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CHRISTIANS.
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English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Christ Our Hope in Life and Death

(10.30 am & 1 pm)

Scripture Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:6-7, 17, 24, 35; Mark 10:28-31 ESV

Message: #GettingReal about Singleness

(3 pm & 5 pm)

Scripture Reading: 1 Samuel 12:1-5, 19-25 ESV

Message: #GettingReal About Growing Old

Response Hymn: My Worth is Not In What I Own

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/3.00pm/5.00pm 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 Danny Chua (10.30 am & 1 pm),
Ps David Wong (3 pm & 5 pm)

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter
Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew
AV: Steven Tan, Wee Aik Koon, Gary Lee
Pianist: Grace Ho

1.00 pm

Worship Leader: Pastor Zheng Haoren
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: Dn Mervyn Phan
AV: Wilson Lee, Jared Koh
Pianists: Joy Foo, Benn Tan

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Danny Chua
Worship Leader: Dn Timothy Ong
AV: Ewen Tjoeng, Kim Seo Yeon
Pianist: Joy Tan

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
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
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#GettingReal About Singleness

1 Corinthians 7:6-7,17,24,35; Mark 10:17-31

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Mr Danny Chua

Truth #1: Singleness is a gift from God – just as marriage is (1 Cor 7)

Lie #1: “Singleness is a sorry state Christians need to get out of ASAP”

- “Each has his own gift from God one of one kind and one of another” (v.6-7)
- ‘Paul’s Remain Rule’: “Lead the life that the Lord has assigned and called you to!” (v.17)
- What ultimately matters?
 - Securing our undivided devotion to the Lord (v.35) because...
 - This temporal age is passing away (v.29,31)

Truth #2: God’s people must be the true, spiritual family for singles (Mark 10)

Lie #2: “Singleness means someone is doomed for lifelong loneliness...”

- Every Christian sacrifices to follow Jesus but also gains a spiritual family
- A 100x blessing in spiritual ‘homes’, brothers, sisters, parents! (v.30)
- “Now in this time” – a present promise to be enjoyed in this life! (v.30)

Discussion Questions:

1. How has 1 Cor 7 challenged your existing views about Christian singleness (and marriage)?
2. Do you agree with Jesus’ promise that all His followers gain a spiritual family (Mark 10)? How much do you see this realized in (i) your Action Group, and (ii) your Congregation?
3. Take a moment to reflect – in what ways may I have made it difficult for singles in our church to view their singleness as God’s gift to serve His people?
4. If you are a single, how has singleness been a blessing and/or struggle for you? What can the Zion Bishan family do (or not do) to better love and serve you?

#GettingReal About Growing Old

1 Samuel 12:1-5; 19-25

Introduction

Growing Older or Old?

“...I am old and gray ... I have walked before you from my youth until this day”

1 Sam 12.2 ESV

1. Maintaining Life of Integrity

“...Here I am; testify against me before the Lord and before his anointed...” *1 Sam 12:3*

2. Closing Chapters of Disappointment

Mentor Eli failed as Role Model *1 Sam 3:13*

Sons Joel & Abijah turned Bad *1 Sam 8: 3*

People rejected him *1 Sam 8: 6-7*

King Saul disobeyed God *1 Sam 15: 28*

3. Continuing Ministry of Prayer

“Moreover, as for me, far be it from me that I should sin against the Lord by ceasing to pray for you...” 1 Sam 12:23

Conclusion

Faithful to the End: Samuel’s Secret

‘Speak, LORD, for your servant is listening.’ *1 Sam 3:10 (NIV)*

“And Samuel grew, and the LORD was with him, and let none of his words fall to the ground.” *1 Sam 3:10*

Reflection Questions:

1. As I grow older, am I growing closer to the Lord or drifting farther from Him? Or stagnant?
2. Consider the areas of Integrity, Disappointments and Prayer. Which is my strongest? Which the weakest?
3. How do I cultivate the lifelong habit of Samuel, to say, “Speak, Lord, I am listening”?

Prayer Points

Our Church

#GettingReal about Growing Old and Singleness – Thank God for our preachers who exhort us from the Word of God on the issues concerning singles and seniors in our midst. Pray that God will help our church support one another and grow as a family in Christ.

Migrant Worker Dormitory Food

Distribution – Our Tamil Service will be distributing meals to a group of 46 migrant workers at a dormitory at Penjuru starting this Sunday (20 Jun). Thank God for the children from Tamil Service who are preparing Father's Day cards to give to 26 fathers in the group. Pray that as this food distribution carries on, it will be a connecting point to share the Gospel at God's appropriate time.

Our People

Father's Day – *“As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.” - Ps 103:13.* Pray for our fathers to have the strength and grace to lead their families, and be an example to their children so that they grow up in the love, fear and knowledge of our Lord.

Our World

World Refugee Day (20 Jun) – Today is also World Refugee Day, a day to celebrate and honour refugees from around the world. Studying Acts this year has certainly brought the outward moving, loving heart of our God. As God's people, we are also called to love

those who are suffering & marginalised. Pray that we may open our hearts to the plight of refugees everywhere, whether in the Middle East, or in Myanmar.

India: COVID Situation – Pray for pastors and workers in the field dealing with the difficult situations arising from COVID infections as well as deaths of fellow believers. Often due to safe distancing rules, pastors are unable to visit their members in hospitals. Sometimes misunderstandings arise when pastors are not present when needed, making situations worse. Additionally, grieving families and pastors may sometimes deal with non-believing neighbours during these difficult times. Violence against visiting pastors have been reported by our partners. Pray to God for wisdom and protection for our fellow believers to be able to handle such situations sensitively while being good witnesses for Christ. **Thanksgiving** – We thank God that despite the challenges, Brother Thomas' daughter, Salomi's wedding is able to take place in North India in early July. Pray that the joy and blessings of Christ will be shared with their neighbours safely, batch by batch, according to prevailing COVID rules.

Online training – With the use of technology, Zion Bishan is able to contribute to some online training and preaching sessions to our partners in India and Nepal from Jul to Sep. Pray for our leaders and members who are involved as well as the participants to be blessed through such a collaboration.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	436	
English Service 10.30am	42	2,850.00
English Service 1pm on Zoom	85	
English Service 3pm	46	
English Service 5pm	42	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	82	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	40	800.00
ME Service & Zoom	61	
Tamil Service	21	
DHF	27	
TOTAL	882	\$3,650.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

BSF Contribution (Men)	1,800.00
BSF Contribution (Ladies)	1,800.00
Electronic Transfer	71,528.84
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$78,778.84

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$296,786.87
Giving Received from 7 June to 13 June	\$1,749.70
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$236,412.47

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift NO: 1727	150.00
Electronic Transfer	33,364.25
Weekly Total	\$33,514.25

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,646,604.77
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,808,000.00

Church Family News

Our condolences to the following families of:

1. Mdm See Sew Eng, aged 89, went Home to be with the Lord on 11 June 2021. She was the mother of Joseph Wee, mother-in-law of Rachel Wee and grandmother to Jireh.
2. Mdm Kok Poh Lien, aged 86, has passed away peacefully on 15 June 2021. She was the mother of Lee Chee Kheong, mother-in-law of Ng Swee Kuan, and grandmother of Lee Xiao En Grace.

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, 25 Jun

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 26 Jun

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 27 Jun

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

27 Jun The Inclusion of People with Disabilities in Discipleship & Disciplemaking
Mr Leow Wen Pin, BGST

July Urban Missions Conference - Go Urban!

4 Jul A City on a Hill
Ps Dev Menon

11 Jul Go Urban!
Ps Vernon Quek

18 Jul Professions in Missions
Ps Zheng Haoren
Reaching UPGs and the marginalized in cities
Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

Your Response

20 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!

Single, but not alone ...

As part of our #GetReal series on Christian singleness, Deaconess Cerintha Chia shares her testimony about the life the Lord has called her to.

Many people struggle with being single. Most may desire companionship, romance, or the joy of parenthood. Others may feel the stress of peer pressure or feeling the odd one out when most of their friends are married. A few may just want someone to share the housework or cost of maintaining a home, or be irritated because they perceive that more support/recognition is given to families and couples.

I have been single all my life. Why? I believe that spouses should share similar key values, and there is nothing more important than fearing and loving God above everything else in life. I would therefore marry only a God-fearing man. Years ago, when I was in the Youth Fellowship, I knew only a handful of Christian boys around my age (3 of whom were my own cousins!). I had read somewhere that the ratio of Christian women to Christian men at that time was 4:1. Since there weren't enough Christian men, I decided I would just get on with life and not worry about marriage. More than 4 decades have flown by. I have never regretted that decision.

Being single has given me much more freedom than most married people have. If I were married, I would have to consider how any decision I make would affect my spouse. If we had children, parental responsibilities would have taken up much time, effort and strength, both physically and emotionally.

Instead, as a single, I have been able to channel my time and energy into the many ministries which God has given me the privilege to serve Him in. All that has been very fulfilling. God has also given me a close-knit family, good friends (both married and single) and a loving Action Group. I very much doubt I could have been any happier being married. I am also very sure that I can say this only because I have Jesus as my Lord and Saviour. In my lowest moments, He has been the One Whom I talked to, and found my peace and comfort in.

We all know that each state (married or single) has different joys, responsibilities and challenges. Although the heights of joys (and depths of sorrows) could possibly be far greater when one is married, I personally think that being single is less stressful.

To anyone who is longing for a spouse, do pray for God's gift of one. However, if, in His wisdom and sovereign will, God decides that you should remain single, be assured that it is also a gift from Him. Being single definitely has many blessings!

Would you be happier being married or single? There is no happier place to be than in the centre of God's will. Thank God that we can trust Him to make the best decision for each one of us, and submit confidently to His will. Whether God gives you a spouse or not, do focus your energies and emotions on building up your relationship with Him and taking care of people He sends you to care for. May the joy of the Lord be your strength!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

#GetReal Conversations

Following Zion Bishan's June #GetReal sermon series, we are holding discussion sessions for anyone who might have questions or would like to continue talking about these important topics concerning the church.

Race & Ethnicity 1

22 Jun, 8.00pm, Tuesday

Only for Ethnic Minorities
– with Ps Dev Menon

Singleness

23 Jun, 7.30pm, Wednesday

Open to All – with Danny Chua

Growing Old

25 Jun, 7.00pm, Friday

Open to All – with Ps David Wong

Race & Ethnicity 2

24 Jul, 10.00am, Saturday

Open to All – with Ng Zhi-Wen

Register: www.zionbishan.org.sg/getreal

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

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

Zion Bishan COVID-19 Survey

So much has happened since the last time we administered a COVID-19 survey, which was around the time of the Circuit Breaker. And now we are still undergoing a season of “heightened alert. We have also since launched our NEXT LAP - one church with multiple congregations.

It is timely for us to administer a Survey now. This survey will help us (the church leadership) to get a better sense of the long-term impact of this pandemic on everyone of us and our households - and tailor our pastoral response accordingly.

Your participation in the survey will also provide us with important information to aid our planning of activities for the rest of the year. Please take a few minutes to answer this form:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/covid-19-survey

Aging Gracefully, Living Fruitfully

30 Jul, 9.30am-4.30pm, Wed, Chapel

(Please take note of change of date)

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 visit <https://thequadc.com/events/seminar-on-aging-gracefully-living-fruitfully>.

Contact Dr Danny Goh at danny@thequadc.com for enquires.