

AND THE DISCIPLES WERE CALLED

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CHRISTIANS.
ACTS 11:26



Family Sunday

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: At the Name of Jesus

Scripture Reading: Acts 12:1-19 ESV

Message: But the Word of God...

Response Hymn: Behold Our God

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all services today.

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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 Ng Zhiwen (10.30am & 1pm),
Dn Danny Chua (3pm & 5pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter
Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew
AV: Wee Aik Koon, Steve Nathan, Samuel Bin
Pianist: Grace Ho
Vocalists: Tan Seang Pin, Adeline Heng

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan
Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee
AV: Sean Yang, Yap Hong York. **Pianist:** Lee Ping Lin
Vocalist: Victor Quek, Timmy Ng

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie
Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low
AV: Melissa Leong, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh
Pianists: Evangeline Chai, Penuel Lau
Vocalists: Joy Lim, Joy Wong

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua
Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan
AV: Nicklaus Yu, Kim Seo Yeon
Pianist: Chee Qiqi
Vocalists: Eeling Shankar, Priscilla Chew

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: user ID followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	alby
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Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	zhenghr
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	ebi
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	sskew
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	jtlm
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	daniel
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Young Adults/AGs</i>	vernon
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Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	june
Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	ruth
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	sharon
Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family Ministry/Media</i>	linus
Dn Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	danny
Dn Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	paul
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	tzeming
Mr Ng Zhiwen, <i>Community Engagement</i>	zhiwen
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Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

But the Word of God...

Acts 12:1-25

2 May 2021

Mr Ng Zhiwen/Deacon Danny Chua

Violent Hands (12:1-5)

Prison Break (12:6-19)

Gods and Worms (12:20-25)

Discussion Questions:

1. What was one truth you remember from the sermon or passage?
2. How do you think this episode in Acts has given Theophilus (Luke 1:1-4) or any reader of the book greater certainty about the Gospel?
3. Imagine a day when we face formal, secular opposition to the gospel in our daily lives. How would you respond, and how would you take heart from this passage?
4. Pray: for brothers and sisters you know locally or abroad facing such persecution, that God's deliverance in life or in death may prevail over any gospel opposition.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Session – Thank God and pray for our Elders and Pastors. A new bulletin section highlights some points from Session Meetings for Zion Bishan members information and prayer (see p6). Please pray for our leaders and matters concerning our church.

BHID– Pray for the residents in the Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled (BHID), in particular, those brothers and sisters who join us for Sunday worship. They have been in lockdown since Circuit Breaker and still have restricted movements within and outside the home. We thank God we are still able to minister to them virtually and was able to conduct an outdoor Christmas concert for them across the fence. However, they would still need physical fellowship. Pastor Alby is currently exploring creative options with the home to see what more can be done to minister to them.

Our People

ZB COVID-19 Taskforce – Thank God for all the good work the Taskforce has done so far and will continue to do. As written by Ps Alby in today’s WIS (p7), please pray for the weekly service and work of many of our members, and pray for all of us to stay safe and vigilant to ensure we can continue to come for worship

Bereavements – Pray for our people and families who have lost loved ones recently. Let us “weep with those who

weep” as Romans 12 exhorts us, and to “love one another with brotherly affection.” Pray that in times of mourning and grief, we as Jesus’ family will be there for one another.

Our World

India – In the past 2 weeks, we received news of partners contracting COVID-19 because of the surging infection rates in India. Pray for complete healing for couple A & J, and their young daughter, who have completed their quarantine period but need to recover their strength and energy. Pray also for healing and relief from severe COVID symptoms for Sister S, wife of Principal CP as she battles the COVID virus (her oxygen level is low). May God have mercy on all who are struggling and give believers wisdom and discernment in navigating through this crisis.

Myanmar – CNA reported that Myanmar was not opposed to a visit by an ASEAN delegation to help resolve the crises in the country. This was news from a meeting of ASEAN member states leaders on 24 Apr. Pray that there will be political progress towards peace for this troubled nation. May God’s kingdom continue to shine forth despite the current challenges.

Tartars in Siberia – Pray for the believers who are sent by Partner O to be able to share the love of Christ to their listeners. May the Lord continue to open doors amongst the least reached peoples in Russia and various parts of Central Asia.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English 10.30 Livestream	*163	
English Service 10.30am	#273	200.00
English Service 1pm	160	
English Service 3pm	207	
English Service 5pm	154	
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream	*48	
Mand/Cant Service	128	50.00
ME Service & Zoom	66	
Hokkien Service	54	
Tamil Service	19	280.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1,291	\$530.00

**Exceeds 250 as all attendance includes serving personnel*

**Peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer	128,767.63
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$129,297.63

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$286,180.17
Giving Received from 19 Apr to 25 Apr	\$520.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,507.69

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1713	50.00
Electronic Transfer	19,035.83
Weekly Total	\$19,085.83
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,276,459.95
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,803,000.00

Church Family News

1. Nancy Chan's eldest sister, Alice Chan passed away on last Saturday. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
2. Condolences also to Eld Lim Siah Chuan on the homegoing of his mother, Mdm Tay Guek Cheng, aged 91, on 23 Apr, in Melbourne.
3. Ps Dev conducted a workshop on 'The Rest Race' at SYFC on 28 Apr.
4. Quek Tze-Ming taught an Adult Bible Class at Herald BP on "Four Gospels" on 30 Apr & 1 May.
5. Ps Ebi is preaching at Shalom BP on 2 May.

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)

Session Meeting Highlights

Going forward, we will be sharing some highlights of Session meetings for members' information & prayer:

1. Constitutional changes were proposed to include proxy voting in the light of the current situation. More details will be given in the ACM papers.
2. Deposit of \$8,000 for cancelled 2020 Church Camp was refunded.
3. Elder David Leong, who also holds the qualification of Masters of Divinity, has retired from his professional job and has kindly offered to assist our sister church Emmanuel BP Church on every 4th week for six months in preaching and some pastoral care matters. He will remain as part of the Pastoral Leadership Team for the 1pm service.
4. Year-to-date total income as at 31 March: \$257,944. Targeted income: \$261,190. Shortfall: \$3,247.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 7 May

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 8 May

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 9 May

10.30am, 1pm, 3pm, 5pm: English Services:

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

2021 Sermon Series: Acts of the Apostles

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

30 May Journey Continues with Mighty Acts

Dn Danny Chua & Ng Zhiwen

Your Response

2 May 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!

Work Together To Worship Together

Some Singaporeans were recently charged for unauthorized access and release of COVID-19 information under the Official Secrets Act. I think I can understand why they did this. The need to be in the know. I know this feeling, and have my reasons to be fixated with daily news about infections and reports on community cases. In April 2020, I cut short my sabbatical and returned to helm our church's COVID-19 Taskforce.

The duty of the Taskforce is to oversee the safety of worshippers coming to church and also to manage and disseminate information. Oftentimes, the Taskforce needs to make decisions with very short runways. New developments and government directives get issued on a Friday and we have to scramble to put things in place before Sunday.

Sometimes, decisions made were sensitive and may not be able to satisfy everyone. So I always have these two important guiding principles that shape my decision-making for the Taskforce: Firstly, it is to organise the church in such a way that the authorities will allow us to have worshippers come back for in-person worship services. Secondly, it is to keep our worshippers safe so that everyone can be assured of coming back to a safe environment to worship God. Whether it is weekday or weekend activities, nothing must jeopardise the ability to return for Sunday in-person worship services. I thank God that He has so far kept Zion Bishan safe and that more people are returning and even inviting visitors to come.

I thank God for the Taskforce members who have been working tirelessly and closely together. It is not an easy task to manage eight worship services and about 1200 worshippers every week. My thanks also to the many brothers and sisters who have stepped up to serve at each worship service, handling the many challenging ground issues. I thank God for you all.

I seek also the understanding and cooperation of every worshipper. We are required by law, and for the safety of all, to fulfil all safety measures. I acknowledge that it may cause some inconvenience, especially if we compare it with the freedom we enjoyed pre-COVID, but these are not normal times.

The recent spike in community and dormitory cases, particularly among those who have supposed to have developed some immunity through vaccination or from past infections, is a stark reminder that we cannot afford to let down our guards. We need to diligently observe safety and hygiene practices both outside and more so within the church. Let us work together that we may worship together!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting 2021 29 May, Saturday, 4-6pm

ACM2021 will be held using an online/proxy format, due to COVID-19 measures. Notice of ACM, reports and instructions will be sent out from 8 May via email to communicant members only.

Please email acmzion@zionbishan.org.sg or call 6353 8081 if you have not received the details by 10 May.

Please submit any questions you may have to Session latest by 15 May 2021. More details on submission of questions are found in the ACM notice.

Action Groups (AGs)

The life of God must be experienced in the teaching, prayer and friendship of Christian community. In Zion Bishan, AGs are where fellowship with God and other saints happens. If you are not in such a community, it is urgent and essential that you do find one - for the Christian life cannot be lived alone!

Please contact Dn Danny at danny@zionbishan.org.sg and he will assist you.

Good News for Bruised Reeds Vol III: Colours of the Kingdom!

This book present stories of Christians struggling with issues of racism and xenophobia, and the stories of hope celebrating ethnicity and nationality in the Kingdom.

Co-edited by Ng Zhiwen, with contributions by Ps Dev & others.

Visit <https://graceworks.com.sg/store>

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)

Aging Gracefully, Living Fruitfully 26 May (PH), 9.30am-4.30pm, Wednesday, Chapel

Speakers Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon & Dr Ko Soo Meng will come and speak on the challenges and invitations of older adults on finishing well & living a full and fulfilling life.

Organised by The QuadC and hosted by Zion Bishan. Cost is \$50 per attendee. As hosts, the first ten Zion Bishan registrations will be at \$20!

For more information and registration, see www.zionbishan.org.sg/quadc-event

Youth Fellowship - Outing! 8 May, 1.30-6.30pm, Saturday

Follow [@zionbishanyf](https://www.instagram.com/zionbishanyf) on Instagram for information and updates on YF!

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

Sign up at tinyurl.com/8mayyfouting