



Not one word has failed
JOSHUA 23:14

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Installation of Deacon and Deaconesses (at 10.30am)

Scripture Reading: Joshua 11:1-23 ESV

Message: The Land Had Rest From War

Response Hymn: Only A Holy God

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

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: Ps Dev Menon (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3pm & 5pm)

AV: Steven Tan, Melissa Leong, Maybelline Tan, James Kok

Pianist: Paul Low

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

10.30 am & 1pm: Hope & Peace Cluster Services with Holy Communion

(Register at 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)

Pastors: Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon

Elders: Elder Roland & Elder Chin Yew

Deacons: Dns Alice, Dn Danny & Dn Sunil

Staff: Li Hui & Vernon

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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The Land Had Rest From War

Joshua 11-12

11 October 2020

Ps Dev Menon/Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Intro: The War For Canaan

Hazor's Horde

Hardened Hearts

Familiar Foes

Canaan's Kings

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What do you remember about sermon or passage?
2. Why are the detailed accounts of these wars recorded for us?
3. What do you think it means when the Lord hardened their hearts?
4. Why is it important that the kings are listed out for us?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Safety Precautions – We thank God we can gather in relative safety to worship Him as a church. But let us pray, even as things seem safe, that we remain vigilant and love our neighbours by keeping to safety measures when meeting with one another. Do uphold the COVID Taskforce in prayer as they continue to oversee users of the church premises and ensuring safety for all our worshippers.

Men’s Ministry (p.8) – Pray for their upcoming retreat and “Taking Charge” series that it will equip our men with an understanding of their God-given responsibilities in their homes, church, work and community.

Our People

New Deacons – Today we witness the installation of Dns Li Hwee, Dns Ee Wern, Dns Jessica, Dns Jenny and Dn Beng Hwee. Let us thank God for their hearts of service, and may they be blessed as they bless many with their time and gifts from God.

Our World

North East India – It is “camp season” for youth and children with our ministry partner here. However, because of COVID-19 precautions, they cannot hold their camps at their centre. All the camps have to be organized and run at different places. This requires lots of travelling, special arrangements and extra cost. Pray for the smooth running of all the

camps and also protection of all attendees from the virus. Pray that this will also be a time of spiritual refreshment for all.

Malaysia – Thank God for a successful operation, with no damage to nerves and a fairly quick post-op recovery for Eld Koo. He is recovering well and he is thankful for the fact that he was under the hands of a good orthopaedic surgeon. Eld Koo has been discharged from the hospital and is able to stand and walk a little with the help of a walking frame. Pray for continued recovery and also good arrangements for his physiotherapy when he is back home.

Lebanon – Our ministry partner here is grateful for Zion Bishan’s prayers and support. In particular, Zion has helped support their hot meals programme and also their ministers and staff. They report that people have gone hungry and are desperate, causing great unrest, riots and road closures all around Lebanon.

Pray for peace and hope to be offered to those who are suffering in the country of Lebanon. Many men who have large families are committing suicide on a daily basis because they cannot afford to buy food anymore due to the inflation of the Lebanese currency. Pray for the churches, like our ministry partner’s, to be the source of God’s peace and hope in this dire situation. Pray for a government that will be able to find a way out of such an economic and national crisis.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*371	
English Services#	189	783.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*60	
Mandarin Service#	94	200.00
Tamil Zoom Service	30	
ME Zoom	68	
DHF Zoom	22	
TOTAL	790	\$983.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$64,196.23

WEEKLY TOTAL \$65,179.23

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$201,302.70

Giving Received from 28 Sep to 4 Oct \$1,250.11

Amount Disbursed to-date \$116,540.86

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1583-84 \$350.00

Mad About God (Vol 1&2) \$35.00

Electronic Transfer \$30,517.25

Weekly Total \$30,902.25

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$4,819,065.11

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

11 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

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. Congratulations to Yi Tao & Xiao En on their Holy Matrimony on 10 October 2020.
2. Ps Haoren is on leave from 29 Sep to 25 October.
3. Heartfelt condolences to Daniel Chua Lai Ying, on the passing of his father, Mr Chua Eng Guan, aged 64 on 7 Oct.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 16 Oct

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 17 Oct

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 18 Oct

English Services:

10.30 am & 1 pm: Faith & Patience Cluster Services with Holy Communion

(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

3 pm & 5 pm: Light & Joy Cluster Services

(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

Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua

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)

Being Together in a Prolonged Pandemic

Acts 2:42 "And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers."

Acts 2:42 describes the early church. It was devoted to the teaching of God's Word. In fellowship, Jesus' followers were committed to participation as a body of Christ and the sharing of material things. The breaking of bread covered both the Lord's Supper and a larger fellowship meal. And prayer in their gatherings at home and at the Temple was the practice.

We were able to closely follow the model of the early church during pre Covid-19 days. But Singapore's "circuit breaker" has disrupted our church life. It is inevitable. We thank God for the recent relaxation of national Covid-19 safety measures which must not be taken for granted.

In-person Services are now permitted for 100 worshippers at a time. At Zion Bishan, the overall take-up rate at last Sunday's four Services was 46%, i.e. out of 400 available places, a total of 184 members attended the Services. The 10.30am Service was of course "sold out" with the full 100 pax.

This pandemic is expected to hold out for quite a while ahead. And some quarters have warned that there could be other pandemics in the not too distant future. So it seems necessary to **shift our paradigm** of "Doing Church during pre Covid-19" to "Being Together in a Prolonged Pandemic". **We need to adapt.**

In his book *Simply Christian* N.T. Wright describes, "The church is first and foremost a **community**, a collection of people who belong to one another because they belong to God, the God we know in and through Jesus... The church exists for two closely correlated purposes: to worship God and to work for His kingdom in the world. You can and must worship, and work for God's kingdom, in private and in ways unique to yourself, but if the kingdom is to go forward, rather than around and around in circles, **we must work together as well as apart.**"

Notice his emphasis on **being together** in worshipping God and working for His kingdom. Being together includes worshipping together, serving together, loving together, learning together, growing together, praying together, engaging culture together, being salt and light together, and so on.

The question now of course is whether Wright's emphasis on being together is relevant in a prolonged pandemic. What do you think? **If we concur that this emphasis is in line with Acts 2:42 and still relevant today in this pandemic, then we need to work towards being together.** Perhaps we should start by filling up the places offered at our four Services?

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 with Livestream

24 Oct, Saturday, 4.00pm-5.30pm

Men's Ministry "Taking Charge" Series 31 Oct, Saturday, 7.30am-9.30am

Brothers, join us for "Taking Charge - Leading Our Home" by Dr Geoff Gorsuch (recorded), advisor to the Men's Ministry Network.

Come and journey with other brothers to reflect, pray and encourage one another to take charge, through learning, testimonies and sharing with one another in a SAFE place.

Register for the Zoom link here:

<https://forms.gle/Nr5BDCfJuThH6w17A>

Men's Crisis: God's Opportunity 18 Nov, Saturday, 8.00am-12.00pm

Reveal, Refocus, Restore.

Register for Men's Ministry Retreat here:

<https://forms.gle/DaLQja557toqMkrq9>

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 or

jacqueline@zionbishan.org.sg