



Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household. Acts 16:30-31

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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: How Great is Our God

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:15-34 ESV

Message: Athens & the Aeropagus

Response Hymn: Stand Up Stand Up for Jesus

Mission Focus; 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 Dev Menon

10.30 am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter

AV: Steve Nathan, Steven Tan, Samuel Bin

Musician: Goh Su-Ling (P)

1.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Ng Li Hwee

Worship Leader: Elder Sonny Tan

AV: Soh Kok Hong, Nurman Kusanda

Musician: Lee Ping Lin (P)

3.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

AV: Darren Lee, Wilson Lee

Musicians: Paul Low (P)

5.00 pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Chan Kin Yip

AV: Nicklaus Yu, Kim Seo Yeon

Musician: Tammy Ng (P)

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @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

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Mr Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* danny

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Athens & the Aeropagus

Acts 17:15-34

22 Aug 2021

Ps Dev Menon

Escaping to Athens

Paul Gets Stirred

An Audience with the Academics

Conclusion

Discussion Questions:

1. What is one key message that you remember from the sermon?
2. What did Paul see when he walked around Athens? Do we see with those same eyes?
3. How did Paul preach to this non-Jewish audience? What can we learn from it?
4. What does this passage teach us about our own witness?

Prayer Points

Our Church

COVID-19 – We are preparing to scale up our in-person services and ministries from September. Do check with your CST leaders for more details concerning your specific congregation. With the virus going endemic it is only a matter of time before one or more of our members get infected, so let us pray that we can minister to one another effectively when it happens. Let us also continue to pray that all our members are able to receive their vaccinations as soon as possible, so that none will fall severely ill.

Safeguarding – Pray for our church family as the safeguarding team works with our leaders and members to build a safer church culture in Zion Bishan. In the past weeks, the 3pm and 5pm congregational leaders and peer supporters participated in our first safeguarding equipping sessions where we discussed the necessity of guarding against abuse and how we can respond well as Christians. Read more about it in this week's Word in Season.

Safe-Sound-Sleeping Place (S3P) for

Women – Pray for our volunteer team led by Wendy Tan, and our Admin and Living Room staff as they provide loving hospitality for our guest stayers. Pray for the 6 who are staying with us that they may find rest and refuge in the Lord during their time with us.

Our People

Elder Quek Swee Peng – went Home to be with the Lord on Friday (20 Aug).

Praise God for his life, ministry and the faithful legacy he leaves behind. Please uphold Melinda, Victor, Vivien, Ps Vernon and their families in prayer.

Our World

Afghanistan – This week, the Taliban forces have taken over Afghanistan and the capital city, Kabul. Pastors there are reporting that they have had to go into hiding because it is dangerous to go out. Here are some ways to pray specifically for them (extracted from an article on 9marks.org): Pray for physical protection and provision for their daily needs - there is no money in ATMs and banks. Pray for their faith to be strengthened, but also that God will “open the eyes of the spiritually blind and give life to dead hearts” even in this dark time for the country. May God give believers peace and hope in their distress.

India – Praise God that Brother B, who lost a leg, has started to walk with a prosthetic leg and is back serving at his congregation. Thank God that his young daughter is currently with him, but pray for the provision of someone who would be suitable to help care for her when he is busy with ministry.

Nepal – Our partner, who runs a children's home, shared that their only milk cow died due to rabies infection from a dog bite. Pray that the boys who were caring for this cow will be protected from catching rabies infection, and for the Lord to provide them another cow.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) |
|------------------------------|------------|-------------------|
| English Service Livestreams# | 375 | |
| English Service 10.30am | 60 | 1,493.00 |
| English Service 1pm | 58 | |
| English Service 3pm | 67 | |
| English Service 5pm | 48 | |
| Mand/Cant Livestream# | 83 | |
| Mand/Cant 8.30# | 51 | 2,885.00 |
| ME Service & Zoom | 56 | |
| Hokkien Service | 47 | 504.00 |
| Tamil Service | 19 | 300.00 |
| DHF | 19 | |
| TOTAL | 883 | \$5,182.00 |

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

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| Electronic Transfer | 53,860.36 |
| WEEKLY TOTAL | \$59,042.36 |

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

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| Total Received to-date | 315,752.87 |
| Giving Received from 9 August to 15 August | 5,680.00 |
| Amount Disbursed to-date | 250,324.20 |

Land Lease Renewal Fund

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| Gift NO: 1756-61 | 5,700.00 |
| Electronic Transfer | 20,172.75 |
| Weekly Total | \$25,872.75 |

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

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| Total Gift Received To-Date | \$7,900,195.33 |
| Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date | \$3,908,000.00 |

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to John & Rachel Foo on the birth of their 3rd child Anna-Jane on 11 August 2021, in Arizona, USA. Congratulations also to the grandparents Elder Foo Say Chiang & Jess and Ng Yong Huat & Anita.
2. Ps Alby is preaching at Hokkien service this morning.
3. Ps Haoren is preaching at Grace BP Church today.
4. Eld Quek Swee Peng went Home to be with the Lord on 20 August 2021. He was the husband of Melinda, and father of Victor, Vivien and Ps Vernon Quek, and grandfather to Ethan, Benjamin, Jayden, Kenji, Caleb, Alyssa and Thaddeus.

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, 27 Aug

8 pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 28 Aug

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 29 Aug

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 (Reception of Members)

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhi-Wen, Eld Sonny Tan & Eld David Leong

3.00 pm (Reception of Members)

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low & Eld Michael Gan

5.00 pm (Reception of Members)

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Jeffery Lim & Eld Reginald Tan

Acts Series

29 Aug Corinth and Ephesus

Mr Danny Chua

5 Sep A Third Journey and More Mighty Acts

Ps Alby Yip / Mr Ng Zhiwen

12 Sep Dangerous Preaching causes Uproar and Death

Mr Ng Zhiwen / Mr Quek Tze-Ming

19 Sep Pastor Paul says Goodbye

Ps Zheng Haoren

26 Sep Paul Going Up to Jerusalem

Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Ps Dev Menon

Your Response

22 August 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!

Towards a Safer Church for All

Please note that this article mentions issues of abuse and may be distressing for readers.

'Safeguarding'... You may have heard of the term spoken of in recent months in Zion Bishan. What is it? Safeguarding is the process of protecting vulnerable persons, regardless of age from neglect or abuse (e.g. physical, emotional, sexual etc).

Our Zion Bishan safeguarding team comprises Danny Chua, Deaconess Deborah Yang and Ee-Ling Shankar. The team was formed in 2018 to review our church's handling of allegations/incidents of abuse, and to better equip our church family to create a safer culture, both as a preventive safeguard against abuse, and to care well for anyone who has suffered abuse.

As you read this, perhaps you may be wondering... Abuse? Does this really happen here? In churches – really? Or in Zion Bishan?

Sadly, yes. Abuse happens in religious communities, in churches, and in Christian families as well. In the last ten years, there have been local cases of a student care volunteer molesting a 10-year-old boy in a church toilet, and a former assistant pastor sexually abusing a 15-year-old girl.

Our pastors and the safeguarding team also have had to confront cases of allegations or instances of abuse in the past.

In saying all this, we hope to debunk the myth that religious communities or churches are pristine and untouched where shocking sins of abuse are concerned. Brothers and sisters, the first and possibly biggest step towards a safer church culture requires us to have open minds and eyes, so we acknowledge the risk of abuse and the fact that it could happen anywhere, even in our own backyard. After all, for the light of Christ to shine in the darkness, we must first confront that darkness.

Creating this awareness was therefore one of our first big goals in training our church family. In the past two weeks, we were greatly encouraged to have our leaders and peer supporters of the 3pm and 5pm congregations undergo our very first safeguarding equipping sessions.

Apart from debunking the myth that churches are free from abuse, we also explored our Biblical basis for safeguarding. Safeguarding matters because we must prioritise the wellbeing of each person, preciousy made in God's image (Gen 1:26-27), who walks through Zion Bishan's doors so they can have a conducive and safe place to know Jesus. In doing so, we also embody a critical message in our witness for Jesus, that our just and holy God hates wrongdoing and will punish evil.

In terms of practical training, we also discussed the various forms of abuse so our leaders can learn how to recognise signs or instances of abuse. The team also shared on preventive measures against abuse, as well as some brief steps of response and

resources for help should any allegation or disclosure of abuse be made to any of our leaders.

Here are some thoughts from various participants on the sessions:

Titus Seah (Leader of AG17, 5pm): *Training was sobering but much needed. Being aware of this facet of risk and brokenness within the church is an important step in equipping our Body to grow in maturity and love.*

Tay Lihui, (Children's Ministry Apprentice, 3pm): *It was a heavy topic for all of us, but the participants in my group appreciated this conversation. A few mentioned that they would feel ill-equipped when a real case happens but were reassured to know that they don't have to handle it alone.*

Elder Roland Low (Congregational Shepherd, 3pm): *I'm relieved that we are bringing this out into the open for discussion. Church is a community of sinners (from pastors to the little children) walking towards Christlikeness. We must be watchful & also watch out for one another that we don't fall into the sin of abusing another fellow believer.*

Dn Peter Wang (Leader of AG75, 3pm): *The issue of abuse brings out the worse facets of humanity and the rawest effects of sin. It's one that I certainly would ideally never like to talk about. Yet, it is a very present reality and danger that we as a church are far from immune from. God help us as we seek to protect and safeguard the vulnerable amongst us.*

Rachelle Tham (Peer Supporter, 5pm): *My key takeaways from the training is that perpetrators mostly do not look like what we think they do, and (regrettably) can often be people within our midst. Hence it's important for every church member to be cognisant of both preventive and detective safeguarding principles and measures so we can all worship and study God's word in a safe environment.*

Brothers and sisters, as God's family, we are altogether responsible for the care, protection and safety of the young and vulnerable in our church family. How can you play a role in this? Here are some small steps that we can all take together:

- **Get equipped and resourced** on these issues, and find out more about our safeguarding ministry here: www.zionbishan.org.sg/ministry/safeguarding/.
- **Play an active role in your AGs and congregations** by being a part of the #getdeep and #getreal culture to share life and struggles with one another so you can be that trusted friend for someone who is encountering abuse and needs to bring that into the light, so they can be listened to and supported.

Please feel free to contact the safeguarding team if you have any further questions or comments, or if at any point in time you are concerned for the safety of someone in our church family who may be at risk of/is being abused:

Danny Chua (danny@zionbishan.org.sg) / Dns Deborah Yang (deborahliew@gmail.com) / Ee-Ling Shankar (eeling.shankar@gmail.com).

Announcements

Youth Worship Service

4 Sep, 4.00pm, Saturday, Sanctuary

Calling all Zion Bishan Youths! Do join us for a worship service on Saturday, 4 September in the Sanctuary.

Registration for worship service is open for all vaccinated youths

www.zionbishan.org.sg/youth-4-sep

REACH E-Flag Day 2021

“A Pocketful of Hope”

Register for a Virtual Tin by 30 Aug

Our community partner is seeking to raise funds for their programs serving vulnerable elderly, youth, and families in distress. Do consider participating as a virtual tin-bearer.

Details and registration information can be found at

www.zionbishan.org.sg/reach-e-flag-day

Befriending Opportunities to Seniors with St Luke’s EC at Bishan East

28 Aug, 10.30-11.30am, Saturday, Zoom

St Luke’s Eldercare (SLEC) has been granted license to operate Active Ageing Hubs, a government initiative to support our ageing population, in Bishan East - Blk 152B (Golden Jasmine), 136 & 138.

SLEC has invited our church to collaborate with them.

Come join us for a briefing session to find out how we can serve in this caring and outreach ministry!

The briefing is jointly organized by Seniors360 and St Luke’s Eldercare.

To sign up, WhatsApp or email Paul Yeo (9751 1897 / paul@zionbishan.org.sg)

Men’s Ministry

“Take Charge: Serving the Church”

28 Aug, 7.30-9.00am, Saturday, Zoom

All men are called to serve. Join the gathering of men to learn about staying fresh, engaged and help each other to serve. Register at

<https://tinyurl.com/EG28Aug2021>

Kairos Online Course

Starts 7 Sep, 7.30-9.30pm, Tuesday

Organised by Simply Mobilizing Singapore via Zoom.

Here are some comments from past ZB participants:

“Kairos corrected my misconception that evangelism was only for Pastors and Missionaries. And helped me understand how the gospel spread from Jesus’ time to the whole world today.” – Frankie

“Kairos was very comprehensive, well-structured and inspiring. Helped me grow in understanding my personal mission.” – Nurman

“Kairos has opened up my eyes about the world Christian movement and cross-cultural mission.” – Hian Ong

“Kairos has helped me re-evaluate my perspectives on WHY and HOW we do missions.” – Jacqueline

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>