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# **Upcoming Events**

7 Aug—11 Sep	Christianity Explained Course
11 Sep	EGM—Members only
15 Sep	MIG
16 Sep	CFL
30 Sep-3 Oct	SLE Church Camp!!

Singing	Turn Your Eyes No Other Name
Community News	
Bible Reading	Nehemiah 6:1-7:4 Revelation 2:8-11
Sermon	By Pastor Steven Tran
Song of Response	The Lord is My Salvation

Before the Throne of God Above

**Today's Service** 

Welcome and

# **Financial Update**

Last Week	\$6,271.06
Weekly Required	\$7,645.00
Shortfall 2022	-\$2,615.05

#### **Giving by Electronic Funds Transfer**

A/C Name:	SLE Church	
Bank:	National Australia Bank	
BSB:	084-424	
A/C No:	396558544	
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# Welcome, we're glad you're here!

We are a church family committed to following Jesus Christ as Lord. We do this by getting to know him through his living Word, the Bible, which is why the sermon is the key part of our Sunday services.

Find out more about us at www.sle.church



### Fear Under Fire

Fear threatens the work of God, but fails when God is feared and trusted.

# **Prayer Points**

#### PRAISE THE GOD OF ALL GLORY,

being the Creator and Sustainer of all things, the Almighty Sovereign, and the Holy Holy Holy God. All honour be to God! May all respond to God with right and reverent fear.

#### THANK GOD THAT HE HAS FULFILLED

HIS PROMISES of giving His people a new heart and a new spirit, His own Spirit, He gives to dwell in us. Thank God that He has achieved this through His Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, through the gospel. Thank God that our hearts, the true enemy within, has been dealt with. Thank God that this means that we can battle and overcome the enemy of sin, selfishness, lovelessness and all attitudes and behaviours which cause hurt and harm to our brothers and sisters in the church.

#### THANK GOD FOR THE ROLE MODEL

**OF NEHEMIAH** who points to our ultimate role model, Jesus. Thank God for their model of loving selfishness that sought to bring about good to others. Thank God that Jesus would even go as far as to give up the riches and privileges of heaven to be born into this world, and even to die such a shameful death on the cross and bearing the sins of the world—what sacrificial and selfless love and service that Jesus demonstrated.

#### PRAY THAT WE AT SLE CHURCH

will not be self-serving and self-seeking, but that we would follow the example of Nehemiah, and even more so, the example of Jesus Christ, who did not seek their own interest, but chose to do what serves others, what would bring about good and not harm.

#### PRAY FOR BEN, STEVE, SONJA AND

**JORDAN** as they drive to Stanwell Tops, NSW, tonight and drive back on Thursday. Pray for safety on the roads. Pray for the FIEC National Conference that it would be a truly blessed and beneficial time of fellowship, partnership, training and learning.

#### PRAY FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF

**RICHARD WONG** which will be voted by the church members on the 11th September. Thank God for His provision of Richard and for the process of affirmation that will be finalized at the EGM. Pray for wisdom for all members in their vote.

#### CONTINUE TO BE IN PRAYER FOR

those in the church who are suffering in various ways. Pray for faith, hope, grace, strength, support, relief, and healing, that God will provide all of this and more in His own way and time through various means and people.

# **Community News**

### CHRISTIANITY EXPLAINED

Christianity Explained is a 6-session course that gives you time and space to consider the big questions of life and to explore the life of the person at the heart of the Christian faith—Jesus Christ. You don't need to know anything about the Bible. You won't be asked to read aloud, pray or sing. You can ask any question you want or just listen.

Dates: Sundays from 7 Aug—11 Sep 2022

10am-11am @ 1/37 Alexandra Avenue, Taringa (Sonja's house)

11am—12noon @ 83 Ryans Road, St Lucia (SLE North Hall Cry Room)

Sign-up at: <u>http://sle.church/</u> <u>christianityexplained</u>

#### SLE CHURCH MEMBERS: NOTICE OF EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING-11 September, 7:30pm, via Zoom

The Extraordinary General Meeting of SLE Church will be held from 7:30pm via Zoom on Sunday 11 September, 2022. An email of the Notice and Registration form has been sent out. Please check your inbox/spam box.

The members of SLE Church will be voting for the Appointment of one Pastor, and change in Financial Year.

Please check with the SLE Church Secretary (Winnie Wong) to verify your membership of SLE Church. If you are not yet a member of SLE Church, we welcome you to apply.

### MISSIONS INTEREST GROUP (MIG) MEETING, 15 September, 7:30-9pm

Our last MIG for the year is just around the corner, and you're invited along. We'll be spending time clarifying what we mean by the term 'mission', and not only think about what mission IS, but also what it's NOT and what all this might mean for us. As usual, we'll also spend time praying for our missionaries, as well as our own involvement in mission.

You can come at 6:30pm for dinner, in order to enjoy fellowship before the formal part of the evening starts.

Please RSVP through the church website, <u>https://sle.church/missions</u> by Sunday 11 September.

### "CONVERSATIONS ON FAITH AND LIFE", Friday 16 September, 6:30pm

CFL is a monthly Book Club for non-Christians where we read through an intelligent Christian perspective on some of the biggest issues of faith and life, and invite you to think aloud with us over a relaxed chit chat! It's chill, you get to air your views and listen to others on issues of eternal significance.

Every month, CFL explores an different chapter of New York Times' bestselling "The Reason for God: Belief in an Age of Skepticism" by Timothy Keller, founding pastor of Redeemer Presbyterian Church in New York City. Info & RSVP: <u>https://sle.church/</u> conversations

## Fear Under Fire (Nehemiah 6:1-7:4)

### Introduction:

- 1. Opposition tactics: make him afraid
  - a. Sanballat and Tobiah's plan (6:1-9a)
    - "Their hands will drop from the work, and it will not be done."

b. In faithfully finishing his work (6:15-16)

"So the wall was finished..."

- c. In faithful God-fearing men (7:1-4)
- "...he was a more faithful and God-fearing man than many."

3. Do not fear... be faithful unto death (Revelation 2:8-11)

b. Shemaiah's plan (6:10-13)

"...act in this way and sin, and so they could give me a bad name in order to taunt  $\mbox{me.}''$ 

c. The nobles of Judah (6:17-19)"And Tobiah sent letters to make me afraid."

2. Nehemiah's trust

a. In prayer (6:9b, 14)

"Strengthen my hands... remember what they did..."