



Not one word has failed
JOSHUA 23:14

English 10.30 Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Prepare the Way

Scripture Reading: Isaiah 40:1-11; 1 Peter 1:13; 20-25 ESV

Message: Proclaim the Good News!

Response Hymn: Sing We the Song of Emmanuel

Mission Focus

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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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

Speaker: Mr Vernon Quek

Worship Leader: Pastor Dev Menon

AV: Steven Tan, Ravi Shankar, Sean Yang

Pianists: Goh Su-Ling, Joy Soon

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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Proclaim the Good News!

Isaiah 40:1-11; 1 Peter 1:13; 20-25

29 November 2020

Mr Vernon Quek

Introduction



1. The Context of Isaiah: Bad News (Isaiah 1-39)

2. Good News (Isaiah 40v1-11)

Three Audiences:

3. The Good News For Us Today: (1 Peter 1v3-5; v10-13; v20-25)

Conclusion: Christmas 2020...and Beyond!

Discussion Questions:

1. What is the Bad News in our world today? How does this help you look to Jesus' return?
2. What does Isaiah 40:1-11 mean to you? Which of the audiences we saw are you most like?
3. Our Evangelism: Which stage are you at? What should you do to grow in this area? Share your answers with someone who will both pray for you and keep you accountable.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Family Ministry Events – Thank God for the yesterday’s Faith at Home session that touched on sitting our children in the main worship service. It is important to teach our children to love our weekly Sunday services where we worship and communion with God and one another. Pray that the Spirit will work in the hearts of our parents to build and pass on their faith to their children.

Pray also for the upcoming Marriage Course (5 Dec). Thank God for the couples who have committed to the 7 sessions. May they be blessed in the time spent in building up their relationships.

Our People

Benson Chia – We grieve with the family of our beloved brother Benson Chia, who went home to His Heavenly Father on 26th Nov – after 4 long years battling with cancer. Benson served faithfully as a deacon of this church for 6 years (despite his worsening condition), creating the Life Fellowship which supports those going through illness as well as their caregivers. He was a true saint of the Lord and you can listen to his testimony here: https://youtu.be/D_rkt-FbOHU

Youths – Thank God for the many youths who are able to come to today’s in-person service. Pray that they will be ministered to and encouraged in their walk with God. Thank God also for seeing them through this school year and for

the Spirit to work in their hearts as they prepare for new challenges next year.

PSLE – Primary 6 students received their results last week. Pray for our students to give God the glory for leading them through this milestone and trust in His plans. As they move into their next phase of education, may they continue to grow, to be like Jesus, in wisdom and stature, and in favour with God and man.

Our World

Lebanon – Pray for the people of Lebanon, who continue to suffer from food shortages, an economic collapse and increasing COVID cases. These problems intensified after the explosion in the port of Beirut in August. Although international donations are available, the current political situation has impeded any progress. The former Prime Minister recently declared that he does not want to continue as caretaker and leader of the country. Please pray earnestly for a new government to be formed that will have the will and perseverance to see through needed political reforms that are the country desperately needs.

Pray for our ministry partner in Beirut, who reports that the situation there is very tough. Pray for their effort to provide hot meals and reach out to needy families and a refugee camp in the Bekaa valley. Pray that their work will lead people to glorify God and come to faith in Jesus.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*333	
English Services#	258	800.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*77	6,835.00
Cantonese Service	65	
Hokkien Service	51	
Tamil Zoom Service	25	
ME Zoom	45	
DHF Zoom	20	
TOTAL	874	\$7,635.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$34,233.57

WEEKLY TOTAL \$41,868.57

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date **\$223,885.04**

Giving Received from 2 Nov to 8 Nov \$740.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$149,015.07

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1608-1616 \$24,552.95

Interest Free Loans (#LL007/20 - #LL011/20) \$90,000.00

Electronic Transfer \$15,616.95

Weekly Total \$130,169.90

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$6,234,262.76

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

29 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. Congratulations to Wilbur and Zihui on their holy matrimony on 21 Nov 2020.
2. Congratulations also to Joshua and Bernice on their holy matrimony on 21 Nov 2020.
3. Pastor Zheng Haoren is preaching at the Mandarin/Cantonese Service this morning.
4. The Lord has called Home to Himself our beloved Deacon Benson Chia on 26 Nov 2020. Our prayers and deepest condolences go to his dear wife, Maybeline, daughter, Anya son, Kenan, sisters Yong Yong and Leslie.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 4 December

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 5 December

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 6 December

English Services:

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

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/light-joy)

3 pm & 5 pm: Faith & Patience Cluster Services with Holy Communion

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/faith-patience)

An evangelistic Christmas Series 2020:

'More than you think...'

Sun, 6 December – *More than a Dream Destination*

Sun, 13 December – *More than Santa Claus*

Sun, 20 December – *More than a Public Holiday*

Christmas, 25 December – *No Ordinary Present*

Sun, 27 December – *More than a Family Gathering*

Watchnight, 31 December – *More than a Fairytale*

The Past, The Present and The Future

After writing a book titled “Silence” I practised it by going on a 2-day silent retreat. As General Secretary, I sought the Lord for direction and focus for BPCIS (Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore). I read the Scriptures on the first day and the minutes of our BPCIS standing committee on the second, prayerfully asking if we are moving in line with where the Lord is leading us.

It’s been 10 years since we initiated the formation of the Presbytery, starting in 2010 with a series of consultations, and culminating in 2011 with the inauguration of the Presbytery. BPCIS was formalised in 2019 with our registration with Registry of Societies with seven charter member churches. One more church joined this year, and a few are considering.

Over the last three years (2018-2020), we worked on the “DBS” agenda: Developing leaders, Building relationships, and Sharing resources. God helping us, we witnessed the fulfilment of all three in the ordination of pastors and elders, fellowship at retreats and meals, rallying of resources for projects, beside many other opportunities to serve God by serving one another. Our pastors meet every month for lunch, discussion and prayer—that in itself is a testimony of how far we have come.

But where do we go from here? Let me share three areas of concern:

Firstly, there are still past hurts in need for healing. There are 43 churches in Singapore which call themselves Bible-Presbyterian, yet most do not belong to any Presbytery or meaningful association with other BP churches. Are they fearful of the history of painful controversy repeating itself? Are there still lingering suspicion, unforgiveness and unresolved hurts?

Secondly, there are present threats to the church. Two of our ordinands wrote papers on “gospel threats” identifying dangers facing the church today. Some are more obvious like errant teachings on prosperity and grace; others are less so like the culture of consumerism and convenience. Recent events in the US have shown that while obvious sins like abortion and homosexuality are challenged, less obvious sins like lying and pride are tolerated. How do we strengthen our churches against such threats?

Finally, there is the future generation. The three founding fathers of the BP Church have passed on. They left us a legacy to hand to the next generation. How can we preserve the best of it and learn from its worst? What kind of legacy will we pass on? As BPCIS moves into the coming years, let us pray for the healing of past hurts, the strengthening of our churches against present threats, and the leaving of a godly legacy to our future generation.

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 all services on 6 Dec and subsequently at 1030am and 1pm services only.

If you are unsure of which Sunday you should register for, do contact your AG leader or any of our pastors.

TraceTogether Token or App is required for SafeEntry.

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

In the light of the prolonged impact of the pandemic, Session has decided to extend the duration of the Mission Relief Fund to 31 Dec 2021. We thank God for all who have given towards this and we encourage members who have been affected by the pandemic to approach the Pastors and Elders for assistance.

Pastor David's New Book

“Silence: A Necessary Pause in Noise” takes you through different kinds of silence in Scriptures in 55 devotions. In our noisy world, we need silence to listen to God’s “still, small voice” (1 Kings 19.12). The book is available at \$16 from Graceworks or Living Room cafe.

<https://graceworks.com.sg/store/category/personal-growth/silence-a-necessary-pause-in-noise/>

10 Square Week by AG49 Fundraiser for the LLRF

Final day to make a \$20 gift (or more) towards a target of \$10,000 in one week. Every \$20 entitles you to one face mask sponsored by AG49. Please order through your AG leaders.

Is God calling you to serve? Contact your Cluster Leader

Come Zion Members and Serve the church family at the in-person services. Contact your Cluster Leader or email dev@zionbishan.org.sg

Child and Infant Baptism

Email office@zionbishan.org.sg to register by 1 Dec.

CE Table Host Training 30 Dec, for 4 Wednesdays, 7.45pm

Is it time for you to share Jesus with someone? Train to be a Christianity Explored Table Host! Sign up with vernon@zionbishan.org.sg