"Return to Me... and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts"

Zechariah 1:3

ENGLISH SERVICES

Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs

Scripture Reading: Zechariah 1:7-2:13 ESV

Message: Horsemen, Horns and God's Holy City

Response Hymn: We Declare

Corporate Life & Prayer

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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: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf</u>

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 <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf</u>) **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: <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-yd</u>

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:

Mr Quek Tze-Ming (8:30am & 10:30am) Ps Vernon Quek (4:30pm)

8:30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Justin Low Worship Leader: Dn Tay Beng Hwee Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

10:30am

Service Coordinator: Joel Khoo Worship Leader: Dn Tiew Chew Meng Vocalist & Musicians: Morning Team 2

4:30pm

Service Coordinator: Timothy Ong Worship Leader: Dn Peter Wang Vocalist & Musicians: Afternoon Team 2

Pastors and Ministry Staff

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

Rev Dr Alby Yip, Senior Pastor	alby
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)	jtlim
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	emily
Mrs June Tan, Children's Ministry	june
Mrs Sharon Quek, Overseas Ministries	sharon
Mr Danny Chua, AG/Safeguarding	danny
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	joel
Mr Timothy Ong, Home Missions	timothy
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus	

Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail: *care@zionbishan.org.sg*

Sermon Notes

Horsemen, Horns and God's Holy City

Zechariah 1:7-2:13

12 February 2023 Mr Quek Tze-Ming / Ps Vernon Quek

Intro: 'Return to Me...' (1:1-6)

3 Visions for Returnees:

#1: Horsemen (1:7-17)

#2: Horns (1:18-21)

#3: God's Holy City (2:1-13)

Conclusion: Up! To be 'Zion'

Questions for Reflection & Discussion:

- 1. How is your heart after 2 weeks in Zechariah? Have you repented and returned to God? How have you been paying attention to His Word?
- 2. What is your response to these 3 visions? How does what God has already done help you believe He is coming to judge the nations and dwell with His people?
- 3. What does it mean for you to intentionally be 'Zion' today? What are some specific ways you are coming up and fleeing from the nations at ease around us?

Prayer Points

Our Church

ZBCS 32nd Anniversary – Thank God for leading ZBCS in the past 32 years, growing from one Cantonese service that started in Ling Kwang Home to the current four services (Mandarin, Cantonese-Mandarin, Mandarin-English and Hokkien) today. Pray that God will continue to grow ZBCS congregations towards the Church's Next Lap vision and continue to worship and serve in unity. Please also continue to pray for health of the seniors and God to move more of them to return to on-site worship.

English as Second Language (ESL) -Weekly classes resume tomorrow after a break at the end of last year. Pray for our teachers as they seek to hold out God's love to the students through the teaching of these classes. Pray that students' hearts will be soft ground to hear God speak through His word, and that they may respond to Him.

Our World

Turkey / Syria – Last week, two powerful earthquakes, one at 7.8 magnitude and the other, hours later, at 7.5 magnitude devastated Turkey and Syria. The Straits Times (7 Feb) reported that the strength, timing, location of it in a populated region and poor construction, all make these series of quakes one of the deadliest in the last 10 years. The expected death toll was already in the thousands last Wednesday and is expected to rise to tens of thousands in the coming days. Sister KY in West Asia shared that she also felt the quake but she is safe where she is. Pray for the rescue work that is currently underway. May the light and love of God bring comfort to those in crisis in this region.

Myanmar – This week, one partner, Ps J is visiting Singapore. He requested prayers for peace and stability for Myanmar as there is still unrest and conflict in some parts of Myanmar. Pray for the church in Myanmar to remain steadfast in their trust and faith in the Lord. May the light of Christ shine brightly through the believers in Myanmar, especially to the young people who face great discouragement in the current situation.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Private Livestream*	14	
English Service 8:30am	182	2,717.00
English Service 10:30am	485	
English Service 4:30pm	250	
Chinese Service Livestream [#]	16	
Chinese Service 8:30am	101	1,903.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream [#]	2	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	50	493.00
ME Service & Zoom	63	1,028.00
Hokkien Service	51	196.00
Tamil Service	17	828.75
DHF	20	
TOTAL	1251	\$7,165.75
*Livestreaming peak concurrent view	vers	
Electronic Transfer		\$68,578.10
WEEKLY TOTAL		\$75,743.85
Weekly offering to meet budget for 2	2022/23: \$75,04	5
Land Lease Renewal Fund		
Gift No(s): 1859-60		\$195.00
Electronic Transfer		\$6,927.60
Men's Ministry		\$2,000.00
Weekly Total		\$9,122.60

Church Family News

Total Gift Received To-Date

- Pastor Alby wishes to thank the church family for your kind concern, prayer, presence and support during the recent bereavement on the Homegoing of his beloved mother. He writes, "You have brought warmth to our hearts. Please accept my heartfelt appreciation."
- 2. Pastor Alby is preaching at the combined 32nd Chinese Anniversary service this morning.
- Congratulations to Benjamin Ng & Jean Lim, who were joined together in holy matrimony on 11 Feb 2023!
- Congratulations to Jeremy Ho & Karen Ho, who were joined together in holy matrimony on 11 Feb 2023!

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)

\$9,456,429.93

Looking Ahead

Friday, 17 Feb8:00pm: Prayer Meeting(Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm</u>)

Saturday, 18 Feb

4:00pm: Youth Fellowship (Register at <u>www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf</u>)

Sunday, 19 Feb New worship service timings for 2023 – 8:30am, 10:30am & 4:30pm

Zechariah Series:

19 Feb – Joshua the High Priest ... and a Branch Quek Tze-Ming

(8:30am & 10:30am); Ps Dev (4:30pm)

26 Feb – A Golden Lampstand

Ps Vernon (All 3 Services)

05 Mar – Flying Scroll and Flying Basket

Ps Zhiwen (8:30am & 10:30am); Ps Dev (4:30pm)

12 Mar – Four Chariots and a Crown

Quek Tze-Ming (8:30am & 10:30am); Ps Dev (4:30pm)

Your Response

12 February 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.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

THE CINDERELLA OF THE CHURCH

What ministry of the church is the most easily overlooked and ignored?

For many if not most churches, it is the prayer meeting. As Leonard Ravenhill argued in his classic book "Why Revival Tarries": *The Cinderella of the church today is the prayer meeting*. This handmaid of the Lord is unloved and unwooed because she is not dripping with the pearls of intellectualism, nor glamorous with the silks of philosophy; neither is she enchanting with the tiara of psychology. She wears the homespuns of sincerity and humility and so is not afraid to kneel!

Did you know that one of the longest lasting ministries of our church is the Friday prayer meeting? We have held Friday prayer meetings almost every week since Zion Bishan first began. And as far as I can remember, we have scarcely actively publicized and encouraged members to attend these meetings. It's simply stated in the bulletin, and that's it.

There was a time when the prayer meeting was the most well-attended gathering of the church outside of the Sunday service. It was a *given* to come for prayer meeting just as it was a *given* to come for worship on Sundays. What has happened since? Cinderella was left forgotten in the cellar.

There were times when our prayer meetings consisted of just a handful of the same people. But I also recall times when more people sensed the urgency and the need to intercede before the Lord in prayer; and they would come, and they would pray. Some would even stay on after the usual hour of prayer and pray together for even longer – this happened during 'a time of great need' in our church (take me out for coffee and I can tell you more).

Maybe we should tweak our prayer meetings so that even more of the hour is given to actual praying (whether singly or together). But maybe we simply need to realize how urgent the hour is, and thus how much more we need to pray (Consider why Anna fasted and prayed night and day; Luke 2:36-38).

Presently, our 1030am, 830am and 4.30pm congregational shepherding teams anchor the 1st, 2nd and 3rd Friday Prayer meetings of each month respectively. Every 4th meeting is dedicated to praying for Home and Foreign Missions concerns. The 5th Fridays are taken by various leaders as assigned by Pastor Ebi.

Would you attend Friday Prayer Meeting at least once this year? As you come, I'm sure Cinderella will reveal her real beauty on God's terms and in His time. He is ultimately the one we seek.

Register here: https://www.zionbishan.org.sg/services/english/friday-prayer-meeting/

Announcements

EXTRAORDINARY CONGREGATIONAL MEETING 2023 (for Budget Approval)

ECM 2023 for budget approval is on Sun, 26th Feb 2023 at 1pm at the Main Sanctuary.

All communicant members (above 21 years old) are encouraged to attend in person.

However, if you are unable to be present, you may appoint a proxy to attend and vote on your behalf.

All members should have received the Notice of Meeting, Proxy Form and Financial Statement via email by today. If not, please email <u>office@zionbishan.org.sg</u> to request a copy.

DEVELOPING THE CHRISTIAN LEARNER

Framing & reframing educational perspectives for & with our young

4 Mar 2023, Sat, 10 - 11:30am at MPH

Speaker: Mrs Mary Seah (Senior Educator, Zion member)

- How do our young view learning?
- What conflicting messages are our young getting and how are these hindering them from being joyful learners?

Parents and those who are interested in the learning journey, do come, and engage with the different frames that define the educational worldviews of our young people, and explore how we could work with them to reframe these through our Christian faith.

Sign up with Lydia at 83383982

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ZECHARIAH BOOKLETS

Booklets with the Zechariah passages and notetaking space are available at the registration table, for \$1 each. Please PayNow to the QR code printed when you take the booklets.

EXPLORE INTERNSHIP

Got a long break between NS/Poly/Uni? The EXPLORE Internship will run for 10 weeks from 14 Mar - 23 May. Over the internship, you will get to learn about God and His work through Bible studies, ministry involvement, and topical workshops. Get in touch with Joel (joel@zionbishan.org.sg) or Vanessa (vanessa@zionbishan.org.sg) to sign up, or for more information.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Calling all men to register and join us for this Men's Ministry event:

Topic: The Danger of One

Speaker: Pastor David Wong, General Secretary, BPCIS (Pre-recorded) Date: Sat, 25th Feb 2023 Time: 8:00 am – 9:30 am Venue: Zion Bishan Chapel L4

https://tinyurl.com/MM-EG-2023-Feb

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ZION BISHAN CHURCH CAMP 2023

16-19 June @ Aston Batam Speaker: Pastor David Wong

Sign up by 19 Feb for early bird to save \$30: https://event.actxplorer.com/ (Password: ZBBP2023)

All enquiries to ZBCamp2023@gmail.com

ENGLISH AS SECOND LANGUAGE (ESL) TEACHERS NEEDED

We are looking for ladies to teach English and Bible stories on Monday mornings from 10am-12noon.

Contact <u>Cynthia Ng (98577696)</u> to find out more or register your interest.