



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: The Perfect Wisdom of Our God

Scripture Reading: Ecclesiastes 9:13-10:7; 10:16-20 ESV

Message: The Way of Wisdom

Response Hymn: Undivided

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:

Ps Alby Yip (10.30am & 1pm)

Ps Vernon Quek (3pm & 5pm)

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Sunil Peter

Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan

AV: Steve Nathan, Gary Lee, Goh Han Teck

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team3

1.00pm

Service Coordinator: Dns Alice Koh

Worship Leader: Dn Joseph Chan

AV: Sean Yang, Yap Hong York, Matthew Neo

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

AV: Abraham Lee, Bethia Soh, Paul Huang

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Timothy Ong

AV: *Matthaeus Lim, Jonathan Teo*

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
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Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	6353 8081
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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
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Mrs Ruth Quek, <i>Children/Y. Adults</i>	8833 0196
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Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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The Way of Wisdom

Ecclesiastes 9:1-13-10:20

20 March 2022

Ps Alby Yip/Ps Vernon Quek

Intro: Qoheleth brings us back to Wisdom (9:13)

The Way of Wisdom #1: The tale of a poor, wise man (9:13-18)

The Way of Wisdom #2: Wisdom in a foolish world (10:1-20)

The Way of Wisdom in Ecclesiastes?

The Poor, Wise Deliverer...

Conclusion: Will you choose the Way of Wisdom in this broken world?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. Summarise what the Preacher has said about Wisdom in Ecclesiastes so far. What does our passage today add to our understanding of Wisdom?
2. What does living the Way of Wisdom in this world mean for you? What are some real life examples of such living?
3. How have you either witnessed or personally experienced the frustration of living wisely in this broken world? How does our passage today change the way that you respond to this frustration?
4. How does remembering our Poor, Wise Deliverer help motivate us to choose the harder Way of Wisdom? Spend time dwelling on this as He helps us in so many ways!

Prayer Points

Our Church

Christianity Explored (CE) – CE sessions officially begin this week. Pray for the 6 Table Hosts who have stepped up to journey with seekers who are exploring Jesus and the gospel. Pray for the Spirit to be working in the hearts of these seekers as they read through the Gospel of Mark, that they will come to be convicted and receive the good news that Jesus has come to bring.

Living Room (LR) – The Living Room is planning to step up its ministry and outreach work in 2022. Pray for clarity in planning with other ministries and community partners to reach our neighbours in the Bishan community. Pray also for more to volunteer for community outreach, that relationships forged will be effective for sharing the truth and love of Christ.

Migrant Workers Food Distribution – Today members from Tamil Service assisted by brothers from English Service will be distributing dinner to 40 workers in a dorm at Penjuru. Please pray that as we invite them for special program for them on Good Friday, they all will attend and the Holy Spirit will speak to their hearts.

Safe-Sound-Sleeping Place (S3P) for Women – Our S3P has sheltered 11 guest stayers since August 2021. This week, our last guest stayers have moved out to a flat. Pray for smooth transition and good follow up, especially for the

ones we are still in touch with. Pray for our volunteers as they look to rest, recharge, and reflect after this season of service.

Our World

India – A partner shared a prayer for more cross cultural workers (trainees) and supporters from the south to the relatively unreached northern states. Pray also for the few Christians in the local communities in the north will be able to continue to raise disciples in their communities who will continue to make disciples wherever they are. Pray for continued wisdom and provision of the necessary resources to continue the community outreach ministries, such as tailoring, life skills training and tuition classes that reaches out to serve the needs of the locals. May the gospel of the kingdom be preached in the whole of India (and the whole world), so that Jesus will return.

Ukraine & Russia – Two mission agencies whom we work with report that their country teams in neighbouring countries to Ukraine have been busy providing basic necessities of food and shelter for the many refugees streaming into their countries. They have also provided a listening ear and counselling for these refugees who have recently experienced so much trauma emotionally and physically. Meanwhile, the two agencies teams in Russia are also facing various challenges and much wisdom is needed to figure out what is the right thing to do.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	298	
English Service 10.30am	226	700.00
English Service 1pm	85	
English Service 3pm	132	
English Service 5pm	98	
Mand/Cant Livestream#	54	
Mand/Cant 8.30#	74	
ME Service & Zoom	68	
Hokkien Service	31	
Tamil Service	13	299.00
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1096	\$999.00

All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$70,729.77

WEEKLY TOTAL \$71,728.77

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer \$8,965.41

Weekly Total \$8,965.41

Total Gift Received To-Date \$8,751,905.59

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

Repayment of Interest-free Loan To-Date \$(1,165,000.00)

\$11,394,905.59

Church Family News

1. Ng Zhiwen is preaching at Geylang Evangelical Free Church this Sunday 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 Mar

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 26 Mar

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 27 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:

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

20 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!

Ministry & Family

I have had the unique privilege of serving the church as Family Ministry Staff, with the Media and Comms portfolio, for the last two years full time, and as a Family Ministry Apprentice/Intern for two years and nine months before that in a part-time capacity. Reflecting over the last two years, it is almost as if God had purposefully put me in the church staff to serve during this Covid season. My full-time contract began in Mar 2020, alongside Circuit Breaker, and as government measures are beginning to relax, my time as a staff member comes to a close. Although much of the work has been administrative in nature (e.g. bulletin, announcements, website, YouTube, Eventbrite, etc.), I'm sure that God, in His mysterious ways, had prepared me for it.

However, through close to five years of church ministry, it seems that God has been preparing me for something else - Family Ministry... to my own. "I don't think there's a mandate to be found in sacred Scripture that is more solemn than this one. That we are to teach our children the truth of God's Word is a sacred, holy responsibility that God gives to His people. And it's not something that is to be done only one day a week in Sunday school. We can't abdicate the responsibility to the church. The primary responsibility for the education of children according to Scripture is the family, the parents". - R.C. Sproul, Divine Mandate for Parents, ligonier.org

This quote has been a helpful summary of what the Faith at Home and Family Ministry has aimed to do in my time as staff. Throughout my time developing the Faith at Home program and Family Ministry vision, all the books, articles and sermons on ministry to families have greatly impressed upon me God's great desire for the next generation of faith to know who He is and His works through the family. Parents are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might... [and to] teach [His command] diligently to your children" (Deut 6: 5-7).

This isn't anything new to our parents here in Zion Bishan. Almost all who have attended the Faith at Home sessions agree that parents are the primary influencers of the faith of their children. However, it is often in practice that we do not show this to be true. Parents are often challenged by other demands and the family discipleship is hardly high on our priorities. That's where church comes in to constantly remind one another of God's good plan for the faith of the next generation, and to encourage each other in obeying His command as our response to His great love towards us. I hope, by God's grace, He will enable me to continue to do so outside of this official capacity as staff, as we are all called to do as members of the body of Christ.

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Announcements

ADC: Spiritual Formation **24 & 30 Mar, 8.00-9.30pm, Zoom**

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

Christianity Explored **Starts 23 Mar, 7.45pm, Wed, 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.

Seniors 360 Weekdays Interest Group

We'll be running a series of weekday activities for our seniors to come together to build stronger bonding & mutual encouragement in our spiritual walk with the Lord.

1. Nagomi Pastel Art

13, 27 Apr & 11, 25 May, 2.00-4.00pm, Wednesdays, MPH

Back by popular demand!

Sign up by 30 Mar!

2. Weekday Walks

24 Mar, 14 & 28 Apr, 4.00-6.00pm

3. Table Tennis - **Starts in April**

For more details & to sign up:

<https://forms.gle/QesKu8nevi6sFNCn8>

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 (83383982) for enquiries.

Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/woz-biblestudy

Reflections on Ecclesiastes

The preaching team would love to hear from Zion Bishan members and regular worshippers what God has been teaching you through this book.

Please respond by 17 April:

<https://tinyurl.com/ZBecclesiastes>

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Prioritising family discipleship looks different for each family. For my family, it looks like how we spend our time, and what we spend our time on together. My prayer is that Zion Bishan continue to cast this vision through our Family, Children and Youth Ministries. You don't need to become a staff member to catch this vision, but it won't hurt to try being one for a time! I thank God for all who have served alongside, and have been gracious to me and my family through these past years, and looking forward to many more ahead, even until Jesus returns!