



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

Opening Hymn: All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name

Scripture Reading: Acts 10:1-16 ESV

Message: Peter's New Diet

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### Songs for personal worship and reflection:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs)

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Ps Alby Yip (10.30am & 1pm),  
Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

### 10.30 am

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*AV:* Ravi, Steve Nathan, Goh Han Teck, Gary Lee.

*Pianist:* Timothy Hia. *Vocalists:* Selena Hia, Grace Ho.

### 1.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Eld Sonny Tan

*AV:* Benny Ling, Nurman Kusanda. *Pianist:* Timothy

Low. *Vocalists:* Victor Quek, Kwek Khee Leng

### 3.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

*AV:* Soh Kok Hong, Tay Choon Yee.

*Pianists:* Paul Liew, Deborah Koh

*Vocalists:* Dns Jessica-Ann Vendawall, Samantha Lou

### 5.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Timothy Ong

*AV:* Matthaesus Lim, Jonathan Teo. *Pianist:* Tammy Ng

*Vocalists:* Zheng Xiao En.

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
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# **Peter's New Diet**

Acts 9:32-10:48

18 April 2021

Pastor Alby Yip/Pastor Dev Menon

## **Intro**

## **Miracles**

## **Visions**

## **Good News**

## **Conclusion**

### **Discussion Questions:**

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How has God "directed" your life so far?
3. What major mindset shift would you need to further God's purposes in your life?

## Prayer Points

### Our Church

**Congregational Singing** – *My heart is filled with thankfulness to Him who reigns above...* Thank God that we are able to sing our praises to Him! It is such a blessing and encouragement to hear one another worship God with our voices. Please be reminded that the guidelines only permit singing at our congregational services and not during any other activities. We look forward to further relaxation of COVID restrictions.

**Land Lease Renewal Fund** – Continue to pray for the LLRF as we near the time for application. Thank God for the much we have already received in giving and in interest-free loans. Pray that God will continue to supply all our needs and for Zion Bishan to serve His kingdom purposes by being “a city on a hill and a light to the nations.”

### Our People

**Catechism Class Retreat** – Thank God that the catechumens were able to participate in a half-day retreat yesterday. We took an extended time to reflect upon our relationship with Jesus and to pray for one another. Pray for the 30 persons attending to find a spiritual home here at Zion Bishan - especially for each to find an AG to belong to and a place to serve in.

### Our World

**Rev B.K. Biswas** – On Monday (12 Apr) we received news of Rev Biswas’

peaceful home-going. He was the founder of one of our ministry partners in NE India. We praise God for his life of faithful service to the Lord in North East India. Pray for comfort and peace for the family. We also thank God for his legacy of churches here in NE India. Pray that they will be faithful and obedient to God.

*I have fought the good fight, I have finished the race, I have kept the faith.*  
- 2 Tim 4:7

**India** – As India’s COVID cases spike, pray for effective intervention and improvement to the worsening situation. Pray for the many field workers that are not well (not COVID related)

- 1) Principal CP from G college to get better from viral flu and headaches
- 2) Ps TD from Area B to get better from a right eye infection
- 3) Workers D & R from the Hindi Belt areas who are ill.

**Indonesia** – As at 12 Apr, it is estimated that cyclone Seroja that hit Eastern Indonesia (East Nusa Tenggara) and Timor-Leste a week ago has killed at least 224 people and thousands were displaced by the ensuing floods and landslides. May the Lord raise up local relief workers to help with the recovery effort. Pray also for protection from further loss of life.

**Myanmar** – Myanmar’s post-coup civilian cumulative death toll climbs past 700 (CNA on 11 Apr) Pray for God’s mercy and deliverance for the people of Myanmar.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*153	
English Service 10.30am	*272	850.00
English Service 1pm	134	
English Service 3pm	198	
English Service 5pm	129	
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	*43	
Mand/Cant Service	122	
ME Service & Zoom	63	
Hokkien Service	83	
Tamil Service	21	78.00
DHF	15	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1233</b>	<b>\$928.00</b>

*\*Exceeds 250 as all attendance includes serving personnel*

*\*Peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	57,724.75
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$58,652.75</b>

*Weekly offering to meet budget for 2021/22: \$65,298*

## ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	<b>\$283,102.17</b>
Giving Received from 5 Apr to 11 Apr	\$585.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,507.69

## Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	93,575.61
Interest-free loan #LL029/21	50,000.00
Interest-free loan #LL030/21	300,000.00
Interest-free loan #LL031/21	1,000,000.00
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$1,443,575.61</b>
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$7,197,748.76</b>
<b>Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date</b>	<b>\$3,653,000.00</b>

## Church Family News

- Ps Alby Yip was preaching at Grace SCC Church's Cantonese Service on 17 Apr and at Hokkien Service on 18 Apr.

## 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

**Friday, 23 April**

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

**Saturday, 24 April**

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

**Sunday, 25 April**

English Services:

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services-200pax](http://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, Ps 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

**25 Apr** Acts 11:1-30

Ps Dev & Ps Vernon

**2 May** Acts 12:1-24

Ng Zhiwen & Dn Danny

**9 May** Acts 12:25-13:12

Ps Haoren

## Your Response

18 April 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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Please note that the church will retain and use your submitted data as needed to process your indicated response.*

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

## **“I Need This!”**

Over the last 10 years, I’ve had the privilege of teaching the catechism class. This is a ministry I love doing - firstly because I get to know all our members (can you believe I have catechized over 500 of you!? 😊). Secondly, it keeps me focused on the core doctrines of the church. Each round, largely thanks to the questions of the participants, I get a little clearer in my own understanding of these foundational truths.

Recently, as I was teaching on baptism & holy communion, I was reminded that the religious activities of the Church, including the sacraments, the preaching of the Word, and prayer; are to be regarded as ‘means of grace’. They are the ordinary ways in which God communicates His gospel and covenant blessings to His people - to strengthen our faith in Christ.

However, because it is ‘grace’, sometimes I feel this communicates the idea that these churchy things are optional. It is a good thing to go to church – but I don’t really have to. It is not compulsory.

While it is true that the early Reformers, like Martin Luther, fought vigorously against ‘religious slavery’ – in a time where churchy things were forced or imposed: the leaders basically threatened hellfire for non-participation. However, I don’t think the Reformers ever implied that gathering to hear God’s Word and to receive His sacraments was optional!

They knew, more sharply than anyone, that we are sinners... and as sinners, it is our nature to stray. God in His mercy gave us His church with all its activities, precisely because He knows us all too well! Thus, the less we participate, the more our hearts grow cold and selfish.

The correct way to think about church, I believe, is to recognise the depths of our sin, and hence be desperate for God’s ordinary means of grace. Basically, the sentiment of the mature Christian towards gathering to hear God’s Word, to pray and receive His sacraments should always be: “God help me! I need this!”

How has our attitude to church changed after 1 year of COVID? Is it now an optional extra, or has it become a most precious resource – one that we cannot live without?

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

## **Men’s Ministry: Encountering God** **24 Apr, 7.30-9.00am, Saturday, Chapel**

Taking Charge: Called to Work (I)  
 Speaker: Dr Geoff Gorsuch (recorded)  
 What makes you feel God’s pleasure at work? Register today and join us!  
<https://forms.gle/HaWAo2Qdsr4v2TZ58>

## **Women of Zion: Circles of 8**

WOZ is organising small group activities of up to eight ladies per group in April and May. These Circles of 8 aim to foster fellowship and support for one another, spiritually and physically; for prayer and emotional support; and for outreach. Sign up and join a Circle of 8 in one of the following interests:

**Book/Movie Club** - *Discuss life and faith through the stimulus of books and movies.*

**Nature Walks** - *Connecting with God through nature and prayer.*

**Fellowship** - *Walking with Jesus & writing your daily journal.*

Register with Kuan Ying (9367 1280)

**[New] Nagomi Art** – *Express Faith through Artwork*

**1 May, 2.30pm, Saturday**

Register with Queenie (9837 2068)

## **Infant Baptism Parent Class,** **8 May, 10.00am, Saturday, at Chapel**

Parents presenting their infants for baptism on 23 May will need to attend a Faith at Home session on Infant Baptism on 8 May. Email [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) for membership form and register for the class by 2 May.

## **30 Days of Prayer 2021** **13 Apr to 12 May**

1. Join in prayer during the fasting month for those from our neighbouring faith, using a PDF daily prayer guide. Each individual/household to sign up separately. Free but donations welcome.

2. Join online prayer sessions organised by WEC Singapore on 22, 29 Apr, and 6 May, 8.00-9.30pm (Thursdays).

Sign-up link for for prayer guide and sessions: [tinyurl.com/zb30days21](http://tinyurl.com/zb30days21)

For further information, please contact Darrell: [darrell@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:darrell@zionbishan.org.sg)

## **BGST’s Theology for Life** **Public Lecture Series:** **“Workplace Discipleship** **in the Pandemic Age”** **24 Apr, 9.30-11.30am, Saturday**

Venue: on Zoom (FREE)

Speaker: David W Gill  
*Retired Director of the Mockler Centre for Faith & Ethics in the Workplace, Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary.*

The COVID-19 pandemic has affected all aspects of work, such as the spaces we inhabit (office to online), and the boundaries we keep (work and family time). Many people have had to change the way they worked, and this has been difficult and stressful. What is a robust theology of work that Christians can have so that they can meet these challenges?

Register at [bit.ly/workplacepl](http://bit.ly/workplacepl)