



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

Elder Reuben Ang	Sheri Goh
Ruth Ong	Dn Amos Chia
Caleb Ong	Ng Jianzhi
Hannah Ong	Dns Clarissa Leong
Goh Shu Jin	Dns Kow Meng Choo
Catherine Ding	Chow Lye Kuan
Tan Chong Hoe	
Jonathan Chua	
Sonja Chua	
Dns Joella Tan	
Ng Jianmin	
Emmanuel Ong	
Ng Jian Hao	
Cassia Torres	
Shalynn Koh	

NEXT WEEK

Faithful With What God Has Given

2 Timothy 1:1-17

Ps Wendell Chua

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 2-3 / pg 11-15)

**Standing during Scripture Reading
Book Circle**

ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Godly Wealth*

Prepare for Worship

Prelude

Exalt His Name

Call to Worship

Invocation

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn

Responsive Scripture Reading **Deuteronomy 8:11-18**

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word

Rich Toward God

1 Timothy 6:17-21

Ps Lawrence Ong

Response Song

Give to His Work

Offering

Offertory Response

Pray to Him

Corporate Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

Closing Hymn

Benediction

Announcements

Postlude



STANDING DURING SCRIPTURE READING

A New Posture of Reverence During Scripture Reading

Dear Gardeners,

Beginning this week, we will introduce a small change in our worship services: when Scripture is read aloud during the liturgy, we will stand together. Standing during the reading of the Bible has not been our congregation's usual practice, so we recognize that this may feel new at first. We want to explain the purpose of this change and encourage one another to receive it with grace.

We are not suggesting that standing makes anyone more spiritual, or that remaining seated is sinful. Scripture does not give a prescriptive command requiring Christians to stand whenever the Bible is read. Rather, we are adopting this posture as a simple and meaningful way to express our shared reverence for God and gratitude for his Word.

The Bible often portrays God's people standing in moments of worship, awe, prayer, and readiness. When God spoke to Moses from the burning bush, Moses came near and stood before the Lord's presence (Exodus 3:1–6). In Habakkuk's prayer, the prophet says, *"I stand in awe of your deeds, O LORD"* (Habakkuk 3:2, NIV). Standing can remind us that we are gathered before the living God—not merely attending a meeting but coming into His presence with wonder and humility.

The clearest biblical picture connected with this practice with scripture reading appears in Nehemiah 8. When Ezra opened the Book of the Law before the gathered people, *"all the people stood"* (Nehemiah 8:5, ESV). Their standing expressed attentiveness and respect as they heard God's Word. Yet the same passage also shows that worship involved many postures and responses: the people lifted their hands, said *"Amen,"* bowed down, received instruction, and rejoiced when they understood what had been read (Nehemiah 8:6–12).

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STANDING DURING SCRIPTURE READING

This is an important reminder: the posture itself is not the point. The goal is to hear God’s Word, understand it, treasure it, and obey it. As Psalm 119:11 says, *“I have stored up your word in my heart, that I might not sin against you”* (ESV). The best way to honour Scripture is not simply to stand while it is read, but to allow it to shape our thoughts, our worship, our relationships, and our daily lives.

Therefore, we will stand as a shared sign of honour and attentiveness, not as a rule by which we judge one another. If standing is difficult for you because of age, health, disability, pregnancy, or any other circumstance, please remain seated without concern. Our unity is not found in a particular physical posture, but in our shared faith in Jesus Christ and our desire to receive and live by God’s Word as a Body with a Mission.

May this new practice help us approach Scripture with renewed awe, joy, and readiness. When we hear God’s voice together—let us faithfully walk in the good way He sets before us.

Elder Reuben Ang
Zion Serangoon Worship Ministry

SERMON NOTES

Rich Toward God 1 Timothy 6:17-21



Introduction

I. Guard Your Heart from the Pride of Wealth (vv.17)

II. Use Your Wealth for God's Glory (vv.18–19)

III. Guard the Gospel Above All (vv.20–21)

Conclusion

Reflections...

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for Our Nation: Singapore's National Day (9 Aug)

- » Give thanks to the LORD for His continued protection over Singapore in detecting and thwarting recent security threats.
- » Pray for God's gracious hand to remain upon our nation, guarding us against violence, hatred, and the radicalisation of minds—especially among our youth. Pray also that Singapore will continue to be marked by peace, racial and religious harmony, and mutual respect.
- » As the LORD instructs us in Scripture, pray for our elected leaders and all those in authority, that they may govern with wisdom in a manner that pleases and honours Him, so that we may lead "peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness" (1 Timothy 2:1–4).

International Fellowship (IF) National Day Celebration (15 Aug)

- » Thank the LORD for the opportunity for our international friends to celebrate Singapore's National Day together.
- » Pray that those attending International Fellowship (IF) will find a spiritual home at Zion Serangoon while they are away from their homelands.
- » Pray that the Gospel message shared through Christian literature and tracts will be read, understood, and lead many to Jesus Christ as their Saviour and Redeemer.

DG Leaders' Retreat (22 Aug | 9:30 AM – 2:00 PM)

- » Thank God for the opportunity to gather as Discipleship Group (DG) leaders to reflect on the theme, "Discipleship as God's Child."
- » Pray for Dr Daniel Ahn (SBC & Serge) as he shares the keynote message.
- » Pray that DG leaders and members will be spiritually renewed as they spend time in God's Word and pray together.
- » Pray for Ps Joe, Bernard Yim, and Isaac Foo as they continue to plan and coordinate the retreat.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Sip & Collage (31 Jul) Thanksgiving

We thank God for providing a smooth and restful workshop for the 10 participants, including 3 newcomers.

- » Thank God that the collaging process offered a natural way for members to share their faith through their artwork.
- » Pray that little seeds may have been sown and relationships formed will continue to deepen.
- » Pray for God's guidance as the Deck Ministry continues to shape future small outreach approaches and follow-up efforts.

Month of August: ZS Prayer Emphasis Month!

Let us humble ourselves and seek the LORD in prayer, claiming His promise:

"If my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land."

— 2 Chronicles 7:14 (ESV)

Dig Deeper on Libby: Read "A Praying Life" by Paul E. Miller (via the Libby app here: <https://share.libbyapp.com/title/3948277>).

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
9 Aug	Jeremiah 10	Jeremiah 10-13
10 Aug	Jeremiah 17	Jeremiah 14-17
11 Aug	Jeremiah 22	Jeremiah 18-22
12 Aug	Jeremiah 23	Jeremiah 23-25
13 Aug	Jeremiah 29	Jeremiah 26-29
14 Aug	Jeremiah 31	Jeremiah 30-31
15 Aug	Jeremiah 33	Jeremiah 32-34

Prayer Fellowship

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

12, 19, 26 August
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

Ps Wendell will be away on leave from 7–11 August to officiate at **Pinky's** wedding in India. **Ting Han, Megan and Peiyi** from church office will also be away on leave for the trip. They have accepted the couple's invitation to be part of their special day and will be travelling in their own capacity. We invite the congregation to join in prayer for a joyful, God-honouring celebration for the wedding couple, **Pinky and Wilson**.

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!



International Fellowship

An in-person meeting will be held on **15 August, Saturday at 5:30pm at Chapel 1 (Level 3)**. Join us for a time of fellowship as we celebrate National Day. All foreign friends are welcome!

For queries and RSVP, you may contact **Elder Chua (9010 2893)** or **Pinky (8015 9481)**.

CATECHISM CLASS

Catechism Class

Classes commence on 22 August, 11am (Saturday)

Those seeking baptism, transfer of church membership, re-affirmation or profession of faith are required to attend.

For details and registration, please contact the Church Office (8463 2186) or inform Ps Lawrence (9146 8277).

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES

DG LEADERS'

RETREAT!



Dr. Daniel Yojin Ahn
School of Theology (English)
Associate Professor

DG Leaders' Retreat 26 22 Aug (Sat), 9am-2pm

Our annual DG leaders' retreat is happening!

Theme: Discipleship as a Child of God

This year, we are opening this retreat to all your DG members too. So feel free to share this invitation with them!

Sign up [HERE](#)

Sunset Prayer

29 Aug (Sat),
6pm-7pm



Take an hour to join fellow saints for a time of prayer and worship with our sunset prayer. For queries, contact Ps Joseph or Isaac Foo.

Sign up [HERE](#).



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>**.

CHURCH NEWS AND ACTIVITIES



7 Godly Habits of Covenant Families

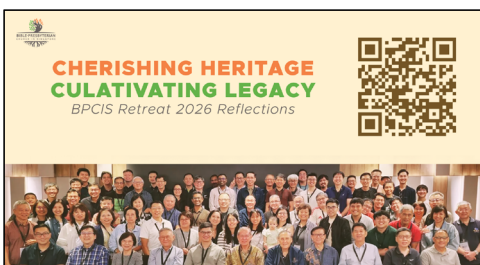
How do we cultivate a closer walk with Jesus within our homes?

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."

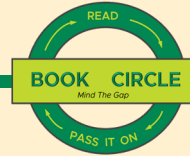


BPCIS Retreat 2026 Reflections

The BPCIS annual retreat's theme for 2026 was "Cherishing Heritage, Cultivating Legacy". Our annual Retreat brought together 82 pastors and leaders from our 11 member churches. as well as pastors and elders from three observer churches and visitors from a BP church in Perth, Australia.

Read reflections from three participants representing the three generations present!

<https://www.bpcis.org.sg/latestnews>



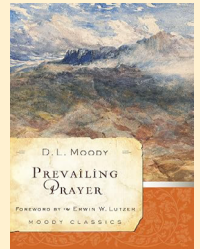
Throughout history, God has used faithful men and women to share timeless truths about seeking His presence. Whether we are new to prayer or have been praying for many years, good books can offer fresh insights, practical guidance, and encouragement to help us cultivate a more consistent and effective prayer life.

As we observe **Prayer Emphasis Month** in August, the Book Circle has selected books that will inspire, challenge, and strengthen our prayer lives, helping us draw closer to the Lord through prayer and the reading of His Word. May we be richly blessed as we grow in our walk with Him.

The following books are available from the Zion Serangoon E-Library:

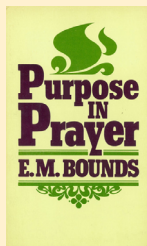
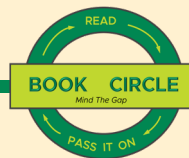
Where God has worked, His people have prayed. Hannah pleaded for a son and received Samuel. Elijah called on God, and fire came down from heaven. Paul and Silas prayed, and the prison shook. Why do some prayers move mountains while others barely move stones?

In ***“Prevailing Prayer”***, D. L. Moody, one of the greatest evangelists of all time, explains the principles of biblical, powerful prayer. This classic work is a treasure trove of stories and illustrations that will renew your desire to pray and guide you toward a more effective prayer life. For those who long for deeper spiritual growth or need to be reminded that God can change lives, **Prevailing Prayer** is an inspiring call to pray humbly and persistently—to seek, through prayer, to *“move the Arm that moves the world.”*



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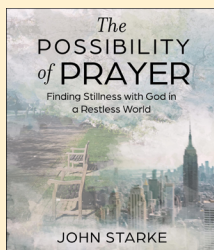
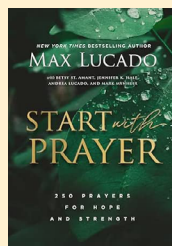
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Discover the profound depths of Christian intercession in Edward M. Bounds's classic work, ***"Purpose in Prayer"***. This enduring guide explores the vital role of prayer in the Christian life, offering timeless insights into cultivating a purposeful and effective prayer life. Bounds, one of the best-known writers on prayer, explores the heart of the Christian faith, showing how prayer is the cornerstone of a vibrant relationship with God. This devotional classic

encourages readers to embrace prayer not merely as a ritual, but as a dynamic force that transforms their lives and impacts the world around them.

Do you find it difficult to turn to prayer when you need it most? Do you struggle to find the words to express exactly how you're feeling? In ***"Start with Prayer"***, Max Lucado provides practical tools to help you grow more confident in communicating with God. When struggles and anxieties arise, we are invited to bring them before the Lord, watching our fears give way to His peace. But how do we make prayer a consistent and life-giving habit? Whether you're learning to pray for the first time or seeking to renew your prayer life, ***"Start with Prayer"*** will reshape the way you think about your relationship with God, reminding you that starting with prayer is always the right response.

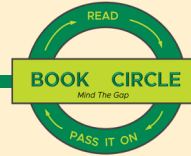


The world clamors for efficiency and productivity. But the life of prayer is neither efficient nor productive. Instead, as we learn in the Psalms, prayer calls us to wait, to watch, to listen, to taste, and to see. These things are not productive by any modern measure—but they are transformative.

John Starke, the author of ***"The Possibility of Prayer"***, knows the bustle and busyness of our society. But he also knows that prayer is not just for spiritual giants. Prayer, he writes, is for each of us—not because we are full of spiritual wisdom and maturity, but because we are empty.

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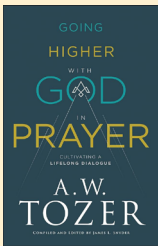
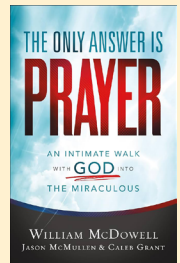
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Here is a book about prayer that is really a book about the whole Christian life. For many of us, prayer feels impossible. Yet we simultaneously acknowledge that life without prayer is impossible. A life of prayer, full of joy, power, and awe, is for you.

Prayer is more than important—it is vital. We must do more than simply want God to move in our lives, our families, our nation, and the world. We must actively seek Him in prayer. When we call out to God, He hears us, is with us, and helps us. Prayer is never an interruption but always an invitation. God invites us to go deeper in prayer.

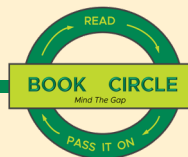
In ***“The Only Answer Is Prayer”***, William McDowell uses practical teaching and powerful testimonies to help readers hunger for greater intimacy with Christ, strengthen their perseverance in prayer, position themselves to be part of God’s work, and align with His plans and purposes on earth. God does not want us to drown in unanswered prayer but to walk in His authority and experience His best. Through prayer, we can know God’s presence and experience His life-changing power.



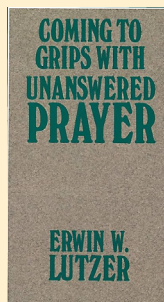
Not knowing how to pray is one of the greatest obstacles in a Christian’s life. In ***“Going Higher with God in Prayer”***, A. W. Tozer challenges readers to ask, “Are my prayers more powerful and effective today than they were a year ago?” Only God can teach us what is on His heart, what His will is, and what our part in it should be. Tozer reminds us that prayer is central to the Christian life and our most powerful weapon in spiritual warfare. Every Christian is defined by his or her prayer life, and if we are not living in prayer, we are not experiencing the life God intends for us.

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In **“Coming to Grips with Unanswered Prayer”**, Dr. Erwin W. Lutzer addresses the agonizing experience of silence from heaven. He teaches that unanswered prayers are not unheard prayers and that God’s “no” can often be a merciful delay or a redirection toward His greater, hidden purposes.



Lutzer points to Jesus praying three times in the Garden of Gethsemane for the cup of suffering to be removed. Because that prayer was “unanswered,” humanity was redeemed. He encourages believers to view their trials as a “cup” given to them by the Father for a higher purpose. Even when evil seems to prevail or God’s promises appear unfulfilled, Lutzer guides readers to focus on God’s unchanging character. God may say “no” to a request for healing, yet provide the grace needed to endure. The book offers practical wisdom to help Christians break free from disappointment, deal with lingering doubts, and grow in a deeper, more resilient faith.



How will you protect your children from all that the world throws their way? The good news is that there is a way to stay connected with the One who has all the answers, so you can be the mom God has called you to be.

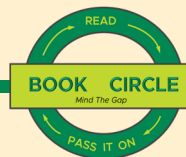
Brooke McGlothlin was confronted with the undeniable reality that her best efforts alone fell woefully short of producing godly children. She knew that if God did not intervene, nothing would change in her home, so

she began praying Scripture over her children. Both her life and her children’s lives were transformed—and yours can be too.

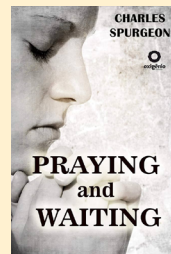
Over the years, Brooke discovered that while prayer is the most important part of Christian parenting, many mothers feel stifled in their prayers and continue to feel helpless and hopeless. In **“Praying Mom”**, she encourages readers to make prayer their first and best response to every aspect of family life, finding hope in the God who is able, even when they are not.

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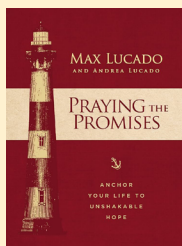
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Charles Spurgeon taught that believers should pray with bold expectation while patiently waiting for God's perfect timing. He noted that unanswered prayers are not unheard prayers; God treasures them. He encouraged believers to wait at God's door in prayer, with one foot in humility and one eye fixed in expectancy.



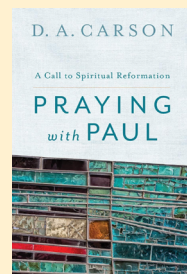
Spurgeon explored the deep connection between prayer and patient waiting in several classic sermons and devotionals. Key themes of his teaching include Unheard vs. Unanswered, The Four Waits, Holding to God's Promises, and Bold Assurance. He encouraged believers to hold God to His promises in Scripture, arguing that waiting allows faith to mature and makes the eventual answer *"all the sweeter in the receiving."*



Max Lucado teaches that prayer is most powerful when you fill your prayers with the words, *"You said..."*. By reminding God of His unbreakable promises, you align your requests with His will and cultivate a deeper, more confident prayer life.

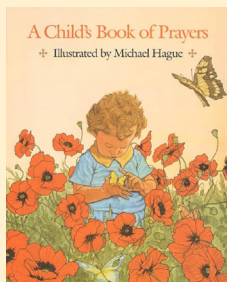
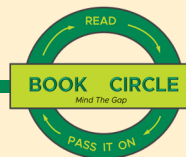
In ***"Praying the Promises: Anchor Your Life to Unshakable Hope"***, Lucado guides readers through 30 life-changing biblical promises. His approach to praying God's promises includes three simple steps: Find Your Promise, Remind God, and Expect Peace.

God doesn't demand hectic church programmes and frenetic schedules; He desires His people to know Him more intimately. The apostle Paul found that spiritual closeness through his fellowship with the Father.



In ****Praying with Paul****, D. A. Carson calls believers to reject superficiality and transform their lives by embracing a God-centred approach to prayer. By following Paul's life-shaping principles, we can learn to hear God speak to us through His Word today.

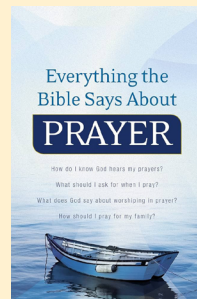
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Michael Hague's ***“A Child's Book of Prayers”*** is a collection of traditional prayers, from *“The Lord's Prayer”* to *“Now I Lay Me Down to Sleep”*. The prayers are familiar, comforting, and appropriate for even the youngest children.

This is a wonderful book to read aloud, as some of the language is slightly archaic and many of the prayers are written in poetic form.

Keith Wall's ***“Everything the Bible Says About Prayer”*** is a topical resource that gathers Scripture passages, instructions, and examples of prayer directly from the Word of God. Rather than offering the author's own theories, it categorizes and explains biblical passages across several key themes. It is organised by subject, including prayer in the Old Testament, types of prayer, the prayers of the psalmists, and the prayers of Jesus.



This clear and concise book brings together scriptural prayers and key biblical references to prayer, with enough explanation to help even those who are new to the Bible. Its concise format and focused content make it an excellent resource for anyone who loves God's Word.

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 (2 August)	Worshippers & Volunteers
1MS	220
Myanmar Service	22
2MS	112
ZES	60
Total	414
Sunday School	38

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

9 Aug	Elden Hun & Choon Hong	Thanksgiving
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WEEKLY OFFERING

General and Missions Fund

(Received 27 July - 2 August)

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