

ZION BISHAN DECEMBER SERIES
CHRISTMAS: MORE THAN YOU THINK...



English Services & Livestream

VOL 11 NO 50
13 December 2020

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Joy Has Dawned

Scripture Reading: Mark 2:1-12 ESV

Message: The Best Gift Ever

Response Hymn: Freely Freely

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: Pastor Dev Menon (10.30 am & 1 pm), Elder David Leong (3 pm & 5 pm)

AV: Steven Tan, Ewen Tjoeng, Maybelline Tan, Melissa Leong, Sean Yang

Pianist: Tammy Low

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

10.30 am & 1 pm: 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 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: 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*

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

The Best Gift Ever

Mark 2:1-12

13 December 2020

Pastor Dev Menon/Elder David Leong

Introduction

The Desperate Man

The Strange Response

The Astonished Reaction

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
2. Why did Jesus not heal the man at first?
3. Why did Jesus heal the man in the end?
4. Who do you think Jesus is and why did He come?

Prayer Points

Our Church

The Next Lap – Each week, look out for one part of our vision moving forward. This was presented last week:

Our Conviction – that as embodied persons – there is great blessing in following God’s command to gather together in person, that we cannot get virtually. This is not to say that livestream services are not without their benefits, as they have allowed shut-ins, the occasional visitor and overseas members to view the service in real time.

Catechism Class – Thank God we could have an in-person catechism class over the last 3 months and even end off with a half-day retreat. Pray for the new members who will be received next week, that they will learn what it means to #getdeep, #getreal and #getlost for Jesus.

Our People

Youth Camp 2020: Arukah – Our annual Youth Camp begins this Wednesday (16 Dec). Pray for the youths to have a fruitful time together as they learn about how Christ heals and restores. As they discuss topics on emotional health, social media and spend time fellowshiping in small groups of 5, pray that the their time spent will encourage them to put Christ first in their lives.

Danny Chua – We praise God that Deacon Danny has successfully completed his EXCEL apprenticeship and

will be coming on board as a full-time ministry staff as of 1 Jan 2021. Together with Vernon, he will anchor the AG ministry, and continue training our AG Leaders to teach God's Word and minister to God's people. He will also assist in the ICCF committee to ensure that Zion Bishan grows to become a safe space for all who enter our gates.

Our World

North East India – Pray for God’s comfort and peace to be upon Pastor R and his family as they grieve over the home going of his wife due to COVID-19 last week.

This week, about 60 ministry leaders gathered to review and plan for their ministries, as well as encourage one another in the Lord. Pray that they will be strong and persevere in faith, hope and love. In the last 3 months, 4 people from our ministry partner’s organisation have gone home to be with the Lord.

Pray also for those they are ministering to who have recently lost jobs. Pray that they will be able to find employment as job markets begin to open up.

South India – Praise God for how the church is growing in the areas where our ministry partner is located. They report that there will be a baptism and a church dedication service in the coming week. Pray for new believers to be well-grounded in their faith and for the safe travels of our ministry partner as they move through various places.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*333	
English Services#	299	420.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*53	
Mandarin Service#	107	150.00
Tamil Zm & In-Person Svs	27	1,564.00
ME Zoom	64	
DHF Zoom	22	
TOTAL	905	\$2,134.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer	48,590.17
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$50,724.17

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$256,820.04
Giving Received from 30 Nov to 6 Dec	\$22,360.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$150,345.07

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1627-1630	2,662.35
10-Square Week Fund Raising Project	3,950.00
Electronic Transfer	44,383.45
Weekly Total	\$50,995.80

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date **\$5,175,773.28**

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date **\$1,185,000.00**

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

13 December 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, 18 December

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 19 December

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 20 December (Reception of Members)

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 Benjamin & Dns Li Hwee

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 & Dns Peck San

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

An evangelistic Christmas Series 2020:

'More than you think...'

20 Dec, Sunday

More than a Public Holiday

Ps Alby Yip / Dn Paul Yeo

25 Dec, Friday (Christmas)

No Ordinary Present

Ps David Wong / Mr Ng Zhiwen

27 Dec, Sunday

More than a Family Gathering

Ps Zheng Haoren / Ps Dev Menon

31 Dec, Thursday (Watchnight)

More than a Fairytale

Ps Ebi Mohan / Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Pause or Reset Revisited – The Need to Get ‘Sick’

Eight months have quickly gone by since I penned “Pause or Reset” in *WIS* on 12 Apr 2020. The following questions were posed then:

*“Has reality sunk in? Is this a Pause? **Or has the Reset button been activated?** I believe it is the latter. Our Heavenly Father has allowed Covid-19 to become a worldwide pandemic and at an unprecedented speed. He knows what is best for mankind. Father knows best. Our lifestyles, values, and attitudes need to be reviewed. How should we respond? Should we maintain the attitude of riding through this pandemic and reverting to our usual intense lifestyles again?”*

Well, as a nation, we are on course to Phase 3 of the Circuit Breaker Reopening. Everybody is looking forward. Local tourism is picking up. Families are going on staycations. Small group in-person meetings are gaining traction. Coffee shops and food courts are filling up. Workers are returning to workplaces more regularly and in increasing numbers. And traffic on the roads is getting heavier.

Over the past weekend, I saw many young children laughing away in glee at a neighbourhood playground as they chased one another or get swung around on mini merry-go-rounds by their daddies. At a void deck, eight kids were enjoying ‘limited’ soccer with their masks below their chins. A loose ball had to come my way... I tapped it back to them with, “Hey kids, not more than 5 😊” At the park connector, it was filled with the young and old – jogging, walking, or just strolling and conversing. How sweet and nice! Thank God for people and life!

Poems and short stories are written about people learning to smile again in 2020; about grown-up children calling their mums to ask how they are doing in this pandemic; about the earth beginning to breathe again when industries slowed down and air-sea leisure travel ground to a halt; about wild life beginning to flourish again; about many who started dancing, baking, singing, painting; and especially about people being kinder to one another!

A little child asked, “Why did it take a virus to bring people back together? And Daddy replied, “Well, sometimes you’ve **got to get sick** my boy, **before you start feeling better.**” Yes, it took a virus to change our old, unfruitful habits.

The question now is – **Do we prefer the world we have found at the end of this year or do we still prefer the world we had left behind?**

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 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.

Stewardship Sunday 2021

All Departmental heads, please submit the names of your committee members, helpers, and others for our annual compilation, by 14 Dec, to doreen@zionbishan.org.sg

Christmas Service 2020

25 Dec, Friday, 4 Service Timeslots

We are running 4 in-person Christmas services so that as many members as possible can come back to worship together. Importantly, let's remember that this is a wonderful opportunity to invite our unbelieving friends and family members to hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus at the end of a troubled and challenging year.

www.zionbishan.org.sg/christmas2020

Please note that the registration is not cluster-based; you can register for any service timeslot. Registration will commence on 13 Dec, 6pm.

Please contact Dn Danny at 9239 4160 if you have any queries.

Sale of Christmas Cards For Land Lease Renewal Fund

AG31 has launched a sale of handmade and illustrated Christmas cards to raise funds for the LLRF. Receive a free Christmas sticker pack when you pre-order before 12 Dec!

Please pre-order the cards at tinyurl.com/therenewalco.

The catalogue can be viewed at <https://www.instagram.com/therenewalco/>

For more information, please contact AG31 at therenewalco@gmail.com

Tuition Ministry

5 more Teachers Needed for 2021

Contact Li Hwee at 9672 7467 or Zhiwen at 9092 6095