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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: No Other Name

Scripture Reading: Luke 1:1-4; 57; 67-69; 76-79;
Acts 19:1; 4; 8-10 (ESV)

Message: Go Urban!

Response Hymn: Hear the Call of the Kingdom

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/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

Speaker: Ps Vernon Quek

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

AV: James Kok, Steve Nathan, Jack See

Pianist: Goh Su-Ling *Vocalists:* Goh Suling, Josey Saradetch.

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

AV: Nathanael Kusanda, Jeffery Kow

Pianist: Dns Deborah Liew. *Vocalists:* Chua Siang Chuan, Dns Deborah Liew.

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

AV: Melissa Leong, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh

Pianists: Paul Liew, Deborah Koh.

Vocalists: Jeannette Thia Joy Wong.

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

AV: Ewen Tjoeng, Jonathan Teo. *Pianist:* Tammy Ng.

Vocalists: Ee-Ling Shankar, Rachel Tan.

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 Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* jtlm

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

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* vernon

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* emily

Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* june

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Go Urban!

Luke 1-3; Acts 19-20

Intro: Going Urban

1. First Things First (Luke 1-3)

- Jesus: The Salvation needed by ALL
 - Mary (1:30ff); Zechariah (1:67ff); Simeon (2:25ff); John (3:1ff)

2. God's Pattern of Gospel Growth: Cities in Acts

- Jerusalem (Acts 1-2) & Antioch in Syria (Acts 11:19-26)
- Ephesus (Acts 19-20)

3. Zion Bishan: A City Ready

- A City on a (Jade) Hill -> Singapore
- A Light to the Nations around us

A Closing Thought: 'It is more blessed to give than to receive' (Acts 20:35)

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you got the 'First Things First' in your life? Share with someone where you are at personally in terms of Gospel convictions.
2. What is your own personal strategy to use the Gospel opportunities in this city? What are one or two areas you can strategically invest in?
3. Name some people that are within '10 minutes of effort'. What will you do about this?
4. Remember where the power comes from – The Holy Spirit (Acts). Commit all of the above in prayer to the Lord.

Prayer Points

Our People

Hospitalisations and Surgeries – Pray for **Queenie Lim-Ng** and family as she undergoes major surgeries (see p7). Pray also for **John Cho** who is hospitalised, and for **Melody Kwek's mother** who has internal bleeding. Hospital visitations are very restrictive due to Covid. Pray for their family members as they care for their loved ones through these trying times.

Foreign Domestic Workers (FDWs) – Pray for the FDWs working in the households of our church community. We thank God that some of them enjoy coming together at our Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF). They are a harvest field from Myanmar, Indonesia and the Philippines right in our midst. Pray that we will be a visible light, a community of love and a place where we are known for our good works that will point them to our heavenly Father and Saviour. Pray that good working relationships between employer and employee and good translated Christian tracts will be effective ways for us to shine God's love to the FDWs in our midst.

Our World

Unreached People Group (UPG) Focus – This week, we look at the largest UPG in the world, the *Shaikh/Bengalis*, found mainly in Bangladesh, and with large populations in India and Pakistan, numbering 240 million worldwide. The Shaikh in Bangladesh are almost 100% of the Islamic faith with 0.00% Christians (source: Joshua Project). In Singapore, we have almost 100,000 Bangladeshis migrant

workers in our midst. Pray that the Lord will send more workers to serve and reach the Bengali's in their home countries and also in the places where they have travelled for work, like in Singapore. May we at Zion Bishan open our hearts to learning and praying for a gospel breakthrough among the Bengalis. Thank God for the Tamil service's recent food distribution to a group of factory workers that included some from Bangladesh, along with others from South India and Myanmar. Pray for more in our church to engage the Shaikh in other ways.

Indonesia – Pray for the serious Covid situation in the world's 4th most populous country. On 5 Jul, CNA reported there were oxygen shortages, and a record 29,745 new infections and 558 deaths. Pray for God's mercy and provision for help. We thank God that our ministry partner here perseveres in serving those in need with relief and in sharing the good news in areas that have very few Christians.

India/Nepal – Our partner in East Nepal requests prayer for a sister in Christ who lost her husband on 25 June. She is only 24 years old with a 8 month old baby. Pray that her relatives will be supportive and that her faith will be strengthened through the church community. Thank God for the faithful work of our India partner who has been reaching out to remote villages in Northern India. Please pray specifically that the new believers here may be nurtured in a safe environment and that they will grow strong and firm in their faith.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	388	
English Service 10.30am	62	560.00
English Service 1pm	68	
English Service 3pm	63	
English Service 5pm	61	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	68	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	56	1,809.00
ME Service & Zoom	56	
Hokkien Service	53	
Tamil Service	21	1,148.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	917	3,517.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer 64,891.03

WEEKLY TOTAL \$68,408.03

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$301,947.87
Giving Received from 28 June to 4 July	\$1,893.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	\$237,106.65

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift NO: 1731-37	2,000.00
Electronic Transfer	21,321.75
Weekly Total	\$23,321.75
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,721,595.74
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,908,000.00

Church Family News

1. Ps Haoren is preaching at ZB Mandarin-Cantonese Service at 8.30am, and STEP Campus Service in Odisha via Zoom at 11.30am today.
2. Pastor Alby preached at Emmanuel BPC's 44th Anniversary service yesterday (10 Jul) and is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning. He will be on leave on 13 July.

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, 16 Jul

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 17 Jul

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 18 Jul

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

July Urban Missions Conference - Go Urban!

18 Jul Professions in Missions

Ps Zheng Haoren

Reaching UPGs and the marginalised in cities

Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

25 Jul Reaching UPGs and the

marginalised in cities

Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

Professions in Missions

Ps Zheng Haoren

Your Response

11 July 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!

I Can Trust In His Heart

A testimony by Queenie Lim-Ng

“Ovarian Cancer Stage 4.”

On 4 May 2021, my doctor, Dr Ben, broke the news to us. It was a surreal moment as my husband, Michael, and my daughter, Emma received the diagnosis.

However, God’s presence and peace equipped our family to accept the prognosis calmly.

As I began to slowly process what had happened insofar, I felt an overwhelming sense of relief. I found myself giving thanks to God for He has sent me an answer for all the physical turmoil I was going through.

Before the diagnosis, I went through a battery of tests, scopes and scans. Initially, the doctors thought it was tuberculosis as there was no history of cancer in my family. Furthermore, I had 3 litres of fluid in my abdomen and 350ml of fluid in my lungs.

This new chapter of my life started with some discomfort in my abdomen. I visited a general practitioner who instructed me to go to A&E immediately. I did so.

After a blood-cum-urine test and a 3-hour wait, I was told that there was nothing wrong with me. I was then discharged with some painkillers.

This scenario happened twice earlier. Once in January and another time in February.

In April, my condition was not getting better. Hence, I consulted a gastrointestinal specialist. Again, I was told that there was nothing wrong with me. However, to be sure, the doctor scheduled for an MRI scan and endoscopy in mid-May.

On the morning of 28 of April, Michael was narrating to his brother about my condition. Upon hearing that I had been ‘suffering’ for months, his brother urged us not to delay getting treatment. I thank God for using my brother-in-law as a catalyst to propel us to investigate my condition without further delay.

Immediately, Michael googled for a specialist at Mount Elisabeth. We chose Dr Cheryl Lau even though we did not know her. Her day in her clinic was already packed with appointments yet she, very graciously, agreed to see me. I thank God for His favour upon me.

Upon feeling my bloated abdomen, Dr Cheryl knew instantly that something was wrong. Without any delay, she instructed her administrative assistants to arrange for all the necessary tests, scopes and scans. I was hospitalized immediately.

My 2-week stay in the hospital was very fruitful and time flew by very quickly. I even enjoyed my stay! The room was comfortable and I rested well despite tubes inserted in my abdomen, left lung, hands and arms.

I also underwent a biopsy keyhole operation and had my first in-patient 6-hour chemo infusion.

God’s grace was evident to me through all that I experienced in the hospital.

At home, my helper, Maricel, was a great help to me and my family. She manned the house efficiently and also took special care in preparing my meals.

Maricel was my tenant's domestic helper. We never had a full-time helper prior to my diagnosis. When my tenant moved out with her children to a small unit, she asked if I wanted to employ Maricel. After some discussion, Michael and I said yes.

Looking back, I realised that our sovereign God had prompted us to keep Maricel.

Presently, I have completed 3 cycles of chemotherapy sessions. I am preparing for my extensive surgery scheduled for 27 July. It would be a total hysterectomy, omentectomy and peritonectomy. This surgery demands 4 specialised surgeons and 16 hours.

Thereafter, I would be in the Intensive Care Unit for a week and hospital for a month.

Am I fearful regarding my impending surgery? Definitely.

I am confident, however, that God's word continues to be my source of strength, refuge and encouragement. I am also thankful to Dr Lim Sheow Lei, my ovarian oncologist, for taking such good care of me and the many people who are praying for me. The prayer warriors include my family and my fellow brothers- and sisters-in-Christ.

My clients, who have become my friends, have also joined in praying for me. Some of them are cancer survivors or have loved ones who survived cancer.

I have much to thank God for as I live with my cancer. Each day I am alive is a bonus for me. After more than 2 months of hospital stay, I felt so contented just to be able to have a breakfast at a coffeeshop or even to buy groceries at a supermarket.

In this current season of my life, I try to live out "for to me to live *is* Christ, and to die *is* gain" (Philippians 1:21, NKJV). Though I am poignantly aware that death is a stark reality for me, I am also blessedly assured that Jesus Christ is with me.

I remind myself that, though I am journeying with a small 'c' (cancer), I am cared for and cherished by the big 'C' (Christ).

I decided to share my testimony because I do not want my cancer to go to waste. Originally, I wanted to share after my surgery. But, as I prayed and pondered over it, I could not miss the opportunity to bear witness to His love and faithfulness in my life.

I look forward to sharing a second part of my thanksgiving should the Lord choose to preserve my life. My heart's desire is to thank God even if He calls me home to Him during the surgery. I want to express my gratitude to God's goodness to me regardless of the outcome of my surgery.

I have learnt a precious lesson that it is necessary for our faith to be tested through trials. It is my prayer that, after we emerge from the purifying furnace, we will become stronger and live more courageously for God.

My future seems unknown but I know my Heavenly Father knows, and holds, my future. God has already prepared the best for me and I can trust in His heart.

To God be all glory and praise!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Urban Missions Conference 2021

Continue with us through July at our Sunday sermons, workshops and prayer sessions that would help us understand why and how we can “Go Urban!”

Friday Prayer Meeting

16 Jul, 8.00pm, Friday

“Where is the harvest for Zion Bishan?”

Jesus & the Samaritan Woman at the Well (John 4:27-28)

UPG focus: The Japanese

Register: www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm

Workshop 1: Families in Missions

17 Jul, 2.30pm, Saturday

Two Singaporean missionary families will share how they served some of the least reached in Asia. Their teenage and young adult children will also be sharing. At the end of the sharing, some resources will be shared for parents to help their children learn more about missions.

Workshop 2: Professions in Missions

20 Jul, 10.00am, Tuesday (PH)

Invited speakers, Yeoh Seng Eng (Care Channels International) will share his tentmaking journey, Claire Chong (Singapore Centre for Global Mission) and Gary Lee (Zion Bishan) will share their individual missions journeys and how their professions have helped.

Workshop 3: Seniors in Missions

24 Jul, 2.30pm, Saturday

Come hear a single lady, in her 70s, and a couple, in their 60s, share their stories of how God led them to serve in a neighbouring country and Japan

respectively. The couple will be zooming in from Japan.

Workshop 4: Businessmen &

Managers in Missions

31 Jul, 2.30pm, Saturday

Invited speaker, Lawrence Ko, and a panel from our church (Dn Mervyn Phan, Dns Hun Ee Wern, Tan Seng Chai, and Wan Weng) will share about their personal journeys of trying to live out their faith at their workplace.

Register for these workshops here: tinyurl.com/ZBGoUrban2021

#GetReal Conversation on the

Differently-Abled

15 Jul, 8.00pm, Thursday

Following 27 June’s sermon on “Inclusion - Growing up in Christ”, the Enabling Ministry invites all, abled and differently-abled, to come and be inspired by stories from Dns Sherena Loh and Dr Janet Fung. Capture the vision of the Enabling Ministry, and learn how we can be an inclusive church with our differently-abled brothers and sisters.

Do register by 13 July!

www.zionbishan.org.sg/getreal

Christianity Explored

Starts 4th Aug, Wednesdays, 7.45pm

Come join us, on Zoom, in this informal course to explore who Jesus is and why He is the best news that you can ever receive.

Register with timothy@zionbishan.org.sg