

## 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 Lim Siah Chuan Wavne Chiang Lena Goh Rebekah Tan Dns Joella Tan Jonathan Ng Chen Jinling Sally Teh Jonathan Chua Irene Koh Dominic Lim Dn Ding Si Han Dns April Ding Dns Joella Tan Megan Loong Shalynn Koh

Eugene Lau Esther Tay Chris Wu Bong Ru Hui Eld Timothy Soh Eld Chua Hung Choo Angela Tan Bernard Yim Dns Clarissa Leong Dns Yim-Kow Meng Choo

### **NEXT WEEK**

A New Start Acts 13:1-12 Elder Oswald Goh

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) Surprised by Jesus by Dane Ortlund by Vincent Goh

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### **ORDER OF SERVICE**

Worship Theme **God's Power** 

#### **Prepare for Worship**

Prelude

### **Exalt His Name**

Call to Worship Invocation Doxology **Opening Hymn Responsive Scripture Reading** 

Psalm 33

ATP Joseph Tee

Worship in Song

#### **Listen to His Word** When Evil Appears to be Winning

**Response Hymn** 

Acts 12:1-25

#### **Give to His Work**

Offering **Offertory Response** 

#### **Pray to Him**

**Corporate Prayer** Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn Benediction Announcements Postlude

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# **SERMON NOTES**

When Evil Appears to be Winning Acts 12:1-25



I. Is Evil Winning? (vv. 1-5)II. Is God Intervening? (vv. 6-19)III. Is the Word of God Increasing & Multiplying? (vv. 20-25)



**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 Bishop Emeritus Dr. Robert Solomon as he gives the message that evening.

Parenting Workshop: Spiritual Care for Our Children, Preschoolers Edition (25 Feb, 12.30pm)

- » Thank God for the young parents who have signed up encourage each other in the spiritual care for their children.
- » Pray for the Family Ministry team as they facilitate the discussion on Sunday.
- » Pray for all the other quarterly Sunday Lunch workshops to be a blessing to all our parents in our church.

## **Tavistock Ready (TSR) Project**

» Continue to pray that as we do the physical development for our church building, that the Spirit will continue working a revival in our hearts

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### Season of Lent 2024

O God of love, Who hast given a new commandment through Thine only begotten Son, that we should love one another, even as Thou didst love us, the unworthy and the wandering, and gavest Thy beloved Son for our life and salvation; we pray Thee, Lord, give to us, Thy servants, in all time of our life on the earth, a mind forgetful of past ill-will, a pure conscience and sincere thoughts, and a heart to love our brethren; for the sake of Jesus Christ, Thy Son, our Lord and only Saviour.

**Amen.** (Adapted from Prayers of the Early Church, edited by J. Manning Potts)

# **CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES**

### **Bible Reading Plan 2024**

**Feb Week 4 Schedule** 26 Feb: Job 27 27 Feb: Job 28 28 Feb: <u>1 Corinthians 15</u> 29 Feb: <u>1 Corinthians 16</u> 1 Mar: Job 31 2 Mar: <u>2 Corinthians 2</u> 3 Mar: Job 33

## Lent Devotionals



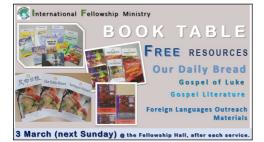
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For further queries, contact ATP Joseph Tee.

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### **Prayer Fellowship**

\*PF takes place <u>every</u> <u>Wednesday</u> except on public holidays or as announced!

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** 

IF Online Bible Study 27 February (Tues), 8pm @ Zoom

To join, log in @ http://tiny.cc/zionIFBS2024

Meeting ID: **891 3463 3914** Passcode: **010194** 

ALL FOREIGN FRIENDS 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**



### Parenting Workshop: Spiritual Care for Our Children (Preschoolers Edition)

25 February 2024, Sunday 12.30pm - 2.00pm Chapel 3 (L3)

Lunch is provided! For more information, contact **ATP Joseph Tee 9088 0077!** 

Below are other parenting workshop dates for you to save in your calendars! 26 MAY 2024 (1230pm - 2pm): Lower Primary 28 JUL 2024 (1230pm - 2pm): Tweens 24 NOV 2024 (1230pm - 2pm): Teens



### BPCIS Combined Good Friday Service 29 March (Fri) 5pm @ ACS(I) Dover Road

Transportation from church is available. Sign up <u>HERE</u>!

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16-20 JUNE 2024 HOLIDAY INN MELAKA, MALAYSIA

CAMP SPEAKER REV DR. TAN SOO-INN

Single	\$580 / pax
Double / Twin Sharing	\$380 / pax
Triple Sharing	\$350 / pax
Child with Bed	\$280 / pax
Child without Bed	\$180 / pax

### **ONLINE REGISTRATION**

https://forms.gle/Q2Ay4KDRCCMfRDNC6

**REGISTER IN-PERSON** 

Registration Booth will be open after all services (3, 24, 31 March; 14, 21 April)

### **REGISTRATION CLOSES 21 APRIL 2024**

FOR MORE INFO, PLEASE CONTACT DNS APRIL

# ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	246
2MS	125
ZES	43
Total	414
Sunday School	49

# WEEKLY OFFERING

## **General and Missions Fund**

(Received 12 Feb - 18 Feb)

\$36,154.44



## **PayNow**

UEN: S86SS0063K555

## **Bank Transfer**

DBS Bank Ltd 003-938549-8

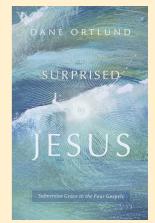
## **BOOK REVIEW FROM BOOK CIRCLE**



### Surprised by Jesus by Dane Ortlund

by Vincent Goh

Dane Ortlund was not a name I was familiar with, but when I read the endorsements which included people like DA Carson and Bryan Chapell, I knew it would be a safe read. But little did I know then that it was going to be a surprising one even though the title said it was. What could I not already know about Jesus that would surprise me? Years ago, I read "The Jesus I Never Knew" by Philip Yancy and thought, what more is there. I was wrong of course because if Jesus was truly God, we can never be anything but awed by Him each time we seek to know Him better.



One appeal of the book for me, was perhaps, the common background the author and I shared, that of being from deeply conservative churches. What I saw as his reactions to how conservative evangelicalism have evolved into resonated with my own often critical views. I naturally sank into the book and was quickly immersed.

Ortlund structures the book by giving a theme to each of the gospels that he thought was how each gospel writer characterized Jesus and the good news. He said Jesus was always counter intuitive which is why He was always surprising. The people then had a hard time coming to terms with Jesus being the Messiah because they never expected the Kingdom of Heaven to be diametrically opposite to what they thought it to be. And guess what? It's the same today. Some of us evangelicals will find it surprising too, that the Jesus, Ortlund described is counter to our own ideas of what the Kingdom of Heaven is.

Finally, the more appealing aspect of the book to me, besides a shared criticism of conservative evangelicalism, is Ortlund's unpacking of the various passages of scripture he used. He said the passages he picked were windows to the gospels, highlighting the unique message each gospel author portrayed of the person and work of our Lord Jesus. His understanding of the scripture passages is, to me, done in the right way.

## **BOOK REVIEW FROM BOOK CIRCLE**



Proper understanding of the context in which Jesus spoke, and what Jesus' listeners would have understood was to me the ight way to read scripture. That's the reason why when scripture is unpacked correctly, it never fails to wow me.

*Surprised by Jesus* is available not only at the Book Circle, but also on Kindle and hardcopies on Amazon.

If you are interested to read this book, you can contact contact the church office or Bee Hong (HP 91711009) or Pek Hong (HP 98188220) for the book, which is available in the Book Circle.

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