. Your anger isn't as righteous as you think...
Accept with meekness the implanted word.
II. Your hearing isn't as sufficient as you think...
Persevere in doing the law of liberty.
III. Your religiosity isn't as worthy as you think...
Be generous and holy.



What is one thing that spoke to you today?

### **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

### **ZS Human Resources (HR)**

» Pray for wisdom for the HR Committee to help our Church Staff flourish in their various areas of service to God.

## ZS Communications & Engagement (C&E)

- » Pray that we may be able to discern and follow God's leading for the ministry as we go into the second half of the year.
- » Thank God for the engagement with people from both within and outside the church through our various communication platforms.
- » Thank God for sustaining and uniting the C&E committee (Elder Reuben Ang, Dn Amos Chia, Megan Loong, Cassia Ong, Manfred Ong, and Sharon Tan). Pray for wisdom to know how to communicate well via our channels in a way that seeks to love and draw people towards God.
- » Thank God for the commitment of our social media writers and designers (Emmanuel Ong, Sheri Goh, Lindsay Yap, Sharon Tan, Joy Poh, Brandon Tay, Theodore Goh, Cassia Ong, Merissa Tee, Manfred Ong, Hazel Lau, and Arcci Amor), for their willingness to use their gifts to serve Him by bringing light, truth and what our church looks like to people online.

## **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

### Christians@Work: Tourism

- » We thank God for our brothers and sisters-in-Christ working in the tourism sector.
- » We pray that they may have wisdom as they shape a dynamic tourism landscape for Singapore.
- » As they interact with tourists, may they also demonstrate attractive Christ-like values.

## **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

## Fellowship Tea

Contributions

If you would like to make a contribution towards fellowship tea at either MS or ES, please head to this pillar to indicate so and for payment instructions.



Thank you!

Note:

Under 'Remarks', please fill in the occasion (if any) and for which service (MS/ES).

#### THE BOOK CIRCLE IS BACK!

Every 3rd Sunday of the month



For those who are not familiar with this programme, the Book Circle is a collection of donated Christian books, of various interests and coverage for you to either start your book journey or support your insatiable desire to know more at no cost.

Come, browse, and pick up a book to see what other fellow Christian writers have to say on a topic of your interest. The book is for you to read at your leisure, to keep or pass on to others after you are done with it.

For those who want to donate your books to the Book Circle, please contact:

Bee Hong @9171 1009 or Pek Hong @ 9818 8220

### **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

## **ZMS Fellowship Tea**

After more than 2 years, the ZMS Worship Service Committee (WSC) will restart fellowship tea **THIS SUNDAY**. The tea is supported by Elsie's Kitchen, and we would like to invite everyone to join us after this for a time of fellowship over food.

The committee needs **more volunteers** to assist with preparing and serving fellowship tea on a rotational basis **from 7 August onwards**.

If you would like to serve in this area, please contact: Frankel Ng @ 8655 6370.

**Ps Wendell Chua** is preaching at Grace Bible-Presbyterian Church this Sunday.

### **Prayer Fellowship**

10, 17 & 24 August, Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our church: <a href="http://tiny.cc/zsprayer">http://tiny.cc/zsprayer</a>

Meeting ID: 885 1441 4432

Passcode: 127369

Please note:

There is  ${f NO}$  Prayer Fellowship on 1st & 5th Wednesday of the

month

For queries, please contact ATP Joseph Tee @ 9088 0077

### **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

## 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 @ 9667 7275 or

ivan\_feng@mymail.sutd.edu.sg

## **International Fellowship Ministry**

Let's Celebrate Singapore's National Day!

20 August 2022 @ 5.30pm

All foreign workers are invited to join! Please RSVP by 15 August.

#### Contact:

Elder Chua Hung Choo @ 9010 2893

Olga Amor @ 8158 1885



## Senior Adults' Fellowship In-person Bible Study

4 August, Thursday 10.30am @ Sanc 2

"When Life is Not Fair" (Genesis 39)

By ATP Joseph Tee

- \*There will be lunch provided after
- \*The recording will be made available after

## **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
MS	161
2MS	110
ES	39
Sunday School	47
Total	357

## **WEEKLY OFFERING**

## **General and Missions Fund**

\$39,107.10

(Received 22 - 28 July)



## **PayNow**

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## **Bank Transfer**

DBS Bank Ltd 003-938549-8

## **NAVIGATING A CHALLENGING LANDSCAPE**

By Pastor David Wong General Secretary, BPCIS

The above is the title of an exposition from 2 Timothy by Pastor Denesh of The Crossing Church at the recent BPCIS Retreat. He called on us to raise the next generation of leaders, to confront gospel dilution and opposition, and to preach the Word. In particular, he urged us to spend time, single-mindedly, one on one, to pass on the gospel.

Amidst the many things that occupy us, we must not forget that our ministry is essentially a gospel ministry. Do our people know the gospel? Are we living it out? Are we passing it on? Churches that fail to ask these questions will face stagnation and extinction. These are sobering thoughts and takeaways for the pastors and leaders of our 10 BPCIS churches.

In our coming Annual Presbytery Meeting in two months' time, we will pick up these thoughts again. This year, we will not have a guest speaker addressing us. Instead, each church will present a "health report" of how we are doing in the post-pandemic world. How has COVID affected us, and how are we emerging from it? We will spend time praying for one another.

Spending time with one another has been a blessing for BPCIS. It has been our tradition to come together for a post-Retreat "No-Agenda" Lunch. Fifty of us, both those at the Retreat and a few who missed it, will enjoy a sumptuous lunch and hearty fellowship. Each month, we meet for lunch before our Standing Committee meeting,

and for Prayer via Zoom every third Wednesday.

We cannot navigate the challenging landscape alone. Staring in our face now is the issue of the expected repeal of 377A, a moral marker in the Penal Code against the gay agenda. Christian leaders have been meeting with government Ministers, and urging them to protect the definition of marriage as a man to a woman.

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Could this be enshrined in the Constitution or in some form of legislation? Much prayer is needed for our decision-makers as we think of our future generations. As a church, we may need to write into our constitution the biblical definition of marriage, and our stand to solemnise such marriages only.

The landscape ahead is indeed challenging. Many other issues will preoccupy us: the effects of the war in Ukraine, the escalating evidence of climate change, the rising cost of living and the worldwide economic uncertainty. In the midst of it all, the "gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come" (Matthew 24.14 ESV). Let us be about the "gospel ministry".

<sup>(</sup>BPCIS stands for Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore. Check out website <u>bpcis.org.sg</u> for report of recent BPCIS Retreat and other news.)