

**VOL 11 NO 33 16 August 2020** 

## **English Services & Livestream**

# Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Thy Hand O God Has Guided

Scripture Reading: Joshua 3:1-17 ESV

Message: Crossing the Jordan

Response Hymn: On Jordan's Stormy Banks I Stand

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

**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

Join us for Zoom Services

(Registration required):

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 Dev (10.30am & 5pm)

& Mr Ng Zhiwen (1pm & 3pm)

Worship Leaders: Elder David & Elder Sonny AV: Goh Han Teck, Ewen Tjoeng, Yap Hong

York, Matthias Lim & Melissa Leong

Pianists: Paul Low & Goh Su-ling

Songs for personal worship and reflection: www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection

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

#### **Pastors and Ministry Staff**

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#### Sermon Notes

# **Crossing the Jordan**

Joshua 3-4

16 August 2020 Ps Dev Menon/Mr Ng Zhiwen

| Intro: The Promised Land    |
|-----------------------------|
| Joshua Gets Ready           |
| The Ark Goes First          |
| The People Follow           |
| Conclusion: Memorial Stones |

#### **Reflection and Discussion**

- 1. What do you remember from the passage or sermon?
- 2. What significance does 'crossing the Jordan' have for us today?
- 3. What do we have today that can be a memorial to the works of God?
- 4. How is God speaking to Zion Bishan through the message of Joshua?

## **Prayer Points**

#### **Our Church**

Christianity Explored (12 Aug) – CE had 28 participants last week. Do encourage and pray for our table hosts. Running the course via Zoom makes engagement with participants difficult. Pray for the Spirit to work in the hearts of those who are hearing the truth of the gospel for the first time.

Annual Congregational Meeting – Pray for Session as they finalise the ACM papers for dissemination. Auditors have requested for more time to adjust the reports. God willing, we should be able to send out the reports by next week. Pray above all that our hearts and minds, united in prayer and in the Spirit, will come together on 26 Sep as a church family to listen and to work towards bringing Zion Bishan through these challenging times.

## **Our People**

ACM Planning Team – Pray for the team comprising of Ps Alby, Eld Reginald, Dn Benson, Dn Benjamin and Dn Paul together with legal advisers Yong Yong and Wee Lee. Running a virtual ACM is very new and has many legal and operational matters to iron out.

#### **Our World**

Updates on the CV19 MRF support:

**North India** – Praise God for the financial aid that was provided to 155 families of gospel-workers here. They have been facing a shortage in their regular support.

Pray for them to be encouraged to continue faithfully in their ministry amidst greater gospel openness in these COVID-19 times.

West Bengal, India – The fund will provide support to a children day-care centre. This will enable the staff to continue taking care of needy children and their families.

Central India – Thank God that the CV19 MRF was able to provide food (rice, dal, oil and sugar) for 3 months to 15 families affected by lockdowns and floods. Pray that our ministry partner will serve with the compassion of Christ as they bring this food relief to these communities.

Myanmar – Thank God the CV19 MRF was able to provide rice for 90 families, 3 education centres and small cash gifts for 30 needy families, identified by a local church, for the purchase of medicine and groceries. Pray for this aid to be a bridge to gospel conversations.

Indonesia – The CV19 MRF was used to provide flood relief packages (infant milk powder, diapers and basic food necessities) for 25 families. Pray that this act of service for the neighbourhood will bless these families. Pray that good relationships will be built with the church ministering in this area.

West Asia – The CV19 MRF will provide 3 months of financial support for a missionary family of 5 living in West Asia. Praise God for how this family is seeking to bring the love of Christ to those who have yet to know it in this needy region.

#### Last Week

| Service                        | Attendance | Offering (\$) |
|--------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| English 10.30 Livestream       | *333       | 300.00        |
| English Services <sup>#</sup>  | 111        |               |
| Mand/Cant 830 Livestream       | *86        | 200.00        |
| Cantonese Service <sup>#</sup> | 38         |               |
| Tamil Zoom Service             | 27         |               |
| Hokkien Service <sup>#</sup>   | 26         |               |
| ME Zoom                        | 65         |               |
| DHF Zoom                       | 27         |               |
| TOTAL                          | 713        | \$500.00      |

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

**Flectronic Transfer** \$58,382.26 **WEEKLY TOTAL** \$58,882.26

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

#### **ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund**

| Total Received to-date              | \$179,226.88 |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|
| Giving Received from 3 Aug to 9 Aug | \$1,730.00   |
| Amount Disbursed to-date            | \$83,891.78  |
| Land Lease Renewal Fund             |              |
| Electronic Transfer                 | \$21,963.36  |
| Weekly Total                        | \$21 963 36  |

(Weekly Target: \$113,854) **Total To Date** \$4,611,874.02

## 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 PavNow: T10SS0029GGPF ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH - GPF (please indicate Land Lease

Renewal Fund on back of cheque)

Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque



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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

 $\square$  to find out more

☐ to request prayer ☐ to provide feedback

☐ to send a word of encouragement

You may find our response form www.zionbishan.ora.sa/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 vour submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

## **Church Family News**

- Heartfelt condolences to Xu Xiong Yi whose mother passed away on 2nd August 2020 in her home town in China.
- 2. Deepest sympathies to Seng Chai and family on the Homegoing of Tan Seng Chai's father in Muar on 11 August 2020.
- 3. Pastor Zheng Haoren will be preaching at Mt Horeb this Sunday at 5pm (over Zoom)

## Looking Ahead

#### Friday, 21 Aug

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

#### Sunday, 23 Aug

English Services: Mercy & Grace Cluster

Pastor IC: Zheng Haoren

Cluster Elders: Pastor Ebi Mohan & Elder Roland Deacons/Deaconesses: Dns Alice, Dn Danny

& Dn Sunil

Staff: Dn Danny, Li Hui & Vernon

#### Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua

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)

## **EXCEL Apprenticeship**

Our new apprentice Jacqueline Lie shares what moved her to take this step towards full-time ministry:

Exactly ten years ago, I was embarking on studies in Science, initially certain of doing research professionally. Eventually, I signed on with MOE for practical reasons. If you told me then I would one day work in church, I'd laugh. A young Christian with worldly aspirations, church-work was unthinkable. In hindsight, God had His purposes when He put me in teaching – experiencing the joys (and frustrations) of working with youths and gleaning transferable skills.

More importantly over the years, He showed me more and more the riches of His glorious inheritance, and the great need of sharing this with the lost. I was increasingly unsatisfied spending much time getting students to hand in endless Math homework and to pass Physics tests — when what I really wanted to teach was how Science points to Creator-God. It took years of struggling to accept it — I must go into full-time Christian ministry. God very timely wrapped up loose ends last year, and I left MOE with fear and trembling; I didn't know what my next step was.

I spent the first part of 2020 waiting for a next step, thinking that I'd just "study first lah", "explore more lah" – doubting sometimes if I did right in resigning without direction. Today, while still learning to trust Him fully, this much I know for sure – my "next step" to ZB's apprenticeship was God-led. I was unknowingly being introduced to ZB through my best friend and even signed up for their Kairos course earlier this year. It was a pleasant surprise when I saw ZB's publicity for youth ministry workers, with posters in my favourite colour no less.

My journey to this apprenticeship at ZB is thus a testimony of God's faithfulness, bringing exactly the structure that I need in this season of serving while studying. I came on board, half-nervous, half-excited, but with peace knowing that my faithful Father has shown me a next step clearly. Excited – because I get to serve the Lord and study His Word more; nervous – because I know the work will not be easy. Nonetheless, I know He who has called us to our task is faithful and will see us through it.

If you are currently interested in exploring full-time ministry please contact Ps Dev at <a href="mailto:dev@zionbishan.org.sg">dev@zionbishan.org.sg</a> for more information.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

# Catechism Class Starts 12 Sept, Saturday, 1-3pm

New in-person catechism class is starting in September. If you have been a regular worshipper with us and would like to consider baptism or transfer of membership to Zion Bishan, please contact Ps Dev by 25 August. dev@zionbishan.org.sg

## REACH Flag Day Show 22 Aug, Saturday, 11am & 1pm

REACH Community Services Society is organising an online "REACH Flag Day Show" to raise funds for the Least, the Lost and the Lonely in Bishan/Sin Ming/Shun Fu communities.

Do support our closest working community partner by registering for the show at tinyurl.com/FDshow2020!

## Resumption of In-Person Sunday Services in August

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

**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 <a href="www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2">www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2</a> 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.