

## PRAYER NEEDS

### A GOD-BLESSED 2020 TO YOU

We praise and thank the Lord for His goodness and favours as well as His mercies, lovingkindness and tender-loving care which kept and sustained us throughout 2020. As you embark on the journey of this New Year, may you

- hear His voice more clearly
- know His presence more intimately
- know His heart more deeply
- be blessed by His goodness more abundantly
- rest in His love more fully
- trust in His care more completely
- walk His path more peacefully

### DEDICATION SUNDAY

Thank God for another year of opportunities and the privilege of serving Him. May the Lord grant us His empowerment, guidance and wisdom as we seek to serve Him in the areas we have pledged to do so. Jesus reminds us, "For apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:8). May we do His work with His strength for His glory.

### PERSONAL NEEDS

#### \*Molly Loh (ZMS)

Thank the Lord she is getting better slowly but surely. She is also getting stronger. Her wound has not healed completely and therefore the doctors need to clean it up at regular intervals. Pray for a good and complete healing in God's time. Thank God for her strong faith and trust in Him. Let's continue to pray that she will be kept from any infection and to have a good appetite. Also, remember her daughter, Sabrina, who is shuttling from Perth to see Molly whenever her work schedule permits.

## Church News & Activities

✋ **PASTOR YAP** is away until 8 January on a missions trip to East Asia.

### ♥ CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

• **SUNDAY SCHOOL/AWANA CLUBS**  
Registration for 2020 (For NEW Children) Parents are to contact Iris Goh

• **WE NEED SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS or ASSISTANT TEACHERS AND AWANA GAME AND HANDBOOK LEADERS!**

Please contact Iris Goh 93382507 if you are keen to be involved in this work.

### ★ DEVOTIONAL MATERIALS @ WORDCOMM TABLE

Visit us at the Fellowship Hall (ZMS) or outside Sanctuary 2 (ZMS/ZES) after service!

### ✋ NEW CATECHISM CLASS

The class commences on 11 January, Saturday 1.00 pm - 2.30 pm @ Ephraim Room, L3

Those seeking baptism, transfer of church membership, re-affirmation or profession of faith are required to attend. For details and registration, please inquire at the Info Desk or see Pastor Lawrence.

### ★ VOLUNTEERS NEED!!! WHEELING MINISTRY

**For Ling Kwang Home and Cheshire Home**

Those interested kindly approach Elder Hung Choo.

### ★ ANY CURRENT ISSUES YOU WOULD LIKE TO READ ABOUT?

Email [april@zionserangoon.org.sg](mailto:april@zionserangoon.org.sg)!

## MINISTRY SHARING BY DEACONNESS APRIL DING

### WHY CHANGE THE BULLETIN?

When we first decided to change the bulletin's design and format, we were made to think more about the purpose of this piece of paper we receive every week. And actually, the bulletin turned out to be more meaningful a piece of paper than we initially thought.

### What was the bulletin's original purpose?

A bulletin was to be used like a noticeboard of the church - where important personal and church events, such as anniversaries, weddings, newborns and prayer needs, would be shared and disseminated.

### Why do we still need a bulletin?

We need a bulletin because as a family in Christ, we need to communicate with one another. The church is not a building, but a localized people of God within the wider universal Church, and we want to care about what's going on in this family, so we can grow together, pray for one another, encourage one another in hard times, and rejoice with each other in times of celebration.

### What do we lose if we don't read the bulletin?

If you don't plug yourself into the family of God, preferring to stand on the sidelines or to just give feedback without feeling the burden for action, the bulletin wouldn't mean much to you. It'd just be another 'junk mail' you take and throw away without much thought. You'd also see church more as a place to receive and not to mutually give. In the family of God, we all have a part to play. If one part is not playing its role in the Body of Christ, all the other members suffer and lose out on fellowship and encouragement from you! So it's not only you that loses out, but the rest of Zion as well!

### What's different about the new bulletin?

Rather than being a roster or a calendar, we hope the bulletin will facilitate in building our church community to become one that is vibrant in loving one another deeply. How? The bulletin will continue to keep the church family updated about the needs, thanksgiving and events of individuals and the church, as well as seek to build up the church through tackling current issues, sharing encouragement, and catching you up on ministry happenings.

### What's my participation in this new bulletin?

The bulletin may just look like a piece of paper, but its significance is much more than that. (Also, we do have the online version on the website.) It's an opportunity to share in one another's joys and sorrows, to get ourselves more involved in the church body in order to grow in love for God and others, as well as to grow in prayer and knowledge of the Word. We hope that as the office takes the time to plan and produce the bulletin, that God will use us to enrich your walk with God, and transform us to shine brighter as His lights in the world!