

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

1 Thessalonians 5:2

Art by Louise Lau



5.00 pm

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Order of Service

Call to Worship & Opening Prayer

*Hymn: Creation Sings the Father's Song

Scripture Reading: Matthew 13:24-43 ESV

Message: Intertwined until Judgement Day

*Hymn: Holy Spirit

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

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: Elder Michael Gan

Worship Leader: Deacon Joseph Chan

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* 9829 6051

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor (Comm Dev't)*
6353 8081

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Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* 9489 4967

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* 9182 6957

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* 8428 0525

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Intertwined until Judgement Day

Matthew 13:24-43

8 March 2020

Elder Michael Gan

Introduction

Weeds (Tares) & Wheat (24-30)

Weeds (Tares) & Wheat Explained (36-43)

Mustard Seeds and Yeast (Leaven) (31-33)

Conclusion

Reflection Questions

1. What have you learnt from the sermon?
2. How are you living your life in view that eventually there will be the day of judgement?

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 (\$) |
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| 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 |
| TOTAL (*excl. ADCs) | 954 | 41,309.00 |
| Precept (Wed) Class | | 375.00 |
| Electronic Transfer | | 20,278.00 |
| WEEKLY TOTAL | | \$61,962.00 |

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

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

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. 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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THE OFFERING BAG*

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

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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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