

# Every Member Mature in Christ

For This We Toil & Struggle



## PERSONAL DISCIPLESHIP

#getdeep  
In God's Word



## GOSPEL CULTURE

#getreal  
With One Another



## MISSIONAL COMMUNITIES

#getsent  
For The Kingdom

## ENGLISH SERVICES

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### Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

( 10.30am – One Service Only )

Worship in Songs: Living Hope; Jesus, Strong and Kind; Only a Holy God

Scripture Reading: John 6:22-40 ESV

Message: Why Do You Follow Me?

Response Hymn: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

( Church Camp )

Worship in Songs: How Great Thou Art; All I have is Christ;  
Goodness of God; O Praise the Name

Scripture Reading: John 21:15-17 ESV

Message: Painful Memories of Recent Chapter

Response Hymn: Yet Not I But Through Christ in Me

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:

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf](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/4.30pm** English service

**10.30am** Mandarin-English service

**10.45am** Cantonese-Mandarin service

### *Domestic Helpers Fellowship (DHF)*

**Bible Study Groups** ( to join via Zoom, please register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/dhf](http://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-vd](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/cd-vd)

### *Join us on Telegram / WhatsApp (94225703)*

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

[www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/broadcasts)

## Serving You Today

### **Speakers:**

10.30am - Rev Ben Tsao (Shalom BP Church)  
Church Camp - Ps David Wong

### **10.30am**

*Service Coordinator:* Dn Justin Low

*Worship Leader:* Eld Michael Gan

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Ad hoc Team

### **Church Camp**

*Service Coordinator:* Timothy Ong

*Worship Leader:* Eld Chan Kin Yip

*Vocalist & Musicians:* Camp Team

## Pastors and Ministry Staff

E-mail: *user ID* followed by [@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:@zionbishan.org.sg)

Rev Dr Alby Yip, <i>Senior Pastor</i>	<i>alby</i>
Rev Dr Dev Menon, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>dev</i>
Rev Ebinezar Mohan, <i>Pastor (Tamil)</i>	<i>ebi</i>
Rev Kew See Seong, <i>Pastor (Mand)</i>	<i>sskew</i>
Rev Lim Jit Thye, <i>Pastor (Cant-Mand)</i>	<i>jtlim</i>
Rev Daniel Nge, <i>Pastor (Mand-Eng)</i>	<i>daniel</i>
Rev Vernon Quek, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>vernon</i>
Rev Ng Zhiwen, <i>Pastor</i>	<i>zhiwen</i>
Rev Paul Yeo, <i>Pastor (Hokkien)</i>	<i>paul</i>
Mrs Emily Quek, <i>Special Projects</i>	<i>emily</i>
Mrs June Tan, <i>Children's Ministry</i>	<i>june</i>
Mrs Sharon Quek, <i>Overseas Ministries</i>	<i>sharon</i>
Mr Danny Chua, <i>AG/Safeguarding</i>	<i>danny</i>
Mr Quek Tze-Ming, <i>Assoc Min Staff</i>	<i>tzeming</i>
Miss Jacqueline Lie, <i>Youth Ministry</i>	<i>jacqueline</i>
Miss Vanessa Lee, <i>Women's Worker</i>	<i>vanessa</i>
Mr Joel Khoo, <i>YAs/Discipleship</i>	<i>joel</i>
Rev Dr David Wong, <i>Advisory Pastor</i>	
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, <i>Pastor Emeritus</i>	

### **Confidential Care & Counselling e-mail:**

[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:care@zionbishan.org.sg)

**Why Do You Follow Me?**

John 6:22-40

***Do we wrongly follow Jesus.....***

1. only for His gifts and not for Him (vs 26)?
2. focusing only on His temporary gifts and not His eternal gifts (vs 27a)?
3. trusting in our works instead of His works for salvation (vv 27-29)?
4. for the thrill of signs and not for Him (vv 30-31)?
5. failing to recognize that he is the source of life's blessing – *we confuse the means of delivery with the source* (vs 32)?
6. for earthly bread instead of heavenly bread (vs 33)?
  - a. Physical bread gives temporary life but Jesus gives eternal life (vs 33).
  - b. Physical bread is good for a fixed locale but Jesus is good for the entire world (vs 33).
  - c. Physical bread does not satisfy but Jesus satisfies completely (vv 34-35).
7. selfishly expecting ministry success, instead of selflessly pursuing God's will and trusting in God's sovereignty to save (vv 36-40)?

## *Prayer Points*

### **Our Church**

**Cambodia trip** – Pray for the 12 member team, 3 from our church and the rest from other churches led by Heather and Jethro to Cambodia from 24 Jun to 1 Jul. Pray for a time of fruitful ministry in supporting various outreaches to the villages and slum areas. In addition, may they be blessed by the Christian fellowship and encouragement in the Lord as they interact with the ministry base workers.

**Eld Lim Ton Lon's family** – Eld Lim from the Malaysia Christian Evangelistic League (MCEL) church in Rompin (Rompin Church) went home to the Lord on 13 Jun, last Tuesday after complications from a COVID infection in the weeks before that. May the Lord comfort the family of the late Eld Lim, especially for the four grown children of Eld Lim who have not only lost their father but also their mother 10 years ago through a serious car accident. Ps Alby, Ps Paul and Ps Kew travelled to Rompin church this past week to help conduct one of the wake services.

### **Our World**

**Indonesia** – Our partner created a mission school in 2006 to nurture and train harvest workers for the various fields here. Since then over 200 alumni have graduated and been sent out. This month, 12 students graduated and will be sent out soon to various mission fields. Pray that the graduates will be faithful in ministry where they are sent.

**India** – Many of our ministry partners have congregation members who have health issues and serious illnesses. Pray for healing for the sick and also strength for those who are ministering to them. Many partners and their fields experience challenges from the community that they live in. Pray that there will be compassionate community leaders who will help the believers in basic needs, such as a place to bury their people.

## Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	21	
English Service 8:30am	151	449.00
English Service 10:30am	471	
English Service 4:30pm	232	
Chinese Service Livestream*	5	
Chinese Service 8:30am	91	2,027.80
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	62	1,491.00
ME Service & Zoom	64	1,817.00
Hokkien Service	66	399.00
Tamil Service	10	251.00
DHF	17	
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>1190</b>	<b>\$6,434.80</b>

\*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

BSF Contribution (Men)	\$880.00
BSF Contribution (Women)	\$1,386.85
Electronic Transfer	\$61,452.65
<b>WEEKLY TOTAL</b>	<b>\$70,154.30</b>

Weekly offering to meet budget for 2022/23: \$75,000.98

### Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$7,586.60
<b>Weekly Total</b>	<b>\$7,586.60</b>
<b>Total Gift Received To-Date</b>	<b>\$9,757,848.46</b>

## Church Family News

- Heartfelt condolences to the family of Mr Sunny Tay Siow Hui, aged 55, who was called Home to be with the Lord on 10 June 2023. He was the son of Mdm Chan Kwee Hong (ZBCS).
- Ps Ebi is preaching today at Shalom BP Church.
- Ps Dev will be speaking at the Moriah BPC camp, in Desaru, from 20 - 23 June 2023.
- Ps Vernon will be on leave from 23 June – 2nd July 2023.

## Info for Giving

For tithes and offering:

### General & Missions Fund



DBS Current A/C: 070-901056-3

PayNow: T10SS0029GGMF

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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, 23 Jun**

**8.00pm:** Prayer Meeting

Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/fpm)

### **Saturday, 24 Jun**

**4.00pm:** Youth Fellowship

Register at [www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/yf)

### **Sunday, 25 Jun**

Worship Services at **8.30am, 10.30am**  
and **4.30pm**

### **The Challenges of Discipleship**

#### **25 Jun – Discipling Young Families**

*Elder Chan Kin Yip*

*(8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Zhiwen (4.30pm)*

#### **2 July – Discipling Youth**

*Timmy Ng (8.30am & 10.30am)*

*Ps Alby (4.30pm)*

## **Your Response**

18 Jun 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](http://www.zionbishan.org.sg/rf)*

*Or email us at  
[office@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:office@zionbishan.org.sg)*

*Confidential care & counselling  
matters, please email  
[care@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto: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

## **When I Cannot**

*2 Corinthians 12:9 But he said to me, "My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me.*

Three weeks ago, I was really unwell. Whatever the virus, it took my breath away, and I was nearly hospitalised. I'm not sure why it was so serious, since the rest of the family only had minor symptoms, where else I was incapacitated for two weeks. Perhaps my body was exhausted from working 12-14 hour days for several months in a row. The following week was equally bad. All the coughing affected my vocal cords, and I could barely speak.

Why did this happen? I thought of four reasons:

Firstly, God was teaching me to rest. This was His mandated break. Now, I am quite careful about looking after myself. I exercise 3-4 times a week, sleep at least 6-7 hours a day, and eat relatively healthily. I also am extremely strict to keep Sabbath on Mondays - spending time alone, with God and with my wife. Yet this is insufficient, and God is the only one who knows what we truly need. So this was a time of God-care - my Father looking out for me – something way more effective than self-care.

Secondly, God was reminding me of my limitations. In ministry, it's very easy to think that we are the only ones making things happen, moving the church. We work hard to be faithful to our calling to make every member mature. Yet every now and then God reminds us that we are human beings, with limited resources. Even when we are not available, He is still in charge, and ministry still happens. I think that is a liberating rather than debilitating thing. We are working with Him, for Him and in Him – and there are limitless resources at our disposal.

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Thirdly, God was showing me that His power is displayed in weakness. Some of the most powerful sermons I have ever preached (based on feedback and memory) have been those I have preached hoarsely. God supplied the strength, God touched the hearts. I think me speaking slower also helped! 😊 Last Sunday was no different, I believe the sermon on “Why Personal Discipleship” – crafted on the sickbed, spoken without voice - was powerfully used. God made me weak so that the message could become strong.

Fourthly, God was showing the church how much work there is to do. Why do the pastors, elders, BOD & staff work so hard – such that many have gone through serious illness or fatigue? Because there is so much work to be done. The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few. Sometimes when the church runs smooth, people assume things are going well. Yet the reality is, that there is an overwhelming amount of work that needs to be done, and the number of people we have to teach, model and disciple is hardly enough! I pray that my illness will move many others to step up to do this critical work.

Friends, never waste an illness. God has much to say in our weakness!



## Announcements

### 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

If you wish to serve the Lord and possess the above qualifications, we invite you to submit a detailed resume to [adam@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:adam@zionbishan.org.sg)

### BIBLICAL GRADUATE SCHOOL OF THEOLOGY COURSES

Course registration for the new semester (Jul-Dec) is now open. In addition to regular courses such as:

- **"Discerning your Work"**  
(Michael Low)
- **"New Testament Foundations 1"**  
(Tze-Ming)
- **"Christian Theology for Everyday Life"** (Dr Tan Seng Kong)

BGST is also offering electives such as:

- **"Everyday Christianity"**  
(Tze-Ming)
- **"The Seamless Life"**  
(Dr Steve Garber)
- **"Gospel, Poverty, and Injustice"**  
(Dr Marie Joy Pring and Mr Chng Eu Lee)

Check out these and other exciting courses, and enrol now at [courses.bgst.edu.sg/](http://courses.bgst.edu.sg/)

Church members who wish to apply for fee subsidy please contact [tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg](mailto:tzeming@zionbishan.org.sg)