

...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: How Great Thou Art

Scripture Reading: 2 Thessalonians 3.1-18 ESV

Message: "Warning: Idleness! Stand Firm!"

Response Hymn: O Praise the Name

Lament & Confession

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services)

**8.45am**

Domestic Helpers Fellowship

**10.30am**

Tamil service

**10.30am**

Mandarin-English service

## Serving You Today

*Speaker:* Mr Vernon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Ps Dev Menon

*AV:* Vernon Quek

*Songs for personal worship and reflection:*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection)

## Looking Ahead

**Friday, 8 May**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting (Registration required):

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting)

**Sunday, 10 May**

Morning Service Livestream

“Thorn-Crowned King beyond

Crown-like Virus” by Pastor Alby Yip

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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## **Warning: Idleness! Stand Firm!**

2 Thessalonians 3.1-18

3 May 2020

Mr Vernon Quek

### **The Context: The Thessalonian Believers (v1-5)**

### **The Situation: Some walk in idleness, not doing work (v6-15)**

So....Paul's instructions:

The Negative: Keep away! Don't let him eat.  
(v6, 10, 14 & 15)

The Positive: Imitate us in toil, labour, work: Continue doing 'good'!  
(v7-9, 12, 13)

1 Thess 1:2-8; 2 Thess 1:11-12, 2:14-17

### **The Big Picture: Jesus is Coming! Stand Firm in Faith, Hope & Love**

1 Thess 1:10, 2:19, 3:13, 4:13-18, 5:1-11, 23; 2 Thess 1:7-10, 2:1-8

### **Conclusion: What about us? Worthy Living**

Individually: Work for the Kingdom

Corporately: Radically Love!

### **Reflection Questions**

1. In what ways might you be 'walking in idleness' in light of Jesus' return?
2. Do you have someone who can encourage you and hold you accountable in this area? If not, who can you approach to fill this role?
3. Who can you love by being such a person to, especially during this Circuit Breaker?
4. What are some things that we can do to both individually and corporately to fix our eyes and hearts on Jesus' Return?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Lament and Confession** — “I have trusted in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. I will sing to the Lord, because he has dealt bountifully with me.” (Psalm 13)

**ZB COVID-19 Ministry Initiatives** – The opportunity to reach out to residents under Comcare through food distribution is already bearing fruit as recipients have asked where our volunteers are from. May Christ be seen in the work of our hands.

**Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P)** – A total of 4 rough sleepers have settled in. Continue to pray for opportunities to share the love of God with them.

### **Our People**

**Home Missions** – Praise God for various ministries restarting in the coming weeks. As social distancing measures may carry on for a long time, even after Circuit Breaker, pray for these following ministries to be a blessing to their participants:

**Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)** – DHF resumes their weekly Bible study fellowship via Zoom today (3 May). Pray for many helpers to attend and for the sessions to bless them. Thank God several employers have indicated their help by encouraging their helpers to join and assisting with using the app.

### **English as a Second Language (ESL)** –

The team of teachers have restarted lessons using Zoom, WhatsApp, calls and mail. Pray that these challenges will not hinder the ministry’s effort to bless many through teaching.

**Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled (BHID)** – Pray for the team developing Sunday school video lessons for the residents.

### **Our World**

**West Bengal and Sikkim, India** — Thank God for our ministry partner who was able to distribute simple food parcels of rice, dhal, and potatoes to help widows, families, and the poor in their neighbourhood. Pray for God’s blessing on their plans to reach 500 families and individuals with this food distribution.

**Lebanon** — Pray for adequate resources and supplies for this ministry partner as they serve refugees and needy church families with meals from their centre. The poor economic situation has been made worse by COVID-19 and has made it extremely difficult for vulnerable families. For some, the risk of starvation is a reality. Zion Bishan’s CV19 MRF will be used to help support this effort, called the ‘Hot Meals’ programme, for the next 2 months. Pray for our Lord’s mercy and relief to come to those in need.

## Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*553	3,120.00
Chinese 8.30 Livestream	*92	
Tamil Zoom	18	
ME Zoom	55	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>718</b>	

\*Peak concurrent viewers on livestream

Electronic Transfer \$77,147.25

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$80,267.25**

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

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$84,937.00

Giving Received from 20-26 Apr 60,987.00

Amount Disbursed 1,500.00

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gifts Nos. 1537-1538 4,200.00

Electronic Transfer 3,508.25

**Weekly Total \$7,708.25**

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

**Total To Date \$4,193,320.60**

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

**General & Missions Fund**

DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

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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: 070-901055-3

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

3 May 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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)

Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)

Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

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

## **A Member's Experience with COVID-19**

*A testimony from a member who recovered from a COVID-19 infection a few weeks ago:*

I was tested positive for Covid-19 after returning from overseas and was hospitalized/isolated for 1 month. God revealed so much to me during this period.

First, I came to see that no one escapes sickness and death. Whilst in hospital/isolation, I shared rooms with 3 separate roommates: a middle-aged professor from China, a Malay-speaking Muslim domestic helper, and a Singaporean professional in her mid-20s. In spite of our differences in age, nationality, socio-economic class, etc., we were all made to confront our own mortality, or that of our loved ones.

Secondly, God reminded me that only He is our eternal hope. I was plucked out of my daily life and 'imprisoned' in a sterilized greyish room with a then-stranger. My parents too were tested positive and my father developed more severe symptoms. I was fearful for my family. I felt guilt – *What if I'd passed the virus to my parents?* I also felt stigmatized within some of my communities. I realized how foolish it was to place my hopes in the security of a healthy family, societal acceptance, or an enviable bank balance. None of these things last forever, and they meant little to me in the context of my hospital bed. Only God was (and is) the sure Rock on which I could place my hope.

As the weeks passed, I also experienced an outpouring of God's provision and love from my family, friends, AG, pastors, medical workers, fellow roommates, and even strangers. God's love was abundant and relentless; He pursued me even on days when I didn't feel like acknowledging Him.

Thirdly, I learnt that God is sovereign, and can use all situations - even sickness and isolation - for His purposes. During my stay, I developed a strong bond with my third roommate. We did everything together, and spent hours talking about all aspects of our lives. He not only blessed me with a beautiful friendship, but also gave me the opportunity to share about Jesus, the Bible and my personal faith. While I was anxious to be 'released', these opportunities reminded me that God was in control and had a purpose for my circumstances.

Today, I look back on the past month as testimony of God's faithfulness and abundant provision, in spite of the circumstances.

*(To clarify and assure members: this person adhered to COVID-19 guidelines and did not attend church at any time between returning from overseas and being tested positive for COVID-19. So, there was no risk whatsoever to our other members.)*

# Announcements

## **Children's Discipleship Break May School Holidays**

To coincide with MOE, Children's Discipleship weekly digital resources will be paused during the May school holidays.

Attention Parents! If your child is aged 3-12, please join our new Facebook Group to stay updated with activities and resources Children's Ministry is planning for the month of May!  
[www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-fbg](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-fbg)

## **Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF) 8.45 -10.00am, Sunday Mornings (via Zoom Meeting)**

Weekly meetings re-start today.

We hope that all employers can:

- 1) Encourage their helpers to attend every Sunday
- 2) Help them use Zoom

For helpers who are new to our DHF, please do register them for the Zoom meetings at [ziondhf@gmail.com](mailto:ziondhf@gmail.com).

Non-Christians are welcome! Many of our existing DHF members are non-Christians, so they will not be alone. Join our fellowship for encouragement through sharing and stories of God.

## **Zion Bishan Family Challenge! #zbfamilychallenge**

Through the month of May, the Family and Children's Ministries will be sending out fun challenges for EVERYONE to participate in!

Young and old, send us your photos or tag Zion Bishan on Facebook with your challenge attempts!

Stay up-to-date for the upcoming challenges by liking and following our Facebook page today!  
[www.facebook.com/ZionBishan/](http://www.facebook.com/ZionBishan/)

## **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

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IMPORTANT: Indicate "CV19 MRF" in the remarks column.

### **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](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg) for inquiries.