

...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: O Breath of Life

Scripture Reading: John 13.1-17 NIV

Message: "Whatever It Takes"

Response Hymn: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

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.

Join us for our livestream

8.30am Mandarin & Cantonese service

10.30am English service

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

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

Church Family News

Dear ZBBP family,

Thank you for the love, prayers, condolences and encouragement shown to our family during the recent bereavement of my mum, mum in law n grandmother.

In appreciation,
Carol, Roland, Andrew,
Zhiwen and Zhi En Low

Serving You Today

Speaker: Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

AV: Pastor Dev Menon

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

Looking Ahead

Friday, 5 Jun

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting (Registration required):

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

Sunday, 7 Jun

Morning Service Livestream

“Hope in Hardship”

by Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

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

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

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

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* *ebi*

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* *sskew*

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

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* *daniel*

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* *june*

Mrs Ruth Quek, *Children/Y. Adults* *ruth*

Mrs Sharon Quek, *Trg/Mobilisation* *sharon*

Mr Vernon Quek, *Young Adults/AGs* *vernon*

Mr Linus Koe, *Family Ministry/Media* *linus*

Deacon Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* *tzeming*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Whatever It Takes - Reflections on Service

John 13:1-17

31 May 2020

Rev Dr Tan Soo Inn

The world defines greatness in terms of position and privilege

Jesus defines true greatness as loving, sacrificial service of others

We can do this because our self worth is rooted in our identity as children of God

When we follow in Jesus' footsteps we experience true blessing

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. We are so familiar with this passage we are not shocked by it anymore. What is the most shocking element of this story?
2. If we love our brothers we should be prepared to do whatever we can to serve them. Is this my attitude towards the members of my church? Small group? How do I serve people I don't like?
3. To be free to serve we must be secure in who we are in Christ. What do you do to deepen your communion with Jesus?
4. How can our church be a servant to our neighbourhood?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Pentecost Sunday – “For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named, that according to the riches of his glory he may grant you to be strengthened with power through his **Spirit** in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, being rooted and grounded in love...” Eph 3:14-17 (ESV). May the Spirit, given to the church on Pentecost, give us wisdom and knowledge of God’s plan and power towards the saints so that we walk in love with one another.

Food Aid Meal Deliveries – We have served 3,000 meals to our neighbours in need this week, and we will be extending our meal deliveries after Circuit Breaker. Praise God for the many volunteers who are helping. Pray for volunteers to be able to connect through the brief conversations and smiles (through our masks) to the households around our church. May the beauty of Christ be seen in all that we do.

S3P – Pray for long-term shelter solutions for our 5 guest stayers in our church. Praise God that one of them has been offered a HDB rental flat and would be able to move there soon.

Thank God for another who has been open to hearing the gospel. We have had good talks on spiritual matters and this week he was able to pray with Ps Lim for forgiveness of his sins. Pray for his love

and trust in Jesus to grow and to help him through the trials of health and life he is facing.

Our People

Students – Children and students return to school this week. Pray for not only their safety, but also their testimonies for Christ in their schools. Pray also for ZBK and for their reopening.

Our World

India, West Bengal – Thank God for the protection from serious harm and loss for two ministry partners who faced Cyclone Amphan this week. One was in Kolkata and the other further north in the path of the cyclone.

India, Bihar – Pray for wisdom and perseverance for Thomas, one of our ministry partners staff worker who has been harassed and beaten by some villagers. The local police have intervened. His family is scared and have moved out to another place for safety. Thank God for fellow believers who have come alongside Thomas to encourage him at this time.

Indonesia – Pray for healing and recovery for Pak Heru, a wise and faithful man and his wife, who are both hospitalized for COVID-19. Pak Heru was with a group of churches in Indonesia working with Zion Bishan in the past. Pray particularly for Pak Heru. He currently has pneumonia and is on a ventilator.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*419	11,000.00
Chinese 8.30 Livestream	*101	820.00
Tamil Zoom	23	
ME Zoom	60	
DHF Zoom	31	
TOTAL	634	\$11,820.00

*Peak concurrent viewers on livestream

BSF Contribution	1,346.26
Electronic Transfer	\$36,607.66

WEEKLY TOTAL \$49,773.92

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$127,826.00
Giving Received from 18 May to 24 May	\$5,635.00
Amount Disbursed	\$21,199.60

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$23,141.75
Weekly Total	\$23,141.75

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$4,275,831.86

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

31 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.

Pandemic Narratives

How we think about something is as important as, if not more important than, the thing itself. Different narratives have been framed around the current global pandemic. The narrative you adopt, consciously or subconsciously, determines how you respond.

If you believe the conspiracy theory that the virus was made in a laboratory and released into the world as part of a biological warfare, your response would take on a war footing. If you accept the medical narrative that novel coronaviruses appear from time to time, then COVID-19 becomes a health issue.

For Christians, we take the view that all things happen by the purpose or permission of our sovereign God. Hence some believe God is using the pandemic to give His creation a reprieve from pollution and carbon emission. Others think this pestilence, like those mentioned in Scriptures, is divine judgement on the world. We have not conducted ourselves—our homes, churches, businesses and nations—as God intends and commands.

Whichever narrative we adopt, the commentary from Jesus remains the same, “No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all likewise perish” (Luke 13:3,5 ESV). That was his answer to the conventional narrative to the human and natural disasters of those days. King Solomon heard the same from God should drought or plague come upon the land and people, “...if my people who are called by my name humble themselves, and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and heal their land” (2 Chron 7:14 ESV).

We may subscribe to one or more narratives, but in the final analysis, they are only subplots. The meta-narrative has already been given to us: “For we know that the whole creation has been groaning together in the pains of childbirth until now” (Rom 8:22 ESV). Jesus warns of wars, famines, earthquakes and pestilences (Luke 21.10-11) as part of birth pains pointing to a climax. When that climactic moment comes, nothing else matters except how each of us will meet Jesus when He comes to finally put everything right.

Announcements

Rest Day for Pastoral Staff (A Request from HR Committee)

We thank God for our team of dedicated pastoral staff who are readily accessible to members for pastoral care and counselling matters throughout the week. Most of our pastors have their off-day on Mondays except for one on Wednesday so that at least a pastor is available on Monday. The arrangement is to allow the pastors to have their proper rest and time with their own families during their day off. Please be mindful to allow our Pastors to rest on their off-day, except for very urgent matters.

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

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.

The videos can be accessed here:
<https://www.bgst.edu.sg/the-ruth-series>

The Marriage Course (Preview) 13 June, Saturday, 4.00pm

The Marriage Course is a 7-Session Christian Course designed to equip couples in their marital journey.

The preview will run a sneak peek at one of the seven sessions via Zoom.

To register go to
www.zionbishan.org.sg/tmc-preview

Christianity Explored 29 July, Wednesday, 7.45pm

A new round of CE will be run entirely on Zoom. Invite friends and family and attend CE together!

Be a CE table host! Training begins 1 July, 7.45pm

Training will be conducted every Wednesday from 1 July to 22 July via Zoom. Contact Vernon for more information: vernon@zionbishan.org.sg

Zion Bishan Kindergarten Reopens 2 June

ZBK will be commencing on their 3rd term in June. Students may return by cohorts as follows:

K1 and K2 children from 2 June
N1 and N2 children from 8 June

Do pray for a smooth process for the reopening.