

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: Take My Life

Scripture Reading: Acts 6:1-7 ESV

Message: Board of Deacons

Response Hymn: We Are One

Missions Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

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

Songs for personal worship and reflection:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs

Serving You Today

Speakers: Mr Quek Tze-Ming (10.30am & 1pm), Pastor Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Elder Chuah Chin Yew Worship Leader: Elder Foo Say Chiang AV: Steven Tan, Wee Aik Koon, Jack See, James Kok Pianist: Grace Ho-Yan; Vocalists: Tan Seang Pin, Adeline Heng.

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Pastor Zheng Haoren

AV: Nathanael Kusanda; Vocalist: Kwek Khee Leng

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Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Elder Michael Gan

AV: Soh Kok Hong, Jared Koh; Pianist: Paul Liew

Vocalists: Lee Jen Wei, Valerie Lew

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua Worship Leader: Dn Chan Kin Yip AV: Nicklaus Yu; Pianist: Tammy Ng

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor

Vocalist: Rachel Tan

Pastors and Ministry Staff

| Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor | 9829 6051 |
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| 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 |
| Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects | 9001 2926 |
| Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry | 8388 1883 |
| Mrs Ruth Quek, Children/Y. Adults | 9728 7145 |
| 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 |
| Dn Paul Yeo, Hokkien Ministry | 9751 1897 |
| Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff | 9060 8340 |

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Sermon Notes

Board of Deacons

Acts 6:1-7

28 February 2021 Mr Quek Tze-Ming/Pastor Dev Menon

What's the problem?

What's the solution?

Reflection Questions:

- 1. As the number of disciples increased, what practical needs began to present themselves? Why is this a problem?
- 2. How did the Twelve respond to this (set this out in detail)? How does this response compare and contrast to your experience of life and organization in our church?
- 3. What is the motivation of those who are involved in the work of God throughout this passage? What was the result of all this?
- 4. As you observe the work of the Holy Spirit in this passage, what actions do you think you and/or your AG or ministry group should take to see the Holy Spirit work among you?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ECM – Praise God for all the planning and preparations gone into the Extraordinary Congregational Meeting. Pray for our church to be wise stewards of the resources that God has given to us.

ESL – The English as a Second Language ministry will begin classes on 1 Mar. Pray for our teachers to serve with joy. Pray also for more from the church to step forward to serve as teachers and volunteers (see p.8).

Our People

Pastor Alby Yip – Thank God his first operation has gone smoothly. Pray for his time or rest and healing. Pray for his second operation coming up in 3 weeks. Pray that the operations will help restore more function to his injured hand.

Congregation Serving Teams – Thank God for the Deacons and volunteers that have stepped up to serve each week. As our Taskforce make preparations to ready the church to increase to 250pax in-person services, pray for more to step forward to serve at their congregations.

Our World

Central India – Pray for worker B to recover fully from his operation and injuries. Pray also that he will continue putting his hope in God despite the severe trials he has endured. These include a bus accident 2 weeks ago which led to an amputated foot, his wife passed on last year, one child had to be given up

for adoption and the other is pending adoption. Yet amidst these challenges, and post operation pains, our field director SR reports that B is thinking about his 3 local congregations and his vision of building the Lord's church. He hopes to release songs he has written via YouTube or CDs so that more people can hear about our Lord Jesus.

East & North India — Praise God that new worship centres have started operations in East India. In North India, we thank God for 4 new fields that have opened up through the witness of local believers. Pray for more long-term workers to come and serve in these areas.

Indonesia – Praise God a second clean water project has been completed at a community near our partner's church. Pray for a closer bond to be built with the local community and for wisdom amongst local believers to be able to share the Good News so that more can receive Jesus into their lives. Pray for the local churches to make a positive impact in their communities and for their neighbours to see the power of Jesus working in and through their lives.

Myanmar – Large gatherings were reported all over Myanmar this week and the situation continues to intensify. Pray for God's peace to come upon this difficult conflict and for Christians to trust God and seek ways to be peacemakers during this crisis.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) | | |
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| English 10.30 Livestream | 193 | | | |
| English Services# | 678 | 1,300.00 | | |
| Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream | 38 | | | |
| Mand/Cant Service# | 114 | 15.00 | | |
| Hokkien Anniversary Svs - Sat# | 83 | | | |
| ME# & Zoom | 68 | | | |
| Tamil Service# | 19 | 340.00 | | |
| DHF | 14 | | | |
| TOTAL | 1,207 | \$1,655.00 | | |
| *Peak concurrent viewers/#All in-person services | | | | |
| Electronic Transfer | | 47,984.09 | | |
| WEEKLY TOTAL | | \$49,639.09 | | |
| Weekly offering to meet budget for 2020/21: \$62,189 | | | | |

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date

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| Giving Received from 8 Feb to 14 Feb | \$8,240.43 |
| Amount Disbursed to-date | \$212,788.67 |
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| Land Lease Renewal Fund | |
| Gift Nos. 1687-88 | \$4,000.00 |
| Electronic Transfer | 24,969.70 |
| Weekly Total | \$28,969.70 |
| (Weekly Target: \$113,854) | |
| Total Gift Received To-Date | \$6.562.648.49 |

Church Family News

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date

- Ps Haoren will transit onto a part-time work arrangement wef 1 Mar 2021 to allow for preparation towards field deployment.
- 2. Ps Alby is on medical leave from 23 Feb to 2 Mar.
- Congratulations to Dn Danny & Charis on the birth of their daughter, Talitha Chua Xin En on 21 Feb 2021. Congratulations also to grandparents Jimmy & Doreen Chua.
- Seang Pin would like to thank Zion Bishan leaders and members for the lovely wreath and kind thoughts during the recent bereavement of her father's Homegoing.

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



PayNow: T10SS0029GGPF ZION BISHAN BP CHURCH – GPF Indicate "Land Lease Renewal Fund" on back of cheque (Please provide your CONTACT NUMBER on each cheque)

DBS Current A/C: 070-901055-5

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\$2,143,000.00

Looking Ahead

Friday, 5 March

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 6 March

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 7 March

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 Mar Acts 6:18-8:3

Ps Dev & Ng Zhiwen

14 Mar Acts 8:4-25

Vernon Quek

21 Mar Acts 8:26-40

Ps Haoren & Ps Dev

Your Response

28 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.

Children in Worship - A "Family" Responsibility

Ever since the start of the year, the children have sat in with us for the first part of our worship services. This was something we used to do, pre-COVID, at the 8.30am service, and on second Sundays at 10.30am. Having children in service is often a challenging thing, especially for our parents. Yet, it is a needful thing.

When our children turn the age of 13 they begin joining our main worship service often with much reluctance. Many youth prefer something catered to their age, or might not feel that the main worship service is relevant to them. But could this reaction be an outcome of our own doing? During their most formative years, our children spend most of their church-life outside of the worship service. It should come as no surprise that they have not learnt to understand and love the time as a gathered body of Christ because they are hardly together with us!

In Matthew 19:14 Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me and do not hinder them, for to such belongs the kingdom of heaven." Having our children included with us is a biblical model of what church should be. Every time the Old Testament church was gathered, it was always with young and old. God has, from the time He formed a people of His own, wanted the children to be present to ask questions and find out from their parents what the adults were doing (take a look at Ex 12:26). How precious would a time be when a father explains the Holy Communion to his young child?

The rest of the congregation play a big part in nurturing the faith of the next generation too. I suggest 3 ways each congregational member can help:

- 1. Firstly, acknowledge that parents, not Sunday School, make the biggest impact on the faith of their children.
- 2. Secondly, knowing that fact, to affirm parents in their biblical mandate given to them in Deut 6:4-9.
- 3. Lastly, play an active role in the discipleship of the next generation by encouraging parents and helping them out where possible.

To my fellow parents, the church thanks you for taking every bold step to share your faith with your little ones. It is one of God's good plans for bringing glory to His name. If you ever need help, resources, or just to talk about things, do speak with our Family Discipleship Staff (Ps Dev, Linus, June, Ruth, Li Hui) and BOD Members (Alice, Jerry, Cassandra). We are here to partner you in this journey.

Family Sundays will be starting from April on a monthly basis. I hope you will be as excited as I am to see each of our 4 English congregations, coming together as a bigger family in Christ, making use of such opportunities to model and share our faith with the next generation.

Announcements

TraceTogether, Safer Together

We have noted that there are some who are not doing SafeEntry via
TraceTogether app or token when coming for the Sunday worship services.
Please be reminded that using
TraceTogether allows for greater safety.
It is also an act of civil responsibility
(Matt 22:20-21) and most of all, an act of loving God expressed through loving our neighbours (Matt 22:37-39). We keep others safe by keeping to all reasonable safety measures.

We encourage all worshippers to download the TraceTogether app or collect and bring along your TraceTogether token. If you require assistance with downloading the app, please approach any of our Deacons or Staff who will be happy to help you.

In the same spirit of love, please plan to arrive early for service. Many of our registration personnel and ushers have missed the early parts of the service as they were still assisting late-comers.

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

Speaker: Tan Soh Hiang (Counsellor)
Many of our life challenges and
relationship difficulties come from a
deeply buried sense of inadequacy.
Sometimes, it is the false sense of
security that easily crumbles under crisis.
How then do we build a secured selfesteem on solid ground?

Ladies, register by TODAY with

lydia@zionbishan.org.sg.

200pax English Worship Services All service dates in March are open for registration

To all visitors and friends, please join us at any of our 4 English Worship Services.

Register: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-</u> 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.orq.sq/service-info

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 | 4 |
| 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.

English as a Second Language (ESL) Teachers and Volunteers Needed

Recruitment of new students will cease for this year due to space restrictions. If you are interested to be a teacher or volunteer your help, please call Cynthia Ng at 9857 7696.

Harvest Prayer Guide PDF softcopy available

Pray for the harvest fields (Non-Christians) in your social networks or community. This PDF prayer guide is available in English and Chinese. Sign up with Sharon (9788 0195) for a copy.