

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: O Breath of God

Scripture Reading: Acts 2:1-13 ESV

Message: Pentecost

Response Hymn: No Other Name

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): 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
11.30am Mandarin-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)
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 Zheng Haoren (10.30am & 1pm), Mr Ng Zhiwen (3pm & 5pm) AV: Sean Yang, Ravi, Maybelline Tan, Melissa Leong & Ivan Lim Pianist: Ronnie

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 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

# 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) ehi 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 emilv Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* iune 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 Dn Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding dannv Dn 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

# Sermon Notes

### Pentecost

Acts 2:1-13

10 January 2021 Pastor Zheng Haoren/Mr Ng Zhiwen

Introduction

What is God Doing?

What Happened to Jesus' Followers?

"What does this Mean?"

Conclusion

#### **Reflection Questions:**

- 1. What do you remember about the passage or the sermon?
- 2. What descriptions about the signs at Pentecost raise questions for you or encourage you?
- 3. What is the significance of the disciples proclaiming the "mighty works of God"?
- 4. What would it take for you to be a bold witness for Christ? Make this a matter in your prayers.

# **Prayer Points**

# **Our Church**

**The Next Lap** – Thank God for showing us the next step forward, as outlined in the bulletin last week.

As the English services scale up to 200pax on the 31 Jan - each service, with its dedicated AGs, will also have its own dedicated 'Congregational Shepherding Team' responsible for discipling and caring for each member. Ps Alby, Elders Say Chiang and Chin Yew at 10.30am; Ps Haoren, Elders Sonny and David at 1pm; Ps Alby, Vernon, Elders Roland and Michael at 3pm; and finally Ps Dev, Elders Jeffrey and Reginald at 5pm.

Do pray for all our pastors and elders as they are accountable to God for taking care of the flock!

Ethnic Services – Thank God that with Phase 3 of re-opening, after Circuit Breaker, all our ethnic services have resumed in-person services weekly. Pray that as our Chinese and Tamil pastors continue teaching God's Word and ministering to their congregations, many will come grow in their love for Him.

# **Our People**

**EXCEL Apprenticeship** – We are so thankful to God that Dn Timothy Ong has decided to explore a calling into full-time ministry by embarking on our apprenticeship program, starting 12 Jan 2021. Pray for him as he spends one to two years training in theology and ministry. Timothy's main portfolio will be in Home Missions. **Children's Discipleship** – Today Children's Ministry resumes CD classes. Pray for the team and teachers as they serve God and the church through teaching the next generation His Word and about His great love towards us.

**Deacons and Staff** – Thank God for the team of deacons and staff working behind the scenes every Sunday that see to the smooth running of our registration procedures. As we gear up for 200pax inperson services, pray for the team as they work out the details to smoothen the process for everyone.

Ng Zhiwen and Dn Paul Yeo – will begin the process to be ordained as pastors. We rejoice and pray for them to see through the process well and that they will be well prepared to serve our Lord Jesus as ministers. Thank God for these two faithful servants of His gospel.

# Our World

**Myanmar** – Praise God for a recent opportunity our ministry partner was able to show the love of Christ to their community. The church bought, repacked and sent rice packets to church members and their neighbours during this Christmas season. Our ministry partner is grateful for the financial gift from a Zion Bishan member that made it possible for them to do this. Pray that this act of love will help the recipients understand the love of God and open the way for the gospel to reach them.

### Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)	
English 10.30 Livestream	*294		
English Services <sup>#</sup>	362	1,200.00	
Mand/Cant 830 Livestream	*40		
Mand/Cant Service <sup>#</sup>	145	10,828.00	
Hokkien Service <sup>#</sup>	28		
ME Service <sup>#</sup>	73		
Tamil New Year Service <sup>#</sup>	25	959.00	
Tamil Service <sup>#</sup>	25	725.00	
DHF	12		
TOTAL	979	\$13,712.00	
*Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services			
Electronic Transfer		68,809.96	
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$82,521.96	
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2020/21: \$62,189			
ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief F	und		
Total Received to-date		\$260,030.14	
Giving Received from 7 Dec to 13	Dec	\$685.00	
Amount Disbursed to-date		\$162,626.72	
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### 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

#### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1656-1661	1,900.00
Electronic Transfer	91,538.69
AG31 Fundraising Project	2,000.00
AG61 Fundraising Project	700.00
Weekly Total	\$96,138.69
(Weekly Target: \$113,854)	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$6,069,371.80
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$1,535,000.00

### Info for Giving

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

10 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 vour submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.

## **Church Family News**

- 1. Congratulations to Paul Liew & Joyce Ng on their holy matrimony on 2 Jan 2021.
- 2. Congratulations to Daryl & Priscilla Zhang on the birth of their daughter, Emma Zhang, on 7 Jan 2021.
- Deacon Timothy Ong will be joining as a ministry apprentice, assisting with the Home Missions Ministry starting 12 Jan 2021.

# Looking Ahead

Friday, 15 January 8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm</u>)

Saturday, 16 January 4 pm: Youth Fellowship (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf</u>)

Sunday, 17 January English Services: (Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-schedule)

**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

#### 2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles

**17-Jan** Acts 2:14-47 Pastor Dev & Vernon Quek

**24-Jan** Acts 3:1-26 Quek Tze-Ming & Pastor Dev

# **Under-Shepherds**

"So I exhort the elders...<sup>2</sup>shepherd the flock of God that is among you, exercising oversight...<sup>3</sup> not domineering over those in your charge, but being **examples to the flock**. <sup>4</sup> And when the chief Shepherd appears..." 1 Peter 5:1-4.

Jesus Christ is the Chief Shepherd. Pastors and Elders are under-shepherds. It has been said that we do not need dictators and arguments in difficult times. Instead we need leaders who will show us what to do by the example of their lives, for **one example is worth a thousand arguments**.

Difficult times have besieged people everywhere during this Covid-19 season. A pastor friend serving a frontier people group<sup>1</sup> wrote, "... (*it is*) surprising that over 1,300 people had (committed) suicide during the lockdown in --- It shows how much Covid-19 has affected the lives of people in ---, including Churches. We have faced some indication in our Church... It is very tough to shepherd immature believers and leaders in such crises especially in an undeveloped country..."

Yes, it is tough to shepherd Christ's sheep, especially in difficult times. Undershepherds do so as one under the care of the Chief Shepherd. It is therefore necessary to set **an example in gospel-dependency** – being quick to recognise personal brokenness and being quick to run to Christ. It is also needful to oversee the flock **with character and with willingness** (cf. 1 Peter 5:2-3).

Covid-19 has indeed exposed the weaknesses of shepherding large congregations in our traditional church structure. We recognise the need to re-structure so as to enable responsible shepherding. Hence, in tandem with the vision for The Next Lap, we are forming **Shepherding Teams**. Each will comprise a Pastor and two Elders, supported by BOD members and ministry staff.

The main tasks of these teams will be to: (a) *Nurture a flourishing Congregational Life*, through knowing the members, looking out for individuals needing care, encouraging members to know and to relate with each other; (b) *Disciple ZB members via families and AGs* – utilizing Church ministries as supporting resources, e.g. Leaders Preparation, Children Discipleship, Youth Discipleship, Missions Education, etc.; and (c) *Represent the needs and concerns of the smaller congregations to the Church; and vice-versa*.

Beloved, please join me in praying for the Shepherding Teams.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Frontier People Groups (FPGs) are Unreached People Groups with 0.1% or fewer Christians, and no evidence of a self-sustaining Gospel movement. There are about 5,045 Frontier People Groups with a total population of 1.94 billion. One fourth of the world are FPGs and have almost no chance of hearing about Jesus from someone in their own people group.

# 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.

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

### Catechism Class Starts 6 Feb, Saturdays, 1.30pm

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

### Is God Calling You to Serve? Come Serve at our In-Person Services!

Zion Bishan members, there are many spaces to serve at all of our 4 English Worship services!

Music Team – 1 pianist, 5 guitarists and 2 song leaders.

PA Team – 2 audio mixing per 1, 3 & 5pm services (training will be provided)

Hospitality Team – 2 persons per service (training will be provided)

Contact your Cluster Leader for more information.

# **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

# 200pax In-Person Services

Our 4 English Worship services will scale up to 200 persons each on 31 Jan. This means all our members can come back each week. We thank God that many AGs have voluntarily committed to fixed timeslots in their desire to engender intentional discipleship, pastoral care and growth. Some did so also to avoid the popular timeslot out of love and sacrifice for those who are not able to come for other timeslots. Please check with your AG leader to confirm which service your AG is committed to attending. If you do not have an AG, please check with your cluster leaders, or consider joining one by contacting Vernon or Danny.