



2026

# 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

Asst Ps Joseph Tee	Esther Tay
Louis Tee	Marcus Ong
Erica Yap	Adreana Koh
Faith Goh	Jonathan Foo
Lau Wen Min	Megan Tan
KL Teh	Dns Clarissa Leong
Hannah Ong	Dns Kow Meng Choo
Dn Amos Chia	Chow Lye Kuan
Daniel Chay	
Ng Jianmin	
Manfred Ong	
Brendan Toh	
Feriyanto Ang	
Cassia Ong	
Dns April Ding	

## NEXT WEEK

**3 Responses to the Empty Tomb - Believe, Reject or Compromise**  
Matthew 28:1-15  
Ps Yap Kim Sin

**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 9-14)

**BPCIS Update**

**'25 Financial Report & '26 Budget**

## ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Make Christ the King of my life*

### Prepare for Worship

Prelude

### Exalt His Name

Call to Worship

Invocation

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading

**Matthew 21:1-11**

Worship in Song

### Listen to His Word

**The King We Wanted — and the King God Gave**

Eld Timothy Soh

Zechariah 9:9-12

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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## The King We Wanted — and the King God Gave

Zechariah 9:9-12



- i. **Background: Who were the people in Zechariah 9 oppressed by?**
- ii. **A Humble King — Donkey, Not Horse (v.9)**
- iii. **A Disarmed Kingdom — Chariots, Horses, and Bows Cut Off (v.10)**
- iv. **A Covenant King — Freedom by Blood, Not Force (v.11)**
- v. **Prisoners of Hope (v.12) & Conclusion**

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### Reflections...

*There is often a gap between human expectation and God's plan for us—for me. What are the reasons for this? Are there areas of our lives where we keep God out and tell Him, "You will never understand," and so ask Him to back off? Is that right? God will never settle for second best in our lives—that's when the lesson we need to learn could be a painful one.*

# WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

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## **Combined BPCIS (Central) Good Friday Service (3 April, 8.30am or 10.30am)**

- » Thank God for the Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore (BPCIS) and the opportunity to meet together in the East, Central, and West of the island.
- » Please pray for the various committees organising the services across these three locations.
- » For Zion Serangoon, pray for an edifying time as we gather to worship together at Zion Bishan.

## **Combined Easter Service 2026: Zion Serangoon & Faith BPC**

- » Praise the Lord for the wonderful opportunity to celebrate Easter together with our sister church, Faith B-P Church, in a combined bilingual service.
- » We thank the Lord for a productive rehearsal on 21 March. Pray for the planning committee and all who are serving—worship leaders, song leaders, audio-visual (AV) team, musicians, choir, ushers—that God will sustain them with His strength and joy.
- » Keep Ps Yap Kim Sin in prayer as he prepares to deliver the Word of God to us. May the Holy Spirit grant him strength and clarity, and prepare our hearts to receive the Word.

## **68th Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM) 20 April**

- » Pray for an edifying meeting as the congregation meets to settle the matters of the church.
- » Pray that all the administrative requirements can be completed smoothly.
- » Pray for the Holy Spirit to open our spiritual eyes to what the LORD has been doing, and will be doing in the coming years.

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SERVICE

### English Service

8.45am - Sanctuary 1 (Level 2)  
11am, 5pm - Sanctuary 2 (Level 3)

### Holy Communion

3rd Sunday of the month

### Family Sunday Worship

4th Sunday of the month

*No Sunday School,  
Children's Sermon at 11am Service*

### Myanmar Service

8.45am - Sanctuary 2 (Level 3)

## FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

### International Fellowship

*3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday of the month, 5.30pm*

Elder Chua Hung Choo 9010 2893  
Pinky Guite 8015 9481

### Youth Fellowship

*Every Saturday, 4pm*

Pastoral Intern Kok Ting Han 9646 3462  
Ng Jianmin 9168 3971  
Esther Ng 9834 9256

### Senior Adult Fellowship

*1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month, 10.30am*

Roland 9338 8054  
Joanne 9780 8641

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

### AWANA

*Every Saturday, 2.30pm  
(except PH & Holidays)*

### Sunday School

*Every Sunday, 11.15am  
(except 4<sup>th</sup> Sundays & Holidays)*

Dns Joy Poh 9786 6215

## DISCIPLESHIP GROUPS (DG)

If you'd like to be part of a DG, please contact Asst Ps Joseph Tee 9088 0077 or Bernard Yim 9232 6909

## BIBLE READING PLAN 2026

Date	Chapters	Further Reading
29-Mar	1 Samuel 10	1 Samuel 9-12
30-Mar	1 Samuel 13	1 Samuel 13-14
31-Mar	1 Samuel 15	1 Samuel 15-17
1-Apr	1 Samuel 18	1 Samuel 18-20
2-Apr	1 Samuel 24	1 Samuel 21-24
3-Apr	1 Samuel 25	1 Samuel 25-27
4-Apr	1 Samuel 31	1 Samuel 28-31

## Prayer Fellowship

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

**1, 8, 15, 22, 29 April**  
**Wednesday @ 8.00pm**

Join in prayer together for our  
church and the community:

<http://tiny.cc/ZSPF>

Meeting ID: **881 8621 6365**

For queries, please contact  
**Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277**

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

## NOTICE OF 69TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING

**19 APRIL 2026 (SUN) 11.00AM, SANCTUARY 2**

### **69TH ANNUAL CONGREGATIONAL MEETING (ACM)**

This serves as an official notice of the ACM to be held on **19 April 2026 (Sun), 11am @ 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 19 April 2026 will be put up in the Fellowship Hall and outside Sanctuary 2 from today. 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.

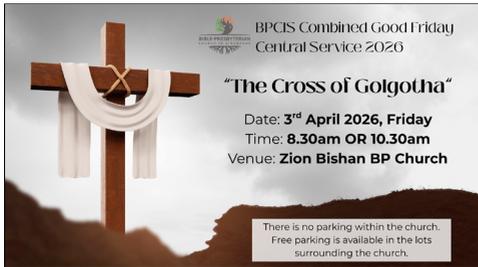
Drop off your written questions via post, or email them to **[acm@zionserangoon.org.sg](mailto:acm@zionserangoon.org.sg)** by **Sunday, 12 April 2026**.

### **ACM PAPERS**

Please pick up the Notice of Meeting and ACM Papers from the **Fellowship Hall (1MS)** or **outside Sanctuary 2 (2MS/ZES)**.

For those who requested a **soft copy** of the ACM papers, you will receive them via email or text this week. If you are an eligible voting Communicant Member and have not received the ACM Papers, please text or Whatsapp the Church mobile at 84632186.

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



BPCIS Combined Good Friday  
Central Service 2026

**"The Cross of Golgotha"**

Date: **3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026, Friday**  
Time: **8.30am OR 10.30am**  
Venue: **Zion Bishan BP Church**

There is no parking within the church.  
Free parking is available in the lots  
surrounding the church.

## BPCIS Combined Good Friday Service

3 April 2026 (Fri), 8.30am or  
10.30am  
@ Zion Bishan BP Church

Please note that there is no parking within the church. Free parking is available in the lots surrounding the church.

Light refreshments will be served after the service.



ZION SERANGOON BP & FAITH BP CHURCH  
寫信亞經長老會 協恩堂(淡龍崗) & 同心堂

EASTER SUNDAY COMBINED SERVICE 復活主日聯合崇拜

# He Lives! 因祂活着

Date: **5<sup>th</sup> April 2026, Sunday**  
Time: **10.00am**  
Venue: **Sanctuary 1**

Limited parking available. Priority will be given to persons with mobility issues, seniors and young families.

## ZS-Faith BP Combined Bilingual Easter Service

5 April 2026 (Sun), 10am  
@ Sanctuary 1

Limited on-site parking available. Priority will be given to persons with mobility issues, seniors and young families. If you are able to, please make use of nearby street parking.

Fellowship Lunch will be served after the service.

## The Great Easter Discovery

4 April 2026 (Sat), 2.30pm - 4.30pm

This Easter, we will be having our very own "Great Easter Discovery" party for **all kids aged 4-12**. They will enjoy games, songs, snacks and a Bible story.

Take this chance to invite the children in your family and friend circles to join us as we discover the true meaning of Easter!

For more details, contact **Dns Joy Poh (9786 6215)**



**THE GREAT EASTER DISCOVERY**

Saturday, 4 April 2.30pm - 4.30pm  
Zion Serangoon BP Church  
5 Tavistock Ave 555108  
Contact Joy at 9786 6215 for details

SCAN TO REGISTER

# CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

21<sup>st</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> June

CHURCH CAMP 2026

St. Giles Southkey  
Johor Bahru

*The Mission of God's People*

What does it mean to learn and grow in understanding the **Mission of God's People**? Come and find out yourself at church camp this year!

**Highlights**

- Fellowship
- Food
- Fun

Camp Speaker:  
Rev Dr Desmond Soh

**Camp Fees (Per Pax)**

	Adult	Children (6 - 12 y/o)
Single	\$750	Child w/ bed \$420
Double/Twin Sharing	\$495	Child w/o bed \$205

**55% OFF** Seniors above 60 years old

**FREE** Children below 5 years old

Registration closes on **24<sup>th</sup> May (Sun)**! Sign up now at [tinyurl.com/zschurchcamp26](https://tinyurl.com/zschurchcamp26)

For more queries, please contact **Dns Joy (9786 6215)** or **Jianmin (9168 3971)**

## ZS CHURCH CAMP 2026

21 - 25 June 2026 (Sun - Thu)  
St. Giles Southkey, Johor Bahru  
Speaker: Rev Dr Desmond Soh

Registration is now OPEN!  
Come to our camp booth after worship services to register in-person or online at:  
<https://tinyurl.com/zschurchcamp26>

Registration closes on **24 May**.

For more info, please contact  
**Dns Joy Poh (9786 6215)** or  
**Jianmin (9168 3971)**.

**Ps Lawrence Ong** is away preaching at Bethlehem BPC this morning.

**Ps Wendell Chua** is away preaching at Grace BPC this morning.

## SESSION CONTACT

**Eld Lin Hong Sui** (Stewardship)  
9199 9063

**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 (Community Partnerships & Youth)  
9834 9256

**Dns Joy Poh** (Children's Ministry Coordinator)  
9786 6215

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

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

**Ng Peiyi** (The Deck @ Tavistock, Music & Worship)  
8598 5967

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

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

## BLK 123 CHAPLAIN (PART-TIME) CONTACT

**Rev Eric Tay**  
9666 5917

# ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service (22 Mar)	Worshippers & Volunteers
1MS	226
2MS	119
ZES	46
<b>Total</b>	<b>391</b>
Sunday School	-

# FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

29 Mar	-	-
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# WEEKLY OFFERING

## General and Missions Fund

(Received 16 Mar - 22 Mar)

**\$47,853.57**



### PayNow

UEN: S86SS0063K555

### Bank Transfer

DBS Bank Ltd

003-938549-8

## BPCIS UPDATE

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**29 March 2026**

*“Golgotha is the place where the Son of God was lifted up, that all men might be drawn to him.” Augustine of Hippo*

First, the bad news. For the first time since we began our Easter Sunrise Service at McRitchie Reservoir in 1957, our application for the use of the venue was not approved. After appeals through different channels, and exploring other options, we decided we will take a break this year. Let us be thankful to the Lord, and to our authorities, for the opportunity to meet the Lord in the early dawn at such serene natural park setting—for almost 70 years!

Our Good Friday services will continue as in past years, this year in three host churches: Shalom (East), Zion Bishan (Central) and Mount Carmel (West). Details of locations and services are already publicised in all our churches. Let us make time to remember our Lord, and look to the Cross of Golgotha (Matthew 27:33), the theme of this year’s services.

For churches that observe the Lent season, we have completed the fifth week, today being Palm Sunday, tomorrow beginning the Holy Week leading to Good Friday and Easter Sunday. Lent is a season of lament, reminding us that we live in a world--both global and personal-- filled with loss and sadness, conflict and pain. In the Psalms of Lament, the psalmists cry out to God: “How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?” “Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD! Hear my voice!” “All this has come upon us, though we have not forgotten you...” (Psalms 13, 130, 44).

We can sense their struggle and anguish, also our part in the lifelong journey with our Lord. Not all will be peace and joy, not all with clear and easy answers. Life is messy, so is the Cross, at the place of the skull (Golgotha), not a pleasant thought or sight. But through the Cross (not around it), we find true joy and deep peace. At our Good Friday services, we will end with an altar call, an opportunity for us to stand and dedicate (or re-dedicate) our lives wholly and without reservation to our Lord Jesus.

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## **BPCIS UPDATE**

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As we enter Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts to meet our Lord Jesus at the cross, then our Lord again at the empty tomb. We won't be at McRitchie Reservoir this year, but still, meet Him whenever you are, in the early dawn, watching the sun rise over our city in a garden.

*"Golgotha is the mountain of shame that was transformed into the throne of God's glory." John Stott*

**Pastor David Wong**  
**General Secretary, BPCIS**

# FY 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE AND FY 2026 BUDGET

The Church Session as a Board (supported by staff, BOD and volunteers) has a critical role in ensuring the church’s **ministry impact** and **financial sustainability**. This is central to our governance responsibilities and duty to be good and faithful stewards of these entrusted resources and gifts. This is especially at the forefront of our minds following extensive investments in A&A works and growing operational budgets in preceding years, and more so as we enter a period of growing global financial uncertainties and instability.

Yet, I continually thank God for all Gardeners who have contributed joyfully to our efforts to become Tavistock-Ready, both in giving of their finances and time in service to each other and the Lord. I thank our elected leaders, church staff and volunteers for stewarding the budgeted funds with great faithfulness within their ministries.

	Audited 2025	Audited 2024	2025 vs 2024	%	Budget 2025	2025 vs Budget	%
Total Offerings	1,912,527	1,828,768	83,759	5%			
Other Income	27,580	9,314	18,266	196%			
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>1,940,107</b>	<b>1,838,081</b>	<b>102,025</b>	<b>6%</b>			
<i>Less</i>							
Stewardship	1,426,962	1,271,249	155,713	12%	1,816,340	(389,378)	-21%
Worship	44,923	37,439	7,484	20%	83,776	(38,853)	-46%
Discipleship	68,227	80,316	(12,089)	-15%	161,593	(93,366)	-58%
Mission	194,670	219,423	(24,753)	-11%	289,126	(94,456)	-33%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>1,734,782</b>	<b>1,608,427</b>	<b>126,355</b>	<b>8%</b>	<b>2,350,835</b>	<b>(616,053)</b>	<b>-26%</b>
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) BEFORE DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>205,325</b>	<b>229,654</b>	<b>(24,329)</b>	<b>-11%</b>			
Depreciation	226,865	205,438	21,427	10%			
<b>NET SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>(21,540)</b>	<b>24,216</b>	<b>(45,756)</b>	<b>-189%</b>			

In FY 2025, our total Offering and Miscellaneous Income collected amounted to \$1,940,107, an increase of 6% from FY 2024. I thank all of you for your committed support toward the kingdom work at Zion Serangoon. While income grew slightly, expenses in FY 2025 also rose by about 8%. This led to a small net deficit of \$21,540 after depreciation. This means that while our regular giving meets our day-to-day operational cashflow needs, we must make extra efforts to provision for the “cost” of use of capital assets such as the physical premises and equipment that allow us to carry out our activities.

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# FY 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE AND FY 2026 BUDGET

Of note is that FY 2025 offering collections included a \$100,000 one-off legacy giving from a late member's estate and a handful of large sum (5-figure) giving from current members. I thank God for everyone's generous and faithful partnership in the Gospel and encourage all of us to continue in regular, disciplined, gratitude-driven, joyful tithing and also consider legacy giving in our estate planning.

As our current cash in bank as of 15 March 2026 is at \$503, 633, we need to be extra cautious with managing the cash flow situation.

## BUDGET FY 2026 (OPEX + CAPEX)

### OPEX Budget FY 2026

For 2026, the Combined Session and Board of Deacons have approved a total operating expense budget of \$2,283,338 as ministries have made plans to steward resources toward our aspiring to gear people and ministries to be Tavistock-Ready. Total Budget 2026 operating expense is \$67,497 or 3% lower than Budget 2025.

The significant variances against Budget 2025 expenses are as follows:

	<u>Budget 2026</u>	<u>2025</u>	<u>Δ(\$)</u>	<u>Δ(%)</u>	<u>Budget 2025</u>	<u>Δ(\$)</u>	<u>Δ(%)</u>
Stewardship	1,754,290	1,426,962	327,328	23%	1,816,340	(62,050)	-3%
Worship	83,186	44,923	38,263	85%	83,776	(590)	-1%
Discipleship	144,154	68,227	75,927	111%	161,593	(17,439)	-11%
Mission	301,708	194,670	107,038	55%	289,126	12,582	4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>2,283,338</b>	<b>1,734,782</b>	<b>548,556</b>	<b>32%</b>	<b>2,350,835</b>	<b>(67,497)</b>	<b>-3%</b>

**The Stewardship Cluster** comprising staff expenses, maintenance expenses and other operating expenses sees some small decrease (-3%) as previously budgeted repair painting costs have been moved to be parked under a larger capitalised Repair & Redecoration (R&R) project in FY 2026 under capital expenditures below. Other costs such as staff cost budget remain flat, while we project lower professional fees to be paid this year and lower utilities.

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## FY 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE AND FY 2026 BUDGET

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**The Worship Cluster** comprising expenditure in Worship Services, Music Ministry and Audio-Visual sees a small drop of \$590, effectively remaining quite flat. We have reduced the budget for fellowship meals (after worship services) to bring it closer to actual expenditure needs based on utilisation. This is slightly offset by increased expenditure on piano maintenance, meals for worship conference and meals following prayer & praise sessions which were previously absent from FY 2025 budget.

**The Discipleship Cluster** comprising Covenant Family Ministry, Discipleship Groups (DGs), Covenant Bible School, Youth Ministry, Senior Adults Fellowship, International Fellowship, Women's Ministry, Sunday School, AWANA, Prayer Fellowship and WORD Ministry also sees the largest drop in budget needs. There will be a decrease in subsidies, materials and training cost for marriage preparation and no projected children's camp expenses (none planned in FY 2026). However, we do expect new needs in this cluster from fresh initiatives such as Monthly Saturday Lunchtime Discipleship Series "Back to Basics: How Do I...?". Budget for our ongoing ministry to our Myanmar brothers and sisters has also been reallocated from Mission cluster to Discipleship cluster under International Fellowship.

**The Mission Cluster** comprising Home (Welfare, Blk 123, Wheeling, Sports, Outreach Events) and Foreign Mission expenditure sees the only increase in Budget 2026 of about 4%. Home Mission budget increases by 2.5% as we have budgeted for new opportunities, materials, events and initiatives for outreach at our nascent Deck Ministry and accompanying Befriender's Ministry. As for Foreign Mission, the overall budget sees a small increase as well of 7.5% due to some increased support to Shalom Cambodia and a new Missions Awareness Event planned for FY 2026. Other foreign missions support sees little change in budget.

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# FY 2025 INCOME & EXPENDITURE AND FY 2026 BUDGET

## CAPEX Budget FY 2026

Zion/Faith Capex	Zion	Faith	Total
R&R works	245,000	105,000	350,000
Tavistock Street Signage	14,000	6,000	20,000
Control Access	84,000	36,000	120,000
Carpet replacement in S1 and S2	21,000	9,000	30,000
S2 New Video Switcher	10,500	4,500	15,000
<b>Zion Capex</b>			<b>535,000</b>
Equipment	15,000		
IEM system	6,000		
Retractable awning @ Deck	6,500		
<b>Consultancy Work (Zion only)</b>			
TSR 2 Connectivity Study	20,000		
	422,000		

Apart from the operating expenses budgeted above, we have also budgeted \$422,000 of CAPEX in 2026 under the Stewardship Cluster - the bulk of which is the consolidated Repair & Redecoration(R&R) works postponed since 2024 such as the much-needed waterproofing, building repainting and rejuvenation of the rooftop space. We have consolidated all these works into one R&R project for cost and time efficiencies. To prepare our premises to be more accessible and visitor friendly, investments will also be made into the connectivity study for the coming Tavistock MRT station. Correspondingly, security of the premise must also be beefed up with access control features. This brings our total projected expenditure for the coming FY 2026 to about \$2,705,338.

While our weekly giving has increased to cover our operational expense, the ongoing CAPEX needs still exist. We continue to trust the Lord to provide for the work that is ahead and exhort the church to unite in being diligent givers for the unfinished task that is ahead.

A fuller commentary of FY 2025 Income and Expenditure Statement will be included in ACM 2026 report. We hope to communicate more than just the status or funds and movement of money in our books but rather share about the ministries behind the money and the stewardship of financial resources for Kingdom work. You are encouraged to pray alongside us and give cheerfully as the Lord enables you to.

**Report submitted by: -  
Elder Reuben Ang (Honorary Treasurer)**