



Not one word has failed
JOSHUA 23:14

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: O Jesus I Have Promised

Scripture Reading: Joshua 24:1-5; 14-31 ESV

Message: Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve!

Response Hymn: By Faith

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/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 Zheng Haoren (3 pm & 5 pm)

AV: Wee Aik Koon, Ewen Tjoeng, Nurman
Kusanda, Matthaeus Lim

Pianists: Tim Hia & Tim Low

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

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 Jeffrey Lim & Eld Foo Say Chiang

Deacons: Dn Benjamin & Dns Li Hwee

Staff: Linus & Zhiwen

3pm & 5pm: 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 & Dns Peck San

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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Choose This Day Whom You Will Serve!

15 November 2020

Joshua 24

Mr Vernon Quek/Pastor Zheng Haoren

Introduction:

1. Joshua's Historical Prologue (vv1-13)

2. Joshua's Covenant with Israel (vv14-28)

3. Joshua's Death (vv29-33)

Conclusion: Choose this day...

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What is your big takeaway from Joshua 24?
2. What are the other gods you are serving or are tempted to serve today?
Choose this day...
3. How does today's passage (and the wider book of Joshua) help us serve the Lord when we cannot by ourselves?
4. How does this help us to understand Jesus better and how much we need Him?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Land Lease Renewal Fund – As we work towards this milestone, thank God for the generous giving and for the interest-free loans by our members and regular worshippers. Pray that we will continue to be good stewards of this land and building and to show our neighbours the love of our Lord Jesus.

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund – This fund was set up in April, in part to provide relief to Zion Bishan members and regular worshippers during these challenging times. Pray that the funds collected will be used well to provide relief for fellow saints in need. Pray for anyone you know who are struggling and may benefit from this relief.

Men's Ministry Retreat (14 Nov) – Thank God for 55 men (including leaders) who attended and had a fruitful time at the MM retreat yesterday. Pray that the lessons learnt will continue to equip our men to serve God in the homes, workplaces and community.

December Sermon Series – Pray for our preaching team as they prepare for an evangelistic series this December titled 'More than you think...'. Pray that all of us will find opportunities to invite someone to come and hear the gospel.

Our People

Basic AG Leaders Equipping Course – The second BAGLE run begins today.

Please keep our AG leaders in prayer as they consider what it means to equip the saints and build up God's church, especially in these trying times and as we look ahead to the next year of 'disrupted' church life. Pray that our Father will be molding our leaders through His Word, and challenging them in discipleship and community.

Music Ministry – Thank God for our dedicated team of musicians and song leaders who give their time and use their God given talents to bless our congregation each week. Pray for the teams as they sort out how to better minister to 4 different service time slots.

Pray and praise God also for the hardworking PA and video editing team who use their technical skills as an act of worship to God, working behind the scenes to bless our church weekly too.

Our World

Diwali – This weekend many in the world celebrate Diwali, a festival about new beginnings and the triumph of light over darkness. Pray for Christians to live out the life of Jesus, the Light of the world, that our conversations and acts of service will shine forth the light of Christ.

West Nepal – Pray for Brother B, our ministry partner here as he has been hospitalised this past week for Dengue and Typhoid. Pray that his low blood pressure and sugar level will be normalised quickly and for full recovery.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*344	
English Services#	248	1,150.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*75	920.00
Cantonese Service	60	
Hokkien Service#	49	
Tamil Zoom Service	19	
ME Zoom	63	
DHF Zoom	19	
TOTAL	877	\$2,070.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$57,516.53

WEEKLY TOTAL \$59,586.53

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$211,270.82

Giving Received from 2 Nov to 8 Nov \$2,715.01

Amount Disbursed to-date \$147,970.98

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1600-1603 \$5,400.00

Interest Free Loan (#LL003/20 - #LL005/20) \$415,000.00

Electronic Transfer \$42,107.46

Weekly Total \$462,507.46

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date **\$5,460,795.47**

Loan to Mount Hermon (500,000.00)

Total To Date \$4,960,795.47

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: T10SS0029GGMF

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

15 November 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. Mr Peh Thiam Chye, aged 86, went Home to be with the Lord on 7 November 2020. He was the father of Peh Chong Yeow, father-in-law of Alice Peh, grandfather to Rannon and Cayden.
2. Mdm Ong Teow Hiok , aged 87, went Home to be with the Lord on 9 November 2020. She was the mother of June Yeo.
3. Mdm Ong Siew Foon who received Christ on 25 October in Assisi Hospice was called home to God on 8 November. Pray for the God's comfort and peace to be with the family. Pray also for the salvation of those who have yet come to Christ that they may be touched by God just as the late Mdm Ong.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 20 November

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 21 November

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 22 November

English Services:

10.30 am & 1 pm: Mercy & Grace Cluster Services with HC

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/mercy-grace)

Pastor: Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon

Elders: Elder Roland & Elder Chin Yew

Deacons: Dn Danny & Dn Sunil

Staff: Li Hui & Vernon

3pm & 5pm: Hope & Peace Cluster Services

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/hope-peace)

Pastor: Zheng Haoren

Elders: Elder David & Elder Sonny

Deacons: Dns Siew Choo & Dn Joseph

Staff: Sharon, Tze Ming & June

Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua

22 Nov Joshua Reflections

Ps Alby (10.30am/1.00pm)

(3.00pm/5.00)

THANK YOU YOUR RESPONSE!

A Season of Testing

James 1:12 Blessed is the man who remains steadfast under trial...

Back in 2012, Zion Bishan faced its last church-wide test. In order to move forward to the next stage of growth, we had to relocate to Kuo Chuan Presbyterian Secondary School for what we thought was a short time. However, within a few months, we realised we had no other option but to shift all our services to a single timeslot at 3pm for around 2 years. It was a difficult trial, and despite our best efforts, we estimate about >10% of our regular attendees did not return. Some went to sister BP churches and grew spiritually there (praise God!), but others left for good. For the rest of us who remained, it was a long season, but many stepped up to serve, others grew spiritually, and even more came to the Lord!

Now in 2020, we face another church-wide test. As we all know, Covid will be with us for a long time. The health minister has estimated that Phase 3 restrictions will be around for at least a year or longer (until the whole world stabilizes). That means is that our Sunday worship services will be capped at an absolute maximum of 200 (pending MCCY approval) as long as social distancing remains, and our small groups at 8-10 persons physically. We will not be able to go back to our old timings, and the four English timeslots of 10.30am, 1pm, 3pm and 5pm must continue for the longer term in order that everyone can come back every week.

As rotating services is unsustainable long-term, this means every AG will have to think about which timeslot they could attend and serve at. *Conversations are now ongoing between the AG leaders and their Cluster Elders to work things through.* While it would be great for everyone to have their first choice, the reality is that some will have to have their 2nd choice. Our preference as leaders of course is that people will sacrifice voluntarily rather than shifting people around. We believe that it is God who will move hearts and minds.

This process is slow and time-consuming, but hopefully will bear much fruit. We have already been surprised by the generosity that 5-6 AGs have shown, willing to take the 'less popular' afternoon services on a weekly basis. Not to mention the dozen or so members who have stepped up to serve in unfamiliar ministries at unfamiliar timeslots! We are praying that many others will follow in their footsteps. This is not just a logistics exercise of course, creation of smaller services with more intentional AG-Cluster groupings will open the door for better discipleship, pastoral care and accountability down to each individual. God's tests are never just arbitrary, they are His discipline to move us forward in faith and maturity.

This exercise is of course not unique to Zion Bishan, many of our sister BP churches and other pastors are also having to go through the same process. No church is

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Sunday Services

We continue 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 come for worship twice a month. The service schedule may be viewed at

www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule

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.

In preparation for Phase 3, please have your Trace Together Token or App ready. See <http://tiny.cc/st-tracetogogether>

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund For the Relief of the Saints in Zion Bishan

If you need help, please make an application here: <https://tiny.cc/ZBrelief>

All are treated with strict confidence.

Please do not hesitate if you need help.

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spared this season of testing! I suspect the Singapore church, or even the global church as a whole, will look very different in 3-5 years once Covid is behind us. Hopefully, just like our last 2012-2015 test, the majority of Zion Bishan members will emerge stronger. Laying down our lives for each other's sake will no longer be just religious theory, but a living reality.

Friends will you pray with us?

Land Lease Renewal Fund Interest-Free Loans

The forms may be downloaded from www.zionbishan.org.sg/llrf

Is God calling you to serve? Contact your Cluster Leader

Serve your church family at your next in-person service! We are looking for ushers, PA personnel, CD & YD leaders.

Contact your Cluster Leader or email dev@zionbishan.org.sg and we'll link you up!

The All New Marriage Course Starts 5 Dec, for 7 Saturdays 4.00pm-6.00pm, via Zoom

The Marriage Course is a series of seven sessions designed to help couples invest in their relationship.

All videos have been updated for a modern audience. Register today!

www.zionbishan.org.sg/tmc

Christmas Series 2020: 'More than you think...'

Join us for an evangelistic series through all of December! A total of 6 services including Christmas and Watchnight.

Please be praying over who you can invite to see that Christmas is much more than they think it is.