

TO HIM BE GLORY IN THE CHURCH AND IN CHRIST JESUS

EPHESIANS 3:21

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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:1-10; 3:14-19 ESV

Message: Eyes of Your Heart Enlightened

(3pm & 5pm)

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1:15-23; 3:14-19 ESV

Message: Immeasurable Power!

Response Hymn: O Church Arise

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

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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 Quek Tze-Ming (8.30am & 10.30am),
Ps Vernon Quek (3pm & 5pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Sharon Quek

Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo

Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 4

3.00pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee

Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

5.00pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Dn Herman Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 4

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Zheng Haoren, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhenghr</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Paul Yeo, <i>Hokkien Ministry</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Mr Ng Zhiwen, <i>Community Ministries</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

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care@zionbishan.org.sg

Eyes of Your Heart Enlightened

Recap of Ephesians 1-3

25 September 2022

Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Introduction

The Story of God

... vs. “the powers”

The Story of Church

Conclusion: The Story of Us?

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. How would you answer a friend who asks you: “Tell me about the Christian God: What has He been doing, and what is He doing?”
2. How would you answer the same friend who asks you: “What is the church?”
3. Read through Eph 1-3 again in one sitting. What are some verses or themes that you find striking? Why?
4. How does the Letter to the Ephesians answer Questions 1 and 2?

Immeasurable Power!

Ephesians Chapter 1—3 Review

Intro: 3 Big Themes (1:18-19)

- God's Plan (what we are called to be a part of)
- God's People (the saints = the Church)
- God's Power...

What is God's Power at work within us? (3:16; 3:20-21)

- The Spirit's Revelation Power (3:16; 1:17; 3:5)
 - Knowledge of God's Plan and the love of Christ (3:18-19)

Why do we need this Power? (2:1-2)

- Eyes of their hearts vs. the Eyes of their heads (1:17)
- Inner being vs. Outer being (3:15)
- God's Temple vs. Artemis' temple (2:20-22)

What does this Power lead to?

- Individual to Corporate (3:16-19)
- Glorious Church (3:20-21)

Conclusion: Know where the Power is!

- In our prayers
- In the Church

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. In your own words, explain the immeasurable power of God towards us as believers. How has this power worked within you personally?
2. Think about how the rival power and spirit is at work in your own life. How easy is it to forget the Plan and all the great truths we've seen in Ephesians 1-3?
3. What needs to change in your life after what we've seen in the first half of Ephesians? Specifically in your prayer life and your relationships with fellow saints?

Prayer Points

Our Church

CST Sunday – 2nd October will be our very first Congregational Sunday! Each of the 4 CSTs will be preaching a dedicated message to their respective congregations, reflecting our pastoral heart for the people under our care. We pray that it will be an edifying time for everyone present.

Elders Retreat – The English Pastors and Elders will meet for a 3rd retreat this Saturday! We continue to humbly seek direction from the Lord to take us forward in our next season at Zion Bishan. We will share more about our discussions whenever possible. The Session members also decided that we should meet every month for a Saturday breakfast, to encourage one another in the Lord - so that we are first and foremost brothers in Christ before being shepherds of His Church.

Ordinations – We thank God that 3 of our leaders will be ordained as ministers of the gospel under the BPCIS this Oct! Ng Zhiwen & Paul Yeo at our anniversary service on 29th Oct and Elder David Leong on 30th Oct at Emmanuel BP. Pray for them as they prepare their hearts for this new role!

Pray too for Ps Haoren as he finishes his time on staff and moves on to his next season of ministry.

Our World

Nepal – The ZB team has arrived and are currently en route to a part of Nepal that is remote and less resourced. Pray for strength and stamina to trek to the various villages with a dominant Tibetan population. Pray also that the mountain flights will be available for their going and return to cities in Nepal as these flights sometimes change due to demand and so it might affect the ZB team. Pray for a fruitful time of ministry with our partners.

Lebanon – This country continues to live in severe economic and food crisis. Its people continue to suffer food insecurity and only 2 hours of electricity from the government daily. Our ministry partner reported that this week, all banks were closed since last Friday (16 Sep) because many Lebanese were trying to get their frozen savings from the banks. Hence, banks were closed for the safety of the employees. Pray that banks will be able to reopen. Pray for God's mercy on this nation, that they will have a proper government who will begin to enable economic recovery. Thank God for the ongoing ministries of compassion and bible study/training that our partner is still engaged with, even in such challenging times.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestreams#	156	
English Service 8.30am*	128	
English Service 10.30am*	288	
English Service 3pm*	125	
English Service 5pm*	85	
Chinese Service Livestream#	29	
Chinese Service 8.30am*	78	623.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	7	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am*	46	236.00
ME Service & Zoom	55	
Hokkien Service*	47	472.00
Tamil Service*	38	844.00
DHF	19	
TOTAL	1101	\$2,175.00

*All in-person attendance includes serving personnel

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer \$51,466.69

WEEKLY TOTAL \$53,641.69

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1839 \$1,000.00

Electronic Transfer \$9,095.61

Weekly Total \$10,095.61

Total Gift Received To-Date \$9,213,836.07

Church Family News

1. Congratulations to Amos Seah and Juay Wei Tian who were united in holy matrimony on 24 Sept!
2. Ps Alby is preaching at Grace BP Church this morning.
3. Ps Dev is preaching at Shalom BP this morning.
4. Ps Zheng Haoren is away on field assignment from 20 Sep.
5. On 30 Sep, Ps Zheng Haoren will conclude his season of full-time ministry with us (after close to 11 years). We are so thankful for his ministry with us and wish him the best for the next season of pursuing God's purposes.

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, 30 Sep

8.00pm: Missions Prayer Night
(Register at tinyurl.com/MissionsPN)

Saturday, 1 Oct

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship
(Register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

Sunday, 2 Oct

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

09 Oct – Ephesians 4:1-16
– Zhiwen & Ps Dev

16 Oct – Ephesians 4:17-32
– Ps Vernon & Ps Dev

23 Oct – Ephesians 5:1-21
–Ps Alby

30 Oct – Ephesians 5:22-6:9
– Zhiwen & Joel

Your Response

25 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

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

Focus

Holy Communion on 4 September 2022 was special for me on two counts. Firstly, it marked my final administration of this holy sacrament as a pastor at Zion Bishan (ZB) before my retirement. Secondly, the Lord enabled me to see the lyrics of the Communion hymn clearly on the LED screens facing the Communion table that day. My heart was uplifted, praising God!

You see, my vision has been deteriorating over the last five years because of glaucoma. It has come to a stage where visual contrast is an issue. My vision is growing dim and I can now identify with Jacob in Genesis 48:10. In recent months, I have practically given up reading the LED screens from the pulpit. So being able to read the Communion hymn was a pleasant surprise and delight!

My eyes have been literally playing tricks on me. Every now and then, I would encounter the “now you see it, now you don’t” phenomenon. With this increasing challenge, I have learnt to focus my eyes. It helps that I pause and be still when I look in the direction I need to see. Depending on the lighting, the vision in that direction may come into focus... sometimes it does not.

The decision to retire early stems from the desire to focus and not be spread thin. I am acutely aware that I do not have much time where sight is concerned. I could go blind anytime. So, it was with much consideration and prayer that my family and I agreed that I should give my best attention in my remaining years of sight to focus on a local ministry and an overseas assignment that God has laid upon my heart for many years now.

Therefore, with Session’s blessing, I went on a part-time work arrangement from April 2021 to prepare and focus on my next assignment and work out the handing over of my portfolio and duties to Sharon and Zhiwen and the teams they now lead.

I am stepping out with a grateful heart. It has been a rich blessing from the Lord to serve amongst faithful and dedicated colleagues for over 10 years at ZB. Each of them has taught me in different ways what it meant to follow and focus on Jesus.

Peter walked on water when his focus was on Jesus (Matthew 14:29-30). When he took his eyes off the Lord, he sunk. In their discipleship journey, Peter and the apostles focused on Jesus and His commands and lived out their calling. May we follow their example!

Every blessing!

Announcements

ZION BISHAN 28TH 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**. Payment details can be found in the sign-up form.

CALLING FOR REGISTRATION!

MEN'S RETREAT 2022

By Zion Bishan Men's Ministry

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>



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!

PHASING OUT OF LIVE-STREAMING

Please note the following details for our phased cessation of live-streaming:

The live-streaming for the **3pm service** will cease from **Sun, 2 Oct.**

The 10.30am service will continue to be live-streamed till the end of our Ephesians sermon series (in mid- November).

Both morning and afternoon sermon recordings will be made available on our YouTube channel.

We will make arrangement for members who are shut-in (or are caregivers) to be able to join in worship - please speak directly with your CST leaders about this.

We look forward to having as many of us as possible joining in corporate worship in person each Sunday.

MISSION PRAYER NIGHT - 30 SEP (FRI)

Come and join us for a time of sharing, prayer and fellowship as we listen to the stories and experiences of the Lim family from their time in Greece.

8-9pm: Sharing & Prayer

9pm onwards: Fellowship

Sign up by **29 Sept (Thu)** at

<http://tinyurl.com/MissionsPN> to receive the Zoom link via email.

PRE-SERVICE REGISTRATION

From October, we will no longer be having Eventbrite pre-service registration. We will instead be gradually rolling out a simpler system for accountability of our members, regular worshippers and visitors. Please bear with the team through the implementation.