



2023

# LOVING BEYOND | BOUNDARIES

## WELCOME HOME!

We are glad that you can join us today to worship the Lord as one family in Christ. May we continue to trust Him, and glorify Him in all that we do!

## SERVING THIS WEEK

Dn Amos Chia	April Ding
Arcci Amor	Eld Lin Hongsui
Dress Joella Tan	ATP Joseph Tee
Chen Jinling	Ng Jianmin
Jonathan Chua	Dns Clarissa Leong
Lau Wen Min	Ng Wai Yoong
Hannah Ong	Chia Hua Song
Louis Tee	
Ng Peiyi	
Edmund Quek	
Dns Joella Tan	
Ps Wendell Chua	
Sheri Goh	
Adrian Koh	
Shalynn Koh	

## NEXT WEEK

**God's Desire for a Pure Church**  
Acts 4:32-5:11  
Ps Lawrence Ong

## 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 10-11)

**BPCIS Update**

by Ps David Wong

(General Secretary, BPCIS)

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Faithful Perseverance*

### Prepare for Worship

Prelude

### Exalt His Name

Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Doxology  
Opening Hymn  
Responsive Scripture Reading

**Acts 4:1-21**

Worship in Song

### Listen to His Word

**Facing Opposition**  
Acts 4:1-31

Ps Yap Kim Sin

Response Song

### Give to His Work

Offering  
Offertory Response

### Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer  
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn  
Benediction  
Announcements  
Postlude

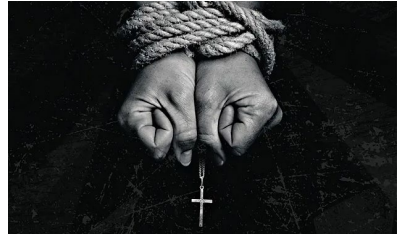


# SERMON NOTES

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## Facing Opposition

Acts 4:1-31



1. **Accusing the accusers - be prepared (vv 1-12)**
2. **Impressive confidence - credible testimony (vv 13-22)**
3. **Bold response to persecution - trust in the sovereignty of God (vv 23-31)**



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Reflections...

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## **Praying for our Vision: Loving Beyond Boundaries**

- » May the Holy Spirit open the spiritual eyes to the needs of those around us so that we can love others as Christ has loved us.

## **Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (19 Nov 23)**

- » Thank God for the opportunity to vote on the Tavistock Ready (TSR) Project, especially in preparation of Charis Montessori starting in 2024.
- » Pray for unity and confirmation of the LORD's leading for us as we continue to be a blessing to the nations as God's people (Gen 12:1-3).

## **Intergen & Family Ministry Talk: "Single & Complete in Christ" (11 Nov 23, 4pm)**

- » Thank God for the opportunity to remember and minister to the single people (e.g. those unmarried or lost a spouse) with this workshop.
- » Please pray for Rev Luwin Wong (Mt Hermon BPC) as he leads this workshop intergenerationally.
- » Pray for the heart of the participants to be comforted and encouraged to find their worth in Christ alone.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## Outing to Kukup (7-8 November 23)

Pray for...

- » God's protection and journey mercies throughout the trip.
- » 42 SAFers will have sweet fellowship with one another.
- » Pastor Eric Tay who will be taking the message that God will grant and empower him as he shares God's Word with clarity and conviction.

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

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## EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ECM)

This serves as an official notice of the ECM to be held on **Sunday, 19 November 2023 at 11.00am at Sanctuary 2.**

*Attendance is a constitutional requirement for all Communicant Members, unless you have informed the Church Office you will be away from Singapore on that date.*

List of Communicant Members who are eligible to attend on 19 November 2023 will be put up in the Fellowship Hall. Please inform the Church Office if your name is not on the list and you have taken Holy Communion at least once in the past 6 months, or if you will be overseas on 19 November 2023.

Worship service on 19 November will be a **combined service**, it will commence at **8.45am**.

### Prayer Fellowship

*\*PF takes place every Wednesday except on public holidays or as announced!*

8, 15, 22, 29 November  
Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our church:

<http://tiny.cc/zionPF2023>

Meeting ID: **865 4863 7670**

Passcode: **017541**

For queries, please contact

**Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277**

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Zion Serangoon B-P Church presents



**13 Nov 2023 9am-5pm**  
**3 & 5 Tavistock Ave S555108**

## Highlights!

### Children Shows



10 AM & 4 PM  
Explorer Joe  
Ventriloquism Show



2 PM  
Farm Animals  
Experience

### Carnival Games

Bouncy Castle: Sport Arena  
Giant Ball Pit  
Air Hockey  
Taiko Drums  
Bishi Bashi



### Carnival Food



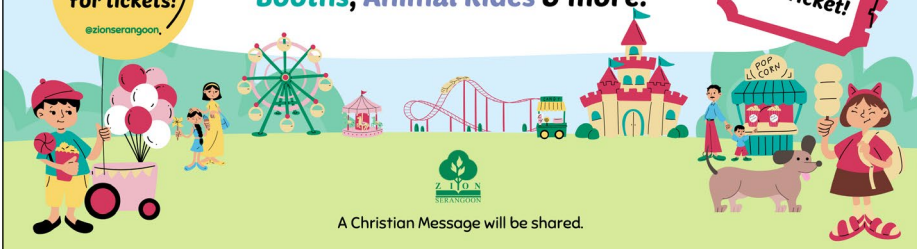
Popcorn, Candyfloss,  
Churros, Slushie,  
Ice Cream

Text  
8463 2186  
for tickets!

@zionserangoon

**Pop-up cafe, Bonding Activities,  
Booths, Animal Rides & more!**

**\$10/ Ticket!**



A Christian Message will be shared.

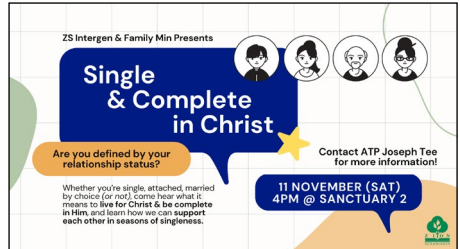
# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## Intergen & Family Talk: Single & Complete in Christ

11 November (Sat), 4pm @  
Sanc 2

Whether you're single, attached, married by choice (or not), come hear what it means to **live for Christ & be complete in Him**, and learn how we can **support each other in seasons of singleness**.

For queries, please contact **ATP Joseph Tee (9088 0077)**



## ZS Goes Carolling

23 December (Sat), 6.30-9pm

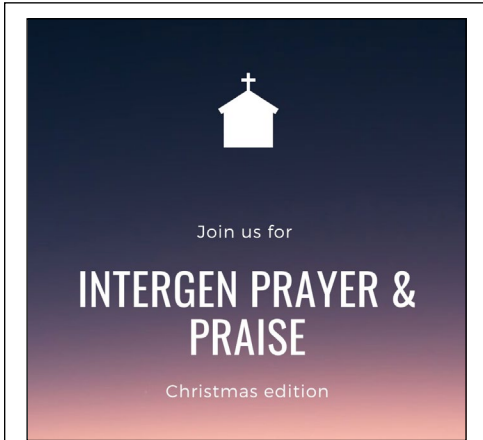
Carollers from ZS will be going to houses to sing carols & spread Christmas cheer to our community on 23 Dec! We would like to invite members to open their homes to our carollers to visit. Each visit will last about 30-40min. This is a great opportunity to invite your non-Christian relatives/friends to your home to listen & sing-along to familiar carols!

If you're interested, please fill in the online form (<https://tinyurl.com/zscarolling>)

For queries, please contact **Peiyi @ 8598 5967**



# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



**Intergen Prayer & Praise**  
 2 December 2023 (Sat) @  
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**SAVE THE DATE!** Join us for our last prayer and praise for the year and its a Christmas edition.

It will be on **2 December (Saturday)** from **4pm**. Stay tuned for more details.



**YF Camp 2023**  
 18-22 December 2023 @  
 Zion Serangoon B-P Church

We invite all youths between the age of 12-19 years old to join us for our annual overnight YF camp!

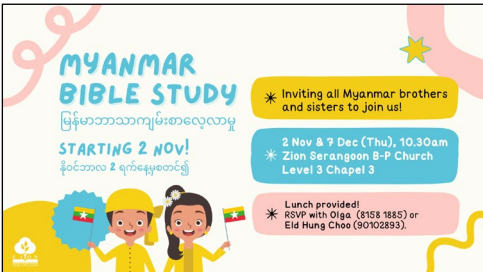
**Camp Fee: \$65/ pax**

For more details, contact **Megan Leong (8782 4995)**.



## Deepest Condolences to...

Angela Lin-Tiong (2MS), Elder Lin Hongsui, Kayla, Chloe & Ariel on the Home-going of **Mdm Tang Ken Hiong**, grandmother of Angela, on 2 November 2023.





# ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	200
2MS	128
ZES	27
<b>Total</b>	<b>355</b>
Sunday School	52

# FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

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5 Nov	Kelvin & Ginny Yeo	Silver Wedding Anniversary
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# WEEKLY OFFERING

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## General and Missions Fund

**\$20,676.50**

(Received 23 Oct - 29 Oct)



### PayNow

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### Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd

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## CHALLENGES POSED BY A CHANGING CHURCH

At our Annual Presbytery Meeting on 23 September, our guest speaker Ps Edric Sng (Bethesda Bedok-Tampines Church ) addressed the urgent challenge posed by younger and second generation Christians who often do not share the commitment and zeal of older first generation believers. Appropriately, the Moderatorship of Presbytery was handed to a younger and second generation pastor, Ps Benjamin Tsao (Shalom BP Church).

Coupled with the challenge of the younger generation is the concern over an aging leadership. In my annual report as General Secretary, I highlighted the closure of three BP churches in the last five years. Churches with no numerical growth, missing the younger generation, led by an aging leadership, with no succession plans, are likely to face the same sad end. As a fraternity of eleven churches, may the stronger among us help the weaker. Will members from better-resourced churches consider moving, individually or in groups, to help revitalise a brother BPCIS church?

Though the context is slightly different, the principle behind the apostle Paul's exhortation applies, "We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Let each of us please his neighbor for his good, to build him up." Romans 15:1-2 ESV

Coming together to encourage one another lies at the heart of BPCIS. Good Friday and Easter next year will again give us that opportunity. Mark these dates and times in your calendar:

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

29 March, 5.00pm, ACS International, Dover (English)

10.30am, Faith & Zion Serangoon BP Church (Chinese)

[Transport will be provided from churches to both venues.]

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

31 March, 6.30am, MacRitchie Reservoir

## CHALLENGES POSED BY A CHANGING WORLD

The recent outbreak of war between Israel and Gaza has unsettled many. Some have taken sides and watch only news and commentaries that reinforce their views. As often the case, truth is the first casualty of war.

Christians have turned to social media preachers, often speculative and sensational, for answers. Trending opinions are flying around fast and furious.

What does Jesus say? “See that no one leads you astray. And when you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed. This must take place, but the end is not yet. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. These are but the beginning of the birth pains.” Mark 13:5, 7-8 ESV

Birth pains only get more frequent and more intense. We are not to be alarmed and be led astray. Jesus repeatedly warns us, “Watch!” “But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Be on guard! Be alert! You do not know when that time will come.”

Mark 13:32-33 NIV

Beware of those who claim to know even what Jesus professed ignorance. On another occasion when people asked Jesus about those who perished in violent deaths, if they were more sinful, He answered, “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish.” Luke 13:5 ESV

Let us listen to Jesus more than to the latest news or views. Our response will be one of repentance and vigilance. Let us not be distracted by the controversial and contentious, but stay focused on the certain:

“We believe in the personal, visible and imminent Return of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ to judge this world and bring peace to the nations....” (BPCIS Constitution, Statement of Faith, Article 4.3.7).

**Ps David Wong**  
**General Secretary, BPCIS**

*Both Clerk and Treasurer were re-elected to serve a second term: Ps Lawrence Ong (Zion Serangoon) and Ps Daniel Tan (Mount Hermon) respectively.*