



The SON of MAN

came to **SEEK** and
to **SAVE** the **LOST**
Luke 19:10

5.00 pm

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Order of Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: Creation Sings the Father's Song

Scripture Reading: Genesis 2:5-9, 15-25 ESV

Message: God, Our Intimate Creator

*Hymn: O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

Sharing & Praying with One Another

Offering

*Benediction

Announcements

**Congregation stands*

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us. If you are new to Zion Bishan, do speak to an usher or hospitality team member to find out about our faith, or about our activities and programmes. You may also approach the Info Desk after service.

Our Sunday services and activities

8.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1*

Children's Discipleship — *please ask at the Hospitality or Info Desk*

Mandarin service — *Chapel L4*

(8.45 am) Domestic Helpers Fellowship — *Room 105 L1*

9.00 am

Adult Discipleship Class — *see below*

Hokkien service — *Auditorium 2 L4*

10.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1/2*

Cantonese-Mandarin service — *MPH L1*

Tamil service — *Music Room L3*

Mandarin-English service — *Chapel L4*

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (English-Indonesian) — *Room 103 L1*

Children's & Youth Discipleship — *please ask at the Hospitality or Info Desk*

1.30 pm

Adult Discipleship Class — *see below*

5.00 pm

English service — *MPH L1*

Serving You Today

Speaker: Mr Lang Tian (Hebron BP Church)

Worship Leader: Deacon Benjamin Foo

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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9748 1851

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Adult Discipleship Classes — Auditorium L4

Praying the Word: A Posture and Practice to Deepen our Prayer Lives

2 December, 1–3 pm, Facilitated

by Amelia Ang & Chong Ser Choon

God, Our Intimate Creator

Genesis 2:5-9, 15-25

25 November 2018

Mr Lang Tian

Introduction:

We are more “connected” today than ever before.
But we are also lonelier than ever.

Genesis 2 introduces us to a God who is intimate with us

- Who provides sustenance and beauty for us
- Who forms with intimately with His hands
- Who creates and celebrates relationships

Application:

God is our intimate creator, and He created us for intimacy

Conclusion:

In Christ we see God’s intimacy most clearly. In heaven will our intimacy with Him and with each other be complete.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Goody Bag Distribution (till 25 Nov) — Thank God for the bags already distributed over last weekend. Do keep praying that the Holy Spirit will continue His work in the lives of those living in Bishan, to draw them to Jesus.

BOD Meeting (27 Nov) — Thank God for the Board of Deacons and their ministry. Pray that He will continue to cause them to grow in love, faith, and wisdom, and enable them to follow His lead in service.

Children's Ministry Leaders' Retreat (1 Dec) — Thank God for this time for teachers to receive spiritual input and teaching insights. Pray that they may find guidance from God and each other as they seek to disciple children.

Our World

Lombok Crisis Relief (till 28 Nov) — Do continue to pray for Wang Yee and Joey Tay, on medical relief Team 5, that God will help them work well with the team, enable them to show love and compassion, and grant them safety and good health. Pray for the Holy Spirit to guide the local leaders in developing longer-term relationships and granting gospel opportunities.

Youth Mission Conference (till 26 Nov) — Pray for the facilitators to give meaningful, relevant input and also learn much in their interactions. Pray for the participants to know more of God's mind and heart as they consider mission, discipleship, giving, media, and youth ministry. May the Lord plant in them a firm desire to give their lives to live fully for Him and His kingdom work in all the world.

Indigenous Evangelistic Video — Thank God for Zion Bishan's privilege to support the production of a short film in the language of a "Least Evangelized Mega People" (more than 1 million population), financially and in prayer. Pray that this and other videos produced will be used by God to help many people have a better understanding of His gospel, and a greater desire to seek Him.

Pray for God to send faithful disciple-makers to these large people groups. Beyond engaging with the media, discipleship requires personal relationships, often a challenge in "least evangelized" communities.

To view the film and other media, go to www.indigitube.tv

Last Week

Last Sunday, 18 November, we welcomed:

Morning Services: Yenny & Paul and others.

Evening Service: Clarice Cheng and others.

Service	Attendance
English 8.30 am	213
English 10.30 am	475
Children's Discipleship	101
English 5 pm	42
Mandarin	106
Cantonese/Mandarin	102
Mandarin/English	48
Chinese Sunday School	25
Hokkien	56
Tamil	14
TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)	1,182

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Love gift from Men's Ministry 1,500.00

Weekly Total \$7,780.45

(Weekly Target: \$90,493)

Info for Giving

General & Missions Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

Land Lease Renewal Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF

(please indicate *Land Lease*

Renewal Fund on back of cheque)

Please provide your *CONTACT NUMBER* on each cheque

Your Response

25 November 2018

NAME

PHONE

E-MAIL

You may e-mail your response to office@zionbishan.org.sg

PLEASE TICK AS APPROPRIATE

I would like to:

- sign up for an activity
- request prayer
- give feedback
- send a word of encouragement
- other:

RESPONSE DETAILS:

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Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

HAND YOUR RESPONSE TO AN USHER, THE INFO DESK, OR PUT IT IN THE OFFERING BAG

FOLD AND TEAR ALONG LINE TO DETACH

Church Family News

1. Pastor David is speaking at Pasir Panjang Hill Brethren Chapel this morning.
2. Pastors Dev & Haoren are attending a Breakthrough Weekend (till 25 Nov).
3. Pastor Steven is on sabbatical till 28 Feb.

Looking Ahead

Friday 30 November

8 pm: Prayer Fellowship, Catechism Class Ministry chairing.

Sunday 2 December

Worship Ministry Team A. Music Team D.

8.30 am: *Coordinator:* Keith Wong & Janna Wong. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Jeffrey Lim. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Moses Thia. *Scripture Reading:* Ravi Shankar.

10.30 am: *Coordinator:* Dharma. *Worship Ldr:* Mr Timmy Ng. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Peter Yap. *Scripture Reading:* Victor Quek.

Rebellious Children (Isaiah 1.1-20) – Ps Ebi Mohan

5.00 pm November Series

Today God, Our Intimate Creator (Mr Lang Tien, Hebron BP)

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The Price of Ignorance

It is troubling to read about whales starving to death because plastics had clogged up their intestines. A sperm whale found dead a week ago in the south-eastern waters of Sulawesi, Indonesia, was the latest. In June 2018, a pilot whale suffered and died the same way off the shores of Thailand. A similar case, resulting in the need to put down a Cuvier's beaked whale in Norway waters to end its suffering, was reported in February 2017.

Ignorance and negligence by man caused the deaths of these majestic creations of God. The three incidents above are probably a sampling of a major growing problem. We need to take responsibility because man has yet again failed in another aspect of faithful stewardship that God requires of us for His creation and His purposes.

Proverbs 22:3, "*The prudent see danger and take refuge, but the simple keep going and pay the penalty*", warns us about the price of ignorance. Perhaps we need to pause and consider other pitfalls of ignorance closer to home.

We learn from history that God has His timing and is never in a hurry. Man, on the other hand, is in danger of getting ahead of God (and His will for our lives) because we are **ignorant of the hidden dangers that are around life's corners**. Technology has altered our modern pace of life. Speed is now regarded as a "virtue". We get impatient in queues; when the internet speed lags; when a phone call takes a little longer to connect; when replies to text messages and emails are slower than expected; etc.

How about our involvement with local and global culture? What is our discernment level in the subjects of science vs faith; in secularism, relativism, and pragmatism; in the bioethics debate; and in environmental issues pertaining to proper sanitation, clean water, pollution, global warming, just to name a few?

As stewards of God's creation, can we afford to be ignorant? The "simple" of Proverbs 22:3 do not give danger or the price of ignorance a second thought; they take for granted what is around the corner and hence "**pay the penalty**". We need to pause, slow down, and take heed of God's warning on the price of ignorance. If we remain careless, stewardship ignorance will lead to spiritual ignorance. Or could it be the converse?

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Mad about God, Volume II

A 100-page love letter to God, with 40 poems by Madeline Ang, 20 paintings by Faith Chu, and 6 personal stories. \$10; full proceeds to the Land Lease Renewal Fund.

Christmas Outreach at Ipoh

6–8 December

6 Dec: visiting homes with good news & gift hampers. 7 Dec: Christmas outreach event. For further information, please contact Pastor Ebi: ebi@zionbishan.org.sg

Outreach Event

8 December, 7.45 pm

An evangelistic event for us to invite our non-believing friends to explore with us who Jesus is through John's Gospel. We will have a talk on John 1:1-18 and then an interview with some Christians sharing why Jesus is worth exploring. This will be followed by food in the fellowship hall, for follow-up conversations and inviting our friends to continue reading John's Gospel with us. Register: tinyurl.com/812outreach



Infant/Child Baptism

23 December

Class for parents on **9 December** afternoon. Register at the Info Desk.

Stewardship Sunday 2019

6 January

All departmental heads, please submit the names of your committee members, helpers, and others for our annual compilation, by **9 December**, to Doreen Lim: doreen@zionbishan.org.sg

Philippines Mission Exposure Trip

5–11 January

Visit our mission partners Student Missionary Outreach (SMO), a youth organisation with a vision to reach Filipino youths for Christ. Good especially for those who have finished their O and A Levels. Participate in the ministry of SMO through visits to schools, children's homes, prayer walks, games and interaction with students. Contact Sharon (9788 0195) for more info or to sign up.

Special Needs Education

Workshops

Organised by ISEE Care Ministries for parents, grandparents, caregivers, and teachers/leaders of children and youth. For more info, contact Deacon Daniel (9023 7180). Register online: tinyurl.com/ADCSpecialEd

Early Childhood Education — Developmental Milestones/Delay

6 January, 1.30–3.00 pm

Learn the milestones of development from birth to 8, and how developmental disabilities may impact day-to-day functioning. Speakers: Celine and Jasmine, special needs educators.

Understanding Multi-Sensory Learning

13 January, 1.30–3.00 pm

We learn to make sense of our world through our sensory receptors. However, coping with sensory challenges may not be easy for a child. Facilitator: Mark Lim, special needs consultant.

You may use the tear-off response slip on p5 to sign up for activities.
Please approach the Info Desk if you would like to find out more.