



What does man gain by all the toil  
at which he toils under the sun?  
Ecclesiastes 1:3

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English Services & Livestream

**Order of Service**

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Lead us, Heavenly Father, Lead us

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 4:1-16 ESV

Message: Oppression, Envy and Riches

Response Hymn: We are One

Corporate Life & Prayer

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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](http://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](http://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](http://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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

### Songs for personal worship and reflection:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/songs)

## Serving You Today

**Speaker:** Mr Quek Tze-Ming

### 10.30am

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Sunil Peter

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chuah Chin Yew

*AV:* Goh Han Teck, Samuel Bin, James Kok

*Musician & Vocalist:* Morning Team 4

### 1.00pm

*Service Coordinator:* Dns Ng Li-Hwee

*Worship Leader:* Ps Zheng Haoren

*AV:* Benny Ling, Jeffery Kow, Matthew Neo

*Musician & Vocalist:* Morning Team 4

### 3.00pm

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Eld Roland Low

*AV:* Soh Kok Hong, Darren Lee, Jared Koh

*Musician & Vocalists:* Afternoon Team

### 5.00pm

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

*AV:* Ravi, Jonathan Teo, Kevin Chung

*Musician & Vocalists:* Afternoon Team

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@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)* *jtlm*

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*

Mr Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

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

Mr Ng Zhiwen, *Community Engagement* *zhiwen*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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# **Oppression, Envy, and Riches**

Ecclesiastes 4:1-16

30 January 2022

Mr Quek Tze-Ming

## **Oppression (4:1-3)**

## **Envy (4:4-6)**

## **Hoarding (4:7-8)**

## **Two are Better than One (4:9-12)**

## **“Rags to Riches”? (4:13-16)**

### **Questions for Reflection:**

1. Read Ecclesiastes 4:1-16. What do you remember from the sermon? What strikes you about what the Preacher says?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being lazy and 10 being a workaholic), how would you rate yourself? Explain. How does Eccl 4:5-6 help you?
3. What are the benefits of partnership (Eccl 4:9-12)? Have you seen any of these in operation (work, or AG, or ministry, or church)?
4. In the week ahead, what one concrete thing can you (or your AG) do to build and nurture “Two are better than one ... a threefold cord is not easily broken”?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

#### **English as Second Language (ESL)**

**Ministry** – After stopping classes in July last year due to the pandemic, the ministry plans to resume in a few weeks' time on 14 Feb. Pray for all 17 volunteers as they serve, that the ladies attending may see the love of Christ through them. Uphold Dn Chew Meng in prayer as he coordinates the ministry.

#### **Hokkien Service Lunar New Year**

**Outreach** – The Hokkien service is organizing an outreach event on 12 Feb. Pray for courage and boldness as members invite their loved ones, relatives and friends to this event, and for open hearts to receive the gospel during this season of gathering and festivities.

### **Our People**

#### **Celebration of the Chinese Lunar New Year**

**Year** – The Chinese Lunar New Year is well celebrated by the Chinese in Singapore as well as other Asian countries around the world. It is customary for families to visit their relatives' homes and exchange greetings and gifts like Ang Baos (red packets), oranges and new year goodies. As brothers and sisters in Christ celebrate this cultural tradition, pray that they will also reflect Christ in their hospitality, generosity, and graciousness to their loved ones, relatives, neighbours and friends.

### **Our World**

**Central Asia** – Central Asia is a vast region that includes the countries of Turkmenistan, Uzbekistan, Kazakhstan, Tajikistan, Kyrgyzstan, and much of Xinjiang province in western China. Pray for the work of the gospel among various least-reached people there by our ministry partner who visits the few churches in the region and does engagement with the harvest through various youth and adult programmes. May the Lord unite and encourage the small but growing number of believers in this region.

**India** – Brother B who lost part of his leg due to a bus accident last year, has suddenly fallen ill and been hospitalised (kidney is damaged due to diabetes). He tested positive for COVID and has thankfully recovered. Pray particularly for wise decisions to be made regarding the treatment for his failing kidney.

**Brother S Thulung** – Pray for Brother S, who is caring for his terminally ill father and mother who has dementia in Nepal. It has been particularly hard as caregiver in recent days. His father is now bedridden and eats very small amounts of soft food each day. His mother is often confused and agitated, so it has been both physically and emotionally very draining for Brother S and the other caregivers in his family. He has requested personally for strength to minister to both parents at this crucial time.

Last Week

| Sunday Service               | Attendance  | Offering (\$)     |
|------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| English Service Livestreams# | 281         |                   |
| English Service 10.30am      | 239         | 750.00            |
| English Service 1pm          | 80          |                   |
| English Service 3pm          | 150         |                   |
| English Service 5pm          | 105         |                   |
| Mand/Cant Livestream#        | 53          |                   |
| Mand/Cant 8.30#              | 77          | 250.00            |
| ME Service & Zoom            | 67          |                   |
| Hokkien Service              | 45          |                   |
| Tamil Service                | 9           | 334.00            |
| DHF                          | 19          |                   |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                 | <b>1125</b> | <b>\$1,334.00</b> |

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$64,596.22

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$65,930.22**

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1804-6 \$52,200.00

Electronic Transfer \$8,924.94

**Weekly Total \$61,124.94**

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,561,136.87**

**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 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, 4 Feb

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### Saturday, 5 Feb

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### Sunday, 6 Feb

English Worship Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://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 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

### Ecclesiastes Series Sermon:

**6 Feb** (Ecc 5:1-7) True Worship  
*Danny Chua/Ng Zhiwen*

**13 Feb** (Ecc 5:8 – 6:12) The Pursuit of Wealth  
*Quek Tze-Ming/Danny Chua*

**20 Feb** (Ecc 7:1-13) Wisdom vs Folly  
*Ps Alby/Ps Dev*

**27 Feb** (Ecc 7:14-29) The Universe is  
Beyond our Grasp  
*Ps Vernon/Ng Zhiwen*

## Your Response

30 January 2022

*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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at  
[office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling  
matters, please email  
[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto: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!

## **BPCIS Update - THREE-FOLD AGENDA**

In the last Update in Oct 2021, we wrote, “In the coming years, God helping us, we embark on agenda DBS 2.0: Devoting to prayer, Building bridges and Strengthening our churches.”

**DEVOTING TO PRAYER.** In November last year we began our monthly zoom prayer, every third Wednesday at 3pm-3.30pm. BPCIS pastors will bring needs of our churches and pray for one another. Our Good Friday Service on 15 April will focus on the Gethsemane Prayer of Jesus, “...not my will, but yours, be done....” (Luke 22:42 ) with guest speaker Pastor Ivan Chow of Bethesda Bukit Arang. A series of devotions on that theme will be featured on our Website leading to Good Friday.

**BUILDING BRIDGES.** In our last Update, we announce the happy news that Grace BP Church joined BPCIS as our 9th member church. God willing, another BP church will join soon as 10th church. We will continue to build bridges to BP churches which are not part of a Presbytery yet. In this regard, we are glad to hear of a second Presbytery being formed with Life, New Life, Calvary-Jurong and Sharon BP Churches. We call on all BP churches to prayerfully consider being part of a Presbytery if they call themselves Presbyterian.

**STRENGTHENING OUR CHURCHES.** This will be the theme of our Pastors & Leaders Retreat this year, held 4-5 July, at Changi Cove. Pastor Denesh Divyanathan of The Crossing Church will be our speaker. As part of our bridge-building, we will be extending invitation to churches not part of BPCIS. God continues to strengthen our churches through the ordination of men to the ministry. Three are now on ordination tracks: Paul Yeo and Ng Zhiwen (Zion Bishan) and Elder David Leong (Emmanuel).

As the world moves increasingly online, our website manager Karen Quek is joined by a team of digital natives from Zion Serangoon, Shalom and Mount Hermon, ensuring fresh content and viewership. Visit [bpcis.org.sg](http://bpcis.org.sg) for our latest stories and commentaries. “We will not hide them... we will tell... the praiseworthy deeds of the Lord, his power, and the wonders he has done.” Psalm 78.4

Pastor David Wong  
General Secretary, Bible-Presbyterian Church in Singapore

# Announcements

## **Extraordinary Congregational Meeting 26 Feb, 4.00pm, Saturday, Livestream**

The letter of notice, budget and proxy form have been sent to communicant members via email. Kindly send your questions to [ecmzion@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:ecmzion@zionbishan.org.sg) by 4 Feb. Session will reply directly by email and the Q&A will be compiled and posted to our website.

Indicate your vote and submit the completed proxy form by 21 Feb via email, mail, or drop box (place hardcopy forms in specified boxes at church).

## **Looking for CE Table Hosts!**

### **Starts 23 Feb, 7:30pm, Wednesdays**

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in March! Come on board to journey alongside people exploring Christianity, and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. There will be four training sessions that will be in-person; CE will run on Zoom.

Contact [joel@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg) to sign up for the CE Table Host training.

## **Hokkien Service Lunar New Year Outreach 12 Feb, 10.30am, Saturday, Sanctuary**

Take this opportunity to bring loved ones and friends to celebrate the Lunar New Year with Chinese instruments performances, testimony sharing by Mrs Annie Lim and the gospel proclaimed.

Speaker: Rev James Lim

Register at <http://bit.ly/HokkienCNY2022>

## **Catechism Class**

### **Starts 19 Feb, 1.30-3.00pm, Saturdays**

Email [lydia@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:lydia@zionbishan.org.sg) for a registration form. Sign up by 6 Feb.

## **Seniors360 Weekday Interest Groups**

Make new friends & bond through the following indoor & outdoor activities!

### **1) Rummikub Fridays at 10.30am**

Every 2nd & 4th Fri, starting 11 Feb

A game of logic that provides visual & tactile stimulation. Held at Zion Bishan.

Register at

<https://forms.gle/BRGYmwQj4we2ggyi7>

### **2) Afternoon/Evening Thursday Walks**

Every 2nd & 4th Thurs, starting 10 Mar

Please contact Cheng Guan (9837 8750) for details and registration.

### **3) Table Tennis Group in April.**

More details will be provided soon.

If you have any questions regarding Senior360 activities, you may contact Dns Alice Koh (9835 2580) or Elder John Chai (8223 2929), or Stella at [s360zb@gmail.com](mailto:s360zb@gmail.com).

## **WOZ Talk: "Nameless Women of the Gospels"**

### **19 Feb, 12 & 26 Mar, 10.00-11.30am**

Synopsis: Why are so many women in the Gospels brought to our attention without their names? They are simply known as "the woman of Samaria" or "the woman caught in adultery". Our studies will explore the place of women in biblical times, how Jesus treated them, and what they can teach us, both men and women, about identity and worth, with or without names.

Ladies, sign up for Ps David's series here:

<https://forms.gle/BZJm71yhw8ThF38>

Contact Lydia (8338 3982) for queries.