

SU/FES

PRAISE & PRAYER LETTER *September-October 2016*

FOCUSSING ON SCRIPTURE UNION (SU)

September

1. **National School Christian Fellowship Leaders' (NSCFL) Camp:** The camp preparation is ongoing. Continue to pray for the publicity for the camp in various schools. Pray that the students will see the importance of being trained for God's ministry and sign up for the camp.
2. **Marianne Liaw** is working on writing Bible study resources based on Jesus' "Sermon on the Mount" that can be used by Christian Fellowships (CFs) and Youth Fellowships (YFs) in schools and churches. Please pray for wisdom, clarity, faithfulness and creativity as she writes these materials.
3. Pray for the **Berita SU editorial team (Christopher Cheah, Joanne Liaw and Collene Lee)** as they meet to plan for the upcoming **November issue**. May God use Berita as an effective communication tool for His work in and through SU.
4. **Joel Wong:** "Thank God for the **Chinese Bible Engagement (BE) Seminar** that took place on **9 July 2016** at **Seri Botani Presbyterian church** in **Ipoh**. Around 30 youths and adults participated in learning God's Word together.
5. **Lue Jun Yi** thanks the Lord for a good two-week holiday break with his wife. Pray that he will be recharged, both physically and spiritually, as he continues his ministry in Scripture Union.
6. **SU Staff Meeting**
Pray for the staff team as they meet together each month, that they will share a common vision and see the big picture of SU's vision and mission. Pray that they will grow together as a team and in support of one another.

7. **Chai Siew Meng** thanks the Lord for His goodness and faithfulness. He is also grateful to those who have been praying for him and his family.

Pray that God will grant wisdom and strength to **Mr. Samuel**, the teacher in charge of the Christian Fellowship (CF) in Han Chiang Private School, in continuing the CF work despite all the stress from work. Pray that **Kelly Tan** will be able to build rapport with the students. May God cause all things to work together for good for those who love Him.

8. **Marianne Liaw** is thankful for God's grace in sustaining her over the past month as she has been travelling and preaching in quite a few places.
9. **Marianne Liaw** is speaking at the **Boys Brigade Company** in **Wesley Methodist School, Jalan Sentul tomorrow morning** on the biblical perspective of boy-girl-relationships. Please pray that she will speak faithfully from God's Word.
10. Please remember **Collene Lee** in prayer as she writes the articles for the **November issue** of **Berita SU**. Pray for inspiration from the Holy Spirit in the course of writing.
11. **Joel Wong**: "Thank God for various trainings that have helped me to improve on the content and teaching methods for Bible Engagement (BE) Seminars. Pray for wisdom and competency in designing new BE programmes that cater to different learning styles and age groups."
12. The **Girls' Brigade** will be having their **National Junior Leaders' Training Camp** over these **3 days**. Uphold **Marianne Liaw** in prayer as she is one of the speakers at this camp.
13. Pray that God will keep **Chai Siew Meng's family**, especially his **elderly parents**, safe and in good health, .
14. **Joel Wong**: "Pray for committed and suitable (English and Chinese speaking) volunteers/assistants who are willing to be trained in facilitating learning activities during Bible Engagement (BE) seminars so that we can work more effectively as a team."

15. **Jennifer Chew** is traveling with the speaker (**Belinda Yuan**) to Ayer Tawar and Ipoh for a **Parenting Seminar**. Pray for a smooth journey as this will be a holiday weekend and also for the participants to have ready hearts to listen.

16. **Bible Engagement (BE) - Dive Deep!**
Uphold the **BE Team** in prayer as they encourage Bible reading and greater engagement with Scripture. Pray also for the new initiatives planned to achieve these goals – **small Bible study groups** and “**train the trainers**” **programme** to increase the number of resource people to run BE Seminars.

17. **Marianne Liaw, her husband** and the **ministry team** from her **home church** will be sharing God’s Word to the residents of **Shal Home this morning**. Pray also for a fruitful time as **Marianne Liaw** and **her husband, Daniel**, will be travelling to **Kuala Selangor** to speak and conduct an event for the youths in one of the outreach Anglican churches there. Pray for a fruitful time of fellowship and sharing God’s Word with the youths.

18. **Elaine Liew** will be attending a leadership training retreat organised by the Ladies Ministry from her church. Pray that those attending will benefit and be equipped to serve even more effectively.

19. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she speaks at a **school’s Chapel Service this morning**.

20. **Joel Wong**: “In **August**, I conducted “**Life to the Max with Jesus**”, a 4-week small group Bible study on the book of Colossians. Please pray that participants will continue to be impacted by God’s Word in their daily lives.”

21. Marianne Liaw will be speaking at the **Sri Sempurna International School’s Junior Chapel Service this morning**. Do keep her in prayer.

Uphold **Marianne Liaw** in prayer as she speaks at the **SMK Taman Petaling’s Christian Fellowship (CF) this afternoon**.

22. Uphold **Marianne Liaw** in prayer as she speaks at the **Sri Sempurna International School’s Senior Chapel Service this morning**.

23. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at a **school's Chapel Service this afternoon** on the topic "Worry". Pray for clarity of message and that the students will be challenged to trust in God.
24. **Marianne Liaw** will be conducting a session at the **SMK Bukit Mewah, Seremban's Girls' Brigade Company this morning**. Do keep her in prayer.
25. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at the **Faith Gospel Centre this morning**. Pray that God's wisdom and spirit will lead him as He shares God's Word to the congregation.
26. **Edwin Khoo**: "Pray that God will provide more workers and strengthen the Christian teachers/workers for the CF/students' ministry work in Kampar, Taiping, Sitiawan and Ipoh."
27. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she shares God's Word to the girls at **SMK (P) Methodist's Chapel Service this morning**.
28. **NSCFL Camp**: It is exactly **two months before** the camp. We thank God for the confirmed **speakers** who are sharing at the camp. Continue to pray for them as they prepare their sessions, that they will speak God's truth with clarity.
29. **Lee Peh Lan**: "Thank God for the Annual General Meeting (AGM) that was held by all the school Christian Fellowships (CF). Pray for a smooth transition of leadership from the old committee to the new committee."
30. **Marianne Liaw** is speaking at the **SMK Taman Petaling's Christian Religious Education Session this morning**. Please keep her in prayer.

October

1. Pray that **Kelly Tan** will have more opportunities and open doors to work with more students and teachers from various schools.
2. **Lue Jun Yi** is away with his church Youth Cell Group Leaders for a planning retreat from today until 4 October 2016. Pray for a meaningful time of fellowship and seeking the Lord for His vision and direction for the church for 2017.

Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she preaches God's Word at the **New Life Restoration Centre, Cheras this morning**.

3. Uphold **Chai Siew Meng** in prayer as he prepares for **next year's 18th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz**. Pray that God will grant him wisdom and guidance as he coordinates with the various quiz coordinators in different schools and centers. Pray also that more schools and centers will sign up for this Quiz.
4. **SMK (P) Methodist** will be having their **school's religious prayer day today**. Pray for **Marianne Liaw** as she conducts the session for the Christian girls in the school.
5. **SU Office Staff**
Uphold the office staff – **Chia Pek Heong, Chai Siew Meng, Esther Lee, Sharon Wong, and Koid Phaik Leng** – as they provide support for the ministry. Thank God for their commitment to serve the Lord in this way.
6. **Collene Lee** gives thanks for the opportunity to serve at the **National School Christian Fellowship Leaders' (NSCFL) Camp in Seremban from 28 November-3 December**. Pray for wisdom as she and other team members prepare for the camp.

7. Pray that Secondary school students and Church Youth Fellowship members will be willing to take up the challenge to participate in **next year's 18th National Bible Knowledge Postal Quiz**.

Please pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he joins the **East West Asia Transition Leadership Team** in **Bangkok** from **7-9 October 2016** to discuss SU ministry in the region. Praise the Lord for the many open doors. May God grant wisdom and the resources to take hold of the opportunities.

8. **SU Staff, Volunteers and Supporters**

Pray for more people to catch the vision of SU in their hearts and respond to serve as staff and volunteers in the long term. Pray that the Lord will provide people who can serve as helpers/officers at our camps and projects, resource persons for our training programmes, and supporters in prayer and finance for the ministry of SU.

9. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at **Teratai Mewah Gospel Centre this morning**. He is sharing on Youth Ministry to the youth. Pray that the congregation will be able to see the importance of Youth Ministry and its implications for the church.
10. **Edwin Khoo**: “Pray that student leaders from the Northern region will answer the leadership call and serve Lord Jesus in their capacity and make a difference amongst their peers.”
11. Continue to keep **Marianne Liaw** and her husband, **Daniel**, in prayer as they continue to serve as the **coordinators** for the **Youth Fellowship** in their **home church**.
12. Please keep **Jennifer Chew** and her team of **volunteers** in prayer as they plan for a **2-day, 1-night children's camp** with a **church** in **Melaka** from **12-13 November**. Please pray that the children whom God brings into our midst will be ministered to.
13. **Edwin Khoo**: “Pray that God will provide more staff, with passion and interest in Christian Camping Ministry, to work at the **SUFES** campsite and support the manager, **Dennis Lim**.”

14. Pray that more people will use Scripture Union's devotional Bible reading plans available on the YouVersion Bible app – **Bible Reflections from SU (6-month plan), Hebrews (22-day plan) and 1 & 2 Timothy (14-day plan)**. We want to encourage Christians to cultivate the habit of daily Bible reading and to be greater engaged with God's Word.
15. Pray for **Marianne Liaw**, her **husband, Daniel**, and the **ministry team** from their **home church, St Mary's Cathedral** as they share God's Word **this morning** to the residents of **Shal Home**, a care home for the mentally ill.
16. Pray that God will grant wisdom and direction to SU and TCF in attracting young people to choose teaching as a vocation and be active in CF movements in schools.

Joanne Liaw: "Pray that God will grant me His enabling and strength as I continue collating Scripture Union's prayer letter."

17. **Lue Jun Yi** is speaking at a **school's Chapel Service this morning**. Pray that he will share God's Word with clarity.

NSCFL Camp: Today is the **closing date** for the **camp registration**. We thank God for the campers who have signed up. Pray that God will prepare the hearts of the campers as they hear His Word at the camp.

18. **SU Staff Consultation (18-20 October 2016)**

As we meet for this annual planning retreat, pray that the Lord will grant guidance and wisdom to the team. We are looking at strategies and direction for the year ahead and the programmes and activities that are to be our focus to achieve our goals.

It is exactly one month before the camp for the Methodist Girls School, Penang. Pray that preparations for the camp will proceed smoothly. Pray that the gospel touches and transforms many through the camp.

19. **Edwin Khoo:** "Pray for my spouse, Ethel, and for myself that God will grant us wisdom and direction as we manage our time and financial commitments and care for our dependents (aging parents and children), work, church and ministry."

20. **Bible Engagement - Dive Deep! Immerse in God's Word.** The crucial importance of Scripture in the Christian life cannot be overstated. Pray that SU can be a catalyst to bring the Bible back to its foundational place in a Christian's life.
21. Pray that the **SU Bible Reading (QT) Notes** will continue to help and encourage people to love and read God's Word daily.
22. Pray for **Edwin Khoo** and **Koid Phaik Leng** (admin staff) in the Ipoh Office. Uphold them and their families as they serve the schools and churches in the Perak region.
23. We thank God for the good usage of the **SUFES Campsite** in Tapah since the completion of the renovations. We pray that this will be a blessing to the Christian community and a good and meaningful experience for those who come to our campsite.
24. The **Youth Ministry Team** is in the midst of preparing various **resource materials** for the **School Christian Fellowship ministry next year**. Pray that these resources will be helpful for the furtherance of God's kingdom in the schools.
25. Uphold **Marianne Liaw** in prayer as she speaks at a **school's Chapel Service this morning**.
26. **Elaine Liew** praises God for the opportunity to fly to Sydney to meet up with family members. Pray for a good time of mutual encouragement and bonding together.
27. **Marianne Liaw** and her husband, **Daniel**, are on the planning committee for the **National Anglican Youth Camp**. Pray for wisdom as they work together with the rest of the committee to plan and carry out various activities at the camp.
28. With the end of the year drawing near, **Marianne Liaw** will be speaking at various camps on a variety of topics. Pray for wisdom and clarity as she starts to prepare for those sessions.

29. Thank God for the opportunities and open doors to share with churches about **SU's mission and ministry**. Pray that many more will be partners in the gospel with Scripture Union in reaching the next generation with God's Word. Pray that God will open new partnerships and networking opportunities.

30. **NSCFL Camp**: We thank God for the **volunteers** who availed themselves to serve in this camp. Pray that this camp will be meaningful for them through their involvement in the camp.

Pray for **Koh Earn Soo** as he takes on a **church deputation** at **Petaling Jaya Gospel Hall today**. May God's Word impact His people as he preaches.

31. **Joanne Liaw**: "Pray that God will give me wisdom in handling the administration of Scripture Union's website that it may be a useful channel for our ministry."