

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

1 Thessalonians 5:2



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10.30 am Live Streaming

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Every Promise

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 2.1-17 ESV

Message: "Warning: Fake News! Stand Firm!"

Response Hymn: He Will Hold Me Fast

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Closing Prayer

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Welcome

We are pleased to welcome you to worship with us! If you are new to Zion Bishan, do drop us a note on our contact form and our hospitality team will get in touch with you in the coming week. <http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf>

Our Sunday services at a glance

All physical services are cancelled until further notice.

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*

Join us for our livestream

8.30am

Mandarin & Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am

English service

Join us for Zoom Services

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/services

10.30am

Tamil service

10.30am

Mandarin-English service

Serving You Today

Speaker: Deacon Danny Chua

AV: Vernon Quek

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection

Looking Ahead

Friday, 1 May

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting (Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting

Sunday, 3 May

Morning Service Livestream

"How (not) to Live in Light of Jesus' Return" by Mr Vernon Quek

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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Warning: Fake News! STAND FIRM!

2 Thessalonians 2.1-17

26 April 2020

Deacon Danny Chua

Fake News – Jesus has Returned??? (vv. 1-2)

Not Yet... First, the Rebellion & the Lawless Man (vv.3-12)

Before Jesus returns, there will be intense false teaching led by one key individual. Even many who claim to follow Christ will fall away from the Gospel truth.

- (i) We don't know exactly who this man of lawlessness is
- (ii) But we'll be able to recognize him through his actions

(iii) The Lord Jesus will easily crush him in the end (v. 8)

Church, STAND FIRM!

Motherly Assurance: God will surely bring us through! (vv. 13-14, 16-17)

Fatherly Exhortation: So, we must stand firm! (v. 15)

Reflection Questions

1. What was one truth or lesson you remember from the message? Why?
2. In this climate of fear and anxiety, what false teachings are Christians at risk of believing?
3. How can we help one another in our AGs to love the truth and stand firm in the Gospel?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ZB COVID-19 Ministry Initiatives – Pray for the team looking into the results of the ZB COVID-19 Survey #2. Over 170 have responded and provided perspective on how our members are coping during Circuit Breaker. Pray for our Pastors, Cluster and AG leaders who will be looking into the pastoral care of all our members.

Thank God also for many who have donated to the ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund. Pray that this will bring relief towards the saints, especially to those in the mission fields.

We also give thanks to God for the opportunity to reach out to residents under Comcare. Through the provision of meals, pray that the recipients will experience God’s love. Pray also for Zion Bishan and RC volunteers as they work together in this food distribution.

Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P) – Zion Bishan will house 5 rough sleepers until the end of Circuit Breaker. Thank God for the 4 guest stayers, referred by MSF and Homeless Hearts of Singapore, who have settled in.

Pray for our staff, volunteers and Living Room Café that will be checking-in, befriending and providing meals for our guests. May this be an opportunity to show the love of Christ to the most vulnerable in our society.

Our People

Extension of Circuit Breaker — We thank God for our government who are doing what they can to stop the spread of the virus so that life can return to normalcy. But on the other hand, we pray for one another as we deal with the implications of this extension. These are some potential implications:

Addictions – Having to spend extended time on computers and devices, pornography and gaming addictions are very present dangers. Pray that all of us deal seriously with sin in our lives and look towards Christ and His church for love and support.

Household relationships – Some families will struggle with being unable to go out, working from home and home-based school. May God help us patiently bear with one another and forgive as God has forgiven us.

Our World

Ministry Partner in Indonesia — A ministry partner was able to distribute basic food to some disabled families who had almost nothing to eat. Many were very appreciative of this effort. Pray for protection and safety of this ministry partner as they seek to minister to other disabled groups with food aid and carry on their work creatively, especially in this time of isolation and lockdown.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*543	3,972.00
Chinese 8.30 Livestream	*98	
Tamil Zoom	20	
ME Zoom	48	
TOTAL	709	

**Peak concurrent viewers on livestream*

Use of premises	60.00
Electronic Transfer	\$77,363.45
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$81,395.45

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Donations Received **\$23,950.00**

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1535-1536	300.00
Electronic Transfer	8,738.25
Weekly Total	\$9,038.25

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date **\$4,185,612.35**

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH



To donate towards the

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund:

General & Missions Fund

(Use information above)

Indicate "CV19 MRF" in remarks

To give towards the

Land Lease Renewal Fund:

General Project Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF

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(please indicate *Land Lease*

Renewal Fund on back of cheque)

Please provide your **CONTACT NUMBER** on each cheque



Your Response

26 April 2020

*Thank you for joining us today!
If there's anything you would
like the church to know, do
reach out to us online or via
email.*

Get in touch with us:

- If you are joining us
for the first time
- to find out more
- to request prayer
- to provide feedback
- to send a word of
encouragement

*You may find our response form
www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf*

*Or email us at
office@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Confidential care & counselling
matters, please email
care@zionbishan.org.sg*

*Please note that the church will
retain and use your submitted
data as needed to process your
indicated response.*

Loving One Another in a Virtual Era

With this week's announcement of the extension of Singapore's Circuit Breaker until June comes the bleak reality that our interactions with one another will remain virtual for at least the foreseeable future.

How are you doing in this season of Zoom (and other virtual platforms) that has been forced upon us all? Are you adjusting well to this new Zoom culture? Or have you found the frequency and intensity of all these virtual meetings tiring and draining? I believe that no matter how extroverted you are, that given the Circuit Breaker extension, it's only a matter of time before we all fall into the latter category. This is why I thought it'd be a good idea to pause this week to start a conversation about how we can best approach this 'virtual reality' both individually and together as a church family.

Luke ends his book on the Acts of the Apostles with this account of the Apostle Paul in Acts 28:

¹⁶ And when we came into Rome, Paul was allowed **to stay by himself**, with the soldier who guarded him...³⁰ **He lived there two whole years...**and welcomed all who came to him, ³¹proclaiming the kingdom of God and teaching about the Lord Jesus Christ with all boldness and without hindrance.

Notice here that Paul also had a period of being confined to a house (for much longer than us) and what does he do? He does everything in his limited circumstances to continue proclaiming the Kingdom and Jesus.

I've found this helpful in my mindset when it comes to Zoom because I'm starting to dread the amount of virtual meetings I have every day. Some meetings are necessary (like work meetings), but this helps me choose to take some additional meetings on top of the necessary ones as a deliberate way for Kingdom-work to continue in my life. So I'm not just zooming for the sake of zooming, but I'm doing so intentionally to help myself and others keep our eyes on Jesus and His Kingdom. This helps me remember *why* these tiring virtual meetings are worth doing.

But notice that I said *some* additional meetings. One wise thing every Christian needs to do is to think through how to balance being deliberate about ministry with pacing ourselves so we can do so sustainably without burning out. This is no different when it comes to virtual meetings! What is a sustainable pace for you? What is the right balance between doing the ministry we've been called to in loving one another, and not doing so much that you stop trusting in what God is doing and take it all on yourself (inevitably leading to overwhelming fatigue)?

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Announcements

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund Donation Information

To donate towards the fund, please use the following banking information:

General & Missions Fund

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH

IMPORTANT: Indicate “CV19 MRF” in the remarks column when transferring using electronic means.

Application Information

If you wish to apply for relief through this fund for yourself or for your household, please complete the online application form here:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/mrf>

This is for ZB members or regular attendees only. Applications will be accepted up to 31 Dec 2020.

Contact your Cluster leader or email care@zionbishan.org.sg for inquiries.

Pray for Foreign Ministry Partners 29 Apr, Wednesday, 8.00-9.00pm

Register for Zoom invite:

<https://tinyurl.com/FMPPrayer29Apr>

ZB COVID-19 Survey #2 Directory of Businesses

The team thanks members and friends who filled in the survey last week. Do pray for follow-up action as well as on-going efforts to pastoral care for our members as well as aiding the community.

We are still accepting more entries for member-owned businesses to be added to a Zion Bishan inventory of businesses. We hope this will help business owners in our church during this difficult Circuit Breaker period.

To register your business:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/biz>

Friday Prayer Meeting Friday, 8.00pm, Zoom Meeting

Attendance has been very encouraging as more people are joining from home!

We will be praying especially for our church, nation and the world in this critical time.

To join us on Zoom, register with Lydia. Call **6353 8081** or sign up online at www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting

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Let’s think this through; Individually, together in our families, and in our AGs. And let’s love one another by helping each other get this balance right – especially when we can’t say yes to every meeting!

You may find two articles that help us understand why video chats like Zoom are so tiring and some things we can do to manage this fatigue, at the bottom of this article on the website:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2020/04/loving-one-another-in-a-virtual-era/>