

THAT YOU MAY KNOW
...THE RICHES OF HIS
GLORIOUS INHERITANCE
IN THE SAINTS

EPHESIANS 1:18



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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-14 ESV

Message:

Every Spiritual Blessing in Christ (8.30am & 10.30am)

To The Praise of the Father's Glory (3pm & 5pm)

Response Hymn: Come Praise & Glorify

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: Ps Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Vernon Quek (3pm & 5pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Eld Chuah Chin Yew

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Eld Roland Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Herman Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

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

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Mr Danny Chua, *AG/Safeguarding* danny

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Every Spiritual Blessing in Christ

Ephesians 1:1-14

Chosen & Loved

Redeemed & Forgiven

A Guaranteed Inheritance

Discussion Questions:

1. What do you remember from the sermon or the passage?
2. What is a spiritual blessing? What are the blessings we have received in Christ?
3. What was God's plan from before the foundation of the world?
4. How do I fit into God's plan? How does this knowledge encourage my heart?

To The Praise of the Father's Glory

Ephesians 1:1-14

14 August 2022

Ps Vernon Quek

Intro: Paul's Purpose: Praise! (v3, 6, 12 & 14)

Repetition is key

*Praise Him for...

i. **His glorious Plan** (v9-10)

The mind-blowing scope of the Plan:

- Before the world's foundation (v4) to the fullness of time (v10 & v14)
- That will unite ALL things in Christ, things in Heaven and on Earth (v10)

The Plan which is all centred on Jesus.

ii. **His glorious Grace** (v6)

Blessed with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places... (v3-14)

Chosen (v4); Predestined for Adoption (v5);
Redemption and Forgiveness (v7); A now-and-not-yet Inheritance (v11-14)

Summary: Blessed in Christ to be part of God's glorious Plan!

Conclusion: So Praise Him!

But what IS our role in God's glorious Plan?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion

1. How has Paul's opening in Ephesians helped you to praise God? What about God's glorious Plan in today's passage excites you the most personally?
2. Why would these verses have been helpful to the original Ephesian Church? (remember Acts 19-20)
3. What outstanding questions did you have from today's passage?
4. How will you invest in growing your understanding of your role in God's Plan through our Ephesians series this year? Share and pray for one another in this!

Prayer Points

Our Church

Missions Teams Retreat 2022 - Thank God for a time of diving deep into the Bible for 20 people from both home and foreign missions teams on 6 Aug, Sat. They were particularly thankful for the opportunity to sharpen and align their vision in missions with God's vision for the world. Pray for all the mission teams to be able to specifically commit to more regular PRAYER together in their various teams. Pray this for those working with foreign mission partners, our own missionaries serving locally or overseas, teaching English to ladies, tutoring children and youth who face many challenges, soccer ministry boys, seniors, Bishan Home residents, and customers who come to our café.

National Day Thanksgiving Meal (8 Aug) - We thank God for the opportunity we had to bless our neighbours and friends from the ESL, Tuition and Soccer ministries with food and games through the Living Room. Many who came expressed their heartfelt appreciation and thanks for the volunteers' labour of love. Pray for these continued efforts and friendships to be powerful testimonies of God's love.

Ephesians Sermon Series - Pray that our hearts will be good soil to receive God's message to Zion Bishan through

the letter of Ephesians in the coming months. Pray also for the preaching team as they think and meditate over each week's passage to help us consider and appreciate what the Lord is speaking to us as a church family.

Our World

India – One partner in the Hindi Belt reports increasing opportunities to serve the local community via its ministries such as schools. Thank God for the opportunities to share God's saving grace in these communities. Pray for bro Thomas's wife, who suffers from Glaucoma, that a planned cataract surgery in next 2 weeks will proceed smoothly. The same partner also shares that many believers are suffering poverty due to the local drought situation. Pray for God's mercy on the suffering farmers and farm workers.

Singapore – As we celebrate Singapore's 57th National Day this week, we are thankful for the peace and prosperity God has given us. May we have hearts of thankfulness and the willingness to share these blessings with those in and outside Singapore who are less fortunate. May Christians in Singapore be open and courageous to heed God's call to love and serve communities in need because of climate change, pandemic and economic challenges.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams [#]	144	
English Service 8.30am*	124	3,000.00
English Service 10.30am*	329	
English Service 3pm*	116	
English Service 5pm*	81	
Chinese Service Livestream [#]	30	
Chinese Service 8.30am*	101	2,451.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream [#]	4	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am*	51	1,570.00
ME Service & Zoom	64	
Hokkien Service*	46	322.00
Tamil Service*	20	1,002.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1129	\$8,345.00

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

[#]Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$72,513.10

WEEKLY TOTAL \$80,858.10

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos: 1833-1834 \$250.00

Electronic Transfer \$9,833.60

Weekly Total \$10,083.60

Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,126,139.49

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
2. Bro Zhi-Wen is preaching at Coronation Baptist Church this 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, 19 Aug

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 20 Aug

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 21 Aug

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

The Epistle to the Ephesians

21 Aug – Ephesians 1:15-23

– Zhiwen & Ps Dev

28 Aug – Ephesians 2:1-10

– Zhiwen & Ps Dev

04 Sep – Ephesians 2:11-22

– Tze-Ming & Ps Vernon

11 Sep – Ephesians 3:1-13

– Ps Alby

Your Response

14 August 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!

Everyone Missional Everywhere

*Many hearts are hungry tonight
Many trapped in darkness yearn for the Light
So many who are far from home, and many who are lost
O Lord, Your wounded children need
The power of Your Cross¹*

The truth is, many in our world have yet to receive the light and knowledge of salvation in our Lord Jesus Christ. What difference would it make if we were certain of the part we each play in God's Mission? And what if each one of us were intentional about our witness *for* Christ wherever we went? Imagine the difference that we can make for the Gospel – Everyone Missional Everywhere!

Just as we have been challenged through Missions Month this year, all of us are on Mission! Discipleship and Missions are integrally intertwined – to be a disciple is to be on Mission. We are witnesses for Christ regardless of our calling & vocation, in every season of life! Whether it is in the way we engage culture around us, or through our work and at our workplaces, we can be displaying God's heart for all things to be united to Him in Christ! (Eph 1:9-10) A simple way in which we can be attuned to God's harvest is to think about the affinity groups we are placed in, to see where and how God is already working, and to partner with Him there. Our workshops also shed light on specific affinities that we may have a heart for, or contexts that we often find ourselves in; in particular the refugees, migrant workers, and our workplaces.

I personally appreciated how the theme for Missions Month this year made Mission relatable and relevant for everyone. My journey in missions first began when I opened my eyes to the unreached around me and recognised the need to discern what God is already doing through His Spirit. I was challenged too, that if I were to grow in telling others about the Good News, I have to be more and more convinced of how great and glorious this Good News is!

Have you found your place in God's mission? Would you like to know where and how to start? Wherever you are at in your missions journey, the pastoral and missions teams are here to support you. Share with us your thoughts and reflections at bit.ly/ZBemesurvey by 15 August.

Just as Jesus commissioned His disciples in Matt 28:19-20, let us not be content to think about the Mission of God only once a year during Missions Month. As followers of Jesus, each one of us are sent by our Lord Jesus to be daily on Mission for Him. Let us be praying that:

- (a) The goodness of the Gospel will continue to grow deep in our hearts;
- (b) His Mission remains our foremost priority, that we will #GetLost all throughout the year, every year.

Sermon recordings from Missions Month 2022 can be found at: bit.ly/ZBmissionsMonthSermons

¹ As Bread That Is Broken – Ross Parsley

Announcements

PA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

The PA team thanks those who've stepped up to serve and while it has helped reduce the resource gap, a deficit still stands to serve the 4 English services.

The PA team is looking for volunteers for sound mixing, slide projection, livestreaming.

Please reach out to **Dn Nicklaus** at 9654 5649 for more details.

CATHECHISM CLASS: For baptism, re-affirmation, transfer of membership

Starting 27 Aug, Saturdays 1.30 – 3pm

Email lydia@zionbishan.org.sg for the registration form. **Sign up by 15 Aug.**

MEN'S RETREAT 2022 OPEN FOR REGISTRATION!



The Light, Love and Life of God's Men

Pastor Hon Chin Foang, Lead Pastor,
Good News Baptist Church

Dates: 23 –25 Oct 2022 (Sun-Tues)
Venue: Le Grandeur Palm Resort Johor
Cost: S\$280/pax (Twin-sharing, T-shirt)

<https://tinyurl.com/mmretreat2022>

EPHESIANS BOOKLETS

As we're starting our series in Ephesians soon, if you would like a hard-copy A5 booklet with the passages printed to write notes, pick them up at the registration table outside! \$1.20 per booklet, details for payment can be found at the table.

SPIRITUAL FORMATION DISCOVERY WORKSHOP: Thurs nights, & Sat am and nights over 3 weekends

Last week to sign up for the Spiritual Formation Discovery Workshop (via Zoom).

Helpful for people who are new to spiritual formation and would like to spend time understanding and nurturing their personal walk with God.

Sign up here:

<https://novo.regfox.com/singapore-online-discovery-august-2022>

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED

**Begins 7 September for 7 Wednesdays
Sessions will be In-Person, 7.20pm
Dinner will be provided.**

Christianity Explored is an informal course that 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.

GRACESTORATION -- GRACE FOR THE REST OF YOUR LIFE

Speaker: Mrs Persis Lim
8-9 Oct, Katong Village Hotel

Women of Zion Retreat 2022
Fee: \$240 (Includes twin sharing hotel stay & course materials.)

Programme:

Full Day Retreat

Fellowship & Katong Heritage Walk

- A time of restoration and renewal as we seek the Lord's grace and spiritual encouragement from His Word.
- To be equipped to refresh and encourage others in our spheres of influence with the transforming messages of God's love and grace.
- To grow deeper in love with Jesus.

Ladies, hope to see of you there!

Sign up by 31 Aug at:

<https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/WOZRetreat2022>