



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

Dn Lee Lin Ping	Dns April Wu
Jonathan Foo	Cassia Torres
Dness Joella Tan	Elder Lim Siah Chuan
Janet Ang	Clarissa Leong
Emily Cheng	Zach Lim
Ethan Baey	Josh Lim
Lau Wen Min	Ivy Leong
Chen Jinling	
Ps Joseph Tee	
Daniel Chay	
Ng Peiyi	
Merissa Ng	
Dns Joy Poh	
Manfred Ong	
Esther Tay	

## NEXT WEEK

**Jesus is Near, Here and Hears**  
Mark 7:31-37  
Ps Joseph Tee

## 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)

9862 4390

**Read** (pg 8-9)

## BOOK CIRCLE WRITE UP

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *God's Mercy*

### Prepare for Worship

Prelude

### Exalt His Name

Call to Worship  
Invocation  
Gloria Patri  
Opening Hymn  
Responsive Scripture Reading

1 Kings 17:8-16

Worship in Song

### Listen to His Word

**God's Mercy Extended to All**  
Mark 7:24-30

Ps Lawrence Ong

### Holy Communion

The Bread and The Cup

### Pray to Him

Pastoral Prayer

### Give to His Work

Offering  
Offertory Response

Closing Hymn  
Benediction  
Announcements  
Postlude



# SERMON NOTES

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## God's Mercy Extended to All Mark 7:24-30



### I. The Unexpected Setting (v. 24)

### II. A Barrier-Breaking Encounter (vv. 25–27)

### III. The Woman's Faith (v. 28)

### IV. Grace for the Outsider (vv. 29–30)

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## Reflections...

*1. Barriers to Mercy: What social, racial, or religious barriers might you be unintentionally erecting that could limit God's mercy from reaching others? How can you intentionally break down these barriers to reflect God's heart for all people?*

*2. Faith in the Face of Rejection: The Syrophenician woman faced rejection and dismissal, yet she persisted in her faith. What challenges or rejections have you faced in your own life or faith journey? How can you draw inspiration from this woman's example to persevere in faith?*

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## **Praying for the World: Iraq** (Adapted from [www.lausanne.org/pray](http://www.lausanne.org/pray))

- » Pray for leaders for the churches. Some male leaders have been killed, targeted by Islamists. Many times their widows have continued with the pastoral and discipleship work.
- » The Kurdish people live mostly in their autonomous region within Iraq. Kurds too have seen the birth and growth of an evangelical church, a first for their people. Praise God for this movement to Christ and pray for it to deepen and widen.
- » Iraq has suffered years of war, invasion, corruption and violence. Iraqis have seen the destruction of the basic infrastructure that underpins civilisation. 'Liberation' has not liberated them. Pray for the healing of the nation.

## **Praying for Our Children Taking PSLE**

- » Pray for peace of mind for both the parents and the P6 students who are preparing for PSLE: Bernice Long, Elijah Ng, Faith Goh, Jeremy Tan, Joel Lock, Micaiah Koh, Elizabeth Oh, Elizabeth Lim, Lincoln Yim, Eleanor Yip, Bella Ng & Keren Chua
- » As our students study, pray that they will not peg their worth to their grades but to their identity in Christ.

## **Praying for Sports Ministry - Captain's Ball (26 July 25)**

- » Thank God for the opportunity for ZS church members and friends to fellowship over sports.
- » Pray for the Holy Spirit to move in the hearts of members to invite newcomers and for the event to be safe, fun and marked by Christ-likeness.
- » Pray for favour and wisdom as the committee (Ng Jianmin, Nicolette Yu, Lim Hann Lee & Shermaine Lim) as they continue to organise the event.

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

BIBLE READING PLAN 2025		
Date	Chapters	Further Reading
20-Jul	Ecclesiastes 12	Ecclesiastes 9-12
21-Jul	Song of Solomon 4	Song of Solomon 1-8
22-Jul	Isaiah 1	Isaiah 1-4
23-Jul	Isaiah 6	Isaiah 5-8
24-Jul	Isaiah 9	Isaiah 9-12
25-Jul	Isaiah 14	Isaiah 13-17
26-Jul	Isaiah 21	Isaiah 18-22

## Prayer Fellowship

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

23, 30 July  
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**



**CALLING FOR VOLUNTEERS!**  
**COMMUNITY HAIRCUT**





**16 August 2025 (Sat)**  
**9.00 am to 1.00pm**



Void Deck of Blk 121 Ang Mo Kio Ave 6  
Singapore 560121

We need volunteers for  
registration, ushers and  
befrienders.

Refreshments will be provided.

To volunteer, please contact  
**Dns April Ding (+65 9694 3276)**

## International Fellowship (IF) Gatherings in July

We invite you to read the Word and fellowship together with our growing community of international brothers and sisters!

### IF In-Person Bible Study

20, 27 July (Sun), 10.45am @  
Chapel 1

Study the Word through the  
Discovery Bible Study!

### Myanmar Worship Service

27 July (Sun), 5pm @ Chapel 2

In partnership with Judson Baptist  
Church.

To RSVP for the upcoming gatherings and bible studies, please contact  
**Elder Hung Choo @ 9010 2893 or Pinky 8015 9481**. We look forward to  
meeting new international friends!

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



## Captain's Ball Tournament

26 July 2025 (Sat), 9am -1pm  
@ SUTD Sports & Recreation  
Centre

Sports Ministry is organising the annual Captain's Ball Tournament this July. Attractive prizes to be won!

### Registration Details:

1. Open to all 14 years old and above.
2. Limited to 48 participants.
3. Priority will be given to newcomers.
4. Teams will be allocated by organisers
5. All participants will receive a goodie bag!
6. Registration closes on 18 July.

### Sign up link:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZSCBT25>

For queries, please contact  
Jianmin (9168 3971).



## SAVE THE DATE!

### Community Fun Fair

@ Tavistock  
13 September 2025 (Sat),  
10am - 5pm

This September, come have fun and make a difference in the community!

Look forward to...


- 🎉 Carnival Food & Arcade Games (\$5 for 5 items + FREE ICE CREAM)
- ❤️ Learn more about the Voluntary Welfare Organisations in Serangoon
- ★ Experience the spirit of volunteering at 'Agents of Change' - a utopia for children 5 - 12 y/o

Stay tuned for more details!

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**Ps Wendell Chua** will be away from 17 to 24 July 2025.



**Deepest Condolences to...**

Selene & Syddal Wee (ZMS) on the passing of Selene's brother, **Mr Kok Siew Weng**, on 14 July 2025.

Selene, Syddal and family wish to express our thanks to pastors, leaders, church staff, members and friends of Kok Siew Weng for their prayers, love, support and comfort at this time of bereavement, specially their presence at the Wake.

- SESSION CONTACT**

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**Eld Timothy Soh** (Missions)  
9180 1819

**Eld Reuben Ang** (Worship)  
9638 8841

**Eld Oswald Goh**  
9754 3094
- MINISTRY STAFF CONTACT**

**Dns April Ding** (Church coordination, HR)  
9694 3276

**Esther Ng** (Church coordination, Youth & Admin)  
9834 9256

**Nicolette Yu** (Accounts, Finance, Building)  
8786 2418

**Ng Jianmin** (Youth Ministry Head, Sports & Music)  
9168 3971

**Ng Peiyi** (Music, Worship & AV)  
8598 5967

**Paul Low** (Building Maintenance)  
9876 9154

**Pinky Guite** (Missions Coordinator)  
8015 9481

**Rachel Cham** (Communications & Engagement)  
9787 8932
- BLK 123 CHAPLAIN (PART-TIME) CONTACT**

**Rev Eric Tay**  
9666 5917

# ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service	Worshippers & Volunteers
1MS	210
2MS	134
ZES	44
Total	388
Sunday School	-

# FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

20 July	Molly Loh	Thanksgiving
	Carole Lee	Thanksgiving

# WEEKLY OFFERING

## General and Missions Fund

(Received 7 July - 13 July)

\$32,776.00

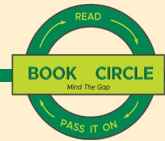


## PayNow

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## Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd  
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## 10 Christian Books that influenced my Spiritual Walk

*Testimony by Dr. Lee Soon Tai*

The following books played a great part in my spiritual walk. I started going to Church at 9 years old, started reading Christian books by 15 years old, with serious reflective reading at around 18 years old. I have moved from physical books to E-books for more than two decades.

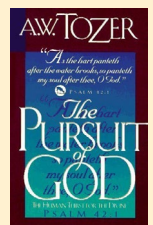
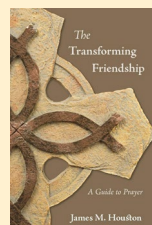
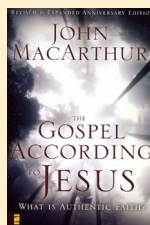
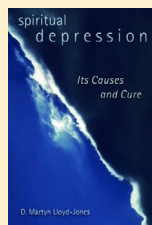
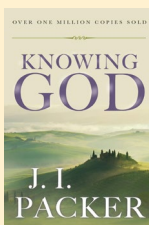
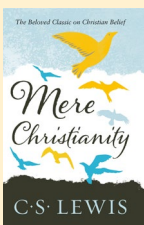
For core doctrinal foundations, I found **“Mere Christianity”** and **“Knowing God”** the two most essential books. During the days in the university, with a small group of university-mates in the Varsity Christian Fellowship, we went through these two books. I did the same with my Church mates too. These books were repeated with my family when the children were married. These two books teach well what it means to be a Christian and to appreciate the manifold attributes of God.

At the end of my second year in the University, before we started Clinical medicine, as a discussion leader, I went through **“Spiritual Depression”** in a VCF Medical Camp. We discussed its Causes and Cure, as suggested by Dr Martin Lloyd-Jones.

**“The Gospel According to Jesus”** by John MacArthur, clarified and solidified my understanding of what matters most in evangelism. I am in the process of preparing a longer write up for the reading club of our Church. James Houston from Regent College expanded my understanding of how prayer begins to change my life and then how the way I live changes, and how I pray in his easily readable book, **“The Transforming Friendship”**.

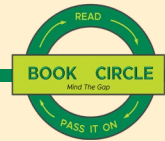
**“The Pursuit of God”** is one of the many small books by A W Tozer emphasizes that the understanding of knowing the attributes of God is not enough. One must pursue the holiness of God in our lives.

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(From Left to Right) Mere Christianity by C. S. Lewis, Knowing God by J. I. Packer, Spiritual Depression: Its Causes and Cure by David Martyn Lloyd-Jones, Gospel According to Jesus by John MacArthur, The Transforming Friendship by James Houston & The Pursuit of God by A.W. Tozer





**“Flame for God: John Sung and Revival in the Far East”** was one exciting historical book I read very early in the church life because of the massive impact of John Sung in the history of development of the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore. Leslie Lyall, the author, was an Overseas Missionary Fellowship missionary who had spent much time in China.

I love fiction and there are two which I strongly recommend. One is relatively modern, **“In His Steps”** by Charles Sheldon, a Christian novel first published in 1896, explores the concept of living one’s life by asking “What would Jesus do?” Another, more ancient but classic fiction is John Bunyan’s **“Pilgrim’s Progress”**. In 1678.

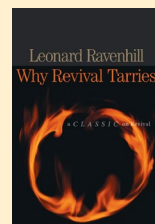
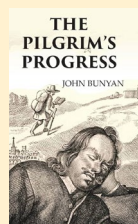
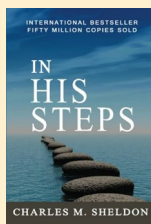
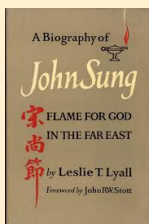
John Bunyan was a writer without going through any formal education. The only book that he read, studied, memorized and dreamt was the Bible.

Last, but not the least, is **“Why Revival Tarries”** by the intense, critical yet so prophetically true to what is plaguing the modern Church leadership today. Without mincing words, you feel the emotions of this fast-paced short book by Leonard Ravenhill.

I have suggested books to strengthen the foundation of Christianity in its doctrine. Books on prayer, Christian living, evangelism and apologetics were also recommended. I have also included fiction and historical biography for relaxed reading. Hope you enjoy them too.

Most of these books are available on Zion Serangoon e-Library. You can contact Bee Hong (HP 91711009) or Pek Hong (HP 98188220) or Meng Choo (HP 96156853) for an access to our e-Library. Alternatively, you can scan the QR Code to provide your email address for the password to gain access to our e-Library.

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



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