



Not one word has failed
JOSHUA 23:14

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Your Word

Scripture Reading: Joshua 9:1-16, 22-27 ESV

Message: The Gibeonites: A Pattern of Faithfulness

Response Hymn: By Faith

Missions Focus

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) Deacon Danny Chua (3pm & 5pm)

Worship Leaders: Ps Alby & Elder Roland

AV: Benny Ling, Goh Han Teck, Christina Wong, Mattheaus Lim & James Kok

Pianist: Lee Ping Lin & Penuel Lau

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

English Services: *Grace & Mercy Cluster*

Pastor: *Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon*

Elders: *Elder Roland & Ps Ebi Mohan*

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

Staff: *Li Hui & Vernon*

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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6353 8081

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Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* 9489 4967

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* 9182 6957

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* 8428 0525

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Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* 8388 1883

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Mr Vernon Quek, *Y. Adults/Evang.* 9796 0196

Mr Linus Koe, *Family/Media* 9728 9343

Deacon Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* 9751 1897

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Gibeonites: A Pattern of Faithfulness 27 September 2020

Joshua 9:1-10:2

Mr Vernon Quek/Dn Danny Chua

Intro: The Story so far... vv. 1-2

The Gibeonite's Cunning: vv. 3-15

The Gibeonite's Faith: vv. 16-27

Conclusion: What do God's faithful people look like?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What stood out to you from the sermon or the passage?
2. Have an honest reflection of your life - are you more like Israel who did not consult the Lord or the Gibeonites who believed and acted on God's Word?
3. How does this chapter help us to appreciate Christ?
4. What is one thing that you should do in response to what we have heard from Joshua 9 today?

Prayer Points

Our Church

100pax In-Person Sunday Services –

Thank God we are ready to conduct 100pax services starting next month. Pray for every member to consider deeply why it is good for us to meet physically. Let us all prayerfully consider the Pastoral Word from the Session (p.7) and re-accustom ourselves to gathering for services twice a month.

May our Lord bless the gathering of saints, and may each of our hearts be built up from His Word and love from fellow believers.

Missions Focus – Today, we heard the testimonies from the beneficiaries of Zion Bishan’s Food Aid and S3P initiatives. Pray for wisdom and sensitivity to the Holy Spirit’s leading on how to continue engaging certain households from the Food Aid, beyond September. Pray also for our guest stayers to be able to find suitable long-term accommodation. May Jesus be their strength and comfort for all the challenges ahead of them.

Our People

Elders and Deacons – Thank God for the newly elected and re-elected leaders at our ACM yesterday. Pray for God’s grace, gifting and wisdom to guide them in their next term of service in their respective ministries.

26th Anniversary Committee – Thank God for seeing Zion Bishan through another year. Pray for the planning

committee to work out the details to bring the many parts, like recordings, special items, live-streaming and in-person service attendance, all together. May we remember God’s faithfulness to us and let us praise and give Him glory.

Our World

South India – The elderly couple from our ministry partner here has made good recovery from COVID-19. They send their many thanks to Zion Bishan for standing with them in this time. Praise God that a second test for COVID-19 that they took recently has come back negative. Please pray that they will continue to recover and regain their health as they are ageing and have pre-existing health conditions.

West Nepal – Our partner here thanks Zion Bishan for all our love and support. Praise God that Nepal has partially ended its lockdown and believers in three places have rejoiced to be able to meet together. They are also glad that 20 students were able to start classes at the Computer Institute that has opened. English and mathematics tuition classes have also begun. One of the English and math tutors is Brother Prakash, whom we prayed for in June when he suffered a stroke. Praise God he has recovered well enough to be able to teach. Pray that their efforts will effectively reach Nepali and Tibetan youths with the truth and love of Christ.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*388	
English Services [#]	146	880.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*79	
Mandarin Service [#]	43	1,400.00
Tamil Zoom Service	25	
Hokkien Service [#]	30	
ME Zoom	69	
DHF Zoom	25	
TOTAL	805	\$2,280.00

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

Electronic Transfer \$58,875.99

WEEKLY TOTAL \$61,155.99

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$199,253.59

Giving Received from 14 Sep to 20 Sep \$3,215.11

Amount Disbursed to-date \$100,124.87

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1576-78 \$1,286.10

Electronic Transfer \$58,399.25

Weekly Total \$59,685.35

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$4,751,512.99

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

27 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.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 2 Oct

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 3 Oct

4 pm: Youth Fellowship
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 4 Oct

English Services:

10.30 am & 1pm: Light & Joy Cluster Services with HC (Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy)

Pastor: Alby Yip

Elders: Eld Michael Gan & Eld Reginald Tan

Deacons: Dn Kin Yip, Dn Justin & Dn Jerry

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

3pm & 5pm: Faith & Patience Cluster Services
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience)

Pastor: Dev Menon

Elders: Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Jeffrey Lim

Deacons: Dn Mervyn, Dns Sherena,

Dn Benjamin & Dn Timothy

Staff: Linus & Zhiwen

Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua

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)

Pastoral Word from the Session

Dear Zion Bishan Family and Friends,

As we mentioned last week at the 1030am service, we're thankful that we have been permitted to run 100pax in-person Sunday Services. In light of that, we want to share a short word of exhortation and to explain again why we are encouraging each of you to consider coming back in person for physical services on Sundays.

(1) First, worshipping our God together as a physical church family is God's good design for His people. Scripture urges us in Hebrews 10 to "consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (10:24-25). It is true that we do not need to physically attend Church to be Christian. But when we assemble in person (i.e. incarnate), we reflect God's design for church that we see in Scripture, as a redeemed people gathered physically to hear Him speak from His Word, and to commune with one another.¹

(2) Secondly, the leadership has intentionally arranged for more in-person services in Cluster pairs for a spiritual reason. The AG-cluster system does facilitate smoother organization and administration. But the main goal of the AG-cluster system is and has always been spiritual in nature - it's about pastoral care, discipleship and fellowship. Incidentally, it's the current pandemic that has highlighted these important aspects about our AG-cluster system!

We believe that we have a great platform for long-term spiritual growth with the present cluster pairs and now 4 in-person services. We appreciate and thank those who have out of concern for our pastors and preachers suggested having only 2 in-person services since we can meet in groups of 100. However, we see the spiritual blessing of meeting in person as a worshipping community, in ways that are not served as well by online gatherings. We do not want to maintain status quo in a survival mode. Where it is safe and permissible, increasing our frequency of worshipping in person will reap spiritual benefits.

(3) Thirdly, we thank God for the authorities that He has wisely instituted. They have, by God's grace, guided and contained the local virus situation. Society as a whole is slowly moving towards larger scale gatherings (e.g. MICE conferences of up to 250pax). Hence, more and more churches too will be allowed to increase the number of people returning to in-person worship services.

Lastly, we want to assure you that we understand some of us prefer to return for in-person worship services later for safety, health or personal reasons. We will continue to live stream the 1030am service. However, we encourage that you keep in close touch with your AG or even meet in small groups of five. Please contact any of our pastors if you are not in any AG or are not a member so we can try to link you

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Sunday Services in October

Thank God we have been approved to conduct in-person Worship Services for up to 100 people – up to 50 each in the upper and lower sanctuaries.

Each Cluster Pair may now come for worship twice a month. The service schedule may be viewed at www.zionbishan.org.sg/Oct20

Please register for services by your specific Cluster link below:

Light & Joy Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy

Faith & Patience Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience

Hope & Peace Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace

Mercy & Grace Clusters:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace

Communion will be served at 1030am and 1pm services only (so we will return to our usual monthly frequency for Communion).

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.

Zion Bishan's 26th Anniversary Service 24 Oct, Saturday, 4.00pm-5.30pm

More details to come soon!

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.

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up with other members.

We seek your continued partnership in prayer and support of the pastors, elders, deacons and AG leaders as we adapt to the evolving situation. Thank you especially for your patience these past months.

Session

Zion Bishan BP Church

¹ Please read also articles previously written by Elder David (<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2020/08/gods-people-in-covid/>) and Elder George (<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/2020/08/flesh-or-spirit/>)