

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

1 Thessalonians 5:2

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5.00 pm

Order of Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: Knowing You, Jesus

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:44-53 ESV

Message: The Greatest Treasure: The Forever Kingdom

*Hymn: This Kingdom

Sharing & Praying with One Another

Offering

*Benediction

Announcements

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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

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: Deacon Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Deacon Chuah Chin Yew

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* *alby*

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor (Comm Dev't)* *zhenghr*

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* *ebi*

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* *sskew*

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlim*

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* *daniel*

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Mrs Sharon Quek, *Trg/Mobilisation* *sharon*

Mr Timmy Ng, *Youth Ministry* *timmy*

Mr Vernon Quek, *Young Adults/AGs* *vernon*

Mr Linus Koe, *Family Ministry/Media* *linus*

Deacon Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

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The Greatest Treasure: The Forever Kingdom

Matthew 13:44-53

15 March 2020
Deacon Danny Chua

2 Kinds of People

2 Reasons to Choose the Greatest Treasure (13:44-50)

(1) Parables of Hidden Treasure & A Priceless Pearl: Nothing Else Comes Close to Jesus' Kingdom (v. 44-46)

(2) Parable of the Net: The Horrible Alternative to Jesus' Kingdom (v. 47-50)

Do You Now Understand? (13:51-53)

Jesus' Disciples are...

- The True Scribes/Teachers of God's Kingdom Secrets

- The Heirs of God's Forever Kingdom (Daniel 7:13-14)

Reflection Questions

1. What is one key truth you have understood better about Jesus' kingdom at this point?
1. What holds you back from giving your all for Jesus' kingdom?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Outreach Event (15 Mar) — Thank God for the opportunities to share the gospel with friends and family. Pray that that this afternoon's event will bring people to the saving knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Faith at Home (15 Mar) — Pray for our young couples and families as they come together to deepen their understanding of God's command in Deut 6:4-9. May they faithfully nurture the faith of the next generation.

Kairos Course (21 Mar) — Is into its 6th week of the course. As they explore the task remaining for the gospel to reach all nations, pray that the participants will sense where the Spirit is leading them in the work of gospel mission.

Land Lease — The LLRF has crossed \$4m! Thank God for his providence and for the generosity of our members. Pray for our leaders as they plan towards this milestone.

Our People

Timmy Ng — Thank God for his 12 years of ministry to the youths in our church. He shares with us his reflections over his time working at Zion Bishan (p.7). Pray for him and his family as he moves to a new phase and place of ministry.

SamHELPS — Pray for the ministry of Samaritan HELPS of India which reaches out to children from low income families. Thank God for the good recovery of Manimaran, the director of this organization who was hospitalized in Dec 2019 for an infection that led to surgery.

Pray for the children who attend the Day Care Centres to be able to have good interest in their studies. And for peace to be upon some troubled families who deal with problems of violence in the homes due to alcoholism.

Our World

COVID-19 Situation — For reflection: "If there is one single molecule in this universe running around loose, totally free of God's sovereignty, then we have no guarantee that a single promise of God will ever be fulfilled." R.C. Sproul, Chosen By God: Know God's Perfect Plan for His Glory and His Children.

Vigilance — Pray that every member of society will not become complacent and continue to practice personal hygiene responsibly.

Economy — COVID-19 has impacted the world's economy. Pray for God's sovereignty, especially to the marginalised and needy. May the church be a light in such times.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	232	6,374.00
English 10.30 am	367	11,375.00
Children's Discipleship	85	
English 5 pm	24	965.00
Mandarin	74	2,023.00
Cantonese-Mandarin	37	1,484.00
Mandarin-English	49	836.00
Chinese Sunday School	32	
Hokkien	57	961.00
Tamil	16	314.00
TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)	973	24,332.00
Precept (Wed) Class		240.00
Electronic Transfer		33,556.53
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$58,128.53

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1516–1526	15,754.50
Electronic Transfer	14,973.74
Weekly Total	30,728.24
<i>(Weekly Target: \$113,854)</i>	
Total To Date	\$4,062,957.61

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

15 March 2020

NAME

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PHONE

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E-MAIL

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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 June Yeo on the loss of June's father-in-law, Mr Bak Wah Onn, who passed away on 10 March 2020.
2. Mr Quek Tze-Ming is preaching at Bethesda Chapel this morning.
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 20 March

8.00 pm: Friday Prayer Meeting, MPH, Level 1. AG7 chairing.

Sunday 22 March (Family Sunday)

Worship Ministry Team: D. Music Team: A.

8.30 am: Coordinator: Jonathan Teo & Kemp Aw.

Worship Ldr: Dn Sunil Peter. *Responsive Scripture*

Reading: Ravi Shankar. *Scripture Reading:* Nathanael Kusanda.

10.30 am: Coordinator: Dharma. *Worship Ldr:* Dn Daniel Teo. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Immanuel Sak. *Scripture Reading:* Chew Ping Nan.

Morning Service:

Family Sunday:

22 Mar The Mother Role (1 Thessalonians 2:7-9)
Pastor Dev Menon

Evening Service March Series:

Matthew Series:

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

22 Mar Debtor (Matthew 18.15-35)
Deacon Chuah Chin Yew

29 Mar Labourers (Matthew 19.30-20.16)
Pastor Dev Menon

*THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!
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A 12 Year Reflection

Our long-time staff of 12 years, Timmy Ng, has sensed God's call to move to a different ministry. His last day in the church office will be 31st Mar 2020. These are his thoughts:

In 2007, Cindy and I went to the parsonage to sign a document that would mark the beginning of our ministry together. It was a day where we felt a cocktail of emotions - hopeful, challenged and nervous - all at the same time.

Over the years serving in youth ministry, my family and I have experienced many things that saddened us. We saw youths we have journeyed with leave the faith altogether and a few even got into trouble with the law. We experienced different motivational levels, working styles and personality clashes – all the issues that come with church ministry. I too made mistakes.

Yet, our merciful and patient God blessed us with many things: being in authentic relationships, serving together with likeminded and passionate saints, witnessing God changing hearts and bringing the lost back to Himself. There was the opportunity to watch youths grow from being bystanders to becoming active leaders serving others. I journeyed with people through various life stages and difficult situations. Moreover, many people have also blessed us with prayers, time, love gifts, skilled help and encouragement.

I am very grateful for being able to do a theological degree, having 'space' to try new ways of ministry and the grace to set right many mistakes I made.

Today, feeling those familiar feelings that Cindy and I felt twelve years ago returned, because come April 2020, I am embarking on a new ministry. I will be serving with the Methodist Church in Singapore, as a Christian Ministry Staff (CMS) in one of the fifteen Methodist schools locally.

Please do continue to pray for my family and as we serve youths and their families in this new setting; to build them up and tell them about God's love through Christ. We seek for God's wisdom and strength as we adapt to the changes. We will still continue our personal ministry in Zion Bishan. May God help us fulfil our family's goal of serving Him and His people for life (Joshua 24:15), and not to slack.

Thank you, my family in Christ, for all these years.

Announcements

Good Friday Service

10 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.

Family Sunday

22 March

There will be no CD classes next week. Children will be joining 8.30 and 10.30 services. For a useful guide to prepare children for Family Sunday, Family Worship Cards are available for parents to download:
<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fwc>

Couples' Retreat Cancelled

Due to uncertainties of the COVID-19 situation, the plans for Couples' Retreat have been cancelled.

Reports for 11th Annual Congregational Meeting (ACM)

Leaders/secretaries of ministries, please submit your reports to Doreen Lim by 15 April.
doreen@zionbishan.org.sg

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.

Children's Discipleship Helpers Needed

CD is looking for volunteers to help with temperature checking at 1030CD from Apr-Jun 2020. Volunteers will be stationed at level 2 beside the playground from 10.15-10.45am. Contact Lihui (9111 9652) for more information and service opportunities.