



Not one word has failed
JOSHUA 23:14

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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Never Once

Scripture Reading: Joshua 8:1–9; 24-35 ESV

Message: A Faithful People for a Faithful God

Response Hymn: Find Us Faithful

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

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2

8.30am Mandarin/Cantonese service

9.30am Tamil (1st Sunday)/Hokkien service

10.30am/1.00pm/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

Join us for our livestream

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

8.30am Mandarin & Cantonese service

10.30am English service

Join us for Zoom Services

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/services

8.45am Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1
(English, Tagalog & Myanmar groups)

9.30am Tamil service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

2.30pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 2
(Indonesian groups)

Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers: Mr Vernon Quek (10.30am & 1pm) Pastor Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

Worship Leaders: Elder David & Elder Sonny

AV: James Kok, Melissa Leong, Steven Tan & Soh Kok Hong

Pianist: Timothy Hia

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

English Services: *Hope & Peace Cluster*

Pastor: *Zheng Haoren*

Elders: *Elder David & Elder Sonny*

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

Staff: *Sharon, Tze Ming, June*

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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A Faithful People for a Faithful God

Joshua 8:1–35

20 September 2020

Mr Vernon Quek/Ps Dev Menon

Intro: The Story so far...

Ai Falls: v1-29

Two Mountains: v30-35

Conclusion: What does being faithful look like?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What most stood out to you as the Big Idea from today's sermon? What would you say is the Big Lesson from Joshua 8?
2. What does being a faithful people of God mean to you? How would you explain this to a non-believing friend or family member?
3. What are some of the big and small ways that the Lord has been faithful to you?
4. What is one thing that you should do in response to what we have heard from Joshua 8 today?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Annual Congregational Meeting (26 Sep)

– With a week left to ACM, continue to pray for all the administrative and operational matters that involve the virtual meeting to run smoothly. Pray for wisdom from God to be upon our Pastors and Elders as they prepare to present their plans for our church.

In-Person Sunday Services – Thank God we have been given permission to allow 100 worshippers at our services from October onwards. Pray for families, members and friends, who have been unable to attend in-person services, will come next month and be blessed by the gathering of saints and the sharing of Holy Communion.

S3P – The Safe Sound Sleeping initiative for our church is drawing to a close at the end of September. Pray for our 4 guests to be able to find long term accommodation. We thank God also for the friendship that our volunteers have developed with them. May God give them hope and peace as we close this chapter together.

Our People

Clusters – Thank God for our AG Cluster system. Our Action Groups (AGs) organised in Clusters has facilitated our smooth running of in-person Sunday services. Pray for each Cluster, as they continue to meet, will grow into a community of believers that will encourage one another in their walk with

Christ. Thank God also for our Cluster leaders, Elders and Deacons, as they serve their congregations faithfully each week.

COVID-19 Taskforce – With the permission to allow 100 worshippers, pray for our taskforce to work out the registration process and safety measures to facilitate the smooth running of our weekly in-person Sunday services.

Our World

South India – A senior leader and his wife with our ministry partner have tested positive for COVID-19. They have been allowed to stay home instead of going to the hospital. Pray that the couple will be protected from adverse effects of the virus. They each have pre-existing health conditions. The husband currently has tiredness. Thankfully the couple's adult son and wife have tested negative for COVID-19.

Missions in the New Norm – “The fourth era taking shape is not driven by a compass to the coastlands, nor a move to the interior, nor an understanding of the complexity of peoples. It introduces a new dynamic, unleashed by the connectivity technology provides, which gives every disciple the opportunity to play a part in the Great Commission...” - D. Ray David, Missions History: On the cusp on a new era of modern missions. Pray for all Christians to see that the work of missions must carry on digitally even when the world is in lockdown.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*387	1,352.00
English Services [#]	123	
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*86	1,270.00
Cantonese Service [#]	44	382.00
Tamil Zoom Service	27	
Hokkien Service [#]	30	
ME Zoom	61	
DHF Zoom	23	
TOTAL	781	\$3,004.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/[#]All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$50,936.76

WEEKLY TOTAL \$53,940.76

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$196,038.48

Giving Received from 7 Sep to 13 Sep \$1,060.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$99,632.67

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1572-75 \$1,600.00

Electronic Transfer \$14,690.75

Weekly Total \$16,290.75

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$4,691,827.64

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

20 September 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.

Church Family News

1. Senior Pastor Alby Yip is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church today.
2. Quek Tze-Ming recorded a sermon for Bible Church Services on Sep 19 and 20.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 25 Sep

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

Saturday, 26 Sep

4 pm: No YF

4 pm – 6 pm: ACM 2020 (Zoom online)

Sunday, 27 Sep

English Services: *Grace & Mercy Cluster*

Pastors: *Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon*

Elders: *Elder Roland & Ps Ebi Mohan*

Deacons: *Dns Alice, Dn Danny & Dn Sunil*

Staff: *Li Hui & Vernon*

Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua

27 Sep Joshua 9:1–27

Mr Vernon Quek (10.30am/1.00pm)

Deacon Danny Chua (3.00pm/5.00pm)

4 Oct Joshua 10

Pastor Alby Yip (10.30am/1.00pm)

Pastor Ebi Mohan (3.00pm/5.00pm)

11 Oct Joshua 11-12

Pastor Dev Menon (10.30am/1.00pm)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3.00pm/5.00pm)

18 Oct Joshua 13-19

Mr Ng Zhiwen (10.30am/1.00pm)

Pastor Dev Menon (3.00pm/5.00pm)

25 Oct Joshua 20-21

Deacon Danny Chua (10.30am/1.00pm)

Mr Ng Zhiwen (3.00pm/5.00pm)

Achan's Buried Treasure

Last week, I couldn't stop thinking about Achan's sin. I wondered if Jesus had that incident in mind when He told us the parable of the talents: *Matthew 25:18* *But he who had received the one talent went and dug in the ground and hid his master's money.*

In that parable, you also have a man who took what belonged to God, and buried it in the ground (see Joshua 7:21). This triggered similar wrath from the Master, and the man was cast into outer darkness.

What was apparent in that parable, was that the man who buried the treasure did so because he thought his Master was a 'hard man' (Matthew 25:24): someone who is demanding and stern, someone who would **take** the little that was given (despite giving it to him in the first place!). I wonder if that is at the heart of all hoarding behaviour (by Christians anyway) - the perennial doubt of the goodness and generosity of our Father in heaven?

Although it was denied at Jericho, the people of Israel were allowed to take the spoil from previous battles with Sihon and Og, and similar permission was given for all the next battles in Canaan after Jericho – take all the spoil and livestock. More than that, throughout Deuteronomy and Joshua, there have been repeated refrains that God will '**give** them the land'. Why was there a need to take, bury and hide, if God is going to keep giving?

During this time of Covid, there have been a number of news articles that have disturbed me. While people are losing jobs, economies are crashing, and the financial needs of the global church are increasing exponentially; local banks reporting clients increasing cash holdings, more aggressive sales of higher priced-property and there is the expansion of high-end restaurants. How should we interpret these things? Prudent investments or selfish hoarding?

The answer is important. The severity of what happened to Achan, the one-talent man and all those who bury treasure (cf. James 5:3) must not be forgotten.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Allowance of 100 Worshippers

We thank God that Zion Bishan has been approved to hold in-person worship services for up to 100 worshippers. We will continue with our current arrangements of having two clusters worshipping together. This arrangement will allow all English Service worshippers to return for in-person worship services twice a month. Holy Communion will be served at all 10.30am and 1.00pm services. Members and regular worshippers who are not in any Clusters and AGs kindly do get in touch with the church office or any pastors. We will make arrangements for the registration links to be made available to you.

The October service schedule may be viewed at www.zionbishan.org.sg/Oct20

Cessation of Oikos Mobile App

With effect from 30 Sep, we will cease the use of the Oikos Mobile App and will no longer update the App platform. All information regarding the church can be obtained through our website at www.zionbishan.org.sg.

Email Spoofing and Scam Alert

Members and friends, please be informed that our church staff have been receiving scam emails that have spoofed Snr Pastor Alby's name. We want to alert you of this and to carefully check the sender's email address if you receive any emails from the church staff.

Thank you for your cooperation and apologies for any inconvenience cause.

Annual Congregational Meeting

26 Sep, Saturday, 4-6pm

ACM will be held using an online/proxy format, due to COVID-19 measures.

Answers to questions submitted are ready and can be viewed at www.zionbishan.org.sg/ACM2020/QnA.

Zion Bishan members, please submit your proxy form by **today**.

In-Person Sunday Services in September

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

Sun 27 Sep (Mercy / Grace Clusters):
<https://zb-mercy-grace-27sep.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 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.