



English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: We are One

Scripture Reading: Joshua 22:1-20 ESV

Message: Faith, Unity, Witness

Response Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus

Mission Focus; 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 Quek Tze-Ming (10.30am & 1pm)
Ps Alby Yip (3 pm & 5 pm)

AV: Ravi Shankar, Nicklaus Yu, Jonathan Teo,
Soh Kok Hong, Sean Yang

Pianist: Phua Qi Qi

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

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

(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

3 pm & 5 pm: Faith & Patience Cluster Services
(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

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* 9829 6051

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor (Comm Dev't)*
6353 8081

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* 8198 9696

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* 9489 4967

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* 9182 6957

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* 8428 0525

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Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* 8388 1883

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Mrs Sharon Quek, *Trg/Mobilisation* 9788 0195

Mr Vernon Quek, *Y. Adults/Evang.* 9796 0196

Mr Linus Koe, *Family/Media* 9728 9343

Deacon Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* 9751 1897

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Faith, Unity, Witness

Joshua 22:1-34

1 November 2020

Mr Quek Tze-Ming/Pastor Alby Yip

Introduction

Returning Home (vv. 1-9)

(Mis-)Reading Intentions (vv. 10-20)

Resolving Problems (vv. 21-32)

Conclusion

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What do you remember about the sermon or the Bible text?
2. Why were the west-bank tribes ready to go to war over the altar? What reasons did the east-bank tribes give for building the altar?
3. How did both sides in this dispute show that they were trying to honour God?
4. What can we learn from this story about confronting those whose actions seem offensive? What should our attitude be toward those who have misunderstood our actions?

Prayer Points

Our Church

In-Person Services – We have been meeting in our Cluster level services for 5 months. Thank God for the gradual increase in number of persons allowed to come and worship in church. Pray that every member will continue to be ministered from the Word of God each week, in service or at home.

In preparation for Phase 3, pray that everyone will adequately prepare for safety measures (e.g. TraceTogether) and for those who have yet, to prepare themselves to return for in-person services. Pray also for wisdom for the church admin and Taskforce as they plan the logistics and safety management.

Peer Support Program – Thank God for the completion of a new round of Peer Support training. May this equipping help more of our leaders and members play an active role in looking out for members and friends who might be dealing with stress, depression and anxiety. Pray that this Care Ministry of our church will be a blessing and help in time of need to many.

Zion Bishan Kindergarten Graduation (Nov 7) – Thank God for another graduation class of students. Pray for this ministry of our church to continue reaching out to our community through the work they do.

This year's graduation will be held over livestream due to COVID-19 restrictions. Pray that they will have all the

preparations necessary to see this through smoothly.

Our People

Session Retreat (31 Oct) – Thank God for a fruitful meeting yesterday. Pray for our Pastors and Elders as they continue to seek God's guidance for the future plans of our church.

Men's Ministry – Yesterday they began a new series on "Taking Charge: Leading our Home". Pray that our men will be encouraged and grow in their understanding of God's calling for them in this important role to serve and lead their homes.

Our World

CV-19 MRF – In today's missions focus, we thank God that Zion Bishan has been able to disburse funds to 17 ministry partners in 4 regions globally. Ministry partners in South East Asia, South Asia, Central Asia and West Asia all received some support for food package programmes and hardship support for Christian workers. Praise God for all at Zion Bishan who have given to the CV-19 MRF, it has enabled our partners to reach many needy families and individuals with God's love. Pray that this will lead many of them to seek Him. Pray for the Christian workers working faithfully, and sometimes with great challenge in many of these regions, that they will persevere in the strength and love of our Lord in reaching out to the lost.

Last Week

Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*366	2,800.00
English Services#	286	
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*80	1,070.00
Cantonese Service	60	
Hokkien Service	33	
Tamil Zoom Service	28	
ME Zoom	68	
DHF Zoom	25	
TOTAL	946	\$3,870.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer \$42,150.16

WEEKLY TOTAL \$46,020.16

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$206,805.70

Giving Received from 19 Oct to 25 Oct \$310.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$136,950.98

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1591-3 \$5,400.00

Interest Free Loan #002/20 \$50,000.00

Electronic Transfer \$45,447.25

Weekly Total \$100,847.25

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total To Date \$4,947,595.86

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: 070-901055-3

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

1 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.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 6 November

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 7 November

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 8 November

English Services:

10.30 am & 1 pm: Hope & Peace Cluster Services with HC

(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)

Pastor: Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon

Elders: Elder Roland & Elder Chin Yew

Deacons: Dns Alice, Dn Danny & Dn Sunil

Staff: Li Hui & Vernon

Sermon Series: The Book of Joshua

8 Nov Joshua 23

Ps Zheng Haoren (10.30am/1.00pm)

Ps Dev Menon (3.00pm/5.00pm)

15 Nov Joshua 24

Mr Vernon Quek (10.30am/1.00pm)

Ps Zheng Haoren (3.00pm/5.00pm)

22 Nov Joshua Reflections

Ps Alby (10.30am/1.00pm)

(3.00pm/5.00pm)

2020/21 Mid-Year Financial Review

THE SESSION

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God that He has been faithfully providing for the needs of Zion Bishan amidst the unprecedented circumstances we find ourselves in!

For the first 6 months of this financial year, **our offering (\$1,635,220) and other income (\$284,583) to the General & Missions Fund (GMF) exceeded our expenses (\$1,104,225) by \$815,578** (see Income & Expenditure table). It was heartening that God's people continued to give so generously during this trying time. A significant roll-back in our planned expenditure plus contributions from the government's Job Support grant helped to see us through the first half year with a healthy surplus.

INCOME & EXPENDITURE

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Mar –Aug 2020
INCOME				
Offering	\$2,860,183	\$3,016,234	\$3,071,774	\$1,635,220
Other Income	\$169,500	\$114,956	\$99,210	\$284,583
TOTAL INCOME	\$3,029,683	\$3,131,190	\$3,170,984	\$1,919,803
TOTAL OPERATING EXP	\$2,738,124	\$2,848,140	\$2,854,943	\$1,087,270
TOTAL CAPITAL EXP	\$143,755	\$18,185	\$33,897	\$16,955
TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX	\$2,881,880	\$2,866,324	\$2,888,840	\$1,104,225
CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$147,803	\$264,866	\$282,144	\$815,578

Thus far, we have spent 34% of the budget approved at the Feb 2020 ECM. Usually, underspending at mid-year is because most of the expenses tend to occur in the second half of the financial year. However, Covid19 has disrupted a lot of our plans and resulted in a lot of planned expenditure being shelved. We continue to seek the Lord's provision and hope to end the financial year without any deficit.

Currently, we have a communicant membership of 1382.

Our Church office currently has 27 pastoral, ministry and admin staff, the Living Room has 7, and ZBK has a total 21 staff (including part-timers). Let us continue to remember these labourers - who anchor the ongoing ministries - in prayer, and serve together with them.

Member Attendees & Collection by Years

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Mar 20– Aug 20
Members as at last day of Feb	1276	1344	1388	1382
% Increase in Members	1.84%	5.33%	3.27%	-0.43%
Avg Adult Attendees	1090	1139	1130	n.a.*
% Incr/(decr) in Attendees	7.92%	4.50%	-0.79%	n.a.*
% Attendees to Members	85.42%	84.75%	81.41%	n.a.*
Total Collection	\$2,860,183	\$3,016,234	\$3,071,774	\$1,635,220
Avg Offering per Attendees per month	\$218.67	\$220.68	\$226.53	

* Due to COVID-19 situation, no physical service in church from Mar to Jun 2020, therefore unable to get the average adult attendees

As for the **Land Lease Renewal Fund**, we have collected **\$4,653,303 as at 31 August 2020**. Our revised target amount to be raised by Oct 2021 stands at \$10,000,000. Our land lease officially expires on June 2022.

On 19 Apr, we launched the **Covid-19 Mission Relief Fund**. As of 31 August, we had received **\$194,178** and had disbursed to nine individuals and two 2nd-time applications; provided food aid to the ComCare families and S3P guests; and also remitted \$58,576 to our partners or contacts in India, Indonesia, Nepal, Lebanon, Kyrgyzstan, Myanmar and UAE for needy families. Total disbursed from the fund was **\$88,529**. The balance as of 31 August was **\$105,649**.

Please email any questions or comments that you may have to:

judyso@zionbishan.org.sg

Report By: The Session of Zion Bishan BP Church

A Word in Season

PS ALBY YIP

A New Milestone

Zion Bishan celebrated our 25th Silver Jubilee last year. Beginning last Saturday, 24 October 2020, we have started on a new milestone onto the next lap towards our 50th Golden Jubilee Anniversary, should our Lord Jesus tarry in His return. What would the next 25 years look like for us in Zion Bishan? What should our focus be since we are starting on a new milestone.

This thought has been on my mind since I started preparing for the anniversary message. I have no idea up till the morning of our anniversary day itself. So I thought I would just go for a run around Bishan, pray and hear from God. As I ran, my thoughts were constantly disrupted by the face of the aunt of two of our church members whom I was reaching out to.

When I finally finished, I was sure God wanted me to visit her at the Assisi Hospice. But the clock read 1.20pm. I had barely an hour to my next meeting at 2.30pm and then anniversary starts at 4pm. I reasoned with God to postpone to another day or even after the service. I actually told God that I needed the time to rehearse the sermon.

But God impressed upon my heart—Assisi is not that far, just go! I was still thinking about what can be done given that I have less than an hour. My concerns were unfounded. The lady replied to my greetings with the lament, “I have not died still.” That opened the door for me to talk to her about life, death, and life after death, heaven, hell, Christ and salvation.

She prayed to receive Christ, and even indicated that she was ready to be baptized any time! How marvelous is God’s work! But God was not done with answering my initial question, “What should our focus be?” The next day, Sunday, after anchoring the 3 and 5 pm services, I went by Assisi again and met our two church members who were also visiting.

We talked to their aunt about her prayer the previous night, and within 10 minutes of my reaching, she asked to be baptized. What was there to stop her, or rather God’s work in her? But God’s work did not stop there. After we prayed and baptized the aunt, the daughter of an elderly patient at the next bed, upon hearing our baptism and prayer, asked if I could pray for her mum.

As I talked to her, her daughter asked if I could also pray with her mother to receive Christ. After explaining to her mother about Christ and His salvation, I asked her if she is ready to believe in Jesus. Her daughter excitedly started recording as her mother nodded her head to the questions I asked her about the Gospel. She prayed to receive Christ!

Another surprise. I found out that the daughter was not a Christian! It was her Christian sister who had been reaching out to her mother and her mother had always resisted the gospel. Somehow, this non-believing sister when overhearing the baptism and prayer was moved to reach out to her mother for Jesus. Indeed, God’s ways are higher than our ways and His thoughts than our thoughts.

Saturday, Sunday, then Monday, a church member suddenly felt intense pain but couldn’t reach his doctor. Our church doctors recommended a combination of pain medications, which incidentally, Vivienne is taking. So we brought the medication to the house. We also brought along Chinese song sheets to sing with the member and his wife.

The wife’s mother was visiting them unexpectedly at the same time. Her mother

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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.

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

Visit www.zionbishan.org.sg/phase-2 to view our Safety Management Plan.

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

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>

Land Lease Renewal Fund Interest-Free Loans

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

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

Join us for a new run of The Marriage Course, completely online!

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

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had been to church but had yet to accept Christ. After the singing, I approached her mother and asked if she was ready to receive Christ into her life. She replied resolutely! That day turned out to be the birthday of the church member who had taken ill. So we celebrated two birthdays, a physical and a spiritual birthday!

So what was God’s reply to me on my question on what should our focus be as we start on a new milestone? This Word of God came to me, and to you: “I charge you in the presence of God and of Christ Jesus, who is to judge the living and the dead, and by his appearing and his kingdom: preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching.” (2 Timothy 4:1-2)