



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: We Declare

Scripture Reading: Acts 24:27 – 25:22 ESV

Message: Order in Chaos

Response Hymn: Is He Worthy

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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/1.00pm/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 (10.30 am & 1pm)

Ps Alby Yip (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Ming

Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter

AV: Goh Han Teck, Gary Lee, Wee Aik Koon

Musician: Goh Su Ling (P)

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

AV: Abraham Lee, Yap Hong York

Musician: Lee Ping Lin (O)

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

AV: Melissa Leong, Wilson Lee, Jared Koh

Musicians: Evangeline Chai (O)

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Timothy Ong

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

AV: Ewen Tjoeng, Jonathan Teo

Musician: Joy Tan (P)

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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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*

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Order in Chaos

Acts 25:1-27

Introduction

Festus' Predicament

Paul's Perseverance

God's Plan

Conclusion

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What do you recall from the sermon? What was the main point from the passage?
2. Before a watching world, in the court of public opinion, what gives you the courage to speak for Christ, and to persevere in it? How are you encouraged to live a life that is innocent (i.e. blameless)?
3. Paul was certain of God's plan for his life. What would you say is His plan for you? Have you earnestly prayed for that clarity and certainty?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Ministry Planning & Budgeting – Thank God for the many activities we have in our church to minister to various community and discipleship needs. Pray for each team as they plan for the next financial year. Do take note of the upcoming Ministry Behind the Money event on 13 Nov (see p.8 for details).

Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P) for Women – Thank God our church premises continues to be used as a refuge to those in need. Thank God also for the network of churches that are providing shelter, and collaborating to better see to the needs of those we serve. One of our stayers has transferred to, while we receive another stayer from, BPMC. Pray for a smooth transition.

Our People

Brother Masilamani – from our Tamil Service, is still on a ventilator in the ICU. Please pray for God's healing hand to be upon him. Pray also for his wife, Mrs. Janaki, in this time when it is difficult to make visitations.

Preaching Team – Thank God for the faithful preachers who spend time studying and preparing God's Word to be taught to us. Pray for the team as they meet to discuss the upcoming Advent evangelistic series.

Our World

India – Pray for opportunities for our partner's workers to share the good

news in their villages in the Northeast. May the listeners receive the good news positively. Likewise, pray for good times of the reading and teaching of the Bible so that new believers can grow in their faith and maturity despite facing many challenges. Pray also that new workers can be raised for the new fields in this vast nation.

Lebanon – is again plunged into darkness as the country's two largest power stations shut down due to a fuel shortage (9 Oct). Pray for restoration of the economy and for wise political leadership to arise in these desperate times so that the suffering of the population can be eased. Pray for continued strength and hope for our partners here, who struggle daily to provide food and relief. Pray for some semblance of normal life to return for the refugees they serve and their church community.

Nepal – Praise God for the provision of a buffalo that will provide the much needed milk for children in a home, for the intellectually challenged, run by our partner. We also thank God for the purchase of a projector and sound system for their meetings and classroom lessons. This equipment has also helped us connect better with our partner virtually. Pray for God's blessings to be upon a wedding in their community between a pastor's son and a young lady who grew up in the children's home since she was 4.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	325	
English Service 10.30am	93	1,000.00
English Service 1pm	53	
English Service 3pm	97	
English Service 5pm	57	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	88	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	25	110.00
ME Service & Zoom	49	
Tamil Service	18	
DHF	21	
TOTAL	851	\$1,110.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	74,110.19
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$75,220.19

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date	\$325,745.23
Giving Received from 4 Oct – 10 Oct	374.40
Amount Disbursed to-date	261,299.98

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1773	135.00
Electronic Transfer	25,250.25
Weekly Total	\$25,385.25
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,110,082.79
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,908,000.00

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, 22 Oct

8.00pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 23 Oct

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 24 Oct

English Worship Services 200pax

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services)

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

24 Oct Paul Before Kings

Danny Chua/Ng Zhiwen

31 Oct A Sea Voyage

Ps Alby Yip

Your Response

17 Oct 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!

On PSLE & Covid

The last month had been rather harrowing for me. It was PSLE season, and besides the normal stress-levels, there was the uncertainty of a new scoring system plus the insanity of dealing with an escalating pandemic.

Anxiety was palpable all round – with students, parents and teachers. No one knew what would happen, or if the children (who had studied so hard and for so long) would even be able to take their exams. A few hundred (!!) missed their papers –because of infection (which was generally mild), but many more because of quarantine orders and a backlogged healthcare system.

Throughout the entire period I was restless. Not so much of illness, but because of the worry that my social activities would cause the family to get QO/HRW, resulting in my son having to take a PCR, wait 24-48 hours for the result, miss some papers - and hence be utterly disappointed or worse still, resent his father.

After talking to him about the risks, Josiah assured me that he was fine with whatever happened - but this did not ease his daddy's anxieties. I wondered – what should I do? Should I cancel all my ministry, pull him out of school (like half his class), and hunker down for the next 2-3 weeks? Should I just carry on as per normal and hope for the best?

God spoke through His Word, through the book of Acts. As we followed the adventures of the apostle Paul, it was clear that he made decisions not being naïve to the risks (in fact in Acts 21 it's obvious that he knew more about the dangers than his peers), but knowing that if his actions were for Christ, then the Lord's sovereignty would be apparent.

As such, I made my resolution. I would continue my in-person activities, if and only if they were related to the kingdom; to minister to others in the name of Jesus. I would cut everything else. I knew that would not prevent me from getting infected or quarantined, but at least I did it for the Lord, and the Lord would use every situation for His glory.

This settled my anxieties somewhat... and thankfully nothing serious happened. My son took all his papers – even the one with Helen & Ivan.

Zion Bishan's Next Step towards a 'New Normal'

Dear Church Family, as our nation enters yet another stage of change in the pandemic, it is time for us to also move forward to best continue healthily growing together in Christ.

We had set aside September and October to allow us to observe the evolving situation and government guidelines – as well as to give time for our members to vaccinate themselves. We held alternate 50 persons “No Vaccination Requirement” and 250 persons “Vaccinated-Only” Services.

Over the last month or so, the following observations were made:

- Parents with children encountered disruptions to Children’s Discipleship (CD) (and to some extent Youth Discipleship also) during “No Vaccination Requirement” Services because we are not able to run CD on these weeks.
- There were very few unvaccinated persons that chose to return for in-person service. Hence, the church’s resources were largely underutilized.
- Many desired to return more regularly, and found the alternating services limiting, disruptive and confusing.

As God’s good stewards, we also want to make best use of the church’s resources such that we maximize our ministry to as many worshippers as possible, as often as possible. As such, we are going to deliberate on moving to 100% Vaccinated-Only Services weekly. In this way in-person CD (& YD) may continue regularly and more people can return weekly.

Our concern for our unvaccinated members remains – and we wish for all to be able to gather together to receive spiritual nourishment and fellowship necessary for Christian growth. Thus, the church is considering subsidizing the cost of the weekly Pre-Event Testing for our unvaccinated members to return for in person services. We will review the situation regularly and make further changes if necessary.

As the author of Hebrews exhorts all believers in 10:24 & 25:

And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

It is our prayer and hope that this next step will result in Zion Bishan as a community of Christ not only survives but spiritually thrives in this pandemic. May we grow better through every challenge at encouraging one another to live for Jesus and the Day of His return!

Do keep Session in prayer as we meet this Tuesday to deliberate on this matter. Thank you for all your patience and support for the leaders as we prayerfully look to the Lord to help us navigate this difficult season.

The Session

Announcements

English Worship Services in October

Zion Bishan English Services will continue to hold 50pax services, open to all, on 1st and 3rd Sundays and 200pax services, for vaccinated persons, on 2nd, 4th and 5th 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 200pax services on 1st, 3rd and 5th 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.

Zion Bishan 27th Anniversary Service 30 Oct, Saturday, 5.00pm, Sanctuary

Thank God for His faithfulness towards Zion Bishan! We will be holding a combined ethnic service on 30 Oct, 250pax (vaccinated) in-person and on livestream.

Register: zionbishan.org.sg/27anv

Livestream: zionbishan.org.sg/27live

Men's Ministry Retreat 2021 Brokenness to Brotherhood 4 Nov, 8.00am-6.00pm, Thursday (PH)

Speaker: Ps Hon Chin Foang
(from Good News Baptist Church)

Venue: Village Hotel Bugis*

Fee: \$80

Register: zionbishan.org.sg/mm2021

*Venue may change to Zion Bishan depending on COVID-19 restrictions.

Ministry Behind the Money 13 Nov, 10.00am-12.00pm, Saturday

Our annual budget dialogue will resume this year, using an online format on Zoom. We will have a selection of 15 ministries presenting in breakout rooms, covering various aspects of church activities. Participants may choose any of the ministries to attend, which will be repeated for 5 rounds.

All communicant members welcome.

Register: zionbishan.org.sg/mbtm

Missions Prayer Night "Nepal Calling" 29 Oct, 8.00-9.20pm, Friday

Come hear Brother B share his heart for the unreached, especially children and their families, in remote highland areas of Nepal.

Sign up for Friday Prayer Meeting link here: www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm