



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: Behold Our God

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 8:1-17 ESV

Message: Let God be God

Response Hymn: God Moves in a Mysterious Way

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Note: Holy Communion will be served at all services today

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 Dev Menon (10.30am & 1pm)

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

AV: Steve Nathan, Jack See, Steven Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Eld David Leong

AV: Sean Yang, Jeffery Kow, Matthew Neo

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

AV: Melissa Leong, Tay Choon Yee, Jared Koh

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

AV: Ravi, Nicklaus Yu, Kevin Chung

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

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Let God be God

Ecclesiastes 8:1-17

Introduction

Obey The King

Limits to Power

Delayed Justice

Conclusion

Questions for Discussion and Reflection:

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. What is our current attitude towards rulers and authorities? What should our attitude be?
3. How do we feel when we see the wicked live long and prosper? What are we tempted to do? What should we do or not do?
4. How does this passage add to life's frustrations? Is there a way to resolve it?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Christianity Explored (23 Mar) – Training has started for table hosts. Pray for them as they prepare their hearts to lead, and for God to provide more partners. May the rest of the body be bold and courageous in inviting unbelieving loved ones and friends.

Seniors 360 Outreach (12 Mar) – Thank God for an opportunity to minister to the seniors. Pray for His protection on all participants who will be coming this Saturday, that they will come with open hearts to know and see Christ through this outreach event.

Mandarin English Congregation 7th anniversary (6 Mar) – Thank God for another year of His protection and leading of the ME congregation. Pray that they will continue to strengthen the community, grow in faith, and bring the good news of the gospel to many.

Lent Season – The Lent season invites us to meditate on Jesus' journey to the cross. May we grieve over this broken world and live in anticipating hope of His resurrection in turbulent times.

Our People

Darrell Tan – Thank God for a very fruitful time serving at a missions agency over the past two years as a seconded staff. With effect from 1 Mar 2022, Darrell has transited over to this agency as Zion Bishan's missionary. He will be working mainly with the mobilisation

team covering the regional nations. Pray for him as he takes on broader roles and responsibilities. Pray too for Esther, Natanael and Elizabeth as they journey with Darrell in his ministry in the time ahead.

Our World

Nepal – In West Nepal, pray for the renovation of the building which would house the new orphanage in a new area. Pray that the masons and resources will be available for this to resume (as winter ends) and the work completed in good time. In another location, pray for the Lord's guidance on the matter of land acquisition for the local leaders as they consider establishing another orphanage here. In East Nepal, another partner is embarking on a Cleft Lip & Palate (CLP) project among children in a Buddhist least reached people group (LRP). This year the target is to reach out to 80 patients. Thank God for the opportunity to build relationships through this project. May Christ's love and truth impact the families and communities that are being helped.

Ukraine & Russia Crisis – The situation in Ukraine is very grave with the fierce fighting and the growing humanitarian crisis. Innocent Russians are also suffering under the sanctions imposed on Russia. Pray for the many Christians in both nations to hold firm to their faith and hope amidst the darkness; for relief to reach the thousands of desperate and needy; and for a just and swift end to the war.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	324	
English Service 10.30am	202	323.00
English Service 1pm	72	
English Service 3pm	131	
English Service 5pm	103	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	49	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	75	100.00
ME Service & Zoom	58	
Hokkien Service	31	
Tamil Service	9	374.00
DHF	16	
TOTAL	1070	\$797.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$50,885.24
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$51,682.24

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1813-14	\$103.10
Electronic Transfer	\$4,880.60
Weekly Total	\$4,983.70
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$8,726,049.59
Total Interest-free loan collected To-Date	\$3,808,000.00
Repayment of Interest-free Loan To-Date	(\$1,105,000.00)
	\$11,429,049.59

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby preached at Grace SCC Church yesterday afternoon.

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, 11 Mar

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 12 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 13 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

Ecclesiastes Series Sermon:

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

27 Mar (Ecc 11.1-8) You Don't Know
Ps Dev/Danny Chua

03 Apr (Ecc 11.9-12.8) In the Days of Your Youth
Ps Alby/Quek Tze-Ming

10 Apr (Ecc 12.9-14) The End of the Matter
Quek Tze-Ming/Ps Vernon

17 Apr Ecc post-script
Ps Alby

Your Response

6 March 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!

Dancing with Change

If I am asked to use a word to describe the past two pandemic-driven years, I would vote for the word “Change.” Almost everything that we are so used to in every aspect of our lives had to change, and back and forth a number of times, just to cope with the changing characteristic of the virus.

But change is a difficult word to accept and even more difficult to adapt whether it is at the personal, societal or organizational level. Perhaps that is why change is one of the most important topics in every business management and leadership studies. In fact, in such studies, there are two popular sayings. Humans are resistant to change, and, the only constant is change.

I will not get into the psychology of change here as there are copious articles out there. But I will say that while change is inevitable, it does not have to be unacceptable. More importantly, we can rise on the crest of change and dance with change. That was what Daniel and his three friends did when they were forced to make The Change of their lifetime.

Daniel 1 recorded that Daniel and his three friends were exiled from Judah to Babylonia. But fortunately, or unfortunately, they were conscripted to serve the king. This would involve being groomed to fulfil the role in every area including their diet. The challenge was, the Babylonian diet was an affront to the Jews.

So, does it mean that Daniel and his friends will have to change and survive or resist change and die? But wait a minute. Does it always have to be this fatalistic? Fortunately, at least not for Daniel and friends. They did not see a one-dimensional challenge, that it was either they change or they die. Mediators call this entrenched in a position.

Daniel and friends were able to compartmentalize the challenges before them. Yes, they were made to change. But the diet issue was just one of the many issues. They were also made to change their dressing, name, or even educational and professional training. Whilst all these were for the purpose of serving the king, they also provided the opportunity to extend Yahwistic influence in the courts. They saw a higher reason behind the change.

That was why they were also able to see to the interest of the official who was to “change” them. If he fails, he might be executed. So, Daniel and friends took a step back, saw more than the diet matter to the larger interest of both theirs, the official and even the king. They did not need to do or die. They proposed an alternative. “Please test your servants for ten days...” (Dan 1:12)

God honoured their desire to honour God in honourable ways. What changes might you be facing now? How can you honour God in how you deal with those changes? On the church front, we too have changed since. The Cantonese and Mandarin services have merged since the pandemic and the English services have been “broken up.”

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Announcements

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

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).

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)

Christianity Explored

23 March, 7.45pm, Wednesday, Zoom

Christianity Explored is an informal course aims to help people understand who Jesus is, through Mark's Gospel, an eyewitness account of the life of Jesus. Invite your friends to come with you and see why Jesus is the best news that one can ever receive! Contact Joel (joel@zionbishan.org.sg) to register.

Missions Conversations #6

9 Mar, 8.30-9.45pm, Wednesday, Zoom

From Starting to Ending, from Money & Business to Integral & Cross-cultural missional work — much had been said and shared! Now, where do we go from here? Join the conversation!

Sign up here:

tinyurl.com/ZBmissionsConv2021

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With the changes in safe-distancing measures, we will need to make more changes in the days to come, like the decoupling of the Cantonese and Mandarin services and perhaps shift and reorganize the English services to maximize our manpower and effectiveness. We will even need to make changes to the church building.

Let us, therefore, Zion Bishan, come together in prayer and be united by the Spirit as one body, in one heart and mind to face these challenges and changes. Let's tackle them by the grace and wisdom of God, one at a time. Indeed, we can rise with the crest and dance with change as our act of worship and praise to God.