



YOU WILL RECEIVE POWER WHEN THE HOLY SPIRIT HAS COME UPON YOU, AND YOU WILL BE MY WITNESSES IN JERUSALEM AND IN ALL JUDEA AND SAMARIA, AND TO THE END OF THE EARTH.
ACTS 1:8

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-26 ESV

Message: You Shall Receive Power

Response Hymn: Holy Spirit, Living Breath of God

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all 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/Bible Studies

(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 group)

9.15pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 3
(in English)

Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers: Ps Alby Yip (10.30am & 1pm),

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3pm & 5pm)

AV: Darren Lee; Soh Kok Hong; Jonathan Teo;
Matthaeus Lim; Benny Ling.

Pianists: 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

Pastor: Alby Yip

Elders: Eld Michael Gan & Eld Reginald Tan

Deacons: Dn Kin Yip & Dns Peck San

Staff: Emily & Jacqueline

3 pm & 5 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

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

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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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You Shall Receive Power

Acts 1:1-26

3 January 2021

Pastor Alby Yip/Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Introduction

Promise (1-5)

Power (6-11)

Purpose (12-26)

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. Put yourself in the shoes of the apostles. How would you feel if you were the first to be given the task described in Acts 1:8?
2. What impresses you, or challenges you, about how the disciples respond to all that they had seen and heard?
3. How are you affected when you pray with other believers in this way—especially as you consider your part in this task (Acts 1:14)?
4. How does this passage define your task, equip, motivate and give you confidence to complete the task?

Prayer Points

Our Church

The Next Lap – This part of our vision was presented last week:

Our Challenge – In order to facilitate all members returning weekly at *fixed times*, we will maintain our current arrangement of multiple worship services, including 4 English Services at 10.30am, 1pm, 3pm & 5pm. This will mean that most of our members would need to *voluntarily* migrate to one of the less-familiar afternoon services. We believe this should be done as an AG, rather than as an individual, to maintain community and facilitate spiritual friendships. Our appeal, and our challenge to *every* AG is to make a decision regarding service time, using the mind of Christ (Rom 15:1-13). We know this is a challenge, but we believe God will help us.

Phase 3 – Pray for our church as we aim to scale up to 200pax worship services every week from 31 Jan. This will mean that all of us can come back to church on a weekly basis. Pray for the various Sunday-based ministries as they reorganise and restart. Pray also for the AGs as they commit themselves to these new service times.

Christianity Explored (27 Jan) – Pray for the next run of CE on Zoom. Pray for friends and family to respond to our invitations, especially for those who have joined us through at our December evangelistic services.

Our People

2021 – With the new year comes new blessings and challenges. Let us pray for one another: for our children as school beings, pray they grow in not just their education at school, but in their love for God and His word; as work carries on into the new year, with much anticipation and hope for continued safety and economic growth, pray that we remember that this world is not our home and we live as children of God.

Children's Discipleship – Pray for the Children's Ministry Team with their plans to conduct CD Classes alongside our Sunday Services. Pray for our parents to support our CD teachers as they assist with the important work of nurturing our children to be disciples of Jesus.

Youth Discipleship Leaders Retreat (2 Jan) – Thank God for the encouraging time and training in preparation for the year ahead. Pray for our YD leaders to experience joy as they share God's Word with our youths weekly.

Our World

Indonesia – Pray for comfort and peace to be upon a couple from our ministry partner for the loss of their new baby last Saturday. The mother had an emergency caesarian due to the umbilical cord being wrapped around the baby's neck. She passed away several hours later. Her name was Vania and she was buried last Sunday.

Last Week

Christmas Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*190	
English Services#	761	1,150.00
Mandarin Service#	150	1,277.00
Tamil Service#	33	736.00
ME Sat Service#	95	2,150.00
Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30/3pm Livestream	*312	
English Services#	295	4.00
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*70	
Cantonese Service#	66	770.00
Hokkien Service#	44	
Tamil Zm Svs	20	
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1,050	6,087.00

*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services

Electronic Transfer 74,034.25

WEEKLY TOTAL \$80,121.25

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$259,345.14

Giving Received from 7 Dec to 13 Dec \$1,140.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$150,896.72

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1647-1655 \$509,500.00

Interest-free loan #LL016/20 \$100,000

Electronic Transfer 72,610.61

Weekly Total \$582,110.61

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$5,973,233.11

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$1,535,000.00

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

3 January 2021

*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, 8 January

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 9 January

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 10 January

English Services:

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

10.30 am & 1 pm: Hope & Peace Cluster Services with Holy Communion

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

Pastors: Zheng Haoren & Dev Menon

Elders: Elder Roland & Elder Chin Yew

Deacons: Dn Danny & Dn Sunil

Staff: Li Hui & Vernon

2021 Sermon Series:

Acts of the Apostles

10-Jan Acts 2:1-13

Pastor Haoren & Ng Zhiwen

17-Jan Acts 2:14-47

Pastor Dev & Vernon Quek

24-Jan Acts 3:1-26

Quek Tze-Ming & Pastor Dev

THE NEXT LAP - Moving Zion Bishan Forward

Dear Zion Bishan Worshippers,

A Blessed New Year to you and your family.

Each new year brings fresh hope, dreams and resolutions. Unfortunately, this year is shrouded by the pandemic and its effects. Foreseeably, this year and probably the next, we will continue to be restricted in the way we live, work, rest, and worship in church. Yes, it is disruptive, but, we have a choice: to be hindered by the restrictions or to overcome them. I must echo Paul:

"...in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

Indeed, in Christ we are more than conquerors. As we would know, even during the circuit-breaker period, God continued to use us to bring His love to more peoples' doorsteps than we normally could. We were also able to help many of our mission partners through the Mission Relief Fund. In fact, our church continued to grow during the pandemic.

There is also another benefit afforded to us by the pandemic. It revealed some of our weaknesses. While being a large church has enabled us to do certain things (e.g. more missions in the neighbourhood and the world); at the same time, many have pointed out our growing challenge to properly disciple and care for each individual and family, as our membership increases numerically.

The pandemic has forced us to seriously confront these weaknesses, and as leaders, we are deeply aware of our accountability to God for each person under our care. Thus, we cannot keep doing things the same, and we now must rethink how best to re-organize ourselves if we want to continue to grow and minister effectively.

Thus, our **VISION** for the next season will be: ***From Cluster, to Congregation.*** Comprising 3 areas of emphasis:

Church - We believe in-person Sunday Worship is critical to our spiritual growth, and our commitment is to facilitate having each member come back each week in person to meet with the Living God and their brothers and sisters in Christ. This will mean continuing with the 4 English Services, as well as the current arrangement of multiple ethnic services.

Congregation - In order to better disciple and care for each member, each Worship Service will form its own Cluster-based Congregation,

comprising a number of AGs. It will be led by a dedicated Shepherding Team comprising of 1 Pastor & 2 Elders, supported by BOD members and ministry staff, who will collectively be responsible for (1) running the worship service, (2) discipling each individual and family (via their AGs) and (3) taking care of the members' pastoral needs.

We note that the ethnic services have already been operating in this manner and this has been tremendously beneficial in terms of pastoral care.

Community - In order to develop real spiritual relationships, the congregations will be based not on individuals, but on AGs. We gently encourage all AGs to regularly attend and serve primarily in that particular service, as far as possible. We believe that the same community of people regularly meeting to worship, fellowship and serve together is essential for practising Jesus's 'one another' commands.

We have had the cluster system for some time – but now we take this system forward as best serving our renewed vision.

In addition:

Many of the Sunday-based ministries will be re-organized to operate at the individual Congregation level. E.g. Service Ministry Teams, Children's Discipleship, Hospitality, etc.

Other ministries will remain centralized for better stewardship of resources, helmed by ministry staff & BOD members: E.g. Youth Discipleship, Missions, Preaching Team, etc.

In all this, we remain ONE Zion Bishan BP Church with ONE **MISSION**:

As a City on the Hill, and a Light to the Nations, we seek to...

*#GetDeep in God's Word, #GetReal with one another
and #GetLost for the Kingdom...*

Teaching God's Word and carrying out God's Work...

**In Christ,
The Leadership Team**
Pastor Alby Yip
Pastor Dev Menon
Pastor Zheng Haoren



ANNOUNCEMENTS

In-Person Sunday Services in January

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 the first week and at all 1030am and 1pm services.

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.

Christianity Explored

Starts 27 Jan, Wednesday, 7.45pm

Come join us, on Zoom, in this informal course to explore who Jesus is and why He is the best news that you can ever receive.

Register with vernon@zionbishan.org.sg

Children's Discipleship

Starts 10 Jan, Registration Required

Classes are being planned to be held in-person at all 4 English services. Children will be in mixed-aged groups and parents will be required to register their child for classes weekly. To receive updates from Children's Ministry please subscribe to the new our new **Telegram Channel**.

Email us for any queries at childrensministry@zionbishan.org.sg

BGST's "Theology for Life"

Public Lecture Series

8 Jan, 7.30pm-9.30pm, on Zoom

Truly interdisciplinary in nature, this FREE lecture series intends to deal with relevant contemporary issues.

The first Public Lecture for 2021 features Dr Pete Phillips and "Is a Digital Church a Real Church?" Can the virtual church be real or are these only stop-gap measures till the body of Christ can freely meet in the flesh again? Come and consider the issues from various points of view.

Register now at bit.ly/bgstpl1

Indonesian Native Speakers

Needed by Domestic Helpers Fellowship, to lead (or interpret) in our Sunday 2.30pm Bible discussions.

Please contact Cerintha 9650 5392 or email ziondhf@gmail.com.sg

Catechism Class

Starts 6 Feb, Saturdays, 1pm

Request a membership form from office. Email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg by 17 Jan.