



What does man gain by all the toil
at which he toils under the sun?

Ecclesiastes 1:3

English Services & Livestream

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Opening Hymn: Shepherd of My Soul

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 7:1-14 ESV

Message: Better is the End than the Beginning

Response Hymn: People Need the Lord

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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:

Ps Alby Yip (10.30am & 1pm)

Ps Dev Menon (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Worship Leader: Dn Sunil Peter

AV: Steve Nathan, Gary Lee, Steven Tan

Musician: Clement Yan

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Alice Koh

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

AV: Matthew Neo, Cassandra Chng, Soh Kok Hong

Musician: Goh Su Ling

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

AV: Eugene Poh, Darren Lee, Jared Koh

Musician: Koh Zhihui

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

AV: Abraham Lee, Chiam Da Ren,

Musician: Tammy Ng

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>	8833 0196
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
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Better is the End than the Beginning

Ecclesiastes 7:1-14

20 February 2022

Ps Alby Yip/Ps Dev Menon

Introduction

Die Better

Live Better

Conclusion

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. How does the knowledge of your mortality change the way you live?
3. What is the difference in how the wise and the foolish live?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Catechism Class – Thank God that we have started another round of in person catechism class on Saturdays. Pray for the 20+ new catechumens, as they begin a new journey in their spiritual life. Pray also that they will be able to settle well into this family here at Zion Bishan.

Christianity Explored (CE) Table Hosts Training – Thank God for the table hosts who have stepped forward to serve in this capacity. Pray for the four training sessions starting this Wednesday evening, as they consider their roles and what is needed in sharing the good news of Christ. Pray for us as a church to continue being bold to invite people to hear about Jesus. The next run of CE begins on 23 Mar.

The Next Lap – Pray for our Pastors, Session, Staff and Congregational Shepherding Teams as they deliberate over the recently released news on Simplified Safe Management Measures. Pray that all plans being considered will be for the building of the saints in and outside of our local church.

Our People

Brother S Thulung – Brother S is grateful to everyone in Zion Bishan for our prayers & concern for his father, the late Mr Rai, who went home to the Lord last Wednesday. He request prayers for his mother who suffers from acute dementia, that the Lord would help guide the family

towards the best way to provide care for Mrs Rai. Pray also for a smooth process in settling the estate of the late Mr Rai.

Our World

Tibetan Buddhist New Year (Losar) – This 15 day festival is from 3-17 March 2022 and is thought to have originated in the Pre-Buddhist period in Tibet. It has its roots in the Bon religion, an animistic religion that often includes rituals to appease the spirits with offerings. Tibetan Buddhists (TBs) are one of the unreached people groups (UPGs) being reached through our partners in East and West Nepal. Pray for TB Christians to be bold in sharing about Christ with their non-Christian friends and family. Pray also for more Christians to go to these places to share the love of Christ to them. May more from Zion Bishan use the Losar Prayer Guide to pray for TBs during this period. Sign up to receive the PDF here: <https://tinyurl.com/pray4TB>

Indonesia – Pray for our Missiology School alumni that have reported illnesses to recover quickly. Pray for God to provide wisdom, power and courage for workers to be effective witnesses amongst their neighbours or adopted neighbourhoods. In Western Indonesia, one partner has requested prayers for the new leaders' training that will take place this month as well as the planning session with the local team on how to support the growing number of members. Pray for all new believers to grow in their trust and knowledge of Christ.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	285	
English Service 10.30am	240	60.00
English Service 1pm	91	
English Service 3pm	121	
English Service 5pm	101	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	47	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	85	2,013.80
ME Service & Zoom	55	
Hokkien Ann Svs on 12 Feb	64	
Tamil Service	11	580.00
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1117	\$2,653.80

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$76,548.90
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$79,202.70

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1810	\$1,720.00
Electronic Transfer	\$7,882.66
Weekly Total	\$9,602.66
<i>(Weekly Target: \$118,238)</i>	
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,708,491.57
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,808,000.00

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Amos Lim & Lynette Teoh on their holy matrimony on 19 Feb 2022!
2. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien service this morning.
3. Pastor Dev is preaching at Sembawang BP Church in the morning.

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, 25 Feb

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 26 Feb

4.00pm: ECM Livestream

4.00pm: No YF

Sunday, 27 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:

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

20 Mar (Ecc 9.13-10.20) The Way of Wisdom
Ps Alby/Ps Vernon

Your Response

20 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!

What does any church need for their women to flourish?

We need a healthy, vibrant Women's Ministry!

Titus 2:2-3 lays out the unique role that 'older women' (i.e. further along not necessarily in age but in the faith) have in teaching younger women and training them to lead gospel-shaped lives. It was a task that Titus could not fulfil, nor could a male elder. Younger *women* need older *women* discipling them!

What does it take for such a ministry to take shape? In one sense, it doesn't take much at all. You'll need an older woman, a younger woman, and a Bible! (Coffee and cake are optional).

That's because women's ministry is all about **God**, and about seeing His glory, through His Word. It's about women being drawn into closer relationship with God by hearing Him speak, obeying the commandments of our Lord Jesus, and going on to encourage other women in the same way. Thus, the most crucial thing—the most *loving* thing—that any woman can do for another, is to be looking at God's Word with them, and encouraging them to live it out in the everyday.

Here are some questions for the women among us:

- Are you convinced that the Christian life is designed to be lived out alongside other women who love and seek to obey Jesus, just like we see in Titus 2 (and everywhere else in the NT)?
- Who would you consider as a 'older woman' journeying with you as a Christian? If you don't have someone like that now, who around you could you ask to disciple you personally, or to link you up with someone who could?
- Who would you consider as a 'younger woman' whose life you could be investing into? What might be holding you back from reaching out? If you're already discipling a younger woman or two (or many more), how can you be encouraging a peer to do the same for others?

And to the men who do have a significant woman (wife, mother, daughter etc.) in your life:

- How are you encouraging her ongoing discipleship?
- In what ways are you lovingly challenging her to be reading the Bible and sharing life with a younger woman?

What does any church need for their women to flourish? We need a healthy, vibrant women's ministry. May Zion be a church that continues to disciple our women well, so that they truly flourish in their love and obedience of the Lord Jesus!

Announcements

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

Communicant members, indicate your vote and submit the completed proxy form by today. Hardcopies are available at the designated dropboxes.

Men's Ministry - Taking Charge: Personal Impact in the Community 26 Feb, 7.30-9.00am, Saturday, Chapel

Speakers: Dr Geoff Gorsuch & Ps Kirk Tan
Please click the below link or scan the QR code to register for this in-person event.
<https://tinyurl.com/MMEG26Feb>

SENIORS 360: Oldies but Goodies! 12 Mar, 10.30am, Saturday, Zoom

"Guess the song!" at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Dn Tiew Chew Meng & see how well you know the oldies! Do invite your Non-Christian friends along.

Register with Stella Tan (8522 0601)

Bible Study organised by WOZ Starting in March

Study and read the bible together with other Women of Zion in a small group of 2 to 5 ladies, in-person or via Zoom.
Contact Lydia (8338 3982) for enquiries.
Register at
www.zionbishan.org.sg/woz-biblestudy

Tibetan Buddhist New Year (Losar) Prayer Guide

Sign up at <https://tinyurl.com/pray4TB> to receive a free PDF prayer resource to your email for Losar (3-17 Mar 2022)

Zion Bishan is looking to hire a Media and Communications Staff

Our Media and Communications Staff plays a crucial role in drawing up a strategy and ensuring all aspects of church communications are carried out efficiently and effectively in support of our church's ministries. You would be someone with vision, initiative, empathy, creativity, skill, resilience and a learner's posture. You would be a team player that knows how to collaborate with volunteer media and technical ministry teams to support the various ministries in church.

In your day to day work as part of the Admin Team, you will collaborate with the Pastoral and Ministry Team to ensure the timely production and publication of media & communications to our members and public.

Job Requirements

Diploma or Degree in visual/graphic design or audio/video production, communications/media or marketing, OR 2-3 years relevant work experience (e.g. public relations, marketing, graphic design, etc).

Proficient in creative tools, MS Office.
Experienced in web design, Wordpress and content production.

Willing to be trained and serve the church with audio and visual (PA) equipment will be a big plus.

Job Application

To apply, please send your resume to gmtan@zionbishan.org.sg