



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: Oh How Good It Is

Scripture Reading: Acts 4:32-5:11 ESV

Message: The Spirit-Empowered Church

Response Hymn: Take My Life

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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

Speakers: Mr Vernon Quek (10.30 & 1 pm);
Pastor Alby Yip (3 pm & 5 pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Worship Leader: Elder Foo Say Chiang

AV: Steven Tan, Goh Han Teck, Jack See

Pianist: Tim Hia. *Vocalists:* Selena Hia & Grace Yan.

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Ng Zhiwen

AV: Nathanael Kusanda, Benny Ling

Vocalists: Deborah Yang, Chua Siang Chuan

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Elder Michael Gan

AV: Abraham Lee. *Pianist:* Penuel Lau. *Vocalists:*

Jessica-Ann Vendawall, Joy Lim, Soon Da Yong

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Elder Reginald Tan

AV: Matthaesus Lim. *Pianist:* Timothy Low. *Vocalists:*

Ee-Ling Shankar, Priscilla Chew

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

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

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The Spirit-Empowered Church

Acts 4:32-5:11

14 February 2021

Mr Vernon Quek/Ps Alby Yip

Introduction

What It Looks Like... (4:32-37)

And What It Does Not (5:1-11)

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. How would you describe us today as a church family?
2. What does this passage teach us about what our lives together should look like...and what must not be found amongst us?
3. What is the Spirit's role in Acts so far? How does the Spirit empower us to live like the Church should?
4. What do we personally and corporately need to do in response to the above?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Hokkien Service Anniversary cum Lunar New Year Outreach (20 Feb) – Pray for the upcoming outreach to be a time where loved ones and seekers will hear the gospel. Thank God for the Hokkien Service who celebrate 3 years of God’s faithfulness and blessings.

Catechism and Christianity Explored – Continue to keep in prayer these weekly activities. As the Word of God is shared pray that more will come to a deeper understanding of God, Jesus and the Church. Pray for all our facilitators and table hosts to share the love of Christ well with all participants.

Our People

Congregations Serving Personnel – Thank God for the Congregational Shepherding Teams (CSTs) and especially the deacons and many who have stepped up to fill the service roster each Sunday. There are many slots and all are welcomed to serve. Pray that each congregation will work together well as a team, and build one another up in love.

Our World

Myanmar – Pray for God’s peace and grace for this country as its people mount protests against the recent military coup. Martial law was declared in Mandalay city, on 8 Feb after hundreds of thousands rallied across the country. The military has issued a stern warning against further protests. Pray

that the situation will not escalate into violence where people may be at risk of losing their lives on the streets during these protests. Pray for its national leaders to love its people. Also pray for the local church and our partners to have wisdom as they proclaim the good news during these turbulent times.

North & Central India – In North India, pray for the expedient completion of our partner’s building project, so that worship services can start. In Central India, pray for our partner’s renovation of an existing compound to run a mini-clinic for the locals. Pray too for orderly and peaceful state legislative assembly elections that will take place this coming Mar to Jun.

Harvest Field – Whether you take the New year from Jan 1 or the Chinese New Year, let us pray for ourselves to re-evaluate and to re-focus our lives so that we can run this year with God’s purpose before us. God is the Lord of the Harvest and as it says in Luke 10:2 “[Jesus] told them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.” Pray for opportunities with our relatives who have yet to know Jesus to share an encouragement, or stir curiosity to know our loving and gracious Lord. For the world, pray for more workers in the Buddhist world to witness to the truth and light of Jesus. (see p.8 for information on prayer guide).

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	156	
English Services [#]	804	300.00
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	37	
Combined Chinese Service [#]	208	9,171.00
Tamil Service [#]	23	1,159.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1247	\$10,630.00

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

Electronic Transfer	57,650.61
Use of Premises	400.00
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$68,680.61

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$263,530.14
Giving Received from 1 Feb to 7 Feb	\$885.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$212,788.67

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1671-77	3,100.00
Electronic Transfer	45,461.91
Weekly Total	\$48,561.91

(Weekly Target: \$113,854)

Total Gift Received To-Date	\$6,428,585.09
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$2,133,000.00

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:

(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)

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby Yip is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.
2. Church office will be closed from 11-14 February 2021.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 19 February

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 20 February

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 21 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

21 Feb Acts 5:12-42

Pastor Alby & Quek Tze-Ming

28 Feb Acts 6:1-7

Quek Tze-Ming & Ps Dev

Your Response

14 February 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!

A Family Feel

“And stretching out his hand toward his disciples, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother.” Matthew 12:49-50

BK, in his late thirties, walked towards me. Our eyes met and there was a special warmth. We exchanged greetings and fist-bumped. He has lost weight. I decided not to ask why. He sat down at his usual corner. Twelve others came into the room. There was friendly chatter. Safe-distancing had to be observed.

It was Bible Study class at Changi Prisons for this group. I hadn't seen BK for a month. He was assigned elsewhere for duties but had requested to be at this session. For he would be released the following day – two days before Chinese New Year. He wanted to chat.

BK, an engineer, has a job waiting for him. It surprised even the prison authorities, given the current economic situation. The other inmates were happy for BK. Each wished him well. And he surprised me when he abruptly said, “I would like to visit your Church...”

This session was somewhat different. There was **a joyful spirit** in the room. Though Chinese New Year was around the corner, I am aware that inmates do not appreciate long festive weekends. They would be confined to their cells given a smaller number of prison staff on duty. Moreover, Chapel and all programmes would be cancelled. So what could be the reason for a joyful spirit? I believe it's the hope of Christ in their hearts, the presence of the Spirit, and the gladness of being with one another – **a sense of family**.

We worshipped the Lord and studied the Bible passage together. There were questions and answers. One inmate exclaimed, “Now I see... God humbled Pharaoh... it's the same for us... we may be business owners, professionals, or the Ah Seng, Ah Beng in society... but before God, we're all sinners...” And other questions and requests for personal prayer came after the study.

I sat down to pray with BK towards the end of the session. Two others came over. One was an elderly man who conversed mainly in Mandarin and Hokkien. The other was an ex-teacher, who interpreted for the elderly man. We huddled and prayed together, and forgot about safe-distancing. There was **a family feel!**

Beloved, it is our desire **to cultivate a deeper family feel at our respective Service Congregations**. It will take effort, time, and a spiritual earnestness. Let's keep praying. May God bless our efforts and remember the inmates too!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

200pax English Worship Services

To all 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.

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

Hokkien Service Anniversary cum Lunar New Year Outreach 20 Feb, Saturday, 10.30am-12.00pm, Sanctuary

Take this opportunity to bring loved ones and friends to celebrate the Lunar New Year and hear God's Word.

Speaker: Rev Gilbert Sng from Covenant Evangelical Free Church; Chairman of Hokkien Harvest Singapore.

Please Register via the following URL: <http://bit.ly/ZBHokkienCNY>

Or Contact Dn Paul (9751 1897) or Bee Wan (9616 9077)

Men's Ministry: Encountering God 27 Feb, Saturday, 7.30am, via Zoom

Pastor Kirk Tan & Dr Geoff Gorsuch (recorded) will speak on "Taking Charge - Leading our Home (Part 2)".

Sign up: www.zionbishan.org.sg/mm-eg2

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

Please be reminded to submit your proxy forms by this week via email to ecmzion@zionbishan.org.sg or fill out the form at the entrance.

15 Day Prayer Guide for the Buddhist World

Sign up with Sharon (9788 0195).

PDF (at \$1.66) or samples available. The guide will help you learn about gospel needs in various Buddhist countries.

WOZ: Building a Secured Self 6 Mar, Saturday, 2.00pm, Audi 1 & 2

Speaker: Tan Soh Hiang (Trained Counsellor)

Ladies, register with lydia@zionbishan.org.sg by 28 Feb

Organised by the Women of Zion

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.

Youth Fellowship Looking for Dinner Sponsors!

In line with this year's theme on building community and relationships, The YF Committee will be organising small group dinners once a month for our youths.

Dinner groups will be strictly kept to maximum of 8pax, with no intermingling allowed.

If you're interested in being a sponsor please contact Dns Ee Wern (9650 5440) or Jacqueline (9322 7629). Thank you!