

2025

EVERY GARDENER A MISSIONARY

WELCOME HOME!

We are glad that you are here today to worship the Lord as one family in Christ. May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace!

SERVING THIS WEEK

Ps Lawrence Ong David Chua Erica Yap Selene Wee Ethan Baev Lau Wen Min Kimberly Goh Eld Reuben Ang Dns Joella Tan Ps Wendell Chua Manfred Ong Marcus Ong Ng Jian Hao Crystal Lim

Louis Tee Dns April Wu Ng Jianzhi **Dns Clarissa Leong** Ng Wai Yoong Chia Hua Song Goh Boon Cher

NEXT WEEK

Full Stop? Matthew 4:1-11 Rev Daniel Gan

Lead Ps Wendell Chua 9027 7465 Ps Lawrence Ong 9146 8277 Asst Ps Joseph Tee 9088 0077 **Pastoral Intern Kok Ting Han** 9646 3462 Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory)

Read (pg 11)

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SYNOPSIS OF GOSPEL TRACT: TRACT OF THE MONTH

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme Word of God

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship Invocation Gloria Patri Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading 1 Corinthians 15:1-10

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

The Parable of the Soils Elder Lee Soon Tai Mark 4:1-20

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Closina Hvmn Benediction **Announcements** Postlude





SERMON NOTES

The Parable of the Soils Mark 4:1-20



Introduction V1-2

- Lessons by the sea
- A very large crowd
- Teaching in Parables

The Parable V3-8

- Sower
- Seed
- Soils (Hard, Rocky, Thorny, Good: 30, 60, 100 fold increase)

The Purpose v9-13

- Reveal v11
- Conceal v12

The Explanation v14-20

- Sower sow the Word
- Seed is the Word
- Soils
 - Hard: Satan comes immediately and take away the seed
 - Rocky: Receive Word with joy but did not last when persecution comes
 - Thorny: Receive Word but was unfruitful due to cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things
 - Good: hear the word and accept it and bear fruit 30, 60, 100 fold increase

The Conclusion

Reflections...

What kind of soil are you - Hard, Rocky, Thorny or Good soil?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for the World: Myanmar and Thailand Earthquake

- » Pray for those who have lost loved ones, homes and those still waiting anxiously for news. Ask for God's comfort, peace and strength in their pain and uncertainty.
- » Pray for children facing fear and trauma and unsure of what the future holds. Pray for God to keep them safe and warm, and surround them with caregivers who will protect, comfort, and reassure them in this time of uncertainty.
- » Pray for those responding with aid and rescue. Pray for God to strengthen them as they search for survivors and treat the injured. Ask the LORD to remove any barriers that would slow down relief efforts, and guide the hands to those who need them most.
- » For the world's response as the world leaders as decide how to respond. Pray that the Holy Spirit will stir each of their hearts in generosity towards the people of Myanmar, Thailand, and surrounding countries.

Easter Evangelistic Service (20 April)

- » Let us ask God to move our hearts to invite someone to our evangelistic service for Easter morning!
- » Pray that we will have the courage and compassion to seek and save the lost, just as Jesus modelled for us (Luke 19:10).
- » Pray for Ps Wendell and the worship team as they point us to Jesus during the service.
- » Thank God also for the combined Zion-Faith BP choir as they rehearse and bring glory to God as they sing.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Wheeling Ministry: Wheeling Ling Kwang Home Residents to Morning Service

- » There are still residents who wish to worship together with the rest of the Zion Serangoon family on Sundays.
- » In May 2025, there is a shortage of available wheelers to bring the residents to church.
- » Please pray for willing hearts to serve in this simple but impactful ministry, especially for next month onwards!

Prayer for Lent:

Father God, We thank you for your mercies that are new every morning. Even through trials and tribulations, conflict, and injustice, you promise us that sin and death will not win. As we patiently wait for your return to make all things new, we lament on this side of Heaven at the brokenness and fallenness of the world.

We lament those whose lives were taken by the injustice and evil done by another. We lament with those affected by wars across the globe that have caused displacement, separation, and death. We lament with those who are coming from broken homes and are longing for shalom. We long to see reconciliation and restoration in familial relationships, in our very neighbourhoods, and across all of creation.

So, we ask that you would give us patience and trust like those who came before us as we wait for our faith to become sight - knowing that you are true to your word, even when our circumstances may give us reason to doubt. May you graciously remind us of your goodness and faithfulness through our grief and suffering. May we be reminded of the hope that we have in you because of what your Son Jesus did on the cross.

Amen.

68TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

This serves as an official notice of the ACM to be held on Sunday, 20 April 2025 at 11.15am 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 20 April 2025 will be put up in the Fellowship Hall. 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

If you are an eligible voting Communicant Member and have not received the ACM Papers, please text or Whatsapp the Church mobile at 84632186.

Drop off your written questions in the Church letter box, or email them to acm@zionserangoon.org.sg by Sunday, 13 April 2025.

BIBLE READING PLAN 2025			
Date	Chapters	Further Reading	
6-Apr	2 Samuel 6	2 Samuel 4-7	
7-Apr	2 Samuel 11	2 Samuel 8-11	
8-Apr	2 Samuel 12	2 Samuel 12-15	
9-Apr	2 Samuel 18	2 Samuel 16-18	
10-Apr	2 Samuel 19	2 Samuel 19-21	
11-Apr	2 Samuel 22	2 Samuel 22-24	
12-Apr	1 Kings 2	1 Kings 1-2	



Myanmar Worship Service
Our Myanmar worship services
will take place on 13th & 27th
April. Please note that the
services are happening every
2nd & 4th Sundays of the
month.

For more details, please contact Pinky Guite (8015 9481).

Prayer Fellowship

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

9, 16, 23, 30 April Wednesday @ 8.00pm

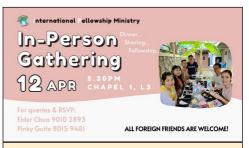
Join in prayer together for our church:

http://tiny.cc/ZSPF

Meeting ID: 881 8621 6365

For queries, please contact

Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277



IF In-Person Gathering

12 Apr (Sat), 5.30pm, Chapel 1

Come join us for a time of dinner, sharing and fellowship!

For queries & RSVP, please contact Elder Chua Hung Choo (9010 2893) or Pinky Guite (8015 9481).





CHILDREN'S MINISTRY EASTER OUTREACH: A FATHER'S LOVE & MYOPIA IN YOUNG CHILDREN

19 April (Sat), 2.30 - 4.30pm @ Zion Serangoon

Come celebrate Easter with us as we learn about the Father's Love! For children ages 4 -12.

Parents & friends are invited to the talk by Dr. Benjamin Chang on 'Myopia in Young Children' from 3-4pm. Coffee & Tea provided!

Register at tinyurl.com/ZSEaster2025

For more information, please contact Foon Lyn (9680 0329).

ZS Easter Evangelistic Service: The Easter Story

20 April (Sun), 8.45am, Sanctuary 1

What is the story that can truly change lives? It is the Easter Story - The resurrection of the Saviour King of the World.



Invite your non-believing friends

and family for our Easter Evangelistic Serivce as we proclaim Jesus' victorious triumph through the Word and a song presentation by ZS-Faith BP Combined Choir!

Please note that there will be **NO Sunday School**. Children Sermon will be happening during the service. **Easter Brunch will be provided!**



BPCIS COMBINED GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

18 April (Fri), 10.30am ACS (I) Dover Road

Tickets are required for entry.

If you are taking the Coach Transportation to & from ZS

- Sign up at this link: tinyurl.com/ZSGoodFriday25
- Tickets will be reserved for you. You do not need to collect your tickets from the booth.

If you are arranging your own transportation

- Please note that there will no parking on-site. Please park at Blk 28 Dover Crescent. Shuttle buses will run between Blk 28 & ACS (I) from 9.30am onwards.
- Get your tickets at our booth after worship services.

For queries, please contact **Ting Han (9646 3462)**.



BPCIS Easter Sunrise Service: Sweetest Sound on Easter Morning

20 April (Sun), 6.30am Macritchie Reservoir (Near Lim Bo Send Memorial)

All are welcome!
Register your interest here:
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Breakfast will be provided at church after the service.



ZS CHURCH CAMP 2025

15 - 19 June 2025 (Sun - Thu) Trove Hotel, Johor Bahru Speaker: Rev Daniel Chua

Registration is now OPEN! Come to our camp booth after worship services to register inperson.

For more info, head to the online registration link: bit.ly/churchcamp2025.

For queries, please contact Jianmin (9168 3971) or Ting Han (9646 3462)

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Rev Eric Tay

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Services	Worshippers & Volunteers
ZMS	219
2MS	139
ZES	51
Total	409
Sunday School	41

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

6 Apr	Evelyn Siow	Thanksgiving
	Kheng Ghee & Wen Hooi	Thanksgiving

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 24 Mar - 30 Mar)

\$43,675.49



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SYNOPSIS OF GOSPEL TRACTS

TRACT OF THE MONTH - The Day Death is Conquered

The gospel tract "The Day Death is Conquered" is written in a rather animated fashion. It personifies death as a character reigns supreme. Death, in its path leaves a trail of fear, pain, worry, grief, doubt, sorrow and much more terror. It's the supreme ruler that had never been defeated - one out of one life succumbs to the terror of death.

Not until Jesus came, through His death and His resurrection that the inevitability and terror of death was conquered.

Jesus' resurrection is the definitive victory over death. The victory of the resurrection is the cornerstone of the Christian Faith, without which our Christian faith is in vain and there is no hope of eternal life and salvation, and we are still lost in our sin.

The Hope of Jesus Resurrection describes the familiar Chinese festival celebrated to honour those departed from earth. As loved ones visit the graves, doubts still linger in their minds - where are the souls of the ones so dear to them?

Thanks be to God. In the resurrection of Jesus Christ, remembered at Easter, our hope of eternal life is assured. Jesus lives, we shall live also. (John 14:19)

Let's read the tracts and share the Good News.

