

...The day of the Lord will come...

1 Thessalonians 5:2

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8.30 & 10.30 am

## Order of Service

Prayers & Prelude

Call to Worship

\*Doxology

\*Opening Hymn: Let Us with a Gladsome Mind

Responsive Scripture Reading: Proverbs 22:1-7 KJV

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5:12-28 ESV

Message: Continuing in Crisis

\*Response Song: Blest Be the Tie that Binds

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering & Offertory Response

\*Closing Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

Benediction

Announcements

Postlude

\*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 (English) — *Room 105 L1*

### 9.00 am

Hokkien service — *Auditorium 2 L4*

### 10.30 am

English service — *Sanctuary L1/2*

Cantonese-Mandarin service — *Chapel L4*

Tamil service — *Music Room L3*

Mandarin-English service — *MPH L1*

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:* Pastor Dev Menon.

*Worship Ministry Team:* B. *Music Team:* D. *Song Leader:* Moses Thia.

**8.30 am:** *Coordinator:* Klein Aw & Timothy Sng. *Worship Ldr:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Betuel Ng. *Scripture Reading:* Sneha Peter.

**10.30 am:** *Coordinator:* Colin Chua. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Roland Low. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Edwin Seet. *Scripture Reading:* Rachele Tham.

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>sabbatical</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor (Comm Dev't)</i>	6353 8081
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	9728 7145
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	9788 0195
Mr Timmy Ng, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9007 5957
Mr Vernon Quek, <i>Y. Adults/Evang.</i>	9796 0196
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Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	9060 8340
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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## **Continuing in Crisis**

1 Thessalonians 5:12-28

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Pastor Dev Menon

### **20 Exhortations**

### **Leaders & Members**

### **The Church Gathered**

### **Affection & Connection**

#### **Reflection Questions:**

1. What do you remember from the passage or sermon?
2. What is the responsibility of church leaders? What is the responsibility of members to their leaders, and to one another?
3. What does Paul prioritise for the church to do when gathered?
4. How do Paul's final words tell us how he feels about them? How does that help us think about how Jesus feels about us?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Mount Carmel BP Church** — Our sister church has submitted a land bid for the HDB church site at Bukit Batok West Ave 5. BPCIS and member churches have rallied around Mount Carmel with \$107,000 in gifts and \$1,950,000 in interest-free loans including \$55,000 from the BPCIS “Seed Fund” for church planting. Please pray for the Lord's will to be done and for His provision should the land bid be successful.

**Kairos Course** (14 Mar) — Thank God that the course is into its 5th week. Pray that the participants will learn how God is calling each of them to a part they can play in missions.

**Church Staff and Leadership** – As many programs for the year are being cancelled or postponed, pray for God's guidance for our leaders to think of creative ways to carry out our church's vision of discipleship and missions. Do pray we will continue to #getdeep in God's word, #getreal with one another, and #getlost for the sake of the gospel.

### **Our People**

**AG Leaders** — Thank God for these faithful servants of Christ. They spend hours preparing Bible studies weekly and care for individual members. Do encourage them in prayer and deed as we have learnt from 1 Thess.

**Parents** — Despite the COVID-19 situation, thank God families are able to spend more time at home together. Pray that our parents will find opportunities to grow faith at home with their children.

### **Our World**

**COVID-19 Situation** — For reflection: “No revolving world, no shining of star, no storm, no creature moves, no actions of men, no errands of angels, no deeds of devil—nothing in all the vast universe can come to pass otherwise than God has eternally purposed. Here is a foundation of faith. Here is a resting place for the intellect. Here is an anchor for the soul, both sure and steadfast. It is not blind fate, unbridled evil, man or devil, but the Lord Almighty who is ruling the world, ruling it according to His own good pleasure and for His own eternal glory.” Arthur W. Pink, *The Sovereignty of God*.

**Indonesia** — News of the first COVID-19 case in the country has sparked panic buying. Pray for citizens to remain calm and for the government to step-up necessary measures to control the spread of the disease.

**Malaysia** — Pray for the political changes happening in our neighbouring country. Pray for continued peace in the region, and for the new leaders to look to the interest of all their citizens.

## Last Week

On 1 Mar, we welcomed:

**Morning Services:** Ho Wan Weng, Wong Kae Moe, Ethan Ho, Elena Ho, Sophia Ee and others.

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	235	11,955.00
English 10.30 am	376	19,674.00
Children's Discipleship	71	
English 5 pm	33	1,066.00
Mandarin	76	4,195.00
Cantonese-Mandarin	39	232.00
Mandarin-English	53	1,099.00
Chinese Sunday School	24	
Hokkien	49	1,462.00
Tamil	15	1,626.00
<b>TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)</b>	<b>954</b>	<b>41,309.00</b>
Precept (Wed) Class		375.00
Electronic Transfer		20,278.00
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>		<b>\$61,962.00</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2019/20: \$62,189

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1504–1515	6,220.00
Electronic Transfer	9,654.25
Interest-Free Loan: #LL001/20	5,000.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>20,874.25</b>
(Weekly Target: \$113,854)	
<b>Total To Date</b>	<b>\$4,031,779.47</b>

## 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

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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:

(more space overleaf)

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. Deepest condolences to Alison and George Tan on the loss of Alison's brother, Mr Leow Chow Teck, aged 64, who passed away on 29 February 2020.
2. Congratulations to Peter and Dawn Wang on the birth of their daughter Eliza Wang on 2 March 2020 and to grandparents, Wang Yee and Janet.
3. Ps Haoren is away on ministry in South Asia till 25 Mar 2020.
4. Pastor Alby is on sabbatical leave till end April.

## *Looking Ahead*

### **Friday 13 March**

**8.00 pm: Friday Prayer Meeting, MPH, Level 1.** AG9 chairing.

### **Sunday 15 March**

*Worship Ministry Team: C. Music Team: A.*

**8.30 am: Coordinator:** Anthony and Yong Shing Chiam. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Reginald Tan. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Sneha Peter. *Scripture Reading:* Rosie Wee.

**10.30 am: Coordinator:** Christopher Lim. *Worship Ldr:* Dn Mervyn Phan. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Jason Leong. *Scripture Reading:* Madeline Ang.

### **Morning Service Series: The Thessalonian Letters**

15 Mar 1 Thessalonians Summary  
Mr Vernon Quek

### **Evening Service March Series:**

#### **Matthew Series:**

8 Mar Weeds (Matthew 13.24-43)  
Elder Michael Gan

15 Mar Treasure (Matthew 13.44-58)  
Deacon Danny Chua

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!  
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## **Don't go to church but be the Church!**

No, I am not suggesting we stop meeting corporately each week. But isn't it true that we often speak of going to church when the Bible exhorts us to be the church? Most people think of church as a location or a building. When asked about our relationship with "church", people usually ask: "Where is your church?", "What church do you belong to?" or "Are you going to church"? As God's redeemed people let's be reminded that we are "...a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for his own possession," (1 Pet. 2:9-10) so that we may display God's dazzling goodness to the world.

This past year we have felt the negative effects of the US-China trade war, the extended Hongkong political protests and the COVID-19 crisis. These have all reminded us that life is fragile and uncertain. What is God saying to us all today? We have been going through 1 Thessalonians in our sermons. That church was freshly planted. Because of strong opposition, the apostle Paul had no choice but to leave after having spent only 3 Sabbaths with them (Acts 17:2-3). And now writing from Corinth, he expressed thanksgiving on hearing that their faith has not just been an example to the believers in Macedonia and Achaia but have gone forth everywhere (1 Thess. 1:7-8) despite affliction (1 Thess. 2:14)! In his final instructions, Paul encourages them to stay on course and "be the church". This, he does so, by giving specific examples of how church ought to be.

Church comprises "people who follow Jesus." For some of us, that may include buildings, programs and all other accoutrements that go with the institutional understanding. But should these be it? It is certainly important to gather regularly to share our common imperishable hope we have in Jesus (Heb. 10:24-25). But, we do not and must not limit church to just the institutional. We need to "be the church" on the other six days as well - in our workplaces or schools, in our families and the community.

What would being church look like amidst all the turmoil and uncertainty? Let us all take a leaf from 1 Thessalonians 5. Do we remember to love those who serve us here at Zion Bishan? Do we encourage the timid and the anxious? Do we help the weak? Are we patient to all and not take revenge for all the wrongs that we have experienced? Do we remember to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, to give thanks in all circumstances, to hold fast to what is good and to abstain from all forms of evil? Brothers and sisters, each passing day brings the Day of the Lord closer. The return of our Lord is certain. Let us be reminded to *be the church* so that the Gospel may be lived out loud and clear.

# Announcements

## Good Friday Service

**14 April, 10.00am, Sanctuary**

The annual BPCIS combined Good Friday Service will be decentralised to the 7 member churches this year. The theme will be “Relentless Love”. Our speaker is Snr Ps Jason Lim from Gospel Light Christian Church.

## God, Are You Really There?

**An Evangelistic Outreach Event**

**15 March, 1.00–2.30 pm, Chapel**

Testimony sharing by Tony and Ashley Low. Invite your friends to hear how God restored Tony from his coma, and the couple’s amazing journey over the years. This is a story about our eternal hope and how we can learn to trust God’s guidance in our lives.

If lunch is required, please sign up at the Info Desk.

## Blessing Our Children

**Faith at Home**

**15 March, 9.00–10.00 am, Rm207**

The Faith at Home sessions are for parents with children aged 0-6 years. Both parents are encouraged to come together with their children. Limited spaces left! We will be capping registration at 12 pax (6 couples) for safety reasons. Hope to see you! <https://tinyurl.com/fah15mar>

## Church Camp 2020 Postponed

Due to uncertainties of the COVID-19 situation, the plans for our annual church camp will be postponed to next year. A Family Day event will be organised on **13 June, Saturday**. More details to follow soon.

## Join the Worship Service Team!

**Ushers and Helpers Needed**

The 8.30 and 10.30 English Morning Services are in need of additional ushers and helpers! Please contact Dn Timothy Ong (9271 5785), Dn Jerry Tan (9099 1883) or Dn Chin Yew (9826 8177) for more information.

## Church WhatsApp Broadcast

To receive the church bulletin and announcements via WhatsApp, please follow **both** steps below:

1. **Save 9422 5703 to your contacts**
2. Send a WhatsApp message with your full **name and contact number** (e.g. *Freddie Mao 98765432*)

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