

...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: Gracious Spirit, Dwell with Me

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 25:1-19 ESV

Message: "She is No Fool"

Response Hymn: Christ be in My Waking

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

8.45am/2.30pm

Domestic Helpers Fellowship

10.30am

Tamil service

10.30am

Mandarin-English service

Serving You Today

Speaker: Pastor Zheng Haoren

AV: Pastor Alby Yip

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

Looking Ahead

Friday, 22 May

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting (Registration required):

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

Ascension Sunday, 24 May

Morning Service Livestream

“Ascension: Jesus Absent, Spirit Present”

by Pastor David Wong

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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She is No Fool

1 Samuel 25:1-19

17 May 2020

Pastor Zheng Haoren

Introduction

Two Fools & The Wise

Blessed is the Peacemaker

A Father's Joy (Meaning of 'Abigail')

Conclusion

Reflection Questions

1. Reflect upon the different chapters of your life. Could you share some instances of serious foolishness and how God walked you through?
2. Could you recall an occasion when you marvelled at someone's godly wisdom in handling a matter, especially a serious or potentially serious crisis? Could you articulate the possible consequences if this person had not stood in the gap?
3. Consider your personal, family, school/career/retirement, and spiritual life prior to the COVID-19 season. Is this Circuit Breaker just a **Pause** for you to rest, take a break, and get back to business as before? Or is this an opportunity to **Reset** priorities, pace, expectations, routines, etc. Do discuss.

Prayer Points

Our Church

ZB COVID-19 Ministry Initiatives —

Continue to pray for the ongoing work with the 5 rough sleepers placed in our care through the S3P and the food-aid meal deliveries which have seen an increase from 100 to 140 deliveries this week. Pray for the safety and strength of our volunteers and coordinators to carry on this work of sharing Christ's love with our community.

OMP Prayer Meeting (13 May) —

Many signed up and joined the bi-weekly prayer meeting. Thank God for an opportunity to hear more about the ministry work going on in Indonesia and West Asia and to pray for them.

Livestream and Pulpit Ministry —

Pray for our pastors and livestreaming team as they handle the task of operating the AV system and leading our congregation in worship. Only 2 people are currently allowed in the sanctuary. Let us pray that by the end of the Circuit Breaker a larger team will be allowed on site to support the important work of gospel proclamation from our pulpit as we wait patiently for when we are able to gather again as a church.

Our People

Basic AG Leaders Equipping Course —

BAGLE is a 6-week course for our AG Leaders to journey together, think intentionally about building Christ-centred AGs, and how to disciple our

members. Please pray for an edifying and fruitful time for the first batch of 6 AG leaders and Dn Danny as he leads.

#zbfamilychallenge — Thank God for the Spirit working among us as we keep in touch and engage with one another during this Circuit Breaker. Pray that these challenges will grow relationships even when we are physically apart.

Adult Discipleship — Thank God for the upcoming ADC by Ps David Wong and for BGST's videos on Ruth (p. 7). Pray that this will edify many in such a time.

Our World

West Nepal — Our ministry partner is an NGO working with vulnerable children. Pray for sufficient food supplies for 4 of their 6 centres in West Nepal. The lockdown for the past 7 weeks has made obtaining food supplies difficult. Two centres have farming, so they are coping better. Pray also for protection from the virus as COVID-19 cases are starting to appear in their areas.

West Bengal, India — Pray for our ministry partner, also an NGO, who serve vulnerable children and families in slum areas. They have been supplying one simple lunch each day to the very poor near their various centres for the past 6 weeks. Do pray for the perseverance and motivation of staff and volunteers involved in this relief work. Pray for their safety so the relief effort will continue unhindered.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*526	1,000.00
Chinese 8.30 Livestream	*99	
Tamil Zoom	23	
ME Zoom	58	
DHF Zoom	34	
TOTAL	740	

*Peak concurrent viewers on livestream

Electronic Transfer	\$51,750.95
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$52,750.95

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$113,657.00
Giving Received from 4 May to 10 May	\$12,090.00
Amount Disbursed	\$4,638.90

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$25,061.75
Weekly Total	\$25,061.75

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date	\$4,229,638.00
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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

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

17 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

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.

#TambahMinyak

Encourage one another and build one another up, just as you are doing.

- 1 Thessalonians 5:11

The command to encourage each other is found almost exclusively in Paul's letters to the Christians at Thessalonica. That's not surprising. The Thessalonians, as we heard over the last few months, were going through extremely difficult times, facing immense long-term persecution from all sides.

The word encouragement can also be translated as 'comfort'. Give consolation to one another. And so we learn that when things are hard, the thing that we as Christians truly need is this encouragement or comfort – it should be the emphasis or dominant activity of the church in any season of trial.

And that's what many of us are trying to do right? The Pastors, Elders, AG leaders and lots of individual church members are making the effort to contact every brother and sister in Zion Bishan as far as possible – to see how everyone is doing: to ensure that basic needs such as groceries and finances are being taken care of; to talk to those who are struggling and suffering – to empathise and give a listening ear. Many are increasing their frequency of online meet-ups, not just for regular AG Bible studies, but to chat and pray after each Sunday service, some even eat meals together over Zoom (especially with those who are living on their own). Many are sharing encouraging messages via social media (have you heard of #tambahminyaktuesday?) or ordering food-treats to surprise friends at their doors. Whatever little we can do to bring some sunshine or cheer to all of us who are downcast and dreary – let's do it!

However, the word encourage can also be translated as 'exhort'. This encouragement is not just an exercise in cheering people up, but an intentional action to keep people persevering in the Lord, focusing on God and doing the work of the kingdom. The comfort that we give must be centred in the sure and certain coming of Christ (which was repeated in every chapter).

Jesus is coming again! So: (1) don't despair, your suffering will surely end; (2) work hard, don't be idle; don't give in to the darkness (3) judgment is coming – vengeance upon the wicked and vindication for the saints.

While every act to brighten someone's day is a great idea, we as the church, must also ensure that our encouraging words and deeds are gospel focused – to keep one another fixated on that glorious Day of the Lord, when the Lord Jesus Christ returns to renew the earth, restore His church and judge the living and the dead.

Until then my brothers and sisters – let us #tambahminyak, press on in the Lord!

(PS: If you want to hear how some members are handling the crisis, check out: www.zionbishan.org.sg/tambahminyak)

Announcements

Be a Pen-pal to a Migrant Worker Missions at our Doorstep

WePals is an initiative to connect and befriend migrant workers through the exchanges of letters. They seek to help migrant workers and Singaporeans psychologically and emotionally during this crisis, and to provide a bridge for both communities to connect.

Consider becoming a volunteer! More information can be found at: www.facebook.com/sgWePals

Under the Wings of God: Lessons from Ruth for Troubled Times 6 Free BGST Videos

Looking for materials for AG or personal bible study? BGST has produced specially for this season a video study on the book of Ruth: How it was then, and how we can apply the lessons to our local context in our times.

Four video sermons of the 4 chapters plus a response each by another faculty member; this is followed by 2 talks on Theodicy and Missiology in Ruth. An accompanying e-guide with discussion questions will also be provided.

That's 11 gems in this "Treasure Chest" and it's FREE.

Package expected to be delivered electronically by 18 May.

Sign up now using the link <https://bit.ly/underthewingsofGod>

Quarantine and Lockdown: What on Earth is God Doing? ADC by Ps David Wong 8.00pm – 9.15pm, Thursdays



Quarantine. Stay Home. Lockdown. Familiar words today. But they are not new. We have seen them in the Bible. Genesis had a family lockdown for 40 days. Exodus had stay-home orders with threat of death otherwise. Even the Gospels tell us of Jesus' disciples behind locked doors. What can we learn about what God is doing, then and now?

This ADC has 3 sessions, held on Thursdays 21 May 28 May & 4 June. Zoom invite will be provided via email Sign up here: www.zionbishan.org.sg/adc-QnL

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/

Notice of Postponement of Annual Congregational Meeting

The Session has sent out the notice of postponement for the annual ACM to all members on 15 May. If any member has any queries or clarifications, please email office@zionbishan.org.sg by 30 May.