



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

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: How Great is our God

Scripture Reading: Acts 19:23-34; 20:1-12 ESV

Message: The Gospel Gets Out in Ephesus

Response Hymn: No Other Name

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

Speakers: Mr Ng Zhiwen (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

AV: Steve Nathan, Steven Tan, Jack See

Musician: Tim Hia (P)

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

AV: Soh Kok Hong, Jeffery Kow

Musician: Marc Yeong (P)

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

AV: Soh Kok Hong, Wilson Lee

Musicians: Joy Soon (O), Deborah Koh (P)

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

AV: Ewen Tjoeng, Kim Seo Yeon

Musician: Tammy Ng (P)

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	6353 8081
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	8198 9696
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	9489 4967
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	9182 6957
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	8428 0525
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	9796 0196
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
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Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	9728 7145
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Trg/Mobilisation</i>	9788 0195
Mr Linus Koe, <i>Family/Media</i>	9728 9343
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
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Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	9060 8340
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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The Gospel Gets Out in Ephesus

12 Sep 2021

Acts 19:21-20:16

Mr Ng Zhiwen/Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Out of Business: The silversmith's complaint (19.21-34)

Out of Order: The town clerk's verdict (19.35-41)

(Out of the way: sometimes, the best thing a Christian can do)

Out of the Window: The preacher goes on... and on (20.1-16)

Challenge: *Offence of the Gospel; AND Innocence of Life.*

Courage and Encourage

Reflection Questions

1. Read the bible passage again. Imagine you find yourself caught up in that crowd in the amphitheatre. What are your feelings?
2. Why do the silversmiths and craftsmen see Paul and his message as a threat?
3. Can you think of ways the gospel presents a similar threat today? What may be the equivalents of Great Artemis of the Ephesians in Singapore today? How can we balance telling the good news of Jesus so that it has real impact on the false ways of life in this world, without being a "jerk"?
4. Where can we draw encouragement to be faithful witnesses for Jesus?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Worship Services – Thank God for the opportunity to gather in larger numbers this Sunday. Pray that our church will be encouraged as we see more gather in-person. Pray for our CD (Children's Discipleship) classes and teachers as they resume meeting in-person too. Pray for safety and wisdom as we continue to heed God's leading and make any necessary adjustments as we submit to our government's advisories.

Christianity Explored – Thank God for the 12 seekers who have continued through the course. Pray that the time spent in CE will lead them to committing themselves to our Lord Jesus Christ. The final session will be on 15 Sep, do pray for the facilitators and table hosts to be used mightily by God in sharing His great salvation plan for the world.

Our People

AG12 Outreach Initiative – Pray for AG12's collaboration with South West CDC and the Fei Yue SAC (Seniors Activity Centre) in Teck Whye. They will be befriending 11 needy seniors residing in 2 rental blocks in Chua Chu Kang. Pray for the volunteers as they provide social and emotional support, and also assist with raising concerns and issues of these seniors to the CDC and Fei Yue. Pray for their protection and God's wisdom to be upon them as they carry out this labour of love as ambassadors of Christ.

Students – Thank God for the past week

of school holidays. Pray that the time of rest has rejuvenated our children and youth to continue the last quarter of the school year. Pray for our students to continue shining for Jesus in their schools and to learn how God is working in the world and in their lives. Pray for their safety as they return to school among the continually evolving COVID situation.

Our World

India – The Straits Times (8 Sep) reports that another COVID-19 wave has already begun in Mumbai and Indian authorities are restricting major religious festivals in an attempt to slowdown infections. Pray for the safety of many of our partner's ministries. In North India, pray for workers who face many difficulties and challenges. They report needs for medical services in the field, and for more teachers and administrators to work in Christian schools. Pray for the Lord of the harvest to raise up the workers needed in these areas.

Myanmar – On 7 September, Myanmar's shadow government called for a nationwide uprising against the junta causing panic buying in Yangon. CNA reported protests and a rise in fights between the army and ethnic military groups. Pray for peace in Myanmar and for the believers in the country to persevere in faith despite these uncertainties. Our partner in Yangon, writes encouragingly saying "we are safe because we are under His wings." Thank God for their faith in times of adversity.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	368	
English Service 10.30am	62	1,300.00
English Service 1pm	46	
English Service 3pm	49	
English Service 5pm	42	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	44	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	114	3,879.00
ME Service & Zoom	61	
Hokkien Service	42	100.00
Tamil Service	19	1,087.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL	867	\$6,366.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer 61,783.52

WEEKLY TOTAL \$68,149.52

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$320,162.72
Giving Received from 30 August to 5 September	1,540.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	251,590.20

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1764-67	1,600.00
Electronic Transfer	26,173.75
Weekly Total	\$27,773.75

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$7,961,849.11

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

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby will be on leave on 16 Sep. He will be preaching at Grace (SCCC) on Sat 18 Sep.
2. Mdm Tai Lian Neo, aged 87, passed away on 9 September 2021. She was the mother of Jane and Jacqueline Cheng.

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, 17 Sep

8.00pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 18 Sep

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 19 Sep

English Worship Services 50pax

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/50pax)

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

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

12 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

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!

Stop, Start, Change

Stop, Start, Change are key words to consider and apply when one enters or plans to enter into a new phase of life – **What do you have to stop doing? What do you have to start doing? What do you need to change?** These three questions have one thing in common – **Habits!**

Try applying these questions to one entering the working world; getting married; becoming a parent or grandparent; switching to a new job; relocating to another country; contracting a serious illness; transiting to part-time employment; retiring from the workforce; struggling in a civil conflict or war; coping with a pandemic; etc. Would “Start, Stop, Change” questions help to clarify priorities?

Three other questions with respect to the current Covid-19 pandemic were posed on this WIS page over the last 17 months, as follows:

(A) *“Should we maintain the attitude of riding through this pandemic and reverting to our usual intense lifestyles again?” ~ WIS April 2020*

(B) *“Do we prefer the world we have found at the end of this year (2020) or do we still prefer the world we had left behind?” ~ WIS December 2020*

(C) *“Will things ever be the same again as in pre-Covid times?” ~ WIS April 2021*

Habits to stop, start, or change are very personal. But one principle should be heeded – **At life equilibrium, something in would require something out.** It’s just too stressful, unrealistic, and unhealthy to try hanging on to everything.

So, as our nation marches on towards a Covid-19 endemic condition, what would personal, family, work, and church life look like for you? What habits do you need to stop, to start cultivating, or to change?

Regardless, as followers of Jesus, our **fundamental habits** must be derived from the apostle Paul’s instructions in *1 Thessalonians 5:16-22*,

“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise prophecies, but test everything; hold fast what is good. Abstain from every form of evil.”

May the Lord help and lead us to emerge with deeper spiritual maturity from the current pandemic in a chaotic world!

Announcements

English Worship Services in September

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.

Register at:

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

Worshippers are reminded to **check-out** their TraceTogether Token or App by approaching our ushers or by using the **Blue SafeEntry Gateway** as they leave the church premises.

The Mandarin-Cantonese Worship Service at 8.30am will be holding 250pax services on 1st and 3rd Sundays and 50pax services on 2nd and 4th Sundays.

Youth Camp 2021: Homecoming Registration starts today! Only 50 slots available, register by 9 Oct, Saturday

We live in a world where many things demand our attention and we seek after things which never seem to satisfy. Sometimes we even pursue religion hoping that it will fill the hole in our hearts, but somehow it never does. This year at youth camp, join us as we explore a story in the Bible about two brothers who went their own way and a Father who stretches out His arms to seek and save the lost through His son Jesus Christ.

Dates: 6-10 December 2021 (Day Camp)

Location: Zion Bishan BP Church

Kindly also note the following:

1. This event and its duration/format is subject to COVID-19 regulations and may change in accordance to the situation
2. This is a **paid** event, of which more details will be sent to you after you have been registered

There is a limited number of slots available, so sign up now!

www.zionbishan.org.sg/youthcamp2021

WhatsApp Bulletin Broadcast

To receive the church bulletin and announcements via WhatsApp, please follow **both** steps below:

1. **Save 9422 5703 to your contacts**
2. Send a WhatsApp message with your full **name and contact number** (e.g. *Freddie Mao 98765432*)

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