



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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DEDICATION SUNDAY

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Meditative Hymn: O Church Arise

Scripture Reading: Joshua 6:1-21 ESV

Message: Unknown Yet Known

Choir Presentation: Proclamation of Service

Offering

The Next Lap

Dedication of Congregational Shepherding Team

Benediction

Announcements

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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/services

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 DHF Bible Study Groups

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

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

Speaker: Ps Alby Yip (All Services)

Worship Leader: Ps Zheng Haoren (All Services)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

AV: James Kok, Ewen Tjoeng, Chiam Da Ren

Pianists: Goh Su-Ling

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

AV: Benny Ling

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

AV: Soh Kok Hong

Pianist: Paul Low

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua

AV: Ivan Lim

Pianist: Tammy Ng

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

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

Dn Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* 9239 4160

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Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* 9060 8340

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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Unknown Yet Known

Joshua 6:1-21

31 January 2021

Pastor Alby Yip

Introduction

Fighting God's War

Following God's Direction

Fulfilling God's Purpose

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. What struck you the most about this passage/message?
2. How do you usually "hear" God's voice and "follow" God's direction?
3. Which areas of your life needs changes to fulfil God's purpose?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Congregation Shepherding Team

Dedication – The Congregation Shepherding Team (CST), comprising one pastor and two elders, has been set up to closely and intentionally work on the pastoral care and discipleship of each service congregation. Do keep the four CSTs in prayer as they begin the process of building up capacity and allocating resources for pastoral care, hopefully for all worshippers in their respective congregations. Pray for spiritual insight and sensitivity to cater to diverse needs, for strength, grace and power from the Holy Spirit to discharge their calling, and for protection as they stand at the forefront of spiritual battles.

Land Lease Renewal Fund – Thank God for provision and the generous giving of many members. We have crossed \$8m in gifts and interest-free loans. Let us continue to pray that, as a church, we make the best use of the land and building we have for the furtherance of God's kingdom.

Christianity Explored – Continue to pray for CE as they meet every Wednesday for the next seven weeks. Pray for the 28 attendees to continue coming to listen and ask questions, and for our table hosts and facilitators to share the gospel authentically and clearly.

Our World

Singapore – The news of a self-radicalised 16 year old who planned to

attack Muslims is grave and saddening for the Christian community. Thank God for the swift actions of our law enforcement. Pray for continued peace in our country and for us to conduct ourselves with love towards one another.

Indonesia – Pray for God's wisdom and guidance for field worker B. who is reaching out to her neighbours. They are in need of practical relational and special needs help in their home. Pray for God's protection and breakthroughs in her outreach effort as she shares God's Word with them.

East Nepal – Our partner's special needs children's ministry is moving to a new facility. Pray for a smooth transition and also for good health for Ps P. & Ps L. as they begin 2 weeks of training and equipping frontier believers at their Winter Discipleship Programme. Pray for favourable weather conditions so that the trainees will be able to safely travel to the warmer location to begin their training and spend time there to pass the winter season.

North India – Praise God that our ministry partners can connect with the community through literacy and addiction programmes. Pray for R. who will be undergoing surgery this week and for P.L. who has put her hope in Christ for her healing from cancer. Pray also for her entire family to come to know Jesus. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to send out committed workers to the urban and semi-urban mission fields here.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) |
|---------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| English 10.30 Livestream | 264 | |
| English Services# | 345 | 2,640.00 |
| Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream | 38 | |
| Mand/Cant Service# | 124 | 40.00 |
| Hokkien Service# | 65 | |
| ME Service# & Zoom | 71 | |
| Tamil Service# & Zoom | 22 | 1,131.00 |
| DHF | 20 | |
| TOTAL | 949 | \$3,811.00 |

**Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services*

Electronic Transfer 67,941.49

WEEKLY TOTAL \$71,752.49

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$261,885.14

Giving Received from 18 to 24 Jan \$650.00

Amount Disbursed to-date \$163,226.04

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1667-1669 3,100.00

Electronic Transfer 65,403.36

Interest Free Loan - #LL024/21 100,000.00

Weekly Total \$168,503.36

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$6,258,924.93

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$2,133,000.00

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Linus Seah & Elizabeth Chan on their Holy Matrimony on 30 Jan 2021.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 5 February

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 6 February

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

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:

(Use GMF 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

Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque

(Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

Looking Ahead (cont'd)

Sunday, 7 February

English Services:

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax)

10.30 am

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

1.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00 pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles

7 Feb Acts 4:1-31
Pastor Haoren & Ng Zhiwen

14 Feb Acts 4:32-5:11
Vernon Quek & Pastor Alby

21 Feb Acts 5:12-42
Pastor Alby & Quek Tze-Ming

Your Response

31 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.

THANK YOU YOUR RESPONSE!

BPCIS Pastoral Word

PS DAVID WONG

COVID-19 National Vaccination

As vaccination for COVID-19 is rolled out in Singapore, it is meeting with mixed reactions. This Pastoral Word seeks to help us respond from the biblical perspectives of trust in God and love for one another.

These words of the Reformer, Martin Luther, written during a deadly plague of his time, still speak to us today.

“I shall ask God mercifully to protect us. Then I shall fumigate, help purify the air, administer medicine and take it. I shall avoid places and persons where my presence is not needed in order not to become contaminated and thus perchance inflict and pollute others and so cause their death as a result of my negligence. If God should wish to take me, he will surely find me and I have done what he has expected of me and so I am not responsible for either my own death or the death of others.”

Two thoughts undergird Luther’s course of action, both soundly founded upon Scriptural teaching. Firstly, we are commanded to love our neighbours as ourselves (Matthew 22:38-39). Anything we do that would endanger the health and life of people around us is irresponsible and unloving. Secondly, we are commanded to love God and entrust our lives to His care (Romans 8:38-39). Any inordinate fear of harm or death that betrays a lack of trust in God is unworthy of our Lord.

The pastors representing our eight BPCIS churches have been asked if they will receive the vaccine, and all have answered in the affirmative. The reasons given are as follows. Firstly, we are exhorted to submit to ruling authorities, especially when we believe they govern justly and act in our best interests (Romans 13:1-5).

Secondly, we are called to set an example for our flock (1 Peter 5:2-3). To stand back and let others go first and perhaps suffer ill effects is neither commendable nor defensible. Thirdly, we are reminded to look beyond the vaccine, even beyond scientists and politicians, to God the Giver and Sustainer of life for protection (Psalm 91:14-15).

We thank the Lord that Singapore has been spared the worst of the pandemic. We believe God has been gracious and merciful in answering the concerted prayers of our pastors and leaders who covenanted at a gathering in February last year at St Andrew’s Cathedral to pray every day at noon. We thank God also for the wise handling of the COVID-19 situation by our government leaders. The roll-out of the free and voluntary vaccination is part of their strategy which has worked well so far.

Notwithstanding, we understand that there are those who, for personal and valid reasons, may choose not to be vaccinated. We respect their decision, and urge all, however we may decide, to remain steadfast in trusting God and in loving one another.

May we continue to keep in prayer the many who are infected around the world, and those who have been affected by the loss of loved ones and livelihoods in this global crisis. In the midst of much uncertainty, may we echo the prayer of King Jehoshaphat, “O LORD, God of our fathers, are you not God in heaven? ... We do not know what to do, but our eyes are on you.” 2 Chronicles 20.12, ESV

Rev Dr David Wong
General Secretary
Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore

ANNOUNCEMENTS

200pax English Worship Services

Members, regular worshippers, visitors and friends, please join us at any of our 4 English Worship Services.

Register: www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax

Holy Communion will be served at all services on the first week of each month.

Info on Registration:

Registration closes each week at 12 noon the Saturday before.

Parents with children attending Children’s Discipleship (CD) class are to register for “Upper Sanctuary”.

Arrival and Checking-In:

Have your TraceTogether App or Token ready for SafeEntry.

Have your Eventbrite QR code ready. You can retrieve your QR code ticket from your registration email or using the Eventbrite App.

Check your temperature. If you are above 37.5°C, feeling unwell or have flu-like symptoms, please return home and see a doctor.

Worshippers will be seated in 4 zones in the sanctuary (2 in lower, 2 in upper). You will be seated at the inner most zone first upon entry and be given a Zone sticker.

There are dedicated washroom routes per zone. Please adhere to them and do not mingle across zones.

When service is over, please exit where you entered from.

Details and infographics can be found at <https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/service-info>

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting 27 Feb, Saturday, 4.00pm, Livestream

The letter of notice, budget and proxy form have been sent to members.

Kindly send your questions to ecmzion@zionbishan.org.sg by 4 Feb.

Session will reply directly by email and Q&A will be posted on our website.

Indicate your vote and submit the completed proxy form by 21 Feb via email, mail or drop hardcopy forms in specified boxes on Sundays.

Is God Calling You to Serve? Come Serve at our Four English Services!

| Area of Service | 10.30 | 1.00 | 3.00 | 5.00 |
|---|-------|------|------|------|
| Hospitality Team (Training provided) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Audio Mixing (Training provided) | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 |
| Music Team | | | | |
| - Vocalists | 5 | 4 | 2 | 3 |
| - Pianists | | 5 | | 2 |

Contact your congregational pastor for more information.

Zion Bishan Kindergarten Registration for 2022

Phase 1 begins **22-26 Feb** for Church Members and Siblings of ZBK students and Alumni.

Please note that priority for Phase 1 registration will lapse after the deadline.

Call 6353 8083 (9.00am-4.00pm) for more information.