# **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

(8:30am & 10:30am)

Scripture Reading: Matthew 28:16-20 ESV Message: The Mission of the Church #GetSent

Response Hymn: Jesus is Lord

(4:30pm)

Scripture Reading: Philippians 3:7-4:1, 4:8-9 ESV

Message: Personal Discipleship Response Hymn: Find Us Faithful

Corporate Life & Prayer

Offering



**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**

#### Speakers:

Ps Vernon Quek (8:30am & 10:30am) Ps Ng Zhiwen (4:30pm)

#### 8:30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low

Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

#### 10.:0am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Worship Leader: Eld Michael Gan Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 3

#### 4:30pm

Service Coordinator: Vanessa Lee Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu

Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 3

## **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
Rev Paul Yeo, Pastor (Hokkien)	9751 1897
Mrs Emily Quek, Special Projects	9001 2926
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	8388 1883
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	9788 0195
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	9239 4160
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, Assoc Min Staff	9060 8340
Miss Jacqueline Lie, Youth Ministry	9322 7629
Miss Vanessa Lee, Women's Worker	9880 4507
Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	9271 5785
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	

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

care@zionbishan.org.sg

## Sermon Notes

8:30am & 10:30am 22 January 2023 Ps Vernon Quek

## The Mission of the Church #GetSent

1. Commissioned for Mission #GotSent (28:18-20)

Matthew 28:16-20

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	• The Mission (v19-20)
	'Go therefore and make disciples of all nations'
	Baptising
	Teaching
	• The Basis of the Mission (v18)
	Jesus has <b>all authority</b> : He is Lord!
2.	Our Mission is all about Jesus' Authority  • •
3.	Our Church Family on Mission
	A Family that loves Jesus as Lord of our lives.

#### Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- 1. How is the Mission going in your life? In what ways are you 'on' or 'off' Mission?
- Why is Jesus' authority a good thing? What is so great about having Him as Lord of your life?
- 3. What are some ways that we together as a church family can mature in being on Mission? What are some short term and long term ways we can grow in this?

#### Sermon Notes

4:30pm

22 January 2023 Ps Ng Zhiwen

## Personal Discipleship

Philippians 3:7-4:1, 4:8-9

**A Dedication Prayer** 

Maturity – Discipled by Jesus

Getting there by getting deep: Personal Discipleship

Listen to their teaching

Observe their living

## The Challenge

A life to imitate

A life worth imitating

#### **Questions for Reflection & Discussion:**

- 1. What do you recall from the sermon? What is the meaning of maturity in Christ, and of personal discipleship?
- 2. Who have discipled you? What did they do, and how have they transformed your life? If you cannot think of any, pray that God will send some into your life.
- 3. Who are you discipling? Or who have you been influencing towards maturity in Christ? If you cannot think of any, pray that God will send some into your life, and prepare you for the task.

# **Prayer Points**

### **Our Church**

English as Second Language (ESL) — Thank God for this ministry where students can get to see and experience God's love through the teachers. As they prepare to resume classes on 13 Feb, pray for the teachers to rest well during the break and for God's wisdom and strength to prepare for the lessons. Continue to pray for receptive hearts of the students, that they may receive God's word and draw closer to Him. Pray also for more teachers and volunteers to step forward in loving service.

## **Our People**

Kaiyin – Pray for her as she serves in a Singaporean NGO (Non Government Organisation) helping refugees in West Asia. Pray for physical healing for her as she sprained her ankle last week and is currently forced to rest more. May the Lord also enable her to cope with the colder weather this winter as her body does not take well to the cold. Thank God for this quieter season, where she is able to take things a little slower and also reflect on what God is doing in her life and work.

#### **Our World**

Chinese New Year – As Chinese people celebrate this holiday around the world, many who have broken relationships with family will find this weekend especially lonely and difficult. Pray for those who are lonely in our church in Singapore and in Chinese majority countries worldwide. Pray that God's love will shine through churches everywhere and be a place of love and belonging to those within its community and outside it.

India – In the south, one partner is visiting and encouraging local believers and workers who face challenges for their faith. Despite the difficulties, believers are persevering. May we continue to uphold them in our prayers. Last week, we prayed for a youth fellowship meeting in the Hindi Belt areas by one of our partners, praise God that 68 youths have committed to serve Him through this event.

### Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service 8:30am	162	139.00
English Service 10:30am	514	
English Service 4:30pm	270	
Chinese Service Livestream#	26	
Chinese Service 8:30am	80	722.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream#	1	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	51	715.00
ME Service & Zoom	57	
Hokkien Service	63	676.00
Tamil Service	17	286.00
DHF	15	
TOTAL	1256	\$2,538.00
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**Electronic Transfer** \$77,260.14 **WEEKLY TOTAL** \$79,798.14

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

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Gift No. 1857	\$1,500.00
Electronic Transfer	\$3,536.71
Weekly Total	\$5,036.71
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,428,487.18

# **Church Family News**

Congratulations to Jonathan & Desiree on the birth of their first child, Tan Kiat Jin Ezra, on 13 Jan 2023!

#### A Blessed Lunar New Year

to all our members, regular worshippers and visitors at Zion Bishan! May the Grace of God be with you and may we all love the Lord more deeply through the year.

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Ai Zhu Geng Shen

From Session, BOD & Church Staff

# 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, 27 Jan

8:00pm: Prayer Meeting

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

## Saturday, 28 Jan

4:00pm: Youth Fellowship

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

## Sunday, 29 Jan

New worship service timings for 2023

- 8:30am, 10:30am & 4:30pm

## **The Next Lap:**

29 Jan - ( All 3 Services )

**Growing & Going for God's** 

Kingdom – Ps Alby

# **Zechariah Series:**

5 Feb – Return to me,

and I will return to you

Ps Zhiwen (8:30am & 10:30am):

Danny Chua (4:30pm)

12 Feb – Horses, Horns, Measuring Line, and God's Return

Quek Tze-Ming

(8:30am & 10:30am);

Ps Vernon (4:30pm)

#### Your Response

22 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.

#### An Invitation...#NextLap

We've been speaking about the Next Lap, the vision for the next season of Zion Bishan BP Church, for quite some time now. I wonder how you are feeling about what the Lord has been saying to us: that every single member of our church family must be matured.

I'm aware that there are many reasons to be hesitant about investing in this maturing work together with the leaders. One reason might be that you aren't convinced that this is *your* role in the vision. After all, it's Paul describing what he as an Apostle does? In other words, isn't this maturing ministry just for the pastors and elders, the leaders of the church? Aren't the rest of the saints meant to support the shepherds of the church in their ministry to mature everyone?

Let's look closely again at what Colossians 1:28:

28 Him <u>we</u> proclaim, warning everyone and teaching everyone with all wisdom, that we may present everyone mature in Christ.

Notice who Paul is saying does the work of proclaiming, warning & teaching in order to present everyone mature in Christ? He uses the pronoun 'we' – meaning Paul and the Colossians. This is in clear contrast to when he uses the pronoun 'I' in the verses just before:

24 Now <u>I</u> rejoice in my sufferings... for the sake of his body, that is, the church, 25 of which <u>I</u> became a minister...

And in the verse right after:

29 For this <u>I</u> toil, struggling with all his energy that he powerfully works within me.

Paul is saying that this maturing ministry is a partnership between himself as he teaches the word and makes Christ fully known to the saints, and those Colossians who now know what is the great hope of Christ in them.

So let me invite you as a saint who has Christ in you to partner with us in this maturing ministry. There's a lot of proclaiming, warning and teaching, to do here at Zion Bishan, and we have a long way to go in our journey. But this hope that we have is more than worth it. To see a multitude growing and maturing in Christ (including ourselves!) — may the Lord do the work in and through us, in order to achieve His desire for Zion Bishan!

If you'd like to discuss what this might look like for you personally, we the Elders (including the Pastors) would love to have a meal or a coffee with you to talk more, and discuss how we can equip and support your maturing in Christ!

#### **Announcements**

# CANTONESE-MANDARIN SERVICE GOSPEL SUNDAY

29 Jan, 10.45am, Auditorium 1&2, Level 4

**Topic:** Walk Through the Valley of the Shadow of Death, Psalm 23:1-6 **Speaker:** Pastor Lim Jit Thye

No registration required.

Bring along your friends and relatives!

### **LOOKING FOR CE TABLE HOSTS!**

Training Starts 15th Feb, 7:30pm, over 4 Wednesdays

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in March! Come on board to journey alongside people exploring Christianity and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. All sessions will be in-person.

## Register at https://bit.ly/zbcehosts

Contact <u>ioel@zionbishan.org.sg</u> for more information

## **EXCEL APPRENTICESHIP**

Have you thought of going into full-time ministry?

The EXCEL Apprenticeship is a 1-2 year full-time programme that aims to provide training & experience for those considering full-time ministry.

Contact **Ps Dev** or **Ps Vernon** for more information.

#### **CATECHISM CLASS**

For baptism, reaffirmation and transfer of membership

Starting 18 Feb, for 13 Saturdays, 1:30-3pm

Email <u>lydia@zionbishan.org.sg</u> for the registration form.

Sign up by 29 Jan.

# CNY GOODY BAG DISTRIBUTION TO BISHAN EAST RESIDENTS

In partnership with St Luke's ElderCare

Join us as we distribute goody bags to residents of Blocks 135 to 138 & 152B (Golden Jasmine). Get to know the residents and share with them about 7B's ministries.

29 Jan 23 (Sunday), 1:15pm - 3:30pm Meet at Block 152B (Golden Jasmine)

Sign up by <u>25 Jan 23</u>: https://bit.ly/3GE4vMj

## **ZB CHURCH CAMP 2023**

Date: 16-19 June

@ Aston Batam Hotel & Residence

Speaker: Pastor David Wong

Registration opens on 29 January!

Be sure to check out the details next Sunday!