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English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Shine Jesus Shine

Scripture Reading: Rev 21:22-27 ESV

Message: #GettingReal About Race & Ethnicity

Response Hymn: We Are One

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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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 & Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

AV: James Kok, Steve Nathan, Maybelline Tan,

Pianist: Goh Su-Ling

1.00 pm

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Zoom Admin: Ng Zhi-Wen

Zoom Link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7287548423>

Meeting ID: 728 754 8423

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

AV: Soh Kok Hong, Eugene Poh, Tay Choon Yee

Pianists: Paul Liew, Deborah Koh

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Chan Kin Yip

AV: Matthaeus Lim, Ivan Lim

Pianist: Chee Qi Qi

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

Rev Zheng Haoren, *Pastor* *zhenghr*

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* *ebi*

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* *sskew*

Rev Lim Jit Thy, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlim*

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* *daniel*

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* *vernon*

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Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* *june*

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Mrs Sharon Quek, *Trg/Mobilisation* *sharon*

Mr Linus Koe, *Family Ministry/Media* *linus*

Mr Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* *danny*

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#GetReal – Race & Ethnicity

Rev 21:22-27

A Multi-Ethnic Vision

The Singapore Reality

Majority-Minority Issues

The Zion Bishan Reality

An International Buffet

Discussion Questions:

1. Re-read Revelation 5:9, 7:9 and 21:22-27 (especially v. 24). How do these visions inspire you concerning race, ethnicity and the church?
2. In your view, how ready are we to 'welcome the nations into Zion Bishan'?
3. Take a moment to reflect - in what ways may I have made others uncomfortable or unwelcome? How might I go out of the way to make others comfortable and welcome?
- 3b. If you are of an ethnic minority, how much of this has been an issue to you personally? What steps do you think may help others like you to be more comfortable and welcome in the church?

Prayer Points

Our Church

#GettingReal about Race & Ethnicity –

As we hear the exhortation from our preachers this week, pray that we will capture the vision of God's people as described in Revelation. Pray that as a church, awaiting Jesus return, we will welcome all from every nation, tribe, people and tongue to be part of this family. May God open our eyes to see where we have been unloving towards one another and pray that we learn how to better love one another so that the world will know that we are His disciples.

End of Phase 2 Heightened Alert – Thank God for seeing us and our nation through these past few weeks of Heightened Alert. Pray for easing of restrictions to allow more interaction to support and grow in care & discipleship with one another, and also in outreach and ministry to our neighbours & community.

Our People

Emeritus Pastor Quek Swee Hwa – was hospitalised on 8 Jun but has since been discharged. Thank God all test results came back normal. We also rejoice with him and his family as they celebrate his 80th birthday on 15 Jun. Thank God for his tireless ministry even at his age.

Our World

India – Thank God for the decreasing number of COVID-19 infections being reported and for the relief work carried out by our partners in the North East India (Matthew 25:35, 40).

Thank God that we have an opportunity to participate in an online training programme with one of our partners. Pray that this will help them in their work.

Nepal – Pray for adequate food provisions for three children's homes run by our partner. There is a general shortage of food grains. In one of the hardest hit homes, there are no roads and only can be supplied by plane. As a result food has become very expensive. Pray too for the online training for young leaders planned for starting in August.

Tibet – Pray for youths who come to the capital city of Nepal, Kathmandu, from the more rural and mountainous regions to study. They are facing financial difficulties as they are unable to find part time jobs during lockdown to support themselves while staying in their relatives' homes. Pray for our partner to have wisdom to minister to their needs.

Singapore & Malaysia – Pray for both nations as they continue in a season of heightened alert and lock-down (Malaysia has extended its MCO by 2 more weeks). Pray for businesses and livelihoods affected by ongoing restrictions. Pray also for the leaders of both nations to have wisdom to continue navigating these difficult times, balancing the need for safety and the economy.

Pray that Christian communities in both nations will continue to help and love their neighbours so that everyone will pull through these challenging times.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	458	
English Service 10.30am	41	1,453.00
English Service 1pm on Zoom	101	
English Service 3pm	49	
English Service 5pm	42	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	-	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	33	3,250.00
ME Service & Zoom	58	
Tamil Service	21	
DHF	25	
TOTAL	828	\$4,703.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	87,152.63
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$91,855.63

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$295,037.17
Giving Received from 31 May to 6 Jun	\$1,155.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$219,507.69

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift NO: 1726	200.00
Electronic Transfer	96,777.80
Weekly Total	\$96,977.80
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,613,090.52
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,808,000.00

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby will be preaching at Emmanuel BP Church today.

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, 18 Jun

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 19 Jun

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 20 Jun

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 Zhi-Wen, 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

June Sermon Series - #GetReal

20 Jun #Getting Real about Singleness

Dn Danny Chua (1030am/1pm)

#Getting Real about Growing Old

Ps David Wong (3pm/5pm)

27 Jun #Getting Real about Disability

Mr Leow Wen Pin, BGST

Your Response

13 Jun 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!

Where is God?

*“Paul, an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God according to the promise of the **life** that is in Christ Jesus, to Timothy, my **beloved child**: Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.” 2 Timothy 1:1-2*

It was late Saturday morning when I arrived at a relative’s home for a visit and time of prayer. No sooner had I settled onto the living room sofa when someone gently bemoaned, “Life is becoming so 麻烦 (Máfan; bothersome)... masking up, contact tracing, mandatory swab testing, pre-event testing, quarantine, lockdowns, deep cleaning on site, heightened vigilance...” I listened quietly, something was stirring in me. Tears started welling up... a tissue box came... everyone was silent.

I had been working late over several nights and the strain was building. Just the night before the visit, I was in a long conversation with a brother from India. The internet connection was rather poor but I did not want to interrupt his sharing. I could sense his emotions, so I listened. People around him are falling sick and dying. Church members and neighbours are turning to him for counsel, comfort, and prayer. He was heavily burdened. At some point, I heard **“Where is God?”**

“Father, would You send me a word for this brother?” I prayed silently. When a pause finally came, I found myself saying, **“God is there. He is suffering with you and everyone else.”**

Back at the visit, I turned on my phone, and showed them several photos. “This 65-year-old pastor died of COVID this morning... this 39-year-old pastor passed away suddenly yesterday... this 35-year-old lay leader died of COVID last week, the sole breadwinner of his family...” I have lost count of the seriously sick and death reports coming in from India and Nepal. I said softly to my relatives, “Why are we complaining? The current heightened alert measures are keeping us safe. Why should we consider them 麻烦? We should be interceding for the sick and dying elsewhere and seek to help them practically. Everyone fell silent.

Where is God? He is right here, abiding in us – the temple of the Holy Spirit. When we hurt, He hurts. **How do we minister to one another in a time like this?**

The words in Paul’s greeting to Timothy (2 Timothy 1:1-2) bring comfort and assurance. Paul was in his second imprisonment in Rome. He knew his days were numbered. And he knew what was ahead – he would certainly enter *“the promise of the **life** that is in Christ Jesus”* – eternal life! This was his joyous hope and he was affirming it with Timothy. Also, he assured Timothy by addressing him as *“my **beloved child**”*. Paul wanted Timothy and the believers in Ephesus to know and remember that all in Christ belong to the universal family of God. We have one another in Christ, in this world and in eternity. **God is with us!**

Reflections on Project Love Bishan

Following the rise in unlinked cases in the community, news that Singapore would be entering yet another month of stricter measures (i.e. Phase 2 - Heightened Alert) was announced quickly after, on 14 May. It felt like I was thrown into yet another round of lament and despair. Reading reports from India and other parts of the world helped me to re-evaluate my perspective. Why was I grumbling when others out there were suffering more severe effects of this pandemic?

The Food Aid distribution held during last year's Circuit Breaker paved the way for our collaboration with Bishan CC again this year! We were able to draw on past experiences and things moved along quickly right from our very first meeting. Starting from obtaining the necessary approvals, to the purchasing of household items, arranging for delivery, packing them into bags, recruiting and assigning our volunteers to the respective households. God guided and led us as a team every step of the way. We thank God for each and every one of the 65 Zion Bishan volunteers who rose to the occasion to help in the packing and distribution of these care packs. We also partnered with 18 Residents Committee volunteers to reach a total of 91 households of the elderly and vulnerable in Bishan and Sin Ming. Praise God!

It was heart-warming to witness various parts of the body of Zion Bishan coming together; volunteers (both from ME and English services) as well as our Living Room staff who put in many hours into preparing the fresh non-halal and vegetarian snacks for the residents.

These projects and efforts were made possible through the fostering of relationships with our community partners. Join us in praying that more opportunities to serve our neighbours would come so that we can be Christ's hands and feet in extending friendship and love to our community in these difficult times.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

#GetReal Conversations: Race & Ethnicity

Join Ps Dev and Zhi-Wen in the upcoming sessions to continue talking about this important issue that concerns the church:

Session 1 – Only for Ethnic Minorities

22 Jun, 8.00pm, Tuesday

Session 2 – Open to All

24 Jul, 10.00am, Saturday

Register: bit.ly/GetReal_RaceEthnicity

CE Table Host Training Starts 7 Jul, 7.30pm, for 4 Wednesdays

Is it time for you to share Jesus with someone? Train to be a Christianity Explored Table Host! Sign up with timothy@zionbishan.org.sg

Cancellation of Hokkien Service Parents' Day Outreach

The organising committee for our Hokkien service Parents' Day Outreach has decided to cancel the event. This is due to the difficulty in inviting parents to come to Church in the current Phase 2 Heightened Alert environment. Instead, Hokkien service would continue to reach out to those who have registered to arrange for visitations (when the situation allows).

Please contact Paul Yeo (9751 1897) if you would like us to visit your Hokkien speaking parents as well.

Urban Missions Conference 2021

Look forward to 4 sermons, 4 workshops (Families, Seniors, Professions and Businessmen/Managers in missions) and prayer sessions in July that would help us understand why and how we can "Go Urban!" Go with the gospel to an increasingly *urban* world. For more workshop information and to sign up click on tinyurl.com/ZBGoUrban2021

Men's Ministry: Taking Charge - Called to Work II 26 Jun, 7.30 – 9.30 am, Saturday, Zoom

What we do and how are we doing it to experience God's pleasure at our work? Come journey with other men in Zion Bishan to reflect on how we are taking charge in the call to work.

"I can do all things in Christ who strengthen me" - Philippians 4:13

Register: <https://tinyurl.com/nd75ukhw>

A Christian Perspective on Chinese Medicine (co-hosted by BGST) 15 Jun, 8.00pm, Tuesday, Zoom

Dr Pak-Wah Lai, Principal of BGST, will bring Chinese medicine into dialogue with modern medicine and evaluate both traditions from biblical, theological and philosophical perspectives.

Join the book launch with Graceworks and BGST. The event is hosted by STM.

Register: bit.ly/Christian-ChineseMeds