



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!

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme

Humble Submission

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Doxology
Opening Song
Responsive Scripture Reading

Proverbs 3:1-12

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word How Do We Stop Fighting with One Another?

ATP Joseph Tee

James 4:1-12

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude

SERVING THIS WEEK

Eld Lin Hongsui	Eld Daniel Ang
Louis Tee	Dn Amos Chia
Dress Joella Tan	Ng Jianmin
Henry Junior Chua	Ng Wai Yoong
Sally Teh	Chia Hua Song
Hannah Ong	Dress Clarissa Leong
Karen Goh	
Ps Wendell Chua	
Jonathan Ng	
Manfred Ong	
Natalie Toh	
Joanna Foong	
Daniel Kang	

NEXT WEEK

our will **versus GOD's WILL**

James 4:13-17

Ps Wendell Chua

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 9-12)

Sharing

By Pastor Lawrence



SERMON NOTES

How Do We Stop Fighting with One Another?

James 4:1-12



I. The Problem: Quarrels and Fights Among You (vv 1-3)

a. The Source: Passions Within You

II. The Symptom: Friendship with the World (vv 4-5)

III. The Solution: Humble Submission to God (vv 6-10)

IV. The Reminder: Do Not Speak Evil (vv 11-12)



We are to humbly submit to the LORD because that is the only way to address the passions and desires of our hearts.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

SAF: 1-Day Trip to Pontian & Tanjung Piai (8 Sept)

- » Thank God for the opportunity for our seniors to have a one-day outing to Malaysia.
- » **Thank God for the overwhelming response** to this time of fellowship among the Senior Adult Fellowship.
- » We pray for journey mercies and a blessed time of warm fellowship and encouragement together.

Office Retreat (5-6 Sept)

- » Thank God for a time of retreat for our church office staff.
- » Please pray for a blessed time of rest and fellowship together in Johor Bahru (JB).
- » Pray for smooth travels, especially for shorter waiting time at the immigration checkpoints.

Christians@Work: Teachers

- » Thank God for the teachers in our midst!
- » In particular, **pray for added grace and strength as they cope with the past few years of changes in teaching methods** due to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- » We pray that they continue to have the joy as they fulfill their callings as teachers.

PERSONAL NEEDS

Larry Ng

Please uphold him in prayer as he is suffering with a head injury and internal brain bleeding from several falls due to recent giddiness and blackouts. This is following his major open heart bypass surgery and extreme low blood pressure - side effects of medication given by the doctors.

He is now resting at home. Pray that the bleeding on his right side of the brain will stop when he goes for the next head scan in a week time.

May God be merciful to him and heal him.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Happy Teachers' Day!

"Give instruction to a wise man, and he will be still wiser; teach a righteous man, and he will increase in learning."

- Proverbs 9:9 (ESV)

A big thank you to all the teachers in our midsts!

For those teaching God's Word in the church, or God's truth in schools and education centres, thank you for your diligence and sacrificial service.

"Better than a thousand days of diligent study is one day with a great teacher."

Church Office Staff Retreat

5 - 6 September

The church staff will be away on a **retreat in Johor Bahru from 5 to 6 September**. If you have queries or any other matters, please email us at office@zionserangoon.org.sg and we will get back to you when we return.

Thank you!

Intergen Workshop: Human Library II

10 Sept (Sat), 4pm - 6pm

Sanctuary 2

Back by popular demand, the Human Library is back again! Come join us to hear stories from the different generations!

Register here: <http://chms.zionserangoon.org.sg/eventmodule/registration/22/module>

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Zion Serangoon COVID-19 Advisory Re: Mask-wearing

Dear all,

With further easing of Safe Management Measures (SMMs) announced recently, we thank God that from 29 August 2022, **the mask-wearing requirement for all church activities will be lifted.** This means that it will not be mandatory for us to put on our masks when moving around in the church premises, including at worship services.

However, mask-wearing will be left to the preference and comfort level of each worshipper. Additionally, as a way of exercising personal responsibility, we also encourage those who are feeling unwell to refrain from attending in-person activities and services.

We continue to look forward to all the sweet in-person worship and fellowship, now with faces seen, and voices heard better!

In God's Love,
Zion Serangoon B-P Church

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

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

SAVE THE DATE!

ZS CARNIVAL

24 October

9.00am to 1.00pm



Look out for more details to come soon!

Start thinking who you can invite...

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

International Fellowship (IF) Book Table

Fellowship Hall, 4 September (after each service)

Head over to the book table for outreach and devotional resources in various languages!

Pick up some for yourself or pass it on to someone.



Prayer Fellowship

14, 21 & 28 September, 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

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
MS	160
2MS	111
ES	31
Sunday School	52
Total	354

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

4 Sep	Noreen & Na-Chuang Au	Thanksgiving	-
	Syddal & Selene Wee	Thanksgiving	-

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

\$37,838.83

(Received 22 - 31 August)



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PASTOR LAWRENCE SHARES...

Dear brethren, I thank God and the Session for giving me two months of Sabbatical from the 15 July to the 15 September. I thank the pastoral team, and other leaders, for standing in the gap during my absence. I also thank many of you for your support in prayers, encouragement and other diverse ways. Lastly, I thank God that my three children had the opportunity to practise independence. *I am deeply grateful.*

What did I profit in this Sabbatical?

First, the two Summer courses (Christianity and Politics & Reading & Preaching Biblical Poetry) I attended gave me some good insights and enriched my knowledge. I found the courses at Regent College to be very academic and geared more towards the Western mindset. However, the diverse nationalities of students helped me to apply principles in similar and relevant contexts.

Secondly, God's providence. God guided many people to us during this journey. God graciously opened many doors for me to share my testimony of His Almighty power in transforming my life. I was invited to preach for the main service and share my story in Edmonton Christian Missionary Alliance (CMA) Church. We drove 13 hours from Vancouver to Edmonton. It was a bonus/reward from God for us to witness His majestic creations as we stopped at certain places to enjoy the marvelous scenic sites, such as the sparkling blue lakes and the Rockies, majestic mountains, waterfalls, running streams, fields, cattle feeding on the grass etc.

Romans 1:20 “For his invisible attributes, namely, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly perceived, ever since the creation of the world in the things that have been made. So they are without excuse.”

Indeed, my heart is filled with the awesomeness of God. During our stay in Edmonton, the couple brought many of their friends to meet me and asked me to share my testimony and God's Word to encourage them.

PASTOR LAWRENCE SHARES...

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Third, God's providential care and guidance continued in Dallas, Texas. We were hosted by another lovely couple, Ross and Boye - Linh's long-time church friends. We were able to catch up with many old friends, and meet many new friends too. In our fellowship we shared about our challenges, struggles, trials, joy and especially God's grace and His ever faithfulness in our lives. As the weather was very hot, we spent most of the time in the house. The couple and Linh made arrangement to gather all their old friends from Florida, Louisiana and meet at Atlanta, Georgia. Again, we drove about a thousand miles, 13 hours from Dallas, Texas. We spent four days there. Repeatedly, reuniting with old friends whilst making new friends. It was truly a meaningful time as our meetings were often filled with thanksgiving, glory and honour to the Lord.

Fourth, by God's divine appointment, I was able to share the Gospel with Emerson, boyfriend of our hosts' daughter, Grace. Emerson is a Korean, born and raised in the US. He is in his final semester of University while Grace has another year. He asked me for my view and advice about something that is troubling him a lot. His good friend was in jail for manslaughter, seeking his forgiveness for committing murder against their other friend. I shared with him about God forgiving our sins. I encouraged him to forgive his friend. I asked him to be merciful and ask God to give him the enabling to forgive his friend. I even asked him to visit his friend in prison, among other things I shared with him.

One day I crafted a sinner's confession and emailed to him.

PS: Dear Emerson, by God's grace I was able to share the Gospel, Good News of salvation in Jesus Christ with you. If you are willing to confess that you are a sinner, Emerson, you can pray this prayer on your own:

"Dear Creator God, Maker of heaven and earth and everything therein, I, Emerson thank you for showing me Who You are through

PASTOR LAWRENCE SHARES...

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the sharing of your people in the church and individuals. Thank you for helping me to believe the Bible is truth and Jesus Christ is the Son of God that came into this world to die on the cross for my sins.

I acknowledge that I am a sinner. I confess and repent and pray that you will forgive all my sins and cleanse me with your precious blood. I, Emerson believe and accept Jesus as my personal Saviour and Lord, in Jesus' name I pray, amen."

I pray that you will continue to seek the truth. Go to church, read and study the Bible. **"Ask, and it will be given to you; seek, and you will find; knock, and it will be opened to you."**

God Bless,
Ps Lawrence

Thank and praise the Lord! The night before we left for Singapore, Grace told us that Emerson has prayed the prayer I crafted for him and he received Jesus as his personal Saviour. Our hosts, Ross, Boye and Grace were elated. We encouraged Emerson to continue attending church services and soon enough be prepared for baptism. What a joy to end our trip knowing someone has received Jesus through the Good News we shared. To God be the glory!

Most of you know that I am on three months' oral medication for my Hepatitis C. Thank God I have been able to take my **Epclusa** tablet daily for the past two months. I do not experience any side effects at all. I will be completing my 12-week course soon. God willing I will be cured. **"For to me to live is Christ, and to die is gain."** **Philippians 1:21**

I am refreshed and re-energized physically, socially and spiritually to continue my next lap to serve the Lord with enthusiasm, diligence and faithfulness.

PASTOR LAWRENCE SHARES...

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I like to end with this prayer for you and for me: (taken from Romans 15:5-6) **May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.**

Amen.