

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

Eld Timothy Soh Brenda Soh Titus Soh Ng Wen Hooi Chen Jinling Sally Teh Lau Wen Min Irene Koh Merissa Ng Sharon Tan Ng Jianmin Dns Joy Poh Fervianto Ana Esther Tay

Cassia Torres Hazel Chiang Eld Oswald Goh Adreanna Koh Angela Tan **Bernard Yim** Dns Clarissa Leong Dns Yim-Kow Meng Choo

NEXT WEEK

Christ the Victor over all Mark 4:35-41 Elder Reuben Ang

Lead Ps Wendell Chua 9027 7465 Ps Lawrence Ong

Asst Ps Joseph Tee 9088 0077

Pastoral Intern Kok Ting Han

9646 3462

9146 8277

Ps Yap Kim Sin (Advisory)

9862 4390

Read (pg 9-10)

BLK 123 MINISTRY UPDATES BY REV ERIC TAY

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme God's Kingdom

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship Invocation Gloria Patri Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading Jeremiah 31:31-37

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

What is the Kingdom of God like? Ps Joseph Tee Mark 4:21-34

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Closina Hvmn Benediction **Announcements** Postlude





SERMON NOTES

What is the Kingdom of God like? Mark 4:21-34



- I. The Kingdom of God is like a lamp (vv. 21-25)
- II. The Kingdom of God is like a growing seed (vv. 26-29)
- III. The Kingdom of God is like a mustard seed (vv. 30-32)
- IV. The Kingdom of God Invites You (vv. 33-34)

What is a Parable?

A parable is a short story or saying composed as a kind of metaphor that uses some element of everyday life to present a moral or spiritual lesson. The lesson is not always explicit within the parable itself, but becomes so when the hearer is attuned to the heart and mind of the rabbi telling the parable Jesus was not the only rabbi to speak in parables in the first century. Indeed, parables are common in ancient rabbinic literature. Rabbinic parables typically begin with the phrase. "To what may the matter be compared?" (cf. Matt. 13:24).

- ESV Archaeology Study Bible (Wheaton, Illinois: Crossway, 2018).

Reflections...

Oftentimes, we mistakenly think that our service in God's kingdom is a way for the LORD to accept us. How then does your identity as God's child, by the grace and sacrifice of Jesus, motivate you to serve in God's kingdom?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Singapore General Elections 2025 (GE 2025)

- » Thank God that as Singaporeans, we have an opportunity to exercise our rights to vote for our leaders in the GE 2025.
- » As we head to the polls soon, pray for discernment and wisdom as we vote for our leaders, for the LORD to continue to work in and through the elected leaders
- » Pray that we will keep our eyes fixed on the heavenly kingdom, of which we are citizens of.

Youth Outreach: "Shore Up" (1 May 25)

- » Pray for the youth outreach on Labour Day to East Coast Park. There are currently 70 youths coming, of which 36 (and counting) are new youths!
- » Pray for good weather and the committee members (Laraine Lim, Cadence Chua, Kayla Lin, Chloe Lin, Evan Baey, Ethan Baey, Jedidiah Koh, Kyla Chua) as they plan for the event.
- » Pray for the Holy Spirit to be working in the hearts of the newcomers as they hear the Gospel.

Christians@Work: Healthcare Sector

- » We thank the LORD for the many physicians, nurses and all health care professionals who have served tiredlessly in our country.
- » We pray for safety and protection of our nursing homes, including Ling Kwang Home (LKH) and all the frontline workers.
- » May these brothers and sisters-in-Christ, especially in Zion Serangoon, continue to reflect Christ's goodness and hope with wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience.

ZION SERANGOON B-P



025 A Disciple's Calling

What does it mean to live as disciples of Christ? Join us this **church camp** for a refreshing time of learning from the Word and sweet fellowship!

When?

15 - 19 June 2025

Where?

Trove Hotel (JB)



Rev Daniel Chua

HIGHLIGHTS

- · Learn from God's Word!
- · Day trip to Desaru & Fruit Farm
- · Special Night Program

| CAMP FEES (<u>PER PAX</u>) | | | | | |
|------------------------------|-------|------------------------|-------|--|--|
| Adult* | | Children^ (5 - 12 Y/O) | | | |
| Single | \$550 | Child with Bed | \$220 | | |
| Double / Twin Sharing | \$350 | Child without Bed | \$100 | | |

*For Seniors & Students



FREE ^For Children < 5 y/o

REGISTRATION CLOSES ON 9 MAY

Register at Camp Booth after service or Online @ bit.ly/churchcamp2025

For more details, Contact Jianmin (9168 3971) or Ting Han (9646 3462)

| BIBLE READING PLAN 2025 | | | | |
|-------------------------|-----------------|--------------------|--|--|
| Date | Chapters | Further Reading | | |
| 27-Apr | 2 Kings 21 | 2 Kings 20-22 | | |
| 28-Apr | 2 Kings 23 | 2 Kings 23-25 | | |
| 29-Apr | 1 Chronicles 1 | 1 Chronicles 1-4 | | |
| 30-Apr | 1 Chronicles 9 | 1 Chronicles 5-9 | | |
| 1-May | 1 Chronicles 11 | 1 Chronicles 10-11 | | |
| 2-May | 1 Chronicles 12 | 1 Chronicles 12-14 | | |
| 3-May | 1 Chronicles 16 | 1 Chronicles 15-17 | | |



Youth Fellowship Outreach: Shore Up

1 May (Labour Day) 12pm Calling all youths! Join us for a funfilled afternoon at the beach!

Programme/Venue:

12-1.30pm:

Registration & Opening @ Zion Serangoon BP Church

1.30-5.30pm:

Games & Message @ ECP (One-way bus from ZS to ECP)

5.30pm onwards:

Dinner (Optional) @ ECP

For queries or sign ups:

Laraine (96448983) Jianmin (91683971) Esther (98349256)

Prayer Fellowship

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

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



Myanmar Worship Service

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

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



Blk 123 Ministry Phase 2: Session by Rev Eric Tay 10 May (Sat), 1-2pm @ Chapel 1

Come and hear from Pastor Eric Tay as he shares with us about Phase 2 of Blk 123 Ministry. If you are curious about the ministry or are considering serving at Blk 123, please join us and learn more about the vision going forward. All are welcome!

For more details, please contact **Dns April (9694 3276)**.



Nature Walk @ Punggol 12 May (Vesak Day), 9am

Come join us on a familyfriendly nature walk at Punggol!

Route (~11km, 3hr):
Waterway point > Punggol
Safra > Punggol Oasis > Lor
Halus Bridge > Coney Island >
Punggol Settlement

Sign up now at tinyurl.com/ NatureWalkPunggol

For more details, please contact **Jianmin (9168 3971)**.

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- e/audio books
 For more information, please contact
 Bee Hong (91711009)/ Pek Hong (98188220)
 Meng Choo (96156853)



Book Circle: Launch of e-Library

We are now on Libby, a digital library with over 120 titles curated by the Book Circle.

You may borrow up to 4 books for 21 days. If you would like access to the electronic/audio books, please head to tinyurl.com/ZSelibrarycard

For more info, please contact Bee Hong (91711009) Pek Hong (98188220) Meng Choo (96156853).

Ps Wendell Chua is preaching at Shalom B-P Church this morning.

SESSION CONTACT

Eld Lin Hong Sui (Stewardship) 9199 9063

Eld Timothy Soh (Missions) 9180 1819

Eld Reuben Ang (Worship) 9638 8841

MINISTRY STAFF CONTACT

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BLK 123 CHAPLAIN (PART-TIME) CONTACT

Rev Eric Tay

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

| Services on 13/4 | Worshippers & Volunteers |
|------------------|--------------------------|
| ZMS | 199 |
| 2MS | 148 |
| ZES | 47 |
| Total | 394 |
| Sunday School | 43 |

| Services on 20/4 | Worshippers & Volunteers |
|-----------------------------|--------------------------|
| Easter Evangelistic Service | 407 |

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

| 20 Apr | Maggie Tan | Thanksgiving |
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WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 7 Apr - 13 Apr)

\$26,064.46

(Received 14 Apr - 20 Apr)

\$32,302.34



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Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd 003-938549-8

Apr 2025 Rev Eric Tay

Lit in their eyes; Empty people filled with cares headed who knows where..."
This song is titled "People Need the Lord", and I first heard it when I was a teenager. It gave me much food for thought as it describes people's confusion and helplessness, loss and destruction. I am reminded that Jesus is our ONLY hope.

By the grace of God, I have been given the opportunity to join Zion Serangoon B-P Church as the chaplain in HOME Outreach, Block 123 Ministry. Time flies and it has been a month since I have taken on this role. During this time, I have come into contact with many residents of Block 123. They are people with different backgrounds and needs but they all have one thing in common – all of them need salvation; they need Jesus Christ.

At Block 123, I take the opportunity to share the gospel with each resident I meet. At first, most of them refused to listen, giving all kinds of excuses. After I sincerely asked for just five minutes of their time, many were willing to listen to what I had to say. I could see hope in many of their eyes after I shared the Gospel with them; may the Lord's Spirit continue to work in their hearts. Many of these residents live below the poverty line, living in loneliness and some with all kinds of illness. But their lives will be

even more pitiful if they do not believe in the Lord, as they will enter eternal judgment and destruction after this life. May the Lord have mercy on them!

Goals of Ministry:

Block 123 is not a new ministry – it was started by the church 4-5 years ago. The goals of the ministry are to:

- Care for existing families, and to develop and build relationships with new residents
- Contact churches to arrange for residents to attend their Sunday worship services
- Establish a weekly Bible study and discipleship group
- Build a care network among residents and encourage them to invite their friends to join in
- Establish a Sunday worship gathering point
- Establish a working relationship with The Home @ Level 2 & 3

How can you pray for us?

- Pray that all the volunteers will have a heart for the salvation of lost souls
- Pray that God will soften the hearts of the residents to listen and accept the gospel (Cont'd on next page)

BLK 123 MINISTRY UPDATES (CONT'D)

How can you participate?

- Pray for the ministry of Block 123 at least once a week
- Encourage those who are not involved in this ministry to come on board to visit and care for the residents together, and to share the gospel
- Contact me if you have any relevant professional skills and we can discuss how to use your skills in this ministry

The chorus of "People Need the Lord" continues, "People need the Lord. At the end of broken dreams, He's the open door. When will we realize that PEOPLE NEED THE LORD?"

Matthew 9:37-38 (ESV) "Then he said to his disciples, The harvest is plentiful but the laborers are few, therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."

May we be like Isaiah, who said, "Here I am! Send me." (Isaiah 6:8 ESV). Amen.