



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

Eld Timothy Soh	Goh Boon Cher
Brenda Soh	Akina Shimada
Catherine Ding	Angela Tan
Emily Cheng	Bernard Yim
Sally Teh	Clarissa Leong
Jonathan Chua	
Irene Koh	
Dominic Lim	
Ng Jianmin	
Jonathan Ng	
Zach Lim	
Isabel Sitoe	
Megan Chan	
Esther Tay	
Dn Amos Chia	

NEXT WEEK

Final Words for Faithful Followers

1 Timothy 6:11-16
Eld Oswald Goh

Lead Ps Wendell Chua

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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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Godly Contentment*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship
Invocation
Gloria Patri
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading

Job 1:1-22

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

What is Your Heart's Content?
1 Timothy 6:3-10

Asst Ps Joseph Tee

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering
Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer
Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude



SERMON NOTES

What is Your Heart's Content?

1 Timothy 6:3-10



I. What Happens with False Teachers? (vv. 3–5)

II. What Happens When We Have Godliness and Contentment? (vv. 6–10)

III. What Is the True Contentment of Our Hearts? (v. 3b c.f. 1 Tim 1:15-16; Jn 4:10-14)

Reflections...

What is that one thing you feel you need in order to be truly be happy? i.e. Jesus + (that one thing) = Truly Happy. How would Jesus truly satisfy your deepest longings?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for the World: Iran War

» **Restraint of Violence and a Path to Peace:**

Pray that the LORD will break the bow and shatter the spear, bringing an end to conflict and turning the hearts of leaders toward peace (Psalm 46:9; Proverbs 21:1).

» **Strength and Witness for the Iranian Church:**

i. Pray that our Iranian brothers and sisters will be strengthened and emboldened amid turmoil and persecution, remaining firmly grounded in God's promises.

ii. Ask the LORD to use this season of suffering to bring about a great spiritual harvest as earthly kingdoms are shaken (Matthew 5:9; Hebrews 12:28).

Goshen B-P Church: A New Chinese Gospel Ministry

After leaving Faith B-P Church in January 2025, Ps. Eric Tay joined Zion Serangoon B-P Church as chaplain at Block 123, reaching out to residents with the Gospel. God has also burdened him for many years with a vision to start a Chinese-speaking church. We thank God for the opportunity to partner with Zion Serangoon in establishing Goshen B-P Church in Hougang, with its first worship service on Saturday, 8 August 2026.

Please pray for this new ministry and introduce Ps. Eric to your Chinese-speaking friends and relatives so they may have the opportunity to hear the Gospel.

- » Thank God for the launch of Goshen B-P Church on 8 August 2026, led by Ps. Eric Tay in partnership with Zion Serangoon B-P Church.
- » Pray for God's guidance and blessing as the ministry grows, and that He will establish the work of their hands.
- » Pray that the LORD will provide for every need—spiritual, financial, material, and manpower—in His perfect timing.
- » Pray that the Holy Spirit will prepare hearts and that the LORD will add to the church those who are being saved (Acts 2:47), bringing many to faith in Christ.
- » Pray that Goshen B-P Church will remain faithful to God's Word, united in love, and be a faithful witness for Christ in the Hougang community.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for Our Children Taking the PSLE

- » Pray for peace of mind for both the parents and the Primary 6 students who are preparing for the PSLE:
 1. Asher Yeo
 2. Elizabeth Kwek
 3. Elza Chew
 4. Ethan Chew
 5. Ethan Zhang
 6. Ezekiel Ng
 7. Josh Chiang
 8. Katelyn Chuah
 9. Xavier Tan
 10. Lucas Ng
 11. Shaylene Faith Foo
 12. Xu Zi Ruo
- » As our students study, pray that they will not peg their worth to their grades, but to their identity in Christ.
- » Pray for grace, wisdom, and joy of service for our Children's Ministry volunteers.
- » Pray for a gentle heart in each child to receive God's Word, and that the Word of God will bear fruit.

Sip & Collage: A Community Workshop by The Deck (Fri, 31 July | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM)

- » Thank God for the privilege and resources to organise this community outreach event, and for giving us a creative space to share His love with our community.
- » Pray that God will bring eight newcomers to the workshop, and that He will give our members the courage to extend invitations to non-believing friends and family.
- » Pray that God's presence will be deeply felt, creating a peaceful space for reflection. May the collaging process soften hearts, naturally opening up conversations about faith and building meaningful connections.

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

3rd 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

1st 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, 11am

(except 4th 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
26 Jul	Isaiah 21	Isaiah 18-22
27 Jul	Isaiah 24	Isaiah 23-27
28 Jul	Isaiah 28	Isaiah 28-30
29 Jul	Isaiah 35	Isaiah 31-35
30 Jul	Isaiah 37	Isaiah 36-39
31 Jul	Isaiah 40	Isaiah 40-43
1 Aug	Isaiah 48	Isaiah 44-48

Prayer Fellowship

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

29 July

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

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ZS70 Heritage Project

We are still gathering stories, artefacts, pictures and videos for the ZS70 Heritage Exhibition! We are specifically looking for past **Zion Kindergarten uniforms and photos**. If you have these or anything related please do not hesitate to contact **Emmanuel (8368 1883)**.

Any story, item, picture and video, big or small, will be a great help!

Sunday School Solar Lights Project

Pledge form submission has been extended to **1 August**. Those who wish to support the project may donate via the Sunday Offering QR code and indicate **“Solar Lights Project” in the comments**.

\$2,288 has been received to date.

A poster for Centralised Bible Study (CBS) for DG Bible Study Teachers. The background is dark brown with a large, stylized 'R' in a lighter brown color. The text is in white and yellow. At the top, it says 'STARTING ON 1 AUGUST'. Below that, 'CENTRALISED BIBLE STUDY' in large yellow letters. Underneath, 'FOR DG BIBLE STUDY TEACHERS' in white. Then, '1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10.30am' and 'Conference Room'. At the bottom, 'Revelation' is written in a large, stylized font. There is also a small line of text at the bottom right: 'Contact Church Office (office@zionserangoon.org.sg) for queries'.

Centralised Bible Study (CBS)

CBS will be conducted in-person on **1st & 3rd Saturdays, 10.30am** at the Conference Room. Our first session begins on **1 August**.

Through CBS, Ps Wendell will equip Bible study teachers to lead your DGs through the book of Revelation. All are welcome to join us, even if you're not a DG Bible Teacher.

For queries, you may contact the Church Office at office@zionserangoon.org.sg.

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Sip & Collage: a community workshop by The Deck

Friday, 31 July | 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

This community outreach workshop is a wonderful opportunity to invite your non-believing family and friends to. Join us for a cozy evening of creative reflection, warm connection, and hands-on crafting.

Tickets are \$15/person, covering all materials, food, and a beverage. To help us welcome newcomers, **priority registration will be given to members who sign up with a guest.**

Please keep this outreach effort in prayer that the Lord will use us to lead people to Him.

Limited spaces, sign up at <https://tally.so/r/zxb99g> (closes on 27 July)



Community Carnival (Children's Edition)

Invite your family and friends to our Community Carnival Outreach on **12 September, Saturday, 10:30am - 2:30pm!**

This year's Carnival is a special Children's Edition with family-friendly activities suitable for children aged 5-12. It is an opportunity to invite kids that you know to find out more about our children's programme, and to hear a Christian message during the Carnival.

Sign up as a volunteer at the Carnival booth after service, collect flyers for friends and family and order your tickets at <https://tally.so/r/WOBJ4v>.

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June Bible Reading Challenge Gift Collection

Thank you to everyone who took part in the June Bible Reading Challenge! We thank God for His faithfulness as many spent the month reading His Word and cultivating daily Christ-centred rhythms.

Participants are invited to collect their gift of encouragement at **Fellowship Hall after 1MS** or the **Reception Table outside Sanctuary 2 after 2MS and ZES**.

We'd also love to hear how the Lord encouraged you through the challenge. Those who did not participate this time can still drop by!

Though the June challenge has ended, our journey of abiding in Christ through His Word continues!



7 Godly Habits of Covenant Families

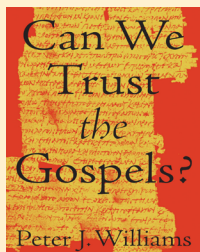
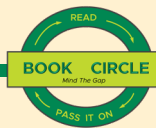
How do we cultivate a closer walk with Jesus within our homes?

Our 7 Godly Habits of Covenant Families WhatsApp Broadcast shares weekly encouragements, practical ideas, and biblical reflections to help individuals and families develop Christ-centred rhythms in everyday life.

Whether you are single, newly married, raising children, or enjoying your senior years, armly invite you to journey with us.

Click [HERE](#) to join.

"Healthy churches are built one household at a time."



Review of Peter J. Williams' Can We Trust the Gospels?

By Grace Tan

About the Book

Can We Trust the Gospels? (Crossway, 2018) has been translated into 14 languages. It presents clear and concise evidence for why we can trust the Gospels. Although scholarly, it is highly readable, and its intriguing title draws readers in. The book provides compelling evidence that can help us respond to sceptics and explain why we trust and believe the Gospels.

Why You Should Read the Book

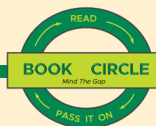
In the preface, the author describes this as a “short book” explaining “some of the vast amount of evidence for the trustworthiness of the four Gospels.” Chapters 1–8 address the book’s central question—Can we trust the Gospels?—by presenting evidence for their reliability.

Trust is something we are all familiar with. In the Introduction, Williams makes the simple yet important observation that we routinely place our “personal safety in the hands of others.” We trust food suppliers, car manufacturers, and many others with our lives.

The author encourages readers to first read the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—before reading his book, as doing so will help them better understand his arguments. This is a work of Christian apologetics, and its primary goal is to demonstrate that trusting the Gospels is intellectually reasonable.

Williams does not seek to prove that the Gospels are true. Rather, he presents evidence throughout the eight chapters to show that they are trustworthy.

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In Chapter 1, Williams examines what three prominent first- and second-century non-Christians—Cornelius Tacitus, Pliny the Younger, and Flavius Josephus—wrote about Christianity. Interestingly, their writings confirm many of the core facts and beliefs found in the Gospels, providing independent historical support for their authenticity.

Chapter 2 introduces the four Gospels—Matthew, Mark, Luke, and John—which are the earliest accounts of the life of Jesus Christ and are widely recognised as the best historical sources about Him. Williams reminds us that “four is a lot.” He identifies the Gospel writers as follows:

Matthew, a tax collector from Capernaum, was one of Jesus’ twelve disciples.

Mark, though not one of the Twelve, served as Peter’s interpreter in Rome. Luke, also not one of the Twelve, was a physician who accompanied Paul on some of his missionary journeys and was likely the only Gentile author of a New Testament book.

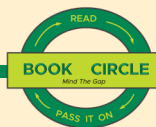
John, one of the Twelve, was the younger brother of James.

One interesting feature of this chapter is its discussion of the authorship and dating of the four Gospels.

In Chapter 3, Williams explores whether the Gospels accurately reflect the people, places, and times they describe. Later, in Chapter 7, he focuses primarily on the Gospel of John, examining passages that appear to contain contradictions. His purpose is to encourage readers to think more carefully about these texts. Williams argues that apparent contradictions do not make the Gospel any less reliable.

Chapter 8 serves as a brief conclusion, summarising the book’s main arguments. Williams concludes that it is far more reasonable to regard the Gospel accounts as trustworthy records of the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus of Nazareth than to believe that the accounts were simply fabricated. He argues that it is logically more difficult to believe that the Gospel narratives were invented than to accept the four Gospels, miracles and all, as reliable historical testimony.

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Concluding Remarks

I have summarised only five of the book's eight chapters to whet your appetite and encourage you to read it for yourself. The book gave me valuable insights into defending the trustworthiness of the Gospels. However, it is not a book to rush through, as it contains a wealth of facts and evidence to consider carefully.

I began by reading the Preface, Introduction, and Chapter 1, then worked through the remaining chapters one at a time. The chapters also vary considerably in length—Chapter 4 is only 13 pages, Chapter 7 is just 6 pages, while Chapter 3 spans 48 pages in the e-book. Take your time with this informative “short book.”

Andrew Spencer describes the book as “remarkably accessible” and “well-researched.”

This book is available in the Zion Serangoon E-Library.

These books and magazines are brought directly to you by Book Circle.

Hard copies of books and magazines (*Impact & TableTalk*) are available in the Fellowship Hall and The Deck @ Tavistock on the second floor. E/Audio books are accessible on Zion Serangoon e-Library.

You can 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”

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service (5 July)	Worshippers & Volunteers
1MS	262
Myanmar Service	22
2MS	128
ZES	63
Total	475
Sunday School	33

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

26 Jul	Au Na-Chuang	Thanksgiving
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WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 13 July - 19 July)

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