

# 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

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 5:1-21 ESV

Message: Be Imitators of God

Response Hymn: The Perfect Wisdom of Our God (AM)

Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery (PM)

Mission Focus; Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

Commissioning of KY (10.30 Service)

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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*

**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** 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

**Speaker:** Ps Alby Yip

### **8.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Sharon Quek

*Worship Leader:* Dn Justin Low

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Tiew Chew Meng

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Morning Team 4

### **3.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Vanessa Lee

*Worship Leader:* Eld David Leong

### **5.00pm**

*Service Coordinator:* Danny Chua

*Worship Leader:* Timothy Ong

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

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Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
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Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
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Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
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## **Be Imitators of God**

Ephesians 5:1-21

### **Introduction**

### **Walk in Love...**

### **Walk as Children of Light...**

### **Walk as Wise [Men]...**

### **Out of Reverence for Christ!**

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

1. What do you remember about the passage/message?
2. What does it mean to “be imitators of God” in your own life?
3. Beyond morality, why is holiness and purity so important for the Christian and in the Church?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our People**

**KY** – Today, we are thankful to have commissioned KY to her work with Habibi international. Praise God for KY's heart to serve an unreached and internally displaced people (IDP) in West Asia through Habibi International. May she and her team have wisdom and creativity in developing the Mental Health and Psycho-social support programme for this group.

### **Our Church**

**Zion Bishan's 28th Anniversary Service (29 Oct)** – Thank God that we can gather to celebrate God's mercies to Zion Bishan in the last 28 years. We also rejoice with our brothers, Paul Yeo & Ng Zhiwen, as they are ordained as ministers of the gospel at this same service. Service will begin at 4pm, followed by dinner fellowship.

**Christianity Explored (CE)** – With the recent run concluding last Wednesday, we thank God for the 8 seekers who came and the opportunity we had to extend friendship and the hospitality of Christ to them. Pray for open doors in our AGs and communities, where Spirit-led friendships can continue and they can learn what it means to follow our Lord Jesus together.

**Cantonese Mandarin Service Gospel Sunday (30 Oct)** – Pray for good turnout and for the Gospel message to be well received.

### **Our World**

**Nepal** – Thank God for the safe return of the second Nepal team, who was helping to do the special needs training in West Nepal. Praise God for a good time of learning how to help the special needs children communicate and learn better. There was much opportunity for theory and hands-on learning. Pray that these lessons will be implemented well and produce good fruit in the behaviour of the special needs children. Half of Nepal team 1 has also returned and brought good reports of the work in West Nepal. Pray for the one remaining team member, that he will have fruitful times of fellowship and ministry in the various centres of our partner.

**India** – One partner in North India gave an encouraging report of a recent Family Conference for their workers. Praise God that the conference attendance grew from 17 families in 2019 to 66 families in 2022. The teaching sessions on marriage, parenting were helpful for the couples while the teenagers and children had their own teaching sessions, learning about prayer and how to study the Bible. Thank God for the gifts of equipment to a few church planters that is useful for worship services and gospel work.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream#	104	
English Service 8.30am	141	770.00
English Service 10.30am	329	
English Service 3pm	126	
English Service 5pm	109	
Chinese Service Livestream#	27	
Chinese Service 8.30am	74	445.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	4	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	45	2,714.00
ME Service & Zoom	51	
Hokkien Service	43	294.00
Tamil Service	16	80.00
DHF	18	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1087</b>	<b>\$4,303.00</b>

#Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

*Please note that the bank has imposed a charge of **\$50.75 for every cheque deposit**. You are encouraged to use electronic transfer for offering to the church.*

Electronic Transfer	\$55,300.29
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$59,603.29</b>

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

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$5,175.60
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$5,175.60</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$9,257,934.61</b>

## Church Family News

1. Bro Tze-Ming preached at Singapore Life Church English Service on Sat 22 Oct.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Shalom BP this morning.
3. Bro Zhi-Wen is preaching at Moriah BP 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, 28 Oct**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

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

### **Saturday, 29 Oct**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

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

### **Sunday, 30 Oct**

English Worship Services

#### **8.30am**

*Shepherding Team:* 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**

**30 Oct** – Ephesians 5:22-6:9

– *Zhiwen & Joel*

**06 Nov** – Ephesians 6:10-24

– *Ps Dev & Tze-Ming*

**13 Nov** – Ephesians Reviewed

– *Tze-Ming & Ps Vernon*

## **Your Response**

23 October 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

# 2022/2023 Mid-Year Financial Review

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

We thank God that He has been faithfully providing for our needs at Zion Bishan, month after month, year after year!

For the first 6 months of this financial year, **our offering (\$1,793,287) and other income (\$76,680) to the General & Missions Fund (GMF) exceeded our expenditure (\$1,606,922) by \$263,044** (see Income & Expenditure table).

Thanks to your earnest prayer and generous giving, we are able to resume many ministries and programs that had been suspended in prior years due to the covid management measures.

We have budgeted for a higher expenditure of \$3,902,349 in FY22/23 compared to FY21/22. Included in the budget are provisions for ZBK renovation, purchase of a new church van and payment of the SLA lease.

Thus far, we have spent 41% of the budget approved at the Feb 2022 ECM. Usually, underspending at mid-year is because most of the expenses tend to occur in the second half of the financial year.

We continue to seek the Lord's provision and hope to end the financial year without any deficit.

Currently, we have a communicant membership of 1,483.

Our Church office currently has 27 pastoral, ministry and admin staff and 1 apprentice. The Living Room has 4 full-time and 3 part-time staff, and ZBK has a total 17 staff. Let us continue to remember these labourers - who anchor the ongoing ministries - in prayer, and serve together with them.

As for the **Land Lease Renewal Fund**, as advised by the government authorities, we have commenced the monthly lease arrangement from July 2022. We have also returned the interest-free loans from members and other churches of **\$2,803,000**. The total LLRF in gifts and bank interest received is **\$9,190,557** as at 31 August 2022. Whilst the authorities are still in the process of reviewing the pricing for the 30-year lease, 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.

Please email any questions or comments that you may have to: [judyso@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:judyso@zionbishan.org.sg)

Report By: The Session of Zion Bishan BP Church

INCOME & EXPENDITURE				
	2019/20	2020/21	2021/22	Mar-Aug 2022
<b>INCOME</b>				
Offering	\$3,071,774	\$3,035,625	\$3,305,488	\$1,793,287
Govt Grants	\$8,332	\$316,014	\$110,393	\$17,879
Other Income	\$90,878	\$48,817	\$86,702	\$58,801
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$3,170,984</b>	<b>\$3,400,456</b>	<b>\$3,502,583</b>	<b>\$1,869,966</b>
<b>TOTAL OPERATING EXP</b>	<b>\$2,854,943</b>	<b>\$2,388,172</b>	<b>\$2,729,520</b>	<b>\$1,472,687</b>
<b>TOTAL CAPITAL EXP</b>	<b>\$33,897</b>	<b>\$39,146</b>	<b>\$16,318</b>	<b>\$134,235</b>
<b>TOTAL OP EXP + CAPEX</b>	<b>\$2,888,840</b>	<b>\$2,427,318</b>	<b>\$2,745,837</b>	<b>\$1,606,922</b>
<b>CASH SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)</b>	<b>\$282,144</b>	<b>\$973,138</b>	<b>\$756,746</b>	<b>\$263,044</b>

	2022/23 (Budget) (A)	2022/23 (Prorated 6mths Budget)	Mar-Aug 22 (Actual) (B)	Run Rate (B/A)
Personnel Related	\$1,742,691	\$871,346	\$809,816	46%
Admin-Office	\$189,980	\$94,990	\$92,685	49%
Admin-Ministry	\$51,400	\$25,700	\$29,927	58%
Bldg Maintenance	\$223,208	\$111,604	\$78,123	35%
Worship	\$100,050	\$50,025	\$19,345	19%
Ministry Work	\$84,470	\$42,235	\$11,893	14%
Theological Edu	\$111,100	\$55,550	\$47,173	42%
Welfare	\$9,500	\$4,750	\$3,600	38%
Home Mission	\$401,378	\$200,689	\$107,996	27%
Foreign Mission	\$508,325	\$254,162	\$233,302	46%
Rent SLA	\$147,968	\$73,984	\$38,828	26%
<b>Total Operating Exp</b>	<b>\$3,570,070</b>	<b>\$1,785,035</b>	<b>\$1,472,687</b>	<b>41%</b>
<b>Add Capital Exp</b>	<b>\$332,279</b>	<b>\$166,140</b>	<b>\$134,234</b>	<b>40%</b>
<b>Net Cash Outflow</b>	<b>\$3,902,349</b>	<b>\$1,951,175</b>	<b>\$1,606,921</b>	<b>41%</b>

## Truthing in Love...#GetDeep

We have reached the point in our Ephesians series which has the most potential to shape us as a church family. The Apostle Paul has given us the key to being a glorious, healthy church in Ephesians 4:11-16: Every saint, every member of the Zion Bishan family, needs to be equipped to do the work of ministry – which is to ‘Truth in Love’ to one another (4:15).

God’s Word is so rich that we can only scratch the surface of what He has to say in our 30-minute-long sermons each week, so here are some further thoughts for us to #GetDeep into, that will enable us to do the ministry that you and I are both called to do (4:1 & 12).

In all the years that I have taught Ephesians, I’ve always looked at the ‘**in love**’ part of ‘Truthing in love’ as the **manner** in which we should speak and live out the Truth to one another. So that meant communicating Truth in a **loving** way – doing it gently, nicely, with patience etc. While this is undoubtedly true, I’m beginning to see through preaching the book again this year that the Apostle meant more than this.

In the previous chapter, Paul prays for the Ephesians...

‘...to be strengthened with power through his Spirit in your inner being,<sup>17</sup> so that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith—that you, **being rooted and grounded in love**,<sup>18</sup> may have strength to comprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and height and depth,<sup>19</sup> and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge...’ (Ephesians 3:16-19)

Paul is not just telling the Ephesians that they are to communicate the Truth which is in Jesus (4:20-21) in a loving way. He’s telling them that Jesus and the knowledge of His love is the very basis, the motivation, the foundation of their ministry towards one another. That’s why he prays that they will be **rooted and grounded [in the love of Jesus]** first before he prays for their corporate ministry of comprehending with all the saints. Our vision for every member to #GetDeep into God’s written Word in order to learn Christ reflects this principal in Paul’s prayer.

As we enter into the Next Lap, much prayer is needed for the equipping and teaching ministry of Zion Bishan. Would you please join alongside in prayer for the Shepherds, the Pastors and Elders, as we get on with teaching Jesus to the saints, that each and every one of us will be **rooted and grounded in Jesus’ love**. And if Jesus and the kind of love He has shown us is the bedrock of our ministry, then of course the **manner** in which we walk will show Him as we put aside our own self-preferences, and sacrificially give ourselves for our fellow members of the Body.

May all the saints of Zion Bishan grow and mature in learning Christ and living out the Truth that is in Him together.



# Announcements

## MINISTRY BEHIND THE MONEY

12 Nov (Sat), 3 – 5pm  
Chapel, Level 4

Come hear about the various ministries of the church and what it costs to run them. Participants will be given the chance to visit different rooms and hear presentations from their ministries of choice. Time will be allocated for Q&A after each presentation.

**No registration required.**  
**Open to all communicant members.**

## A SENIORS360 EVENT

### **DIM SUM HOUR & TALK:**

**Advance Care Planning -  
Plan For Our Future Health and  
Personal Care**

12 Nov (Sat), 10.30am  
In-person at Fellowship Hall  
or via Zoom

Come join us at this upcoming SENIORS360 event with Dr Shirlynn Ho.

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

## **LAPTOPS FOR MISSIONS PARTNER**

Our missions partner in Indonesia is looking for laptops for their ministry to a children's home and to the blind.

Laptops with Microsoft Office and running on Windows OS are preferred.  
(Minimally Intel i3 or Celeron & 4GB RAM)

If you have any unused laptops and would like to give towards a good cause, please contact **Tim Ong at 92715785 by 30/10**.

## **CANTONESE-MANDARIN SERVICE GOSPEL SUNDAY**

Topic: Who Am I?  
Speaker: Pastor Lim Jit Thye  
30 Oct, 10.45am, Auditorium 1&2, Level 4

No registration required. Bring along your friends and relatives!

## **JOIN US ON TELEGRAM OR WHATSAPP!**

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin & church announcements.

### **Subscribe to Telegram channel:**

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

### **Subscribe to WhatsApp broadcast:**

1. Save [9422 5703](tel:94225703) to your contacts as 'ZB BULLETIN'
2. Send a WhatsApp message to the above number with your full name and contact number  
(i.e. Freddie Mao 9999 8888)

## **LIVE-STREAMING OF 10.30 SERVICE**

Live-streaming of the 10.30am service will be switched to private and may be accessed on-request only in four weeks' time on 20 Nov. Worshippers who are home-bound, overseas, or unable to worship in-person on any Sunday may write in to [office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg) or contact any pastors and leaders for the private link. We are convinced that in-person worship services is in the best interest of worshippers spiritual health and growth. Hence, we appeal to those who are able to but are still worshipping virtually to pray and prepare to return. We look forward to welcoming you home!