



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

## ***Family Sunday***

**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 18:23-19:20 ESV

Message: The Way of the Spirit

Response Hymn: O Breath of Life

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:** Ps Alby Yip (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Ng Zhiwen (3pm & 5pm)

### 10.30am

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*AV:* Wee Aik Koon, James Kok, Maybelline Tan

*Musician:* Ronnie Yang (P)

### 1.00pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dns Ng Li Hwee

*Worship Leader:* Eld. David Leong

*AV:* Benny Ling, Cassandra Chng

*Musician:* Dns Deborah Yang (P)

### 3.00pm

*Service Coordinator:* Jacqueline Lie

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*AV:* Eugene Poh, Darren Lee

*Musician:* Penuel Lau (P)

### 5.00pm

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Timothy Ong

*AV:* Matthaeus Lim, Jonathan Teo

*Musician:* Timothy Low (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 Thy, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* *jtlm*

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

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* *vernon*

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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*

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# **The Way of the Spirit**

Acts 18:23-19:20

5 Sep 2021

Ps Alby Yip/Mr Ng Zhiwen

## **Introduction**

### **Spirit-filled Fellowship (18:23-28)**

### **Spirit-filled Teaching (19:1-10)**

### **Spirit-filled Ministry (19:11-20)**

## **Conclusion**

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What do you remember of the passage/message?
2. What do you learn about being fellow workers of the Gospel from Aquilla/Priscilla and Apollos?
3. In what ways do the Spirit's power manifest in the modern believer's life?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Catechism Class** – Even as we joyfully received several adults and children into membership last week, a new catechism class just started yesterday. Pray for the 20+ catechumens as they learn the doctrines of the church, practise spiritual disciplines and reflect on their walk with Jesus. Pray that each new member will find an AG that they can continue their journey of faith.

### **Our People**

**Teachers Day** – We thank God for all the teachers in our midst! For those working in schools, pray for God's grace to be upon them especially during these challenging COVID years and in the handling of recent tragedies among the youth. Pray that they will be a shining light for Jesus in their schools and be an encouragement to their students. For those who teach us biblical and spiritual truths, pray and thank God as they use their spiritual gifts weekly to serve, bless and grow the body of Christ. May our teachers find rest in Christ during this September school holidays.

### **Our World**

**Afghanistan** – With the departure of US forces, the Afghan people are facing much uncertainty and fear. Pray for God's peace to come and for the new government to stabilise the political and economic situation in the country. Pray especially for the estimated 10 million Afghan children who need humanitarian aid. Drought and

conflict has led to this vulnerable community needing protection, water, sanitation, food aid, health and education. (The Straits Times, 1 Sep). Pray also for the believers in this country to stand firm, and to continue in the hope of the sovereign goodness of our Heavenly Father.

**India** – Our partner in North East India request prayers for a replacement site for one of their day care centres (DCC) for children in an unreached neighbourhood as the owner is planning to sell part of the land. May our Lord also bless the work of the several DCCs under this partner to bring the good news of Christ to both the children and their parents.

In North India, a partner is hosting a training programme for leaders from remote villages. Pray for the team as they come together to be equipped and be strengthened to be gospel bearers in their communities.

**Philippines** – Our partner, Student Missionary Outreach, celebrated their anniversary on 31 Aug. We praise God for the many youths and young adults impacted by this ministry that has been shining for Jesus in the high schools and colleges around Philippines for 44 years. May the Lord continue to bring them good youth workers as the gospel work grows. May they also find effective and creative ways to continue engaging the youths through digital means as COVID-19 changes the way they have been able to engage with students.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams <sup>#</sup>	424	
English Service 10.30am	58	200.00
English Service 1pm	69	
English Service 3pm	69	
English Service 5pm	76	
Mand/Cant Livestream <sup>#</sup>	73	612.00
Mand/Cant 8.30 <sup>#</sup>	31	
ME Service & Zoom	60	
Hokkien Service	42	100.00
Tamil Service	19	770.00
DHF	20	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>941</b>	<b>\$1,682.00</b>

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel*

*<sup>#</sup>Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers*

Electronic Transfer 46,415.39

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$48,097.39**

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

### ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$318,622.72

Giving Received from 23 August to 29 August 2,295.00

Amount Disbursed to-date 250,639.20

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer 16,060.25

**Weekly Total \$16,060.25**

*(Weekly Target: \$118,238)*

Total Gift Received To-Date \$7,929,132.21

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$3,908,000.00

## Church Family News

- Pastor Alby will be on leave from 7-10 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*

## Looking Ahead

### Friday, 10 Sep

**8.00pm:** Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 11 Sep

**4 pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 12 Sep

English Worship Services 250pax

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax))

#### 10.30am

*Shepherding Team:* Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

#### 1.00pm

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

#### 3.00pm

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

#### 5.00pm

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

## Acts Series

**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

5 Sep 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](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!

## **By God's Grace (Part 2 of Thanksgiving)**

QUEENIE LIM-NG

In my previous testimony, I mentioned that I would write again if I survived my operation.

I would also like to thank the many church members who have prayed relentlessly for me. Evidently, God's providential hands before, during and after my surgery were upholding and guarding me.

One of my prayer requests was that the epidural would work for me. It would mean a lesser pain for me, post-surgery. I informed Dr Raymond, my anesthetist, that the epidural did not work for me during childbirth as the contractions were very intense. Dr Raymond gave me full assurance that he would do his best.

I was blessed to have a team of the best surgeons operating on me. At 7.30am on 27 July, Dr Raymond, a Christian, prayed for me before he started on the epidural procedure. It was a success.

Gratitude to God and relief overwhelmed me. God answered our fervent prayers!

The surgery was supposed to be 16 hours long but, instead, it was completed in 12 hours. How wondrously did God equip my team of surgeons!

In the Intensive Care Unit (ICU), I was closely monitored by both doctors as well as nurses. I felt so weak. I also could not speak because I had a tube in my nose (it travelled down my throat into my abdomen). Even swallowing my saliva was effortful and uncomfortable.

The first 2 days in ICU were the toughest for me because I had difficulties in breathing. The nurses kept assuring me that my oxygen level was good when I told them that I was struggling to breathe. Nothing was done regarding my concerns. Hence, I was filled with frustration. As I could not breathe properly, I was not able to rest. I cried out to God to help me breathe. Alas, there was no relief. After a while, I sensed that perhaps God wanted me to endure and do my part. Thus, I focused all my energy upon my breathing and forced myself to take deep breaths.

The next morning, an x-ray showed that water was found in my left lung. I already have a draining tube at my right lung and 3 other draining tubes at my abdomen. However, fluid was still accumulating in my left lung.

Without much delay, Dr Su, a heart and lung surgeon inserted a tube into my left lung. This procedure helped me to breathe much better.

Dr Su is really God-sent. On 3 May, when I was in hospital for diagnosis, he contacted me for a landscaping assignment for his garden. I informed him of my health condition and we kept in touch.

On the second day of my ICU stay, Dr Su visited me and even brought along a lung specialist, Dr Adrian, to monitor my condition.

Nevertheless, the challenges I had to overcome were not over yet. On Day 3, I became delirious and tried to pull off the tubes that were on me. I did not realise what I was doing. I remembered, vaguely though, a nurse warning me sternly that I should not have done that. I was also hallucinating and kept thinking of plants (definitely a job hazard!). When I closed my eyes, I would see moving orange numbers and letters. I thought I was losing my mind. I also experienced 3 panic attacks and mild spasms.

Later, I was told that these experiences are not abnormal. It is called the ICU syndrome. It did not help that I had not slept for days.

On Day 5, I was taken off the epidural. Thankfully, I did not experience pain. There was only bearable discomfort and things started to improve after I was discharged from the ICU on day 6.

Dr Su ordered me to get out of bed and to start walking. I walked and pushed the wheelchair which contained my drainage bags and fluid containers. The walking not only helped with my breathing but it also facilitated the movement of my bowels.

Subsequently, I began to feel better as the tubes were being removed one by one. But I felt bored and lonely because no visitors were allowed. Moreover, I did not have my mobile phone with me as Michael needed it to attend to my customers.

Yet, I was thankful to the nurses who cared for me and the doctors who came to check on me. Each time there was a knock on the door, happiness would inflate my heart. Dr Charissa visited me a few times. I did not know her beforehand and was pleasantly surprised when she introduced herself as Lee Yong's (a church member's) daughter.

One night, my doctors needed blood for testing and Dr Charissa was the doctor on duty. A lovely surprise greeted me! Dr Charissa came to draw my blood when earlier attempts failed. Later, Lee Yong confirmed that she is really good at drawing blood!

By Day 11, I suspected that I was going to be discharged soon. The doctors knew that I would be happier and recover even faster after I leave the hospital. Needless to say, I was ecstatic!

For the past 2 weeks, I went for anti-biotics infusion every single day. Still, I considered it a blessing as this arrangement was much better than staying in hospital for another 2 weeks. I would continue to have diarrhoea for another month or so as two-thirds of my colon had been removed.

On 18 August, the staples of the surgical wound were removed. I had imagined that it would be painful but, thank God, it was not. 20 August marked the start of my chemotherapy sessions. It is a total of 6 cycles. I look forward to chemotherapy because it means my illness is treatable.

Through it all, God has proven His faithfulness. I experienced His love and peace before the surgery. I went on to taste of His grace and healing after surgery. My hospital stay was supposed to be 1 month but, in less than 2 weeks, I was discharged!

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# Announcements

## English Worship Services in September All May Come Twice a Month

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

Register at:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax)

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax)

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

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax-info](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/250pax-info)

## Friday Prayer Meeting 10 Sep, 8.00pm, Friday, Zoom

Special Prayer and Sharing by KY on her Missions Journey before she leaves to serve with Habibi International in Oct 2021.

Sign up for the link to our Friday Prayer Meeting here:

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

## Kairos Missions Course DEADLINE FOR REGISTRATION TODAY Register by 5 Sep, 2359hrs, Sunday

*"Kairos is an excellent short course that has helped me sharpen my focus on God's mission and my role and responsibilities as His child in the world. Heartily recommended all who follow Jesus."* - Eld David Leong

*"Kairos explores practical and personal dimensions of Mission through looking at it's strategy, forms, structures and finally cross-cultural considerations so that it becomes part of every Christian's day to day walk with Jesus."* - Dn Beng Hwee

Full Course Schedule:

Nine Tuesday evenings on

7, 14, 21, 28 Sep,

5, 12, 19, 26 Oct & 2 Nov

at 7.30-9.30pm; and

One Saturday morning, 6 Nov

at 9.30am-12.00pm

Usual course fees - \$50/pax

Zion Bishan discounted fee - \$30/pax

(for members and regular worshippers)

Sign up here:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBKairos2021>

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My swift recovery from the intensive 16-hour surgery is nothing short of a miracle.

However, my battle with cancer is far from over. Doctors now suspect that my cancer is not ovarian, as earlier diagnosed, but a rare peritoneal cancer. Whatever the future holds, I know God, the greatest Physician, can restore me if He chooses to do so. If God's will does not include healing, I will continue to soldier on for His glory until He calls me to my eternal home. For I know that it is only by God's grace that I am able to write this second thanksgiving.