

...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: Rejoice, the Lord is King

Responsive Scripture Reading: Proverbs 21:9-23 KJV

Worship in Song

Scripture Reading: 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18 ESV

Message: The Hopeful Church

*Response Song: Christ is Mine Forevermore

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering & Offertory Response

*Closing Hymn: It is Well with My Soul

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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 Ng Zhiwen.

Worship Ministry Team: D. *Music Team:* C. *Song Leader:* Jessica-Ann Vendawall.

8.30 am: *Coordinator:* Kemp Aw & Jonathan Teo. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Jeffrey Lim. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Janet Wang. *Scripture Reading:* Nathanael Kusanda.

10.30 am: *Coordinator:* Dharma. *Worship Ldr:* Elder Michael Gan. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Hia Lin Choo. *Scripture Reading:* Victor Quek.

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>sabbatical</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
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Mr Timmy Ng, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	9007 5957
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The Hopeful Church

1 Thessalonians 4:13–18

23 February 2020

Mr Ng Zhiwen

Not neglecting to meet together...

Have you heard the word? Jesus is coming again!

What's it going to be like on that day?

- **The most important point.**

Grieving with hope.

When the day comes...

For Reflection

1. Read 1 & 2 Thessalonians again, and consider how often Paul writes about the coming of our Lord.
2. How should this constant and keen awareness of Jesus' return shape the way we live?
3. Re-read 1 Thess. 4:13-18 and let the comfort and encouragement of the truths abide in you.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Faith at Home — Thank God for this timely opportunity, with the COVID-19 situation, for all of us, and especially families, to strengthen or reset our practices of faith at home. Pray that we will be convicted and wise about addressing spiritual as well as virus threats.

BOD Meeting (25 Feb) — Thank God for the Board of Deacons. Pray that they will seek God’s direction together and coordinate their work well.

Christianity Explored (26 Feb) — Praise God that 37 in total attended last week, including the CE team. The course ends this week; pray for the Holy Spirit’s continuing work in the participants’ lives, and for the hosts to know how to follow up with them.

Kairos Course (29 Feb) — Thank God that the course has been able to begin. Pray that the participants will learn and grow as they think about God’s purposes across Old and New Testaments.

Our World

COVID-19 Situation — For reflection: “In God’s economy, man’s adversity is God’s opportunity.... It is important for you and I to know that He is on the throne, and to live our lives in light of that. His purpose is always salvation.

The great Creator of the universe has a shepherd’s heart to bring every soul into His Kingdom. And although He is not the source of evil, because He is God, He harnesses evil to serve His salvation purposes.” Anglican Bishop Rennis Ponniah

Singapore Budget — Thank God for the leaders and many civil servants who worked hard to anticipate the country’s goals, challenges, and needs, in order to allocate resources to help ordinary citizens young and old. Pray that, by God’s grace, both state and civil society may continue to grow in care and compassion for all, especially those who need more support.

South Sudan — Locust swarms from the region have now entered South Sudan, where 60% of the population is already facing food insecurity. Pray for God’s mercy, and that the international community will provide the resources to control the pests.

Pray for long-term peace and stability to prevail in this fragile, new nation. About 60% are nominally Christian, and half of these evangelical, yet the country faced a recent civil war, since separating from Sudan in 2011 after decades of conflict. Pray for churches to work for peace and reconciliation, so that people will embrace the gospel, reject ethnic hatred, and demonstrate love and forgiveness.

Last Week

On 16 Feb, we welcomed:

Morning Services: Angela Mah and others.

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 8.30 am	205	5,777.00
English 10.30 am	279	8,228.00
Children's Discipleship	54	
English 5 pm	21	932.00
Mandarin	73	1,640.00
Cantonese-Mandarin	35	1,536.00
Mandarin-English	34	5,433.00
Chinese Sunday School	7	
Hokkien	34	602.00
Tamil	9	294.00
TOTAL (*excl. ADCs)	751	24,442.00
Precept (Wed) Class		375.00
Electronic Transfer		30,005.63
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$54,822.63

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1494-1497	1,782.00
Electronic Transfer	8,586.25
Weekly Total	10,368.25
<i>(Weekly Target: \$113,854)</i>	
Total To Date	\$3,994,289.97

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

23 February 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:
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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. Deepest condolences to the family of Mdm Rose Ho Mui Leng, who went Home to be with the Lord on 15 Feb, aged 66. Note from the family: “We want to say a big thank you to all Zion Bishan church leaders and members who have assisted us so much in one way or another; without the church’s support we would have been hapless. Thanks for all the arrangement, checking all details and ensuring we were all comfortable and alright during our beloved sister Rose’s bereavement. God bless you.”
2. Congratulations to Wee Wei Meng and Cheryl Sng on their holy matrimony on 22 Feb.
3. Pastor Alby is on sabbatical leave till end April.

Looking Ahead

Friday 28 February

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

Sunday 1 March

Worship Ministry Team: A. Music Team: D.

8.30 am: Coordinator: Keith Ong & Janna Wong.

Worship Ldr: Elder Foo Say Chiang. *Responsive*

Scripture Reading: Rosie Wee. *Scripture Reading:* Moses Thia.

10.30 am: Coordinator: Dharma. *Worship Ldr:*

Deacon Chan Kin Yip. *Responsive Scripture Reading:* Edwin Seet. *Scripture Reading:* Peter Yap.

Evening Service February Series:

Songs of Experience

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*

Threats & Opportunities

COVID-19—one of the hottest topics of conversation the past few weeks. Parents especially are understandably worried about their children catching this virus. I know I am! Even though there have been a few articles published about how children are rather resilient to this virus, I still worry. When I see a new case and the patient is a child, I worry. When I take my daughter to the park or the playground (because staying indoors 24/7 with a 15-month-old will drive you and them crazy!), I worry. When I need to go to the supermarket, because all the online delivery slots are taken up, and I have to bring my daughter with me, I worry. So, I take the necessary precautions—hygiene etc.

But then... I am reminded that COVID-19 is nothing compared to an *even greater threat* to my child—sin. The effects of this threat last beyond her life on earth; they have eternal consequences. And *that* should worry me more. **So what am I doing about that?**

At Zion Bishan we've been talking a lot about discipleship and Faith At Home. We know (I hope we do!) that our role as parents is to bring up our children in a way that helps them recognize they are sinners who need to be saved; to acknowledge the true and living God, and to live under His good rule; to create space and time for moments that help turn their hearts towards God and His Gospel.

The Family Discipleship Team (Children's, Family & Youth Ministries) have been working to put together four Faith At Home (FAH) sessions, run one Sunday during each school holiday. These sessions aim to equip parents to be more intentional in making space for and weaving in such moments into family life.

Our most recent FAH session covered the topic of family devotions, specifically for families with children between ages 0–6. God says in His Word in Psalm 78 that it is our responsibility to declare the wonders He has done to the next generations, so that they may set their hope in Him and not be stubborn and rebellious. How are we obeying this command? How are we fulfilling our responsibility to steward the gifts—our children—that God has given us?

I think this COVID-19 situation gives us opportunity to think through what we do or don't do with regards to discipleship at home. Perhaps it offers us a fresh start at attempting some family prayer/Bible time; or maybe some topical faith conversations around the dinner table. There is no prescribed way of doing

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Announcements

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting (Budget Approval)

Today, 1.30 pm, Sanctuary

All communicant members are required to attend. Registration will begin at 1.15 pm. Please have your temperature taken at the screening stations before entering the sanctuary.

Zion Bishan Kindergarten 2021 Registration

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

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.

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*)

PDPA Notice: By providing your name and contact to this number, you agree that Zion Bishan BP Church may collect, use and disclose your personal data for the purpose of disseminating the church bulletin and announcements to you, in accordance with the Personal Data Protection Act 2012 and our data protection policy.

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things. The command is just to do it—to declare the wonders God has done, to teach His commands diligently to our children (Deut 6).

Let's be thinking more intentionally about the state of our children's hearts, and ask God to help us (broken sinners as well) as we strive to partner the Holy Spirit in the work He does in their hearts.

Our next FAH session will be on the 15th of March on Blessing Our Children. For more information, or if you would like some suggestions for materials to use with your children (ages 0–12), talk to Linus or Ruth.

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.