

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 1:15-23 ESV

Message:

Paul Prays (8.30am)

That You May Know (10.30am; 3pm & 5pm)

Response Hymn: We Declare

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](http://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](http://www.youtube.com/zionbishan)

**10.30am/3.00pm** English service

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream](http://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](http://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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd)

## Serving You Today

**Speakers:** Mr Ng Zhiwen (8.30am),  
Ps Dev Menon (10.30am; 3pm & 5pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Elder Jeffrey Lim

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Joel Khoo

*Worship Leader:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Dn Mervyn Phan

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Dn Nicklaus Yu

## 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 |
| Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>    | 8198 9696 |
| 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 June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>     | 8388 1883 |
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| Mr Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>         | 9751 1897 |
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| Mr Ng Zhi-Wen, <i>Community Ministries</i>   | 9092 6095 |
| Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>   | 9322 7629 |
| Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>      | 9880 4507 |
| Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>        | 9368 9221 |
| Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>    |           |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> |           |

### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

## **Paul Prays**

Ephesians 1:15-23

### **Introduction**

**For this reason, I pray...**

**That you may know...**

**The fullness of him.**

### **Conclusion**

#### **Reflection Questions**

1. What led Paul to pray unceasingly for the Church? What does he pray for?
2. Read and meditate on Ephesians 1. How has this reinforced or stretched what you have known of Christ, the Church, and the Christian life?
3. How, and for whom, are you challenged to pray? Take some time to do just that.

## **That You May Know**

Ephesians 1:15-23

**The hope of your calling**

**The riches of His glorious inheritance in the saints**

**The immeasurable greatness of His power toward us who believe**

### **Reflection Questions**

1. What do you remember about the text or the sermon?
2. What does Paul pray for and why does he desire this for the church?
3. How would it change your life if you knew the things Paul is praying for?
4. Should we be praying for the same things Paul prays for - for each other?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Living Room (LR)** - LR is currently remodelling and reviewing their ministry efforts in community engagement. As the café closes for refurbishment works from 1-10th Sept, pray for favour with external contractors & vendors and a timely completion of the works. Pray also for good health and rest for the members of the staff team during this period of transition, and that efforts to reach out and connect customers to the wider church community will be able to resume timely.

**Music Ministry Team Retreat** - Pray for the growth and well-being of the music ministry teams, as they met for a mini-retreat on Sat 20 Aug. (This is why all the songs sung today are pre-recorded.)

**Land Lease Renewal** – We thank God for providing for our land lease renewal needs. It is also very encouraging to witness the faithful giving of all ZB members and worshippers. We commenced the short-term lease on 1 July 2022. The authorities are still in the process of reviewing the pricing for the 30-year lease. Hence, we will continue to receive giving towards the LLRF to meet the needs of the eventual lease renewal. Let us continue to pray for God's grace in the lease renewal matter.

### **Our World**

**India** – India celebrated its 75th Independence Day on 15 Aug. Let's pray for the millions of people still living below the poverty line for which the current inflation is posing a huge burden. There are also many whom the gospel has not reached in this land. Pray earnestly for the Christians in India to unite and be a blessing to their country even as they face many challenges for being a believer.

**Indonesia** – Indonesia also celebrated its 77th National Day on 17 Aug. Pray for the local church (11% of population) to continue to grow, mature and reach out to others, especially in unreached communities. An example of this would be a regular food outreach to the punk community in a partner's city. These efforts also enabled our partner to befriend a few youths with mild intellectual disability. Pray that more from this community will receive the gospel and its transformation in their lives.

**Malaysia** – Thank God for Pastor L whom we have partnered with for many years to reach out to the indigenous peoples of Malaysia. In particular, pray for the work of two workers we are supporting. They have been serving the Orang Asli (OA) communities in the Endau-Rompin region. Pray for the next generation of OA Christians to grow strong in their faith despite many challenges.

## Last Week

| Sunday Service                | Attendance  | Offering (\$)   |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-----------------|
| English Service Livestreams#  | 155         |                 |
| English Service 8.30am*       | 143         | 400.00          |
| English Service 10.30am*      | 349         |                 |
| English Service 3pm*          | 123         |                 |
| English Service 5pm*          | 97          |                 |
| Chinese Service Livestream#   | 32          |                 |
| Chinese Service 8.30am*       | 78          | 1,605.00        |
| Cant/Mand Service Livestream# | 3           |                 |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am*    | 51          | 293.00          |
| ME Service & Zoom             | 57          |                 |
| Hokkien Service*              | 72          | 770.00          |
| Tamil Service*                | 19          | 298.00          |
| DHF                           | 19          |                 |
| <b>TOTAL</b>                  | <b>1198</b> | <b>3,366.00</b> |

\*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$71,802.87

**WEEKLY TOTAL \$75,168.87**

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

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift Nos: 1835-1836 \$1,000.00

Electronic Transfer \$6,495.10

**Weekly Total \$7,495.10**

**Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,133,634.59**

## Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien service this morning.

## 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)

## Looking Ahead

### Friday, 26 Aug

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm))

### Saturday, 27 Aug

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf))

### Sunday, 28 Aug

English Worship Services

(Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/english-services](http://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

**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

21 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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling matters, please email [care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto: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!

## Gospel Culture

*Romans 15:7 Welcome one another as Christ has welcomed you, for the glory of God.*

Last week I had the privilege of attending a conference organised for full-time ministry workers. The keynote speaker was Ray Ortland, founding pastor Immanuel Church Nashville, an Emeritus Council member of the Gospel Coalition and a contributor to the ESV Study Bible<sup>1</sup>.

Ray was sharing that he believes very strongly in the *patient preaching and teaching of God's Word* - as the means to transform lives to conform to the image of Christ. Yet he also shared that it is not only teaching good doctrine, but the embodying of those doctrines that truly impacts us. Believers, when they gather, should embody a 'gospel culture'<sup>2</sup>.

What he meant by that, is whenever the saints gather in person, there should be this *air of God's grace*, such that people "let their guard down" and are able to be sinners in God's presence. In other words, the gathering of the saints creates a #getreal environment: a place where we are welcomed through the blood of Christ, free to share our sins without judgment or condemnation. Free to share sins which are directed into the loving arms of Jesus for forgiveness.

As I reflected on Ray's sermons, it made me think about the X3A support group. A few of us still gather weekly – and when we gather, there is no judgement, no condemnation, everyone is welcome and free to share the darkest things of our lives – not just sexual issues, but everything that causes us to feel guilt, shame, stress or frustration (these are triggers that often lead to addictions). After sharing, the brothers pray for one another, taking those sins and struggles to God, to receive His mercy, grace and help to live just one more day.

While I am grateful for the X3A group and my 321s, I further reflected – why doesn't this happen *every time* the saints gather? Shouldn't it happen *every time* the saints gather? Not just in specialised groups, but even at the Sunday services? If embodying the Word (as we have been studying in Ephesians) is so critical to transformed lives, then shouldn't it happen at all our meetings, *especially* our main meetings? Is it really ok to relegate #getreal interactions to something 'on the side'?

If gospel culture is derived from God's Word and foundational to Church, then we need to seriously be thinking how to make it part of *every single gathering* of the body. Each time the saints gather we need to: #getdeep in God's Word, #getreal with one another & #getlost for the Kingdom.

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<sup>1</sup> He also authored many books, the most recent being: *The Death of Porn: Men of Integrity Building a World of Nobility*, Crossway, 2021

<sup>2</sup> Check out his podcast with Sam Allberry: <https://www.thegospelcoalition.org/podcasts/youre-not-crazy/>



# Announcements

## Men's Ministry

Calling all men to join us in this Men's Ministry event.

Topic: **Money Matters: getting our wallets in line with our faith**

Speaker: Pastor Dev Menon

Date: Sat 27th Aug 2022

Time: 8.00am - 9.30am

Venue: Zion Bishan Multipurpose Hall L1



Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/eg27aug>

## Youth Fellowship (YF)

**YF happens every Saturday, 4.00-6.00pm, at Chapel!**

And to encourage intentional intergenerational conversations, YF is looking for Host Families! If your family would like to host youths for post-YF dinners (once in each of Sept, Oct, Nov), indicate your interest on [tinyurl.com/YFhostfamilies](https://tinyurl.com/YFhostfamilies)

Contact **Jacqueline (9322 7629)** to find out more about **Youth Ministry!**

## 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](mailto:joel@zionbishan.org.sg)) to register.

## EPHESIANS BOOKLETS

We're starting our series in Ephesians, 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.

## 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 4 September:

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

## Service Registration Process

Work continues on the development of a mobile phone application that aims to streamline our service registration process for members. We seek your patience as the project team is gathering feedback towards the end of August, and hopes to begin trialing out the app in the middle of September. EventBrite registration will continue for the time being.