



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: The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 7:13-29 ESV

Message: Crooked

Response Hymn: Be Thou My Vision

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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 Vernon Quek (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Ng Zhiwen (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

AV: Goh Han Teck, Jack See, Maybelline Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Elder Sonny Tan

AV: Benny Ling, Nurman Kusanda, Matthew Neo

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

AV: Darren Lee, Paul Huang, Bethia Soh

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Jeffrey Lim

AV: Matthaues Lim, Jonathan Teo

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* *alby*

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* *dev*

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Crooked

Ecclesiastes 7:13-29

27 February 2022

Ps Vernon Quek

Intro: Still on the Quest to find the scheme of things (vv14; 23-24; 25; 27-29)

Frustration #1: Life is Crooked... (vv13; 15; 18-22; 26)

Frustration #2: And not even Wisdom will straighten it out (vv16; 23-24; 27-29)

E.g. 3 Wise Sayings: (v19, 20 & 21-22)

Frustration #3: God Himself made it this way! (vv13-14; 29)

Conclusion: A healthy frustration with this life

With a hint of the Solution...(vv13; 18; 26; 29)

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. Do you agree with the Preacher? That life is crooked? What have you experienced in this life that just isn't right?
2. Is living wisely your solution to this crooked life? In what ways do you try and feel better about life through the wise ways that you live?
3. On a scale of 1-10, share how healthily frustrated you are with this life and the way things are in this world. How has your life in the past week reflected your answer?
4. How do you feel about God allowing this life to be crooked? Speak to Him about this!
5. How does having the New Testament and knowing Jesus change our perspective? How does it reinforce our healthy frustration as believers?

Crooked

Ecclesiastes 7:14-29

27 February 2022

Mr Ng Zhiwen

Key Words: Find, Not Found, Wise, Righteous, Scheme, God.

1. The Quest: Finding the Formula

2. Findings:

- a. Only heaven knows (14)
- b. Only the good die young (15-18)
- c. Ain't no man righteous, no not one (19-22)
- d. I still haven't found what I'm looking for (23-25)
- e. Maneater (26)
- f. I *still* haven't found what I'm looking for (27-28)
- g. Crooked (29)

3. Where do we go from here? | Sought after

For Reflection:

- 1. Recall what was covered in the sermon – what did the Preacher set out to do? What was his model (or formula) for the good life? What did he fail to find?
- 2. What did he find in his search, or what truths had he established? How do you think he felt about his findings and his conclusions? What do you think and feel about them?
- 3. Why do you think God has put the Preacher's quest in Scripture, as His word to us?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ECM – Thank God for another year of God's faithful provision of finances. We pray that as we move into an endemic season, our ministries will be driven by His Kingdom purposes and not merely Covid restrictions. We also pray that the Lord will continue to send more labourers into His harvest field - especially full time workers!

Action Groups (AGs) – Praise God for the 40 AGs in our English congregations. Pray for the AG Leaders to have the perseverance and wisdom to serve and lead their groups. Pray also for the word of God to be understood in our minds and also applied practically in our lives so that we may truly be groups faithful to God in word and action. Pray that our AGs will become more aware and involved in what God is doing to bring ALL peoples to Himself, and that courses such as “The Unfinished Story” (highlighted in Mission Focus today) will help move us to that end.

Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P) – Many of the women staying with our Safe Sound Sleeping Place (S3P) will be moving to alternative housing come Monday 28 Feb. Please pray for the transition to go well, and for the others who still need a long-term housing solution. Uphold our volunteer team to conclude this ministry well.

Our World

India – Pray for a pastors' conference in March in Northeast India. May our Lord enable all 150 attendees to have a safe arrival and a refreshing time together. In Central India, praise God that the workers here are faithfully sharing the good news of Jesus through Discovery Bible Studies. Pray that those studying the Word will come to acknowledge Jesus as their Lord and Saviour and be nurtured to spiritual maturity through intentional discipleship. In the Hindi belt region, pray for committed missionaries with skills in education and evangelism to be raised for the growing work in this field.

Indonesia – Praise God for the fruit of people coming to Christ weekly in an area that was hard ground for 5 years of engagement. Through these 5 years, the team persevered in praying for this place, often through driving around and praying for the people that live there. Pray for these new believers to grow strong in the knowledge and obedience to God's word.

Ukraine & Russia – President Vladimir Putin has authorized military operations in the cities of Ukraine, with some news sources confirming the president's intent of invasion, after reports of explosions and gunfire (as of 24 Feb). Pray for God's mercy to be upon the innocent people in these countries, and may we continue to fear and obey Christ the Lord who is the world's righteous Judge and King.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	279	
English Service 10.30am	247	8,440.00
English Service 1pm	80	
English Service 3pm	152	
English Service 5pm	81	
Mand/Cant Livestream [#]	56	
Mand/Cant 8.30 [#]	65	1,050.00
ME Service & Zoom	61	
Hokkien Service	32	295.00
Tamil Service	12	309.00
DHF	18	
TOTAL	1083	\$10,094.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$46,523.89

WEEKLY TOTAL \$56,617.89

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1811-12 \$2,010.71

Electronic Transfer \$10,563.61

Weekly Total \$12,574.32

(Weekly Target: \$118,238)

Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,721,065.89

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

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Baptist Fellowship Church this morning.

Session Meeting Highlights

1. Given the continued safe-distancing requirements for F&B premises, Rooms 102 & 103 will be opened for TLR's use during the weekdays.
2. We thank God for His abundant provision towards the COVID-19 Mission Relief Fund (CV19 MRF). With the stabilizing situation, it is decided that we will cease collection for this fund and rename it to Mission Relief Fund to support all requests for disaster and hardship relief. The MRF will be closed on 30 June 2022 and the remaining funds channeled to the GMF.
3. In the interest of good stewardship of our God-given resources, a panel of finance professionals were put together to explore means increase the worth of the monies in the GPF in a wise and prudent manner. Final decisions will be presented in the May ACM.

Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

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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)

4. Also in the interest of good stewardship and of our need for more space, a panel of building and construction professionals are put together to explore the possibility of building extra spaces afforded to us with URA's increase of our Gross Floor Area (GFA) from 1.4 to 1.6. Final decisions will be presented in the May ACM.
5. Session was apprised and agreed to the need for the Zion Bishan Kindergarten to be converted into a childcare by January 2023.
6. We thank God for the expanded ministry opportunity through the foreign worker dormitory meal delivery program from 20 to 40 workers. Session approved the increased budget.

Looking Ahead

Friday, 4 Mar

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 5 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 6 Mar

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

Your Response

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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!

Who Gets to Influence Our Kids?

RUTH QUEK

My kids love to watch 'Trash Truck' - an animated TV series on Netflix about a boy Hank, his best friend (a trash truck who only speaks "truckese") and their adventures with a bear (Walter), a racoon (Donny) and a mouse (Ms. Mona). They love it so much that they have begun to 'honk honk' like Trash Truck when they are happy or excited. (If you know my kids please don't encourage them in this!)

Movies, TV, internet, phones, friends, other adults, people...

Influences shape us. They tell us what to believe, they shape our thoughts, our character, our behaviour. As parents and spiritual leaders of our homes we have to consider what gets to influence our kids and when. As parents we act as gateways that determine what gets let in or not.

Kids are like sponges, absorbing everything that is around them without being able to discriminate, unless equipped to do so. How are we thinking about what and who we surround our children with? How do we teach our older kids to discern for themselves what is shaping their desires and behaviours, what is fuelling their feelings? How does knowing the Gospel and wanting to disciple our children in the knowledge of the Living God shape how we do this?

I was listening to a Christian discipleship podcast that had a very helpful analogy for thinking about how to approach various cultural topics that our children will have to interact with. We can choose to approach an issue as a Monk or as a Missionary. Either flee from this topic because it will not be helpful in any way (eg: Porn - no need to discuss this in detail to help kids understand the dangers of it) or engage with the topic and fight for the Gospel to shape how we/ our children understand and interact with it (eg: romantic relationships - how do Disney Princess movies and Rom Coms portray love and romance? What does the Bible say - about love and sex and marriage?).

We've gone on about Faith at Home and Family Discipleship (and we will continue to do so because this is important to God!). Part of it is needing to think about how to engage with our children and help them engage with the world around them through the lenses of the Cross.

The Gospel is distinct and following Jesus requires a whole change in mindset (Romans 12:1-2 I appeal to you therefore, brothers, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, *but be transformed by the renewal of your mind*, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect.)

Christian Parent - do your part. Keep doing the hard work of thinking about this and being intentional about it. Engaging with the Word together with your kids. And then trust God with your kids.

Christian adults involved in the lives of children in the Church Family - do the hard work too. Think about how your presence in their lives can influence these little and not so little ones to know God, love Jesus and His Church better.

Announcements

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

ADC: Spiritual Formation 16, 23 & 30 Mar, 8.00pm, Wednesdays

Title: A Journey to Spiritual Wholeness

Facilitators: Ps Dev Menon &
Rev Dr Tan Soo-Inn

Synopsis: God gave us physical bodies but He also gave us a soul. We spend most of our time thinking about how we can meet the physical needs of our bodies yet spend very little time feeding the needs of our soul. Yet what drives us most is that immaterial core in us that influence how we view the world and ourselves, it tells us where to spend our money, what we should give ourselves to and what to love. Come join us and learn how to cultivate the habits of the heart that meets our spiritual needs by exploring the topics of discernment, rest and money.

Register: www.zionbishan.org.sg/adc

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)

The Unfinished Story” Taster Session 12 Mar, 4.00-6.00pm, Saturday

AG Leaders who want to have an idea of what this course is like, sign up here :
<https://tinyurl.com/TUStaster>

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.

Full job description can be found at www.zionbishan.org.sg/2022/02/media-and-communications-staff/

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

Join the PA Ministry!

The PA team is looking for more help to continue supporting The Next Lap, especially at the 1pm Service.

If you're keen to join, please contact Dn Nicklaus (9654 5649)!