

RETHINKING CHURCH

THEREFORE BE IMITATORS OF GOD,
AS BELOVED CHILDREN. AND WALK IN LOVE,
AS CHRIST LOVED US AND GAVE
HIMSELF UP FOR US

EPHESIANS 5:1-2

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English Services & Livestream

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Ephesians 1.15-23; 6.10-13 ESV

Message: Performing God's Drama

Response Hymn: O Church Arise

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

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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

10.30am 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

Speaker: Mr Quek Tze-Ming

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low

Worship Leader: Eld 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: Eld Chan Kin Yip

Pastors and Ministry Staff

Rev Dr Alby Yip, *Senior Pastor* 9844 9536

Rev Dr Dev Menon, *Pastor* 9829 6051

Rev Ebinezar Mohan, *Pastor (Tamil)* 8198 9696

Rev Kew See Seong, *Pastor (Mand)* 9489 4967

Rev Lim Jit Thye, *Pastor (Cant-Mand)* 9182 6957

Rev Daniel Nge, *Pastor (Mand-Eng)* 8428 0525

Rev Vernon Quek, *Pastor* 9796 0196

Rev Ng Zhiwen, *Pastor* 9092 6095

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Miss Vanessa Lee, *Women's Worker* 9880 4507

Mr Joel Khoo, *YAs/Discipleship* 9368 9221

Rev Dr David Wong, *Advisory Pastor*

Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, *Pastor Emeritus*

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

care@zionbishan.org.sg

Performing God's Drama

Ephesians 1.15-23; 6.10-13

13 November 2022

Mr Quek Tze-Ming

Intro

So, what is Ephesians about?

The Finished Script

The Play to be Performed

Conclusion:

Questions for Reflection and Discussion:

1. In our studies through the letter to the Ephesians, recount what you have learned about God's character and actions: "What is God like?" and "What is God doing?"
2. Recount what you have learned about the world we live in, and about humanity: "What is wrong with us?"; "Who are our enemies?"; "Where is the world headed?"
3. What role does a) the Church; and b) individual believers play in the light of this?
4. In what ways have you found Ephesians encouraging? In what ways have you found it puzzling?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Tuition Ministry - We thank God for His faithfulness in enabling and sustaining our ministry efforts this past academic year. As the tutors, students, parents and guardians gather for one last time this year this coming Thursday (17 Nov), pray for a fruitful time of fellowship and opportunities for gospel conversations, that students and their parents or guardians may experience the love and joy of Christ through our tutors and in being a part of this community.

Our World

Philippines - We thank God for giving our ministry partner, Student Missionary Outreach (SMO) 45 years of ministry in many parts of the Philippines. Ministry at their student centre in Bacolod City centre has seen a steady rise in student visits since in-person interaction was permitted post pandemic. Students come during lunch time to the SMO centre because they offer cheap and affordable food at lunch. Thereafter, visiting students are given an opportunity to spend 15-20 min in Bible study with the youth workers at the centre. The centre is also open in the morning for students to come during their open periods to do their work, study or just relax and play basketball. In this way, many

young people have been reached for Christ as they experience gospel transformation in their lives. Many have gone on to study at SMO-BTI (Bible Training Institute) to be a youth worker in churches or campuses elsewhere in the Philippines. Thank God also for the many youth teams that Zion Bishan has sent to visit them over the years. They were also a rich blessing to our youth community, encouraging them to know and love the Lord.

Nepal - In the early morning hours on Wednesday (9 Nov), Nepal experienced a 6.3 magnitude earthquake. We thank God that our church's remaining team member was kept safe, though his travel plans were disrupted, and he had to return to the centre he had left that day. Pray that the Holy Spirit will continue to guide him for his ministry and protect his health. Pray for comfort for one of the centre leaders, his wife and children as they mourn for his mother, who passed away suddenly in India last week. They had to rush to settle many matters. It is also still a shock for everyone in the family. May our Lord be their comfort in this time of grief.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream [#]	123	
English Service 8.30am	130	844.00
English Service 10.30am	356	
English Service 3pm	117	
English Service 5pm	124	
Chinese Service Livestream [#]	24	
Chinese Service 8.30am	96	2,143.80
Cant/Mand Service Livestream [#]	3	
Cant/Mand Service 10.45am	53	503.00
ME Service & Zoom	57	
Hokkien Service	47	248.00
Tamil Service	17	1,050.00
DHF	15	
TOTAL	1172	\$4,788.80

[#]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	\$71,916.56
Love Gift for Anniversary	\$600.00
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$77,305.36

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Gift No: 1845-47	\$900.00
Electronic Transfer	\$16,115.60
Weekly Total	\$17,015.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,294,274.70

Church Family News

1. Ps Alby is preaching at Emmanuel BP Church this morning.
2. Ps Dev is preaching at Grace BP Church this morning.
3. Our deepest condolences and sympathy to the families of:
 - Mdm Wu Kwai Siew (ZBCS), aged 93, went Home to be with the Lord on 8 November 2022. She had been a faithful member of our Cantonese service for the past 21 years.
 - Mr Gan Seck Liang, aged 90, passed away on 4 November 2022. He was the father of Jennifer Gan, father-in-law of Soh Kok Hong and grandfather to Joanne.

Please uphold the bereaved families in prayer.

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, 18 Nov

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

Saturday, 19 Nov

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

Sunday, 20 Nov

English Worship Services

8.30am

Shepherding Team: Ps 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

5.00pm

Shepherding Team: Ps Dev Menon,
Eld Chan Kin Yip & Eld Reginald Tan

Christmas Evangelistic Series:

20 Nov – Why is Incarnation Good News?

(John 1:1-14)

– Ps Zhiwen

27 Nov – AM SERVICES

The Ancestors: They waited for Him

(Matthew 1:1-17)

– Mr Quek Tze-Ming

PM SERVICES

The Prophets: They spoke about Him

(Isaiah 7:10-14; Matthew 1:22-23)

– Mr Joel Khoo

Your Response

13 November 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

FIVE WORDS ON #GETSENT

Early on, while preparing for our sermon series on Ephesians, a 5-word phrase caught my eye. It remains the most impactful phrase from the book for me. They linger in my mind still. Want to know what it is?

“For this reason I, Paul”

This is how chapter 3 begins. I, Paul... and then what? There is no action that follows. Instead, Paul goes on to describe his personal identity and his calling: I am a prisoner of Christ; He appointed me to bring the gospel to the Gentiles (i.e. the nations), and to tell them the “unsearchable riches of Christ”. In other words: This is me. This is who I am. I, Paul.

And for what reason? In the previous 2 chapters, Paul took his readers on a dizzying tour of the Grand Plan (the view from the 70th floor, remember?), conceived in the mind of God before time began: To unite all things in Christ; to restore the kingdom and the glory of God in every corner of creation; to reconcile the things that have been broken, restore the peace, and fashion a people that will be drawn from all peoples in whom God will be pleased to dwell. A new creation. God’s masterpiece.

“For this reason I, Paul.”

This is Paul, enraptured by the vision of God’s glorious plan, now saying: I’m fully in on it. Behold, here I am! This is why I do what I do. These 5 words expressed for me the fusion of vision and vocation, of doctrine and discipleship. It is his obedient (and dare I say enthusiastic) response to God. Paul has found his life-calling and he has no regrets about suffering for it. It is all gloriously worth it in the light of The Reason.

Just so, I long to see everyone in Zion Bishan #GetSent. To #GetSent is the natural response of one who has been deeply immersed into the life and love of Christ. When you have grasped the role that God’s people get to play in His grand plan, and have learned to walk in obedience to the Spirit, you will one day say: For this reason I, [insert your name].... [insert your new identity in Christ]. You will present yourself before God, and all the rest of us, and commit to faithfully live out what God has set you to do.

Last Sunday (6 Nov), we had a gathering of Zion Bishan members who have sensed a calling to serve the Lord in cross-cultural overseas missions. I shared with them those 5 words, and that we want Zion Bishan to be a church that helps journey alongside them in the pursuit of God’s call on their lives.

The same message applies to us all: I pray each of us gets fully in love with Jesus, and for that Reason present ourselves to trust and obey Him and to go wherever He sends us (#GetSent). And then, collectively we can say: For this reason we, Zion Bishan...

Announcements

IPOH OUTREACH

We are planning for a Christmas celebration cum outreach at Ipoh Malaysia from December 1-3. Those who wish to join us please contact **Ps Ebi @ 8198 9696** or **Bro Hong York @ 8588 2308** for further information.

ZION BISHAN YOUTH CAMP

[12–16 December 2022]

Calling all youths for our exciting 5D4N camp! View details and REGISTER NOW at bit.ly/YC22registration

Dinner on 13 & 15 Dec is open for our Zion Bishan church family, RSVP at bit.ly/YC22dinner

Sponsorship for specific items is appreciated, please contact **Jacqueline (93227629)** for more information.

AWARENESS TALK:

THE ART OF GRIEVING WELL

2 Dec (Fri), 8 -9.30pm (Zoom)

Grief is a natural, human response to any kind of loss in life. Come learn what is loss and grief, common misconceptions, the grief process, and what recovery looks like.

Speaker: Joan Swee,
Whispering Hope Sg

Organized by Peer Support Ministry

Register now at
<https://bit.ly/3hqJN8u>

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 on **20 Nov**. Worshippers who are home-bound, overseas or unwell, and thus unable to worship in-person on a particular Sunday may write in to office@zionbishan.org.sg or contact their congregational shepherd for the private link.

2023 RECRUITMENT FOR TUITION MINISTRY

Share the love of Jesus through academic assistance and friendship with primary or secondary level tuition in the subjects of English, Chinese, Math and Science. Thursday evenings (during term time), 7 to 9pm at Zion Bishan BP Church.

Indicate your interest or find out more with **Dns Li Hwee (96727467)** or **Timothy (92715785)**.