

#### 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 Reuben Ana Dness April Ding Catherine Ding Dness Joella Tan Kwok Siew Lian Titus Soh Sally Teh Ruth Ong Leonard Lee Manfred Ong Adrian Koh

Shalvnn Koh

Esther Tay

Eld Chua Hung Choo Dn Amos Chia Na Siew Choo Merissa Tee Ng Jianmin Chia Hua Song Dness Clarissa Leong

#### **NEXT WEEK** Holy Communion

The World's Smallest but Largest Troublemaker James 3:1-12 Ps Yap Kim Sin

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) Closure of S3P@ZS by Megan Loong

#### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Worship Theme

Faith in God

#### **Prepare for Worship**

Prelude

#### **Exalt His Name**

Call to Worship Invocation Doxology Opening Song Responsive Scripture Reading

Genesis 15:1-6

Worship in Song

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

Is Your Faith in Jesus Real? James 2:14-26

Ps Wendell Chua

Response Song

#### Give to His Work

Offering Offertory Response

#### **Prav to Him**

Corporate Prayer Pastoral Praver

Closina Hvmn Benediction **Announcements** Postlude





### **SERMON NOTES**

# Is Your Faith in Jesus Real? James 2:14-26



- I. Introduction Life's most critical question
- II. Faith & Works are inseparable James' argument (vv 14-20)
- a. 2 Rhetorical Question
- b. A Shocking Illustration
- c. Debunking fake faith
- III. Genuine Faith? Check these guys out (vv 21-26)
- IV. Conclusion



Is your faith in Jesus real? When was the last time you asked yourself that question? And how do you know for sure? James argues that not all belief in Jesus is genuine saving faith, because true saving faith will always produce good works.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

### International Fellowship (IF) Ministry

- » Thank God for the opportunity for our international friends to meet on 20 August for a Singapore National Day celebration and we pray that God will move the hearts of those we have invited and will be open to come for the event.
- » Pray for the Committee for wisdom to keep up and minister to our IF friends and contacts.
- » Pray for the employers, that they will encourage and allow their international helpers to join.
- » Pray for safety and good time of fellowship.

#### **Outreach to BLK123**

- » Thank God for the church members who have taken the time to minister to the residents.
- » We pray for the Holy Spirit to soften the hearts of those who have yet to know the Lord Jesus personally.
- » Pray for wisdom and and favour for the committee as they continue to organise subsequent outreaches to BLK123.

### **Catechism Class**

- » We praise God for leading six persons in joining our latest Catechism Class.
- » As the ruling elders teach each class, may the Holy Spirit continue to provide insights and encouragement for the class.

### **WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE**

## Christians@Work: Cleaners

- » We remember fellow brothers and sisters-in-Christ serving the LORD as professional cleaners.
- » May they have the joy and peace as they work tirelessly to provide a neat and hygienic environment for others.
- » May they see their role in God's Kingdom as they serve Him in their job.

### **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Prayer Fellowship**

17, 24 August, Wednesday @ 8.00pm

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

Meeting ID: 885 1441 4432

**Passcode**: 127369

Please note:

There is **NO** Prayer Fellowship on 1st & 5th Wednesday of the

month

For queries, please contact ATP Joseph Tee @ 9088 0077

## **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

### **Family Sunday Worship (FSW)**

21 August

Our next Family Sunday Worship will be on 21 August. This means that there will be **NO Sunday School** on 21 August. Children are invited to join the church family for corporate worship and children's sermon.

#### **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

SAF Talk: "Christian Grandparenting"

20 August, Saturday 3.00 PM, Sanctuary 2

Speakers: Elder Oswald and June Goh

Everyone is welcome to join!
Refreshments will be served after the

Register here: http://chms.

zionserangoon.org.sg/eventmodule/registration/20/module or

message Roland Chan @ 9338 8054.



# **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 @ <u>8158 1885</u>



### **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

#### **SERVE TOGETHER WITH US!**

At ZMS, 2MS, and ES

Here are our needs:

Roles	No. of Volunteers Needed		
	MS	2MS	ES
Song Leaders	1	1	2
Back-up Singers	2	2	-
Musicians	2	2	2
AV	2	4	-
Livestream	5	-	-
Projectionists	2	8	-
Responsive Scripture Reading	2	4	4
Fellowship Tea Helpers	7	-	6
Welcome Team/Ushers	-	7	3
Pianists	-	1	1

# Find out more about the roles here:

**ZMS:** https://tinyurl.com/ServeMS **2MS:** https://tinyurl.com/Serve2MS **ES:** https://tinyurl.com/ServeES

Keen to serve? Contact:

[ZMS/2MS] Dness Joella Tan @ <u>9837 2941</u> [ES] Dness Clarissa Leong @ <u>9226 3158</u>

# **ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY**

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
MS	130
2MS	111
ES	37
Sunday School	52
Total	330

# **FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS**

14 August	Michael & Esther Tay	Thanksgiving	-

## **WEEKLY OFFERING**

# **General and Missions Fund**

\$27,515.40

(Received 01 - 07 August)



### **PayNow**

UEN: S86SS0063K555

## **Bank Transfer**

DBS Bank Ltd 003-938549-8

# CLOSURE OF S3P (SAFE, SOUND, SLEEPING PLACES) @ZS

By Megan Loong
Ministry Staff (Comms and Mercy)

The need for safe sleeping places for rough sleepers in Singapore grew exponentially since the start of the circuit breaker in 2020. We quickly realised that we have an unused room in the church that can be used as a blessing and shelter to these people. After taking some time to plan and prepare the ex-caretaker's room on the



first floor for this new use, we opened our doors to welcome stayers in from February 2021.

Although we did not know what to expect, we were not alone. We are so grateful for the support and assistance provided by the PEERS Network team at Ministry of Social and Family Development (MSF). The PEERS Network consists of over 40 partners who have availed their space for rough sleepers and together, over 1,000 rough sleepers were given a place to stay during the pandemic.

For ourselves, we were able to **receive 5 stayers in total who stayed ranging up to 6 months** with us over the time that we were operating. These referrals came from MSF and the team were so patient and helpful in working together with us in the arrangements. We also thank God for Pastor Yap who regularly engaged with our stayers and remains in contact with 2 of them till today.

From the planning stage, we were clear that this ministry **seeks to provide a safe and dignified place for our stayers**. Beyond this, we also hoped that God may use several volunteers from our church to befriend the stayers and get to know them for who they are. With each referral that came in, even before meeting with them in-person, we quickly realised that each person had their own story to tell with many layers of unique issues and situations they were in. There were

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so many reasons why these people were rough sleeping.

Being in this ministry over the past 1.5 years, the Lord showed us that we had a lot to learn and grow into. Loving like Jesus did, does not come naturally and easy. We needed to submit to the Spirit and seek God for wisdom and guidance in knowing how to engage and love these people well.

While there was strong and steady support from the other churches in the network and organisations involved, it was eventually clear to us that this was not a ministry we could sustain. A big factor is a lack of involvement in befriending and spending time with any stayer that comes in. This is important to us and is a big aspect to sustaining a ministry that aims to not just provide a physical shelter, but to be a blessing by spending quality time with those that enter, in hopes that we may have the opportunity to share the gospel with them. Pray with us as we think and discern how and what we can use this space meaningfully for next.

Although S3P@ZS has ceased its operations, if you are keen to engage with rough sleepers, we would like to encourage you to explore existing groups and opportunities to be involved in and be a blessing to the lives of these people. Some are these groups include:

- 1) Homeless Hearts of Singapore <a href="https://homeless.sg/">https://homeless.sg/</a>
- 2) New Hope Community Services <a href="https://www.newhopecs.org.sg/">https://www.newhopecs.org.sg/</a>

Feel free to contact Megan Loong (<u>megan@zionserangoon.org.sg</u>) if you would like to find out or learn more!