# **Every Member Mature in Christ**

For This We Toil & Struggle







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#### **ENGLISH SERVICES**

### Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Colossians 1:28 - 2:3 ESV

Message: Every Member Mature in Christ

Response Hymn: Before You I Kneel

**Holy Communion** 

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering

Benediction

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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 Dev Menon

#### 8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Eld Sonny Tan Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

#### 10.30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 1

#### 4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 1

#### **Pastors and Ministry Staff**

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor albv Rev Dr Dev Menon. Pastor dev Rev Ebinezar Mohan, Pastor (Tamil) ebi Rev Kew See Seong, Pastor (Mand) sskew Rev Lim Jit Thye, Pastor (Cant-Mand) itlim Rev Daniel Nge, Pastor (Mand-Eng) daniel Rev Vernon Quek, Pastor vernon Rev Ng Zhiwen, Pastor zhiwen Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien) paul Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects emilv Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry iune Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries sharon Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding dannv Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff tzeming Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry jacqueline Miss Vanessa Lee. Women's Worker vanessa Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship ioel Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions timothy Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor

# Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:

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#### Sermon Notes

#### **Every Member Mature in Christ**

Colossians 1:28-2:3

1 January 2023
Ps Dev Menon

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#### The Means

#### The Motivation

#### **Questions For Reflection & Discussion:**

- 1. What did you remember about the passage or the sermon?
- 2. Why did Paul struggle so hard? What was his goal?
- 3. How do we become mature in Christ?
- 4. What benefit is there to maturity? What cost is there if we don't mature?

#### **Prayer Points**

#### **Our Church**

**Youth Missions Exposure Trip** (Thailand) - Thank God that the 18 member ZB team has returned safely from their 10 day missions exposure trip to Thailand. They supported Youth with a Mission (YWAM) Christmas Outreaches in a small city in East Thailand and also a village in its outskirts. Praise God for good times of bringing Christmas cheer to various hospitals, schools, churches and a village gathering. They prepared gifts, sang songs. May the seed of the gospel grow and bear fruit in new life transformation. May all that the team has experienced inspire them to be learning more about God's work globally and how they can be involved in it.

Chinese Services Youth Camp — Thank God for 28 campers at the annual ZB Chinese Services Youth Camp last week. Ps Dev was the speaker and gave 2 messages on 1 John 1 - growing in fellowship with God. Pray that these messages will grow the unity and love of the ZB Chinese Services youth community.

#### **Our World**

India – Pray for the many who are suffering for their faith (loss of jobs, loss of homes etc) during this season Pray that they may be comforted and protected by our Father in heaven. One partner in the northeast has requested prayers for their planning meeting with their volunteer workers, may they make good plans for the glory of God. Since it is winter in India, one partner has prayed for the provision of blankets for almost 100 elderly persons (45 male and 50 female).

**Indonesia –** Thank God for the ministry to both those in the majority faith as well as those who adhere to tribal beliefs. Praise God that one partner was able to conduct Christmas services in 7 different locations amongst these tribal groups despite the far distance they had to travel and rainy weather. Of the 1600 who heard the gospel, about 40% were non-believers. Pray that believers will be strengthened in their faith and non-believers will come to know Jesus as their saviour. This partner also reflected on how those new to the faith this year had the special joy of celebrating Christmas last week for the first time. Pray that their faith may remain firm in the midst of many challenges.

#### Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)			
English Service 10.30am	809	5,640.00			
English Service 4.30pm	335				
Chinese Service Livestream#	20				
Comb. Chinese Service 8.30am	270	3,296.00			
Hokkien		5,000.00			
Tamil Service	21	1,405.00			
DHF	6				
TOTAL	1461	\$15,341.00			
*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewe	ers				
Electronic Transfer		\$62,959.64			
Christmas Gift (Giro)		\$1,050.00			
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$79,350.64			
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,045					
Land Lease Renewal Fund					

Gift No. 1852-3	\$21,000.00
Electronic Transfer	\$19,160.60
Weekly Total	\$40,160.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,383,643.74

#### **Church Family News**

- Pastor Alby is on overseas leave 27 Dec to 4 Jan 2023.
- 2. Congratulations to Tan Wei Yan & Rachel Tan Xin En on their holy matrimony on 31 Dec 2022!
- 3. Our deepest condolences to the family of Mdm Alicia Wee Tze Wei, aged 59, who was called Home to be with the Lord on 27 Dec 2022. She was the mother of Aaron Yeh and mother-in-law of Alicia Tiang. Please uphold the bereaved family in prayer.
- 4. Timothy Ong has completed his apprenticeship and now joins us as a Full-Time Ministry Staff from 1 Jan 2023. His portfolios will be Home Missions & Enabling Ministry.

#### Info for Giving

For tithes and offering: **General & Missions Fund** 



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3 PavNow: 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, 6 Jan

8.00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

#### Saturday, 7 Jan

4.00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

#### Sunday, 8 Jan

New worship service timings for 2023

-8.30am, 10.30am & 4.30pm

#### Next Lap Series (2023):

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 - ( All 3 Services )

Growing & Going for God's

Kingdom -- Ps Alby

#### Your Response

1 January 2023

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.sq/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.

#### All Eggs in One Basket

The phrase "all eggs in one basket" took on new meaning for me in the wee hours of 28 December. I am writing this in Europe where we were reminded repeatedly to watch out for pickpockets. It heightened my wariness of crowds, keeping watch over the family, and protecting my sling bag. All the money, credit cards, and passports are inside. It took an emotional toll on me the first night. I could not fall asleep but guessed I passed out, simply out of sheer tiredness from the flight, change of time zones, and constant heightened alert.

Shortly after, I was woken at 3 am by a nightmare that I lost my all-in-one-basket bag! Just when I was relieved that it was a dream, I realized my bag was nowhere to be found in my room! I felt sure that it was picked at the hotel restaurant, so I changed into full winter clothes faster than Superman and dashed down. The staff informed there was nothing that could be done, not even reporting to the police, until the morning which was four hours away! I returned to my room with my heart at my throat, languishing in disbelief, fear, anger, and a host of anxieties. After googling how to stop the cards, get cash, etc, I began to type the dreaded message to my family chatgroup about the loss of our all-in-one-basket bag. Then I saw the photo of the bag with the message, "@Alby you left your bag in our (the girls') room."

I know, you will say next time... But when it comes to our spiritual journey, do we or do we not put all our eggs in one basket? Not being able to sleep after that horror, I did my quiet time and read the Bible. Finishing another Bible in one year cycle in a few days, I am on the prophets and Revelation where there are pictures and visions of judgements that would evoke the same disbelief, fear and anxieties for those who are judged by God.

The visions of judgments are absolute. One is either belonging to God or not! It requires our absolute allegiance to God; it's like putting all eggs in one basket when it comes to our faith and walk. Similarly, we will face threats of being pickpocketed by the evil one. Hence, the Word of God repeatedly exhorts us to "Watch!"

As we step into this new year of 2023, I don't know what lies ahead for each of us. But one thing I know, spiritual warfares are sure to come, oftentimes not blatantly "robbing" us of our joy and faith, but subtly "pickpocketing" us when we are not careful as we journey on the streets of everyday life. There are no secret ways or better ways to safeguard ourselves except, as the old Sunday School song sings, the tried and true way of "Read the Bible, pray everyday, if you follow Me (the Lord Jesus who commands us to 'Watch!')"

A Blessed New Year to you and Family!

#### **Announcements**

## WOMEN'S MORNING FELLOWSHIP (WMF)

Wednesday (school term)

8am: Breakfast at New Century Kopitiam

8.45am - 10.15am: Bible Study

Place: Church

"God's unrelentless 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

#### SENIORS360: DIM SUM HOUR & WORKSHOP

**Digital Enablement Training 1**In collaboration with SG Digital Office

14 Jan, Saturday 10.30am, In-person at Fellowship Hall

Come join us at this upcoming digital clinic with SG Digital Office. Learn the mobile apps on your phone and have fun playing Bingo. Do invite your friends along!

Sign up: <a href="https://bit.ly/3VHJGVv">https://bit.ly/3VHJGVv</a> before 11 lan 23.

#### **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.

Scan the QR Code to sign-up.

#### **IMPACT AUS CONFERENCE**

Fri, 6 Jan 2023, 9am-2pm

Impact Aus is an annual conference that aims to help students and graduates live out the gospel whether they are heading Down Under for the first time, continuing as students, or returning to Singapore.

Location: Aperia, The Annex

Tickets cost \$20

Find out more and sign up at: https://www.projecttimothy.com/events/i mpactaus-2023

#### CHILDREN'S MINISTRY STAFF

Job description: In consultation with the Pastor in-charge, you are required to provide direction and leadership to the teachers and helpers serving in the children's ministry. You will oversee all the activities of the Children's Discipleship program involving curriculum development; resource materials management; recruitment and training of lay teachers; communicating with parents to nurture the faith of their children In addition, you are required to assist in running ad hoc programs like Children's camp and outreaches.

Qualifications: You should be a spiritually mature Christian with an outgoing personality and be willing to work with children as well as their parents. You should possess a diploma/degree from a tertiary institution or theological college and have good interpersonal and communication skills.

Those who lack relevant ministry experience can be trained via the **EXCEL** apprenticeship program.