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CHRISTIANS.
ACTS 11:26



English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Opening Hymn: Thy Hand O God Has Guided

Scripture Reading: Acts 11:1-4, 18-30 ESV

Message: And They Were First Called Christians...

Response Hymn: The Gospel Was Promised

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: Ps Dev Menon (10.30am & 1pm),
Ps Vernon Quek (3pm & 5pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter
Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang
AV: James Kok, Wee Aik Koon, Jac See
Pianist: Ronny Yang.
Vocalists: Goh Suling, Josey Saradetch

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan
Worship Leader: Pastor Zheng Haoren
AV: Nathanael Kusanda, Jeffery Kow
Vocalist: Jeremy Khoo

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie
Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan
AV: Wilson Lee, Jared Koh.
Pianists: Joy Foo, Benn Tan
Vocalists: Lydia Ng, Valerie Lew

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua
Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lim
AV: Ivan Lim, Chiam Da Ren.
Pianist: Timothy Low
Vocalists: Moses Thia.

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, Pastor	9829 6051
Rev Zheng Haoren, Pastor	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
Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor	9796 0196
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 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
Mr Ng Zhiwen, Community Engagement	9092 6095
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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And They Were First Called Christians...

25 April 2021

Acts 11:1-30

Ps Dev Menon/Ps Vernon Quek

Introduction

The Vision Recounted: No Longer about Race (v1-18)

The People Renamed: No Longer about Place (v19-30)

- Famine-relief: From Antioch to Jerusalem (v27-30)

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. What exactly does Luke want us his readers to be certain about from today's passage?
2. How does this passage help us understand what being a Christian means? How would we explain what a Christian is to our non-believing friends?
3. What do we learn about how God grows His Church? What does this mean for us individually and corporately at Zion Bishan today?
4. Pray: What do you need to say to the Lord in response to what He is saying in Acts 11?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Mission Focus – Thank God for today’s sharing on the upcoming Missions Month. Pray for the Urban Missions Conference and the team working on the workshops and prayer meetings coming up in July (see p8). Pray for our church to learn much about what God is doing and where the opportunities are to share the gospel to the ends of the earth.

Land Lease Renewal Fund – Thank God we have crossed \$11m! Thank God for His providence through His people. Pray for the application and renewal process to go smoothly. Let us continue to be good stewards of all the blessings God has given to us.

Bishan Home – has been in lockdown since Circuit Breaker. Pray for ways to go beyond our current virtual ministry with them, so that the residents can be better ministered to.

Our People

ACM – Pray for the organising team and for the upcoming Annual Congregational Meeting to be an encouraging time for us as we hear ministry updates and plans.

Our World

Chacko Thomas – His sister was promoted to glory this past Thursday, aged 68. She died of pneumonia; her husband died 20 years earlier. Both were mighty warriors for the Lord having suffered much for the Gospel and she has left behind a strong ministry for the

Lord. Please pray for the family, especially their son, Pastor Finny Abraham, as he copes with this loss as well as the COVID crisis confronting his church members, having lost 2 key leaders recently to COVID. Pray for God's comfort and strength be upon him and all the family members.

Philippines – We praise God for the ministry of the Student Missionary Outreach (SMO) who teach God’s word and biblical values to high school and tertiary students. Pray for SMO Director Nenita Del Mundo who recently had 2 accidents that have led to swollen wrists and painful sides to her body.

India – The surge in new COVID cases has spurred Singapore to tighten travel restrictions for travellers from India.

Within India, many of our ministry partners face renewed lockdowns and closures. Our partner in West Bengal has had to close in-person programmes in one region. Pray that they will have wisdom to discern the situation, protection from COVID, courage to be used by God, and compassion to serve the needy children and families they serve. Pray that they will be able to think of ways to continue their programmes.

Singapore – Pray for the hundreds of dormitory workers that have been moved to quarantine facilities. Pray that their needs will be met and that their finances will not be severely affected with the stoppage of work. Pray also that the spread of COVID will be contained.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*158	
English Service 10.30am	#272	
English Service 1pm	172	
English Service 3pm	190	
English Service 5pm	149	
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	*38	
Mand/Cant Service	156	150.00
ME Service & Zoom	68	
Hokkien Service	53	618.00
Tamil Service	19	482.00
DHF	18	
TOTAL	1,293	\$1,250.00

*Exceeds 250 as all attendance includes serving personnel

*Peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer		44,537.84
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$45,787.84

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$285,660.17
Giving Received from 12 Apr to 18 Apr	\$2,558.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,507.69

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1709-1712	20,250.00
Electronic Transfer	39,375.36
Interest-free loan #LL032/21	100,000.00
Interest-free loan #LL033/21	50,000.00
Weekly Total	\$209,625.36

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,257,374.12
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,803,000.00

Church Family News

1. Jeen and Deborah would like to thank the church and members for care and concern during their bereavement of Mdm Lim Siew Tin, aged 92, who passed away on 16 Apr 2021. She was the mother of Jeen Kua and grandmother to Deborah Loone.
2. Congratulations to Winston Chee and Phua Qi Qi on their Holy Matrimony on 24 Apr 2021.

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, 30 April

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting
Special Missions Prayer Night
Topic: Bangladesh, Land of Rivers
(Register up with Sharon 9788 0195)

Saturday, 1 May

4 pm: Youth Fellowship
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 2 May

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, 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

2 May Acts 12:1-24
Ng Zhiwen & Dn Danny

9 May Acts 12:25-13:12
Ps Haoren

16 May Acts 13:13-52
Quek Tze-Ming & Ps Dev

23 May Pentecost Sunday
Ps Vernon & Ps Alby

Your Response

25 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

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.

THANKS FOR YOUR RESPONSE!

Why We Do What We Do

When the pandemic hit last year, we as a church family had to change many aspects of how we did church. While that season of change was challenging, it also presented us with a much-needed opportunity to carefully think through why we do what we do as a church. I'm sure the Lord grew many of us as we thought through how and why we do many different things in church – helping us realise what is essential, and helping us really cherish some of the things we've lost in this season (such as singing, church camp and wider church gatherings).

One of the most noticeable things that changed were our Sunday Services. Besides the obvious decrease in size and resultant increase in number of Services, the Services themselves had to be shortened and therefore certain Service elements, some of which Zion Bishan has had since our founding in 1994, had to be removed. Although our time-limitation remains, the recent relaxation of safety measures when it comes to singing means that we can re-introduce some elements, such as the Gloria Patri.

If you are unfamiliar with the Gloria Patri (or the 'Glory Be to the Father' as it is also known in English), it is a doxology, a short hymn of praise to God that has been sung by gathered Christians for at least five centuries. The term doxology comes from the Greek δόξα (doxa) meaning 'glory' and -λογία (logia) which means 'saying' – so it's a saying or declaration of glory to God. Here are the words of the Gloria Patri that we used to sing together in Services:

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be; world without end. Amen.

I must admit that I'm personally hesitant about most things that we ritually do in church. This hesitancy comes from a concern that such practices can become overly-familiar and lose meaning – becoming something we simply do every week without understanding. Not to mention in this particular case, there's a pretty archaic reference to the Holy Spirit as the Holy Ghost – not a term we use much today!

So why do I find the Gloria Patri helpful? Let me give you three reasons:

Firstly, it helps us look up. This doxology is a great reminder of what our big purpose in life is, and what we hope will come from every time we gather together: the glory of our great Triune God.

Secondly, it helps us look sideways. Singing this doxology *together* reminds us that God is most glorified by what we do *together* as one Body.

Thirdly, it helps us look forward. The great hope of a world without end – the New Creation – where God will be eternally glorified as He was at the start of Creation is

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting 2021

Dear communicant members, in preparation for the upcoming ACM, if there are any changes to your email address, kindly inform church office by 30 Apr. Email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg.

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 for membership form and register for the class by 2 May.

Urban Missions Conference in July

Theme: "Go Urban"

Come prepared to learn and be inspired about Urban Missions and how you can be involved through the sermons, prayer meetings and these workshops.

Save these dates!

1) Families in Missions

17 Jul, 2.30-4.30pm, Saturday

2) Professions in Missions

20 Jul, 10.00-12.00pm, Tuesday (PH)

3) Seniors in Missions

24 Jul, 2.30-4.30pm, Saturday

4) Business in Missions

31 Jul, 2.30-4.30pm, Saturday

English Worship Services in May Services are open for registration

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

WOZ Circle of 8 - Nagomi Art 1 May, 2.30pm, Saturday

Express Faith through Artwork.
Register with Queenie (9837 2068)

Youth Fellowship - Games Day 1 May, 3.45-6.00pm, Saturday, Chapel

Inviting all Youths! Come on down for a blast and LOADS of fun, looking forward to see you all!

Contact Jacqueline (9322 7629) or Chloe (9855 4621) for more information!

Sign up at tinyurl.com/1MAYyfgames

Hokkien Service

Mothers' Day Outreach Service

8 May, 10.30am, Saturday, Sanctuary

Take this opportunity to bring parents and friends to celebrate Mother's Day and hear God's Word.

Speaker: Rev James Lim
from One Hope Centre

Please Register via the following URL:

<http://bit.ly/ZBHSmothersday2021>

or contact Dn Paul Yeo (9751 1897)

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something I need to be reminded of as often as possible!

As we are able to slowly bring back some of the things we did pre-COVID, let's take the opportunity to ensure we're not doing them simply because they're comfortable and familiar, but deliberately because they are things that build us up in Christ. May the spirit behind the Gloria Patri be realised in us as a church family: glory be to our God!