



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 Chua Hung Choo Isabel Sitoe
Yap Foon Lyn Dn Amos Chia
Ng Wen Hooi Ng Peiyi
Gabriel Kok Dns Clarissa Leong
Lau Wen Min Chia Hua Song
Chen Jinling Ng Wai Yoong
Eld Reuben Ang Adreana Koh
Bong Ru Hui Dns Sylvia Ong
Ng Jianmin
Nicolette Yu
McPaul Wee
Marcus Ong
Manfred Ong
Ng Jian Hao
Dns April Wu

NEXT WEEK

Good News for All
Acts 9:32 - 10:48
Ps Lawrence Ong

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)

Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools
by Taler Staton
by Ivan Feng

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *God's Transformative
power and sustenance*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Doxology
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading

Romans 1:8-17

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word
**U-Turn on the Road to
Damascus**

Elder Timothy Soh

Acts 9:1-31
Response Hymn

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

U-Turn on the Road to Damascus Acts 9: 1-31



The “Suddenly” moment and U-Turn (v1-9)

The cost of Ananias’ obedience (v10-19)

From Persecutor of Christ to Sufferer for Christ. (v20-31)



Reflections...

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

BPCIS Good Friday Service (29 March 2024, 5pm)

- » Thank God for the Bible Presbyterian Church in Singapore (BPCIS) being able to meet at ACS (Independent), Dover Road, for our combined Good Friday service.
- » Please pray for our Zion Serangoon worship team as we take the lead in coordinating the worship music aspect of the service.
- » Pray also for Dr. Robert Solomon as he gives the message that evening.

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 that the collection of books will grow to meet the needs of the different generations.
- » Pray that anyone who picks up a book will be ministered to and address their needs, problems and issues as it points to God's Word and life examples of fellow Christians, today and in the past.
- » May the Holy Spirit continue to inspire, motivate and enrich His children as they serve Him

Tavistock Ready (TSR) Project

- » Continue praying for our TSR Project as we firm up the details for the renovations.
- » Pray especially for Charis Montessori (CM) as they prepare to start operating the preschool in Zion Serangoon.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Bible Reading Plan 2024

Feb Week 1 Schedule

5 Feb: [Job 4](#)
6 Feb: [Job 5](#)
7 Feb: [Job 6](#)
8 Feb: [Job 7](#)
9 Feb: [Job 8](#)
10 Feb: [Romans 13](#)
11 Feb: [Job 10](#)

Prayer Fellowship

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

7, 14, 21, 28 February
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

Welcome!

Esther Ng
Ministry Intern
(Church Coordination,
Youth, Admin)



Chinese New Year Combined Service

11th Feb 2024 | 8.45am
Sanctuary 1



Blk 123 CNY Dinner

Volunteers needed:

Food Servers	16
Befrienders	10
Registration	2
Games	2

17 February, 5.30pm - 8.30pm
Contact Dns April to volunteer!



CNY Red Packets

We hope that these red packets can be a blessing to the people around you this Lunar New Year!

Please collect your angbaos outside the Sanctuary after service.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

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.



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





COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

HERE IS YOUR KING

JOHN 19:14-30

29 MAR (FRI) 5PM

Anglo-Chinese School, Independent, Dover Road
Speaker: Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon
Scan to register. Transport available.



CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

PRAYING FOR
**TAVISTOCK
READY PROJECT**

WEEKLY POST-SVC PRAYER

BEGINS ON 21 JAN (SUN)

SAVE THE DATE

CHURCH CAMP 2024

16 TO 20 JUNE

Leslie, Lillian, Leonard & Lydia Lee and ATP Joseph, Priscilla & Jeriah Tee would like to **thank** the church leaders, members and friends for their support and prayers on the recent **Homegoing of Mrs Janet Lee.**

Ps Lawrence Ong is away preaching at Shalom B-P Church this morning.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

ZION SERANGOON B-P CHURCH





2024

FEB

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27	28	29		

10 - 12 FEB CHINESE NEW YEAR

CHURCH EVENTS

1 FEB10.30 AM

Senior Adult Fellowship (SAF) CNY Lunch & Myanmarse Bible Study

11 FEB8.45 AM

CNY Combined Svc

17 FEB5.30 PM

Blk 123 CNY Dinner

18 FEB12.30PM

2MS Fellowship Lunch

24 FEB5.30PM

International Fellowship (IF) CNY Celebration

25 FEB11.00 AM

Adult Bible Class

12.30PM

Family Ministry Lunch Workshop

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	212
2MS	126
ZES	51
Total	389
Sunday School	-

WEEKLY OFFERING

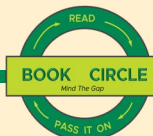
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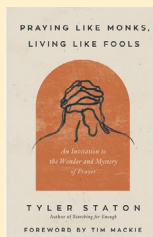
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Praying Like Monks, Living Like Fools: An Invitation to the Wonder and Mystery of Prayer by Taler Staton

by Ivan Feng

Instead of describing what the book is about, I would like to share a more personal experience regarding how I've benefitted from this book.



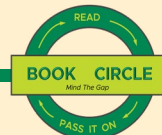
In a highly competitive and intellectual society like Singapore, I value reason and logic. However, this makes prayer a problem for me. Unlike logic which has a definitive relationship, prayer is not a set of actions I can do to effect a guaranteed outcome. You cannot control the outcome of prayer; and you may even be disappointed initially by the silence of the outcome of prayer. I like the analogy of comparing prayer to eating celery. Like children who are told that they need to eat celery because it is good; I find myself doing the same with prayer, knowing it's good for me but still feeling like it is a chore at times. Moreover, as a student with projects and homework piling up, I have become somewhat unenthusiastic about prayer. It is not that I have doubt of God's existence but am simply distracted and preoccupied with the busyness of life. Prayer has only stayed as a concept and an idea. In the end, it was just me paying lip service to God.

However, my view changed during my exchange to Finland. I was taught to slow down and then picked up the book that I am writing this review for. Intrigued by the title which shows the radical Christian life and prayer, I came to realise something deeply profound about prayer. Prayer is an experience, an experience of a relationship with the living God. It also suggests some helpful practices that you could adopt to experience God in prayer.

I could not do better than this review that says: "Through timely biblical teaching, powerful storytelling, and insights on historic Christian practices, Staton gives you the tools you need to:

- Express your doubts and disappointment about prayer
- Discover and practice multiple postures of prayer, including silence, persistence, confusion and more

BOOK REVIEW FROM BOOK CIRCLE



- Understand and embrace the wonder and mystery of prayer in everyday life
- Open or reopen the line of communication with your Creator and experience afresh His Divine power on earth”

In the book:

- I was confronted with my tendency to pray generically and confined God into my view of possibility. The book challenged me to pray to God honestly. As Saint Augustine says, “Pray as though everything depends on it.”
- Many chapters have also changed my view. For example, I love this quote that says: “One of the biggest mistakes we’ve made in the modern church is to reimagine spiritual maturity as the need to confess less... A maturing community is a confessing community—not a church without sin, but a church without secrets.”
- I also found courage to pray the seemingly impossible prayer. The book brought me to this quote in The Screwtape Letters. “..Our [Satan and his minions] cause is never more in danger than when a human, no longer desiring, but still intending, to do our Enemy’s will, looks round upon a universe from which every trace of Him seems to have vanished, and asks why he has been forsaken, and still obeys.”

To conclude my review, I want to give a reason as to why I would recommend this book even when your prayer could seem fine. It was through a conversation with Pastor Joseph Tee as we recount a phrase used in National Service; “in times of chaos, we do not rise to the occasion; we fall to the level of our training”. I realised that we need to train and build up our act of prayer not for when trials come but before it happens so that when the weight of the world comes crashing down, all of us will continue to hold onto prayer.

With this level of training, we will be able to pray “Father ... not my will, but yours, be done.” - Luke 22:42

If you are interested to read this book, 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 Book Circle.

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