

Matthew 28:19-20

**"Go and make disciples of all nations...
teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you.
And behold, I am with you always..."**



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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

(8.30am & 1030am)

Scripture Reading: Acts 17:26-27; 11:19-26 ESV

Message: Go With The Flow

(3pm & 5pm)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:19-20, Daniel 4:19 ESV

Message: Doing Small Things With Great Love

Response Hymn: Here I Am, Lord

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 service

9.00am Hokkien service

9.30am Tamil Service

8.30am/10.30am/3.00pm/5.00pm

English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

Join us for our livestream

www.youtube.com/zionbishan

10.30am/3.00pm English service

www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream

8.30am Mandarin service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

Join Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF) Bible

Study Groups (Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf

8.45am DHF 1A

(in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

8.45am DHF 2 (in Myanmar language) hybrid, in

person in The Living Room and via zoom

2.30pm DHF 3

(in Bahasa Indonesia) via zoom

8.45pm Domestic Helpers Fellowship 1B

(in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

Join Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

(Registration required):

www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Serving You Today

Speakers:

Mr Scott Lee (8.30am & 10.30am)

(Praxeis: <https://praxeis.org>),

Rev Henry Wong (3pm & 5pm)

(Covenant Presbyterian Church)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by @zionbishan.org.sg

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*

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* *vernon*

Mrs Emily Quek, *Special Projects* *emily*

Mrs June Tan, *Children's Ministry* *june*

Mrs Ruth Quek, *Children/Y. Adults* *ruth*

Mrs Sharon Quek, *Overseas Ministries* *sharon*

Mr Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* *danny*

Mr Paul Yeo, *Hokkien Ministry* *paul*

Mr Quek Tze-Ming, *Assoc Min Staff* *tzeming*

Mr Ng Zhiwen, *Community Ministries* *zhiwen*

Miss Jacqueline Lie, *Youth Ministry* *jacqueline*

Miss Vanessa Lee, *Women's Worker* *vanessa*

Mr Joel Khoo, *YAs/Discipleship* *joel*

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Go With the Flow

Acts 17:26-27; 11:19-26

Introduction

Zoom Out – The Flow of His Story

Zoom In – The Flow of Affinity

Disciples in the Flow – Acts 11:19-26

Disciples in the Flow – Here & Now in Singapore

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. Prayerfully Consider:
 - i. Which affinity groups are you naturally a part of? (What are your interests? What are your areas of need? What causes do you believe in?)
 - ii. Which affinity groups do you naturally have access to?
 - iii. Which affinity groups do you have opportunities to serve?
2. As you pray over these affinities, where do you feel God leading you to partner with Him?
3. What concrete steps will you take this week?

Doing Small Things with Great Love

Matthew 28:19-20, Daniel 4:19

Introduction

Mission is a mandate from Christ

- Reasons for Affinity Groups
- Some Starting Points for Affinity Group

Mission requires going, baptising, teaching

- People's Map
- Discovery Bible Study

Lessons from Daniel

Conclusion

Reflection Questions:

1. What different affinity groups have God put in your heart?
2. What does it mean to trust God and see your mission work become a reality? What do you need to do?

3. How do you love someone who is totally opposite of what you believe and stand for? What does it mean to love people unconditionally?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Basic AG Leaders Equipping Course - Praise God that 8 participants have come to the end of the BAGLE course today! As some of them consider the possibility of stepping forward into formal AG Leadership, please pray for God's conviction in their hearts, and clarity through His Word and His Spirit. As others continue to toil hard in their AGs to "proclaim Jesus, admonishing and teaching everyone with all wisdom, so as to present everyone fully mature in Christ" (Col. 1:28), pray that our Lord Jesus will remind them that they too are His sheep under His care. May each AG Leader in Zion Bishan feed the flock with Christ's Words and in turn be nourished by His living waters too.

Our People

Daniel Tay who underwent a major surgery on 31 May was discharged on 24 June. He received the good news this past week from the surgeon that no radiation nor chemotherapy will be necessary as the large cancerous tumour was removed successfully. Let us praise God for answered prayers!

Our World

India - Pray for the flood situation in Assam to improve as many families connected to our partner are struggling greatly to cope with the lack of clean water and relief. Thank God for brother K's continued healing from his hip replacement surgery 2 weeks ago. He is recovering well and was visited by brother Sambhu last week. Pray that he will be able to return to his theological studies soon. May God comfort his mum (who is very worried) and provide skills training for his sister who has dropped out of school during this period.

Indonesia - One of our partners here is visiting ZB this week. We look forward to a good meeting in person especially since the pandemic restricted our usual visits. The gospel need to the majority group is still great, pray for the Lord of the Harvest to send more workers into this harvest field.

Nepal - Our partner has requested prayers for their new children home that takes care of 17 new children. Pray for Bro D and wife N as they manage the care for them. May God raise up more helpers for this work.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	193	
English Service 8.30am*	116	210.00
English Service 10.30am*	305	
English Service 3pm*	113	
English Service 5pm*	100	
Chinese Service Livestream#	29	
Chinese Service 8.30am*	86	2,766.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	3	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am*	43	298.00
ME Service & Zoom	71	
Hokkien Service*	46	228.00
Tamil Service*	25	668.00
DHF	14	
TOTAL	1144	\$4,170.00

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$78,195.22

WEEKLY TOTAL \$82,365.22

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1829-30	\$400.00
Electronic Transfer	\$8,725.60
Weekly Total	\$9,125.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,097,989.57

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien service today.
2. Congratulations to Joshua Goh & Lim Min on their holy matrimony on Sat, 16th July!

3. 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: 070-901055-3

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, 22 Jul

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

(Register at <http://bit.ly/ZBmissional2022>)

Saturday, 23 Jul

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 24 Jul

English Worship Services

(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services)

8.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Zheng Haoren, Ng Zhiwen & Eld Sonny Tan

10.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps Alby Yip, Eld Foo Say Chiang & Eld Chuah Chin Yew

3.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Vernon Quek, Eld Roland Low, Eld Michael Gan & Eld David Leong

5.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon, Eld Chan Kin Yip & Eld Reginald Tan

Missions Month 2022 – Everyone Missional Everywhere

24 Jul - Engaging Culture & Society

– *Quek Tze-Ming*

31 Jul - Work & the Workplace

– *Eld Reuben Ang*

Your Response

17 July 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!

When Church Becomes an Idol

Many years ago, I attended what I thought was a ‘terrible service’ in another church. The music wasn’t good, the order of service didn’t make sense to me, and the sermon was subpar at best. After it was over, my friends and I spent a long time complaining about everything wrong.

However, when I asked an older lady, who came with us, what she thought... Her answer surprised me: “It was wonderful - didn’t you hear that line about Jesus? It really lifted my heart!” Now it wasn’t that she thought the service was great. But I realised, that when she came to church – any church – her goal was to hear something about Christ. And as long as she heard Christ – the rest well, didn’t matter as much. She came to hear Jesus and His life-saving Word.

Last Sunday afternoon, I preached about the dangers of our church turning inwards. You can hear the sermon here: <https://youtu.be/PyaYfrZxU9Q>

After 15 years, research shows growing churches tend to focus less on evangelism and mission but prioritise internal issues – as is necessary. However, if that trajectory continues for 20, 30 years or more, then the church is at risk of becoming inward focused and comfortable: a clubhouse instead of a lighthouse. The church – as we like it (or have made it) – has become an idol.

What does that mean? It means instead of coming to church to hear Jesus and His life-giving Word, we come because our friends are here, our family is here, the music is good here, the timing fits our schedule, the ministries are to our preference, etc. Moreso, we find that other Christians begin to transfer here because of those same reasons, rather than to hear and be disciplined in the gospel.

Idols, my friends, are always cruel. And when church becomes an idol, then we are setting ourselves up for disappointment. Eventually, we may find ourselves complaining more than rejoicing. Noticing all the things that are going wrong, or don’t suit our preference, rather than coming to hear Jesus and His life-changing Word. Idol-church kills our joy.

That one incident all those years ago with that godly lady, remained in my mind till today. For all the efforts we put into building this church, we must constantly watch our hearts, that we don’t make the one place where we find life, into a place of despair. Let us learn once again that we come first and foremost to hear Jesus, and God’s Spirit will take care of the rest...

Announcements

A SENIORS360 EVENT

Growing Hydroponic Plants at Home 13 August, Saturday 10.30am, In-person only at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Grace Mission Urban Farm.

They will demonstrate on how to grow hydroponic plants at home. Join in the fun to grow your hydroponic plant and to bring them home thereafter.

Note: Bring a 350 ml or 500 ml used mineral water bottle for this activity.

Do invite your non-Christian friends along!

To sign up: <https://bit.ly/3u78t9D>

LOOKING INTO FULL-TIME

Have you ever considered the possibility of full-time Gospel ministry?

Come find out more at our Zion Bishan 'Looking Into Full-Time' (LIFT) dialogue session. Meet others who are also exploring this path, and hear more from those who are currently on this journey.

Contact **Danny (9239 4160)** for more info.

ESL CLASS REGISTRATION 2022

18 & 25 July, 10.30-12noon, Chapel

Free English as a Second Language (ESL) classes for women on Mondays from 10am-12noon.

Know someone who wants to learn English? Invite them to register with us.

For enquiries, please contact **Cynthia Ng (9857 7696)**.

MISSIONS MONTH – PRAYER MEETINGS IN JULY

Let us as one church family, come together to wait upon God and pray for specific communities in His harvest.

22 Jul – Seniors

29 Jul -- Our Workplaces

For registration and more information on upcoming workshops: bit.ly/ZBmissional2022

MISSIONS MONTH WORKSHOPS

1) 100 million & Counting, 23 July (Sat), 1.30-3.30pm

Come experience the life of a refugee in this experiential workshop and grow a heart for these people to receive the Gospel.

2) Loving our Migrant Workers, 30 July (Sat), 1.30-3.30pm

Hear about the ongoing opportunities & work of sharing the Gospel in the dormitories and find out how we can be involved too!

Find out more at bit.ly/ZBJulWorkshops or sign up at bit.ly/ZBmissional2022

LOOKING FOR CE TABLE HOSTS!

**Starts 10th Aug, 730pm, over 4
Wednesdays**

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in August! Come on board to journey alongside people exploring Christianity, and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. The training and actual CE sessions will both be in-person.

Contact joel@zionbishan.org.sg to sign up for the CE Table Host training.