



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: Be Still for the Presence of the Lord

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:1-7 ESV

Message: Meaningless Worship?

Response Hymn: O Jesus I Have Promised

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all services today

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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 Danny Chua (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Ng Zhiwen (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

AV: Steve Nathan, Gary Lee, Steven Tan

Musician: Grace Ho

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Elder David Leong

AV: Matthew Neo, Nurman Kusanda, Sean Yang

Musician: Paul Liew

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

AV: Eugene Poh, Bethia Soh, Paul Huang

Musician: Deborah Koh

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Timothy Ong

AV: Matthaesus Lim, Nicklaus Yu, Josiah Menon

Musician: Timothy Low

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* 9829 6051

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Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* 8428 0525

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* 9796 0196

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Meaningless Worship?

Ecclesiastes 5:1-7

Introduction

Guard your steps (5:1)

Watch your words (5:2)

Pay what you vow (5:4)

Fear God (5:7)

Conclusion & Reflection: Meaningless Worship?

Questions for Reflection:

1. Recall the sermon that you heard, what were 3 important insights that you learned?
2. Some have observed that 5:7 is a summary statement of the entire book of Ecclesiastes. Take some time to meditate on this verse.
3. Do an honest review of your life with God: How do you take care to listen to God more than to speak (5:2)? Have “dreams” and “many words” been a feature of your prayer life (5:3-7)?
4. What 'vows' have you made to God you've found hard to keep? How does Jesus' finished work on the Cross fit into this struggle? Let God speak to you about these matters, then respond and talk to Him.

Prayer Points

Our Church

Implementation of VDS (Vaccination Differentiated Safe Management Measures) – Starting 1 Feb, all church services must implement VDS. The key changes include: 1) only vaccinated attendees are allowed at services, and 2) all, regardless of vaccination status, are allowed at religious classes capped at 50. Thank God for every opportunity that we have to gather and worship Him as His people! Pray for wisdom for the Covid taskforce and ministry leaders as they organize religious activities in a safe manner, and for our gatherings to be encouraging and edifying for worshippers during this endemic.

Mandarin Service 31st Anniversary – Praise and thank God for sustaining another year of our Mandarin Service! The past two years have been challenging for the majority senior-aged congregation. Pray for our pastors, elders, deacons and staff who work tirelessly to serve our Lord Jesus by bringing God’s Word to our mandarin speaking members and community.

Our World

Singapore – May we remember loved ones, neighbours and friends who are affected by the COVID restrictions and are feeling isolated during this festive season of the Lunar New Year (those hospitalized or staying in residential care homes). May the love of Christ draw us

closer to one another as we find ways to connect with them.

India – Pray for the leadership seminars taking place this week to help equip the workers in the churches in NE India to be able to lead their congregations well. In North India, many first generation believers are the only Jesus followers in their families. Pray that these believers would be bold and Spirit-led to share God’s love to their own families. One partner has a tuition programme that has 9 tuition centres helping 172 students. Pray that both Christian and Non-Christian children will see this as God’s blessings and that the love of Christ will shine through these centres. Pray for workers and believers to be protected from COVID and other illnesses.

Philippines – In December, Typhoon Odette badly damaged many structures at Student Missionary Outreach’s (SMO) Promised Land and at the Student Centre in Bacolod City. Thank God that the repair work for the dormitories and various roof structures are progressing well. Pray for the resumption of ministry activities such as student events and bible studies as the COVID situation eases. On 28 Dec 2021, Zion Bishan friends of SMO and SMO staff were able to have an online fellowship based on the theme “Hope & Renewal”. Thank God for a time of mutual encouragement with prayer in small groups, and exhortation from the Word.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	261	
English Service 10.30am	279	
English Service 1pm	83	
English Service 3pm	140	
English Service 5pm	94	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	50	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	71	600.00
ME Service & Zoom	60	
Hokkien Service	34	
Tamil Service	14	452.00
DHF	21	
TOTAL	1107	\$1,052.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$55,856.40
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$56,908.40

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$10,484.50
Weekly Total	\$10,484.50
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,571,621.37
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,908,000.00

Session Meeting Highlights

1. Session approved the formation of a pro-tem committee comprising members in the finance industry to explore the optimization of the \$8.6 mil we have in the LLRF. Final decisions regarding the investments, if any, will be tabled for member's approval in the May ACM. More details will be presented in the coming ECM.
2. Elder Soon Huat, Elder Sonny, Dn Kin Yip and Ms Cassandra Chng were reappointed to the church's Audit & Risk Committee
3. Session endorsed the Safeguarding Policy, which is now available on our church website.
4. Session approved the extension of the S3P program to end-June for stayers in dire needs.
5. Session approved the formation of a church upgrading committee to appoint architects for the purpose of identifying, drafting and costing of the proposed upgrading. Where feasible, members' approval will be sought in May's ACM. More details will be presented in the coming ECM.

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)

Session Meeting Highlights (cont'd)

6. With the declining needs for the “Covid-19 Missions Relief Fund” (CV19 MRF), Session decided to expand the coverage to include disaster and hardship relief and hence renamed the fund to Missions Relief Fund (MRF). Also, we will cease collection of funds for MRF and close the fund by 30 June 2022. Any remaining amount will be channelled to the GMF.

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at the Zion Bishan’s Mandarin 31st Anniversary Service today.
2. Congratulations to Marvin and Mabel Cheong on the birth of their daughter Clara Cheong on 29 Jan 2022.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 11 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 12 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 13 Feb

English Worship Services

(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 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:

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

Your Response

6 February 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

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!

Inclusion and Enabling: It Begins With You

Have you ever wondered what does an inclusive church look like?

Sure, it is nice to have a hospitality desk to greet worshippers, especially new ones. But will we go on to care for, and encourage, the differently-abled? It is good to have a strong Sunday School curriculum. But are our children and youth upholding each other as they negotiate our ever-changing culture?

The ministry to enable and care for the differently-abled lies in the heart of the church community.

What does “inclusion” mean to you? Here we are referring to individuals who have physical impairment as well as those with invisible disabilities that impacted their developmental co-ordination to learn or behave differently. Inevitably, this community experiences challenges in social acceptance.

It is not uncommon for people to keep a distance from the differently-abled due to discomfort or ignorance and a fear of offending them. Or perhaps some are not sure how to respond to those who behave differently. A handful of us, from the Enabling Ministry, firmly believes that awareness and education play a crucial role in remedying this social stigma.

God designed His Church to care for one another, growing together and serving each other. "Those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special modesty" (1 Cor 12:22-23).

Would you happen to know of anyone in our midst whom you can start to enable, serve and include? Would you be an advocate and a voice for the marginalised and friendless? Would you then step up and partner us to enable the church to be a wholly inclusive one?

Zion Bishan can be an inclusive church only when it is enabled by each and every member. It all begins with you.

(The Enabling Ministry's vision for Zion Bishan is to become an inclusive community where everyone in the church family is a disciple and disciple-maker of Christ. We aim to equip our partnering ministries to understand and practise inclusion through relevant courses and workshops. Interested cross-ministries and AGs are welcome to contact Dns Sherena (97345717) for a chat.

For a start, we like to introduce the Enabling Communities, a bible study guidebook on including people with disabilities in churches. This new resource published by the Koinonia Inclusion Network will help small groups learn about the inclusion and integration from a biblical perspective. Do check out at graceworks.com.sg to get the hardcopy materials.)

Announcements

Extraordinary Congregational Meeting

26 Feb, 4.00pm, Saturday, Livestream

Communicant Members, indicate your vote and submit the completed proxy form by 21 Feb via email or mail.

Hardcopy forms will also be available at designated dropboxes on Sundays.

Looking for CE Table Hosts!

Starts 23 Feb, 7:30pm, Wednesdays

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 in March.

Contact 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.

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

Missions Conversations #5:

Making the gospel clear to another CULTURE?

16 Feb, 8.30-9.45pm, Wednesday

Come and hear about the challenges of making the unchanging gospel clear to the many different cultures we have in our world. Sign up here:

tinyurl.com/ZBMissionsConv2021

Catechism Class

Starts 19 Feb, 1.30-3.00pm, Saturdays

Email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg for a registration form. **Sign up by TODAY!**

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/BRGYmwQj4we2ggvjZ>

2) Afternoon/Evening Thursday Walks

Every 2nd & 4th Thurs, starting 10 Mar

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

If you have any questions regarding Senior360 activities, you may contact Stella at 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/BZJJm71yhfW8ThF38>

Contact Lydia (8338 3982) for queries.