

...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: Every Promise of Your Word

Responsive Scripture Reading: Proverbs 20:18-30 KJV

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:13 ESV

Message: The Christian Life: Standing Fast Until Jesus Comes Again

*Response Song: How Firm a Foundation

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering & Offertory Response

*Closing Hymn: Lo! He Comes With Clouds Descending

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: Mr Vernon Quek.

Worship Ministry Team: B. *Music Team:* B.

Song Leader: Tan Seang Pin.

8.30 am: *Coordinator:* Klein Aw & Timothy Sng. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Roland Low.

Responsive Scripture Reading: Carol Low.

Scripture Reading: Janet Wang.

10.30 am: *Coordinator:* Colin Chua.

Worship Ldr: Elder David Leong. *Responsive*

Scripture Reading: Chew Ping Nan.

Scripture Reading: Peter Yap.

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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Mr Timmy Ng, *Youth Ministry* 9007 5957

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Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* 9060 8340

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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The Christian Life: Standing Fast Until Jesus Comes Again

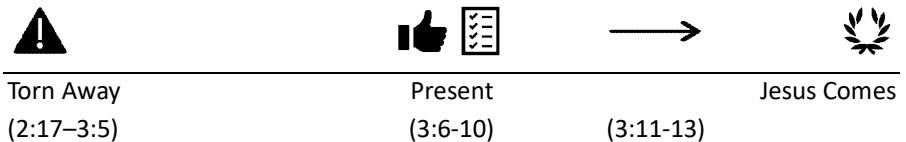
1 Thessalonians 2:17–3:13

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Mr Vernon Quek

Intro: The Christian Life in 1 Thessalonians: Persecution!

The Thessalonian Situation



Paul’s Desire: To see them established (3:2, 13) and standing fast (3:8) in their faith.

But in what? **The Gospel/The Word of God** (1:9 & 10)

- a. God is **the living and true God** (so turn from idols to serve Him)
- b. Jesus **rose from the dead** and **is coming again**
- c. Jesus is **the only way** for deliverance from **coming wrath**

Conclusion: Our Situation



Reflection Questions

1. What is your ‘present’ situation in terms of your convictions about the Gospel as described above?
2. How often do you think of Jesus coming again? What difference has His coming again made in your life this past week?
3. What do you need to do to be firmly established and to stand fast in this Gospel?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Standing Fast — Pray that we will all listen for God’s guidance as we seek His wisdom in how we should “be church” in this situation, to love one another, as well as to counter fear, selfishness and xenophobia with faith.

Chinese Service 29th Anniversary — Thank God for the Chinese language ministry, which started even before services began at Bishan. Praise God for the faithful leaders and members who serve. Pray that God will lead them into new paths of discipleship and mission as they head into the coming year.

Kairos Course (starts 15 Feb) — Praise God that a good number have signed up for the first run of the course at Zion Bishan. Pray that participants will grow in knowing and loving God as they consider the message of the Bible.

Our People

Sim Jia Hsu — He has begun a 3-month internship, “Project Serve 2020”, organized by Singapore Youth For Christ, serving with the Secondary School and Junior College Ministry (SJM), befriending youths through contact work, different events and street evangelism. Pray for him to grow in spiritual maturity, strengthening his faith and walk with Christ. Pray for courage, wisdom, and strength to share

the gospel, as well as help build up Christian youths.

Our World

China — 56 million people in Hubei province are living under official restrictions, having the highest number of coronavirus infections and deaths. In this province that is susceptible to heavy rain and flooding of the Yangtze river, relief ministry has contributed to the growth of Christians to over 4%, though churches face persecution. Pray for many to turn to God in this time of trouble and suffering.

Zhejiang province has the highest number of cases outside Hubei province. More than 18 million people are affected by restrictions. With 19% Christians, and being one of the most wealthy provinces, praise God that believers have been influential in their own nation. Pray that they will heed God’s voice in this time to respond with the love and confidence of the gospel.

Pray for God to open the spiritual eyes of many atheists to show them their misguided self-sufficiency and arrogant oppression of those who have religious faith, and cause them to seek truth.

(Statistics: *Operation World*)

Last Week

On 2 Feb, we welcomed:

Morning Services: Chua Leong Hin, Elizabeth Chua and others.

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	314	8,320.00
English 10.30 am	568	19,467.00
Children's Discipleship	75	
English 5 pm	20	967.00
Mandarin	92	3,013.00
Cantonese-Mandarin	60	400.00
Mandarin-English	40	863.00
Chinese Sunday School	25	
Hokkien	104	1,838.00
Tamil	23	546.00
TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)	1,321	35,414.00
Electronic Transfer		21,607.52
Love gift for goody bag contribution		500.00
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$57,521.52

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2019/20: \$61,901

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1471-1486	23,810.00
Hongbao Offering	2,910.00
Electronic Transfer	21,306.25
Weekly Total	48,026.25
(Weekly Target: \$113,854)	
Total To Date	\$3,854,945.47

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. Pastor Alby is speaking at the Chinese congregation's anniversary service today.
2. Pastor Alby is on sabbatical leave till end April.

Looking Ahead

Friday 14 February

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

Sunday 16 February

Worship Ministry Team: C. Music Team: C.

8.30 am: *Coordinator: Anthony & Yong Shing Chiam. Worship Ldr: Deacon Jerry Tan. Responsive Scripture Reading: Lionel Lim. Scripture Reading: Ravi Shankar.*

10.30 am: *Coordinator: Christopher Lim. Worship Ldr: Deacon Daniel Teo. Responsive Scripture Reading: Tan Ruobin. Scripture Reading: Chew Ping Nan.*

Morning Service Series: The Thessalonian Letters

16 Feb 1 Thess 4:1-12 How to Walk and Please God

23 Feb 1 Thess 4:13-18 Hope for Those who are Asleep

Evening Service February Series:

Songs of Experience

9 Feb Psalm 2
Mr Quek Tze-Ming

16 Feb Psalms 149–150
Mr Vernon Quek

23 Feb Psalm 119 (excerpts)
Deacon Chan Kin Yip

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!
YOU MAY HAND IT TO AN USHER
OR THE INFO DESK, OR PUT IT IN
THE OFFERING BAG

Hurry Robs

I have long strides and my family members used to call out, “Hey, could you slow down?” Today, I lag behind all of them for various reasons. For a long time not too long ago I had a favourite phrase: “Sorry, I’ve got to run.” It hit me real hard one day when my aged mum chided me, “When will you have time for me?”

For years I knew I had to do something about my intensity and pace. Often the Lord admonished, “You need to be still before Me.” But I was slow to make changes. So He helped in deliberate ways and I am thankful. **He taught me to ruthlessly eliminate hurry from my life.**

What have I learnt? **There is no significant advantage in hurry.** The good old idiom “more haste, less speed” is still relevant. I know of someone who has to regularly pick up the pieces for another while the latter takes pride in being “fast”. Productivity actually declines with hurry. I have been driving for more than 30 years, often in a hurry. Of late, I have had opportunities to ride on the upper deck of buses. I realised I had missed out so much on appreciating lovely landscapes which most hurried drivers would not have time to notice.

You see, contrary to popular belief, **hurry actually denies us meaningful time.** It robs us of extended and worthwhile time with loved ones and friends. I communicate in dialect with my mum. Because I use English all the time, I need to warm up with my dialect when I am with Mum. This takes time. And she needs time to gear up on what she wants to share with me from her heart. So we both need time for deeper conversations.

Also, I notice that **I hear the wind and not God when I hurry.** The breezy wind of accomplishments feels good on my face when I hurry. However, it is a false sense of success. When I slow down and eventually stop, I look around and find myself asking, “Where am I?” Often, I have gone off-trail because I failed to hear God.

Therefore, there may be a need to be ruthless in eliminating hurry if one is serious about slowing down in order to hear God and have time for others. The intrinsic and extrinsic outcomes of such a decision are priceless.

Announcements

Zion Bishan Kindergarten

2021 Registration

Phase 2 registration for church members:
14–28 February. Kindly submit your registration to the kindergarten office by 8 February. Hours: Mon–Fri, 9 am – 4 pm. Tel: 6353 8083. E-mail: admin@zbk.edu.sg

Kairos Course:

God, the Church and the World

9 Saturdays: 15 Feb – 4 Apr, 9.30 am – 12.30 pm; 11 Apr, 9 am – 5 pm

Level 4, Auditoriums 1 & 2

Get deeper into God's plan in the Bible, and how we can live according to His purposes. Nine sessions include worship, devotions, short lectures, videos, group discussions, and other specially designed activities. Subsidised cost for Zion Bishan registrants: \$30 (for refreshments and all materials). Register at the booth, or contact Sharon: sharon@zionbishan.org.sg

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (Budget Approval)

23 February, 1.30 pm, Sanctuary

For all communicant members only. Please inform the church office if you will be overseas. Child care provided for children aged 3–10.

Youth Fellowship

Saturdays, 4–6 pm

Theme for this year: "Striving Towards Christ"; reading Philipians. Info and updates on the YF Instagram page: [@zionbishanyf](https://www.instagram.com/zionbishanyf)

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.

Vacancy for Youth Ministry Staff

We are currently on the lookout for a full-time Youth Ministry Staff at Zion Bishan. The person will be involved in running our regular youth ministry programs, including Youth Discipleship and Youth Fellowship, as well as discipling teenagers on a personal basis. The applicant should be a committed Christian, from 25–45 years of age, who has served in some form of youth ministry for at least 2 years. Training will be provided through the EXCEL apprenticeship scheme. More details can be given upon request. Please email your application to Pastor Dev: dev@zionbishan.org.sg

Couples Retreat:

Love in Every Season

23–25 May, Le Grandeur Hotel, JB

Come, learn and enjoy time together with your spouse. Learn ways to deepen your friendship and mend fissures so that your marriage remains respectful and engaging. More info at the registration table.