



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 Daniel Ang	Michelle Chay
Dominic Lim	Joanna Foong
Catherine Ding	Lee Lin Ping
Yap Foon Lyn	Eld Timothy Soh
Leong Keat Sung	Yim-Kow Meng Choo
Sally Teh	Dness Sylvia Ong
Lau Wen Min	Merissa Tee
Teh KL	Ng Jianmin
Adeline Teo	Dness Clarissa Leong
Leonard Lee	Bernard Yim
Ding Si Han	Josh Lim
Ps Wendell Chua	
Dness Joella Tan	
Adrian Koh	

NEXT WEEK FAMILY SUNDAY WORSHIP

Does the LORD Care

For Lowly Me?

2 Kings 4:1-7
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 8-9)

Returning to a Different Normal

By Ps David Wong

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Reformation Sunday*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
 Invocation
 Doxology
 Opening Song
 Responsive Scripture Reading **2 Peter 1:16-21**

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

Why Do We Celebrate Reformation Sunday?
 Eld Oswald Goh
 Romans 3:20-24; Ephesians 2:8-10

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

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Ephesians 2:8-10



- Introduction

I. The 16th Century Reformation and the 5 SOLAs

II. The 20th Century Reformation and the 5 FUNDAMENTALS

III. The 21st Century & Beyond - Semper Reformanda

- Conclusion: What is God saying to us today?



Reformation Sunday reminds us of who we are; how far we have come; and what we have yet to do.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Reformation Sunday

- » We rejoice that the Protestant Reformation reminds us it is **Scripture alone** that teaches us it is in **Christ alone**, by **Grace alone**, by **faith alone**, that we are saved to Glorify our Triune God.

Session and BOD Meeting

- » Please pray for our leaders as they meet this week to discuss matters of the church.
- » May the Holy Spirit continue to provide **wisdom, clarity and unity** in their discussions.

Children's Camp – “Surfing God's Word” 22-24 Nov, 9am - 3pm

As camp approaches, may the Lord:

- » Help the Children's Camp committee to **seek His vision and plans** for the camp.
- » **Lead children to the camp** so that they may feed on the Living Word and grow in grace and knowledge of our Saviour.
- » **Lead and guide the camp organisers** as they prepare for camp.
- » **Give the speakers His Word** for the children that they may hear and believe, and gain motivation to read their Bible from a young age.
- » **Send workers** to support this camp.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Book Circle

- » Please pray for God to use the Book Circle, a Word Ministry to minister to those who seek to enrich their lives.
- » Pray for participants to learn how God can use His children, both men and women as they pledge to worship and edify Him in their lives through good, bad and ordinary times.
- » May He continue to **inspire, motivate and enrich His children as they serve Him.**

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Family Sunday Worship

6 November

Our next Family Sunday Worship will be next Sunday (6 Nov).

Please note that there will be **NO Sunday School**.

Children are invited to join the church family for corporate worship and children's sermon.

Youth Camp 2022

18 - 23 December

Youth Camp is finally happening soon!

This year, it will be an **overnight** camp. Save the date!

Early Bird Fees: **\$45**

(until 13 Nov)

Regular Camp Fees: **\$55**

Scan
to
Register:



Kindly contact **Hannah Ong @**

8830 6317 or

Henry Junior @ 9679 7559

SAVE THE DATES!
18TH TO 23RD DECEMBER
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YOUTH CAMP
2022

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!!!EARLY BIRD: \$45/PAX SIGN UP BY 13 NOV	QUERIES, CONTACT HANNAH @ 8830 6317 HENRY @ 9679 7559
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... MORE INFO OUT SOON!



CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Children's School Holiday Camp 2022 Surfing God's Word

22 to 24 November, 9am to 3pm

For all Awana and Sunday School Children (K1 to P6)

**REGISTRATION CLOSES TODAY!
(30 Oct)!**

Camp fees: \$40

Payment Mode:

PayNow (More details are found in
the camp registration form)

Register here (closes 30 Oct):

<http://chms.zionserangoon.org.sg/eventmodule/registration/24/module>



40 children have signed up for camp so far. We need **10 camp shepherds** and **2-3 helpers for F&B**.

Please contact **Iris Goh @ 9338 2507** to find out more details about the various roles and responsibilities.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

SAF Bible Study (In-person)

3 Nov, Thurs @ 10.30AM

Sanctuary 2

“Encouragement in Suffering”

2 Thessalonians 1:1-12 (ESV)

by Ps Lawrence Ong

Prayer Fellowship

9, 16 and 23 November, 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

Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

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.

**There will be a break during December.*

For queries,

Contact **Ivan Feng @ 9667 7275** or

ivan_feng@mymail.sutd.edu.sg

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Pastor Lawrence Ong is preaching at **Shalom BP Church** today at the 9.00am service.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
MS	146
2MS	106
ES	34
Sunday School	50
Total	336

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

30 Oct	Laura Lim	Thanksgiving
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WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

\$17,874.00

(Received 17 - 23 Oct)



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Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd
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RETURNING TO A DIFFERENT NORMAL BPCIS UPDATE

By Pastor David Wong
General Secretary, BPCIS

Since March this year when COVID restrictions were lifted, worshippers have been returning to onsite services, singing without masks, congregating without distancing, enjoying after-service fellowship and refreshments. **But things are not back to normal.** Live-streamed services are still on, and significant numbers are still worshipping from home, having discovered the various conveniences of attending a service online.

At our Fourth Annual Presbytery Meeting on 24 September, we were given a sneak preview of a **nationwide survey of 144 churches representing 104,653 attendees across 316 congregations.** (All 11 churches of BPCIS took part.) Table 5 in the Survey shows the change in church attendance before and after the COVID pandemic, with these comments:

“Compared to pre-pandemic times, the number of attendees has decreased for two-thirds (67%) of the churches. Among these churches, 59 (41% of all churches) saw a substantial decrease. Attendee numbers stayed largely the same for only 34, while only 14 churches reported an increase. ... In summary, in-person worship gatherings have not reached pre-pandemic attendee numbers, but are short by between 13 and 43%. To be more precise, our point estimate of the number of attendees who have returned for worship onsite is 72% of pre-pandemic levels.”

(The 26-page “State of the Church, Singapore 2022” is a collaborative effort by 3 theological schools, BGST, SBC, TTC, and Salt&Light. All queries to survey@salt&light.sg.)

Also, at the national level, we see the repeal of Section 377A, and introduction of an amendment to the Constitution to uphold the definition of marriage as one between a man and a woman (already found in the Women’s Charter)....

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...In a meeting of religious leaders with Minister Desmond Lee on 19 October, I was seated next to the leader of the Buddhist Federation and the leader of the Muslim community. The former stated that the move to define marriage should not be viewed as the government giving in to pressures from the religious communities, but a move for the common good of society. The latter noted that social norms may change over time to re-define marriage, but as religious leaders, we have a responsibility to influence such norms by our teachings and examples.

Indeed, the future belongs to our next generation who must serve, as King David did, **“the purpose of God in his own generation”** (Acts 13:36). For this, we are thankful for four of our men who completed their ordination process this year. Aged 37, 42, 48 and 64, they represent different generations and will join the ranks of our ordained ministers. Let us keep them in our prayers: **Joseph Tee (Zion Serangoon), Ng Zhiwen and Paul Yeo (Zion Bishan) and David Leong (Emmanuel)**.

Finally, a book **“Faithful in Ministry, Fruitful in Mission”** was launched on 15 October to honour Pastor Daniel Chua who served 33 years at Mount Carmel, from 1988 to 2021. The collection of essays from 33 contributors is testimony to someone who served God faithfully and fruitfully. The first print was sold out in two weeks, and raised \$6,146.99 for BPCIS.