



**YOU SHALL
CALL HIS NAME JESUS,
FOR HE WILL SAVE HIS
PEOPLE FROM
THEIR SINS.**

MATT 1:21

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10.30AM / 4.30PM

Christmas Order of Service

Opening Hymn: Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Songs of Christmas: The First Noel
What Child is This

Responsive Reading: "Finding Jesus"

Testimony: How I found Jesus

Song Item: We are the Reason

Scripture Reading: Matthew 2:1-12 ESV

Message: The Wise Men: They Looked For Him

Response Hymn: Joy Has Dawned / Angels We Have Heard on High

Offering

Benediction

Announcements

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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:

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/4.30pm English service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

Join us on Livestream

www.zionbishan.org.sg/chineselivestream

8.30am Mandarin service

10.45am Cantonese-Mandarin service

10.30am Mandarin-English service

Zoom Livestream (ID: 83150901877)

Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)

Bible Study Groups (To join via Zoom, please register at www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf)

8.45am DHF 1A (in English, for all nationalities) in person in Room 103

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 DHF 1B (in English, for all nationalities) via zoom

Children/Youth Discipleship Classes

Register interest: www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd

Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)

Keep up to date with our latest bulletin and church announcements:

www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts

Serving You Today

Speaker: Ps Alby Yip

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan

Worship Leader: Ps Ng Zhiwen

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Team

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Danny Chua

Worship Leader: Eld Reginald Tan

Vocalist & Musicians: Adhoc Team

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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|----------------------------------------------|-----------|
| Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i> | 9844 9536 |
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| Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i> | 9092 6095 |
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| Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i> | |
| Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i> | |

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The Wise Men: They Looked for Him

Matthew 12:1-12

Introduction

- What are you looking for in Christmas?

Following the Star

Worshipping the Baby

Giving the Gifts

Conclusion

- What King are you looking for?

Questions For Reflection & Discussion:

1. What do you remember about the message/passage?
2. How has your life journey been since you started to “follow the star”?
3. In what ways would this King Jesus reshape your life and priorities?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Friendship Meal – Praise God for a fruitful Friendship Meal held on Mon 19 Dec for ~40 elderly residents at Blk 410 Sin Ming Road. There were good conversations and new connections made. Pray for the follow-up with these residents through our volunteer befrienders.

Tamil Service – Thank God for the Christmas outreach through the Carol service by candlelight last Sunday evening and for the 10 visitors, both Christians and non-Christians, who attended. Pray for our follow-up with them that many will return to discover more about Jesus and our Tamil community here at Zion Bishan.

Our People

Youths -- Thank God for the youths in our Zion Bishan family. Pray for the love of Christ to be rooted in the hearts of our youths, especially after last week's camp, where they learnt gospel truths through the messages and activities. Pray that the newcomers and younger ones were encouraged, as they experienced how each one is a precious member of the body of Christ. Pray also for the youths from the Chinese congregation as they too meet for camp this week and grow in their faith.

Wong Ping Seng – We thank God for a smooth surgery. Do continue to uphold brother Ping Seng as he copes with post-

surgery side effects such as giddiness, headache, nausea and pain. Pray for patience and deepening faith as he journeys with the Lord through this challenging period.

Our World

India – Pray for protection for our Christian brothers and sisters in some parts here who are facing great challenges from the majority group this Christmas season. Pray for peace to come upon certain communities that have seen violence and discrimination erupt. A partner reported that one of their Christmas programmes was disrupted due to these kinds of disturbances.

Nepal – Praise God for ongoing outreach work in many Tibetan villages in the D region. It was encouraging to hear reports of a recent visit to this high mountainous region where the good news was given to many different individuals. It was wonderful to see the positive responses to the good news. This despite very harsh winter conditions in these regions with temperatures plunging to -10 degrees celsius in Town H and J.

Philippines – Pray for the 100-150 Filipino youth, who will be attending an evangelistic camp from 27th to 30th Dec. May the Lord open their hearts to God as they listen to the word preached. Pray also for good weather and for the financial needs of each student to be provided.

Last Week

| Sunday Service | Attendance | Offering (\$) |
|-------------------------------|-------------|-------------------|
| English Service 8.30am | 162 | 2,871.00 |
| English Service 10.30am | 377 | |
| English Service 3pm | 125 | |
| English Service 5pm | 81 | |
| Chinese Service Livestream* | 27 | |
| Chinese Service 8.30am | 80 | 1,645.80 |
| Cant/Mand Service Livestream* | 4 | |
| Cant/Mand Service 10.45am | 50 | 466.00 |
| ME Service & Zoom | 52 | |
| Hokkien Service | 55 | 1,268.00 |
| Tamil Service | 38 | 385.00 |
| DHF | 17 | |
| TOTAL | 1068 | \$6,635.80 |

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

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| Electronic Transfer | \$67,143.46 |
| BSF Contribution | \$1,254.92 |
| Christmas Gift | \$2,467.00 |
| WEEKLY TOTAL | \$77,501.18 |

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

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|------------------------------------|-----------------------|
| Electronic Transfer | \$9,100.60 |
| Weekly Total | \$9,100.60 |
| Total Gift Received To-Date | \$9,343,483.14 |

Church Family News

1. Pastor Alby will be on leave 27 Dec to 4 Jan 2023
2. Danny Chua preached at Shalom BP Church's Christmas Eve service yesterday evening.
3. Congratulations to Elder Kin Yip and Lydia on the birth of their 3rd child, Esther Chan, on 19 Dec 2022!
4. Tze-Ming will be Camp Speaker at the "Studying the Word All Together" (SWAT) Camp for combined FES Christian Fellowships of NUS and NTU from 26 to 31 Dec.
5. Our deepest condolences to the family of Mr Lee Ik Su aged 101, father of Dora Lee, who went Home to the Lord on 19 Dec 2022. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
6. Church Office will be closed from 1pm on 30 Dec.

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 Dec

8.00pm: **No** Prayer Meeting

Saturday, 31 Dec

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

9.00pm – 10.15pm: Testimony & Prayer Time

10.45pm – 12mn: Watchnight Service

Sunday, 1 Jan 2023

New worship service timings for 2023

– 8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

Next Lap 2023 Series:

1 Jan – Every Member Mature – Ps Dev

8 Jan – (8.30am & 10.30am)

Personal Discipleship – Ps Zhiwen

(4.30pm)

Gospel Culture – Ps Dev

15 Jan – (8.30am & 10.30am)

Gospel Culture -- Ps Dev

(4.30pm)

Missional Communities -- Ps Vernon

22 Jan – (8.30am & 10.30am)

Missional Communities -- Ps Vernon

(4.30pm)

Personal Discipleship -- Ps Zhiwen

29 Jan – Growing & Going for God's Kingdom

-- Ps Alby

Your Response

25 December 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

REMEMBERING GOD'S UNFOLDING PLAN THIS CHRISTMAS

This past month in our advent series, we've followed the people around the birth of Jesus: the ancestors, the prophets, John the Baptist and Mary. All these various angles of Jesus' birth being foretold helpfully showed us that the very first Christmas was certainly not an isolated event, but one that was always part of a much bigger picture!

In our earlier sermon series on Ephesians, we got clear on what exactly that picture is—God's epic plan to unite *all* things in Christ (Eph 1:10). Jesus will undisputedly be the head over the whole cosmos one day! All of history has been headed there, since before He was even conceived in the virgin's womb, and continues on the same course till God's plan is finally completed in the fullness of time! What fantastic news for sinful, broken humanity! For those of us who might perhaps be disappointed with the state of our world and find rejoicing rather difficult this season, take heart. Let Jesus' first coming in the flesh remind you of how deeply invested God is into fulfilling His purposes, and hold fast to His good promises of a future world perfectly ruled by His Son.

With the cosmic realm in view, what Paul then says about how God's plan advances amidst the attacks of Satan (Eph 6:11) might be rather surprising. He doesn't attribute the advancement of God's plan to heavenly beings, who will fight and prevail against Satan in the war. Rather, the character that takes centre stage, is the Church! It's the Church, through whom God's wisdom is made known to the cosmic authorities (3:10). It's the Church, made up of ordinary, broken people like you and me, which will be filled with the fullness of God (3:19). It's the Church, building itself up through speaking the truth in love (4:15), that provides the antidote against Satan's evil darts of falsehood.

Even more remarkably, it is in the small, ordinary, unassuming things that the Church fulfils its mission. It's in speaking kindly and forgiving others as a response to having been shown mercy ourselves. It's in daily living distinctly from the world, exposing those in darkness to light, because we live as children of light. It's in the love and submission of our household relationships, because that's the pattern of Christ and His Body. All that we do and say, presents us with opportunities to proclaim the truth that Jesus will be the ultimate ruler of the cosmos, and it's up to us to take them.

If this is all true, then this has to come to bear on our celebrations this Christmas. Do you see each interaction you have with loved ones as an exciting opportunity for you to display the truth of the gospel to them? Do you realise that the newcomer among us could see in our gathering a glimpse of that glorious future when all things will one day be under Christ's headship? Do you see your time with your Church family at Christmas as neither mere formality nor festivity, but as a chance to build up the Body for the sake of God's plan being fulfilled?

What you do and say this Christmas matters, perhaps more than you might think. As we look back on Christ's birth, let us also look forward to His cosmic rule, and reflect this wonderful truth to those around us!

Announcements

WATCHNIGHT SERVICE **(31 DECEMBER, SAT)**

Testimony & Prayer Time

9 - 10.15pm

Watchnight Service

10.45pm - 12mn

“He came; He is coming”

(Rev 21:3-5; 22:12, 20) – *Ps Ebi*

Come prepared with a 3 min testimony to share with everyone during the testimony & prayer time.

Watchnight service will start at 10.45pm.

CONSOLIDATION OF **AFTERNOON CONGREGATIONS**

From 25 December 2022, the 3pm & 5pm will be officially consolidated into a single congregation, meeting at **4.30PM** every Sunday. Beginning from this Christmas Sunday, there will also be #dinnerchurch every week after service.

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY

PARENTS’ BRIEFING

7 JAN 2023,

Sat 10-11.30am



Compulsory for all parents who wish to send their child to CD in 2023. Childcare option available if needed, for the briefing. Register by using the QR code by 31 Dec 2022.

WOMEN OF ZION **PRAYER, PRAISE &** **THANKSGIVING 2023**

Ladies, let’s start the year giving praise and thanks to the LORD @Queenie’s place on 7 Jan 2023 (Sat) 3-5pm.

Sign up with Lydia (8338 3982)

CHURCH CAMP 2023 – SAVE THE DATES!

16-19 June 2023, Aston Batam Hotel
Camp Speaker: Ps David Wong

We are pleased to share that Church Camp will be held at Batam next year. Mark down these dates in your calendar, and more details will be released soon. Hope to see you there!

WOMEN’S MORNING **FELLOWSHIP (WMF)**

Wednesday (school term)

8am: fellowship over breakfast at coffee shop

8.45am - 10.15am: Bible Study

Place: Church

"God's relentless love pursuing His idolatrous & unjust people..."

Come & join us as we study 6 Minor Prophets - Micah, Habakkuk, Zephaniah, Haggai, Zechariah & Malachi

Please contact Esther at 96304010