

ENGLISH SERVICES

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Order of Service

Call to Worship

Gloria Patri

Worship in Songs: And Can It Be; My Worth Is Not in What I Own; We have this Treasure

(8.30am & 10.30am)

Scripture Reading: Hebrews 13:1-14 ESV

Message: No Lasting City

Response Hymn: Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken

(4.30pm)

Scripture Reading: John 20:19-21; Acts 1:8; Rev 7:9 ESV

Message: So Send I You

Response Hymn: Facing a Task Unfinished

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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

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 Dev Menon (8.30am & 10.30am) Mr Simon Wan (4.30pm)

8.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Joseph Chan Worship Leader: Dn Justin Low Vocalist & Musicians: Ad-Hoc Team

10.30am

Service Coordinator: Dn Tiew Chew Meng

Worship Leader: Dn Mervyn Phan Vocalist & Musicians: Ad-Hoc Team

4.30pm

Service Coordinator: Dn Peter Wang Worship Leader: Dn Nicklaus Yu Vocalist & Musicians: Ad-Hoc Team

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		
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Mr Joel Khoo, YAs/Discipleship	9368 9221		
Mr Timothy Ong, Missions Education	9271 5785		
Rev Dr David Wong, Advisory Pastor			
Rev Dr Quek Swee Hwa, Pastor Emeritus			

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Sermon Notes

(8.30am & 10.30am)

30 July 2023 Ps Dev Menon

No Lasting City

Hebrews 13:1-14

Intro: Gospel Confidence
Risky Behaviour
Wilderness Crises
Throwing It Away
Conclusions: Our Risk Appetite

Questions for Reflection:

- 1. What do you remember from the sermon or the passage?
- 2. What is the meaning of 'gospel confidence'? How do we get it?
- 3. What is your current risk-appetite for the kingdom?
- 4. How much is fear holding you back from going?

Sermon Notes

(4.30pm)

30 July 2023 Mr Simon Wan

So Send I You

John 20:21

Introduction: Why Missions?
What is God's heartbeat?
Hearing God's heartbeat
Responding to God's heartbeat
Questions for Reflection:

- 1. Observe the 'nations' that God has placed at your workplace and in our homes. How can you share God's love with them in word and deed?
- 2. As we are to be a 'house of prayer for the nations', how can you intentionally find prayer items and peoples to intercede for?
- 3. As you discern God's call for your life with respect to missions, what next steps will you take to obey this call e.g. speak with your congregational leaders, go for a trip?

Prayer Points

Our Church

Traffic Safety – We are thankful to God for the continued safety of all our members and visitors, especially during the peak hours on a Sunday morning. We praise God for those that volunteer as traffic marshals and for the new arrangements that have been put in place for vehicle and pedestrian movements. We appeal for more members to step up to serve to assist with traffic flow, especially as our attendance numbers increase!

Catechism Class - Do pray that the visitors in our midst will be challenged to come for these sessions to understand the doctrines of the church, and grow in their faith - especially for those yet to be baptised. Pray also for those amongst us who have backslided or drifted in their relationship with Jesus, that they may consider using this platform or Christianity Explored to refresh their faith!

Our People

Missions Conference – Praise God that Timothy Ong, Dn John Chua, Lael Kok & Angie Ng could attend and learn from a youth missions conference comprising of 1700 delegates from 35 countries in all around Asia. Pray for a continued reflection on all that they have heard

from the speakers and workshops, and consider how we can continue to inspire the Church to missions.

Our World

India – Pray for our partner in the North East part of India which has become very dry due to lack of rainfall. They report that it is becoming difficult to get water out of the hand pump and drinking water is not available. However, In other places, our partner reports that excessive rains has washed the home of one believer in their community. Pray for God's mercy and provision of relief as our fellow brethren live in areas affected by such extremes in climate.

Indonesia – Thank God that brother S was able to go to a theological school in Kalimantan to help equip students there for gospel work in the inner regions of this island. Pray for good health and sensitive hearts to the Holy Spirits leading for the various workers working with our partner as they go out to find people who are open to God in their areas.

Last Week

Sunday Service	Attendance	Offering (\$)
English Service Livestream*	19	
English Service 8:30am	175	236.50
English Service 10:30am	533	
English Service 4:30pm	214	
Chinese Service Livestream*	8	
Chinese Service 8:30am	100	1,361.00
Cant/Mand Service Livestream*	0	
Cant/Mand Service 10:45am	60	660.00
ME Service & Zoom	58	1,068.20
Hokkien Service	54	365.00
Tamil Service	17	397.00
DHF	17	
TOTAL	1255	4,087.70

*Livestreaming peak concurrent viewers

Electronic Transfer	\$40,796.21
WEEKLY TOTAL	\$44,883.91

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

Land Lease Renewal Fund

Electronic Transfer	\$11,958.60
Weekly Total	\$11,958.60
Total Gift Received To-Date	\$9,808,962.30

Church Family News

- Brother Tze-Ming is preaching at Bible Church today.
- Ps Zhiwen spoke at the D6 Family Conference yesterday.
- 3. Ps Vernon is on leave till the end of July.

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

Session Meeting Highlights (18 July 23)

- Session reviewed the updated Code of Governance for Charities and IPCs and confirmed that we complied with the revised guidelines.
- A budget of \$18,000 was reallocated to fund further repair works for our building leakages.
- This year's Ministry Behind The Money (MBTM) will be held on Sunday, 19 Nov 2023, 1-3 pm to facilitate more members' attendance.
- 4. Elder Sonny, the chairman of the Investment Committee, reported healthy returns from our investments. The returns were ploughed back for further investments.
- Pastor Dev & Pastor Zhiwen will be forming a 'Heartland Projects' Task Force, to ascertain how we can better minister to the various demographics of our many Home Missions initiatives.
- Zion Bishan BPC will increase its partnership with Emmanuel BPC, to see how we can further pray for and support one another, as we serve God's Kingdom together.
- 7. The HR Review Taskforce comprising Session and members who are HR professionals have completed the review of staff salaries. The HR Committee will finalize the recommendations and present them at the upcoming budget meetings.

Your Response

30 July 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

BPCIS UPDATE, July 2023

COMING TOGETHER. LOOKING AHEAD

Once again, we are reminded that the leaders we admire and respect can fail us. News coming from our Parliament disturbs and unsettles us. Two pastors have shared their reflections in BPCIS.org.sg. Please visit our website to read them. Also, you may catch a mother-and-daughter report on our recent Pastors & Leaders Retreat, 10-11 July, held in Puteri Harbour, JB. How important it is for leaders to come together and hold ourselves accountable to one another.

We are glad to report the first-ever gathering of pastors' wives in the inaugural Wives Fellowship on 1 July. Nineteen of them from 10 BP churches met for mutual sharing and encouragement. One of them writes, "I am thankful that many found the courage to share their hearts' cry in this inaugural fellowship and even more who listened and prayed on meaningfully. It kindled my hope that we can learn to hold out God's unconditional love and journey with one another towards peace and closure."

Again, a report has been posted on our website. Following our Retreat, we will have our usual "no agenda" lunch on 8 Aug, with a group of wives joining us. Another group of Chinese-speaking pastors and elders will sit together to consider a Chinese presbytery. Coming together for a meal is a great way of refreshing ties and strengthening friendships.

Still looking ahead, our Annual Presbytery Meeting, held on 23 Sep at Grace BPC, will have Pastor Edric Sng, founder of Salt&Light website addressing us on "Youth Culture". He recently challenged, "The Church in Singapore is now at a critical juncture, a watershed moment. The statistics show that we are now a Church where, I believe, the majority of us are second-generation believers." He urges us to pay attention to younger second generation Christians who may not share the zeal, or even the faith, of first generation believers.

After several years of decentralised Good Friday services, we will have a combined service at one location next year. Thank the Lord for making the auditorium and facilities of Anglo-Chinese School Independent at Dover available to us. Our speaker is Bishop Emeritus Dr Robert Solomon. Just as exciting is our Retreat 2024. It will be held in a "ship hotel" which was once the Doulos of Operation Mobilisation (OM), now berthed permanently on reclaimed land at Bintan Resorts. Our speaker is appropriately Lawrence Tong, the International Director of OM.

"And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near."

- Hebrews 10:24-25 ESV

Pastor David Wong General Secretary, BPCIS

P.S. Our financial year ends this month. Here is a brief note from our Treasurer, Pastor Daniel Tan:

We thank God for providing the financial resources for the work of BPCIS. Contributions came mainly from the member churches and the offering collected at the combined BPCIS Good Friday services. Through these contributions, we were able during the year to provide the following:

- a) Relief Fund: \$7,500 to OM Singapore and Habibi International respectively for the earthquake in Turkiye and Syria; \$5,000 for the Bible Society of Singapore.
- b) Training Fund: \$9,000 to Ambassadors for Christ for training of Pastors in India, \$16,000 to Shalom BPC for Singapore Bible College training support.
- c) Medical Support Love Gift: \$7,500 to 5 retired Pastors & Elders.
- d) Seed Fund: \$50,000 to Mt Gerizim BP Church to acquire place of worship.
- e) Other Expenses: Events and Secretariat.

Announcements

LOOKING INTO FULL-TIME (LIFT)

The Gospel harvest remains plentiful and the work of building up the saints is massive. The kingdom is always in need of more workers to the harvest. Have you wondered about full-time paid Gospel ministry? How does the Zion Bishan EXCEL Apprenticeship work?

Join us for our LIFT session on <u>26 Aug (Sat) 12.30pm</u> to hear both from the Bible and from some of our ministry staff.



Registration is required:

https://tinyurl.com/ZionBishanLIFT

SENIORS360 EVENT

One-stop Functional Screening Session
In collaboration with Silver Generation Office

For all our seniors 60 y.o. and above, find out if our eyes, ears and mouth are in good health.

19 Aug (Sat) Between 9am to 1pm, Chapel

- 1. FOC for Pioneer Generation
- 2. \$2 for Merdeka Generation, or holder of CHAS Blue or Orange Card
- 3. \$5 for holder of CHAS Green Card and other eligible Singaporeans

What can I expect from the programme?

- Get my eyes, ears and mouth checked, and receive results on the spot
- If eligible, you can get fitted for spectacles, hearing aids and dentures at affordable costs. You may also receive a referral for follow-up care, if needed.

<u>Sign up by 5 Aug</u> for your preferred time slot (half hour time slot, between 9am to 12.30pm).

https://tinyurl.com/vnjk227s or call Wendy (63538081) to sign up.

CATECHISM CLASS

For baptism, reaffirmation and transfer of membership

Starting 2 Sep (Sat, 1.30-3pm)

Email <u>lydia@zionbishan.org.sg</u> for the form. **Sign up by 13 Aug.**

Contact Ps Dev at <u>dev@zionbishan.org.sg</u> for more information.

Child Care available upon request.

LOOKING FOR CE TABLE HOSTS!

Starting 16 Aug, 7:30pm, over 3 Wednesdays

The next run of Christianity Explored (CE) starts in March! Consider joining us to journey with people who are exploring and help them discover the Good News of Jesus in Mark's Gospel. If you're not confident of being able to share the gospel - don't worry, that's what training is for! All sessions will be in-person.

Register at https://bit.ly/zbcehosts

IMPACT UK 2023

One thing I do: How to keep your eyes on the prize as a student or graduate

University is filled with challenges and temptations but also great opportunities to grow as a Christian. Likewise working life in the rat race of Singapore can be very hard but it is also possible to be a light for the gospel. Impact UK aims to encourage students studying in the UK or graduating from the UK to live for Jesus! Impact UK 2023 will feature one exposition from Philippians, seminars, and time to get to know other students.

Date & Time: 12 Aug 2023, 10am-1pm

Ticket Cost: \$20

Venue: Aperia Annex, 12 Kallang Ave, #04-30

Singapore 339511

More info and registration at:

www.projecttimothy.com/events/impactuk