

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 3:14-21 ESV

Message: Far More Abundantly

Response Hymn: How High and How Wide

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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 Danny Chua (8.30am & 10.30am),  
Mr Ng Zhi-Wen (3pm & 5pm)

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Dn Joseph Chan

*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:* Timothy Ong

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Afternoon Team 3

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	9844 9536
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	9829 6051
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
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	9239 4160
Mr Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	9751 1897
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	9060 8340
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)

## **Far More Abundantly**

Ephesians 3:14-21

18 September 2022

Mr Danny Chua / Mr Ng Zhi-Wen

**THE GOAL: to be so filled with the all-powerful God that we the church glorify Him! (3:19-21)**

To **KNOW** how GREAT (B x L x H x D) God's plan is! (3:18)  
& to **KNOW** how unknowably GREAT Jesus' love is! (3:19)

That you have **STRENGTH** together with all of God's people... (3:18)

So Christ dwells in your hearts through faith... (3:17)

That His Spirit **EMPOWERS** you within... (3:16)

For this reason, I pray... (3:14)

### **Questions for Reflection and Discussion:**

1. What do you remember from the sermon or the passage?
2. Recall some of the things or requests you have been praying for lately. What are the main things Paul prays for the church in this prayer?
3. What is so great about God's plan and Christ's love for you? How have you come to know these in a way that "surpasses knowledge" (3:19)?
4. Read the doxology in 3:20-21. Think of it as a prayer of both praise and request – that Paul asks for God to make a reality as well. Then pray it as a desire of your heart for yourself and for our church.

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Bishan Home** - Thank God that despite the extra precautions taken to reduce in-person activities, we have been able to love and serve the residents through Sunday School lessons and calls over Zoom, and even have in-person devotions with some residents. Continue to pray for the Covid-19 situation to improve, health and safety for the residents, and strength and resilience for the caregivers.

**Living Room** - Thank God that The Living Room has been refurbished and re-opened with new hours. Pray for the staff team as they adjust to the new ministry model, and for the cafe as it continues to be a blessing to others through hospitality.

### **Our World**

**Nepal Mission Trips** - Two ZB Church teams will be serving in Nepal. Team 1 will be trekking to remote places in the northwest from this week. Team 2 will be in the southwest in mid Oct. Training for harvest workers and discipleship meetings will be held. Pray for the Spirit's anointing in all these

meetings -- that God's people will be nourished by His word and equipped for the Gospel work amongst Unreached and Frontier peoples (UPGs/FPGs).

Please also pray for our partner here, for smooth construction of an orphanage in the western part of the country. Pray that the light of Christ may shine through their compassionate service to this community. One primary school is also being built in south Nepal with the support of believers from South India, pray for it to be used mightily to bless the local community.

**Philippines** - Our ministry partner in Bacolod, Student Missionary Outreach, recently celebrated 45 years of ministry. Praise God for the many young people who have been touched by the gospel through their faithful work in high schools and colleges in many parts of Philippines. Pray that this ministry will continue to be sustained by the Lord and that they would have the wisdom to continue being relevant and impactful in the places they are working in.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	134	
English Service 8.30am*	143	500
English Service 10.30am*	345	
English Service 3pm*	110	
English Service 5pm*	99	
Chinese Service Livestream#	31	
Chinese Service 8.30am*	60	447
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	4	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am*	63	1089
ME Service & Zoom	56	
Hokkien Service*	91	268
Tamil Service*	20	408
DHF	19	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1175</b>	<b>2,712.00</b>

\*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

BSF Men	\$926.80
BSF Women	\$540.30
Electronic Transfer	\$61,898.49
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$66,077.59</b>

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

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$10,983.10
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$10,983.10</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$9,203,740.46</b>

## Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Judah & Zoeleen on the birth of their baby girl, Vine Koh, on 13 Sept!
2. Congratulations to Alvin & Liling on the birth of their 2nd child, Elliot Ng, on 14 Sept!  
Congratulations to grandparents, Dennis and Carol Wong.
3. Pastor Alby is preaching at Hokkien service this morning.
4. Our deepest condolences to members who grieve the loss of loved ones this past week:
  - I. Mdm Ng Siew Noi, aged 79 on her Homegoing on 13 September 2022. She was the mother of Peter Tay, mother-in-law of Lorna Tay, and grandmother to Shane and Sherwin.
  - II. Mdm Tang How Mui, aged 89 on her Homegoing on 15 September 2022. She was the mother of Charles Chia, mother-in-law of Stephanie Sim and grandmother to Isaac.

## III. 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, 23 Sep

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### Saturday, 24 Sep

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### Sunday, 25 Sep

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

**25 Sep** – Chapter 1 – 3 Recap

– Tze-Ming & Ps Vernon

**09 Oct** – Ephesians 4:1-16

– Zhiwen & Ps Dev

**16 Oct** – Ephesians 4:17-32

– Ps Vernon & Ps Dev

## Your Response

18 September 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

## **The Laborers are Few**

### *Looking Into Full-Time*

Have you ever been severely understaffed at the workplace? Or maybe imagine that one time you were running solo for your final-year project because all other group mates were Covid positive?

Being undermanned or having insufficient hands on deck happens from time to time in the course of our work. But when it comes to the kingdom of God, Jesus seems to say that we can never ever have too many full-time paid Gospel laborers. In His words, *“the harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”* (Matt 9:37-38)

In Zion Bishan, we believe that every single follower of Jesus has been ‘called’ in Christ as citizens of a new Kingdom to join in the Master’s work of Christian ministry regardless of who our employers are (Eph 4:11-16). Yes, we are saying with Biblical conviction that all of us from pulpit to the pew – whether student, or stay-home parent, or vocational worker or church ministry staff – are bestowed with the great privilege and glorious responsibility of building up the Church family and drawing the lost into the Father’s house.

Yet, Jesus’ words to us are sobering. The church is always in need of many more compassionate shepherds who recognize the crowds that are “harassed and helpless” and “like sheep without a shepherd” (Matt 9:36).

Indeed, the work and harvest is so great (yes, a promised harvest by Jesus!) that we need many more who would do this on a full-time basis in their day jobs! Unsurprisingly, the Apostle Paul mirrored this priority when he urged young Pastor Timothy at Ephesus to entrust the Gospel to other faithful believers *who will be able to teach others also* (2 Tim 2)!

All of these reasons have compelled us to take more seriously the nurturing of potential full-time Christian ministry workers at Zion Bishan. That was our aim in running a pilot session of Looking Into Full-Time (LIFT) earlier in July. LIFT is a safe and exploratory space for any and everyone who has any interest and conviction, or just questions and curiosities about full-time paid Gospel work.

In that session, Pastor Vernon shared from John 10 about the centrality of shepherding ministry in a local church. Various apprentices and ministry staff also shared their experiences in an open Q&A time about how God was training them in their ‘seasons’ before coming on staff, and the various challenges they faced.

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Here are some reflections from our participants (names anonymized) on what they took away from our time together:

**Brother A:**

*"I found LIFT quite meaningful as it helped me frame my understanding of the principles of ministry. What struck me was that all Christians are called to minister in our various social circles with the end goal of sharing God's Word. Although I am currently hesitant to commit to full time as I am still a student, it was helpful to understand that all of us are called to ministry wherever we are."*

**Brother B:**

*"The thought of full-time paid Christian ministry may seem daunting or requiring a so-called 'leap of faith' for some. However, God knows, and in His time, He will bring some of us there. But how or where does one start?"*

- 1. Knowing that as believers, we are all already in full-time Christian ministry;*
- 2. Even though the demographics of who we are interacting with daily in the workplace might be different, it doesn't mean that our network to seekers and non-believers would be shut off once we leave our workplace for full-time paid ministry;*
- 3. Keep the thought of full-time paid ministry on the table;*
- 4. Dive deeper and grow keeping in His word;*
- 5. Have intentional talks and conversations about ministry work;*
- 6. Remember that your work experience in the marketplace is equally important;*
- 7. Most importantly, start reading the bible with someone as that is what one would be doing a lot in full-time paid ministry.*

**Brother C:**

*One 'myth' that LIFT helped me debunk about full-time paid Christian ministry: that it is an immediate and one-time thing. Instead, many others at the session shared that their going into full-time paid ministry took one step at a time. No one jumps into full-time Gospel ministry immediately. As Dietrich Boenhoeffer said "When Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die". There is such great encouragement to keep plugging away at the Gospel and trusting in our Lord. Being a Christian has a cost and all of us, full-time or not, must really consider this well because following Jesus is not a glamorous job. But it is so worth it!*

We believe that the Jesus and His Gospel are worth it, and we are praying that the Lord of the harvest will send many more laborers to proclaim this world-changing truth. Would you consider full-time paid Christian ministry? Would you also pray along with us?

Check out the latest video on the EXCEL Apprenticeship here: <https://youtu.be/LzVN94kSFo>



# Announcements

## ZION BISHAN 28<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY SERVICE

We thank God that we are finally able to celebrate our church anniversary this year. This will be a combined multi-ethnic service with the entire Zion Bishan church family.

The service will be on **29 October 2022 (Sat), 4-6pm.**

We will also be **having dinner together after** the service, at **\$5 per person.**

Sign up for the dinner by **16 Oct** at **[bit.ly/ZB28dinner](https://bit.ly/ZB28dinner)**. Payment details can be found in the sign-up form.

## PHASING OUT OF LIVE-STREAMING

Scripture tells us the goal and shape of church is realised primarily through the physical, corporate gathering of the saints. We really hope to identify, engage and pastorally care for the numerous viewers who are still participating in our Sunday services via livestream. Thus, we are encouraging as many worshippers as possible to join us in-person, and we aim to *phase out the live-streaming of our 10.30am and 3.00pm services gradually starting 2 October.*

If you or your family have special circumstances where you may still need to participate virtually, please contact one of the pastors or ministry staff so we can see how best to support you.

## MEN'S MINISTRY: NARROW ROAD BUT NOT LONELY ROAD

Calling all men to register and join us for this Men's Ministry event.

**Speaker:** Rev. Dr. David Wong,  
General Secretary, BPCIS

**Date:** Saturday, 8 Oct

**Time:** 8.00am – 9.30am

**Venue:** Zion Bishan  
Multipurpose Hall L1



**<https://tinyurl.com/eg8oct>**

## SENIORS360: DEMENTIA FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Christian seniors diagnosed with dementia need support as they continue in their faith journey.

SENIORS360 will be starting a group led by medically and elderly-trained personnel to provide fellowship, encouragement and support to persons living with mild to moderate dementia.

If you would like to find out more, do email **[s360zb@gmail.com](mailto:s360zb@gmail.com)**

## ZION BISHAN YOUTH CAMP 2022

Calling all youths in our Zion Bishan family! Save the dates for an exciting week-long camp: **12 – 16 December**

Look out for Registration and further details coming soon!