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CHRISTIANS.
ACTS 11:26



English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: All Praise to Him

Scripture Reading: Acts 13:13-16, 38-52 ESV

Message: It Was Necessary...

Response Hymn: Let the Nations be Glad

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),
Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter
Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng
AV: Benny Ling, Goh Han Teck, Gary Lee
Pianist: Timothy Hia.

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan
Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan
AV: Benny Ling, Jeffery Kow, Matthew Neo
Cassandra Chng. *Pianist:* Deborah Yang

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie
Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan
AV: Soh Kok Hong, Tay Choon Yee, Darren Lee
Pianists: Paul Liew, Deborah Koh

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua
Worship Leader: Dn Timothy Ong
AV: Mattheaus Lim, Jonathan Teo
Pianist: Tammy Ng

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhenghr</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
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Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	<i>ruth</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family Ministry/Media</i>	<i>linus</i>
Dn Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Dn Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Mr Ng Zhiwen, <i>Community Engagement</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
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It Was Necessary...

Acts 13:13-52

16 May 2021

Mr Quek Tze-Ming/Ps Dev Menon

The Story

The Sermon

The Shaking

Discussion Questions:

1. Review Paul's message in the synagogue in Pisidian Antioch. How does Paul show that the coming of Jesus continues the story of Israel (vv. 16–25)?
2. In the short amount of time he has, what does Paul choose to emphasize and why (vv. 23-41) - a) about Jesus? b) about forgiveness of sins? c) about responding to this message?
3. In Acts 13:44–52, how has Paul and Barnabas's reception changed from the previous Sabbath? What does Paul (and God) say in response?
4. Why might your church or AG resist welcoming other groups that haven't been part of your fellowship before? What can be done to increase a spirit of openness?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Home Missions – With the Heightened Alert COVID-19 safety restrictions in place, all Home Missions activities on-site (such as English as a Second Language classes and Friendship Meal) have been suspended. Pray that we will seek opportunities to serve the needy and vulnerable during this time.

AG Ministry – Pray for our AGs as they go online to continue growing in God's Word together. Especially in times where it is difficult to meet one another, pray that each person will find comfort and encouragement in the Body of Christ.

Our People

Catechism class – Thank God for the successful completion of this round with 30+ catechumens. Due to the new restrictions, the reception of members will be postponed to a later date. Pray that each new member finds an AG to join, to ensure their continued spiritual growth.

Esperance Yip – Pray for Ps Alby's daughter who has been on MC for the last three weeks. Pray that the medication prescribed will ease her discomfort and will allow her to get her needed rest. Pray that she will regain her health and strength this week as her exams start this Friday. Pray most of all that she will lean her trust in God and not be anxious. Pray also for Ps Alby and Vivienne as they take care of her.

Our World

North India – Praise God with our Partner M, who has reported more baptisms this week. Pray for these new believers to grow in their faith and obedience in Christ and become mature Christ followers who will in turn lead others to Him.

Pray for healing for contacts from Partners G and HBM, who are sick or are suspected with COVID – Brother A, Pastor S and Brother D. Pray for healing from fever, body ache and other effects.

Indonesia – Some of our partners are embarking on projects, like a tuition centre and a chicken farm, to financially support themselves and make a positive impact on their community for Jesus. Pray that these projects will provide for them financially and be self-supporting. Pray that God will use them to bless their community and neighbours.

West Nepal – Our partner here has been invited by local officials to start an orphanage in Area D. Pray for the entire process (from finding a suitable place to setting up a functional orphanage) to be done in a God-honouring way. May our partner use this opportunity to show God's love for the people in Nepal. Praise God that our partner also has a heart to reach out to remote villages bordering India with much needed medicine and online support of two doctors as the COVID situation affects many there. May the love of Christ touch these villages through these efforts.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Livestreams*	308	
English Service 10.30am	111	1,380.00
English Service 1pm	91	
English Service 3pm	92	
English Service 5pm	89	
Mand/Cant 8.30 Livestream*	59	
Mand/Cant Service	102	
ME Service & Zoom	61	
Hokkien Service	38	50.00
Tamil Service	18	1,298.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	988	\$2,728.00

*All attendance includes serving personnel

*Peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	81,504.03
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$84,232.03

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$289,155.17
Giving Received from 3 May to 9 May	\$940.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,507.69

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos. 1721-23	\$423.15
Electronic Transfer	50,100.47
Weekly Total	\$50,523.62
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,468,205.36
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,803,000.00

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien service this morning.

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, 21 May

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 22 May

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 23 May

English Services:

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

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

23 May Pentecost Sunday
Ps Vernon & Ps Alby

30 May Acts 14:1-28
Dn Danny Chua & Ng Zhiwen

Your Response

16 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!

A Second Wave...

Last Tuesday, I was working through the details of a wedding ceremony with a young couple already stressed about the prevailing COVID-19 restrictions. Just then, the latest announcement hit the press: *Singapore will regress to Phase 2.*

As we stared at our buzzing phones, a wave of dread came over our faces. Me, being the pastor, felt that I should do my utmost to keep their spirits up: “don’t worry, we can work everything out... it will all be good in the end... let’s take things one at a time”.

Once the couple left, I walked back into my office, closed the door... and then it hit – that dreaded feeling of anger and anxiety, sadness and panic – a condensed version of the multitude of emotions I had the first-time round. **It was a second wave – of grief.** I went home, I climbed into bed and stared at the ceiling for hours, playing shows in the background to fill the silence... I barely slept, and the next day I could not get out of bed till lunchtime... what was the point?

Reading articles on social media (inc. Christian ones) - most conveyed the same tone I had just used. It felt more like bravado than comfort. Words of hope yes; but hope that bypassed my own sense of loss. Cheap words at a funeral, I thought.

I remember from the first wave... what helped were sermons on lament. Psalms that taught us how to grieve, how to weep, how to express complaint without hardening into bitterness, how to feel the depths of disillusionment without sinking into despair. How to cry out to God, and cry with one another – as we suffer in the time of ‘not yet’. It is time to go back to those psalms...

So to my brother, to my sister... To the silenced song singer, to the anxious children’s worker, to the exhausted covid-taskforcer, to the frenzied PA teamer, to the frustrated churchgoer, to the depressed church pastor, to the despondent business owner, to the forlorn wedding organiser, to the jaded AG leader, to the disappointed holiday-planner, to the isolated healthcare worker... grieve with me... and if God gives the opportunity, let me grieve with you.

“How Long O Lord?”

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Congregational Meeting 2021 29 May, 4.00-6.00pm, Saturday

ACM2021 will be held using an online/proxy format, due to COVID-19 measures. Please refer to your ACM notice for the YouTube link.

Questions submitted will be answered and posted on our website. URL may also be found on your ACM notice.

All members are kindly reminded to submit your Proxy Form via email OR drop boxes located at the Sanctuary entrance by 23 May.

Ageing Gracefully, Living Fruitfully 30 Jul, 9.30am-4.30pm, Friday, Chapel

(Please note that the seminar has been postponed from 26 May to 30 Jul.)

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.

Once registered, the organisers will contact you subsequently.

Zion Bishan COVID-19 Advisory Phase II - Heightened Alert

For latest COVID-19 advisories:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/covid-19

► As we reduce to 50pax in-person services, do stay in contact with your Congregation Shepherding Team (CST).

Please ensure you are in at least one WhatsApp chatgroup with your Congregation or AG. Do approach your CST for any enquiries.

► Livestreaming will be available for all services: www.youtube.com/zionbishan

► Children’s Discipleship (CD) will be suspended until further notice. Zoom classes are being planned. Further information and Family Activity sheets will be sent via the CD Telegram Channel - www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-telegram.

If you need help or resources for nurturing faith at home, please contact linus@zionbishan.org.sg.

► Youth Discipleship (YD) classes will move online. Youth Fellowship (YF) will also move online; details will be updated on www.instagram.com/zionbishanyf

► Action Groups will meet virtually. Contact danny@zionbishan.org.sg if you require assistance with using Zoom.

► Let us **be united in the Spirit of Christ and in prayer**, for each other, for Zion Bishan and for Singapore and our national leaders for God’s wisdom to steer the country back into safer waters.