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JOSHUA 23:14

English Services & Livestream

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## ***Order of Service***

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: God of Grace and God of Glory

Ordination of Elder (at 10.30am)

Scripture Reading: Joshua 10: 1-27 ESV

Message: Fighting God's Battles

Response Hymn: Stand Up, Stand Up for Jesus

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

*Note: Holy Communion will be served at 10.30 and 1pm 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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2)

**8.30am** Mandarin/Cantonese service

**9.30am** Tamil (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday)/Hokkien service

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

English service

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

[www.youtube.com/zionbishan](http://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](http://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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Serving You Today

*Speakers:* Ps Alby Yip (10.30am & 1pm)

Ps Ebi Mohan (3pm & 5pm)

*AV:* Darren Lee, Wee Aik Koon, Jonathan Teo & Benny Ling

*Pianist:* Goh Su-Ling

*Songs for personal worship and reflection:*

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs-for-reflection)

**10.30 am & 1pm:** Light & Joy Cluster Services  
with Holy Communion

*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

*Pastor:* Dev Menon

*Elders:* Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Jeffrey Lim

*Deacons:* Dn Mervyn, Dns Sherena,

Dn Benjamin & Dn Timothy

*Staff:* Linus & Zhiwen

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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6353 8081

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# **Fighting God's Battles**

Joshua 10:1-43

4 October 2020

Ps Alby Yip/Ps Ebi Mohan

## **Introduction**

### **Consequences of past mistakes (vv.1-6)**

### **Trusting in God (vv.7-15)**

### **Faithfulness to God's commands (vv.16-43)**

## **Conclusion**

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion**

1. How do you seek the counsel of the Lord before making any decision in your life?
2. When was the last time you experienced God's goodness and faithfulness in spite of your unfaithfulness?
3. How do we deal with those who are under our care and responsibility?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**October In-Person Services** – Thank God we begin meeting with up to 100 worshippers today!

“Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together... but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.” - Hebrews 10:23-25

**S3P** – We thank God for the time God has given to us to befriend and serve our guest stayers these past 5 months. They have moved into other accommodation on 30 Sep. Twelve of us rejoiced to witness the baptism and partook in communion with one of the S3P stayers on 29 Sep. Pray that he will continue to grow in his faith. Pray also that each stayer will be able to transit well into their next phase with the faith, hope and the love of Jesus sustaining them.

**Year End Camps & Retreats** – Pray for the Men’s Ministry Retreat and Youth Camp being planned to be conducted in Nov and Dec respectively. Pray that these camps will be a spiritually enriching time to grow in our knowledge of Christ, and done so in a safe and conducive manner.

### **Our People**

**Elder Chuah Chin Yew** – Today we witness the ordination of our newly elected elder. Thank God for Chin Yew’s

many years of service as a deacon in the soccer, youth and other ministries. Let us pray for him as he begins a new season of service to the church as an elder.

**PSLE** – Pray for our Primary 6 students who are in the midst of their PSLE. Thank God for seeing them through their time studying and preparing for these examinations. Pray not only for their minds, but for their hearts to understand how God is shaping their lives even in moments like this. May our children learn to give glory to God in all they do.

### **Our World**

**COVID-19** – The pandemic has claimed over 1 million lives worldwide. Even as we thank God for our relative safety in Singapore, let us pray and remember fellow Christians in the world where gathering as a church is still not allowed. Pray for our ministry partners as they continue serving their community and spreading the love of Christ the best they can. May many see Jesus through the love and action of the church, and bring many to the saving knowledge of Christ.

**Malaysia** – Please pray for our ministry partner, Eld Koo from Kampong Hubong. He sustained some fractures and spinal compression after his car skidded while on his way to Mersing 2 weeks ago. He underwent an operation on 29 Sep. Please pray for speedy and full recovery and also for a successful application for subsidies from the government to help cover part of his medical costs.

## Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*398	
English Services#	138	
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*88	
Cantonese Service#	42	30.00
Tamil Zoom Service	25	
Hokkien Service#	32	
ME Zoom	57	
DHF Zoom	28	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>808</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

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

Electronic Transfer \$40,623.36

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$40,653.36**

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

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$200,052.59

Giving Received from 21 Sep to 27 Sep \$799.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$111,916.66

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1579-82 \$970.00

Electronic Transfer \$31,284.05

**Weekly Total \$32,254.05**

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

**Total To Date \$4,785,865.60**

## 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: 070-901055-3

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

4 October 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](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. Mr Tan Eng Chai, aged 86, went Home to be with the Lord on Thursday, 1 Oct 2020. He was the father of Grace Khoo and Timothy Tan, and father-in-law of Cedric Khoo and Jasmine Tan.
2. Congratulations to Moses and Jia Hui Thia on the birth of their second son, Gregory Thia Rui Ming, on 2 October 2020.
3. Ps Dev is preaching at Moriah BP Church today.
4. Ps Haoren will be on leave from 29 Sep to 25 October.

## ***Looking Ahead***

### **Friday, 9 Oct**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### **Saturday, 10 Oct**

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### **Sunday, 11 Oct**

English Services:

**10.30 am & 1pm:** Hope & Peace Cluster Services with HC (Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace))

*Pastor:* Zheng Haoren

*Elders:* Elder David & Elder Sonny

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

*Staff:* Sharon, Tze Ming & June

**3pm & 5pm:** Mercy & Grace Cluster Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace))

*Pastor:* 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**

11 Oct Joshua 11-12

Pastor Dev Menon (10.30am/1.00pm)

Pastor Alby Yip (3.00pm/5.00pm)

## **The Handiwork of God**

The story goes much further back, but let's begin with a young man who walked the streets of Tokyo a few years ago. He saw the plight of the homeless there and was moved with compassion. He returned to Singapore determined to start the *Homeless Hearts of Singapore*, a ministry that seeks, befriends and basically 'be the Church' to rough sleepers.

He shared his heartbeat for this ministry last July at Micah Conversation 2019 (<https://www.micahsingapore.org/micahconversation2019>). A pastor heard his testimony and he thought: "My church has a basement carpark that is unused throughout the week. Why can't that be an overnight shelter for the homeless?" Months later, the first "Safe-Sound-Sleeping Place" (S3P) in an evangelical church was up and running<sup>1</sup>.

Then COVID-19 struck. As the nation hunkered down for the Circuit Breaker, Homeless Hearts and the church mentioned above straightaway got thinking: What about the homeless? Where can they go to be safe? What does household mean to them? They worked with the government and issued a clarion call to Churches to respond to this need. Over a dozen responded.

We were one of them. The conditions seemed right for us: Literally nothing was happening in church during the week, except the Living Room café (but it can provide food for the rough sleepers!). We had classrooms and a first-aid room – that settled safe-distancing and quarantining (if necessary). With the widespread ministry shut-down, our resources were freed up to respond – volunteers readily came forward to assist. The Missions Relief Fund was established and financed the S3P. our Elders were supportive and approved.

As our guest stayers started streaming in, people swung into action. Our admin staff set up the premises and served our guests faithfully. Members offered safari beds and other essentials. In the first month, a member dropped by every night to check on our guests. Soon, we assigned members to befriend our guests one-on-one. One guest had osteoarthritis in both his knees – two physiotherapists (Zion Bishan is blessed with many) worked with him to restore his mobility.

Meanwhile, more and more churches were stepping forward to open up their premises as an S3P. They formed a community of practice to share information (e.g. job openings), best practices, and to encourage each other (including us) to press on in the challenging work.

Zion Bishan's participation for now has come to a close. I look back and wonder at the orchestration of it all... how God worked through various people in various

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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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/Oct20)

Please register for services by your specific Cluster link below:

Light & Joy Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy)

Faith & Patience Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience)

Hope & Peace Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace)

Mercy & Grace Clusters:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace](http://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](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.

## Zion Bishan's 26<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service

24 Oct, Saturday, 4.00pm-5.30pm

## Children and Youth Ministry 2021 Looking for new CD and YD Leaders

The Children and Youth Ministry are looking for new Discipleship Leaders! The church family is called to nurture the faith of the next generation, and we all have a part to play!

If you're interested in growing in your own knowledge of the Bible, love spending time with young people, and want to partner our parents to see our children grow up in faith, join us in this very life-giving ministry!

Uncertain about teaching? That's alright, training will be provided! Contact [june@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:june@zionbishan.org.sg) or [jacqueline@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:jacqueline@zionbishan.org.sg).

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times<sup>2</sup>, to stir the church and to grant us (us!) the blessing of ministering to these precious ones; even to witness the coming to faith of one brother (he was baptised last Tuesday morning).

We have gained more than we have given. All this is the handiwork of God, and it's marvellous in our eyes.

*Not to us, O Lord, not to us, but to your name give glory...* Psalm 115:1

<sup>1</sup> <https://saltandlight.sg/service/many-havent-experienced-gods-love-so-lets-be-on-the-lookout-yio-chu-kang-chapel-which-opens-its-doors-to-the-homeless/>

<sup>2</sup> There were other Christian groups involved in ministry to the homeless much earlier, e.g. New Hope, PLMC and YWAM's Trolley Ministry.