

VOL 12 NO 35 29 August 2021

English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: What the Lord Has Done in Me

Reception of Members (1pm, 3pm, 5pm)

Scripture Reading: Acts 18:1-18 ESV

Message: When in Corinth...

Response Hymn: No Other Name

Corporate Life & Prayer

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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: Mr Danny Chua

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Eld Foo Say Chiang AV: James Kok, Jonathan Teo, Steve Nathan Musician: Ronnie Yang (P)

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Ng Li Hwee Worship Leader: Ps Zheng Haoren AV: Sean Yang, Yap Hong York Musician: Clement Yan (O)

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low AV: Abraham Lee, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh Musicians: Evangeline Chai (O)

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan AV: Ravi Shankar, Chiam Da Ren Musician: Chee QiQi (P)

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 Mr Paul Yeo, Hokkien Ministry 9751 1897 Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff 9060 8340 Mr Ng Zhi-Wen, Community Engagement 9092 6095 Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus

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Sermon Notes

When in Corinth...

Acts 18:1-23

29 Aug 2021 Mr Danny Chua

Introduction: Corinth, the City

Banned from Rome but sent to Paul (vv.1-4)

• Aquila & Priscilla: Gospel Buddies

"Rest assured, the Risen Lord Jesus wisely uses every situation for the good of His people and spread of His Good News."

Jewish Conversion in a Gentile Home (vv.5-11)

- Paul: Occupied with the Word
- Titius Justus & Crispus: Ordinary Gospel Hospitality
- The Corinthian Vision

"Do not be afraid, helped by the Risen Lord Jesus, you will bring many in this city to salvation in His name!"

Gallio's Decree (vv.12-18)

"Take heart, the Risen Lord Jesus is truly in charge and guards His people even through earthly rulers!"

Reflection Questions

- 1. What is one key message that you remember from the sermon?
- 2. How does this Acts episode in Corinthian give us Gospel certainty and assurance in the Risen Lord Jesus?
- 3. Was there a time the Lord Jesus used an unexpected situation in your life for the spread of the Gospel?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Reception of Members – Thank God that despite the pandemic, around 30 adults and 10 children are being received across the English Congregations today. We praise God for what He is doing in their lives, and we want to pray for each of these new members that this will only be the beginning of their spiritual growth and service. May Jesus find them faithful till the end!

Worship Services in September – As our worship services scale up to 250pax, pray that the larger gathering of believers will encourage each other in our walk with the Lord. May the Spirit bind us together as we love, serve and worship together. Pray for each Congregational Shepherding Team (CST) and their serving teams to be supported with sufficient ushers and serving personnel each week. There are many areas of service you can prayerfully consider serving in. Pray also for the 50pax services to continue ministering to those in our midst who have not been vaccinated or are unable to. If you have any questions regarding the services, please speak with your Pastors and CSTs.

Christianity Explored and Safe, Sound, Sleeping Place (S3P) – Continue to pray for our ongoing ministries.

Our World

Afghanistan – Western nations are rushing to complete the evacuation of thousands of people by 31 Aug – the deadline for the withdrawal of foreign troops. The population left behind will likely face starvation, disease, a rise in COVID-19 cases and persecution (The Straits Times, 26 Aug 2021). Pray that God will protect the vulnerable women and children of this nation. Pray also for the faith of Christians and Pastors to be strengthened.

India – Praise God for the growth of the church in West India. May God protect those beginning to meet in person from COVID-19 and for the provision of bigger meeting venues beyond their homes. In South India, praise God for 7 new areas or ministry that has been started since the pandemic. Pray for the workers and new believers to grow in their knowledge and love for Christ and for their neighbours. Currently, more than 100 lay leaders and members are enrolled in a training centre to equip harvest field workers, may our Lord provide for the needs of this centre. In East India, a partner has faced opposition against construction work on their land. Pray that the plan to plant trees for paper will be beneficial to our partner and their neighbours.

COVID in SE Asia – Thank God that the situation has improved in Indonesia and Myanmar. However, COVID is still severe in Malaysia, Philippines and Thailand. Pray for our regional neighbours, as they persevere in coping with the rise in infection rates. Pray that hospitals will be adequately stocked and frontline workers will be strengthened and protected. May God shine through Christians serving their communities selflessly.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)	
English Service Livestreams#	362		
English Service 10.30am	67	200.00	
English Service 1pm	45		
English Service 3pm	58		
English Service 5pm	43		
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	76		
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	49	500.00	
ME Service & Zoom	63		
Hokkien Service	42	573.00	
Tamil Service	18		
DHF	20		
TOTAL	843	\$1,273.00	
All in-person attendance includes	serving personne	21	
*Livestreaming peak concurrent v	iewers		
Electronic Transfer		36,505.93	
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$37,778.93	
Weekly offering to meet budget f	or 2021/22: \$65,.	298	
ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief F	und		
Total Received to-date	unu	\$316,327.72	
Giving Received from 16 August	to 22 August	574.85	
Amount Disbursed to-date	to 22 August	250,324.20	
Amount Disburseu to-uate		230,324.20	
Land Lease Renewal Fund			
Gift NO: 1762-63		250.00	
Electronic Transfer		12,626.63	
Weekly Total		\$12,876.63	
(Weekly Target: \$118,238)			
Total Gift Received To-Date		\$7,913,071.96	
		40.000.000.00	

Church Family News

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date

- Pastor Dev & Danny Chua spoke at a conference at Bukit Batok Presbyterian Church on Saturday 28 Aug.
- 2. Ps Ebi is preaching at Bethlehem BP Church today.
- Pastor Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning. He will be on leave from 31 Aug to 1 Sep.

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

\$3,908,000.00

Session Meeting Highlights

- Session approved HR Committee's recommendation to add a new staff benefit. Effective 1 July 2021, staff or their children who utilizes our sanctuary for Holy Matrimony will have the rental charges waived.
- 2. Formal applications have been made to the Singapore Land Authority (SLA) for Zion Bishan's land lease renewal. Do pray for God's favour and continued provision.
- 3. While Singapore's situation is controlled, many of our mission partners' countries are in turmoil and hardship. Session has so far approved from the MRF the amount of \$108,715.13 as relief to our partners in nine countries to alleviate their suffering.
- 4. A combined Session/BOD/Staff Retreat is planned, God-willing, on 27 November 2021.
- 5. Session approved the following in-person worship arrangements for this September & October with the guiding principles of safety for the unvaccinated people, equal opportunity to return for in-person service, and enabling more people to return more often.
 - 1st & 3rd Sundays: 50 pax, unvaccinated/vaccinated persons
 - 2nd & 4th Sundays: 250 pax, all vaccinated persons & children 12 and below.
 - 1st & 2nd Sundays: Holy Communion will be served

Looking Ahead

Friday, 3 Sep 8.00pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm</u>)

Saturday, 4 Sep

4.00pm: Youth Worship at Sanctuary (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/youth-4-sep)</u>

Sunday, 5 Sep

English Worship Services 50pax (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax</u>)

Your Response

29 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.

A Word In Season

BPCIS Update

PS DAVID WONG, GEN SEC, BPCIS

10TH ANNIVERSARY. In October, it will be 10 years since the Presbytery was inaugurated with four Bible-Presbyterian churches. Today, that number has doubled to eight, with BPCIS (Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore) officially registered in 2018. A 10th anniversary leaflet is being prepared in e-copy and will be available on BPCIS website.

WEBSITE. Launched on Good Friday this year, it has run several life stories, the latest being "A Pastor in Every Generation" following the ordination of Rev Vernon Quek. A recent report shows 272 visitors and 546 pages viewed. Feel free to visit us at bpcis.org.sg.

PASTORS & LEADERS RETREAT. Thankfully, with COVID restrictions eased, we held an in-person Retreat in July for 48 participants at Mount Carmel BPC. Coffee breaks and lunch took place when we left 2 by 2 to nearby eating places. Dr Robert Solomon spoke on the spirituality of sharing resources, pointing us to the Trinity as a model of love among Father, Son and Holy Spirit. One participant commented, "Few speakers can draw out the Scripture with such historical, contextual and cultural insights. Dr Solomon was able to relate the beauty of sharing resources to our Triune God for which we celebrate and give thanks."

"MINGLE" INITIATIVE. A platform for singles from 25 years upwards to meet and mingle was recently launched, attracting 68 sign-ups (32% male, 68% female). Two events had been held with one more to complete present cycle. If interested, you can check it out on BPCIS website.

NO-FAULT DIVORCE. We commissioned BGST (Biblical Graduate School of Theology) to study the issue from the theological, legal and pastoral angles. We are looking at the first draft and hope to share our findings soon. The No-Fault Divorce is being proposed by the government to lessen the negative impact of divorce on the couple and their children. It erases the current distinction between an offending part and the offended party.

ANNUAL PRESBYTERY MEETING. On Saturday, 25 Sep, BP pastors and elders will meet to hear reports, approve budget and elect new office-bearers for the next 2-year term. Others will join for the second part when guest speaker, Rev Keith Lai, former moderator of the Presbyterian Church will address us on the church scene in Singapore amidst the on-going pandemic.

TRIBUTE. Finally, we give thanks to God for the life of Elder Quek Swee Peng of Zion Serangoon BPC who went home to the Lord on 20 August. He hosted the first consultations of BP pastors and elders at Tanglin Club in 2010 which led to the formation of the Presbytery. He supported the birth and growth BPCIS with his encouragement and prayers.

Reception of Members

Zion Bishan English Services

1PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

- 1. Tay Poh Ling (Ms)
- 2. Bernard Teo Chwee Soon (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

- 3. Ho Wan Weng (Mr) Singapore Christian Canaan Church
- 4. Wong Kae Moe (Mrs Ho Wan Weng) Singapore Christian Canaan Church
- 5. George Samuel Prabhakar (Mr) Faith Methodist Church
- 6. Beena George (Mrs George Samuel Prabhakar) Faith Methodist Church

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Transfer of Membership

- 7. Jason George (s/o of George Samuel Prabhakar & Beena George) Faith Methodist Church
- 8. Venessa George (d/o George Samuel Prabhakar & Beena George) Faith Methodist Church

Child Baptism

9. Elijah Lee Yi de (s/o Lee Yao Xin & Jenna Wong Chong Jen)

3PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

- 10. Tham Wan Yu (Ms)
- 11. Mebelle Aw Ying Ying (Ms)

Reaffirmation of Faith

- 12. Cheyanne Seah Shi Qi (Ms)
- 13. Chia Ning (Ms)

Transfer of Membership

- 14. Sandra Teo Rui Ting (Ms) Bethesda (Bedok-Tampines) Church
- 15. Jowin Yien Wei Xuan (Mr) Saint Lucia Evangelical Church, Queensland, Australia

5PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

- 16. Lim Xiao Qi (Mrs Samuel Lim Jia Jun)
- 17. Michelle Teo (Ms)

Reaffirmation of Faith

18. Aidan Phua Ze Xuan (Mr)

Profession of Faith

19. Timothy Jason Patrick (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

- 20. Samuel Lim Jia Jun (Mr) Hope Church (Singapore)
- 21. Rachel Tan Xin En (Ms) Gospel Baptist Church
- 22. Magdalene Huang Qingling (Mrs Victor Leung Wai Yan) Life Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 23. Tan Yan Ren (Mr) Centre of Hope Church
- 24. Lence Teh Zhi Jie (Mr) St Andrew's Cathedral
- 25. Natalie Tan Li Li (Mrs Lence Teh Zhi Jie) New Creation Church
- 26. Andrew Wu En-Tzu (Mr) Bethesda Bukit Arang
- 27. Lai Wen Bin (Mrs Andrew Wu En-Tzu) Grace Singapore Chinese Christian Church
- 28. Harpreet Singh (Mr) Hebron Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 29. Bryna Sim Jie Ling (Mrs Harpreet Singh) Hebron Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 30. Clinton Shi Zeshen (Mr) Evangel Family Church
- 31. Lynn Kwek Li En (Mrs Clinton Shi Zeshen) Evangel Family Church

- 32. Junaidi Nyoto (Mr) Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 33. Van Pui Ling Gwyneth (Mrs Junaidi Nyoto) Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Transfer of Membership

- 34. Elijah James Ntoyo (s/o Junaidi Nyoto & Gwyneth Van Pui Ling) Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 35. Lukas John Nyoto (s/o Junaidi Nyoto & Gwyneth Van Pui Ling) Galilee Bible-Presbyterian Church

Child Baptism

- 36. Hesekkya-Preet Singh (s/o Harpreet Singh & Bryna Sim Jie Ling)
- 37. Danellna-Preet Singh (d/o Harpreet Singh & Bryna Sim Jie Ling)
- 38. Shannen Beth Shi Yingrui (d/o Clinton Shi Zeshen & Lynn Kwek Li En)
- 39. Aiden Jon Shi Yinghan (s/o Clinton Shi Zeshen & Lynn Kwek Li En)
- 40. Evan Jed Shi Yingzhi (s/o Clinton Shi Zeshen & Lynn Kwek Li En)
- 41. Onesimus Judah Nyoto (s/o Junaidi Nyoto & Gwyneth Van Pui Ling)
- 42. Talitha Chua Xin En (d/o Danny Chua Zhen Guang & Charis Wong En Hui)

Announcements

English Worship Services in September All May Come Twice a Month

Starting in September, Zion Bishan English Services will be holding 50pax services, open to all, on 1st and 3rd Sundays and 250pax services, for vaccinated persons, on 2nd and 4th Sundays. Holy Communion will be served on 1st and 2nd Sundays.

Registration links will be available from 8pm, this Sunday evening:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax

www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax

More information on safe management and vaccine verification procedures can be found at

www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax-info

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

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, wellstructured and inspiring. Helped me grow in understanding my personal mission." – Nurman

"Kairos has opened up my eyes about the world Christian movement and crosscultural 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