



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: All Praise to Him

Scripture Reading: Acts 1:1-11 ESV

Message: Facing a Task Unfinished

Response Hymn: Facing a Task Unfinished

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Offering

Benediction

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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

11.00am 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

Speaker: Ps Alby Yip

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter

AV: Steve Nathan, Gary Lee, Wee Aik Koon

Musician: Ronny Yang (P)

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Alice Koh

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

AV: Benny Ling, Yap Hong York

Musician: Lee Ping Lin (P)

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

AV: Abraham Lee, Tay Choon Yee, Soh Kok Hong

Musicians: Evangeline Chai (O), Deborah Koh (P)

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Chan Kin Yip

AV: Matthaues Lim, Chiam Da Ren

Musician: Joy Tan (P)

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
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
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
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
Mr Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	9751 1897
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	9060 8340
Mr Ng Zhi-Wen, <i>Community Engagement</i>	9092 6095
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Facing a Task Unfinished

Acts 1:1-11

Introduction

Jesus' Work

Jesus' Word

Jesus' Witness

Conclusion

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How has the Lord Jesus' Work & Word transformed you?
3. In what ways can you let Jesus' Witness, the Holy Spirit, work in and through you to fulfil God's purposes?
4. What have you heard the Lord say to you personally from Acts this year?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Advent Season Sermon Series – Thank the Lord for reminding us through the Book of Acts this year that we're all witnesses of His unstoppable Gospel. Pray for the upcoming evangelistic sermon series, for our hearts to be moved by the Holy Spirit to invite a non-believer to come hear about Jesus this Advent season (see page 8).

Leaders' Retreat (27 Nov) – Pray for our leaders (Ministry Staff, Elders & Deacons) as they gather for a time facilitated by Graceworks to explore on the topic of inter-generational church. Pray that it may be a fruitful time of hearing the Lord's leading.

Our People

Sheela Thomas – Sheela is the daughter of our longest serving missionaries, Chacko & Radha Thomas (with OM Special Projects, UK). Last Sunday, she suffered a stroke but we thank God she has made a remarkable recovery in cognition and speech, which were impaired seriously. Sheela was recently ordained in the Anglican Church as a Deacon and her desire is to be healthy and well again to serve the Lord. Let us press on in prayer for God to heal and restore her fully.

Our World

Nepal – Thank God for answered prayer for two suitable venues for a children's home and an IT training school in village D. Pray for smooth arrangements for the move of logistics and people to this new place for ministry. They report wonderful openings and opportunities to serve and love the unreached peoples living in this region through these ministries. Pray for the workers of one partner to be able to reconnect with his extended family in village D. He had joined our partner's children's home as a young boy and is now returning to his home village (village D) to head the IT training school. Another partner from Nepal is also visiting a new ministry area near to village D. Pray the Holy Spirit will lead him to meet people who are open and hungry to know God.

India – Praise God for youth festivals (like youth camps) in NE India that have occurred in various church congregations. Many young people have been touched by the Lord and some feel led to go to Bible College. May God use these young people to continue to reach out to the many who do not know Christ in their social networks. Pray also for safety and protection for the churches facing the problem of elephants coming into their villages.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	294	
English Service 10.30am	133	\$100.00
English Service 1pm	78	
English Service 3pm	93	
English Service 5pm	80	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	69	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	53	\$600.00
ME Service & Zoom	53	
Tamil Service	10	\$266.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	882	\$966.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$62,273.42

WEEKLY TOTAL \$63,239.42

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

ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund

Total Received to-date \$335,303.73

Giving Received from 8 Nov – 14 Nov \$986.50

Amount Disbursed to-date \$265,040.38

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer \$15,928.87

Weekly Total \$15,928.87

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,226,370.47

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

Church Family News

1. This past week, several of our members grieved the loss of loved ones:

- Nurman Wong's mother, Mrs Kumala Kusanda, aged 84, on 14 Nov.
- Alice Lim-Yeo's mother, Mdm Guan Cheng Keow, aged 91, on 14 Nov.
- Jenny Wong's sister, Mdm Chang Yoke Heng, aged 68, on 14 Nov.
- Tay Li Hui's mother, Mdm Low Kiat Cheng, aged 63, on 17 Nov.

Our deepest condolences to each one of them and their families, let us uphold them in prayer during this time of bereavement.

2. Congratulations to Joshua Khoo & Chloe Khaw on their holy matrimony on 20 Nov.

3. Ps Alby will be on leave on 25-26 Nov.

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, 26 Nov

8.00pm: Zoom Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 27 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 28 Nov

English Worship Services

(Register at 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 Zhiwen, 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

Christmas Evangelistic Series

28 Nov John 3

Ps Vernon

5 Dec John 4

Ps Alby

12 Dec John 9

Ps Ebi / Mr Danny Chua

19 Dec John 10

Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Mr Ng Zhiwen

25 Dec Christmas

Ps Dev

26 Dec John 20

Mr Ng Zhiwen / Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Your Response

21 November 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!

#DinnerChurch

In October, the 5pm Shepherds and AG leaders met online to ask these questions: "What has God been teaching us over the last 6 months as a congregation? Where is God leading?"

In our corporate discernment, we noted: **There has been significant spiritual regression.** Issues and hidden sins have come to the surface. Mental and emotional health has declined. People have withdrawn and become insular. Livestream is showing negative effects. AGs are struggling to meet.

However, despite these struggles, we also noted: **God has been forcing us to form closer, deeper, more intentional relationships.** There is a greater conviction about meeting in-person at all levels. These were some of the comments made:

(1) The smaller congregation has pushed us to get to know one another. It prevents cliques and newcomers are noticed. The restrictions have made us more personal & intentional.

(2) The smaller AG groupings allow relationships to deepen. Though harder to organise, support for the individual is better. No one is missed out.

(3) Having to meet in homes is the greatest outcome of this season. Inviting people over for meals has been a blessing. There is unhurried time as there are no more activities after this final 5pm service. We really get to know and pray for one another.

Three persons went on to share their experiences of hosting others in their homes (what we have termed #DinnerChurch), and how it made everyone feel like part of the same 'Jesus-family'.

My family too has had the privilege of hosting about **100 people** from the congregation, including newcomers and lots of children! It has been an amazing experience getting to know each person over a 2-3 hour meal! Opening our lives to one another has allowed for a truly #getreal ministry. I hope to be able to have hosted the entire congregation by another 2-3 months' time...

Over the year, a small, but growing number of us, have seen how God is working in this newly formed 5pm congregation, and we are convicted that it should continue, regardless of covid and its restrictions. Pray that the Lord will lead and guide us as we venture forth in 'The Next Lap'.

Announcements

Christmas Sermon Series

Our Christmas sermon series begins next Sunday till the end of 2021. As this is an evangelistic series on the Gospel of John, it is a ripe opportunity to invite a non-believer to come hear about Jesus this Advent season. Do prayerfully consider inviting a friend or family member this year.

28 Nov John 3
5 Dec John 4
12 Dec John 9
19 Dec John 10
25 Dec Christmas
26 Dec John 20

Faith at Home Series

Starts 11 Dec, 2 – 4pm, on Zoom

Family Ministry (FaM) will be running our Faith at Home series for parents with children 0-6 years old. Series dates and sessions:

11 Dec - Infant Baptism*
17 Dec - Family Devotions
8 Jan - Blessing Our Children
15 Jan - Sitting in Big Church

*Attendance for the Infant Baptism Class is required for parents presenting their children for baptism on 19 Dec. Please also get a form from Lydia.

Register at zionbishan.org.sg/fah

Women of Zion (WOZ):

Praise and Thanksgiving on Zoom

"The Reason for the Season"

4 Dec, Saturday, 10 – 11.30am

Ladies, sign up for the zoom link with Lydia @ 8338 3982.

Who Knows?

**4 Dec, Saturday, 4.30 – 6pm,
Main Sanctuary**

Who Knows? is an evangelistic talk exploring: "Who has the right to tell us about life?" Our speaker, Ps Lincoln Mao (Bethesda Christian Centre) will explore the answer with us from the Gospel of John. It'll not only be a great opportunity for friends to hear the gospel, but also a great starting point to invite them to read John with you too!

Sign up at bit.ly/whoknows21

Contact Joel (joel@zionbishan.org.sg) or Vanessa (vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg) for more information.

Serve in ZB Youth Ministry

The Youth Ministry (YM) is looking for ZB members who are active in their spiritual community & AG. and have a desire to invest time into the NextGen as a YD leader or at YF.

To chat more and find out how you can start serving, get in touch with Ps Dev (dev@zionbishan.org.sg) or Jacqueline @ 9322 7629. Volunteers will be subject to approval by the YM leadership.