

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 Amos Chia Yap Foon Lyn Sharon Tan Lau Wen Min Jonathan Chua Hannah Ong Ps Wendell Chua Bong Ru Hui Na Peivi Nicolette Yu Cadence Chua Shalvnn Koh

Ng Jian Hao

Esther Tay

Isabel Sitoe

Hazel Chiang Asst Ps Joseph Tee Xavier Arokiam Jonathan Foo Dn Ding Si Han Chow Lye Kuan Dns Clarissa Leong

NEXT WEEK

A Little Child Shall Lead Them Isaiah 11:1-10 Rev Dev Menon

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

BPCIS Updates (pg 8-9) Book Reviews (pg 10-11)

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme Importance of a Transformed Heart

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship Invocation Gloria Patri Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading

Deuteronomy 6:1-9

Kok Ting Han

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

More than Burnt Offering Pastoral Intern Mark 12:28-34

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn Benediction **Announcements** Postlude





SERMON NOTES

More than Burnt Offering Mark 12:28-34



- I. Our Limitation (v28)
- II. Our Saviour (v29-31)
- III. Our Response (v32-34)

Reflections...

Are your burnt offerings today merely performative? Do you desire Jesus more than anything this world can offer? How can we never forget the goodness of Jesus and and his love?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Vision: Every Gardener a Missionary - Partnership with The Blue Skies & Jams Community (6 Dec 25)

- » Thank God for the opportunity to provide a physical space to bless our community.
- » Do pray for this workshop, by the Blue Skies & Jams Community, as they minister to children with special needs and their families.
- » Pray that as the trainers and participants step into our church, it will be a starting point for them to know Jesus.

Youth Fellowship Camp (18 - 23 Dec 25)

- » Pray for the camp committee and mentors (Laraine, Titus, Evan, Daniel, Kayla, Ariel, Cadence, Hannah, Henry, Shermaine) who have been diligently preparing, and the helpers who will be taking time out of their busy schedules to bless the campers.
- » Pray for wisdom, strength, and unity as they prepare every detail of the camp. May they be guided by the Holy Spirit in their decisions; and be filled with compassion and joy as they serve, that others might see Christ in them.
- » Pray for the speaker, Rev Jabez Chia (Mount Carmel BP), to be empowered by the Holy Spirit to speak words of truth and encouragement. Grant him clarity of thought and the ability to connect with the hearts of the young people.
- » Pray for the campers, that their hearts will be open to God's Word, and that the Holy Spirit will lead each camper into a deeper understanding of God, His love and purpose for their lives. Thank God for the newcomers and pray that our youth community may be gracious and welcoming, and will continue to build lasting friendships which are rooted in faith.

Christians@Work: Business

- » We thank God for brothers and sisters-in-Christ serving the LORD in their businesses. Pray that they will have godly wisdom and sensitive hearts to lead the business well.
- » Pray that they have will continued compassion and care for their employees. May their testimony at work be edifying to the LORD and point others to Christ!

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

BIBLE READING PLAN 2025			
Date	Chapters	Further Reading	
30-Nov	2 Corinthians 12	2 Corinthians 10-13	
1-Dec	Galatians 3	Galatians 1-3	
2-Dec	Galatians 6	Galatians 4-6	
3-Dec	Ephesians 1	Ephesians 1-3	
4-Dec	Ephesians 4	Ephesians 4-6	
5-Dec	Philippians 2	Philippians 1-4	
6-Dec	Colossians 2	Colossians 1-4	

No Parking at LKH

Please note that Ling Kwang Home carpark will be unavailable until further notice.

ZS WhatsApp Community

The Zion Serangoon WhatsApp broadcast is now Zion Serangoon WhatsApp Community! Join the Community for weekly bulletin, announcements and more!

You may join the Community via this link: https://chat.whatsapp.com/GGz6ibYwO6270ctPov2llr

Please contact us via WhatsApp (+65 8463 2186) if you need assistance to join the community.

Prayer Fellowship

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

3, 10, 17 December 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 NEW TIMING! Every Sunday, 8.45am @ Sanctuary 2

We thank God for the strong partnership in the gospel we have with Judson Baptist Church. The Myanmar Worship Service will now be on every Sunday, 8.45am at Sanct 2!

We encourage the employers to let their helpers join this Worship Service!

For more information, please contact Elder Hung Choo @ 9010 2893 or Pinky 8015 9481.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



Carols by Candlelight 20 December 2025, Saturday 7.30pm - 8.30pm @ The Deck

Come experience the heart of Christmas with a beautiful a cappella performance by ZS Choral Ensemble and a community sing-along to familiar carols.

We'll also have a cozy hot cocoa station and a fun Christmas trivia game with prizes!

Free Entry. Limited seats available, Seating will be first come first serve. Priority will be given to guests, church members coming without guests will be on the waitlist.

Get your tickets today at: carolsbycandlelight.peatix.com



ZS Christmas Evangelistic Service: Love Came Down 25 December 2025, Thursday 8.45am, Sanctuary 1

You are invited to join us as we celebrate the birth of Christ at this special Christmas service!

Look forward to... song presentations from the Choral Ensemble, reception of members and Christmas Tea! Come hear about the true meaning of Christmas, see you there!

Children Ministry Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for volunteers to be part of Sunday School and AWANA! For more information, please contact **Dns Joy Poh (9786 6215).**

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Watchnight Service 31 Dec 2025 (Wed), 9.30pm, Sanctuary 1

Let's come together to recount God's faithfulness in 2025 as we step into the new year!

Ps Wendell Chua is on leave from 4-15 Dec.

Ps Lawrence Ong will be on leave from 5-12 Dec.

Asst. Pastor Joseph Tee is away preaching at Grace B-P Church this morning.

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Rev Eric Tay

9666 5917

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service	Worshippers & Volunteers
1MS	212
2MS	100
ZES	54
Total	366
Sunday School	28

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

30 Nov	-	•

WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 17 Nov - 23 Nov)

\$20,219.86



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BPCIS UPDATE



BPCIS UPDATE 30 November 2025

CROWNING THE YEAR

"You crown the year with your bounty, and your carts overflow with abundance." Psalm 65.11 NIV

As we complete the 14th year of BPCIS, we have much for which to thank and praise God.

In 14 years, BPCIS has ordained 15 men for the ministry of teaching God's Word and shepherding God's people, including 3 ordained this year.

This year, we have a record 99 pastors and leaders at the annual Leaders Retreat, including a delegation from Perth, Australia.

For the first time, a dozen of us met for an Envisioning Exercise, seeking God and His will for the decade ahead, 2025-35. (August 2035 will mark the 100th Anniversary of John Sung Revival in Singapore.)

Though still a work in progress, an Endowment Fund was mooted and later fleshed out. When in place, its investment returns will go to help smaller churches engage pastoral and admin staff.

This year, we witness the "twinning" of 3 pairs of BPCIS churches. In the sharing of resources, we work together in the revitalising of weaker churches.

LOOKING AHEAD

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up between Mizpah and Shen. He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far the Lord has helped us.'" I Sam 7.12 NIV

The message of Ebenezer takes us back to the past, but does not stay there. It points us to the future. As the Lord has helped us in the past, He will continue to do so into the future.

After two years of centralised Good Friday Services, next year will see combined English services decentralised in 3 locations: West, Central and East (3 April). They will be hosted by Mount Carmel, Zion Bishan and Shalom respectively.

BPCIS UPDATE



The Chinese services will be decentralised to their individual churches. With the favour of the authorities, we will meet again at MacRitchie Reservoir for our **Easter Sunrise Service** (5 April).

Our **Leaders Retreat** (7-8 July) will be special as we will have our own speakers, three of them, each from a different generation.

Finally, our Annual Presbytery Meeting (19 September) will be a **Thanksgiving Service** for our 15th Anniversary. We have commissioned a video to be done of how BPCIS began in 2011, some two decades after the BP Synod was dissolved in 1988

"Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us, and establish the work of our hands upon us; yes, establish the work of our hands!" Psalm 90.17 ESV

Pastor David Wong General Secretary, BPCIS

Postscript: Visit our BPCIS website (bpcis.org.sg) where our churches are taking turn to share testimonies, updates and stories from their leaders and members.

BOOK CIRCLE



A DISCIPLE'S JOURNEY

Savor the bites from articles in "Impact" or "TableTalk" series on your disciple's journey to be imitators of Christ: a journey of radical love, radical denial, radical obedience and radical suffering.

Magazines and books on *discipleship* are available @The Deck

Review by Vincent Goh for TABLETALK:

"Ligonier ministry to me is a trusted source. It was founded by the late RC Sproul who had earned my trust and respect many years back reading his books and viewing his videos. The TABLETALK Series I read was the June 2025 one, themed "Christian Sexual Ethics".

Each month would have different themes. In this edition, there were 5 short essays by scholars and pastors, that were not only insightful, but also biblical. They were deep as they were broad.

As a daily devotional for a month, the articles were gems that added to the daily passages of Scripture. In their depth and scope, anyone would find something of worth to them no matter their need. In that particular month, the topics in the articles ranged from sexuality in society, gender identity, how we are to regard our bodies as Christians, pursuing sexual holiness to marriage and divorce. Then there were shorter articles at the end of the magazine with an even wider range of topics that made for wonderful reading. In the middle is the main section where the daily devotionals were. Like most devotionals, each day had a different topic.

I fully endorse this devotional for anyone looking for meat and not just milk from a monthly themed, daily devotional."

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IMPACT is a bi-monthly publication by Impact Christian Communications Ltd stationed here in Singapore and serving the greater Southeast Asia region as well as pastors from the two-third world. They are an interdenominational Christian organisation and a member of the Evangelical Alliance of Singapore. Their magazine aims to help working adults adopt godly principles to contemporary issues of immediate concerns.

The April-May 2025 issue on "The Greatest Threats Facing the Church", Andrew Goh, Editor-in-Chief and Executive Director of Impact challenges us to consider whether "is the main thing no longer the main thing for the local church?" Is the main "business of the church " saving souls and helping them grow in the nature of the Lord? What is the "litmus test"? Our relevance to the needs of the community? What part can we play to stake our role? Have the local churches lost its sense of outreach; serving the last, least and lost as its members have moved up the economic and social ladder? He reminds us that doing many things is commendable. But disciple making is the watershed. The true mark of success is whether or not disciples are being made.

Other topics covered in the issue are:

- » Is the influence of the Church Waning? Robert Solomon
- » Avoiding "Leprosy of the Soul" Peter Teagle
- » Greatest Threats Facing the Church Panel
- » Football and the Discipleship Challenge Calvin Chong

Books and magazine are available in the Fellowship Hall and TheDeck@Tavistock on the second floor E/Audio books are also available to you anytime from Zion Serangoon e-Library.

Please contact **Bee Hong (HP 91711009) or Pek Hong (HP 98188220) or Dns Meng Choo (HP 96156853)** for an access to our e-Library. Alternatively, fill up this online form (tinyurl.com/ZSelibrarycard) 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"