ZION SERANGOON

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

Dn Lee Lin Ping
Lily Goh
Dns Joella Tan
Joo Nee Jaswantlal
Tan Chong Hoe
Lau Wen Min
Jonathan Foo
Sheri Goh
Ding Si Han
Dns April Wu
Ng Jianmin
Rachel Cham
Emmanuel Ong
Amelia Lim
Ps Joseph Tee
Adreana Koh
Dns Clarissa Leong
Ng Peiyi
Zach Lim
Josh Lim

NEXT WEEK

Purify My Heart
Malachi 2:17-3:18
Asst Ps Joseph Tee

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 2-4)
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ORDER OF SERVICE

Worship Theme *Faithfulness*

Prepare for Worship
Prelude

Exalt His Name
Call to Worship
Invocation
Gloria Patri
Opening Hymn
Responsive Scripture Reading **Hebrews 10:19-31**

Worship in Song

Listen to His Word
Listen & Return Ps Wendell Chua
Malachi 2:1-16

Holy Communion
The Bread and The Cup

Pray to Him
Pastoral Prayer

Give to His Work
Offering
Offertory Response

Closing Hymn
Benediction
Announcements
Postlude

ZS70: COVENANT FAMILY

By Elder Lin Hongsui

WHAT OUR RELATIONSHIP WITH OUR SPOUSE AND FAMILY HAS GOT TO DO WITH THE DEPTH OF OUR FAITHFULNESS TO GOD

THE WARNING:

The working out of our Christian Marriage is part of our spiritual worship. I hope, for our sake, that this does not come as a shock to you.

The book of Malachi records many warnings, and we should sit up and listen, because they are still relevant to us. The people of God (Judah) had returned to their land after the exile. Not long after restoring temple worship (the second temple), they were, however, quick to sway and fall far from the very God that had just saved them. We are not too dissimilar, a people that sways towards whatever appeals to our eyes. The Prophet (Messenger) records the audacity of God's people in a line of questioning and groaning before God, even in their apparent unfaithfulness. A shock we may register but avoid facing is the stark reality that we are equally unfaithful even as we are bewildered. In Malachi chapter 2, the examination that the Prophet made places a lens over how we treat our spouses in our earthly covenantal vows. This is a direct reflection of the heart of worship we have with the one true God we claim to love.

THE REALITY:

"Christians are now more moderate or permissive towards divorce than 10 years ago."

"Christian youths aged 18 to 25 years old are increasingly permissive towards premarital sex and same-sex relationships."

These trends were signalled by Ms Delia Ng, CEO of Focus on the Family Singapore, at the State of the Family 2026 on the morning of 26 February at St Andrew's Cathedral, attended by 354 pastors, church leaders, marriage mentors and family champions.

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In 2025, there were a total of 7,242 marriages that ended in divorce or annulment. There were 6.1 marital dissolutions for every thousand married males aged 20 years and over. Similarly, there were 5.8 marital dissolutions for every thousand married females aged 20 years and over. The median age of divorce rose over the last ten years, from 42.9 years in 2015 to 44.3 years in 2025 for male divorcees, and from 38.8 years to 41.2 years for female divorcees. The median duration of marriage for divorces in 2025 was 11.5 years. Couples who were married for 5 to 9 years made up the largest share, accounting for 27.6% of divorces that same year.

From the point after being wedded, something went wrong in the way we work out our marriage, leading to divorce occurring around 10 years into the marriage for these 7000+ cases that surfaced every year (around the ages of 40 to 45 years old). Within our own church, we are deeply saddened by the number of Christian divorce cases we have been handling over the last few years. We groan at the trends. But in our lament, **DO WE NOT KNOW what went wrong??**

CALL TO ACTION:

As part of ZS70 programmes, while we remember God, we recognise that the church is at a critical junction to do something very important. An unhealthy marriage that does not provide a good spiritual foundation at home will affect how our children are raised. When these children come of age, they carry with them the shadow of broken families. A generation's decline spirals into many future souls damaged and lost. Similarly, a spark in a generation can revitalise a community in good time.

Critically speaking, as Singaporeans, we spend a lot of time polishing up our lives externally, while easily compromising on whatever goes on at home, more likely than not as our most convenient resort. Where not visible to others, we relegate our situations as a condition that is 'normal in Singapore'. This attitude of permissiveness and normalisation needs to be reversed. As believers, we should recognise that a lot of the acting out of spiritual worship and service should actually be done at home (Romans 12:1-2).

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We recognise that, and so, in our 70th year as a church, the leadership of ZS prays to radically help our families work out good spiritual marriages and healthy God-centred homes where children are raised to know God by their parents' model. There are at least 3 areas that we hope to encourage families in ZS to change at home: *(it is ok to start small, don't give up, keep ploughing and anticipate the Spirit working.)*

1. **READ** the Scripture together (Allow God to minister between each other)
2. **SING** praise songs together (Make enjoying God and praising Him part of the activities at home)
3. **SHARE** testimonies among family members and pray with each other (Ground the family to trust in God)

We start 2027 off with a **Family Conference on 6th March**. This is open to all, but I appeal to young husbands and wives, young families in ZS, and families that are within 10 years of marriage to attend, because this season of marriage is the most prone to brokenness. We will be partnering with Focus On The Family Singapore to talk about the challenges that Singapore families face. Pastor Wendell will be sharing very candidly, first and foremost, on recognising that addressing our problems starts with an important shift: looking at the worship of God at home where no one can see. If God is not honoured at our homes, we start there. We will also have seasoned spouses share their testimonies of trials and failures. We will pray for each other and provide the opportunity for younger spouses to engage with seasoned ones. We need not feel embarrassed by any of our failures at home; we are all the same poor and wilful people who ignore what really needs to be fixed, especially when it is hidden at home.

The journey of discipleship when we are married, begins like a hike up a mountain with a companion that promises to stick with us no matter how difficult the climb starts to become. This divine arrangement was made by God, because he knows it is not good for man to climb alone. But what is this hike about? This hike is a long journey towards our final spiritual destination, and what we do along the way is our spiritual worship. We must clearly make a distinction here.

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Our life partner and spouse is more than a mere companion on our journey. We are one with each other, and what we hurt and destroy in each other, we destroy ourselves. This is the devil's plan: to destroy us and our marriage. Our spiritual mission is to push back the ground that the devil claims, and flourish in a healthy marriage. Not through our own means, which we already know is undependable, but through Christ and the faith that He will help us one step at a time.

The depth of our faithfulness in God is tested and developed within the faithfulness we have with our spouse. It is no surprise that God has devised this training (in marriage) as a mirror of our faithfulness to Him, where He Himself is faithful to us as the perfect groom. Regardless of where we think the status of our marriage is, we should be sternly warned: the working out of our marriages is a continuous process of being steadfast and committed in love, modelled by Christ. It is most dangerous when we think we are married long enough with our spouse, where nothing we may think, pray or do can change anything anymore. **DO NOT test our God the same way.**

The working out of our Christian Marriage is part of our spiritual worship. Let us do it well together.

In Christ,

Elder Lin Hongsui
Covenant Family Ministry

SERMON NOTES

Listen & Return
Malachi 2:1-16



Introduction

Warnings & Lessons

a. To the priests (2:1-9)

b. To the people (2:10-16)

Conclusion - Guard against Faithlessness

Reflections...
You know what the Bible teaches, but you still choose to disobey. Why?
How has the Lord spoken to you today? Are you listening?

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

ZS70: ZS Family Conference (Sat, 6 Mar 2027)

» Let's pray for the ZS Family Conference that will focus on building strong marriages. We ask the Lord to bless husbands and wives, that they will find joy and satisfaction first in Christ, and also in their marriages.

» Pray for a fruitful and meaningful partnership with Focus on the Family Singapore as this conference programme is planned and developed.

Cambodian Mission Trip (16–23 Nov 2026)

» Pray for our mission team—Eld. Hongsui, Eld. Oswald, Dr. Sek Khoon, Angela, Chloe, Choon Peow, Jianmin, Jude, Kayla, Pearl, Pinky, and Rebecca—as they prayerfully prepare their hearts and minds to serve with humility, love, and faith. Pray for clear communication, safety, and sweet Christian unity with the local Cambodian ministry partners.

» Pray for the Shalom team in Cambodia as they coordinate ground preparations, asking for divine wisdom as both teams finalise logistics and activities.

» Pray for God's blessing, wisdom, and protection over the team as they conduct specific ministries across regions:
- Tbong Khmum: Medical outreach and children's ministry.
- Mondulkiri: Medical outreach and children's ministry.
- Phnom Penh: Church fellowship and youth sports ministry.

ZS Choral Ensemble: Grace to Glory Festival (28 Nov)

» Thank God for this special opportunity to gather and lift our voices alongside other church choirs; pray that ongoing rehearsals will proceed smoothly and foster meaningful fellowship among participants.

» Pray for our upcoming Christmas music video and choral presentation of the song "In the Fullness of Time", that the joy and Good News of Christ's birth will reach and bless all who watch and listen.

» Pray for physical strength, vocal health, and renewed spiritual vigor for every choir member throughout this busy festive season.

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Sip & Zine (Fri, 20 Nov | 7:00 PM – 9:30 PM at The Deck)

» Thank God for a fully booked event and for bringing 16 newcomers to our second community art night at The Deck! Praise Him for the fruitful collaboration with facilitator Joel Choong from Through the Roof Arts.

» Pray that the hearts of our guests will be open to experiencing God's presence and building genuine, lasting connections with our Christian community through ongoing conversations.

» Pray for intentional befriending through creative zine-making to warmly welcome newcomers and open doors to share our faith.

Youth Mentorship

» Thank God for all youth mentors who dedicate themselves to shepherding our young people; pray that the Holy Spirit will refresh and strengthen them as they point our youths to Christ.

» Pray that our youths will be humble and willing to be shepherded, opening their hearts to share their lives and struggles honestly with their mentors.

» Pray that the LORD will lay it upon the hearts of more mature believers to step forward as youth mentors in the coming year.

WEEKLY PRAYER GUIDE

Praying for the World: Sri Lanka

Sri Lanka (population 21 million) faces ongoing economic and governance crises following years of civil conflict and political instability. Christians comprise about 8% of the population, facing historical persecution alongside rising Evangelical growth.

» Thank God for the nation of Sri Lanka and its rich cultural heritage; praise Him for every effort towards peace, harmony, and unity across diverse ethnic and religious communities.

» Pray for a return to social tolerance, justice, and non-violence across the nation, asking God to grant wisdom to civil magistrates and leaders as they rebuild the economy and governance structures.

» Pray that the Sri Lankan Church will lead the way in peacemaking, reconciliation, and forgiveness, and that local congregations will grow numerically, spiritually, and in Christian maturity.

(Adapted from Lausanne Movement & Global Ministries)

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

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
15 Nov	Acts 27	Acts 26-28
16 Nov	Romans 1	Romans 1-2
17 Nov	Romans 3	Romans 3-4
18 Nov	Romans 5	Romans 5-6
19 Nov	Romans 7	Romans 7-8
20 Nov	Romans 11	Romans 9-11
21 Nov	Romans 12	Romans 12-13

Prayer Fellowship

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

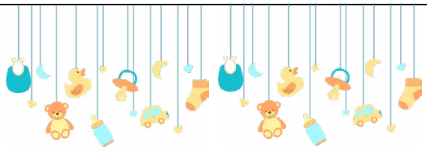
18, 25 November
Wednesday @ 8.00pm

Join in prayer together for our church and the community:

http://tiny.cc/ZSPF
Meeting ID: **895 3300 5705**

For queries, please contact
Ps Lawrence Ong @ 9146 8277

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Congratulations to

Ethan & Stephanie Tan on the birth of their son, **Ambrose Tan**, on 7 November 2026.

Hann Lee & Nicolette Lim on the birth their son, **Luca Lim En Kai**, on 10 November 2026.

Ivan & Si Rui Lee on the birth of their son, **Nathan Jieyi Lee**, on 11 November 2026.

Ps Lawrence Ong is away preaching at Sovereign Hope B-P Church this morning.



Deepest Condolences to...

The family of **Mr Lim Aik Min,** father of **Karen Lim,** father-in-law of **Kelvin Lim (1MS)**. Mr Lim passed away on 8 November 2026.

The family of **Mrs Margaret Ong (Mdm Seah Sye Kim) (Shut-in)**, grandmother of **Marcus Ong (2MS)**. Mrs Ong went home to be with the Lord on 10 November 2026.

The family of **Mdm Loh Chin Tiang**, grandmother of **Tan Yaw Chor (2MS)**. Mrs Loh went home to be with the Lord on 13 November 2026.

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ZS70 Heritage Project

We are **still** gathering **stories, artefacts, pictures and videos** for the ZS70 Heritage Exhibition!

We are currently specifically looking for **past photos and artefacts of Serangoon Gardens from the 50s to the 80s**. 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 **21 November, Saturday at 5:30pm at Chapel 1 (Level 3)**.

Join us for a time of dinner, sharing and fellowship.
All foreign friends are welcome!
For queries and RSVP, you may contact **Elder Chua (9010 2893)** or **Pinky (8015 9481)**.



R2 Articles

R2 has released a new website with articles on R2 2025 conference and another article on the power of the cross.
Stay tuned for more articles, especially on a review of the R2 2024.

Give them a read here: Reformanda.sg

How Flames Go Out: https://reformanda.sg/stories/burnout/

R2 2025: https://reformanda.sg/stories/r2-2025/

The Old Cross and the New: https://reformanda.sg/stories/the-cross/

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Children's Ministry Volunteers Needed

Our AWANA and Sunday School ministries are inviting more volunteers to join the team!

If you have a heart for children and a passion to serve God, we would love to have you on board.

Sign up **HERE**

Contact **Deaconess Joy (9786 6215)** for more details.



Grace to Glory Choir Festival

Join us for Grace to Glory, an evening of worship bringing together choirs and musicians from churches across Singapore to unite in praise. Our very own ZS Choral Ensemble and musicians will be participating in this special event. Come and support them! Experience a meaningful time of reflection and celebration as we journey together from grace to glory.

Saturday, 28 November 2026
7.30pm
Paya Lebar Methodist Church

Get your FREE tickets **HERE**

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ZS Youth Camp 2026

18 - 23 December 2026

Calling all youths! Come learn about our relationship with God, have fun and bond with youths at the upcoming youth camp!

Camp Fee: $85 (Early bird $70 until 31 October)

Click **HERE** to register!
Contact **Titus (8156 9448)** or **Jedidiah (8869 6231)** for details.



ZS70 Church Camp

To celebrate ZS70, Church Camp next year will be held in Kuala Lumpur at the Renaissance Kuala Lumpur Hotel & Convention Centre.

Senior Pastor Chris Chia from Adam Road Presbyterian Church (ARPC) will be our camp speaker.

The camp runs from Saturday to Wednesday, **12–16 June 2027**. Please save the date. We hope to see you there!

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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.

For queries, please contact **Rebecca Oh @ 9750 7547**

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

ATTENDANCE LAST SUNDAY

Worship Service (8 Nov)	Worshippers & Volunteers
1MS	224
Myanmar Service	18
2MS	109
ZES	44
Total	395
Sunday School	25

FELLOWSHIP TEA CONTRIBUTIONS

15 Nov	-	-

WEEKLY OFFERING (Received 2 November - 8 November)

General and Missions Fund **$28,622.76**
(Weekly Giving Target: $43,714 by Dec 2028 for 6 months buffer)

ZS70 Fund | Please indicate *"Offering - ZS70 Fund"* **$55,525.00**
($119,759 of $550,000 by June 2027)

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Eld Oswald Goh
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