



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 | Eld Chua Hung Choo |
| Lily Goh        | Jon Foo            |
| Erica Yap       | Megan Tan          |
| June Goh        | Zach Lim           |
| Sonja Chua      | Josh Lim           |
| KL Teh          | Dns Kow Meng Choo  |
| Lau Wen Min     |                    |
| Bong Ru Hui     |                    |
| Ng Peiyi        |                    |
| Ng Jianmin      |                    |
| Dns Joy Poh     |                    |
| Ng Jian Hao     |                    |
| Esther Tay      |                    |
| Dns April Wu    |                    |
| Megan Chan      |                    |

### NEXT WEEK

**Serving like the Servant King**

Mark 9:33-41

Elder Reuben Ang

**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 10-12)

**Introducing...**

**Covenant Family Ministry**

### ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Through Doubt, through Suffering,  
in Death, we must Trust in God*

### Prepare for Worship

Prelude

### Exalt His Name

Call to Worship

Invocation

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading

**Psalms 42**

Worship in Song

### Listen to His Word

**BELIEVE ME...**

Mark 9:14-32

Elder Oswald Goh

Response Song

### Give to His Work

Offering

Offertory Response

### Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Announcements

Postlude



# SERMON NOTES

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## BELIEVE ME...

Mark 9:14-32



### 1. Introduction:

- a. A Review of Mark's Amazing Gospel
- b. A Pericope – the Big Picture

### 2. The Text for Today

- a. Two incidents in the passage

### 3. Lessons to Learn

- a. Facing DOUBT
- b. Facing SUFFERING
- c. Facing DEATH

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## Reflections...

1. *What deep personal challenges or crises are you facing today? Debilitating doubt? Intolerable suffering? Impending death? How does today's message speak to your situation?*
2. *How can you trust God more? How can you choose to stand with Jesus in the face of doubt, suffering, death?*
3. *Tell someone what you have learned today.*

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## **Praying for the World: East Asia** (Adapted from OMF)

On China's Silk Road, most families rely on money as their security against medical, financial or relational troubles.

- » Pray for Silk Road people to find an even deeper peace and security than money can provide.
- » Many children are left with grandparents while their parents live elsewhere for work.
- » Pray for the kids' practical and emotional needs.

Thank God that Silk Road communities still value marriage.

- » Let us ask that the LORD to bless parents as they do their best to find their child a suitable spouse and pray that He grants wisdom to Silk Road singles as they try to choose a partner for a life-time.
- » Let us pray that new couples will look to God for help to develop healthy marriages.

## **Covenant Bible School: "Growing Together in Christ: Teaching and Learning in the Church" - Starting 25 Sept 25**

- » Thank God for the opportunity for both local and international students to dig deeper into the Bible through our latest course, especially in terms of how we learn and teach in church!
- » Pray for Dr. Jessie Swigart as she teaches this interactive class and be clear and applicable for all the students.
- » Pray for learners that their faith will be deepened as their minds are engaged in these five lessons, particularly for overseas students who may not have access to such quality teachings.

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## ZS Community Fun Fair @ Tavistock (13 Sept)

- » Thank God for guiding Zion Serangoon in her outreaching efforts to gather the congregation and community. We praise Him for all the resources and people He has provisioned and called to do His work.
- » We are thankful for the community partners who are eager to be part of the event, and for the people who have committed to be volunteers. Do pray for more volunteers to step forward and that we will serve God together with joy, grace and zeal.
- » Pray also for strength, guidance and wisdom for the planning comm (Wendell, Nicolette, Esther, Rachel, Jianmin) as they continue to engage the community partners and plan for the event.

## Teacher's Day

Our Heavenly Father,

For the upcoming Teacher's Day, we ask that you bless your teachers serving in church and in the marketplace. Help them become even more joyful disciples and profound echoes of your wisdom.

Bless our teachers with the gifts of Your truth, beauty and goodness. Bless them with integrity, so that they bring Your words to life. Bless them with courage and perseverance to walk the paths You have laid out.

We pray in the name of Jesus, who knows all too well the challenges and joys of being a teacher,

Amen.

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

| BIBLE READING PLAN 2025 |            |                 |
|-------------------------|------------|-----------------|
| Date                    | Chapters   | Further Reading |
| 31-Aug                  | Ezekiel 24 | Ezekiel 23-24   |
| 1-Sep                   | Ezekiel 25 | Ezekiel 25-27   |
| 2-Sep                   | Ezekiel 28 | Ezekiel 28-30   |
| 3-Sep                   | Ezekiel 33 | Ezekiel 31-33   |
| 4-Sep                   | Ezekiel 34 | Ezekiel 34-36   |
| 5-Sep                   | Ezekiel 37 | Ezekiel 37-34   |
| 6-Sep                   | Ezekiel 40 | Ezekiel 40-42   |



## Fellowship & Discussion with Faith B-P Leaders

Last Sunday, we had a fruitful time of fellowship with the leaders of Faith B-P Church, discussing potential opportunities for us to partner more closely in ministry. This meeting was a great opportunity to strengthen our relationship and we look forward to what God will do through our combined efforts.

## Prayer Fellowship

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

3, 10, 17, 24 September  
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**

## International Fellowship (IF) Gatherings

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

**IF In-Person Bible Study**  
31 Aug (Sun), 10.45am @ Chapel 1

**Myanmar Worship Service**  
14 Sept (Sun), 5pm @ Chapel 2

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



## Community Fun Fair @ Tavistock

13 September 2025 (Sat),  
10am - 5pm  
Zion Serangoon B-P Church

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

Look forward to...

- 🎉 Carnival Food, Arcade Games & Bouncy Castle
- ❤️ Learn more about the Voluntary Welfare Organisations in Serangoon
- ★ Interactive Activities
- 🏰 NEW! Zion Heritage Trail

Tickets are at **\$5!** Includes 5 Food/ Activity items + 1 FREE SCOOP from Celine's Gelato (1-5pm)

Get your tickets now at  
[communityfunfair.org](https://communityfunfair.org)

## Growing Together in Christ

Teaching and Learning in the Church

by Dr. Jessie Swigart



25 September 2025 - 30 October 2025\*  
Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

\* Break on 16 October

## Covenant Bible School: Growing Together in Christ - Teaching and Learning in the Church

25 September 2025 -  
30 October 2025\*  
Thursdays 7.30pm - 9.30pm

How well are we learning and teaching in church? What could we do better grow together in Christ?

Join our upcoming Covenant Bible School's course, "Growing Together in Christ: Teaching and Learning in the Church." These five interactive classes by Dr. Jessie Swigart, from Covenant Seminary, will help with teaching and learning in the church.

Register now at  
[covenantbibleschool.org/register](https://covenantbibleschool.org/register)

For more info, please contact  
**Ps Joseph Tee (9088 0077)**

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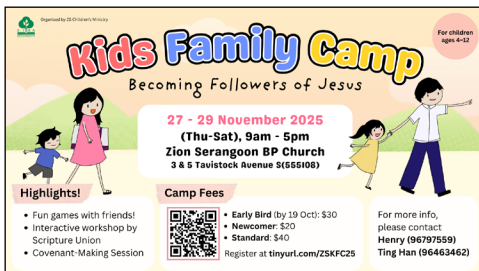
**COMING SOON!**  
**R2 Conference:**  
**In Christ Alone**  
25 October 2025 (Sat),  
9am - 2pm  
Zion Serangoon B-P Church

The second-edition of Rethinking Reformation (R2) Conference is back this Reformation Weekend! Come reflect on the profound power of the Cross and the salvation secured in Christ alone.

**Keynote Speaker:**  
**Dr. Justin Joon Lee**  
*Associate Professor of  
Systematic and Historical Theology  
at Singapore Bible College*

Registration fee is at **\$10!**  
Inclusive of booklet, lunch and refreshments.

**Register today at**  
[reformationsg.org](https://reformationsg.org)



**ZS KIDS FAMILY CAMP**  
27 - 29 November 2025  
(Thu - Sat), 9am - 5pm  
Zion Serangoon B-P Church

We are thrilled to announce a special 3-day Kids Family Camp this November! This camp isn't just an event; it's a vital opportunity for us to ground our children in disciple-making truths as we learn what it means to 'Become Followers of Jesus'. ☀️

**Camp Fees:**  
Early Bird (by 19 Oct): \$30  
Newcomer: \$20  
Standard: \$40

Inclusive of all meals, materials and camp tee.

**Register at**  
[tinyurl.com/ZSKFC25](https://tinyurl.com/ZSKFC25)

For more info, please contact  
**Henry (96797559) or**  
**Ting Han (96463462)**

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

Zion Serangoon

**YOUTH CAMP**

13-23 Dec 2025

**\$70**  
early bird  
till 31 Oct  
+05

DO YOU KNOW HIM?

Self-reliance   Immutability   Self-sufficiency

Omnipotence   Omnipresence   Omnipotence

Love   Goodness   Compassion

Wisdom   Truthfulness   Grace & Mercy

PAID by Christ

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Laraine | 9644 8983 / Evan | 8837 2911

Zion Serangoon BP Church

**Ps Lawrence Ong** is away preaching at Bethlehem B-P Church this morning.



**Deepest Condolences to...**

Maggie Tan (ZMS) on the passing of her father, **Mr Tan Boon Lock**, on 28 August 2025.

**SESSION CONTACT**

**Eld Lin Hong Sui** (Stewardship)  
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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             | 205                      |
| 2MS             | 109                      |
| ZES             | 58                       |
| Total           | 372                      |
| Sunday School   | 40                       |

# FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

|        |            |              |
|--------|------------|--------------|
| 31 Aug | Hector Goh | Thanksgiving |
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# WEEKLY OFFERING

## General and Missions Fund

(Received 18 Aug - 24 Aug)

\$\$32,138.99



## PayNow

UEN: S86SS0063K555

## Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd

003-938549-8

August 2025

Ps Wendell Chua

In March 2025, the Family Ministry was renamed Covenant Family Ministry (CFM). After much thought and prayer, the Session discerned there was a pressing need to help our families at Zion recapture and live out the important principles of covenant-family life. But what exactly is a covenant family and what does it mean to live in a covenant family?

In a nutshell, the covenant family is the household shaped by God's covenant of grace. The covenant family is one in which the father, who is the head, and the mother are both Christians, and are directing, training, and modelling for their children in spiritual matters concerning Christ and His Gospel.

Job, for example, was the head of his family and made sacrifices even for his adult children. Job exercised his right and the authority as a Godly father to act on behalf of his children. We read in Job 1:5: **"Whenever a round of banqueting was over, Job would send for his children and purify them, rising early in the morning to offer burnt offerings for all of them. For Job thought: Perhaps my children have sinned, having cursed God in their hearts. This was Job's regular practice."**

Another notable example where God worked through the covenant household is Noah. We know that Noah and his family were delivered from the flood because of Noah's faith. Noah acted as a representative for his whole family. Genesis 7:1: **"Then the Lord said to Noah, "Enter the ark, you and all your household, for I have seen that you alone are righteous before Me in this generation."**

The Apostle Paul clearly understood the significance of the covenant family. He taught that children of believers (even Gentiles) were under God's covenant and potential heirs to the covenant if they too would believe in Christ. Paul writes in 1 Corinthians 7:14: **"For the unbelieving husband is set apart for God by the wife, and the unbelieving wife is set apart for God by the husband. Otherwise your children would be corrupt, but now they are set apart for God."**

I want to be clear that children certainly don't inherit salvation. This is something they need to personally appropriate by faith at some point in their lives (Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 3:28; Galatians 2:16). However, children of a believing parent or believing parents inherit the promises of God.

They inherit the assurance that God's favour is directed towards them because they are children of believers. They inherit the fellowship and protection of the church. They inherit the privilege of sitting under the Gospel and understanding who Christ is and what He came to do. Yet, they are also put under great obligation to come to Christ in an act of personal faith at some point in their lives.

Parents who believe this baptise their children and promise, before God and the congregation, to teach, instruct, and model Christ to their children.

To summarize, the key principles of the covenant family are:

1. God's covenant includes families – God's promise is to believers and their children (Genesis 17:7).

**"I will keep My covenant between Me and you, and your future offspring throughout their generations, as an everlasting covenant to be your God and the God of your offspring after you."**

2. Our children are included in the covenant – The promise is for you and your children (Acts 2:39).

**"For the promise is for you and for your children, and for all who are far off, as many as the Lord our God will call."**

3. Parents have great responsibility – Parents must bring children up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord (Ephesians 6:4).

**"Fathers, don't stir up anger in your children, but bring them up in the training and instruction of the Lord."**

4. Remember family worship & catechism – Teach God's Word diligently to your children (Deuteronomy 6:6-7).

**"These words that I am giving you today are to be in your heart. Repeat them to your children. Talk about them when you sit in your house and when you walk along the road, when you lie down and when you get up."**

5. The role of the Church – Children are part of the body of Christ (Mark 10:14).

**“Let the little children come to Me. Don’t stop them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these.”**

6. The impact of generational continuity – God’s steadfast love is for those who fear Him “to children’s children” (Psalm 103:17-18).

**“But the steadfast love of the Lord is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him, and his righteousness to children’s children, to those who keep his covenant and remember to do his commandments.”**

Going forward, the CFC emphasize the importance of covenant families as part of Zion’s direction towards deeper personal discipleship. Christian discipleship starts in the home, and it stems from Godly fathers and mothers who model Christ and disciple them in Christlikeness. This is one of the reasons why the CFC has partnered with the Children’s Ministry to plan this year’s **Kid’s Family Camp (KFC) from 27-29 November**. We encourage all parents to set aside these dates, especially the Saturday morning of 29 November to join your children in learning about covenant-making and Godly disciplines in your families. We truly look forward to seeing entire families attending KFC together!

If you have further questions about covenant or covenant families, please approach anyone of us from the Covenant Family Committee (Elder Hongsui, Elder Siah Chuan, Rebecca Oh, Sonja Chua, Ivan Lee, Pastor Wendell). We’d be more than happy to speak with you!

**From Pastor Wendell (on behalf of CFC)**

**21 August 2025**