

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



English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

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Reception of Members

Scripture Reading: Mark 8:27-38 ESV

Message: More Than a Public Holiday - A Matter of Life and Death

Response Hymn: What Grace is Mine

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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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):

<http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule>

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 Alby Yip (10.30 am & 1 pm),
Deacon Paul Yeo (3 pm & 5 pm)

AV: Wee Aik Koon, Nicklaus Yu, Yap Hong York,
Nurman Kusanda, Ivan Lim, Chiam Da Ren,
Soh Kok Hong

Pianists: Phua Qi Qi, Penuel Lau, Lee Ping Lin

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

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

Pastor: Alby Yip

Elders: Eld Michael Gan & Eld Reginald Tan

Deacons: Dn Kin Yip & Dns Peck San

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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More Than a Public Holiday – A Matter of Life and Death

Mark 8:27-38

20 December 2020

Pastor Alby Yip/Deacon Paul Yeo

Introduction

Who do you say I am? (29)

Setting your minds on the things of God (33)

Let him deny himself and take up his cross (34)

For what can a man give in return for his soul? (37)

Reflection Questions:

1. Who do “You” say Jesus is?
2. What does “setting your minds on the things of God” mean for you?
3. What do you need to “deny yourself” to follow Jesus?
4. Are you willing to follow Jesus, really?

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 Concern – while online services have helped people observe corporate worship in this time of pandemic – we have observed many negative effects on our members’ spiritual lives: challenges in being engaged and focused, a reduced sense of community, and a significant loss of reverence in coming before the Living God. In addition, studies have shown how social isolation has a negative impact on people’s overall well being, without them being aware of it.

New Members – Thank God for all the new members being received today into our church family via baptism, reaffirmation of faith and transfer of membership. Pray that every one of them will continue to grow in their faith and knowledge of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Infant Baptisms – Thank God also for families dedicating their infants for baptism. Pray for our covenantal families to deeply understand the biblical mandate God has given to them to nurture and pass on their faith to their little ones. May the church come along side and partner our parents in this important God-given task.

Christmas Services – Pray for our upcoming evangelistic Christmas service where we have 4 fully registered services! Pray for visitors, family and

friends, who have been invited to hear the gospel, will have open hearts to receive God’s good news.

Friendship Meal (23 Dec) – We will be running a Friendship Meal at the LR after a long hiatus. Thank God for another opportunity to reach out to our neighbours. Pray for a safe and blessed time of sharing food and gospel.

Our People

S3P – Praise God for His provision this week of a one-room HDB rental flat for Mr Lim and Gerard, two of the stayers who were with us this year. The good news came just when both of them were arranging to move to another transitional shelter. Pray for good adjustment for them as they set up their new place.

Our World

State of Global Christianity 2020 – Thank God for the growing Church in Global South countries. As the world becomes increasingly religious and diverse in its adherence, please pray for a continued loving witness for Christ in every nation.

In major religious blocs, the vast majority (87%) do not know a Christian personally. Please pray for barriers and misunderstandings to be overcome.

Do pray for the global Church to persist in loving and serving our neighbours. And may the Lord raise more workers for His vineyards.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*310	
English Services#	255	2,200.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*81	90.00
Cantonese Service#	67	2,150.00
Hokkien Service	70	
Tamil Zm & In-Person Svs	19	
ME Zoom	61	
DHF Zoom	21	
TOTAL	884	\$4,440.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/*All in-person services

Electronic Transfer	59,288.36
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$63,728.36

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$257,285.14
Giving Received from 7 Dec to 13 Dec	\$465.10
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$150,331.44

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1631-1638	3,654.90
10-Square Week Fund Raising Project	200.00
Sales of Book - Daughter's Book	15.00
Sales of Book - Where is God in a Coronavirus World	8.00
Interest Free Loan - #LL013/20 - #LL015/20	250,000.00
Electronic Transfer	45,907.75
Weekly Total	\$299,785.65

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date	\$5,236,819.20
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$1,435,000.00

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

20 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.

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at Hokkien Service this morning.
2. Mr Vernon Quek is preaching at Hebron BP Church.
3. Mr Quek Tze-Ming recorded a sermon for Singapore Life Church English Congregation for this Sunday.
4. Pastor Dev will be preaching at a conference at Bukit Panjang Gospel Chapel on 16th and 29th Dec.
5. Congratulations to Andrew and Weiling Tan on the birth of their son Gabriel on 15 Dec. Congratulations to Elder Sonny & Lisa on becoming grandparents.
6. Congratulations to Alvin & Liling Ng on the birth of their daughter Andrea on 16 Dec. Congratulations to grandparents Dennis and Carol Wong.
7. Congratulations to Dn Justin & Yunxin Low on the birth of their son on 17 December. Congratulations to grandparents Choon Peow and Bee Hong.
8. Mdm Lee Bee Swan, aged 91, passed away on 12 Dec 2020. She was the mother of Mrs Doreen Chua and Benson Poh, mother-in-law of Jimmy Chua and Mrs Alice Poh, grandmother to Timmy Ng, Joanna Ng, Jason Chua, Danny Chua, Fabian Poh and Edmund Poh. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 25 December (Christmas – 4 services)

'More than you think...'

No Ordinary Present

Ps David Wong / Mr Ng Zhiwen

8 pm: No Prayer Meeting

Saturday, 26 December

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 27 December

English Services:

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule)

10.30 am & 1 pm: Mercy & Grace Cluster Services with Holy Communion

Pastors: 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

Pastor: Zheng Haoren

Elders: Elder David & Elder Sonny

Deacons: Dns Siew Choo & Dn Joseph

Staff: Sharon, Tze Ming & June

THANK YOU YOUR RESPONSE!

Growing Pains

Zion Bishan is growing. Yes, even with Covid-19, we are still growing¹.

As you can see by today's reception of members, the last catechism class was full, and I have another 20+ forms on my desk for the next round². Not only that, but the premarital groups are full, many babies are on their way (congrats to Andrew & Weiling, Alvin & Liling, Dn Justin & Yunxin this week!), the young adult AGs are expanding and multiplying, and there is no lack of demand for Children's Discipleship. Perhaps most gloriously - we have 3 people applying to be full-time apprentices next year, and another couple training to be full-time missionaries.

God is working, ZB is growing.... **But growing comes at a price.**

Ask any new parent: how much must change to make space for a baby? Routines, preferences, spending habits, eating habits, lifestyles, housing requirements – the list goes on. *If we want to grow, we need to adjust, we need to sacrifice.*

Therefore, it is paramount that Zion Bishan restructures to facilitate long-term growth. Transiting to 4 English Services with dedicated Congregational Shepherding Teams will facilitate more intentional discipleship, accountability and pastoral care for all our members. More leaders will need to step up and be trained to ensure that each of the flock is looked after.

Smooth-running ministry teams will need to be disrupted and reorganise to serve these different congregations. More members will then be called upon to fill up these new teams. Larger more established AGs (especially those with more leaders) would have to consider multiplying to host the incoming members.

Essentially – for every person that comes in – all of us have to adjust. Growth is good, but it comes at a price. It costs convenience and comfort, time and energy. Everything must change... yet again. And all of this, needs to be done voluntarily – compelled by love. Love, as the gospel implies, is the only measure of how much space we make for the new babies...

As we rejoice over the new members today – all of us should be asking the question – are we ready to receive them? Are we ready to make changes for them? Are we ready to love them?

¹ This is not to say that there haven't been people who are severely drifting away from God and church because of the convenience of livestreaming from home.

² Don't worry, there's still space if you're interested – just fill in a membership form before the end of the year.

Reception of Members

Zion Bishan English Services

10.30 AM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

1. Nathanael Kusanda (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

2. Tan Ming Kai Benn (Mr) – True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
3. Tan Tong Hai (Mr) - True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
4. Hwang Siok Bee Pollyanna (Mrs Tan Tong Hai) - True Life Bible-Presbyterian Church

1 PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Transfer of Membership

1. Sng Su Hui Cheryl (Ms) – Foochow Methodist Church
2. Tan Le En Joy (Ms) – Yio Chu Kang Gospel Hall
3. Michael Goh Chin Hock (Mr) – Bethesda (Frankel Estate) Church
4. Lim Mei Ling Angeline (Mrs Michael Goh Chin Hock) - Bethesda (Frankel Estate) Church

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Infant Baptism

5. Leila Tan Shi Ning (d/o Jerry & Liling Tan Pang Hao)
6. Goh Kai En Joab (s/o Joshua & Shu Ling Goh Wei En)

3 PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

1. Joy Lim Yun Zi (Ms)
2. Rachelle Edith Khoo Yu Yi (Ms)
3. Bryan Han Wei Jie (Mr)

Reaffirmation of Faith

4. Miranda Leong Mei'En (Ms)
5. Joy Wong Hui Yee (Ms)

Transfer of Membership

6. Deborah Koh Jia Hui (Ms) – Singapore Life Church
7. Benjamin Tan Xing De (Mr) – Faith Community Baptist Church
8. Tan Hwee Siang Nancy (Ms) - Faith Bible-Presbyterian Church
9. Ronnie Yang Kum Yuen (Mr) – Neighbourhood Church
10. Eileen Yee Khor Kit (Mrs Ronnie Yang Kum Yuen) – Neighbourhood Church
11. Tan Hong Hock (Mr) – Hope Presbyterian Church
12. Tan Hwee Hoon Peggy (Mrs Tan Hong Hock) – Hope Presbyterian Church

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Infant Baptism

13. Thaddeus Quek Peng Rui (s/o Vernon & Ruth Quek Chin Hui)
14. Eliza Wang Xuan (d/o Peter & Dawn Wang)

5 PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

1. Low Kiat Cheng (Mdm)
2. Soon Da Yong (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

3. Chua Mu En John (Mr) – Bethesda Hall Ang Mo Kio
4. Chang En Qi (Ms) – Paya Lebar Methodist Church

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Infant Baptism

5. Thea Grace Wong Rui Qi (d/o Keith & Elyssa Wong)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Sunday Services

Cluster Pairs 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 which Sunday you may register for, do contact our pastors.

TraceTogether Token or App is required for SafeEntry.

Christmas Service 2020

25 Dec, Friday, 4 Services

We have been granted approval to run services at an increased capacity! An additional 100 tickets will be made available at 9pm, tonight here:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/christmas2020

Please do not rush to reserve more seats, but lovingly allow others who missed out earlier to register themselves and their visitors. If you wish to change service timings, do personally cancel your existing Eventbrite registration.

Contact Dn Danny (9239 4160) if you require assistance.

Watchnight Service

31 Dec, Thursday, 9.30-12.00mn

Close the year together as a church family. Our Watchnight Service will be for up to 200pax. Please take note of the following timings:

9.30pm - 10.30pm:

Testimony of Praise & Thanksgiving

10.45pm - 12.00mn:

Watchnight Service

(Only the Service will be livestreamed)

Registration will begin this evening at 6pm for the Watchnight Service. Please indicate in your registration if you are joining for the time of Testimony of Praise & Thanksgiving.

www.zionbishan.org.sg/watchnight2020

Worshipping With Our Whole Beings Through Sign Language Can't sign? Then sign!

The Hearing Impaired Ministry (HIM) has helpfully prepared tutorials for us to learn how to sign along to our worship songs.

Learn how to sign to songs for our upcoming Christmas Service so that we can express our worship in action together. View videos at www.zionbishan.org.sg/HIMtutorials



Tuition Ministry

5 more Teachers Needed for 2021

Contact Li Hwee at 9672 7467 or Zhiwen at 9092 6095