



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

Elder Reuben Ang	Hazel Chiang
Lily Goh	Eld Chua Hung Choo
Dns Joella Tan	Asst Ps Joseph Tee
Sally Chan	Ng Jianzhi
Sally Teh	
Lau Wen Min	
Hannah Ong	
Dominic Lim	
Ng Jianmin	
Nicolette Yu	
McPaul Wee	
Ng Jian Hao	
Esther Tay	
Elliot Aruldoss	
Isabel Siteo	

NEXT WEEK

How to Share Your Testimony
Acts 26
Ps Lawrence Ong

Lead Ps Wendell Chua

9027 7465

Ps Lawrence Ong

9146 8277

Asst Ps Joseph Tee

9088 0077

Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory)

9862 4390

Read (pg 10-13)

Book Circle Review
by Lau Wah Ming

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *We serve an
unstoppable God*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Doxology
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading

Isaiah 46:3-10

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word
Our Unstoppable God
Acts 25

Eld Timothy Soh

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

Our Unstoppable God Acts 25



I. Festus Reviews Paul's Case (25:1-12)

II. Festus Discusses Paul's Case with Agrippa (25:13-22)

III. Festus' Perplexities (25:23-27)

1. Observations:

- a) How fear shapes our decisions - Natural fear vs Godly fear seen through the characters of this chapter
- b) How God's plans are unstoppable - Man's plans is unable to thwart God's plan. We must be sure we are standing on God's side.

2. Learning from the Sermon:

- a) Fear shapes our decisions
- b) God's plans are unstoppable

Reflections...

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for Our New Vision: “Every Gardener a Missionary” by “Loving Beyond Boundaries”

- » As our church prepares to transition into our new 2024 vision of Every Gardener a Missionary, we need to continue living out our current vision of Loving Beyond Boundaries.
- » May the Holy Spirit do a heart-transformation for us to love out of the love that Christ first demonstrated to us by sacrificing His own life for our sakes (1 John 4:19).

BPCIS Combined Youth Fellowship Gathering (13 July 24)

- » Building upon last year’s combined meeting, we thank God for the opportunity for the young people in our presbytery to meet together.
- » Pray that this will be a time to encourage one another, especially for churches who have smaller youth groups.
- » Pray that the young leaders will be able to connect, share resources and encouragement.
- » Pray for Ps Joseph Tee as he conducts the workshop.

Praying for BPCIS: Sports Day (20 July 24)

- » Thank God for the opportunity for fellow BPCIS church members to fellowship over sports.
- » Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of fellow believers from all the BPCIS churches to participate.
- » Pray for favour and wisdom as the committee (Ng Jianmin, Nicolette Yu, Lily Goh, Shermaine Lim & Daryl Woong) continue to organise the event.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Tavistock Ready Project Renovation Update

We thank God for enabling our contractor, Decon Builders, to embark on our renovation works starting from **18 June 2024**. Renovation works will only take place from Mondays to Fridays. The works are expected to be completed by **Mid-December 2024**.

During the renovation, we will be expecting the following **disruptions**:

- » Renovation areas will be **hoarded up** and **inaccessible**.
Renovation areas include:
 - Entrance to Fellowship Hall
 - Kitchen
 - Warden's Room
 - 2nd and 3rd Floor Washrooms
 - Church Office
 - Library
 - Dan, Gad & Reuben Rooms
- » **Washrooms on Level 1** (including the Handicap toilet) will be accessible for use until further notice. *Temporary portable toilets* will also be set up at the Open air carpark on Level 1.
- » The **Church Office** will be operating out of *St. Peter's Church* (1 Tavistock Ave, S555104) during the renovation period. The Session are deeply grateful for the grace and hospitality of St. Peter's Church leadership in opening their premises to us in our time of need.
- » **Fellowship Tea** for ZMS & ZES will remain at the Fellowship Hall until further notice.

Please bear with us as we adjust to a new normal and continue to pray for all involved in the coordination of the renovation, to be able to manage the project well and to be a good testimony to our contractors as well.

Should you have any questions, or concerns, or require more information regarding this renovation, you are encouraged to reach out to the **Church Office @ 8463 2186**. Please note that our land line (6284 1987) will be *unavailable* until further notice.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Bible Reading Plan 2024

July Week 1 Schedule

- 1 July: [Matthew 11](#)
- 2 July: [Isaiah 64](#)
- 3 July: [Isaiah 65](#)
- 4 July: [Isaiah 66](#)
- 5 July: [Jeremiah 1](#)
- 6 July: [Matthew 16](#)
- 7 July: [Jeremiah 3](#)

IF Online Bible Study

9 July, Tue
8.00pm @ 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 Pinky @ 8015 9481

Prayer Fellowship

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

10, 17, 24, 31 July
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



International Fellowship Ministry

In-Person Fellowship

Dinner...
Sharing...
& Fellowship...

20 JULY 5.30PM
CHAPEL 1, L3

For queries & RSVP:
Elder Choo 9010 2893
Church Office 6284 1987

ALL FOREIGN FRIENDS ARE WELCOME!



IF In-person Fellowship

20 July, Sat
5.30pm @ Chapel 1, L3

All foreign friends are welcome
to join!

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2024 BPCIS GAMES

SPORT: CAPTAIN'S BALL

SATURDAY, JULY 20
9AM TO 1PM

SUTD Indoor Sports Hall 2
Nearest MRT: Upper Changi (DT34)

Contact **Jianmin (9168 3971)** or
Nicolette (8786 2418) for more info

OPEN TO ALL ABOVE 13 YEARS OLD

SCAN THE QR CODE TO SIGN UP!



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RETHINKING REFORMATION

CONFERENCE

24 - 26 OCTOBER

2024 Theme:
Living Life in light of God's Reforming Word.

Keynote Speakers:
Dr. David & Tasha Chapman



Scan to Register!
Tickets start from \$10.

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Our Daily Bread's Parenting Conference 2024: "The Daunting Privilege"

13 July, Sat
9am-1pm | Bartley Christian Church

At times, we may feel ill-equipped, unprepared, or simply overwhelmed with the many tasks and responsibilities of parenting. Yet, God has called us to this daunting privilege of bringing the gospel to our children—and He will equip us.

If you have a passion to share the good news of Jesus Christ to the next generation, join us for a time of encouragement and equipping from God's Word.


Register: <https://odb.sg/events/the-daunting-privilege/>

***Spiritual Care
for Our Children
(Twens Edition)***

Facilitated by
Dn Lim Chien Chong (Grace BPC, SYFC)

**28 July (Sun)
12.30pm - 2.00pm
Chapel 3**

**Sign up by 21 July!
Lunch is provided.**



Contact Asst Ps Joseph Tee for more info!

Parenting Workshop: Spiritual Care for Our Children (Twens Edition)

28 July, Sun
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Facilitated by Dn Lim Chien Chong (Grace BPC, SYFC)

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For queries, please contact:
Asst Ps Joseph Tee @ 9088 0077




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Cebu Mission Trip

6-12 July 2024


We welcome & appreciate your prayers for the team (**Ps Wendell, Dns April, Peiyi & Esther**) that left for Cebu yesterday. Please pray for a fruitful time spent with Ps Jonathan Ubanan & his church, **Grace Evangelical Gospel Church**. Pray for God's protection over the team, for grace and strength.



COMBINED BPCIS 4F

13 July 2024 (Sat). 2pm - 7pm
Zion Bishan B-P Church

Dinner is provided.
Contact Rev Joseph Tee (9088 0077) for more details.



SCAN ME

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	210
2MS	105
ZES	51
Total	366
Sunday School	41

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 24 June - 30 June)

\$34,676.36

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2024 (including A&A): \$79,450



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Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd
003-938549-8

MINISTRY STAFF CONTACT

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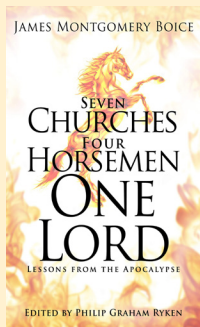
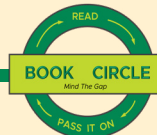
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BOOK CIRCLE REVIEW



“...PREPARE TO MEET YOUR GOD, O ISRAEL” Amos 4:12 ; “SURELY I AM COMING SOON” Rev 22:20

by Lau Wah Ming

Some of us have just completed a study of Revelation. This review is a summary of the book **“Seven Churches, Four Horsemen One Lord”** edited by Philip Graham Ryken, **based on the sermons of James Montgomery Boice.*** It covers only the first six chapters of Revelation.

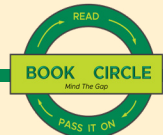
Dr Boice’s expositions of Revelation are one of his last gifts to his congregation. He died of cancer before he could complete his series of sermons. In his sermons he gave his final thoughts on the church and on worship as well as on facing trials in the light of heavenly realities and Christ’s return. In introducing this book to our members, I can do no better than quote from the editor, as follows:

“In the opening chapters [of his book] Dr Boice covers the full range of introductory topics, providing an orientation to the main themes of Revelation. His expositions of the seven letters to the seven churches show how those epistles are fully integrated to the symbols and significance of the book [of Revelation] as a whole. His manuscript ends before the opening of the seventh seal, leaving readers to anticipate the coming judgement of God and the consummation of his kingdom.”

After considering what kind of a book Revelation is, who wrote it when, and to whom it was written, Boice went on to consider the purpose of Revelation. Boice asserted the view that the purpose of Revelation is to get Christians from all periods of history and in all circumstances to look at things from God’s perspective rather than from man’s and to draw comfort and strength from that perspective.

Boice pointed out that in Rev 1:8, God the Father himself is speaking which he does directly at only one other place in Revelation (see 21:5-8). The purpose of the self-identifying words is to emphasize God’s sovereignty over all history. What Revelation teaches is that God is sovereign over all things, including the ups and downs of human history, and that he is indeed working out everything according to the counsel of his own inscrutable and yet perfect will.

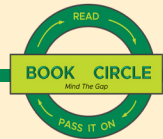
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Next Boice explained that Revelation is not a historical narrative in the same manner as the four Gospels mostly are, nor a theological or doctrinal treatise. It is mostly a series of visions that point beyond themselves to realities that are greater than the visions. Revelation is a symbolised communication. Boice pointed also to Rev 1:19 which reads “*Write therefore the things that you have seen, those that are and those that are to take place after this*” and explained his general approach that he had taken in the study of Revelation: nearly everything in Revelation (the things that John saw) is happening now, because the book describes the nature of this corrupt age and its repeated cycles of rebellion. But specific parts of Revelation also point forward to a liberal, historical fulfilment to take place in the days preceding the return of Jesus and the final judgement. We are often bogged down with mere earthly trivia [for example, what we read and quarrel about in the social media]. But we need to see that beyond this lies the heavenly “city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God” (Heb 11:10).

Boice devoted 7 sermons to comment on each of the seven letters to the seven churches. The characteristics of the churches and the lessons to be drawn are often the subject of sermons from our pulpit and need not be reviewed here. The letters followed a common pattern and contained a reminder that Jesus is coming again, along with an exhortation to repent or an encouragement to persevere; and a warning to heed what has been said and a promise for those who overcome. The things that are said about the churches of Asia Minor in these seven letters, both good and bad, have always been true of churches and will continue to be true of them until the Lord returns.

A thread that runs through the two chapters, Chapter 4 and 5, is the five worship hymns, the first of which is the song of the four living creatures recorded in verse 4:8. What is the point of these hymns? Boice said that they show how worship should be done by focusing on the worship of those created beings who are in heaven. But they also show the meaning of this vision of God being seated on the heavenly throne. They show that He is the utterly exalted one, that He is the focal point and ultimate object of the entire creation and that He alone is to be praised by every intelligent creature in the universe.

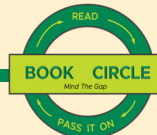


In other words, to refer to the first question of the Westminster Shorter Catechism, “What is the chief end of man [and of every other intelligent creature in the universe]?” The answer is: “Man’s chief end is to glorify God and to enjoy him forever.” That is the ultimate meaning of these visions. Boice went on to expound in detail the characteristics of the worship of God in heaven. The most important features include True worship is the worship of God alone; True worship honours God for his Godlike attributes; The best worship is ceaseless worship; and the fullest worship is with others. He says if we do not join with other believers in faithful, true and beneficial worship of almighty God, you will be cowed by the apparent powers of this antagonistic world and engulfed by the trivialities of our life. You need constant reminding. But if you truly worship, you will be able to stand firm.

Chapter 4 ended with the worship of the Creator alone. Chapter 5 ends with the Creator and the Redeemer together. The two chapters show us the relationship of the Father to the Son, but mostly they show Jesus and unveil his role in carrying forward the eternal plan of God in history. Chapter 5 begins with a vision of a scroll that is sealed with seven seals. No one is worthy to open the scroll, reveal its contents and put the flow of history into motion. But Jesus is worthy. He has won the victory and is therefore worthy to do all that is desired or required. He will break the seals and God’s purpose will be worked out. I will leave it to the reader to read what Boice had commented.

By now we should know that nearly every symbol in Revelation has been given a multiplicity of interpretations by commentators. Boice also commented on the meaning of the four horsemen. He is inclined to the personal view that the four horsemen are God’s picture to warn us of our own sinfulness. What the four horsemen do, we do; or at least are very capable of doing. And the meaning of this is that we need to repent of our sin and turn to Jesus Christ, in whom alone salvation can be found. Do not blame others for evil. Blame yourself! Boice also pointed out that in the martyrs’ cry for justice, these martyrs do not invoke retribution for their own sake but for God’s sake. The martyrs are doing what Paul said to do in Romans 12:19: *“Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave it to the wrath of God, for it is written, ‘Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.’”*

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The sermons ended just before the passage on the opening of the seventh seal. Preaching through Revelation was apparently an important part of Dr Boice's preparation for glory. Boice's congregation had reported that in the last year of his life, Boice seemed to find even greater joy in the worship of God and to take even more delight in singing his praises. Studying Revelation can and should have a salutary impact and influence on everyone. As Dr Boice said, the Bible's last book tells us that because God is in control of all things, we must make it our primary activity and duty to worship him. The more we read Revelation, the more we fulfil the main purpose for which God made us, by giving him all the glory we can.

** Note: James Montgomery Boice (July 7, 1938 – June 15, 2000) was pastor of the historic Tenth Presbyterian Church in Philadelphia for more than three decades. With degrees from Harvard University, Princeton Theological Seminary, and the University of Basel, Dr Boice was well known and well respected as a Bible expositor.*

Books from the Book Circle, a 24/7 **“Word Ministry”**, are available at **L1 Glass-Enclosed Lift Lobby**. Drop by 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 9171 1009)** or **Pek Hong (HP 9818 8220)** or **Dns Meng Choo (HP 9615 6853)** to see if the book is available in the library.

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