



2023

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 *An Undivided Heart*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

- Call to Worship
- Invocation
- Doxology
- Opening Hymn
- Responsive Scripture Reading **Matthew 22:34-40**

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

- Are you a half-hearted Christian?** Ps Wendell Chua
- 2 Kings 10

Holy Communion

- The Bread and The Cup
- The Nicene Creed

Pray to Him

Pastoral Prayer

Give to His Work

- Offering
- Offertory Response

- Closing Hymn
- Benediction
- Announcements
- Postlude

SERVING THIS WEEK

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| Eld Chua Hung Choo | Joy Poh |
| Yap Foon Lyn | Michelle Chay |
| Dns Joella Tan | Louis Tee |
| Janet Ang | ATP Joseph Tee |
| Arci Amor | Cecilia Arokiam |
| Jonathan Chua | Ng Peiyi |
| Chen Jin Ling | Ding Si Han |
| Eld Lin Hongsui | Ng Wai Yoong |
| Bong Ru Hui | Chia Hua Song |
| Edmund Quek | Dns Clarissa Leong |
| Eld Reuben Ang | Ivy Leong |
| Brendan Toh | Ng Siew Choo |
| Adrian Koh | Yim-Kow Meng Choo |
| McPaul Wee | Xavier Arokiam |

NEXT WEEK

Our LORD is Working...

2 Kings 11:1-20
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 12-14)

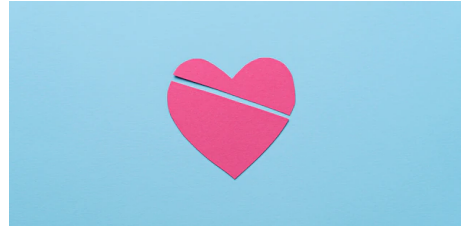
**FY 2022 Income & Expenditure and
FY 2023 Budget Update**

By Eld Reuben Ang (Honorary Treasurer)



SERMON NOTES

Are you a half-hearted Christian? 2 Kings 10



I. Introduction - What'll be on your epitaph?

II. Jehu, the good and bad

- a) The Good - Instrument of God's Judgement
- b) The Bad - Instrument of his own agenda

III. Christian, where is your heart?

IV. Conclusion



As we've seen in 2 Kings 9, Jehu was appointed king of Israel to bring judgment on the House of Ahab. He's been very zealous, but in the end, he falls short because he failed where it mattered most: he **failed to give God his whole heart.**

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for Fellow Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore (BPCIS) Churches: Mt Carmel B-P church

- » Please ask the Holy Spirit of the living God to fill Mt Carmel's worshippers (Carmelites) with a hunger and thirst for God - a yearning to dwell in the presence of God. Pray for a willing and humble spirit to abide in Christ constantly through the practice of spiritual disciplines.
- » Pray that our Lord will bring about a resonance and alignment of Carmelites' lives with the vision, mission and core values. May God convict them of their brokenness so that they will look to Jesus for breakthroughs leading to a Gospel-centred living and sharing.
- » Pray that God will pour out grace and wisdom upon the spiritual leaders to serve together in love and stand united against the fiery darts of the evil one.

Zion Serangoon Evening Service (ZES) 40th Anniversary 19 March, 5pm

- » Come before the LORD to adore His faithfulness for sustaining the ZES for the past 40 years.
- » May the Holy Spirit continue spark joy and awe in the hearts of all worshippers for the LORD.
- » Continue to remember the committee in prayer as they continue to organise the ZES (Ps Lawrence Ong, Eld Chua Hung Choo, Dn Amos Chia, Dns Sylvia Ong, Dns Clarissa Leong, ATP Joseph Tee, Ng Peiyi, Xavier Arokiam)

cont.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Season of Lent 2023

*Gracious Father,
whose blessed Son Jesus Christ came down from heaven
to be the True Bread which gives life to the world:
Evermore give us this bread, that He may live in us,
and we in Him;
who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God,
now and for ever. Amen.*

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

2023 Church Camp 18 - 22 June 2023

Registration for camp is open!

note: kindly inform the camp committee if you are booking on your own.

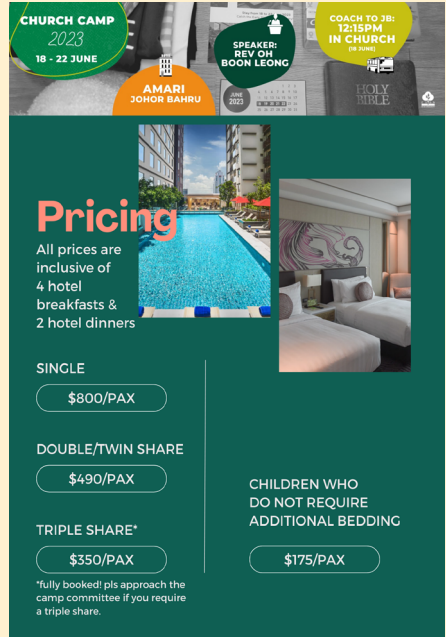
Single
\$800/pax

Double/Twin Share
\$490/pax

Triple Share*
\$350/pax

Children
(do not require additional bedding)
\$175/pax

*Fully booked! Please approach the camp committee if you require a triple share.



The graphic features a collage of images including a church building, a speaker, a Bible, and a pool. Text overlays include: 'CHURCH CAMP 2023 18 - 22 JUNE', 'SPEAKER: REV. OH BOON LEONG', 'AMARI JONGOR BAHRU', 'COACH TO JB: 12:15PM IN CHURCH (18 JUNE)', and 'HOLY BIBLE'. A large 'Pricing' section lists: 'All prices are inclusive of 4 hotel breakfasts & 2 hotel dinners'. Pricing options are shown in rounded buttons: 'SINGLE \$800/PAX', 'DOUBLE/TWIN SHARE \$490/PAX', and 'TRIPLE SHARE* \$350/PAX'. A note states: '*fully booked! pls approach the camp committee if you require a triple share.' A separate box for children says: 'CHILDREN WHO DO NOT REQUIRE ADDITIONAL BEDDING \$175/PAX'.

CLICK HERE TO REGISTER: <https://forms.gle/umSJYuGoZRaJdXMy9>

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Family Sunday Worship

26 March

There will be **NO Sunday School** on 26 Mar. Children are invited to join the church family for corporate worship and children's sermon.

Upcoming COMBINED SERVICES

@ Sanctuary 1

Good Friday (7 Apr) | 11:00am
Easter (9 Apr) | 8:45am
ACM (16 Apr) | 8:45am

66th Annual Congregational Meeting

16 April, 11:15am
Sanctuary 2

If you will be overseas on that day OR would like to request for hardcopy ACM papers, please inform the Church Office by **26 March (Sunday)**.

SMS/Whatsapp @ 8463 2186
Call @ 6284 1987

Prayer Fellowship

8, 15 & 22 March
Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our church: <http://tiny.cc/zionPF2023>

Meeting ID: **865 4863 7670**
Passcode: **017541**

Please note: There is NO Prayer Fellowship on 1st & 5th Wednesday of the month

For queries, please contact
Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

International Fellowship

In-person Fellowship
25 March, 5:30pm - 7:00pm
Love & Joy Room

ALL INTERNATIONAL WORKERS ARE WELCOME!

We encourage employers to allow their helpers to join.

RSVP by 20 March!

For queries, please contact:
Eld Chua @ 9010 2893
Olga Amor @ 8158 1885

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ZS Chorale Ensemble

Starting in April!



Love to sing or play an instrument? We welcome you to join us in making music together for the glory of God!

If you are interested, please contact **Peiyi @ 8598 5967**

Volunteer Bakers needed!

1 April, 2:00pm

Fellowship Hall

As the church resumes the preparation of the Bread and Cup elements, we are looking for volunteer bakers to come and learn how to bake the Holy Communion biscuit.

If you are interested, please contact **Olga Amor @ 8158 1885** by **27 March latest**.

Children's Easter Outreach: "The Watermelon Party"

9 April, 11:00am - 12:45pm



All current Sunday School and Awana children as well as newcomers who would like to join the party are required to register.

Register by 26 March: <https://forms.gle/tbT4qqUXMDDi4uiFA>

Calling for Volunteers to help out during the event!!

For more information or to volunteer, please contact **Iris Goh @ 9338 2507**

Intergen: Prayer & Praise and Appreciation Dinner

1 April

4pm Prayer & Praise
6pm Dinner

Join us for an intergenerational time of prayer, praise and fellowship over dinner!

Please register with either Roland Chan, Hannah Ong, ATP Joseph Tee, or at this link:

<http://chms.zionserangoon.org.sg/eventmodule/registration/27/module>

Registration ends on 23 March

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ZES: Celebrating 40 years of God's Faithfulness and Blessings

By Dns Clarissa Leong

Sunday evenings, 5pm, heralds the last few precious hours of the weekend before a new work week begins. It is a time associated with various activities, as people try to make the most of what's left of their weekly break. At Zion Serangoon's Sanctuary 2, our weekly Evening Service would have just begun. Here is how it all began:

A SHORT HISTORY OF ZES

MID-1970s

PLANNING BEGINS

- o Calls and requests for an evening service by ZS members unable to attend ZMS due to work commitments

20 MAR 1983
4PM | SANCTUARY

ZES 1ST SERVICE

- o Sermon: "Little Flock" | Luke 12:22-34 | Ps. Quek Swee Hwa
- o 74 adults and children in attendance
- o *"I was particularly glad to see many Zion members, hitherto unable to attend the morning service regularly because of hospital and other work commitment, returning with their families to participate in the evening service."* – Ps. Quek Swee Hwa, 25 March 1983

19 JUNE 1983
4PM | SANCTUARY

ZES INAUGURAL SERVICE

- o Sermon: "Look Unto Me, and Be Ye Saved" | Isa. 25:20-25 | Ps. Quek Swee Hwa
- o ZS Choir and ZES children presented song items of praise
- o Attended by visitors and representatives from other churches
- o Outreach programme plans were announced
- o *"So let each one of us contribute to this outreach using the gifts and talents given to him by the Holy Spirit. We want to grow as a church but in the Lord's time and way. We welcome you to co-labour with us and to share the rewards in eternity."* – Trainee-Assistant-Pastor Steven Tan, 17 June 1983

24 JUNE 1984
4PM | SANCTUARY

ZES 1ST ANNIVERSARY

- o Sermon: "Pushing Ahead for Christ" | Phil. 3:12-14 | Ps. Quek Swee Hwa
- o ZES Vision, inspired by Col 1:10, to grow spiritually and in number, was shared
- o ZES Protém Committee and ZES children presented song items of praise
- o ZES members shared testimonies
- o Mr Yong Chee Kong installed as a ZS Deacon
- o Fellowship Dinner served after service
- o ZES attendance had stabilised with an identifiable group of core worshippers
- o *"We believe that the ZES must be reaching to new people all the time, so that Zion BP Church, as a whole, may grow. We want to grow! We need your continued support. Please continue to pray for us..."* – Asst. Ps. Steven Tan, 24 June 1984

1 JULY 1984

ZES 1ST SS CLASSES BEGAN

- o ZES SS began with 3 teachers ministering to kindergarten and primary school children in the congregation



SCAN ME

To view old ZES Bulletins
<https://tinyurl.com/ZESob>

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ZES As I Recall

Since then, ZES SS eventually grew to cater to youths and young adults, emphasizing her commitment to providing Christian education to her congregation. A children's choir was formed and evolved as the group members grew up. The ZES protem committee became a ZES Worship Service Committee, with Uncle Xavier being our longest-serving member. Whilst not in the committee, Uncle Timothy Foong has been attending and serving in ZES since day one! We thank God for their tireless dedication and love for this community.

ZES has always had a cosy and familial environment, and almost everyone knew everyone in this small congregation, like in the early days. Although some of us have since left, we have many fond memories to look back upon, and bonds we still hold dear.

Remembering and Celebrating God's Blessings and Faithfulness

This year, by God's blessings, faithfulness, and grace, ZES celebrates her 40th anniversary. Echoing the words from the ZES 1st Anniversary Invitation closely, ***"This is our testimony. The Lord is good. We have experienced His abundant goodness to us for the past [40 years]. And now, it is time to give thanks and celebrate."*** We thank all who have been upholding us in prayer and supporting us in several ways. They are much appreciated. For those who have come to remember and celebrate God's blessings and faithfulness with us this evening, we bid you a warm welcome and appreciate your presence.

If you are looking for a church to worship in, and a community to call home and grow with, I would like to, on behalf of ZES, welcome you to join us. Quoting Ps. Steven Tan's words from the ZES bulletin of 25 March 1984, ***"If you can honestly feel that in this place it is possible to come to know God, then do not be put off by the fact that people are not too 'friendly'. It takes time for people to get used to people. You need time to 'warm up' to us, and we too. So, keep coming!"*** We pray that in time, you'll feel at home with us, in the family of God, seeking to know, love, and serve God better.



CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Easter Sunrise Service *organised by SCCC & BPCIS*

9 April, 6:30am - 7:30am
MacRitchie Reservoir

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE



ORGANISED BY THE SINGAPORE COUNCIL OF CHRISTIAN CHURCHES (SCCC)
AND BIBLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN SINGAPORE (BPCIS)

Please note: there will be NO bus charter provided back to church



Blk 123 Request for Refrigerator in Working Condition

If you have a working fridge to donate to a needy resident, please contact **Dns April Ding** at **62841987** or **96943276** with the details. Please ensure that the fridge is in good condition.

ATP Joseph Tee is away this morning (19 Mar) preaching at Sembawang B-P Church.



Deepest Condolences to...

Ding Yew Soong and Catherine Ding (ZMS) on the Home-going of **Mdm Lee Maiu Koon**, aged 102, on 12 March 2023, Sunday.

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
MS	172
2MS	112
ES	43
Total	327
Sunday School	46

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

19 Mar	Lawrence & Margaret Poon	Thanksgiving
	Sally	-

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

\$18,974.28

(Received 06 Mar - 12 Mar)



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FY 2022 INCOME & EXPENDITURE (UNAUDITED) AND FY 2023 BUDGET UPDATE

by Elder Reuben Ang (Honorary Treasurer)

Praise our generous God for His providence in 2022. Despite the uncertain recovery from the pandemic, the Lord faithfully provided for all our needs, so much so that we were able to bless the neighbouring communities beyond Zion's walls as we commit to "**Loving Beyond Boundaries**".

In FY 2022 our total Offering and Miscellaneous Income collected amounted to \$1,583,311, a slight increase of 5% from FY 2021. I thank all of you for your committed support toward the kingdom work at Zion Serangoon as this would keep us abreast of the average headline inflation rate year over year of 6.1% for 2022.

As we gradually resumed usual operations post-covid in 2022, a part of the unutilised expenses budgeted for came from step downs in pre-event testing cost (ART kits) & regular disinfection. Of the full budget 2022, only 68.5% was spent as the bulk of the budgeted repairs have been postponed to 2023 pending further discussions with Faith BPC. Thankfully, utility costs have also stabilized through 2022 and the large increase we had budgeted for had not been utilized. The 2 areas that accounted for the bulk of total expenditure were as usual staff expenses and foreign mission expenses.

For 2023, the Combined Session and Board of Deacons have approved an operating expense budget of \$ 1,991,832. This reflects a marginal increase (1.3%) in budget compared to Budget 2022 as the bulk of repair and maintenance works budgeted for 2022 have been postponed to 2023. The significant variances against Budget 2022 expenses are as follows:

	Budget 2022	Budget 2023	Variance
Church Office	1,545,539	1,507,335	(38,205)
Worship Services	49,051	68,847	19,796
Children's Ministry	28,910	25,350	(3,560)
Discipleship	25,512	46,430	20,918
Fellowship	28,880	37,570	8,690
Mission	289,297	306,300	17,003
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,967,190	1,991,832	24,642

FY 2022 INCOME & EXPENDITURE (UNAUDITED) AND FY 2023 BUDGET UPDATE

- » Budget 2023 **Church Office** budget sees a marginal 2.5% drop over Budget 2022. This is due to the postponement of 2022 planned repairs to 2023 being largely unchanged and some movement within the Church staff team (Ps Yap's retirement & projected new ministry staff requirements). On top of the above mentioned reasons of postponed works, the large variance of \$442,856 or 42% of Budget 2023 over 2022 actual (unaudited) also includes unutilised budget for ministry internship & medical benefits provisions.
- » **Worship Cluster** which sees an increase of \$19,796 in budget mainly due to increased cost from fellowship tea expenditure with the full resumption of fellowship tea and increase in food prices concurrently.
- » **Children's Ministry Cluster** sees little variance in budget, seeing some cost savings as no Children's camp is planned for 2023.
- » **Discipleship Cluster** which sees an increase of \$20,918 in budget mainly due to event cost for a Covenant Bible School teaching conference planned for 2023. On top of that, the newly started Parenting ministry is also planning for a series of talks and workshops in the later part of the year, leading to corresponding rise in budget request.
- » **Fellowship Cluster** expenditure is projected to increase marginally across Senior Adults, Youth and International Fellowships. New programs are planned for combined YF with BPCIS churches, resumption of LKH devotions by SAF and Anniversary & Christmas Celebration for IF in 2023.
- » The **Mission Cluster** will be undergoing restructuring as we align to the new church vision. In terms of HOME missions, the overall cost is expected to remain constant. For Foreign missions, following a strategic review, we will discontinue our ministries in Bangladesh, Myanmar, Vietnam, Bhutan and dive deeper partnerships in Cambodia and Philippines. This rebalance of portfolio will inevitably reduce Foreign Missions spending in the short term. However, we will also focus efforts into increase of whole of church missiology education that translates into deeper discipleship. God willing this translates into zeal for Home mission efforts and more foreign mission trips in the near future. One mission trip to Philippines has been planned in 2023.

FY 2022 INCOME & EXPENDITURE (UNAUDITED) AND FY 2023 BUDGET UPDATE

» Apart from the operating expenses budgeted above, we have also budgeted \$435,834 of Capital Expenditure (Capex) in 2023 under the **Stewardship Cluster**. Comparatively, this is \$ 187,834 more than budgeted for in 2022. The bulk of planned upgrade and improvements works from 2022 are still undergoing discussions with Faith BPC. On top of what was planned for since 2022, there is additional request for the overhaul of the AV system at \$66,667 (ZS share), new furniture & fittings, further toilet upgrades, church sign board and kitchen improvement. This brings our total projected expenditure for the coming FY 2023 to \$2,427,666.

A fuller presentation of FY 2022 Income and Expenditure Statement and Budget 2023 will be made at ACM 2023. The summaries of the unaudited FY 2022 Income and Expenditure and Budget 2023 expenses are presented below:

Statement of Income and Expenditure for FY 2022 (unaudited) and Expense Budget for 2023

In S\$	Budget 2022	FY 2022 (Unaudited)	Budget 2023	Variance over Budget 2022
INCOME - OFFERINGS:				
Offerings		1,535,376		
Miscellaneous Income		47,936		
TOTAL INCOME		1,583,311		
Church Office	1,545,539	1,064,479	1,507,335	(38,205)
Worship Services	49,051	22,230	68,847	19,796
Children's Ministry	28,910	13,408	25,350	(3,560)
Discipleship	25,512	7,303	46,430	20,918
Fellowship	28,880	18,550	37,570	8,690
Mission	289,297	222,987	306,300	17,003
TOTAL EXPENSES	1,967,190	1,348,957	1,991,832	24,642
Net Surplus / (Deficit) Before Depn	-	234,355		
Depreciation		203,695		
NET SURPLUS (DEFICIT) AFTER DEPN	-	30,660		
Capital Expenditure	324,667	17,006	435,834	111,167
Net Cash in Bank on 31 Dec 2022	1,994,884			