



· EASTER SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE ·  
31ST MARCH, 8.45 AM

# CHRIST LIVES!

## Order of Service

**PRELUDE**

**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Eld Oswald Goh

**INVOCATION**

**DOXOLOGY**

**OPENING HYMN**

*In Christ Alone*

**RESPONSIVE SCRIPTURE READING**

Alfred Leong

1 Corinthians 15:50-58

**WORSHIP IN SONG**

*Christ The Lord Is Risen Today*

*See What A Morning*

Dn Amos Chia

Dns Clarissa Leong

**SERMON SCRIPTURE READING**

Eld Oswald Goh

**SERMON**

Encountering Jesus on the road to disappointment

*Luke 24:13-31*

Ps Yap Kim Sin

**RESPONSE HYMN**

*Christ is Risen, He is Risen Indeed*

*(Choral Presentation)*

*He Lives (Congregational Response)*

ZS Choral Ensemble

Eld Oswald Goh

**OFFERING & OFFERTORY RESPONSE**

**SPECIAL EASTER PRAYER**

Ps Wendell Chua

**CLOSING HYMN**

*It Was Finished Upon That Cross*

Eld Oswald Goh

ZS Choral Ensemble

**BENEDICTION**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**POSTLUDE**

Ps Wendell Chua

Eld Oswald Goh

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### SERVING THIS WEEK

Erica Yap

Ng Peiyi

McPaul Wee

Nicolette Yu

Eld Reuben Ang

Megan Loong

Cadence Chua

Sally Teh

Sonja Chua

Jonathan Chua

Ng Jian Hao

### CHORAL ENSEMBLE

Pearl Ng

Annie Ong

Lily Goh

Catherine Ding

Yap Foon Lyn

Hannah Duran

Jamie Ding

Dns Clarissa Leong

Dns Joella Tan

Sally Ng

Foo Pek Hong

Lau Wen Min

June Yap

Jenny Lim

Merissa Tee

Ng Jianzhi

Leonard Lee

Samuel Tan

Jude Lim

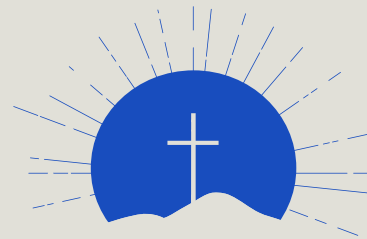
Ng Jianmin

Hector Goh

Dn Jonathan Foo

# Sermon Outline

Encountering Jesus on the road  
to disappointment  
*Luke 24:13-31*



1. Choose a spiritual or divine perspective
2. Turn over your agenda to the Lord
3. Acknowledge and believe in the resurrection

## Announcements

### 67TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This serves as an official notice of the ACM to be held on Sunday,  
21 April 2024 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 vote on 21 April 2024 will be put up in the Fellowship Hall from *today*. 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.

### ACM PAPERS

Please pick up the Notice of Meeting and ACM Papers from the Fellowship Hall. For those who requested a soft copy of the ACM papers, you will receive them via email or text this week. If you are an eligible voting Communicant Member and have not received the ACM Papers, please call the Church Office at 62841987 or message the Church mobile at 84632186.

Drop off your written questions in the letterbox in the Church Office, or email them to [acm@zionserangoon.org.sg](mailto:acm@zionserangoon.org.sg) by **Tuesday, 16 April 2024**.



### ACM CHIT-CHAT SESSION

6th April 2024, 5pm @ Sanc 2

Come discuss and ask questions about the upcoming ACM!

### CHURCH CAMP 2024: BE LOVE, BE LIGHT

16-20 June 2024, Holiday Inn Melaka

Camp Speaker: Rev. Dr. Tan Soo-Inn

Camp Fees start from **\$350/ pax!** Sign up at our *registration booth today or [online](#)*. Registration closes on **21st April**.

be love  
be light

ZION SERANGOON B.P.  
CHURCH CAMP 2024

## FY 2023 Income & Expenditure and FY 2024 Budget

Praise our generous God for His provision in 2023. Through the year, we moved towards the transition from our previous vision era while focused on the prevailing theme of looking beyond Zion’s walls to “Loving Beyond Boundaries”. I thank our elected leaders, church staff and volunteers for stewarding the budgeted funds with great faithfulness within their re-clustered ministries.

In FY 2023 our total Offering and Miscellaneous Income collected amounted to \$1,540,834, a slight decrease of 2.7% from FY 2022. I thank all of you for your committed support toward the kingdom work at Zion Serangoon. While income remained relatively flat, expenses in FY2023 rose by about 16%. This has led to a small deficit of \$25,040 before depreciation. Factoring in depreciation, we are at a net position of \$234,174 in deficit, effectively meaning that we were not able to grow our reserves in FY2023.

	<b>Audited 2023</b>	<b>Audited 2022</b>	<b>2023 vs 2022</b>	<b>%</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	<b>2023 vs Budget</b>	<b>%</b>
Total Offerings	1,516,607	1,535,375	(18,768)	-1%			
Other Income	24,227	47,936	(23,709)	-49%			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,540,834</b>	<b>1,583,311</b>	<b>(42,477)</b>	<b>-3%</b>			
<i>Less</i>							
Stewardship	1,208,842.49	1,068,979.86	139,863	13%	1,515,835	(306,993)	-20%
Worship	28,595.70	22,230.28	6,365	29%	68,847	(40,251)	-58%
Discipleship	54,244.82	39,259.89	14,985	38%	109,350	(55,105)	-50%
Mission	274,190.83	222,987.33	51,204	23%	306,300	(32,109)	-10%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,565,874</b>	<b>1,353,457</b>	<b>212,416</b>	<b>16%</b>	<b>2,000,332</b>	<b>(434,458)</b>	<b>-22%</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>(25,040)</b>	<b>229,854</b>	<b>(254,894)</b>	<b>-111%</b>			
Depreciation	209,134	203,695	5,439	3%			
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(234,174)</b>	<b>26,159</b>	<b>(260,333)</b>	<b>-995%</b>			

### BUDGET FY2024 (OPEX + CAPEX)

For 2024, the Combined Session and Board of Deacons have approved a total operating expense budget of \$2,179,017 as ministries have made plans to steward resources toward our 2024 and onwards Vision “Every Gardener a Missionary”, aspiring to gear people and ministries to be Tavistock-Ready. As mentioned earlier, some budgeted items in 2023 will be carried over to 2024, so it may be more meaningful to compare some Budget 2024 expenses against Budget 2023. Total Budget 2024 operating expense is \$178,685 or 9% higher than Budget 2023.

The significant variances against Budget 2024 expenses are as follows:

	<b>Budget 2024</b>	<b>Audited 2023</b>	<b>□ (\$)</b>	<b>□ (%)</b>	<b>Budget 2023</b>	<b>□ (\$)</b>	<b>□ (%)</b>
Stewardship	1,686,310	1,208,842	477,468	39%	1,515,835	170,475	11%
Worship	89,257	28,596	60,661	212%	68,847	20,410	30%
Discipleship	160,004	54,245	105,759	195%	109,350	50,654	46%
Mission	243,446	274,191	(30,745)	-11%	306,300	(62,854)	-21%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,179,017</b>	<b>1,565,874</b>	<b>613,143</b>	<b>39%</b>	<b>2,000,332</b>	<b>178,685</b>	<b>9%</b>

**The Stewardship Cluster** comprising staff expenses, maintenance expenses and other operating expenses sees some increase (11%) due to the projected hiring of a Missions ministry staff to coordinate Missions activities, increase in staff theological education training fees and the increase in IT solutions and digitization expenses as government support from grants in these areas are weaned off.

**The Worship Cluster** comprising expenditure in Worship Services, Music Ministry and Audio-Visual sees an increase of \$20,410. We thank God for the Ordination Service and fellowship reception held at the beginning of the year for Rev Joseph Tee; this one-off event was accounted for. We also expect some new AV equipment to be replaced, accompanying the larger AV overhaul. Lastly, we also endeavour for an increased regularity of fellowship meals post-service so that the respective Worship Service Committees have the opportunity to connect with and engage worshippers for member/pastoral care especially if they do not belong to any DG.

**The Discipleship Cluster** comprising Family Ministry, Discipleship Groups (DGs), Covenant Bible School, Youth Fellowship, Senior Adults Fellowship, International Fellowship, Sunday School, AWANA, Prayer Fellowship and WORD Ministry also sees some movement in budget. This includes the return of Children's Camp in 2024, new quarterly missions emphasis programs at AWANA and increases in couple facilitators' training for Family Ministry. One of the biggest increases is seen in the Senior Adults Fellowship where monthly ministry activity cost is set to almost double as the Lord has blessed the ministry with double the number of members. Praise the Lord!

**The Mission Cluster** comprising Home (Welfare, Blk 123, outreach events) and Foreign Mission expenditure sees a big dip in Budget 2024 of about \$62,854. Home Mission budget dropped as no large-scale outreach event is budgeted for in 2024 as compared to 2023 - where 2 large events were executed (Pasar Serangoon & ZS Carnival). With the A&A affecting the forecast of the availability of space usage at ZS, 2024 outreach events plans

remain fluid. As for Foreign Mission, the overall budget sees only slight decrease due to internal reallocations, with the cessation of support for work in Vietnam, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Bhutan also accompanied by a Mission trip planned for Cambodia and a large increase in support for the work in the Philippines.

<b>CAPEX BUDGET 2024</b>			
	<b>ZS's share (70%)</b>	<b>Faith BP (30%)</b>	<b>Total</b>
TSR Redevelopment (A&A works)	1,600,000	685,000	-
AV overhaul	140,000	60,000	200,000
Dimmer control system	6,000	2,500	8,500
Grand piano	35,000	15,000	50,000
LED Outdoor display	21,000	9,000	30,000
ZS Church Office Equipment	20,000	-	20,000
TSR Professional Fees (Remainder)	130,425	-	-

Apart from the operating expenses budgeted above, we have also budgeted \$1,952,425 of CAPEX in 2024 under the Stewardship Cluster - the bulk of which was shared at the ECM in 2023 pertaining to the A&A planned in line with our Tavistock-Ready plans. On top of that, we also carry forward planned works since 2022 that were postponed [overhaul of the AV system at \$140,000 (ZS's share), dimmer control system & grand piano replacement in Main Sanctuary]. This brings our total projected expenditure for the coming FY 2024 to about \$4.2 million. Cash in Bank stands at \$1,864,411 at the end of FY 2023.

We are grateful for the support shown by the congregation at ECM 2023 when apprised of the expected expenditure increase in FY 2024, especially with the planned A&A works. Our current reserves alone would not and should not fully cover this increase. We continue to trust the Lord to provide for the work that is ahead and exhort the church to unite in being diligent givers for the unfinished task that is ahead.

A fuller commentary of FY 2023 Income and Expenditure Statement is included in ACM 2024 report. We hope to communicate more than just the status or funds and movement of money in our books but rather share about the ministries behind the money and the stewardship of financial resources for Kingdom work. Our communications team have also prepared cluster work plan videos that have been shared during worship service announcements and indicated in our weekly bulletin the weekly targeted offering amount in order to meet the projected/budgeted needs. You are encouraged to pray alongside us and give cheerfully as the Lord enables you to.

Report submitted by: -  
**Elder Reuben Ang (Honorary Treasurer)**