Why does he say we need to be born again? Can I believe Him without seeing him?

Who is Jesus:

What is the life that He offers?

FOR GOD SO LOVED THE WORLD, THAT HE GAVE HIS ONLY SON, THAT REMOEVER BELIEVES OF HAM SHOULD HOT PETERH BUT HAVE FTO THAT LETTING

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: O Come, All Ye Faithful

Reception of Members

Scripture Reading: John 10:1-18 ESV

Message: I am the Good Shepherd

Response Hymn: From the Squalor of a Borrowed Stable

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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
9.00am Hokkien service
9.30am Tamil 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

Speakers:

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (10.30am & 1 pm) Mr Ng Zhiwen (3 pm & 5 pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter AV: Steve Nathan, Jack See, Wee Aik Koon Musicians: Morning Team 4 Song Leaders: Roxanne Foo & Victor Quek

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan AV: Benny Ling, Jeffery Kow, Matthew Neo Musicians: Morning Team 4 Song Leaders: Roxanne Foo & Victor Quek

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Jacqueline Lie Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang AV: Wilson Lee, Darren Lee, Jared Koh Musicians: Afternoon Team 1 Song Leaders: Lydia Ng & Priscilla Chew

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan AV: Nicklaus Yu, Chiam Da Ren Musicians: Afternoon Team 1 Song Leader: Lydia Ng & Priscilla Chew

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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| Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor | 9844 9536 | |
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| Rev Zheng Haoren, Pastor | 6353 8081 | |
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| Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand) | 9489 4967 | |
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| Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) | 8428 0525 | |
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| Mrs Sharon Quek, Trg/Mobilisation | 9788 0195 | |
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| Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor | | |
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Sermon Notes

I am the Good Shepherd

John 10:1-18

19 December 2021 Mr Quek Tze-Ming/Mr Ng Zhiwen

What do sheep know?

What does a shepherd do?

So, whose voice do you follow?

Questions for Reflection:

- Jesus says He came that people "may have life and have it abundantly" (v. 10). What does that kind of overflowing life look like to you?
- 2. What are some "thieves and robbers" who have deceived or stolen that kind of life from you?
- 3. What distinguishing mark of the "good shepherd" does Jesus repeat several times in verses 11–18? What does that say about the shepherd?

Our Church

Reception of New Members – Praise God for the 20+ adults and 9 little children who have joined Zion Bishan today! May we welcome them joyfully into our church family and make every effort to ensure their spiritual growth that they may know the love of God the Father given to us abundantly in Christ Jesus.

Basic AG Leaders Equipping Course – Thank God for the 8 participants who have spent the last 6 weeks thinking through what the Bible says about healthy small groups that grow in maturity and in mission. Continue to pray that our Father will guide us in the urgent work of training and raising under-shepherds who can feed the flock at Zion Bishan. Do uphold our existing AG leaders across all the congregations too, as they persevere in the hard work of pastoral care and Word ministry.

Our World

Lebanon – Throughout the country's economic collapse, our partner has been faithfully supporting the needy people in Beirut through relief and food parcels. And afterwards, when asked if they would like to study the Bible, many recipients were interested and persevered through Bible basics and even on to further levels. Praise God also for the testimonies of healing that have taken place. May God grow the faith of these new believers, so that more will come to know Him. **Bangladesh** – Thank God for the recent food distribution effort by our partner to a total of 2,900 pre-schoolers. This effort has helped to alleviate malnutrition that was affecting many families because of the pandemic. Praise God that the government administrators in these areas had a positive response to this aid to their communities. Pray that this will continue to bear fruit for the Kingdom.

NE India – Pray for our following partners:

Partner S runs day-care centres (DCC) that serves the poor and needy children in many neighbourhoods. Pray for new children to adjust well to the routine of the DCCs. May the good news of Christmas be clearly understood by the children and their parents in this season. Pray also for the provision of a place to rent for a 1-year old DCC; prospective house owners are generally reluctant to rent out their compounds due to the DCC's association with slum children.

Partner M is having their Annual General Meeting this month. Pray for their AGM to go well and may the Lord enable the leaders and use their vision to equip and send out missionaries to the region in the coming year.

Partner O, despite facing severe challenges, reports the formation of 2 new fellowship groups. Pray for the Lord's protection on these new believers and the spirit's guidance on the disciple making process that is needed to mature the church.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) | |
|-----------------------------------|--------------------|----------------|--|
| English Service Livestreams# | 250 | | |
| English Service 10.30am | 192 | 750.00 | |
| English Service 1pm | 89 | | |
| English Service 3pm | 121 | | |
| English Service 5pm | 101 | | |
| Mand/Cant Livestream [#] | 67 | | |
| Mand/Cant 8.30 [#] | 65 | 500.00 | |
| ME Service & Zoom | 62 | | |
| Hokkien Service | 61 | | |
| Tamil Service | 15 | 835.00 | |
| DHF | 24 | | |
| TOTAL | 1047 | 2,085.00 | |
| All in-person attendance includes | serving personne | Ι | |
| *Livestreaming peak concurrent v | iewers | | |
| Electronic Transfer | | \$84,766.26 | |
| WEEKLY TOTAL | | \$86,851.26 | |
| Weekly offering to meet budget f | or 2021/22: \$65,2 | .98 | |
| | | | |
| ZB COVID-19 Mission Relief F | und | | |
| Total Received to-date | | \$341,866.83 | |
| Giving Received from 6 Dec – 12 | Dec | \$3,372.50 | |
| Amount Disbursed to-date | | \$266,412.38 | |
| | | | |
| Land Lease Renewal Fund | | | |
| Electronic Transfer | | \$10,482.37 | |
| Weekly Total | | \$10,482.37 | |
| (Weekly Target: \$118,238) | | | |
| Total Gift Received To-Date | | \$8,273,913.35 | |

Church Family News

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date

- 1. Congratulations to Jonathan Koh & Low Ying Xin on their holy matrimony on 18 Dec.
- 2. Congratulations to Megan Chew on her marriage to Casey Tan on the 18 Dec.
- 3. Pastor Alby is preaching at Mt Carmel BPC this morning.
- 4. Mr Quek Tze-Ming will be preaching at Bethesda Katong Christmas Day service (25 Dec).
- Elder David Leong has just been appointed Acting Pastor of Emmanuel BP Church on the back of Pastor Alby's appointment there as Advisory Pastor. Please pray for him as he serves this community on top of his responsibilities at Zion Bishan.

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

\$3,908,000.00

Looking Ahead

Friday, 24 Dec 8.00pm: No Prayer Meeting (Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

Saturday, 25 Christmas Day

10.30am & 5 pm: Christmas Services **4.00pm:** No Youth Fellowship (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/vf</u>)

Sunday, 26 Dec

English Worship Services (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services</u>)

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

25 Dec Christmas Ps Dev

26 Dec John 20 Mr Ng Zhiwen / Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Your Response

19 December 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.

A Word In Season YOUTH CAMP COMMITTEE 2021

Youth Camp 2021: Homecoming

Zion BP Youth Camp'21 took place last week from 6 to 10 December. The camp saw close to 70 participants as youths gathered together, in groups of five. We also had many new, non-Christian friends who joined us over the five days. The theme of this year's camp was 'Homecoming', with the camp speaker preaching from Luke 15 about the parable of the two lost sons. Camp activities focused on helping the youths explore and think through what it means for them that they have been invited into a relationship with the Father through Jesus. Praise God for keeping all the campers and helpers safe and healthy over the five days and giving us a great time in fellowship with one another - a glimpse of how Church is family!

Please continue praying for our youths that they will grow in knowledge of Jesus and take delight in their relationship with Him, that the seeds sown in the hearts of our new friends will take root and for the Spirit to embolden our youths to witness to them as we approach the festive season!



Here are some reflections from one Group Leader, and one Youth:

Eugene Poh: I served as a group leader (GL) for the first time in this youth camp. Due to COVID restrictions, this meant that I was the only GL for four other campers. As a first time GL, I felt the pressure during camp to ensure that the campers were not only physically okay but also to get them to share their thoughts and insights. This was particularly challenging for me, as I am introverted and being tasked with asking the discussion questions as well as following up on thoughts and insights were very draining. I thank God that He helped me to pull through to the end. While my first experience as a GL was challenging, I am thankful that I took the opportunity up. Before camp, despite attending meetings over zoom to prepare for the sermon discussions, it did not click with me what 'Homecoming' meant for me. I am very thankful that through the sermons and discussions, I saw that for me, 'Homecoming' meant the deepening and strengthening of my relationship with God. Overall, it was very encouraging to see the campers in my group grow in their understanding of the parable. All four of my campers identified with one brother or the other. By the end, it was rather clear that we share traits of both. Despite us being undeserving of being saved, God unconditionally and lovingly offered a way to be saved. God took the initiative and offered a relationship with Him to all who will believe. Relationships

either grow or decay. Christianity isn't a list of boxes we can tick off. Nor is it meritocratic. I hope wherever you read this, you will consider taking that next step in your relationship with God.

Timothy Chng: When I first heard the first details about youth camp, I was thinking to myself, "My time has come." Every year is just one long wait for the next youth camp, and I have to say, I was certainly not disappointed with this year's camp! Well, this year's camp has to be my best one. (A lot of my friends know me for calling every camp the best one, but I mean it when I say it this time.)

My camp group this year is definitely the best (for real), the group was a mix of new and familiar faces, but I eventually got to connect and bond with all of them during camp.

Throughout the camp, our camp speaker was an extremely funny, but wise, guy called Jo Tee, who preached relatable sermons that were helpful in helping me to understand God's Word. One line in particular really hit close to home was: "Nothing you do can make God love you more, and nothing you do can make God love you less." It really showed how much God loves and cares for all of us, and it made me understand that God truly wanted me back in his heavenly home!

One particularly special moment in camp would be the escape room and I got to see all of my amazing group mates in action, and it was fun to solve the puzzle with my group. All in all, let me offer my final thanks to the camp comm for making the memories I got in this camp better to remember than Pythagoras' theorem.



We want to specially thank many Zion families who have graciously offered hospitality to our youths over the five days of camp during lunch time. The meal times with the church families was a highlight for many of our youths who had such an enjoyable time, and a clear testament of the family that Jesus brings us into for our non-Christian friends! Thank you to our sponsors whose generous giving made it possible for us to cater lunch for the five days of camp!

Reception of Members

Zion Bishan English Services

10.30 AM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Transfer of Membership

- 1. Liu Chun Su (Mr) Kangnam Jooyang Baptist Church, Seoul Korea
- 2. Nancy Sofian (Mrs) Liu Chun Su Hope Presbyterian Church

1 PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

- 3. Ham Joon Lok (Mr)
- 4. Mita Ana Fitra (Ms)

Transfer of Membership

- 5. Lim Nan (Mr) Grace Assembly of God
- 6. Christy Chew Kok Mei (Mrs) Lim Nan Grace Assembly of God
- 7. Kwan Gate Ming (Ms) Lifeline Family Church

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Child Baptism

- 8. Emmaus Lim (s/o Lim Nan & Christy Chew Kok Mei)
- 9. Ekklessia Lim (d/o Lim Nan & Christy Chew Kok Mei)

3 PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

- 10. Melvin Soo Hin Whye (Mr)
- 11. Darren Lee Jing Yu (Mr)
- 12. John Yeow En Hao (Mr)
- 13. Joel Yeow En Kai (Mr)
- 14. Lynette Teoh Wen Qian (Ms)
- 15. Megan Png Jing Ting (Ms)

Reaffirmation of Faith

16. Samuel Kang Tse-Chong (Mr)

Transfer of Membership

- 17. Alvin Poh Lye Heng (Mr) Emmanuel Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 18. Eugene Poh En Xiang (Mr) Emmanuel Bible-Presbyterian Church
- 19. Koh Hui Yan (Ms) All Saints' Church
- 20. Joyce Liew-Ng (Mrs) Redemption Hill Church
- 21. Paul Huang Xihui (Mr) Spiritual Grace Presbyterian Church
- 22. Bethia Soh Jiayun (Mrs) Paul Huang Xihui Spiritual Grace Presbyterian Church
- 23. Judah Koh Tiong Wei (Mr) All Saints' Church
- 24. Zoeleen Leow Shi Xuan (Mrs) Judah Koh Tiong Wei All Saints' Church

5 PM SERVICE

COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Adult Baptism

25. Kho Siow Lek Jessie (Mdm)

Reaffirmation of Faith

26. Nicholas Bay Kian Ern (Mr)

NON-COMMUNICANT MEMBERS

Infant/Child Baptism

- 27. Natalie Khoo Si En (d/o Jeremy Khoo Jia Ren & Amilyn Chan Pui Ying)
- 28. Naomi Chan Xiao Ying (d/o Chan Kin Yip & Lydia Khoo Wen Lin)
- 29. Andrea Ng Hui En (d/o Alvin Ng Yee Hui & Wong Liling)
- 30. Gabriel Tan Yong Yi (s/o Andrew Tan You Wei & Lin Weiling)
- 31. Gregory Thia Rui Ming (s/o Moses Thia Jiale & Wu Jiahui)
- 32. Jotham Samuel Low Enqi (s/o Justin Low Hong Soon & Kwan Yunxin)
- 33. Tanya Ying Kaiyi (d/o Wilfred Ying Shiming & Carrie Chen Lipin)

Announcements

Christmas Day Services "Good News of Great Joy!" 25 Dec, 10.30am & 5.00pm, Saturday

Almost all slots for the Christmas Day services have been taken up! If you are unable to secure a ticket for in-person attendance, please join us as the livestream at 10.30am. No walk-ins.

Visit <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/christmas</u> for registration and livestream links.

Watchnight Service: "Press On" 31 Dec, 9.30pm & 10.45pm, Saturday

Testimony sharing begins at 9.30pm and the livestreamed Watchnight service (with Holy Communion) begins at 10.45pm in the Sanctuary.

Registration link and Watchnight Service livestream information are on <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/watchnight</u>

A New Year's Eve family devotional will be made available on our website.

Adult Discipleship Classes 2022

We are excited to share some plans for ADC starting next year! The team is planning to run between 1-3 classes, bimonthly, on each of the following topics:

Jan - Work & The Workplace Mar - Spiritual Formation May - The Home (July is Missions Month) Sep- Inviting, Including, & Enabling Nov - Gender & Sexuality Find out more at <u>zionbishan.org.sg/adc</u>

Home Missions Opportunities 2022

God has given us many opportunities in Zion Bishan to reach different groups of people locally for Christ. Prayerfully consider serving in one of these areas next year or indicate your responses to find out more at <u>tinyurl.com/ZBHM2022</u> by the end of the year.

WOZ: The Beautiful Women – Seeing Yourself as God Sees You.

8 Jan, 9.30-10.30am, Saturday, Zoom

Speaker: Shi Lim. Ladies, contact Lydia @8338 3982 for the link.

Rethinking Ageing: Practical Steps for Ageing Healthily and Purposefully 8 Jan, 10.30am, Saturday, Zoom

Come join us, at this upcoming SENIORS360 event, to hear our invited speaker Mr Isaiah Chng, founder of ProAge & Empower Ageing. Do invite non-Christian friends along!

Register with Stella Tan (8522 0601).

To stay updated on SENIORS360 activities and interest groups, do contact Dns Alice Koh (9835 2580) or Elder John Chai (8223 2929) if you would like to be added to the WhatsApp chatgroup.

Faith at Home Series Continues 8 Jan, 2.00pm, on Zoom

Inviting all parents with children 0-6 years old to join the Family Ministry's (FaM) Faith at Home sessions!

Next session dates: 8 Jan – Blessing Our Children 15 Jan – Sitting in Big Church Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg</u>/fah