



2024

## EVERY GARDENER A MISSIONARY

### 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

|                 |                    |
|-----------------|--------------------|
| Eld Lin Hongsui | McPaul Wee         |
| Christina Ding  | Louis Tee          |
| Sharon Tan      | Dn Amos Chia       |
| Kwok Siew Lian  | Dns Clarissa Leong |
| Arnci Amor      | Ng Pelyi           |
| Lau Wen Min     | Josh Lim           |
| Chen Jinling    | Zach Lim           |
| Samuel Tan      | Ivy Leong          |
| Dn Ding Si Han  | Chow Lye Kuan      |
| Dns April Ding  |                    |
| Erica Yap       |                    |
| Megan Loong     |                    |
| Joy Poh         |                    |
| Eugene Lau      |                    |
| Crystal Lim     |                    |

### NEXT WEEK

**Will You Be His Guide?**

Acts 8:26-40

ATP Joseph Tee

**Lead Ps Wendell Chua**

9027 7465

**Ps Lawrence Ong**

9146 8277

**ATP Joseph Tee**

9088 0077

**Ps Yap Kim Sin** (Advisory)

9862 4390

**Read** (pg 9-10)

**A Heart Ablaze: Igniting a Passion for God** by John Bevere

by Peggie Lam

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *The Gospel*

### Prepare for Worship

Prelude

### Exalt His Name

Call to Worship

Invocation

Doxology

Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading

**Psalm 37:1-7; 37-40**

Worship in Song

### Listen to His Word

**The Unstoppable Gospel**

Acts 8:1-25

Ps Wendell Chua

### Holy Communion

The Bread and The Cup

The Apostles' Creed

### Pray to Him

Pastoral Prayer

### Give to His Work

Offering

Offertory Response

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Announcements

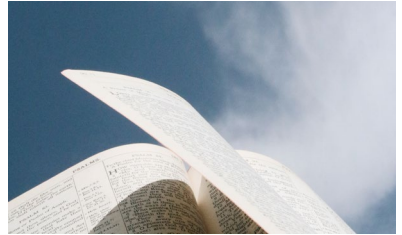
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# SERMON NOTES

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## The Unstoppable Gospel Acts 8:1-25



1. Introduction
2. Tracing the Holy Spirit's work through the Story's Characters
  - a. Saul the Persecutor (8:1-3)
  - b. Philip the Evangelist (8:4-8)
  - c. Simon the Magician (8:8-25)
3. Conclusion – Do you really love Jesus?



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### Reflections...

Where has God placed you today and how well are you plugging into the unstoppable work of the Gospel?

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## **Praying for Fellow Bible-Presbyterian Churches: Galilee B-P**

- » Please pray for Galilee BPC as they are looking for a suitable Mandarin pastor/preacher to take over from the present soon-to-retire pastor.
- » Pray also for a youth worker/pastor to lead the youth in their church.
- » Overall, pray that the LORD will guide them to a suitable person to join Galilee's ministry!

## **Senior Adult Fellowship (SAF) Johor Bahru (JB) Chinese New Year Shopping & Reunion Dinner (25 Jan 24, Thurs)**

- » Pray for Pastor Lawrence as he delivers God's Words to the 80 seniors going for this one day outing to JB.
- » Pray for God's protection and journey mercies throughout the trip.
- » Pray that God will bless our time together and our group will give good testimony for His glory.

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# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## Christians@Work: Drivers

- » We thank God for the brothers and sisters-in-Christ working as drivers in Singapore.
- » Pray for their safety as they transport goods and/or people on the roads.
- » May their interactions with passengers, and other backroom staff, provide a glimpse into the LORD's Kingdom values.

## Tavistock Ready (TSR) Project

- » The tender process has been delayed as the tenderers have requested for further clarifications on job specifications.
- » Pray for sensitivity to the Spirit's leading in the timing for the TSR Project
- » Pray for continued trust in God's direction for our church as we undergo being TSR.

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## Bible Reading Plan 2024

### Jan Week 4 Schedule

22 Jan: [Acts 22](#)

23 Jan: [Nehemiah 13](#)

24 Jan: [Acts 24](#)

25 Jan: [Acts 25](#)

26 Jan: [Acts 26](#)

27 Jan: [Esther 4](#)

28 Jan: [Esther 5](#)

## UPCOMING SERVICES

### Family Sunday Worship

28th January 2024

Please note that there will be  
**NO Sunday School.**  
Children Sermon will  
happen concurrently  
with the Service.



### Chinese New Year Combined Service

11th February 2024 8.45am  
Sanctuary 1



## PRAYING FOR TAVISTOCK READY PROJECT

**WEEKLY POST-SVC PRAYER**

BEGINS ON 21 JAN (SUN)

## Cessation of Sunday Service Livestream

*Livestream will only be available  
to homebound worshippers*

If you require the livestream link for  
any other reason, please whatsapp or  
SMS the Church Mobile @ 84632186 by  
the Saturday of that week.



## Prayer Fellowship

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

24, 31 January

Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our  
church:

<http://tiny.cc/zionPF2024>

Meeting ID: **881 8621 6365**

Passcode: **017821**

For queries, please contact

**Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277**

## IF Online Bible Study

23 January (Tues), 8pm @  
Zoom

To join, log in @

<http://tiny.cc/zionIFBS2024>

Meeting ID: **891 3463 3914**

Passcode: **010194**

**ALL FOREIGN WORKERS ARE  
WELCOME!!!**

We encourage the employers  
to let their helpers join this  
Zoom BS.

For queries, please contact

**Elder Hung Choo @ 9010 2893**  
or **Olga @ 8158 1885**

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## NEW CATECHISM CLASS

**Classes commence on 27 January, Saturday**

**Adult Catechism Class**  
By: Session

**Youth Catechism Class**  
By: ATP Joseph Tee


Those seeking baptism, transfer of church membership, re-affirmation or profession of faith are required to attend.

For details and registration, please contact the Church Office 62841987 or inform Ps Lawrence for Adult Cat Class & ATP Joe for the Youth Cat Class.

## DONATION OF MUSICAL INSTRUMENTS



We are looking for musical instruments in good working condition to donate to a church in Cebu!

Please contact McPaul Wee @ 87112533 by 11th Feb (Sun)



### Books from the Book Circle:

- Now available 24/7 at the L1 Glass-Enclosed Lift Lobby
- Authors: C S Lewis, B Bailey, J Bridges, Bevere, R Kendell, M Lucado, J Lennox, J MacArthur, G MacDonald, J Oak, Packer, J Piper, C Spurgeon, C Swindoll, Stott, W Wiersbe, P Yancey
- Watch out for the regular Book Reviews in the Bulletin
- Book Reviewers are welcomed



# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## ZES Fellowship Dinner

✳ 28th January | 6.30pm to 8pm ✳

All are welcome for our first  
ZES Fellowship dinner of 2024!

For further queries, please contact Dn Amos or Dnness Sylvia!



REVISED TIMING  
2.30pm to 4pm

If you would like to  
volunteer at AWANA,  
Please contact  
Dns Sylvia 9368 7084  
Iris 9338 2507

## WE ARE URGENTLY LOOKING FOR ZMS AV & PROJECTIONISTS

Training will be provided.

**Commitment:** Once a month  
(Rehearsals on Sat afternoon)



Please contact  
Dns Joella (98372941)  
if you would like to  
serve/ find our more!

SAVE THE DATE

CHURCH CAMP 2024  
16 TO 20 JUNE



Congrats to **Dn Ivan & Si Rui Lee** on the birth of their daughter, **Phoebe Jiexin Lee**, on 19 Jan 2024.

# ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

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| Services      | Worshippers & Volunteers |
|---------------|--------------------------|
| ZMS           | 226                      |
| 2MS           | 115                      |
| ZES           | 38                       |
| Total         | 379                      |
| Sunday School | 57                       |

# WEEKLY OFFERING

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**General and Missions Fund**  
(Received 8 Jan - 14 Jan)

**\$43,952.00**



**PayNow**  
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**Bank Transfer**  
DBS Bank Ltd  
003-938549-8



## BOOK REVIEW FROM BOOK CIRCLE



### **A Heart Ablaze: Igniting a Passion for God by John Bevere**

by Peggy Lam



This book is geared to American society but provides lessons that we can also glean. A repeated point made in the book is that falsehoods can (especially over time) become truth.

**Bevere cites 2 Timothy 4:3-4 “For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to SUIT THEIR PASSIONS and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths”.** The reason for this is simple: we say we acknowledge God, but we do not truly desire to know Him. Bevere uses a clever term to describe this state of affairs: God is a “manageable diety”. To illustrate his point, the author explicates the events around Moses, Aaron, and the people of Israel.

Read the book for details but briefly, Moses sought God in his heart while also fearing God for who He is. In contrast, Aaron and the people who followed Moses out of Egypt were expedient in their belief. Yes, worship God because He freed us from bondage in Egypt but it’s a bother to have physical discomforts like lack of water and food. What does this say about Christians? Are they a sub-culture with distinctive features such as “born again” and “saved” but still in actions, deeds and values still are very much the current society. Or are they a counterculture like the early church where they sought after God and consecrated themselves (set apart) such that they were in the world but not of it.

“Grace” is a pivotal word in our Christian faith and Bevere dares to say that many Christians receive grace in vain. The spilt blood of Christ covers our sins and empowers us to live a life of obedience (with the help of the Holy Spirit) but oftentimes, Bevere asserts that this is head knowledge only and not of the heart. Do we truly desire to conform to God or do our desires get the better of us and we regress to the ways of the world while professing an INTENTION to obey God.

In a situation of wealth (current Singapore), religious freedom to worship is a heavy responsibility. For those who do not have this, there are enough evidence of persecution to daunt us and hopefully move us out of our

## BOOK REVIEW FROM BOOK CIRCLE



comfort zone. *Isaiah 48:10-11* “Behold, I have refined you, but not assilver; I have tried you in the furnace of affliction. For my own sake, I do it, for how should my name be profaned? My glory I will not give to another”. Bevere is prescriptive throughout the book (something I am not overly keen about) but a discerning reader can harvest the gems that are useful:

- a. What values are in current society today?
- b. How do Christians look at God? Do we fear Him like Moses (Exodus) or John (Revelation)?
- c. Do we need purification so as to lead to a reformation of ourselves?
- d. What are the outcomes of our assertions of our faith? The key points of the book of James are discussed here.

My final assessment of the book is that it attempts to guide you in your personal journey to know God. If anything, I would say that Bevere asks us to be honest in our hearts as we approach our Almighty in our daily walk with Him.

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This book is available in the Book Circle. Drop by the Book Circle, a 24/7 “Word Ministry”, situated at L1 Glass-Enclosed Lift Lobby to browse, *pick up a book, read, and pass it on.*

Should you be interested in a book or an author or a topic that you want to know more about; do let us know so that we can check on your behalf the book’s availability in the library. As this is a pilot initiative, we seek the patience and understanding of the requesters should the response be delayed, or the book is not available.

You can contact Bee Hong (HP 91711009) or Pek Hong (HP 98188220) or Dns Meng Choo (HP 96156853) to see if the book is available in the library.

*“Nurturing in each gardener a heart with a thirst to seek after Him”*