



Not one word has failed  
JOSHUA 23:14

**English Services & Livestream**

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Every Promise

Scripture Reading: Joshua 2:1-24 ESV

Message: Proceeding with the Promise

Response Hymn: Trust & Obey

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

*Note: Holy Communion will be served at all in-person services*

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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

### **In-Person Sunday Services in August**

*(Registration required):*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2)

**8.30am** Mandarin/Cantonese service

**9.30am** Tamil (only 2 Aug)/Hokkien service

**10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm**

English service

### **Join us for our livestream**

**8.30am** Mandarin & Cantonese service

**10.30am** English service

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

### **Join us for Zoom Services**

*(Registration required):*

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

**8.45am/2.30pm**

Domestic Helpers Fellowship

**9.30am** Tamil service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

## Serving You Today

*Speakers:* Pastor Alby Yip (10.30 & 1 pm)  
& Pastor Ebi (3 pm & 5 pm)

*Worship Leaders:* Elder Say Chiang  
& Elder Jeffrey

*AV:* Ravi Shankar, Abraham Lee,  
Nurman Kusanda & Benny Ling

*Pianists:* Paul Low & Goh Su-ling

*Songs for personal worship and reflection:*  
[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection)

**English Services:** Faith & Patience Cluster

*Pastor:* Pastor Dev Menon

*Elders:* Elder Say Chiang & Elder Jeffrey

*Deacons:* Dns Sherena, Dn Mervyn,

*Dn Benjamin & Dn Timothy*

*Staff:* Linus & Zhiwen

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

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## **Proceeding with the Promise**

Joshua 2:1-24

9 August 2020

Ps Alby Yip/Ps Ebi Mohan

### **Introduction**

**Joshua sends and God works**

**Rahab trusts while Jericho melts**

**Man promises but God saves**

### **Conclusion**

#### **Reflection and Discussion**

1. Are we looking for 'out-of-the ordinary' experiences or are we willing to step out in the normal situations of life and count on God?
2. Do you think Rahab was right in lying to save the Israelite spies?
3. What was there in Rahab's life that God found worthy to choose her to be in the genealogy of Christ His Son?
4. Do we observe the hidden hand of God working through our life and others (like in the spies, in Rahab and in the people of Jericho)?

# Prayer Points

## Our Church

**Christianity Explored (5 Aug)** – Last Wednesday, CE had 42 participants.

Continue to uphold our facilitators and tables hosts in prayer. Pray also for the non-Christians to be open to the gospel message and to find out more about what the Bible says about God and Jesus.

**Food Aid Meals** – We continue our food aid deliveries to families under the assistance of Comcare through the month of August. We will be providing lunch and dinner for 3 days each week. Thank God for some good friendships that have been formed through this initiative. Pray for cheerful hearts, wisdom and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit's leading for both volunteers and coordinators as they engage these households, many whom are elderly.

**Safe Sound Sleeping Place** – Pray that our 4 guest stayers will make progress in their search for more stable, long-term accommodation. Pray that each will find Jesus to be their comfort, peace and strength in tough times. Thank God that one of them has committed his life to Christ and has requested for baptism.

## Our People

**Session** – As the church makes preparations for the upcoming ACM, pray for our Pastors and Elders to have a clear vision for our church in this unprecedented post-pandemic time. May the work of the Spirit, through His Word, equip the saints to build one

another up, until we all attain to the unity of faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God. (Eph 4:11-13).

## Our World

**Singapore** – As we celebrate our nation today, let us remember that all blessings come from our sovereign God. Let us be thankful to our Lord for peace and stability even in tumultuous times. Let us “seek the welfare of the city where [He has sent us], and pray to the Lord on its behalf, for in its welfare [we] will find [our] welfare.” (Jer 29:7)

Let us not forget that this world is not our home, and we are here but for a little while. So, pray we will seek to love our neighbour and to share Christ with those in need.

**Beirut, Lebanon** – On 4 Aug, a large explosion happened at the city's port killing at least 135 people and injuring more than 5,000. Our ministry partner's church building was near the blast site and windows, ceiling tiles and gates were damaged. Thankfully the two staff who were in the church were not badly injured. Pray for the recovery and healing of all injured and for wisdom to manage the property damage and psychological trauma that has resulted from this accident. Pray that churches will keep strong in the Lord and respond with courage and compassion to the ministry opportunities that surface from this tragedy.

## Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*415	1,470.00
English Services <sup>#</sup>	141	
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*89	400.00
Mandarin Service <sup>#</sup>	49	
Tamil Zoom Service	5	
Tamil In-person	21	
ME Zoom	67	
DHF Zoom	31	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>818</b>	<b>\$1,870.00</b>

\*Peak concurrent viewers/<sup>#</sup>All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$63,981.52  
**WEEKLY TOTAL \$65,851.52**

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2020/21: \$62,189

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$177,496.88  
 Giving Received from 27 July to 2 August \$3,530.00  
 Amount Disbursed to-date \$71,233.08

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1558 \$1,600.00  
 Electronic Transfer \$31,270.25  
**Weekly Total \$32,870.25**

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

**Total To Date \$4,589,811.87**

## 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

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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.

## *Church Family News*

1. Congratulations to Matthias and Jean Goh on the birth of their son, Isaac on 5 August 2020.
2. Quek Tze-Ming recorded a message for Mount Carmel BP Church's Service on 9 August 2020.

### *Looking Ahead*

#### **Friday, 14 Aug**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting (Registration required):  
[www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/friday-prayer-meeting)

#### **Sunday, 16 Aug**

**English Services:** Hope & Peace Cluster

Pastor IC: *Zheng Haoren*

Cluster Elders: *Elder David & Elder Sonny*

Deacons/Deaconesses: *Dns Siew Choo, Dn Chew Meng & Dn Joseph*

Staff: *Sharon, Tze Ming & June*

#### **Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua**

16 Aug "Crossing the Jordan"

Ps Dev Menon (10.30am/1.00pm)

Mr Ng Zhi-Wen (3.00pm/5.00pm)

23 Aug "Covenant: Circumcision & Passover"

Mr Ng Zhi-Wen (10.30am/1.00pm)

Ps Dev Menon (3.00pm/5.00pm)

#### **PULPIT EXCHANGE – One Service**

##### **10.30 Livestream Only**

30 Aug "God's Providential Care" Psalm 121

Rev Dr Yap Kim Sin (Zion Serangoon)

## Such A Time As This

“Blessed to be a Blessing” is a tagline associated with the late Canadian missionary, teacher, and author Don Richardson. He frequently referred to Genesis 12:1-3 and lectured on the concept of **top-line and bottom-line blessings**.

In the top-line, we receive God’s blessings. It is not limited to ourselves but encompasses our circles of influence such as our families, friends, and people of same culture, traditions, and language. In the bottom-line, we give and share God’s blessings with people cross-culturally. This involves going beyond our circles to reach out to people who are generally different from us culturally, traditionally, and linguistically.

God’s people in Singapore have been richly showered with top-line blessings. The Lord has entrusted us with much and we are well-placed to discharge bottom-line blessings. With access to global networks and with relevant skills and knowledge, the Singapore church as a whole has been a blessing to many communities around the world. Even so, perhaps God has in store for us a special purpose during this season of Covid-19.

A great trial is looming ahead of us. Who would have imagined the worldwide devastating impact of Covid-19? Did you anticipate it becoming a global pandemic when news of the coronavirus disease began surfacing in December 2019? Most were ignorant, thinking it would pass as did the SARs and bird flu episodes. It is not to be.

The control of Covid-19 is not within sight. But what we are certainly seeing is the decline of economies around the region and the world. Singapore is not spared. Our national reserves are not bottomless. Comparatively, we are surviving better as a nation for now. This is surely by the grace of God. So, **do we hoard or do we give and share?** What is God saying to us?

**“... Freely you have received, freely give.”** (Matthew 10:8) reinforces the teaching on top-line and bottom-line blessings.

We give as the Lord has given us, for He has blessed us abundantly and placed us where we are able to serve local and foreign communities in **such a time as this**. And as we do so in prayerful dependence and faithful stewardship, God is honoured. May our Heavenly Father guide us!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## National Day Parade 2020

This Sunday, 9 August, is Singapore's National Day. The NDP will begin at 10.30am with an island-wide siren to call Singaporeans to stand up and sing together the National Anthem. As Scriptures exhorted us, "First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings be made for all people, for kings and all who are in high positions, that we may lead a peaceful and quiet life, godly and dignified in every way. This is good, and it is pleasing in the sight of God our Saviour." (1 Tim 2:1-3)

Let us all join in singing the National Anthem at 10.30 am and thereafter begin our service.

## Annual Congregational Meeting

Dear Zion Bishan Members,

This year, our ACM will be held over Zoom on 26 September, Saturday, 4.00pm-6.00pm. ACM documents and further information will be sent out soon.

## Resumption of In-Person Sunday Services in August

If you wish to attend a Sunday Service in person in July, please register by the Friday before that particular Sunday using the following links (choose from the 4 available time slots)

**Sun 16 Aug** (Hope / Peace Clusters):  
<https://zb-hope-peace-16aug.eventbrite.sg>

**Sun 23 Aug** (Mercy / Grace Clusters):  
<https://zb-mercy-grace-23aug.eventbrite.sg>

Please note that each Service time-slot is subject to a cap of 50 worshippers only.

Communion will be served at all services.

If you are unsure of which Sunday you should register for, or if you are a non-member who worships with us, do contact your AG leader or any of our pastors.

Visit [www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2) to view our Safety Management Plan and to check which Cluster your AG is in.

There will be no ADC, CD, YD or other activities on Sunday.