

AND IN ANTIOCH THE DISCIPLES WERE FIRST CALLED

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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: Holy Spirit Living Breath of God

Scripture Reading: Acts 15:1-21; 15:36-16:5 ESV

Message: Conflict and Consensus in the Church

Response Hymn: We are One

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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### Songs for personal worship and reflection:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs)

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Mr Quek Tze-Ming

### 10.30 am

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*AV:* James Kok, Steve Nathan, Jack See

*Musician:* Tim Hia (P)

### 1.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Joseph Chan

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tay Beng Hwee

*AV:* Sean Yang, Cassandra Chng, Yap Hong York

*Musician:* Lee Ping Lin (O)

### 3.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Joel Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*AV:* Eugene Poh, Darren Lee, Tay Choon Yee

*Musicians:* Koh Zhihui (O), Deborah Koh (P)

### 5.00 pm

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*AV:* Mattheaus Lim, Chiam Da Ren

*Musician:* Chee Qi Qi (P)

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@zionbishan.org.sg)

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* *alby*

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)* *jtlim*

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*

Mrs Ruth Quek, *Children/Y. Adults* *ruth*

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

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

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

Mr Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* *tzeming*

Mr Ng Zhiwen, *Community Engagement* *zhiwen*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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## **Conflict and Consensus in the Church**

Acts 15:1-16:5

### **Conflict (15.1-11)**

### **Consensus (15.12-35)**

From: Holy Spirit, Reason, Scripture

No needed burden on Gentiles; no needless offence to Jews

### **Conflict Again (15.36-40)**

Over the one who runs away ... a failure?

### **Commission (16.1-5)**

No needed burden; no needless offence - Timothy

### **Questions for Discussion and Reflection**

1. What are you like when you are in strong disagreement with others (especially Christians)?
2. In the dispute of Acts 15:1-11, what is at stake for the Gentile (non-Jewish) Christians? What is at stake for the Jewish Christians? What is at stake for "the Gospel"?
3. What key ideas or principles do you see in Acts 15 (at the Council, and also between Paul and Barnabas) that would help in dealing with disagreements among Christians?
4. After all that had taken place in Acts 15, why do you think Paul circumcised Timothy (16:1-5)? Assuming this is not a step backwards, what can we learn from this?

## Prayer Points

### Our Church

**#GetGoing** – Praise God for many who have already signed up for this Zoom sharing on the opportunities to get involved in serving marginalised communities. Pray for the Holy Spirit to *move* our hearts and hands to love and good works for the marginalised and needy among us, even if it costs us our comfort, and convenience. Pray for more at Zion Bishan to come for this Zoom sharing on 10 Aug to consider serving the homeless, streetwalkers, our special needs community, Vietnamese and Japanese in Singapore, migrant workers, and refugees (through digital means).

**Land Lease Renewal** – Application for our land lease has been submitted. Pray for a favourable response from the government and for our continued use of this place to bless the Bishan community.

**Christianity Explored** – Pray for the 21 seekers and 9 friends that have registered to be able to attend every weekly session and find out more about Jesus. Pray for Dn Timothy Ong and Joel Khoo as they facilitate the sessions and for the table hosts to engage well with the participants.

**Safeguarding Ministry** – has begun their training sessions with our Congregational Shepherding Teams and AG leaders. Pray for this important ministry as they help build a safe culture at Zion Bishan against abuse or neglect. Find out more at [zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding](http://zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding)

### Our People

**Queenie Ng** – Continue to pray for Queenie's recovery. Thank God for the progress she has made in physiotherapy. Pray for Michael and Emma as they will not be able to visit Queenie as hospitals have stopped visitations. Pray also for Queenie's protection from catching COVID or other viruses during her stay at the hospital.

### Our World

*Jesus says "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid." Jn 14:27*

**Lebanon** – It is the 1 year anniversary of the cataclysmic explosion that rocked Beirut (4 Aug). Our partner here reports that there is still no proper functioning government, many are still left without proper shelter, shortage of cash in banks, two hours of electricity a day and shortage of petrol. Pray for God's peace to be a source of comfort and strength for believers persevering in faith and love for the needy. Thank God for our ministry partner's food distribution programmes and education classes.

**Myanmar & Indonesia** – The high rate of infection and lack of medical resources have caused widespread turmoil in these countries. Pray for God's mercy upon affected communities and for believers to persevere in faith and hope. May the Holy Spirit minister to all who are suffering.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	393	
English Service 10.30am	51	800.00
English Service 1pm	60	
English Service 3pm	51	
English Service 5pm	45	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	85	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	45	915.00
ME Service & Zoom	65	
Hokkien Service	39	100.00
Tamil Service	23	1,896.00
DHF	22	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>879</b>	<b>\$3,711.00</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer 47,720.28

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$51,431.28**

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

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date **\$305,842.87**  
 Giving Received from 26 July to 1 August 950.00  
 Amount Disbursed to-date \$237,510.25

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift NO: 1750-52 555.00  
 Electronic Transfer 16,889.65  
**Weekly Total \$17,444.65**  
*(Weekly Target: \$118,238)*  
**Total Gift Received To-Date \$7,839,073.83**  
**Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$3,908,000.00**

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Lence Teh and Natalie Tan on their holy matrimony on 7 August.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at the Tamil service this morning.
3. Pastor Alby will be on leave from 11-13 August.

## 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, 13 Aug

**8 pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### Saturday, 14 Aug

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### Sunday, 15 Aug

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

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://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

## Acts Series

**15 Aug** Entering European Union

*Ps Vernon/ Mr Quek Tze-Ming*

**22 Aug** Paul in Athens

*Ps Dev /Ps Vernon*

**29 Aug** Corinth and Ephesus

*Mr Danny Chua /Ps Dev*

## Your Response

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*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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto: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!

## Press In and Press On

*Timothy Ong is our Church Apprentice (Home Missions). He was previously an engineer in the telecommunications industry. He is a strong advocate of inclusivity and felt called to a season of training and service at Zion Bishan. On top of in-house training, Tim is also undergoing theological training at the Biblical Graduate School of Theology. He serves in several Zion Bishan home missions programmes and is a member of the Missions Education & Mobilisation team. He shares below his reflections on the just concluded Missions Month theme. - Pastor Zheng Haoren*

If there is one thing from Missions Month that I am still thinking about, it is: Missions first began with God; it has always been His idea! We have relationship with God through Christ only because someone first shared the Gospel with us. To quote Danish theologian Johannes Aagaard, “**There is church because there is mission, not vice versa.**” Now if we ‘are church’, what does it mean for us to ‘be church’ now?

I was at one time lost and trapped in sin, but by the grace of God in Christ, I am now a child of light (Eph 5:8). While prayer meetings might have shed light on how other parts of the world are seemingly dark, apart from seeing the needs out there, I have also come to realise how privileged and blessed we are! Even in this current time of pandemic when traveling is not feasible, I don’t have to worry about going overseas because here in urban Singapore, opportunities to cross cultures and witness about Christ abound, especially in my workplace and through my vocation! God can and will use us wherever we are, only if we allow Him to.

I have only begun to see how God’s Mission is really big. If His heart is for all Creation to be reunited with Him through the Church, our mission is to bear faithful witness to the good news of Jesus and His Kingdom, whenever we are gathered but also wherever we are scattered. If being a disciple of Jesus is to be a disciple-maker for Jesus, it means missions begins with me. May we as His children in this family of God, be empowered and enabled by His Spirit, to:

(1) **Press In** to our Father’s heart day by day. As we listen to the voice and words of Jesus our Good Shepherd, may we catch His heartbeat for those who are not yet of His fold; and

(2) **Press On** in doing His will! As His agents of light, we partner with Him in bringing His Kingdom to the ends of the earth, knowing that our Father will be delighted when we do His will.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### #GetGoing Zoom Sharing on Urban Missions Opportunities

**10 Aug, 8.00-9.30pm, Tuesday**

Select 3 out of 7 of the following 20min Breakout Room sharings:

1. **Streetwalkers** (by OM Crossroads)
2. **Homeless** (by Zion Bishan's Women S3P & Homeless Hearts of Singapore)
3. **Special needs** (by Zion Bishan's Enabling Ministry & Bishan Home ministry to residents & Staff)
4. **Migrant Workers** (by Zion Bishan's ministry to a factory dorm)
5. **Vietnamese in Singapore** (by OMF Singapore)
6. **Japanese in Singapore** (by OMF Singapore)
7. **Refugees via Digital Missions** (ISV)

Registration closes at 2359hrs TODAY!

We will require some time to assign participants to breakout rooms:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBgetgoing>

### Catechism Class

**Starts 4 Sep, 1.30-3.00pm, Saturday**

Email [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) for the membership form. Table hosts still needed. Please contact Ps Dev if you are able to volunteer.

### COVID-19 Relief Fund

We had set up a fund last year to provide relief for members and regular worshippers who are facing financial difficulties due to COVID-19. All applications are treated with confidence.

For details and registration:

<http://tiny.cc/ZBrelief>

### Kairos Online Course

**Starts 7 Sep, 7.30-9.30pm, Tuesday**

Organised by Simply Mobilizing Singapore, facilitated by a few from Zion Bishan.

The Kairos Course is an interactive course on world Christian mission, designed to educate, inspire and challenge Christians to active and meaningful participation. It uses a variety of learning styles and will run for 9 Tuesday evenings and 1 Saturday morning.

Kairos looks at the four main areas of concern which are the Biblical, Historical, Strategic and Cultural dimensions of missions.

Usual course fees - \$50/pax

Zion Bishan discounted fee - \$30/pax (for members and regular worshippers)

Full course schedule and registration for Kairos can be found here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBKairos2021>

### REACH E-Flag Day 2021

**"A Pocketful of Hope"**

**Register for a Virtual Tin by 30 Aug**

Our community partner, REACH Family Service Centre, is seeking to raise funds for their programs serving vulnerable elderly, youth, and families in distress. Their usual physical flag day campaign has been scuppered by COVID-19 restrictions. Do consider participating as a virtual tin-bearer.

Contact [zhiwen@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:zhiwen@zionbishan.org.sg) if you require any assistance.

Details and registration information can be found at [zionbishan.org.sg/reach-e-flag-day](http://zionbishan.org.sg/reach-e-flag-day)