



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

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Gloria Patri

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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 Zheng Haoren

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter

AV: Benny Ling, Wee Aik Koon, Gary Lee

Musician: Timothy Hia (P)

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Alice Koh

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

AV: Sean Yang, Nurman Kusanda

Musician: Lee Ping Lin (P)

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

AV: Melissa Leong, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh

Musicians: Paul Liew (O), Benn Tan (P)

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lim

AV: Matthaesus Lim, Chiam Da Ren

Musician: Joy Tan (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*

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

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

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

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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Handover

Acts 20:17-38

19 Sep 2021

Ps Zheng Haoren

Introduction

Why is Faithfulness to the Gospel Better Than Life?

But I do not account my life of any value nor as precious to myself, if only I may finish my course...

What Truly Matters?

Pay careful attention to yourselves and to all the flock... to care for the church of God...

What is Ahead in Life?

...we must help the weak and remember the words of the Lord Jesus, how He Himself said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'

Conclusion

Reflection Questions

1. Paul's reflection on his ministry at Ephesus provides a model to be followed then and now. In what areas would Christian leaders today be challenged by this apostolic model?
2. Why do you think Paul mentions his tears in Acts 20:19, 31? And why do you think Luke mentions the tears of the Elders in verse 37?
3. What do you think Acts 20:17-38 says about discipleship and disciple-making? List some principles you derive from the text.
4. What do you know about the relationship of sheep and shepherds that would parallel the relationship of the church and her leaders?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Going Endemic – As we get used to a freely circulating virus, we want to make every effort to continue to meet safely. All our staff, as well as some of our key serving personnel, will be undergoing weekly ART testing. We know many members will be doing the same at their workplaces. Let us also pray that the Lord will move us to minister to one another, and to our friends and neighbours, in the midst of much anxiety.

Christianity Explored – Thank God for the 12 seekers who have completed the course. Do pray for the friends who have brought them to continue following up with them as each participant continues exploring the gospel.

Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P) for Women – A sixth lady has joined S3P this week. Please continue to pray for the team caring for these ladies and thank God for His providence to use our church to shelter and help those in need.

Tamil Service Dormitory Food Distribution – A dinner distribution will be carried out this evening. Pray for God's grace to be with Ps Ebi and our Tamil Service representatives.

Our World

Foreign Missions Budget 2022 – Pray for the FMC (Foreign Missions Committee) as they meet to discuss our support for the work of the gospel in 9 areas worldwide, and also the individuals sent out. We are thankful that God has guided

our church to work with like-minded partners and individuals to share His love and light to a dark world until it is filled with His glory. Pray for wisdom and diligence for the 9 committee members as they seek God and direct our church's work and resources appropriately.

India – Our partner gave an encouraging update on Bro B. He has adjusted well back into his ministry at his village after recovering from his amputation. He now stays very close to his late-wife's sister's family who have taken care of his daughter since his accident. Bro B also shared his testimony at his 2 churches: "When the bus hit me, I fell down, and S (his daughter) too. However, nothing happened to her. It took a while. I prayed to God to help me to make a phone call so that someone will come and take care of S. Then I made the phone call". Let us thank God for His mercies and continue to pray for Bro B and his ministry.

Lebanon – BBC described Lebanon as "A country plunged into darkness" (10 Sep). It is desperately short of fuel. Some are experiencing power cuts of 20 hours a day. Hospitals have cut back essential services and motorists queue for hours to fill their tanks. Our partner writes: "We need your prayers, encouragement and support now more than ever. The need is enormous, we need prayers for continuous unity and help". Pray for God's mercy for this country that is mired in economic, food and fuel crises. May Christ's light shine forth through believers during these dark times.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	262	
English Service 10.30am	263	
English Service 1pm	106	
English Service 3pm	140	
English Service 5pm	76	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	80	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	41	180.00
ME Service & Zoom	59	
Hokkien Service	36	160.00
Tamil Service	15	637.00
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1098	\$977.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	64,547.50
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$65,524.50

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$321,572.72
Giving Received from 6 Sep – 12 Sep	1,410.00
Amount Disbursed to-date	257,410.20

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1768	1,000.00
Electronic Transfer	25,254.75
Weekly Total	\$27,773.75
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$7,988,103.86
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,908,000.00

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Soon Da Yong and Ng Pei Ling on their Holy Matrimony on 18 Sep 2021.
2. Congratulations to Andrew & Rebecca Seah on the birth of their son Zachary on the 14 Sep 2021. Congratulations to grandparents, Kee Chau and Lilian Seah.
3. Pastor Dev will be on leave from 21 Sep till 1 Oct.
4. Mdm Mary Tan Teh Yee, aged 64, went Home to be with the Lord on 15 Sep 2021. She was the daughter of Mdm Lee Chai Far who is a member of our Mandarin congregation

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, 24 Sep

8.00pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 25 Sep

4 pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 26 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

26 Sep Paul Going Up to Jerusalem
Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Ps Dev Menon

3 Oct Paul Before Jerusalem Leaders
Danny Chua

10 Oct Paul Before Felix
Ps Dev Menon/Ps Vernon Quek

17 Oct Paul Before Festus
Ng Zhiwen/Ps Alby Yip

24 Oct Paul Before Kings
Danny Chua/Ng Zhiwen

31 Oct A Sea Voyage
Ps Alby Yip

Your Response

19 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!

What is God Doing?

Brothers & Sisters, do you know it's been 18 months since Covid-19 first impacted Zion Bishan? And over 6 months since we initiated 'The Next Lap' and formalised the four English congregations??

If you remember, The Next Lap vision came about because of 2 reasons: the short-term rationale was government-imposed restrictions; the other was to address longer-term challenges that we had struggled with over 5-7 years. Issues such as increasing pastoral cases, thin-discipleship, lack of faith-at-home, leaders burning out, etc. Essentially all the problems of a church growing too big.

Creating distinct congregations with dedicated shepherding teams would allow the benefits of small church - gaining advantages in communication, community, pastoral care and discipleship. Re-read the original write up:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/2021/01/the-next-lap-moving-zion-bishan-forward

Now 6 months have passed, how are you feeling? More importantly, what have you seen God doing?

I recently took time to reflect on these questions with my fellow 5pm CST & AG leaders. It is paramount that we as a church don't just react to circumstances but keep God at the centre of all our decisions.

You know as we go through the book of Acts, I can't help but marvel as God directs His people. As the story progresses, it's like the apostles have no clue. They are desperately trying to discern the Spirit's movements as God breaks all the rules. He changes ethnicity & geography, language & culture, liturgy & methodology. The church post-Acts was unrecognizable to the original Jewish synagogue – except for the Scriptures. This whole experience must have been rather traumatic - to say the least!

So, if we serve the same God, with the same Spirit – who's to say He is not still doing radical things with His church – even here at Zion Bishan. As our God continues to disrupt us, we must try our best to discern what He is doing, humble ourselves, and follow His lead...

Indeed, God will be faithful. Let us keep moving forward.

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.

If anyone falls ill with COVID-19 or is placed on Quarantine Order, we encourage you to contact one of the pastors or elders for confidential pastoral care.

Youth Camp 2021: Homecoming Registration closes 10 Oct, Sunday

Sign up here!

www.zionbishan.org.sg/youthcamp2021

Calling all youths age 12-18!

Dates: 6-10 December 2021 (Day Camp)

Location: Zion Bishan BP Church

Please 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.

Contact Daniel Ong (9641 4732) or Debbo Lee (9062 5348) for more information.

Men's Ministry Retreat

Save the Date: 4 Nov, Thursday (PH)

Feeling distant from God and your fellow brothers? Let's SHARE safely together again.

More details to follow soon.