



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: Give Them All to Jesus

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 5:8-20; 6:10-12 ESV

Message: Love of Money

Response Hymn: My Worth Is Not In What I Own

Corporate Life & Prayer

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

9.00am 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 & 1pm)

Mr Danny Chua (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

AV: James Kok, Samuel Bin, Goh Han Teck

Musicians & Song Leader: Morning Team 2

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

AV: Benny Ling, Yap Hong York, Matthew Neo

Musicians & Song Leader: Morning Team 2

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

AV: Melissa Leong, Tay Choon Yee, Soh Kok Hong

Musicians & Song Leader: Afternoon Team 2

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Chan Kin Yip

AV: Ravi Shankar, Lence Teh, Kevin Chung

Musicians & Song Leader: Afternoon Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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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)* *jtlim*

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* *daniel*

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Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

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Mr Linus Koe, *Family Ministry/Media* *linus*

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Love of Money

Ecclesiastes 5:8-6:12

13 February 2022

Mr Quek Tze-Ming/Mr Danny Chua

Oppression (Again!) & The Love of Money (5:8-17)

Will we who love money ever be satisfied with it?

- A 'sickening tragedy': harmful riches & eating in darkness (5:13-17)

The Good Life Now: Right & Fitting Enjoyment (5:18-20)

How can we find the God-given joy that occupies our hearts?

- "What I have seen to be good and fitting..." (5:18)
- Remember 3:11... "He has made everything *beautiful (good and fitting)* in its time."

Your Worst Life Now: Zero Enjoyment (6:1-12)

What is the point of great wealth and possession without the ability to enjoy them?

- A 'zero enjoyment' life: far worse than the worst kind of loss (6:1-6)

So... What is 'right & fitting' Christian enjoyment today?

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Read Eccl 5:8-17; 6:1-12. How does the Preacher describe the nature of wealth?
2. On a scale of 1 to 10 (1 being very little, 10 being very much), how would you rate your attachment to the things you own? Describe one particular struggle you have had in this area.
3. Note the contrast between Eccl 5:18-20 and what you've read (5:8-17; 6:1-12). What role does God have in the satisfaction which wealth and possessions can bring?
4. How do you think Christians define "the good life"? Is it different from what "the good life" is, according to: a) your parents, or what you show your children?; b) the politicians that you hear?; c) the advertisements that you see? Why and why not?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Bishan Home for the Intellectually Disabled (BHID) – Thank God for opportunities to bless the Bishan Home residents and staff through meals and birthday celebrations sponsored by AGs. Pray that they will find peace & joy during this CNY festive period as Home Visitations are not allowed. Pray for strength and power for the leaders and staff to overcome daily work challenges & tide through this difficult time.

Our People

Shervin Ong (AG9) –will undergo a brain surgery offering 60%-70% chance of being fits-free per recommendation from her specialist. The surgery is scheduled on 22 Feb. Pray for a smooth and successful surgery that will help her regain full normalcy, without any needless pain or side-effects. Pray for God's presence and peace to be with her and her family during this period and also the surgery.

Chacko & Radha Thomas - Thank God for the online teaching ministries of Chacko and Radha, our Church's missionaries currently living in the UK. Pray for clarity and divine help for Radha as she prepares 5 talks on the theme of "Courage" next week (17 to 19 Feb). This will be for a ladies group in a vibrant missions-minded church in India. Pray also for clarity for Chacko as he prepares a 6 month series on a survey of all 66 books of the Bible in Hindi.

Brother S Thulung – his father was promoted to glory on 9 Feb. May God's presence bring peace and comfort to the family.

Our World

India - Pray for the Lord's protection and mercy on both Christian and other religious minorities who are facing increased challenges to their faith and hate speeches. May Christians have God's wisdom and discernment as they respond to these issues. Pray also for more trained children ministry workers to teach the many children at our partner's outreach centres and churches in N India. In another region, another partner has started a curriculum based Sunday School Ministry, please pray that it will be implemented smoothly across various locations.

Myanmar - 1 Feb 2022 marks the one year anniversary of the military coup that has led to much conflict and unrest in this country. This has led to the civil conflict that is currently ravaging many parts of this nation, causing hardship, economic chaos and even loss of life in many families. Pray for peace and justice to come to this nation. Pray also for the 8% of the population who are Christians, mainly among the ethnic minority groups to be able to witness for Christ and show love to their neighbours during this difficult time. May we as a Singapore church be able to show God's love and comfort to the Myanmar people God has placed in our family or work places.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	240	
English Service 10.30am	263	720.00
English Service 1pm	84	
English Service 3pm	147	
English Service 5pm	114	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	55	
Combined Chinese Service	145	5,088.00
Tamil Service	18	1,186.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1085	\$6,994.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$75,044.80

WEEKLY TOTAL \$82,038.80

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1807-9 \$1,080.00

Electronic Transfer \$17,112.60

Interest-free loan converted to gift (#LL027/21): \$100,000.00

Weekly Total \$118,192.60

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,689,814.93

Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date \$3,808,000.00

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Titus & Sin Yee on the birth of their daughter Charlotte Seah on 7 Feb. Congratulations also to grandparents, Edwin and Swee Pen Seah.
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BPC this morning.
3. Our Family Ministry staff Linus Koe will be stepping down from his position w.e.f. 25 Mar 2022. Do pray for him in his next season of life and ministry.

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, 18 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 19 Feb

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 20 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:

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

6 Mar (Ecc 8:1-17) Obey the King in
an Unjust World
Ps Dev/Quek Tze-Ming

13 Mar (Ecc 9:1-12) Death Comes to All
Ng Zhiwen/Ps Dev

Your Response

13 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!

Blues and Rhythm

A teacher friend recently asked if I had a good start to 2022. I found myself pausing a while before replying, “The transition from 2021 to ’22 was rather quick for me... so am actually feeling a little overwhelmed.” And he responded, “Yes, the beginning of each year tends to be overwhelming, especially for teachers!”

Another friend texted on Chinese New Year Day, “I am now in hospital because of Covid and other infections. It has been a very challenging 2022 for me...” He had been in and out of hospital since end Dec 2021.

At the end of a call with a ministry staff in Nepal, he asked for prayer cover as he was setting off on his motorcycle in the snow-covered slippery tracks to collect a love gift in order to buy groceries and meat for the orphans under his care. He has to adapt to the constant changes in high altitude weather where he ministers.

A sense of overwhelm, a feeling of hopelessness, and the dread of adjustment are the Blues of life everyone has to deal with. No one is spared. Exhaustion, loneliness, and disappointment are other shades of the Blues.

No one is spared from the Blues! So how does one overcome? What do we do to fight for joy? Answer: Get into the Rhythm! It’s the business of restoring our souls. Yes, because Blues are here to stay, we embrace them into a **Rhythm of rest, realignment, and light bathing.**

Spiritual rest at the feet of Christ through worship, prayer, scriptural meditation, fellowship, singing, and even serving – recharges our souls. And physical rest restores our energy and strength.

Just as the wheel alignment of a car may run when it bumps onto a curb awkwardly, the heart of a disciple may lose its alignment with the Master’s because of life’s rough bumps. Realignment of one’s heart to the centre of the Cross of Calvary through regular reflection and prayer is the antidote.

Jesus is the light of the world (John 8:12; 9:5). And Isaiah knew well that the sure way to spiritual health is to bathe in this light, for he pleaded with his hearers, “Come, let us walk in the light of the Lord” (Isaiah 2:5). Walking with Jesus – light bathing – drives away the Blues.

Therefore, while we await the Lord’s return with great anticipation, it will do us good to cultivate a Rhythm of rest, realignment, and light bathing to cope with the inevitable Blues of life.

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.

Youth Fellowship (YF): Bible Talk #2

19 Feb, Saturday, 4.00-6.00pm, Chapel

Join us as we study the book of Mark this year! Follow us on Insta: [@zionbishanyf](https://www.instagram.com/zionbishanyf).

Weekly registration link will be posted.

YF is also looking for Host Families!

If your family would like to host youths for Saturday night dinners, let us know too.

Contact Dns Ee Wern (9650 5440) or Jacqueline (9322 7629) to find out more about Youth Ministry!

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/BRGYmwQj4we2ggvj7>

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.

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

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/BZJJm71yhw8ThF38>

Contact Lydia (8338 3982) for queries.

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.